

Emery Washington Convocation Annual Meeting Packet
2-13-22 @ 2 PM via Zoom

Agenda

Opening Prayer - Mr. Travis Hall

Calling the Meeting to Order - The Rev. Jon Stratton

Presentation on Convocation System - The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson

Presentation of Charter - The Rev. Jon Stratton

Approval of Charter (Pages 1 - 3) - Mr. Vince Nicosia

Holding of Elections (Pages 4 - 13) - Mr. Vince Nicosia

Short Remarks from new Dean and Warden

Adjourn - The Rev. Jon Stratton

Closing Prayer - The Very Rev. Kathie Adams-Shepherd

Proposed Convocation Charter

Drafted by the Convocation Convening Team and Approved by The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson,
Bishop of Missouri

Purpose: The Emery Washington Convocation exists to promote fellowship, ministry cooperation, and clergy care amongst the parishes and people within the convocation. In particular, the convocation is tasked with creating and executing a regional ministry strategy that reflects the Diocese of Missouri's mission priorities.

I. **Establishment:** In the Spring of 2021, the Standing Committee approved a redefined and renewed configuration and purpose for the Diocese's convocations. This renewed configuration included a reduction of convocations from six to four, with an eye towards ministry collaboration and shared mission goals

II. **Parishes included within the Convocation:** The following parishes make up the Emery Washington Convocation.

Advent, Crestwood
All Saints-Ascension, Northwoods
Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
Emmanuel, Webster Groves
Grace, Kirkwood
Holy Communion, University City
St. Barnabas, Florissant
St. John's, Tower Grove
St. Mark's, St. Louis
St. Michael and St. George, Clayton
St. Paul's, Carondelet
St. Peter's, Ladue
St. Stephen's, Ferguson
St. Thomas, Kirkwood
Trinity, St. Louis

III. **Convocation Roles and Responsibilities:** The convocation is tasked with the following roles and responsibilities.

- A. Develop a regional mission strategy in conjunction with the Diocesan Offices
- B. Elect members to serve on the Diocesan Council
 - 1. One cleric and two lay persons from within the convocation elected by a plurality vote by convocation delegates. In the case of a tie election, additional ballots will be cast until the tie is broken.
 - 2. Two year term

3. Members may serve two consecutive terms and may be re-elected after a one year hiatus
 - C. Hold a yearly celebration of the patron of the convocation (Emery Washington)
 - D. Nominate persons to serve on the Diocesan Mission and Ministry Council
 1. One cleric and one lay person from within the convocation nominated by a plurality vote by convocation delegates. In the case of a tie election, additional ballots will be cast until the tie is broken.
 - E. Regularly communicate with the communities of faith that make up the convocation
 - F. In consultation with the Director of Communications, develop and maintain a presence on the Diocesan Website
 - G. Meet in convocation at least four times a year
 - H. Submit resolutions for Diocesan Convention
 - I. Provide fellowship and discernment opportunities for the laity
 - J. Provide care, support, professional development, and fellowship opportunities for the clergy within the convocation
- IV. **Convocation Leadership:** The convocation leadership consists of a Dean (cleric) and Warden (lay person) and an eight member convocation council (four clerics and four lay persons). The Dean and Warden co-chair the council and meet each month with the Diocesan bishop and the Deans and Wardens of all the convocations in the Diocese. The task of the leadership team (Dean, Warden, and council) is to (1) ensure that the convocation meets the roles and expectations listed above, and to (2) organize the activities, ministries, and meetings of the convocation. The Dean and Warden are also charged with providing care and support for the clergy within the convocation.
- V. **Election of and qualifications for Dean, Warden, and Council:**
- A. **Dean and Warden:** Any baptized and confirmed lay person in good standing worshipping within the convocation may run for Warden. Any cleric in good standing and canonically resident within the Diocese of Missouri currently serving within the convocation may run for Dean. Deans and Wardens are elected by a plurality vote by convocation delegates for two year terms. In the case of a tie election, additional ballots will be cast until the tie is broken. Elections are held at the Convocation's Annual Meeting held anytime after January the 31st and before/on February 15th in even numbered years. Elections to fill vacancies may happen during a special electing convocation called by the leadership team. At least two week's notice of the special electing convocation date and time must be given to convocation delegates. All convention delegates duly elected as of the most recent parish annual meeting are invited to the Convocation Annual Meeting and serve as the electors for Dean and Warden. Deans and Wardens may only serve one term but may run for re-election after a one year hiatus.
 - B. **Council Members:** Any baptized and confirmed lay person 16 years old or older in good standing worshipping within the convocation may serve as a lay council

