



Episcopal  
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News from the Diocese and Wider Church

October 12, 2021

## Around the Diocese

### St. John's Chico Celebrates 125 years

On Sunday, October 10, the congregation of **St. John the Evangelist** in Chico marked 125 years since their founding in 1896.

The **Quasiquicentennial Jubilee** started with an outdoor Eucharist celebrated by The Rev. Richard Yale, rector, followed by video tributes from past and present members, games, and a taco truck. Congratulations to St. John's for reaching this milestone!



## From the Office of the Bishop

**Note:** The [Read More](#) link at the bottom of this story has been fixed. It is now live.



PROJECT  
**(RE)START**  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE  
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The world of disaster response and recovery can be challenging for both individuals and organizations. Sometimes it seems the assistance that is available is too little or not soon enough, and sometimes we know in our hearts that *we must do something* to ease the suffering of those affected by whatever the disaster might be.

In the shadow of these concerns, Project Re(S)tart was born. [Read More](#)

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## From the Cathedral

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### The Road to Emmaus

**The Road to Emmaus** is a four-week series looking at The Road to Emmaus story through art, scripture and other perspectives. This study will be on Zoom starting **October 14 through November 4 from 7:00-8:00 pm.**

- **October 14** - *Healing through Storytelling*: following the example of Jesus's embedded narrative on the Road to Emmaus. Facilitator: Kelly Mieske
- **October 21** - *An Out of Context and Unrecognizable Jesus*: When blindness meets the impossible, an exercise in logic and revelation for the ages. Facilitator: Dean Matthew Woodward
- **October 28** - *The Vanishing Jesus - Out of Nowhere into the Now Here*: Jesus meets and greets us every step of the way. Facilitator: Morey Lloyd
- **November 4** - *The Road Trip Slideshow*: An Artistic perspective of the Road to Emmaus including iconography and opportunity to work on our own artistic renditions of our faith journeys. Facilitator: Kelly Mieske

Email Susan Hotchkiss [shotchkiss@trinitycathedral.org](mailto:shotchkiss@trinitycathedral.org) for the Zoom link or more information.

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### Rise Against Hunger Event at the Cathedral: Volunteer Opportunity

Trinity Cathedral is hosting a Rise Against Hunger meal packing event on **Sunday, October 17** from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. We will have 60-80 people gathering in the Great Hall for a fun-filled and service-oriented afternoon where we will pack over 10,000 meals for children and



communities. It's a wonderful opportunity to support the efforts to eliminate world hunger! If you'd like to join us for this fun-filled event, [click here](#) to register.

If you're interested in learning more about Rise Against Hunger, [click here](#) or watch their [It Starts with a Meal!](#) video.

Contact Deacon Kathy Lawler at [kathylawler86@gmail.com](mailto:kathylawler86@gmail.com).

## Diocesan Convention Update

### Diocesan Convocation a success

On Saturday, October 9, more than 200 clergy, delegates, and parishioners gathered on zoom to learn about the upcoming Diocesan Convention on November 5 and 6. The Convocation featured an overview of the convention schedule, review of nominees for Board of Trustees and Standing Committee, and videos explaining each of the five resolutions to be presented at convention.



### Resolution Town Halls Scheduled for this week

On **Wednesday, October 13**, and **Saturday, October 16**, we are holding two "Town Hall" Zoom meetings for delegates, clergy, and others to learn about the resolutions being presented at this year's convention. Our hope is these will help convention run more efficiently in a virtual setting. Anyone may attend the town halls. For more information, and links to the town halls visit the convention [website](#).

### There's still time to be included in the quilt!

One of the benefits of switching to a virtual convention is we have a little more time to complete the quilt. **We will be photographing all of the quilt blocks on Wednesday, October 20.**

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](mailto:rbmj1616@gmail.com)



Quilt block from  
St. Matthews, Sacramento

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

St. Andrew's Antelope | St. Alban's Arcata | St. Luke's Auburn | St. Paul's Benicia | St. Luke's Calistoga | Faith

Cameron Park | **St. George's** Carmichael | **St. Michael's** Carmichael | **St. John's** Chico | **Good Shepherd** Cloverdale | **St. Andrew's** Corning | **St. Martin's** Davis | **Christ Church** Eureka | **Grace Church** Fairfield **St. Francis'** Fortuna | **St. Michael and All Angels** Ft Bragg | **St. Luke's** Galt | **Emmanuel** Grass Valley | **St. Timothy's** Gridley | **Shepherd by the Sea** Gualala | **St. Paul's** Healdsburg **St. Patrick's** Kenwood | **Holy Spirit** Lake Almanor | **St. James** Lincoln | **St John's** Marysville | **St. Barnabas** Mt. Shasta | **St. Mary's** Napa | **Holy Trinity** Nevada City | **St. Nicholas** Paradise | **St. John's** Petaluma | **Our Saviour** Placerville | **St. Clement's** Rancho Cordova | **St. Peter's** Red Bluff | **St. Brigid's** Rio Vista | **St. Augustine** Rocklin | **St. John's** Roseville | **All Saints** Sacramento | **St. Matthews** Sacramento | **St. Paul's** Sacramento | **Trinity Cathedral** Sacramento | **Incarnation** Santa Rosa | **St. Stephen's** Sebastopol | **Trinity** Sonoma | **Grace** St. Helena | **Trinity** Sutter Creek | **Holy Trinity** Ukiah | **Church of the Epiphany** Vacaville | **Ascension** Vallejo | **Holy Trinity** Willows | **St. Luke's** Woodland

### **Congregations that are in process of creating their quilt block:**

**St. Michael's** Anderson | **St. Stephen's** Colusa | **St Paul's** Oroville | **All Saints'** Redding | **St. Francis** Willits

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IF YOU HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED FOR CONVENTION, PLEASE DO SO **ASAP**.  
CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER.

