2022 BISHOP'S PARTNERSHIP APPEAL

BOOK OF DREAMS



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Greetings in Christ,

The 2022 Bishop's Book of Dreams appeal is a collaborative year-end process designed to support our congregations and institutions of our diocese directly. I encourage you to be an applicant for a spot in The Book of Dreams. Last year, a total of roughly $28,000 was received in appeal donations, 100% of which went straight to the designated recipients.

Over the past nine years, many ministries in our diocese have received the benefits of the partnership between the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California and the Episcopal Foundation of Northern California (EFNC). Some of the programs have diocesan-wide benefits; others invest in more localized efforts.

This is a Partnership of people who love The Episcopal Church in Northern California. It is an opportunity for each of us to support the ministries and organizations we believe in and equip them for the future. When we give in this way, our Church becomes more vital, better able to reach out and engage in the work God calls us to do.

We are thrilled to share with you the 2022 Bishop's Book of Dreams. The Book of Dreams presents a brief overview of dream project and ministries across the diocese. Because this is an interactive book, you can click on the "Give to this Dream" button on each page. If you wish to support more than one dream Project/Ministry, you will need to complete a separate giving form for each one.

In Christ,



The Rt. Rev. Megan M. Traquair

Bishop, The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California

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EDUCATION SUPPORT FOR DEACONS



PROGRAM/MINISTRY: ARCHDEACON'S FUND FOR EDUCATION
LOCATION: EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
CAMPAIGN FUNDING GOAL: $5,000

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/MINISTRY:

The Archdeacon's Fund for Education provides financial support for postulants and candidates in our diocese who are studying to become deacons in the Episcopal Church. Episcopal deacons are not typically paid for their church work. They are expected to support themselves and their families through other means, such as secular employment, retirement savings, or pensions. During the process of discernment and formation for ordained ministry, postulants and candidates often struggle to pay for their education and the associated costs of the ordination. process.

HOW DOES THE WORK OF THIS PROGRAM/ MINISTRY REFLECT OUR MISSION, "MAKING DISCIPLES, RAISING UP SAINTS & TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES FOR CHRIST?"

Deacons play a key role in connecting the church with the needs, hopes, and concerns of the communities in which they serve and the wider world. Leading by example, they inspire, empower, and enable the people of the church to live the promises we make at baptism: to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves and respecting the dignity of every human being. As such, deacons help us to build the Beloved Community, transforming Communities for Christ.

HOW DO YOU SEE APPEAL FUNDS IMPACTING THE PROGRAM/MINISTRY'S GOALS?

The appeal funds will help achieve the goal of making it possible for postulants and candidates for the diaconate to pursue their call without regard to their financial situation.

HOW WILL FUNDS BE USED?

The funds would be used to offer partial scholarships (for tuition, books, training, and associated formation costs) to postulants and candidates in the ordination process who are studying to become deacons in the Episcopal Church.

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CAMP LIVING WATERS

PROGRAM/MINISTRY: CAMP LIVING WATERS
LOCATION: ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ARCATA
CAMPAIGN FUNDING GOAL: $1,200

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/MINISTRY:

Camp Living Waters is a yearly one-week non-profit Episcopal camp in Redwood Valley, Humboldt County. It is a loving, Spirit-filled week based around daily Worship, Bible study, swimming, crafts, outdoor games and nightly campfire where creativity and joy rule. We stargaze, we sing, we eat nutritious delicious food. This past year our theme, which guides our worship, Bible study, and other activities was Space Camp: To Godfinity, and Beyond! and we are brainstorming a theme for next year!

HOW DOES THE WORK OF THIS PROGRAM/MINISTRY REFLECT OUR MISSION, "MAKING DISCIPLES, RAISING UP SAINTS & TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES FOR CHRIST?"

We structure our Worship and Bible study around helping kids explore their faith and ask questions. We work to be a place where kids have fun and make lifelong friends while building a Christian community where values of love, compassion, charity, tolerance, cooperation and faith are lived. We seek to show kids the value of Christian faith and community, and to teach them how to live those values out in the world beyond Camp. We hope that this will encourage kids to maintain a connection to the Church, and follow the path of Christ in their lives.

