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The Diocese of West Missouri



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1. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Prepared by Zachary Phillips, Communications Director

What are the highlights of your ministry for 2026?

There were a couple big projects this year that the Communications Committee focused on!

The first was implementing Communications workshops for churches to participate and learn from. These workshops included how to utilize and improve their social media presence, how and how NOT to use AI, resources and tips to improve marketing and communication strategy, and a checklist which included how to improve their website. These workshops went over well and will continue next year, focusing on different topics.

The second big highlight was our "One Bread, One Body, One Cup" advertising campaign that happened during the World Cup. This campaign included a billboard (located at N/S I-29 @ WAUKOMIS FW), Google advertising, print & digital flyers, and campaign flyers and banners that were provided to churches across the NWM deanery to join in. The intent of this campaign was to show support and welcome to all new visitors, as well as inform local communities of our presence.

What are your plans for ministry in 2027?

We plan to continue providing workshops for our churches to better serve their communications and reach out to certain churches to update their website.

2. INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH GRANT COMMITTEE

Prepared by The Rev. Dcn. Bruce Bower, Chair

What are the highlights of your ministry for 2026?

As numerous parishes across the Diocese of West Missouri submitted applications for matching grants for international outreach programs, the IOG Committee members reviewed and considered the applications. Each member then voted independently as to whether matching grants would be approved and funded under the IOG program. Upon approval, the diocesan secretary and business manager were advised to process the IOG applications and provide funding to the specific international programs sponsored by WEMO parishes.

The IOG committee consists of four members: 3 clergy and one lay person. The committee communicated regularly throughout the year via telephone and email, but never formally met in person to discuss IOG matters.

What are your plans for ministry in 2027?

Plans for the coming year are to continue operating the IOG Committee just as it has in recent years. No changes in operations or committee membership is contemplated.

3. DIOCESAN ARCHIVES

Prepared by The Rev. Chandler Jackson, Archivist

What are the highlights of your ministry for 2026?

During 2026, we were able to complete processing and rehousing approximately one-half of the collection. This includes placing materials in appropriate containers (files, boxes, acid-free folders) and updating the inventory. All materials for congregations which have been closed are fully processed, as well as all of the blueprints in the collection. We have also answered many questions for people seeking information contained in the archives and have consulted with several congregations regarding their parish archives.

What are your plans for ministry in 2027?

During 2027, we will continue working through the collection, processing and inventorying the materials. One of our new initiatives will be to commence digitization activities, beginning with the Diocesan Convention Journals not previously digitized, and then working through other important portions of the collection. Responding to questions is one of the most enjoyable parts of the work, as we get to utilize the collection as it is meant to be used.

As always, we stand ready to consult with any congregation regarding their local archives. Just ask! We are best reached at archivist@diowestmo.org.

4. COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

What are the highlights of your ministry for 2026?

The Commission on Ministry (COM) recommended two persons for ordination to the vocational diaconate and four persons for ordination to the presbyterate. The COM participated in two ordinations. On February 21, 2026, Anita Philbrick and Jory Mertens were ordained to the vocational diaconate, and Chris Dodson, Janette Platter, Richard Liantonio, and Brandon Smee were ordained to the transitional diaconate. On August 29, 2026, Chris Dodson, Janette Platter, Richard Liantonio, and Brandon Smee were ordained to the presbyterate.

There are currently six nominees and four postulants following the journey toward ordination. There are five aspirants discerning within congregations.

Since the 2025 convention, the COM has hosted two Next Steps retreats for nominees.

Committees of the COM worked on clergy continuing education, orientation and mentoring (Beginning Well), and licensed lay ministries, A workgroup established a process for the second congregational experience.

What are your plans for ministry in 2027?

Continue to work with the bishop regarding clergy continuing education. The committee for licensed lay ministries will continue to work on updating these processes.

Discernment opportunities, including an in-person retreat and one or more online events are being planned and will begin in 2027.

The COM will continue to work closely with the canon for vocations.

5. HEARTLAND EPISCOPAL CURSILLO

Prepared by Roberta Coons, Chair

What are the highlights of your ministry for 2026?

Continuing the Journey of Faith, Community, and Service

In August 2025, Heartland Episcopal Cursillo joyfully held its first three-day weekend since the pandemic. This milestone renewed our opportunity to gather as the Body of Christ, strengthen relationships, deepen faith, and invite people into lives of prayer, study, and service.

The leadership and support of the National Episcopal Cursillo Ministry were instrumental in helping Heartland prepare for and successfully return to the weekend. Their mentoring, encouragement, and experience provided valuable guidance as we renewed our ministry and looked toward the future.

Many participants from the 2025 weekend are now returning as team members for the 2026 weekend, scheduled for October 16–18 at Heartland Retreat Center in Parkville. Their willingness to serve reflects the lasting impact of Cursillo and its spirit: Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ.

Growing Our Fourth Day Community

Heartland continues to hold quarterly Ultreyas, giving Cursillistas opportunities to gather, worship, share their faith journeys, and encourage one another in their Fourth Day commitments.

We are especially grateful to St. David's Episcopal Church in Topeka and Christ Church in Springfield for opening their doors to host Heartland Ultreyas. Their hospitality helps connect Cursillistas across our two dioceses and strengthens our shared ministry.

The Fourth Day is where the Cursillo experience continues to bear fruit. We seek not only to offer a weekend experience, but also to nurture disciples who carry Christ's love into their homes, workplaces, congregations, and communities.

Looking Toward the Future

As we look ahead, we hope to engage more fully with our Fourth Day community and encourage new candidates to participate in future weekends.

We also see an opportunity to strengthen communication with clergy throughout the Diocese of Kansas and the Diocese of West Missouri. Cursillo is a lay-led ministry, and lay leadership remains central to its mission. We hope clergy will recognize the gifts Cursillo brings to parish life and encourage broader participation and support.

Cursillistas often return to their congregations with renewed faith and a desire to serve. Many become active participants and leaders, bringing a deeper commitment to Christian community, service, and discipleship.

A Ministry of Hope and Gratitude

Heartland Episcopal Cursillo enters this season with deep gratitude for God's faithfulness and for the many people who continue to invest their time, talents, prayers, and resources in this ministry.

