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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE REGION LEADERSHIP TEAM? Is God nudging your shoulder and prompting you to become more involved with the work of the Region? Would you like to share your ministry with the Region and seek collaboration? Consider visiting one of our monthly team meetings. We meet on Tuesday 4/23, 5/28, and 6/25 at 6 PM at Trinity, Wethersfield (300 Main St, Wethersfield, CT 06109). Please contact our convener, The Rev. Linda Spiers, prior to attending a meeting. Linda can be reached at lindaspiers@aol.com (860) 693-8172.

4/20 – NC REGION CONFIRMATION AT EASTER VIGIL at Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford at 7:30 PM. Rectors and Wardens please send the names of your confirmands to Kathy Frisoli at our Cathedral at office@cccathedral.org, and copy Alison Hollo at ahollo@episcopalct.org and our dean at lina.howell@cccathedral.org. Candidates should arrive by 7 PM for a meeting with Bishop Douglas. Parking is available at the MAT Garage (Next to Hartford Stage). Our Cathedral will validate parking.

5/7 MOVING FORWARD: WARDENS IN CHANGING TIMES: (A gathering for wardens.) Join your fellow wardens from the North Central Region to discuss the changing role of wardens in the church in the new Missional Age. This will be an opportunity to network with your fellow wardens, share resources and best practices, and explore new ideas. We will gather at Trinity, Wethersfield (300 Main St.) on Tuesday, May 7 from 6 PM to 8:30 PM. Snacks will be provided. Register: https://ncwardens-may7.eventbrite.com.
4/8 & 4/15 – EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM) OPENHOUSE IN DURHAM: The EfM group at Church of the Epiphany, Durham will have an Open House/Book Discussion Monday, April 8 & 15 at 6:30 PM. We will discuss *Faithful Neighbors*, edited by Robert S. Heaney, Zaynab Sayligan and Claire Haymes. It’s available through Amazon, Barnes and Noble and Morehouse Publishing, and some local libraries. The book is an exploration of ways to develop authentic interfaith dialogue between Christians and Muslims, especially timely given the recent murders of Muslims in Christchurch, New Zealand. We’d welcome anyone thinking about EfM, curious about EfM or interested in discussing the book and the ideas of religious pluralism. For more information and to RSVP contact Karen Otte at karen.otte@me.com | 860-349-3631. What is EfM?? Read about the program here: [http://efm.sewanee.edu/about-efm](http://efm.sewanee.edu/about-efm).

4/12 REGISTRATION DEADLINE: CONNECTICUT RIVER PILGRIMAGE: STORIES UNTOLD

Rejoice and give thanks for the miracle of all life that is made possible by the grace of God through water. Come on a River of Life Pilgrimage hosted by the South Central & Southeast Regions of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, in coordination with Kairos Earth. Pilgrims are invited into prayer, contemplation, and movement by canoe or kayak as a community from May 24-31. Pilgrims will be stopping at North Central Region parishes as they make their way down the river! Two segments—apply for one or both! Segment #1: May 24 - May 27 (Windsor to Middletown) Segment #2: May 27 - May 31 (Middletown to Long Island Sound). For more information and to register visit: [https://kairosearth.org/connecticutriver2019/](https://kairosearth.org/connecticutriver2019/). Must register by April 12.

04/27 ANNUAL SPRING TRAINING & GATHERING: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Berlin High School in Berlin, CT. Workshop topic areas include Christian Formation, Communication, Connecting & Collaborating, Essential Parish Operations, Leadership, Passion & Call, Pastoral Care, Social Justice & Advocacy, Spiritual Practices and Worship. Three workshops will be offered with Spanish translation this year. Registration is $25.00 and ends April 14, 2019. After April 14, registration is closed. If there are any remaining openings after April 14, you may register at the door for a fee of $35.00. Register Early! To Register visit: [https://www.episcopalct.org/spring-training/](https://www.episcopalct.org/spring-training/)

5/4 NEIGHBORS FEEDING NEIGHBORS: Church of St Andrew, Rocky Hill and Trinity, Wethersfield will work with *The Outreach Program* to package 10,000 freeze-dried meals to be distributed to the Wethersfield Food Bank, SouthPark Inn of Hartford and Cornerstone Shelter in Vernon. Packing is open to public volunteers and will take place Saturday, May 4 at the Church of St Andrew, 331 Orchard St in Rocky Hill, from 9 AM to 12 PM. Volunteers can give an hour, 2 hours or 3 hours of their time. Families are encouraged to bring children. Donations will be accepted through either church to allow us to package an additional 1,000 meals of oatmeal to supplement the Backpack Program and others with a breakfast item. Forty meals can be supplied for every $10.00 donation. Contact either church for more info.

5/19 – 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration for couples married for fifty years (or more) at Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford from 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM. Liturgy will include renewal of marriage vows and presentation of commemorative certificates to all couples. A reception will follow. Bishops Douglas and Ahrens will be present to celebrate with all the couples at this joyful service. We would also like to recognize same-sex couples who have been together for 50 years (or more) and are now married. For more information visit: [http://www.cccathedral.org/news/events/50th-wedding-anniversary-celebration](http://www.cccathedral.org/news/events/50th-wedding-anniversary-celebration).
A Season of Racial Healing, Justice & Reconciliation

5/11 from 9 AM to 2 PM. As The Episcopal Church in Connecticut begins its Season of Racial Healing, Justice & Reconciliation, Dean Kelly Brown Douglas of Episcopal Divinity School at Union will present at Connecticut’s Cathedral (45 Church Street, Hartford) on “What it means to be church in Make America Great Again Times?” Dean Douglas will address what it would mean for the Episcopal church to lead the way toward a beloved community by confronting the realities of racial injustice, thereby living into the call to be church. Tickets are $15 and available at https://www.episcopalct.org/ECCTCalendar/2019/May.

Safe Church Training Opportunities in NC Region

Anyone planning to attend a training session must REGISTER ONLINE. REGISTRATION CLOSES 7 days prior to each training or when a session is full, whichever comes first, to allow time for the host parish and trainers to prepare accordingly.

For more opportunities & to register visit: https://www.episcopalct.org/ECCTCalendar/safe-church-trainings-all/
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