

## Jackson Kemper Convocation

The reorganized Jackson Kemper Convocation met several times in 2022, with an expanded number of parishes and a shift in focus from the old model.

Early in the year, we elected The Rev. Dr. Maria Evans as Dean (one year term), Lori Cooper as Warden (two year term) and Judy Hodge as Secretary (one year term). We then met at various times of the year to begin the process of reorganization, create an electronic mailing list, and attempt to create a means to have a social event, although that has not yet taken place. Other significant actions included:

1. Getting to know about each other's roles/missions in our respective communities;
2. Discussion of the various ways we could use diocesan funding to each parish for mission;
3. Learning more about the proposed imperiled Parish designation;
4. Learning about and discussing various aspects of General Convention and proposed resolutions prior to meeting;
5. Creating a Facebook page so that we can share happenings at the various parishes in our convocation.

Although not yet accomplished at the time this report was drafted, we also plan to discuss upcoming resolutions for Convention. We hoped at least some of us could meet in person at the Fall Leadership Conference at the Trinity St. Charles hub, and this was cancelled.

The geography of our convocation and the relatively small size of our parishes (where resources tend to be stretched to the limit) makes planning in-person events challenging. We do continue to work towards creating some in-person time to get together, to have some fun, and to get to know each other better. We have been attempting to move forward using a hybrid model wherever possible and have been meeting remotely so as to increase participation. Despite all of us suffering from "Zoom fatigue" we still have good turnout for our meetings.

We hope to build on these starts at re-organizing our convocation, to continue to deepen our faith and hope, and to grow into the image of Christ.

In Christ's service,

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