



News for the week of Mar. 3, 2020

Three things from the Office of the Bishop

- **Keep Calm and Wash Your Hands** was the theme of Bishop Megan's instructions on safety in light of the Coronavirus. See her message here: conta.cc/32yO4eD
- Do you want to know how to invite people to church? **Inviting People to Church**, will be offered on March 21 at St. John's, Chico. Learn more here: bit.ly/InviteToChurch
- Healing prayer will be covered in a **healing training** at Trinity Cathedral on March 21. Click here to learn more: bit.ly/OSLHealingTraining

Province VIII bishops gather for consecration in Taiwan



Bishop Megan greets Bishop Diane Jardin Bruce, Los

Bishop David Jung-Hsin Lai hosts a tea ceremony for the Province VIII bishops
 L-R: Bishop Diane Bruce, Los Angeles; Bishop David Lai, Taiwan; Bishop Bob Fitzpatrick, Hawai'i; Bishop Scott Hayashi, Utah; Bishop Megan; Bishop Greg Rickel, Olympia.



Province VIII bishops walking to St John's Cathedral for

**Angeles; Bishop Gretchen
Rehberg, Spokane; and the
Bishop-elect Lennon Yuan-
Rung Chang and his wife
Hanna**

consecration rehearsal

Bishop Megan arrived in Taipei, Taiwan on Feb. 17, to participate in a meeting of the Province VII House of Bishops and to take part in the consecration of her College for Bishop's classmate, the Rt. Rev. Lennon Yuan-Rung Chang, as the sixth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Taiwan. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry requested that as many as possible of the Province VIII bishops attend, as the Bishop of Taiwan makes the trip to the United States several times a year to take part in House of Bishops business. All told, eight bishops from Province VII made the trip.

Bishop Megan shared stories of the bishops gathering for a tea ceremony hosted by the Rt. Rev. David Jung-Hsin Lai, fifth Bishop of Taiwan, walking to the cathedral together wearing masks, and having important talks about the future of the Church.

The consecration took place at St. John's Cathedral in Taipei on Feb. 22 and was well attended. Primates from the United States, Japan, and Korea, as well as 10 other bishops took part in the consecration.

As the bishops gathered they began to share stories of the work that is being done in their dioceses. Bishop Megan said, "The coming together of the Taiwanese and Korean Churches with the Church in Japan demonstrates the work of reconciliation and peace they are actively seeking in the face of years of separation and pain. I was able to witness the work of the Spirit in tangible ways as they greeted each other, as friends, in the name of Christ."

The Asian bishops also asked the American bishops for stories about the way the Church is doing its work in their part of the world. Bishop Megan mentioned that she was able to share with all of them the story of the Church in Northern California, and especially St. John's, Chico and St. Nicholas', Paradise, as we have come together after the devastating Camp Fire and done the work of Christ in the lives of the victims of the fire.

You can watch the consecration [here](#). Be sure to look for Bishop Megan in the upper right part of the screen, when looking at the altar.



Bishop Megan joins the other bishops in signing and sealing the certificate of ordination



Bishop Lennon Yuan-Rung Chang, the Bishop of Taiwan, and his wife Hanna.



Bishops from around the world participated in the consecration along side Bishop Megan and others from The Episcopal Church

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Health and Safety: the Coronavirus

Bishop Megan sent a note and instructions on general prevention



last Friday, outlining the need to remain calm and practice common sense solutions toward the possibility of exposure to the Coronavirus.

She said, "In recent days we have heard of concerns about the Covid-19 virus. Over the generations the Church has been active during many kinds of illness and we always responded in prayer and appropriate action." Look for more communication this week and you can read her whole message [here](#).

Clergy reminder: Lenten Quiet Day



The theme for this Lenten Quiet Day is "Mystical Voices of our Christian Tradition". Four gifted teachers from among our own clergy will be interviewed concerning a Christian mystical voice of their choice:

- The Rt. Rev. **Megan M. Traquair** on Brother Lawrence
- The Very Rev. **Richard Yale** on Jean-Pierre de Caussade
- The Rev. **Pamela Dolan** on Julian of Norwich
- The Rev. **Anne McKeever** on Teresa of Avila.

These interviews will be followed by a contemplative practice. The day will offer several moments of learning, interwoven with times to be still.

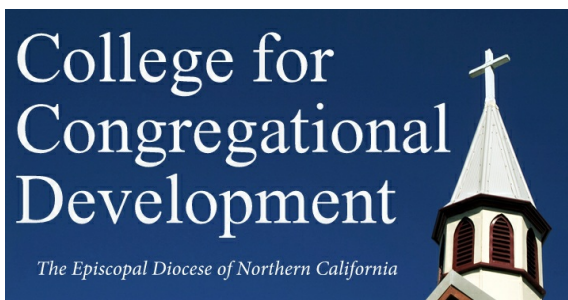
When: Wednesday, March 18, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Where: Mercy Center
[535 Sacramento St.](#)
[Auburn, CA 95603](#)

This clergy event is free and registration is required. Please register [here](#).

