

## Standing Committee

The Standing Committee serves as “council of advice to the bishop” and advises the bishop of its own accord as described in our Diocesan Constitution. The Standing Committee also approves Articles of Incorporation, by-laws, and amendments thereto, real estate transactions, and loans from the Kelton E. White and Alma Mayland White Memorial Fund to congregations within the diocese.

In addition, the Standing Committee is responsible for certifying and recommending candidates for ordination to the diaconate and the priesthood, and for representing our diocese in consenting to the election, ordination, and consecration of bishops in other dioceses.

Standing Committee members are elected at Diocesan Convention for 4-year terms. Current members with terms expiring with this convention are Mr. Richard Entenmann, Mr. Stephen Robin, and the Rev. Marc Smith, PhD (Secretary). Members serving through the 2018 Convention are the Rev. Jerre Birdsong (President), Mrs. Simone Camp, and Dr. Adam Pearson. Serving through the 2019 Convention are the Rev. Deborah Goldfeder, DMin, Ms. Shug Goodlow (Vice President), and the Rev. Jon Stratton; while serving through 2020 are Mr. Brooke Forsyth, the Rev. Dawn-Victoria Mitchell, and the Rev. Rebecca Ragland. The Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith, the Rev. Canon Joe Chambers, and Mr. Hal Burroughs serve ex officio.

Official acts taken by the Standing Committee since the 2016 Diocesan Convention are as follows:

### Consent to the Ordination and Consecration of a Bishop:

- Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Bishop-Diocese of Indianapolis - 1/27/2017
- Gretchen Mary Rehberg, Bishop-Diocese of Spokane - 1/27/2017
- Rafael Morales, Bishop-Diocese of Puerto Rico - 2/23/2017
- John Taylor, Bishop Coadjutor-Diocese of Los

- Angeles - 2/23/2017
- Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, Bishop Suffragan—Diocese of West Texas - 4/27/2017
- Samuel Rodman, III Bishop Diocesan—Diocese of North Carolina - 4/27/2017
- David Rice, Bishop Diocesan—Diocese of San Joaquin - 4/27/2017
- Kevin Brown, Bishop Diocesan – Diocese of Delaware - 9/28/2017
- Brian Cole, Bishop Diocesan – Diocese of East Tennessee - 9/28/2017

### Commended to the Bishop for Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate:

- Maria Evans—12/8/2016
- Leslie Scoopmire – 12/8/2016
- Andrew Suitter – 12/8/2016

### Commended to the Bishop for Ordination to the Priesthood:

- Maria Evans-5/25/2017
- Leslie Scoopmire-5/25/2017
- Andrew Suitter-5/25/2017

### Approval of By-Law Revisions:

- St. Luke’s, Manchester - 2/23/2017
- St. Martin’s, Ellisville - 7/27/2017
- Calvary, Columbia - 9/28/2017
- Christ Church Cathedral – 10/26/2017

### Actions pertaining to Real Estate Transactions and the White Fund:

- Approval of the sale of a portion of the backyard property of St. John and St. James Church, Sullivan, to the adjacent cemetery—1/26/2017
- Approval of request that Treasurer, Chancellor, and Financial Administrator seek amending White Fund to expand fund uses- 1/26/2017
- Approval of a loan to St. Mark’s, St. Louis – 4/27/2017
- Approval of the sale of property by All Saints, St. Louis - 6/22/2017, 7/27/2017
- Approval of sanctuary building project at St. Stephen’s, Ferguson — 7/27/2017
- Approval of a loan to Emmanuel, Webster Groves – 7/27/2017
- Approval of sale of property by St. Michael and St. George, Clayton – 8/24/2017
- Approval of a loan to St. John’s, Tower Grove

- 8/24/2017
- Approval of lease agreement between St. John's, Tower Grove and Magnolia School – 9/27/2017
- Approval of a loan to St. Luke's, Manchester – 10/26/2017
- Approval of change in terms in loan to Trinity, Kirksville – 10/26/2017

#### Other Activities:

- Recommendation to the bishop to approve merger of All Saints, St. Louis, and Ascension, Northwoods, with relocation of All Saints to 4520 Lucas & Hunt Road – 12/8/2016
- Conducting a one-day diocesan Leadership Conference in March. Representatives from the diocese provided “nuts-and-bolts” sessions on congregational fiscal and administrative matters.
- Approval of the Christ Church Cathedral “Employee Handbook” -- 6/22/2017

Respectfully submitted  
on behalf of the Committee,  
The Rev. Jerre Birdsong, President

## Diocesan Council

The Diocesan Council continued to fulfill its mission throughout this past year. Highlights of the work it has done:

**The Council provided careful oversight of 2017 income and expenditures and prepared a balanced proposed 2018 operating budget.** The Council monitored 2017 income and expenditures, and in the latter half of the year, with the leadership of Desiree Viliocco (Financial Officer for the diocese) and Tom Hedrick (Treasurer of the diocese), prepared the proposed 2018 operating budget with input from parishes, ministry partners, the bishop, diocesan staff, and the convocations. Once again, a “clean” audit report was issued for the external audit of the diocese for the years ended December 31, 2016, and 2015.

**The Council allocated money for St. John's asbestos abatement project.** \$100,000 in unanticipated income from the unrestricted pool of the White Memorial Trust was allocated to St. John's for that project.

**The sale of Diocesan property in Sullivan, MO, was approved.** An extra lot next to St. John and St. James' was sold to the adjacent cemetery.

**The former St. Peter's in Bonne Terre was donated to the city of Bonne Terre.** The building will be used by the Bonne Terre Historical Society.

**Grants were made to parishes in support of infrastructure improvements and new ventures.** Church Assistance Endowment Fund grants were made to 9 parishes, and grants through New Ventures in Community Ministry Fund were awarded to Calvary, Columbia; Grace, Kirkwood; Holy Communion, University City; and St. Stephen's, St. Louis.

**The disbursement of up to \$200,000 out of the Future Mission/Building & Property Fund to St. Francis was approved.** Those funds were authorized for expenses relating to the construction and completion of the St. Francis-Eureka building project, with the intention that St. Francis will reimburse approximately \$94,000 of the total.

**The Council authorized the cost of a new HVAC system for St. John's.** Since the cost of the asbestos abatement was less than anticipated, part of the \$54,400 was to come from the unused portion of that allocation and the rest from the Future Mission/Building & Property Fund.

Additional details of the above highlights, all official acts of the Council, and all other activities and accomplishments of the Council are available at <http://www.diocesemo.org/diocesan-council/>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Rowe  
Vice Chair

## Camp Phoenix

Directors: Kevin Williams and Brenda Butler

Leadership Team includes: the directors, Pam Fadler, and Loren Lasch

Planning for Camp Phoenix 2018 begins now! Wanted: Adult volunteers who want to make a difference in a child's life.

In the words of diocesan Youth Missioner, the Rev. Loren Lasch (or as we call her at camp—RevLo), “What a wonderful week of fun, fellowship, and faith with great campers and a very talented group of counselors and program staff!”

Thirty-two adult volunteers from all over the diocese were instrumental in creating and facilitating the 13th annual summer camp of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri for 82 campers ages 8-15. We also introduced a new “bridge” program for campers who are too old to be campers, but not yet old enough to be counselors. In its pilot year, this program had six campers who spent one night camping and three nights at Rockwell House on Washington University’s campus. The Rev. Chris Slane designed the program and led the kids in four days of fun, service and worship.

The theme for Camp Phoenix 2017 was “The Most Wonderful Time of the Year.” The Rev. Leslie Scoopmire and Jillian Smith were our spiritual directors for the week and led hour-long sessions each day where the campers focused on the Nativity and the Incarnation of Jesus. And of course, ‘camp’ wouldn’t be ‘camp’ without the daily activities of making new friends, riding horses, swimming in DuBois Center’s lake, eating camp food, singing songs, and enjoying campfires.

The leadership team is so grateful to so many people that helped to make camp happen! Thank you to the TOP-NOTCH volunteers who went overboard to make this a phenomenal camp experience, including our beloved ‘absentee supporters’. Thank you to the diocesan parishes (including Church of the Advent for hosting registration again) and to all Daniels Campership Fund donors for your contributions that ensured all campers could participate at Camp Phoenix 2017. Camp families, we are so grateful that you aid in making camp a part of your child’s life - see you next year! Thank you, Bishop Wayne Smith and the diocesan office staff members for your unconditional support and patience. And, of course, thanks be to God!

Submitted by Kevin Williams

## Community of Hope

*“What I find most important at a time like this is what they call the ministry of presence. And that’s just kind of being around. A lot of times that doesn’t require any words to be spoken, just to be there.”—St. Louis County police chaplain Father Mike Boehm, from a St. Louis Public Radio story on police chaplains who minister to police officers after last year’s Ballwin shooting*

The ministry of presence that is practiced by the Community of Hope has continued to be important in our region.

The Community of Hope (COH) was initiated in the diocese in 2001 under the umbrella of what subsequently became the Community of Hope International. It is a fourteen-week, forty-two-hour training program for lay pastoral ministry to awaken participants to God’s call in their lives and to help them discern their spiritual gifts for ministry. After completion of the training, the commissioned chaplains are free to choose ministries within their parishes and the wider community. This certainly reflects the diocesan vision of “Making Disciples, Building Congregations, For the Life of the World.”

In a year’s time, our records indicate our lay chaplains logged 1254 visits serving 4189 people over 1758.25 hours. Our chaplains are free to offer their services to those who are sick, hospitalized, incarcerated, homebound, in skilled nursing centers, in shelters or in hospice.

