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## Watch the Electing Convention Online!

This Saturday at 10:00 a.m. eligible clergy and lay delegates will meet to pray together and elect the 11th Bishop of The Episcopal Church in Vermont. This special Electing Convention will be streamed live from the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Burlington. The morning segment will begin airing at 10:00 a.m. with Eucharist and will conclude around 1:00 PM when Convention pauses for lunch. The links to the morning and afternoon broadcasts are below.

### **Morning Segment (10:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XoJvfjZYMC4>

### **Afternoon Segment (2:00 p.m. - end)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUOZ-4caFV8>

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## Reminder: Farewell Events for Bishop Tom and Ann Ely

Looking ahead to June, we hope that you will join us for one of the two farewell events for Bishop Ely and Ann. Both events will begin with Evensong at 5:00 p.m. followed by a reception and brief program from 6:00-8:00 p.m.



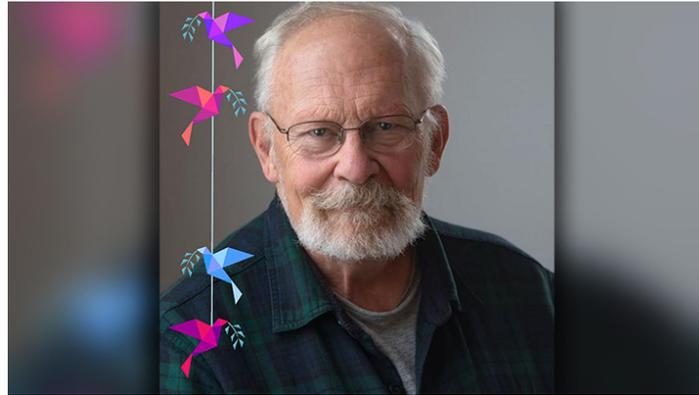
### **Sunday, June 2 (Northern Option)**

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul  
2 Cherry St., Burlington, VT

### **Saturday, June 29 (Southern Option)**

St. Michael's Episcopal Church  
16 Bradley Ave., Brattleboro

If you have any questions, contact the Transition Committee at [TC@diovermont.org](mailto:TC@diovermont.org).



## The Rev. Bob Stuhlmann Answers Priest-in-Partnership Call at Calvary Underhill

### *New Template Expands Possibilities for Alternative Ministry Models in Vermont*

By Maurice L. Harris

UNDERHILL, VT – The vestry of Calvary Episcopal Church recently announced that the Rev. Bob Stuhlmann has accepted a call as the parish’s new Priest-in-Partnership. Bob’s first day in his new role was May 1. Specially tailored to the needs and resources of the Calvary congregation, Bob’s new role represents an exciting possibility for alternative ministry models in small congregations.

Senior Warden Jack Manning explained, “Calvary has managed to structure a flexible model where 40 to 45 of our Sundays can be covered supply clergy, one of whom is our new priest-in-partnership and the remainder of Sundays covered by lay ministers.” This arrangement alleviates the financial and administrative challenges small congregations often face when trying to create and maintain a regular staff position.

“The priest is not tasked with administrative responsibilities,” Jack continued. “The congregation takes that on. We also provide a stipend for pastoral care and additional funding for local outreach, such as furthering our partnership with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church or acting on future outreach opportunities.”

Bob, who is currently retired from full-time work, said the arrangement is working well for him.

“I developed a relationship with Calvary over a number of years while serving as supply clergy,” he said. “This new template for ministry enables me to get involved with the congregation on a deeper level and grow with them in areas that I may be uniquely called to fill.”

One example, Bob explained, is the congregation’s ongoing partnership with the Rev. Dr. Arnold Thomas, pastor of the nearby Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, who

has been hosting a [Racism in America lecture series](#) at his home church and partnering with Calvary on the Way Cool Summer Service.

“Things have evolved in this country so much in terms of race, and I have wanted to dedicate much more of my time to issues of white privilege,” Bob said. “My prior experience—born and raised in Boston, serving with interracial groups—really formed an early sense of my call. My stories could be useful in helping white people think of themselves in relationship with people of color—getting to know people of color.”

Bob is pleased with some of the work the Diocesan Racial Reconciliation and Racial Healing Network has been doing, as well. He noted that he recently viewed an episode of the [Where Do We Go From Here? video series](#) that featured Rebecca Flewelling, a member of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Burlington, who Bob remembers as his camp counselor from years ago.