We are especially grateful for the additional financial support provided to the Cursillo ministry. This generosity is a tangible expression of the Church's commitment to the ministry of Cursillo and helps provide the resources needed to sustain our weekends, support our Fourth Day community, and continue reaching out to new candidates.

We are grateful for every parish, clergy member, Cursillista, volunteer, and supporter who helps make this ministry possible. Each gift—whether financial, spiritual, or through faithful service—helps us answer God's call to strengthen disciples and build up the Body of Christ.

The return of our weekend, the service of new Cursillistas, the growth of our Ultreya community, the hospitality of our host churches, and the generosity of those supporting this ministry all point to a renewed season for Heartland Episcopal Cursillo.

Our prayer is that Heartland will continue to be a place where people encounter Christ, form lasting friendships, discover their gifts for ministry, and return to their churches ready to serve.

Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring a friend to Christ.

All may, some should, none must.

What are your plans for ministry in 2027?

- Identify and create a comprehensive communication list of all Cursillistas in the Dioceses of Kansas and West Missouri.
- Enhance the Heartland Episcopal Cursillo website by adding additional information, sharing our story, and helping others better understand the ministry.
- Recruit and elect a full Secretariat to provide strong leadership and support for the ministry.
- Continue to grow the Heartland Episcopal Cursillo community and build on the momentum of our recent weekends.
- Develop and assemble a team for the 2027 Cursillo weekend, while keeping the cost of the weekend reasonable so that both team members and candidates can afford to participate.
- The 2027 calendar of events has not been finalized at this time.

6. BISHOP KEMPER SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY

Prepared by Lynne Bahr, Dean

What are the highlights of your ministry for 2026?

The 2025-26 academic year was active for Bishop Kemper School for Ministry, with increased enrollment and new developments in the curriculum and the program at Focus Weekends. Notably, a growing number of Anglican Studies students required a reorganization of course offerings. We also observed that students would benefit from more support as worship leaders, so we instituted formal, written feedback for leaders of the Daily Offices. We incorporated opportunities for student preaching as much as possible during the Focus Weekend worship services and provided detailed written feedback. Seven visiting clergy members from across our dioceses joined us as celebrants of Eucharist at Focus Weekends, including The Very Rev. Don Compier, The Rev. Chas Marks, Victor Matthews, and Regina Berens, all of the Diocese of West Missouri. In addition, we adapted a Field Education Curriculum designed by the Iona Collaborative for use in our dioceses.

BKSM welcomed 45 students in the 2025-26 academic year on a lay or ordination track, with eight students from the Diocese of West Missouri. On May 16, 2026, the Board of Directors and BKSM staff recognized eight graduates, including Janette Platter, who completed the Anglican Studies certificate and has since been ordained to the priesthood in this diocese. On January 31, 2026, a Celebration of New Ministry took place for the installation of Dean Bahr. We were honored by many representatives from the Diocese of West Missouri, including The Right Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux, as a communion minister; The Rev. Dr. Sean Kim, as litanist; and The Rev. Donna Stanford as a presenter.

What are your plans for ministry in 2026?

For the 2026-27 academic year, BKSM has an enrollment of 50 students, seven of whom from the Diocese of West Missouri. One student is enrolled in the Anglican Studies track; one is in the second year of the Presbyteral Certificate track; one is in the first year of the Diaconal track; and four students are earning Lay Preacher certificates. We are pleased that the largest number of our faculty come from the Diocese of West Missouri: The Very Rev. Dr. Don Compier, The Rev. Dr. Bill Facil, The Rev. Dr. Sean Kim, The Rev. Dr. Jim Lile, Victor Matthews, Dr. Jonathan Platter, The Rev. John Spicer, and David Tremaine.

BKSM recruited The Rev. John Spicer to develop a new course titled Liturgical Leadership for the 2026-27 academic year. We also began offering an additional course in Biblical Studies: Interpreting and Preaching the Parables. A new program called Visiting Chaplain invites a priest from one of our six sponsoring dioceses to join the BKSM community on a Focus Weekend. The Visiting Chaplain provides feedback to students leading worship and preaching and hosts an information conversation about ministry during Community Time. The Rev. Canon Anne Meredith Kyle was our inaugural Visiting Chaplain in August 2026.

We are grateful for our dedicated Board members from the Diocese of West Missouri: The Right Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux (ex officio); Carmen Kynard-Krasick; The Rev. Canon Anne Meredith Kyle; and the Rev. Donna Stanford.

7. COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Prepared by The Rev. Alisa Carmichael, Chair

What are the highlights of your ministry for 2026?

During the past year, the primary diocesan outreach to the College and Young Adult population has been through our podcast "All Things...Episcopal." This is now a joint venture with the Diocese of Kansas. Recent episodes have included: Liturgical Fashion 101: Episcopal Vestments; Pride, Belonging, and the Episcopal Church; The Ministry of Camp Chaplaincy; and Conversations with Candidates for the XI Bishop of Kansas. "All Things...Episcopal" podcast has published a total of 41 episodes and has had a total of 13, 229 downloads.

What are your plans for ministry in 2027?

Our podcast partnership with the Diocese of Kansas will continue in the upcoming year with leadership representing both Dioceses. Podcast episodes are produced throughout the academic year. Additionally, this year we plan to explore partnerships with other formation ministries within our Diocese so that we can improve outreach to young adults and strengthen intergenerational engagement.

8. STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Prepared by Amy Amason, Chair

What are the highlights of your ministry for 2026?

- Two in-person training opportunities:
  - TENS Midwest Regional Conference, January 30th, hosted by St. Paul's Kansas City
  - Building Community, Cultivating Generosity, and Practicing Stewardship for Clergy, Presenter: Nathan Kirkpatrick, May 5th, Clinton MO
- Two new webinars for our diocese:
  - Stewarding Tomorrow: Endowments 101 for Church Leaders, Presenter: Josh Anderson, ECF, September 29th
  - The Four Phases of a Capital Campaign & The Starting Line for Major Gifts, Presenter: Richard Rogers, Horizons Consulting, October 27th
- Launched a monthly stewardship message in the New Spirit e-newsletter.
- Provided 50% support for four parish teams to participate in Project Resource.
- TENS membership which provides annual campaign materials as well as webinars throughout the year.