HOW DO YOU SEE APPEAL FUNDS IMPACTING THE PROGRAM/MINISTRY'S GOALS?

Every year around a third of our kids require "Camperships" (scholarships) for Camp to be accessible to their families. Many of our kids are underprivileged. Especially in this time when so many are struggling financially, we do not want to have to turn anyone away for lack of funds. Our staff is almost entirely volunteer, and we work hard to keep costs low. We depend on donations and support from programs like the Bishop's Partnership Program to provide Camperships while also continually improving safety and programming to make Camp more impactful.

HOW WILL FUNDS BE USED?

The funds will be used to provide 6 Camperships (registration scholarship) to families who cannot otherwise afford the $200 registration fee, including low-income and foster families.

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THE CENTER AT ST.MATTHEW'S

PROGRAM/MINISTRY: THE CENTER AT ST. MATTHEWS
LOCATION: SACRAMENTO
CAMPAIGN FUNDING GOAL: $10,000

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/MINISTRY:

The Center at St. Matthew's is a community service ministry of the diocese. The Center serves Afghan refugees, homeless persons, and many other neighbors in need in the poverty-stricken Arden Arcade area of Sacramento. On campus, the Center hosts Highlands Community Charter School (an adult school offering language and literacy education to refugees and immigrants), and River City Food Bank (a large food bank serving more than 700 households per week). Beyond its campus, the Center plays a leading role in Arden Arcade HART (Homeless Assistance Resource Team). At the spiritual heart of the Center is the Mission at St. Matthew's (a bilingual congregation offering Episcopal worship, fellowship, and pastoral care in both Spanish and English).

HOW DOES THE WORK OF THIS PROGRAM/MINISTRY REFLECT OUR MISSION, "MAKING DISCIPLES, RAISING UP SAINTS & TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES FOR CHRIST?"

Lift Up Hearts. Welcome the Refugee. Feed the Hungry. Care for the Homeless. That's how The Center at St. Matthew's lives out the diocesan mission. In 2020-2021, we responded to the rise of hunger during the COVID-19 pandemic by supporting River City Food Bank's expansion. In 2021-2022, we're addressing the Afghan refugee crisis by supporting Highlands Community Charter School's expansion and partnering with resettlement agencies. Since 2019, the Center has transformed our community by organizing HART, hosting winter shelters, and coordinating eight congregations to provide meals for the homeless. Since 2002, the Mission has made disciples and raised up saints through bilingual, multicultural, and gender-inclusive worship.

HOW DO YOU SEE APPEAL FUNDS IMPACTING THE PROGRAM/MINISTRY'S GOALS?

The Bishop's Partnership Appeal is a vital connection to individual supporters throughout the diocese. This connection is especially important now, as the diocesan Board of Trustees has asked the Center at St. Matthew's to achieve a balanced budget for 2022. Every individual donation helps us to meet this goal and to continue serving the poor on behalf of the diocese. Beyond the Bishop's Appeal, the Center welcomes parishes to partner with us by giving grants, sending volunteer groups, and praying for our work and the people we serve. We would be delighted to make presentations about our work to your parish. Every new partner parish strengthens the sense that this is truly a shared ministry of our diocese.

HOW WILL FUNDS BE USED?

Donations from the 2021 Bishop's Partnership Appeal will primarily be used to respond to the Afghan refugee crisis. Located in the largest Afghan community in the US, we've been serving Afghan newcomers for several years. In 2022, we'll continue to expand classroom space for Highlands Community Charter School, which teaches English language, literacy, and life skills to more than 150 adult students per weekday--most of whom are Afghan refugees. We will also partner with refugee resettlement agencies to offer legal assistance clinics, mobile health clinics, and other new services to the Afghan community. Finally, we will continue to host River City Food Bank, which also serves Afghan families among many others.

