



Episcopal  
Diocese of  
Northern  
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# E News

News from the Diocese and Wider Church

WEEK OF JUNE 15, 2021

## *From around the Diocese*



### **Bishop ordains three new deacons**

On Friday, June 11, Bishop Megan ordained three new transitional deacons at Trinity Cathedral. Congratulations to Barbara White, Kathy Lawler, and Katie McCarthy-Evenbeck on their ordination! Thanks be to God!

## Education for Ministry (EfM)

### Graduation

The Trinity Cathedral EfM seminar had their year-end gathering in person Sunday June 13 after meeting by zoom since March 22, 2020. Four graduates (seen here in crowns) were celebrated. The group also bid farewell to Pat Ronne who has been a co-mentor for 4 years and is moving to Seattle to be closer to family. Thanks to Dean Matthew Woodward for joining in and taking some wonderful photos. With great anticipation, next year's group will meet in a hybrid setting-some in person and some on Zoom.



*Cathedral Dean Matthew Woodward poses for a selfie with the graduates of the EfM program.*

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## Pathways 2021 is almost here!

From Monday, June 21 – Friday, June 25 we will meet online and explore the theme of "Jesus and the Dispossessed" together. Then on Saturday, June 26-Sunday June 27 we will make a pilgrimage to Trinity Cathedral in Sacramento.

Please register as soon as possible by clicking the link [here](#). Thank you!

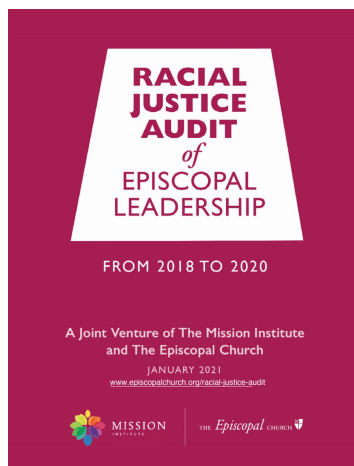
**Elizabeth Potts and Shelby Larkey**

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## Racial Justice Audit Workshop

On Saturday, June 12, the Rev. Anne Clarke, JoAnn Williams, Miriam Casey, and other members of the diocesan Commission on Intercultural Ministries hosted a zoom workshop to discuss the recently published **Racial Justice Audit of Episcopal Leadership**. It was a moving and important dialogue among clergy and laypersons across the diocese.

There will be a followup webinar:

- **The Racial Justice Audit: Where Do We Go from Here?:** Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at 6:00 pm (EDT) – [Register here](#)

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## Opportunities for Ministry

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### Job Opportunity

#### Missioner for Disaster Resilience

In partnership with Episcopal Relief and Development, the Office of the Bishop is hiring for the position of *Missioner for Disaster Resilience*.

To view this job description, [click here](#). For questions about the position, or to apply,

please contact Michelle Karimi ([michelle@norcalepiscopal.org](mailto:michelle@norcalepiscopal.org))

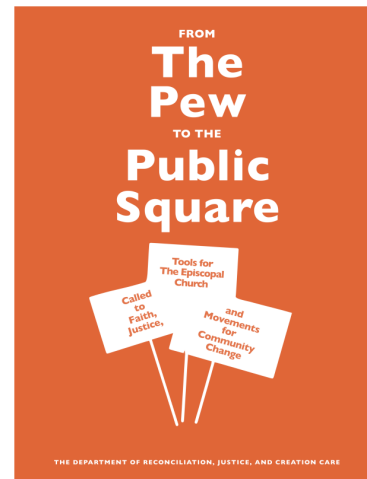
Closing date: July 7, 2021

[Learn more](#) about Disaster Preparedness and Response in our Diocese.

