

Diocesan Commissions, Committees, Ministries and Boards

Canonical

Commission on Ministry

Advises the bishop on the ministries of ordained and lay people in the diocese. The Bishop's appointments are subject to Convention confirmation. Provides information and consultation on discernment processes, training for congregational discernment committees and provides advice to the bishop on people seeking ordination.



Committee on Constitution and Canons

Committee members are appointed by the Bishop. It may initiate its own proposals for amendments or additions to diocesan Canons and Constitution and it reviews proposed changes submitted to it for legality and consistency.

Committee on Resolutions of Policy

Committee members appointed by Bishop. Current practice is for each Convocation to submit a nominee. May make recommendations to Convention on proposed resolutions of policy.

Commission on Liturgy and Church Music

Provides leadership and planning for developing, publishing, and seeking diocesan-wide consensus regarding visitation and ordination liturgies; offers leadership program for musicians; sponsors workshops for lay ministers, musicians, and clergy.

Finance Committee

Committee members are appointed by the Trustees of the Diocese. It conducts an ongoing review of all financial transactions of the Diocese.

Nominating Committee

Comprised of one lay person and one clergy person from each Convocation, appointed by Bishop. Committee charged with assuring that at least two candidates are running for each position requiring election by Convention.

Trinity Cathedral Chapter

Convention elects three members to serve on the Trinity Cathedral Chapter. The Bishop is also a member.

Discipleship

Oregon Clergy Association

Advocates for collegiality amongst Oregon clergy. Organizes conferences and social events, and sponsors activities and workshops on professional concerns, e.g., clergy wellness, tax issues, retirement planning, and preaching.

Daughters of the King

Encourages members in their individual ministries, group ministries or study groups. The Order meets annually to pray, share together, and to reaffirm their vows. Seven chapters in the diocese.

Diocesan Altar Guild

The Guild encourages those who serve the altars of our parishes and missions.

Episcopal Church Women

Sponsors annual Spirituality Day for women of the diocese and hosts annual meeting and luncheon during Convention. One recent project was to encourage members to make lap quilts for hospitals in South India.

Fresh Start

Supports Episcopal clergy and their congregational lay leaders in navigating the critical period of transition in clergy leadership and promotes collegial relationships among clergy within the diocese.

Safe Church Training

Presents workshops to increase knowledge and awareness of sexual abuse and misconduct for employees and volunteers working in the congregations and organizations of the diocese.

Stewardship Commission

Recognizing that God calls us to be faithful stewards of His creation, this Commission seeks to adopt programs to help us live up to that mandate.

Evangelism

Church Growth and Development Committee

Recognizing that many Episcopal churches today continue to do things the way they have "always been done" and that in a rapidly changing world this can result in declining participation and membership, this Committee helps congregations make adjustments emphasizing the mission and purpose of the church.

Ecumenical & Interfaith Dialogue Commission

The Commission's mission is to pray that "we all may be one." It meets as an Episcopal/Lutheran group four times a year.

Education for Ministry

EFM is a program of theological education at-a-distance of the School of Theology of the University of the South. Students sign up one year at a time for this four-year program that covers the basics of a theological education in Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy, and theology. Locally, students meet regularly in seminars under the guidance of trained mentors.

Evangelism Commission

Provides resource support and encouragement to those in the diocese who do evangelism, by welcoming, inviting, and encouraging visitors to become part of the church community.

Higher Education Commission

Fosters faith development, spiritual growth, and discipleship among college students, by maintaining communities of worship, study, and camaraderie at Portland State University, Lewis and Clark College, Oregon State University, Western Oregon University, University of Oregon, and Southern Oregon College.

Ministry of Christian Education and Lifelong Formation

Maintains resources, including curricula and library of videos, and provides training and support for educators. A popular offering has been the Peace Village, a way for adults and young people to experience the unity of all of God's children.

Youth Ministries Commission

Provides program support for youth ministries by providing programs that address scripture, sacraments, prayer, spiritual growth, missionary activity, and adolescent issues from a Christian perspective.

Mission

Church Periodical Club

The Club is dedicated to a worldwide ministry of the printed word and provides people with no alternative source, free literature, religious and secular. The first Sunday in May in diocese is a special collection and offering day for the Club.

Church World Service

Since 1946, CWS has provided relief, development, and refugee assistance, in partnership with indigenous organizations, in more than 80 countries. Within the US, it helps communities respond to disasters and refugee resettlement.



Columba Center

Associated with Ss. Peter and Paul, Portland, Columba Center focuses on Celtic Christian Mission and Celtic monasticism for a post-modern church. Its members employ Celtic-inspired Rules of life. It offers classes in spirituality and outreach to the poor and marginalized. Programs include *Brigid's Table* meal ministry, *Rahab's Sisters* ministry to women in prostitution.

Commission for the Deaf

Provides outreach for those in crisis, and opportunities for spiritual growth and communal worship, for deaf and hearing impaired adults and children. Members visit foster care facilities with deaf residents and work with mental health programs for deaf clients.