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THE EPISCOPAL FOUNDATION

PROGRAM/MINISTRY: EPISCOPAL FOUNDATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
LOCATION: EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
CAMPAIGN FUNDING GOAL: $50,000

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/MINISTRY:

The Foundation was chartered in 1983 with a mission to complement and enhance the existing philanthropic efforts within the Diocese. We oversee a cluster of investment funds that have been established by bequests and donations from individuals for the benefit of their parishes and the Foundation. Since its inception, the Foundation has facilitated gifts worth over $40 million from individuals to parishes and organizations within our Diocese. The Foundation also administers a number of grant programs, through which we are able to make much-needed gifts of funds to organizations in our Diocese.

HOW DOES THE WORK OF THIS PROGRAM/MINISTRY REFLECT OUR MISSION, "MAKING DISCIPLES, RAISING UP SAINTS & TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES FOR CHRIST?"

When we help parishioners establish an endowment fund for their church, we help them enrich their stewardship and discipleship by committing to a long-term, meaningful legacy gift that will live long after them. Our grants, made both in the name of a grantor who established a legacy fund, or directly from the Foundation's own reserves, helps those who receive these funds to be more empowered in their ministries in their local communities. Their investments of time and effort do indeed transform their communities in the name of Christ.

HOW DO YOU SEE APPEAL FUNDS IMPACTING THE PROGRAM/MINISTRY'S GOALS?

The Foundation's goal is to give as much money as is prudently possible to as many ministries – large and small, ongoing and start-up – as we can, so that the combined visions of transformation shared by all ministries in this Diocese may be realized. The more money we have to spend, the greater our support can be.

HOW WILL FUNDS BE USED?

The Foundation is asking donors to help support our grant programs, which are funded by the Foundation's own unrestricted assets:

Mustard Seed Grants, begun in 2020, are $500 grants to promote and support small ministries at the congregation level in our Diocese. These grants are available to parishes, missions, and other Episcopal organizations in the Diocese.

Foundation Grants: The Foundation has granted $200,000 to this grant program during 2021 and 2022 to help our faith communities realize our diocesan mission. We were thrilled to have been able to award grants to 25 different parishes to support an amazing array of ministries. With sufficient funding, we can continue this ministry.

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HONDURAS COMPANION DIOCESE



PROGRAM/MINISTRY: HONDURAS COMPANION DIOCESE
LOCATION: HONDURAS AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
CAMPAIGN FUNDING GOAL: $7,000

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/MINISTRY:
The Diocese of Northern California has a long-standing companion relationship with the Episcopal Church in Honduras. The core of this relationship is person-to-person relationships developed through exchange: by welcoming clergy, lay leaders, and youth from Honduras to visit our Diocese, and by visiting them in theirs.

HOW DOES THE WORK OF THIS PROGRAM/MINISTRY REFLECT OUR MISSION, "MAKING DISCIPLES, RAISING UP SAINTS & TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES FOR CHRIST?"
At the heart of our mission is growth and transformation that stretches the boundaries our comfort zones, opening our hearts to see God acting in ways and in places we haven't known. The people of Honduras are our brothers and sisters in Christ, with abundant gifts of the Spirit and the same faith in God's promises as we have. Only they must maintain that faith, and offer those gifts, in a context marked by many hardships, injustices, and limitations. Our companion relationship enables us to better understand those challenges and the power of the Gospel to overcome them. In the process we gain a clearer understanding of ourselves and our calling.

HOW DO YOU SEE APPEAL FUNDS IMPACTING THE PROGRAM/MINISTRY'S GOALS?
As we look beyond the Covid pandemic we see an opportunity to renew and reimagine our companion relationship with Honduras, under the leadership of Bishop Traquair. Additional donations to supplement the Diocesan budget for this program will help equip an "advance team" to visit Honduras in 2023 and prepare the way for further exchanges in the near future.

HOW WILL FUNDS BE USED?
Airfare and travel expenses for Diocesan staff and leaders to visit Honduras in 2023, plus administrative and logistical costs to the Diocese of Honduras for hosting our delegation.

