

## Report of Emery Washington Convocation 2023

### Mission

Our mission is for our member churches to pray together, share news and information, learn about the diocese, find opportunities for cooperative ministry, prepare delegates for diocesan convention, build relationships, enjoy fellowship, and celebrate our patron, Rev. Emery Washington, Sr.

### Activities

On November 6, 2022 we elected Rev. Thomas Albinson (Assistant Rector, St. Michael & St. George-Clayton) as Interim Dean. At our annual meeting on February 5, 2023, Father Tom was elected to a two-year term as Dean, and Rev. Nancy Emmel-Gunn (Rector of St. John's-Tower Grove) was elected as a representative to diocesan council.

We had four business meetings, two in person and two by Zoom. Our thanks to our hosts St. Michael & St. George-Clayton and Grace Church-Kirkwood. In these meetings we discussed resolutions for diocesan convention, nominations for diocesan leadership positions, youth and young adult ministry, and ways to promote congregational vitality. We agreed to offer Sacred Ground in late summer 2023 at Holy Communion-University City. Rev. Chester Hines was the facilitator. One more in-person meeting will be held on October 28 at Church of the Advent/St. Thomas-Crestwood.

Between November and May, we held six prayer breakfasts hosted by St. Michael & St. George-Clayton, Emmanuel-Wester Groves, All Saints/Ascension-Northwoods, Advent/St. Thomas-Crestwood, St. Stephen's-Ferguson and St. John's-Tower Grove. Speakers included:

- Rev. Leslie Scoopmire, Missioner for Indigenous Ministry
- Rev. Shug Goodlow, Missioner for Racial Reconciliation and Social Justice
- Rev. Barbi Click, Missioner for Jubilee Ministries
- Ms. Bren O'Connor, Missioner for LGBTQIA+ Engagement
- Rev. Erin Pickersgill, Ministry Developer for Children and Youth

On Friday and Saturday June 7-8, teams across the convocation gathered at Tower Grove Park for a friendly competitive softball tournament. Thank you to all the teams that took part. We appreciate your grace and generosity with respect to the varied talents of the players. Planning is underway for next year's competition and we hope more teams are able join in the fun as we all get to know each other.

About 70 people joined in a joyful celebration of our patron, Rev. Emery Washington, Sr. on August 27 at Holy Communion, University City. A round of applause to Rev. Chester Hines who coordinated the church staff. We also thank Harry Moppins for directing the choir consisting of members from All Saints/Ascension, Emmanuel and Holy Communion, and Bishop Deon Johnson for presiding and preaching at the Eucharist. Food and conversation were shared at a reception which followed. We are beginning to plan next year's celebration.

Rev. Thomas Albinson, Dean  
Ms. Adrienne Dillon, TSSF, Warden

### Leadership Team

Rev. Aaron Rogers, St. Stephen's, Ferguson  
Rev. Emily Hillquist-Davis, Advent and St. Thomas, Crestwood

Rev. Mtipe Koggani, Grace African Christian Connection  
Ms. Valerie Patton, All Saints/Ascension, Northwoods  
Ms. Harrison Hagen Heil, St. Michael & St. George, Clayton  
Ms. Alice Stanley, Christ Church Cathedral  
Ms. Betty Bowersox, Grace Church, Kirkwood