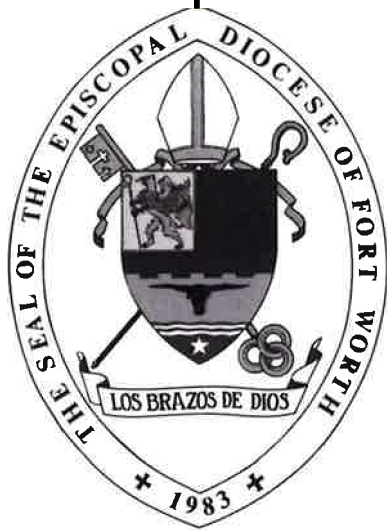




**The Journal
Of the

Anglican Diocese
Of

Fort Worth
2025**

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THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

'And the Second is Like Unto It...'

Opening Eucharist • Friday, Nov. 14, 2025 • 5 p.m. • Church of the Holy Apostles, Fort Worth

Reception and Dinner • Ridglea Country Club • 6:30 p.m.

Business Session • Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025

Ridglea Country Club

AGENDA

- 7:30-8:30 a.m. Registration for all clergy & delegates
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order**
- I. Opening Collect, Pledge of Allegiance, and Recognition of our Veterans
 - II. Initial Business
 - a. Election of the Secretary of Convention
 - b. New Parishes & Missions Report – Hampton+
 Iglesia San Miguel, Fort Worth
 Christ Church, Midland
 Church Plant in Elgin
 - c. Report of the Credentials Committee – Rogers+
 - d. Report on Canon 16.7 – Mr. Virden III
 - e. Introduction of the Standing Rules of Procedure – Mr. Norred, Esq.
 - III. Welcome to Parish status of Iglesia San Miguel, Fort Worth and Christ Church, Midland.
 - IV. The Bishop's Nominations
 - V. The Bishop's Appointments
 - VI. Report of the Nominating Committee – Mohler+
 - Nominations from the floor
 - VII. Report of the Elections Committee and First Ballot – Mohler+
 - VIII. Bishop Reed's Address to the Convention**
 - IX. Introduction of New Clergy/Announcements
 - X. Greetings from visiting Bishops

- XI. Report of the Elections Committee – Mohler+
Second Ballot, if necessary
- XII. Update on construction progress at St. Laurence and Christ the Redeemer
- XIII. Camp Crucis Presentation
- XIV. CMJ USA presentation (video)
- XV. Always Forward presentation
- XVI. Treasurer's Report – Mr. Virden III
- Receipts and Disbursements for the year ending Dec. 31, 2024
 - Current year Receipts and Disbursements through Sept. 30, 2025
 - Proposed 2026 Operating Budget
 - Proposed 2026 Assessment Formula
- XVII. *Third Ballot, if necessary*
- XVIII. Next Gen Report, Megan Mecca
- XIX. Constitution and Canons – Matkin+
- XX. Revitalization Presentation-Video
- XXI. Elections Report (if needed) – Mohler+
- XXII. College Ministry Presentations
- XXIII. Courtesy Resolutions –Munson+
- XXIV. Blessing and dismissal

ADJOURNMENT, *sine die*

DOXOLOGY

44th ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION

November 13 & 14, 2026

The Church of Christ the Redeemer, Fort Worth

GOD BLESS AMERICA

God bless America Land that I love
Stand beside her And guide her
Through the night with the light from above
From the mountains To the prairies To the oceans White with foam
God bless America My home sweet home

From Bishop Reed

On the occasion of this 43rd annual convention of the Anglican Diocese of Fort Worth, I speak to you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

To the clergy and their wives, to our delegates, to our visitors and to my brother bishops, and the three visiting bishops who make up my prayer team and who stand with us today, grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Someone asked Jesus Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

A second is like unto it, Love your neighbor as yourself. That is a concept that is almost entirely missing from the world we live in. The political climate is certainly missing any concept of love and the culture itself promotes selfishness at every turn. It is all about me is what we are taught by the world. It is not a wonder why at our baptism we renounce the world, the flesh, and the devil as we put on Christ. It is not about me, it never has been or will be. It is about Jesus and to him be the glory.

Loving your neighbor isn't optional for the follower of Jesus. It is our greatest command and when we are doing it, I could argue, that is when we are most Christ-like. How are we doing on loving our neighbor? I could point to dozens of ministries around the diocese that are helping us do just that. But we can always do better. We can always do more. In

fact, when it comes to loving our neighbor, we can never reach the end of that love on this side of heaven.

I have to tell you, I am so happy to have welcomed both San Miguel Fort Worth and Christ Church Midland as full parish members of the diocese. I am also excited to announce the founding of St. Nicholas Church Plant in Elgin TX which is a work of Light of Christ Georgetown. We welcome them as a mission station today. Fr Adam are you here? And Fr Kurt? Please stand.

But let's start with the elephant in the room. As founding members of the Anglican Church in North America, I think we are and should have great concerns about the future of the province. I can tell you that things must change. And I'll do all in my sphere of influence to make it happen. 10 weeks after I was seated as Bishop of this diocese COVID hit. The following year and half was crazy, as we all remember. Since then, the province has gone from one crisis to another. Accusations against Bishop Derek Jones were finally made public this summer and are being investigated. The latest crisis is shortly after that went public, accusations of wrong doing against Archbishop Steve Wood were made public and a presentment was brought to the college of Bishops. The accusations, whether true or not, are reputationally destructive to the Archbishop and the province. While I believe one is innocent until proven guilty, they must be taken seriously. And the college of bishops must walk in the light.

We are assured investigations will take place and based on those findings, will determine if there is a trial. In the meantime, he has taken a voluntary leave of absence both as archbishop and bishop of his diocese. Please pray for the province, the AB, the college of Bishops, and all who serve in leadership roles. I suspect the province and the

college of bishops have some very hard work to do if we are going to hold together. Please pray.

Article 16 of the 39 articles reminds us that the ministration of Word and Sacrament is not hindered by the worthiness of our clergy. The ACNA nor any other church body can create a pure church. Not this side of great banquet supper of the Lamb. Every bishop and priest has sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. And even while we are redeemed by the blood Christ and at our best guided by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are still constrained by human nature. We cannot create a pure Church but we can demand a church that is transparent, and who holds one another accountable and who genuinely cares for another as demonstrated in compassion and care for each another.

I don't know what the future holds, but we as a Diocese will face it together and we will trust in God's sovereignty, even if right now it feels like we are in the wilderness and far from the promised land. Each new crisis is a major distraction for the Church and we cannot let those distractions keep us from continuing the mission set before us of making Jesus Christ known in all that we do, of loving our neighbor in word and deed, and of sharing the transforming love of Jesus with every person we encounter.

What I love about The Diocese of Fort Worth is that we do operate as a family, bound together in unity by the Holy Spirit and our common confession in Jesus as Lord and Savior. Yes, we are spread out and yes, we come from different backgrounds and even different nations, but we are one family founded in the unity that comes from Jesus.

A few weeks ago a tornado hit the south side of Fort Worth. It took off the roof of San Juan which then allowed the building to flood in the downpour. When word got out, a number of parishes and clergy

contacted me and Fr Salvador to see what they could do to help. I even got calls from as far away as Midland.

All Saints Fort Worth is developing a curacy program that will form clergy to help revitalize congregations with the specific purpose of sending them out to smaller congregations. And giving these congregations both a trained priest and the resources and time to grow.

These are just two examples that remind me that we recognize we are part of something bigger. I must say as a reminder that while the Diocese is the basic unit of the Church, it exists to support the ministry and work of each local congregation. And the main work of the local congregation is to offer up worship to the Triune God and to make disciples of all nations. Along those lines, I did at least 25 baptisms at my visits in the last year and 20 of those were adults. That ratio has been the case for the last 2-3 years. Which means we are reaching unchurched or dechurched people with the Gospel. It is an exciting time.

In 2023, bishops in this diocese confirmed 184 people and we received 40 into the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. Last year we confirmed 266 people and received 72. That is a 45% increase in confirmations and an 80% increase in receptions from year to year.

Over the last few years we have had major improvements to Camp Crucis. We have completely renovated the kitchen, we have renovated two of the lodges (and they look fantastic), and we have begun a major overhaul to the water system just to name a few of the projects. With the new facilities manager, I can tell you the camp looks better than it has in many years.

During the course of this year, we instituted an order of Deaconesses and the first two were commissioned to serve at St Vincent's Cathedral and

Incarnation College Station. A new diocesan choir, the St. Ambrose Choir was formed and we heard them last night at our opening Eucharist. They will be serving at future events as well. News that went under the radar is that the Vatican is now looking at shifting dialogue with Anglican to GAFCON. We have so much to be hopeful about and grateful for but the glory goes to God.

I ask your prayers as Fr. Kalimi and Fr. Cruikshank and I will be leading a retreat for the Ugandan House of Bishops in January. It is quite an honor. I am also proud to say that we had four teams in Northern Malawi this past summer doing incredible ministry. We have been invited back next Summer and Bishop Fanuel will be visiting the Diocese next Summer as well between August 1st and the 15th.

Later this morning you will see the major capital works of expansion at St. Laurence and a permanent church home for Christ the Redeemer. St John's, Brownwood has completed an upgrade to the parish hall, and outdoor columbarium and is more than halfway through a restoration project of their stained glass windows. St. John's, Fort Worth is in the middle of a major capital renovation and I'm told their new kitchen is almost complete and for the first time ever, next year, St. John's Church will have a parking lot. Good Shepherd, Wichita Falls has just completed a resurfaced parking lot. There are many other improvements that I could name.

And as important as these are, more importantly, Parishes and Missions support local mission organizations in multiple cities across the state and one city in Louisiana. We are striving to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We must continue to reach out to the lost and the least hoping we are given an opportunity to share the Good News of God in Jesus Christ. And I want to encourage all of us to share success stories with one

another. Take some time at coffee hour or in Sunday School or Bible Study and allow folks to share what God has done or is doing in their lives. Giving God the glory will create an atmosphere of gratitude and that kind of community is attractive to others.

