

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL REPORT
TO THE 239TH DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

This report reflects the actions of Diocesan Council for the year 2022 (via Zoom). 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 2022 are as follows:

- Approved a \$60,000 Mission Renewal Fund grant for the affiliated churches of Holy Spirit, Tuckerton and St. Stephen's, Waretown to be used for compensation for the Rev. Dr. Chip Graves and the Rev. Lisa Graves. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the Diocesan Council members present and by email vote from a member unable to attend.
- Accepted the 2021 Final Year-End Finance Report, subject to audit.
- Approved the reclassification of Grace Church, Plainfield from parish status to mission status.
- Approved a \$67,500 grant from the Mission Renewal Fund to support the ministry of Fr. Robin Pierre and the regional Haitian missionary initiative.
- Authorized the Loan and Grant Committee to give a loan and grant package to Holy Spirit, Tuckerton, consisting of an interest-free \$11,400 loan from the Capital and Revolving Fund for 10 years; a 10-year loan of \$11,400 from the R. Bowden Shepherd Fund at 5% interest; and a \$25,000 grant from the Venture in Mission Fund to repair and repave the church's parking lot.
- Diocesan Council authorized the Loan and Grant Committee to consider St. Elizabeth's, Elizabeth's request for \$165,360 in loans and grants for essential building repairs.
- Postponed action on the change in status for St. Bartholomew's Church, Cherry Hill, for three months.
- Approved a \$17,500 grant from the Mission Renewal Fund to support the affiliation of Christ Church, South Amboy and Trinity Church, Matawan by funding The Rev. Heath Dewrell's compensation.
- Approved the reclassification of \$6,000 in funding previously designated for "Social Concerns Block Grants" to the Commission on Black Ministry as budget line item 315.
- Approved the budget revisions.
- Welcomed New Members:
 - Clergy (3-year term): The Very Rev. Dr. Caroline P. Carson, The Rev. Dr. William Ndishabandi, The Rev. Robin Pierre
 - Clergy (2-year unexpired terms): The Rev. Andrew Hanyzewski, The Rev. H. Alan Leonard
 - Lay (3-year term): Canon Noreen L. Duncan, Ms. Meg Holland, Ms. Donna Russell
- Diocesan Council Appointments:
 - Vice-President – Dr. Ina Brown-Woodson
 - Recording and Corresponding Secretary – Canon Paul Wolfgang
 - Finance & Budget Committee – Ms. Meg Holland
 - Board of Missions – Dr. Henry M. Richards and The Rev. Dr. William Ndishabandi
 - Audit Committee – The Rev. Andrew Hanyzewski
- Authorized the Loan and Grant Committee's endorsement of a grant of \$12,500 from the Venture in Mission Loan Fund to San Andres, Camden, for the purpose of replacing/repairing their roof and making necessary repairs due to water damage.
- Authorized the Loan and Grant Committee's endorsement of a combination loan and grant of \$165,350 to St. Elizabeth's Church, Elizabeth.
- Approved a grant from the Mission Renewal Fund in the amount of \$68,000 to support the ministry of Fr. Ryan Paetzold and the affiliated congregations of Sts. Stephen & Barnabas, Florence & Christ Church, Palmyra
- Authorized the Loan and Grant Committee's endorsement of a grant of \$25,000 from the Venture in Mission fund to Good Shepherd, Berlin for the purposes of replacing the air conditioning.
- Authorized the Diocese of New Jersey to be a sponsor for the "Say the Word: Reparations" rally on Juneteenth.
- It was recommended by Diocesan Council that the Loan and Grant request from St. Luke and All Saints' Church, Union be sent back to the Committee for additional information.

- Approved the Loan and Grant request for St. Mary's Church, Pleasantville for a grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the Venture in Mission Loan Fund with the wording that the grant was being use for repairs and upgrades to the vicarage, subject to the completion of an audit.
- Approved the Loan and Grant request for St. Stephen's Church, Riverside in the amount of \$25,000 from the Venture in Mission Loan Fund for the purposes of HVAC and electrical improvements to their parish hall.
- Approved a grant in the amount of \$54,000 from the 2022 Mission Renewal Fund to support the Diocese's continued relationship with CCS Consulting.
- Approved \$15,000 from the 2022 Mission Renewal Fund and \$30,000 from the 2023 Mission Renewal Fund for Dcn. Paiva to support Fr. Paetzold's ministry at Sts. Stephen & Barnabas Church, Florence/Christ Church, Palmyra.
- Approved \$50,000 from the 2023 Mission Renewal Fund to St. Augustine's Church, Asbury Park, to support their mission and ministry.
- The Rev. Ndishabandi was appointed to serve on the Audit Committee.
- Mr. Bruce Anderson was appointed as a Diocesan Council appointment to the Finance & Budget Committee.
- The Board of Missions' recommendation for a total of \$570,500 to be funded from the Diocesan Budget, \$150,000 to be funded from the Mission Renewal Fund, and \$50,000 to be funded from the St. James' Fund was approved.
- The Loan and Grant Committee's endorsement of a loan of \$15,000 to the Church of the Advent in Cape May from the Venture in Mission Loan Fund at 4% annual interest for a period of 5 years was approved.
- The Loan and Grant Committee's endorsement of a grant of \$21,000 from the Venture in Mission Loan Fund to St. Alban's, New Brunswick, to reimburse them for the following: \$15,000 for repairs to the sidewalk, \$1,000 for the police traffic control, and \$5,000 for emergency repairs to the rectory was approved.
- Approved the Global Goals Task Force's disbursement of funds totaling \$13,784.14 as shown in Dcn. Thorme's report and that \$2,215.86 be sent to Episcopal Relief and Development.
- Approved a grant in the amount of \$43,905 from the Mission Renewal Fund to St. Mary's, Haddon Heights, to support the ministry of Archdeacon Lynn Johnson.
- Approved a grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Mission Renewal Fund to St. James', Bradley Beach/St. Michael's, Wall to support Fr. Chalakani.
- Approved a grant in the amount of \$60,000 from the Mission Renewal Fund to Holy Spirit, Tuckerton/St. Stephen's, Waretown to support the ministry of the Revs. Chip and Lisa Graves.
- Approved the Consent Agenda at all meetings.
- Accepted reports as presented at all meetings.
- Approved the financial reports at all meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
 Canon Paul Wolfgang
 Recording and Corresponding Secretary