What are your plans for ministry in 2027?

- Offer more "house calls," or customized sessions designed around the needs of a single congregation.
- Explore planned giving seminars for each deanery.
- Introduce a new webinar – Time & Treasure
- Use feedback from the 2026 clergy seminar survey to plan the 2027 stewardship seminar.
- Continue the TENS membership, monthly stewardship messages for the New Spirit, and promotion of Project Resource.

9. PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Prepared by Patti Ryder, Co-Chair

What are the highlights of your ministry for 2026?

1. This year of transition we have focused on growing parish participation with, The Book of Life. We now have 10 congregations participating. The Book of Life is a weekly list of individuals, across the United States, who are killed by gun fire. We list name, age, city and state.
2. One BE SMART program was presented at St Mary's Episcopal Church in Kansas City.
3. Discovered Abide in Love and spoke with a member of the organization to learn more about the group and their mission.
4. Participated in: Grandparents for Gun Safety, Guns to Gardens, Diocesan Convention and attended an Abide in Love fundraiser.
5. Reached out to recruit new members to the Peace and Justice Committee.
6. Commenced with monthly meetings starting in October.

What are your plans for ministry in 2027?

We will focus on the following initiatives:

- Seek more opportunities to present Be Smart. This 20-minute program is ideal for coffee hours.
- Continued participation in:
    - Grandparents for Gun Safety; Guns to Gardens; Diocesan Convention.
    - Opportunities to join forces with our fellow Pillar Groups.
    - Peace and Justice actions and activities throughout the metropolitan area, joining with other faith communities.
- Gain greater parish participation in, The Book of Life, particularly beyond the Kansas City metro.
- Participate with Abide in Love in our community, and beyond, with their most vital needs, e.g. Spanish Bible and book donation drives, personal needs of detainees, etc.
- Continue to recruit new members to the Peace and Justice Committee with an emphasis on gaining members throughout the Diocese.
- Scheduled Monthly zoom meetings for the year.

10. DIVERSITY & RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

Prepared by Canon Shirley Bolden, Chair

As of September 2026, the Diversity and Reconciliation Commission has convened six Zoom meetings to further its mission and engage participants in ongoing efforts for justice and reconciliation.

2026 Activities

Evensong Service: Martin Luther Kings, Jr Celebration

Guest Speaker: The Rt Rev. John Harmon from Arkansas
Service Saturday, January 17, 2026
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Location: Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral

National Day of Racial Healing

St. Augustine's via Zoom on January 20, 2026.

Absalom Jones Celebration

The Rt. Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux as Celebrant and Preacher
Service: Sunday, February 15, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
Location: St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

In February for Black History month, the Commission presented four video presentations:

- Black History Month: The Rev. Alexander Crummell - The Diocese of West Missouri
- Black History Month: Nat King Cole - The Diocese of West Missouri
- Black History Month: Anna Ellison Butler Alexander - The Diocese of West Missouri
- Black History Month: The Rt. Rev. James T. Holly - The Diocese of West Missouri

The Beloved Community of Care and Love Book Study
No first-half book studies were held because Lent began early.

April 15–17, Philip Lofflin of St. Mary's and the Diocesan Council attended the **2026 National AANHPI Episcopal Leadership Retreat** in Seattle. Seventy leaders explored AANHPI history, worship, and migrant advocacy. It was his fourth retreat; he co-chaired the 2025 Kansas City gathering.

Spring Diversity Workshop The April 26, 2026 workshop, scheduled for Springfield, was canceled for low registration.

Juneteenth, June 19

With no tour bus available during the World Cup, more than 60 people gathered at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. Activities included soul food, games, music, dancing, trivia, and the Litany of Lament.

Rita Kendagor, Shirley Bolden, and Melissa McKenzie attended the **Union of Black Episcopalians Conference** in Raleigh, July 29–August 1. Workshops covered the Union's 75-year history and bylaws. The annual meeting is October 3 via Zoom.

Upcoming Events:

Fall Diversity Workshop

September 26, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Benson Center, Clinton, Missouri.

Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15–October 15: article by the Rev. Canon Jose Palma.

Native American Heritage Month

November: New Spirit article by the Very Rev. Don Compier.

Diversity and Reconciliation Commission Budget

2026 Budget $34,700.00

Items	*Expenses*
Diversity Workshops (Spring Workshop)	$ 0.00
Book Club	$ 0.00
Union of Black Episcopalians	$ 4,433.46
Pilgrimages	$ 1,038.27
Celebration and Commemoration	$ 6,993.21
History of the Churches	$ 0.00
Diversity Workshop (TBD-Sept 26th)	

What are your plans for ministry in 2026?

- Proposed Budget for 2027: $28,200 (Requested an increase of $8,000.00) Total request: ($36,200)
- We will continue our book studies. First book study: *The Broken Heart of America: St. Louis and the Violent History of the United States* by Walter Johnson: Thursday, January 7, 2027, through Thursday, February 4, 2027, via zoom.
- Three workshops in 2027: One in January (for Deputies to General Convention) and Spring/Fall Workshops

- National Day of Racial Healing-January 19, 2027 (location to be Announced)
- In February for Black History month, the Commission presented four video presentations:

  The Absalom Jones Celebration
  Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux
  Guest Speaker: TBD
  Date: Sunday, February 7, 2027
  Location: St. Augustine's Episcopal Church
  2732 Benton Blvd.
  Kansas City, Mo.
  Time: 4:00 p.m.

  Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
  Guest Preacher, TBD,
  Date: Saturday, April 3, 2027
  Location: Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral
  415 West 13th Street
  Kansas City, Mo.
  Service: Evensong Service
  Time: 4:00 p.m.