We are not without our Challenges – Good Shepherd, Wichita Falls has to raise over \$1.7 million dollars to try to save their historic building. They could use our help, and if you can, help reach out to me or Fr. Elmer Miguel. We have a number of small congregations that struggle and some are debating their future. They need our prayers.

The crisis and scandals in the Province, the division that still exists after 16 years over women's ordination to the priesthood and non-geographic Dioceses all remain challenges for us. Once again, please pray for the College of Bishops and the Provincial staff.

I am doing my best to meet the needs of our clergy and their families, our parishes and missions, and to engage at the Provincial level to help shape whatever kind of future we might have beyond our Diocesan boundaries. Please pray for me and I beg your patience for times when I can't be responsive. I head the court for the trial of a bishop and may be very busy over the next 12-24 months.

I do want to publicly thank Bishop Ackerman. He carries a big load of pastoral care for our clergy and their families as well as he and Bishop Allan assisting with visitations and confirmations. They also both represent both me and the Diocese at numerous community events throughout the year. I will continue to rely on both of them even more in the coming year.

We have 57 Parishes, Missions, and Mission Stations and between the three of us we try to ensure every one of them is visited by a Bishop. If

you have been missed for some reason, please let Dale Ward know and we will work on fixing that.

As I mention Dale, I want to thank the entire diocesan staff. We have some very dedicated and talented people who are here to serve you, and they do so sacrificially. I don't thank them enough so if the entire staff who is present would stand, maybe we would all show them our appreciation.

Finally, to the Priests and Deacons and to their wives and for those of you with children, I want you to know that I love each of you and I want God to shine through you and your ministries. Wherever God has called you I pray you help Jesus transform lives with his love. We have a sacred duty to preach the word of God and to faithfully administer his holy sacraments. The people of God deserve nothing less as we help equip them to build up the Body of Christ so that kingdom of God may spread.

Priest and Deacons, you model for your people what it means to love your neighbor and you are what makes the Diocese of Fort Worth who she is. Continue to stand for the great tradition, continue to stand for the great commandment, and continue to stand for the great commission and I will be standing right beside you.

The Rt. Rev. Ryan S. Reed

Saturday, November 15, 2025

Report to the Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth on Credentials

Right Rev. Sir, Clergy and Lay Delegates to Convention:

We have **106** priests canonically resident in the Diocese
1/3 of which, or **35** are required for a quorum.
There are ____ priests registered.

We have **79** elected lay delegates for this Convention
1/3 of which, or **26** are required for a quorum.
There are ____ lay delegates registered.

Rt, Rev. Sir, we have a quorum.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Matthew Rogers

Saturday, November 15, 2025 at Ridglea Country Club, Fort Worth

BISHOP'S NOMINATIONS 2025

Secretary to Convention & Dispatch of Business

Canon Joel Hampton+

Treasurer

Walter Virden III

Registrar

Dale Ward

Trustee of the Corporation (Canon 17)

Walter Virden III (2028), Rod Barber (2029), Chad Bates (2026), Marsland Moncrief (2027), Mark Edson (2030)

Commission on Ministry

Mark Polley+(2026) Convener

Toby George (2026)

Donald Sackett +(2026)

Cooper Morelock+ (2026)

Stephen Haley (2026 filling unexpired term)

Judy Mayo (2027)

Salvador Ordonez+(2027)

Tom Hightower+ (2027)

Amber Ahart (2027)

Will Brackett (2028)

Debbie Petta (2028)

Sam Wilgus+ (2028)

Michael Mobley+ (2028)

Historiographer

Devan Breedlove

BISHOP'S APPOINTMENTS 2025

Parliamentarian/Chancellor	Warren Norred, esq.
Administrative Assistant	Dale Ward
Assisting Bishop	+Bishop Ackerman
Director of Communications	John Munson+
Diocesan Altar Guild Directress	Amber Ahart
Diocesan Liturgist	Joseph Francis+

Deans of the Diocese

Polley+(Cathedral), Diaz+ (FW East), Culpepper+ (FW West), Horton+ (Eastern), Jordan+(Northeastern), Morelock+(Southwestern), Heidt+(Southern), Roberson+(Northern), Sackett+(Western)

Camp Crucis Board of Managers

(2026) Stacey Rumfelt, Thomas F. Hightower, John Allen +, Holly Miguel
(2027) Erin Baker, Roy Byrd, Drew Deatherage
(2028) Dick Yarger-Chairman, Sarah Pearson, Heather Horn, Jessica Green, Jeffrey Stubbs+, KC Lopez+

C & C Committee

Timothy Matkin-Chair, David Ebert, Randall Foster+, Mike McBride, Warren Norred, Andrew Thebeau+

Christian Education Committee

Kristy Leaseburg, Melissa Smith, Susie Wheaton, Laura West

Ecumenical Affairs	Nick Athanaelos+
Evangelism Commission	Scott Wilson+
Hispanic Ministries	Canon Sergio Diaz+
Pro-Life Committee	Joseph Francis+

Clergy Retirement Fund Board

Walter Virden III, Marsland Moncrief, Jeff Logan+, Joe Graber, Tommy Thompson

Risk Management Committee

Rod Barber (chair), Jeff Logan+ (co-chair), Don Bendure, Chris Brown, Devan Breedlove, Steve Watson, Kristi Heffron, Tilmon Gardiner

College Ministries

Michael Cobillas (TCU), Andrew Hollinger+ (Baylor), Jeff Stubbs+ (UNT)
Greg Crosthwaite+ (A&M), Mark Polley+, Joseph Francis+ (UTA),

DFW Airport Ministry

Greg McBrayer+ John Kalimi+

New Parishes & Missions

Canon Joel Hampton+

Deaconess Committee

Bill Estes+, Greg Crosthwait+, Paulette Sackett, Kerwin Wade (Chaplain)

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Removal from Postulancy					
Accepted for Postulancy					
Acceptance for Candidates for Holy Orders	Banda	Hunter	J. Stubblefield		
Ordinations to the Diaconate	Hootman	Hunter	J. Stubblefield		
Ordinations to the Priesthood	Banda	Hootman			
Removal from Ordained Ministry	M. Williams				
Letters Dimissory	Andrew Fox				
Licensing of Clergy	Ackerman	Allen	Bigley	Calandra	Collier
	Cromartie	Dena	Gresser	Jarrett	Kanary
	Parry	Seal	Shepherd	Herrmann	Cusick
Marriage Adjudications	Francis	Berry	Hammers	Naughton	Siegel
Consents of House of Bishops	Grote - REC Mid-America	Ashey - Western	Cayangyang - JFAC	MacClellan - JFAC	Donison
	Steele - Living Word	Bailey - CS40			
Institution of a Rector	Petta+				
Canonical Residence	Brummett	Herrmann			
Annulment of Marriage	Blue/Stallings	Neal/Brooks	Neal/Smith	Payne/Payne	
	Beacham/Beacham	Beyer/Walker	Hierholzer/Jacobs	Morgan/Morgan	Wagnon/Wagnor
Appointment of a Vicar					

NEW CLERGY

Andrew Brummett, Associate Priest – Christ Church, Midland

Thom Hunter, Deacon- Christ Church, Waco

Jim Stubblefield, Deacon – Church of the Holy Apostles, FW

Luis Banda, Priest – Assisting – St. Mary, Hillsboro

Lenore Rothman (St. Vincent) & Mandy Williams (Incarnation) -

Setting Apart of Diocesan Deaconesses

Jacob Hootman, Priest – St. John, FW

Lorenzo Cusick, Licensed Priest (Christ Our Hope)– St. Anne, FW

Sandy Herrmann, Priest – Canonical as of September

PROPOSED ASSESSMENT FORMULA 2026

Canon 16 of the Diocesan Canons gives the Executive Council authority to assess parishes and missions to meet the Diocesan budget as adopted by the Diocesan Convention.

The formula used by the Executive Council to determine the assessment of each parish and mission of the Diocese is proposed as follows:

BASE: Operating Income as reported on the Annual Parochial Report Form for the Year **2024**. (Item 39)

10% for all churches on the first **\$50,000.00** of income.

11.35% on that portion of income that exceeds **\$50,000.00**.

NOTE: **Operating Income includes::**

1. **Plate Offerings**
2. **Pledge Payments from membership**
3. **Contributions from Congregation's Organizations**
4. **Net Operating Investment Income**
5. **Other Operating Income, including unrestricted gifts and restricted gifts used for operations**

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FT. WORTH
2026 Proposed Budget with Comparison

INCOME

DESCRIPTION	2026/11.35%	2025/ 11.5%
Parishes and Missions	\$ 1,506,283.41	\$ 1,527,502.61
Mission Apportionments	45,000.00	45,000.00
Endowment For Episcopate	80,000.00	100,000.00
Benefit Plan Fees	30,000.00	30,000.00
Special Gifts	50,000.00	50,000.00
Strategic Plan Fund	104,000.00	215,400.00
Shrinkage	(10,000.00)	(10,000.00)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 1,805,283.41	\$ 1,957,902.61

EXPENSES

DESCRIPTION	2026	2025
<u>GENERAL CHURCH</u>		
A C N A	\$ 150,628.00	\$ 152,750.00
American Anglican Council Canonical Consu	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,400.00
TOTAL GENERAL CHURCH	\$ 151,828.00	\$ 155,150.00

EPISCOPATE

Stipend and Housing	\$ 162,851.00	\$ 156,910.20
Auto Allowance	20,000.00	20,000.00
Retirement	29,313.18	28,243.84
Travel	25,000.00	20,000.00
Meetings & Conferences	6,000.00	6,000.00
Assisting Bishops Expense	12,000.00	12,000.00
TOTAL EPISCOPATE	\$ 255,164.18	\$ 243,154.04

BUILDING OPERATION

Utilities (Electricity, Gas, Water)	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 23,500.00
Security	1,200.00	1,200.00
Housekeeping/Building Supplies	10,000.00	10,000.00
Grounds Repair & Maintenance	20,000.00	25,000.00
Building Repair & Maintenance	10,000.00	13,000.00
Maintenance Reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL BUILDING OPER.	\$ 69,700.00	\$ 77,700.00

