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MISSIONAL OFFICE OF EVANGELISM & DEVELOPMENT

moving more deeply into God's call to life and ministry, and extending our mission beyond the status quo

GUIDE

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MISSION STATEMENT

WHAT WE DO

■ The purpose of the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast's Missional Office of Development is to develop God's power and love through congregations as they more fully extend their mission beyond the status quo. We do this primarily through Evangelism and Mission Engagement as integral aspects of living our Baptismal Covenant and of our diocesan life and vision, recognizing that as congregations and together, we are the body of Christ – transforming people from members into disciples, moving more deeply into God's call to life and ministry, and extending our mission beyond the status quo, with God's help.

■ The Missional Office of Development oversees the ministries of Evangelism and Mission Engagement.



IN OTHERWORDS... .

We work with congregations and groups to:

Dream with each other what God is calling us to next

Develop and deepen spiritual practices of evangelism and community engagement- individually and collectively

Reflect on, examine and even challenge what we are doing to know Jesus, encounter Jesus, and share the love of Jesus

We try new ways of doing the old things that help us connect with God and one another

We want *YOU* to be a part of it!!!



EVANGELISM



It's not scary.
It's AWESOME!

EVANGELISM: SEEKING, NAMING, CELEBRATING & INVITING PEOPLE IN THE WAY OF LOVE

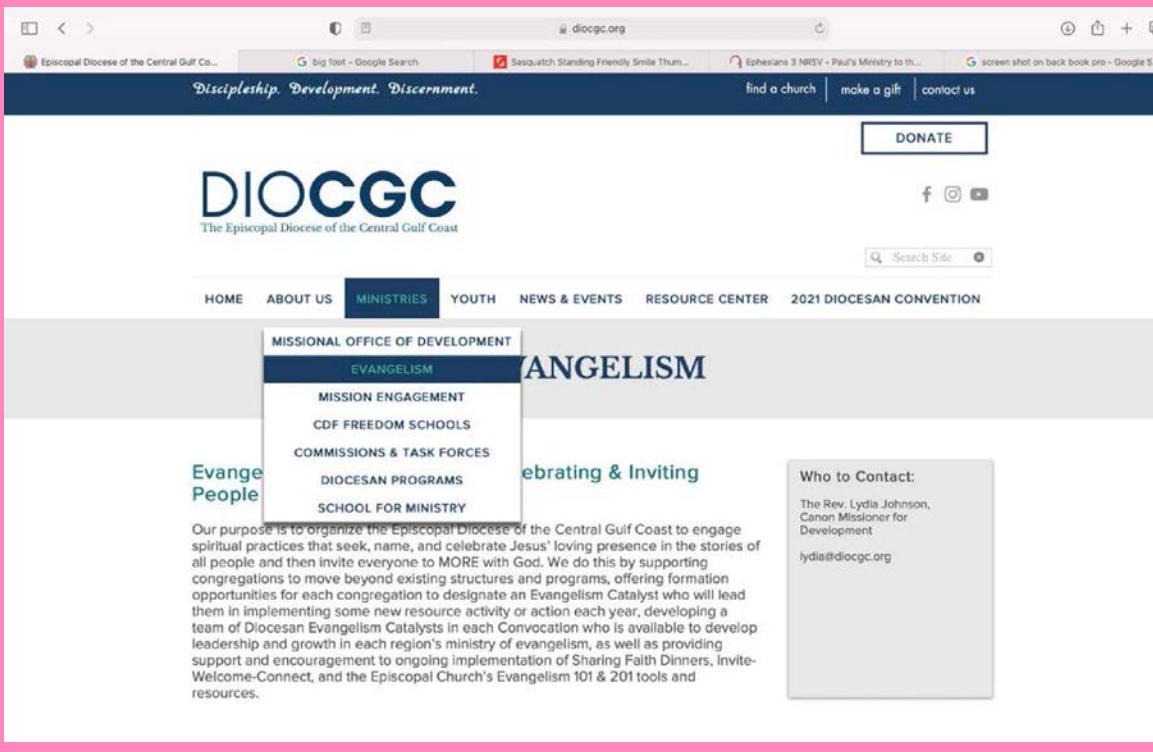
Our purpose is to organize the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast to engage **spiritual practices** that seek, name, and celebrate Jesus' loving presence in the stories of all people and then invite everyone to **MORE** with God.

