

Report of Diocesan Council 2020-2021

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

December 10, 2020

- Assessment Reduction report – no action needed
- Approved the Rev. Charlotte LaForest to serve on the Budget and Financial Planning Subcommittee.
- Voted on Bruce Wirtz settlement.
- Heard the report of the Vitality Committee

January 14, 2021

- Discussed the rejuvenation of the Global Missions Committee.

March 18, 2021

- Heard report on work being done by Committee to Explore Common Mission, a joint committee between the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, and the Diocese of Massachusetts
- Discussed upcoming resolution regarding compensation to deacons to allow them to enroll in programs of the Church Pension Fund.
- Affirmed names of those to be asked to serve on the Global Missions Committee.
- Affirmed names of those being asked to serve on the Convention Nominating Committee.

May 13, 2021

- Passed resolution regarding resolution regarding compensation to deacons to allow them to enroll in programs of the Church Pension Fund.
- Passed resolution endorsed by the Budget and Financial Planning Committee on use of insurance reserve fund balance to complete legal work for the benefit of parishes in connection with corporate establishment with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.
- Passed resolution endorsed by the Budget and Financial Planning Committee to establish a Creation Care Fund.

June 10, 2021

- Heard a report from Rich Simpson on transitions within the Diocese.
- Approved change of General Convention Deputy Philip Shearin from Alternate Lay Deputy to Alternate Clerical Deputy given his recent ordination.

October 14, 2021

- Kim Foster reported on financial outlook for the balance of 2021 and planning for 2022.
- Approved 2022 Budget.
- Heard a report from Rich Simpson on transitions within the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,
Wende Wheeler, Council Secretary