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November 30, 2021

Around the Diocese



Tina Ferriot takes vows as a Franciscan Nun

On Sunday, November 28, Tina Ferriot, a member of St. Michael's, Carmichael made her vows to be consecrated as an Episcopal Franciscan Nun. In the ceremony, Bishop Megan received her vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience, and will serve as a nun solitary (not within a community). Congratulations on your profession and ministry.



Office of the Bishop



BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND THE PEOPLE CONSENTING

The Right Rev. Terry White
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky

ON BEHALF OF

The Right Rev. Megan Traquair
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

WILL ORDAIN

The Rev. Barbara Gausewitz White

TO THE SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTS IN
CHRIST'S ONE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH

*St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church
Harrods Creek, Kentucky*

*Saturday, the Eleventh of December
Two-Thousand & Twenty-One
Eleven in the Morning*

YOUR PRAYERS AND PRESENCE ARE REQUESTED

Clergy: cassock, surplice, white stole

Link to view live

https://youtu.be/XilrzkMI_E

Trinity Cathedral

Difficult Words of Jesus: An Advent Study

Bud Swank will lead a conversational Zoom class on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm during Advent. We'll prepare ourselves to welcome the Christ Child by thinking together about some of the hard-to-understand teachings of the grown-up Jesus.

Each session will launch with some thoughts from *The Difficult Words of Jesus: A beginner's guide to his most perplexing teachings* by Amy-Jill Levine; from there we'll go wherever the discussion leads us.

- **November 30** | What's this about hating your family?
- **December 7** | Who may we look down upon?
- **December 14** | What did Jesus mean about Hell?
- **December 21** | Did Jesus teach us to hate "the Jews"?

Please email shotchkiss@trinitycathedral.org to register.

Thursday Night at the Cathedral - Advent 2021 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm

- **December 2** – Dean Matthew will talk with us about Advent on zoom.
- **December 9** – An Advent Craft-We will gather on zoom to do a craft together. Packets will be available for pickup on Sunday or mailed to you on request.
- **December 16** – Join a Trinity Cathedral tradition for all ages *in person*. Singing of carols and viewing of "A Christmas Carol" in the Assembly Area with popcorn, hot chocolate and other treats.

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

Help warmly welcome our new Afghan Neighbors!

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. Check the links below to donate.



URGENT NEEDS FOR WINTER:

- **Winter Welcome Kits** - *International Rescue Committee* (IRC) is seeking 50 Kits for young children by December 10. Click [here](#) for details and instructions.
- **Winter Coats** - *World Relief* is seeking 7000 new coats by November 30.

Click [here](#) for details and drop off locations

ONGOING NEEDS:

- **Temporary Housing** – [IRC Soft Landing Fund](#) - The housing crisis is acute. Directly fund lodging in a hotel until a permanent home can be located
- **Furniture** – Provide living and dining room furniture for the permanent home

SUPPLIES:

- **Economic Empowerment Kits** – Help a Refugee prepare for a job. Ship directly to World Relief
- **Transportation Kits** - Help a Refugee get around. Ship directly to World Relief
- **Advocate for the Refugees** - Support passage of the Afghan Adjustment Act

RESOURCES:

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

Contact **Bob Wohlsen** for details and other questions - bob.wohlsen@gmail.com
Volunteer and Donation Coordinator, Afghan Resettling Team

Episcopal Relief and Development

Double the impact of donations made before the 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 **One Thousand Days of Love** selections. The matching funds will be sent to the global fund.

To donate or learn more, visit:
episcopalrelief.org



**ONE THOUSAND
DAYS OF LOVE** 

Episcopal Community Services

Sunday, December 5 named in-gathering day for Episcopal Community Services.

Bishop Megan recently designated **Sunday, December 5, 2021** an in-gathering day for the work of **Episcopal Community Services**.

The mission of ECS is to support, empower, and equip congregations as they seek to transform communities served in the name of Christ. In 2021, thanks to your support,

ECS was able to grant \$27,500 to fund outreach efforts in our diocese. These funds go to aid the homeless, the elderly, refugees and other communities. Your donations are hard at work! Be generous.

We have Board members in every deanery now! We are available to visit your church to talk about our work or consult with you on one of your projects.

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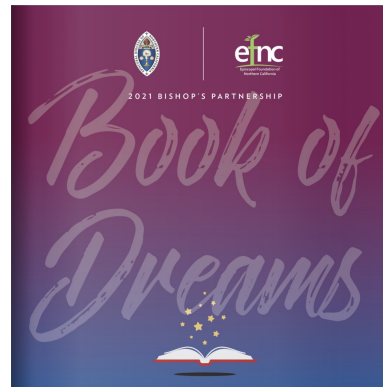
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Episcopal Foundation

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

Explorations in the Gospel of Luke | The Rev. Peter Rodgers

Advent 2, December 5, 2021

Luke 3:1-6. *And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*

Luke's report of the ministry of John the Baptist includes a long quotation from Isaiah 40:3-5. These are words very familiar to lovers of Handel's Messiah. In this passage, we find words from the Old Testament originally referring to the Lord God now applied to Jesus who is *the Lord*, whose way is now being prepared by the preaching of John the Baptist. The last words of this quotation give us a key for understanding what St. Luke is up to in his Gospel (and Acts). One old commentator on this verse (A. Plummer, 1914) said it best: "That the 'salvation of God' is to be made known to the whole human race is the main theme of his Gospel." If you read through, or even skim Luke and Acts you will see this global gospel perspective coming through over and over again. Note the song of Simeon as he holds the child Jesus (Luke 2:32). Note

the words of the Risen Jesus, who envisions repentance and forgiveness being preached to all nations (Luke 24:47). See also Acts 1:8, Acts 13:47, Acts 28:28. This worldwide reach of the salvation of God is everywhere to be seen in Luke-Acts. Can you think of other instances of it in Luke's two-volume narrative?

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