



**WORKING PAPERS
for the
FORTY NINTH
ANNUAL CONVENTION
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN KANSAS
OCTOBER 15-16, 2021
Colby, KS**

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**Convention Schedule
Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas
51st Annual Convention
October 15-16, 2021, Colby, KS**

(Masks will be required at all Convention Activities)

Thursday, October 14th

6:00 PM: Pre - Convention Event at the **Ascension-on-the-Prairie, 1170 Wheatridge Rd. Colby, KS 67701**

Friday, October 15th

***All Legislative Sessions, workshops and Banquet will be at the City Limits Convention Center,
2227 S Range Ave, Colby, KS 67701***

8:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Registration	Convention Center
10:30 a.m.	Convention Opening Eucharist Ordination- Scott Mentzer/Pat Schiefen	Colby UNM Church
11:45 a.m.	Lunch on your own	
12:30 p.m.	Registration	Convention Center
2:00 p.m.	1 st Legislative Session	Convention Center
4:00 p.m.	Break and Refreshments	Convention Center
4:15 p.m.	Workshop: <i>"Multi-Cultural Ministries In Western Kansas</i>	The Canon Rev. J.J. Bernal The Rev. Curate Tom Kerschen
5:00 p.m.	Recess and Committee Meetings	TBA
6:00 p.m.	Social Time and Banquet, awards, raffle	Convention Center

Saturday, October 16th

Morning:	Breakfast on your own at your hotel	
8:45 a.m.	Clergy Spouses breakfast.	TBA
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer & UTO Ingathering	Convention Center
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	2 nd Legislative Session Resumes/Adjourns	Convention Center

DISPATCH OF BUSINESS
Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas
51st Annual Convention
October 15-16, 2021, Colby, KS.

Reverend Clergy, Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen, Honored Guests, the Dispatch of Business asks that you move and adopt the following order of business:

The Schedule of Business
The Order of Business
The Special Order of Business

We move that the following schedule be adopted for this Convention:

Friday, October 15, 2021

2:00 P.M. 1st LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

1. Opening prayers
2. Call to order
3. Appointment of Dispatch of Business
4. Report from Dispatch of Business
5. Welcome to Colby
6. Election of Parliamentarian
7. Election of Convention Secretary
8. Appointment of Assistant Secretary of Convention
9. Introduction of appointed Tellers
10. Seat and Voice
11. Committee on Credentials
12. Announcement of a quorum
13. Dispatch of Business

Reports:

14. Resolutions Committee
15. Presentation from the Budget Committee for the 2022 budget (not open for discussion or action at this time).
16. Nominations Committee: Nominations may be received from the floor.
17. Constitution and Canons

- 4:00 P.M.** Break and Refreshments
- 4:15 P.M.** Workshop: “**Multi Cultural Ministries in Western Kansas**” – Canon J.J. Bernal & Curate Tom Kerschen
- 5:00 P.M.** Hearings, Committee Meetings – **TBA**
- 6:00 P.M.** Social Hour (Cash Bar) – **Convention Center**
- 7:00 P.M.** Convention Banquet -**Convention Center**

2nd LEGISLATIVE SESSION: Saturday, October 16th

- 8:45 A.M.** Clergy Spouse Breakfast – **TBA**
- 9:30 A.M.** Morning Prayer – **Convention Center**
- 10:00 A.M.** **Convention Business**

1. Dispatch of Business
2. Credentials
3. Elections
4. Reports from selected Committees and Officers
5. Financial Report of the Diocese
6. Vote of 2022 budget – discussion and action
7. Report from Committee on Resolution – discussion and action
8. Report from Committee on Constitution & Canons – discussion and action
9. Diocesan appointments
10. Time and place of future conventions
11. Congratulations and Gratitude
12. Dispatch of Business
13. Announcements
14. Adjournment

We so move.

Be it further moved, that the following special order of business be adopted.

- The Bishops address has been given during the Opening Eucharist on Friday, October 15th.
- Offerings from the Convention Worship services will be used to support Biblically based ministries in the Diocese.
- That this Convention sends greetings to The Rt. Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Strickland and The Rt. Rev. and Mrs. James M. Adams, Jr.,
- That any special order of business may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present at this convention, providing there is a quorum of the House present.

We so move.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION COMMITTEES FOR 2021

DISPATCH OF BUSINESS:		MRS. CAROLYN PETERSON
SECRETARY TO CONVENTION:		MRS. TONI COTTRELL
ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO CONVENTION:		MRS. JACKI MITCHELL
PARLIAMENTARIAN/CHANCELLOR		MR. MARK KLIEWER
NOMINATIONS:	CHAIR:	THE REV. DENNIS GILHOUSEN MRS. GEORGIA BRIERY
RESOLUTIONS: & CONGRATULATIONS & GRATITUDE	CHAIR:	THE REV. TED BLAKLEY MRS. PAM SMITH
CREDENTIALS:	CHAIR:	THE REV. AMY LONG MR. BOB PREWITT MS. SUSAN SMITH
BUDGET & FINANCE:	CHAIR:	DR. MIKE WAMSLEY THE RT. REV. MICHAEL MILLIKEN MRS. TONI COTTRELL MRS. CAROLYN PETERSON MRS. PAM SMITH
CONSTITUTION & CANONS:	CHAIR:	MR. MARK KLIEWER THE REV. JERRY JONES
NECROLOGY:	CHAIR:	THE REV. JEFF MITCHELL
TELLERS	CHAIR:	THE REV. SHAY CRAIG MRS. POLLY DAME MRS. MOLLY LAMB
FUTURE CONVENTIONS	CHAIR:	THE REV. DON MARTIN
COMMITTEE TO REVIEW BISHOP'S ADDRESS:	CHAIR:	THE REV. DONALD MARTIN MRS. JULIE STEEN MRS. MARTHA HULLET

FIRST REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

These are the Nominations as of October 8, 2021

STANDING COMMITTEE - One clergy and one lay member to be elected for a three-year term.

Clergy: Andy Houltberg (Salina)

Lay: Mrs. Pam Smith (Salina)

Incumbents: Rev. Canon Shay Craig, Rev. Karen Lemon, Mr. Michael Wamsley, Mrs. Nan Pyle

DIOCESAN COUNCIL - Two clergy and two lay members to be elected for a three-year term.

Clergy: The Rev. Teresa Lahar (Great Bend), The Rev. Todd Ray (Hutchinson)

Lay: Nikki Houchen, (Hays), Jill Stromberg, (Lyons)

Incumbents: Rev. Tom Kerschen, Rev. Jeff Mitchell, Rev. Canon Jerry Jones, Rev. Canon Catherine Cox,
Mr. Harry Smith, Mrs. Carolyn Peterson, Mr. Butch Pyle, Mr. James Lemon

**COMMISSION ON MINISTRY – One clergy and One lay members to be elected for a two-year term.
One Clergy to be elected for a one-year term. (One clergy and one lay person and a chairperson from the clergy order to be appointed by the Bishop)**

Clergy: The Rev. Teresa Lahar, (Great Bend), The Rev. Scott Mentzer, (Goodland)

Lay: Sara Martin (Colby)

Incumbents: Rev. Canon J.J. Bernal, Mr. Bob Prewitt, Mrs. Margie Prewitt

THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD – 3 Members to be appointed by the Bishop for a three-year term.

