

Mountain Spirit Blue Ridge Service Corps

A Letter From Our Bishop

Dear friends,

Our Diocese is blessed with many unique programs for all ages. One such program is our Blue Ridge Service Corps, a program of intentional community of prayer and action in Western North Carolina. We invite young adults, ages 20-26, who wish to serve their greater community, to join us for a year of service at a placement in our diocese. Past placements have included the Calvary Food Pantry, Center for Spiritual Wisdom, Habitat for Humanity, and Church of the Advocate, among others.

We just completed our second year of the program, and on Friday, May 20th, said goodbye to our four incredible 2021-2022 corps members: Flora, Eris, Matthew, and Evan. All four have served the community faithfully through their placements but also through community engagement and continued learning. It was a blessing to be with these four young people last Friday and send them on into their next stage of life, with the love and support of the Diocese of WNC behind them.

As we look forward to our 2022-2023 year, we need your help in seeking young adults who would be interested in being a part of this program. This opportunity is not just open to people from our diocese, nor is it specific to Episcopalians. All are invited who want to spend a year in intentional service, community, and growth. The 2022-2023 program will begin in August and run until May of 2023.

I ask that you please share this opportunity amongst your communities, be it through parish newsletters, your parish website, or word of mouth. **The 2022-2023 Service Year application is currently open, and can be accessed on the Blue Ridge Service Corps website at**

www.blueridgeservicecorps.com/apply. Our Director of Blue Ridge Service Corps, Kelsey Davis, is also available to answer any questions you may have and can be reached at **kdavis@diocesewnc.org**.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry, and we look forward to continued collaboration in our 2022-2023 Service Year!

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Jose McLaughlin, Bishop