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September Newsletter

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FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

Upcoming Feast Day of Former Bishop of Utah, The Rt. Rev. Paul Jones



September 4th is the day we observe the feast day given to our former Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Paul Jones. The pacifist was forced to resign after his anti-war stance in the days leading up to World War One. The Episcopal Church later recognized the pioneer bishop's love of peace and his courage to express his views of what he deemed to be Jesus's hope for peace. He became the only Utahn to be honored with a feast day in the church calendar.

The Rt. Rev. Paul Jones came to Utah as an associate at St. John's in Logan. He shared then Bishop Spalding's socialist views, especially in promoting rights for miners and other workers. He also was beloved in the Logan area for his civic leadership and fairness which earned him a position as referee for USU football games. He became Bishop in December 1914, after Bishop Spalding was killed in an auto-pedestrian accident.

Registration Begins for Full Tuttle School Program

This local formation program is designed to serve those wanting a deeper understanding of faith and to offer formation for those seeking to hear God's calling. The diocesan effort is geared toward two goals:

- A local formation program for those in the ordination process for the Diaconate
- To deepen the theological and biblical knowledge of the people of Utah. You do not need to be in the ordination process to enroll.



Classes will be held over one weekend a month. The academic term lasts 10 months and starts February 8, 2020. Classes run Saturdays 8:30-5:00 and Sundays 8:30-noon. The Cost is \$750/year plus books and housing. Grants are available to help defer costs.

Study, learn, worship, pray and share meals together as you experience in a local community a commitment to strengthen your ministries, to hear God's calling, and to discern your own path as disciple of Jesus.

Further information is available on the [diocesan website](#) or [through email](#).

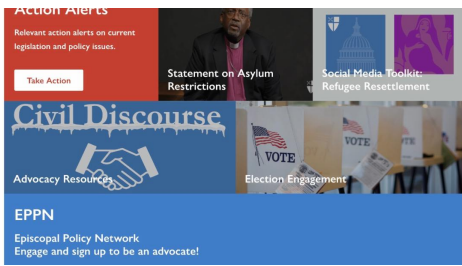
Register for the program by [clicking here](#).

Special Diocesan Podcast Series to Debut in September: "Church and State" A look inside The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations



Action Alerts

Politics has become a main dinner table topic as well as the dominant feature of news. It has also become a case of "church and state" type discussions in our diocesan convention resolutions and in our General Convention



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Social justice advocacy was a requirement stated in our Bishop search that elected The Rt. Rev. Scott B. Hayashi. Few seem to know that our church has lobbyists on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. who are dedicated to advocate for General Convention resolutions about poverty, immigration, equality, and dozens of other topics. The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Regulations also assists congregations and

dioceses about advocacy strategies and organization. Bishop Hayashi, who frequently advocates for social justice issues, wants all to know of this important ministry and well-respected presence in Washington D.C., especially as politics and social issues have become part of daily life in this political time.

Tune into our special podcast series about the ministry of social justice - your church's voice in Washington. The first podcast debuts September 23rd featuring Rebecca Linder Blachly, Director of The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations and hosted by Bishop Hayashi.

Also keep listening to your regular diocesan podcast— the Utah Epodcopalians.

New Episodes of Utah Epodcopalians

Episode Nine of Utah Epodcopalians asks the question "What can or should a church do to combat gun violence?"

Gun violence is an issue that is at the forefront of our minds as people of faith and as Americans. In this episode, guest Bishop Scott B. Hayashi recounts The Episcopal Church's decades of advocating laws to reduce gun violence as well as his efforts to testify at the state legislature concerning guns.

The photo shows Bishop Hayashi at one of the quarterly Gun Violence Prevention Dinners held at the Diocese of Utah.

These dinners bring together members of law enforcement, the legislature, Mothers Demand Action, and other groups to discuss the many facets of gun violence and its prevention.



**Listen to
"Gun Violence"**

Episode Ten of Utah Epodcopalians offers a glimpse of Jerusalem and "the fifth Gospel."

It is difficult to visualize the steps of Jesus or the stories of the Bible in a land half way around the world. However, The Rev. Canon Mary June Nestler is an expert in Biblical history and in the land in which the Books of the Bible take place.

The powerful settings of Biblical stories are often called "the Fifth Gospel," because of the powerful images of the geographic locations that serve as a backdrop to Bible verses. Canon Nestler is the Course Director at St. George's College in Jerusalem. After a decade as a priest in Utah, she moved to Jerusalem to fulfill a life-long calling to the Holy Land. She joins the Utah Epodcopalians to describe the land



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"The Fifth Gospel"

Youth Ministry Update



After an awesome summer at Camp Tuttle, things are looking toward fall!

Fall Youth Retreat

Join a fun-filled weekend in the mountains and the changing colors of the season. Activities will include a Halloween party, decorating pumpkins and cookies.

When: Friday October 4th, 6:00 p.m.

Where: Camp Tuttle, Big Cottonwood Canyon

Who: Junior and Senior High Youth (Grades 6-12)

Cost: *\$65 per participant

Register online at camptuttle.org or through [CampSite parent portal](#).

*For questions and scholarship requests, please email Karen Gleeson at kgleeson@episcopal-ut.org

Episcopal Priest to Visit Utah During His Walk Across America

The Rev. Peter Munson, a priest from the Diocese of Colorado, is taking a journey to bring awareness to the needs of children through his "6 Million Steps For Kids" initiative. He began his journey on foot from Charleston, South Carolina and plans to walk to San Francisco, California. On the way, he will stop to visit our diocese. We welcome him.

His Utah schedule will be as follows:

September 8th: Preaching at St. Elizabeth's, Whiterocks



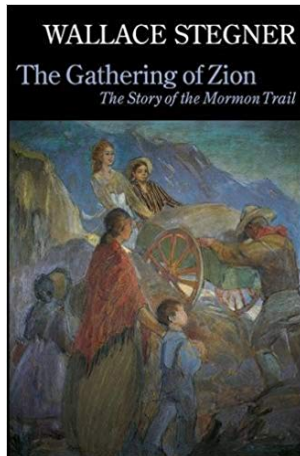
September 22nd: Preaching at St. Luke's, Park City
September 29th: Preaching at St. Mark's Cathedral, Salt Lake City



The Rev. Munson's journey will benefit four charities that are helping children in need, including Episcopal Relief and Development, The Episcopal Church in Colorado, The REMAR Children's Home and School and Street Fraternity.

To find out more about "6 Million Steps for Kids" and how it began, [click here](#).

Diocesan Book Group



The Diocesan Book Group meets every Monday from 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM at the ECCU. Everyone is welcome!

The book group's current read is "Resurrecting Easter" by John Dominic Crossan & Sarah Sexton Crossan. The group will discuss chapters 9 & 10 on September 9th, and chapters 11-13 on September 16, which will finish the book.

The next book the group will study is "The Gathering of Zion" by Wallace Stegner. The discussions are lively and diverse opinions are welcome. For more information please contact Ernie Hale at 801-532-6406 or erniehale@gmail.com.

Diocesan Newsletter Schedule

As we return to the busy season, the diocesan newsletter will resume its bi-monthly schedule. It will be sent out on the first and third Tuesday of each month, with occasional exceptions for holidays.

We would love to put news from all congregations and ministries in every newsletter! If you would like to submit something for the newsletter, please send it to [Craig Wirth](#) or [Halee Oliver](#) by the Thursday before each newsletter release, respectively.



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