

## Province V Executive Board report to the Diocese of Missouri 2021-2022

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**Province V** is a network of 14 dioceses of the Episcopal Church as defined by the Canons of the General Convention (2018). The primary purposes of the Provinces are to facilitate inter-diocesan collaboration to achieve Diocesan and Episcopal Church goals, and to enable more effective communications and regional advocacy of significant programmatic efforts – or, more simply put – Connect, Network, and Support. Each diocese contributes an apportionment to the Province to support ministries and networking opportunities. This has been my third year as diocesan representative to the Province V Executive Board, and I’m excited to share some of the many ways *you* can get involved!

### Big Provincial Gathering and Synod meeting – April 2022

As many of you experienced, we had a great gathering in South Bend in April! Almost 200 people were able to experience the vibrancy of our Province at the Big Provincial Gathering and Synod. While our keynote speaker, House of Deputies President The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, was unable to attend in person due to COVID-19, she sent her speech to Canon Jane Cislucyis who presented it to the gathering. The main business sessions and worship were live streamed and recorded. The Synod included the business of passing several resolutions and the provincial budget, and “commercials” from each of the various networks and affiliated organizations. There were several pre-event trainings that were offered. Friday and Saturday included group worship opportunities, a variety of workshops that were offered by the networks, and the election of Province V’s lay representative to the Executive Council of the General Convention and the officers of the Province V Executive Board. Sponsors ensured that we were able to offer the program at a discounted price for everyone.



### Upcoming events

**2023** – There will be a variety of online webinars and events offered. Some networks are exploring the idea of gathering for special trainings or events. Watch the newsletter and website for information.

**2024** – A Big Provincial Gathering and Synod meeting will be held prior to the 81<sup>st</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

## **Leadership**

<https://www.provincev.org/exboard.html>

The Province V Executive Board meets monthly via Zoom to share resources from our dioceses and hear about and help develop provincial events and programming. They hope to be able to hold their 2023 annual retreat in person for the first time since the pandemic. Adrienne Dillon (All Saints and Ascension) was again elected as Secretary of the Executive Board during the 2022 Synod meeting. The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth (Diocese of Ohio) completed his term as Province V President with our sincere thanks, having brought the Province V Bishops together for almost weekly Zoom meetings during the pandemic. Canon Jane Cislucyis (Diocese of Northern MI), previously Province V Vice President, is now the Province President. The Rt. Rev. Matthew Gunter (Diocese of Fond du Lac and Eau Claire) is Vice President of the Province.

## **Networks**

<https://www.provincev.org/networks.html>

The networks continue to expand to serve leaders across the province. Networks are open to any person who would like to be connected to others working on similar ministries. If there is a network that you might find helpful or one that you'd be interested in starting, please contact the Rev. Heather Barta at [provinceVcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:provinceVcoordinator@gmail.com)

## **Leadership Coaching Project**

<https://www.provincev.org/lcp.html>

Trained coaches (both lay and clergy) from Province V are available to work with you on your goals and challenges. All coaches are available to any person, committee or team interested in working on ministerial or personal goals. These coaches all offer a complimentary "introductory" meeting so that you can get to know each other and ask questions about coaching with them. Rural Area Ministry Specialists are available at a reduced rate to leaders in rural areas. The Rev. Annette Joseph (Regional Missioner, St. Paul's, Sikeston and Christ Church, Cape Girardeau) is one of these coaches. From a Vestry needing assistance meeting a specific goal to a priest in new cures; I encourage you to take advantage of this unique opportunity that the Province offers!

## **Province V Newsletter**

Don't miss out on news from around the Province or opportunities to meet with networks that align with your current or wished-for ministry interests. Sign up for the monthly newsletter at the bottom of the website:

<https://www.provincev.org>

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