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January 26, 2021

Police Reform and Public Safety Online Forum

Police Reform and Public Safety will be the topic of a Zoom panel discussion on **Sunday, February 21, at 7 p.m.**

The panel will feature Erika Strassburger, member of Pittsburgh City Council for District 8, and Summer Lee, Pennsylvania State Representative for District 34.



Erika Strassburger
Pittsburgh City Council for District 8



Summer Lee
Pennsylvania State Representative for District 34

Presented by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee and the Commission on Race and Reconciliation, the speakers will discuss legislation that has passed, is in progress, and/or will be proposed, and respond to questions and comments from the audience.

The event is co-sponsored by the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Squirrel Hill, East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Congregation Dor Hadash, the Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills, and other faith groups.

Join the Zoom panel discussion at 7 p.m. on Sunday, February 21:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87523504622?pwd=ZDdSYkl6ejdxNjhyYld1cGVzdFhGZz09>

If requested: Meeting ID: 875 2350 4622 Passcode: 741991

Diocese Seeking Part-time Administrative Specialist

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh is seeking a qualified individual to join its staff as a part-time Administrative Specialist. This staff member will oversee the administration of employee compensation and benefits and the management of diocesan properties. The Administrative Specialist will also serve as a resource to parishes, ministries,

and clergy and lay employees throughout the diocese in matters relating to compensation, benefits, and property. [View the full job description here](#) for a complete list of responsibilities and requirements.



If you would like to apply for this position, please prepare a detailed curriculum vitae, as well as a cover letter that highlights any particularly relevant experience and expresses why you are interested in the position. Email these materials to the diocese's Director of Administration, the Rev. Canon Kimberly Karashin at kkarashin@episcopalpgh.org. **The deadline for applying is Tuesday, February 9, 2021.**

Parochial Report QuickTip: 2020 Narratives

In December, we informed you of [updates to the 2020 Parochial Report form](#), intended to reflect the changes and challenges that parishes have faced during our year of pandemic. Starting today, and in the weeks ahead, we'll highlight some of the most notable updates in this Parochial Report "QuickTip" series.

Today's PR QuickTip: Responding to Narrative Questions

The 2020 Parochial Report asks parishes to provide narrative responses to three questions regarding the pandemic's impact on parish life. Parish leaders (clergy, vestry, and staff) are encouraged to collaborate on these responses. So be sure to schedule time during upcoming vestry and staff meetings to discuss the questions, or develop some other means of collecting input that can be used in crafting your parish's responses.

If it would be helpful, [use this worksheet](#) (Word document) to draft responses, which can then be copied and pasted into the online Parochial Report form.

Remember, the deadline for filing 2020 Parochial Reports is March 1. File online at <https://reports.dfms.org>.

To view all our previous PR QuickTips, visit www.episcopalpgh.org/parochial-report-quicktips/

Holding an Annual Parish Meeting, Pandemic-Style

Late January begins the season for annual parish meetings, when members typically crowd into a parish hall or undercroft to discuss parish finances, review committee reports, elect new vestry members, etc.



Of course, in the context of Covid-19, annual meetings must take a different shape.

If you are involved in planning your parish's annual meeting, you probably have questions about what is possible and what will be effective. The diocesan office has prepared guidance that will, hopefully, be of assistance. **This guidance has been updated since the previous edition of Grace Happens.**

Visit <https://www.episcopalpgh.org/holding-an-annual-parish-meeting-pandemic-style/>

The guidance addresses questions like:

- Must we change our bylaws to allow an online meeting?
- Can we delay our annual meeting?
- How can we ensure that everyone will be able to participate?
- Can some join online and some in person?
- So, how do we hold an online annual meeting?

Have you encountered questions that we have not addressed, or do you have a creative solution to the challenges of an online annual meeting? Please feel free to leave a comment at the [bottom of the guidance page](#). That page will also be updated as further guidance and resources are added.

IMPORTANT NOTE: For details on related legal issues, see the resource “Do We Need to Change the Parish Bylaws?” prepared by Diocesan Chancellor Andy Roman, [available here](#).

2021 Absalom Jones Day Service

A service celebrating the life of The Rev. Absalom Jones, the first African American priest ordained in the Episcopal Church, will be held on Saturday, February 13, at Trinity Cathedral at 10 a.m.

This will be a joint service with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA.

It is to be live streamed and additional details are to come.



In Memoriam

The Rev. Herbert (Bert) Daly Jr.

Bert+, 62, died suddenly on Thursday, January 14, in Lake Placid, FL.

Bert+ was ordained into the priesthood by Bishop McConnell in 2015 and served most recently in the Diocese of Pittsburgh at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Kittanning.



A small memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 29, 2021, at St. Francis-Assisi Anglican Episcopal Church in Lake Placid.

https://www.midfloridanewspapers.com/highlands_news-sun/obituaries/herbert-t-daly-jr/article_39e01486-5c25-11eb-9469-4fd9b49f3342.html

Anne M. Muhl

Anne, 85, died peacefully at her home in Mt. Lebanon on Monday, January 18.

Anne devoted her life to Sheldon Calvary Camp, on the shores of Lake Erie, for 40 years, in many positions as registrar, administrator and director. She impacted the lives of countless campers and staff, where she was affectionately known as “Mom” to all who worked with her.



A memorial service and reception will be held at a later date when it is safe to gather in person.

<https://www.laughlinfuneralhome.com/obituary/Anne-Muhl>

Jean Carlisle Ackerman Robinson

A long-time member of Calvary Church in East Liberty, Jean died peacefully at her home on January 19.

Jean served faithfully and humbly in countless ways at Calvary – as the first woman to be Senior Warden, as a leader in Pastoral Care, as a devoted Altar Guild member, and as a strong, caring presence in the lives of so many.



A memorial service will be confirmed at a later date.

<https://obituaries.post-gazette.com/obituary/jean-carlisle-ackerman-robinson-1081477645>

2021 Constitution and Canons Available

The 2021 updated Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh are now [available here](#). This version incorporates the many changes made at [diocesan convention](#) last year.

These documents, along with many others, are available on the [diocesan website](#).



Around the Diocese



Bishop McConnell's Visitation Schedule:

February 7: All Souls, North Versailles

February 14: Emmanuel, North Side

February 21: Atonement, Carnegie

February 28: St. David's, Peters Township

Parish leadership is reminded to complete and submit [this form](#) at least two weeks in advance of their visitation.

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