



Province V Executive Board report to the Diocese of Missouri 2022-2023

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Province V is a network of 14 dioceses of the Episcopal Church. The Diocese of Missouri is one of those 14. Dioceses are united into Provinces in accordance with Article VII of the Constitution of the General Convention, with representation and responsibilities outlined in the Canons of General Convention [Title 1, Canon 9: Of Provinces].

The Theme of Province V: CONNECT. NETWORK. SUPPORT.

Connect people to people and people to resources.

Network to build communities across diocesan lines.

Support each other in a variety of ministries.

There are several resources available at the provincial level. Please review this report and share information with others in your worshipping community!

Leadership

The Province V Executive Board is responsible for the operations of the province. There are 20 members of this board, which includes the 14 diocesan representatives, 2 members (one lay and one clergy) who serve on the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, and 4 elected officers. Each diocesan bishop appoints a representative, and I have been appointed to this task. Adrienne Dillon (All Saints & Ascension – St. Louis) holds the elected office position of Board Secretary. You can see the full list of members here: <https://www.provincev.org/exboard.html>

Board members meet monthly via Zoom to share resources from our dioceses and hear about and help develop provincial events and programming. Most board members also serve as a liaison with one of the Province networks; I currently serve as a board co-liaison to the Dismantling Racism Network and earlier in the year was the board liaison to the Suicide Prevention Network. In addition, I am on the Leadership Coaching Project Committee Task Force (but not as a coach), work on special projects with the Bylaws Task Force, and am a contributor to the Province V monthly newsletter. The board gathers in-person once per year to make deeper connections, review the strategy of the province, and get to know each other and the province better.

The Rev. Heather Barta serves as coordinator of Province V. Her role is to provide support to leaders of existing networks and create new opportunities for people across the province to connect with each other to build networks of support.

Campus Ministry Consultant

Province V is currently discerning if they should hire a person to be a “Campus Ministry Consultant.” This person would work with parish leaders to help them build relationships with the faculty, staff, and/or students of nearby post-high school educational institutions. We received a development grant from The Episcopal Church to help us during this time of discernment. We are partnering with Ministry Architects and they will be hosting listening sessions for leaders across the province to share their thoughts and ideas.

If you would like to participate in these listening sessions, please contact Heather at 989-413-3229 or provinceVcoordinator@gmail.com.

More details about this discernment will be coming soon in the Province V Newsletter!

Creation Care Event – May 2023

In May 2023, the Province V and Province IV Creation Care Networks gathered in Louisville, KY. The weekend was designed to help leaders of creation care ministries to have some time of learning and retreat. We learned more about our Biblical foundation of creation care, which can be helpful in teaching people that caring for creation is part of our Biblical mandate, not a political soapbox. We also connected with people about the ministries that they are doing locally and how we might be able to support each other. We had such a lovely and informative time that we are planning for another event in September 2024.

See details about this event, and mark your calendars:

<https://www.provincev.org/creation2024event.html>

Big Provincial Gathering – April 26-27, 2024

Please mark your calendars for the next Big Provincial Gathering!

April 25-26 – pre-event trainings

April 26, afternoon – Province V Synod (Synod Deputies and Bishops need to attend and all are welcome)

April 26, evening – April 27 – Big Provincial Gathering (worship and workshops)

Preparation Calendar:

Dec 1 – Workshop descriptions due

Jan 5 – Registration opens with a discounted rate

Mar 1 – Registration cost increases

See all of the details as they post here:

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg24.html>

Networks

<https://www.provincev.org/networks.html>

The networks continue to expand to serve leaders across the province. Networks are open to any person who would like to be connected to others working on similar ministries. If there is a network that you might find helpful, contact the coordinator, The Rev. Heather Barta, at provinceVcoordinator@gmail.com.

Leadership Coaching Project

<https://www.provincev.org/lcp.html>

Trained lay and ordained coaches from Province V are available to work with individuals, teams or groups on your goals and challenges. These coaches are available to any person interested in working on ministerial or personal goals. All coaches will provide a complimentary “introductory” meeting so that you can ask questions about coaching with them and get to know each other. Rural Area Ministry Specialists are available at a reduced rate to leaders in rural areas. (“Rural Area” is defined as a town with a population of 20,000 or fewer.) The Very Rev Annette Joseph (Regional Missioner, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Sikeston and Christ Episcopal Church, Cape Girardeau) is one of these trained Leadership Coaches! From a Vestry needing assistance meeting a specific goal to a priest in new cures - I encourage you to take advantage of this unique opportunity that the Province offers!

Upcoming events

April 26-27, 2024 – Big Provincial Gathering and Synod, South Bend, Indiana

Sept 12-15, 2024 – Creation Care Network Event, Louisville, Kentucky

Connecting to the Province

Sign up for the monthly newsletter at the bottom of the website: <https://www.provincev.org>

General Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ProvinceFive/>

Creation Care Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100082984106362>

Dismantling Racism Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100078969506674>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/provincefive/>

Please contact me for more information about anything presented in this report!

Faithfully,

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