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THE DIOCESE OF WEST MISSOURI
Minutes of August 8, 2026 Diocesan Council Meeting

The Diocesan Council of The Diocese of West Missouri met Saturday, August 8, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

Members attending:

Canon Shirley Bolden
Ms. Anne Breid
Ms. Hayley Cobb
The Very Rev. Miranda Cully, Dean, Northwest-Metro
Ms. Kate French
~~The Rev. Jonathan Galles~~
~~Canon Mark Galus, Chancellor (non-voting)~~
~~Ms. Amy Garcia~~
The Rev. Canon Robin James, President, Standing Committee
The Rev. Chandler Jackson III, Registrar/Archivist (non-voting)
Anne Jetter Maas, Treasurer
Canon Tom Kokjer, Assistant Treasurer (non-voting)
Mr. Philip Lofflin
~~The Rt. Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux, Bishop/President~~
Mr. Phil Metz
Ms. Amanda Perschall, Vice President
The Ven. Carol Peterson, Archdeacon
The Very Rev. Joe Pierjok, Dean, Southern
Mr. Raja Reed
Ms. Jen Snider, Vice Chancellor (non-voting)
The Rev. Brittany Sparrow Savage
~~The Rev. Cn. John Spicer~~
The Rev. Donna Stanford, Secretary
~~Ms. Judy Turner, President, Episcopal Church Women~~
Mr. Hayden Vaughn
Ms. Elisa White
The Very Rev. David Wilcox, Dean, Central

Also attending: The Rev. Cn. Chas Marks, Canon for Common Mission
Mr. Ron Weil, Finance Administrator

1. **Call to Order and Opening Prayer.** Vice President Amanda Perschall determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Philip Lofflin led Council in a devotion and prayer.

2. **Consent Agenda Adoption.** Mr. Phil Metz moved, seconded by Ms. Hayley Cobb, that the following Consent Agenda be adopted:
 - a. Approval of June 27, 20226 Diocesan Council meeting minutes
 - b. Receipt of July 29, 2026 Executive Committee meeting minutes
 - c. Receipt of reports, if any, from committees, commissions, and ministries

The motion carried.

3. **Reports.**

- a. **Deanery Reports**

- i. Southern Deanery

The Very Rev. Joe Pierjok, Dean, reported that the Deanery met in July at St. James with 51 persons present. The next meeting will be in October. The Deans are working on the Clergy Conference with the Bishop and The Rev. Cn. Chas Marks.

- ii. Northwest-Metro Deanery

The Very Rev. Miranda Cully, Dean, reported that the Deanery is planning a social time on September 9 at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral. The next Deanery meeting has been rescheduled to October 15. The Riverside billboard during the World Cup recorded a total of 49,857 plays with 716,000 impressions.

- iii. Central Deanery

The Very Rev. David Wilcox, Dean, reported that: the Central Deanery held a joint clericus with the Northwest-Metro Deanery on the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene on July 22; the Clergy Conference speaker will be The Rev. Robert Hendrickson, Chief of Discipleship Initiatives for Forward Movement; the Deanery is looking for a nominee to serve on the Centralized Grant Committee as Dcn. Vicky Anderson is stepping down.

- b. **Strategic Planning Committee Report** (committee members: Cn. Shirley Bolden, Ms. Anne Breid, The Very Rev. Miranda Cully, The Rev. Chandler Jackson III, Mr. Philip Lofflin, The Very Rev. David Wilcox)
Cn. Shirley Bolden reported that the Committee will meet on August 12 with representatives from Saison Consulting LLC.

- c. **Standing Committee Report**

The Rev. Cn. Robin James, President, had no report as the Standing Committee did not meet in July.

- d. **Archdeacon's Report**

The Venerable Carol Peterson reported that the Council on Deacons is meeting via Zoom on a regular basis and will meet in person on August 22 at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, Belton, for an in-depth planning session. The Community of Deacons is meeting monthly via Zoom and

will be doing a book study of *How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith*, by Bp. Mariann Edgar Budde. The Community of Deacons will meet as a group at Clergy Conference. A resolution will be proposed to require a nominal minimum token compensation (such as \$25 per month) for vocational deacons to establish active status and fulfill pension fund requirements. The Archdeacon reported on her activities and reported that she authored an article that has been accepted for inclusion in the Association for Episcopal Deacons publication.

e. **Registrar's/Archivist's Report**

The Rev. Chandler Jackson III reported that he is continuing to process collections and answer questions from church members.

f. **Secretary's Report**

The Secretary had no report.

g. **Treasurer's Report**

Finance Administrator Ron Weil reviewed the operating revenue and expense report and other financial reports. He also reported that the funds from the sale of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Maryville, have been moved to the Expansion Fund.

The Treasurer reported that two property grants from the Property Grant Committee were approved by the Finance Committee for recommendation to Diocesan Council. The Finance Committee moved that the following property grants be approved:

- Church of the Redeemer, Kansas City—\$2,100 to complete the cost of the renovation of the former rectory to make room for Happy Bottom diaper storage and distribution. The Northland Infant Clothing Center outreach is housed in this building. The Centralized Grant Committee approved \$7,500 for renovation. **The motion carried.**
- Trinity, Independence—\$15,516 to repair and resurface the parking lot. **The motion carried.**

The Treasurer and Finance Administrator presented the draft 2027 Diocesan Budget Summary.

h. **Vice President's Report**

The Vice President had no report.

i. **Canon for Common Mission's Report**

The Rev. Cn. Chas Marks reported that: there are 13 weeks until Diocesan Convention; registration is open; the theme is Tending to God's Kingdom; volunteers are encouraged to sign up. Transition work with non-full-time

positions is ongoing. Work is continuing regarding clustering of parishes to maximize assets. A parish/congregation task force meeting is scheduled. Registration is open for the Loving Your Neighbor workshop to be held October 24 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, Springfield.

j. **Bishop's Report**

The Bishop is on vacation and had no report.

4. **Old Business**

- a. Allocation/distribution of the \$31,010 payout from the Religious Charitable & Educational Trust (RC&E).

The Treasurer reported that the RC&E payout has been placed in undesignated funds.

5. **New Business**

- a. Nominations for Diocesan Convention

The Vice President, as Nominations Chair, reported that the Nominations Committee is seeking nominations for Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, and other leadership roles within the diocese

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mr. Phil Metz moved, seconded by Ms. Elisa White, to adjourn. **The motion carried**, and the Vice President adjourned the meeting 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Donna Stanford
Diocesan Secretary