The Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT) employs six Region Missionaries, one each for the six geographic Regions. These include:

- Northeast Region: Maggie Breen
- North Central Region: Erin Flinn
- Northwest Region: Dylan Mello
- Southwest Region: Erendira Jimenez
- South Central Region: George Black
- Southeast Region: The Rev. Rachel Thomas
These past two years have been such a blessing to me, and I am deeply looking forward to continuing my work as your NE Region Missionary. I cannot begin to count the number of times I have been a witness to the work of Jesus through the people in the NE – inside our parishes and out in our communities! I look forward to deepening my relationships with the amazing people of the NE Region, and beyond.

I’ve been involved with The Episcopal Church for all of my life, though certainly in a more active role in the past 11 years or so when I moved to St. Paul’s, Windham and then, ultimately, to a job at ECCT. I live on a small farm in Chaplin, with my husband Michael, our dog Shirley, and a small flock of sheep – Shetland and Gulf Coast Natives. I received my bachelor’s degree in music education and deeply enjoy my time spent in performance and rehearsal; my husband and I perform with the Windham Concert Band, and I am a member of Take Note! an a capella singing group. Past work experiences have been in the fields of education, health care and finance. In my spare time I enjoy cooking, knitting, reading, and walking. (Email me at: mbreen@episcopalct.org)

The parishes and worshiping communities in the Northeast Region include:

- St. George’s, Bolton
- Grace, Broad Brook
- Trinity, Brooklyn
- All Saints’, East Hartford
- St. John’s, East Windsor
- Holy Trinity, Enfield
- St. James’, Glastonbury
- St. Peter’s, Hebron
- St. Mary’s, Manchester
- St. Paul’s, Plainfield
- Christ Church, Pomfret
- St. Peter’s, South Windsor
- Grace, Stafford Springs
- St. Mark’s, Storrs
- St. John’s, Vernon
- St. Paul’s, Willimantic
- St. Paul’s, Windham Center
ERIN FLINN - NORTH CENTRAL REGION MISSIONARY

Building community, telling our stories, awaking our hearts to Jesus’ call, and imagining new ways of engaging in God’s mission – that’s what it is all about! For two years you have blessed me with your sacred stories, your questions, and your willingness to say ‘Yes!’ to new things, and my heart is filled with gratitude to continue walking with you all for another year.

I graduated from Yale Divinity School with a Master of Divinity in 2017 and immediately began work as your Region Missionary. At Yale I spent three years immersed in Anglican studies and college chaplaincy, working as an intern and then Program Director for the Episcopal Church at Yale. God willing, I will be ordained to the transitional deaconate in June 2019. Prior to seminary, I worked in university administration at Northwestern University. My background is in theatre production and I was an assistant lighting designer at The Lyric Opera of Chicago for four years. I am originally from New Hampshire, and I am delighted to call New England home once again. I live in Middletown with my husband and our two giant Newfoundland dogs, Zoë and Hannah. I am especially passionate about ministry that looks outward and is open to all people, connecting people to one another, veggie gardening and fishing!! (Email me at: eflinn@episcopalct.org)

The parishes and worshiping communities in the North Central Region include:

- Bishops’ Chapel, Seabury, Bloomfield
- St. Stephen’s, Bloomfield
- Old St. Andrew’s, Bloomfield
- St. John’s, Bristol
- Trinity, Collinville
- St. Gabriel’s, East Berlin
- Epiphany, Durham
- St. James, Farmington
- Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford
- Grace, Hartford
- Good Shepherd, Hartford
- St. Martin’s, Hartford
- St. Monica’s, Hartford
- Trinity, Hartford
- Trinity College Chapel, Hartford
- Christ Church, Middle Haddam
- St. James’, Higganum
- Emmanuel, Killingworth
- The Commons, Meriden
- Todos los Santos, Meriden
- St. Andrew’s, Meriden
- Holy Trinity, Middletown
- St. Mark’s, New Britain
- Grace, Newington
- Our Saviour, Plainville
- Trinity, Portland
- St. Andrew the Apostle, Rocky Hill
- St. Alban’s, Simsbury
- St. Luke’s, South Glastonbury
- St. Paul’s, Southington
- Trinity, Tariffville
- St. John’s, West Hartford
- St. James’s, West Hartford
- Trinity, Wethersfield
- Grace, Windsor
I am absolutely thrilled to be serving as the Northwest Region Missionary in ECCT. I’m excited to connect and collaborate as we, together, explore what God is up to in this neighborhood and beyond.

I am a postulant for the priesthood and continue to work on coursework. This spring I wrapped up a two-year internship at Trinity, Brooklyn. After moving to Connecticut in 2012, we settled in Manchester at our home parish of St. Mary’s.

