

TIDINGS



September 2025

Newsletter of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Danville, CA

Bishop's Visit

Mr. T. says, "I pity the fool who missed Bishop Austin's visit!" (You don't know who he is? Google it.) What a gift it was to welcome Bishop Austin on September 21st as he led us in confirmations, receptions, reaffirmations, and baptisms. His presence reminded us that we are part of something larger than ourselves—the wider church walking together in faith. Flip through this Tidings for photos that capture the joy.



FOTH

I pity the fool who missed FOTH! Leslie's article inside reveals just how much we raised for outreach this year (spoiler: it's big). Our superhero-themed gala was filled with great imaginations: four Ruth Bader Ginsburgs, two Mother Teresas, countless Wonder Women and Supermen, one Anthony Fauci, two Elmos and even a Statue of Liberty.

Stewardship

And I pity the fool who thinks stewardship is just about paying bills or filling out pledge cards. Stewardship is about gratitude. Everything we have—our breath, our time, our talents, our treasure—is a gift from God. Giving back isn't loss; it's joy. It's returning a portion of what was already entrusted to us.

The wise thing is to ask yourself, "How will I use what I've been given to make a difference?" When you give your time to a ministry, when you show up to serve, when you share your financial gifts—you're helping us live into the vision of being a sanctuary for all.

Your pledge matters. It fuels worship, outreach, pastoral care, children's and youth programs, and all the daily ways we embody Christ's love. But more than that, pledging is a spiritual practice. It's a way of saying "thank you" to God and joining with others to build something bigger than any of us could do alone.

Stewardship is also about trust. We place our lives, our resources, and our hopes into God's hands, believing God will use them for good. Each gift of time, talent, and treasure makes God's love visible in real and tangible ways.

So, pray about how you can join this work of gratitude and trust. Don't be the fool who misses the chance. Your wise generosity strengthens our ministries, nurtures our worship, and extends Christ's welcome far beyond our walls.

Together, we are a living sign of God's abundance.

Todd

DEANERY YOUTH GROUP

Deanery Youth Group will be meeting on October 12 at St. Timothy's and will be assembling Cleaning / Hygiene Kits for Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition (CCIC). We are asking for help from ALL Contra Costa Deanery Churches and all our parishioners.

Will you PURCHASE FOR A PURPOSE!?

ITEMS NEEDED

(examples listed below)

Towel Sets (Bath / Hand / Washcloth) *

- [3 Pack Cotton Towel Set](#) for \$9 (Amazon)

Items with * indicate that they can be **gently used** (do not have to be new).

Clothes Hangers (plastic or wooden) *

- [Clothes Hangers](#) Pack of 50 for \$8 (Target)

Toilet Paper Rolls

- [Toilet Paper Rolls](#) Pack of 20 (individually wrapped) for \$30 (Amazon)
- [Toilet Paper Rolls](#) Pack of 48 (individually wrapped) for \$35 (Costco)

Paper Towel Rolls

- [Paper Towels](#) Pack of 24 for \$32 (Amazon)
- [Paper Towels](#) Pack of 2 for \$3.50 (Amazon)

Kitchen Towels – terry cloth *

- [Kitchen Towels](#) Pack of 6 for \$8 (Target)
- [Kitchen Towels](#) Pack of 12 for \$16 (Amazon)

Liquid Laundry Detergent – large bottle

- [Arm & Hammer](#) 100.5 Fl Oz for \$8 (Amazon)

All Purpose Cleaner Spray, large spray bottle

- [Spic & Span Spray](#) 32 Fl Oz for \$2.52 (Walmart)
- [Lysol Spray](#) 32 Fl Oz for \$3.97 (Amazon)

Dish Soap Liquid (i.e. Dawn, Joy, etc.), large squeeze bottle

- [Gain Dish Soap](#) 38 oz for \$3.99 (Amazon)

Sink Cleanser Powder (i.e. Comet, Ajax), large canister

- [Comet](#) 21 oz for \$1.70 (plus shipping) (Walmart)
- [Ajax](#) 3 pack of 14 oz canisters for \$10.33 (Amazon)

Bath Soap Bars (i.e. Dove, Ivory, etc.)

