

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. In 2020 DC members focused on:

- Continuing conversation about current and potential roles for geographical regions.
- The role of DC members, particularly in interactions with people in their congregations and regions, as well as in the wider diocese.
- The call to be part of the Jesus Movement, as well as on how actions of the DC affect those living with the effects of racism – inequality, unfairness, or injustice.
- Updates from the Office of the Bishop on actions and proposals related to the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as decisions related to the re-opening of our congregations.
- Providing input to the Board of Directors on a proposed redevelopment project at St. Luke's, Seattle (Ballard).
- Conversations with the bishop around visitations to congregations, including virtual visitations during pandemic;
- Considering updates from the task group on the role of DC members; this work will be shared with new members during the annual orientation.
- Adjusting to meeting virtually by Zoom.
- Participation with the other governing bodies in two retreats; one in-person, one virtually.

Official actions taken by the Council December 2019 through September 2020:

- *Financial:*
 - Approved assessment relief for St. Clement's, Seattle, from 80% of 2018 unpaid prior year assessments.
 - Approved pop-up grants for St. Stephen's, Longview; Ascension, Seattle; St. John's, Olympia; Christ Church, Anacortes; and, St. Andrew's, Tacoma.
 - Adopted a resolution to be forwarded to the fall convention recommending the 2022 assessment rate be set at 14.5% of the Net Disposable Income (NDI).
 - Adopted a balanced 2021 operating budget to be forwarded for ratification at the fall convention.
 - Approved 2021 grants to 23 congregations as presented in the report from the Grants Committee. Grant recipients: Chaplains on the Harbor, Westport; St. John Sudanese, Tukwila; St. Peter's, Seattle; St. Matthew's/San Mateo, Auburn; St. Stephen's, Oak Harbor; Good Samaritan, Sammamish; All Saints, Vancouver; St. Columba's, Kent; Christ Church, Blaine; St. Augustine's in-the-Woods, Freeland; St. John's, Olympia; Grace Church, Lopez Island; Christ Church, Puyallup; Saint Mark's Cathedral, Seattle; Good Shepherd, Federal Way; Christ Church, Seattle; St. Luke's, Renton; St. Matthew's, Tacoma; St. Germain, Hoodspport; St. John the Baptist, Seattle; St. Paul's, Seattle; St. Anne's, Washougal; and Emmanuel, Mercer Island.

- *Miscellaneous:*
 - Recertified for five years schools operated by our parishes and missions meeting the standards set by the Commission on Episcopal School Standards.
 - Supported the bishop in signing the Hiroshima and Nagasaki 75 position statement on behalf of the Diocese of Olympia.
 - Approved the request of the diocesan bishop to provide bonuses to diocesan staff.
 - Recorded 2020 housing allowances as required by the IRS.
 - Adopted a diocesan policy on immunization requirements, as well as a revised health and safety standards on immunizations for congregations with schools or which rent space to schools.

Members of the 2019-2020 Diocesan Council:

The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel, Bishop Diocesan; **Connie Carlson**, Be Attitudes-Clergy, St. Andrew's, Seattle; **Amelia Carroll**, Rainier-Lay, Christ Church, Tacoma; **Stuart Case**, Peninsula-Lay, St. Barnabas, Bainbridge Island; **David Coburn**, Evergreen-Lay, St. James, Kent; **Kyle Davidson**, Mt. Baker-Lay, St. Paul's, Bellingham; **Jim Eichner**, Eastside-Clergy, Holy Cross, Redmond; **Drew Foisie**, Sno Isle-Clergy, St. Aidan's, Camano Island; **Joslin Harris-Gane**, Be-Attitudes-Lay, Christ Church, Seattle; **Josh Hosler**, Evergreen-Clergy, Good Shepherd, Federal Way; **Heather Irwin**, Eastside-Lay, Holy Cross, Redmond; **Libby Jensen**, Columbia-Lay, Good Shepherd, Vancouver; **R.C. Laird**, Willapa-Clergy, St. John's, Olympia; **Tina Francis Mutungu**, Holy C-Lay, Trinity, Seattle; **Sharon Rader**, Sno Isle-Lay, St. Hilda-St. Patrick, Edmonds; **Diane Ramerman**, Mt. Baker-Clergy, Christ Church, Anacortes; **Nancy Ross**, Holy C-Clergy, Saint Mark's Cathedral, Seattle; **Joe Scheeler**, Columbia-Clergy, All Saints, Vancouver; **Marian Stinson**, Rainier-Clergy, St. Mary's, Lakewood; **Gail Wheatley**, Peninsula-Clergy, St. Andrew's, Port Angeles; **Jeff Zahir**, Willapa-Lay, St. Benedict's, Lacey; *Others with seat and voice:* **Judith Andrews**, Diocesan Chancellor; **April Caballero**, Recording Secretary; **Arienne Davison**, Canon to the Ordinary; **Barbara Fox**, Diocesan Treasurer; **Hal Hall**, Consulting Canon for Finance; **Dede Moore**, Canon for Diocesan Networking & Connections; **Dennis Tierney**, Budget & Finance Committee & Diocesan Property Manager.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Diocesan Council by, Canon Dede Moore, Canon for Diocesan Networking & Connections.