- AAPI- National Convention in Chicago, Illinois, June 2027

- Juneteenth Celebration: Saturday, June 19, 2027
  Maryville Historical Museum
  St. Joseph Black Archives Museum
  and the monument of Lloyd Warner.
  Litany of Lament Service
  Lunch: Christ Church, St. Joseph

- The President and one other board member will attend the Annual UBE Conference in Phoenix, Arizonia, July 2027, just before the General Convention of the Episcopal Church

- Latino Heritage Month-September 15th through October 15th

- Indigenous/Native America Month-November

11. STANDING COMMITTEE

Prepared by The Rev. Cn. Robin James, President
Reporting Period: November 2025 – October 2026

Introduction
This report outlines the essential work, decisions, and consents accomplished by the Standing Committee (SC) of the Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri during the 2025-2026 year. This period included the critical ongoing work of property oversight and discernment for those called to ordained ministry. The Standing Committee executed its canonical duty to advise the bishop and administer key aspects of diocesan life with diligence and unity. This report details the actions taken, listed by month for clarity and chronological understanding.

Membership
The Reverend Canon Robin L. James, President
Dr. Jeremy Chesman, Vice President
Mr. Curtis Hamilton, Secretary
Ms. Kathy Alexander
Ms. Alison Black
The Reverend Tim Coppinger
The Reverend Steven King
The Reverend Isaac Petty Pierjok

Monthly Summary of Actions and Key Decisions
All monthly meetings are held on Zoom on the Second Tuesday of the month beginning at 5:00 p.m. The minutes of the previous month are typically presented and a vote to approve is taken.

November 2025

- Election of Officers was the first order of business: James, President; Chesman, Vice President; Hamilton, Secretary – all ran unopposed and were elected by acclamation
- Committee Assignments: the following were elected by unanimous consent as liaisons as follows: The Rev. Tim Coppinger, SC representative to Commission on Ministry; Kathy Alexander, Centralized Grants Committee; The Rev. Steven King, Property Committee.
- Retrained regular meeting schedule: second Tuesday, 5:00 PM Central
- Preparations for December retreat were discussed
- Consented to the admission to candidacy for Dr. Anita Philbrick
- Consented to the election of The Rev. Shay Craig as Bishop of North Dakota
- Consented to the election of The Rev. Gregory Kimura as Bishop of San Joaquin

December 2025

- Regular meeting 9 December moved to 12 December to coincide with the retreat
- Agreed to change the language of our time with the Bishop from an “update” to a “conversation”
- discussion of the joint retreat with Diocesan Council to be held in February 2026

- an update was received from the Rev. Cn. Anne Meredith Kyle, Missioner for Vocations
- Consented to the Bishop's appointment of the Rev. David Wilcox to fill a vacancy on the Disciplinary Board created when the Rev. Steven King was elected to SC
- Consented to the ordination of Dr. Anita Philbrick to the Vocational Diaconate
- Consented to the election of The Rev. Sarah Fisher as Bishop of East Carolina
- Consented to the election of The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell as Bishop of Western Massachusetts
- Consented to the election of The Rev. Dr. Antonio Callardo as Bishop of Los Angeles

January 2026

- due to the time of the year, liaisons reported no meetings had been held
- SC agreed to meet prior to the February SC/DC retreat for a Conversation with the Vocations Missioner regarding the role of the SC in the Ordination Process
- Conversation with Bishop Meaux

February 2026

- liaison reports were received
- Consented to the election of The Very Rev. Richard Lawson as Bishop of Alabama
- Consented to the election of The Rev. Karin L. MacPhail as Bishop of Southwestern Virginia
- a Conversation with the Bishop and Vocations Missioner regarding the role of the SC in the Ordination Process was held; it was agreed SC would develop a list of potential questions to be asked of applicants for Candidacy for Ordination
- Conversation with Bishop Meaux

March 2026

- the Revs. Coppinger and Petty Pierjok and Ms. Alexander agreed to develop the framework and questions that will focus SC interviews for Candidacy for Ordination
- liaison reports were received
- the Chancellor, having joined the meeting, suggested it would be prudent for the SC to develop a set of bylaws to inform the work of the SC; the officers will constitute the sub-committee to develop these bylaws, Mr. Hamilton taking the lead
- Conversation with Bishop Meaux

April 2026

- liaison reports were received
- Mr. Hamilton's work developing bylaws is ongoing and in consultation with the Chancellor
- Conversation with Bishop Meaux

May 2026

- liaison reports were received
- Mr. Hamilton's work developing bylaws is ongoing and in consultation with the Chancellor
- Conversation with Bishop Meaux
- Vocations Missioner advised the SC that requests for consents are forthcoming; a Next Steps retreat is scheduled for July 11; COM is working on Clergy Continuing Education guidelines

June 2026

- liaison reports were received
- development of bylaws is ongoing; Candidacy questions are in final review
- Consented to the election of The Rev. Dr. Adam J. Shoemaker as Bishop of Long Island
- Consented to the election of The Rev. Elizabeth Berman as Bishop of Hawai'i
- Consented to the election of The Rev. Keith Chen-Cheng Lee as Bishop of Taiwan
- Consented to the ordination of the Rev Dcn Chris Dodson to the Priesthood
- Consented to the ordination of the Rev Dcn Barbara Jeanette Platter to the Priesthood
- Consented to the ordination of the Rev Dcn Richard Liantonio to the Priesthood
- Consented to the ordination of the Rev Dcn Brandon Smee to the Priesthood
- Conversation with Bishop Meaux
- it was decided not to meet in July

July 2026

- no meeting was held

August 2026

- liaison reports were received
- Candidacy questions are in final review and will be discussed at the September meeting
- Bylaws of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of West Missouri were adopted
- Consented to the election of The Rev. David Sibley as Bishop of Lexington
- Conversation with Bishop Meaux

September 2026

- liaison reports were received
- Vocations Missioner was present to discuss the Candidacy questions and how they may be used going forward; no further work is required on this item going forward
- Consented to the election of The Rev. Dr. Jenifer Chatfield as Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania
- Conversation with Bishop Meaux

October 2026

- The October meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13, after the deadline for filing this report has passed.

Conclusion and Outlook

The 2025-2026 cycle has been a productive period while maintaining a robust schedule of canonical duties. The outlook for the future is strong.

What are your plans for ministry in 2027?

The Standing Committee will continue to maintain a robust schedule of canonical duties in 2027.

12. COMMUNITY OF DEACONS

Prepared by The Ven. Carol Peterson, Archdeacon

What are the highlights of your ministry for 2026?

