

Diocesan Council Report to Convention 2022

The Diocesan Council Members for 2021-2022 are:

The Rev. Can. Pablo Ramos, Vice President, The Rev. Garang Gabriel Atem, The Rev. Michael Carney, Ms. Tere Champ-Major, Ms. Connie Witt, Mr. Chuck Goode, Mr Nicholas Ellingson, Mr. Don Wood

The Diocesan Council continued its work of overseeing the budgetary finances of the diocese, grants to congregations, responding to the needs of the diocese and challenges facing it ministerial, and financial. The Council also discussed and implemented actions regarding the inequalities present within the society and the diocese due to racism. The Bishop gave candid and full reports to the Council on his activities especially in regard to the challenges of the pandemic. Some of the actions are listed below.

- Nic Ellingson was appointed the Secretary of Council
- The Council continually monitored and received reports regarding the spread of COVID-19. The Bishop reported to the Council actions he was taking to reduce the spread of the virus in the diocese.
- The Grants Committee approved the grants to congregations.
- The Council approved the formation of a long range financial planning taskforce comprising of two members from Council, two members of the Standing Committee and two members from the Finance Committee.
- The Council approved a small repairs grant of 2500 to St. Stephen's
- The Council approved sharing the cost with the Standing Committee for the implementation of an enterprise software system to update the accounting system that the Diocese of Utah presently uses. The overall cost of the transition is projected to be 350,000 dollars over two years.
- The Council received and approved the audit report for the Diocese as provided by Tanner and Associates.
- The Council, though having no oversight of the Search and Transition Process for the nomination and election of the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Utah, received regular updates from Michael Carney+, Chair of the Nominating Committee.
- The Council approved and passed the 2022 budget for the Diocese of Utah.
- The Council approved people to serve as members of the Peace and Justice Commission with Rebecca Chavez Houck serving as the Chair of the Commission.
- The Council engaged the services of the Kaleidoscope Institute to provide Anti-Racism Training for the diocese.