

DIOCESAN COUNCIL REPORT TO CONVENTION 2022

NOVEMBER 2021

Scott Hovanec elected Vice President of Council, will also serve on Executive Committee.

Approved gifts from G. Wheelock and R. Silliman

Approved Cathedral Block project.

The Rev. Ricky Brightman, Joel Gardner elected to Executive Committee.

Approved change of authorization signatures on diocesan accounts, including Gammell Fund.

DECEMBER 2021

Approved the recommendation from Commission on Finance to accept the RI Dept. of Health proposal to rent two floors of Hallworth House.

Approved the recommendation from Commission on Finance to accept the terms of the commitment letter with Thrivent concerning a line of credit.

Approved the recommendation from Commission on Finance to accept the updated Gift Acceptance Policy and Donor Acceptance form, in addition to accepting the Certified Corporate resolution for the Thrivent Line of Credit application requirement as presented.

JANUARY 2022

The Rev. Joan Testin appointed as President of Board of Discipline, The Rev. Linda Griggs appointed to Board of Discipline for standard term.

Approved resolution to use Hallworth House Reserve fund principal, as needed, to supplement dividend income from the Hallworth House Reserve fund as a source (in addition to rental and miscellaneous income) to pay for operating expenses associated with the Hallworth House buildings located at 62 and 66 Benefit Street, Providence effective 1-1-21.

Approved motion to recommend the 2022 revenue from the Diocesan Resource Fund be used in this way: that \$66K be used to pay Denham Wolf and \$96K be available for churches.

Approved grant to Diocese of West Buganda out of the Global outreach fund .

Approved appointments of Rev. Timothy Watt, Rev. Johanna Marcure and Ms. Amy Robinson to Congregational Development Commission.

FEBRUARY 2022

Accepted the resignation of John Candon as Treasurer of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island.

Victoria Escalera appointed as Treasurer of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island.

Approved the affirmation of GC2009 D048, sponsoring Better Medicare for All.

MARCH 2022

Approved Congregational Development Commission grants to St. Anne's by-the-Sea and St. Peter's by-the-Sea.

Approved appointment of The Rev. Beth Sherman, The Rev. Christa Moore-Levesque, The Rev. Tanya Watt, Ms. Allison Huff, and Ms Cheryl Abney to Diocesan Council.

Approved recommendation of Council on Finance to convert to grants the revolving .loans that had been taken by 4 congregations during the pandemic.

APRIL 2022

Approved Congregational Development Commission grant to Trinity Church, North Scituate.

Appointed the Rev. Dante Tavolaro to Committee on Canons.

Appointed Mr. Rick Burlingame to Commission on Investments.

Authorized Mr. Edward Biddle, The Rev. Canon Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew, Mrs. Joan DeCelles, Mrs. Vicki Escalera, and Mr. Dennis Burton as signatories for Diocesan, Episcopal Charities, and Edwards Home checking accounts.

Approved receipt of Diocesan Resource Fund dividends instead of re-investment. Dividends to be designated as Diocesan Resource Fund Income.

Approved CDC grant to Church of the Holy Spirit, Charlestown, and other Deanery one congregations.

Approved granting an Honorary Doctorate from St. Dunstan's School to Mr. James Busby, retiring Organist and Music Director at S. Stephen's Church, Providence.

MAY 2022

Approved Finance Commission recommendation to deposit into the Diocesan Resource Fund the proceeds of the sale of the rectory in Coventry.

Approved that the available revenue generated by Episcopal Charities Fund endowments exceeding amounts required to cover administrative expenses of Episcopal Charities Fund be available for application by vote of Council for Diocesan-wide ministries and other Diocesan general uses and purposes.

Approved available revenue generated by endowments be directed to missionary work (referred to also as Congregational Development) be available for application to mission, ministry, and related support of all Episcopal worship communities in Rhode Island.

Approved the filing of a petition to seek approval from the Superior Court of the State of Rhode Island for expanding the allowable use of funds originally created as an endowment to benefit retired or disabled clergy, their widows and/or dependents, to be determined after consultation with legal counsel and the Chancellor.

Approved a grant of \$4,000 to the Diocese of West Buganda for a Post-Covid-19 Livelihoods Improvement and Food Security Project

JUNE 2022

Appointed to the Audit Committee: The Rev. Mary Canavan, Mr. Greg deGrott, Mr. Stan Schofield.

Approved Hall worth House lease extension.

Approved grant of \$5,500 to Trinity Church, Cranston, from Diocesan Resource Fund.

JULY 2022

No Meeting.

AUGUST 2022

Approved 2023 Budget for sharing at the September 14 Hearing.

Approved Diocesan Resource Fund grant to St. Peter and St. Andrew, Providence.

Approved election of Elaine Buress to Committee on Finance for a 1 year term.

SEPTEMBER 2022

Approved Diocesan Resource Fund grant of \$6,620 to Emmanuel Church, Newport.

Approved grants by Episcopal Charities.

Approved the creation of a Grants and Loans Task Force to create new structure and guidance for a grant process. Peter Tierney to chair.

OCTOBER 2022