COH within our diocese include sites at the Church of St. Michael and St. George (CSMSG) and Grace Church in Kirkwood. Each site has Circles of Care that meet monthly for prayers, debriefing and support. The Circles include all the chaplains who have been trained. Circle members from the sites are invited to meet together quarterly as a Monastery without Walls, with one meeting designed to be an extended retreat. These occasions offer an opportunity to live into the Rule of Benedict through prayer, work, study, and continuing education.

We are pleased to announce that six additional people received the training during the fall of 2017 and were commissioned in December.

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## Companion Diocese Committee

The situation in the Diocese of Lui is dire. Fighting has spread through all of Equatoria (Lui is in Western Equatoria) and many people have fled the villages for the bush as attacks from the air are happening. One occurred in the village of Lanyi where a military garrison was bombed. A convoy from Lui trying to reach Lanyi was also destroyed by air attacks. Everything seems to be fracturing along tribal lines, even the church. Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul Yak is due to retire at the end of this year.

The Diocese of Lui has split into two dioceses. The reason for the split is the desire to form internal provinces in the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. In order to have an internal province, there must be five dioceses. Each internal province would then elect an archbishop (metropolitan). The Diocese of Wandj was formed to work toward having five dioceses. The bishop of Wandj was installed shortly thereafter. We are not certain which villages or archdeaconries have split from Lui diocese so we continue to pray for all of them as we have been doing.

Prices have skyrocketed since independence: a liter of water that cost 1 Sudanese pound at independence now costs 600 pounds; one kilo of meat which cost 10 Sudanese pounds then, now costs 600 Sudanese pounds. Fish is equally scarce and expensive. Farming is dangerous because of the fighting that continues but we did manage to send \$10,000 from the Diocese of Missouri for seeds. They have been purchased and are in Juba awaiting the assist of a convoy to protect the shipment on its journey to Lui. These convoys run very infrequently but should get the long-awaited seeds to the people in Lui in time to

plant in April 2018.

There are still students at Lunjini Primary School but they are in desperate need of school supplies. Our mission partners in Lund, Sweden are paying salaries for teachers. We have had news that the Rev. Margaret is still headmistress of the Senior Secondary School and living in Lui.

There are no possibilities of mission trips to South Sudan as the situation is too dangerous. Anything we might think of shipping into South Sudan might get into Juba but then not get to Lui, some ninety miles away. It is frustrating.

The second project of the CDC was to send shoes, soap, Vaseline, triple antibiotic cream, hydrocortisone ointment, and examination gloves to the Lui refugees in the Kiryandongo Refugee Camp in Uganda. Neither the soap nor the gloves met Ugandan standards. We gave the soap to food pantries and other places in the Diocese of Missouri for clients who could not purchase it. The gloves were destroyed by the Ugandan government. The shoes, Vaseline, and the two medications were delivered to Kiryandongo on 9/11/17 after a year and a half of work, sweat, and tears. We can only assume that the medications were not located by the Bureau of Standards as they got through without question! The Emmanuel Church (Moru) in the refugee camp was able to not only supply their people with supplies and shoes but also shared with eleven other churches of different denominations. The Mothers were given the Vaseline with instructions for use. The medical personnel have the medications for use on skin wounds. The current problem is skin infections from the lack of soap. They have treated the ground around the Moru church for jigger fleas so there are many fewer problems with jiggers than before, but they continue to plague others in the Kiryandongo camp.

The CDC thanks the many people who have worked on these projects this past year. We would like to thank the vestry and congregation of Historic All Saints Church for giving us space and help to store, sort, and pack the shipment as well as Kim White (Advent) and Charlie Walch (Emmanuel) who coordinated the shipping logistics.

The Companion Diocese Committee remains committed to the people of Lui Diocese

but, as we look to the future of hands-on, face-to-face mission, we recognize that visiting as we have in the past is not possible in the foreseeable future. As such, we are beginning to look at additional companion dioceses where we might visit more easily, less expensively and more safely. Rest assured, we will not abandon our friends in South Sudan in their hours of most need. We will continue to pray, work toward the relief of suffering, and bring their stories to a world that seems to ignore them all too easily.

Submitted by Deborah Goldfeder, Chair

#### Members of the CDC:

Sam Christy  
Chris Cobb  
Susan Naylor  
Maria Evans  
Dan Handschy  
Cynthia Rapp  
Anne Kelsey  
Mary Seager

## Deaconess Anne House

Deaconess Anne House (DAH) welcomed its fifth cohort this fall, and it has been an incredible few months so far! Our corps members, Rebecca Cole (Mobile, AL) and Kevin Rysted (Moore, OK) are both wonderful, dedicated people and we are so pleased to have them with us in Old North neighborhood of St. Louis this year!

DAH has always been committed to spiritual formation rooted in the Benedictine tradition and Episcopal Church, transformative non-profit service, and love of neighbors in Old North, and this year is no different. The corps members meet 5 days a week for Morning Prayer and all day on Fridays for Chapter Meeting, a time to share regrets and thanksgivings and to revisit values and the Common Rule of Life they created together at the beginning of their year of service. They also have community dinner and eucharist on Monday evenings, and they have welcomed clergy from all around the diocese to eat, preach, and preside.

Additionally, the corps members work

32 hours a week with a local non-profit organization. Kevin is working with EarthDance Organic Farm School in Ferguson and Rebecca is working with GraceHill in the College Hill neighborhood. They are gaining new leadership experience and skills and it is a blessing to continue our connections and relationships with these two organizations.

Finally, our corps members are investing in the Old North neighborhood by working on a legacy project. The Little Free Pantry was a project imagined and started by the DAH 4.0 corps members that is now being taken on by 5.0. Old North is an area experiencing food apartheid, and DAH hopes that the “give what you can, take what you need” model of the pantry might help in some small way. With a little more time and God’s help, it will be up and running soon.

Even though it feels like Rebecca and Kevin just arrived, applications for the 2018-19 year are already open, which means Jillian Smith, DAH’s new director, is already hard at work at career fairs and visiting campus ministries across state lines to let people know the good news of the Episcopal Service Corps and DAH!

With the help of the Ven. Mark Sluss (DAH’s deacon), the Rev. Martie Metzler (Advisory Board chair), and the fantastic folks around the Diocese of Missouri who are in sponsoring parishes and on the advisory board, the DAH community continues to grow and thrive in the love of Christ. We are looking forward to 2018 and beyond, so if you would like to learn more or join us on a Monday, please email Jillian at [jsmith@diocesemo.org](mailto:jsmith@diocesemo.org).

## Diocesan Investment Trust

The Diocesan Investment Trust (DIT) provides an institutional-level investment platform for parishes and other diocesan groups to help with their endowments and other long-term investments. The stock portfolios are screened to meet the denomination’s socially responsible investment guidelines. The DIT’s funds are overseen by a board of trustees, who meet quarterly.

Parishes and other diocesan groups are

invited to use the DIT. We offer three funds, having just added an international stock fund.

1. U. S. total stock market fund following the Russell 3000 index
2. Developed market international stock fund following the MSCI World ex. USA index
3. U. S. intermediate bond index

Parishes using the DIT have direct control of their funds, with all record keeping provided by the sponsor, TIAA-CREF. The DIT is a good solution for parishes without in-house investment expertise, or where account size doesn't justify professional management fees.

There are currently 15 parishes and several organizations throughout the diocese participating in the DIT.

The DIT board consists of six lay members along with the bishop and diocese financial officer as an ex officio member. We meet quarterly to review fund performance, perform due diligence, and other fiduciary tasks as needed.

Please see me or Desiree Viliocco if you are interested in using the DIT for your investment program.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Ward  
President, Board of Trustees  
Diocesan Investment Trust

## Disaster Preparedness, Episcopal Relief and Development

The diocesan ministry of Disaster Preparedness is in coordination with the U.S. Disaster Program of the denomination's Episcopal Relief & Development agency. Deacon Jerre Birdsong and Deacon Nancy Belcher have been appointed by the bishop as Diocesan Disaster Coordinators (DDCs). The DDCs and Canon to the Ordinary Joe Chambers are the current members of the Diocesan Disaster Committee, and additional congregants are invited to join.

The mission of the U.S. Disaster Program is as follows:

- inspire, connect, and equip leaders of

- U.S. dioceses in The Episcopal Church prepare for hazards that might affect their communities
- mitigate the impact of disasters
- help vulnerable people make a full and sustained recovery.

The DDCs assist congregations in identifying their capacity to support affected communities, and in the case of an actual disaster, assisting in assessing needs, and implementing the response in determining how to best get resources where needed. The Episcopal Asset Map initiative is the primary means of identifying and cataloging resources which congregations have available for use in case of a disaster.

Resource needs are determined by DDCs active participation in Missouri's Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters, several local Community Organizations Active in Disasters, and the Missouri Interfaith Disaster Response Organization. In preparation for disasters, Episcopal Relief & Development provides training to diocesan disaster leaders and a wealth of resources on their website, [www.episcopalrelief.org](http://www.episcopalrelief.org). In the short-term recovery period after an actual disaster, they provide real-time advice by phone and social media; on-site assistance through their Partners in Response program; and grants.

In the past year, the DDCs assisted congregations in reviewing and updating their asset maps, made presentations on family and congregational disaster planning, participated in numerous conference calls regarding the flooding that occurred across the entire state, and provided spiritual care and other services at several Multi-Agency Resource Centers. They worked in conjunction with the Salvation Army to bring in Episcopal Partners in Response from the Diocese of Iowa to rebuild the basement of a house damaged in previous flooding.

