



In 2039 the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri will celebrate 200 years of service in Christ's name. Over the past 185 years we have engaged in worship, founded schools, built hospitals, established food pantries, marched for equality, stood with the unhoused, centered marginalized voices, and sought after justice. Ours is a long history of advocating for those on the margins and the edges. Imagine what our communities of faith might look like in 2039. Imagine what our ministries have accomplished in that time. Imagine what seeds we plant now will germinate, blossom, and flower.

In the spirit of speaking to the future, communities of faith across the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri are invited to capture this moment in our history for the next generation. Each community will receive an unfinished cedar time capsule box which will be incorporated into a central time capsule at Diocesan Convention in November. Below are the instructions on preparing your time capsule for inclusion.

1. **RECEIVE YOUR TIME CAPSULE BOX.** Each community of faith that makes up the Diocese of Missouri has been issued an unfinished cedar box. Boxes have been delivered to the Deans of each convocation for distribution.
2. **DECORATE YOUR TIME CAPSULE BOX.** Each community of faith within the Diocese of Missouri is unique and each box should be an expression of our varied contexts. Please decorate the outside of your box. Invite members of the congregation to submit designs for the box or simply have an artistic member decorate the box. Be creative!
3. **IDENTIFY YOUR TIME CAPSULE BOX.** Ensure that the name and city of your community is clearly identified on the **outside AND inside** your time capsule box. In 15 years when the main time capsule is opened we want to be able to return your box to your community as swiftly as possible without opening each individual box.
4. **FILL YOUR TIME CAPSULE BOX.** Space in the time capsule box is limited so be sure to include things that represent your community. Be creative in your content. What would you want a newborn member of the community to know about our time when they turn 15? What makes us unique in this time and place that could inform us in the future?
5. **BLESS YOUR TIME CAPSULE BOX.** On the Sunday before Diocesan Convention 2024, plan on offering prayers for your community, for the future of your community, for your delegates to Diocesan Convention and for sending your time capsule box forth. Special prayers will be shared with the Diocesan Household in early November.
6. **DELIVER YOUR TIME CAPSULE BOX.** Delegates to Diocesan Convention should bring the time capsule box with them. During the Convention Eucharist the time capsule boxes will be processed and compiled during the offertory.
7. **RECEIVE YOUR TIME CAPSULE BOX.** At Diocesan Convention 2039, 15 years from now, your time capsule box will be returned to your community. Celebrate and enjoy the relics from 2024.