I come from a sports medicine background, working previously as an athletic trainer at the University of Connecticut and EO Smith High School. I am originally from Massachusetts and have lived in several places on the East Coast prior to coming to Connecticut. Hobbies in free time include traveling and exploring new areas as a local. My wife and two young daughters are excited for the journey and exploring the Northwest Region. (Email me at: dmello@episcopalct.org)

The parishes and worshiping communities in the Northwest Region include:

St. Paul’s, Bantam
Christ Church, Bethlehem
St. Mark’s, Bridgewater
St. Paul’s, Brookfield
St. Andrew’s, Kent
Trinity, Lime Rock
St. Michael’s, Litchfield
St. Andrew’s, Marble Dale
St. George’s, Middlebury
Trinity, Milton
Camp Washington, Morris
St. John’s, New Milford
Transfiguration, Norfolk
All Saints, Oakville
St. John’s, Pine Meadow

Christ Church, Roxbury
St. John’s, Salisbury
Christ Church, Sharon
Epiphany, Southbury
St. Peter’s/Trinity, Thomaston
Trinity, Torrington
St. John’s, Washington
Christ Church, Waterbury
St. John’s, Waterbury
Christ Church, Watertown
All Saints, West Cornwall
St. James, Winsted
All Saints’, Wolcott
St. Paul’s, Woodbury
Hello Southwest Region, I am very excited to be joining you as your new Region Missionary! I’m a recent graduate from Yale Divinity School making my way to the northeast from San Diego, CA by way of Louisville, KY (my sponsoring diocese and the place I first made the Episcopal Church my home). Now that school is over I hope to find time to reconnect with some of my loves—rock climbing, weaving, and hosting people (hopefully some of you!) for homemade meals.

I come to this position with a great love and passion for those who find themselves on the margins, both of the world and of the church, and working to create equitable, just, and loving communities. My professional work has included social work, college chaplaincy, and congregational development. All of my work has been grounded in listening to people’s lives and stories, because I believe it is here that we learn how to become more expansive and whole individuals and communities. I also believe in imagination, creativity, failing (sometimes succeeding!), and then trying a new thing. I join you bringing a heart to listen—to ourselves, to our neighbors, and to the Spirit—and to discern together where God might be calling us to move from death into life, from darkness into light, and from indifference into love. (Email me at: ejimenez@episcopalcot.org)

The parishes and worshiping communities in the Southwest Region include:

St. Thomas, Bethel
Calvary-St.George’s, Bridgeport
St. John’s, Bridgeport
San Lucas y San Pablo, Bridgeport
St. Mark’s, Bridgeport
St. James, Danbury
St. Paul’s, Darien
St. Luke’s, Darien
Christ Church, East Norwalk
Christ’s, Easton
Trinity St. Michael’s, Fairfield
St. Timothy’s, Fairfield
St. Paul’s, Fairfield
St. Barnabas, Greenwich
Christ Church, Greenwich
St. Paul’s, Huntington
St. Peter’s, Monroe
St. Mark’s, New Canaan
Trinity, Newtown

St. Paul’s, Norwalk
St. Saviour’s, Old Greenwich
Christ Church, Redding
St. Stephen’s, Ridgefield
St. Paul’s, Riverside
Trinity, Southport
Eglise De L’Epiphanie, Stamford
Iglesia Betania, Stamford
St. Andrew’s, Stamford
St. Francis, Stamford
St. John’s, Stamford
Christ Church, Stratford
Christ Church, Tashua
Grace, Trumbull
Trinity, Trumbull
Emmanuel, Weston
Christ and Holy Trinity, Westport
St. Matthew’s, Wilton
I am honored to serve as the ECCT’s Region Missionary for the South Central Region, and, together with my brothers and sisters in Christ, I am ready to discern the movement of God in this region and partner with God in making that movement a reality.

I was born and raised in the city of New Haven, CT, and am a graduate of Southern CT State University with a BA in English. I have been acting as a youth worker and advocate for the past 15 years of my life, specifically focused on the advancement and development of Black and Brown young people. Most recently, I served as the Chief Dream Director for the city of New Haven with The Future Project. My vision and hope is to see young people, and all people, live into their fundamental identity as worthy of love and belonging from God and others, and their fundamental responsibility for the healing of the world. My passions include theology, spoken work poetry, the Black community in America, youth development, and boardgames.

