

Emery Washington Convocation

2024 Report

At our annual meeting (by Zoom) on February 18, 2024, we elected Adrienne Dillon, TSSF (All Saints & Ascension) to a second two-year term as Warden.

On March 9, we met in person at St. Barnabas. We elected two diocesan council representatives—Alice Stanley (Christ Church Cathedral) for a two-year term and Chad Templin (St. Michael & St. George) for one year. At the same meeting we discussed spiritual practices that might form a rule of life for a parish, a convocation or a diocese.

On May 7, All Saints & Ascension hosted a noontime meeting. A light lunch was served. After noon office, Cheeraz Gorman, founder of the Sibling Support Network, spoke about her ministry to those who have lost siblings to gun violence.

The May 11 meeting at Trinity, CWE featured a preview of General Convention by our diocesan representative Betty Bowersox, and a report by our Warden (who had just stepped down after 5 years as Province V Secretary) on the Big Provincial Gathering and Province V Synod which took place in South Bend, Indiana at the end of April. Aaron Rogers spoke about Beautiful Bridges, a program bringing diverse congregations together for dialogue and collaborative ministry.

On May 23, clergy of the Convocation gathered with the bishop for prayer and fellowship.

Valerie E. Patton (All Saints & Ascension), a member of our leadership team, was ordained a Deacon on June 1.

A softball tournament was held at Tower Grove Park June 13-14. The final game between St. Michael & St. George and St. John's was close, with the trophy going to St. Michael & St. George.

We met in person on September 21 at St. Michael & St. George. Rev. Lisa Corry, new Rector of Grace Church was introduced by Betty Bowersox. Teresa Danieleley, Champions Organizer with Missouri Jobs with Justice and Missioner for Public Advocacy for the diocese, spoke about issues before voters in the upcoming election. There was a presentation about this summer's General Convention. The Convocation had no resolutions to submit to diocesan convention.

Our celebration of our patron, the Rev. Emery Washington, Sr. on September 15 was a joyous occasion. Bishop Deon Johnson preached and presided at the Eucharist at St. Stephen's and the Vine in Ferguson. About 55 people attended. A repast was served by volunteers of The Vine—the church's connections with the community.