



The Episcopal Diocese of Iowa

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From Bishop Monnot

As the autumn weather begins and our diocese moves toward the business of Diocesan Convention, I want to take this opportunity to make a couple of announcements about changes happening with diocesan personnel.

I am pleased to announce that The Rev. Judith Crossett, who has been ably serving as the convener of the Community of Deacons in this diocese, has accepted my appointment as Archdeacon. The title “Archdeacon” means different things across the Anglican Communion, so I’d like to clarify what precisely I have in mind for Judith’s role as Archdeacon going forward in this diocese. I see an Archdeacon as the point person for the Community of Deacons, whose ministry includes gathering the deacons together, being involved in formation of deacons both before and after ordination, and being a primary representative of the diaconate for the diocese. In many ways, Judith is already functioning as an Archdeacon for the Diocese of Iowa, and this appointment is simply a recognition of that fact. Judith has been gathering the deacons for a zoom call every month, organizing deacons who volunteer to accompany me when I make a visitation to a congregation that doesn’t have a resident deacon, and working on formation for deacons. I have sought her counsel on multiple occasions, and I value her input and insight. We will have the opportunity to celebrate Judith’s new ministry as Archdeacon at Diocesan Convention during the Sunday Eucharist, to be held at 10:00 AM at St. Paul’s Cathedral on October 30. This service will be live-streamed. As Archdeacon, Judith will formally be known as The Venerable Judith Crossett.

The second announcement is that I have created the position of Canon to the Ordinary, and I am delighted that The Rev. Meg Wagner has accepted my appointment to this new position. Like an Archdeacon, a Canon to the Ordinary means different things in different dioceses. Here in the Diocese of Iowa, my vision for the Canon to the Ordinary includes much of what Meg is already doing, such as serving as our Transition Minister and working with Congregational Development. In addition, Meg will work with me in supporting the clergy of the diocese in a variety of ways. Finally, and most importantly, Meg will serve as a trusted counselor to me, working closely with the diocesan staff and other lay and ordained leaders to carry out the vision and mission of the diocese. I have already come to deeply appreciate Meg's thoughts and input, and this appointment serves in part to formalize what is already in place. We will be celebrating Meg's new ministry as Canon to the Ordinary at Diocesan Convention during the Sunday Eucharist, to be held at 10:00 AM at St. Paul's Cathedral on October 30. This service will be live-streamed. As Canon to the Ordinary, Meg will formally be known as The Rev. Canon Meg Wagner.

Meg's transition to the role of Canon to the Ordinary will mean that she is no longer able to serve as Missioner for Reconciliation, in which capacity she specifically works with the Beloved Community Initiative. This work is still vitally important to the diocese, and so with the advice and counsel of the BCI Advisory Boards I will be appointing an Interim Beloved Community Missioner to work with BCI as they move into the future that they are discerning. I hope to be able to make that announcement soon.

I hope that all active clergy received my email earlier this week regarding my expectations for attendance at Diocesan Convention, including the time that I have set aside for the clergy on Friday, October 28, from 1:00-4:30, the business session on Saturday, and both of the Convention Eucharists, one on Friday evening and the other on Sunday morning. I have given permission for Morning Prayer to be used in congregations on Sunday, October 30, with distribution of communion from the reserved sacrament, if necessary. Please note that clergy who are not active are also warmly invited and encouraged to attend all of these events as well.

In the promised abundant life of Christ,
+Betsey
The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot, Bishop of Iowa

Diocesan Convention



2022 Deadlines:

October 14

- Necrology List due to Bishop's Office

October 19

- Last day to register for Meals and Visitors
- Last day to register for Oct. 20

Keynote Speaker: Brother James Michael Dowd, OSB

Budget & Resolutions Hearing

October 20

- RSVP due for Clergy Gathering

October 21

- Last day to register for Oct. 22 Budget & Resolutions Hearing



LEARN MORE ABOUT BR. DOWD

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BENEDICTINE WAY

2022 Schedule:

PRE-CONVENTION HEARINGS

October 20

- Budget & Resolutions Hearings

October 22

- Budget & Resolutions Hearings

CONVENTION WEEKEND

Friday, October 28:

1:00-4:30 PM **Clergy Gathering**

Des Moines Downtown Marriott (Must **REGISTER** by October 20th)

7:00 PM Eucharist St. Paul’s Cathedral

Saturday, October 29:

10:00 AM Plenary One Marriott

11:30 AM Plenary Two Marriott

2:00 PM Plenary Three Marriott

4:00 PM Plenary Four Marriott

7:00 PM Banquet featuring keynote speaker **Brother Michael James Dowd**, OSB - Prior of the Benedictine Way, Omaha Nebraska

Sunday, October 30:

10:00 AM Eucharist St. Paul’s Cathedral

CONVENTION INFORMATION

Children & Youth at Convention

There will be three different events going on for children and youth at Convention. Read more in the Youth Ministry section below.