We do this by:

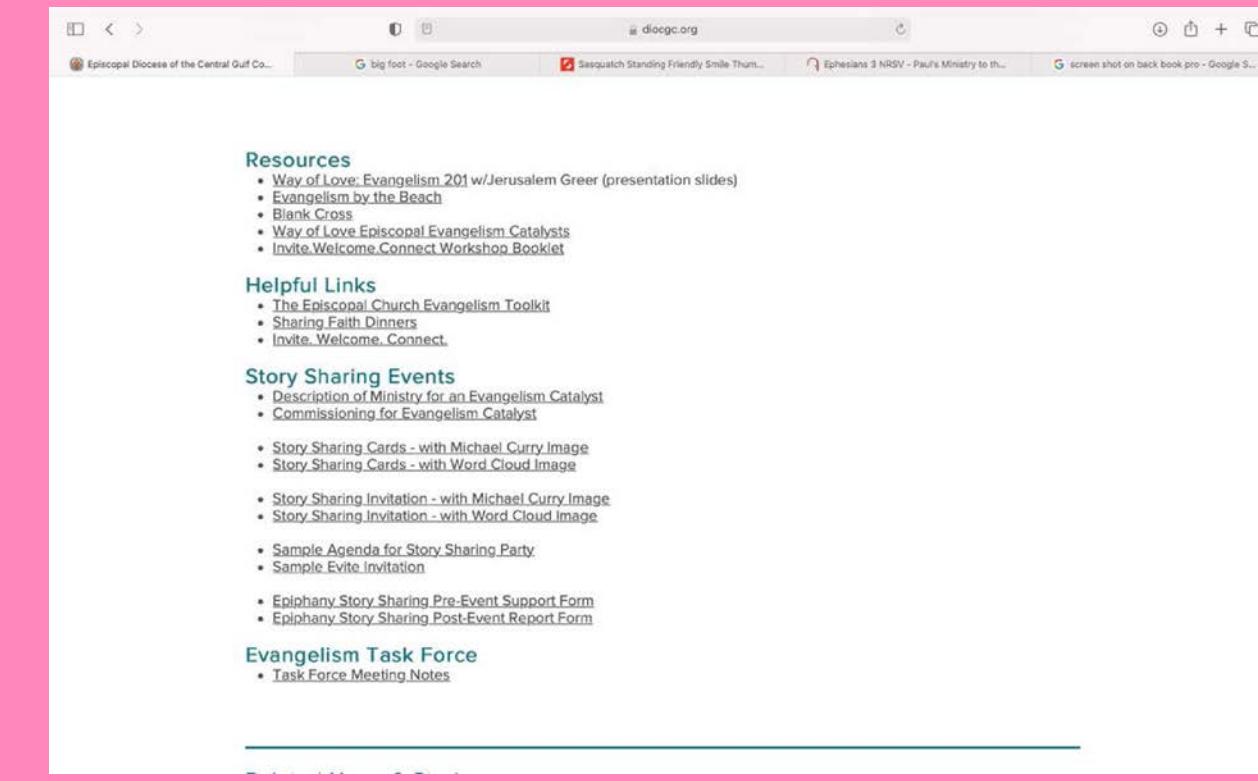
- supporting congregations to move beyond existing structures and programs
- ***Evangelism Catalysts Program***
 - Currently, we are developing a team of Diocesan Evangelism Catalysts. Folks in each convocation who are available to offer formation opportunities and support for evangelism endeavors.
 - Our goal is for each congregation to designate an Evangelism Catalyst who will lead them in implementing some new resource activity or action each year.
- **Evangelism Lay Class**

