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News from the Diocese and Wider Church

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From the Office of the Bishop



Above: Bishop Megan with The Rev. Megan Rohrer, newly installed Bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod.



Right: Bishop Megan with The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA and The Rev. Mark Holmerud, former Bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod.

Bishop Megan...meet Bishop Megan!

On Saturday, September 11, Bishop Megan was invited to witness the installation of The Rev. Megan Rohrer as the Bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The ceremony took place at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with nearly 3.3 million members in more than 8,900 worshipping communities across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region.

The 2000 General Convention approved "Called to Common Mission," a revised version of the Lutheran Concordat, establishing full communion between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and The Episcopal Church, effective January 1, 2001.

Bishop Megan was honored to represent the Episcopal Church, and our diocese at this joyous occasion. Congratulations to our Lutheran brothers and

Around the Diocese



St. John's Roseville Hosts Capital Deanery Confirmation Service

On Sunday, September 12, Bishop Megan presided and preached as nine individuals were confirmed, five were received into the Episcopal Church and one individual made a formal reaffirmation of her baptismal vows. All were members of three churches: St. John's Roseville, St. Augustine's Rocklin, and St. Timothy's Gridley. Photo by Stephania Kogut.

Wildfire Relief Update

Thanks to your generosity, we have received **\$35,466.99** 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, or, if you prefer, send a check to

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

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.

Convention Registration is now open.

Click [here](#) to register for convention

Nominations for Board of Trustees and Standing Committee have reopened.
Nominations may be submitted until October 13.

Convention Quilt Project Update

To date, we have received quilt blocks from 25 congregations. Please check the list below to confirm we have received your block. **The deadline for submission is Monday, October 4.** If you need help with your block or have any questions, please contact Beth Carlson, Quilt Project Coordinator, at 530-345-8142 or rbmj1616@gmail.com



Thank you to the following congregations for submitting their quilt blocks:

St. Luke's Auburn | St. Paul's Benicia | St. Luke's Calistoga | Faith Cameron Park | St. George's Carmichael
St. Michael's Carmichael | Good Shepherd Cloverdale | St. Andrew's Corning | Christ Church Eureka

St. Francis' Fortuna | St. Michael and All Angels Ft Bragg | Emmanuel Grass Valley | Shepherd by the Sea Gualala
St. John's Marysville | St. Barnabas Mt. Shasta | Holy Trinity Nevada City | St. Bridgid's Rio Vista

All Saints Sacramento | St. Paul's Sacramento | Trinity Sonoma | Grace St. Helena | Holy Trinity Ukiah
Church of the Epiphany Vacaville | Ascension Vallejo | Holy Trinity Willows

News for Retired Clergy

The Rev. Christine Leigh Taylor, Diocese Chaplain to Retired Clergy has written an important update for **Medicare-eligible clergy** from the Church Medical Trust. Click [here](#) to read more.

From the Commission for Intercultural Ministries

Commission brainstorms how we can help Afghan Refugees in our diocese



The Commission for Intercultural Ministries launched the Diocese's Afghan Resettling Team, on September 9, with a brainstorming session attended by 23 clergy, lay, and Diocesan Staff persons from around Northern California. Energy abounds in our Diocese to warmly welcome our new Afghan neighbors and help them resettle into their new homes. A steering group is being formed to coordinate the Diocese's response to meet the needs of the Refugees.

You can help today by Donating and Volunteering. Opportunities for churches and individuals to help are listed on the *How to Engage with Afghan Arrivals* flyer. Click [Here](#)

For more information contact:
Lynn Zender, CIM Co-chair, zenderlynn@gmail.com

Donate to meet these immediate needs:

- [Emergency and Temporary Housing](#)
- [Household and Personal Supplies](#)
- [Economic Empowerment Kits](#)
- [Groceries](#)

Volunteer to be a temporary Host Home for newly arriving Refugees:

- [Host Home Volunteer](#)

More Volunteer opportunities:

- [International Rescue Committee/Sacramento](#)
- [World Relief/Sacramento](#)
- [The Center at St Matthew's Episcopal Church](#)

Advocate for the Refugees:

- [Episcopal Office of Government Relations](#)
- [International Rescue Committee](#)

For more information email Bob Wohlsen, Afghan Resettling Team
- bob.wohlsen@gmail.com

Two Zoom Sacred Ground Circles are forming and are welcoming new participants:

The Rev. Mary Claugus and Deacon Cindy Long from St. Michael's in Carmichael will co-facilitate a circle meeting from 6 to 8 p.m.