I joined the Episcopal Church back in 2017, and since then, it has become a home for me, and a space where I can seek God with my mind as well as my heart and my hands. I look forward to furthering God’s Mission as the South Central Region Missionary. (Email me at: gblack@episcopalct.org)

The parishes and worshiping communities in the South Central Region include:

Christ Church, Ansonia
Trinity, Branford
St. Peter’s, Cheshire
Immanuel St. James’, Derby
St. Andrew’s, Devon (Milford)
Christ & The Epiphany, East Haven
St. James’, Fair Haven (New Haven)
Christ Church, Guilford
Grace & St. Peter’s, Hamden
St. Peter’s, Milford
St. Michael’s, Naugatuck
Christ Church, New Haven
St. James, New Haven
St. John’s, New Haven
St. Luke’s, New Haven
St. Paul and St. James, New Haven

Episcopal Church at Yale, New Haven
St. Thomas’, New Haven
Trinity, New Haven
Zion, North Branford
St. John’s, North Guilford
St. John’s, North Haven
St. Andrew’s, Northford
Good Shepherd, Orange
St. Peter’s, Oxford
Christ Church Quaker Farms, Oxford
Trinity, Seymour
Good Shepherd, Shelton
St. Paul’s, Wallingford
Holy Spirit, West Haven
St. John’s, Yalesville
I am honored to continue this call of Region Missionary, sharing the life of God’s Spirit amongst the people of the Southeast Region. The last two years of getting to know the 16 parishes, as well as numerous other non-profits and agencies, has brought me face to face with Jesus’ love made flesh in our own time.

As someone who brought 10 years of lay ministry and 26 years of parish ministry into this role, I am constantly aware of the need for new wineskins for new wine. And deeply aware that, while they may change form, the core beliefs I have held onto for all these years: grace, forgiveness in Christ, the importance of beloved community, the gift of creation – remain.

I love beaches and sitting in the sun, as well as swimming, cycling, and walking our Brittany Spaniel, Coleman, with my husband Eric. Whenever we can, we see Eric’s three grown children and four grandchildren, who live in Manhattan, Brooklyn (NY) and Southington. (Email me at: rthomas@episcopalct.org)

The parishes and worshiping communities in the Southeast Region include:

Holy Advent, Clinton
St. Stephen’s, East Haddam
St. John’s, Essex
St. Mary’s Chapel, Fenwick
St. David’s, Gales Ferry
All Saints’, Ivoryton
St. Andrew’s, Madison
St. Mark’s, Mystic
St. James’, New London
St. John’s, Niantic
Christ Episcopal Church, Norwich
St. Ann’s, Old Lyme
Grace, Old Saybrook
St. James’, Poquettanuck
Calvary, Stonington
St. Paul’s, Westbrook
Grace, Yantic
WHAT IS A REGION MISSIONARY?

By virtue of our baptism we all are called to participate in God’s mission — restoring all people and the world to God in Christ (Book of Common Prayer, pg. 854) and engaging the Spirit’s regenerative power to reconcile differences and “…making all things new” (Rev. 21:5).

The Region Missionary will serve parishes and worshiping communities by assisting Episcopalians in Connecticut to live our baptismal call to God’s mission in four ways, namely to:

1. Catalyze — with imagination, innovation, and ideas — to unite parishes, worshiping communities, and Ministry Networks in service to God’s mission within the Region and across ECCT.

2. Convene — as a host, to gather people, share ideas, and build momentum within the Region and its various communities and throughout ECCT.

3. Connect — Ministry Networks, parishes, and worshipping communities to build an awareness of and appreciation for collaboration in all aspects of life and ministry across the Region.

4. Expand Capabilities — with a particular focus on lay leadership — through the sacred practices of prayer, discernment, trying on missional experiments, and growing as disciples (formed) and apostles (sent) to fully engage God’s mission.

Although each Region is unique, each Region Missionary’s core task is the same: to challenge parishes and worshiping communities to expand their reach into local neighborhoods by collaborating with potential community partners — from other faith-based institutions to social service organizations to government agencies. It is expected that the Region Missionaries will work together as a close-knit team, upholding each other in prayer, shared retreats, and other spiritual/wise practices.

The Region Missionary reports to the Bishop Diocesan and is directly managed by the Canon for Mission Collaboration. Quarterly goals shall be established and an annual job performance review conducted. In addition, the Region Missionary, with colleagues from the Region, will participate in an annual Mutual Ministry Review with the Bishop Diocesan, facilitated by the Canon for Mission Collaboration.

For more information about Regions, Region Missionaries, and Ministry Networks, contact the Rev. Tim Hodapp, Canon for Mission Collaboration, at thodapp@episcopalct.org or 203-639-3501 ext. 133, or contact Gigi Leackfeldt, Administrator for Collaboration, at gleackfeldt@episcopalct.org or 203-639-3501, ext. 136.

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