Special thanks go to St. Martin's Episcopal Church for providing all the meals for our partners from Iowa and to Beth Felice for communicating ways congregants could make contributions to assist flood victims and for entering essential information into the Episcopal Asset Map.

Congregants who are interested in participating in diocesan disaster preparedness are invited to contact Jerre Birdsong at

## Dismantling Racism Commission

- Vision: As people living out our Baptismal covenant, we see our diocese reconciled to God by challenging racism in ourselves and society.
- Mission: To dismantle racism through relationship building, dialogue, education and action.

The Commission on Dismantling Racism is charged by the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Missouri to promote racial justice in the Episcopal Church. The commission expects to realize this result by working toward the above stated vision and mission statements. To fulfill this charge, the commission has divided its work into four major goals areas:

- Goal 1: Increase the presence of the Commission in diocesan and congregational activities.
- Goal 2: Train, educate, and update all members of the commission on some aspect of racism.
- Goal 3: Educate and inform so to empower others to dismantle racism in the Diocese.
- Goal 4: Increase the active membership of the Commission on Dismantling Racism.

During calendar year, the Commission provided the required fourteen-hour training for all ordained and leadership persons in the diocese. These trainings were conducted at St. Martin's in Ellisville, St. Peter's in Ladue, and Christ Episcopal Church in Cape Girardeau. Additionally the Commission visited Trinity Episcopal Church in St. Charles and conducted an adult education program on Racial Intersectionality.

The diocesan Commission on Dismantling Racism works to achieve the denomination's position on Resolutions: A143 (Title: Slavery and Racial Reconciliation and Resolution)

and A144 (Title: Endorse Restorative Justice). Additionally, the commission is committed to the Episcopal Church's *Becoming Beloved Community*. This vision emerges as a response to General Convention Resolution C019 ("Establish Response to Systemic Injustice"). The comprehensive commitment, which the church's top leaders created in partnership with the presiding bishop's staff, key leaders, networks, and organizations dedicated to racial reconciliation, links new initiatives with existing work and seeks to support local, regional, provincial, and church-wide network efforts.

The Annual Absalom Jones Celebration, "Seeking Christ in all person through the Arts" was held on February 25, 2017, at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Webster Groves.

The commission sponsored two of our youth, Marta Mieze from the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion in University City and Treasure Smith to attend the National Conference for Community and Justice, Anytown Youth's annual training for high school students at the University of Missouri in St. Louis.

The commission is partnering with the following churches in the diocese who have started their own journeys to dismantle racism where congregants live, work and play:

- Christ Church Cathedral-Pursuing Racial Justice
- St. Timothy's-Ministry of Racial Reconciliation
- St. Martin's-Justice Commission
- Holy Communion
- Emmanuel
- St. Stephen's
- Trinity-St. Louis
- Calvary-Columbia
- Trinity-St. Charles.

The commission will host its second annual conference and celebration on Saturday, December 2, 2017 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at St. Martin's Church in Ellisville. All are invited to come and learn about the commission's work over the past year as well as begin or continue their own personal journey to dismantle racism where they live, work and play.

Peace,

Chester Hines, Jr., Chairperson,  
Commission on Dismantling Racism  
Deacon, Church of the Holy

## Communion

For additional information, please contact any of the following listed Dismantling Racism Commission current or past members or diocesan staff:

- \*Dale Anderson, M. D., Trinity, St. Louis
- \*Mary Ellen Anderson, Trinity, St. Louis
- \*Rina Chittooran, St. Martin's, Ellisville
- \*Tony Corey, St. Timothy's, Creve Coeur
- \*Adrienne Dillon, All Saints'-Ascension-

Northwoods

- \*Alexia Dukes, All Saints'-Ascension-

Northwoods

- \*John Dotson, Grace Church, Kirkwood
- \*Courtney Everson Schaeffer, Emmanuel

Church, Webster Groves

- \*Beth Felice, diocesan office
- \*Bill Gilbert, St. Peter's, Ladue
- \*Will Gilbert, St. Peter's, Ladue
- \*Rob Good, Christ Church Cathedral
- \*Kurt Greenbaum, St. Martin's, Ellisville
- \*Pinky Hunter, St. Stephen's, Ferguson
- \*Robin McLaughlin, diocesan office
- \*Kate Haggans, Trinity, St. Louis
- \*The Rev. Chester Hines, Jr., Deacon, Holy

Communion, University City

- \*The Rev. Heather McCain, Columbia,

Missouri

- \*The Rev. James H. Purdy, retired rector from St. Peter's, Ladue

\*Margaret Rowe, Emmanuel, Webster Groves

\*Randall Schilling, Holy Communion, University City

## The Episcopal Presbyterian Health Trust

The Episcopal Presbyterian Health Trust (EPHT) is a non-profit, grant-making foundation established in 1985 as a joint health care ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery and St. Luke's Hospital. Its purpose is to assist in providing health and medical care services to uninsured and underserved populations in the City of St. Louis and adjacent communities. Under the direction of a voluntary Board of Trustees appointed by the sponsoring organizations, EPHT manages \$17.5 million of assets and

uses the investment income they generate to fund competitive grants to area health care providers for the expansion of existing services and new initiatives. The projected impact on community health status and the sustainability of services following the conclusion of a grant are critical factors in selecting awardees. Since its inception, EPHT has awarded more than \$10.9 million in both large and small grants to a broad array of organizations and coalitions in the metropolitan area for the improvement of the community's health and enhanced access to essential services.

In 2017 (YTD), EPHT received and reviewed grant requests from 43 local organizations, with several additional applications awaiting action. To preserve and grow the trust's asset base and, thus, sustain its funding capabilities indefinitely, the board has adopted conservative guidelines for the annual expenditure of investment income on grant awards. Of the \$632,944 allocated for grant support in 2017, a total of \$503,530 has been awarded (YTD) to 22 recipients. At least 12 additional proposals totaling another \$280,759 will be considered before the end of the year. The programs supported for "at risk" populations included: orthodontic care; healthcare for recovering drug addicts and prostitutes; immigrant health literacy; counseling for grieving children and adolescents; memory care; rehabilitation services for seniors; gun violence prevention; and HIV/AIDS testing.

In the coming year, EPHT will continue to actively solicit and respond to proposals from organizations solidly invested in the St. Louis community and firmly committed to addressing the health care needs of the most vulnerable among us.

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## Episcopal Recovery Ministries

Episcopal Recovery Ministries serves as a resource, providing information to members of the diocese about addictions, particularly about the disease of alcoholism.

Personal relationships with addicts are



distorted during their drug/alcohol abuse. Episcopal Recovery Ministries can help communities understand those distortions, which spread beyond those intimately connected to the addict. Once addicts enter recovery, relationships have to be renegotiated and renewed. Episcopal Recovery Ministries can provide resources so that communities can heal from the effects of addictive behavior and support the addict along the hard road to recovery.

Episcopal Recovery Ministries will resume meeting in 2018.

Submitted by the Rev. Sally Weaver

## Episcopal Campus Ministry- Rockwell House

*Discernment.* That's been our watchword for 2017 at Rockwell House. A stretch of exciting "could we do this?" "what if we did that?" questions led us to realize in the spring semester that it was time for Rockwell House to ask one big question first: What is God calling us to do and be together in the next several years?

So in the midst of a busy spring semester that included a 20th birthday party for the ministry, partnering with Magdalene St. Louis to sell Bravely products on the Washington University campus, and a trip to Baton Rouge to help with flood recovery, our community declared the 2017-2018 school year to be a Year of Discernment.

We've been blessed this fall with continued growth in membership to broaden and deepen this work of discernment. (Twenty-three students showed up for Bishop Smith's visitation on 10/22, including two who were received into the Episcopal Church!) An inventory of our core values has led us to name compassion, justice, and love as our top three; a training in unconscious bias has helped us wonder how we can best see and hear the fullness of how God is moving in our community. As we work now to flesh out what a community of compassion, justice, and love will look like in action, we look forward to discovering more about what God is making of us now and next.

Submitted by the Rev. Beth Scriven  
Chaplain, Rockwell House

## Episcopal School for Ministry

The field of theological education continues to undergo dramatic shifts. This past year saw the closure of several flagship seminaries (Andover Newton being one of them), and the merger of others (Episcopal Divinity School has affiliated with Union Theological Seminary in New York City). More and more dioceses are either training persons for ordained ministry in their local contexts, or using distance options at traditional seminaries.

This past June, the Diocese of Minnesota convened a conference of deans and directors of local formation options. Called "Uncharted Waters," the conference brought together about 25 deans, directors, formation directors, Commission on Ministry chairs, all involved in local formation. Our dean, Dan Handschy, attended the conference. Also present were several members of a local formation task force put together by the last General Convention to assess what is happening in the denomination as a whole. All in attendance hoped this would not be the last such conference, as we have much to learn from one another.

This year saw the launch of a new program in collaboration with the Diocesan Board of Examining Chaplains and Care and Counseling. Clinical Preparation for Ministry (CPM) is designed to meet the need of those persons in the process toward priesthood who cannot register for a tradition unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). The first run of CPM had six students (eight would be ideal). CPM is run under the auspices of Care and Counseling, and allows students to have their "clinical contacts" in other settings than the tradition hospital setting. They may make those contacts in a congregational setting, or in other settings, and then gather one weekend a month for didactic and reflection sessions under the guidance of a supervisor. This facilitates meeting the need for this kind of education for those persons in non-traditional courses of study.

During the spring term of 2017, ESM ran a course on Congregational Discernment: Discerning our Future. Marshall Crossnoe and Canon Joe Chambers met with representatives of several congregations involved in one kind of transition or another (interim, new clergy, changing demographics, etc.) and looked at

various tools and processes for discerning a congregation's core values and opportunities for new ministries.

