



*Diocese of Missouri*  
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**Trustees of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri**

**Meeting as**

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

**Christ Church Cathedral  
St. Louis, MO  
06 June 2015**

**Members Present:** Bishop Wayne Smith, Brooke Forsyth, Sylvia Thomas, Elizabeth Yount, Carolyn Hackman, Tamsen Whistler, Allyce Bullock, William Gilbert II, Kevin McGrane, John Martin, Harry Richter, Susan Naylor, Barbara Pinkerton, Patricia Heeter

**Members ex-officio-** Thomas Hedrick

**Staff-** Desirée Viliocco, Joseph Chambers

**9:00 a.m. Call to Order & Opening Prayer**

- Bishop Smith

**Approval of Minutes – April 11, 2015**

- Approved as corrected

**Financial Report – Tom Hedrick**

-In reference to the first page of receipts on parish and missions, some parishes are behind a month or so. CSMSG is behind, but they historically catch up toward the end of the year. Most of the deficit that we are running is offset by absent income that we expect to receive later in the year. There are no expenses that stand out or that would cause concern.

**2016 Budget process: Tom Hedrick**

-We have sent out a letter to diocese for budget request submissions. Once we get the requests in we sit down with the staff and then we create a preliminary budget, then we meet with the financial committee, then Council, then convocations, then back to Council for approval prior to convention.

-Tom requested that the bishop appoint a finance committee, so Bishop Smith appointed Liz Yount, Bill Gilbert, and Kevin McGrane

### **Bishop's Report**

-There has been some staff reorganization, including Desiree Viliocco and Joe Chambers are now on the same leadership level. We've had a counselor come in to meet with the staff a number of times, and I have made available individual counseling for any staff member who requests it. Desiree is now the Executive Director of Finance and Administration, and Joe is Canon to the Ordinary, but his job description will be different from his predecessor.

-Celebration of new ministry with John Stratton at Trinity went well.

-Mike Angell began at Holy Communion, don't miss his celebration of new ministry as his old boss at St. John's Lafayette Square in Washington D.C., Luis Leon is hoped to be preaching.

-General Convention: There are three things to keep an eye on. New Presiding Bishop- all candidates capable of doing a great job. GC will consider the work and report of the Task Force for Reimagining the Episcopal Church. And the Marriage Task Force has submitted a large report for GC to consider.

"I had a good meeting with clergy talking about transitions in my office, which was really well attended".

### **Auditors Presentation – Jim Schmersahl, Schmersahl Treloar**

-Jim Schmersahl from Schmersahl Treloar presented the audit and audit process.

-A thorough examination was made under special circumstances

-We've taken extra measures to ensure that our policies are good and paperwork and receipts are accurate, documented, and up to date.

-Independent Auditor's Report handed out to Council and reviewed thoroughly.

-Various discussion and questions followed

### **Presentation from Dismantling Racism Committee –**

-The Rev. Chester Hines Jr., Chair, and eight members of the committee presented the work of the commission.

-Overview

-Participant Exercise

-Resolutions 143, 144

-Membership

-Why is this work necessary?

-Meetings

-Anytown, a program for high school youth, about diversity and community and social justice.

-Absalom Jones celebration, February 14, a great opportunity for education

-Emery Washington spoke about *Seeking Our Past, Creating our future-*, which was distributed and explained to Council.

-Check out extensive website: [www.diocesemo.org/dr](http://www.diocesemo.org/dr)

-Commission on Dismantling Racism members present: Chester Hines Jr., Rob Good, Bill Gilbert, Adrienne Dillon, Mary Ellen Anderson, Dale Anderson, Kate Haggans, and John Dotson.

**\*Handout passed out to Council**

-Following the presentation, the bishop invited reflections from Council members and a short discussion followed.

**New Ventures in Community Ministry Grant Report – Jerry Martin**

-Sent out invitation for grant requests on April 15

-So far, we have only received one request, so there is a question about extending the deadline.

