

Ministry Report  
Deacon Jane Dey Convocation  
For the 185<sup>th</sup> Convention  
Of the Diocese of Missouri

The mission of The Deacon Jane Dey Convocation is to promote fellowship, ministry cooperation and clergy care amongst the parishes and people within the convocation. Our northernmost parish (Trinity in Kirksville) and our southernmost parish (Christ Church in Rolla) are approximately two hundred miles apart, making our mission a bit challenging! However, the magic of Zoom has kept us connected over the past year, and we have had a few in-person meetings, as well.

The Convocation met via Zoom on May 30, 2024, when we elected the following new leaders:  
Dean – The Very Rev. Beth Simpson – Calvary, Columbia – 2026  
Warden - Darlene Hillier-Kachkofsky is serving and will remain warden until 2025 election.

Clergy for Diocesan Council – The Rev. Jessica Wachter – Journey, Fulton - 2026

Lay for Diocesan Council – Krista Tinney – Trinity, Kirksville – 2026

Lay for Diocesan Council – David Heise – Grace, Jefferson City – 2025

At our July 13 meeting at the home of Dean Beth Simpson in Columbia, we voted to support the ministry of Journey Church, the new church plant in Fulton. Each of the parishes will offer its own unique support. For example, Calvary in Columbia is already engaged in supporting Journey with a meal each month. Calvary and Grace in Jefferson City have collected hygiene items and snack foods to assist with Journey's project of assembling gift bags for people who live outside or in extended-stay hotels. St. Mark's in Portland has assisted Journey in a variety of ways, including providing a fish fry! Trinity Church in Kirksville will be collecting new and gently used kitchen items for Journey's soon-to-be completed kitchen and parish hall renovation. Rev. Heather McCain has provided Sunday meals. The building that houses Journey experienced flooding in the lower level a couple of winters ago, and the damage is yet to be repaired. Continuing problems with water have slowed the progress, but they seem to have been resolved. Calvary and Grace both plan to provide assistance with hanging dry wall, installing cabinets and painting, when the time is right. They now have a sump pump and good gutters, and the cracks in the foundation have been repaired and seem to be holding.

The Convocation's Celebration will take place at Journey Church when the work is completed. Meanwhile, Journey's ministry continues and is growing!

At our Zoom meeting on August 22, we all shared one thing going on in our parish that is exciting. The responses indicated that each of our parishes is engaged in our surrounding communities and nourishing our own parishioners. We also discussed how we could be a presence at Convention, including having a table in the hall and matching t-shirts.

Clergy of the convocation met with Bishop Deon at Calvary, Columbia, on August 29 for lunch. We enjoyed a relaxed and informative 3-hour visit, and we received our time capsules!

Next meetings:

Thursday, October 10, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom, to discuss the proposed Diocesan budget.

Saturday, October 26, from 11:00 – 1:00, at Dean Beth's home in Columbia, to plan Convention participation.

For information about the work of the Convocation, please contact Dean Beth Simpson at [Deaconbeth1@gmail.com](mailto:Deaconbeth1@gmail.com).

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