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Episcopal Diocese of Utah **October Newsletter** **Second Edition**

October 16, 2019
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical color is green.

FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

Bishop Scott B. Hayashi Announces Forthcoming Retirement



October 9, 2019

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven ...
Ecclesiastes 3: 1 NRSV

Dear People of The Episcopal Diocese of Utah:

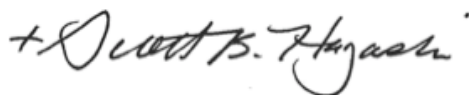
With the words from Ecclesiastes above, I announce to you that I will be retiring / resigning as your bishop. The Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley, the bishop for pastoral care for The Episcopal Church has already met with The Standing Committee and staff to go over the process of transition.

The date of the election for the new bishop has not been firmly set yet, but it will be held in the spring of 2021, possibly on April 24. The date of the ordination / consecration of the new bishop has been firmly set on the Presiding Bishop's calendar for October 9, 2021, two years from today.

The Standing Committee has authority and oversight of the search and transition process. Information about how this will unfold will be coming from them. I cannot be a part of that process as it would be inappropriate for me to insert myself and try to guide it in any way. I may be consulted along the way but that would be by invitation only.

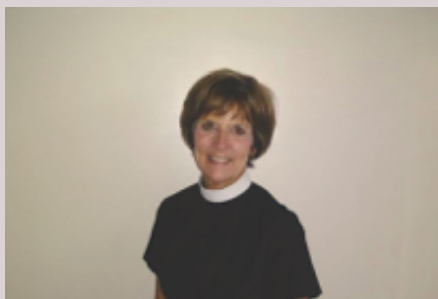
I pledge to you that I will be diligent in my responsibilities of being your bishop until the ordination of the new bishop of our diocese. Being your bishop has been and continues to be a blessing and joy that I never expected to have in my life. Thank you for this. I ask your prayers for me and Amy as we face into this time. I ask your prayers for our whole diocese and especially the Standing Committee as they navigate the way ahead.

Faithfully,

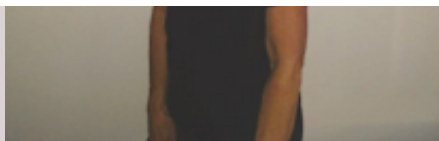


To download a copy of the bishop's resignation notice, please [click here](#).

The Rev. Susan Toone to Serve as Vicar at St. Mary's in Provo



St. Mary's Church Provo has a familiar priest as a new Vicar. The Rev. Susan Toone will be the historic church's new cleric. She has served the diocese and Episcopal Community Services as the chaplain to two of the diocesan owned senior centers, St. Mark's Tower and Millcreek St. Mark's. She announced her new position by saying "I'm delighted and honored to answer the call!" The position has been vacant since the retirement and subsequent death of its beloved Vicar, the late Rev. Dr. Peter Van Hook. The Church is known for its music and community service. The Rev. Susan Toone will start



October 16th.

Swords to Ploughshares Event at All Saints

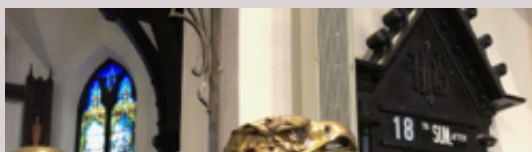
Passionate speeches, music, and the living practice of a 2700 year-old biblical passage combined for a poignant anti-gun violence service at All Saints in Salt Lake City. The diocese and the Gun Violence Prevention Center of Utah sponsored the beating of guns into garden tools on October 5th. The concept dates back to Isaiah and the beating of swords into ploughshares.

Fred Martin and Mike Martin travel America with a forge and the backing of their RAWtools ministry to use the blacksmith trade to visually pound guns over an anvil into peaceful implements. Their work is chronicled in the book *Beating Guns* by Shane Claiborne who also took part in the service. The Rev. Trace Browning and gun violence victim Carolyn Tuft also lead the congregation in a somber remembrance of victims.

