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Around the Diocese

Bishop pays pastoral visit to St. John's Marysville.

On Sunday, August 15, Bishop Megan, joined by Interim Canon to the Ordinary Rev. Julie Wakelee, visited the congregation of St. John's Marysville.

While there, the bishop preached, celebrated the Eucharist, baptized five children and confirmed three teens and two adults. It was a beautiful and busy day! Thank you to the congregation at St. John's for a warm welcome.



Disaster Relief for Victims of Dixie & River Fires

To date, the Bishop has granted \$6,000 in grants and gift cards to victims of the Dixie Fire, and \$2,000 to help victims of the River Fire. This aid provides immediate access to food, lodging and other essential needs.

Also, in last week's ENews we asked for support for fire victims. Thanks to your generosity, we received **\$2850** through our online giving link to purchase gift cards for fire victims!

If you would like to give to fire relief, please visit the [GIVE](#) link on our web site.

Your contribution helps us both to offer immediate, direct aid to those in need, and to sustain a long-term commitment to heal and restore devastated communities.

Thank You!

From the Office of the Bishop

Meet our Missioner for Disaster Resilience

The Office of the Bishop is pleased to introduce **Mark Dibelka** as The Missioner for Disaster Resilience for our diocese.

Mark brings a wealth of experience as a first responder in fire service and law enforcement, as well as a pastor in the United Church of Christ.

His position is the first of its kind in the Episcopal Church, and is funded through a generous grant by Episcopal Relief and Development. In this role, he will be working directly with congregations to plan and prepare for disasters, and lead disaster response and recovery efforts.

Mark and his family live in Mt. Shasta, and are active at St. Barnabas. Read Mark's resume [here](#).

Welcome to your new ministry Mark!



From Mark:

I grew up in Mt. Shasta, CA and I'm an '88 grad of Mt. Shasta High School (Go Bears!). I worked my professional life in Rochester, NY and returned to CA to care for my aging parents.

Jesus asked if I love Him and when I answered "yes", I was told to tend to His people. The Missioner for Disaster Resilience gives me the opportunity to love and care for both our faith community and the underserved population, while also functioning in the world of first responders where I have spent so much of my life.

Diocesan Convention Update

As you know, Bishop Megan recently announced that we will be holding our annual convention online on November 5–6. We are confident this is the safest and wisest option given the surge of Covid-19 infections due to the Delta Variant. While we will

not be meeting in person, the work of convention goes on.

Please note the following important dates:

- Convention REGISTRATION Opens FRIDAY, AUGUST 20
- Deadline to SUBMIT RESOLUTIONS for consideration at the convention is MONDAY, AUGUST 23 at 5pm.
- Deadline to SUBMIT NOMINATIONS for Board of Trustees and Standing Committee is SEPTEMBER 10.
- CONVOCATION is Saturday, October 9
- VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETINGS about Resolutions will be Wednesday, October 13 and Saturday, October 16

Update on Philip Traquair

Bishop Megan's husband Philip suffered serious injuries to his back and ribs after a fall from a ladder. He is resting at home, and thanks to many prayers, is well on the road to recovery.



Day of Discernment

Zoom Meeting

Saturday, October 2

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Interested in the Priesthood? The diaconate? Holy Orders? or just want to learn more about how to become licensed as a preacher?

Day of Discernment is for you!

Registration is now open, zoom information coming soon.

To register, [click here](#)

From the National Church

Earthquake-battered Haitian Episcopalians assess damage as ministry partners prepare to help

Episcopal News Service



[Read the story From Episcopal News Service.](#)

Are you feeling a call to facilitate a

Sacred Ground Circle?

If you've been thinking about facilitating a Sacred Ground Circle but still have questions or concerns, here's a chance to consult with a pair of veteran facilitators.

At **6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25**, the **Rev. Anne Clarke** and lay facilitator **Bob Wohlson** will share their experiences via Zoom and answer questions regarding the 10-week program that is part of **Becoming Beloved Community**, The Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice.

Clarke is Assistant Rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Saint Helena and has led several Circles that have included participants from throughout the Napa Valley. Wohlson, who lives in Kenwood, facilitates circles under the auspices of the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

To register for the Zoom session, click here: <https://forms.gle/FYrqShZWiHp2Bdt76>

For more information about facilitating a Sacred Ground Circle, visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/getting-started/>

Upcoming events around the Diocese

Saturday, September 11 – Free Zoom Webinar with The Rev. Coleen Tully

Resurrection: Living the Promises of New Life in Sobriety

For details contact The Rev. Anne McKeever at amckeeper@wavecable.com

Presented by Diocesan Partners in Ministries of Health

Job Opportunities Around the Diocese

Incarnation, Santa Rosa, is seeking a **part-time Children's Ministry Leader**. For more information, please visit <http://incarnationsantarosa.org/childrens-ministry-leader/>.

St. Paul's, Benicia is seeking a **Contemporary Music Leader**

For more information, click [here](#).

Trinity Cathedral has the following part-time openings.

Click on the job title for more information.

- [Tenor Choral Scholar](#)
- [Director of Cathedral Choristers](#)

Educational Opportunity

Best Skills, Best Churches is Filling up Fast!

This innovative program from ASU is designed to meet the professional needs of leaders of nonprofit and public organizations. **This six-month program runs September 24, 2021 to March 12, 2022.** Classes are held one weekend a month on

Friday night (6pm-9pm) and Saturday morning (9am-12pm).

For more information, click [here](#)

From the Episcopal Foundation

Mustard Seed grants

“moving mountains”

The Episcopal Foundation of Northern California is continuing the Mustard Seed grant program for 2021! Mustard Seed Grants are grants of \$500 to promote and support grass-roots ministries at the congregation level in our Diocese.

The application period is open to December 31, 2021; grants will be awarded throughout the year. Click [here](#) to download an application. To submit an application, or if you have questions, please email [Michelle Karimi](mailto:Michelle.Karimi@norcalepiscopal.org).

Links to Diocesan Commissions and Committees

- [Commission for Intercultural Ministries](#)
- [Commission on Ministry](#)
- [Christian Formation Committee](#)
- [Episcopal Community Services](#)
- [Ministries of Health Committee](#)
- [Investment Fund Committee](#)
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