



TRUSTEES OF THE CORPORATION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI  
Meeting as  
DIOCESAN COUNCIL  
Meeting via Zoom Conference  
February 19, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M.

Opening Prayer

Roll Call – The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, Mrs. Lynette Ballard, Mrs. Angela Breeher, The Rev. Nancy Emmel Gunn, The Rev. Amy Fallon, Mr. William Haggerty Jr., Mr. George Hartsfield, Ms. Sondra Kekec, Ms. Liz Kramer, The Ven. Harry Leip III, Mr. Justin Martin, The Rev. Heather McCain, The Rev. Michael Nchimbi, Mrs. Kerry Quinlisk, Mr. Joshua Smith, Mrs. Annette Webb, The Rev. Dr. Carol Wesley, Mrs. Elizabeth Yount

Ex-Officio – Mr. Harold Burroughs, Mr. Al Ludwig

Staff – Canon Desirée Brattin, Canon Doris Westfall, Ms. Tracy Grigsby

Bishop Deon asked the Council to introduce themselves and list their current community.

Approval of Minutes – December 18, 2021

The motion to approve the December 18, 2021 minutes was moved and second. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Orientation – Mr. Harold Burroughs

Hal provided an overview of the Chancellor's role in the Diocese. He referred the Council to the Constitution and Canons, Canon 3.6 for the Council member's roles and responsibilities that include preparation of the budget, oversee receipts, evaluate programs of the Diocese and make written recommendations to Diocesan Convention. To propose policy to Convention, and meet six times in between the annual meetings of Convention. Diocesan Council functions as the Trustees of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, COEDMO. Exercise the duty of care and loyalty. Be prepared and informed, and to ask questions.

Financial Report – Al Ludwig, Liz Yount and Desiree Brattin

Al presented an overview of the responsibility of the Financial Team. To formulate the Budget, recommend the Budget to the Convocation's, and report the financial health of the Diocese. Al went over the December Financial Statements, and the Parish Admissions and Assessments. Last year we did exceed the actual aggregate commitment. We had increased insurance cost and property management cost are up, but we have a better since of what is needed going forward. We are under budget for employee expenses.

Operating Account – Due to the Paycheck Protection Program loan forgiveness and programs not fully functioning due to COVID the income is over budget.

Liz presented the Balance Sheets; she referred the Council to the Funds Document.

Council took a break at 10:20 A.M.

Congregational Outreach Grants Resolution

**Resolved**, that the Trustees of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri authorize the Bishop to distribute grants from the COEDMO Unrestricted Funds in the amount of \$1,000 each to the congregations in the Diocese of Missouri, Rockwell House, and Deaconess Anne House, to be used for outreach ministries.

Rationale: The Diocese ended 2021 with an Operating Budget surplus of \$375,190. This is largely due to recognizing income from the Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) loan, as well as expenses coming in under budget due to programs and ministries not functioning at full capacity due to COVID. This surplus rolls into COEDMO Unrestricted Funds.

Desirée presented the resolution to the Council.

Bishop Deon added this would be a good thing to share these resources with the Congregations, specifically for outreach however; the funds could not be used for their Operating Budget.

The total is \$43,000.

The motion was so moved, and second. The motion to pass the Congregational Outreach Grants was passed.

Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund Resolutions

**RESOLVED**, that the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri does hereby confirm and approve the following corporate action of COEDMO: that a grant in the amount of \$2,674.22 be awarded from the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund to assist a clergyperson with out of pocket medical expenses.

**RESOLVED**, that the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri does hereby confirm and approve the following corporate action of COEDMO: that a grant in the amount of \$4,489.52 be awarded from the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund to assist a clergyperson with out of pocket medical expenses.

**RESOLVED**, that the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri does hereby confirm and approve the following corporate action of COEDMO: that a grant in the amount of \$2,717.61 be awarded from the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund to assist a clergyperson with out of pocket medical expenses.

Fund balance as of 12/31/2021: \$2,243,785

Established in 1870 and derived from offerings and gifts. This Fund is to be used for the relief of Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese disabled by age, disease, or otherwise, and of the surviving spouse and children of Clergy. Per Diocesan Canon, the Trustees of COEDMO shall receive, consider and grant or deny applications for relief.

Desirée provided the background for the Funds.

The motion to approve the three Aged and Infirm request was moved, and second. The motion to assist clergypersons with out of pocket medical expenses was approved unanimously.

New Ventures in Community Ministry Grants special request- St. Paul's, St. Louis – Liz Yount

Liz presented a brief background on the Funds. The Funds were created through the Making All Things New project to help the underserved. Liz provided the Grant approval process to the Council.

St. Paul, St. Louis requested \$24,000 to participate in a program from the National Church with the purpose of assisting some families in their community.