member. Any cleric in good standing and canonically resident within the Diocese of Missouri currently serving within the convocation may serve as a clergy council member. Council members are appointed by the Warden and Dean on or before March 1st. There cannot be more than one council member from any one parish in the convocation, and there may be no more than three council members from parishes within the City of St. Louis and no more than five council members from parishes within St. Louis County. Council members are given staggered appointments to ensure continuity. On or before March 1st, 2022, two clergy council members and two lay council members are appointed for a two year term and two clergy council members and two lay council members are appointed for a three year term. At the end of these initial appointments, council members are appointed for three year terms.

- VI. Officers within the Council:** The council will elect from its membership the following officers. Officers will serve for the entirety of their term as council members. Besides the offices below, the council may create additional offices and elect additional officers as needed.
- A. Treasurer: Tasked with tracking all convocation expenditures and income (if applicable)
 - B. Communications Officer: Tasked with timely and relevant communications to the parishes within the convocation.
 - C. Clerk: Tasked with taking and archiving minutes at official meetings of convocation.
 - D. Webmaster: Tasked with working with the Diocesan Communications officer to provide a convocation web presence on the diocesan website.
- VII. Annual Convocation Meeting:** The convocation will gather each year for an annual meeting no sooner than February the 1st and no later than February the 15th. Diocesan convention delegates elected as of the most recent parish annual meeting are invited to the annual convocation meeting and serve as electors. The primary purpose of the annual meeting is to hold elections, when appropriate, for Dean, Warden, and Diocesan Council members and nominations for Mission and Ministry Council members, but the meeting may include reports, fellowship, presentations, strategy sessions, and more. The Dean, Warden, and council members are responsible for organizing the annual meeting.
- VIII. Charter Amendments:** Amendments may be made to this charter at any annual convocation meetings. Amendments must be approved by the convocation council and Bishop Diocesan before going before the convocation for approval. Amendments are approved by a simple majority vote by delegates at the annual convocation meeting.

Election of the Convocation Dean

Choose 1 Clergy Person

The Rev. Dr. Teresa Mithen Danieleley - St. Mark's St. Louis



Having served as a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri for 17 years, I have considerable experience and expertise to offer as Dean of the Emery Washington Convocation. My vision for the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri is for us to be a Christian community that seeks liberation for all people, takes counter-cultural risks with our many gifts and tremendous resources, and boldly proclaims justice and peace through our collective ministries, public actions and collaborations with ecumenical and interfaith partners.

I work as the Champions Organizer for Missouri Jobs with Justice (an approved Extension of Ministry position) and volunteer as a Priest Associate at St. Mark's, St. Louis Hills. In addition to having previously served as the rector of St. John's, Tower Grove (2004 - 2016), I have held leadership positions on many Diocesan bodies, including the Commission on Ministry, Diocesan Council, Episcopal Presbyterian Health Trust and Task Force for the Hungry. I served in leadership in the Metro II Convocation several times, including as President and Vice-President.

For my 2018 Doctoral Thesis through Eden Theological Seminary, I researched and wrote “Towards a Feminist Ecclesiology in the Episcopal Church: 3 Generations of Women Clergy as Agents of Emancipatory Transformation in the Episcopal Church,” which explores how we in the Episcopal Church might better live into the vision of egalitarian leadership and equality of orders of ministry that proponents of women’s ordination sought. I have volunteered as a clergy counselor with Faith Aloud for over 15 years and been a regular volunteer with Metro Trans Umbrella Group’s Food Pantry throughout the pandemic. I participate actively with my family in L’Alliance Française de St. Louis and enjoy working in the community garden at Mann, my children’s public neighborhood elementary school in the City of St. Louis. I was recently elected Secretary of Mann’s PTO; I am passionate about facilitating communication and collaboration wherever and however I can. My husband, Jonathan, and I have three children: Lucille (10), Ruby Frances (9) and Theodore (5).

