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# The Episcopal Church at Work: A Newsletter from the Office of Development / October 2023

## SOMOS EPISCOPALES/ WE ARE EPISCOPALIANS







## Somos Episcopales / We are Episcopalians

**There are close to 300 Latino congregations in the United States. There is likely a Latino congregation or Spanish language service in an Episcopal church near you.**

Did you know that Latino worship is also conducted in English? The question for The Episcopal Church is how do we learn to evangelize and welcome both the immigrant and native-born Latinos into our branch of the Jesus Movement? The Latino Competency Course is one answer to that question.

In August, 16 Episcopalians—lay, clergy, and seminarians—gathered at Sewanee University in Tennessee, seeking to use intellectual and cultural tools to discern and explore the type of Latino/Hispanic ministry that best fits their congregational/diocesan setting. In one of the workshops, titled “Social

Demographics of the Latinos in the U.S.,” the Rev. Anthony Guillén used data and statistics to challenge Anglo biases and misperceptions surrounding the cultural and geographic background of our Hispanic/Latino neighbors, and what it means for our outreach and evangelism.

### Go Deeper

- **Latino/Hispanic Ministries:**  
The ministry page of the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries guides The Episcopal Church in forming hospitable communities of faith that nourish, strengthen, and develop disciples of Christ in the Anglican tradition within Spanish-speaking communities.
- **Episcopal Latino Competency Course**

### Doing this work:

- The Rev. Canon Anthony Guillén, missionary for Latino/Hispanic Ministries and director, Ethnic Ministries
- **The Rev. Al Rodriguez**

### The Year Ahead

**Oct. 12 “It’s All About Love”-- Thursday webinars:** “Healing the Divide with Indigenous Peoples and the Church,” with the Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton, vice president of the House of Deputies; rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Everett, Washington

**Nov 30 – Dec 12** United Nations Climate Change Conference, Dubai

**Jan 8 – 12, 2024** African Anglican Women Bishops

**March 11-24, 2024** United Nations Commission on the Status of Women





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## Young Adult and Campus Ministries grant applications are open!

[Click here to apply](#)

## Ways to Give: BLESS Appeal

Your gifts to The Episcopal Church BLESS Appeal and other ministries make a significant difference.

We are so thankful for your generosity as we seek to walk in the way of Jesus through our missions and ministries. Below are some ways to partner with us financially.

### Text to give:

Text 'Appeal' to 91999

### Call:

800-334-7626 ext. 6002

### Online:

The Episcopal Church

### Make a gift of securities:

Contact T.J. Houlihan  
212-716-6271 for information.





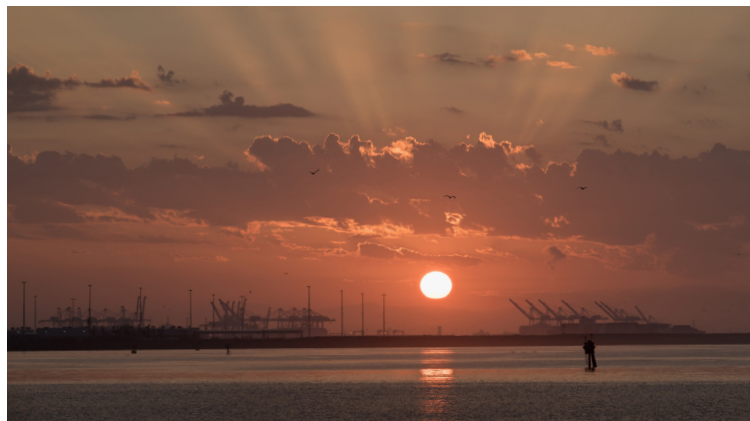
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## Feast Days

**18 October** Saint Luke the Evangelist

**30 October** Maryam of Qidun, Monastic, fourth century

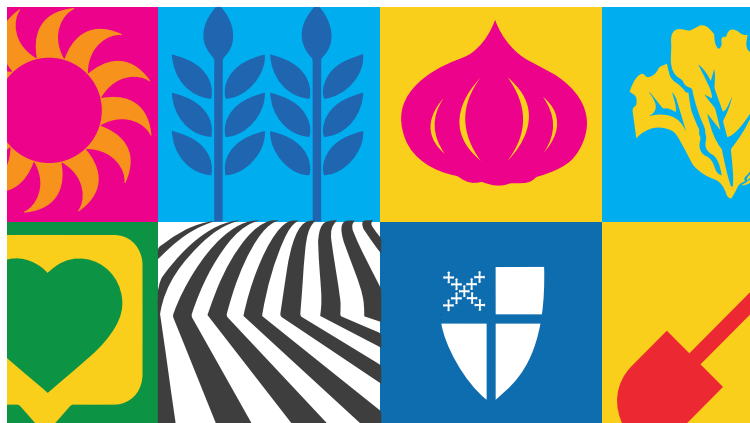


## Prayer/Meditation

Book of Common Prayer,  
**Andrea for the Armed Forces**



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## Featured Podcast

Sermons that Work, **Pentecost 9 (A): Finding Value in What Others Overlook** – July 30, 2023

## Featured Video

Good News Gardens, “Sharing the Bounty, Field Days at Camp Stevens”

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