

## Province V Executive Board report to the Diocese of Missouri 2020-2021

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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 – or, more simply put – Connect, Network, and Support. Each diocese gives an apportionment to the Province to support ministries and networking opportunities. This has been my second year as diocesan representative to the Province V Executive Board. Please see below the many ways you can get involved!

### Leadership

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

The Province V Executive Board meets monthly via Zoom to share resources from our dioceses and hear about and help develop provincial events and programming. Adrienne Dillon (All Saints and Ascension) is Secretary of the Executive Board.

### Networks

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

The networks that began during the 2019 Big Provincial Gathering continue to expand to serve leaders across the province. Networks are open to any person who would like to be connected to others working on similar ministries. If there is a network that you might find helpful, contact Heather Barta at [provinceVcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:provinceVcoordinator@gmail.com)

### Leadership Coaching Project (LCP)

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

Trained lay and clergy coaches from across the Province are available to work with you or your committees/teams on your goals and challenges. They are available to those interested in working on ministerial or personal goals. All coaches will provide a complimentary “introductory” meeting so that you can ask question about coaching and get to know each other and check if there is a ‘fit’. Rural Area Ministry Specialists are available at a reduced rate to leaders in rural areas. [The Rev. Annette Joseph (Regional Missioner, St. Paul's, Sikeston and Christ Church, Cape Girardeau) is one of these coaches!] I am one of the Board representatives for the LCP Committee.

### Provincial Synod 2021

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

Province V had previously planned for another Big Provincial Gathering for 2021. With the pandemic, it has been moved to 2022. A virtual synod meeting for all Province V Synod Deputies and all others interested was hosted on May 1, 2021, with The President of the House of Deputies, The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, as the keynote speaker. Check out the website here for information on the 2022 Synod.

## **Big Provincial Gathering and Synod 2022**

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg2022.html>

April 29-30, 2022, South Bend, Indiana

Province V's next Big Provincial Gathering is scheduled for April 2022. All are invited to attend this event. Registration will begin in January.

Thursday (4/28) – Optional pre-event trainings at area churches in South Bend.

Friday (4/29) will include worship and workshops hosted by provincial networks. House of Deputies President Gay Clark Jennings is the keynote speaker.

Saturday (4/30) will be the Provincial Synod. Networks will present on their work and will share plans about upcoming events. We will also hold elections for Province V's lay representative to the Executive Council of the General Convention and the officers of the Province V Executive Board, plus vote on updates to the Province V Bylaws.

## **Province V Lay Representative to the Executive Council of General Convention**

Nominations close on December 1, 2021.

[If links below do not work, please go to the Province V website, <https://www.provincev.org>]

This representative will serve on Executive Council of the General Convention and as a member of the Province V Executive Board. Executive Council Representatives are not required to be General Convention deputies nor 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. This five-year term will begin immediately following the 80th General Convention (2022) and conclude at the close of the 82nd General Convention in 2027.

See full description [here](#).

Online nomination form is [here](#)

## **Scholarships**

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

To enhance networking between the fourteen dioceses of Province V of the Episcopal Church, the Executive Board has made available \$5,000 to be given to individuals attending events in other dioceses over the course of 2021. Scholarships are available up to \$500, and may be used for conference fees, training fees, or travel expenses.

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

## **Province V Newsletter**

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<https://www.provincev.org>

For more information about the Province V Board, please contact me at:

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