- [Ivory](#) Pack of 10 for \$7 (Amazon)

Shampoo, large bottle

- [Pantene](#) 38.2 fl oz bottle for \$13

[Sponges](#) Pack of 6 for \$3.59 (Amazon)

[Current Year Calendar](#) 18 month for \$3.19 (sale price) (Amazon)



SIGNUP GENIUS LINK:

[https://
www.signupgenius.com/
go/cleaningkitsCCIC#/
/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/cleaningkitsCCIC#/)

Go shopping and drop items at St. Timothy's Tues-Thurs (9/30-10/2, 10am-3pm) or on Sunday, October 5 OR

Use any of the links above to order online and have items shipped directly to St. Timothy's (1550 Diablo Rd, Danville 94526). *Make sure item arrives BEFORE October 6.*

Please use this [SIGN-UP GENIUS LINK](#) to let us know what you are donating!

GIFT OF THE SPIRIT

Celebrating our faith with Bishop Austin Rios on a Sunday was an experience of joy, excitement and smiles that have stretched into the next week. We celebrated faith begun in our relationships with family and friends and the waters of baptism. Beginning with baptisms, confirming with the laying on of hands and prayer in confirmation, welcoming individuals being received into the Episcopal Church in the global Anglican communion and reaffirming faith commitment with prayer, we all participated in a great liturgy of faith and hope. We are declaring that we are marked as Christ's own forever. Bishop Austin confirmed, re-membering the power of our baptism. The oil used in in baptism is always blessed by a Bishop. Bishop Austin Rios has blessed our oil at Saint Timothy's; we are participants in a sacrament that declares we are members of the Body of Christ and are again and again being sent forth into the world as followers of Christ.



And what does the hum of excitement mean? I believe it means community and relationship. We are connected to one another in the community of faith that has gone before us, to the community of faith we experience now, and the community of faith that is yet to come—not just here at Saint Timothy's, but in all the places we have been and in all the lives we touch with our faith and hope now, and the lives that the ones we love touch. God with us—we declare with strength and the power of discernment during this challenging time. We have already been given the gifts of the Spirit to do the things we can imagine. We already have the talents and resources we need for the things we think are difficult; the sign is the quiet burn inside and a passion to act.

I pray that Bishop Austin being with us gives us courage to do those hard things that bring us joy as we witness to the power of Love in our lives. Together we can do this hard thing. Being part of this community allows us to speak and discern together in prayer what God is calling us to do in this time and space. The power of the Spirit is strengthening us to do the things we need to do as we walk out of the church doors into the everyday places we live, work and play.

Congratulation in our baptisms, confirmations, receptions, reaffirmations and the joyous renewing of our own baptismal covenants.

*“For it is God who inspires you with the will to do the good things which you desire to do.”
Phil 2:13*

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Bishop Austin Rios at St Timothy's, Jim Coleman

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Liturgy and Bible Stories

We continue in the Season of Creation until Saint Francis Day. Our elementary aged children will learn more stories of creation and stories from the Old Testament. After we light candles, (preparing our older children for being acolytes), and find ourselves on the liturgical calendar, we will focus on different Bible stories. We will use Godly play materials or an activity to help us remember the people from the Bible! Scripture is the foundation for learning the stories of our faith.