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## **Transitions**

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**The Rev. Karen Freeman** has been called to serve as Rector of Grace Church, Fairfield. Karen has been serving Grace as Priest in Charge for the past three years. She's excited about her new call: *"Ever since I was called to be Priest in Charge in 2018, I've known deep in my heart that Grace Church was the right fit, and so it gives me great joy to now be called as Rector, and continue the ministry God has given me and our church in the cities of Fairfield and Suisun. I am hopeful for the future, as the congregation and I work together to grow and share the love of Christ in our communities."*

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## **Commission for Intercultural Ministries**

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### **Becoming Beloved Community— Land Acknowledgment and Beyond**

The Commission for Intercultural Ministries received a grant from the Episcopal Church Becoming Beloved Community ministry to fund a project to guide two congregations to build meaningful relationships with their Native neighbors and to develop Land Acknowledgments for the land upon which the churches are located. The two churches engaged with this project are **Trinity Cathedral in Sacramento and Church of the Incarnation in Santa Rosa**.

Redbud Resource Group, a Santa Rosa-based and Native-owned consulting firm, has developed a toolkit for working with organizations to develop meaningful relationships between the organizations and local Native communities. [Read more](#)

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### **Hispanic/Latino Ministries Tool Kits Are Now Available**

Click on the links to access great resources for worship

- [Dia De Los Muertos](#)
- [Pastorale](#)
- [Via Cruces](#)

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## How can we help Afghan Refugees - Update

### Immediate Needs

The Afghan Resettling Team has met with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and World Relief, major sponsors of newly arriving Refugees in Sacramento. These agencies are now welcoming Afghans to their new community and are in *immediate need of*:

- **Funds to pay for Temporary Housing** - Donate to the [IRC Soft Landing Fund](#)
- **Storage space for furniture for permanent housing** - Contact [Bob Wohlsen](#)
- **Labor and vehicles to transport the furniture**
- **Furniture**

The Team will keep you abreast of current and future needs. Please contact **Bob Wohlsen** for information about these immediate needs and future needs.

**The Center at St Matthew's Episcopal Church** continues to provide food, ESL education, and immigration Legal services for current and newly arriving Afghans. To donate to support the Center's work click [here](#) and put The Center at St Matthew's in the *to* box.

There are many additional ways You Can Help meet these needs and provide a loving warm welcome to our new Afghan neighbors. Check the updated **WAYS to HELP** [flyer](#) for more information and links to donate and volunteer. [Click Here](#)

### For more information contact:

**Lynn Zender**, CIM Co-chair, Afghan Resettling Team, [zenderlynn@gmail.com](mailto:zenderlynn@gmail.com)

**Bob Wohlsen**, Resettling Team Volunteer & Donation Coordinator, [bob.wohlsen@gmail.com](mailto:bob.wohlsen@gmail.com)

**Jim Schaal**, Executive Director, St Matthew's Center, [stmatthewsepiscopal@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewsepiscopal@gmail.com)

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## Diocesan Partners in Ministries of Health

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### Diocesan Partners in Ministries of Health Presents A Free Advent Resource

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](http://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](mailto:wahlstrom@volcano.net)

cell: (209) 304-8321



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## Recording of Recovery Webinar now Available

On September 11, The Diocesan Partners in Ministry of health sponsored a webinar on recovery: *Resurrection: Living the Promises of New Life in Sobriety*. Click [here](#) to watch a recording.

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## Job Opportunities Around the Diocese

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**The Office of the Bishop** is seeking a full time **Executive Staff Support II**.  
To learn more about this position, click [here](#).

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

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**St. Paul's, Benicia** is seeking a **Contemporary Music Leader**  
For more information, click [here](#).

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**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](#)

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## Episcopal Foundation

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### 2021 Foundation Grant Awards Announced!

In the first year of its new Foundation Grants program, the **Episcopal Foundation of Northern California** has awarded a total of \$100,000 in grants to eleven parishes who applied! The Foundation also has awarded three Mustard Seed grants so far this year.

[Click here](#) to read more about the recipients of these awards!



Foundation Board

The Foundation Grant program is closed for the year, but the EFNC board welcomes application for Mustard Seed grants throughout the year. To apply for a Mustard Seed Grant, [click here](#) to download the application, and submit your completed form to [michelle@norcalepiscopal.org](mailto:michelle@norcalepiscopal.org).

Bishop Megan M. Traquair

Gregg Wickham

Perry W. Polk

Kathe Charters

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## Spiritual Formation

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### Upcoming Cursillo weekend still has spots available

Cursillo weekend #116 will be held at Camp Alta (about 20 minutes north of Auburn), October 28 – 31. There are a few spots available to interested candidates.



For more information, contact Marie Strassburger at [Mariestrassburger86@gmail.com](mailto:Mariestrassburger86@gmail.com)

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