2026 Accomplishments Council on Deacons & Community of Deacons:

- Formation and activation of Council on Deacons
- Updated Deacon Directory
- Scheduled Deacons to accompany Bishop on parish visits (April – October)
- Drafted Guidelines for Deacons serving as Bishop's Chaplin
- Mentored four transitional deacons for six months (February – August)
- Mentored two new vocational deacons (February – Oct. and on-going))
- Provided support for Community of Deacons (Monthly Zoom sessions, gathering at Clergy Conference, book study, information about continuing education opportunities, etc.)
- Drafted Resolution concerning Minimal Compensation/CPG participation.
- Drafted template for Letter of Agreement document for use at local parishes

What are your plans for ministry in 2027?

2027 Goals Council on Deacons & Community of Deacons:

- Create Strategic Plan overseen by Council on Deacons that aligns with new Diocesan Strategic Plan (including strategies to promote diaconal discernment and postulant formation)
- Increase visibility of deacons across the diocese (page on diocesan web site, brochure, display, news articles, etc.)
- Increase deacon participation on councils, committees, task forces and work groups
- Strengthen deacon formation and continuing education (including an Advent study, Lenten retreat, continued monthly Zooms, and other in-person and on-line opportunities)
- Strengthen diaconal ministry supports and structures through standardization of forms, reports, procedures and updating Customary for Deacons
- Update list of deacons serving as Bishop's chaplain (October 2026-27 as new visitation schedules are released)
- On-going mentoring for the two new vocational deacons
- Initiate mentoring for aspirants and postulants for the diaconate

13. LGBTQIA+ COMMITTEE

Prepared by Robin Rusconi

What are the highlights of your ministry for 2026?

The LGBTQIA+ ministry kicked off Pride with a Eucharist held at St. Paul's Kansas City and celebrated by Bishop Amy. Thanks to the generosity of donors, we were again able to have a float. For the fifth year we were able to be a sponsor of the Kansas City PrideFest, where our volunteers greeted people from throughout the region for three days. The following weekend, for Ozark Pride, a second Eucharist was celebrated by Bishop Amy, and our diocese was again a sponsor for the festival, where volunteers greeted many from southern Missouri throughout that 1 day event. For the first time we sponsored St. Joseph Pride for 2 days and helped lead their parade. Additionally, in September, the diocese was a sponsor for Joplin Pride for both days of the event. Finally, we were a sponsor in Sedalia for a one day event for Sedalia Pride.

We are now planning a eucharist for Trans Day of Remembrance which is Thursday November 20 that will be held at St. Mary’s Kansas City.

What are your plans for ministry in 2027?

In 2027, in addition to our activities from 2026, we hope support one more Pride event - in Warrensburg and sponsor a speaker's bureau, social gatherings, and potentially a book study. We also plan to work with the ELCA to create an interfaith service in Kansas City and Springfield. We are very interested in hearing how we can better serve our diocese.

14. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Prepared by Canon Mark J. Galus, Chancellor and
Ms. Jennifer M. Snider, Vice Chancellor

What are the highlights of your ministry for 2026?

In accordance with the custom of this Convention and Canon V of the Canons of this Diocese, it is our privilege to report on the following matters that were handled by and through the Chancellor's Office since the 2025 Convention:

1. Provided regular advice and counsel to the Bishop on various Diocesan matters.
2. Provided regular advice and counsel to the Bishop on various Diocesan matters.
3. Attended Diocesan Council and Diocesan Council Executive Committee meetings and provided advice and counsel from time-to-time during their deliberations.
4. Provided advice and counsel to the Standing Committee.
5. Provided advice and counsel to Diocesan Officers in the course of their duties.
6. Provided advice and counsel to Diocesan Staff in the course of their duties.
7. Provided advice and counsel to various Diocesan constituents, including the Intake Officer and the Disciplinary Board, regarding interpretation and application of National and Diocesan Constitution & Canons.
8. Provided advice and counsel to Rectors, Wardens, Vestries, and Churches on various matters, including personnel matters, insurance matters, corporate organization and governance, bylaws revisions, and the purchase, sale, and lease of property.
9. Chaired, served on, and/or participated in various Diocesan committees, including the Constitution & Canons Committee.
10. Gathered information from Episcopal attorneys within the Diocese to form a Lawyers Network.
11. Participated in national Chancellor's Conference events to stay updated and informed on best practices for the Chancellor's Office.

15. YOUTH MINISTRY

Prepared by Meredith Seaton, Youth Discipleship Team Missioner

What are the highlights of your ministry for 2026?

Looking back on 2026, one of our biggest successes was bringing young people together from across the diocese. We built stronger connections between churches, welcomed new faces into our events, and created spaces where youth felt seen, valued, and included.

Throughout the year, we grew together through faith, friendship, and fun. From diocesan gatherings to shared experiences and conversations, we discovered new ways to experience God's love and deepen our relationship with Christ.

Most importantly, we encouraged one another to take our faith beyond church walls by learning what it means to live a Christ-like life every day. Together, we laughed, learned, prayed, served, and built a community that continues to grow stronger. 2026 was a year of new friendships, stronger faith, and unforgettable memories as we walked together in God's love.

What are your plans for ministry in 2027?

For 2027, we're excited to keep bringing youth voices into the conversation about what youth ministry can look like across the diocese. We want to hear directly from young people about what they need, what's meaningful to them, and what they'd like to see. We're also hoping to build stronger connections between parishes by sharing resources, supporting one another, and creating a larger Christian community across our churches. One of our biggest goals is helping youth who don't have a youth group at their own church still have opportunities to connect, grow in faith, and be part of a church family through shared ministry with other congregations.

16. ACCESS FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Prepared by The Very Rev. Peter DeVeau, Co-Chair

What are the highlights of your ministry for 2026?

Access for All God's Children (AGC) is group of laypersons and clergy who advocate for all persons living with disabilities in the Diocese of West Missouri and beyond. Our activity throughout 2026 has been shaped by the question, "Is this a place I can visit and expect to participate?"

Each of our forty-eight congregations was invited to complete an on-line survey to assess accessibility to their buildings, worship services, and programs. This information is to be included in the profiles of our congregations on the diocesan website, as a way of letting disabled persons know, you are welcome here! We are grateful to the Rev. Silas Engstrom for leading the survey effort. We were sad to lose Silas' talent and contribution to AGC when he was called to serve a congregation in Tennessee. To date over half of our worshipping communities have completed the inventory.