The Rev. Jon Stratton - Trinity St. Louis



The Rev. Jon Stratton currently serves as Rector of Trinity Episcopal St. Louis. He is an active member of the St. Louis Leadership Team of Missouri Jobs with Justice and co-chairs the Metropolitan Congregations United clergy caucus. Before accepting the call at Trinity, Jon founded the Deaconess Anne House and served as its first Executive Director. Jon has

experience organizing collaborative ministry endeavors in the St. Louis region, feels passionate about clergy care and support, and believes that the church's mission and ministry are inextricably linked to the cultural context and public spheres of life. Collaborative projects that Jon has helped organize in the metro region include youth ministry and mission trips, The Episcopal Softball World Series, The Blessing of the Bicycles, interparish confirmation classes, a preaching cohort, clergy with young children fellowship opportunities, and pulpit swaps. Most recently, Jon was appointed by Bishop Deon Johnson as Convener of the Emery Washington Convocation. As convener, Jon organized and led an amazing team of clergy and lay that built the convocation's initial framework.

Jon lives in south St. Louis with his wife Susie, three children (Alice, Frank, and Harry), and five chickens (Fluffy, Checkers, Nelly, Sesame, and Ducky). www.revjonstratton.com

Election of the Convocation Warden

Choose 1 Lay Person

Ms. Adrienne Dillon - All Saints and Ascension Northwoods



Adrienne Dillon was baptized and confirmed at All Saints (now All Saints & Ascension). She has served on the vestry and on the diocesan Commission on Dismantling Racism, and is currently co-chair of All Saints & Ascension's Social Justice Ministry. She has been an alternate and deputy to General Convention, and is looking forward to attending as an alternate from Missouri this summer. She is Secretary of Province V and participates in several of its networks. She graduated from Episcopal School for Ministry in 2019 and has participated in chaplaincy training through Eden Seminary. She is a professed member of the Third Order of the Society of St. Francis. She is excited about the new Emery Washington Convocation in the diocese and the new chapter of UBE.

In addition to church activities, Adrienne is president of the board of Women's Hope Chorale of St. Louis, sings with Legend Singers Choral Ensemble, and has been a Girl Scout troop leader and a volunteer advocate for children in foster care. She is an Avon Representative and likes to read science fiction and make jewelry.

Br. Franklin Kline, OP - Christ Church Cathedral



Br. Franklin has a deep commitment to the worship life, to pastoral care, community outreach, and Christian Formation ministries of the church and has been actively engaged in them at Christ Church Cathedral since 2000. He has served as Acolyte, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Intercessor, Worship Leader, and Eucharistic Visitor. He has participated actively in the Cathedral's Ministry to the Homeless, assisting regularly at Saturday Breakfast and Winter Outreach, and he initiated weekly Morning Prayer for Breakfast attendees beginning in 2003. Under Pandemic Conditions we now offer this virtually as *"Saturday Morning Prayer with The Cathedral Friars"*; He also records the Daily Offices each Saturday for *"Daily Prayer at Trinity"*, a ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church in the Central West End. He has served on the Cathedral's Adult Christian Formation Committee, and has led Adult Forums and Quiet Days at The Cathedral and other parishes. He served on the Cathedral Chapter in 2016-17. He has become the convener of quarterly gatherings of Religious in the Diocese of Missouri including members of Religious Orders and Communities living under a Rule of Life.

Br. Franklin is an Anglican Episcopalian. Prior to arriving in St. Louis he was a Licensed Lay Reader and on Vestry at All Saints' Anglican Church, Jakarta, Indonesia, where he was Baptized, and subsequently Confirmed by the Bishop of Singapore in 1989. There he was active in ministering to people experiencing homelessness, and in working with an Indonesian ministry team in what became the Anglican Church of Indonesia. He graduated from the Diocese of Missouri Episcopal School for Ministry in 2005, and served two terms as a member of the ESM Board. He also has a

Certificate in Theology from Moore College, Diocese of Sydney, Australia. Br Franklin is a Life Professed Anglican Dominican Friar (2013). Retaining his affiliation with The Community of Hope, he completed the Community's Pastoral Care Training in 2001. He served as a US Marine Corps Officer, and in The Departments of State and Commerce assigned in Burma, Japan, Iran; and in Indonesia as American Embassy Commercial Counselor. His business experience includes Infotech management, consulting, and work in Telcom Claims resolution. He draws on extensive experience in church, government and business.

