

2023 Public Advocacy Report

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For the past year, I have served as a volunteer Missioner for Public Advocacy. I have written some blog posts on Public Advocacy topics, which are all available on diocesemo.org under the Public Advocacy tab. I have attended and helped with the Diocesan Education Equity Working Group. I have attempted to raise \$6700.00 to purchase an organizing tool called Voter Voice to expand the reach of all the Mission Areas and all Episcopalians in Jefferson City. So far, we have \$4300.00 committed. We need to raise an additional \$2400.00 by the end of November if we are going to be able to purchase this tool and use it effectively during the 2024 Missouri Legislative Session.

I have also served as the Secretary of the General Convention Task Force on Imagining a Church Grounded in Social Justice as Christian Ministry. Serving on that Task Force has been an expansive and Spirit-filled experience AND it has also been a tremendous amount of hard work.

My goal for the year ahead is to fund Voter Voice and equip all Missioners and Mission groups with this tool to facilitate communication with Missouri Legislators and to organize a broader network of Episcopalians engaged in Public Advocacy. If I had the time and resources, I would love to train volunteers to be ready to testify in the Missouri Legislature every week of the Missouri Legislative Session from January through May, so that the voices of faithful Christians in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri would be on the record in all deliberations in Jefferson City.

Since I work with all the other Mission areas and with the Education Equity Working Group, there is not an additional Public Advocacy Committee.

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