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Around the Diocese

Diocese leads the way in service to fire victims

As the Dixie and Caldor Fires continue their destructive march across the Sierras, Mark Dibelka, Missioner for Disaster Resilience, and Kati Braak, Operations Director for the Office of the Bishop, have travelled across the diocese to deliver gift cards and checks to the parishes impacted by the fires.

To date, the Office of the Bishop has provided gift cards and funds totaling over \$38,000.

Wildfire Relief Update

Thanks to your generosity, we have received **\$11,890.00** through online giving and checks 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.



A related experience from the Rev. Julie Wakelee, Interim Canon to the Ordinary —

"Last week, I stopped into a Sav-Mor market in Red Bluff to purchase gift cards for fire victims. Megan, the young woman who was working as a checker asked why I was buying so many cards. When I told her it was for fire victims, she reached into her own bag and gave me \$5. I later learned that she had lost her own home in the 2018 Camp Fire..."

Welcome the Refugee: Episcopal Ministries in Northern California Respond to the Afghan Crisis

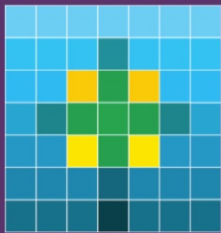
According to census data, the highest concentrations of Afghans in the nation live in two zip codes in the Arden Arcade area of Sacramento County. One of these is 95825, where the Office of the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California (EDNC) is located. The other is 95821, where the diocesan [Center at St. Matthew's](#) has been serving Afghan refugees for several years.

[Click here](#) to read a new article that highlights all of the work the diocese is doing to support Afghan Refugees.



The Center at St. Matthew's partners with Highlands Community Charter School to offer English language and literacy classes for adults. "Most of the students here are refugees and SIV holders from Afghanistan," says Jim Schaal, Executive Director of the Center at St. Matthew's.

From the Office of the Bishop



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111TH DIOCESAN CONVENTION
NOVEMBER 5-6 | 2021

DIOCESAN CONVENTION INFORMATION

- CONVENTION REGISTRATION IS OPEN. Register before Friday, September 10 to secure Early Bird Pricing of \$25!
- Click [here](#) to visit the registration page
- Deanery Convocation takes place SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9
- Virtual Town Hall Meetings about Resolutions will be WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

Are you interested in serving as a member of the Standing Committee or Board of Trustees? Deadline to submit nominations for Board of Trustees and Standing Committee is **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.**

**Convention Quilt
is coming together**

Although our diocesan convention will be virtual this year, we are continuing our project to assemble a quilt with blocks created by all congregations in the diocese. This is an exciting project, designed to connect all congregations in the diocese.

To date, we have received quilt blocks from the following congregations:

- St. Luke's Auburn
- St. Luke's, Calistoga
- Faith, Cameron Park
- St. George's, Carmichael
- St. Michael's, Carmichael
- Good Shepherd Cloverdale
- St. Andrew's, Corning
- St. Francis' Fortuna
- Emmanuel, Grass Valley
- St John's, Marysville
- St. Barnabas, Mt. Shasta
- St. Bridgid's, Rio Vista
- Trinity, Sonoma
- Grace, St. Helena
- Holy Trinity, Ukiah



St. Barnabas', Mt. Shasta was the first congregation to submit a quilt block. Here is their beautiful submission!

Quilt block submission deadline extended to Monday, October 4.

If you have questions about the project, please contact Beth Carlson at 530-345-812 or rbmj1616@gmail.com

From the National Church

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry highlights ways to help Afghan refugees through Episcopal Migration Ministries

As Episcopalians, as followers of Jesus, as people of faith, we mourn the recent loss of life in Afghanistan, the ongoing chaos and instability, and the risk that many Afghans face, in particular women and girls.

The situation in Afghanistan is changing quickly with many lives lost and thousands more at risk. The current crisis leaves over 5 million displaced Afghans in the country, in bordering nations and many more around the world who have been evacuated, who are trying to find long-term safe solutions.

As Afghans arrive to the U.S. with the hope of safety, The Episcopal Church, through the work of Episcopal Migration Ministries, is assisting our new neighbors through the Afghan Parolee Support Program. [Continue Reading](#)

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



Friday, September 10 – 5:00-7:00pm
Art Show & Sale Benefitting
Haiti Education & Development Corporation

Featuring works by renowned nature photographer
Larry Brenden

St. Augustine Episcopal Church
1800 Wildcat Boulevard – Rocklin, CA 95765
[eventbrite.com/e/larry-brenden-photography-show-sale-tickets-164240167763](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/larry-brenden-photography-show-sale-tickets-164240167763)

From Trinity Cathedral

The Cathedral will offer its third **Sacred Ground Circle** on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm beginning on September 16 and ending on November 18. All are welcome to become a part of this invaluable program.

Contact susanhotchkiss@trinitycathedral.org to enroll. Register now, as spaces are filling and there are a limited numbers of spaces available.

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](#)

St. Patrick's, Kenwood is seeking an [Interim Parish Administrator](#)

Spiritual Formation

Introductory *Parable Log* Zoom Presentation
Monday, September 13 at 7 pm

This is a free one-hour participative experience to introduce you to the process and content of ***The Parable Log Workbook*** and to introduce you to the six-week study and practice program *Using the Parable Log Workbook* which will be offered weekly **Monday evenings, starting 9/27 at 7 pm on Zoom.**

The Parable Log Workbook is structured like a ship's daily log, requiring 15 minutes a

day. In the log, daily situations are Identified and used to engage with God's Presence. In the program, simple helps are offered to tame inner criticism, expand awareness of new information, provide an opportunity to listen to — as well as speak to — God, and increase deliberate choices and action. The Introductory one-hour hour experience is intended to help you make an informed decision about joining the class.

[Click here to join on Zoom](#) Passcode: zC5amF

You may register for the class (Cost \$15.00 for the Log Workbook) at the 9/13 introductory meeting.

Presented by **The Rev. Gregg Churchill, ThD**, retired Episcopal priest at All Saints, Redding.

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](#)
- [Disaster Preparedness](#)
- [Recovery Ministries](#)
- [Episcopal Foundation of Northern California](#)

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