RESOURCES ON THE WEB

[HTTPS://WWW.DIOCGC.ORG/EVANGELISM](https://www.diocgc.org/evangelism)

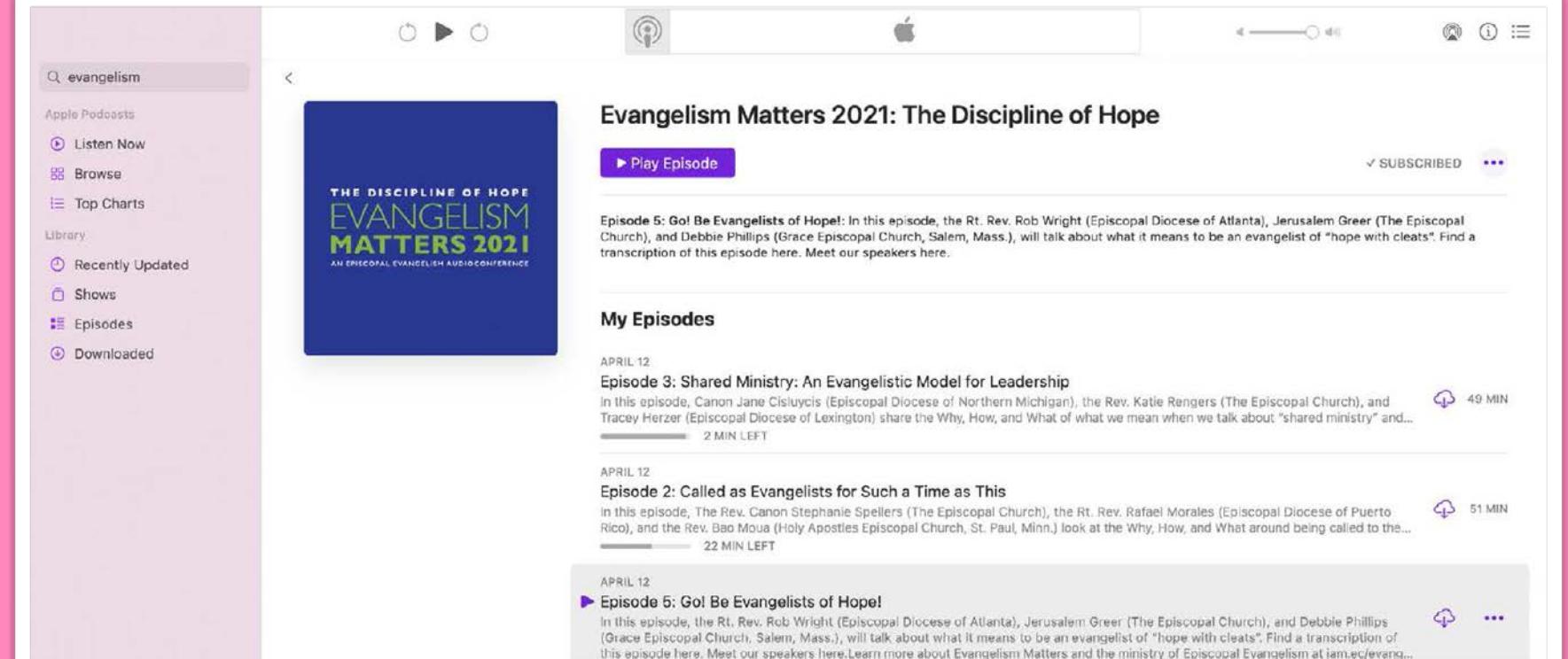


The screenshot shows the DIOCGC website with the "EVANGELISM" section highlighted. The page includes a sidebar with "Evangelism People" and a main content area with a "Missionary Office of Development" section. The "EVANGELISM" section contains links to "MISSION ENGAGEMENT", "CDF FREEDOM SCHOOLS", "COMMISSIONS & TASK FORCES", "DIOCESAN PROGRAMS", and "SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY". A sidebar on the right provides contact information for Lydia Johnson.