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INVITE | WELCOME | CONNECT

PROGRAM/MINISTRY: INVITE | WELCOME | CONNECT
LOCATION: PLACERVILLE CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR
CAMPAIGN FUNDING GOAL: ANY AMOUNT WOULD HELP

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/MINISTRY:

In addition to Godly Play, which we launched last year, we are also hosting Community Dinners quarterly. In 2022 our first dinner was "Tacos!" The second dinner was a catered Thai meal with a brief program about the Thai New Year's blessing ceremony in churches in Thailand, from veteran missionaries to Thailand. The third event was a "Cowboy BBQ." The evangelistic component to the fun program was Cowboy Poetry, with a few poems sharing the cowboy's faith. Over 50 people have attended each event, with visitors from our neighborhoos or community. Our next event will be the Lessons & Carols of Christmas, followed by a reception.

HOW DOES THE WORK OF THIS PROGRAM/ MINISTRY REFLECT OUR MISSION, "MAKING DISCIPLES, RAISING UP SAINTS & TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES FOR CHRIST?"

Since we are an older congregation living in a community where the largest & growing demographic is older, retired people, we felt that these dinners would let this age group find out about our church and be given an opportunity & invitation to explore faith in Jesus with us.

HOW DO YOU SEE APPEAL FUNDS IMPACTING THE PROGRAM/MINISTRY'S GOALS?

While some in the congregation funded a few of these dinners as an act of generosity, and suggested donations have helped cover costs of the meal and advertising, if we had funding available, others in the congregation who don't have financial means could plan to host dinners in the future that reflect their interests & gifts.

HOW WILL FUNDS BE USED?

To pay staff, utilities, supplies, and facility maintenance. We will continue to pay our Volunteer Coordinator and Parish Administrator to run this program, expanding hours as our budget allows.

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SUNDAY OPEN TABLE

PROGRAM/MINISTRY: SUNDAY OPEN TABLE
LOCATION: CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION, SANTA ROSA
CAMPAIGN FUNDING GOAL: $6,000

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/MINISTRY:

Our Church's doors open every Sunday at 6:30 a.m. to welcome more than a hundred of our neighbors in for a fresh cooked breakfast. Most of our guests are from Santa Rosa's street community. All are invited in for hot coffee, oatmeal, and cereals. A full hot breakfast is served buffet-style at 7:00 a.m.. As our guests finish breakfast, they're offered a brown-bag lunch to take away for later in the day. We also sit and drink coffee with our guests, and recognize them as our siblings in Christ. Volunteers in this ministry have gained personal insight into hunger and homelessness in our community, and have been overwhelmed by the graciousness of our guests.

HOW DOES THE WORK OF THIS PROGRAM/MINISTRY REFLECT OUR MISSION, "MAKING DISCIPLES, RAISING UP SAINTS & TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES FOR CHRIST?"

Over the years, Open Table has had many guests become volunteers, fulfilling roles such as cooking, dishwashing, cleaning, security, and serving. We encourage participatory roles for our guests, seeking their involvement and investment in the ministry. This gives the ministry a broad volunteer base, and the new volunteers an investment in the ministry that has more than once been a bridge to recovery from less-than-ideal living situations. We have found that, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, many of our guests long for personal connection. Providing a welcoming space where they will be accepted as sisters and brothers in Christ encourages them to open up, at times sharing dear stories of their childhood or past trauma.

HOW DO YOU SEE APPEAL FUNDS IMPACTING THE PROGRAM/MINISTRY'S GOALS?

Our weekly expenses are about $350 to serve roughly 80 meals. All donations would go directly to operational expenses (as we are blessed by a gracious congregation to give us kitchen space for free,), and a Diocesan Grant for capital expenses associated with reopening during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our historically largest donor, the Incarnation 100 fundraiser, has been canceled the last two years due to the pandemic. While many generous donations have kept us operating during the pandemic, we are operating without our largest donor for an indefinite amount of time in the future, and hope to maintain as much operating capital as possible to keep the ministry operating indefinitely. We historically received roughly $6,000/year from Incarnation 100, so we have set that as our fundraising goal.

