



Episcopal
Diocese of
Northern
California

E News

News from the Diocese and Wider Church

November 16, 2021

Around the Diocese

Bishop Megan Visits Incarnation, Santa Rosa

On Sunday, The Bishop had the privilege of baptizing several people, including the daughter of Rev. Stephen Shaver, Rector of Incarnation. In her first official visit since her consecration, Bishop also confirmed and welcomed several adults. Thank you to the folks of Incarnation for their hospitality and warm welcome!



Convention Highlights

Jim Sargent and Leta Parks receive 2021 Bishop's Cross Award

On the opening day of convention, Bishop Megan had the privilege of recognizing **Jim Sargent** and **Leta Parks** for their years of faithful service to the diocese.

In 2019, Bishop Megan instituted the Bishop's Cross, for outstanding service to the diocese and the church. The first recipient was **Charles Mack**, Chancellor Emeritus.

Jim Sargent wrote "I am humbled for receiving the Bishop's Cross Award at convention. It is an honor and a privilege to serve God's church in this diocese. I am grateful for all of you around the diocese with whom I have served alongside and blessed by the opportunity to work with you. Thank you Bishop



Megan for this award and your service".

Congratulations to Jim and Leta for receiving this award. We are grateful for your service, stewardship, and example of servant leadership.



THE BISHOP'S CROSS AWARD

Double Your Donation to The Center at St. Matthew's!

If you missed the offering at Diocesan Convention, you can still [donate online](#). Thanks to a generous matching gift, all donations received before December 25 will be doubled up to the matching amount of \$7000!

For more information, please contact:

The Center at St. Matthew's

stmatthewsepiscopal@gmail.com | 916-927-0115

Miss the Convention? Watch it here!

Here are links to watch the Pre-Convention Workshop with the Rev. Stephanie Spellers and both days of convention.

- [Pre Convention Workshop | Thursday, November 4](#)
- [Convention Day One | Friday, November 5](#)
- [Convention Day Two \(part 1\) | Saturday, November 6](#)
- [Convention Day Two \(part 2\) | Saturday, November 6](#)

Convention Quilt Project Update

Beth Carlson, Convention Quilt Project Coordinator, presented an update on the project. Since quilters couldn't meet in person at convention, they will gather over the next few months to stitch the blocks together. We assembled photos of all the blocks submitted into a virtual flip book. Click [here](#) to see the beautiful quilt blocks!

Beth Carlson with some of the quilt blocks submitted for the convention quilt.



Office of the Bishop

Annual Enrollment

- For 2022 annual enrollment updates, plan rates and more, [click here](#)
- For general information regarding benefits for eligible employees, [click here](#)

For questions, please email benefits@norcalepiscopal.org

Project (Re)Start Update

Mark G. Dibelka
Missioner for Disaster Resilience

The fires have died down, both literally and figuratively, and we've turned another month on the calendar, but here in Northern California we know this is only a temporary rest from what can, and will, happen.

It has been a very pleasant surprise to continually discover how many congregations and individuals have already established a disaster plan. Even more exciting is the number of us who understand the needs and want to make a difference, both in keeping our little parts of the world as safe as possible as well as doing what we can, in a well-coordinated effort, to care for those who are living with loss in the face of disaster.

[Read more](#)

PROJECT (RE)START

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA



Project (Re)Start bins and t-shirts are ready for the next disaster

From Trinity Cathedral

Kiss the Ground – Zoom Film

Thursday Night at the Cathedral

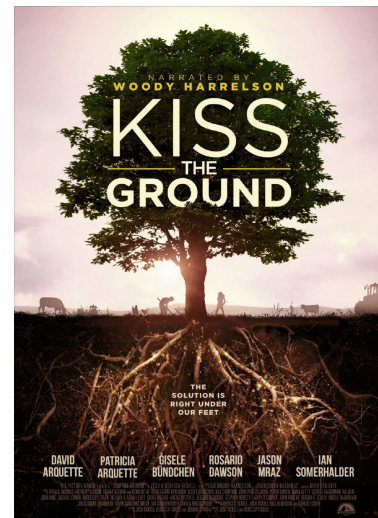
Presented by Trinity Respecting Earth and Environment
Ministry (TREE)

Kiss the Ground is “a full-length documentary narrated by Woody Harrelson that sheds light on a 'new, old approach' to farming called 'regenerative agriculture' that has the potential to balance our climate, replenish our vast water supplies, and feed the world.”

For more information about the movie, [click here](#). The film runs 1 hour 24 minutes and Amy Dierlam will lead a discussion for 30 minutes afterwards.

Thursday, November 18 – 7:00 pm on Zoom

Registration required | [Register here for Zoom link](#)



Advent at Trinity Cathedral

Living Compass Advent Series: Practicing Patience

You are invited to join Trinity Cathedral's Advent discussion series via Zoom on four Mondays at 1 pm: **November 29 and December 6, 13, and 20**. This year the theme selected by Living Compass, an Episcopal faith and wellness program, is *Practicing Patience with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*.

This series is open to everyone in the diocese.

We will meet once a week to discuss the daily booklet readings and to share our efforts to practice patience this Advent season. Our facilitator will be the Rev. Anne Dryden McKeever.