Incumbents: Rev. Karen Lemon, Rev. John Seatvet, Rev. Todd Ray, Mr. Steve Fontaine, Mrs. Pam Smith

DIOCESAN TREASURER_____	*Dr. Michael Wamsley, Hutchinson
DIOCESAN CHANCELLOR/PARLIAMENTARIAN_____	*Mr. Mark Kleiwer, Garden City
CHAIRMAN OF DISPATCH_____	*Mrs. Carolyn Peterson, Salina
SECRETARY OF CONVENTION_____	*Mrs. Toni Cottrell, Hutchinson
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF CONVENTION_____	*Mrs. Jacki Mitchell, Liberal

Note: Nominations may be made from the floor of convention.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOMINEES

Diocesan Council

THE REV. TERESA LAHAR: I moved to Chase Kansas in October 1988 from California. Owned and operated my own salon for 23 years. Moved to Great Bend sixteen years ago.

Being called by St. John's Church in Great Bend, I attended Bishop Kemper School for Ministry from 2016 to 2019. During which time I maintained my business, along with being a caregiver for my father until his death in 2020. Ordained to the Diaconate on June 15, 2019, and to the Priesthood December 15, 2019. I am currently serving as priest to St. John's. I was asked to serve that Diocesan Council two years ago and would like to continue to serve for another three. My husband Ray and I have been married these last 16 years. I value his support during my schooling and my two years as priest. And I value the support of St. John's and the Diocese of Western Kansas.

I seek your vote for this position. Thank you.

THE REV. DEACON TODD RAY: Deacon Todd is a member of Grace Episcopal in Hutchinson. He completed his studies at BKSM in May 2021 and was ordained on Juneteenth 2021. Todd is married to Susie. They have three adult sons- Sean, Ian who is married to Jessica, and Graham who is engaged to Ursula. Granddaughters Elliott and Emerson take a big piece of his heart.

Commission On Ministry

THE REV. TERESA LAHAR: (See bio in Diocesan Council)

Standing Committee

THE REV. ANDY HOULTBERG: Andy is the Executive Director at Ashby House Community Services and a transitional deacon in the Diocese of Western Kansas. He and his family have been members of Christ Cathedral since 2018, where they currently serve in various capacities. Andy has over twenty years of experience working in nonprofit organizations and faith communities. Much of his time has been dedicated to creating and implementing initiatives and programs that support individuals and families facing tremendous hardship, adversity, and social injustices (e.g., trauma, incarceration, substance abuse, homelessness, poverty). He is married to his high school sweetheart Sandy; they have three wonderful children: Bradyn, a junior at KWU in Salina, studying music education; Isaiah, a freshman at UMKC in Kansas City studying architecture; and Emery, who is an 8th grader and playing a lot of soccer. Andy has a passion for helping the Church fulfill its calling to love mercy, act justly and walk humbly before God.

MRS. PAM SMITH:

- Served on Diocesan Council (2 terms).
- Cradle Episcopalian. Member of Christ Cathedral for more than 35 years.
- Lay Eucharistic Minister for over 35 years.
- Serve on Altar Guild as a substitute, Usher, and Acolyte.
- Served on Vestry. Clerk, Senior Warden.
- Search Committee for Dean of Cathedral and for Bishop of W KS.
- Diocesan Treasurer for 8 years
- Received Bishop's award from Bishop Ashby
- Attended General Convention in 2000, 2015 and 2018
- Graduate Peru State College and University of Nebraska. Home Economics Education, MS Nutrition
- Served on Boards for Red Cross, CAPS, United Way, Smokey Hills Education Foundation, Women to Women.
- Retired 2017
- Married to Harry; 3 daughters, 6 grandchildren

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NIKKI HOUCHEN: I have grown up in a Christian home and involved in the church all my life. I even met my husband at church when I was 10 years old. We got married right out high school and started expanding our family. We have 4 amazing kids ranging from Highschool down to elementary. I have a double Bachelor degree in Bible and and Applied Psychology. I have also have a Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health from Denver Seminary. We have lived the last 7 years in China working with Fort Hays State University. The university has just transferred us to the Hays campus and I am the Admissions Coordinator for international students. Working with students from all over the world has been eye opening and is expanding our understanding of what church and love means. I love learning and expanding what it means to serve and love others.

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Commission On Ministry

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THE REV. SCOTT MENTZER: (Nominated by the Rev. Donald Martin): It is my pleasure to nominate the Rev. Scott Mentzer as a clergy member of the Commission on Ministry. As I write, he is a lay person. Before we gather for the business of convention, he will be ordained as a deacon by Bishop Cowell. This means he will have a unique perspective as a person who has just worked through the process leading to ordained ministry. His experience will be beneficial to the Commission and to the Diocese.

Scott, his wife Deb, and their two children moved to Goodland in 1994 and have been involved ever since at all levels of the life at St. Paul's.

Scott retired in 2015 from the National Weather Service. Scott is a graduate of the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry. The family now included five grandchildren who live with their parents in the Kansas City area.

MRS. JACKI MITCHELL: I am a lifetime member of St Andrews in Liberal. As a child, I was an acolyte. As an adult, I serve on Altar Guild (30 years), served on the Vestry, and currently the Treasurer. I have served on Commission on Ministry for the Diocese for several years. I am married to Rev. Jeff Mitchell. We have 2 grown children, Cody 25, and Rylee 23.

MISS SARA MARTIN: I was born and raised in Colby, Kansas. I attended college at Kansas State University where I became involved with the campus ministry, Cru. I interned with Cru from 2015-2017. After a brief stint in Kansas City, I moved back to Colby in 2018. I am honored at the prospect of serving the Church on this commission.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE 2021

A resolution in support of Diocesan Missionaries/Multicultural Ministries

(The number and title are assigned by the resolutions committee.)

Resolved, that the Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas reaffirms its commitment to support our Multi-Cultural Ministries by remembering them our prayers and considering them when distributing mission funds.

Explanation

Our baptismal covenant calls us to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves. In the Diocese of Western Kansas, we answer that call with Multi-Cultural Ministries at St. Cornelius' in Dodge City and by growing Multi-Cultural Ministries in Garden City, Liberal and Ulysses. And in these cities, the harvest is plenty, here are some compelling statistics:

Mission Field	Residents who speak a language other than English	The number of home's for whom that language is Spanish
Dodge City	60%	56%
Garden City	47%	40%
Ulysses	51%	50%
Liberal	60%	55%

Answering a call to Multi-Cultural Ministries mission provides an illustration of an obedient response to God's call and can serve as a reminder of God's call in all of our lives. Acknowledging cross-cultural missionary service in our midst reminds us as a Church of our inter-relationship with the world and of the reach of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

Diversity. Our ministry is committed to fostering a closer engagement with God by transforming the lives of God's children regardless of nationality, race, gender, sexual orientation, and sexual preference.