HOW WILL FUNDS BE USED?

Directly for operating costs, including purchase of food, hiring of staff for dish washing, COVID-19 compliant cleaning, security, and hygiene supplies.

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THE PLAYGROUND

PROGRAM/MINISTRY: THE PLAYGROUND
LOCATION: ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SEBASTOPOL
CAMPAIGN FUNDING GOAL: $10,000 (OUT OF A TOTAL OF $100,000)

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/MINISTRY:

The Playground will be a place where community is gathered and formed at a play area and café on St. Stephen's land. It will be a safe and fun place for children to play as parents connect with others over a cup of coffee or dinner with their kids, where neighbors from a wide variety of spiritual backgrounds come together to play, to be nourished, to support one another, to have deep conversations, share their journeys, and, in the midst of their diversity, journey deeper together. The Playground challenges the assumption that we must all believe or practice similarly in order to be church together. https://www.theplaygroundsebastopol.org/

HOW DOES THE WORK OF THIS PROGRAM/MINISTRY REFLECT OUR MISSION, "MAKING DISCIPLES, RAISING UP SAINTS & TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES FOR CHRIST?"

The Playground is an opportunity to re-think what church looks like. We will make new disciples and transform communities by engaging our larger community—providing opportunities for deep conversation, joint journeying, and for the unchurched to be exposed to versions of church and Christianity that they may not anticipate. Sebastopol is largely post-Christian. Many (most?) people in our community do not believe the church has much to offer them or, at the very least, they are not looking for church in their lives. As The Playground creates opportunities for relationship and community, for deep conversation and growth toward spiritual maturity, it will provide the opportunity for all of us—inside and outside the church—to imagine new ways of being church together.

HOW DO YOU SEE APPEAL FUNDS IMPACTING THE PROGRAM/MINISTRY'S GOALS?