Bob added, “One advantage of accepting the call at Calvary during my retirement is that I can develop my inner life more than was possible when I was constantly at work in the parish.”

To that end, Bob has been singing with the Burlington Choral Society Since 2010, enjoys reading (and re-reading) the works of Richard Rohr and Cynthia Bourgeault, and looks forward to farming his community garden plot at Rock Point.

“The plot is bigger than I thought, but I’ll see what happens,” he laughed.

Bob and his wife Jena Guenther reside in Burlington.

Photo: Caleb Kenna/SEVEN DAYS



## Artist Katie Runde Embraces the Holy and the Cow: Link to Seven Days Article

*Kudos to Katie Runde on her recent feature in Seven Days! Katie, a free-lance artist and musician, is a member of Christ Church Bethel, a postulant for ordination, and a member of the Green Mountain Witness Team.*

Katie Runde squints a lot while she works, the better to see the contours of what she's trying to create. On a cold, wet day in early May, that happened to be a three-dimensional, 10-by-26-foot chalk mural of a Holstein. Rendered on pavement at Middlebury College, the cow was decked out in bougainvillea and other flora that are as nettlesome to spell as they are to depict in a blunt, dry medium...[Read the complete article by Chelsea Edgar in Seven Days!](#)



## Appreciating Appreciative Inquiry

Canon Lynn Bates submitted this photo of the people of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Colchester following an Appreciative Inquiry meeting she co-facilitated on May 5 with Ministry Discernment Committee (MDC) co-chairs Bill Mare and Sue Tschorn. St. Andrews is a congregation in transition, and Appreciative Inquiry is one of several methods by which the MDC gathers information about what the congregation's needs and desires in its future clergy.

Photo: WCAX



## Teens Get on Board with Boat Project: Link to WCAX Story

Six teenagers from the Addison Central Teens Center built this boat during their February and April school vacations... They had a little help from boat builder, Ed McGuire and several other volunteers from Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, Middlebury! The boat called, The Edge of Glory, was raffled off on Monday. [View the complete story on WCAX!](#)



## Sudanese Festival Recap and Update: Link to Channel 17 Video

On April 29, Channel 17 host Lauren-Glenn Davitian spoke with Chol Dhoor, executive director of the Sudanese Foundation of Vermont, and Professor Rick Lunt, Champlain College Business School, to discuss the recent Sudanese Festival at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul Burlington, Rock Point Summer Camp fundraising efforts, and the work of mutual aid with Sudanese families and community partners. [Click here to watch or download the video!](#)

## Updated Supply Clergy List

The diocesan website has been updated with the latest Supply Clergy list. [To locate this document, click here.](#)

# A Message from Bishop Ely: Things That Make You Say, “Alleluia!”



**Alleluiafund**  
CHRIST IS RISEN IN OUR DEEDS

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Print this as a  
full- or half-page  
bulletin insert!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

For Christians across the globe, the Great Fifty Days of Easter is dedicated to stories of deliverance and proclamations about the risen Christ. Throughout The Episcopal Church in Vermont, *we* have a unique opportunity to join in the Eastertide celebration through our contributions to the 2019 *Alleluiafund*, where we declare, “Christ is Risen in Our Deeds!”

The *Alleluiafund* was established to support vital ministries beyond the capacity of our diocesan budget, and every dollar raised goes directly to selected ministries. Historically, the selected ministries have included Rock Point Camp, Rock Point Commons and various other outreach ministries, agreed upon at each year’s Annual Convention. This year, we agreed to focus on Rock Point, Rock Point Camp, and ministries related to the priorities set by our Presiding Bishop and the General Convention: Reconciliation, Evangelism, and Creation Care.

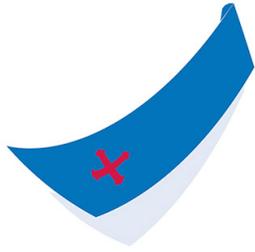
Beginning this Easter, take a moment to consider all the things that make you say, “Alleluia!” Then join Ann and me in making your contribution to the 2019 *Alleluiafund*. Help us reach this year’s goal of \$40,000 by making a contribution to **things that make you say, “Alleluia!”**

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The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Ely  
Bishop of Vermont