-There are a few parishes and ministries that have submitted requests in the past that might reconsider and

-Resend invitation and extend deadline, which was agreed upon by Council

**11:30 a.m. Noonday Prayer – Bishop Smith**

**Corporate Officers Resolution**

**RESOLVED:** The trustees of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri hereby appoint Joseph M.C. Chambers as a Vice President of COEDMO with the associated rights and responsibilities of said office.

**RESOLVED:** The trustees of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri hereby appoint Desiree A. Viliocco as a Vice President of COEDMO with the associated rights and responsibilities of said office.

Passed with no objection

**Aged & Infirm Clergy Resolutions**

**RESOLVED,** that the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri does hereby confirm and approve the following corporate action of COEDMO: that a grant in the amount of \$7,971.50 be awarded from the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund to assist a clergyperson with dependent dental and orthodontia expenses not covered through an insurance plan.

Passed with no objection

Fund balance as of 05/31/2015: \$1,571,000

Established in 1870, and derived from offerings and gifts. This Fund is to be used for the relief of Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese disabled by age, disease, or otherwise, and of the surviving spouse and

children of Clergy. Per Diocesan Canon, the Trustees of COEDMO shall receive, consider and grant or deny applications for relief.

### **Church Assistance Endowment Fund Requests**

-Tamsen Whistler presented information regarding the 2015 Church Assistance Endowment Fund. The sub-committee reviewing the Church Assistance Endowment Fund grant requests made their report and COEDMO approved the following grants by voice vote:

Christ/Cape Girardeau	\$7,500
St. Timothy's/Creve Coeur	\$3,642
All Saints'/Farmington	\$3,000
Trinity/Hannibal	\$7,500
Transfiguration/Lake St.Louis	\$1,667
Good Shepherd/Town & Country	\$3,642
St. Paul's/Sikeston	\$3,750
St. John's/St. Louis	\$7,500

### **Review of the 175th Convention Resolutions – Check for Council action items (Resolutions A-175, B-175, & C-175)**

-Discussion about resolutions and about things needed to be done, including reforming the clergy compensation team, which Tamsen is now heading. This committee will report to Council in September.

### **Approval of 2016 Diocesan Council meeting Calendar**

The following schedule was approved without objection:

#### **Tentative - 2016 DIOCESAN COUNCIL CALENDAR**

Meeting times are as follows:

Friday 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

<b>December 12 Council Meeting</b>	Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
<b>February 20 Council Meeting</b>	Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
<b>April 9 Council Meeting</b>	Emmanuel, Webster Groves

	<i>Convocation Meeting</i>	<i>TBD by Convocation</i>
<b>June 4</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>	Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
	<i>Convocation Meeting</i>	<i>TBD by Convocation</i>
<b>September 9 – 10</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>	St. Joseph Mother House, St. Louis
	<i>Preliminary Budget sent to Convocations</i>	
	<i>Convocation Meeting</i>	<i>TBD by Convocation</i>
<b>50 days prior Conv.</b>	<i>Deadline for Nominations and Resolutions</i>	
	<i>Convocations budget feedback due to Council</i>	
<b>October 8</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>	Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
	<i>Convocation Meeting</i>	<i>TBD by Convocation</i>
<b>November 18 - 19</b>	177 <sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention	<i>TBD by Convention</i>
<b>December 10</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>	Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis

## Other Business

### Convocations:

Reports

### Kemper-

Tamsen: Reported on activity of convocation, and received a written report of the minutes?

### Metro II

-Kevin McGrane: Teresa Danieleley resigning, Jeffery Pruett new president of Metro. They established a schedule and are meeting regularly with positive results.

Metro III

Metro IV

### West

-Bishop: Someone from my office will call a meeting to order.

### South

-Barbara Pinkerton: Had a meeting, but minutes were not taken.

**Open Question/Comment Time**

Bishop: Condition in Lui is dire, as bad as it was during the civil war. Bishop Stephen is out of the country and the people of Lui town are living in the bush...no access to clean water, food is scarce, and there is no education. Mundri town has been taken over by the rebel forces and the road to Juba is closed. The bishops of South Sudan met in Rwanda. Bishops Wayne and Stephen consulted about how we might get relief funds to help them in this situation.

**Adjourn****Blessing**

Respectfully submitted by The Rev. Joseph Chambers