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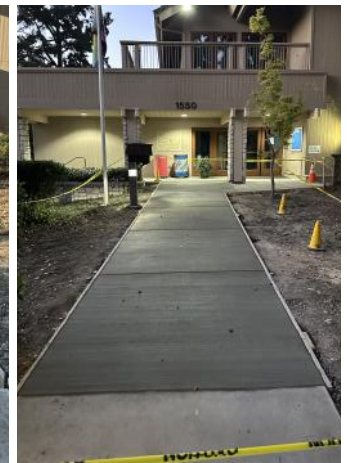
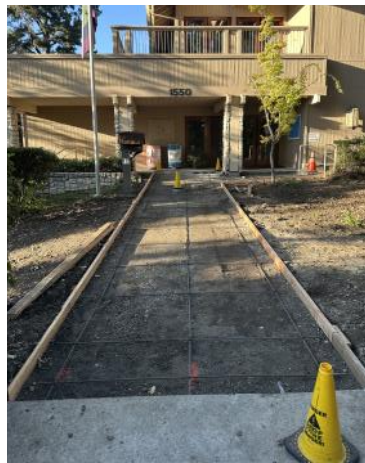
What are your favorite stories and why? Did you lead Godly play? Would you like to be with our children during Children's Liturgy? Tell story or share an activity that is meaningful to you? Let us know! Sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org

Welcome to Bhavini

We welcome Bhavini D., our new childcare provider, who will join us for Children's Liturgy and who you will see in our children's corner in church. She is a high school student, a scout in Troop 36 and is eager to join us as we greet our younger members in an age-appropriate service for the beginning of church. Welcome!

FACILITIES UPDATE

The Facilities Team is grateful to report that Grace House's new sewer line repair work is complete, walkway lights are re-wired and working, landscaping electrical back in action and our walkway was ready just in time for the Bishop visit last Sunday!



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Have you experienced a loss and longed to share with others? Come join us. We will meet as a support group in the Grace House library for 6 weeks beginning October 8th at 3:00. Everyone grieves in different ways. Come early and walk on the labyrinth or sit awhile by the fountain near the meditation garden. We will share, talk a little about strategies, and tell stories of loss and hope. Hope you can join us. Questions? sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org



OPTIONS RECOVERY SERVICES

THIS SUNDAY! (9/28)

On Sunday, September 28th, George Smith, The Director of Reentry and Violence Prevention at Options Recovery Services, will deliver the sermons at both the 8 and 10am services. *This is to honor September as National Recover Month* and those people who continue to recovery from lives of addiction, trauma and criminality. Accompanying George will be Thomas Martinez, Housing Manager of the Academy of Hope, the transitional housing run by Options for men and women transitioning from prison after graduating from the Occupational Mentor Certification Program. During the coffee hour a 5 minute video about The Academy of Hope will be shown, and both George and Thomas will be available to answer questions.



HOLIDAY GIFT BAGS

Consider donating items to the Holiday Gift Drive for Options Recovery Services housing clients. For many of the Options clients, these gift bags are the highlight of their holidays!

Beginning Sunday, November 2, (through the end of November) there will be boxes in the church entry and in Parish Hall, where you may drop off your donated items.

Contact: Peg Miller pegeatonmiller@prodigy.net

It is Holiday Drive Time Again!

We are requesting these items for client gift bags.

Men's Items:

1. Body Wash
2. Deodorant
3. Lotion
4. Large Nail Clippers
5. Colognes
6. Black T-Shirts in all sizes

Women's Items:

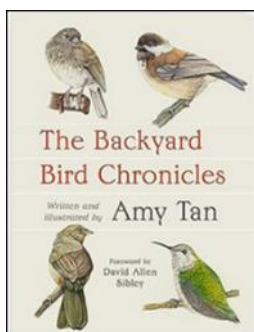
1. Body Wash
2. Face Wash
3. Lotion
4. Deodorant
5. Make-Up
6. Perfume

Thank you for your support!

BOOK GROUP

ST. TIMOTHY'S BOOK GROUP – WHAT ARE WE READING THIS FALL?

The St Timothy's book group meets monthly (mostly) on the 3rd Sunday after the 10:00 am service in the Grace House library to discuss the book we read during the previous month and anything else that is going on in the church and our lives. We are a lively friendly group who welcome additions. The fall we are reading a variety of books.