OFFICE OPERATION

Annual Audit	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00
Insurance	33,000.00	50,000.00
Telecommunications	16,000.00	17,200.00
New Equipment-Software	24,000.00	24,000.00
Office Equip. Lease & Maintenance	45,650.00	45,650.00
Office Supplies	7,000.00	7,000.00
Postage	3,000.00	3,000.00
Chapel Supplies	1,000.00	800.00
Hospitality	1,200.00	1,200.00
Communications	10,000.00	22,000.00
TOTAL OFFICE OPER.	\$ 161,850.00	\$ 191,850.00

PERSONNEL

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FT. WORTH
2026 Proposed Budget with Comparison

Salaries and Benefits	508,205.76	534,642.98
Mileage Reimbursement	9,000.00	8,000.00
Meetings & Conferences	2,000.00	2,000.00
Health Benefits	147,293.00	164,965.42
Workers Compensation	3,956.00	3,956.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$ 670,454.76	\$ 713,564.40

DIOCESAN SUPPORT

Church Governance Meetings	17,500.00	15,000.00
Cathedral Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00
Contingency	10,090.27	10,308.36
Chancellor Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00
Clergy Conference	3,000.00	3,000.00
Clergy Retreats	1,000.00	1,000.00
Diocesan Curacies	100,996.20	125,475.81
Commission on Ministry	4,000.00	4,000.00
TOTAL DIOCESAN SUPPORT	\$ 138,586.47	\$ 160,784.17

MISSIONS

Grants to Missions (Diocese's Share)	104,000.00	146,800.00
Apportionment (Missions' Share)	45,000.00	45,000.00
TOTAL MISSION DEPARTMENT	\$ 149,000.00	\$ 191,800.00

DIOCESAN MINISTRIES

Hispanic Ministry	5,000.00	5,000.00
Mother's Union	2,000.00	2,000.00
Diocesan Altar Guild	600.00	600.00
Camp Crucis Grant	80,000.00	100,000.00
Centurion Support	12,000.00	12,000.00
Christian Education	2,500.00	2,500.00
Children's Ministry	7,500.00	7,500.00
Youth Ministry	10,800.00	10,800.00
Young Adult Ministry	9,000.00	9,000.00
Pro Life Ministry	500.00	500.00
College Ministry (UTA) - St. Vincents	9,250.00	9,250.00
College Ministry (UTA) - St. Alban's	4,250.00	4,250.00
T.C.U.-Fort Worth	13,500.00	13,500.00
BAYLOR - Waco	13,500.00	13,500.00
TEXAS A&M - College Station	13,500.00	13,500.00
Diocesan Conference and Workshop (BLW)	5,000.00	
Diocesan Choir Guild	1,000.00	
Absalom Jones Leadership Institute	1,800.00	
TOTAL DIOCESAN MINISTRIES	\$ 191,700.00	\$ 203,900.00

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Community Ministries	17,000.00	20,000.00
TOTAL COMMUNITY MINISTRIES	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 20,000.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,805,283.41	\$ 1,957,902.61
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 1,805,283.41	\$ 1,957,902.61
EXPENSES (OVER)UNDER	\$ -	\$ 0.00

2026 Assessments by Church	
St Philip the Apostle	\$27,700.00
St Marks Episcopal Church	\$46,741.33
St Peter & St Paul Episcopal	\$71,799.29
St Albans Episcopal Church	\$65,201.31
St Francis	\$26,244.00
St Vincents Cathedral	\$96,677.13
St Patricks Episcopal Church	\$2,279.10
St Andrews Episcopal Church	\$19,358.50
St Johns Episcopal Church Brownwood	\$22,745.04
St John the Divine Episcopal	\$9,031.86
Church of the Holy Comforter	\$30,010.69
Incarnation	\$42,182.60
St Matthews Episcopal Church	\$6,125.22
St Francis	\$19,800.00
St Matthias	\$50,130.32
Trinity Episcopal Church	\$3,900.00
St Simon of Cyrene Episcopal Church	\$1,500.00
Iglesia San Juan Apostol	\$9,809.48
Christ the King	\$11,810.00
Iglesia San Miguel	\$22,025.00
All Saints Fort Worth	\$66,290.00
St Barnabas the Apostle	\$32,403.38
Church of the Holy Apostles	\$26,488.16
St Annes Episcopal Church	\$43,990.72
Christ the Redeemer	\$64,655.08
St John Episcopal Church Fort Worth	\$70,557.95
St Andrews Episcopal Church	\$178,193.17
St Pauls Episcopal Church	\$22,400.69
Light of Christ	\$25,622.15
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church Granbury	\$22,649.25
St Marys Episcopal Church Hamilton	\$1,044.00
St Stephens Episcopal Church	\$43,095.05
Our Lady of the Lake	\$10,265.27
St Gregorys Episcopal Church	\$26,807.93
St. Timothy's	\$13,200.70
St Lukes Episcopal Church	\$12,465.12
All Saints Monroe	\$6,600.35
Santa Maria	\$1,500.00
St Peter-By-The-Lake Episcopal Church	\$3,919.30
St Laurence Episcopal Church	\$129,299.41
Christ Church Waco	\$41,395.32
All Saints Episcopal Church Weatherford	\$21,915.15
Good Shepherd Wichita Falls	\$29,662.42
St Francis of Assisi	\$18,107.43
Ascension & St Mark	\$8,684.55
	\$1,506,283.41

**2025 Recommended Amendments
to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Fort Worth
as proposed by the
Constitution and Canons Committee**

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In the proposed amendments, words eliminated are shown by a ~~red strikethrough~~, and words added are shown in **bold yellow-highlighted type**. Changes in capitalization are underlined.

Respectfully submitted,
(The Rev'd) Timothy Matkin, *Chair*

ARTICLE 1

ANGLICAN IDENTITY

Current Article with amendments noted:

The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth is a constituent member of the Anglican Communion, a Fellowship within the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, consisting of those duly constituted Dioceses, Provinces and regional Churches ~~in communion with the See of Canterbury~~, upholding and propagating the historic Faith and Order as set forth in the Old and New Testaments and expressed in the Book of Common Prayer.

Proposed Amended Article:

The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth is a constituent member of the Anglican Communion, a fellowship within the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, consisting of those duly constituted dioceses, provinces and regional churches upholding and propagating the historic faith and order as set forth in the Old and New Testaments and expressed in the Book of Common Prayer.

Rationale:

The language of Article 1 originated with the definition of the Anglican Communion provided by Lambeth 1930, Resolution 49. The capitalization has been changed to conform to the original Lambeth resolution.

Article 1 currently requires communion with the See of Canterbury, which may no longer be possible. The complaint of GAFCon against Canterbury was with the former occupant rather than the see itself, which is currently vacant and due to be filled by the winter of 2025. The new occupant is expected to follow the same policy to which objection was made, and also may be someone whose orders we cannot recognize. Following the lead of GAFCon, the reference to the See of Canterbury has been deleted, leaving unity based on a common faith and order.

The GAFCon IV Kigali Commitment of 21 April 2023 noted: "We consider that those who refuse to repent have abdicated their right to leadership within the Anglican Communion, and we commit ourselves to working with orthodox Primates and other leaders to reset the Communion on its biblical foundations." . . . "Both GSFA and Gafcon Primates share the view that, due to the departures from orthodoxy articulated above, they can no longer recognise the Archbishop of Canterbury as an Instrument of Communion, the 'first among equals' of the Primates. The Church of England has chosen to impair her relationship with the orthodox provinces in the Communion."

Resolution 1, passed by the Convention of the Diocese of Fort Worth in 2009, noted: "AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Diocese maintains its status as a member diocese in the Province of the Southern Cone while the formal process of recognition of this new province continues in the Anglican Communion."*

**Renamed 'Anglican Church of South America' in 2014.*

ARTICLE 2

MEMBERS OF CONVENTION

Current Article with amendments noted:

The Diocese of Fort Worth entrusts its legislation to a Convention to consist as follows: First, of the Bishop, when there be one; of the Bishop Coadjutor, when there be one; of the Suffragan Bishops, Assistant Bishops, if there be any; Second, of all priests canonically resident in the Diocese, and not under Ecclesiastical discipline, and who have not in contemplation of removal from this Diocese, applied for their Letters Dimissory; and Third, of Lay Delegates chosen by and representing their Congregations. Lay Delegates and their Alternates shall be elected by the Congregations of their respective Parishes and Missions at the Annual Parish Meeting and shall hold office until their successors are elected. The Rectors of Parishes and Vicars of Missions shall have authority to fill such vacancies as may occur from the list of Alternate Lay Delegates between the time of such election and any meetings of the Convention. Lay Delegates shall be confirmed communicants in good standing, at least 18 years of age.

Every Parish and Mission in union with the Convention shall be entitled to Lay Delegates determined by the ~~number of confirmed communicants~~ **average Sunday attendance** reported in the Annual Parochial Report for the year ending December 31 next preceding the Diocesan Convention, as provided by Canon.

Rationale:

Canon 1 apportions delegates to the diocesan convention on the basis of number of "confirmed adult communicants in good standing." In 2023, we had proposed moving from an apportionment based upon active membership to an apportionment based upon average Sunday attendance. This idea was well received in principle, but ended up drastically altering the number of delegates, and the proposal was sent back to the committee. We revised the formula to come out with about the same number of delegates overall. With the new formula, 40 congregations keep the same number of delegates, while 9 congregations will see an increase in delegates and 5 will see a decrease. See the attachment for a chart comparing apportionment by membership versus attendance.

We also noted that Article 2 of the Constitution makes reference to the apportionment being based on membership. Since a change to the constitution requires approval from two consecutive conventions while canon changes require approval from only one convention, we propose amending Article 2 of the Constitution at the 2025 convention, and if approved, we propose a matching revision to Canon 1 at the following convention in 2026.

