

### **Gun Violence Prevention Conversation Series**

*Tuesday, May 6, 7 p.m., via Zoom.*

The next offering in the [Gun Violence Prevention Conversation Series](#) will focus on the work around gun violence prevention happening in our churches, with members from several diocesan congregations on hand to share their stories and answer your questions. There is no cost to attend, but registration for the Zoom link is required. We hope you will join us! [Register.](#)

### **All Formation Dinner**

*Thursday, May 8, 5:30 p.m. (Gather), 6-7:30 p.m. (Dinner + program), at Holy Trinity, Greensboro*

Join children & families, youth, adult and intergenerational ministries for an evening of connection, conversation and celebration with fellow formation leaders from across the diocese. Whether your ministry serves children, youth, families or adults--or spans generations--we invite you to share a meal, raise a mocktail and be refreshed by community.

This special evening will be guided by Bishop Jennifer Brooke-Davidson and the Rev. Kelly Ryan as we reflect on our shared vision for making disciples of all ages. All volunteer and paid formation leaders are invited. We hope you will join us and bring colleagues from your congregation! [Register.](#)

### **Attracting and Retaining Millennial and Gen Z Members**

*Tuesday, May 20, 6:30-8 p.m., via Zoom*

Millennials are the most church-ed group in church, believe it or not! If your congregation is looking for more young members, this is the webinar for you. Join TENS (The Episcopal Network for Stewardship) as they examine some simple steps every congregation can take to attract and retain younger members, deepen discipleship and form generous donors. Because the diocese is a member of TENS, we can share their resources with our churches, for free. The webinar will be recorded. [Register.](#)

### **NEW: Join the Diocese in the Holy Land**

*October 23 – November 3*

This fall, the Diocese of North Carolina is planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by the Rev. David Umphlett, who will be joined by Bishop Sam Rodman, Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple and pilgrims from across the diocese. The journey includes time at sites that bring Scripture to life, including Jerusalem, Nazareth, the Jordan River and Bethlehem.

The 12-day trip cost includes accommodations, land transportation, fees, tips and guest speakers. The cost is expected to be \$2,845 per person (double occupancy), and travelers are responsible for their own airfare.

Registration will open soon; for more information or to express your interest in this trip, please contact the Rev. David Umphlett. [Learn more.](#)

[Video invitation from Bishop Sam](#)

## **HUGS Camp Buddy Camper and Staff Applications Open**

Helping Understand God through Sharing: HUGS is a unique camp for unique people, bringing together young people of diverse abilities. Campers with disabilities are paired with high school age buddy campers to experience a week of traditional church summer camp, with field games, swimming, arts and crafts, campfires, songs, shared meals, worship, and special events--like a talent show, dance or a carnival--each evening.

Campers and helper campers overcome barriers of real and imagined differences and build bridges of understanding as the buddy campers help their campers with activities, eat with them, and attend to their hygiene and self-care needs to make sure everyone has an amazing week of summer camp. HUGS is about acknowledging the good creation in each of us and more fully knowing and loving our God through it. The great differences among campers, buddy campers and staff help all of us learn to appreciate and celebrate our diversity as we recognize our common ground.

We need rising 9th-12th grade youth to serve as buddy campers for our campers with disabilities and college age and above folks to apply for staff positions.

[Learn more and apply.](#)