There have been several changes in the faculty at ESM. The Rev. Peter Van Horne has moved to Delaware, and therefore had to resign his position on the faculty. The Rev. Marshall Crossnoe, PHD, and Donna Hawk-Reinhard, DSc, PhD, will take over his responsibilities for teaching Church History I and II. Marshall will also teach the Sacramental Theology course, previously taught by the dean. The Rev. Deb Goldfeder, DMin, has taken over responsibilities for the Liturgics course. This coming term, the dean will offer a continuing education course for clergy on a sacrificial understanding of the eucharist as found in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, and the practical and pastoral effects of the ecclesiology imagined in that book.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Dan Handschy, PhD, Dean  
Episcopal School for Ministry

## Bishop's Deputy for Gun Violence Prevention

### DIOCESAN GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION INITIATIVE

Although violent crimes, including homicides, have significantly decreased nationally in the past two decades, a number of cities are experiencing a marked escalation of gun-related violence. In St. Louis, Missouri, for example, the number of homicides (overwhelmingly from guns) increased from 120 in 2013 to 188 in 2015 (+63.8%). Our homicide rate per 100,000 population is more than eight times the national average (37.7 compared to 4.5). And, the majority were the result of young-black-male-on-young-black-male shootings.

Recently, the academic, activist and faith communities have begun to examine the gun violence that pervades our urban centers as a public health crisis and have noted that, to the extent it is, there are strategies that can be deployed immediately to combat it. Locally, for example, the Diocese of Missouri and Washington University Medical School's (WUMS) Department of Psychiatry are implementing a program to enhance the engagement of faith communities in the care of survivors of gun violence. Central to this

initiative is the development and support of an ecumenical coalition of clergy and laity to work with local law enforcement, health care and community organizations. A 5-module training curriculum has been developed and piloted with select agencies and, beginning in 2018, will be offered in partnership with the Walker Leadership Institute at Eden Seminary.

The Diocese and WUMS also have joined with Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice (WVRSJ) in recruiting parishes and individual members throughout the Diocese to participate in its "Lock It for Love" program. The evidence is clear that accidental shootings could be virtually eliminated with the use of gun locks, and suicides markedly reduced. "Lock It for Love" raises funds for the purchase of gun locks (\$5.25/lock) and distributes them free-of-charge throughout the community. In mid-2017, WVRSJ located its administrative office to the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion in University City.

With the support of funding from the Episcopal Presbyterian Health Trust, the Diocese facilitated an agreement among the 36+ local agencies engaged in gun violence to collaborate on the development of a shared model of governance that will foster greater accountability to each other, as well as the larger community. The coalition recently received "Commission" status from St. Louis City and County and will complete the formation of its Leadership Council before the end of the year.

Finally, the Diocese entered into a partnership with the American Hospital Association in support of its national #HAVhope initiative to educate the public on the causes of violence and effective responses to them. Key to our initial work together has been the linkage of our respective web sites.

In the coming year, attention will focus on expanding parish outreach, increasing the number of training seminars, designing an adult forum curriculum on violence prevention and developing metrics to evaluate the success of the initiative's efforts.

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## Jubilee Ministries

This past year brought changes to the Jubilee Ministries network. Under our new presiding bishop, Jubilee was moved from Domestic Poverty to the department of Reconciliation, Justice, and Creation Care. As is the case with any change, there have been a few hiccups. However, the mission is the same: to engage in a ministry of joint discipleship in Christ with poor and oppressed people wherever they are found, to meet basic human needs, and to build a just society. This mission is alive and strong within the Diocese of Missouri.

Jubilee Ministries are: 1) Episcopal parishes with vibrant social outreach programs and a strong commitment to social justice; 2) Independent ministries based at Episcopal parishes; 3) Ecumenical faith-based organizations with a strong Episcopal presence; or 4) Agencies with close ties to an Episcopal diocese.

Jubilee Ministries are rooted in our baptismal vows, the prophets, and the Gospels, as they do charity work, empower people toward self-sufficiency and advocate for justice and people.

I am proud to note that the Diocese of Missouri now has 3 Jubilee Ministry Centers:

- St. Louis: Trinity Food Ministry at Trinity Church in the Central West End (1987)
- Poplar Bluff: Holy Cross Episcopal Church (2016)
- Cape Girardeau: Red Door Ministry, Christ Episcopal Church (2017)

There are many more programs within this diocese that have creative ministries that can serve the wider church as models. I encourage you to contact me for information and application forms.

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## Offices of the Bishop Archivist and Registrar

The Archives of the Diocese of Missouri includes extensive document and photograph

collections along with our library of more than 2,000 volumes. Included are official records of the Standing Committee, the Corporation of the Diocese of Missouri and Diocesan Council, all diocesan journals dating back to 1840, information about our churches, our clergy, our properties and financial history and trust funds, committees, task forces, convocations and programs, all records that tell the story of the diocese.

We share part of our space for the archives of Christ Church Cathedral and Paul Anderson, who volunteers as Cathedral archivist. (And just a note: Christ Church Cathedral will celebrate its 200th anniversary in 2019!)

Much of the work in any archive is organizational, and we are no different. I'm still working with an extensive backlog as well as new material we receive each year. Much of my time is spent sorting, organizing, filing, documenting, knowing what to keep and what can be disposed of. And in the process, replacing worn file folders and boxes with new safe acid-free materials. And though this sounds rather routine, this work is exacting and will insure that the collections will be available for generations to come.

Tracing family history continues to be a popular hobby for many, and even with the growing number of online genealogy resources available, we still get requests for birth, marriage and burial records. Church offices, I'm sure, receive similar requests. We're all happy to help with reasonable requests, but we do monitor and limit access carefully in order to preserve these valuable records.

Some of our congregations have reserved storage space for archives, and other have expressed interest. If your congregation is interested or maybe your collection needs to expand, call me. Part of my job is to provide help and training. If your congregation is interested in having an archives workshop for your church or even for the churches in your convocation or even for churches of all denominations in your community, please let me know.

And don't forget that if members of your congregation are writing your history, the resources in the diocesan Archives are always available for you.

Cathedral archivist Paul Anderson and I are always happy to welcome visitors interested in the history of the Episcopal Church in

Missouri, and our archives offer a wealth of research opportunities.

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## **Offices of the Bishop Bishop's Senior Staff Report on Building Congregations and Administration**

The Rev. Canon Joseph M.C. Chambers, Canon to the Ordinary, and Ms. Desirée Viliocco, the Executive Director of Finance and Administration, make up the Senior Staff in the Offices of the Bishop and together oversee the business, legal, property, and other matters on the Bishop's staff. Ms. Viliocco oversees administration and financial matters and Canon Chambers oversees mission, program, congregations and clergy in transition, governance, and the Title IV process.

Working closely with Ms. Rita Benson, Ms. Viliocco supports all areas of finance, benefits, and insurance. Ms. Viliocco and Ms. Benson give a great deal of time to the insurance concerns of both our active and retired clergy. Ms. Viliocco also gives primary support to the treasurer of the Diocese and to the Diocesan Investment Trust, as well as serving as a member of the Diocesan Endowment Committee. Ms. Viliocco does a great deal of work around the budget process in the diocese and, with the Canon to the Ordinary and finance committee, prepares a draft budget that is presented to Diocesan Council. Independent financial auditors performed their annual audit in the spring and praised the work of this office. Much of the work this year in the finance department focused on the erection of a new church building for St. Francis Church in Eureka, administration of various Diocesan grants and Kelton White Fund loans, and trust and endowment matters.

Canon Chambers works closely with congregations in transition by training, mentoring, and supporting vestries and search committees. In the last year a number of full-time priest positions have been filled. New

to the diocese is the Rev. Amy Fallon (Vicar, Trinity, Kirksville), the Very Rev. Kathy Adams-Shepherd (Provost, Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis), the Rev. Earl Mahan (Priest in Charge, St. Luke's, Manchester), and the Rev. Peter Speropulos (Assistant, St. Michael and St. George, Clayton). The Rev. Chris Slane transitioned from St. Martin's, Ellisville to Emmanuel, Webster Groves.

The Rev. Pamela Dolan resigned as rector of Church of the Good Shepherd, Town and Country, where the Rev. Maria Evans is serving as Interim.

In January, Ms. Jillian Smith began transitioning into her new role as Executive Director of Deaconess Anne House, and in August took over for the Rev. Rebecca Ragland, who resigned. In her role, Ms. Smith continues the good work of her predecessors by overseeing the vital ministry of the Episcopal Service Corps in North St. Louis.

Currently there are a numbers of rector and vicar searches underway including at St. Paul's, St. Louis, Emmanuel, Webster Groves, Grace, Jefferson City, and Church of the Good Shepherd, Town and Country.

As congregations and clergy in transition are a priority for the Canon to the Ordinary, Canon Chambers attends regular conferences with other diocesan transition ministers throughout the Episcopal Church to network, share best practices, and to learn about new tools for transition ministry. One of the major ongoing topics is the dramatic changes in transition trends throughout the church. Some of those trends: fewer priests are mobile and full-time jobs are less common.

Canon Chambers continues to provide the primary staff support to the Standing Committee. Both he and Ms. Viliocco work together to support Diocesan Council and both serve as Vice Presidents for COEDMO. Much of the business of COEDMO this year has been supporting St. Francis' in Eureka in their effort to erect a new church building, which is set to be open very soon.

