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Out in our neighborhoods

From the Diocese of Albany

The Jr. Daughters of the King at Zion Church Hudson Falls (<http://zionhopefaith.org/home0>) has reached a milestone of ten years being a faithful servant of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are a small group of four girls, soon to be six, that meets every month to study and do service for our church. Read more about these young women in the September Albany newsletter.

<http://www.albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/download/AlbanyEpiscopalianSept2016.pdf>

From the Diocese of Central New York

Farewell Celebration for Bishop Skip:



Save the date! The Diocese of Central New York will bid a fond farewell to Bishop Skip & Bonnie Adams with Holy Eucharist and a festive luncheon program and presentations.

Where: The OnCenter in downtown Syracuse.

When: Saturday, October 22nd.

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Send your stories for the *In Prov 2* by the 10th of the month and they will appear! webeditor@province2.org

What: Morning Eucharist followed by luncheon program and presentations.

Learn more: <http://www.cnyepiscopal.org/>.

Save the date! The consecration of The Very Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe as eleventh Bishop of Central New York is planned for Saturday, December 3, 2016.

From the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe

They thought they WERE Americans, then they were deported:

The video, produced by Matthew Davies, featuring ministry for Heimkehrer / Returnees of Christ the King Episcopal Church in Frankfurt, Germany (http://www.christ-the-king.net/cms/front_content.php) has been released. Watch it on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/nlDWM14j8IY>

Harry Bielskis thought he was American until the day he was deported. For the past 2 years, the former bus driver from Portland, Oregon, has been forced to recycle his life in Germany, a country he'd not stepped foot in for almost 60 years. He didn't even speak the language.

In 1956, when Harry was 4 years old, his mother decided they should leave their German homeland in search of a better life. One week later, America was their new home. In all this time, Harry had never sought U.S. citizenship. He never thought he would need it. But after a brush with the law, on paper and in the eyes of U.S. Immigration, Harry was German and his destiny already set.

Christ the King Episcopal Church in Frankfurt helps people like Harry rebuild their lives through a ministry called Heimkehrer, which means homelcomer. Social workers and volunteers offer them support and guidance, and many of the returnees, as they're known at Christ the King, become valued members of the community.

From the Diocese of Haiti

"Illiteracy remains a major scourge" according to the Minister Dorsonne:[Haiti Libre] As part of the International Literacy Day, held under the theme "Read the past, write the future", Jean Beauvois Dorsonne, the Minister of National Education reminded the actions performed for about 60 years in Haiti and the challenges to eradicate illiteracy. Read more: <http://www.haitilibre.com/en/news-18597-haiti-education-illiteracy-remains-a-major-scourge-according-to-the-minister-dorsonne.html>

From the Diocese of Long Island



Farming ministry sows seeds of rebirth at St. Francis' North Bellmore: God is hard at work at St. Francis Episcopal Church in North Bellmore, New York. The history of this suburban Long Island church stretches back only about two years, to the merger of two parishes. That and the sale of one of the two churches were catalysts for change, as was the growth of a successful farming ministry that has breathed new life into the congregation and the working-class community it serves. Read the article: <http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2016/08/19/farming-ministry-sows-seeds-of-rebirth/>

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From the Diocese of New Jersey

Classes are back in session, and at Rutgers University and Princeton University, we're delighted to welcome our new chaplains to the Garden State.

The Rev. Scott Russell is the new Episcopal chaplain at Rutgers University; he comes to Rutgers after serving for 12 years at Virginia Tech. He recently debuted a new website for the Episcopal Church at Rutgers (RUEpiscopal.org), built in partnership with the diocesan communications department. Scott+ has a series of fantastic services and programs in place for his first full semester at Rutgers.



The Rev. Dcn. Joseph Wolyniak just began his call as Episcopal chaplain at Princeton University. He comes to the Diocese of New Jersey after serving as Missioner for Discipleship & Theological Education in the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado, where he worked in the Office of Faith Formation in support of campus ministries at several colleges and universities across the state. He was ordained to the transitional diaconate and completed his Doctorate of Philosophy in Theology from the University of Oxford in June.

We hope you'll join us as we welcome these two chaplains to The Diocese of New Jersey. Look for more on our college ministries soon!

From the Diocese of New York



The Episcopal Diocese of New York has launched the Harlem Valley Ministry, an area pastorate that is a collaboration of two Episcopal churches and a mission in Putnam and Dutchess counties.

The three parishes are St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Brewster, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Pawling, and MESA in Dover Plains. MESA stands for Misión Episcopal Santiago Apóstol /St. James's Episcopal Mission.

The Rev. Jose Martinez is joining the Harlem Valley Ministry to serve as Priest-in-Charge and will lead services at all three churches. He will celebrate Holy Eucharist on alternate Sunday mornings at St. Andrew's and Holy Trinity, and hold services at MESA on Sunday afternoons. He will be available to each parish for pastoral care.