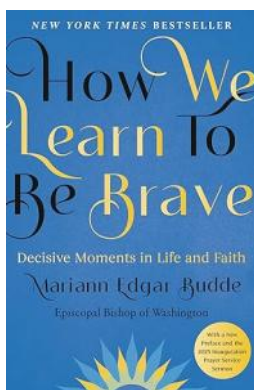
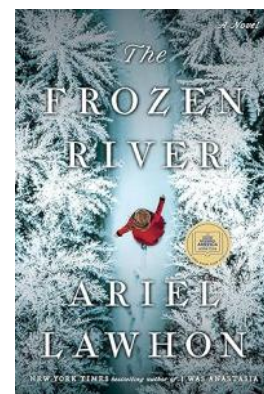


Sunday, September 28 (because the Bishop was here on the 21st)
“**The Backyard Bird Chronicles**” by Amy Tan.

Amy is a Bay Area author known for her novels – “Joy Luck Club” and others. In 2016, overwhelmed by the hatred and misinformation in social media she sought solace in the natural world outside her window and discovered that she loved watching her bird neighbors. She not only enjoyed watching them, but she found joy in sketching them.

Sunday, October 19

“**The Frozen River**” by Ariel Lawhon. This novel was inspired by the life of Martha Ballard, an 18th century midwife in Maine. In the novel, when the Kennebec River freezes and a man is found in the ice, she is summoned to examine the body and determine the cause of death. The investigation to find the cause of his death and the accompanying complications introduce us to life in the 1780's in Maine and a search for justice.

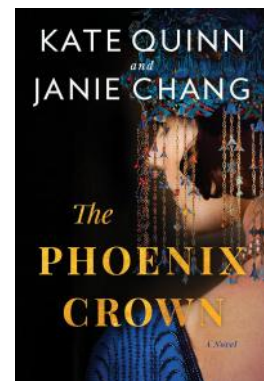


Sunday, November 16

“**How We Learn To Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith**” by Bishop Mariann Budde, the Bishop of Washington, D.C. who know how to speak truth to power in a powerful and compassionate way. “The decisive moments in life are those pivot points when we’re called on to push past our fears and act with strength.” Bishop Budde talks about a range of decisive moments using diverse sources from Harry Potter to the Gospel according the Luke.

We will take December off and meet again on Sunday, January 18 to discuss “**The Phoenix Crown**” by Kate Quinn and Janie Chang and to discuss what books we will read and discuss in 2026.

Questions? Contact Sally P at sallyspotts@gmail.com.



CELEBRATION OF ST. FRANCIS DAY

and Pet Blessing
October 5th

We hope you will join us and bring your dog or cat or bunny on a leash at 11:30am on the patio for a blessing. Invite your friends! It is fun to celebrate our pets and the people who love them! You may also bring a photo of your beloved pet or like Saint Francis, celebrate a creature who lives around us, but not in in our homes.

We welcome children to bring a stuffed animal to the 10:00 service, October 5th, for young people's time. Our stuffed animal friends bring comfort and remind us that we can always talk to God in the quiet of the night or looking up from a book in a quiet corner or sitting on a parent's lap watching a show. We will bless our "stuffies" and bless one another with the laughter, joy and tears that beloved pets of childhood (and beyond) share with us.



ADOPT-A-FAMILY BIKES

Adopt-a-Family Bikes is currently open Sundays and Mondays from 11am-4pm in the Alamo Plaza next to the closed Rite Aid. Volunteers and donated used bikes in good condition are welcome. The cost of bike locks and new helmets have increased so we are asking for a \$30 donation, if possible, with each bike to cover those costs, plus parts and tires.



