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Nationally-Renowned Theologian to Speak at All Saints-by-the-Sea in Santa Barbara

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Noted theologian and former Westmont instructor Diana Butler Bass will speak on June 14 at All Saints-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church to explore recent trends in religion and spirituality that are challenging traditional institutions and opening the way for new patterns of faith.

Instead of doom and gloom, she finds much to cheer in the changing face of American religious life – and will argue that churches, synagogues and other faith communities need to open their hearts and minds to embrace a hope-filled future. The Saturday program will run from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the historic All Saints sanctuary. Butler Bass will return to All Saints on Sunday, July 15 to preach at the Episcopal Church's 8 and 10 a.m. services.

The Saturday seminar is open to the public and will include lunch. Pre-registration is priced at \$40 per person and \$25 for students until June 9 at which point all tickets will cost \$50. Registration and online payment options are available at www.allsaintsbythesea.org.

Diana Butler Bass is an independent scholar and author of eight books on American religion. She is a regular contributor to religion and spirituality programs on television and radio, is widely followed on social media, and writes for the *Huffington Post* and *OnFaith* websites. She lived in Santa Barbara the 1990s and taught classes at both Westmont and UCSB.

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All Saints-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church is an energetic and welcoming parish established in 1896. In addition to church services All Saints parishioners are involved in many outreach projects, social activities, worship and Christian formation. Celebrated for an iconic sanctuary which was built in 1900, All Saints offers a full schedule of worship activities and observances. For more information, please visit online at www.allsaintsbythesea.org.