Wednesdays from Sept. 15 through Nov. 17.

To register, email deaconcindy@stmichaelscarmichael.org.

The Rev. Kathy Hopner, Deacon Emerita Tina Campbell, and Susan Hotchkiss of Trinity Cathedral in Sacramento will co-facilitate a circle at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays from Sept. 16 to Nov. 18. To register (by Sept. 9), email susanhotchkiss@trinitycathedral.org

Sacred Ground co-facilitator sought

The Commission for Intercultural Ministries has been contacted by a former Sacred Ground facilitator who is seeking a co-facilitator to launch a new Circle via Zoom. If you are interested, please email NorCalCIM@gmail.com.

Keeping track of Sacred Ground

Are you forming a Sacred Ground Circle? Let the Commission for Intercultural Ministries know by registering it [here](#).

Are you interested in joining a Sacred Ground Circle? Sign up [here](#).
Or email NorcalCIM@gmail.com

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin | Seeds of Justice Series



**Ancient Grass Cordage:
Demonstration and Hands-on Activity.
Sunday, October 10 | 12:30 pm
In person and masks will be required.**

Both workshops presented by Diana Almendariz, Cultural Practitioner of Maidu/ Wintun, Hupa/Yurok descent, traditions, and cultural experience.

For more info and to register, click [here](#).

Upcoming events around the Diocese



**Installation of The Rev. Matthew Woodward
as the 12th Dean of Trinity Cathedral
Saturday, September 18 | 11:00 am**

Followed by an open air reception. This event will be livestreamed. Clergy are welcome to vest, please wear Red Stoles.

RSVP to RRodriguez@trinitycathedral.org
or 916-446-2513 x 220



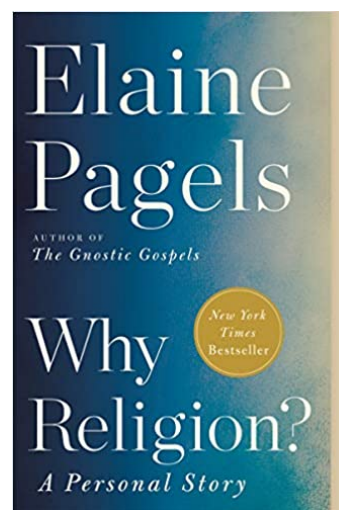
From Trinity Cathedral

**Lunch Bunch: Beginning Thursday, September 16 |
12 noon on Zoom.**

Why Religion?
A Personal Story by Elaine Pagels.

Why is religion still around in the twenty-first century? Why do so many still believe? And how do various traditions still shape the way people experience everything from sexuality to politics, whether they are religious or not?

In *Why Religion?* Elaine Pagels looks to her own life to help address these questions.”



Please email susanhotchkiss@trinitycathedral.org for Zoom link.

Thursday Night at the Cathedral: Spiritual Gifts Class September 16 through October 7 | 7:00-8:00 pm.

God has a purpose and plan for each of us – and He has given us the gifts and tools we need to fulfill them. But how do you know which life-changing gifts He's set aside specifically for you? When you know and understand the gifts God has given you, you will discover a renewed sense of purpose and excitement as you partner with Him and bless others.

Join Bill McGrath for a four session weekly Zoom class starting Thursday, September 16 for this exciting class. All necessary materials will be provided. Please contact susanhotchkiss@trinitycathedral.org for the Zoom link.

Job Opportunities Around the Diocese

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

Spiritual Formation

LOVE IS THE WAY
Holding on to Hope In Troubling Times



Word and Life Fall 2021

Online Study, Lecture and Discussion Series Via Zoom
September 9, 2021 thru November 11, 2021

We invite you to join us for 10 weeks of ZOOM meetings on Thursday mornings from 10:00 am – 11:30 am (Pacific). Inspired and guided by Bishop Michael Curry's book, *Love Is The Way*.

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

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of the prior week

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