

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: 2013-2014

The Executive Council consist of the Bishop Diocesan, two Bishops Suffragan, and one clerical and one lay delegate from each of the fourteen deaneries. The Bishops may appoint up to six additional members at large. Additionally, the Council elects a Secretary, which has traditionally been the person elected as Secretary of the Diocese. The Treasurer and the Chancellor are ex-officio members. The Canons for Mission Collaboration, Mission Leadership, Mission Finance, Mission Integrity and Training, Mission Communication and Media, and the Executive Director of Camp Washington all serve in an advisory capacity.

The Executive Council is charged by Canon with: Collecting and allocating funds within the limits of the budgets adopted by the Diocesan Convention; exercising the full power and authority of the Diocese between sessions of the Convention in most matters; and establishing and maintaining program initiatives.

Our vision for our life and work together:

- The Executive Council will be a diverse and inclusive community of Christian leaders with a strong sense of community.
- The Executive Council will fulfill canonical responsibilities and effectively manage the finances of the Diocese.
- The Executive Council will engage with parishes and individuals across the Diocese as it works to facilitate new ways of participating in God's mission of restoration and reconciliation in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Executive Council members will be agents of change who help to envision a new future for the Diocese, seeking God's guidance through Scripture and prayer.

In 2013-2014, the Executive Council [meeting jointly as Executive Council and the Boards of Directors for Camp Washington (through June 2014) and the Missionary Society] met as follows:

- December 7, 2013 at St. James', Glastonbury
- March 15, 2014 at St. Paul's, Wallingford
- June 7, 2014 at Camp Washington, Lakeside, CT
- September 6, 2014 at The Commons, Meriden, CT

The members exercised their ministry of leadership and oversight in the following ways:

Camp Washington

As of June 2014, a new Board of Directors (separate from Executive Council) was formed for Camp Washington. That Board will be overseeing the finances, operations of Camp as well as the search for a new Executive Director, as Jean Handler is retiring at the end of 2014.

Relocation

The Diocesan House Relocation Team successfully assisted in the sale of Diocesan House and the relocation of the the offices to The Commons at 290 Pratt Street in Meriden.

Faith and Order/TREC-CT

The Faith and Order Committee (previously known as Constitution and Canons) will be present additional revisions to the canons at Convention as well as the revised Constitution that was approved in 2013.

Additionally Faith and Order was combined with members of the Council interested in revising the Missionary Society to become TREC-CT (Task Force for Re-imagining the Episcopal Church in CT). TREC-CT is engaged in the work of re-imagining the structures of the Episcopal Church in CT. TREC-CT hosted listening sessions in May and July, as well as a Clergy Day in June. There will continue to be opportunities for Episcopalians around CT to offer their input, including at Convention 2014, as TREC-CT looks to come to Convention 2015 with proposals for a new structure for the Episcopal Church in CT.

Financial Oversight

The Council and Boards reviewed and accepted the FASB, GAAS compliant, combined, annual audits and documents from the diocesan auditors, BlumShapiro, for the financial statements for 2013 audit. They also received the financial statements from the Finance Committee on a periodic basis, and through that committee reviewed them for audit.

The Council reaffirmed the appoint of Blum Shapiro as auditors for 2014.

The Council worked with the Finance Committee and the Program and Budget Committee to present the Clergy Minimum Salary Schedule and the Budget of Convention for 2014 to the Annual Convention in October 2014.

The Council also ratified grants for the Millennium Development Fund and the Mission Development Fund as follows:

Millennium Development:

Trinity in Motion, Haiti (St. Paul's and St. Timothy's, Fairfield; and Trinity, Southport) - \$10,000

Megumeto Nursery School and Well, Megumeto, Mozambique – Diocese of Lebombo (St. Peter's, Monroe) - \$10,000

St. Vincent's Center for Handicapped Children, Port-au-Price, Haiti (Friends of St. Vincent's) - \$1645

Mission Development:

- 2014-1 Barnaba Institute Street Outreach Program
Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry \$6,550
- 2014-2 Naugatuck Valley Project
St. John's Episcopal Church, Waterbury \$5,500
- 2014-3 Our Community Cares, Inc.
Episcopal Church of the Holy Advent, Clinton, CT \$2,500

Missionary Society:

Sitting as the Board of Directors of the Missionary Society, the following loans from the Revolving Loan Fund were approved:

Emmanuel Church, Killingworth - \$92,700
St. Peter's, Monroe - \$85,000

The Board ratified grants for the Jack Spaeth Creation Fund totaling \$1500; Trinity Fund (So. Norwalk) Committee totaling \$135,000; and grants from the Trinity Waterbury Fund of \$22,939.97 and the Harrub Fund of \$7,718.20

Property Matters:

The sale of the following properties (held by the Missionary Society) was approved by the Board:

- 5 Rockridge Drive, Norwalk (formerly clergy housing)
- 16 Berkeley Street, Norwalk (formerly clergy housing)
- 256 North Road, Groton, CT (formerly Bishop Seabury Church)
- 35 Harris Road, Avon, CT (formerly Christ Church)

The Council is vested with the authority of carrying out the work of Convention during the year. Through its work as the Council, Boards of Directors and our various committees and project teams, we are committed to continuing to help our whole Diocese to more fully participate in God's mission of restoration and reconciliation in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Molly F. James, PhD
Secretary of the Diocese and Executive Council