Last year, the holiday program distributed 394 bikes to local non profits, foster youth, and low wealth schools. Stay tuned for updated hours as the holidays approach. Like us on Facebook: Adopt-A-Family Bikes. www.adoptafamilybikes.org

CONTRA COSTA INTERFAITH COALITION



**Contra Costa Interfaith
Coalition**

Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition (CCIC) is in regular need of twin, full, and queen size blankets, bedspreads, and comforters especially as the cooler weather approaches. Donations can be placed in the CCIC barrel outside Grace House.

Please contact Tania at taniahd@comcast.net with questions or for a donation receipt.

BUNCO NIGHT! OCTOBER 10

You are invited!
Join St Timothy's N.E.W. (Women's) Group
For an Evening of Fun and

BUNCO

Food and beverages
will be provided!

October 10th
6:00 - 8:00 pm



BUNCO is an easy game to learn and a hard one to remember. So, we are all doing it for the "first time" again.

There won't be many Tricks, but you can expect a lot of Treats.

Friends, relatives and neighbors are welcome to join us!

Come as you are or wear a costume.
Bring a Treat if you like.

Cost \$5.00 (Scholarships available)
Please R.S.V.P. to lisa@pmcapp.com

Or Call: (925) 785-8015

Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church
1550 Diablo Road
Danville, California



RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Meal Packaging Event Save the Date

Sunday, November 2
2:00 – 4:00 pm
St. Timothy's Parish Hall



The annual Meal Packaging event is a fun, hands-on way to help those suffering from hunger. Volunteers will package meals through an assembly-line process that combines rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and vitamins to create fortified, shelf-stable meals. The meals are distributed by the non-profit Rise Against Hunger to areas of food insecurity and disaster sites world-wide. We've packaged over 15,000 meals in one morning in past years and hope to do so again!

WHAT WE NEED:

Monetary donations to purchase the supplies
&
80 volunteers to package the meals

Invite Family and Friends
We have a job for all ages – Standing & Sitting Jobs Available
(Children under 13 must work with an adult)

Signups start in October

Contact: Joann Oliver, joannmarieoliver@gmail.com



FRUITS OF THE HARVEST RECAP



28th ANNUAL FRUITS OF THE HARVEST (FOTH) Fundraiser for Outreach Ministry partners, and Events at St. Timothy's

We gathered on September 6th for a night of fun, delicious food, lots of costumed superheroes, Silent Auction, Raffles, Fund-A-Need, Bingo games, and to raise funds for our beneficiaries who do great work to help people in need.

Our preliminary ballpark numbers indicate that it was a great success. We netted in the ballpark of \$72,000. That's the highest net amount we have ever made at the event! Last year we earned \$57,300. The Fund-A-Need made \$22,000! That's a record. In October, after reviewing the grant requests, the Outreach committee will meet to determine the grants that will go to each of these Outreach organizations. The church Outreach allocation of \$15,000 is added to this amount with any rollover and donations. **Thank you all so much for your incredible generosity with your donations of funds, wine, gift cards, auction and raffle items. We are blown away.**

Costumes: We encouraged guests to come as a superhero or someone who had inspired them or changed the world. We even had a prize for best costume. There were so many clever ones. We had four Ruth Bader Ginsbergs, two Mother Theresas, lots of Wonder Women, Florence Nightingale, Joan of Arc, Jane Goodall, Mother Nature, the Statue of Liberty, Dr. Fauci and several other medical heroes, Clark Kent, lots of Supermen, Catwoman, many masked and caped crusaders, and more. First prize went to Superkid, aka James Garcia-Yow, and second prize went to Joan of Arc, aka Diane Cohen.

Silent Auction and Raffles: Thanks to Kimberly Bryant and Alison Hill for putting this all together, including the Mystery Boxes! There were some new games like the Punch tower. They were enjoyed by all. Everything was beautifully displayed, and people enjoyed themselves opening up their Mystery Boxes to see what they won.