Canon 10

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Current Canon with amendments noted:

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Sec. 10.4 The Executive Council shall meet each year in ~~January, March, May, September and November~~ **at least three times during the year, as scheduled by the Bishop**, and it shall be the duty of every member of The Executive Council to attend meetings regularly. In case of the continued absence of a member from regular meetings of The Executive Council for a period of two (2) successive meetings without valid excuse, that member of The Executive Council may be removed by majority vote of The Executive Council members present and the vacancy shall be filled pursuant to Sec. 10.1.

Special meetings of the Council may be called for any purpose by the President or by the President of the Standing Committee and shall be called at the request of any five members of the Council.

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Sec. 10.6 On or before the ~~September~~ **pre-convention** meeting of the Council in each year, the Department of Finance (as appointed by the Bishop under this Canon) shall submit to the Council the draft of an annual budget setting forth the opportunities and needs of the Diocese together with the proposed apportionment to the program of the Province with which the Diocese is affiliated for the next fiscal year. The Council shall make such amendments and revisions as it deems necessary and shall submit the proposed budget to the Annual Convention. A table setting forth the amounts to be assessed each Parish and Mission shall be presented to the Convention. As soon as possible after the ~~September Council~~ **pre-convention** meeting and not less than twenty (20) days before Convention, the budget shall be sent to every Parish and Mission for distribution to its delegates. The Convention has the right to amend the proposed budget as it deems fit. Not less than twenty (20) days following the adjournment of the Annual Convention, the budget shall be sent to the Vestry or Bishop's Committee of every Parish or Mission.

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Rationale:

Since the Executive Council has not been meeting on the months specified by the canon (January, March, May, September, November), we removed references to specific months, instead saying that the Executive Council shall meet at least three times a year, with the bishop scheduling those meetings. Canon 10.6 about the proposed budget is reworded to reflect that change. Instead of "September meeting," it is the "pre-convention meeting."

Additional Qualifications in the Canons

Rationale:

*As a part of this work on defining terms for lay ministry in Canon 44, we recommend for clarity adding the following to the basic qualifications for lay leaders in the diocese, that they “. . . **shall be in conformity with the moral and theological teachings of the Church as codified in the Constitution and Canons and set forth in the Book of Common Prayer, and uphold the historic faith of the Church.**” This would be added to the following: Canon 9.1 (Standing Committee), Canon 10 (Executive Council), Canon 13.1 (Commission on Ministry), Canon 17.2 (Board of Trustees), Canon 25.1 (Vestries and Wardens), Canon 35.4 (Lay Deanery Representatives), Canon 38-III.1a and .2a and .13c (Ecclesiastical Discipline—Courts).*

Canon 9

STANDING COMMITTEE

Current Canon with amendments noted:

Sec. 9.1 The Standing Committee shall be elected, vacancies filled, and terms of office fixed, as provided in Article 10 of the Constitution of this Diocese. **In addition, members of the Standing Committee shall (a) be in conformity with the moral and theological teachings of the Church as codified in the Constitution and Canons and set forth in the Book of Common Prayer, and (b) uphold the historic faith of the Church.**

Canon 10

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Current Canon with amendments noted:

Sec. 10.1 . . .

In the event a vacancy occurs among those elected by a Deanery, the Deanery shall elect a qualified person for the unexpired term of the seat vacated. Any person elected to an unexpired term is eligible for election for a full term is said unexpired is for less than two years.

In addition, members of the Executive Council shall (a) be in conformity with the moral and theological teachings of the Church as codified in the Constitution and Canons and set forth in the Book of Common Prayer, and (b) uphold the historic faith of the Church.

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Canon 13
COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Current Canon with amendments noted:

Sec. 13.1 There shall be a Commission on Ministry consisting not fewer than six (6) members of the Clergy and six (6) Lay Persons. At least two (2) Clergy and two (2) Lay Persons, shall be nominated by the Bishop at each Annual Convention and elected by Convention for a three (3) year term. Should vacancies occur in the Commission when Convention is not in session, the Bishop shall nominate to the Standing Committee, upon whose confirmation the nominee shall serve the balance of the term for which appointed. The Bishop shall appoint the Chairman from the Clergy members. **In addition, members of the Commission on Ministry shall (a) be in conformity with the moral and theological teachings of the Church as codified in the Constitution and Canons and set forth in the Book of Common Prayer, and (b) uphold the historic faith of the Church.**

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Canon 17
CORPORATION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

Current Canon with amendments noted:

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Sec. 17.2 The management of its affairs shall be conducted and administered by a Board of Trustees of five (5) elected members, all of whom are either Lay Communicants in good standing of a Parish or Mission in the Diocese or members of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, in addition to the Bishop of the Diocese, who shall serve as Chairman of the Board or may designate the President or other officer of the Corporation to serve as such. The Board of Trustees shall have the power and authority to conduct the affairs of said Corporation in accordance with its charter and by-laws and in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese from time-to-time adopted. **In addition, members of the Board of Trustees shall (a) be in conformity with the moral and theological teachings of the Church as codified in the Constitution and Canons and set forth in the Book of Common Prayer, and (b) uphold the historic faith of the Church.**

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Canon 25
WARDENS AND VESTRIES OF PARISHES

Current Canon with amendments noted:

Sec. 25.1 Vestries shall consist of not less than six (6) and not more than fifteen (15) members who shall be Confirmed Communicants in Good Standing of at least eighteen (18) years of age, canonically resident in the Parish, and who were financial contributors to the Parish in the preceding year as shown on the records of the Treasurer. **In addition, members of the Vestry shall (a) be in conformity with the moral and theological teachings of the Church as codified in the Constitution and Canons and set forth in the Book of Common Prayer, and (b) uphold the historic faith of the Church.**

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Canon 35
DEANERIES

Current Canon with amendments noted:

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Sec. 35.4 The Council of each Deanery shall meet annually prior to the Convention of the Diocese to elect on a rotating basis for three (3) years one (1) member of the Clergy or one (1) of the two Lay Representatives to the Executive Council by a concurrent vote of a majority of each order from the following:

- a. The Clerical Representative must be a member of the Clergy entitled to a vote in the Convention and residing in the Deanery; and
- b. Each Lay Representative must be a Confirmed adult Communicant in good standing in one of the Parishes or Missions of the Deanery, but not of the same Parish or Mission as the other.

In addition to the Pre-Convention meeting the Deanery Council shall meet at least one other time in the course of the year for the purpose of disseminating information from the Executive Council Meetings and as seems necessary for the furtherance of the Mission of the Church in the Deanery or as the Bishop or Executive Council of the Diocese may require. **In addition, members of the Deanery shall (a) be in conformity with the moral and theological teachings of the Church as codified in the Constitution and Canons and set forth in the Book of Common Prayer, and (b) uphold the historic faith of the Church.**

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Canon 38
ECCLESIASTICAL DISCIPLINE

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III. Courts, Their Membership and Procedures

A. Diocesan Courts for the Trial of a Presbyter or Deacon

Sec. 1. In this Diocese there shall be an Ecclesiastical Trial Court (hereafter "Trial Court"] for the trial of any Presbyter or Deacon accused of any offense set forth in Part I Section 1.

a. The Trial Court shall consist of three (3) Presbyters or Deacons canonically resident in this Diocese and two (2) Members of the Laity who shall be Confirmed Communicants in good standing in this Diocese at least eighteen (18) years of age. **In addition, members of the Trial Court shall (a) be in conformity with the moral and theological teachings of the Church as codified in the Constitution and Canons and set forth in the Book of Common Prayer, and (b) uphold the historic faith of the Church.**

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Sec. 2—a. There shall be a Court of Review of the Trial of a Presbyter or Deacon [hereafter "Court of Review"), which shall be comprised of the Bishop, three Presbyters or Deacons canonically resident in this Diocese, and three Lay Persons who are confirmed adult communicants in this Diocese in good standing, having domicile in this Diocese. At least two of said Lay Persons shall be learned in the law. **In addition, members of the Court of Review shall (a) be in conformity with the moral and theological teachings of the Church as codified in the Constitution and Canons and set forth in the Book of Common Prayer, and (b) uphold the historic faith of the Church.**

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Sec. 13 ...

c. The several Courts each may appoint not less than two nor more than three Lay Persons who are confirmed adult communicants of this Church in good standing, learned in the law, as Assessors. They shall have no vote. It shall be their duty to give the Court an opinion on any question, not theological, upon which the Court or any Judge thereof, or either party, shall desire an opinion. If a question shall arise as to whether any question is theological, it shall be decided by the Clerical Judges serving on the Court by a majority vote. **In addition, the Assessors shall (a) be in conformity with the moral and theological teachings of the Church as codified in the Constitution and Canons and set forth in the Book of Common Prayer, and (b) uphold the historic faith of the Church.**

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Canon 44
OF THE MINISTRY OF BAPTIZED & CONFIRMED PERSONS

Current Canon with amendments noted:

Definition of Terms

Baptized Person: A “Baptized Person” (or “baptized person”) is one who has received the Sacrament of Baptism with water in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Communicant: A "Communicant" is a Baptized Person who (i) receives Holy Communion regularly at a Parish or Mission in this Diocese; (ii) has not been suspended from the right of partaking of the Holy Communion; and (iii) has not abandoned the Communion of this Church by an open renunciation of its doctrine, discipline and worship, or by a formal admission into a religious body not in communion with the Church.” [from Canon 28.4) An “Adult Communicant” is a Communicant who is eighteen (18) years of age or older."

Confirmed: A Communicant is "Confirmed" if the Communicant is a Baptized Person who has received a laying on of hands by a Bishop in the Apostolic Succession.

In Good Standing: A Communicant is in “Good Standing” if (i) Confirmed; (ii) named and duly recorded in the Parish Register where attending, (iii) has for the previous year been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and (iv) has been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the kingdom of God.

Qualified Voter: “Qualified Voters” at Parish Meetings are persons 16 years of age or older who are Confirmed Communicants in Good Standing and registered at the Parish or Mission holding the meeting.

Sec. 38.1 – *Concerning the Ministry of all Baptized Persons*

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Canon 44
OF THE MINISTRY OF BAPTIZED & CONFIRMED PERSONS

Current Canon with amendments noted:

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Sec. 38.6 – Commission on Ministry

The Bishop shall ~~appoint~~ **nominate** confirmed communicants in good standing within the Diocese to serve on the Commission on Ministry. The commission shall be an advisory body to assist the Bishop in establishing and implementing the guidelines and procedures contained in the Customary for Orders.

