



DIOCESAN E-NEWS

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

News for the week of July 22 2020

Racial Reconciliation as the People of God: LEARN

We are living amidst the dual pandemics of racism and Covid-19. As people of God, we are called to bring the Gospel message into our current setting, especially during these difficult times. Today, we feature voices that call us to greater understanding, prayer, and action.



A Letter to the Church on Breaking Free of White Supremacy — By Kelly Brown Douglas, Stephanie Spellers and Winnie Varghese

We learn by listening to expert teachers. These wise scholars and leaders in the Episcopal Church have generously provided a learning moment for the church. You are invited to read and listen; learn, pray, and act: [link to the letter](#).

Read more and listen to Kelly Brown Douglas, Stephanie Spellers, and Winnie Varghese in a video [here](#) and reading the letter to the church [here](#).

For more resources [LEARN + PRAY + ACT](#)

Let's Get to Work: a message of hope and challenge from Bishop Jennifer Baskerville Burrows, Diocese of Indianapolis

"Now is the time for acting. For doing the work of unlearning bias against black and brown people. Our everyday choices from where we buy



groceries, to what we read, to how we adorn our sanctuaries, to where our money goes, to how we vote all add up. It all adds up to a world where people and systems are activated to value and support all of God's children no matter what they look like or where they come from and every choice moves us a little closer to God's dream. Not just the American dream—God's dream. So let's get to work, church. The time is now. "

[Read the full text of Bishop Jennifer's message here](#)

The Rt. Reverend Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis, and a colleague of our own Bishop Megan, addressed canons and bishops of the Episcopal Church on June 8, 2020. Bishop Jennifer's message: "A Reflection of Personal Experience, Hope and Challenge for the Church on Dismantling White Supremacy and Racism" was inspiring and called us all to act.



Diocesan Partners in Ministries of Health

*Promoting Hope, Healing & Health to
Our Congregations & Communities We Serve*

A Perfect Storm: Mental Health in the Collision of Pandemics

Noon-time 50 minute Brown Bag Zoom Webinar Series

Join us for one or all!

1.0 Free RN Continuing Education Units per 50-minute session.

Explore how global events are impacting mental health and learn strategies and resources for supporting faith communities, families, local communities and yourself!

#1 Storm Watch—August 5, 2020

The Rev. Karen Lawler, OEF, M.S., M.A., MFT
Ann D. Stoltz, PhD, RN, CNL, Professor Emeritus

#2 Riding the Storm, Resources for Personal & Pastoral Care—August 19, 2020

The Rev. Christine Leigh-Taylor, M.Div., D. Min. Retired Rector, now Associate Priest
The Rev. Libby Vincent, M.Div, Ph.D. Transitional Deacon, Spiritual Director

#3 Storm Alert: Relapse and Recovery—September 2, 2020

The Rev. Anne Dryden McKeever, AB, MDiv
Helen A. Campbell, BSN, retired RN

#4 Storm of Loss: Grief in the Collision of Pandemics— September 16, 2020

The Ven. Margaret M. Grayden, CT, Archdeacon, Retired Hospice Bereavement Specialist

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To REGISTER - email Ann Stoltz at ann.stoltz@tu.edu

"I came that you may have life, and have it abundantly." John 10-10

Trinity Cathedral Dean elected Trinity Folsom Assistant Rector called



The Rev. Matthew Woodward was elected Dean of Trinity



The Rev. Erika L. Jackson Essiem was called as Assistant Rector for Trinity Episcopal Church, Folsom. Rev. Essiem was ordained a priest by the Rt. Rev. Doug Sparks at St. James Cathedral in South Bend, Indiana, on July 8, 2020. She arrived in our diocese this week to

Cathedral, Sacramento, starting in September. Matthew writes:

"I am excited to join the Trinity community and the Diocese of Northern California in the middle of the culture-changing events that are COVID-19 and the Black Lives Matter movement. I believe that these events invite us to deeper contemplation of what it means to live into the Baptismal Covenant of the Episcopal Church where we promise to: "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being."

[Click here](#) for a letter from Dean-elect Matthew to the Cathedral and the diocese.

begin her ministry with us.

Congratulations and welcome to the diocese!

Click [here](#) for more from Trinity, Folsom.



2020

Diocesan Convention

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

Welcome to the online One Hundred Tenth Annual Diocesan Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California.

More information on convention is available at norcalepiscopal.org/convention.

RESOURCES AND LINKS

[Resources for Online Worship](#)



NEWS AND EVENTS IN AND BEYOND THE DIOCESE

Day of Discernment - September 12, 2020



Saturday, Sept 12, 2020
9:00 AM - Noon. Online - Zoom

The Day of Discernment is for those in our diocese who are inquiring about ordained ministry. Attendees must come with a sponsoring priest. [Registration Form](#)

Details and contact information: Click [here](#).



Episcopal Diocese of Northern California 2020 Grant Recipient: St. Stephen's Sebastopol

United Thank Offering recently announced the grant recipients for the 2020 granting year, and we are excited to share that the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California will receive \$145,000 in funding for The Playground at St. Stephen's, Sebastopol. The focus of the granting process this year was 'Bless: Share faith, practice generosity and compassion, and proclaim the Good News of God in Christ with hope and humility.

This generous United Thank Offering grant will fund the purchase of a shipping container to be used as a commercial kitchen for property. The plan is to serve simple meals for all ages, local craft beer, wine, kombucha, and have a full espresso bar. The play area will be an enclosed Waldorf-style play yard, the grounds will have picnic tables and seating, to explore a new model for gathering and forming church community in the richness of spiritual and religious diversity.

Visit The Playground website <https://www.theplaygroundsebastopol.org/>

United Thank Offering Funding

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute the 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. To donate, please visit: www.episcopalchurch.org/united-thank-offering

POSTPONEMENTS AND CHANGES

Camp Living Waters goes online

UnCamp 2020: From Our House to Yours!

Join us at UnCamp 2020, a one-day virtual Camp Living Waters event!
UnCamp will take place on July 28th from 10am-12 noon then from 2-5pm.
Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

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

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