As Co-Chairs, Sally Shea Potts and Kimberly Bryant are miracle workers. The amount of work Sally and Kimberly do in the office is amazing. Everything gets organized by these two with all of the registering and coordinating support in all aspects of the background work that it takes to make this event successful. They are amazing and the two fastest workers I know. This would not happen without them.

Our sixth FOTH 2025 video created by Carolyn Bried featured people who were nominated by our Outreach Ministry partners as superheroes who went above and beyond to help their organizations. It was clever, heartwarming, and will make you smile as you see all the good work these superheroes do. The video was shown in church as the sermon the week before the event. Thank you, Carolyn, for all your hard work making the video. It will be posted on a link on the Fruits of the harvest part of the Outreach menu on our church website, SaintTimothysDanville.org later next week.

Special guest speaker CCIC: Our own Tania Hanson De Young, President of Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition, spoke to us about the work they do to help supply room furnishings, kitchen supplies, cleaning supplies, beds, to individuals transitioning out of foster care into places of their own, and formerly homeless people receiving a place to live. These individuals have nothing with which to start a new life in a new place.

CCIC is run by a large group of dedicated volunteers from several organizations and churches. They gather these donated items, store them in several locations, purchase new beds from donations, and deliver them in their own trucks to grateful recipients to make a new home.

Bankers: Working hard all night, Clark Kent AKA John Geraci, Cathy, John and Thomas Superman Hager, and Ken Anderson made sure all went well with the bank and with getting all the reconciling done. Thank you for what you do every year. We can't do this without our experienced crew.

Bar: We had a professional bar tender, Erik Fisher, who is Kathleen Murphy's nephew and godson. The bar was generously sponsored by Kathleen Murphy and Teresa Centeno Kim. This was so appreciated. He brought his own bar setup which was quite something as he mixed our signature drinks of the night: "The Super Cosmos" and the "Spidey Sense." Handling the wine pouring were a super hero, Russ Novey, and a Catwoman, Diane Fournasier, and Alli Geraci Novy did a great job at the mocktail bar as Wonder Woman.

Food: Once again, Tania Hansen De Young did an outstanding job in handling the food at the event. The emphasis was on SUPER foods, so everything was healthy with the



appetizers, and the catered buffet from Simple Elegance with entrees of Mediterranean Chicken and Salmon with a dill butter sauce which were delicious. Judy Kerns, with Bruce Kerns, Sue Lukido, Allie Geraci-Novy, and Jan Mahony's help made a superb dessert of lemon blueberry cake with cream cheese lemon frosting that was out of this world. It was a huge hit. I want that recipe. Helping Tania in the kitchen were the fabulous kitchen helpers: Darrell & Sue Kingman, John Brandt, Barbara Monsler, Helen Coleman, Carleen Carns, Carol Lane, Teresa Centeno and her Mom, Nelly, John, Thomas and Cathy Hager, Rev. and Rev. Susan Geissler O'Neil. We were fed delicious chicken croissant sandwiches for lunch made by Holly and Ron Tsung on Friday, and Dick Firth provided the pizzas and salad on Saturday, with Kimberly Brandt helping with setting up and clearing. Thank you very much with taking care of feeding our volunteers.

Wall of Wine: Thank you to Carleen Carns for managing the W.O.W. and setting up the display. We had a very special bottle of wine valued at \$145 donated by Ginger and Kent Johnson. It was the very last bottle on the table...lucky winner. We appreciate all of you who donated to the Wall of Wine.



Ticket seller table: Thank you to Bob Carnes, for manning the ticket selling table all night. We appreciate you

Bingo Game: We had something new for you all. At the end of the evening, we played two games of Bingo and the winners each got \$75 gift cards. The Bingo games and prizes were sponsored by Kathleen Murphy and it was fun! Thank you Kathleen!

Special Treat: During dinner, Nancy Rude played a medley of superhero music on the piano and it was a lovely touch. Thank you, Nancy.