Victims of gun violence, including Bishop Scott Hayashi, were invited to join in the pounding of metal that had been heated in a forge. That metal started the day as a rifle or handgun and within a few hours can be used to plant a tree or another plant. The tool that was made for the observance at All Saints is available for a traveling display.



Utah Episcopals: New Episode Aims to Demystify the Liturgical Calendar



The concept of seasons is one of the most misunderstood in the Episcopal Church. We don't mean spring, summer, winter or fall, but instead Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost.



These seasons and the colors associated with them form the "Liturgical Calendar." It is a basic and essential part of the Episcopal faith. The new episode of Utah Epodcopalians aims to demystify the seasons of the church year and their colors - not just for Episcopalians, but for everyone! Special guest is The Rev. Christopher Szarke, Rector at St. James Episcopal Church in Midvale. [Listen here!](#) For even

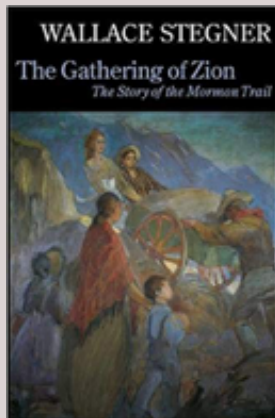
more information about the liturgical calendar, [click here.](#)

New Episode of Special Podcast Series "Church and State"

How can the voices of the voiceless be heard in this era of big-money politics? The Episcopal Church has a Washington office that lobbies Congress with social justice resolutions from our General Convention. Join Bishop Scott Hayashi from Washington in his second episode of the Church and State podcast as he highlights this office and what it means for those not normally heard. [Listen here.](#) Special guest is Office of Government Affairs Director Rebecca Linder Blachly.



Diocesan Book Group



The Diocesan Book Group meets every Monday from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the ECCU. Everyone is welcomed!

The group will continue studying "The Gathering of Zion" by Wallace Stegner and will discuss chapter 5 on October 21. Copies can be purchased for about \$10 or so. The book group is always looking for suggestions from anyone, and for anything that can increase the outreach. The discussions are lively and diverse opinions are welcome.

For more information please contact Ernie Hale at 801-532-6406 or erniehale@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS





Community of Hope Meeting

**Saturday, October 19
Cathedral Church of St. Mark
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

The Utah region of Community of Hope International involves lay people across the diocese in pastoral care being present to those in need in a compassionate, listening, non-controlling manner. A curriculum of in-depth training and formation based in Benedictine spirituality prepares Community of Hope members to serve in a variety of settings, including parishes, hospitals, assisted-living facilities and hospices. If you would like to know more about Community of Hope, you are invited to the upcoming meeting. For more info, please contact [Ann Deyo](#).



Seminary Beyond Walls

**Thursday, November 7
Episcopal Church Center of Utah
Dinner 6:00 p.m., Lecture 7:00 p.m.**

Please join president, Micah Jackson, and director of admissions, Jaime Briceño, for an evening of companionship, learning, and a simple meal. Everyone connected to—or curious about—Bexley Seabury Seminary is invited to join.

There will be food and a preaching lecture from President Micah Jackson titled:
"Co-operative Meaning Making: Preacher + Hearers in Conversation."

For tickets or more info, [click here](#).



Tull Lecture Series

**Saturday, October 27
Cathedral Church of St. Mark
Reception 12:30 p.m., Lecture 12:45 p.m.**

This is a lecture series in memory of The Rev. Dr. Alan Tull who served the diocese for over 50 years as a Rector and Vicar of numerous churches and as Canon Theologian. Dr. Tull passionately fought for civil rights and social justice throughout his service to the dioceses.

The lecture series is now 10 years old and started after his death in 2009.

This lecture, titled "Queering Utah History: An Historical Overview of LGBTQI+ Utah" features Connell O'Donovan, historian and genealogist.



All Saints Holiday Craft Fair

**Friday, November 15
All Saints Episcopal Church, SLC
11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Holiday crafts galore, and so much more. Join All Saints for their annual craft fair and pick up some fabulous holiday gifts. There will be food trucks, Flourish Bakery and Monsieur Crepes on both days!

All Saints is still looking for vendors for the fair. For more information as well as booth application forms, visit allsaintssl.org.

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