Learn more and contribute at <https://diovermont.org/alleluiafund>





PROVINCE I  
SCHOOL FOR DEACONS

## Job Posting: Dean of Province I School for Deacons

Seeking: Dean of Province I School for Deacons. The Dean of the Province I School of Deacon is responsible for the development, oversight, and implementation of the School for Deacons of the participating Episcopal diocese in New England. The job is a combination of teacher and program administrator. The Dean works collaboratively with Formation colleagues in the Province. The Dean tracks each student's process in the school and oversees other administrative roles for each student. The Dean is primarily responsible for overseeing the eight academic online sessions and written assignments. The Dean designs quarterly retreat weekends collaboratively with the other diocesan coordinators. The Dean is also the primary staff contact for the school and will work in collaboration with Archdeacon in RI and Director of Formation in Western Massachusetts, and other colleagues as appropriate. The position is part-time (¼ time) with costs shared among the dioceses. [Read More & Apply](#)



## Vermont Ecumenical Council Offers Updates on Christian Events

Just imagine if there was a way to coordinate hundreds of Churches and tens of thousands of Christians in a matter of minutes. Imagine if there was an easy way to find all the Christian events happening in your area in just a few seconds. And imagine if you could share your own church news to the whole VT Christian community with just one click. These are just a few hopes the new Vermont Ecumenical Council has. As we build up our readership and network, if you are not a member yet we ask you prayerfully [consider joining by visiting our site](#). To read about upcoming events read our latest [VECNC Christian Cooperation Newsletter](#).

## FROM THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Executive Council of The Episcopal Church will meet June 10-13, 2019 at the Conference Center at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum Heights, Maryland. Media representatives wishing to attend the meeting must secure credentials. Pre-registration for all media is required; contact Lisa Webb, associate officer for Public Affairs, at [info@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:info@episcopalchurch.org). Please note: Media attending are responsible for their own housing, meals, and transportation costs. Media can purchase lunch tickets at the front desk of the conference center for \$20. [Read More](#)

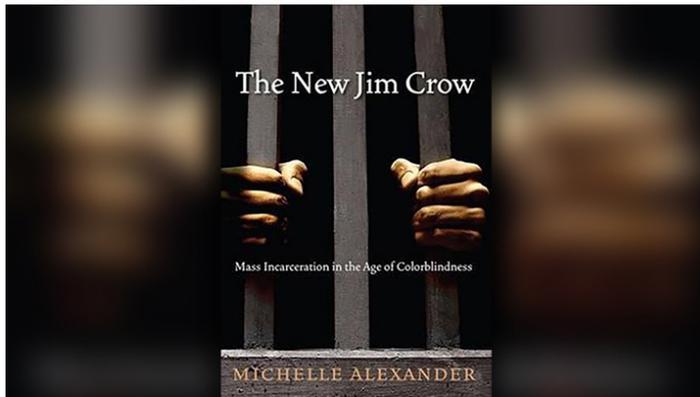
The Rev. Mary Frances Schjonberg, Episcopal News Service's senior editor and reporter, has announced to Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and other colleagues her intention to retire July 1. She joined the Presiding Bishop's staff in September 2005. [Read More](#)

Traveling the Way of Love, Episode 3: Worship, the latest installment of a new video series from The Episcopal Church Office of Communication, premieres May 28, 3:00pm EDT on The Episcopal Church website and on The Episcopal Church Facebook page. [Read More](#)

The following statement from Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is in tribute to Rachel Held Evans: "Today is a sad day for our Church and for everyone who found the path home to our loving, liberating, life-giving God because of Rachel Held Evans. She was a fearless seeker of truth and servant of Jesus, and her witness will inspire and heal generations to come..." [Read More](#)

During their meeting April 29-30, 2019 at First United Methodist Church in Austin, Texas, the members of The Episcopal Church - United Methodist Dialogue Committee agreed to send a resolution for full communion to be considered by the Council of Bishops and for possible consideration by the 2020 General Conference of The United Methodist Church. [Read More](#)

## EVENTS: NEW & FEATURED



### ‘The New Jim Crow’ Book Discussion at Kimball Library, June 4

RANDOLPH, VT – The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander will be the topic of a book discussion at the Kimball Library, 67 N Main St, Randolph, VT on June 4 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Author and Legal Scholar Michelle Alexander argues that “we have not ended racial caste in America: we have merely redesigned it.” She explains that by targeting black men through the War on Drugs and decimating communities of color, the U.S. criminal justice system functions as a contemporary system of racial control, relegating millions to a permanent second-class status, even as it formally adheres to the principle of colorblindness.