To register, please contact Susan Hotchkiss at shotchkiss@trinitycathedral.org

To receive your free copy of the Living Compass Advent booklet, please request one from Susan at shotchkiss@trinitycathedral.org or from Anne McKeever+ at amckeever@wavecable.com

Allow at least a week for your booklet to arrive in the mail. The free booklet is also available online at LivingCompass.org/Advent.

Diocesan Partners in Ministries of Health

Living Compass, an Episcopal Wellness Initiative, presents their Advent meditation booklets on Patience. We are providing these **Free** for your congregation. The booklets are available in English and Spanish. For more information go to www.livingcompass.org

Provide your address and the number of Advent meditation booklets you would like and we'll do the rest.

Contact:

Susan
Wahlstrom email: wahlstrom@volcano.net
cell: (209) 304-8321



Job Opportunities Around the Diocese

St. Patrick's | Kenwood is seeking an organist/pianist. Click [here](#) for more information.

St. Paul's | Sacramento is seeking a **Music Director**. Read the job announcement [here](#).

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

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

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

Commission for Intercultural Ministries

Thank you to the many Diocesan faithful who have warmly welcomed our new Afghan neighbors by offering services and donating dollars, furniture, food, and household goods. With winter on its way, our agency partners are seeking cold weather gear and bedding for the Refugees, who arrive with only a suitcase of belongings. [Click here](#) to access the revised **Ways to Help** flyer for details about how to contribute to these drives.

Extending a friendly hand and Building Beloved Community in the Diocese

St John's, Petaluma, Welcomes Afghan Refugee families

On Friday, November 5th Ali, a former employee of the US State Department in Afghanistan, left a message at St. John's asking for help. Recently settled in Petaluma, he had searched for "refugee resettlement agency near me" and St. John's website turned up. [Read more](#)

The Center at St. Matthew's, Sacramento - At the forefront of the Diocese's response for Afghan Relief

The Center at St. Matthew's is an innovative community service ministry of the Diocese based in the Arden Arcade neighborhood of Sacramento. Strategically located in the largest Afghan community in the nation, the Center has served Afghan refugees for several years and is at the forefront of the Diocese's current humanitarian response to the current crisis of Afghan evacuees. [Read more](#)

Episcopal Relief and Development

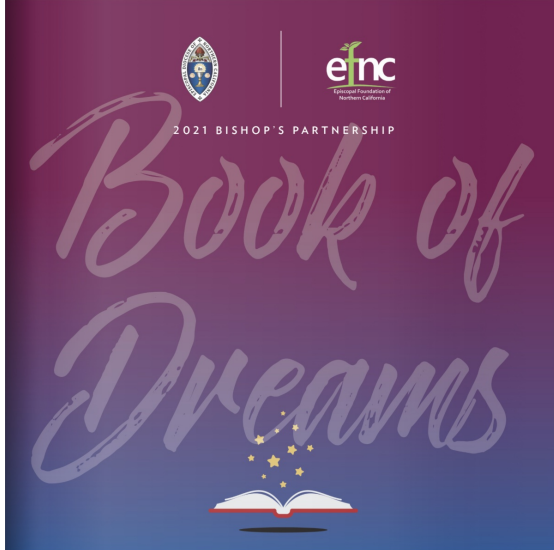
Episcopal Relief & Development Doubles Down on Donations made before end of 2021.

Episcopal Relief & Development has announced that all donations until the end of the year will be doubled, thanks to the generosity of a group of donors. The matching funds will apply to **Gifts for Life** selections and **1000 Days of Love** selections. The matching funds will be sent to the global fund. Many congregations and individuals in the Diocese of Northern California make Gifts of Life donations part of their Christmas giving.

To donate or learn more, visit: episcopalrelief.org

Episcopal Foundation

**The 2021 Bishop's Partnership
Appeal**



Book of Dreams is live!

Click [here](#) to view the book and learn more about how to donate to these projects.

Spiritual Formation

"Conversations on 1 Peter"

The Rev. Peter Rodgers and others help us better understand and appreciate Peter's first epistle.

About this event

These conversations on the First Letter of Peter are intended to encourage those who lead God's people (Clergy, and especially Lay Preachers, Catechists, Bible Study Leaders, Sunday School teachers). I have chosen 1 Peter for several reasons. I have made the letter a special area of study over the years. It is also a letter that will receive special attention in the coming year, since it is the portion of scripture that has been chosen as the focus for Bible study for the bishops throughout the world, as they prepare to meet at the Lambeth Conference in the summer of 2022. Church people throughout the world are encouraged to study this letter prayerfully. To assist us, a commentary on the letter has been published: Jennifer Strawbridge, ed. *The First Letter of Peter: A Global Commentary*. London: SCM Press, 2020.

For more information on The Center for Bible Study click [here](#).

Diocesan Commissions | Committees | Ministries

[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](#)

[Center for Bible Study](#)

To submit news/events, please email
communications@norcalepiscopal.org by Wednesday
of the prior week

Submit a Calendar Event

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

Making Disciples, Raising Up Saints & Transforming Communities for Christ

www.norcalepiscopal.org