Impact on formation and mission

Recognizing the sacrifices and accomplishments of Multi-Cultural Ministries past and present serves to model the connection that we all have to one another in Christ Jesus and encourages us "to represent Christ and his Church, to bear witness to him wherever [we] may be, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world." (Catechism, or An Outline of the Faith, BCP page 855).

Multi-Cultural ministry in our diocese promotes the values of the Diocese:

Worship:

Our current and planning services:

- ✓ St. Cornelius, in Dodge City holds a service of Holy Eucharist in English at:
 - *10 AM Sunday in English.
 - *1 PM Sunday Bilingual English/Spanish.
 - *3 PM Sunday Eucharist in Dinka (South Sudanese) (Planning is in process).
 - * 6PM Daily Evening Prayer. Bilingual English/Spanish
 - * 5 Bilingual/Bi-vocational vocations to the holy Orders have been identifying. Two are currently at BKSM.

- ✓ St. Thomas, Garden City holds services of Holy Eucharist at these times in languages.

*10 AM	Sunday in English/Karen (K'REN), Spanish.
*1 PM	Sunday Bilingual English/Spanish.
* 6PM	Wednesday Evening Prayer.
	Online Bilingual Bible Study English/Spanish.

- ✓ St. John's, in Ulysses holds a service of Holy Eucharist in English at:

*8 AM	Sunday in English.
*6 PM	Saturday Bilingual English/Spanish.

Impact on Budget

We propose that the Diocesan Budget for fiscal year 2022 include a line item of \$60,000 for the support of this ministry.

Presented By

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Sponsors Resolution,

Rev. Tom Charles Kerschen, Kingman
Rev. Canon Shay Craig, Saint Michael Episcopal Church, Hays, Vicar
Rev. Jeff Mitchell, St. Andrews' Episcopal Church, Liberal, Vicar
Rev. Ted Blakey, Grace Episcopal Church, Hutchinson, Rector
Mrs. Margaret Pruitt, Bishop's Warden, St. Thomas, Garden City.
Mr. John Treder, Senior Warden, St. Cornelius', Dodge City.
Mr. Marvin Feezor, Senior Warden, St. John's, Ulysses
Mrs. Fran Smith, Junior Warden, St. John's, Ulysses

COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

The financial statements of The Diocese of Western Kansas at September 30, 2021 are for the period January 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 and are unaudited. The assessment income represents income received for the period January 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 and reflects September assessments received through October 12, 2021. Expenses incurred are for the period January 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021. The financial statements that will appear in the 2021 Journal of the Diocese will be audited as of October 15, 2022.

The audited assets and liabilities of the Endowment Fund represent balances as of December 31, 2020. The audited Endowment Fund statement of assets, liabilities and fund balances are incorporated into the financial statement of the Diocese of Western Kansas at year end and will appear in the 2020 Journal of the Diocese of Western Kansas.

2020

Episcopal Church in Western Kansas Endowment Fund

Balance Sheet

	12/31/2020	12/31/2019	12/31/2018	12/31/2017
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Assets				
Cash (Margin)-Charles Schwab	(114,218)	(429,240)	(294,439)	69,325
Investments (see page 4)	<u>5,959,536</u>	<u>4,940,276</u>	<u>3,892,986</u>	<u>3,907,909</u>
Total Assets	<u>5,845,318</u>	<u>4,511,036</u>	<u>3,598,547</u>	<u>3,977,233</u>
Managed Fund Liabilities				
Ashby House	627,867	510,466	607,717	819,827
Grace Church Anthony	(68)	2,652	2,000	2,034
Larned Pilgrimage	-	-	-	29,348
St. Elizabeth's Russell	-	-	-	1,643
St. Mark's Medicine Lodge	41,190	40,627	30,636	31,154
St Paul's Goodland	70,017	56,925	42,926	43,652
St Thomas Garden City	155,640	131,510	99,168	
Sts.Mary & Martha Larned	158,989			
Trinity Norton	<u>36,441</u>	<u>29,627</u>	<u>22,341</u>	<u>22,719</u>
Total Managed Funds	<u>1,090,076</u>	<u>771,807</u>	<u>804,788</u>	<u>950,376</u>
Council Restricted Funds				
Future Ministry Epiphany Grant	250,430			
Future Ministry Opportunity	757,168	615,590	305,309	310,473
Lambeth Conference	18,359	14,926	20,677	21,027
Standing Committee	<u>4,917</u>	<u>3,998</u>	<u>3,015</u>	<u>3,066</u>
Total Council Restricted Funds	<u>1,030,874</u>	<u>634,514</u>	<u>329,001</u>	<u>334,565</u>
Donor Restricted Funds				
Permanently Restricted Original Contributions				
Altar Guild	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Holy Apostles Ellsworth	4,180	4,180	4,180	4,180
Incarnation Salina	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
St Anne's McPherson	86,000	86,000	86,000	86,000
Undesignated Diocese	<u>1,180,019</u>	<u>1,180,019</u>	<u>1,180,019</u>	<u>1,180,019</u>
Total Original Contributions	<u>1,288,199</u>	<u>1,288,199</u>	<u>1,288,199</u>	<u>1,288,199</u>
Temporarily Restricted Accumulated Earnings				
Altar Guild	2,029	1,569	1,024	1,162
Holy Apostles Ellsworth	3,351	2,208	852	1,195
Incarnation Salina	7,263	5,220	500	1,545
St Anne's McPherson	130,046	97,253	58,344	68,203
Undesignated Diocese	<u>1,457,899</u>	<u>1,057,496</u>	<u>582,428</u>	<u>702,795</u>
Total Accumulated Earnings	<u>1,600,588</u>	<u>1,163,745</u>	<u>643,149</u>	<u>774,901</u>
Total Donor Restricted Funds	<u>2,888,787</u>	<u>2,451,944</u>	<u>1,931,348</u>	<u>2,063,100</u>
Spendable Funds				
Altar Guild	9,297	7,452	5,533	5,523
Holy Apostles Ellsworth	1,620	1,052	5,404	8,275
Incarnation Salina	2,505	8,141	5,394	4,736
St Anne's McPherson	28,235	15,352	13,042	32,683
St Michaels Hays	18,833			
Undesignated Diocese	<u>775,091</u>	<u>620,774</u>	<u>504,038</u>	<u>577,976</u>
Total Spendable Funds	<u>835,582</u>	<u>652,771</u>	<u>533,411</u>	<u>629,192</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>5,845,318</u>	<u>4,511,036</u>	<u>3,598,547</u>	<u>3,977,233</u>