In the words of Benjamin Todd Jealous, president and CEO of the NAACP, The New Jim Crow is a “call to action” – Amazon.com

Alan Berolzheimer will be leading the discussion. As described on the Vermont Humanities website: *Alan Berolzheimer has directed the book publishing program of the Vermont Historical Society since 1998. He is also the project historian and assistant director of The Flow of History, a Teaching American History program providing professional development activities to Vermont teachers. Alan received a Ph.D. in 20th-century U.S. History from the University of Virginia in 1996. He lives in Norwich.*

This book discussion is co-sponsored by the Randolph group Focus on Racial Equality (FORE).

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### The Chavez Forum for the Humanities to Host Literary Analysis Retreat at Rock Point, July 27

BURLINGTON, VT – Attention, literature lovers! The Chavez Forum for the Humanities invites you to register and attend “Literary Humanities, Empathy, and Social Progress,” a one-day literary analysis retreat to be held on July 27 at Rock Point Center in beautiful Burlington, Vermont. Want to explore the writings of Ralph W. Emerson, Harriet B. Stowe, Martin L King, Betty Friedan, Upton Sinclair and others, and how they speak to our current social challenges involving the environment, immigrants’ plight, women’s identity and the #MeToo movement, animal rights, and racial justice in America? Details and registration: <https://liberalartsandscie.wixsite.com/mysite>

#### ROCK POINT INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY WISDOM PRACTICE CIRCLE

Semi-monthly Meetings  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m. First Thursdays  
5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Fourth Mondays  
Except when otherwise noted.

Rock Point Center  
20 Rock Point Rd., Burlington, VT

**Next Meeting:  
Monday, May 27 @ 5:00 p.m.**





## Get certified as a disaster chaplain!

Now more than ever, communities across the United States are facing unprecedented natural and human-caused disasters. Spiritual first-aid is an essential part of response and recovery, and volunteer chaplains are on the front lines in delivering disaster human service operations and disaster site operations.

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The Beecken Center, in partnership with the National Disaster Interfaiths Network (NDIN), invites clergy and lay spiritual caregivers of all faiths to take this disaster chaplaincy training on the beautiful campus of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, July 15-17, 2019. Participants who complete this certification can volunteer in their own diocese or faith community, or with NDIN and its national partners. NDIN can also assist unaffiliated volunteers in finding disaster spiritual care volunteer opportunities in local communities across the United States.

Emergency managers and disaster mental health professionals may also take this course to develop their knowledge of best practices in disaster spiritual care.

When: July 15-17, 2019

Location: The University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.

Tuition: \$570

Tuition includes breakfast, lunch, and all training materials. Lodging is not included...

***Read the complete announcement for eligibility and registration details.***



## 'Downstream' Explores Parental Incarceration in VT, May 23

HARTFORD, VT - *Downstream* is a thought-provoking Vermont documentary about the effects of parental incarceration, and actions that can be life-changing for the children and their families. The film highlights Camp Agape, which is a ministry of The Episcopal Church in Vermont. See *downstream* on May 23, 6:30 p.m. at Briggs Opera House, Hartford, VT. A discussion will follow the screening. Free and open to the public. RESERVATIONS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED. Reserve your seat by going to: <http://www.lrcvt.org>.

## New Safe Church Certification Session, June 8

ARLINGTON, VT - A new Safe Church Certification session has been added to the diocesan calendar: Saturday, June 8, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church, Arlington. In addition to the newly-added June 8 session, Safe Church Certification is also offered on June 22, September 14, and October 1. Register online at <https://form.jotform.com/50365047404954>.

As a reminder, within the first six months of employment or assignment, all clergy, lay employees of the diocese, and volunteers authorized by vestry and clergy to work on behalf of their congregation in situations considered high-risk for sexual misconduct are required to obtain and maintain Safe Church Certification. Read [the Diocesan Policy on Safe Church training](#) for more information.

## Reminder: Sacred Ground Race Dialogue Series Offers Webinars, May 6 & June 11

As a reminder, individuals or groups interested in learning more about Sacred Ground: a film-based dialogue series on race and faith are invited to an introductory webinar hosted by Katrina Browne, Sacred Ground curriculum developer, and producer/director of the acclaimed documentary *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North*, and the Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, canon to the Presiding Bishop for evangelism, reconciliation, and creation care. This free one-hour webinar is offered Tuesday, June 11 at 1:00 p.m. [Register Here](#)

In the webinars, Canon Spellers and Ms. Browne share the “why and how” of the Sacred Ground series. Participants will be walked through the online Sacred Ground curriculum and resources, including the password-protected pages, to receive an overview of all the elements of this resource. There will be time for questions. Registration is required. [Read More](#)

## Rock Point Intentional Community Monthly Eucharist

Eucharist takes place on 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays at noon except in summer and when otherwise noted.

