



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF IOWA

September 2023
E-NEWSLETTER



Photo from the Young Adult Companions Pilgrimage August 2023

From Bishop Monnot

August has been an exciting and busy month, in particular with the 10-day Young Adult Companions Pilgrimage here in Iowa with our companion dioceses of Brechin (Scotland) and Eswatini (Africa). Here are a few pictures from our journey, and check out more below in the Young Adult Ministry section. We also had our Fall Joint Chapter meeting in August and had fruitful discussion about the life and ministry of our diocese and how the budget supports our mission.

I'd encourage you to take a look at many of the exciting opportunities coming up, listed on the diocesan calendar and below in this newsletter, in particular the section on diocesan convention this October. Additional forms and information are being added to the website as they're available, and reports/information we are required to have for delegates by 30 days prior to convention will be available on the website on that 30 day deadline - September 20th. I look forward



to seeing many of you in at convention in October.

Yours in the abundant life of Christ,
+ Betsey

The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot, Bishop of Iowa



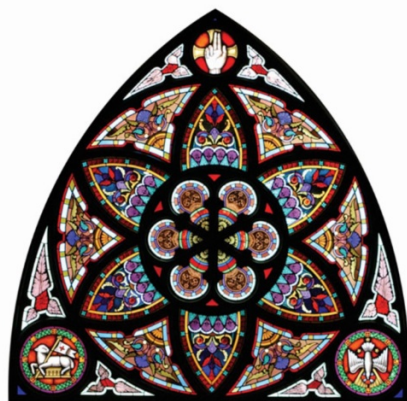
Ordinations & Transitions

The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot, Bishop of Iowa,
The Chapter, and the Congregation
Request your prayers and presence for

A Celebration of New Ministry
St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral
with the Installation of

the Very Reverend Nicola Dance
as the Fifth Dean

Thursday September 28th
Two thousand twenty-three
at seven o'clock in the evening
815 High Street, Des Moines, Iowa



Clergy are invited to vest and process
Liturgical color is white Light reception to follow
Streaming available

- Trinity Episcopal Church in Waterloo has called the Rev. Abigail Livingood to serve as Rector. Abigail has been serving as Priest in Charge since June 2022.
- Trinity Episcopal Church in Iowa City has called the Rev. Jim Harrison to serve as Interim Rector. Jim was previously serving in the Diocese of Eastern Michigan at St. John's Episcopal Church in Midland.
- Trinity Episcopal Church in Iowa City has called the Rev. Nora Boerner to serve as Assistant Rector. Nora had been serving as Trinity's curate since her ordination to the priesthood in September 2022.

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Diocesan Convention



Purpose: Convention deepens our connection as one diocese to transform ourselves, our communities, and the world for Christ.

Upcoming Deadlines:

Please consider yourself or others to be nominated for an office of the diocese.

September 1: Written Reports to Convention Due

September 10:

- Submission of Nominations due to Nominations Committee
- Submission of Resolutions due to Resolutions Committee

September 13: Early Bird Registration Deadline

September 20:

- Certification & Registration of Delegates Due
- Reports to Convention available to delegates & alternate delegates
- Nominating Committee report with biographical sketch available to delegates & alternates

September 29: Deadline for group rate at the Marriott

Pre-Convention Budget & Resolutions Hearings:

Monday October 9:

6:00 - 7:00pm Budget Hearing

7:00 - 8:00pm Resolutions Hearing

OFFICES FOR
ELECTION

NOMINATIONS
FORM (ONLINE)

GUIDELINES FOR
SUBMITTING A
RESOLUTION

RESOLUTIONS
FORM (ONLINE)

Downloadable copies of the forms (if you need to email or mail them in instead of filling out the online forms) are available on the convention website.

Saturday October 14:
10:00 - 11:00am Budget Hearing
11:00am - Noon Resolutions Hearing

CONVENTION
WEBSITE

Childcare will be available for children 3rd grade and under at the Marriott. Please contact Amy Mellies at amellies@iowaepiscopal.org to arrange.