Parking Spot: The last raffle of the night was the drawing for the reserved parking spot and it went to Diane Cohen who gifted it to Patti Farris. Enjoy, Patti!

Photography: Thank you, Jim Coleman. You do a great job with the photos and I always look forward to seeing them. What great memories you are recording for us all.



Volunteers! We would be nowhere without you!!!

We had a work party to assemble table centerpieces and we appreciate the helpers: Caryle Voss, Barbara Monsler, Jan Smith, Carole Austin, and Cindy Mathis.

Set up and Take Down volunteers: You were all wonderful! Some signed up and many just showed up to help. I'm just going to list names and if I missed you, I apologize and just know that you are so appreciated:

Kathy Wills, Charlie Wills, Pam Cunningham, Joe Cunningham, Kris Manning Glen Muller Alison Hill, Barbara Monsler, Sally Shea Potts, Caryl Voss, Shelley Wells, John Henry Wells, Cindy Mathis, Ron Tsung, Holly Tsung, Ade Adekunle, Roz Adekunle and family, Kathleen Murphy, John Brandt, Kimberly Brandt, Wendy Brainerd, Cecelia and Olu Oduwole, Betty Medwedeff, Scott MacDougall, Gabel Chong Horsely.

A Special thank you to the Sesame Street caped crusader, aka Rev. Todd and to Florence Nightingale, aka Rev. Susan for all your support as we put this event together.

With Gratitude,
Leslie Firth





DIOCESE OF CALIFORNIA CONVENTION

**176th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of California
October 17 & 18**

Convention Resources Available

Resolutions Posted:

[Draft resolutions proposed for the 176th Diocesan Convention are now available to be read on the Convention website: Resolutions 25 | DioCal Convention.](#)

You are invited to submit your comments about the resolutions on the website. The draft resolutions may be revised from time to time as they are reviewed by the Committee on Resolutions.

Questions about resolutions may be directed to the committee, Dave Frangquist, frangquist@acm.org.

All-Deanery Meeting Recordings:

[Re-watch the all-deanery meetings](#) to learn about the budget and resolutions submitted to this year's convention. *Also available with Spanish interpretation.*

Nominee Bios & Videos:

Interested in learning more about this year's nominees for diocesan offices? Check out their bios and introduction videos, now on the DioCal Convention website.

[Read the nominee bios now >>](#)



Be Part of Convention — Sign Up to Volunteer!

Help create a joyful and smooth-running Convention by joining our amazing volunteer team! From greeting guests to helping with tech, setting up snacks, or prepping name tags, there's a place for everyone.

We'll provide training on October 9 (for all volunteers) & October 16 (for Tech Chaplains).

[Check out the full list of roles](#) and **[sign up today:](#)**

- Joyful Nametag Stuffing at DioHouse
 - Here to Help: Morning & Afternoon Shifts (General Support)
 - Gentle Tech Guides: Serving as a Tech Chaplain
 - Perky Morning Coffee Crew
 - Warm Welcomer: Greet, Check in, and Offer Nametags to Attendees
 - Midday Smiles: Lunch Ticket Helpers
 - Peppy Afternoon Lunch & Refreshment Crew
 - Convivial Convention Choir
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Our own **Lisa Guevara Perry** is running for Executive Council. You can check out her nominee page [HERE](#).

Why are you running for this position?

The call to love and serve with strength and courage has informed my work in Formation, on the Christian Nationalism Task Force and in the two resolutions I bring to Convention.

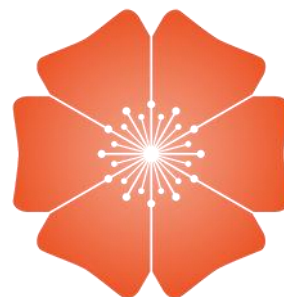
I feel called to work to build a foundation in our diocese that will support the true mission of Jesus – to love God and to show that love through the love and care we show our neighbors.