Rationale:

We have proposed a list of defined terms in Canon 44 (e.g., “in good standing”), using and standardizing the terms employed throughout the canons.

Also, there is an inconsistency in the canons related to how the Commission on Ministry is populated, so we need to harmonize them. Canon 44.6 says that the Bishop “appoints” members, while Canon 13.1 says that the Bishop “nominates” new CoM members to be elected by the Convention (or to the Standing Committee for vacancies between conventions). We propose to harmonize them by amending Canon 44.6 to read that the Bishop “nominates.”

2025 Results of Proposed Changes

Article 1: Anglican Identity; Passed, second vote required in 2026

Article 2: Members of Convention; Passed, second vote required in 2026

Canon 10: The Executive Council; Passed

Canon 13: Commission on Ministry; Passed

Canon 17: Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth; Passed

Canon 25: Wardens and Vestries of Parishes; Passed

Canon 35: Deaneries; Passed

Canon 38: Ecclesiastical Discipline; Passed

Canon 44: Of the Ministry of Baptized & Confirmed Persons; Passed

Congregation	Communicants	Current Delegates	2024 ASA	Proposed Delegates
Abilene, Holy Cross	34	1	41	1
Alvarado, St Anthony	10	1	12	1
Arlington, St Alban	174	2	160	3
Arlington, St Mark	196	2	121	2
Arlington, St Peter & St Paul	300	4	166	3
Arlington, St Philip	238	3	165	3
Austin, St Francis	70	1	87	2
Bedford, St Vincent	338	4	225	4
Bowie, St Patrick	9	1	14	1
Breckenridge, St Andrew	78	1	27	1
Brownwood, St John	100	2	43	1
Burkburnett, St John	34	1	32	1
Cleburne, Holy Comforter	97	1	40	1
College Station, Incarnation	45	1	99	2
Comanche, St Matthew	25	1	17	1
Dallas, St Francis	53	1	48	1
Dallas, St Matthias	102	2	86	2
Dublin, Trinity	16	1	14	1
Eastland, Holy Trinity	25	1	15	1
FW, All Saints	350	4	200	4
FW, Christ the King	44	1	39	1
FW, Christ the Redeemer	172	2	167	3
FW, Holy Apostles	104	2	110	2
FW, San Juan	206	3	206	4
FW, San Miguel	360	4	279	5
FW, St Andrew	313	4	206	4
FW, St Anne	218	3	142	3
FW, St Barnabas	212	3	123	2
FW, St John	262	3	68	1
FW, St Simon				
Gainesville, St Paul	29	1	30	1
Georgetown, Light of Christ	87	1	152	3
Glen Rose, Cross of Christ	25	1	14	1
Graham, Holy Spirit	15	1	11	1
Granbury, Good Shepherd	58	1	52	1
Hamilton, St Mary	8	1	6	1
Henrietta, Trinity	10	1	6	1
Hillsboro, St Mary	14	1	8	1
Hubbard, St Alban	12	1	8	1
Hurst, St Stephen	137	2	83	2
Jacksboro, St Thomas	10	1	7	1
Laguna Park, Our Lady	50	1	25	1
Mansfield, St Gregory	108	2	73	1
Marshall, St. Timothy		1	62	1

Midland, Christ Church	287	3	218	4
Mineral Wells, St Luke	35	1	38	1
Monroe, All Saints	42	1	30	1
Possum Kingdom, St Peter	10	1	10	1
Richland Hills, Santa Maria	33	1	61	1
Southlake, St Laurence	1019	6	367	6
Waco, Christ Church	102	2	177	4
Weatherford, All Saints	78	1	73	1
Wichita Falls, Good Shepherd	80	1	45	1
Willow Park, St Francis	75	1	54	1
Wise County, Ascension & St	52	1	34	1

<u>Communicants</u>	<u>Delegate #</u>	<u>ASA</u>
1–100	1	1–75
101–200	2	76–125
201–300	3	126–175
301–500	4	176–225
501–750	5	226–300
751–1,050	6	301–400
1,051–1,400	7	401–600
1,401–2,000	8	601–1,000
2,001–2,750	9	1,001–2,500
2,750 + up	10	2,501 + up



Report of the Historiographer to the 43rd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth November 2025



This year I added 16 GB of data, a little over 3,000 items to the archives, bringing the total to 208 GB, and 43,835 files. Most of those files added are scanned registers with 200-275 pages each, historical booklets, documents, and photos.

I gave a presentation at the Bishop's Leadership Workshop regarding archiving your church histories. We live in a land of tornadoes and hail. Please take care of your documents and digitally archive them.

I recently received several scrapbooks from Bishop Davies' daughter. I will be archiving them in earnest after my retirement at the end of the year.

Faithfully submitted,

Devan Breedlove

Devan Breedlove
Diocesan Historiographer & Photographer



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Standing Committee: Report to Convention

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Fort Worth is established in Article 10 of the diocesan constitution as a council of advice to the bishop. It also serves as a committee of oversight for the various ministries, organizations, and business transactions of the diocese. In the absence of a bishop, it serves as the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese.

At our first meeting since the 2024 convention, Father Andrew Petta was elected as president, Father Alan Horton as vice-president, and Miss Catherine Rogers as secretary. Canon Sergio Diaz, Mrs. Melissa Smith, and Mr. Jeff Wallace also serve as members of the Standing Committee.

The committee met when there was business to consider in December, January, February, March, April, May, September, and October. During that time, the committee took the following actions:

- Approved the sale of the properties at Dexter, across the street from All Saints FW
- Approved a loan for St. Laurence to begin construction
- Approved a loan for Christ the Redeemer to begin construction
- Approved the sale of Saint Andrew's Grand Prairie property
- Moved that the Anglican Diocese of Fort Worth participate in the CFWI Clergy Support Fund Matching Grant Process for the next four years and established a Clergy Support Fund to do so.
- Approved the sale the old San Miguel properties on Shackleford (5029 and 5013) / primary site
- Approved the sale of a property on Sandy Lane
- Moved to close Trinity Henrietta with proceeds being distributed back to the diocese, adding Kristi Heffron and Canon Hampton as signatories on bank accounts of the church to facilitate for this process. Vessels and vestments went to storage at St Albans
- Made a resolution to enter the ACNA West Accord for the next two years
- Approved the sale of the Good Shepherd Granbury property
- Accepted the renunciation of Michael Williams orders to the diaconate
- Consented to the ordination of Jacob Hootman to the diaconate and later to the priesthood
- Consented to the ordination of Luis Banda to the priesthood
- Consented to the ordination of Thom Hunter to the diaconate
- Consented to the ordination of Jim Stubblefield to the diaconate
- Approved a cell phone tower at St. Mark's Arlington
- Reviewed and approved Safeguarding Policy
- Reviewed Diocesan Policies and Procedures
- Approved for St Philip's to engage a realtor to put their New York Ave property on the market – proceeds to go their Revolving Fund loan from the diocese
- Reviewed upcoming changes to the Canons
- Reviewed upcoming health care premiums
- Received and reviewed 2024 Audit of the diocese
- Issued a letter in conjunction with Bishop Reed in light of the appointment of Dame Sarah Mullally to the See of Canterbury.
- Approved Christ Church Midland as full member of the diocese, after their Vestry voted to fully enter the diocese

Respectfully submitted,

Fr. Andrew Petta
Rector Christ Church Anglican

CORPORATION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

The Trustees of the Diocesan Corporation meet throughout the year to monitor and establish investment policy for the endowed financial assets of the Diocese. In addition, the Trustees review and approve transactions involving real estate within the Diocese. Primary investment goals are protection of principal balance and at the same time investing in equities and fixed income instruments to obtain appropriate market returns. At present the accounts under the oversight of the Trustees are as follows:

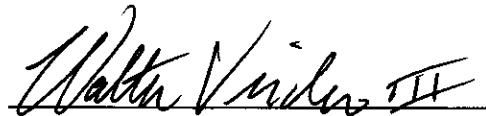
The E.D. Farmer Fund	The Endowment for the Episcopate
The Anne S. and John S. Brown Trust	Memorial Scholarship Fund
Betty Ann Montgomery Farley/Turner Fund	The Revolving Fund Investments
Strategic Fund Investment Account	The Farmer Reed Fund
All Saints Church Trust	

The combined market value of all accounts as of June 30, 2025, was \$5,814,377 an increase of \$1,787,546 over the previous year. A total of \$522,250 was distributed for Diocesan and Seminarian support.

Upon recommendation from the Standing Committee, approval was granted for approximately \$9.0 million in various construction projects, sales of property and other real estate transactions throughout the Diocese.

Members of the board include The Right Reverend Ryan S. Reed, Chairman; Walter Virden III, President, Chad Bates, Secretary-Treasurer, Marsland Moncrief, Rod Barber, and Mark Edson.

Respectfully submitted,



Walter Virden III, President

Financial Summary for the twelve months ended June 30, 2025:

Combined fund balances, July 1, 2024		\$ 4,026,831
Contributions & Transfers	\$ 762,735	
Sales of Real Estate	1,078,173	
Dividends and interest	151,472	
Net Realized & Unrealized Gains (Losses)	<u>343,378</u>	
Total:		2,335,758
Disbursements:		
Distributions	522,250	
Fiduciary Fees and Expenses	<u>25,962</u>	<u>548,212</u>
Increase (Decrease) in fund balances		<u>1,787,546</u>
Combined fund balances, June 30, 2025		<u>\$ 5,814,377</u>

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

RETIREMENT FUND BOARD

ANNUAL REPORT

2025

The Anglican Benefits Retirement Program and the Retirement Fund Board were established by Diocesan Canons in 2010. The plan qualifies under Internal Revenue Code Section 403b as a deferred compensation plan and is intended to fund retirement benefits for both clergy and lay employees of the Diocese and individual churches. Clergy contributions are required, while non-ordained participation is voluntary. Individual clergy discretionary contributions are allowed. Whether clergy or lay, voluntary contributions are permitted and encouraged.

