Greetings! Communication in the North Central Region is growing! and a Quarterly is no longer sufficient to capture all that is going on in our Region. Starting in February 2019, a monthly announcement page will be distributed on the 1st Wednesday of each month:

- The intent of the Monthly is to raise awareness of region gatherings, ministry network events, opportunities for parish collaboration, and invitations to participate in God’s mission together!
- Each announcement page will look two months ahead. For example, the February announcement page includes announcements for February and March; March will include March and April; etc.
- For your announcement to be included, be sure to contact our Region Missionary, Erin Flinn, by the last week of each month at eflinn@episcopalct.org.

The North Central Region Quarterly will remain our primary source for digital story sharing, and will be distributed in mid-April, July, October, and January. If you would like to write an article (250 words and a photo) for the Quarterly, contact our Region Missionary for more information. For day-to-day updates from our Region join our Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/ECCTNC.

February 10, 2019 – A Day of Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation

By affirmative vote at Annual Convention, ECCT entered into a "Season of Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation," and further declared Feb. 10, 2019 as a "Day of Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation" on which to hold conversations during which parishes are asked to begin a conversation about the sin of racism in our lives and in the world. Resources for Feb. 10 (a sample parish forum and liturgical resources) can be found here: https://www.episcopalct.org/season-of-racial-healing-justice-and-reconciliation/

02/26 Curious about the Leadership Team? Would like to share your ministry with the Region and seek collaboration? Our next North Central Region Leadership Team meetings are Tuesday 2/26, 3/26, 4/23, 5/28, and 6/25 at 6 pm at Trinity, Wethersfield (300 Main St, Wethersfield, CT 06109). If you would like to attend one of our meetings please be in touch with our convener, The Rev. Linda Spiers at lindaspiers@aol.com
03/02 St. Paul's, Southington invites participation for 3rd Annual Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event to create 10,152 meals from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the Elk's Lodge in Southington. They are partnering with other local community organizations, churches, etc. Current volunteers include Kelley School Cub Scouts and Be Kind Club, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Meriden, Mar Thoma Church, DePaolo Middle School and Southington HS Interact Club. If you would like to join them visit: https://stpaulsouthington.weebly.com/upcoming-events.html

03/08-10 Happening renewal weekend for teens at Camp Washington: A spiritual retreat for teens (grades 10-12). Filled with community, conversation, music, and worship geared toward spiritual growth and awareness & giving young people a safe space to talk and hear about Jesus, faith, and life. Ideal for candidates for Confirmation, Youth Groups, or individuals seeking a closer relationship with God. More info at https://www.campwashington.org/programs. Register by March 1

03/30 "Incarceration Imprisons the Whole Family." The tenth Prison Forum presented by Faith Behind Bars and Beyond Ministry Network at Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford from 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM. The keynote speaker is Sister Tesa Fitzgerald, CSJ. Sr. Fitzgerald is the Executive Director of Hour Children, an organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of intergenerational incarceration. For more information visit http://faithbehindbarsandbeyond.org/.

04/27 Annual Spring Training & Gathering from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM: The 7th Annual Spring Training & Gathering will be held at Berlin High School in Berlin, CT (this is a change from earlier announcements). Join Episcopalians from across the Episcopal Church in Connecticut for a day of fellowship, learning, prayer and fun. All are welcome - people in the pews to vestry members to parish leaders and staff. Register at https://www.episcopalct.org/spring-training/. Safe Church Training Opportunities in the NC Region

Anyone planning to attend a training session must REGISTER ONLINE: The Episcopal Church in Connecticut has moved to online registration through Eventbrite. 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. All trainings will have a minimum number of 10 registered attendees; trainings with less than 10 may be cancelled. Click below for more information and to register:

Comprehensive Basic Hybrid Safe Church Training
- March 23; 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Sat.): Trinity Church, 55 River Road, Collinsville

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