Thirty-five persons attended a Kintsugi Workshop held at St. Anne's Church, Lee's Summit on Saturday, May 9. Beth Corey, a member of St. Anne's led those present in breaking ceramic bowls and then using glue, and gold or silver paint, to repair the cracks. Kintsugi builds awareness of how physical brokenness and repair reflect God's restoration and healing. Personal flaws and scars are part of a beautiful story rather than something to hide.

Throughout the past year members of the AGC have written articles for the New Spirit that provide theological and practical perspectives on welcoming, empowering, and serving the abled and disabled in our communities. In an effort to bring accessibility awareness to the people of the diocese, free "ASG Swag" was handed out at the 2025 Diocesan Convention. Useful and practical round rubber sheeting jar openers imprinted with "Open Doors, Open Hands, Open Hearts." The openers, professionally designed by Rev. Ryan Wiksell, are a handy tool and practical reminder to make a way for all persons in our communities. Reusable grocery bags are being given out at this year's Convention.

What are your plans for ministry in 2027?

In the next few months AGC will present a training program to help the disabled protect themselves in a variety of scenarios: violent crimes, fraud, sexual abuse and every kind of offenses perpetrated against those viewed as weaker or most vulnerable. The United States Department of Justice estimates that persons with disability are two to four times more likely to be the victims of crime. A four-hour hybrid, online/in-person session with a retired police officer is being planned to educate participants on how they can prevent becoming victims.

17. SECRETARY OF THE DIOCESE AND OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Prepared by The Rev. Donna Stanford, Secretary

It has been my privilege to serve as Secretary of the Diocese and of Diocesan Council.

This report will explain the purpose of Diocesan Council, its structure, and the actions taken by the Council since the 2025 Convention to meet its canonical responsibilities.

Article XIII of the Constitution of the Diocese of West Missouri provides in part that Diocesan Council "shall exercise all the power of the Convention between meetings thereof, for the purpose of the unification, development and prosecution of the work of Missions and Church Extension, the development of congregational life, Christian formation and community life, social ministries of the Church and leadership development."

Canon IX, section 4, of the Canons of the Diocese of West Missouri provides that the Officers of the Diocesan Council are a President, a Vice President, and a Secretary. The Bishop of the Diocese is the President of the Diocesan Council and is the head of all the work of the Diocesan Council. The Diocesan Council elects from its membership a Vice President, and Ms. Amanda Perschall was so elected at the December 13, 2025 Diocesan Council meeting. The Secretary of the Diocese is the ex-officio Secretary of the Diocesan Council.

Canon IX, section 1, of the Canons of the Diocese of West Missouri provides in part that the Diocesan Council is composed of the following members, all with seat, voice, and vote: the Bishop; the Secretary of the Diocese; the Treasurer of the Diocese; the Chancellor of the Diocese (seat and voice, but not vote); eight laypersons elected by the Annual Convention; four clergy elected by the Annual Convention; four laypersons appointed by the Bishop; the President of the Episcopal Churchwomen, ex-officio; the President of the Standing Committee, ex-officio; the Deans of the Deaneries, ex-officio; and any other Officers of the Diocese, if any (seat and voice, but not vote). The four laypersons and two clergy elected at each Annual Convention and the two laypersons appointed by the Bishop serve for a two-year period. No member of the Diocesan Council may be elected to serve for more than three consecutive two-year terms.

As of October 17, 2026, the officers, Executive Committee members, Deans, *ex officio* members, and elected and appointed members of Council were:

Diocesan Officers

The Rt. Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux, President
The Rev. Deacon Donna Stanford, Secretary
Anne Jetter Maas, Treasurer
Mr. Tom Kokjer, Assistant Treasurer#
Canon Mark Galus, Chancellor#
Ms. Jennifer Snider, Vice Chancellor#
The Rev. Chandler Jackson III, Registrar#

Executive Committee Members
all Diocesan Officers
Ms. Amanda Perschall, Council Vice President
The Rev. Brittany Sparrow Savage, at-large member

Deans
The Very Rev. Miranda Cully, Northwest-Metro
The Very Rev. Joe Pierjok, Southern
The Very Rev. David Wilcox, Central

Ex Officio Members
The Rev. Canon Robin James, Standing Committee President
Ms. Judy Turner, Episcopal Church Women President

Elected Members/Bishop's Appointments through 2026 Convention
Canon Shirley Bolden (St. Augustine's, Kansas City) [elected in 2024, 2nd 2-year term]
Ms. Kate French* (St. Paul's, Clinton) [2nd appointed term]
Ms. Amy Garcia (Redeemer, Kansas City) [elected in 2024, 1st 2-year term]
Mr. Phil Metz* (St. Philip's, Joplin) [2nd appointed term]
Ms. Amanda Perschall (Trinity, Lebanon) [elected in 2024, 3rd and final 2-year term]
The Rev. Brittany Sparrow Savage (St. Paul's, Kansas City) [elected in 2024, 1st 2-year term]
The Rev. Canon John Spicer (St. Andrew's, Kansas City) [elected in 2024, 1st 2-year term]
Ms. Elisa White (Grace, Carthage) [elected in 2024, 1st 2-year term]

Elected Members/Bishop's Appointments through 2027 Convention
Ms. Anne Breid (St. James, Springfield) [elected in 2025, 2nd 2-year term]
Ms. Hayley Cobb (Christ, Springfield) [elected in 2025, 2nd 2-year term]
The Rev. Jonathan Galles (Resurrection, Blue Springs) [elected in 2025, 1st 2-year term]
Mr. Philip Lofflin (St. Mary's, Kansas City) [elected in 2025, 1st 2-year term]
The Venerable Carol Peterson (non-parochial) [elected by Diocesan Council on 5-16-26 to replace Mtr. Miranda Cully and complete her 2-year term, 1st term]
Mr. Raja Reed (St. Mary's, Kansas City) [1st appointed term; appointed 11-11-25]
Mr. Hayden Vaughn (St. James, Springfield) [elected in 2025, 1st 2-year term]

non-voting member; * Bishop's appointment

Thanks to everyone who contributes to the work of Diocesan Council, especially the dedicated staff of The Diocese of West Missouri.

