

Board of Missions
Report to the 236th Diocesan Convention

The Board of Missions consists of a clergy and lay member from each of the eight Convocations in the Diocese, two Diocesan Council Representatives, a member appointed by the Bishop, a Bishop's Staff representative Canon Rob Droste, and a Chair Fr. Bruce Montgomery.

In 2019, the BOM connected with all 36 missions of the Diocese. Each member of the BOM is a liaison to one or more of the mission churches, visiting each church and listening to their stories of mission, challenge and need for help. Our BOM meetings review liaison visits, listen to presentations on Hispanic Ministry, Historic Black Church Ministry, the Way of St. Paul Discipleship Initiative, the resource of our Diocesan Loan and Grant Committee for Diocesan Churches, Project Resource Stewardship Ministry and have an opportunity to meet with Bishop Stokes and Canon Phyllis Jones to talk about Diocesan Church challenges and blessings.

In the Fall, the Board of Missions receives Mission Church requests for financial grants. Liaisons make the case for their mission church requests. All of these churches describe their three most exciting ministries, their ministry in the community and beyond, their Stewardship Campaign, financial information and how they are forming disciples, what criteria for mission assistance it meets, how they plan to use their Mission Assistance grant, and last describe what their Post-Grant Plan is. It is from this information that recommendations were made for allocating grants totaling \$402,000 to 13 Diocesan Mission Churches. This recommendation was reviewed and accepted by the Finance and Budget Committee and then by Diocesan Council. At our Diocesan Convention on March 7, 2020, this Grant proposal within the 2020 Diocesan Budget will be voted on.

It is a privilege to be on the Board of Missions and see how Jesus is at work in these parishes, in the members of the Board of Missions, and our Diocese in exciting ways.

Submitted by
Fr. Bruce Montgomery, Chair of the Board of Missions