



The Episcopal Diocese of Vermont

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“A Historic Day”: Diocesan Convention Approves THRIVE Recommendations

During her **convention address** on October 13, Bishop Shannon said that by passing the canonical changes proposed by **THRIVE**, “it is not an exaggeration to say that you will have created a new diocese here in Vermont. You will have created a new container for mission that can help all of our congregations work more effectively for the spread of the gospel in our state.”



Later that evening, convention went on to approve a streamlined diocesan structure that includes a new Committee on Congregational Development and a Commission on Finance, and voted for leaders to populate them. Delegates also elected deputies to the 2024 General Convention, adopted the 2023 budget, and approved clergy compensation minimums.

Visit the **convention webpage** for a summary of convention business, watch the **recording of the business session**, and watch a video of Bishop Shannon's **convention address**:



Kelly Kimball Named Rock Point Commons Executive Director



Kelly Kimball, a Burlington resident with 20 years of worldwide experience in supporting donor-funded local development programs, has been named executive director of Rock Point Commons, Bishop Shannon MacVean-Brown, president of the Rock Point board, announced today.

Kimball, an associate in the government and democracy sector at Tetra Tech ARD in Burlington, has worked extensively as a project manager, new business developer, and team leader on projects focusing on environmental stewardship, youth participation, community engagement gender equity and social inclusion.

“We are excited to have someone with Kelly’s varied and considerable experience as our new executive director,” Bishop MacVean-Brown said. “Her skills are an excellent match for our needs, as we seek to maintain Rock Point Commons on a firm financial footing, preserve its bountiful natural beauty and enhance the community’s awareness of what Rock Point Commons has to offer.”

[**Read more.**](#)

Re-Member: A Day of Healing, Celebration and Hope



The in-person portion of diocesan convention took place on Saturday, October 5 at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Burlington.

"As we commit ourselves to the mission of Jesus and vitality of our diocesan household, may we be animated by the power and of love of God and love for this diocese," Bishop Shannon said during her **convention sermon**. "And of course, continue to step out of the boat and, like Peter, go closer to Jesus."

The program featured keynotes from the **Rev. Lorenzo Lebrija**, founding director of **TryTank**, and the **Rev. Whitney Rice**, canon

for evangelism & discipleship development in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri.

Download the bulletin and **watch the recording on YouTube**.

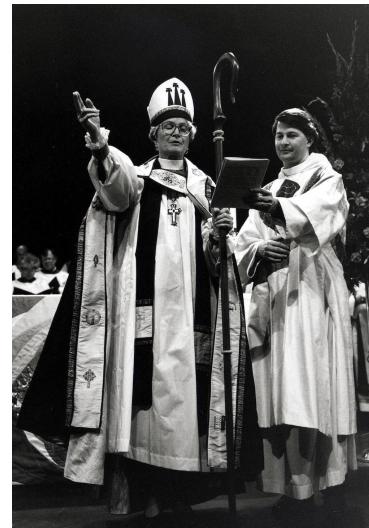
In Memoriam: The Rt. Rev. Mary Adelia Rosamond McLeod

On Wednesday, October 12, Bishop Shannon sent the following message to the people of the Diocese of Vermont.

Dear People of God:

With sorrow, I am writing to tell you that the Rt. Rev. Mary Adelia McLeod, Ninth Bishop of Vermont, died this afternoon at her home in Charleston, West Virginia, after a long illness.

Since I became your bishop, Mary Adelia has encouraged and supported me, sharing with me the wisdom she gained during her time as your bishop. I will miss her kindness, her counsel, and her wise spirit. I am honored and humbled to carry her legacy forward in our ministry together.

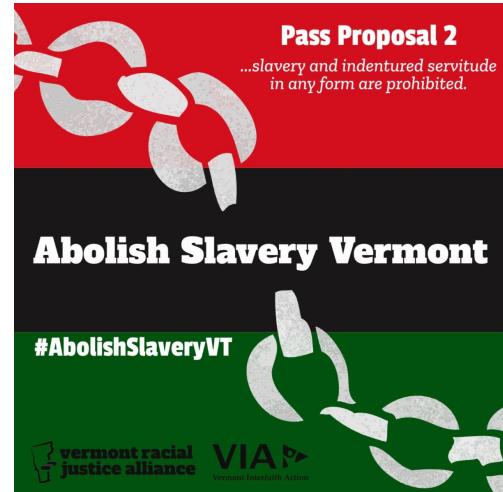


Read Bishop Shannon's entire message and an obituary on **the diocesan website**, and read about Bishop McLeod's life in the **Charleston Gazette-Mail** and the **New York Times**.

Join the Abolish Slavery VT Campaign
Vermont Interfaith Action and the Vermont Racial Justice Alliance

While Vermonters are often told that the Green Mountain State was the first to abolish slavery, the Vermont constitution includes three exceptions to this prohibition: those under age 21, those who consent to being enslaved, and as punishment for debts, damages and fines.

Vermont Interfaith Action and the **Vermont Racial Justice Alliance** are supporting the passage of **Proposal 2**, which would amend the state constitution to prohibit slavery and indentured servitude in all forms. It has passed the legislature twice, and will be on the ballot on November 8.



In addition to voting for Proposal 2, Vermonters can join in canvassing efforts:

- **Pledge** to vote "yes."
- Request a lawn sign for your home by emailing office@viavt.org with your name and address to have a sign dropped off for you.
- Phone bank from home on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The remaining dates for phone banking are October 26 and 27 and November 2 and 3. [Email office@viavt.org](mailto:office@viavt.org) with your name, email, and phone number to sign up. The phone banking system is fully automated.