Participants are offered a wide range of traditional investment options for their accounts, and all contributions are immediately vested. Frost National Bank, through its Retirement Services division, is custodian for Plan investments and provides record keeping, participant and tax reporting services.

A summary of the Plan's statistics for last three years ending September 30, is as follows:

	2023	2024	2025
Participants			
Clergy	61	65	66
Lay	24	17	17
Total	85	82	83
Total Plan Value	\$7,436,935	\$8,819,222	\$9,759,222

The board meets at least annually to review plan performance and other matters related to plan operation.

Bishop Reed annually appoints board members. Current Board members are Marsland Moncrief, Joe Graber, Chair, Walter Virden, Canon Joel Hampton, The Reverend Jeff Logan, Tommy Thompson and Kristi Heffron, Direct of Finance, serves as an advisory member and secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Virden, III



THE CHURCH *of* ST ALBAN *the* MARTYR

A Parish of the Anglican Church in North America

To the Bishop, Clergy, and Delegates of the Diocese of Fort Worth,

Since my appointment in July of 2024, it has been an honor to serve as Diocesan Liturgist. I work very closely with Bishop Reed, Deacon Kerwin Wade (Bishop's Chaplain and Canon Liturgist), and Diocesan Staff to plan various annual liturgies, such as:

- Masses and Offices celebrated at Diocesan Clergy Retreat each January
- The "Mass of Collegiality" celebrated at St Vincent's Cathedral on Tuesday during Holy Week
- Opening Mass and Offices celebrated at Diocesan Convention each November

The Diocesan Liturgist also plays a consultative role within the life of the Diocese and is available to all clergy for any liturgical questions or concerns. All parishes are expected to abide by the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer and the Customary for the Diocese of Fort Worth. The Diocesan Liturgist is a resource for answering questions pertaining to these liturgical guides. In particular, Rectors, Vicars, and Priests-in-Charge are encouraged to consult the Diocesan Liturgist for occasional liturgies, such as:

- Annual Episcopal Visitation
- Institution of a Rector
- Consecration of a Place of Worship
- Ordination of a Deacon or Priest
- Diocesan Events
- Holy Week Liturgies

In 2025 I was please to host three Zoom Liturgy Practicum sessions for newer clergy to the diocese. These Zoom meetings presented useful material on hearing Confessions, Sick Calls & Last Rites, and Catholic devotional practices in the Anglican Tradition.

I am here to serve the Priests and Parishes of the Diocese in whatever way that I can be of assistance. Please reach out to me when you need a helping hand.

Respectfully submitted,

Fr Joseph Francis, SSC
Diocesan Liturgist

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**The Executive Council
Minutes for January 23, 2025
Officers and Members**

Diocesan Officers: The Rt. Rev. Ryan S. Reed, Mr. Walter Virden III, The Rev. Andrew Petta, The Rev. Canon Joel Hampton

Diocesan staff: Mrs. Kristi Heffron, Mrs. Dale Ward, & The Rev. John Munson

Western Deanery

The Vy. Rev. Donald Sackett
The Rev. Bill Estes (zoom)
Mrs. Paulette Sackett (zoom)
Mr. Tom Sikes (zoom)

Eastern Deanery

The Vy. Rev. Alan Horton
Dr. EJ Oda*
Mr. Guy Huggins*
The Rev. Andrew Thebeau (zoom)

Northeastern Deanery

The Vy. Rev. John Jordan
Mr. Gus Hernandez (zoom)
Mr. Joe Hodges (zoom)
The Rev. Bob Tomlinson (zoom)

Northern Deanery

The Vy. Rev. Keth Roberson
Mrs. Mary Howard
Mrs. Gayla Slaughenhop*
The Rev. Elmer Miguel*

Ft. Worth West Deanery

The Vy. Rev. Chris Culpepper
The Rev. Charles Humphrey (zoom)
Mr. Hans Luthi
Mrs. Donna Stubblefield*

Ft. Worth East Deanery

The Vy. Rev. Sergio Diaz
Mr. Matthew Clemons*
Mr. Paul Prater
The Rev. Sam Wilgus

Southern Deanery

The Very Rev. Michael Heidt*
The Rev. Greg Crosthwait (zoom)
Mr. Craig Robinson*
Mr. Jeff Wallace (zoom)

Southwestern Deanery

The Vy. Rev. Cooper Morelock
Mr. Jimmy Henry
Mrs. Barb Kinney*
The Rev. Michael Mobley

*Denotes Absence

Bishop Reed opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with prayer.

Minutes from September 19, 2024 were approved as written.

Motion to accept Bishop Reed **Second** Don Sackett+

Bishop's Remarks

Welcome new members: Andrew Petta+, Sam Wilgus+, Donna Stubblefield, Guy Huggins, Gus Hernandez & Elmer Miguel+.

Bishop Reed announced clergy changes:

Chris Culpepper+ - Canon for Church Planting

Timothy Matkin+ - Chair for the Constitution & Canons Committee

Jerry Kramer+, Interim – Christ Church, Midland

W. Andrew Brummett+, Assisting – St. Francis, Austin

Jacob Hootman will be ordained to the Diaconate, February 24, 2025 at the Church of St. Michael & All Angels in Delafield, WI

Deacon Michael Williams renounced his orders, November 26, 2024

Canonicals were passed by Deacon Luis Banda, Thom Hunter and Jim Stubblefield.

Bishop reported from the College of Bishops that he was pleased with Archbishop Wood implementing change with a Common Life Committee to address concerns for overlapping jurisdictions and women ordinations.

Bishop Reed encourages the Deans to schedule a Deanery Clericus Meeting for the clergy of the Diocese to be able to discuss the issues that are faced in the ACNA.

Upcoming events:

January 27-30 – Clergy Retreat at Monserrat in Dallas

January 30-February 2 – St. Gabriel Conference at Camp Crucis

February 1 – BBQ Bash at St. Andrew, FW Camp Crucis Fundraiser
February 7-8 – Men’s Conference at St. Peter & St. Paul, Arlington
February 8 – Bishop’s Ball at St. Vincent, Bedford
February 21 – Clergy Day at St. Barnabas, FW (Ron McCrary+)
February 22 – Bishop’s Leadership Workshop at St. Barnabas, FW
March 15 – Altar Guild Annual Spring Meeting at St. Stephens, Hurst
April 15 – Mass of Collegiality at St. Vincent, Bedford
April 26 – Spring Workday at Camp Crucis

Walter Virden gave the treasurer’s report, ended the year under budget for 2024.

Finance Committee:

Michael Mobley+ reported the 2025 Housing Resolutions, request from St. Laurence, Southlake and Christ the Redeemer for permission to get a loan. Christ the Redeemer received a private loan which was a blessing. Also, a new fund was setup for Clergy & family needs, Clergy Wellness-E.D. Farmer and the guideline for that fund is on our website.

Standing Committee:

The Standing Committee elected officers: Andrew Petta+, President, Alan Horton+, Vice President and Catherine Rogers, Secretary. The Committee approved the new Clergy Wellness Fund and the ordination to the Diaconate for Jacob Hootman.

Board of Trustees:

The Annual Meeting for the Board of Trustees was held January 21, 2025, they elected Walter Virden as President and Chad Bates as Secretary.

Walter Virden reported that the Board of Trustees approved the request from St. Laurence and Christ the Redeemer. Also, reported that there was a little over 10% return on our investments. The Diocese has several properties near closing: St. Stephens, Wichita Falls, a couple lots at Fairfax, St. Andrew, Grand Prairie and we had to rezone the empty lot on Dexter.

Reminder that St. John, Fort Worth will have a 101st Celebration on Saturday, January 25th and Christ the Redeemer will have a Groundbreaking Ceremony, February 2.

Motion to adjourn Tom Sikes

Andrew Petta+ closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Ward
Executive Council Secretary

The next Executive Council Meeting May 15

**The Executive Council
Minutes for May 15, 2025
Officers and Members**

Diocesan Officers: The Rt. Rev. Ryan S. Reed*, Mr. Walter Virden III, The Rev. Andrew Petta, The Rev. Canon Joel Hampton*

Diocesan staff: Mrs. Kristi Heffron, Mrs. Dale Ward, & The Rev. John Munson

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The Vy. Rev. Donald Sackett
The Rev. Bill Estes (zoom)
Mrs. Paulette Sackett (zoom)
Mr. Tom Sikes

Eastern Deanery

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Dr. EJ Oda*
Mr. Guy Huggins*
The Rev. Andrew Thebeau (zoom)

Northeastern Deanery

The Vy. Rev. John Jordan*
Mr. Gus Hernandez (zoom)
Mr. Joe Hodges (zoom)
The Rev. Bob Tomlinson (zoom)

Northern Deanery

The Vy. Rev. Keth Roberson
Mrs. Mary Howard (zoom)
Mrs. Gayla Slausenhof (zoom)
The Rev. Elmer Miguel (zoom)

Ft. Worth West Deanery

The Vy. Rev. Chris Culpepper*
The Rev. Charles Humphrey (zoom)
Mr. Hans Luthi
Mrs. Donna Stubblefield

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Mr. Jimmy Henry
Mrs. Barb Kinney *
The Rev. Michael Mobley

*Denotes Absence

Father Petta opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with prayer.

Minutes from January 23, 2025 were approved as written.

Motion to accept Cooper Morelock+

Second Jimmy Henry

Remarks:

Bishop Reed and Canon Hampton are in Montana giving talks on Holy Orders and necessary diocesan structures to the Yellowstone Missionary District (diocese in formation).

Bishop Reed's sabbatical dates are May 27-August 16, with no communications thru most of it.