2020 Episcopal Church in Western Kansas Endowment Fund

Funds Statement

	1/1/2020- 12/31/2020	1/1/2019- 12/31/2019	1/1/2018- 12/31/2018	1/1/2017- 12/31/2017
Receipts				
Ashby House				43,280
Future Ministry Opportunity	203,604	199,850		
Grace Church Anthony	446			
Incarnation Salina				10,000
Larned Pilgrimage				25,000
Saints Mary & Martha Larned	145,086			
St. Michaels Ministry Hays	50,000			
St Paul's Goodland				36,000
St Thomas Garden City	-	-	100,000	-
Total Contributions	399,136	199,850	100,000	114,280
Withdrawals				
Ashby House	-	(240,000)	(200,000)	(33,000)
Grace Church Anthony	(3,098)	-	-	-
Holy Apostles Ellsworth	-	(5,404)	(3,000)	(6,000)
Incarnation Salina	(10,000)			
Lambeth Conference	-	(11,000)		
Larned Pilgrimage		-	(29,348)	
St Anne's McPherson	-	(6,667)	(26,668)	(30,001)
St Elizabeth's Russell		-	(1,643)	(2,500)
St Mark's Medicine Lodge	(7,700)			(2,343)
St Michaels Ministry Hays	(35,000)			
St Thomas Garden City	(6,000)			
Undesignated	(90,000)	(123,000)	(155,000)	(154,000)
Total Distributions	(151,798)	(386,071)	(415,659)	(227,844)
Investments				
Dividends	71,040	66,991	62,043	66,047
Interest Expense	(3,356)	(15,571)	(4,311)	(4,272)
Litigation Recovery	-	-	-	111
Realized Gain (Loss)	-	-	61,663	(49,029)
Taxes (Withheld) Refunded	-	-	-	(771)
Unrealized Gain (Loss)	1,019,261	1,047,290	(182,423)	740,852
Net Investment Income	1,086,944	1,098,709	(63,027)	752,937
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,334,282	912,488	(378,686)	639,373

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN KANSAS

Profit & Loss Budget Performance

* Other Financial Statements are available for review in the Diocesan Office

*Assessment Income reflects September Assessments received through 10/8/2021.

		Jan - Sep 21	Budget	Jan - Sep 21	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense						
	Income					
	4000 · Assessment revenue	122,823.60	140,251.00	122,823.60	140,251.00	187,000.00
	4166 · Reimbursable Items	-55,444.81	0.00	-55,444.81	0.00	0.00
	4700 · Investment Income					
	4710 · Income from Endowment Fund	65,000.00	112,395.30	65,000.00	112,395.30	149,860.41
	Total 4700 · Investment Income	65,000.00	112,395.30	65,000.00	112,395.30	149,860.41
	4900 · Other Revenue	90,339.46	375.02	90,339.46	375.02	500.00
	Total Income	222,718.25	253,021.32	222,718.25	253,021.32	337,360.41
	Gross Profit	222,718.25	253,021.32	222,718.25	253,021.32	337,360.41
	Expense					
	5000 · Outside of Diocese Expenses					
	5010 · General Church Program Pledge	16,097.38	24,146.05	16,097.38	24,146.05	32,194.74
	5020 · General Convention Deputies	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	5,000.00
	5040 · Provincial Assessment	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
	5050 · Provincial Delegates	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	5060 · Lambeth Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total 5000 · Outside of Diocese Expenses	16,097.38	27,146.05	16,097.38	27,146.05	37,694.74
	5300 · Ministry Expense					
	5302 · Multicultural Ministries	26,069.00	0.00	26,069.00	0.00	0.00
	5310 · Diocesan Ministry Expense	2,914.34	3,750.02	2,914.34	3,750.02	5,000.00
	5330 · Retired Clergy Ins. Program	2,050.00	1,950.02	2,050.00	1,950.02	2,600.00
	5350 · Clergy Deployment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	5360 · Clergy Evaluations and BG Check	1,507.50	1,499.96	1,507.50	1,499.96	2,000.00
	Total 5300 · Ministry Expense	32,540.84	7,200.00	32,540.84	7,200.00	9,600.00
	5555 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	5600 · Diocesan Program Expense					
	5601 · Program Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	5620 · Diocesan Youth Program	0.00	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00	3,000.00
	5621 · Diocesan Youth Travel Expense	0.00	1,500.02	0.00	1,500.02	2,000.00
	5625 · Ecumenical Ministry Expense	0.00	374.99	0.00	374.99	500.00
	5650 · Clergy Conference	0.00	1,499.96	0.00	1,499.96	2,000.00
	5651 · Clergy Spouse Hospitality Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
	5652 · Disaster initiative Expense	0.00	75.01	0.00	75.01	100.00
	5674 · Commission On Ministry	0.00	187.51	0.00	187.51	250.00
	5676 · Prairie Spirit & misc pub Exp	2,771.18	3,074.99	2,771.18	3,074.99	4,100.00
	5680 · Search Process Expense	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	1,000.00
	5689 · Church Planting	0.00	750.01	0.00	750.01	1,000.00
	5690 · Bishops Ministry/Evangelism Fnd	950.00	1,499.96	950.00	1,499.96	2,000.00
	5691 · Bishop Kemper School for Minist	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
	Total 5600 · Diocesan Program Expense	9,721.18	17,712.45	9,721.18	17,712.45	22,550.00

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN KANSAS

Profit & Loss Budget Performance (cont.)

			5900 · Episcopate						
			5901 · Episcopate Stipend	49,801.50	49,801.50	49,801.50	49,801.50	66,402.00	
			5902 · Episcopate Housing/Utilities	22,500.00	22,500.00	22,500.00	22,500.00	30,000.00	
			5903 · Episcopate Pension	7,783.25	14,009.87	7,783.25	14,009.87	18,679.82	
			59035 · Episcopate Social Security	5,531.40	5,531.07	5,531.40	5,531.07	7,374.75	
			5904 · Episcopate Group Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
			5906 · Episcopate Hospitality Expense	1,749.83	2,250.00	1,749.83	2,250.00	3,000.00	
			5907 · Episcopate Travel & Other Exps	13,543.75	11,250.00	13,543.75	11,250.00	15,000.00	
			5909 · Continuing Education	1,200.00	2,250.00	1,200.00	2,250.00	3,000.00	
			5910 · Assisting Bishop Expense	4,161.37	7,500.01	4,161.37	7,500.01	10,000.00	
			5912 · Lambeth Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
			Total 5900 · Episcopate	106,271.10	115,092.45	106,271.10	115,092.45	153,456.57	
			59400 · Office operations						
			5940 · Salaries						
			59401 · Salary-Administrative	31,518.00	31,518.00	31,518.00	31,518.00	42,024.00	
			Total 5940 · Salaries	31,518.00	31,518.00	31,518.00	31,518.00	42,024.00	
			5941 · Payroll Taxes	2,411.13	2,411.14	2,411.13	2,411.14	3,214.84	
			5942 · Staff-Medical Insurance	16,560.00	14,904.00	16,560.00	14,904.00	19,872.00	
			5943 · Staff-Pension	2,836.62	2,836.62	2,836.62	2,836.62	3,782.16	
			5946 · Staff-Travel Expense	950.61	2,812.50	950.61	2,812.50	3,750.00	
			5948 · Bank Fees and Service Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
			5949 · Office Supplies Expense	1,853.78	1,875.01	1,853.78	1,875.01	2,500.00	
			5950 · Dues, Fees & Subscriptions	2,193.73	1,500.02	2,193.73	1,500.02	2,000.00	
			5955 · Phone and Internet Expense	2,348.94	1,399.57	2,348.94	1,399.57	1,866.10	
			5959 · Office Equipment Expense	778.95	900.00	778.95	900.00	1,200.00	
			5960 · Postage Expense	902.34	900.00	902.34	900.00	1,200.00	
			5965 · Diocesan Insurance Expense	11,772.58	10,499.99	11,772.58	10,499.99	14,000.00	
			5975 · Repair Office Equipment Exp	0.00	75.01	0.00	75.01	100.00	
			5976 · Office Rental Expense	6,211.55	6,899.99	6,211.55	6,899.99	9,200.00	
			5978 · Audit Expense	0.00	6,800.00	0.00	6,800.00	6,800.00	
			5980 · Diocesan Convention Expense	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	
			5981 · Diocesan Journal Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	
			5982 · Diocesan Meeting Expense	20.49	375.02	20.49	375.02	500.00	
			Total 59400 · Office operations	80,358.72	86,706.87	80,358.72	86,706.87	114,059.10	
			6560 · Payroll Expenses	70.00		70.00			
			Total Expense	245,059.22	253,857.82	245,059.22	253,857.82	337,360.41	
			Net Ordinary Income	-22,340.97	-836.50	-22,340.97	-836.50	0.00	
			Other Income/Expense	4,782.30	0.00	4,782.30	0.00	0.00	
			Net Income	-17,558.67	-836.50	-17,558.67	-836.50	0.00	

