

North Central Region Monthly Snapshot

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WHAT INTERESTS YOU? Over the past few years we have gathered as a Region to tell stories, to learn, to celebrate, and to worship. Additionally, many have met with the Region Missionary one-to-one, in small groups, and as parish communities to imagine how God is moving in our lives, and where Jesus might be calling us to join in God's mission. As we consider where we are headed together, it is helpful to recall what everyone's interests are. Please take moment to complete the online survey by visiting: <https://www.episcopalct.org/northcentral/>. Once completed, we invite you to share this survey with others in your parish.



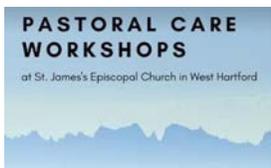
We're looking for REGION REPORTERS. Are you curious about people? Do you find yourself wondering about their stories? Do you have a desire to know deeply, because you care? Do you find yourself communicating with your loved ones by writing detailed notes? Do you keep a journal or a diary, even if you only write occasionally? Do you love to read? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions then you may be someone the Spirit's inviting to serve your Region as a Region Reporter. **What's a Region Reporter?** Find out at <https://www.episcopalct.org/northcentral/> and **join us for a workshop on April 6 from 8:30 AM to 2 PM at The Commons.**



MEET ALLI, the Digital Storyteller for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut! Alli has worked for ECCT since 2016 as the Digital Communications Associate. She is interested in all things digital, community development, and of course storytelling! Alli is excited to help folks around the ECCT share their stories, embrace social media and online platforms to spread the Gospel, and bring a little bit of God's love to this world. See what God is up to in Connecticut through the [ECCT BLOG](#), and hear what God is up to in the [ECCT PODCAST: Coffee Hour at The Commons](#).



SAVE THE DATE: NC REGION CONVOCATION 5/18: Join the Region in the Season of Racial Healing, Justice and Reconciliation. We will gather at St. Paul's, Southington (145 Main Street, Southington, CT 06489) from 9 AM - 1 PM. Breakfast-snacks and lunch will be included. Simultaneous Spanish interpretation will be available. The agenda for our gathering will be posted in the April Quarterly and on Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/ECCTNC



3/9 & 4/13 – Pastoral Care Workshops offered at St. James's, West Hartford. Saturday, March 9 "Fundamentals of Pastoral Care (with optional Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training.) 10 AM – 12 PM. April 13 "Special Issues in Pastoral Care: Dementia and End of Life" 10 AM – 12 PM. For more information and to register, email The Rev. Charlotte LaForest at assistant@stjameswh.org. RSVP is required to attend.



3/16 Lenten Workshop: Anglican Prayer Beads at Trinity, Portland from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Potluck Lunch. Participants from area churches (and guests) are welcome! Please bring your own [materials](#) and tools, as well as a sandwich for our potluck lunch. Soup and dessert will be provided. For more information and to RSVP email trinitychurchportlandct@gmail.com.



3/26 - 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 like to share your ministry with the Region and seek collaboration? Consider visiting one of our monthly team meetings. We meet on Tuesday 3/26, 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.



Stone carving on the exterior walls of Church of the Good Shepherd

3/27 & 3/29 Coltsville in Context: A Revolving Story. Good Shepherd, Hartford lives with an interesting and challenging paradox. We are a Christian congregation in a community beset with gun violence and our church was built with wealth from the manufacture of guns used for war and the extermination of Native Americans. The connection cannot be ignored; it is carved into the walls of our building. We are challenged to "make our peace" and to find ways to turn these particular swords into plowshares. The impending Coltsville National Historical Park will shine a spotlight on this challenge, and we welcome the attention of scholars who will help to explicate it. There are two opportunities for the public to engage in this important conversation: **3/27 Public Session with Scholars, 9 am to 12 pm at Good Shepherd** (155 Wyllys Street, Hartford) <https://bit.ly/2UileKB> and **3/29 Public Plenary, 6 to 7:30 pm at Center Church** (60 Gold Street, Hartford) at <https://bit.ly/2UmWktn>



04/27 Annual Spring Training & Gathering from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM at [Berlin High School in Berlin, CT](#). Participants will be able to attend three different workshops and one lunch wave. 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. Early registration ends March 31, 2019 at 11:30 p.m. and is \$15.00. Regular 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/>



St. Mark's, New Britain, has moved across town. The last time St. Mark's moved across town was about 1921. Our new campus location is 90 Main Street, New Britain 06051 (right in the center of town, shared with other churches). Sunday services are typically 7:45 AM and 9 AM; check for updates. We are open for baptisms, Holy Eucharist, weddings, burials, ministry in the community including its food pantry, and more! For mailing address, phone number and more visit: www.stmarksnewbritain.org & www.facebook.com/saintmarksnb

A Season of Racial Healing, Justice & Reconciliation



NEW DATE: 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.

Comprehensive Basic Hybrid Safe Church Training: Sat. March 23 from 9 AM – 4 PM at Trinity Church, 55 River Road, Collinsville, CT 06022
For more opportunities & to register visit: <https://www.episcopalct.org/ECCTCalendar/safe-church-trainings-all/>