**Communications**

**WEBSITE RESOURCES FOR CHURCHES**

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[**https://www.givingsites.com/deeproots/resources.php**](https://www.givingsites.com/deeproots/resources.php)

**Please follow the timeline of these messages as you plan your churches communications calendar. This plan highlights one of the New Life Funds every 2 weeks or so. We will conduct a feasibility study in early fall of 2022 to get more feedback on the plans.**

* Post in weekly enews- You have a choice of logos on the resource link to use.
* Post in monthly enews
* Post in weekly bulletin
* If possible, make an announcement in church about the current subject, and propose the “Consider” question for people to think about.

Thank you in advance for helping with this work. Please also let us know any questions that come up.

**January – Intro to campaign** Rob’s video- the why.

At our diocesan convention in November, Bishop Rob announced that the diocese is beginning work on a capital campaign to fund congregational, clergy and lay leadership initiatives. These funds for New Life will be featured in the months ahead so we can consider how they could directly impact our church’s ability to attract, keep and nurture quality clergy and lay leaders to help us flourish.

Consider:

What challenges do you imagine the Bishop faces when wanting to support or strengthen new or existing ministries?

<https://www.givingsites.com/deeproots/our-plan.php>

**Feb 1-13**

**Episcopal Missional Communities** are new shoots of the vine that offer alternative forms of worship and community. Dinner churches, nature churches, digital churches are all examples of different ways of “being church” that are being raised up here in New Hampshire. Since 2014 we have seen these new sprouts emerge in the form of communities such as Church of the Woods, The Mission in Franklin, The Digital Mission, and Christ the Way Community. Increased support for clergy and lay leaders and providing for gathering space and other assistance is critical to strengthen these communities.

Consider:

How does supporting missional communities outside of the traditional church context enhance who We are as the Episcopal church in New Hampshire?

Watch a video of the Episcopal Missioner of Franklin <https://www.givingsites.com/deeproots/our-plan.php>

**Feb 16-27**

**The Bishop’s Curates fund** provides support for congregations to help them hire promising, newly ordained clergy—clergy that they otherwise would not be able to afford. Curates bring new ideas, energy, and vision to the congregation and the Diocese. Permanent funding would ensure that the Diocese and congregations could continue to attract talented clergy and would benefit from the energy, talents, and perspective of newly ordained clergy.

Without the Bishop’s Curates Fund we would not have Nathan Bourne leading St. George’s in Durham and developing a campus ministry at UNH.

Consider:

How might adding a curate to your church’s staff help strengthen ministries in your congregation?

Watch a video of the curate from The Church of the Good Shepherd, Nashua at <https://www.givingsites.com/deeproots/our-plan.php>

**Mar 1-12**

**The School for Ministry** was launched in 2020 to develop leaders—both lay and ordained—called from throughout the region. The school serves students both online and in person at Trinity Church, Tilton. As a local resource, it offers students lower costs and an attractive alternative to attending a residential seminary full time. The school also has a particular focus on the development of bi-vocational leaders. Funding is needed for a full-time Dean, stipends for faculty, coverage of curriculum fees, scholarships for students, and upkeep and improvement of the school’s space.

Without the School for Ministry, we would not have a priest at Emmanuel Church in Plymouth, Ashland, and Holderness.

Consider:

How does local education of future clergy and lay leaders provide more opportunities for the church in NH and neighboring dioceses?

Watch a video of a current student <https://www.givingsites.com/deeproots/our-plan.php>

**Mar 16-27**

**The Ministerial Development Fund** brings high-potential early- and mid-career clergy together with congregations, who have similarly great potential but are not able yet to support full-time clergy. The partnership provides three fully funded years, and reduced support for two more years, to encourage dynamic clergy leaders to engage and grow their congregations and establish financial sustainability.

Without the Ministerial Dev Fund St. Peter’s Londonderry would probably not have a full-time clergy person today.

Consider:

How might these funds have an impact on a church’s sustainability and future mission?

Watch a video of the rector at <https://www.givingsites.com/deeproots/our-plan.php>

**Apr 1-10**

**The Coaching Fund** provides professional coaching for clergy and lay leaders who are stepping into new calls, or those in need of support or new direction to help navigate the landscape of their congregations. Coaching is a proven approach that helps leaders clarify and define specific goals, challenges, and next steps, and provides guidance that leads to successful change and leadership growth.

Without the Coaching Fund many clergy would have been sunk by the ministerial challenges of the COVID epidemic.

Consider:

What challenges do clergy and leaders face and how could coaching benefit their leadership and health of a church?

Watch the video of a recipient at <https://www.givingsites.com/deeproots/our-plan.php>