
Diocesan Ministry Partner

Diocesan Ministry Partners inspire, equip and educate others in their diocese about the work of Episcopal Relief & Development, thus joining Episcopal Relief & Development in our work together for lasting change around the world.

Since the culture of each diocese is distinct and Diocesan Ministry Partners bring different skill sets and passions, the ministry of the Diocesan Ministry Partner will vary by diocese. There are, however, primary responsibilities that all Diocesan Ministry Partners share. An effective Diocesan Ministry Partner volunteers to do the following (with the support of Episcopal Relief & Development staff):

- **Be fully informed about Episcopal Relief & Development and its work.**
 - Frequently visit the Ministry Partner Portal (access granted upon assuming role) and episcopalrelief.org to acquire the latest resources for your ministry.
 - Plan to attend both virtual and in-person Ministry Partner Gatherings designed to educate and equip Ministry Partners.
 - Read the monthly Ministry Partners e-newsletter, *Ministry Partner Matters*.
- **Recruit and Train Congregational Ministry Partners.**
- **Ensure that people in your diocese know about Episcopal Relief & Development's work.**
 - Keep your bishop informed about Episcopal Relief & Development programs and opportunities for partnership.
 - Submit articles about the organization to diocesan publications.
 - Meet with clergy and lay leadership in the diocese to tell them about the organization and advocate for its inclusion in the life of the parish and affiliated organizations. This is an opportunity to identify possible Congregational Ministry Partners and to make sure that people have the most up-to-date information and resources from Episcopal Relief & Development.
- **Participate in Diocesan Convention.**
 - Attend your Diocesan Convention. It is an opportune time to meet many leaders from around the diocese.
 - Contact the diocese to arrange space for an Episcopal Relief & Development table display. When possible, submit a written report for the convention journal, and please offer to present an oral report as well.
- **Report updates to Episcopal Relief & Development staff, including:**
 - Congregational Ministry Partner updates (retiring, new, contact information updates, etc.)
 - Known engagement with Episcopal Relief & Development materials (Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday, participation in giving, formation resource use, etc.)

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