

Province V Executive Board report to the Diocese of Missouri 2019-2020

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Province V is a network of 14 dioceses of the Episcopal Church as defined by Title I, Canon 9, of the Canons of the General Convention (2018). The primary purposes of the Provinces are to facilitate interdiocesan collaboration to achieve Diocesan and Episcopal Church goals, and to enable more effective communications and regional advocacy of significant programmatic efforts. The work of the Province is supported through an apportionment from each diocese that supports ministries and networking opportunities. The Board meets monthly via Zoom to share resources from our dioceses and hear about and help develop provincial events and programming, and yearly at an in-person meeting. This is my first year as diocesan representative to the Province V Executive Board, and I am very honored to serve the Diocese in this way.

Leadership

The members of the Executive Board can be found at: <https://www.provincev.org/exboard.html>
Adrienne Dillon (All Saints and Ascension) is Secretary of the Executive Board.

Networks

<https://www.provincev.org/networks.html>

After the Big Provincial Gathering in July 2019, several networks began to meet. Everyone is invited to join the networks, or even suggest the start of a new network. You can see the full list of current opportunities and meeting times on the website.

Leadership Coaching Project (LCP)

<https://www.provincev.org/lcp.html>

Province V has launched a project to train coaches to be available to church leaders across our province. Coaches are now available to leaders/teams – see details on the website. The Rev. Annette Joseph (Christ Church, Cape Girardeau and St. Paul's, Sikeston) is one of these coaches! Additional coach training sessions will be available as the network continues to grow. I am the Board representative for the LCP Committee.

The Basics of Faith-Based Public Advocacy

<https://www.provincev.org/faithbased2020.html>

This is a 4-part mini-series hosted by Province V's Public Theology Network in October. The program was well received, and recordings of each session are posted at the URL noted.

Scholarships

<https://www.provincev.org/scholarships.html>

To enhance networking between the fourteen dioceses of Province V of the Episcopal Church, the Executive Board made available \$5,000 to be given to individuals attending events in Province V dioceses, other than their own, over the course of 2020.

Scholarships are available up to \$500, and may be used for conference fees or travel expenses.

Scholarships are available on a rolling basis and applications are accepted throughout the year, until all funds have been disbursed.

Upcoming Events

Province V Synod - May 1, 2021 (Virtual format due to the pandemic).

Special Guest: The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, President of the House of Deputies.

Provincial Synod

The Province V Synod meets at least once every three years shortly before General Convention. The Synod elects a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for the Province for three-year terms, and representatives (1 clergy, 1 lay) to the Executive Council of the General Convention for six-year terms.

Each diocese elects one clergy and 2 lay representatives to the Provincial Synod House of Deputies. These deputies need not be General Convention deputies. Each diocese determines the method of selection and the length of terms. All bishops working in the province, or retired bishops whose episcopal ministry was in the province, are part of the Provincial House of Bishops, which meets a minimum of twice a year.

There will be an opening for a lay representative to Executive Council during the year the next General Convention is held. Executive Council representatives are not required to be General Convention deputies or Provincial Executive Board members, but should be knowledgeable about the governance of The Episcopal Church. The Executive Council meets three times a year for 3-5 days, and considerable work between meetings is required.

Province V Newsletter

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<https://www.provincev.org>

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