REGISTER FOR
HEARINGS

PALS: Pathways Along Loneliness & Solitude



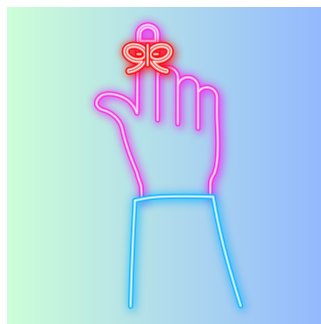
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READ MORE & RSVP

Join the Behavioral Health Ministry Team and the Small Church Group for four sessions of digging deeper into this world of loneliness. With the help of Mary Kay DuChene and Mark Sundby from LeaderWise. Time will be spent learning about loneliness for people in general, as well as people in ministry, and specific strategies individuals, congregations, and denominations can pursue to counter the epidemic of loneliness. We will discuss: the contours of loneliness, personal strategies we can use to deal with these feelings, time with each other focused on the learnings from previous sessions, and ways the congregation and diocese can help put strategies in place for us all.

Leadership Notices & Upcoming Trainings

Audit



Financial reviews were due September 1st. Please submit your reviews as soon as possible to Tina Austin at taustin@iowaepiscopal.org.

Preaching Conference

Wartburg and Dubuque seminaries are offering a one day preaching conference, hosted by St. John's, Dubuque in October.

It is open to all preachers: lay and ordained, new and seasoned.

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Nourishing the Preaching Life

A FELLOWSHIP OF PREACHERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

DUBUQUE, IOWA

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Dismantling Racism Training

**DISMANTLING
RACISM**

**TRAINING FOR
CHURCH LEADERS**

SEPTEMBER 16

NOVEMBER 4

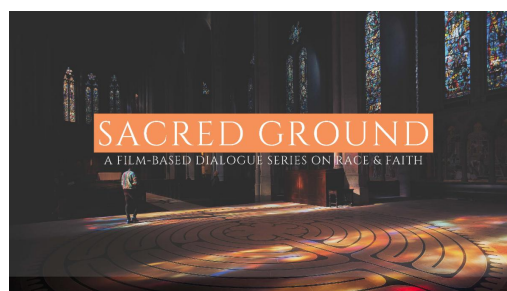
Grounded in The Episcopal Church's commitment to dismantling racism as essential to our formation as Christians, this ONLINE training is open to all persons who would like to deepen their understanding of racism, prejudice, and privilege. The training will consist of 2 sessions from 10:00am-12:00pm and 12:30pm-2:30pm Sessions are limited to 30 attendees, so you may be placed on a waiting list when the session is full.

Dismantling Racism: Training for Church Leaders is a training day that is required of all lay and ordained leaders in The Episcopal Church (including vestries, search committees, diocesan leadership, etc.).

Sacred Ground

Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based series on race, developed by the Episcopal Church, which addresses the histories of America's Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American people as they intersect with European American histories. The Diocese of Iowa's Becoming Beloved Community Initiative has sponsored several previous Sacred Ground sessions (called "Circles") and participants have found the experience informative, moving, and inspiring.

This fall, a Sacred Ground Circle will be offered on Zoom with weekly discussions beginning **Monday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m.** through Monday, November 20. There is no registration fee. For more information, contact Ruth Ratliff (Ratliff@cfu.net).

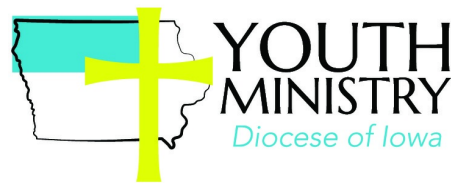


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Diocesan Ministries & Formation



**YMDT 2023-2024
EVENTS CALENDAR**

SEPT 08-10	CONFIRMATION RETREAT (CCC) 7TH-12TH
OCT 20-22	CONVENTION (DES MOINES) YOUTH GUESTS & DELEGATES (9TH-12TH) SMALL ACTS, BIG IMPACT (4TH-8TH) CHILDCARE (PREK-3RD)
FEB 02-04	SKI TRIP (ST. JOHN'S, AMES) 4TH-12TH
FEB 09-11	HAPPENING (KANSAS) 9TH-12TH
APRIL 17-19	NEW BEGINNINGS (ST. TIM'S, WEST DES MOINES) 6TH-9TH
JUNE 14-16	SUMMER MINISTRY SCHOOL & RETREAT (GRINNELL)
JUNE 17-21	EPIC (CCC) 4TH-12TH
JUNE 23-28	GENERAL CONVENTION (LOUISVILLE, KY) 9TH-12TH

**"YOU WERE MADE FOR SUCH A TIME
AS THIS." ESTHER 4:14**

KEEP UP TO DATE ON OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA.

