PARTICIPATING IN GOD’S MISSION

OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED STRUCTURE

Intended to support our participation in God’s mission, affirm our identity as Episcopalians, and respond to the changing world in ways that are inclusive and adaptable.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT (ECCT)

A. includes:
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   2. nine members from Ministry Networks, elected by Annual Convention
   3. twelve members from Regions, one clergy and one lay selected by each Region

B. serves as ECCT’s governing body between Annual Conventions ensuring that the decisions of the Convention are implemented and makes additional decisions as needed

MISSION COUNCIL

A. continues as the main governing body of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT), convening annually
B. makes decisions collaboratively about our common life and our common resources
C. serves as a primary forum for missional conversations, ongoing formation, and worship

ANNUAL CONVENTION

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MINISTRY NETWORKS

A. a collective of individuals who are engaged in God’s mission through a particular ministry
B. who are collaborating
C. from more than one parish or worshiping community within ECCT, and may additionally extend to ecumenical, interfaith, and service sector organizations
D. may vary in size, scope of ministry, years of service, origins

REGIONS

REPLACES 14 DEANERIES

A. parsed by the natural boundaries of the state
B. selects one clergy and one lay person to serve on the Mission Council
C. recruits and is served by a Missionary

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