U.S. asylum crisis - The Episcopal Church's Role

“We are children of the one God who is the Creator of us all,” said Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. “It is our sisters, our brothers, our siblings who are seeking protection and asylum, fleeing violence and danger to children, searching for a better life for themselves and their children. The crisis at the border is not simply a challenge of partisan politics but a test of our personal and public morality and human decency.”

If you would like to support asylum seekers at our southern border, you can do so through providing support to the Diocese of the Rio Grande Borderland ministry, here.

Since late January congregations throughout the diocese of Rio Grande have been partnering with the Border Patrol and local towns to provide immediate humanitarian assistance to people seeking asylum in the United States.

To read more about this ministry's role, you can find Bishop Hunn’s statement here. You can also follow Bishop Hunn's Facebook page or YouTube channel for video updates and information about the ministry that the diocese of the Rio Grande is doing.

Click here to read a joint statement released by all six Dioceses of Texas regarding their stance on the matter.

Congratulations to the 2019 School of Ministry Graduates

On June 15th, five individuals graduated from the Diocese of Kentucky’s School of Ministry. Jan Scholtz (St. Matthew’s), Maggie Kastner (St. Andrew’s), Susan Kurtz (Diocese of Lexington), Pete
Womack (St. Paul’s, Louisville) and Stephanie Moseley-Taylor (Holy Trinity, Brandenburg) successfully completed coursework that will enhance the effectiveness of their ministries in their parishes and the diocese.

Applications are now being accepted for a new cohort of participants who will begin classes in September. Brochures, applications and directions for letters of recommendation are available here on the Diocesan website. If you would like further information about the program, please contact The Ven. Dr. Rose Bogal-Allbritten, Director, School of Ministry, at 270-293-9490 or rosebogal@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN NEWS

BACLM Meeting

The Bishop’s Advisory Committee on Liturgy and Music will hold its next meeting on August 29th. If your congregation has a new liturgy or music it would like to use during late Pentecost or Advent, please fill out the application and forward it to the Rev. Steve Pankey.

Grace and Peace,
Steve+

The Rev’d Steven J. Pankey, DMin
Rector
270-843-6563 x102
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The Campus Ministries around the Diocese are beginning to prepare for a new year and to welcome new students to our campuses. If you have any students that you know headed our way, please reach out to Mother Becca, Father Matt, or Pastor Austin.

Peace,

Becca+

The Very Rev. Becca Kello
Associate Rector and
Chaplain to the Episcopal Campus Ministry at WKU

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**What’s Your Story? Sharing our Faith in the Digital Space**

Join Lisa Brown as she explores story telling in the digital space, and offers ways that technology can enrich and extend our existing ministries.

Whether you are clergy or lay, a formation person, a communicator, a ministry leader, a digital native, or a technophobe, this workshop is for you. What’s your story? Come and share it.

**When:** Saturday, August 10th - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Where:** St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 9616 Westport Rd. Louisville, KY 40241

**Cost:** $15.00/person

**Lunch and snacks will be provided.**

Click [here](#) for a list of recommended hotels near St. Thomas.

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**Racial Reconciliation Task Force**

On behalf of the Racial Reconciliation task force, I invite you to join the Diocese of Kentucky as we embark on a 40-day-long prayer journey beginning on July 12, leading up to August 20th, 2019, the 400th anniversary of the day that the first enslaved African was brought to Jamestown.

You can order a resource for the 40 days of prayer by Cheri Mills [here](#). Any parish that needs help paying for this resource should contact The Canon Jason Lewis.

Click [here](#) for more details on our website.

Gratefully,

Kelly Kirby
CLERGY NEWS

Jim Wilkinson celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on June 16, 2019, at Christ Church Cathedral. He was ordained on June 16, 1969, at St. Luke's Church, Anchorage.

FROM CONGREGATIONS

Organ for Sale

Christ Church Cathedral in Louisville has a beautiful, well maintained 2008 Gober mechanical pipe organ no longer in use and now for sale. It features façade pipes with 2 manuals and includes a movable platform. Dimensions: height, 7’ 10” (8’4” on platform); width, 6’ 3”; depth, 4’3”. Direct any questions to: Jan Margerum, or Dean Pritcher.

FROM THE OFFICE

Submissions for materials to be considered for the August, 2019 General Newsletter are due by August 1, 2019. Please send your submissions to katie@episcopalky.org.

Looking for the prayer resources? Try the Daily Office: Read online here or listen here.

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