Clergy Changes

- Thom Hunter, Deacon – Christ Church, Waco
- Jim Stubblefield, Deacon – Church of the Holy Apostles, Fort Worth
- Luis Banda+, Assistant Priest– St. Mary, Hillsboro
- Lenore Rothman & Mandy Williams - Setting Apart of Diocesan Deaconesses, Choral Evensong - May 18 at 5:00, St. Laurence, Southlake
- Matt Traylor+, Associate Priest – departing Christ Church at the end of May for a Church plant in Grand Junction Colorado
- Jacob Hootman, Deacon – Curate at St. John, Fort Worth starting June 22
- Andrew Brummett+, Associate Priest – Christ Church, Midland starting July 1

- John Heffron+, Curate – St. Vincent, Bedford starting July 1
- K.C. Lopez+, Curate – St. Andrew, Fort Worth starting July 1
- Andrew Hollinger+, Curate – Church of the Incarnation, College Station to Christ Church, Waco starting August 15

Upcoming events:

Bishop Iker Golf Tournament – Squaw Valley in Glen Rose, June 6

Summer Camp beginning at Camp Crucis in June

Clergy Day & Bishop's Leadership Workshop – August 8 & 9 at St. Barnabas, Fort Worth

Book Sale at St. Mark, Arlington last week of May 9:00-5:00

Judy Mayo shared that on May 3 St. Andrew, Fort Worth partnered with St. Philip, Arlington and raised \$12k through mite boxes, it was a great day.

Walter Virden gave the treasurer's report

Motion to receive Jimmy Henry

Second Michael Mobley+

Finance Committee:

Michael Mobley+ reported the Finance Committee recommended the sell of two lots at Good Shepherd, Granbury, sell of Sandy Lane property as well as taxes to be lowered, and Trinity, Henrietta selling with the \$3000. going toward shrinkage. The Committee has begun the budget process.

Standing Committee:

Andrew Petta+ gave an update on the Constitution & Canon Report, Article 1 (struck) 2. Delegate restructuring of numbers and 3. 10.4 change to three times a year.

Adopted ACNA-West for shared vision and resources

Properties: Trinity, Henrietta closed in April of 2025, St. Andrew, Grand Prairie, St. Stephens, Wichita Falls, Fairfax/Shackleford, & Dexter properties sold.

Working on Policies & Procedures to be in place June 1.

Board of Trustees:

Walter Virden reported that the Board of Trustees approved the sell of St. Andrew, Grand Prairie and Dexter lots.

Motion to adjourn Tom Sikes **Second** Cooper Morelock+

Andrew Petta+ closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Ward
Executive Council Secretary

The next Executive Council Meeting September 11

**The Executive Council
Minutes for September 11, 2025
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Bishop Reed opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with prayer.

Minutes from May 15, 2025 were approved as written.

Motion to accept Alan Horton+ **Second** Jimmy Henry

Clergy Changes

- Lorenzo Cusick+, Licensed Priest canonical in Diocese of Christ Our Hope, serving at St. Annes, Fort Worth
- Jacob Hootman+, Priest ordination August 25 – Curate at St. John, Fort Worth
- Andrew Hollinger+, Curate – Christ Church, Waco - August 15
- Ron Drummond+, resigned from St. Stephens, Hurst - August 31
- Andrew Petta+ was called to Christ Church, Midland as their 4th Rector, starting September 1
- Travis Province+ was called to St. Matthias, Dallas as their 5th Rector, starting September 1
- Nick Athanaelos+, resigned from Christ Church, Waco – last day in parish will be September 15, he will be focusing on his health.
- Sandy Herrmann+, Canonical as of September 8. He is leaving the TEC Diocese of Dallas
- Felix Akinkugbe+, last day at St. Simon in Fort Worth will be September 28, 2025 and Deacon Daniel Macias will be at St. Simon in Fort Worth starting September 28, 2025

Bishop Remarks:

With those clergy changes, brings three open parishes in the diocese: St. Stephens in Hurst, St. Barnabas in Fort Worth and Christ Church in Waco.

We will recognize and welcome Iglesia San Miguel as a Parish at the 43rd Diocesan Convention on November 15th, 2025.

Expansions at St. Laurence, Southlake and Christ the Redeemer, Fort Worth are going very well and hope to be open by Ash Wednesday, we give thanks.

St. Alban in Arlington has an active financial investigation being performed due to some fraud activity in their finances.

Camp Crucis cabins are deemed unusable per Bill that was passed – Considered in a flood plain, we may need to have a Capital Campaign possibly to help with this matter.

Upcoming events:

Reach Conference – Getting Out of the Basement, October 4 at St. Vincent in Bedford

Deanery Meetings

Diocesan Convention November 14 & 15. Eucharist at Church of the Holy Apostles at 5:00 on the 14th followed by dinner at Ridglea Country Club. The business meeting will be the 15th at Ridglea Country Club as well.

Walter Virden gave the treasurer's report

Motion to receive Tom Sikes

Second Alan Horton+

Finance Committee:

Michael Mobley+ gave an update from the Finance committee. The Committee recommended the sale of the Sandy Lane Property, the sale of St. Philip in Arlington and approved a cell tower contract for St. Mark in Arlington.

Kristi Heffron presented the Proposed 2026 Assessment Formula which will be a decrease to 11.35%

Motion to accept Tom Sikes **Second** Don Sackett+

Kristi Heffron presented the Proposed 2026 Budget.

Motion to accept Alan Horton+, approved unanimously

Standing Committee:

Bishop Reed gave the Standing Committee report for Fr. Petta.

The Committee approved the Ordination to the Priesthood for Jacob Hootman

- Fr. Petta made a motion to list the Sandy Lane Property at appraised value & a motion for St. Mark, Arlington to enter into a cell tower agreement.
- Amendment to original vote - Recommend the sale of the Granbury property by Finance Committee as received
- Confirm the sale would be in the best interest of the Diocese and Good Shepherd, Granbury
- Consent to and approves the sale: and name that the President of the Board of Trustees, Walter Virden, will sign on behalf of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth to consummate the sale.

Board of Trustees:

Walter Virden reported that the Board of Trustees approved the sale of the Sandy Lane Property and the lot next to Good Shepherd, Granbury.

Bishop Reed handed out the updates from the Constitution and Canons Committee. Hand out attached.

Motion to adjourn Tom Sikes **Second** Cooper Morelock+

Bishop Reed closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Ward
Executive Council Secretary

The next Executive Council Meeting February 19, 2026



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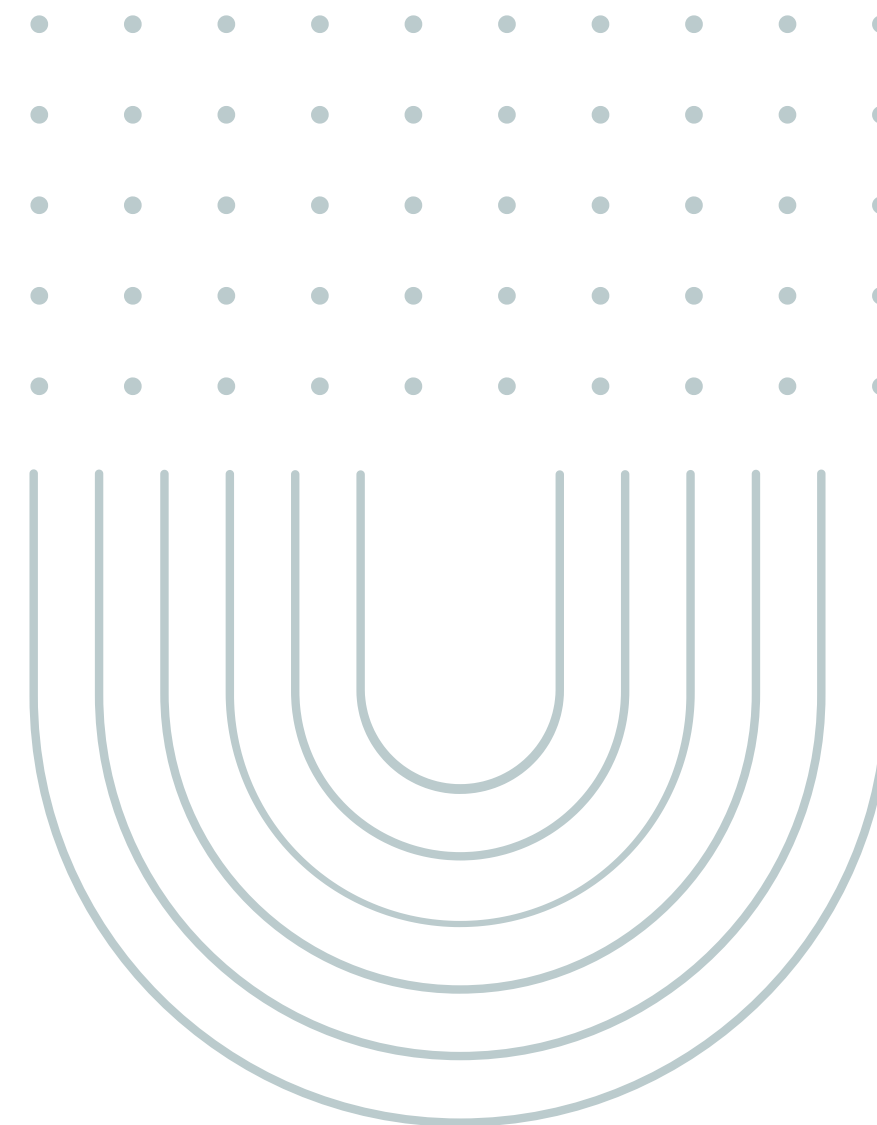
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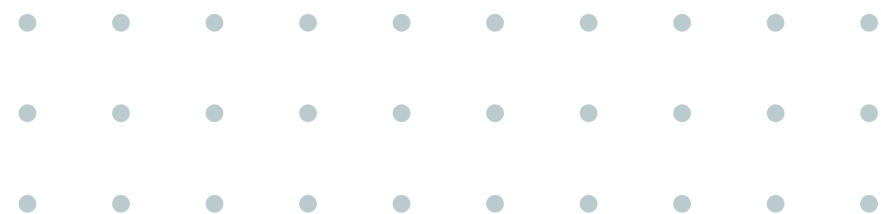


Catherine Marshall
Coordinator of Young Adult Ministry



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03. FACILITATE THE GROWTH OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH
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A Parish of the Anglican Church in North America

To the Bishop, Clergy, and Delegates of the Diocese of Fort Worth,

This past year many of our congregations engaged in Pro-Life efforts in their local communities. Our parishes and missions are surrounded by many wonderful existing ministries that can benefit from our support. These include: crisis pregnancy centers, pregnancy resource centers, adoption agencies, Pro-Life counseling & mentorship groups, “stand-and-pray campaigns” such as 40 Days for Life, and many others. Please consider partnering with some of these local efforts.