Br. Franklin believes strongly that the effectiveness of our outreach ministry must stem from the depth of our spiritual life. It is with this perspective and drawing on this background that he would greatly value the opportunity to serve.

Diocesan Council

Choose 2 Lay and 1 Clergy

Mr. Justin Martin (3 year term) - Christ Church Cathedral



Through prayerful discernment, I would like to be in ministry with the Convocation. I have been a member of the Christ Church Cathedral since 2019 and serve in various ministries. I seek to bring my talents, personality, and professionalism to the Convocation. I bring my experience/comfortability with technology and my ability to “think outside the box”. I have previously completed the Dismantling Racism training in the diocese and currently volunteers on the Cathedral's Communication Committee. I currently serve both SSM Saint Louis University and Mercy hospitals as a lay Episcopal chaplain serving primarily in virtual/tele-health context. I have ecclesial endorsement as a chaplain as outlined in the Episcopal canon. I am passionate

about bringing the Good News to all people and find that technology can always be a great tool to reach people, especially during the pandemic. I see the connection to others and to the Divine as the root of his spirituality and incarnational faith. I have worked alongside others to facilitate the acquiring of proper technology to host virtual worship in order to provide professional quality streaming in our beautiful Christ Church Cathedral worship and events. I currently co-lead the digital moderator group that live-streamed each worship service of the Cathedral community. I attended college in Berea, Kentucky (Berea College) and graduated seminary in Washington, DC (Wesley Theological Seminary). I hold fast that we must enter our new reality with steadfastness and devotion to our communal callings.

Ms. Liz Kramer (2 year term) - Trinity St. Louis



Liz is an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church where she has been attending since 2019. Raised in an evangelical home, Liz came to the Episcopal Church as an adult. She was drawn to their message of inclusion, social justice, and to the loving, liberating, and life-giving God she learned about there. Liz is a life-long St. Louisan, although she did spend four years in Fayetteville Arkansas where she earned her B.A. in English Literature. In her free time, she loves reading, embroidery, yoga, and spending time with friends. Liz looks forward to the challenges and ways to serve her church and community as God calls.

The Rev. Nancy Emmel - Gunn (1 year term) - St. John's St. Louis



Nancy Emmel Gunn is the Priest in Charge at St. John's Tower Grove. Nancy grew up in Chicago and attended the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. She received a Juris Doctor from St. Louis University and practiced law for over thirty years. Nancy graduated from Eden Seminary with a Master's in Divinity in May, 2021 and retired from the practice of law. She served as an intern during her seminary education at Trinity CWE and St. Timothy's, Creve Coeur. She and her husband Bob have six grown children, one grandchild and two dogs. She is a devoted City resident and is thrilled to be serving the St. John's community.

The Rev. Erika Essiem (1 year term) - St. Stephen's Ferguson



Mission and Ministry Council

Choose 1 lay and 1 clergy

Ms. Sibyl Fisher (2 year term) - St. Paul's St. Louis



Sybil is happy to find such a loving and vibrant congregation at St. Paul's - Carondelet. She relocated from East Texas to St. Louis area in May 2021 and is living with her eldest daughter and her husband. Sybil helped St. Paul's by finding and coordinating a children's Sunday School curriculum this Fall. She is one of the two children's Sunday School teachers. Sybil has participated in Outdoor Cookouts, Voices of the Nativity Program and other service opportunities at St. Paul's. Sybil participated in a six-week gardening internship program this fall with Urban Harvest STL. Urban Harvest believes that all members of our community should have equitable access to fresh, healthy food. Sybil comes to us from the Diocese of Texas where she was a member of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Tyler, Texas. Sybil has recently retired from teaching Special Education, Dyslexia, and Family and Consumer Sciences. Sybil enjoys plants and gardening, watching birds, cooking, sewing, nature, listening to audio books

and spending time with her children. She is interested in using the blessings God has given her to help her community.

The Rev. Erika Essiem (2 year term) - St. Stephen's Ferguson