Necrology List

Necrology List information should be

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

CONVENTION HEARINGS

Thursday Oct. 20:
6:30-7:30pm: Budget Hearing
7:30-8:30pm: Resolutions Hearing

Saturday Oct. 22:
10:00-11:00am Budget Hearing
11:00am-Noon Resolutions Hearing

[HTTPS://WWW.IOWAEPISCOPAL.ORG/DIOCESAN-CONVENTION](https://www.iowaepiscopal.org/diocesan-convention)

All delegates are encouraged to take part in these hearings. You must register at least 24hrs prior to the hearing in order to attend and to receive the Zoom link. The Zoom information is the same for all 4 hearings so you only need to register once.

REGISTER HERE

submitted before Oct. 14. Click the button below to submit your information.

[NECROLOGY LIST](#)



Email Tina: taustin@iowaepiscopal.org

Transitions



God willing and the people consenting,
The Right Reverend Betsey Monnot
Bishop of Iowa
will ordain

Michael James Kugler

to the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's holy catholic Church

Saturday, October 8th
Two thousand twenty-two
at two o'clock in the afternoon
Church of the Savior
530 Arizona Avenue, Orange City, Iowa

Your prayers and presence are requested
Liturgical color is red Reception to follow
Streaming also available

[WATCH HERE](#)

Faith in Action



Sunday October 9, 7:00 PM

Faith in Action Forum on the proposed gun amendment to the Iowa Constitution, "Public Measure 1"

You must register in advance for this meeting.

REGISTER HERE

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. The Zoom link you receive is unique to you, so do not share it with others.

Some email servers may shorten our newsletter. Click [View as Webpage](#) to see the newsletter in its entirety.

Becoming Beloved Community

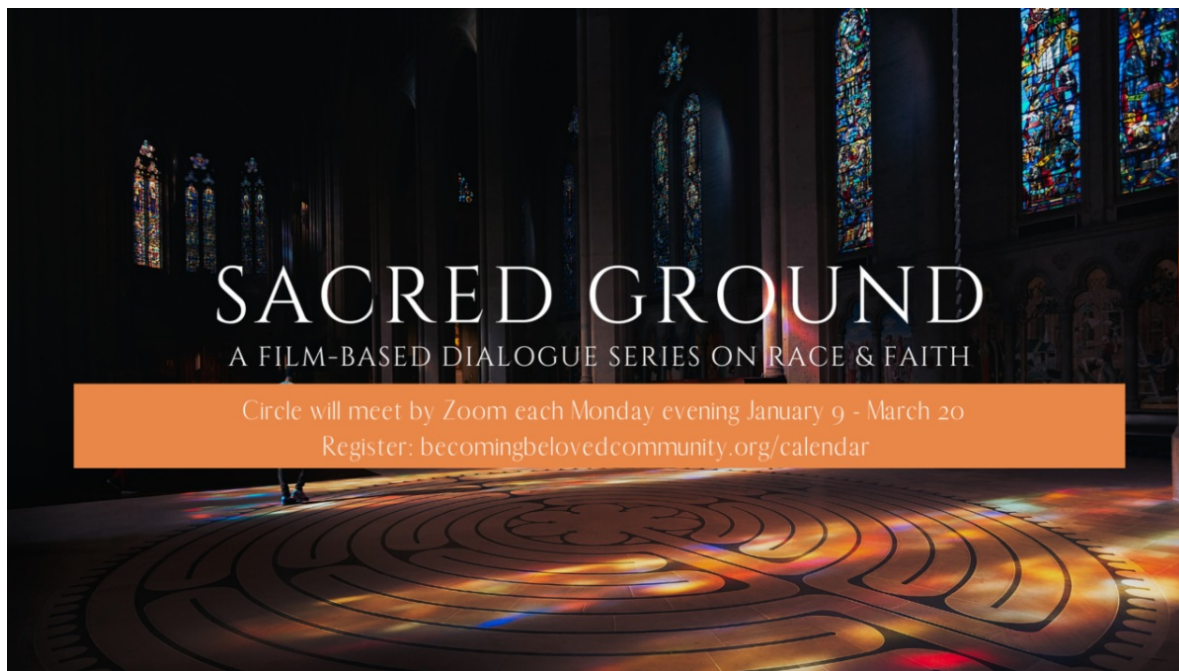
DISMANTLING
RACISM

TRAINING FOR
CHURCH LEADERS

NOVEMBER 12

Dismantling Racism: Training for Church Leaders

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.). 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.



Behavioral Health Ministries Team

Bulletin Insert

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS
LIFELINE

No matter where you live in the U.S.,
you can easily access 24/7 emotional support.

Call or text 988 or visit 988lifeline.org/chat to
chat with a caring counselor.

We're here for you.



