

## **Report of Diocesan Council 2017-2018:**

Diocesan Council met on the following dates. Key topics discussed are listed. Minutes of the meeting are available upon request.

### **November 16, 2017 –**

- Reflections on Diocesan Convention
- Revival 2018
- Request for Assessment Reduction, Grace Oxford
- EMWM financial report, available Mission Resources
- Housing Allowance Resolutions
- Sustainable and Strategic Ministry, Toronto model

### **February 3, 2018 –** Diocesan Council (Retreat) met at St. Andrew's Church, Longmeadow

- Retreat led by Lois Kelly, on topics of Change, Courage, and Creativity
- Request for Assessment Reduction, Northborough
- Update on Resourcing Mission pilot program

### **April 4, 2018 –**

- Special meeting to vote on deed transfer of property FKA St. Martin's, Pittsfield to EMWM

### **April 12, 2018 –**

- Bishop's report on gun violence, Bishops United Against Gun Violence
- Sanctuary – Undocumented workers threatened with deportation
- Revival planning
- Financial Resources
- Summarize, review Council Retreat / Lois Kelly
- Resourcing Mission pilot and case study
- Financials and Real Estate updates
- Vote to transfer unrestricted funds to a Strategic Ministry Reserve Fund

### **June 14, 2018**

- Bishop's report: Update on Revival schedule; Creation Care; Immigration; Social Justice and Sanctuary; General Convention; Transition Ministry
- Resource Mission Initiative update
- Development Plan update, funding of non-parish based programs
- Memorial Garden guidelines approval

### **September 20, 2018**

- Updates on Revival; update on Latino Ministries
- Staff changes at the Administrative Offices of the Diocese of WMASS
- Parish Assessment Program – update; Pilot program
- 2019 proposed budget
- Development plan update (Episcopal Charities Entity)
- Update on Clergy Renewal Leave policy

Respectfully submitted,

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