Mrs. Robin MacLaughlin, Ms. Tracy Grigsby, Ms. Rita Benson, and Ms. Susan Wegner work closely with Canon Chambers and Ms. Viliocco to support a number of ministries in the Offices of the Bishop. Their duties include, but are not limited to:

Ms. Rita Benson

## Finance Assistant and Benefits Administrator

- Changes in health, life, and disability insurance benefits, open enrollment, CPG
- Changes in employee status
- Flexible Spending Accounts
- Payroll
- Accounts receivables and payables
- UTO Grants
- Diocesan program financial reports
- Parochial reports

## Mrs. Robin MacLaughlin General Administrative Assistant

- Discernment Process Coordinator
- Supply Clergy list
- Safeguarding God's Children
- All Diocesan event registration and support
- Standing Committee support
- Dismantling Racism Commission
- Record Keeping

## Ms. Susan Wegner Administrative Assistant to the Bishop

- Appointments for the Bishop and Canon to the Ordinary
- Lay licensing
- Remarriage petitions and authorizations
- Diocesan Confirmation service
- Bishop's visitations
- Renewal of ministry
- Letters Dimissory
- Chrism oil

## Ms. Tracy Grigsby Office Receptionist

- Internal Office Support
- Diocesan Council and Convocation support
- Project Support
- Equipment Manager

The Senior Staff is grateful for the quality of support they receive. Ms. Benson, Ms. Grigsby, Mrs. MacLaughlin, and Ms. Wegner are incredibly gifted and continue to faithfully serve to make the work in the Offices of the Bishop go smoothly.

# Offices of the Bishop- Communications Director

*Episcopal Evangelism: We seek, name and celebrate Jesus' loving presence in the stories of all people—then invite everyone to MORE.*

Diocesan communications proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through the stories of Missouri Episcopalians, be they bishop, clergy, or lay members, to each other and the world. We do that through print and email, on social media, in person, on podcasts, and through traditional media. We attempt to create networks of seekers and learners who are empowered to evangelize.

One of our main tools is the diocesan website at [diocesemo.org](http://diocesemo.org). We have just finished a site refresh with significant update. Now, our news stories are easy to tweet or share on Facebook as bites of image and story, available in a "card" format which you will see beginning to populate the previous text-based lists of articles. It is more engaging, easier to scan and digest, and you can see an example of this on the main page, as well as the /news page.

The website's news and calendar areas continue to be the most visited. Diocesan members can submit events and special services to the calendar, as well as articles or news items online for our publications.

The weekly email roundup of news is called the iSeek. This past year we passed the 50-50 tipping point with more readers opening it up on phones and tablets than on desktops and laptops. Our open rate remains at 65-75% and parish communicators often use these materials in their own parish publications and web articles.

We've just instituted some changes to our quarterly print publication, *Seek*, precipitated by the shuttering of our printer in southern Ohio. We've chosen a new printer and brought the printing cost down a bit.

Our distribution model had been 3/5 mailed to individual addresses, 2/5 mailed in bundles to each church in the diocese. But we've not been successful promoting the in-church pick-up, and there is some associated waste. The new model is primarily a subscription model with a handful of *Seeks* sent to each parish, along with some subscription reminder cards.

An added bonus, homes which receive

the quarterly will also receive a large format postcard with information on something of diocese-wide interest (conferences, training, etc.) But you have to subscribe, which you can do online at [diocesemo.org/subscribe](http://diocesemo.org/subscribe).

More and more of our churches are online and sharing their news and reflections. For as many as we can find online, we've built a daily roundup of parish, diocesan, and wider church news called the Missouri Episcopalian. Again, details at [diocesemo.org/subscribe](http://diocesemo.org/subscribe).

This spring we began a new initiative, podcasting. Five hosts, clergy and lay, are the interviewers and we're going to try to find and share faith stories from every church in this diocese. We're just shy of our first thirty episodes, and have recorded in St. Louis (Advent in Crestwood is our home studio), Grace in Jefferson City, Holy Cross in Poplar Bluff, and Christ Church in Cape. The name of the podcast is JesusHacked: Storytelling Faith. You can find it wherever podcasts are online or at the website, [diocesemo.org/podcast](http://diocesemo.org/podcast).

Each year we offer a face-to-face opportunity for communicators and evangelists to gather, typically the first or second Saturday of October and this year was no different. We had inspiring presentations on church newsletters, interviewing techniques, especially when talking about faith stories, and social media tips. Next year's conference will be the second Saturday of October at the new St. Francis' Church in Eureka.

At that conference, the communicators expressed interest in an idea to offer quarterly (or so) webinars, geared specifically to church communications in this diocese, and sharing expertise from one of our community fresh from an accomplishment. We realize we're often at different points along the church communications path, and having an repository of helpful short videos would be a nice resource. We're adding in the hosts now, and likely to produce this at St. Francis'.

Communications director Beth Felice has spent some time this past year on two project for the denomination. One, on the Episcopal Asset Map, which transitioned from a text file with a sad, gray interface, to a real database with a look and feel that is inviting. We've been testing and poking holes in the wireframes, chewing through must haves, would like to haves, and now there is behind the scenes work

going on to verify that all data has transferred with the public debut early in calendar 2018.

The second project has been participating on the response to General Convention's resolution A-172 on leveraging social media for evangelism, which is issuing a theology paper, a gentle introduction to that paper, and curriculum frameworks. As we've been working these past 2+ years, bits and pieces of the work have made their way into the Evangelism 101 resources coming out of the church, as well as working definitions of Episcopal evangelism and the Jesus movement in this denomination. As the task force sunsets and hands over its work to Canon for Evangelism Stephanie Spellers and Digital Missioner Jeremy Tackett, we continue to consult and collaborate.

In addition to the webinars in the coming year, there continue to be rumbles of interest in another shared social media account, perhaps on Instagram, and the first forays into making our many sound files, recorded sermons, and podcasts available in one location on an internet radio station. Stay tuned to see where collaboration takes us!

If anything we're working on piques your interest, you don't have to be a paid communications staff person to participate. It's all about our baptismal vows, don'tcha know! Email, phone, visit, and let's get you connected with other members of the diocese in this amazing interconnected communications world!

Respectfully submitted,  
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## Offices of the Bishop Youth Missioner

It has been such a joy to serve as Youth Missioner this year! At the time of our last convention I had been here for just 4 months. The chance to go through the entire calendar of events has been a blessing as it's allowed me to see the wonderful ways the Spirit is working in the lives of our young people. I have had the privilege of visiting

several churches throughout the year, to lead forums and preach, and have met several times with diocesan youth leaders to share ideas and support one another in ministry. From May through August I was away on maternity leave, and the Rev. Leslie Scoopmire served as the interim Youth Missioner. In addition to the day-to-day life of Youth Missioner, Leslie led a diocesan delegation of seven youth to the Episcopal Youth Event in Oklahoma in July (with great help from the Rev. Chris Slane). They joined over 700 youth from 95 Episcopal dioceses!

At Camp Phoenix, Leslie and Ms. Jillian Smith served as the spiritual formation team. This year's theme was "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year!" – Leslie and Jillian led campers in theological musings about Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. I am so grateful for Leslie's fantastic ministry with our youth!

I continue to be so impressed by the ministry of our Diocesan Youth Advisory Council, who strive to uphold their mission during the planning and execution of youth events: "Share the good news of God in Christ by word and example at diocesan youth events and beyond; Welcome God's children with acceptance and grace; Speak up for those who are marginalized, lonely, or without hope; Love all."

This year's DYAC members are:

- Olivia Buckley (Secretary), St. Timothy's Church
- Catriona Docherty (President), Church of the Holy Communion
- Hopie Melton, St Peter's Church
- Marta Mieze (Social Media Secretary), Church of the Holy Communion
- Sara Moore, St. Martin's Church
- Duncan Phillips (Vice President), Church of St. Michael and St. George
- Scott Scoopmire, Church of the Holy Communion
- Chris Williams (Secretary), St. Peter's Church

DYAC has been responsible for planning the details of diocesan youth events over the last three years. Last year they added a new Lenten event where youth watched the movie "Selma" and connected key moments from the movie with the Stations of the Cross. It was a powerful

evening where youth discussed racial injustice and how they might be the hands and feet of Christ in the movement for equity among God's children.

DYAC members will be present at diocesan convention on Saturday, and will take part in table discussions, adding their very important voices. Please take a moment during Convention to speak with the members of DYAC and hear all about the wonderful things they are doing for the Diocese of Missouri!

#### **2016/2017 DioMo Youth Events**

Convention Lock-In  
Cathedral Lock-In  
Absalom Jones Commemoration Event  
Lenten Event  
DYAC Meetings  
Episcopal Youth Event  
Camp Phoenix  
Screen on the Green  
World Food Day

#### **Goals**

Goals for youth ministry in the diocese for 2016-2017 and beyond are to continue to sustain the wonderful work that has grown over the past several years and to engage all of the youth in the diocese in worship, prayer, fellowship, and fun.

This year I am excited to add three new events in the northern, western, and southern parts of the diocese! In addition to growing diocesan-wide events, I continue to be available as a support and resource for growing youth ministries in the congregations of the diocese, and hope that lay leaders and clergy will let me know how i can assist them. I pray that all of our young people will know that they are full partners in ministry in the work that God is doing in the Diocese of Missouri!

Faithfully submitted,  
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# Order of the Daughters of the King

There are currently active chapters of the Order of Daughter of the King at Church of the Advent in Crestwood. Good Shepherd Church in Town and Country, Calvary Church in Columbia, and St Mark's Church in Portland.

