

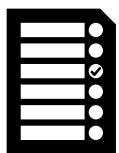
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Weekly Diocesan Newsletter - February 8, 2023



O God of Love, who delivered your servant Josephine Margaret Bakhita from the bondage of slavery to the true freedom of your service; Grant to the wounded your healing grace in mind, body, and spirit and to your church the zeal to combat exploitation and slavery in all its forms; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church Leadership Weekly Checklist



[CLICK HERE](#) for a weekly checklist of important upcoming dates and deadlines for clergy, wardens, and staff.

Stories in the **DIOCESE**



CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH PILGRIMAGE DAY

Learn the history of historically black churches in our diocese **Saturday, Feb. 25**. Pilgrimage parishes will open their doors from **9 a.m.–4 p.m.** for a special open house event. Reserve space for a group by calling ahead to the church you'd like to visit. View a parish locations and learn more about [Barrier Breakers: The Pilgrimage](#) by visiting the website. [READ MORE](#)



SERVICE FOR NEW CATHEDRAL DEAN UPCOMING

The Rt. Rev. Bishop José McLoughlin will preside over a special Eucharist service to install the Very Rev. Sarah Hurlbert as the third dean of the Cathedral of All Souls **11 a.m. Feb. 11** at All Souls. Sarah and her wife Dee bring a passion for social justice and community ministry that aligns with the identity of All Souls Cathedral as a place for all persons, as well as the larger mission of the Diocese to widen the walls and walk in the way of Jesus. A reception will follow the service in Zebriskie Hall. [READ MORE](#)



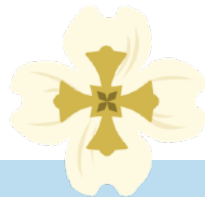
CONSIDER GIFTS TO FUNDS FOR HBCUs

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites people of all backgrounds and faiths to give generously to the Absalom Jones Fund in support of the work of two historically Black institutions of higher education in cultivating and preparing diverse leaders: Voorhees University and Saint Augustine's University. Many congregations take dedicated offerings around Feb. 13 in observance of the Feast Day of Absalom Jones, the first Black priest ordained by the church. [READ MORE](#)



POSITION OPEN ON BISHOP'S STAFF

Applications are being accepted for the Executive Assistant to the Bishop. The Executive Assistant is responsible for supporting the Bishop's ministry and activities; and managing policies, records, and reporting. The Executive Assistant reports to the Bishop and works as part of the Executive team. S/he works collaboratively with coworkers and committee officers and interacts with people throughout the Diocese and wider Western North Carolina community. To apply, submit a cover letter and resume to [The Rev. Canon Augusta](#).



Have a Story or Event to share?

1. Check out our [Submission Guidelines](#) to ensure your submission meets our standards.
2. Submit your stories and events by sending it to rcarr@diocesewnc.org **by 5 p.m. on the Tuesday** before our E-News goes out.



EVENTS



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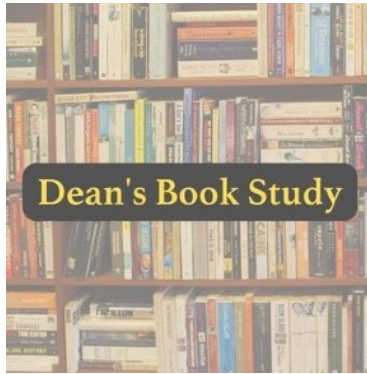


RESOURCES

Events in the DIOCESE



Women's Stories in Music
The influence of women in music is the focus of "She Is...Her Story," a concert featuring Elaine Ross and singers Jennifer Liken and Teri Bickham **noon Friday, Feb. 10** at St. Phillip's, Brevard. [MORE INFO](#)



Dean's Book Study
Join Dean Sarah for a weekly book study on Brene Brown's works *Daring Greatly* and *Rising Strong* **10:10 a.m. Sundays** at All Souls and **7 p.m. Thursdays** on Zoom through Lent. [MORE INFO](#)



Sauntering into Connection
A retreat to reconnect with ourselves, others, and the Holy at Valle Crucis **April 21–23**. Led by the Rev. Karla Woggon and Dr. Beth Lamb, featuring hikes, art, writing, and contemplative practices. [DETAILS](#)



Mindfulness Retreat
Prepare for the Lenten season with a retreat emphasizing self-reflection led by Dr. Ann Lentini-Broenner **9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18** at St. James, Hendersonville. \$15. [MORE INFO](#)



PubSing in Asheville
Join Grace, Asheville for an informal gathering with hymns, old-time gospel, folk music, and Americana inspirationals. **3–5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12** at Cork & Keg Bar. [MORE INFO](#)



Vestry Leadership Day
Join Bishop José and other leaders for the annual training for both new and seasoned vestry members **10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Feb. 18** at Trinity, Asheville. \$20. [REGISTER](#)

Job OPENINGS



FOOD SERVICE MANAGER

PARISH: Valle Crucis
JOB TYPE: Full-Time



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PARISH: Church of the Resurrection, Little Switzerland
JOB TYPE: Part-Time, Seasonal

Around the EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Life Transformed: The Way of Love during Lent
Find curricula, bulletin inserts, sermons, lesson plans, and more to prepare for the season of Lent.
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Groundbreaking priest to be featured on quarters
The first African-American woman to be ordained joins five women of American history to be honored on U.S. Quarters. [READ MORE](#)

Our CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTERS

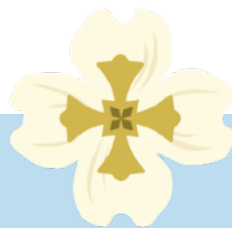


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