[Read more](#) from Vermont Interfaith Action.

Video: 2022 Investment Committee Meeting



The Investment Committee of the Trustees of the Diocese held their annual briefing for congregations on October 17 via Zoom. Investment managers Michael McCormack and Brigitte White along with Chair of the Trustees of the

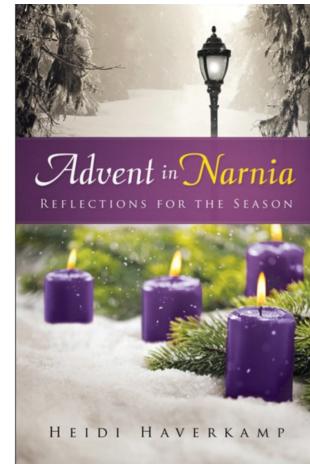
Diocese Sarah Cowan, Investment Committee Chair Ellen McCulloch-Lovell, other members of the Investment Committee, and Diocesan Treasurer Paul Horn discussed the diocese's investments and the **Unit Fund**.

[Watch a recording of the meeting.](#)

Celtic Advent Weekly Meditation Starting November 14 Monday through Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Anam Cara Sojourners, a group that explores Celtic spirituality and is directed by the Rev. Kim Hardy of St. James, Essex Junction, is hosting Celtic-themed weekday meditation and prayer during Advent.

The group will gather on Zoom Monday through Friday at 8:30 a.m., beginning November 14. Each morning the Rev. Kim Hardy or the Rev. Dr. Fred Moser will lead a prayer service and offer a brief reflection. The accompanying text for this year's services will be **Advent in Narnia by Heidi Haverkamp**. Everyone is welcome, and participants do not need to commit to attending every day.



[Email the Rev. Kim Hardy](#) to receive the Zoom link.

Episcopal Migration Ministries 2023 Calendar Features Kelly Latimore Icons

Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) has partnered with **iconographer Kelly Latimore** to create a **monthly calendar** featuring depictions of refugees, asylum seekers, and displaced persons. The 2023 calendar includes a newly commissioned triptych for EMM—titled “Build a Longer Table”—featuring the holy family and representations of individuals served by EMM during more than 80 years of ministry.



Calendars will be sent to EMM's monthly donors. [Learn more and become a monthly donor.](#)

Image: The 2023 calendar includes a newly commissioned triptych for EMM featuring the holy family.

Cathedral Arts Presents Maurice Clerc October 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Renowned French organist Maurice Clerc will perform on October 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the **Cathedral Church of St. Paul**. The program will include varied works from composers such as Bach, Buxtehude, and Jean Langlais.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students. Tickets can be **purchased online**.

[Learn more.](#)



Rock Point Intentional Community Eucharist October 21

The next **Rock Point Intentional Community** Eucharist will take place on Friday, October 21 at noon in the Van Dyck Lounge. This month's theme will be healing prayer and ministry, remembering St. Luke the Evangelist. The service will include Celtic-style prayers.

Attendees may join in person or on Zoom. Please send an email to **the Rev. Lisette Baxter** to request the link.



Email **the Rev. Lisette Baxter**, a member of the Rock Point Intentional Community planning team, with questions, to receive directions, or to be added to the community's mailing list.

Online Election Day Prayers November 8 at 8 p.m.

As polls begin to close on November 8 for the U.S. midterm elections, everyone is invited to join an election day prayer gathering online hosted by the Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations.

Tune in from 8 p.m. to midnight via the **Episcopal Public Policy Network Facebook page** or the **Episcopal Church Facebook page**. Viewers do not need a Facebook profile to participate.

[Learn more.](#)



Advent Retreat with Episcopal Asiamerica Ministries November 21 and 22 online

On November 21 and 22, **Episcopal Asiamerica Ministries** will hold an online advent retreat, A Virtual Teaching and Sharing on the Second Coming of Christ.

Sessions will take place in the evening from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. and include lectures, group discussions, and scripture meditation. The retreat will be led by the Rev. Canon Fred Vergara, missioner for **Asiamerica Ministries of The Episcopal Church**.



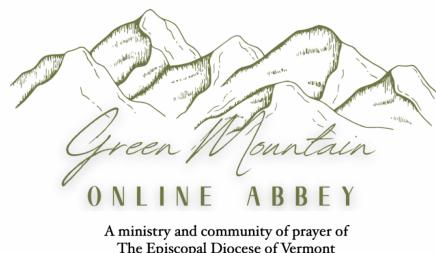
[Register for the online retreat.](#)

Daily Online Prayer With the Green Mountain Online Abbey Monday through Saturday at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Sundays at 8 p.m.

The 8 p.m. Sunday services of evening prayer with the Green Mountain Online Abbey are dedicated to racial healing.

The Green Mountain Online Abbey meets on Zoom Monday through Saturday at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 8 p.m.

Learn more on the [diocesan website](#).



CYCLE OF PRAYER

October 23: St. Paul's, Windsor; Betty Cyr, Senior Warden

October 30: St. James, Woodstock; the Rev. Amy Spagna

[Find the cycle of prayer on the website.](#)

EVENTS CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

(See the [Diocesan Calendar](#) for details.)

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October 21 at 12 p.m.: Rock Point Intentional Community Eucharist

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