

The Deaconess Anne House Revisioning Project

Earlier this summer, Bishop Johnson, after prayerful consideration and collegial deliberation, put the Deaconess Anne House on sabbatical for the 2022 - 2023 program year. During this time, a revisioning team has been tasked with auditing the last 10 years of the program and, based on that audit, producing a plan for the future of the Deaconess Anne House.

The revisioning team consists of the Very Rev. Jon Stratton (chairman), Carter Whitson, Gabriel Oakes, and Jillian Smith. The team contracted with The Vandersall Collective to help produce a program audit that will be completed in December 2022. This audit will articulate the original vision and purpose of the Deaconess Anne House, assess how the Deaconess Anne House did and did not live into its original vision and purpose, and gauge the impact that the Deaconess Anne House has had over the past ten years on the diocese, individual parishes, corpse members, the Old North St. Louis neighborhood, and local not-for-profits. The audit will also examine the Deaconess Anne House's funding sources and budget and will offer a comparative funding analysis based on similar programs.

After the audit is complete, the team will spend time next winter and spring developing a written recommendation for the Deaconess Anne House's future based on the audit, the diocese's strategic plan, and the mission and vision of the Diocese of Missouri.

Submitted by Chairman Jon Stratton, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church St. Louis and Dean of the Emery Washington Convocation.