Located in the Chapel of St. Michael & All Angels at Rock Point Center  
20 Rock Point Road, Burlington

**Next Eucharist:  
Friday, June 14 @ 6:00 p.m.**



## CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

For additional details, visit the [Diocesan Calendar](#).

Every third Wednesday at 7:00 PM, Celtic Evensong at St. Mark's, 44 2nd St, Newport, VT. [Read More](#)

May 18 at 10:00 a.m. Electing Convention at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 2 Cherry St., Burlington, VT. [Read More](#)

May 20-21 Preservation Trust of Vermont to host Churches & Sacred Places Retreat in Grand Isle, VT, [Read More](#)

May 23 at 6:30 p.m. "Downstream" film screening at Briggs Opera House, Hartford, VT. [Read More](#)

June 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Volunteers will be working at Rock Point to finish the fence and plant the garden. Contact [jackieinv@gmail.com](mailto:jackieinv@gmail.com) if you'd like to join in!

June 2 Farewell event for Bishop Tom and Ann Ely at Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 2 Cherry St. Burlington, VT. Evensong at 5 p.m. Program from 6 to 8 p.m.

June 4 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. *The New Jim Crow* book discussion at the Kimball Library, 67 N. Main St, Randolph, VT. [Read More](#)

June 8 from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Safe Church Certification at St. James' Episcopal Church, Arlington, VT. [Read More](#)

June 11 at 1:00 p.m. Sacred Ground Race Dialog Series Informational Webinar. [Read More](#)

June 29 Farewell event for Bishop Tom and Ann Ely at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 16 Bradley Ave., Brattleboro, VT. Evensong at 5 p.m. Program from 6 to 8 p.m.

July 27 Literary Analysis Retreat at Rock Point Center. [Read More](#)

## Save the Date: Annual Women's Retreat at Rock Point, Nov. 15-16

SAVE THE DATE for the annual Women's Retreat at Rock Point Center (formerly Bishop Booth Conference Center). Sign-in will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 15. Participants will be able to meditate in the chapel or walk the trails. The retreat will begin with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and will end at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 16. More details to come!

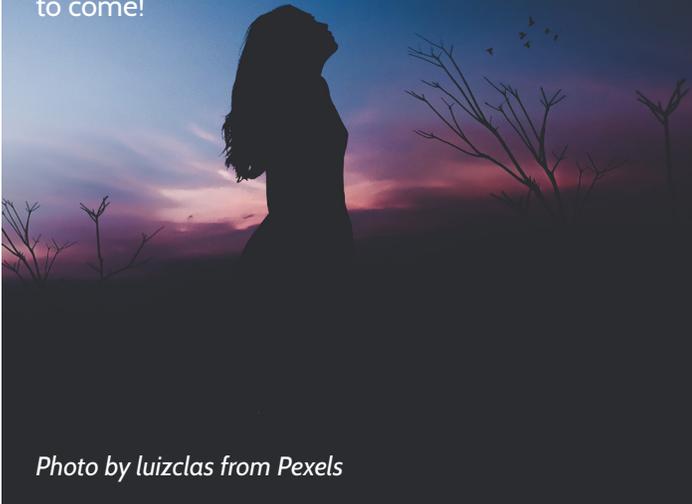


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## BISHOP ELY'S 2019 VISITATION SCHEDULE

Schedule is subject to change.  
Watch the [Bishop's Page](#) for updates.

### MAY

- 19-St. Martin's, Fairlee
- 22-St. Mark's, Newport
- 26-Trinity, Shelburne
- 30-St. John's in the Mountains, Stowe
- 31-St. Peter's, Lyndonville

### JUNE

- 2-Holy Trinity, Swanton
- 9-Grace Church, Sheldon
- 11-St. Barnabas, Norwich
- 16-St. Paul's, Canaan
- 19-Gethsemane, Proctorsville
- 26-Immanuel, Bellows Falls
- 28-St. James, Arlington
- 30-St. John's, Essex, NY



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