

February 7, 2023 Board of Trustees Recap by Vice-President Margie Harrison-Smith

On behalf of the Board of Trustees for the Diocese of Northern California, I am happy to present a “Trinity” of work from the February Board Meeting—a trio of facts, if you will, that show the interconnectedness and love at work in our Diocese.

The Board of Trustees is with you and we are here for you – no matter where you are in the Diocese. This board has the energy, talent and willingness to serve the people of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California.

At the first regular meeting of 2023, your Board of Trustees hit the ground running!

1. The Board adopted our goals for 2023.
In addition to the predictable projects relating to property, finance, and the regular, ongoing work of the Board, we adopted goals to
 - support new multi-year projects coming to the Diocese (Carbon Neutrality, the Racial Justice Audit, and FaithX),
 - create a Strategic Plan to guide us to 2028,
 - develop support for our 21 congregations that are operating with limited or no clergy leadership,
 - foster connections and collaboration of diocesan leaders at every level, and
 - begin to develop new ways of responding to the financial context for congregations and the diocese.
2. The Board approved three requests from specific congregations:
 - Apportionment relief for two new staff positions at Church of the Incarnation, Santa Rosa
 - Apportionment relief for a new staff position at the Church of St. Martin, Davis
 - Covering the costs of a lot line adjustment audit for the sale of a piece of the property for St. Augustine in Rocklin
3. Finally, the Board demonstrated that we are “ALL IN for the Youth of Northern California” by designating \$100,000 to go towards funding both students and chaperones to attend the Episcopal Youth Event in July. The Episcopal Youth Event will take place July 4-8, 2023 at the University of Maryland. This event is open to youth in grades 9-12 during the 2022-23 academic year and their adult mentors. For those in non-traditional school settings or schools outside of the US, participants must have turned at least 15 and be no older than 19 by July 4, 2023. If you know of students or chaperones who may be interested in attending, contact Mack Olson (mack@norcalepiscopal.org) ASAP! **For Youth and Chaperone Applications, click [here](#).**

Remember, the Diocese is not a staff or a committee, the Diocese is ALL of us.