The screenshot shows the DIOCGC website with the "Resources" and "Helpful Links" sections. The "Resources" section lists items like "Way of Love: Evangelism 201 w/Jerusalem Greer (presentation slides)" and "Evangelism by the Beach". The "Helpful Links" section lists links to "The Episcopal Church Evangelism Toolkit", "Sharing Faith Dinners", and "Invite, Welcome, Connect". Below these are sections for "Story Sharing Events" and "Evangelism Task Force".

PODCASTS EVANGELISM MATTERS 2021



The screenshot shows the "Evangelism Matters 2021" podcast on the Apple Podcasts app. The main screen displays the "Evangelism Matters 2021: The Discipline of Hope" episode. Below it, the "My Episodes" section shows two other episodes: "Episode 3: Shared Ministry: An Evangelistic Model for Leadership" and "Episode 2: Called as Evangelists for Such a Time as This". Each episode has a description, a play button, and a download icon.



Joining God in the Neighborhood

Our purpose is to organize the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast to engage **spiritual practices** that more move us **beyond the walls** of our church buildings and more fully recognize and join God's work among the communities in which our congregations live and move and have their being.

MISSION ENGAGEMENT

We do this by:

- Sharing resources such as DataStory for Faith Communities, Baptized for Life (now in Discipleship), U.S. Congregational Vitality Survey: Discover Your Strengths
- Offering times to share ideas and experiment together: Resurrected Church Series, Upcoming Hybrid Community resources
- Missional engagement project models (what we used to call outreach) such as the Central Gulf Coast Freedom Schools® Leadership Team program and J.U.S.T Pensacola organization, and other new missional initiatives, such as the Way of Love in Freeport, and Between the Bridges in Panama City Beach, Beloved Community Outreach Center in Mobile, AL. (NECs- New Episcopal Communities)
- We are available for leadership development and peer coaching for congregational or regional missional engagement projects, developing strategic missional plans, and to facilitate other opportunities for congregational enrichment.

RESURRECTED CHURCH

MONDAYS NOON TO 1PM CST
E-MAIL LYDIA@DIOCGC FOR ZOOM LINK

*WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?
WHAT DID WE LEARN?
HOW ARE WE GROWING?
WHERE ARE WE GOING?*

ONLY 2 SESSIONS LEFT!
BUILDING ONLINE COMMUNITY
HYBRID CHURCH

MINISTRY TO ARMED FORCES

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP INCUBATOR

HYBRID CHURCH

IN THE
WORKS. . .

JUSTICE CYCLE OF PRAYER

EVANGELISM LUNCH AND LEARN

MUTUAL AND SHARED MINISTRY

TRYING SOMETHING NEW IS NOT A SIGN
OF FAILURE OR A STEP BACKWARDS.



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BIG HAIRY AUDACIOUS GOALS
WE LOVE 'EM

LET'S DO THIS!

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I PRAY THAT, ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY, HE MAY GRANT THAT YOU MAY BE STRENGTHENED IN YOUR INNER BEING WITH POWER THROUGH HIS SPIRIT, AND THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS THROUGH FAITH, AS YOU ARE BEING ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE. I PRAY THAT YOU MAY HAVE THE POWER TO COMPREHEND, WITH ALL THE SAINTS, WHAT IS THE BREADTH AND LENGTH AND HEIGHT AND DEPTH, AND TO KNOW THE LOVE OF CHRIST THAT SURPASSES KNOWLEDGE, SO THAT YOU MAY BE FILLED WITH ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD.

NOW TO HIM WHO BY THE POWER AT WORK WITHIN US IS ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH ABUNDANTLY FAR MORE THAN ALL WE CAN ASK OR IMAGINE, TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS TO ALL GENERATIONS, FOREVER AND EVER.
AMEN.

EPHESIANS 20:16-21

