

**Annual Report of the Commission on Ministry
for the Diocese of Missouri
November 2024**

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to report on the work that the Commission on Ministry (COM) has accomplished since last year's convention.

We continue to meet mostly in person for Postulancy and Candidacy interviews for those in the discernment process in the Diocese of Missouri. We do return to Zoom at times for special cases, but definitely find the face to face format to be the gold standard. Once again I want to express gratitude to the Church of the Transfiguration in Lake St. Louis for serving as our host site, and particularly to Rev. Lu-Anne Connor, and to Sr. Warden Greg Barnett for their gracious hospitality.

Members of the COM are a wonderful and prayerful group who dedicate time and talent to this sacred work. Thank you to all who have served in 2024: The Rev. Renee Fenner; The Rev. Tom Albinson; The Rev. Dn. Barbi Click; The Rev. Dn Paula Hartsfield; Ms. Rose Hayden; Ms. Judy Hodges; Mr. Christopher Kurth; Ms. Debbi Nelson Linck; Ms. Doris Goodlow; and, Ms. Alissa Williams.

In February the COM participated in a Joint Leadership retreat along with the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council members, and the Diocesan Missioners. The agenda included a training titled "Undo Bias" and a session around the Diocesan Strategic Plan.

The COM's work depends upon the recommendations of the Diocesan Board of Examining Chaplains or DBEC, and the COM makes recommendations to the Bishop and the Standing Committee. It has been a privilege to work closely with Dr. Isaac Arten, chair of DBEC, as well as with the Rev. Canon Whitney Rice, The Ven. Archdeacon Harry Lipp, and Executive Assistant Jillian Smith. Together, we are working to make the process for formation for ministry more accessible and streamlined.

Faithfully yours,

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