Read the whole story in the **Mid Hudson Patch** <http://patch.com/new-york/midhudsonvalley/episcopal-diocese-new-york-launches-harlem-valley-ministry>

From the Diocese of Newark

Newton nurse helps patients through faith and support:

By: Katie Moen / New Jersey Herald [New Jersey Herald] For too long, there has been a natural tendency for people to place the pieces of themselves that call for attention into their own separate boxes, each guarded over by whatever caregiver is best suited to the job... Faith Community Nurses like Beth Batastini of Newton are changing the way that people think by bridging the gap among these three areas to create a bigger picture of whole-self health. Read more: <http://www.dioceseofnewark.org/content/newton-nurse-helps-patients-through-faith-and-support>

From the Diocese of Rochester



What are challenges faced by rural and migrant workers and their families? On Sunday, September 11 Rural & Migrant Ministry, hosted a special event, part of the 2016 Pilgrimage of Seeing the Face of God in Each Other. Through exploring the stories of those who help feed us, we engage in developing partnerships - both at Liturgia Center in Lyons and in the agricultural field.

From the Diocese of the Virgin Islands

No website, no Facebook page, no news?

From the Diocese of Western New York



The Genesis Center, 2161 Seneca Street, (<http://www.thegenesiscenter.us/>), will celebrate its official grand opening on Thursday, September 29 at 10 a.m. with Bishop Franklin and Mayor Byron Brown.

St. Simon's Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Diocese, of WNY and The Margaret L. Wendt Foundation invested significantly to create The Genesis Center where the mission is to love our neighbors.

It is hoped that "The Genesis Center" will offer the South Buffalo community services for improving quality of life and will also be able to refer folks who are in crisis.

Other News



From The Episcopal Networks Collaborative comes the **General Convention Social Justice Resolutions Follow Up Guide**. (<http://www.province2.org/uploads/7/3/6/7/73676991/generalconventionfollow-upguide.pdf>)

In this document you will find a list of social justice resolutions the Episcopal Networks Collaborative supported at the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church held in Salt Lake City in 2015. These resolutions are grouped according to the primary interests of our member organizations, the Episcopal Network for Economic Justice, the Union of Black Episcopalians, and the Episcopal Ecological Network. The disposition (concurrence or not) and referral (responsibility) of each resolution is noted. We expect this guide to be useful to you and your parish, diocesan, or provincial organizations as you seek to follow up on 2015 resolutions and prepare future diocesan, provincial or General Convention resolutions.

As we do our work, it is good to know what has been proposed before, whether it was enacted and who is responsible for follow up. Notice that many of the resolutions were referred to dioceses. See also the work of The Rev. Grace Burton-Edwards who developed a list of resolutions (not specifically social justice resolutions) referred to congregations and individuals (<https://yewatchers.com/2015/07/10/what-we-agreed-to-do-congregations-and-individuals/>) and to dioceses (<https://yewatchers.com/2015/07/14/what-we-agreed-to-do-dioceses/>).

The full text of all resolutions may be found at: <http://www.generalconvention.org/gc/2015-resolutions/>.

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Happy Anniversary!



September 14, Holy Cross Day, marked the 47th anniversary of the founding of the Brotherhood of St. Gregory. Join the Brothers in giving thanks for 47 years of grace, prayer, and witness in our service in the Church and world in Christ's name. *+Soli Deo Gloria+*

Freedom Sunday is a global day of worship, prayer and action on human trafficking.



In 2016 Freedom Sunday will be held on Sunday, September 25. Churches all over the world will join together to raise awareness of the crime of human trafficking and show the world our compassion for men, women and children who are trafficked and exploited emotionally, physically and sexually. The church will demonstrate a united and tangible response against human trafficking. Learn more (<http://www.dioceseofnj.org/freedom/>).

Events and Opportunities



UNITED THANK OFFERING

Ofrenda Unida de Accion de Gracias

"OUR CHANGE CHANGES LIVES"

Applications are now accepted for the 2017 United Thank Offering grants:

ten grants of \$2,500 for young adults (ages 19-30); and ten grants of \$2,500 to seminarians (no age limit).

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2016/09/06/applications-accepted-for-united-thank-offering-young-adult-seminarian-grants-for-2017/>

Constable Fund Grants (<http://www.generalconvention.org/ec/constable-fund>)

The application process is now open for the Constable Fund Grants for the 2016-2017 cycle. The Constable Fund provides grants to fund mission initiatives that were not provided for within the budget of the Episcopal Church, as approved by General Convention 2015. Find out more. Deadline for applications is November 1.

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2016/08/08/application-process-now-open-for-episcopal-church-constable-fund-grants/>

Webinars from Episcopal Foundation:



ECF FIRST STEP: AN ASSESSMENT TOOL FOR CONGREGATIONS -October 6, 2016 7:00 pm–8:00 pm EST- Annual giving, mission and vision, legacy giving, volunteer engagement, leadership formation – all of these are important for your church.

<http://www.episcopalfoundation.org/calendar/event/strategic-planning/151/ecf-first-step-an-assessment-tool-for-congregations>

BEFORE YOU SAY A WORD: DEVELOPING YOUR COMMUNICATIONS PLAN-December 1, 2016 7:00 pm–8:00 pm EST - Too often, congregations, dioceses and other Episcopal organizations jump straight into communications tactics (What should we put on our website? What kinds of articles should we put in our newsletter?) before thinking through their communications strategies.

<http://www.episcopalfoundation.org/calendar/event/webinar/158/before-you-say-a-word-developing-your-communications-plan>

More events and opportunities are listed on the Province II website at

<http://www.province2.org/opportunities--events.html>