The effects of SMILING!!



- The actual, physical exercise of smiling causes your brain to release substances, molecules which lift the mood, decrease stress, and can assist in pain reduction.
- It also turns out that when we smile at others, we also boost their "feel good" endorphins, helping them to feel better, too!
- One study has suggested that smiling has had a positive result in faster reduction of stress and in heart rate.
- Smiling is not a cure for issues of depression or anxiety disorders, but that does not invalidate the real benefits of smiling in our lives

BREAKING THE SILENCE ABOUT
MENTAL ILLNESS WITH
CHILDREN AND TEENS

BLESSED YOUTH



SARAH GRIFFITH LUND

BHMT Book Club

We will be discussing "Blessed Youth: Breaking the Silence about Mental Illness with Children & Teens" starting on October 13th at 7:00pm.

If this is a topic that interests you and you would like to join in on the discussion, contact Amy Mellies at amellies@iowaepiscopal.org

BHMT News

[BHMT Newsletter](#)

[Mindspring Free Webinars](#)

Safe Church, Safe Communities

We will be hosting online training options for those who would like to complete the training in a group setting. Register below for the date that works best for you.

[OCTOBER 16](#)

[NOVEMBER 13](#)

Safeguarding is now:
[Safe Church, Safe
Communities](#)



"A standard of training that will foster a culture of safety and inclusion for all people that includes a broad overview of issues of vulnerability, power, and healthy boundaries. This training is designed to equip all people to live out their Baptismal Covenant."



New online platform = **Praesidium Academy**

Each congregation should have a Safe Church Administrator. Contact your Administrator to get set up in Praesidium Academy online so you can complete your required courses.



Who needs to take the training?
See diagram

Which courses do I need to take?
Depends on your role - See the chart [HERE](#) for which courses (#1-9) you should take.

There are 8 new active courses, and a 9th is soon to be added. When you login, you may need to scroll toward the bottom of the page to find them.

Come and See: Genesis II

November 5 10:00-3:30pm

The Diocese of Iowa has been offered an exciting opportunity to partner with The Episcopal Church's office of Church Planting and Redevelopment on a process called **Genesis II: Revision and Renew**.

Congregations that choose to participate in Genesis II will get up to 2 years of FREE coaching, support, and resources from trained leaders in The Episcopal Church that are focused on helping develop more faithful, healthy and effective communities of faith. It is a way to engage in congregational development that is primarily lay-led with clergy support.

Join us at **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church** in Des Moines on Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 10:00am-3:30pm to learn more about Genesis II: Re-Vision and Renew. Each participating congregation (or a



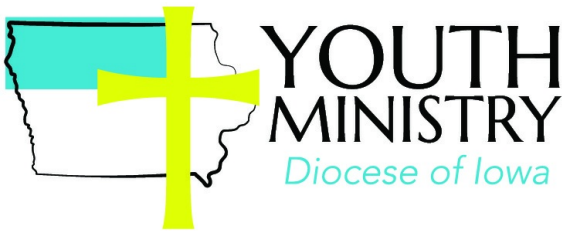
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REGISTER FOR NOV 5

combination of congregations that are in close proximity to each other) is asked to send a team of 3 (or more if desired). That team might include:

- Priest-in-Charge/Rector and/or deacon
- Potential team member(s)
- Vestry member
- Any others you would like to invite

Youth Ministry



Stay up-to-date on all of our upcoming events [HERE](#).



Diocesan Convention Youth Visitors

Youth (9th-12th grade) who did not register to serve as a delegate can come be a part of convention as well as a Visitor. You will take part in all of the convention events, but will not be able to vote.

Youth Delegates and visitors will stay overnight at the Marriott, meals will be covered, and guaranteed swim time!

[VISITOR REGISTRATION](#)

Diocesan Convention Lock-In

October 29-30, St. Paul's Cathedral, Des Moines

Join youth from around the diocese for a day of service and an evening of fun! Youth who are in 4th - 9th grade have the opportunity to work with different ministries that some of our Des Moines congregations take part in, enjoy swimming and a movie.

Youth will sleep at Cathedral Church of St. Paul. **YOUTH MUST JOIN THE LOCK-IN GROUP AT MARRIOTT BY 9AM SATURDAY 10/29.**

[LOCK-IN](#)

Childcare at Convention

Childcare will take place during the opening and closing Eucharist in the St. Paul's Nursery. It will also be available during the plenary sessions at the Marriott. Please

Young Adults



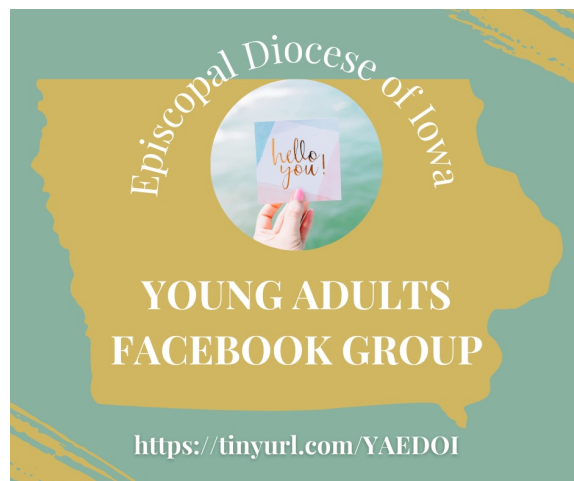
Episcopal Church Young Adult and Campus Ministry grants now available

Online Submissions will be open October 3- November 3, 2022.