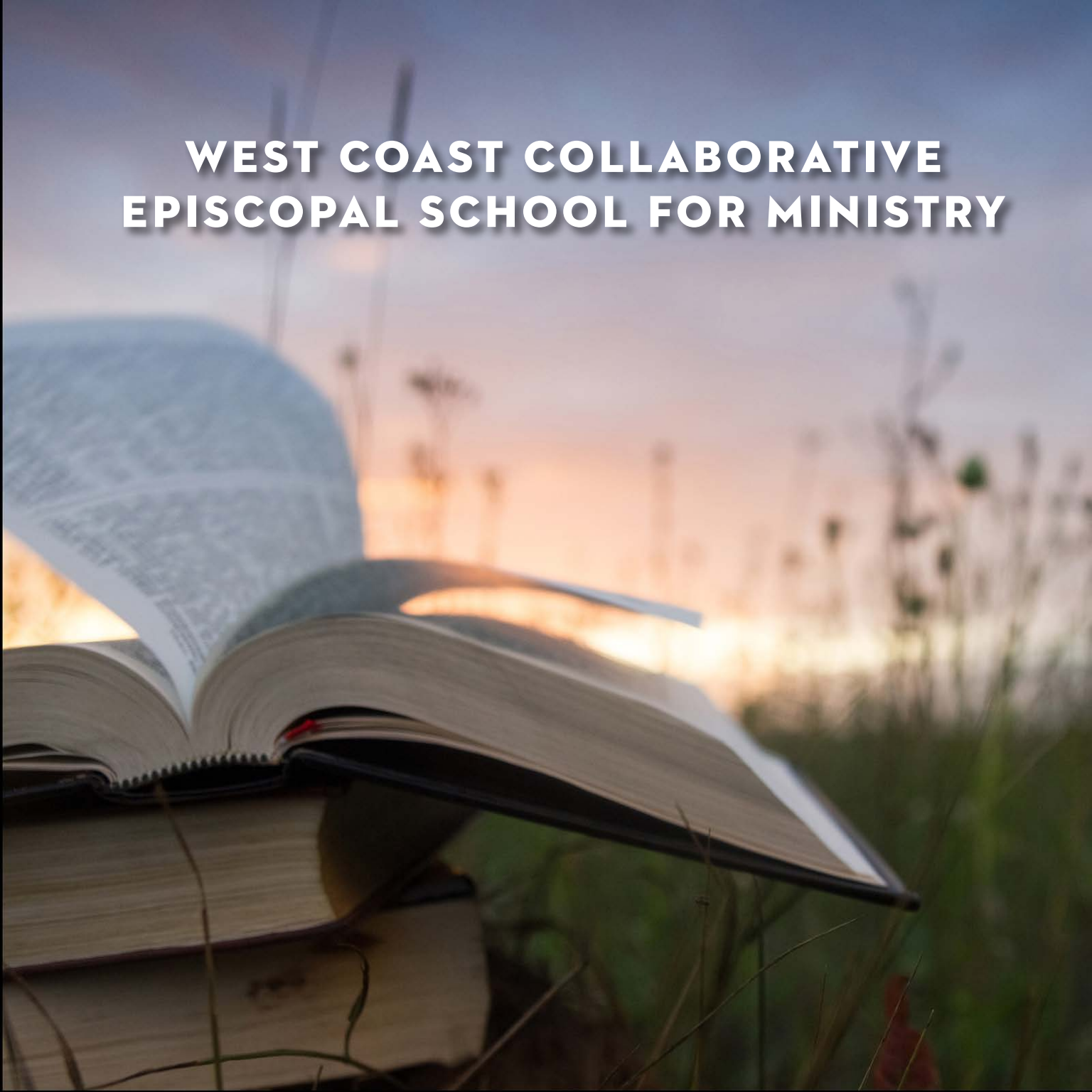
Your gifts will help to make an ambitious and important dream a reality. Most of us are aware that traditional church attendance is declining across our country. The Playground is a vision of a new model of church. It is our hope that The Playground will impact our wider diocese by building capacity in our diocese to create new models of church. Those of us at St. Stephen's will be poised to share out our learnings and support others as they develop their own visions and dreams.

HOW WILL FUNDS BE USED?

These funds would be used to help create a new model of church in a community where increasingly fewer people are part of the church. The start-up cost of the entire vision for The Playground is estimated at just under $300,000. This includes: the construction of the play area; the fully equipped containerized kitchen; tax on the kitchen; water, electrical and sewer hook ups; an ADA accessible seating area; an ADA pathway to The Playground; ADA improvements to the parking lot and existing pathways; permit fees; architect services; picnic tables; and the perimeter fence.

To date we have received $175,000 in grants and St. Stephen's has so far invested just under $30,000 in the construction of the play area. We continue to look for financial support to help make this ambitious dream a reality.

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WEST COAST COLLABORATIVE
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY

PROGRAM/MINISTRY: WEST COAST COLLABORATIVE EPISCOPAL SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY
LOCATION: DIOCESE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
GOAL: $2000

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/MINISTRY:
The West Coast Collaborative Episcopal School for Ministry is a new, combined ministry of the Dioceses of Northern California, El Camino Real, and San Diego. It provides innovative lay and diaconal formation programs based in the curriculum of the Iona Collaborative. The School is currently offering formation for lay preachers. Beginning in January 2023, it will add a program for those preparing for ordination to the Vocational Diaconate. Over time, it will continue to expand its program offerings in support of lay and ordained ministries.

HOW DOES THE WORK OF THIS PROGRAM/ MINISTRY REFLECT OUR MISSION, "MAKING DISCIPLES, RAISING UP SAINTS & TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES FOR CHRIST?"
It is the mission of the School to prepare students for ministry to the people of God.