Yours in Christ, The Rev. Deacon Donna Stanford, Secretary of Convention

SUMMARY OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS

Since the 136th Convention, the following actions were taken by Diocesan Council:

December 13, 2025

- elected Ms. Amanda Perschall as Diocesan Council Vice President
- approved five Property Grants:
  (1) Calvary Episcopal Church, Sedalia
  $900 grant for repair and replacement of signage
  (2) St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Independence
  $3,950 grant for roof repairs, replacement of a missing HVAC lid, and water damage repair
  (3) Shepherd of the Hills Church, Branson
  $7,350 grant to replace a 15-year-old HVAC unit (the church received $6,000 from Church Insurance and asked for half of the remaining cost)
  (4) Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Kansas City
  $8,500 grant and a 20-year interest free $8,500 line of credit (LOC) to replace a 30-year-old HVAC unit (the church is currently provided $1,250 to the project)
  (5) St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Clinton
  $8,490 grant to replace a 30-year-old HVAC unit
- approved increasing minimum clergy compensation for 2026 by 2%
- approved proposed 2026 Diocesan Council meeting schedule (including the addition of a December 12, 2026 meeting date with location to be determined)
- approved authorization of Bishop Meaux, Finance Administrator Ron Weil, Secretary Donna Stanford, and Assistant Treasurer Tom Kokjer as signatories to the Diocesan bank account; and authorization of Finance Administrator Ron Weil, Treasurer Anne Jetter Maas, and Assistant Treasurer Tom Kokjer as signatories to DFMS investments
- adopted 2025 Clergy Housing Allowance Resolution for The Rt. Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux, The Rev. Cn. Anne Meredith Kyle, The Rev. Cn. Charles Adam (Chas) Marks, and The Rev. Cn. Jose Palma
- approved disbursement of International Outreach Grant funds remaining as of December 31, 2025, equally among the 2025 recipients so that the seven 2025 recipients each receive approximately $900

no January 2026 meeting

February 14, 2026

- approved Property Grants:
  (1) $3,752 Property Grant to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Monett, for seal coating, crack sealing, and striping their parking lot
- authorized the Bishop to create a full-time position for the Canon for Discipleship with compensation commensurate with the compensation of the Canon for Common Mission
- approved moving the June Diocesan Council meeting from June 20 to June 27

March 14, 2026 – no action items to report

April 11, 2026

- approved the request of Church of the Redeemer, Kansas City, for curacy funds for a new position at 50% for the first year (approximately $40,102) and 33.3% for the second year ($24,061)
- approved moving the money from the sale of St. Paul's Church, Maryville, in the amount of $220,366, to the DFMS portfolio
- approved tasking the Strategic Planning Commission with discernment regarding the allocation/distribution of the $220,366 proceeds from the sale of St. Paul's Church, Maryville
- approved tasking the Strategic Planning Commission with discernment regarding the goals and objectives of the Expansion Fund
- approved postponing the election of a replacement to fill the vacant clergy seat on Council, which was held by Mtr. Miranda Cully before her election as Dean of the Northwest Metro Deanery, to the next meeting

May 16, 2026

- approved Property Grants:
  (1) Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, Branson
  $8,377 for parking lot repairs, resurfacing, striping, and curb repairs
  (2) St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Monett
  $1,450 to replace fluorescent fixtures in parish hall with LEDs
  (3) All Saints Episcopal Church, West Plains
  $9,337 to replace two HVAC units that need repair and are beyond their lifespan
- approved a line of credit
  (1) All Saints Episcopal Church, West Plains
  up to $9,338 as part of the replacement of two HVAC units that need repair and are beyond their lifespan
- elected The Venerable Carol Peterson to fill the vacant clergy seat on Diocesan Council

June 27, 2026

- approved moving the scheduled October 10 Diocesan Council meeting in Sedalia to October 17
- approved depositing the proceeds from the sale of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Maryville, into the Expansion Fund
- approved Property Grants:
  (1) St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Joplin
  $5,241 (1/3 of the request of $15,724 was granted for security cameras and door latches; it was explained that the Property Grant Committee considered only the door latches necessary; the church could submit another grant application for the security cameras)
  (2) St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Raytown
  $13,429.49 (to replace 2021 insurance funds for new roof that were spent for other necessary maintenance at the church; the 2025 insurance payments and this grant will allow them to replace the roof that is necessary)
- approved tabling discussion of the allocation/distribution of the $31,010 payout from the Religious Charitable & Educational Trust

no July 2026 meeting

August 8, 2026

- approved Property Grants:
  (1) 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)
  (2) Trinity, Independence
  $15,516 to repair and resurface the parking lot

September 12, 2026

- approved Property Grants:
  (1) St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Kansas City
  $17,375 for ½ the cost to remove the Hippo statue, repair foundation, and replace statue
  (2) Trinity Episcopal Church, Lebanon
  $5,611.29 for cost of supplies for nave carpet replacement (church will cover labor cost of $3,840)
  (3) Christ Episcopal Church, St. Joseph
  $24,324 for HVAC replacement (total cost is $54,324; church will withdraw $20,000 from investment funds and $10,000 from a donor)
- approved 2027 Diocesan Council/Executive Committee meeting schedule
- approved presentation to Diocesan Convention of a resolution titled Resolution 2023-4 "Intention to Become a Constituent Diocese of the University of the South"
- approved the 2027 Minimum Clergy Compensation recommendation made by the Human Relations Committee

October 17, 2026

- approved five property grants ($66,738) and one Line of Credit (LOC) ($27,500):
  (1) Calvary, Sedalia
  $8,000 to replace an HVAC and sump pump at a total cost of $15,485
  (2) St. Alban's, Bolivar
  $9,120 to fill cracks, seal and restripe the parking lot at a total cost of $10,719.70
  (3) St. John's, Springfield
  grant of $27,500 and LOC of $27,500 to replace the roof on the church and rectory at a total cost of $113,000 (a claim payment from Church Insurance in the amount of $57,873 will supplement the grant and LOC)
  (4) Shepherd of the Hills, Branson
  $8,878 for wood fence replacement ($4,562) and hard wire internet materials ($4,316) (the church will provide labor for the internet installation; the Property Committee also received documentation of the $4,316.57 from a previous grant that was used for renovation to Barton Hall and Library, cleaning of the carpet, pews, and kneelers, and storm tree removal and trimming for a total cost of $5,251)

