

## Rector's Report November 2023



- On November 3 & 4, Christ Church Eureka delegates and alternates attended Diocesan Convention at Faith Episcopal Church in Cameron Park CA. Delegates included Pam Gossard+, Paul Gossard, Jeri Gray-Reneberg+, Perry Gray-Reneberg, Daniel Hafer, Elizabeth Harper-Lawson, Daniel London+, Anne Pierson+, and Steve Preston. Catherine Mace was also an elected delegate, but she unfortunately fell ill a couple days before the convention. Thankfully, both alternates (Roni Carlson and Lin Chase) also attended, so Roni Carlson took Catherine's seat.<sup>1</sup> During a test ballot, a quorum duly elected "**Sasquatch**" as the diocesan mascot. This election inspired me to purchase a Sasquatch stuffed animal at the Peg House in Leggett on the way home, which I hope to bring to General Convention in Louisville KY this summer.
- On Tuesday November 7, Belinda convened a planning meeting for our Betty Chinn and Karen Price Book Signing Event, scheduled for **Saturday February 10 at 4 PM**.



<sup>1</sup> According to the 2024 Congregation Range Sheet, Christ Church Eureka is in Range D, which means we are allowed 5 delegates to Diocesan Convention. Along with our two deacons and rector, we have a total of 8 delegates. Pastor Jeri Grey-Reneberg and Perry have seat and voice. <https://www.norcalepiscopal.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/4.-2024-Congregation-Range-Sheet.pdf>. Roni Carlson was chosen to replace Catherine Mace based on the priority of her last name in alphabetical order.

- All royalties from the sales of the book *The Gray Bird Sings: The Extraordinary Life of Betty Kwan Chinn* go to support the Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation. We plan to sell copies at Christ Church; and I would like every vestry member to read the book. At the Book Signing Event, we will be announcing a parish-wide and even community-wide Book Study during Lent, featuring the author and perhaps Betty. The Book Study group will meet on Tuesdays in Lewis Hall at 5:30 to 7 PM. Soup will be included.
- On Friday November 10, the wardens and I met with Mike Robnett to show him around the Christ Church campus and discuss the possibility of him joining our staff as the part-time Parish Sexton.
- On Saturday November 11, I participated in the diocesan Day of Discernment online as a sponsor for Michael Tipton. I was only able to participate in the first hour due to Laura Rose's memorial service. Michael, who is also pursuing a career as a Registered Nurse, is interested in pursuing lay ministry licenses in healing ministry, worship leadership, and lay preaching.
- On Tuesday November 14, the Personnel Committee interviewed Mike Robnett. After the interview, we decided that I should offer him the job. I called him the next day and he happily accepted. He officially begins this Sunday, November 19. Below is a picture of Mike Robnett.



- On the same day the Personnel Committee interviewed Mike Robnett (Nov 14), I received a Resignation/Retirement Letter from our Organist and Music Coordinator Merry Phillips. The Personnel Committee must now begin a search for a new organist. Although we are tremendously blessed with the Kegg Pipe Organ, it also presents a burden since there are very few, if any, professional organists in Humboldt County who can play it; and few professional organists will choose to move here for a part-time job.
- On Thursday November 16 at noon, while recovering from a flu shot and a COVID booster, I participated in an online clergy event hosted by Trinity Cathedral Sacramento titled "Church and Politics, Oh My!: Supporting Church Leaders Navigating the Public Square." I then participated in an online forum at 5 PM titled "Make Me an Instrument of Peace: How to Engage in Better Conversations in Tough Topics." Both events were

facilitated by Alan Yarborough, the Church Relations Officer at the Office of Government Relations for The Episcopal Church. To learn more about the work of the Office of Government Relations and the Episcopal Public Policy Network, visit <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/episco-pols/id1678362184>.

**Civic Engagement  
at Trinity Cathedral**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023**  
In-person or on Zoom  
2620 Capitol Ave, Sacramento, CA 95816



**Alan Yarborough**  
Church Relations Officer  
Office of Government Relations  
Episcopal Church of America

**12:00-2:00 pm: CLERGY EVENT**  
*Open to all clergy*  
**Church and Politics, Oh My!**  
Supporting Church Leaders  
Navigating the Public Square  
*(Brown Bag Lunch)*  
In-person or on Zoom Registration:  
<https://bit.ly/499LNZf>

**5:00-7:00 pm: OPEN FORUM**  
*Open to the public*  
**Make Me an Instrument  
of Peace**  
How to Engage in Better  
Conversations on Tough Topics  
*(Brown Bag Dinner)*  
In-person or on Zoom Registration:  
<https://bit.ly/3FKGNMV>

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- Finally, I invite you all to attend the “Sabbatical **Adventures**” Soup Supper scheduled for Tuesday nights at 5:30 – 7 PM on Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, and 19. You can watch a teaser video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LXRwXAm-xU>



**SABBATICAL  
ADVENTURES**

**SOUP  
Suppers**

**TUESDAYS  
5:30 - 7 PM  
LEWIS HALL**

Learn about Fr. Daniel's Sabbatical Adventures in England, Italy, France, Virginia, New York, and New Zealand on Nov 28, Dec 5, 12 & 19

*This is Fr. Daniel on top of the Sky Tower in Auckland New Zealand a couple hours before preaching at the Anglican Cathedral*