The Daughters of St Mark's Chapter was instituted on October 8, 2017 and seven sisters were admitted to the Order. I had made contact with the ladies at the 2016 Convention. They began their discernment in the spring of 2017 and completed study in June. The service was conducted by the Rev. Marshall Crossnoe, vicar of St Mark's, and was attended by many friends and relatives. As diocesan president, I presented the Chapter and the new Daughters. Kathy Schultz, Vice President of Province V also attended. After the service we shared a potluck luncheon. It was a joyous day!

Other chapters are continuing to serve their church and community. Three of the chapters are involved in on going book studies. All the chapters continue to explore outreach opportunities and ways to bring the message of our Order to all women of the church. An assembly meeting was planned, but had to be cancelled because of inclement weather. Another meeting will be scheduled for Spring, 2018, on a date to be determined.

As diocesan president, I continue to attend twice yearly board meetings held at the Episcopal Retreat Center in Lake Wawasee, Indiana. I also attended the Province V Retreat and Assembly in April at the Weber Retreat Center in Adrian, Michigan. A Province Retreat and Assembly is planned May 11,12, and 13 at Portiuncula Center for Prayer in Frankfort, Illinois. Retreats are open to all Daughters in the province and are reasonably priced. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet other Daughters and share a weekend of study, prayer and community.

Plans are also moving forward for Triennial 2018 with a theme of Walk HIS Way. This meeting, held every three years, will be June 20-24 at the Renaissance Austin Hotel in Austin, Texas. Registration forms and more information will be sent by DOK's national office in the very near future. I am planning on attending. Daughters from all eight Provinces and also international chapters will

be attending. It is an exciting and uplifting time as a new national president and council are installed and the business of the Order is discussed and voted on.

Please contact me if you have any questions, are interested in starting a chapter, or would like more information.

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## Task Force for the Hungry

*"Making Jesus available where people have not always known Him." Bishop Smith in Jesus Hacked Podcast published in Seek, June 2017*

### Who We Are

The Task Force for the Hungry is a group of persons who volunteer from congregations within the Diocese of Missouri to carry out the business of speaking out and acting on behalf of hungry persons by raising funds and distributing those funds to hunger ministries which are part of a congregation within the diocese, raising awareness about hunger and poverty issues, serving as a resource to food ministries, advocating on behalf of hungry persons through our speakers bureau, and collaboration with Empower Missouri. As Bishop Smith stated, "food ministries are a way of making Jesus available where people have not always known him." As we learn from the Gospels, Jesus always led by the example of feeding hungry persons.

We are looking to change our name to Diocesan Hunger Committee because using *hungry* is a deprecatory label, because we are all hungry in one way or another. And *task force* implies a short term intervention. We are in the process of getting a green light from the bishop and Diocesan Council for the name change.

### Need

We had an expressed need of \$40,150 of requests from a total of eight (8) parish feeding ministries for 2017. This was an increase of three (3) new ministries, including



one community garden which provides fresh produce to several feeding programs and pantries, and the significant increase in need in Polar Bluff due to the increased reliance on the food pantry in southeast Missouri. We anticipate increased requests for 2018 from parish food ministries due to the change in food stamp (SNAP) eligibility, and a reduction in food stamps availability. More than 1 in 8 persons in Missouri is struggling to put food on their tables. The face of hunger is not clear. It could be your neighbor or ours. One in five children in Missouri lives in a household without adequate food. Inadequate food is a predictor of chronic illness, lower school performance and developmental problems. Poverty and hunger are related. Fifteen percent of Missourians are poor. In six counties in Missouri, the majority of which are in our diocese, 40 % of the children are living in poverty. In 2016, almost 41,000 Missourians lost access to food stamps benefits due to state legislation. Also food banks and pantries are closing in the state due to lack of operational funds available, and volunteers and staff getting worn down.

We are aware that government alone cannot feed hungry persons in our midst, nor can faith-based and not-for-profit entities. It takes all of us working together to meet the need.

### **Funding**

The deadline for the 2018 applications is November 15. We anticipate more ministries requesting funds for 2018 and the total requests increasing as the frequency and intensity of hunger in our diocese worsens. In the current year we will make three payments to the eight approved ministries from budgeted diocesan funds, a special award from the bishop's Thompson fund, and donations from individuals and parishes in the diocese. We anticipate being able to meet about 60% of the need expressed in requested funds.

The eight congregational ministries funded are : All Saints/Ascencion Food Pantry in Northwoods; Christ Episcopal Church/ Cape Girardeau Food Pantry; Church of the Good Shepherd, Shepherd Farm in Town and. Country; Holy Cross Food Pantry/ Poplar Bluff; St. John's Peace Meal/ Tower Grove, St. Louis; St. Martin's, Ellisville, Garden Project; and Trinity Central West End, Food Pantry,

St. Louis. For the 2018 application process we have established restrictions which will guide applying congregations on what to apply for and the task force in reviewing applications.

Thus far this year, congregations which have made donations are: Grace, Kirkwood; St. Barnabas', Florissant; St. Luke's, Manchester; St. Timothy's, Creve Coeur; Emmanuel, Webster Groves; Church of the Good Shepherd, Town and Country; and St. John's, Tower Grove, St. Louis. Numerous individuals have made donations.

### **Advocacy and Education**

This year we have established a Speaker's Bureau composed of licensed preachers in the diocese who are available to preach and lead adult forums upon request about the hunger needs in our diocese and how congregations can help. We are also building our relationship with Empower Missouri, a nonpartisan advocacy organization based in Jefferson City which works to educate the legislators about the needs of persons in our state seeking direct assistance of any kind, including food stamps (SNAP.) Empower Missouri also has a hunger committee, educational forums throughout the state, and an annual conference for persons interested in or working in social services advising them about various forms of advocacy, and the various needs of persons living on the margins.

### **Task Force Membership**

We added two new members this past year and our goal is to have a member from each convocation within the diocese, each feeding ministry that we fund, and each congregation we receive funds from. We invite persons to contact one of the co-chairs or the deacon working with us if you are interested in joining us. We meet every other month on Saturday morning for 1.5 hours at Emmanuel Church in Webster Groves.

### **Gratitude**

We are grateful for all the support from the Offices of the Bishop in the form of accounting assistance, communications, and guidance, and for all the parishes, the diocese, Bishop Smith and individuals for their monetary support.

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## United Thank Offering

During 2017 I worked towards recruiting more parishes to yearly UTO ingatherings. It is slow work. Much to my surprise many of our rectors and parish leaders do know the mission of the thank offering. My goal is to educate the ENTIRE diocese on the theology of thanksgiving and the ministry of the United Thank Offering. I have sent several emails to each parish to let them know I am very willing to do an adult forum at their church on the UTO. Three parishes did accept my offer and I was pleased to go and share my experience in the sacredness of grateful living and giving. Presently the number of parishes that faithfully participate in yearly UTO ingatherings is 12. Tradition had the ingatherings at 2 a year, on in spring (Ascension Sunday) and one in fall (All Saints'). Most parishes choose a yearly ingathering and have chosen the fall, All Saints' as their day.

In 2017 there were 3 grant applications submitted from our parishes. I recruited a committee to review the applications before giving to the bishop's office for final approval. I am sorry to report that the grant submitted was denied by the national UTO grant committee. I have already contacted the other 2 applicants on the dates for the 2018 grant cycle.

In February I was interviewed for the JesusHacked podcast. I was pleased to be asked because it certainly supports my desire to educate on the beauty and comfort of the theology of thankful giving. Also, last spring I was nominated to represent Province V on the national UTO board. I declined the nomination because I have not yet met my goals for the Diocese of Missouri and UTO.

In July 2018 I will represent the Diocese of Missouri UTO at the ECW Triennial Convention that runs in conjunction with the Episcopal Church General Convention. There will be a

liturgy, where as the representative for Missouri I will present, along with representatives from every other diocese in the Episcopal Church, to the Presiding Bishop the total ingathering amount from this diocese (for the Triennial 2015, 2016, 2017).

In 2015 the total was \$8,259.51. In 2016 the total was \$7,591.65. To date 2017 total is \$914.91. Most parishes do their ingatherings in the fall, so the total amount for 2017 will increase. But if I use the figures known now, our Triennial offering will be \$28,000 short of our general convention presentation in 2015.

I continue to believe that the United Thank Offering is a sacramental sign of our inward gratitude for each blessing that we receive, turned outward to a visible mission, and I plan to develop better skills to communicate and educate our diocese on this ministry. This is not a fundraiser; it is a missional portion of our church. When we practice gratitude, we make the world a better place.

I remain blessed and grateful,  
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## Episcopal City Mission

### Overview

Episcopal City Mission (ECM) delivers its mission of "chaplaincy providing support, hope, and healing to children in the juvenile justice system" through the work of its three chaplains: the Rev. Dietra Wise Baker, Mr. Jeff Fabbiano, and the Rev. Kevin Aldridge. The chaplains serve the children in St. Louis City and County Detention Centers. ECM has also expanded its services to youth who are certified as adults and being held in the St. Louis City and County Justice Centers, along with serving two groups of youth at Missouri Hills, a Division of Youth Services (DYS) facility.

In 2017, ECM continued to "spread the word" of the chaplains' work through our fundraising events and several visits to parishes where the chaplains provided sermons and participated in adult forums. Our 14th Annual Moment in Time (MIT) Gala was well attended

and it raised a net profit of over \$65,000. This year, MIT included a speaker from the St. Louis Family Court, Rick Gaines, Chief Juvenile Officer. Rick spoke about the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative and the changes within the County Detention Center.