(5) St. Augustine's Parish House
$13,240 for foundation repair and front step replacement at a total cost of $26,480

- approved $50,587 in assessment relief:
  (1) St. Mary Magdalene, Belton - $13,839
  (2) St. Anne's, Lee's Summit - $3,914
  (3) Grace Church, Liberty - $18,565
  (4) St. Mark's, Kimberling City - $4,045
  (5) St. Matthew's, Raytown - $7,296
  (6) St. Paul's, Lee's Summit - $2,928
- approved the proposed 2027 Budget
- approved the two 501(c)(3) Abide in Love corporations as the designated beneficiaries of the 2026 Diocesan Convention Eucharist offering, which will be split equally between them

18. DIOCESAN PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Prepared by Philip Lofflin, Member

The Property Committee of the Diocese of West Missouri supports parishes and missions in maintaining, improving, and responsibly managing their physical properties. The committee's primary responsibilities include:

- **Property Maintenance and Upkeep:** Assisting parishes and missions with the maintenance of buildings, facilities, and grounds to ensure that church properties remain safe, functional, and well-maintained.
- **Renovations and Improvements:** Helping parishes and missions plan and coordinate repairs, renovations, and upgrades to enhance the functionality, accessibility, and appearance of their properties.
- **Safety and Compliance:** Supporting efforts to ensure diocesan properties meeting applicable safety codes, zoning regulations, ADA compliance, and legal requirements.
- **Long-Term Property Planning:** Encouraging the effective use, maintenance, and development of diocesan properties in alignment with the mission and goals of the Diocese.

What are the highlights of your ministry for 2026?

Since the 2025 Annual Convention, the Property Committee has reviewed and approved **20 property grants totaling $198,240**, providing financial assistance to 16 parishes for needed property repairs and improvements.

These grants have supported a variety of projects, including the repair and replacement of heating and cooling systems, roof repairs, structural improvements, tree removal, LED lighting upgrades, parking lot repairs, carpet replacement, and safety enhancements.

Since the inception of the Property Committee's grant program, a total of **$521,144 has been awarded to assist parishes** with property-related needs. This ongoing support helps congregations maintain safe, functional, and welcoming spaces for worship and ministry.

What are your plans for ministry in 2027?

In 2027, the Property Committee looks forward to continuing its work of reviewing and approving property grants for parishes with identified repair and improvement needs. Through this grant program, the committee remains committed to helping congregations care for their facilities and preserve these important resources for future ministry.

Parishes interested in applying for assistance can find the online property grant application on the Diocese of West Missouri website: http://diowestmo.org/committees-and-ministries/property/.

19. SAINT LUKE’S CENTRAL REGION / SAINT LUKE’S HOSPITAL OF KANSAS CITY

Dear Bishop Meaux,

As I reflect on 2026, I am filled with deep gratitude and a sense of hope and optimism for what lies ahead.

One of the most significant milestones of the past year was a change in leadership. After 40 years of faithful service, Jani Johnson, MSN, RN, president of Saint Luke's Central Region and Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City, retired on Feb. 1. Jani began her career with Saint Luke's in 1985 as a staff nurse and carried her experience from the front lines of patient care throughout her years of leadership. I am honored to follow in Jan i's footsteps and to carry on the ministry that has guided Saint Luke's for more than 140 years.

Saint Luke's Bishop Spencer Place celebrated the opening of its 21-bed memory care area with a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by Saint Luke's and BSP leadership, board members, donors, residents, and community members. Residents of the memory care community will benefit from carefully tailored care plans, innovative technology, thoughtfully designed living spaces, and a custom therapeutic activities platform designed to enhance cognitive function, foster social interaction, and contribute to overall well-being. In addition, Mtr. Janette Platter, chaplain for Bishop Spencer, was ordained to the priesthood.

Saint Luke's also experienced the excitement of the FIFA World Cup in 2026-as our region welcomed hundreds of thousands of visitors from around the globe. This event inspired a strong sense of community and purpose. We were proud to welcome the world to Kansas City and to ensure that all visitors, travelers, and guests received high-quality health care and compassionate spiritual support during their time in Kansas City. Our Nutrition Services team provided support for religious dietary restrictions, and our Chaplains were prepared for patients of all faith backgrounds and visiting countries.

Our Spiritual Wellness team honored several observances throughout the year, including Saint Luke's Week in October and the National Day of Prayer in May. On Ash Wednesday, chaplains gave blessings at all Saint Luke's entities and on the 25th anniversary of 9/11 held a prayer circle at Saint Luke's South Hospital.

Saint Luke's continued the tradition of the Hope Award, honoring 25 employees for Spirituality, Integrity, and Compassion. The SPECTRA Connection group participated in the Kansas City Pride Parade, and employees gave generously during the Crittenton Children's Center holiday gift drive.

We also continued to advance our integration with BJC Health, further solidifying a partnership that has strengthened our ability to fulfill our mission and expand our impact. As our organizations align, we are creating new opportunities to enhance patient care, support our caregiver teams, and ensure long-term sustainability for the communities that rely on us.

Looking ahead to 2027, we're well positioned for continued progress:

- Advancing and sustaining the organization's faith-based identity through the Spiritual Wellness Committee opportunity on the Saint Luke's Hospital Board
- Bringing BJC's specialty care beyond the KC Metro, including the opening of a new Saint Luke's transplant clinic in Springfield, Missouri
- A new BJC/St. Louis Children's Hospital collaboration with CoxHealth in Southwest Missouri
- Continuing to support Clinical Pastoral Education and developing future spiritual care leaders

Through it all, one thing remains constant: Saint Luke's is dedicated to treating every person with dignity, compassion, and respect, caring for the whole person, and serving our community with a spirit of love and hospitality. These values are not just part of our history. They continue to shape our healing ministry and our responsibility to serve those who turn to us for care. They are reflected every day in the compassion of our teams, in the support we provide to patients and their families, and in our commitment to improving the health and well-being of our communities.

With gratitude,



Bobby Olm-Shipman
President, Saint Luke's Central Region
President, Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City