



News for the week of Jan. 28, 2020

Three things from the Office of the Bishop

- An **Invite*Welcome*Connect** workshop called Evangelism 101 will be offered at St. Patrick's, Kenwood, Feb. 21 & 22. Information and registration are here: bit.ly/IWCKenwoodRegistration
- Registration for the **College of Congregational Development** is open. Learn more and register here: bit.ly/NorCalCCD2020Registration
- Are you considering ordained ministry? **Day of Discernment** dates have been announced. More here: bit.ly/2020DayOfDiscernment

Bishop Megan visits Grace, Fairfield



Jim Kompstock, Sr. Warden, joins Bishop Megan and the Rev. Canon Cookie Clark as they pray for the Rev. Karen Freeman



"Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?" BCP 416

Sunday morning, Jan. 12 found Bishop Megan making a visit to the good people of Grace, Fairfield. The morning was full of special highlights. Bishop Megan confirmed two and two others were received into the church. At one moment, Jim Kompstock, Sr. Warden, came up for a birthday blessing and Bishop Megan asked him to remain and join her as she prayed for the Rev. Karen Freeman, Priest in Charge. After the service, the bishop blessed the church library, which is a new addition, representing months of hard work and preparation.



Bishop Megan prays a prayer of blessing over the church library



Bishop Megan is joined by June Gilliam and the Rev. Perry Polk near the stacks in the new library.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Accounting and Finance office transition



Brenda Paredes, the Office of the Bishop's accountant from Utonomy, is leaving her position to pursue an exciting opportunity. She has served as an accountant for various Utonomy clients and is also Utonomy's Chief Operating Officer.

While commenting on Brenda's tenure, Bishop Megan said, "Her next position is with CORE District, an educational non-profit, and this job change allows her to use her accounting skills while pursuing her passion for education and training."

Brenda has been a near daily presence in the Office of the Bishop for the last 6 years. She says, "Thank you for allowing me to build friendships with your team. You are one of my favorite clients. Coming to this office is

the highlight of my week."

Thank you Brenda, for your hard work, your energetic presence, and your ever present smile.

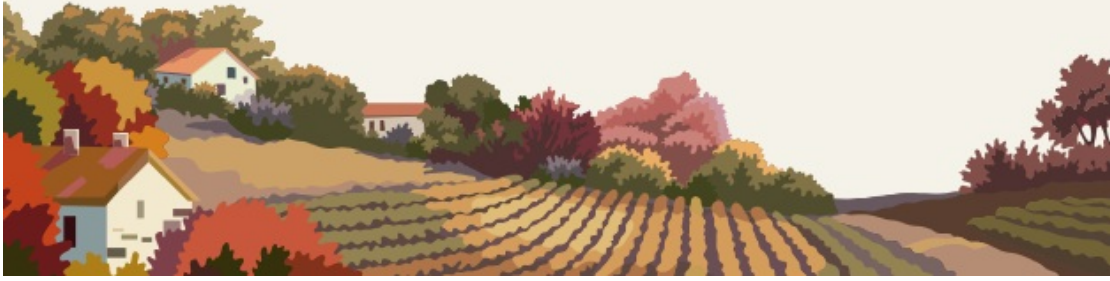
New forms for 2020

There is an updated **2020 Expense Reimbursement & Check Request Form** that should be used for any 2020 diocesan-related activities and expenses. The form for 2019 is not to be used any longer. Please download the [2020 form here](#).

The Bishop's Partnership Appeal: Campership

THE BISHOP'S PARTNERSHIP APPEAL

"...God loves a cheerful giver."



Bishop Megan invites you to [make a gift to the Bishop's Partnership Appeal](#), a year-end process that is designed to directly support the congregations and institutions of our diocese.

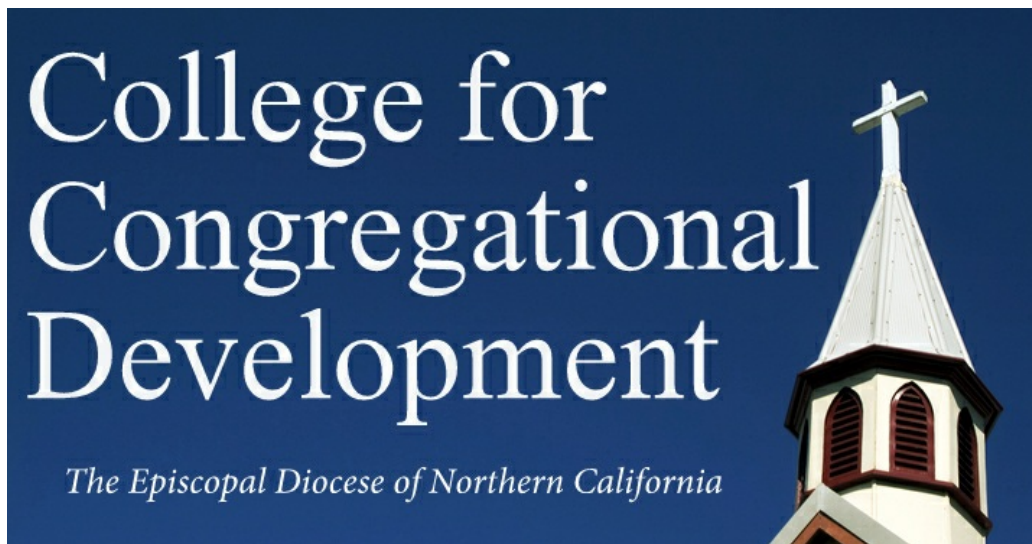
Special emphasis was put on campership this year, and we ask that you consider giving to that area of the appeal as registrations are about to open for our camps.

