

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL REPORT
TO THE 236TH DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

Regular meetings of Diocesan Council were held during the past year. Minutes of these meetings are on file in the Archives at Diocesan House and are available for reference.

All financial actions of the Diocesan Council are included in the reports of the Treasurer of the Diocese and written reports of the committees and departments, represented by members of Diocesan Council, are attached to the minutes.

Highlights from the Diocesan Council meetings held January – December, 2019 are as follows:

- Voted to release \$144,449.20 from the St. Elizabeth’s Trust Fund to support the Elizabeth Fund programs, as follows:

St. John’s Church	Support for Feeding Program	\$ 18,112.20
St. Elizabeth’s Church	ESL & GED Initiative	\$ 96,212.00
St. Elizabeth’s Church	Sunday School & Breakfast Program	\$ 7,825.00
Iglesia San Jose	Sunday School & ESL Program	\$ 11,700.00
Iglesia San Jose	Food Pantry	\$ 10,600.00
Total		\$ 144,449.20

- Voted to approve, on the recommendation of the Finance & Budget Committee:
 - The 2018 report on revenue and expenses, reflecting a total of \$3,908,231 with the noted accruals for Anti-Racism, Hispanic Commission, Youth Ministry, Prison Ministry, Immigration Ministry, Province II, and Lambeth, including the 2018 Marks of Mission Giving, subject to audit.
 - The revised budget for 2019 with total revenue and expenses of \$3,941,260, subject to approval at the 2019 Diocesan Convention.
 - The proposed preliminary budget for 2020 with total revenue and expenses of \$3,900,419, subject to approval at the 2019 Diocesan Convention.
- Voted to approve, on the recommendation of the Loan & Grant Committee, a grant of \$23,000 to St. James Church, Edison, from the Capital & Revolving Fund for the repairs and upgrades to the ceilings of the Parish Hall and adjacent rooms, including lighting and insulation, pending review of the Inspection Report for any electrical wiring issues.
- Approved a 2019 grant of \$75,000 from the St. James’ Fund to St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, Atlantic City, to be distributed in quarterly installments per standard operating procedure.
- Diocesan Council Appointments for 2019-2020 made at the March 19, 2019 and April 23, 2019 meetings are as follows:
 - Visitation Committee Chair: Vacant
 - Recording Secretary: Ms. Karen O. Moore
 - Corresponding Secretary: Ms. Deborah Kirk
 - Finance & Budget Committee: Ms. Donna Freidel, Mr. Daniel Lampzey
 - Board of Missions: The Rev. William Ndishabandi, The Rev. Gail Bennett, Dcn.
 - Audit Committee: The Rev. Megan E. Thomas, Mr. Paul Wolfgang, Chair
 - Vice Chair: The Rev. Amy S. Cornell
- Accepted the resignation of Mr. Robert Jackson as a member of Diocesan Council.
- Consented to the Reclassification to Mission Status under Canon 60, Section 2(a) for the Church of Our Merciful Saviour, Penns Grove.
- Approved a distribution from the Mission Renewal Fund of \$21,000 a year for the next three years, effective July 1, 2019, to pay for housing in Trenton to support Br. Chris McNabb’s ministry to the Trenton community.

- Voted to eliminate the Visitation Committee because its assignment duplicates the work of the Board of Consultation.
- The vacancy in the Class of 2020 on Diocesan Council was filled by Mr. Robert McGonigle.
- Approved a \$24,700 grant to St. Barnabas by-the-Bay Church, Villas, to pave its parking lot.
- Approved a \$50,000 loan to Trinity Church, Matawan, to repair its roof.
- Approved an application from Trinity Church, Woodbridge, for a \$22,000 grant to create a gender-neutral bathroom.
- Approved an application from St. Luke's Church, Woodstown, for a \$25,000 grant for energy improvements.
- Approved a request from St. John's Church, Elizabeth, for reclassification from Parish to Mission status.
- Approved a loan to the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pitman, of \$41,000 from the Venture in Mission Loan Fund at 4% interest for five years for the purposes of repairs and improvements as described in their application.
- Approved a one-time payment of \$30,000 from Holy Trinity Church, Wenonah, as full payment of their outstanding obligation to the Capital and Revolving Fund.
- Approved the request from the Global Goals Task Force to disburse their budgeted amount of \$12,500 to match the congregational grants as designated in their report, with the remaining amount sent to Episcopal Relief and Development, as designated in their report.
- Approved the recommendation from the Board of Missions to disburse \$402,000 in funds.
- Approved the following grants from the Mission Renewal Fund:
 - \$24,000 to Church of the Holy Spirit, Tuckerton.
 - \$26,000 to St. Augustine's Church, Camden.
 - Disperse mortgage payments of \$4,516.63 a month from the sale of The Church of the Epiphany, Ventnor, to St. Mary's Church, Pleasantville.
- Approved a grant from the St. James' Fund of \$85,000 to St. Augustine's Church, Atlantic City.
- Approved the Consent Agenda at meetings.
- Accepted reports as presented at meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
 Ms. Karen Oliver Moore
 Recording Secretary