

**Diocese of Missouri  
Diocesan Council  
Report to the 183<sup>rd</sup> Convention – 2022**

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It has been my pleasure to serve as Vice-Chair of the Diocesan Council. This report will explain our purpose, our structure, and the actions taken this year in meeting our responsibilities to Convention.

The Canons of the Diocese require that Diocesan Council

1. Shall prepare the proposed Diocesan Operating Budget and oversee receipts and expenditures under the budget adopted by Convention.
2. The Canons also require Council to “plan, develop, review, and evaluate annually the programs of the Diocese.”
3. During recesses of Convention, Council “shall alone interpret Diocesan policies.”
4. Shall meet no fewer than six times in between the annual meetings of Convention and is responsible for implementing Convention policies, interpreting the Canons when Convention is not in session.
5. The members of Council serve as Trustees of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri (COEDMO). The officers of COEDMO shall consist of the Bishop as President, the Chairman of the DIT as Vice President, the Treasurer of the Diocese as Treasurer, the Chancellor of the Diocese as Secretary, the Vice-Chancellors, if any, as Assistant Secretaries.

COUNCIL AND COEDMO MEMBERSHIP (Elected, Appointed, and Ex Officio)

Members (clergy and lay) are elected by Convocations, for two-year terms. Members are elected two at each Convention (clergy and lay) for three-year terms. The Bishop appoints members (clergy and lay) subject to ratification by the elected members. The Bishop serves as Chair of Council and President of COEDMO. Other Ex Officio members of Council are the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor/Treasurer, the Canon for Finance and the Canon to the Ordinary.

Since the 182<sup>nd</sup> Convention, these actions have been taken by COEDMO.

- We elected trustees to fill vacancies in the Diocesan Investment Trust.
- We authorized the Bishop to distribute grants from COEDMO unrestricted funds in the amount of \$1,000 to each of the congregations of the Diocese of Missouri, Rockwell House, and Deaconess Anne House to be used for outreach ministries. A total of \$43,000.
- We authorized grants from the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.
- We authorized some very exciting New Ventures in Community Ministry grants in the amount of \$89,760 and enacted a policy that Council may consider emergency or other time-sensitive grants outside the formal application schedule.
- We established the Church Assistance Endowment Fund (CAEF), allocating \$52,700. Nine grants were awarded.

- We approved supporting the compensation package of a full-time administrative assistant position for the Diocese of Missouri from COEDMO unrestricted funds for the period of June through December 2022.
- Received and accepted the audit of the 2021 books of COEDMO and approved the audit unanimously.
- We reviewed and approved budget process changes for 2023 which take congregational operating support out of the Diocesan operating budget, funding directly from the Kelton White Fund, with no changes in the criteria for congregations to qualify for a grant. That spending policy was approved by Standing Committee. Council will approve both the Operating Budget and the Congregational Support plan. The annual Operating Budget is further approved by Convention.
- We supported use of \$50,000 from the Campus Ministry Fund for a full-time clergy position at Calvary, Columbia for one year.
- We supported use of \$27,000 from the Campus Ministry Fund for Trinity Church, St. Charles for six months.
- Approved Theological Education Fund Grants to residential seminarians and to non-residential seminarians.
- We approved a building use agreement between St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Ironton, and the North St. Francois County Adult Education and Literacy Program.
- We approved Clergy Compensation recommendations, the annual update for Convention approval.
- The Annual Operating Budget is now structured to match Strategic Visioning priorities: Episcopate & Church Governance, Administrative, Communications and Technology, Community Building and Justice, Evangelism and Stewardship, and Formation.
- In October we approved 2023 operating budget for Convention approval.

As Council we took these further actions following the 182<sup>nd</sup> Convention.

- We were happy to usher in the new Convocation structure. Convocations elected clergy and lay members to serve on Council.
- We assured two-way communication between Convocations and Council, and we tracked the accomplishments and activities of the newly structured and named convocations: Emery Washington, Elizabeth Dyer, Jane Dey, and Jackson Kemper.
- We provided an orientation for new and continuing Council members.
- We adopted Safe Church Policies.
- We established Council standing teams for Stewardship, Vital Communities, and Property and Facilities.
- We approved the Diocese of Missouri to enter into an affiliation agreement with the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry, with this Diocese to be a sponsoring Diocese to share in educational opportunities and funding with the Diocese of West Missouri, Diocese of Kansas, Diocese of Western Kansas, and the Diocese of Nebraska.
- Reviewed the Strategic Visioning Plan in June, September, and October. Reviewing the progress of the Strategic Vision plan will be a regular part of Council agendas.

- We approved freezing the Average Sunday Attendance at pre-Covid levels through the 2022 Convention to assure representation at Convention and clarity in the Clergy Compensation resolution.

#### MEMBERS OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL/ COEDMO

I want to recognize and thank all those persons who contribute to the work of Council and COEDMO, especially the dedicated staff of the Diocese of Missouri.

As of October 8, 2022, the elected and appointed members of Council are:

Lynette Ballard, Vice-Chair (Kirkwood – Grace)  
 Ann Binggeli (Columbia – Calvary)  
 Angela Breeher (Carondelet – St. Paul’s)  
 Larry Cornelius (Ellisville – St. Martin’s)  
 The Rev. Nancy Emmel Gunn (Tower Grove – St. John’s)  
 The Rev. Amy Fallon (Kirksville – Trinity)  
 William Haggerty Jr (Florissant – St. Barnabas’)  
 George Hartsfield (Jefferson City – Grace)  
 The Rev. Joshua Huber (Columbia – Calvary)  
 The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, Chair of Council, President of COEDMO  
 Sondra Kecec (Farmington – All Saints)  
 The Ven. Harry Leip III (Central West End – Trinity)  
 Justin Martin (St. Louis – Cathedral)  
 The Rev. Michael Nchimbi (Louisiana – Calvary)  
 Cheryl Nield (Jefferson City – Grace)  
 Kerry Quinlisk (Lake St. Louis – Transfiguration)  
 Joshua Smith (Cape Girardeau – Christ Church)  
 Annette Webb (Columbia – Calvary)  
 The Rev. Carol Wesley (Sullivan – St. John/St. James)

Ex Officio members are:

Andrew Bleyer, Vice Chancellor  
 Harold Burroughs, Chancellor  
 Al Ludwig, Vice Chancellor, Treasurer  
 The Rev. Dr. Pamela Stuerke, Consultant to Diocesan Council  
 Canon Desiree Brattin  
 The Rev. Canon Doris Westfall

Council’s responsibilities are heavy, but the burden is light. We appreciate your support and understanding as we serve Convention and the people of this Diocese. Thank you.