



# DNC Sierra Deanery

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REGIONAL NEWSLETTER OF THE "AWESOME EIGHT" SIERRA DEANERY CONGREGATIONS

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### A Note from Canon Mary+

Dear Friends,  
Thank you for your prayers and kind wishes for my recovery from a broken foot. Not the way I wanted to spend my summer. It is slowly healing!

Paul and I will be doing some traveling through Northern California, Oregon, and Washington during the first half of September. We're having to swap out some of our more rustic camping for hotels & scenic routes, but I'm grateful to be getting out of my house!

Blessings! *Mary+*

### Regional Confirmations in the Sierra Deanery

Bishop Beisner has asked all deaneries in the diocese to consider the benefits of regional confirmations.

The Bishop's intention is not to supplant the festive occasion of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmations taking place within the home congregation, but is rather an opportunity for a different focus to his Episcopal Visits. Congregational Visitations that allow

the recognition and celebration of the larger mission and ministry of each unique congregation.

+Barry invites us first to imagine what might be lifted up and blessed during an Episcopal Visitation that involves the spiritual work and life of the congregation as a whole. He also invites, through regional confirmations, the persons standing for Confirmation, Reception, & Reaffirmation to see themselves as part of the larger unit of the whole Church.

How can you make the moment occasion special both at home and regionally? The local congregation can offer a brief liturgy where candidates are blessed and prayed for during their time of preparation. They can be included weekly in the Prayers of the People, and celebrated in their home church following their important commitment.

**I am sending each congregation a packet of information and resources for Regional Confirmations in the Sierra Deanery.**

We have set a date for our first Regional Confirmation. It is geared mainly for churches in the southern part of our deanery and will be **hosted by St. Luke's, Auburn on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> in the evening**. I will also be leading a **Retreat Day** at my home on for participants and their sponsors on **Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**.

**The second Regional Confirmation Day** will take place in the **northern part of our deanery** next Spring. The date and host church has not yet been set. This is an opportunity to connect the Sierra Deanery within itself and also to the larger diocese. ***Please let me know of your interest.***

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**SAVE THE DATE: OCT. 25<sup>TH</sup>  
FALL CONVOCATION**

Convocations for all Deaneries in the Diocese will take place on **Saturday, October 25**. The Sierra Deanery will be hosted by Christ the King in Quincy. *More information coming in September.*

## Around the Sierra Deanery

### Good Shepherd, Susanville



**Ministry Training:** Canon Mary Hauck will preach & celebrate at **Good Shepherd, Susanville** on Sunday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. Following the fellowship hour, she will train folks interested in serving as licensed Worship Leaders. Deacon David Cohen will also be on hand to assist.

### Emmanuel, Grass Valley & Holy Trinity, Nevada City Support Uganda Mission Work



*The Kellermann Foundation* was created to support and expand the medical missionary foundation established by Dr. Scott Kellerman & his wife Carol. Scott & Carol are members of **Holy Trinity** and the parents of Fr. Seth Kellerman, Rector of **Emmanuel**. The Foundation seeks to empower the Batwa to break the cycle of poverty through the Batwa Development Program, providing healthcare and educating nurses in Uganda.

### Ordained to the Diaconate



David Cohen+, **St. Michaels & All Angels, Alturas**, was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on June 28<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Cathedral. Blessings to David+ and his family. David+ serves part-time at Good Shepherd, Susanville, as well as in Alturas.

### Holy Spirit, Lake Almanor



Repairs were necessary when **Holy Spirit** re-opened after their winter hiatus. Burst pipes caused significant water damage. This didn't prevent the faithful members of Holy Spirit from gathering on Sunday mornings. They embraced the ancient Christian tradition of the "house church" and met in one another's homes during the repair period. Canon Mary enjoyed preaching & celebrating with this warm, loving community in late May.

The Sierra Deanery prays God's Blessing on Canon Britt Olson & her husband, The Rev. Bryon Hanson, as they make their new home in Seattle, Washington. We love you, Britt+

### New Grant Opportunity Now Available

Episcopal Community Services (ECS) is pleased to announce a new grant opportunity. ECS is offering this special grant in collaboration with the Episcopal Foundation of Northern California (EFNC), who is the trustee of the Anita Weaver Funds that have been designated to help homeless and indigent seniors. This grant provides an opportunity to develop a longer term program, in collaboration with other congregations and/or city or county resources.

Grant applications are due by midnight on **Wednesday, October 1, 2014**. Please [click here](#) to download the Request for Proposal from the diocesan website or go to:

<http://www.norcalepiscopal.org/new-grant-opportunity-now-available>

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### Welcome to our new Canon to the Ordinary

The Office of the Bishop is pleased to announce that the Rev. Andrea McMillin will be joining our staff as the new Canon to the Ordinary beginning September 1, 2014. The Rev. Andrea McMillin comes to us from the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia where she has served as Vicar at Christ Church in Blaine, Washington. She is also on the staff of the diocesan College for Congregational Development and a member of the Congregation Consultant's Network.