College for Congregational Development dates announced

CCD 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

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

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

Camperships are available. Click here to apply: bit.ly/NorCalSummerCampership2020



PATHWAYS 2020 IN BUTTE COUNTY

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

Changes in the eNews schedule

In order to increase our communications as a diocese, we will be publishing our eNews every week. Please watch for that, and for additional adjustments and improvements on direct communication from Bishop Megan to the clergy of the diocese.

Bishop Megan's visitation and travel schedule

- Mar. 8 - House of Bishops, Texas
- Mar. 22 - Shepherd-by-the-Sea, Gualala
- Mar. 29 - St John's, Marysville
- April 5 - St. Martin's, Davis

See more visitation dates [here](#).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Employment opportunities highlighted on the website

There are several open clergy positions in our diocese. There are also lay positions available at the Office of the Bishop. You can access information about these openings on our [homepage](#), where you can click the banner above or the Employment Opportunities button.



Youth position at Trinity, Folsom

Trinity Episcopal Church, Folsom, CA, is looking for a youth minister. The youth minister will be responsible for inspiring and supporting the spiritual development of youth in middle and high school, providing leadership and oversight of youth activities and their Christian formation, from Sunday school to youth group to service opportunities. Are you interested?

Applications are due by April 1. For the job description and application instructions [click here](#).

Music opportunity at Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Sacramento, CA, is seeking a Director of Cathedral Choristers (Children's choir). The Director of Cathedral Choristers is a part-time position at the Cathedral under the supervision of the Canon for Music, David Link.

The purpose of the Cathedral Choristers is to enhance the spiritual growth of children at the Cathedral, through musical and liturgical education and singing, and to provide the opportunity to experience leadership in Cathedral worship. It is desired that the new Choristers Director will implement the excellent "Voice for Life" chorister program, designed by the Royal School of Church Music. [More information can be found here](#).

NEWS AND EVENTS IN AND BEYOND THE DIOCESE



Evangelism 101: A talk with Jerusalem Greer



Jerusalem Greer is the Staff Officer for Evangelism in the Office of the Presiding Bishop. She facilitated a workshop at St. Patrick's, Kenwood on Feb. 21 and 22 called Evangelism 101. In that workshop she used a phrase that may be strange to some of us; she talked about Episcopal evangelism. She then gave a definition of that phrase as:

"We seek, name and celebrate Jesus' loving presence in the stories of all people - then invite everyone to MORE."

Jay Elmquist, the Director of Communications for the diocese, sat down and asked Jerusalem three questions. The accompanying video records her answers.

In the coming weeks, look for more information about how to do evangelism in your church, whether clergy or lay.

As you add pictures of your evangelism efforts to social media, use the hash tags **#episcopalevangelism** and **#norcalevangelism** so we can all watch what you're doing.



Ashes to Go around the diocese

An Ashes to Go story from Rancho Cordova



Ashes to Go offered curbside at St. Clement's, Rancho Cordova



A team of ten evangelists were present on the sidewalk to greet commuters, impose ashes and pray

It was Feb 26th and it felt like spring on this winters morning in Rancho Cordova, California. The sun was shining and the trees were in full bloom. Zinfandel Drive was nearly bumper to bumper with cars rushing to work or school.

Dressed in black cassocks and lining the street in front of St. Clement's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Kenn Katona and a ten person evangelism team waved to passing cars, held up "Ashes to Go" signs, greeted pedestrians, and offered the imposition of ashes for all those who, for whatever reason, might not be able to make it to a traditional Ash Wednesday service. "Ashes to Go" is a nationwide movement in which churches of various denominations will meet people where they are to impose ashes, pray, and help connect them to the Church as the Lenten season begins.

The imposition of ashes has been practiced on Ash Wednesday since the ninth century. Ashes remind Christians to claim repentance, grace, and deep relationship with God for the challenges of daily life. The power of receiving "Ashes to Go" in ordinary places, where people travel in their everyday life, emphasizes the fact that the gift of prayer and moments of grace can be found anywhere, not just within the church walls.

It was not just about the ashes on this particular morning. It was also about healing relationships and brokenness in our world. Waving to someone and seeing them break into a smile, wave back, or cheerfully beep their horn in response was proof that people are eager to bring joy into their lives.

Deepening the relationship between God and each other was in evidence on the curbside in front of St. Clement's Church on this Ash Wednesday as well as in our church. Our traditional evening service doubled in attendance, with many of the new people who attended coming because they drove by us that morning.

Contributed by Terry Sandhoff - Vestry member, St. Clement's, Rancho Cordoba

Pictures from other parishes



The Rev. Annie Mertz imposes



The doors are open for



A team of evangelists, led by

ashes on a young worshiper
at St. Paul's, Benicia



At St. Mary's, Napa, the Rev. Robin Denny shared duties with Pastor Marylee Sheffer from Napa Methodist Church

anyone who needs prayer
at St. Paul's, Sacramento



You could walk the labyrinth at Grace, St. Helena, and have ashes imposed when you arrived at the center.

the Rev. Anne Arthur, on the
corner in front of Trinity
Cathedral, Sacramento



Bishop Megan and Canon Andrea took ashes and prayers to the students and staff at Sacramento State.



