

Diocesan Council Report to Convention 2017

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 and reports.

Official actions taken by the Council December 2016 through September 2017:

- *Budget & Finance*: Agreed to forward a resolution to the fall convention recommending the 2019 assessment rate be set at 15% of the Net Disposable Income (NDI). / Adopted a balanced 2018 operating budget to be forwarded for ratification at the fall 2017 convention. / Approved 2018 grants to congregations as presented in the report from the Grants Committee.
- *Shoreline, St. Dunstan*: Approved relief from unpaid assessment accumulated 2011-2015, after congregation paid 10% of the balance owing.
- *Refugee Resettlement Office (RRO)*: Authorized the bishop to act on behalf of the Diocese of Olympia in joining the ACLU of Washington State complaint against the president's January 27, 2017, executive order, which could negatively impact the RRO. / Approved submission of an application to the 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) non-housing capitol competitive funding round of micro-enterprise development. / Approved submission of a proposal to the State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services for naturalization services.
- *Miscellaneous*: Recorded 2017 housing allowances as required by the IRS. / Supported the bishop in his use of the Diocese of Pennsylvania statement to president-elect-Trump. / Authorized bonuses for Refugee Resettlement Office staff. / Approved the request of the diocesan bishop to provide bonuses to diocesan staff. / Funded the search for a Director of Finance. / Established a legal defense fund as a discretionary fund of the Office of the Bishop to be used to aid those in the diocese in need of legal defense. / Adopted a policy on Action by Diocesan Council by Written Consent in lieu of a Meeting. / Adopted a revised policy on bonuses for diocesan staff.

Members of the Diocesan Council:

The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel, Bishop Diocesan; **Jan Akin**, Willapa-Lay, St. Benedict, Lacey; **Jamie Balducci**, Holy C-Lay, Epiphany Parish of Seattle; **Rilla Barrett**, Mt. Baker-Clergy, St. Stephen, Oak Harbor; **Nadine Baxter**, Evergreen-Lay, St. Matthew/San Mateo, Auburn; **Lex Breckinridge**, Eastside-Clergy, St. Thomas, Medina; **Linda Brice**, Rainier-Lay, St. Andrew, Tacoma; **Evan Clendenin**, Willapa-Clergy, St. Andrew, Aberdeen; **Joan Collins**, Peninsula-Lay, St. Barnabas, Bainbridge Island; **Doyt Conn**, Holy C-Clergy, Epiphany Parish of Seattle; **Linda Donato**, Mt. Baker-Lay, Christ Church, Anacortes; **Sally Farrell**, Eastside-Lay, Good Samaritan, Sammamish; **Jedediah Fox**, Be Attitudes-Clergy, Church of the Redeemer, Kenmore; **Joslin Harris-Gane**, Be Attitudes-Lay, Christ Church, Seattle; **Bonnie Malone**, Evergreen-Clergy, St. George, Maple Valley; **Mark Miller**, Sno Isle-Clergy, retired; **Denice Patrick**, Sno Isle-Lay, St. Hilda-St. Patrick, Edmonds; **Dennis Tierney**, Peninsula-Clergy, retired; **Jana Whitworth**, Columbia-Lay, St. Anne, Washougal; **Michael Wright**, Columbia-Clergy, St. Stephen, Longview. **Martin Yabroff**, Rainier-Clergy, St. Andrew, Tacoma; *Others with seat and voice*: **Ms. Judith Andrews**, Diocesan Chancellor; **The Rev. Canon Dr. Marda Steedman Sanborn**, Canon to the Ordinary; **Ms. Barbara Fox**, Diocesan Treasurer; **Canon Dede Moore**, Canon for Governance & Human Resources.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Diocesan Council by,
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