



# North Central Region Monthly Snapshot

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**REGION POTLUCKS**

EAT + PRAY + SHARE + CONNECT

**THREE OPPORTUNITIES**

FEB 19 @ TRINITY, TARIFFVILLE  
 MAR 11 @ CHRIST CHURCH, MIDDLE HADDAM  
 APRIL 22 @ ST GABRIEL'S, EAST BERLIN

## Announcing: NC Region Potlucks

*Is the Holy Spirit doing something exciting in your parish or community? Would you like some enthusiastic support? Curious about others are doing nearby? By widening the circle you may find the Spirit is moving others in the area in the same direction. With connection, we can find more strength for shared ministries in our communities. Come, eat, pray, share, connect and be inspired by others!*

Join your Region Leadership Team members for a community potluck dinner at one of our three host parishes from 6 to 8 PM • Trinity, Tariffville (2/19) • Christ Church, Middle Haddam (3/11) • St. Gabriel's, East Berlin (4/22) More details & registration page coming soon!



### January & February | Ordinations to the Priesthood in ECCT:

- 01/04 -- **Margie Baker**, 2:00 PM at St. John's, West Hartford
  - 01/09 -- **Michael Reardon**, 6:30 PM at St. John's, Waterbury
  - 01/14 -- **Erin Flinn**, 6:30 PM at Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford
  - 01/16 -- **Tara Shepley**, 7:00 PM at St. George's, Middlebury
  - 01/28 -- **Updated Time: Jennifer Pilat**, 2:00 PM at The Chapel at Seabury, Bloomfield
  - 01/29 -- **Eric Fialho**, 7:00 PM at St. Paul's, Riverside
  - 02/04 -- **John Kennedy**, 7:00 PM at The Chapel at Kent School, Kent
- .....& more to be announced.....



**01/11 Racial Healing, Justice & Reconciliation Ministry Network Gathering** at our Cathedral (45 Church St., Hartford) from 9 AM - 2 PM. All members of our Ministry Network and others who share our passion for this work are invited to join us. We'll spend time together in prayer, sharing our stories and celebrating our progress. Together, we'll also finalize our goals and plans for 2020. Our featured speaker will be Holly Carter, Ph.D., professor emeritus, Northeastern University. Holly leads a two-day training session for people who will be facilitating parish forums, book discussions, film series, etc. We'll also talk about some of the resources that are available for parishes and discuss our upcoming pilgrimage to Alabama in the Spring. [Register Here.](#)



**01/28 Northern Regions Wardens From Parishes Without Clergy:** Our Bishops have set aside one Tuesday each month for "Evenings with Our Bishops" to discuss various topics over the course of the year. **In January, the meeting is for wardens without priests in the NC, NW and NE Regions of ECCT.** These meetings run from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at The Commons (290 Pratt St, Meridan, 3rd Floor). Snacks will be provided. [Please register to attend here.](#)



**02/06 Faithful Futures: Resourcing Our Regions & Ministry Networks:** All Region Leadership Team Members, Ministry Network Conveners & Members Join your Bishops, Canons, & Region Missionaries for an in-depth discussion of how we might use our common resources to help you and your ministries engage God's mission more deeply. **DON'T MISS OUT:** we're talking \$\$\$ among our other shared assets! We will gather from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at The Commons (290 Pratt St., Meridan, 3rd Floor). [REGISTER TODAY](#) & SPREAD THE WORD!



**02/07 Happening #4: A Christian Experience:** *Happening* provides high school-aged youth an opportunity to have a spiritually connected weekend of shared story, talks, worship and music that is led and planned by other teens. In a world that presents real challenges in finding space and tapping into faith, *Happening* creates community around safe, hopeful, non-judgmental and real conversation about how Christ's grace fits in. For more info. about the *Happening* experience, contact the Rev. George Robert, Rector at St. James, Farmington at [rector.st.james@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rector.st.james@sbcglobal.net). [Register for Happening here.](#) Happening will take place at Camp Washington.



**04/18 ECCT'S SPRING TRAINING** at Berlin High School (139 Patterson Way, Berlin). Join hundreds of other Episcopalians in CT for a day of fellowship, learning, prayer and fun. All are welcome: people in the pews to vestry members to parish leaders & staff!! Some workshop categories include: christian formation; social justice and advocacy; communications; spiritual practices; leadership; stewardship; parish operations; worship; racial healing, justice and reconciliation. Registration opens later this month: [EpiscopalCT.org/Spring-Training](http://EpiscopalCT.org/Spring-Training).



**05/02 NORTH CENTRAL REGION CONVOCATION:** Your region leadership team is working hard to put together an opportunity for all of us to gather for our annual spring convocation on **May 2, 2020**. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information including time and location. In the meantime, we encourage you to attend one of three NC Region Potlucks being offer around the region. We are excited for the opportunity to gather again, and we hope you are too!



**Addiction Workshop Planning for NC Region:** Faith Behind Bars and Beyond is committed to having Addiction Workshops in all 6 regions of ECCT. We are willing to make this commitment because 88% of CT inmates self-identify as having an addiction when they enter prison. The other reason is that even though most of our parishes host at least one AA or NA group, the people in our pews know very little about these programs. **If you would like to be part of this planning process, please be in touch with Ellen Adams, Deacon (Chair of FBBB) at 860-374-3537.**



**Dear All, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for giving your time and talent toward a successful boot party.** The event had 600 people registered for boots with 403 guests in attendance. Footwear With Care and Hartford Police will get boots and socks to those who registered and did not attend. Thank you for caring for our neighbor, providing them with dignity and respect as you served them. It was wonderful to see conversation as people were escorted through the party. Conversation while a foot massage was being given, and a calm reassurance that the flu shot wouldn't hurt too much. Please know that this party could not have been a success without your generosity. Blessings, The Rev. Bonnie Matthews, Deacon.



**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. **This spring we meet the FIRST WEDNESDAY of each month (2/5, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3, 7/1).** Please contact our convener, Trish Leonard, prior to attending a meeting to confirm location and agenda. Trish can be reached at [gmakec@cox.net](mailto:gmakec@cox.net)

# 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. Click below for more information and to register: <https://www.episcopalct.org/ECCTCalendar/safe-church-trainings-all/> - STAY TUNED FOR SPRING DATES!

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*The intent of the Monthly Snapshot is to raise awareness of region gatherings, ministry network events, opportunities for parish collaboration, and invitations to participate in God's mission together! Each Snapshot looks two months ahead. For your announcement to be included in the next Snapshot be sure to contact our Region Missionary, Erin Flinn, by the last week of the month at [eflinn@episcopalct.org](mailto:eflinn@episcopalct.org).*



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