## 2017 Events

ECM has been blessed in 2017 with several new endeavors which helps us spread our mission and promote our work. Some of these are:

- Launched a new ECM website that better represents what ECM does and the children we serve
- Revised the ECM video to include our current chaplains and video of the new St. Louis County Detention Center, which was introduced at the 2017 MIT and will be added to our new website
- Contracted with a grant writer to assist in grant applications and research new grant opportunities

ECM continues to explore ways to increase our presence in the community and ability to grow and serve more children in the juvenile justice system. ECM is now serving youth that have been certified as adults that are being held at the city and county Justice Centers. There are hundreds of children committed to Missouri DYS facilities. Many of the children in DYS already have relationships with ECM chaplains due to their time at the St. Louis City and County Detention Centers. Providing chaplains to the children in DYS facilities fits within our mission and we are currently providing two chaplains to work with one group of boys (Chaplain Kevin) and one group of girls (Chaplain Dietra) at Missouri Hills, a DYS facility that houses about 120 young men and women. It continues to be our goal to serve more children in DYS.

As noted above, serving DYS with more chaplain hours will once again be a primary objective for ECM in 2018. We will be looking to our supporters and funders to assist us in this endeavor. The ECM Board is committed to doing whatever is necessary to make this a reality in the future.

ECM chaplains continued to deliver our mission through existing programs, such as:

- Weekly nondenominational chapel services

- Monthly birthday parties, sponsored and attended by local church members
- Private conversations with a chaplain
- Grief and loss groups which help the youth explore the causes of their anger and behavior
- Faith hip hop concerts at the detention centers and Missouri Hills

We sincerely thank you for your continued support of Episcopal City Mission and the children we serve.

Read more about ECM's programs and activities at [www.ecitymission.org](http://www.ecitymission.org) or like us on Facebook ([facebook.com/episcopalcitymissionstl](https://facebook.com/episcopalcitymissionstl)).

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## Grace Hill

*Mission: The mission of Grace Hill Settlement House is to provide opportunities for individuals, families, and communities to become stronger, healthier, and more self-reliant.*

We are focused on building strong families and communities, believing that our work is to advance racial equity through education, economic and community impact.

Grace Hill is recognized leader in the Collective Impact work of modernizing the delivery of social services.

Programs: Grace Hill works within neighborhoods in North and South St. Louis City to provide high quality early childhood education, help families achieve their financial goals, and promote healthy and safe communities. Since our founding and sponsorship by the Episcopal Diocese in 1903, Grace Hill has captured the essence of what it means to be a Settlement House – committed to changing neighborhoods and working with families to strengthen their future.

At the core of Grace Hill's programs is the co-location of holistic services around early childhood centers and local schools – as demonstrated in the flagship Water Tower Hub in North St. Louis City and the emerging South City Hub in the Patch/Carondelet neighborhoods.

Grace Hill Head Start and Early Head Start provide comprehensive early childhood education and health services to 313 infants and toddlers each year, ensuring they are strong, healthy, and ready for Kindergarten. The health of children is connected to the health and stability of their caregivers, and Grace Hill's Family Support Program follows children from Kindergarten through fifth grade at two local elementary schools, working to reduce mobility, improve attendance and behavior, provide a safe after school environment, and connect children and families to strong mentors, along with financial, educational, health & mental health resources.

The Grace Hill Women's Business Center, funded by the US Small Business Administration, serves more than 800 women and minority entrepreneurs each year. These women are starting and expanding their small businesses across the St. Louis region, supporting their families and building a strong local economy. Grace Hill also provides transitional housing, rent and utility assistance, a food pantry, job training, banking, a neighborhood leadership training program, and other community development resources at both hub locations. This work is supported by 88 full time employees and 2,600+ volunteers each year.

The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri invests time, talent, and treasure in Grace Hill Settlement House and the people we serve each year.

Each year, an Episcopal Service Corps member from Deaconess Anne House embeds themselves in the programs and services at the Grace Hill Water Tower Hub. Service Corps members have rejuvenated the MORE Time Dollar program, managed the food pantry/utility assistance programs, developed agency-wide communications, and facilitated the Neighborhood Leadership Program. Their investment in the administrative capacity of Grace Hill and the individuals we serve reflects their immense energy, desire for authentic relationship, and commitment to values of service and dignity for all members of our community.

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church is a key investor in the Grace Hill Women's Business Center – providing financial support and volunteer members of the Women's Business

Center Advisory Committee. A foundation to success at the Women's Business Center is the Workshop In Business Opportunities Program. St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, through their Outreach Program, has provided more than 30 scholarships for women and minority entrepreneurs to attend this 16-week "mini-MBA" program.

Other parishes, including Grace Episcopal Church, Christ Church Cathedral, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, St. Martin's Episcopal Church, and St. Michael & St. George, serve Grace Hill and our neighbors with food, clothing, and other donations during the Holiday Season; volunteering time in Head Start classrooms throughout the year; and serving as members of the Grace Hill Board of Directors and the Programs and Services Committee.

History: Grace Hill Settlement House was established by the Episcopal Diocese in 1903 to provide comprehensive services to immigrant families acclimating to life in St. Louis. Grace Hill is rooted in the philosophy of the Settlement House Movement, an enduring tradition established in 1889 with the work of Jane Addams at the Hull House in Chicago. This tradition seeks to provide an equitable opportunity for all members of the community to participate in academic, economic, civic, and other neighborhood activities—enabling them to support each other to make their communities better places to live. Today, Grace Hill has expanded its vision to include low income families from a variety of backgrounds. Regardless of race, class, or national origin, Grace Hill remains a doorway to a better life for over 1,800 families and 21,000 people in the City of St. Louis each year.

Come join us! If you're interested in volunteering time, lending your talent to our Board of Directors, or supporting Grace Hill's mission financially, please contact:

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# St. Luke's Hospital

## **Focused on Improving the Quality of Life**

As an Episcopal–Presbyterian hospital in name and practice, St. Luke's Hospital partners in ministry with the Episcopal and Presbyterian USA churches in the greater St. Louis metropolitan area. The Rev. Mari Chollet is an Episcopal priest and Associate Director of Pastoral Care. The Rev. Renita Heinzl is a Presbyterian minister and Director. Both serve as Clinical Pastoral Educators in St. Luke's CPE Learning Center.

St. Luke's Hospital is an independent, non-profit healthcare provider committed to improving the quality of life for its patients and the community. In its nearly 150-year history, St. Luke's has grown from a single hospital location to an advanced network of care. It provides personalized healthcare services in over 60 specialty areas at its 493-bed hospital in Chesterfield, Missouri, and offers 25 other locations across the greater St. Louis area, bringing quality healthcare services close to home. St. Luke's is nationally recognized for quality care and consistently earns high patient satisfaction scores. In addition, St. Luke's is the exclusive St. Louis affiliate of the nation's No. 1 heart hospital, Cleveland Clinic's Sydell and Arnold Miller Family Heart & Vascular Institute.

St. Luke's also has an extensive commitment to community outreach, providing hundreds of educational and preventive health opportunities to our community each year, including health screenings, special events, classes and support groups. Annually, St. Luke's provides unreimbursed services in the form of charity and Medicaid discounts to uninsured and underinsured patients, helping individuals and families access medical care regardless of their ability to pay. The cost of these services in fiscal year 2017 was \$13 million. St. Luke's also has a long-standing commitment to providing care for medically underserved and underinsured children in the St. Louis region through the St. Luke's Pediatric Care Center in north St. Louis County. For more than 60 years, the center has provided families with access to primary care physicians and preventive care and treatment in a private practice setting. In 2017, there were more than 5,600 visits to the center. St. Luke's Hospital funds the center, with operating costs exceeding \$1.3 million

annually.

## **Providing a Ministry of Presence: Pastoral Care and Clinical Pastoral Education**

As part of the interdisciplinary healthcare team providing holistic care in body, mind and spirit for patients and their families, visitors, physicians and employees of all faiths, St. Luke's Pastoral Care Department offers an important ministry of presence. Chaplains are a companioning presence at St. Luke's Hospital, St. Luke's Surrey Place (St. Luke's skilled nursing facility) and the St. Luke's Rehabilitation Hospital 24 hours per day, seven days a week, to provide visitation and companionship; spiritual, religious and emotional support; diverse worship services; and ritual sacramental practices and prayer.

The St. Luke's Pastoral Care Department team has two staff chaplains: Rev. Gale Dollar and Fr. Godwin Olugbami, a Roman Catholic priest. Additionally, St. Luke's Hospice Services include a chaplain as a member of the interdisciplinary care team to provide spiritual and religious support and a bereavement coordinator.

St. Luke's also has a long tradition of providing Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) for persons of diverse faith traditions in preparation for serving as future clergy and lay ministers, and CPE Certified Educators. St. Luke's CPE Learning Center is accredited by ACPE: The Standard in Spiritual Care & Education\* for CPE Level I/Level II and Supervisory CPE. Our Residency Program has six chaplain resident positions. The Center offers the following CPE programs: a 1 to 2-year Residency Program; a 2 to 3-year Supervisory Education Program; an 11-week Summer Program; and a 16-week Extended Program.

## **Expanding the Healthcare Mission: The Episcopal Expanding the Healthcare Mission: The Episcopal-Presbyterian Health Trust Presbyterian Health Trust**

Another way St. Luke's lives out its Episcopal-Presbyterian heritage and healthcare mission is through the Episcopal-Presbyterian Health Trust (EPHT). The nonprofit, grant-making foundation was established twenty years ago.

The mission of EPHT is to support organizations that provide quality healthcare

services to St. Louisans. It seeks to create partnerships with effective, community-based organizations that work to improve the lives of others through access to healthcare. The trust also partners directly with St. Luke's through grants, enabling the hospital to continue meeting the needs of the community.

