



DIOCESAN E-NEWS

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

News for the week of June 16, 2020

Three things from the Office of the Bishop

- You can find Bishop Megan's recent sermons and messages [here](#).
- Ordinations to the diaconate [Saturday, June 20](#).
- Pathways 2020 - online - you can still [Register here](#).

Speakers and Preachers: Racial Reconciliation



Author and Editor Ms. Ginger Rutland Preached at Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento

Trinity Cathedral in Sacramento had guest preacher [Ms. Ginger Rutland](#) on June 14, 2020.

Read the facebook post and text of her sermon [here](#).

More about Ms. Rutland's book [here](#).



[The Rev. Dr. William Barber II](#)



[Dr. Don Taylor](#), professor and

preached on June 14th at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. His sermon begins at the 49.30 mark.

member of Trinity Cathedral, spoke during the vigil for lament and hope on June 9th at Trinity Cathedral.



RACIAL RECONCILIATION

Racial Reconciliation as the People of God: LEARN

LEARN + PRAY + ACT

As Christians, we are committed to the healing of divisions in our society: particularly right now learning about and facing the racism that affects all of us. Our focus right now is on our Black siblings who have repeatedly called for attention and action as they suffer violence at the hands of police, discrimination in our institutions, and aggression in daily life.

We are called to [LEARN + PRAY + ACT](#)



Dear Friends in Christ,

It is with sadness that I am announcing that in gracious conversation with me, Jay Elmquist, Director of Communications, has left the bishop's office to pursue other opportunities. Since Jay joined this office in April 2019, he has been a valuable and well respected member of our team. Jay was instrumental during the diocesan transition, walkabouts, and later the consecration of my becoming your next Bishop.

His work and contribution are greatly appreciated by our diocesan clergy and lay leaders, and he has helped many of us across the diocese. We will miss Jay's professionalism, empathy, and strength. We hope for every blessing in his future endeavors. We all look forward to seeing Jay in our common diocesan life, particularly in his role as a verger and choir member at Trinity Cathedral, as well as a deputy for General Convention 2021. Even this month, we will benefit from Jay's musical ability as he is one of the cantors for our ordinations in a recorded piece of music that he coordinated.

May God bless and keep us,

Pathways Youth Pilgrimage: we are online for 2020



We hope you'll join us by ZOOM for our 2020 Pathways!

Time for connection, music, prayer, and learning - we are walking together in youth planned and youth led events.

5:00 - 7:00 PM Thursdays Starting June 11 (registration is ongoing - youth grades 7-12 may join any time.)

A message from Elizabeth Potts Pathway's Youth Leader

Thank you for your interest in participating in the 2020 Episcopal Pathways Virtual Pilgrimage! Please take a moment to fill out the official registration forms. If you are under 18 years of age, please have a parent or guardian complete the Consent and Authorization form.

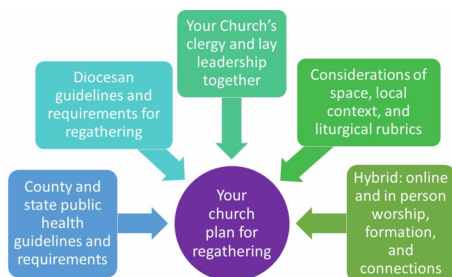
Once this is all complete, we will share with you the Zoom link and joining instructions for our next meeting. Join any time - youth grades 7-12 are welcome!

Questions? Connect with Pathways leaders: youth@norcalepiscopal.org

[Click here to register](#)

[Click here for permission form](#)

Diocesan guide for regathering



Health and Safety: COVID-19



Stewardship in the time of COVID-19



Stewardship
and Online
Giving

CLERGY NEWS

Extraordinary ordinations in extraordinary times



The Rev. Grace Flint, the Rev. Portia Hopkins, and the Rev. Libby Vincent were ordained deacons on June 13, 2020. It was a glorious celebration! See above for the video of the service. Notice the coordinating masks made by Deacon Portia.



Laurie Warren
Sponsoring Congregation:
St. John's, Petaluma



The Rev. John Heidel
Sponsoring Congregation:
St. Andrew's, Antelope



The Rev. Karen Lawler
Sponsoring Congregation:
St. Mary's, Elk Grove

The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair will ordain 6 people in our diocese to Holy Orders in the month of June.

- **Sat, Jun 13, 2020** - Grace Flint, Portia Hopkins, and Libby Vincent were ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons at Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento
- **Sat, Jun 20, 2020** - Laurie Warren will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons at St. John's, Petaluma
- **Fri, Jun 26, 2020** - John W. Heidel and Karen Joyce Lawler will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests at Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento

Bishop Megan, along with each of the candidates, the required number of priests, a few

lay ministers and technicians will meet in the spaces announced above. We, the people of the diocese, will 'meet' with them by watching and praying online. The facebook live link for each ordination is [HERE](#). Online giving and bulletin will be [HERE](#).

RESOURCES AND LINKS

[Resources for Online Worship](#)



[Mental health resources from Ministries of Health](#)

During this challenging time of pandemic, mental health may be more significantly impacted. We hope these resources give you additional tools to add to the wonderful work in which you are currently engaged. [Click here for resources...](#)

Be well...

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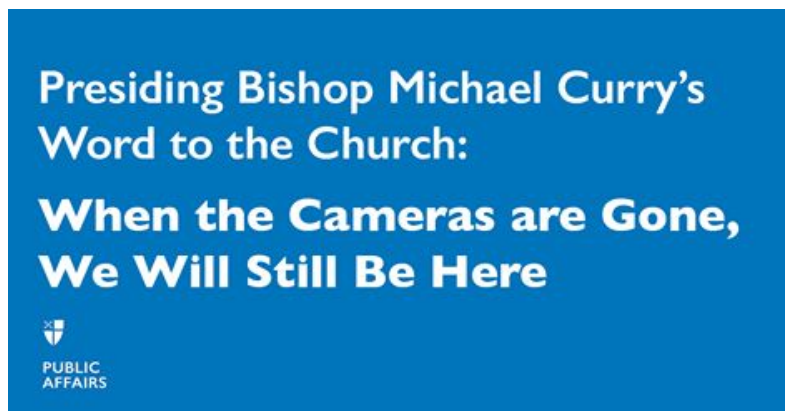
Here are [additional resources](#) from Church Publishing on mental health.

[Online resources for people in recovery](#)



NEWS AND EVENTS IN AND BEYOND THE DIOCESE

[Presiding Bishop Curry offers a word to the Church](#)



The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, released a word to the Church last week. He said, "Our long-term commitment to racial justice and reconciliation is embedded in our identity as baptized followers of Jesus. We will still be doing it when the news cameras are long gone."

[Click here](#) to read this important message.

POSTPONEMENTS AND CHANGES

A letter to Episcopalians from Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry and President of the House of Deputies the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings on June 5, 2020 announces that the General Convention 2021 may be postponed or canceled.



[Click here for the Episcopal News Service article and the letter.](#)

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

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