Diocese of Western Kansas

2022 Proposed Budget

		2021 Budget	2022 Budget	
4000	Assessment revenue	\$ 187,000.00	\$ 187,000.00	
4166	Reimbursable Items	\$ -	\$ -	
4700	Investment Income	\$ 151,500.00	\$ 207,965.55	☆
4900	Other Revenue	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
		\$ 339,000.00	\$ 395,465.55	
5000	Outside of Diocese Expenses			
5010	General Church Program Pledge	\$ 32,194.74	\$ 24,610.00	☆
5020	General Convention Deputies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
5040	Provincial Assessment	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00	☆
5050	Provincial Delegates			
5060	Lambeth Conference			
Total 5000	Outside of Diocese Expenses	\$ 37,694.74	\$ 29,860.00	
5300	Ministry Expense			
5302	MultiCultural Ministries	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	☆
5310	Diocesan Ministry Expense	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
5330	Retired Clergy Ins. Program	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	
5350	Clergy Deployment	\$ -	\$ -	
5360	Clergy Evaluations and BG Check	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
Total 5300	Diocesan Ministry Work	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 70,600.00	
55555	Miscellaneous Expense			
5600	Diocesan Program Expense			
5601	Program Expense	\$ -	\$ -	
5620	Diocesan Youth Program	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
5621	Diocesan Youth Travel Expense	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
5625	Ecumenical Ministry Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
5650	Clergy Conference	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
5651	Clergy Spouse Hospitality Exp	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	
5652	Disaster initiative Expense	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
5674	Commission On Ministry	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	
5676	Prairie Spirit & misc pub Exp	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,100.00	
5680	Search Process Expense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
5689	Church Planting	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
5690	Bishops Ministry/Evangelism Fnd	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
5691	Bishop Kemper School for Minist	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	
Total 5600	Diocesan Program Expense	\$ 22,550.00	\$ 22,550.00	

**Diocese of Western Kansas
2022 Proposed Budget (contd.)**

5900 · Episcopate				
5901 · Episcopate Stipend	\$	66,402.00	\$	68,400.00 ☆
5902 · Episcopate Housing/Utilities	\$	30,000.00	\$	30,000.00
5903 · Episcopate Pension	\$	18,679.82	\$	17,712.00 ☆
59035 · Episcopate Social Security	\$	7,374.75	\$	7,527.60 ☆
5904 · Episcopate Group Insurance	\$	-	\$	-
5906 · Episcopate Hospitality Expense	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00
5907 · Episcopate Travel & Other Exps	\$	15,000.00	\$	15,000.00
5909 · Continuing Education	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00
5910 · Assisting Bishop Expense	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00
5912 · Lambeth Conference				
Total 5900 · Episcopate	\$	153,456.57	\$	154,639.60
59400 · Office operations				
5940 · Salaries				
59401 · Salary-Administrative	\$	42,024.00	\$	43,285.00 ☆
5941 · Payroll Taxes	\$	3,214.84	\$	3,311.30 ☆
5942 · Staff-Medical Insurance	\$	19,872.00	\$	20,424.00 ☆
5943 · Staff-Pension	\$	3,782.16	\$	3,895.65 ☆
5946 · Staff-Travel Expense	\$	3,750.00	\$	3,750.00
5948 · Bank Fees and Service Charges	\$	-	\$	-
5949 · Office Supplies Expense	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00
5950 · Dues, Fees & Subscriptions	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,500.00 ☆
5955 · Phone and Internet Expense	\$	3,500.00	\$	2,600.00 ☆
5959 · Office Equipment Expense	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,200.00
5960 · Postage Expense	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,200.00
5965 · Diocesan Insurance Expense	\$	14,000.00	\$	14,500.00 ☆
5975 · Repair Office Equipment Exp	\$	100.00	\$	100.00
5976 · Office Rental Expense	\$	9,200.00	\$	9,200.00
5978 · Audit Expense	\$	6,800.00	\$	6,800.00
5980 · Diocesan Convention Expense	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00
5981 · Diocesan Journal Expense	\$	50.00	\$	50.00
5982 · Diocesan Meeting Expense	\$	500.00	\$	500.00
Total 59400 · Office operations	\$	115,693.00	\$	117,815.95
	\$	339,000.00	\$	395,465.55

SHEAF OF REPORTS

DIOCESE OF WESTERN KANSAS

TO THE FIFTY FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

These reports from diocesan institutions, task forces, committees, special officers, and staff are intended to inform the Convention of progress and accomplishments in the mission the Convention has charged us to do. Please take time to look through them.

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DIOCESAN COUNCIL

The Diocesan Council met 4 times this year. 3 of those meetings were held via ZOOM but we were blessed to meet in person once before COVID reared its ugly head again. The Council discussed and dealt with the business of the Diocese during the meetings and the closing of several churches has been a difficult reality. The good news shared during the meetings have given new life to the Diocese as BKSM will have a virtual setting in Dodge City and several new Deacons and Priests have either been ordained or will be soon. The Multicultural Ministries continue to grow in the Diocese. God is good and has continued to bless this Diocese with wonderful leadership and with very devoted Episcopalians. Copies of the minutes of the Council meetings are available at the Diocesan Office.

Carolyn Peterson
Council Secretary

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Standing Committee Serves as the Bishop's Council of Advice, and acts in matters such as recognizing new missions and missions becoming parishes, consenting to alienation or hypothecation of congregational or institutional property, consulting upon differences between a rector and vestry, approving the progress of individuals through the process for ordination to the diaconate or priesthood, approving the release and removal of individuals from the ordained ministry, consenting to the deconsecrating of churches, and, consenting, along with other standing committees (consent of a majority of standing committees being required), to the election of bishops of other dioceses or filling a vacancy in the office of presiding bishop; Serves as Ecclesiastical Authority for the exercise of specified episcopal functions when no bishop is authorized to act by reason of vacancy in office, and acts according to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church.

