

The Diocesan Council (DC) is the convention in recess. It has responsibility to oversee the budget and program goals of the Diocese, and to carry out the priorities adopted by convention. DC members accept assignments, work on task groups, and attend regional, committee, and commission meetings as necessary. DC agendas include items for discussion and conversation, presentations, updates, action items, and reports. The DC meets on Zoom and in person to provide for more inclusion and access.

In 2023 DC members:

- Shared land acknowledgements at the beginning of each meeting, recognizing Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of the land upon with Diocesan Council members meet.
- Heard reports from the Canon to the Ordinary on congregations in transition.
- Heard updates and reviewed financial reports.
- Participated with the other governing bodies in two virtual gatherings.
- Heard a report from Campus Ministry programs at the University of Washington and Western Washington University.
- Worked with Budget and Finance Committee to prioritize spending towards the vision of the Diocese of Olympia and Transition Areas of Focus.

Official actions taken by the Council December 2021 through August 2022:

Financial:

- Approved a change in the Congregational Development Grants program to make larger strategically selected grants to redeveloping congregations.
- Adopted a resolution to be forwarded to the fall convention recommending the 2025 assessment rate be set at 14.5% of the Net Disposable Income (NDI).
- Adopted a balanced 2024 operating budget to be forwarded for ratification at the fall Convention.
- Authorized request for bishop search funds from the Joint Board overseeing the search process.

Miscellaneous:

- Recorded 2023 housing allowances as required by the IRS.
- Concurred with the recommendation of the Personnel Commission recalculate Congregational Grades for 2024 using Parochial Report data from 2023.

Members of the 2022-2023 Diocesan Council:

The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel, Bishop Diocesan (until December 31, 2022); The Most Rev. Melissa Skelton, Bishop Provisional (beginning January 1, 2023); Jo Burkholder, Be-Attitudes-Lay, St. Luke's, Seattle; Ruth Anne Garcia, BIPOC, St. James, Kent; Lee Holland, Rainier-Lay, St. Matthew's, Browns Point/Tacoma; Josh Hosler, Evergreen-Clergy, Good Shepherd, Federal Way; Heather Irwin, Eastside-Lay, Holy Cross, Redmond; Sharalyne King, Columbia-Lay, St. Stephen's, Longview; R.C. Laird, Willapa-Clergy, St. John's, Olympia; Nic Mather, Columbia-Clergy, St. Stephen's, Longview; Maitland McKenzie, Rainier-Lay, St. Mary's, Lakewood; Malcolm McLaurin, BIPOC, Holy Cross, Redmond; Laura Murray, Peninsula-Clergy, St. Andrew's, Port Angeles; Greg Peters, Be Attitudes-Clergy, St. Alban's, Edmonds; Baudelina Paz, Mount Baker-Clergy, Resurrección, Mt. Vernon; Joseph Peters Mathews, Sno Isle-Clergy, St. Hilda St. Patrick, Edmonds; Jesús Reyes, BIPOC, St. Luke's – San Lucas, Vancouver; Elizabeth Riley, Eastside-Clergy, Emmanuel, Mercer Island; Karen Sjöström-Lay, St. John's, Kirkland,

Others with seat and voice:

Judith Andrews, Diocesan Chancellor; Jim Beckwith, Treasurer; April Caballero, Recording Secretary; Cristi Chapman, Budget & Finance Committee chair; Arienne Davison, Canon to the Ordinary; Bryan Krislock, Diocesan Vice Chancellor; Dede Moore, Canon for Diocesan Networking & Connections; The Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, Assisting Bishop; Dennis Tierney, Diocesan Property Manager; Charles Thorne, Canon for Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Diocesan Council by,
The Rev. Cn. Arienne Davison, Canon to the Ordinary.