



August 19, 2021

Diocese of Pittsburgh Notified of Successful Canonical Consent Process

August 17, 2021
Office of Public Affairs

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh has received notification from Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael B. Curry that Bishop-elect Ketlen Solak has received the required majority of consents in the canonical consent process detailed in Canon III.11.3. The consents received have been certified by the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Registrar of the General Convention.



In giving consent to her ordination and consecration, standing committees and bishops with jurisdiction attest to knowing of “no impediment on account of which” Bishop-elect Solak ought not to be ordained as bishop, and that her election was conducted in accordance with the canons.

The Rev. Solak was elected diocesan bishop on June 26, 2021.

From here: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/diocese-of-pittsburgh-notified-of-successful-canonical-consent-process/>



**The Transition Committee of the
Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh**

**Invites You & Your Family
to a Celebration of the Ministry of**

Bishop Dorsey & Betsy McConnell

A Pig Roast and More!

Saturday, August 28, 2021

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Drop by for awhile or stay the entire time!

Christ Episcopal Church

5910 Babcock Boulevard

Pittsburgh PA 15237

Casual Attire

[Please RSVP Here](#)

Please RSVP by Tomorrow, Friday, August 20, 2021

There is no fee to attend.

We invite you to place in a basket at the event a personal card, photo or remembrance from you to +Dorsey & Betsy, which will be included in a Remembrance Book. You may also send notes, stories, or a photo to us by email at transition@episcopalpgh.org or by mail to The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, 325 Oliver Avenue, Suite 300, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, Attention: Bishop's Farewell.

Bishop McConnell has requested that, in lieu of cash gifts, those interested make a contribution to benefit the [diocesan ministry formation programs](#): The Episcopal/Anglican Concentration at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, the Iona School of Pittsburgh at Trinity Cathedral, and the Love+Teach+Heal Academy. [Please click here](#) if you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution.



Overdose Awareness Day: A Time to Remember

Deaths by overdose accelerated during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each person lost to overdose is a person precious to God and created in God's image. Together, we can remember them in prayer and support those left behind.

Our region will observe International Overdose Awareness Day at **Noon on Friday, August 27**, with a memorial at [Trinity Cathedral](#), 328 Sixth Avenue in Downtown Pittsburgh. The interfaith service includes prayers from faith leaders, testimonies from survivors, and blessings for first responders. Preceding the service, the cathedral bells will toll for each overdose death in Allegheny County.



2021 Diocesan Convention

**The 156th Annual Convention of the
Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh
Saturday, October 16, 2021**

Current documents relating to the Convention are available on the diocesan website at <https://www.episcopalpgh.org/resources/2021-diocesan-convention/>.



The Diocesan Nominating Committee is seeking people willing to accept nomination to positions on diocesan boards and commissions that will be elected at the 2021 Diocesan Convention.



[Click here](#) for a description of open positions to be elected.

[Click here](#) for a nomination form, with instructions, that is to be submitted to the Diocesan Office.

Thank you.

The Diocesan Nominating Committee

The Resolutions Committee is now accepting items to be considered at convention.

Proposed resolutions may be submitted by any parish or individuals. Each must conform to Robert's Rules of Order and include a short explanation or rationale, as well as contact information for at least two sponsors.



A submission form, which contains a model resolution and submission instructions, is [available here](#). Please submit your resolution no later than **Friday, September 10**.



St. Brendan's Public Forum

Systemic Racism

& Teaching the Next Generation

How can we lead our next generation into a greater and more equitable future? What do our students need to access accurate historical knowledge?

Tanisha Long will help us understand how we become a more socially aware society, beginning with teaching young students, as the way children approach the world is often shaped by early learnings in the classroom. Ms. Long will discuss education access, critical race theory and the long-term effects of systemic racism on students of color.



A local activist, Tanisha Long is the founder of Black Lives Matter-Pittsburgh as well as Re Visions, a non-profit focused on creating a fair learning environment and broadening our understanding about the long-lasting effects of inadequate education.

**THURSDAY • AUG 19
AT 7:00 PM**

to register, email:
stbrendanskatie@gmail.com



This free Zoom event is sponsored by St. Brendan's Episcopal Church and the Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills.





