

**Annual Report of the Commission on Ministry  
for the Diocese of Missouri  
November 2023**

Dear Friends,

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

We have moved to mostly in person meetings from our COVID Zoom protocol in place for the previous several years. We do return to Zoom at times for special cases, but definitely find the face to face format to be the gold standard. Many thanks 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 2023: The Rev. Tom Albinson; The Rev. Dn. Barbi Click; The Rev. Deacon Paula Hartsfield; Ms. Rose Hayden; Ms. Judy Hodges, The Rev. Annette Joseph; Mr. Christopher Kurth; Ms. Debbi Nelson Linck; Ms. Bren O'Connor; 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 DBEC, and the COM makes recommendations to the Bishop and the Standing Committee. It has been a privilege to work closely with Lynette Ballard, chair of DBEC, as well as with Canon Whitney 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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