

## Report of Diocesan Council 2022

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

December 9, 2021

- Approved the annual vote on designating a portion of the salaries of clerical members of Diocesan staff as housing allowance for tax purposes.
- Ratified a vote in November by email which facilitated the sale of St. Andrew's, North Grafton.
- Voted to reclassify Trinity Episcopal Church in Chicopee as a Mission.

January 13, 2022

- Heard a presentation by Canon Vicki Ix on the results of a Clergy and Parish Leadership Study.
- Heard a report on clergy transitions from Canon Rich Simpson.

February 12, 2022 (following Diocesan Council Retreat)

- Voted to approve several recommendations of the Budget and Financial Planning subcommittee regarding allocation of funds.
- Approved the merger of Trinity Church, Chicopee into the Episcopal Missions of Western Massachusetts (EMWM)

May 12, 2022

- Heard a presentation by Canon Vicki Ix regarding a pilot project collaboration between a solar farm company and the Diocese in order to develop a renewable source of electricity which would cover part or all of the annual electrical energy usage for the 51 parishes and other buildings of the Diocese.
- Voted to expand the scope of the Global Mission Committee to extend the purview of its ministry to include addressing the needs of migrants and refugees resettling inside the borders of the Diocese.

June 9, 2022

- Voted to approve the Human to Human budget as recommended by the Budget and Financial Planning subcommittee.
- Heard a presentation from Treasurer Mark Rogers of a Parish Loan Program proposal.
- Voted to approve the expenditure of funds to trade in the Bishop's old car and purchase a new one.
- Voted to accept the Annual Audit Report.
- Voted to approve Andrew Piper as an Alternate Lay Delegate to General Convention.
- Affirmed the appointment of the Diocesan Nominating Committee.

September 22, 2022

- Voted to approve the Diocesan budget for 2023 and related motions as presented by CFO Kim Foster, and recommended by the Budget and Financial Planning subcommittee.

- Approved a draw from the Creation Care Fund held by the Trustees for a program called *An Episcopal Path to Creation Justice* in collaboration with the Diocese of Massachusetts.
- Voted to approve the Parish Loan Program and application form.
- Voted to amend the terms of a previously voted on loan to St. Mark's, East Longmeadow.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wende Wheeler, Council Secretary