The Bookstore at Calvary's

2021 Used Book Sale

10 AM – 2 PM

• **SATURDAYS** •

AUGUST 14 & 21

• **SUNDAYS** •

AUGUST 15 & 22

• **MON – FRI** •

AUGUST 16 – 20

PREVIEW SALE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

5 – 7 PM

SUGGESTED DONATION \$5

A huge selection of books to choose from –
fiction, nonfiction, and children's,
plus CDs, DVDs, and Vinyl Records

Proceeds of the Used Book Sale benefit
a broad spectrum of literacy programs in our Community



God Willing
and the People Consenting

The Rt. Reverend Dorsey W. M. McConnell
on Behalf of the Standing Committee

will ordain

Bonnie-Marie Yager-Wiggan

to the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's one holy catholic
and apostolic Church

Saturday, September 4, 2021
at ten o'clock in the morning

at

Trinity Cathedral

328 Sixth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

Your prayers and presence are requested

Clergy: Red Stoles

Reception to follow



2021 LOVE+TEACH+HEAL Leadership Academy



Exploring ways to know and serve God and God's people, together

Discerning lay leaders from the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh will meet regularly to:

- Grow together in Christian faith, practice, and leadership.
- Develop skills and vision for ministry to support clergy and members of their parish.
- Discern interest and sense of call to serve as licensed Lay Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, Preacher, or Evangelist (in any combination!).
- Connect with others to cultivate opportunities for creative ministry development.

LOVE+TEACH+HEAL Leadership Academy will:

- Spark vision, creativity, and connections for ministry among the laypeople of the diocese.
- Encourage laypeople to recognize their own authority and call for ministry in their congregation and community by virtue of their baptism.
- Meet the real, regular, practical ministry needs of our parishes now and in the future.
- Create a roster of lay leaders throughout the diocese who may be called on for ministry needs.
- Connect more substantially with both Episcopal and Lutheran leaders and laity in the region.

WHEN AND WHERE

We will meet for 90 minutes on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 p.m. via Zoom during the pandemic. Should the circumstances of the pandemic change, we will find a place to safely meet in person.

Sessions will begin on Wednesday, October 6, 2021. Our time together will include topical conversation, regular Bible study, and group reflection regarding themes. Participants will receive a copy of *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices* by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson and *A Lay Preacher's Guide: How to Craft a Faithful Sermon* by Karoline Lewis. Participants are expected to have a copy of the *Book of Common Prayer* and a Bible (NRSV preferred) which they can mark with notes. LTH Academy sessions go from October 2021 through May 2022 with holiday breaks.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Please register by September 22, 2021, submitting a brief registration form (available as a [Word doc](#) or [PDF](#)) to the Canon for Faith Formation and Evangelism, Natalie Hall. Contact your priest/pastor or Canon Hall for forms. Canon Hall can be reached at nhall@episcopalpgh.org or 703) 963-2789.



The Social Justice and Outreach Committee Invites You To The 2021 PIIN Virtual Banquet, “Real Justice”

The Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network ([PIIN](#)) is hosting an evening of stimulating presentations about issues important to our community – racial justice and the fight for equity.

Sunday, August 29, 6-7 p.m.

The keynote speakers will be **Brandi Fisher, President/CEO of the [Alliance for Police Accountability](#)**, and **Terri Minor Spencer, Founder and President of [West End P.O.W.E.R.](#) and PIIN EXPO Field Organizer.**





Brandi Fisher



Terri Minor Spencer

To register, visit <https://piinpa.org/registration-2021-piin-banquet/>

All registered attendees will receive an email prior to the event with information to access the banquet online.



How Your Church Can Fight Climate Change and Save Money

The Social Justice and Outreach Committee and the Church of the Redeemer in Squirrel Hill present a panel discussion on Sunday, September 19, at 3 p.m. on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81306520902?pwd=dWFXRk5LVtJ5elZic1JocjVGOTdXUT09>

If required: Meeting ID: 813 0652 0902 Passcode: 839245

Dial by phone: +1 301-715-8592



Panelists include:

- **Preston Shimer**, Chair, Sustainability Committee, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mt. Lebanon
- **Matt Mehalik**, Chair, Green Sanctuary Team, Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills and, Executive Director, Breathe Project
- **Kathy Hrabovsky**, Sustainable Landcare Accredited Professional; Development Associate, PA Interfaith Power and Light
- **The Rev. Moni McIntyre** of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, McKeesport, will serve as panel moderator.

As extreme and disastrous weather becomes more and more frequent, the need for people of faith to work for a livable environment becomes more obvious. Whether you are curious about saving money or have been thinking about the climate for years, you will learn something.



Around the Diocese

Bishop McConnell's Visitation Schedule:



August 22: St. Paul's, Monongahela

August 25: St. Francis, Somerset (Institution of the Rev. William Carpenter at 6:30 p.m.)

August 29: St. Thomas, Oakmont

August 29: St. Mary Magdalene Lutheran Episcopal Church @ St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg, 4 p.m.

September 5: Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh

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