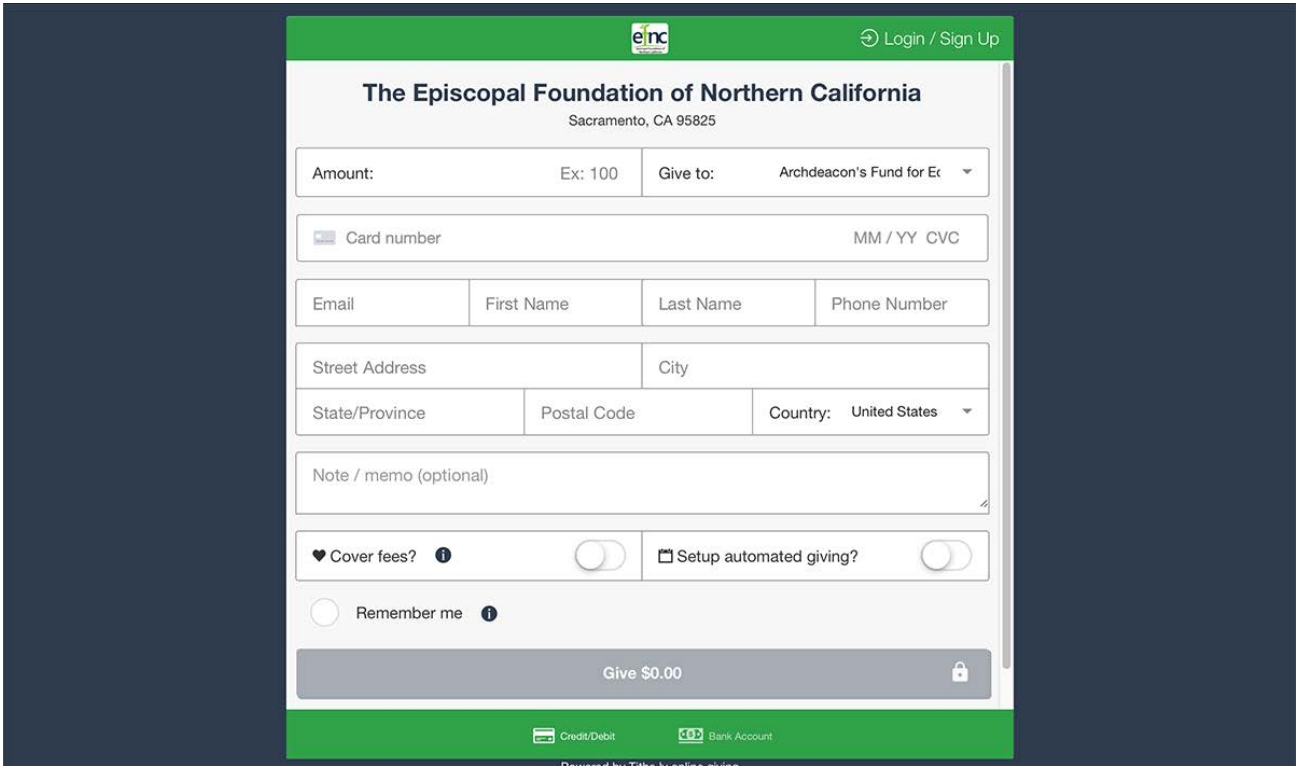
HOW DO YOU SEE APPEAL FUNDS IMPACTING THE PROGRAM/MINISTRY'S GOALS?
The appeal funds will serve to support the School for Ministry including helping provide financial support to students from the Diocese of Northern California being formed for lay ministry.

HOW WILL FUNDS BE USED?
The funds will be used to support the School for Ministry to assist in lowering the cost to students. A portion of the funds will be available to provide lay students with partial scholarships to help with program costs such as tuition and books. It is anticipated that diaconal students will apply for such scholarships from the Archdeacon's Fund for Education.

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GIVE TO A DREAM TODAY!





Giving to a dream is simple. Click on the **Give Now** button at right. This will open a page for the Episcopal Foundation of Northern California on tithe.ly.com (shown above).

Fill in the amount you wish to give, then select the program/ministry from the **Give to**: drop down menu on the right.

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