



News & Updates

FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE



Bishop Duckworth's visitation to St. Stephen's, Innis on January 29, 2023.

Bishop's Lenten Meditation: Who is My Neighbor?

We are joining Episcopal Relief & Development this Lenten Season to meditate on the commandment to love our neighbor and consider the meaning of this fundamental instruction in our daily lives.

Every Wednesday during Lent, the Rt. Rev. Shannon Rogers Duckworth will offer a reflection based on these justice-centered meditations and how we see this work in action in our own diocese through the Creation Care Ministry, Racial Healing Ministry, and Youth Ministry. The reflections will be sent by email and available on all our social media platforms.

Besides bishop's weekly meditation, you can also sign up to receive daily meditations in your inbox directly from Episcopal Relief & Development or read the meditations online. More information here: www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/



Parochial Reports

Parochial Reports and Annual Reports are due on March 1, 2023. If you need assistance, start here: www.edola.org/parochial-reports/

UTO Grants

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. The UTO grant focus for 2023 will be on innovative mission and ministry projects addressing all aspects of the worldwide incarceration crisis, specifically preventative programs and intervention, prisoner support outreach, prison reform work, or post-prison re-entry. More information here: www.episcopalchurch.org/grants-and-scholarships/united-thank-offering-grants/

Applications are due in the diocesan office by February 27. Email the completed application to Jessica Lee at jlee@edola.org. The diocesan office will select one application to forward to the United Thank Offering by March 10.

The Clericus: October 2022–January 2023

New clergy in the diocese

- **Trish Tobouren** was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on December 14, 2022, at Christ Church Cathedral. She will finish her last semester of seminary at the School of Iona this May.
- **Carrie Wright** was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on December 14, 2022, at Christ Church Cathedral. She will complete her last semester of seminary at Seminary of the Southwest this May.

Transitions in the diocese

- **The Rt. Rev. Shannon Rogers Duckworth** was ordained and consecrated a bishop in The Episcopal Church and as the 12th bishop of Louisiana on November 19, 2022, at Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans. She was enthroned at Christ Church Cathedral on November 20.
- **The Rt. Rev. Morris K. Thompson, Jr.** resigned as bishop of Louisiana, effective November 19, 2022. He served for 12 years in the diocese and is now retired and living in Mississippi.
- **The Very Rev. Paul Bailey** retired as rector of Grace Memorial, Hammond, effective November 6, 2022. He served 23 years as rector of the parish. The Diocese of Louisiana is grateful for his service as dean of the Northshore Deanery, as chair of the Commission on Ministry, chair of the Commission on Liturgy and Music, and President of the Board of Visitors for the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center.
- **The Ven. Charlie deGravelles** was appointed by Bishop Duckworth as archdeacon of the diocese, effective January 2, 2023. He will continue to serve as deacon at Church of the Nativity, Rosedale.
- **The Rev. Deacon Cindy Obier** was appointed to serve as Bishop Duckworth's chaplain, effective January 2, 2023.
- **The Rev. Canon Morgan MacIntire** was called to serve as canon to the ordinary of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, effective January 2, 2023. She served as associate rector of Christ Church, Covington, since 2015.



The Rev. Canon Morgan MacIntire was installed a canon during the clergy conference on January 10, 2023, at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center. [Photograph by the Very Rev. Tommy Dillon]

- **The Rev. Jim Morrison** was called to serve as rector of St. Matthew's, Houma, effective February 12, 2023. He served as rector of St. Andrew's, New Orleans, since 2014.
- **The Very Rev. Ronald Clingenpeel** was called to serve as vicar of St. Andrew's, Bayou Dularge, effective January 12, 2023.

Transitions out of the diocese

- **The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson** was ordained and consecrated a bishop in the Episcopal Church and as the 14th bishop of Virginia on December 4, 2022.
- **The Rev. Benjamin Sanchez** was called to serve as vicar of a new Latino congregation soon to be planted in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, effective December 19, 2022.

Clergy deaths

- **The Rev. Ted Pettersen** died on November 8, 2022, at the age of 87 in Brunswick, Maine. In 1998, he retired after serving as rector of St. Paul's, New Orleans, for 13 years.