YMDT Calendar

Our 2023-2024 calendar of events is out! We have a lot of great things happening in the diocese and we hope you and the youth in your congregations can join us! If you have any questions please contact Amy Mellies at amellies@iowaepiscopal.org. Keep up to date on our website.

[YOUTH MINISTRY WEBSITE](#)

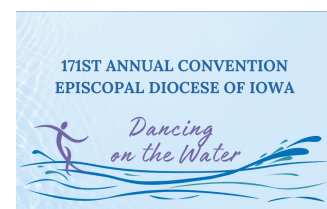
Episcopal Diocese of Iowa Annual Convention: Youth Delegate & Visitors

October 20-22 Downtown Marriott/St. Paul's Cathedral, Des Moines (9th-12th)

The Youth Ministry Development Team is looking for eight diocesan Youth Delegates to represent the youth of our diocese at the 171st Annual Diocesan Convention.

What does a Youth Delegate do? You get to have a say in what the diocese does. You have voice and vote. You can make an impact for your generation and generations to come. You must be at least 16 and confirmed.

Visitors are considered anyone under 16, or youth who are not yet confirmed. You get to be "in the room where it happened." Come and take part in all of the convention activities, learn about all of the work our diocese is doing in our state and around the world. And don't forget the dance party with



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Bishop Monnot on Saturday night!
Build community with your diocesan friends and make some new ones!



Small Acts, Big Impact (4th-8th)

In today's world, we think about taking care of ourselves before we take care of others. We have created a society and a system that places value on personal success. Small Acts, Big Impact is a weekend event full of fun, community building and taking care of others. In each act of service we do, we are impacting others in the community in small ways, but nevertheless, having an impact. Small acts that will reach far beyond your circle of friends or your church.

The fee for this event is \$35. Scholarships are always available and confidential. You can fill out a request [HERE](#). You do not have to be Episcopalian to attend this event.

Youth will meet and stay overnight (Friday and Saturday) at St. Paul's, Des Moines. We will visit congregations in the area and learn about their outreach ministries as well as build community with one another. Our weekend will conclude with a Sunday morning worship service.

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Young Adult Ministry

Thank you to everyone who supported our Companions Young Adult Pilgrimage this August! The young adult pilgrims, coordinators, and bishops from the dioceses of Swaziland (in Eswatini, Africa), Brechin (in Scotland), and Iowa had an incredible time building relationships, learning, and having fun together. *(see a small sampling of pictures from our trip below)* All pilgrims made it safely back home, and we're excited to see what the future holds for this group.





FALL & SPRING

CARE PACKAGES



FOR RECENT
HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATES

IF YOU KNOW A YOUNG
ADULT IN THIS LIFE
STAGE WHO MIGHT
LIKE ONE, CONTACT:

AMY MELLIES
AMELLIES@IOWAEPISCOPAL.ORG

Adult Ministry



EfM helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together.

There are online groups in the Diocese of Iowa and elsewhere. If you are interested in joining a group or

MORE INFORMATION

Safe Church, Safe Communities



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With the start of the Christian Formation season upon us, please make sure that your leaders have been trained in Safe Church, Safe Communities.

In the Baptismal Covenant, we promise to seek and serve Christ in all persons, love our neighbors as ourselves, strive for justice and peace, and respect the dignity of every human being. When a person is baptized, the congregation promises to help that person grow into the full stature of Christ. As a human family of God, we are called to create loving and safe environments for all who enter in to our family. Our churches and our ministries are to be havens of safety for all. In fully engaging with this training we ensure that we are living into our baptismal promises and helping our world move ever closer to the Kingdom of God.

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