



DIOCESAN E-NEWS

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

News for the week of June 30, 2020

Three things from the Office of the Bishop

- Bishop Megan celebrates first anniversary of [consecration](#)
- Virginia Theological Seminary [eFormation Opportunity](#)
- Pathways 2020 - online - you can still [Register here.](#)

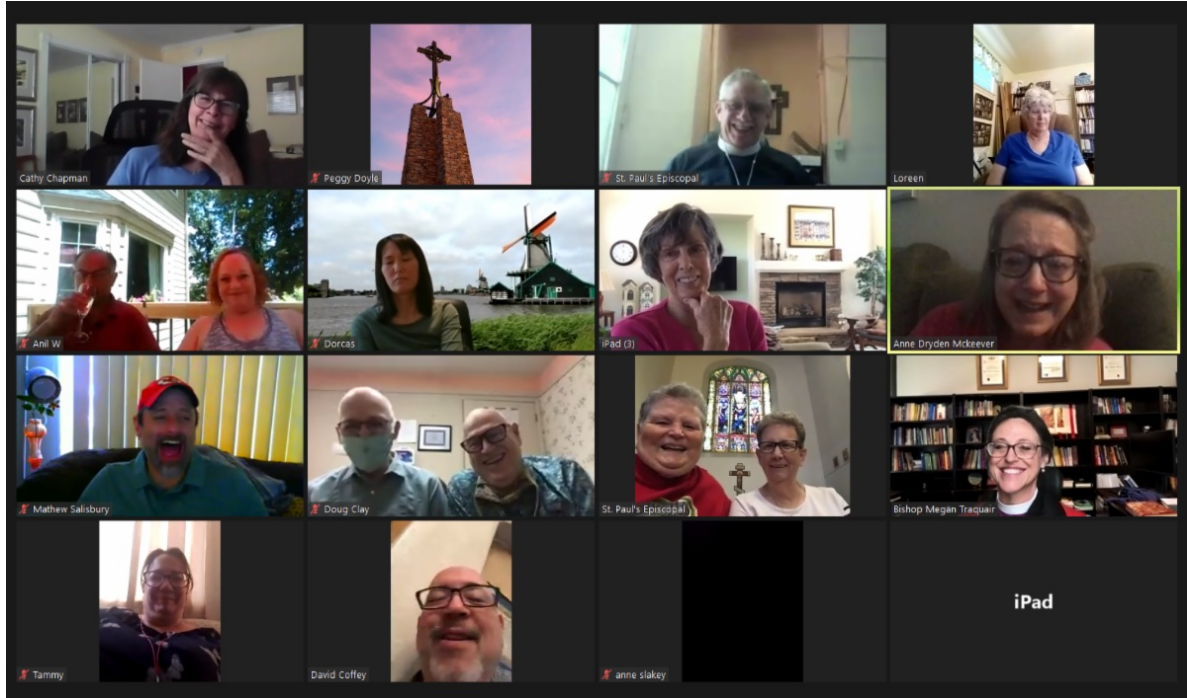


On Saturday, June 29, 2019, the Rt. Rev. Megan McClure Traquair was ordained and consecrated the eighth bishop, and first female bishop, of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California. The consecration took place at the Mondavi Center in Davis, where more than 1400 people gathered in celebration.

June 29, 2020 marked the one year anniversary of this very special day. Please join us in celebrating Bishop Megan Traquair.

Thank you Bishop Megan for a year full of guidance, pastoral care, and many blessings. We look forward to many more years to come.

Here is a link to the [video montage of the consecration](#).



On Sunday, June 28th, Bishop Megan joined by zoom to celebrate Canon Lynell Walker's last day at St. Paul's, Sacramento. Current and past members joined from Florida, Georgia and New Mexico to share wonderful memories of the powerful impact that Mother Lynell made in their lives over the years.

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](#)



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 until July 30 (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](#)

CLERGY NEWS

June extraordinary ordinations in extraordinary times

On Friday, June 26, the Rev. John Heidel and Rev. Karen Lawler were ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests by The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair. The evening was full of joy, online connections, and beautiful music. We are conducting these ordinations using best practices in this time of COVID, including using masks. Welcome our two newest priests in the diocese!

June 26 - Rev. John Heidel, Bishop Megan Traquair, Rev. Karen Lawler



June 13 - Grace Flint, Portia Hopkins, Libby Vincent



June 20 - Laurie Warren

June was a busy month for ordinations. The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair has ordained six people in our diocese to Holy Orders this month.

- **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 was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons at St. John's, Petaluma
- **Fri, Jun 26, 2020** - John W. Heidel and Karen Joyce Lawler was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests at Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento

While the in-person groups were small the online presence was wonderful. Many friends and family were able to join in from throughout the country for these special days.

Discernment and Call

The Rev. Aidan Rontani



The Rev. Aidan Rontani was elected as Rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Redding, CA. Rev. Rontani begins his tenure there in August. He most recently has served as Priest in Charge at: St. Peter's in Red Bluff; Holy Trinity, Willows; and St. Michael's, Anderson, all at the same time! [Read more here.](#)

Rev. Aidan writes to his congregation:

"Indeed, I give thanks to God in my prayers for you, for the faith you have and for your love for All Saints', and I would ask you all to pray for me. May our hope remain strong and may we bear much fruit in the days and years to come as we continue to grow in the grace of God."



The Rev. Anny Genato

The Rev. Anny Genato was elected as Rector of [St. Augustine Episcopal Church](#) in Rocklin, CA. Her tenure begins in July. [Click here](#) for more. Anny's background is in pastoral ministry and vocational counseling, with over 17 years of vocational ministry experience. She is currently a Vocational Pastoral Counselor at a seminary, assisting students in discerning God's life direction. In her letter to the congregation, Rev. Anny writes to her congregation:

"St. Augustine is a parish with a beautiful history and a very bright future. I see in you a profound love of God and each other and a strong desire to reach out and further build our community in love and service. I know the Holy Spirit is moving in your midst, and I cannot wait to see where



The Rev. Tom Gartin

The Rev. Tom Gartin was called by the vestry as Priest in Charge for [Faith Episcopal Church](#), Cameron Park, CA. He most recently served as Assistant Rector and then Interim Priest at St. Augustine, Rocklin. [Click here for more.](#) Rev. Tom writes to the congregation:

"It is my honor and great delight to accept the call to serve as your Priest-in-Charge. My heart is filled with hopeful expectancy as we prepare to partner together in ministry. I'm passionate about faith formation and all the ways our learning and sharing life together helps us to see the radiance of divine joy that sparked the universe into being and knit each of us together with loving purpose."

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...

Diocesan Partners in Ministries of Health

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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



Presenters will include Sarah Stonesifer Boylan, VTS digital missionary, and Merrill Whatley, Membership Vision.

[eFormation 101: Presentations and Coaching](#)

Presented by the [eFormation Learning Community](#) and [Lifelong Learning at Virginia Theological Seminary](#), the eFormation 101 conference will give the opportunity for those new digital ministry leaders to dive into a few different platforms and then have follow-up opportunities to ask questions and context-specific information. This unique setup will create multiple opportunities to learn and then apply the information within your ministry. We look forward to learning with you and expanding our ministry horizons!

Fridays in July



[Register Here](#)

Presiding Bishop Curry offers a word to the Church

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Word to the Church: **When the Cameras are Gone, We Will Still Be Here**



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.](#)



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