Workshop on inviting people to church



St John's, Chico and St Nicholas', Paradise are hosting a how-to workshop called Inviting People to Church. Bishop Megan started a project here in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California based on the Invite*Welcome*Connect ministry that was presented at Diocesan Convention. The first word of that program is "Invite". How are we supposed to do that?

Anne Fay is an expert in inviting people to church (and most other things as well). She will present her biblically-based, tried, and true method for inviting people to come to church with her. She understands what to do when the invitation seems to fall flat.

Come and learn how to invite and evangelize. It's not hard. It's not scary. It can even be fun. [Read more...](#)

When: Sat, Mar. 21, 2020 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Where: St. John's Episcopal Church, Parish Life Center

[2341 Floral Avenue](#)

[Chico, CA 95926](#)

Cost: \$10 for a catered lunch (deadline for lunch is Mar. 16)

Registration: Contact Sherry Wallmark at (530)894-1971 or Delia Fay+ at (530)228-0494

Healing ministry training



Taste and See Healing Ministry

The Order of St. Luke and Christian Healing Ministries, will hold a day long healing training event at Trinity Cathedral on March 21. Participants will worship together, learn about the principles of healing prayer, and attend practicums that allow them to use their learning practically. Lunch will be served and is included in registration. [Read more...](#)

When: Saturday, March 21, 2020; 8:30 am - 3:45 PM

Where: Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

[2620 Capitol Ave.](#)

[Sacramento, CA 95816](#)

Cost: \$15 (includes a box lunch)

Registration: Contact Elba Rivas de White at elbawhite@yahoo.com to RSVP.



Racial reconciliation training postponed

The Commission for Intercultural Ministries has postponed their Racial Reconciliation Training day. The new date will be announced in the near future. If you've registered, you will be contacted by a member of the commission.

Commission for Intercultural Ministries



If you have any questions, please contact Linda Jensen at Lmjensen.rio@gmail.com

Diocesan recovery event



Ministries in Health presents a diocesan recovery event entitled **Recovery Is For Everyone** will be held on May 16 at St. George's, Carmichael. The day will be full of information and inspiration as we listen to the Rev. Colleen Tully, a member of the Board of The Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Kevin Phillips, a expert in addiction treatment. As the title of the event indicates, everyone is invited to come: lay people, clergy, parents, young adults and health professionals. Snacks and lunch are included in the registration. Information about reservations will be available soon.

When: Feb 27, 2020, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Where: St. George's Episcopal Church

[5600 Winding Way](#)
[Carmichael, CA 95608](#)

Cost: \$20 donation requested

Contact: The Rev. Anne Dryden McKeever at amckeeper@wavecable.com or 503.908.3616

Episcopal Community Services solicits letters of intent

In order to help your congregation make your grant application as successful as possible, we are requesting that anyone considering asking for a grant this year submit an informal Letter of Interest. This process will help us to plan for the year, and may enable us to be able to offer ways to assist you.

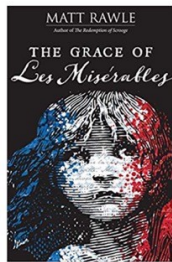


The ECS Board of Directors intends these grants to reflect:

- Ministry programs among poor and oppressed people wherever they are located.
- Social justice ministry in the best tradition of the church. The target populations should be individuals and communities not ordinarily included in the congregation.

The deadline to submit your letter is Mar 15. [Read more...](#)

The Grace of Les Miserables



The Rev. Anne Dryden McKeever will present The Grace of Les Miserables, a six-week Lenten series, at Trinity Cathedral, 2620 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm in the upstairs Assembly Area, from February 27 through April 2, 2020.

The series is free and open to everyone. Participants may attend one, several, or all six sessions. An optional Participants Booklet is available for sale in the Trinity Bookshop and online. [More here...](#)

Franciscan Spirituality program offered

Companions in



Franciscan Spirituality
Program

Companions in Franciscan Spirituality for 2020: Ten-Day Residential Immersion Programs in Franciscan Spirituality is offered three times a year for free by The Community of St. Francis at St. Francis House in San Francisco for women over 18.

The program includes studying Franciscan spirituality and living out of that spirituality by sharing in our community life, worship and ministry in the church and wider community.

[Click here](#) for more information.

When: April 3-13, 2020; July 3-13, 2020; Oct. 2-12, 2020

Where: [St. Francis House](#)

[3743 Cesar Chavez](#)

[San Francisco, CA 94110](#)

Registration: Contact Sr. Pamela Clare at pamelacclarecsf@aol.com

Episcopal Church Constable Fund Grants open

The application process is now open for the 2020 Constable Fund Grants. The Constable

Fund provides grants to fund mission initiatives not provided for within the budget of The Episcopal Church, as approved by General Convention 2018, with a stated preference for work in the areas of religious education. In 2019, Constable Grant awards ranged from \$20,000 to \$60,000 with \$209,000 distributed among five grant recipients. [Read more...](#)

Applications must be submitted to Province VIII Grant Work Group by **Mar. 16**. Submit your applications to communications@norcalepiscopal.org with Constable Fund Grant in the subject line. We will make sure they are forwarded to Province VIII.

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

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