



DIOCESAN E-NEWS

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

News for the week of October 13, 2020

Deanery Convocation

**THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

DEANERY CONVOCATION

Did you miss the Convocation on Saturday? It is now available on our website.

[Click here to view the packet, presentations and video.](#)

Sing in our Diocesan Virtual Choir for Convention

Help us worship together in song!

Everyone in our diocese is invited to participate in a "virtual choir" to prepare music for our worship at Diocesan Convention. You simply record yourself singing your own part, using a smartphone or computer microphone, while listening to the accompaniment through headphones.



We will sing two hymns plus a choral anthem, and you're welcome to submit recordings for one, two, or all three pieces. The Rev. Stephen R. Shaver, Rector, Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, Santa Rosa will be our conductor and producer for the choir. [For more information and to participate, visit here.](#)

Please submit all recordings by **Friday, October 30.**

Best Skills - Best Churches

Bishop Megan Traquair is proud to announce a special opportunity for all



PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

clergy and laymembers for the first time in our diocese. We are partnering with Arizona State University, Lodestar Center to present Best Skills - Best Churches, an innovative program designed to help you grow and strengthen your church.

The program is for six months, one weekend a month on Friday night and

Saturday morning. The first class begins on November 13.

The cost is \$100 per student, a very special discounted price. Registration opens tomorrow. Watch for the special eBlast!

With Malice Toward None at Trinity Cathedral

Trinity Cathedral is participating in a Braver Angels program called *With Malice Toward None*. Braver Angels is an organization committed to bringing people with diverse political opinions together to find common values and foster peace in our polarized political environment.

With Malice Toward None takes its title from Lincoln's second inaugural address, when he sought to heal the nation after the trauma of the Civil War. The heart of the program will be a prayer service on the Cathedral live-stream the day after the election.

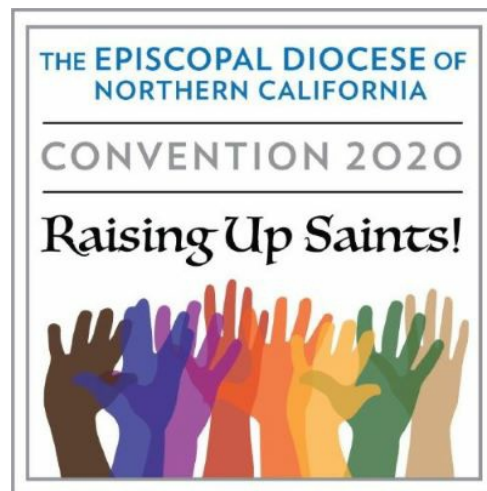
This program is open to members of the Cathedral community and the Diocese of Northern California. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Diocesan Convention Registration

Still time to register, deadline is October 19

New this year, we are inviting all members of the diocese to attend the virtual convention. When you register you will be able to participate in one of the four dynamic learning tracks as well as attend the general sessions.

[For more information click here](#)



National Cathedral to host interfaith prayer service on November 1

As the United States struggles through a time of turbulence and



tension, [Washington National Cathedral](#) will host a national interfaith prayer service on Sunday, Nov. 1 – two days before Election Day – featuring Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and other spiritual leaders. The service, titled “Holding Onto Hope: A national service for healing and wholeness,” will be [livestreamed on The Episcopal Church’s Facebook page](#) in

English and Spanish from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time. [For more information click here.](#)

Dia de Los Muertos Toolkit

All congregations of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California are warmly invited to join in observing El Día de Los Muertos on All Saints Sunday, November 1, 2020.

In this year of extraordinary loss and grief, the Day of the Dead offers us all a moment to mark our mourning, to remember our loved ones, and to affirm the life that we cherish in community.



To download the toolkit, [please visit](#).

Share your congregation’s journey to El Día de Los Muertos with the whole diocese! Send your photos, videos, and announcements to [EDNC Communications](#) or [Commission on Intercultural Ministries](#)

Administration & Finance

The Episcopal Church Medical Trust 2021 Open Enrollment Process is Coming Soon!

2021 Active Employee Open Enrollment
October 28 - November 18, 2020

2021 Pre-65 Retiree Open Enrollment
October 28 - November 18, 2020

2021 Post-65 Retiree Open Enrollment
October 15 - December 7, 2020*

** Dates are estimated; final dates will match Medicare Open Enrollment period once announced*

More information on 2021 Open Enrollment coming soon.
Please contact benefits@norcalepiscopal.org with any questions.

Disaster Relief Assistance

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

Isaiah 43:2

*Please give to help
Disaster Relief*

In our diocese there are six main fires that have burned over 1,700,000 acres. These fires have impacted 38 churches and many families have lost their homes. In addition to prayer, if you would like to reach out a helping hand, here is how to donate to disaster relief:

Bishop's Discretionary Fund: Disaster Relief

100% of your donation will go directly to assist victims in the first stage of the disaster and later during long term recovery.

To donate to disaster relief, click [here](#) now.

<https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=159790&f=6&a=20.00>

Please make checks out to EDNC put "Disaster Relief" in the memo line.

Mail checks to:

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California
350 University Avenue, Suite 280
Sacramento, CA 95825

Resources and Links

These are anxious times as our nation confronts a deadly pandemic, a troubled economy, racial injustice and a bitter election season. It's a lot to take in, and it's easy to get overwhelmed.



That's why prayer is needed now more than ever.