During the past year the Standing Committee has faithfully carried out its mission despite the inconveniences of the Covid Pandemic. We met in person when we could, but most of the business was conducted via zoom meetings.

We joy to see the Diocese continue to move according to the direction of the Holy Spirit, especially in the raising up of new people called to the ordained ministry, namely, Andy Houlberg Todd Ray, Shane Schneider, Scott Mentzer, and Pat Schiefen. Currently there are people in Dodge City, Hays and Liberal in the discernment process. A remote BKSM learning and formation group, similar to the one we had last year in Garden City, is being established in Dodge City, under the guidance of The Rev. Canon JJ Bernal.

We also joy in the continuing financial health of our diocese. Surely God has a plan for us.

We were deeply saddened by the loss of Mary Hixson. David Hodges was appointed to take her place on the Committee.

As a part of the whole Episcopal Church, we assisted in approving the elections of the following Diocesan bishops: Ketlan A Solak, Pittsburgh, Paul-Gordon Chandler of Wyoming, and Betsey Monnot of Iowa.

Some of the routine business conducted included approving a temporary easement for Holy Nativity in Kinsley, completion of the sale of St. John's to St. Francis, and approval for the sale of Grace Church in Anthony.

As we continue to move forward as a Diocese, we know that, in the words of Dame Julian, "all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well."

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Carolyn Ballinger, Ph.D., Chair of Standing Committee

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COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

The Canons of the Episcopal Church direct that the Commission on Ministry shall advise and assist the Bishop in:

- (a) The implementation of the Title III Canons of the Episcopal Church.
- (b) In the determination of present and future opportunities and needs for the ministry of all baptized persons.
- (c) In the design and oversight of the ongoing process for recruitment, discernment, formation for ministry, and assessment of readiness therefor.

The Commission is composed of the following diocesan clergy and laypersons: The , The Rev. Amy Long (Hutchinson), The Rev. Carolyn Ballinger (Mother Carolyn has now moved to the Navajoland Area Mission), The Rev Mary Hixson (Mary died from complications of COVID 19 in November of 2020), Mother Mary was replaced by the Very Rev. David Hodges (Cathedral), The Rev Cn. J.J. Bernal (Dodge City); Mrs., Jackie Mitchell (Liberal), Mrs. Carolyn Peterson (Salina), and Bob & Margie Prewitt (Garden City).

Dean Hodges, Mother Amy, Jacki Mitchell and Carolyn Peterson will be rotating off the COM as of the Diocesan Convention and we thank them for their dedicated and loyal service to our Church and the Diocese.

Since the Diocesan Convention of 2020, the Commission on Ministry (as the end of August) the COM has met five (5) times (Several meetings were virtual due to COVID restrictions).

Meetings:

October 24, 2020: Commission met via Zoom. We interviewed 5 Postulants who were applying for advancement to Candidacy level in the process: Interviewed were: Julie Meier of Ulysses; Pat Schiefen of Goodland; Scott Mentzer of Goodland; Todd Ray of Hutchinson, and Andy Houlberg of Salina. All were recommended to Bishop Cowell for advancement to Candidacy.

February 13, 2021: Commission met via Zoom. We reviewed Andy Houlberg's application for ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons. COM recommended ordination to Bishop Cowell. With the approval of the Standing Committee and the Bishop, Andy was ordained a Deacon on March 20, 2021, in Christ Cathedral.

May 8, 2021: Commission met via Zoom to review the application for Ordination of Todd Ray to the Sacred Order of Deacons. COM recommended ordination to Bishop Cowell. With the approval of the Standing Committee and the Bishop, Todd was ordained a Deacon on June 19, 2021, in Grace Church, Hutchinson.

July 24, 2021: Commission met at St. Michael's in Hays. We interviewed Scott Mentzer and Pat Schiefen who were applying for ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons. COM recommended ordination to Bishop Cowell. With the approval of the Standing Committee and the Bishop, Pat and Scott will be ordained Deacons at the opening Eucharist of the Diocesan Convention in October 2021.

Commission also interviewed, and recommended Shane Schneider's application for advancement to Candidate level.

August 21, 2021: The COM met at St. Cornelius Church in Dodge City to interview 3 Aspirants seeking Postulancy: Reynold Hamilton (Liberal); Sandra Herder (Dodge City); and Perry Harrison (Hays). The COM recommended all 3 Aspirants to the Bishop for admission as Postulants.

In other news: BKSM West continues to function, however this year we have moved to Dodge City where we have several distance students.

Further, an alternative path to ordination is being tried at the request of Bishop Cowell. This is a "Reading for Orders" program, and is currently in the "experimental stage" with two students in Hays who are being mentored by Mother Shay Craig, and the Bishops.

Respectfully Submitted
The Rt. Rev. Michael P. Milliken

THE CANON TO THE ORDINARY

I serve at the pleasure of our Diocesan Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Mark Cowell. The position of Canon is by appointment. My duties consist of serving as the Bishop's Chaplain at all diocesan worship services and by performing such other duties as prescribed by the bishop from time to time.

+Respectfully submitted:

The Rev. Canon Jerry S. Jones +

TREASURERS REPORT

The Ad Hoc Budget Committee met in the Diocesan offices, reviewed our financial reports for recent years. These reports are not the "normal numbers" that we would expect to see due to the Covid Virus situation during the last 18 to 24 months requiring a drastic change in the way our Churches have had to operate. Fortunately, the income side has stayed relatively stable, for which I wish to congratulate everyone for keeping up with their assessment payments as well as you have. The expense side of the report has changed in some areas for the same reasons. The Committee developed a budget with these things in mind. Our proposed budget is printed in your convention papers and has been approved by the Diocesan Council as required by the Canons of the Diocese. I would like to thank Bishop Cowell, Mrs. Pam Smith, and Mrs. Carolyn Peterson for their agreeing to assist in this matter, with a BIG THANKS to Mrs. Toni Cottrell who lays the groundwork for the Committee.

Prayerfully submitted,

Mike Wamsley, Diocesan Treasurer.

ENDOWMENT FUND TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Endowment investments had another big gain last year, gaining \$1,086,944 or 23% on invested assets. The S & P 500 gained 18% by comparison. Eight of the twelve securities we owned had double digit returns. No changes were made in the portfolio last year. The investment gain for the year was allocated proportionally among 27 funds based on last year's average monthly balance for each.

In addition to the investment performance, \$399,136 in new funds were received by the Endowment last year. Support for the Diocese has been made possible by many donors over the past 36 years, but by far the largest single donation (other than the stock market's gifts) was by Donna and Jack Vanier of Salina, who gave the Endowment \$542,000 in 2005. This single Undesignated donation has produced nearly half of the annual Endowment support for the operation of the Diocese.