Your generous, service mindset will fuel new ways to invite folks into what God is doing here in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California.

Donate to the
Appeal

If you would like to give to a specific ministry of the Appeal, please indicate your chosen ministry(s) in the note/memo line when you give.

College for Congregational Development dates announced



The College for Congregational Development (CCD) is a program designed to build skills and increase capacity for participants to develop congregations of all sizes, locations and conditions into more vital, faithful, healthy and effective communities of faith. CCD equips participants with tools to assess the needs of their congregations, develop strategies for growth, prioritize their needs and focus energy on those areas.

CCD also gives participants the skills to lead change processes, manage conflict and articulate the identity and purpose of their congregation. This training helps participants

refine their facilitation skills, so they can lead effective meetings, small groups, and teaching sessions.

When:

- **Weeklong:**
 - Sun, May 31, 2020, 1:30 PM – Fri, Jun 5, 2020, 4:00 pm PT
 - [Click here](#) to register for the **weeklong** session.
- **Weekends:**
 - Fri, Oct 16, 2020, 9:00 am - Sun, Oct 18, 2020, 4:00 pm PT -AND-
 - Fri, Mar 19, 2021, 9:00 am - Sun, Mar 21, 2020, 4:00 pm PT
 - [Click here](#) to register for the **weekend** sessions.

Where: The Bishop's Ranch
[5297 Westside Road](#)
[Healdsburg, CA 95448](#)

Applications are open for Pathways 2020



PATHWAYS 2020 IN BUTTE COUNTY

Helping those affected by the Camp Fire in Butte County
#PARADISESTRONG

More information is available [here](#).

Dates: June 14-19, 2020

Location: Butte County

Participants: Those finishing grades 7-12

Young adult leaders: Ages 18-30

Cost: \$600 per participant (**Early bird** registration discount of \$75 if application is received by **Feb. 1, 2020**.)

You may download a Pathways flyer [here](#). Please post in your parish and/or relay this information in your parish bulletin.



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

OPEN STAFF POSITIONS

Opportunities at the Office of the Bishop

We are excited to announce two newly-created positions open in the Office of the Bishop. Please forward this to people you know who might be called to this ministry.

Executive Staff Support

This Executive Staff Support position has been created to work alongside Michelle Karimi to enable the Canon to the Ordinary and related staff to carry out their mission and ministry in the diocese.

Demonstrate and utilize overall knowledge of procedures, protocols, and expectations regarding the following: clergy transition processes, database management, Safe Church purpose and program, and other programs of the diocese. To apply, see instructions below. Position open until filled.

The Missioner for Evangelism & Discipleship

The Missioner for Evangelism & Discipleship focuses on Christian formation, Youth, and Evangelism/Church Growth through networking, and connecting churches together in order to build leadership capacity and grow churches.

This is an exciting opportunity to join our staff at the beginning of Bishop Megan's episcopate. We are working within a mixed economy of church growth and development: Church planting, growing existing churches, and exploring new communities and models of church.

Our diocese contains several counties that are the fastest growing in the state of California, making this a fruitful time for church growth and development in this area.

Our mission is to create healthy, multi-generational, vibrant, congregations that include a robust formation for youth and adults, connections with local communities, and faithful expressions of the Gospel in our local context. To apply, see below. Position open until filled.

To apply for either open position, please send a cover letter and a copy of your resume to Jacqi Seppi, Executive Assistant to the Bishop, at jacqi@norcalepiscopal.org

In the subject line of your email please note the position for which you are applying.

Bishop Megan's visitation schedule

- Jan. 19: St. George's, Carmichael
- Feb. 26: Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento

- Mar. 22: Shepherd-by-the-Sea, Gualala

See more visitation dates [here](#).

NEWS AND EVENTS IN AND BEYOND THE DIOCESE

St. Mary's, Napa celebrates their new Rector



A Celebration of New Ministry was held at St. Mary's, Napa on Jan. 17, when Bishop Megan instituted the Rev. Robin Denny as the rector of that parish. Rev. Robin's family and many colleagues, including clergy from four California dioceses were present to witness and rejoice with her. "I was so delighted and moved by the presence of all my clergy and interfaith colleagues at the service. It was a joyful moment for me," Rev. Robin said, "I look forward to deepening new friendships through years of ministry together, while also celebrating the long support of old friends and family."

