



October 19, 2021

Around the Diocese

Episcopal Community Services makes an impact in Vacaville

On Thursday, Deacon Cookie Clark and Father Mack Olson were able to present a check for \$5,000.00 to Colleen Berumen, Executive Director of the Opportunity House, to help support a homeless senior seeking housing. This was the first installment from a total of a \$15,000 Anita Weaver Grant that Epiphany received from **Episcopal Community Services of Northern California**. We give thanks for ECS, Deacon Cookie's work on the grant proposal, and especially for our long-term relationship with Vacaville's Opportunity House!



Office of the Bishop

An Ofrenda for the Office of the Bishop

All congregations of the diocese are invited to join in observing **El Día de Los Muertos on All Saints Sunday, November 7, 2021.**

Like the Episcopal liturgy for All Saints' Day, traditional observances of El Día de Los Muertos are marked by solemn words and dignified processions as well as fragrant flowers and joyous song. The Mexican festival also invites a spontaneity of expression and an almost macabre sense of humor that helps participants come to terms with the reality of death. **Ofrendas** (altars) are richly decorated with flowers (usually



Deacon Tina Campbell and Susan Hotchkiss

campasúchiles or Mexican marigolds), photos, and mementos of the dead. Other items are more playful: calaveras (fancifully figured skulls), catrinas (whimsically well-dressed skeletons), favorite foods, and beloved beverages.

Several congregations on the diocese created ofrendas last year. We hope you will consider creating one this year. If you do, send us a photo!

from Trinity Cathedral built an ofrenda in the Office of the Bishop. If you're in the area, please stop by to see it in person.

Diocesan Convention Update

Town Halls Prove to be A Valuable Resource

The **Resolution Town Halls** are a new addition to the convention process this year. These events were designed to foster greater understanding of the resolutions and make the virtual convention run more smoothly.

On Wednesday, October 13 and Saturday, October 16, resolution presenters, diocesan clergy, and lay delegates joined in zoom meetings to discuss the resolutions being presented at this years' convention.

In fact, three of the resolutions were revised by their authors after input from participants. The Resolutions may be found [here](#).

Survey responses from participants suggest they were a success, and several delegates wrote that they felt much more prepared for convention as a result.

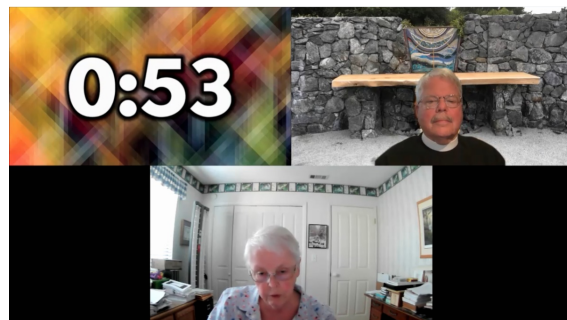
Both town halls were recorded, and you can watch them here:

[Town Hall 1](#)

[Town Hall 2](#)



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Town Hall 2 10.16.21

Have you registered for convention?

- **Regular Registration** closes Friday, October 22. After that, late fees will apply.
- **Registered participants** will receive a package of



special gifts to enhance the virtual convention experience. [Register now](#) to ensure you'll receive them before convention starts

- **A reminder** – only registered participants may "attend" convention live.

Commission for Intercultural Ministries

Afghan Resettlement

Assistance Update:

Our new Afghan neighbors are arriving in Sacramento. Many of you have indicated you would like to help them resettle. There are many ways for you and your congregation to participate, no matter where in the Diocese you are located. Take a look at the newly revised [Ways to Help](#) flyer and choose the opportunity that works for you. Please post and distribute the flyer in your congregation.



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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 Crucis](#)

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
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Job Opportunities Around the Diocese

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](#).

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](#)

Episcopal Foundation

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!

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.



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Spiritual Formation

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.



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