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Report to Diocesan Convention

Episcopal Recovery Ministries

The Episcopal Recovery Ministries (ERM) Committee currently comprises the following people:

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ERM exists as a resource for people seeking information, guidance, and consolation in their struggles with substance use disorders. ERM focuses on the person who is addicted and on the people who are affected by another's addiction. ERM offers information to enable all those affected by addiction to find the help they seek.

The primary work of ERM is to maintain the website -- www.ermdiocesemo.org – which contains links to resources throughout the state of Missouri, such as:

- Times and locations of meetings for addicts and family members
- Detoxification, rehabilitation, and housing facilities
- Pain management groups for chronic pain sufferers whose access to opioids has been adversely affected because of the addiction crisis

Opioid overdoses and deaths are a national epidemic. All clergy and elected leadership are urged to take training, so that an opioid overdose can be recognized and Narcan safely administered. On-line training is available from the American Red Cross at <https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/opioidoverdose>.

ERM committee members continually update the website with new resources. We also verify that the resources listed on the website are still operating and providing excellent care.

We welcome ideas and suggestions for improving the website and our service to the Diocesan community. Substance use disorder is a major issue in American society. But there is help and there is hope.

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