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Diocesan Calendar of Events

November

3 - Clergy and Bishop Zoom 11a&7p
3 - Prayers for Election Day
5-6 - RDT - Spokane (Zoom)
6-7 - Leadership Gathering (COM, Standing Committee, Council, RDT) Online
7 - Footsteps in Faith
11-12 - COM - Spokane (Zoom)
13-14 - Diocesan Council (Zoom)
17 - Clergy and Bishop Zoom 11a&7p

December

1 - Clergy & Bishop Zoom 11a&7p
3 - Lay leaders & Bishop Zoom 7p
5 - The Ordination of the Rev. David Walker
15 - Clergy & Bishop Zoom 11a&7p
17 - Lay leaders & Bishop Zoom 7p
21-1 - Diocesan Office closed for Christmas Break

January

1 - Diocesan office closed for Christmas break
5 - Clergy & Bishop Zoom 11a&7p
7 - Lay leaders & Bishop Zoom 7p
19 - Clergy & Bishop Zoom 11a&7p
21 - Lay leaders & Bishop Zoom 7p
23 - Diocesan council (by zoom)
26 - Clergy & Bishop Zoom 11a&7p

You can find the Diocesan Calendar online at www.spokanediocese.org.

Upcoming

Nov 3rd

Election Day Prayers

8-9am, 12-1pm, and 7-8pm on Nov 3rd by Zoom - [SIGN UP](#)

We invite the entire diocese into prayer on Election Day. Whether by Zoom or not, we invite that all in the diocese will be in prayer for our diocese, each-other, our communities and our country. There will be 3 specific times by Zoom, 8-9am, 12-1pm, and 7-8pm. Use the [easy sign-up](#) to receive the zoom link for our Election Day Prayers, and then zoom in at 8a, 12p or 7pm.

Nov 7th



Footsteps in Faith

4:30pm, the first Saturday of the month

Open to all youth grades 6+ and adult youth leaders

The Youth Leadership Team offers a zoom series for all youth 6th grade and up and adult leaders the first Saturday of each month beginning in November and going for 5 months. It will begin at 4:30 PM on each of those Saturdays. This will be a youth led conversation. The first one will be led by Lenore Hartwig of Church of the Resurrection and Miranda Brown of the Cathedral. Anyone interested can contact John Palarine at johnp@spokanediocese.org to receive an invitation and a link.

Themes:

Nov. 7 – Love

Dec. 5 – Belonging

Jan, 2 – Questioning, doubt, struggle

Feb. 6 – My faith – what do I believe

Mar, 6 – Sharing faith and love

BISHOP'S OFFICE NEWS

Watch the Livestream and Convention Worship

Missed the convention, but want to see what happened, or maybe get the full worship from Sunday? Use the various links below here to find the recordings of or workshops, business session and worship for the 56th Annual Diocesan Convention which was held virtually for the first time. You can find all of this on the convention page of the diocesan website.

Workshops

Becoming Beloved Community NOW Agenda recording (coming soon)

Tilling our Fields and Planting New Seeds recording (coming soon)

[Welcome and Belonging in the Digital Age](#)

Business Session

56th Annual Convention Business Session

Actions of Convention (PDF)

Bishop's Address (PDF)

Worship

Sunday worship at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist (in 2 parts)

Bishop's Homily Recording

Bishop's Homily (PDF)

Beginning in Prayer

Being a disciple of Jesus in a time when Jesus is not physically walking with us means many things. Predominately, though, it means we are people of prayer. In prayer, we listen to Jesus, we bring ourselves before God in the deepest way possible, and we engage life as an ongoing conversation and journey with God. *Following Jesus begins in prayer.*

It can feel intimidating to step into prayer. You may feel guilt or insecurity around praying. These are all legitimate feelings, and I invite you to consider your feelings about prayer with curiosity and kindness. Then, having noticed and acknowledged your feelings about prayer, consider bringing those to God.

At its core, prayer is conversation with God. Feel free to start small. Imagine Jesus in the room with you or walking your dog with you. Share your thoughts and feelings, and remember to listen as well. You can start by praying prayers written by others, such as in the book of Psalms, in the Prayer Book, or online. Find a friend or a couple friends and set up a regular phone call or zoom chat to pray together. All to say, there is no limitation on how to begin praying.

This winter, we will be offering some opportunities for prayer together as a diocese, so watch for information on that soon. How are you leaning into prayer these days? What are you hearing from God?

Your fellow disciple,
Andrea

2021 Diocesan dates - Mark Your Calendars!

Mark your calendar for these diocesan dates.

January

23 - Diocesan Council

February

5-6 - COM

8-11 - Clergy Retreat

19-21 - Wintercross Youth (tbd)

23-24 - RDT

March

July

30 - July 9 - General Convention

August

1-7 - College for Congregational Development

24-25 - RDT

September

10-11 - COM

17-18 - Diocesan Council

10 - Diocesan Council
12-14 - Women's Retreat

April
17- Gathering Day

May
1 - Diocesan Council
3-6 - Clergy Conference
18-19 - RDT

June
26 - Diocesan Council
30 - July 9 - General Convention

25 - Gathering Day

October
15-17 - 57th Annual Diocesan Convention

November
4-6 - RDT
5-6 - All Leaders Meeting
12-14 - Diocesan Council
12-14 - Men's Retreat

SPOTLIGHT

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VIRTUAL EPISCOPAL LATINO MINISTRY COMPETENCY COURSE

October 12-16, 2020 and January 25-29, 2021

[September 8, 2020] Registration is now open for the next two sessions of the Virtual Episcopal Latino Ministry Competency Course (VELMC), an innovative five-day intensive course designed for diocesan staff, clergy, lay leaders, and seminarians to gain practical knowledge and cultural competency for Latino/Hispanic ministry.

The October and January sessions will be the second and third VELMC offered, following a successful first virtual course in August that had fifty participants. The sessions will be held October 12-16, 2020 and January 25-29, 2021.

The five-day VELMC includes 20 hours of online classroom presentations, worship services, and group dialogue, with comfortable breaks and an ample lunch time factored in from 11:00am to 5:30pm (EDT) each day.

These popular sessions are offered by The Episcopal Church's Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries and taught by seminary faculty, clergy, and lay leaders with extensive experience in Latino and intercultural ministry...

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UTO GRATITUDE BOOK PRAYERS

Every three years the United Thank Offering assembles a small book of gratitude-related prayers, one of the most popular items to give out at each General Convention/Triennial and as long afterward as they last. They get these prayers from everywhere throughout the Episcopal Church, and it's time for you all to start working on prayers for the 2021 edition. They are looking for original prayers in the following categories: Gratitude, Guidance, Healing, Love of God & Creation, Sorrow or Fear, Prayers for Morning, Prayers for Midday, Prayers for Night, and Other.

[OFFER PRAYERS HERE]



The Episcopal Diocese
of Spokane