Grant categories include the following:

- Development grants: Establish a new, restore a dormant, or reenergize an existing ministry. Grants range from \$8,000-\$30,000; can be used over two years; and can only be awarded to a specific ministry once every five years.
- Campus ministry grants: Provide seed money to help in the startup of new, innovative campus ministries or to enhance an existing ministry. Grants \$1,000-\$8,000.
- Young adult ministry grants: Provide seed money to help in the startup of new, innovative young adult ministries or enhance existing ministries. Grants \$1,000-\$8,000.
- Project grants: Provide money for a one-time project to enhance and positively impact a campus or young adult ministry. Grants \$100-\$2,000.

LEARN MORE



Educational Opportunities

Leaving Home: Immigration through the Eyes of Children



What is it like to flee your home and country? How do you hope you'd be welcomed elsewhere?

Explore these questions and more in a new immersive retreat offered by members of Episcopal Migration Ministries Asylum & Detention Ministry

When: Oct. 10-12

Where: Episcopal Church of the Apostles, Oro Valley, Arizona

Cost: \$355

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

Network.

What: Leaving Home: Immigration Through the Eyes of Children, a 3-day retreat.

Attendees will:

- Examine artwork and poems created by children seeking U.S. asylum at the Casa Alitas Welcome Center in Tucson
- Participate in individual and group activities
- Volunteer at Casa Alitas
- Be empowered to create an action plan in their own communities with the support of retreat facilitators



**IOWA INTERFAITH
POWER & LIGHT**

Sign the 2022-23 Interfaith Statement on Climate Action

We invite all Iowans of faith and conscience to join us by signing onto this year's interfaith statement written by our "Called to Climate Action" college student leaders. All religious leaders, clergy, laity, students, and anyone who resonates with our statement is encouraged to sign.

[Read & Sign the Statement](#)

Calm in Climate Chaos: Let's Talk About Climate Anxiety

Featuring Psychologist & Climate Advocate, Dr. Jen Sand
October 29th at 10:00 AM online
[Learn More & Register Here](#)

Prairie Seed Collection & Climate Connection

October 22nd at 10am in Atlantic
[Learn More & Register Here](#)

[Iowa IPL Website](#)

Beware of Email Scammers

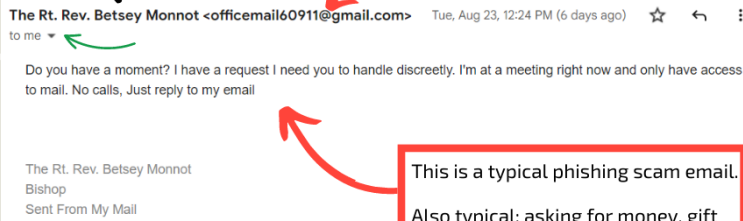
We continue to receive reports of scammers posing as key personnel (bishop, staff, clergy, etc.) asking for money, gift cards, etc.

Unfortunately, there isn't anything we can do from the diocesan office to prevent these as it isn't necessarily a breach of someone's email. Stay vigilant, and contact our office directly for verification

SCAM EXAMPLE:

Looks like it's from Bishop Monnot, **BUT**

Not from @iowaepiscopal.org



This is a typical phishing scam email.

Also typical: asking for money, gift cards, wire transfer

Common phrases to look out for:

- Do you have a moment?
- Can you do me a favor?
- handle discreetly
- no calls

TIP: If you don't see the full email address you may need to click on the downward toggle (green arrow above points to it)

MAKE SURE TO:

1. **Look closely at the "From" email address:** Legitimate emails from the bishop and the diocesan staff will use an email address ending in **@iowaepiscopal.org**.
2. **Verify any requests for money or assistance:** Instead of replying to the email/text, contact the person or office it's claiming to come from by calling or emailing them directly

Resources



Partnering with the Episcopal dioceses of Southwest Florida and Florida to provide supplies and direct financial assistance to people affected by Hurricane Ian.

[Donate to Hurricane Relief Fund](#)

- [Joint Intercession List](#)
- [Mental Health Resources](#)
- [COVID-19 resources](#)
- [Faith in Action Facebook Page](#)



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