The Council's recommendation was not to fund the request at this time. To invite St. Paul's to participate in the NVMG cycle when the request go out to the Congregations.

The Bishop asked the Council to look at the request and take a vote at the next Council meeting.

Desirée added that Council included additional funding for the Grant last year.

The Council invited the congregation to provide clarity.

Diocesan Council voted and approved the process to select the New Venture's in Community Ministry Subcommittee. The subcommittee will review the request and make recommendations to the Council; the Council will act on the recommendations.

The New Ventures in Community Ministry Grants Subcommittee members elected: Carol Wesley - member, Liz Yount - Chairperson, Sondra Kekec - member.

Safe Church Policies – The Bishop let the Council know they are adopting the policies, referred the Council to the Safe Church Policies documents in the meeting folder.

The motion to approve the Safe Church Policies was moved, and second. No discussion. The motion to approve the Safe Church Policies passed unanimously.

#### Diocesan Council Standing Teams Overview –

Bishop Deon provided an overview of the Diocesan Council Standing Teams: Stewardship, Vital Communities, and Property & Facilities. Council members are asked to select which team they would like to serve.

#### Bishop's Report –

Bishop Deon shared some highlights from his Visitations: Church of the Transfiguration, Lake St. Louis, St. Paul's, Carondelet, Church of the Advent, Crestwood, and Emmanuel, Webster Groves.

Canon Doris added that 15 people were confirmed and one received at Emmanuel. The congregation is Missional and doing well.

#### Episcopal Actions – Attended Baking with Bertha

Ordained the Rev. Josh Huber and the Angela Ferrer to the Diaconate

#### Priesthood Ordination – The Rev. Jeff Goldone

Attended St. Vincent's Home for Children on Christmas Eve. We are exploring some conversations about oversight with St. Vincent's, and see what that partnership will look like.

Went to the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas.

Had a meeting with the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Requiem or Renaissance - The program is going to an online platform.

- Convocation Reports: Bishop Deon expressed his happiness with the Convocation's energy and enthusiasm.
  - Emery Washington – At the first meeting, the Convocation went over their charter, over 70 people attended the meeting.
    - Elections:
      - Dean: The Very Rev. Jon Stratton - Trinity, Central West End
      - Warden: Ms. Adrienne Dillon - All Saints' and Ascension, Northwoods
      - Diocesan Council Member: Mrs. Angela Breeher – St. Paul's, Carondelet
      - Diocesan Council Member: Mr. Justin Martin & Ms. Liz Kramer – Trinity, Central West End
      - Diocesan Council Member: The Rev. Nancy Emmel-Gunn – St. John's, Tower Grove
  - Elizabeth Dyer –
    - Elections:
      - Dean: The Very Rev. Annette Joseph – Christ Church, Cape Girardeau

- Warden: Mr. Michael Malone - Holy Cross, Poplar Bluff
  - Diocesan Council Member: Ms. Sondra Kekec - All Saints', Farmington
  - Diocesan Council Member: Mr. Joshua Smith - Christ Church, Cape Girardeau
  - Diocesan Council Member: The Rev. Carol Wesley – St. John & St. James, Sullivan
  - Mission & Ministry Council: The Rev Richard Wiskus - All Saints', Farmington
  - Mission & Ministry Council: Mrs. Barbara Pinkerton – Holy Cross, Poplar Bluff
- Jane Dey –
    - Elections:
      - Dean: The Very Rev. William Nesbit Jr. - Grace, Jefferson City
      - Warden: Ms. Darlene Hillier-Kaczkofdky - Calvary, Columbia
      - Diocesan Council Member: The Rev. Heather McCain
      - Mission & Ministry Council: The Rev. Beth Simpson – Calvary, Columbia
      - 10 people were present at the meeting
- Jackson Kemper – The next meeting is in April
    - Elections:
      - Dean: The Very Rev. Dr. Maria Evans - Trinity, Hannibal

#### Open Question/Comment Time

Questions about the new Convocation structure and requirements.

The Bishop referred the Council to Diocesan website, to search for Convocations to find detailed information.

The Council wanted to know how the Convocations could help bring the Strategic Vision into reality.

Bishop Deon let the Council know the Convocations will help to formulate a Mission Strategy on how they will work together in ministry collectively. Convocations can help the Strategic Vision become a reality.

Bishop Deon added the Council agenda will change; the homework for Council is to read the Strategic Visioning report and to be ready to discuss the new agenda at the meeting in April.

A question about Requiem or Renaissance if there will be a service. Yes, you will get a one-on-one with a Shepherd. We are still working on technology hubs for the Convocations, located at Christ Church Cathedral, Trinity, Hannibal, Calvary, Columbia, and Christ Church, Cape Girardeau.

Adjournment – The motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:06 p.m. was moved, and second. The motion to adjourn was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Tracy Grigsby