Environmental Commission

Its mission is to inspire the diocese to celebrate the beauty, mystery, sacredness, and generosity of God's creation, by educating about current environmental issues, raising awareness of the urgency of caring for the environment, and emphasizing models of ministry that incorporate protection, preservation, and the sus-

tainable use of God's creation. Offers workshops on how congregations can make a difference and offers ideas on energy efficiency, climate change, clean water, simplicity, environmental justice. Also, provides liturgical materials for St. Francis Day and Earth Day.

Episcopal Peace Fellowship

A ministry within the Episcopal Church since 1939, its motto is "Work, Pray, and Act for Peace". The Oregon chapter provides education in peacemaking and creative nonviolence, and works to end war and bring about a just society by raising awareness of the teachings of the Episcopal Church on peace and justice. It works with the Peace & Justice Commission, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, interfaith religious peace organizations, and other local peace groups.

Episcopal Relief and Development

Episcopal Relief and Development responds to human suffering around the world. It helps provide emergency assistance after disasters, rebuilds communities, and helps children and families climb out of poverty. It also focuses on food security, primary health care, and emergency relief and rebuilding. Recently, the diocesan chapter organized congregational and individual support for people left homeless and in need by the Southeast Asia tsunami, Hurricane Katrina, and other natural and man-made disasters.

Hispanic Commission

This Commission, comprised of the Hispanic churches in the diocese and the churches which have Hispanic congregations, meets for ties programming and mission strategy planning six times a year. Its plans include determining where Hispanic congregations should be planted, providing continuing education for its members, and fostering the involvement of Hispanic youth in state and national church events.



Indian Commission

The commission's goal is to establish traditions and set precedents that encourage communication, trust, reconciliation, mutual understanding, and fellowship between the Church and the First Nations People. Outreach efforts focus on urban Native Americans, particularly in the Portland metropolitan area.

Commission to End Racism

This Commission seeks to make ourselves, and others, more aware of the divisiveness of racism; to give us skills to confront it in ourselves and our institutions; and to help us transform ourselves, and the people around us, into a more open and just community based on love for each other.

Ministry of Communication Committee

Responsible for developing and implementing a communication plan for the diocese to include publications, website, media relations, issues analysis, and community relations. The Committee wants to discover how the diocese is doing in communications and what can be done better.

Parish Nurses/Health Ministries

Promote health ministry/parish nursing in the Episcopal Church. Members see spirituality as a health issue, and health as a spirituality issue. There are certified parish nurses in fifteen of our churches. Activities include monthly blood pressure monitoring, health fairs, blood drives, flu clinics, health counseling, visiting church members who are homebound and in the hospital, healing services and prayer, and grief counseling.

Peace and Justice Commission

The mission connects members of the diocese with the resources, networks, and educational opportunities that enable individuals to live out his or her covenant of Holy Baptism and to witness Christ's love by advocating for the dignity of all human beings and working for peace and justice in our communities.

Recovery Commission

This commission is a diocesan resource network for understanding addiction and its impact. It carries the message of recovery and provides referrals and information about recovery resources in Oregon. By working closely with the national Episcopal Recovery organization, it helps to educate clergy and laity about addiction and the family dysfunctions associated with it. It also helps parishes form their own recovery commissions. It has set as a goal having all parishes establish an annual "Recovery Sunday," as mandated by General Convention.

United Thank Offering

UTO is national Episcopal Church program, with a strong local program in the diocese. In the past few years it has dispersed grants to Rahab's Sisters, Trinity Respite Care in Ashland, St. Michael/San Miguel in Newberg (for facilities improvements), and Green Pastures Harvest Kitchen in Cave Junction (St. Matthias), to name a few.

Renewal Ministries

Cornerstone Community

Cornerstone is a lay Benedictine monastic community whose members are committed to regular prayer, worship, and study and who endeavor to apply the Rule of St. Benedict in their daily lives. The community is based at Trinity Cathedral but includes members of other congregations. Members commit to abide by the Rules of the community and take vows of stability, obedience and conversion of life.

Metro-East Lay Academy

The Academy, organized in 1999, provides intentional education and training to people who have a call to a ministry but believe they need additional skills. Classes are open to clergy and laity and instruction is provided by volunteer staff. Funding is by tuition, paid either by the student or the student's congregation. Recent offerings have included pastoral care, youth ministry, foreign languages, ministry development, and Celtic spirituality.

Administrative

PERCEPT

PERCEPT produces demographic tools and data for congregational mission strategy and planning. Tools can be used at the local or diocesan level.

Additional

Anglican Fellowship of Prayer

Church Pension Fund

Clergy Spouse Committee

Commission on Church Architecture and Allied Arts

Commission on Prison Ministries

Committee on Credentials

Committee on Arrangements

Committee on Resolutions of Courtesy

Companion Diocese Committee

Court of Review, Eighth Province

Cursillo

Diocesan Ecclesiastical Trial Court

Diaconal Formation

Episcopal Campus Ministries

Fund for Poor and Homeless

Global Mission

Jubilee Ministries

Retired Clergy Group

Saint Benedict's Guild