The strength of our commitment to our call to love and serve with strengthen and sustain our diocese, its people, and our neighbors.

Pray that Lisa wins!

EPISCOPALIANS OF ACTION (EOA)

Episcopalians of Action (EOA) have recently submitted two resolutions for approval at the Diocesan Convention in October. The resolutions are available on the Diocese of California website or click [HERE](#). They include Resolution #2 on Social Justice and Resolution #3 on Affordable Housing.



With the voice of the Christian church today often drowned out by Christian nationalist and negative social messages, both these resolutions seek to strengthen our collective Episcopal voices to support social justice and affordable housing ministries. The resolutions also seek to empower and encourage congregations and individual congregants to work more collaboratively to publicly communicate these ministries as Episcopalian (through various media) and to engage in civic activities that support social justice goals.

[Resolution #3: Affordable Housing](#)

The Affordable Housing resolution focuses on the housing crisis and the negative impact to many areas of community life and seeks to encourage action to build affordable housing.

[Resolution #2: Social Justice](#)

The Social Justice resolution emphasizes the need to more effectively communicate the social justice positions and to empower those who are active within the Episcopal church.

These resolutions also reinforce the [Strategic Vision](#) by clearly stating the trust and support for those within our diocese who work toward that vision.

Episcopalians of Action is an inter-congregational and inter-deanery working group, focusing on social justice and affordable housing issues in the Tri-Valley. Terry Young, of St. Clare's Pleasanton, is chair and members also include Ann Butcher, St. Bart's, Livermore, Lisa Perry, St. Timothy's, Danville. Lisa led the creation of these two resolutions. EOA meets monthly. If you would like to be involved, please contact Terry Young.

VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

September 18, 2025

The Vestry met on Wednesday, September 18, 2025, at 6:30pm in Grace House.

MOTIONS:

- The Vestry unanimously approved the minutes from August 20th Vestry Meeting, the reports and documents submitted by the treasurer, and several submitted rector and commission reports submitted prior to the meeting.

Financials

St. Timothy's Danville Treasurer's Report

September 17, 2025

Financial Summary for the Eight Months ending August 31, 2025

	Actual	Budget
Total Income	\$693,816	\$527,401
Total Expenses	<u>\$563,595</u>	<u>\$592,323</u>
Net Operating Income	\$130,221	(\$64,921)

Comments

- St. Timothy's continues to be in decent financial condition through August 2025.
- August income was a negative \$19,860, due to lower income as compared to plan.
- Due to our great fund raising early in the year, as of 8/31, we appear to be headed to a break-even year.
- Surprising capital expenditures have been a negative again this year, the latest being the almost \$42,000 cost to repair the failed sewer line in front of Grace House. This cost is in addition to the \$120,000 + spent several months ago replacing the six A/C units in Grace House.

• FYI

- Continued negotiations are taking place with Building Kidz.
- Bishop Rios is scheduled to visit St Timothy's at the 10:00 service on September 21st.

Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The next meeting is on Wednesday October 15, 2025, at 6:30 in the Conference Room in Grace House.

The minutes of the Vestry meeting will be filed in the Parish Office after they are approved by the Vestry.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Manning

ST. TIMOTHY'S MISSIONAL CHALLENGE

In Danville and surrounding areas, we recognize many people experience grueling work schedules along with significant duties of raising families and/or caring for aging parents.

The culture places a high value on performance and over-achievement which can lead to a myriad of physical and mental health problems. We want to offer an alternative, an oasis, which springs from our faith. Put another way, we want to demonstrate to our culture that it's ok to take time out and rest and even that one's worth is not based on achievement.

This spans generations as youth in our area are often under enormous pressure to get top grades, participate in myriads of activities, all to get into the best colleges in the country.

Accordingly, we have the following general goals:

- Cultivate rest and renewal in a busy culture.
- Support mental health
- Address loneliness
- Encourage listening to one another as a means of support.

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