Endowed Funds were given to the Endowment with the intent that the original gift would be preserved and only investment earnings be used by the beneficiaries. In this way, the gift could "keep on giving" forever. But if all investment earnings were distributed annually, only the original gifts would remain and inflation would eventually erode the value of these gifts. So, we accumulate investment earnings (and losses) in Temporarily Restricted accounts. Then we calculate five percent of the average of the most recent three years' Original Contributions and Temporarily Restricted fund balances for each Endowed Fund as the amount of new money to make available to the beneficiaries. The 5% is then transferred annually to its corresponding Spendable Fund. Any investment earnings over the 5% transferred are accumulated in the Temporarily Restricted Accumulated Earnings accounts. This year, \$125,107 of new Spendable money was made available for use by the Diocese and other beneficiaries. The total Spendable money (including \$710,475 of unspent funds from prior years) is now \$835,582.

(Endowment Report contd.)

The Endowment distributed \$90,000 to the Diocese, \$3,098 to Grace Church Anthony, \$10,000 from the Incarnation Salina Fund for the Montessori School at Christ Cathedral, \$7,700 to St. Marks Medicine Lodge, \$35,000 for the St. Michaels Ministry Hays and \$6,000 to St. Thomas Garden City.

Managed Funds may be withdrawn in part or in total by the depositor. Partial withdrawals are permitted upon the request of the depositor or on a regularly scheduled monthly or quarterly basis. Withdrawals of entire Managed Fund balances may be made with at least 30 days' written notice to the Trustees.

Council Restricted Funds may be withdrawn by the Diocese, subject to these guidelines:

- The Future Ministry Epiphany Grant Funds balance is \$250,430 and is to be used at the discretion of the Bishop and Council.
- The Future Ministry Opportunity Funds balance is \$757,168 and is to be used at the discretion of the Bishop and Council.
- The Lambeth Fund balance is \$18,359 and is to be used to help fund the Bishop's travel expenses to the Lambeth Conference.
- The Standing Committee Fund balance is \$4,919 and is to be used at the discretion of the Bishop and Council.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Michael Beatty, Trustee

Lori Bone, Trustee

Dr. Shelby Jones, Trustee

Jim Richardson, Trustee

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of the Diocese of Western Kansas is an organization of women that exists to support women as we remain committed to serving our Lord Jesus Christ through worship, prayer, service, and fellowship. All women in the Diocese are members of the ECW by their membership in the Episcopal Church.

Our vision is for all women of the Episcopal Church to become a vibrant blend of ages, coming together as a peacemaking, healing part of the Church and aspiring to be the working hands of Christ.

In 2021 We are planning another Diocesan wide Womens' retreat. We encourage all women to attend and join in worship, meditation and fellowship.

We are continuing to search for a person or persons to lead the Diocesan ECW. If you have any interest of doing this, please contact me at the Diocesan Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Cottrell

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

During the time of Covid 19 the DOK continued to cover our Diocese in prayer and service. Many of us have experienced recovery or death but through it all God has been with us hearing every prayer. Many service projects have been placed on hold but are now beginning to start helping others in a new light. Prayer is our biggest weapon, and many prayers are our strength. Open your heart to His word. God's commission to us is to "love one another as He loves us"

Prayer is so simple.

It is like quietly opening a door

and slipping into the very presence of God

There in the stillness

we can listen to His voice or even petition.

What we have to say matters not

just to be there... in His presence ...is prayer

For His Sake

Patti Wamsley

SECRETARY OF CONVENTION

I am honored to serve as the Secretary of Convention. I'd like to Thank the Assisting Secretary, Linda Boone for keeping the minutes of the 50th Diocesan Convention, which was held virtually from Hutchinson. Linda also transcribes the minutes. I appreciate her hard work in doing this. I enjoy being at the convention and seeing all the wonderful people in our Diocese. We are truly blessed in the Diocese of Western Kansas!

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Cottrell, Secretary

THE UNITED THANK OFFERING

2020 was another good year for UTO in Western Kansas. We collected \$2,535.83 at the Diocesan Convention in spite of the reality of meeting via Zoom rather than in person. We all realize the importance of this mission and I appreciate all who participated either in using the Blue Box, or writing a check.

Once we are back to full community worship and participation, it is well to remember both dates that Western Kansas designates for UTO Ingathering: once in the spring on Mothers' Day, and once in the Fall on the 3rd Sunday in September.

I hope that people will try using the Blue Box on a regular basis when you have something to be thankful for. It is just a daily reminder to remember the many blessings God has given to each and every one of us.

I know this year has been a difficult one for us all, I pray that next year will be more of a blessing for each of you individually, and for the Diocese of Western Kansas

Kathleen Milliken

UTO Chair

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

The Youth and Young Adult Ministries team suffered another year of limited events due to continuing safety concerns related to in-person gatherings. While we initially planned a traditional overnight youth convention in August, the back-to-school surge in COVID cases caused us to change course.

On Saturday, August 28, we gathered at the home of Jan & Julie Steen (Grace, Hutchinson) in Arlington, KS for a half-day youth convention. We shared a meal, played games, studied scripture, and enjoyed a sermon from Deacon Todd Ray as we worshiped together. We also elected two convention delegates: Gryffin Cowell and Canvas Lovesee. We prayerfully hope for a full return to in-person gatherings in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Amy & Brandon Long

Campus Ministry

To kick off campus ministry efforts in the diocese, we started with a service project. We dispersed 400 water bottles between Fort Hays State University, Dodge City Community College and Kansas Wesleyan University. These bottles had labels promoting the newly formed campus ministry Facebook group called “Western Kansas Campus Connections,” which intends to provide virtual fellowship opportunities for students throughout our diocese.

We are proud of the connections made so far, but we are a little disappointed that our Facebook group only has 10 members at the time of this writing. We have many ideas to keep promoting the group – like having virtual craft nights, “party in a box” fellowship opportunities and goodies during finals week with information on faith communities and resources in students’ geographic area. Additionally, we are offering care packages for students returning to school after summer or holiday breaks.

We are so looking forward to increasing engagement amongst college-aged students in our diocese! Please send any suggestions or questions to lindsey.kepka@gmail.com.

With gratitude,

Lindsey Kepka, Digital Missioner

Canon of Congregational Development

The role of the Canon for Congregational Development is to 1) assist in identifying and acquiring revenue for individual congregations and for the diocese in support of ministry goals, 2) to consult with, train and coach congregations on stewardship campaigns, and 3) to offer organizational development models, consulting and coaching to congregations and the diocese at the request of the Bishop.