As part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, in 2013 St. Luke's partnered with area health experts, community leaders and local organizations to initiate a formal Community Health Needs Assessment to better understand and address the most pressing health needs of the West St. Louis County community. From that, St. Luke's developed an implementation plan with ways to enhance its health education and partner with community organizations to improve the quality of life in the community, specifically in these three areas of focus: obesity and sedentary lifestyle; cancer screenings and support services (including breast, lung and colon cancer); and prevention and management of chronic conditions (including hypertension and Type 2 Diabetes). St. Luke's conducted its second Community Health Needs Assessment in 2015-2016 and, in collaboration with other area healthcare providers, held a focus group to revisit the health priorities identified in 2013. Based on the results and other data, St. Luke's chose to maintain its three priority focus areas, while continuing to address a variety of community health needs and collaborating with other community resources when needed. St. Luke's has committed to provide community education, low-cost lung cancer screenings, free classes for people at risk for diabetes and heart disease, and local lifestyle events, among other things.

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## St. Andrew's Resources for Seniors System (STARSS)

Growing older carries a unique set of challenges for seniors, their families, and other potential caregivers. When crises occur, most of us aren't prepared to act; we haven't planned. We don't know where to find the resources we need and we often don't even know what questions to ask.

That's where we come in. For more than 50 years, St. Andrew's Resources for Seniors System has been the place where seniors, their families, and caregivers find answers. Whether it's occasional help that allows a senior to remain independent at home, a comfortable retirement residence that feels like home, or an assisted living or skilled nursing facility, St. Andrew's can provide whatever you need.

Thanks to donations to our Charitable Foundation, we are able to assist seniors at all income levels. We help them find and access the support they need, and most important, we help them *Worry Less*.

St. Andrew's touches the lives of more than 8,700 seniors annually and employs more than 1,000 people systemwide.

### COMMUNITIES:

St. Andrew's spirituality website  
The St. Andrew's website recently launched a new tab called "Our Spiritual Difference" designed to show St. Louis Clergy how spiritual interests intersect with our faith-based

mission. Our vision is for this page, located at [StAndrews1.com/our-spiritual-difference](http://StAndrews1.com/our-spiritual-difference), is to serve as a navigational tool for our Board, residents, caregivers, and all the families seeking senior living options that embrace all of their loved ones' needs - mind, body, and soul.

Showcasing features such as spiritual inspiration, blogs, and news stories, the page highlights each community's spiritual offerings and provides handy links to each community's own website. Visitors to the site can learn about the many levels of care St. Andrew's provides, bringing attention to our faith-based, non-profit mission.

- St. Andrew's at Francis Place
- Cape Albeon
- Tower Grove Manor
- Brooking Park and the Willows
- St. Andrew's Assisted Living
- Subsidized Housing

## PROGRAMS:

### Supportive Services

Our Supportive Services Program offers in-home support services to individuals where they live. Whether it is in a St. Andrew's Community or a private residence, we assist them in remaining independent and safe. Our funding sources include: Medicaid, the St. Louis Area Agency on Aging, Veterans Pension Programs, Long Term Care Insurance, Private Pay, Charitable Funds, and NAP Tax Credits. Through this program we reach over 2,000 individuals annually.

### The Caring Workplace

Our Caring Workplace Program allows Employers to offer the benefit of an Eldercare Specialist for their employees needing assistance with health care needs for their loved ones. This program is offered to over 1,800 employees.

### Project Independence

Since 2006, St. Andrew's Project Independence has arranged for trained professionals to provide minor home repairs for seniors who could not otherwise afford these services. In 2016, 67 seniors received minor home repairs through Project Independence enabling them to remain living safely and independently in their own homes. Typical home repairs include repairing or replacing

faucets, installing railings and safety bars, replacing broken locks or windows, and replacing unsafe or hazardous flooring.

### Financial Support for At-Risk Seniors

In a world where seniors are living longer and healthcare costs are constantly on the rise, millions of seniors have discovered that their savings are just not enough to cover even their most basic needs. As the cost of aging goes up, so too, does the need for charitable care. St. Andrew's is dedicated to helping the ever-growing number of older adults who have outlived their resources. Last year, St. Andrew's provided more than \$715,000 in financial assistance and supportive services to help bridge the gap between what seniors and their families can afford and what seniors need to live healthy, secure, and fulfilled lives. These funds provide financial assistance and quality of life programming for seniors living in St. Andrew's communities and provide in-home care and support services for low-income seniors living in their homes through St. Andrew's Senior Solutions.

### Transportation Services

Being independent does not always mean one is self-sufficient. Many times, older adults living in retirement communities need help with daily living activities. One of the most important of those is transportation. Five days each week, St. Andrew's solution to that problem arrives at the front door. The popular St. Andrew's bus takes residents to grocery stores, movie theaters, pharmacies, and other local sites.

### Adopt-A-Senior

St. Andrew's annual Adopt-a-Senior program brought holiday cheer, gifts, clothing, food, and gift cards to 604 low-income seniors in their own homes or in St. Andrew's HUD communities.

## EVENTS:

### Ageless Remarkable Saint Louisans

For the 15th year, St. Andrew's honored 22 extraordinary seniors on Saturday, October 28th, 2017 at our award winning St. Andrew's Ageless Remarkable Saint Louisans Gala. Not only does this event inspire St. Louisans to redefine age, but it also raises more than

\$400,000 each year to help support our seniors in need.

### Loving Hope Golf Outing

St. Andrew's 5th Annual Loving Hope Golf Outing took place on Monday, April 22nd, 2017 at the Four Seasons Country Club. Sponsored by World Wide Technology and the Steward Family Foundation, the event was a tremendous success raising more than \$65,000 to support financial assistance for Brooking Park residents.

### MILESTONES:

In January of 2017, Senior Solutions guided the opening of the Homer Schmitz Health Clinic at St. Andrew's of Jennings, one of the affordable senior housing communities Sponsored by St. Andrew's Resources for Seniors. The Clinic is made possible by a charitable grant provided by Good Samaritan, Inc., and is conducted in partnership with Institute for Family Medicine and Deaconess Faith Community Nurses. This financial partnership is providing an on-site, walk in healthcare service to all resident of the Jennings community at no cost. The clinic is providing residents the opportunity to visit with a faith community nurse 3 days per week, a nurse practitioner two days per week, and a physician two times per month, allowing residents to see a practitioner that can order tests and prescribe medication.

Sewanee, The University of the South  
2016-2017

### *College of Arts & Sciences*

- Enrollment from the Diocese of Missouri: 12 students total (3 report Episcopal heritage)
- Financial aid awarded to all college students from the Diocese of Missouri: \$231,549.00

### *The School of Theology Seminary*

- Enrollment from the Diocese of Missouri: 0 students total (0 in the summer Advanced-Degrees Program)

### *The Beecken Center*

- Education for Ministry (EfM) Groups: 0
- EfM Diocesan Coordinator: Melissa Jeanne Poole

- Support Received from the Diocese of Missouri: \$500
- Support Received from the Diocese of Missouri churches: \$0

### 2016–2017 Statistics

- College of Arts and Sciences total students: 1,734
- Class of 2020: 514
- SAT combined: 1760–1983 ACT: 27–31
- High School GPA: 3.69
- College tuition and fees: \$ 42,400
- College faculty: Full-Time: 151 Part-Time: 70
- Student/faculty ratio: 9:9.1
- School of Theology students: 151 (includes summer and non-degree students)
- School of Theology full-time tuition and fees: \$ 17,058
- School of Theology faculty: Full-Time: 10 Part-Time: 5
- Student/faculty ratio: 6:1
- University Fiscal Year July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017 (unaudited)
- Endowment: \$394.9 million

### About the University of the South

The University of the South is home to an outstanding liberal arts College of Arts and Sciences, a School of Letters, and a School of Theology.

Located atop the Cumberland Plateau between Nashville and Chattanooga, Tennessee, Sewanee's 13,000- acre campus, the second largest campus in the United States, provides students with vast opportunities for research, recreation, and reflection.

Within the traditionally strong curriculum of humanities, sciences, and graduate theological studies, Sewanee faculty members promote intellectual growth, critical thinking, and hands- on research.

The University's Board of Trustees is composed of the bishops of the 28 owning dioceses, together with clergy and lay representatives elected by each diocese and representatives of other University constituencies. The Board of Regents, to which the Board of Trustees delegates some of its responsibilities for governance,



is composed of Episcopal bishops, priests, and lay people, and may include a limited number of members of other Christian bodies. The chancellor of the University, elected by the Board of Trustees, is a bishop from one of the 28 owning dioceses.

#### An Episcopal Center of Learning

The University of the South is an institution of the Episcopal Church dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge, understanding, and wisdom in close community and in full freedom of inquiry, and enlightened by Christian faith in the Anglican tradition, welcoming individuals from all backgrounds, to the end that students be prepared to search for truth, seek justice, preserve liberty under law, and serve God and humanity.

The University was founded by church leaders from the southeastern United States in 1857 and is the only university in the nation that is owned and governed by dioceses of the Episcopal Church, specifically the 28 dioceses that are successors to the original founding dioceses.

The historic ownership and governance of the University by these Episcopal dioceses has produced a living synergy of leadership, resource, and mutual support, enriching the Church and advancing the University's role in American higher education.

2016–2017 Highlights from the University of the South Details may be found by visiting the College's website: [sewanee.edu/newstoday/](http://sewanee.edu/newstoday/) and the School of Theology's website: [theology.sewanee.edu/seminary/media/news/](http://theology.sewanee.edu/seminary/media/news/).