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori was the preacher for the service and in her sermon she spoke of the long history of the Napa area, it's ecosystem, the ministry of the church and the call to reach out into the community. "We are all part of a long faithfulness...the eternal, never failing relationship with the source of all life," she said.

"My friends, greet your new rector," Bishop Megan proclaimed after the prayer for Rev. Robin's institution. "I would commend to you her care and keeping." She went on to describe that care as guarding of Rev. Robin's time, using transparency in communication, and making sure that there was plenty of her favorite Mexican food available to her. Welcome Rev. Robin!

Watch clips from the service and Bishop Katharine's sermon [here](#).



The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori spoke about Napa's history and the ministry of the church.

The Rev. Don Callison sends the people out to do the work of God.

Day of Discernment: two dates available



"Have you ever had a sense that God might be calling you to ordained ministry as a priest or deacon in the Episcopal Church?" asks the Rev. Margaret Grayden, Chair of the Commission on Ministry for the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California. "If so, you and your rector/vicar/priest-in-charge should attend the diocesan Day of Discernment."



"This is a great opportunity to hear what it's really like to be a priest or deacon in the Episcopal Church today, and to learn how the ordination process works in our diocese."

During the Day of Discernment, presentations on the priesthood, the diaconate, and religious orders active in our diocese will be provided. There will also be an overview of the ordination process (including handing out an application packet and a copy of The Manual and Guide for Ordination). Spouses are also welcome to attend the Day of Discernment.

Attendance is mandatory as the first step in the formal discernment process. Space is limited, so be sure to register ASAP!

There will be two Days of Discernment in 2020:

- **Saturday, Mar. 28, 2020** at the Office of the Bishop in Sacramento
- **Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020** at a location TBD.

Advance registration is required. For more information and to register, [click here](#).



An Invite*Welcome*Connect learning opportunity

Want to share the Good News and grow your church? St. Patrick's, Kenwood is offering a workshop called: EVANGELISM 101 WORKSHOP - A program of The Episcopal Church.

Please join Jerusalem Greer, Staff Officer for Evangelism for The Episcopal Church, Office of the Presiding Bishop; and Rev. Nancy Frausto, Associate Rector at St. Luke's, Long Beach; for an informative and inspiring experience learning how to share the joy of our faith in the communities we serve.

When: Feb. 21 and 22

- Friday dinner and presentation \$35
- Saturday workshop and meals \$45

Where: St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
[9000 Sonoma Highway](#)
[Kenwood, CA 95452](#)

Registration:

- Print the informational flyer and registration form [here](#) or
- Call or email Miriam Casey at 650-380-2747 or mlcasey5@yahoo.com

Bake and support the ministry of the Belfry



Are you the best baker in your congregation? Prove it!

Sign up today to go head-to-head against the best bakers in the area in a tough challenge for a good cause. All proceeds from the event will sponsor young adult and campus ministry at The Belfry. Don't miss this opportunity for the ultimate bragging rights as the award-winning baker from the Great Belfry Bake Off!

If you're not a baker at heart but you love to try other folks' creations, general admission is available for anyone! There will be vendors, light refreshments, and of course, voting for the Fan Favorite. [Read more...](#)

Register today at thebelfry.org/gbbo

Episcopal Youth Event 2020: Register now!



This summer Episcopal youth from across the church will gather at the University of Maryland for the triennial Episcopal Youth Event (EYE). The theme for this year is "unite! junámonos!" Grace St. Helena will be sending a group and invites others to join.

When: July 7-11, 2020

Where: University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Who: Youth from across the diocese

- Youth participants must be currently enrolled high school students in 9th, 10th, 11, or 12th grade during the 2019/20 school year.
- They must be a minimum of 15 years old by July 7, 2020, and no older than 19 by that same date.

Registration: The **deadline** to register is **February 9**, and payment of \$900 (includes registration, room and board, and airfare) is due on February 23. [Click here](#) for the application.

Erika Mueller, youth director at Grace St. Helena, will be handling all registration and collecting payments for the delegation from Northern California. Please email her at erika@grace-episcopal.org for more information or to register your youth participants. Adult chaperones are already in place.

More information about EYE can be found here: events.episcopalchurch.org/eye

Episcopal Migration Ministries offers 2020 Epiphany curriculum



Episcopal Migration Ministries is offering a seven-lesson [Epiphany curriculum](#) for individuals and congregations. This free resource is Episcopal Migration Ministries' contribution to the Good Book Club, a project that invites all Episcopalians to join in reading the Gospel of John during Epiphany 2020. More information about the Good Book Club is [here](#).

To submit news/events, please email communications@norcalepiscopal.org. The submission deadline is the Wednesday before the Tuesday publication.

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