In the past year, the Canon participated in fundraising efforts including the 50/50 Campaign, A Roanridge Grant, A New Episcopal Communities Grant, and Campus Ministries Grant. The Canon has served in a consulting capacity to Christ Cathedral – Salina, St. Ann’s – McPherson, Grace- Hutchinson, St. John’s - Great Bend, and St. Cornelius - Dodge City.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Shay Craig, Canon for Congregational Development

CANON THEOLOGIAN REPORT

Locked down this past year continued to severely restrict my normal travel for teaching and preaching until May 2021. However, being confined mostly to Berlin had its bright spots. I was able to attend more of the regular diocesan weekly Zoom Bible studies and discussions. I also was able to finish several writing projects:

1. Performance Identity: The Folly of Striving to Earn God's Love (Anglican House Publishers, 2020), an audiobook which can be downloaded at: <https://anglicanhousepublishers.org/shop/performance-identity/>
2. "Thomas Cranmer's Reputation Reconsidered," in D. J. Crankshaw and G. W. C. Gross, eds, *Reformation Reputations* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021), pp. 189-221.
3. Walking with Cranmer through Eastertide (Anglican House Publishers, January 2022)
4. "Ad Astra per Aspera: Towards a Theology of Competitive Sport," *Journal of the Christian Society for Kinesiology, Leisure and Sport Studies* (forthcoming 2022)
5. Co-editor, *Reformation Anglican Worship* by Michael Jensen (Crossway, 2021)
6. Co-editor, *Anglican Mission—the Beginnings, the Reformation and Today* by Michael Nazir-Ali (Crossway, January 2022)
7. Co-editor, *Contesting Orthodoxies in the History of Christianity: Essays in Honour of Diarmaid MacCulloch* (Boydell & Brewer, 2021)

When travel began to return in May 2021, I continued my visits to North Africa as the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Alexandria School of Theology Education System. I attended the retirement of the previous Anglican Primate of Alexandria and the installation of his successor (June 2021), was the Graduation Speaker for St. Athanasius Provincial Seminary in Cairo (August 2021), was a speaker at a conference for church-planters in Tunisia (September 2021) and attended the inauguration of the Province by the Archbishop of Canterbury (October 2021).

In my ministry to athletes, I was the resident Pastoral Counselor for the International Swimming League during its "bubble" season in Budapest (October-November 2020). I attended the Olympic Trials for Swimming in Omaha (June 2021) and provide pastoral support to athletes in Tokyo electronically during the Covid-restricted Olympic Games (July-August 2021). Furthermore, I designed and have begun to implement regular emotional wellness training for the Youth Academy of Hertha BSC, the professional soccer club in Berlin. This program is first of its kind not only in Germany but throughout the global world of professional soccer.

Finally, closer to home in Western Kansas, I gave a lecture on the theology of Thomas Cranmer for the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry (October 2021). I also found a home for historic personal items belonging to James

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Gardiner, the father-in-law of our Bishop Shirley Nichols, who was a famous missionary architect to Japan and the first President of St. Paul's University in Tokyo. Now called Rikkyo University, its museum will be the final home for Mr. Gardiner's diamond-encrusted gold cigarette case, presented to him by the Russian Imperial Household in 1915, and his gold-topped walking cane.

I plan to serve as a Chaplain again at the World Swimming Championships in May 2022 which will be back in Japan. As part of that trip, I will, on behalf of Western Kansas, present to the Diocese of Kyoto its copy of the 1928 Standard Book of Common Prayer kept safe for them by the Cathedral in Salina. I will also present Mr. Gardiner's cigarette case and cane to Rikkyo University.

Blessings,

Canon Ashley Null

LAY DELEGATES TO DIOCESAN CONVENTION

October 15-16, 2021, Colby, Kansas

COLBY: Martha Ann Hullet
Lois Van Horn

LIBERAL: Fred Miller
Sarah Miller

DODGE CITY: Butch Pyle
Nan Pyle

LYONS: Dr. Larry Young
Kathy Young

GARDEN CITY: Bob Pruitt
Brian Schwartz

MCPHERSON: John Helmer
Linda Helmer

GOODLAND: Dennis Misurell
Jane Harris

MEDICINE LODGE: Arron Small
Cathy Small

GREAT BEND: Nancy Cale
Rose Kelly

NORTON: Ron Briery
Georgia Briery

HAYS (St. Michael's): Emma Blackburn

PRATT: Debra Lemon
Tara Lemon

HUTCHINSON: Jan Steen
Julie Steen
Polly Dame
Susan Smith
Michael Wamsley

RUSSELL SPRINGS: Jason Lamb
Molly Lamb

KINGMAN: Darin Nesbitt
Katie Nesbitt

SALINA: Jennifer Higgins
Arthur Jones
Harry Smith
Pam Smith

KINSLEY: Anne Graner
Bill Roenbaugh

SCOTT CITY: Rick Brittan
Kathy Haxton

LAKIN: Debbie Fredrick
Kim Inderlied

ULYSSES: None

LARNED: Mike McGurk
Sue McGurk

2021 Necrology Report

<u>Colby, Ascension-on-the-Prairie</u>		<u>Lyons, St. Mark's</u>					
Carolyn I. Schritter, 8/13/2021, Colby, KS.		Timothy C. Null, 8/6/2021, Salina, KS.					
<u>Dodge City, St. Cornelius</u>		<u>Russell Springs, St. Francis</u>					
Arthur Roberts, 03/4/2020 Dodge City, KS (Service 11/20)		Jeffrey C. Wright, 8/9/2021, Pierce City, MO.					
Doris Davis, 9/22/2021 Dodge City, KS							
		<u>Salina, Cathedral</u>					
<u>Goodland, St. Paul's</u>		Patricia Van Horne (Salem) Wilkinson, 6/27/2021, Lawson, MO.					
James P. Krayca, Jr., 12/12/2020, Colby, KS.							
		<u>St. John's, Ulysses</u>					
<u>Hutchinson, Grace</u>		Denny D. Smith, 9/17/2021, Ulysses, KS.					
Kathleen Eckley, 10/6/2020, Wichita, KS.							
Nation Meyer, 11/12/20, Hutchinson, KS.		<u>Diocesan Clergy</u>					
Steve Chalafant, 12/18/2020, Hutchinson, KS.		The Rev. Mary L. Hixson, 11/19/2020, Anthony, KS.					
Jann Komarnitzky, 1/15/2021, Hutchinson, KS.		The Rev. Timothy E. Kline, 10/18/2020, Graham, TX.					
Bob Fischer, 1/8/2021, Hutchinson, KS.		The Rev. Dale Lumley, 2/13/2020, Ulysses, KS.					
Angeline "Kiki" Cappony, 8/21/2021, Hutchinson, KS.		The Rev. Deacon George O. Martin, 2/20/2021, Ellinwood, KS.					
		The Rev. Dr. Max E. Murrison, 5/6/2021, Salina, KS.					
<u>Kinsley, Holy Nativity</u>		The Rev. Arthur J. Rathbun, 8/1/2021, Manhattan, KS.					
Jacob B. Roenbaugh, 7/3/2021, Kinsley, KS.		The Rev. Canon James Cox, 9/28/2021, Salina, KS.					
Robert Weidenheimer 11/14/2020 Kinsley, KS.							
<u>Liberal, St. Andrew's</u>							
Barbara Knowlton, 3/28/2021, Topeka, KS.							
Tom Minturn, 8/15/2010, Longview, TX (burial 9/20)							
Michael S. McGinley, 6/2/2021, Liberal, KS.							
Althea Hamlin, 8/14/2021, Liberal, KS.							