



NEWSLETTER OF THE AWESOME EIGHT

SOME DEANERY HIGHLIGHTS:

# From the Dean

Dear Friends,  
Blessings and greetings to you as we begin a new year!

I will be at **St. John's, Chico on March 1<sup>st</sup>** for the **Congregational Leadership Conference** and look forward to welcoming you! I've included some details here about the conference.

While there is **no fee** for this event, **online registration is required** to assist the host congregation in arranging space and planning for lunch. Please pre-register by Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Another viable opportunity to attend a CLC is Mar 8<sup>th</sup> at Faith Church, Cameron Park.

I've included a few other things of note in this issue of "Sierra Deanery News" and look forward to further opportunities to serve you and your congregation in the year ahead.

Blessings,  
Canon Mary Hauck

## Congregational Leadership Conference

Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at St. John the Evangelist, Chico. No fees, pre-registration required. Lunch provided. [Click here](#) to register!

## Effective Stewardship/ Developing Resources for Mission

- Best practices for stewardship
- Principles for increasing resources
- Planning for a year-round stewardship program

## More Information:

Check-in opens at 8:30 a.m. Program begins at 9:00 a.m., lunch is included, and the day will end by 3:15 p.m. [Click here](#) for an agenda.

This regional event is open to all clergy, vestry members (new and experienced), treasurers and any other congregational leaders interested in sharing, discovering & learning best practices used by others in your corner of the Diocese.



A Visit to St. Michael's, Alturas



Installation of New Vicar in Quincy



Emmanuel, Grass Valley at Christmas

## A Message from the Christian Formation Committee

Dear Friends:

We are writing to let you know that the first week of February all clergy-in-charge of a parish will be receiving a letter from the Bishop inviting them to join him in taking and supporting the new formational program he is sponsoring for 2014. The Bishop discussed this new challenge in his most recent message in The Aurora.

We are writing to you now because this new program kicks off on Ash Wednesday just a few Sundays from now. It is ideally suited for parishioners to give it a try during Lent as a personal Lenten offering. We hope you will promote it as such. To do so you need to know the practical details of the program ASAP. So here they are:

The new challenge is entitled **Challenge 2014 — The Bible & the Book of Common Prayer**. Its goal is to acquaint or re-acquaint participants with our Anglican tradition of daily prayer and Bible reading through the use of our BCP. Using one of the Daily Offices, participants will read the entire NT one chapter at a time, all of the Psalms, and important "little nuggets" from elsewhere in the BCP.

It may sound complicated, but it is a much lighter reading load than The Bible Challenge, and it encourages participants to become acquainted with the Book of Common Prayer as a primary resource for their personal spiritual practices.

Supporting programming will also be up to clergy, Anne McKeever+ who will be leading the challenge at the Cathedral, has already begun developing supportive programming ideas which she is willing to share with anyone who is interested.

**What the Diocese will provide is an "information-only" web page on the Diocesan website.** It will contain an invitation from the Bishop, the daily schedule, a jump site to the Online Book of Common Prayer, and all of Peter Enns' summaries of the books of the NT. The daily schedule will be available on February 10 as an 8-page PDF on the website. Participants can either print a copy for

themselves or ask clergy for a copy. The schedule is 4 double-sided pages long.

This new challenge requires access to The Book of Common Prayer. Participants can use an electronic version, purchase one from the Cathedral Bookshop or other bookseller, or borrow one from their parish.

The Book of Common Prayer offers several "Daily Offices." Participants are encouraged to start by using one of the short "Daily Devotions." Later in the year participants may want to use Morning or Evening Prayer or Compline.

Here's how it would work using the "In the Morning" Daily Devotion, found on page 137 of the BCP.

Begin with the Psalm from the daily schedule for the date you are on.  
Continue with the appointed chapter from The New Testament.  
Pray your personal prayers.  
Pray the Lord's Prayer.  
Close with the nugget from the BCP appointed in the daily schedule.

It's that simple! Here is a sample of what the daily schedule will look like. The schedule is being reviewed and will be available February 10.

If you have any questions that you believe we can help with, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are planning on sending helpful information to you through your deans throughout the year. God bless you.

The Rev. Rodney Davis  
The Rev. Christine Leigh-Taylor

**To Be featured in the March-April Sierra Deanery News:**

- St. Nicholas, Tahoe City
- Good Shepherd, Susanville
- Holy Spirit Lake Almanor



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### FYI: Clergy Conference Dates

May 27-29 at Bishop's Ranch, Healdsburg, CA

### MORE PICS OF "THE AWESOME EIGHT"



### Holy Trinity, Nevada City

The Rev. Canon Christopher Seal, the first Dean of the Sierra Deanery, celebrates the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood, with Canon Hauck & Deacon Dave Ferrell.



### Christ the King, Quincy

Members celebrate the paying off their building loan to the Diocese on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. A joyous day!



### St. Luke's, Auburn Invites Members of the Sierra Deanery to a Special Dedication

On February 2nd at 10 a.m. St. Luke's will be dedicating a new Celtic Cross on the top of St. Luke's Belfry. The Day will remember and honor the late Fr. Dan Williamson, as well as paying tribute to all the Rectors who have served St. Luke's in its 126 year history.