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## The Episcopal Public Policy Network

The Episcopal Public Policy Network provides opportunities for advocacy through action alerts. These alerts are based on the positions taken at the General Convention. If you would like to access these alerts, you can find them here. <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/action-alerts/>



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## Links to Diocesan Commissions and Committees

[Commission on 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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*From the Office of the Bishop*

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# BISHOP'S MAX THE VAX CAMPAIGN

To encourage all members of our diocese to become vaccinated for the COVID-19 virus, the Office of the Bishop is sponsoring the **Bishop's Max the Vax Campaign**. The parish with the highest percentage of congregants vaccinated will be treated to a BBQ dinner prepared and served by Bishop Megan Traquair and the staff of the Office of the Bishop!

**Here's how it works:**



Beginning **June 15**, and ending **July 15**, congregants are invited to visit the Max the Vax campaign page [here](#).

**Participants will need to enter the following information to qualify:**

- Parish name and location
- Household name
- Number of adults in the household who have received at least one shot of the two-part vaccines, or received the single-dose vaccine
- Number of children under age 18 who will be vaccinated (if applicable)
- **No proof of vaccination is required**

Note: Data will only be used by the Office of the Bishop to determine the winner.

At the close of the campaign, the parish with the highest percentage of Average Sunday Attendance vaccinated will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, there will be a drawing to decide the winner.

The Office of the Bishop will determine the date of the BBQ with the winning parish.

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## Diocesan Convention is Coming!

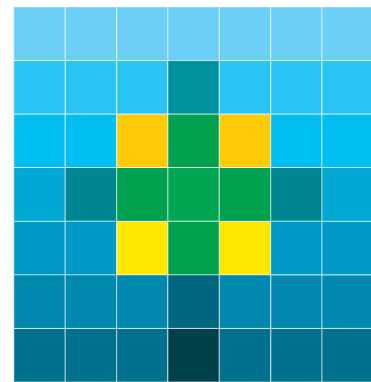
The 2021 Diocesan Convention will be held **Friday, November 5, and Saturday November 6**, at the Redding Civic Center. After holding our 2020 convention online, we are returning to an in-person format. The theme for this year's convention is *Gathered at the River, Healed by the Spirit*.

The annual convention is one of the most important event in the life of the diocese. It is where we consider resolutions, elect officers to governance boards, receive updates on the next year's budget, and hear the bishop's vision for the diocese.

We are excited to announce the keynote speaker for the convention is the **Rev. Stephanie Spellers**, Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Evangelism, Reconciliation and Stewardship of Creation. She has authored several books, including her latest – *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community* (2021).

**Registration information for clergy and delegates will be sent later this month.**

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**2021 CONVENTION**  
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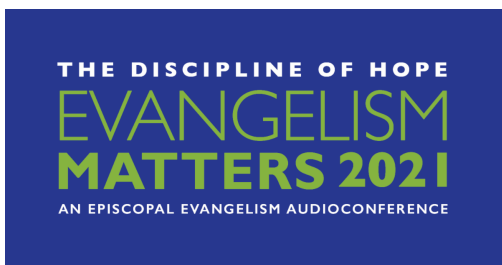


*The Rev. Stephanie Spellers, Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Evangelism, Reconciliation and Stewardship of Creation.*

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## From The Episcopal Church

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### Evangelism Matters: The Discipline of Hope Digital Resources for Evangelism Discernment and Ministry

These resources, recorded as part of the 2021 Episcopal Evangelism Audioconference, aim to help the whole church – from people merely interested in evangelism to those who identify as “evangelists” – embrace the ministry and practice of evangelism, and discern where God is leading.

#### What's Included:

Nine podcast/audio episodes: six in English and three in Spanish. Each podcast episode contains three 18-minute talks led by leaders on evangelism and discipleship. Learn more about our presenters [here](#). Listen to the podcast episodes [here](#).

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## From the Episcopal Foundation

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### Mustard Seed Grant Program

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 from **April 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021**; grants will be awarded throughout the year.

**Mustard Seed** grants  
*“moving mountains”*

Click [here](#) to download an application. To submit an application, or if you have questions, please email [Michelle Karimi](mailto:Michelle.Karimi).

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