For a number of years, members of our diocese have participated in the North Texas March & Rally for Life which takes place in downtown Dallas each January. The host organizations are currently transitioning their leadership, and it is unclear if this annual event will be offered in 2026. I am in contact with the Catholic Pro-Life Committee of Dallas and have offered my help in getting the March off the ground again for 2027.

With the overturning of Roe vs Wade in 2022, it is now more important than ever that we “double down” on our commitment to creating a culture which upholds the inherent dignity of all human persons from the moment of conception until natural death (ACNA Constitution & Canons – 8.3). In recent years we have seen increased attention given to both abortion and the ethical problems associated with “In Vitro Fertilization” (IVF). We have an opportunity to be a sign of hopeful contradiction in a culture which continually seeks to commodify and devalue the human person.

I am looking forward to working with Bishop Reed and the people of our diocese to strengthen and grow our Pro-Life ministries. All who are interested in collaborating to promote the Gospel of Life may contact me directly.

Respectfully submitted.

Fr Joseph Francis, SSC
Pro-Life Ministry Coordinator

Convention Report on Youth Ministry

I am humbled and grateful to continue serving as the Coordinator of Youth Ministry for our diocese, focusing on spiritual formation and community building for our 6th-12th graders through retreats, events, and opportunities to study God's Word.

Ministry Accomplishments

There were 10 total gatherings (7 events and 3 retreats) this past year, fostering deep engagement and fellowship across the diocese.

Events:

- **Annual Gatherings:** Bishop's Ball, which had 75 attendees, and the Senior Graduation Celebration.
- **Fellowship Events:** Recreational outings were successfully held for high schoolers (Top Golf) and middle schoolers (Pool Day), alongside a successful Pickleball outing at Chicken 'N Pickle for both middle and high schoolers.
- **Praise and Pies:** This new event, which invites 6th-12th graders and their families to attend Mass at a host church followed by pizza and fellowship, has been a huge success, strengthening bonds between youth and adults from different parishes.

Retreat Highlights:

- **Youth Rally:** Held the first weekend in December at Camp Crucis, we had 71 participants and 21 adult volunteers come out for fellowship, fun, worship and learning.
- **Happening #12:** Held in February, this retreat served 26 10th-12th graders, proving to be a pivotal weekend for many as their faith grows alongside their knowledge and appreciation of Anglican traditions.
- **New Beginnings:** Hosted by St. Alban's in October, this retreat had 30 6th-9th graders registered and 13 high school staff members. We discussed more about growing their relationships with God, their parents, siblings and peers plus enjoyed fellowship and games!

Strategic Growth and Distributed Leadership

Two key initiatives launched this year were aimed at improving accessibility and developing youth leadership across our geographically widespread diocese.

1. **Zoom Bible Study:** Per the request of the youth, we launched a Zoom Bible Study on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. This successfully overcomes geographic barriers, connecting attendees from Midland to Georgetown, to grow in our knowledge of the Word and with each other.

2. **Youth Sub-Committees:** In partnership with the Next Generation Pillar Leaders, we discerned an opportunity to create three sub-committees (for New Beginnings, Youth Rally, and Bishop's Ball) to support the Diocesan Commission for Youth Ministry (DCYM).
- This model allows 10th-12th graders, who may have less availability, to commit to the specific events they are most passionate about.
 - The New Beginnings sub-committee successfully involved six 10th-12th graders from five different churches, demonstrating the effectiveness of this distributed leadership model. We are excited to see how this initiative continues to bring youth together to serve and grow.

Looking Ahead

Our calendar is full for the remaining school year:

- **Youth Rally, Dec 6-7, 2025:** This one-night retreat at Camp Crucis for 6th-12th graders is packed with fun activities, theme sessions, small groups, benediction, daily offices and mass.
- **Spring Calendar:** We are planning for Bishop's Ball, Happening #13, two Praise and Pies events, a middle school event, a high school event, and the Senior Graduation Celebration.

I humbly request your prayers for our youth and leaders, that we may successfully pass on the fire and not ashes to the next generation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Mecca

Coordinator of Young Adult Ministries Convention Report 2025

My name is Catherine Marshall and I am the Coordinator of Young Adult Ministries for the diocese. I work alongside young adults across our diocese to plan, organize, and execute retreats and events for young adults aged eighteen through late twenties.

In January 2025, we had our Young Adult Retreat on the I AM. We had roughly 50 people in attendance throughout the weekend and 3 clergy. We got to enjoy fellowship, mass, and a meal with the Camp Crucis Board of Managers during our retreat as well. We are looking forward to our January 2026 retreat focusing on the Holy Spirit led by Fr. Cooper Morelock.

We continue to meet for bible study on Thursday evenings at St. Vincent's. We have a family style meal, fellowship, and then spend time in the book of Romans.

We meet throughout each semester for fellowship. We have had Friendsgiving, game nights, Benediction and Worship nights, a Christmas party, Pickeball, and many meals together. We are hoping to focus on Service and serving together in the upcoming year.

We have growing and flourishing college ministries at Baylor, Texas A&M, UTA, and TCU.

We supported the Camp Crucis summer camp staff through providing meals, care packages, staff training, and volunteering our time out at Camp this summer. Many of our young adults served on summer camp staff, St. Mike's staff, and as volunteer cabin counselors this summer.

There is no future of the church without our young adults and young families. It is vital we give the time and attention to this age group that it deserves. As Christ followers we are commanded to follow Jesus and make disciples. Our young adult ministry will continue to focus on studying God's true word, worship together at mass, and serving together to grow and expand our ministry. We have had strong clergy support this year and we pray that will continue in 2026.

If you have young adults in your parish, please contact me to get them involved and plugged in. If you want to support young adult ministries, I would love to hear from you, we have plenty of opportunities! Thank you, Bishop Reed for your vision in creating the young adult ministry. I am honored to be a part of it.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Marshall



Iglesia San Miguel

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Canon Rev. Sergio Diaz 817-797-5006

Report of the Fort Worth East Deanery
Presented by The Very Reverend Canon Sergio Díaz

Bishop Reed, clergy, delegates, and beloved members of this Diocesan Convention,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is my honor and privilege to bring you greetings on behalf of the Fort Worth East Deanery and to share with you a word of thanksgiving and encouragement regarding the life and ministry of our communities.

I am pleased to report that the Fort Worth East Deanery is thriving. By the grace of God, all four parishes within our deanery continue to stand strong — vibrant in worship, faithful in mission, and united in purpose. Each parish remains committed to the spiritual growth of its people and to the call of serving Christ through outreach, fellowship, and the proclamation of the Gospel.

We give thanks for the clergy, lay leaders, and faithful members who work together in a spirit of collaboration and dedication. Truly, the life of the deanery reflects a deep sense of unity, renewal, and hope — signs that the Holy Spirit continues to move powerfully among us.

I also wish to acknowledge the ongoing journey of our mission church, St. Simon. St. Simon is presently in a season of renovation and renewal, both physically and spiritually. With God's guidance and through the faithful efforts of those serving there, we are confident that St. Simon will continue to grow and flourish — becoming an even greater beacon of light and grace within our diocese.

In every way, the Fort Worth East Deanery stands in good and faithful order. We are grateful for the blessings God has bestowed upon our parishes and mission,

and we look forward with hope and trust in what He will continue to do in our midst.

On behalf of all the clergy and faithful of the Fort Worth East Deanery, I thank you for your support, your prayers, and your partnership in this sacred work.

To God be the glory, now and always.

Respectfully submitted,
The Very Reverend Canon Sergio Díaz
Dean, Fort Worth East Deanery

The Fort Worth East Deanery held its Pre-Convention Deanery Meeting on Tuesday, October 14, at St. Andrew's, Fort Worth, at 6:30 p.m. A group of 19 Clergy and Lay Delegates assembled in Moncrief Hall. The Rev. Brent Christian welcomed the group present to St. Andrew's, and The Rev. Canon Sergio Diaz, Dean, presided at the meeting. St. Andrew's had copied the Convention material into packets for clergy and lay delegates. The group went through and discussed all the items in the packet. Paul Prater gave the Finance presentation, and Warren Norred gave the Constitution and Canons report. A few questions were answered. The group then looked together at the listing of all the nominees for elective offices at this year's Convention. Mr. Matthew Clemons, from Iglesia San Miguel, was elected to a second three year term on the Executive Council, and Mrs. Judy Mayo was appointed Lay Sub-Dean for the coming year. Their contact information in the current Diocesan Directory is still correct. The highlight of the evening was the time spent in going around the room and letting each parish report on what was going on in their particular congregation. There was lots of wonderful sharing. There was a very tangible spirit of camaraderie, love, support, and mutual respect in this sharing. Everyone applauded Dean Sergio Diaz and the congregation of Iglesia San Miguel for officially becoming a parish at this year's Diocesan Convention. It was a very positive, delightful evening.— *Judy Mayo, Lay Sub-Dean, Fort Worth East Deanery*

2025 Impact Report



Eph 3:20-21 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to *his power that is at work within us*, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Numbers

As in previous years, God worked powerfully through SOMA's ministry in 2025. We led several missions, attended the New Wineskins Missionary Conference, and I represented SOMA International (seven offices) at the Globe South Mission Conference Round Table in October. Mission teams served in the Diocese of the Arctic, the Kiryandongo Refugee Camp, Uganda, and the Diocese of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Each year, I make a conscious effort to engage both clergy and laity in our diocese to serve on SOMA missions.

This year, leaders in the Arctic Diocese and the Argentina Diocese were equipped for effective healing prayer. Seventy leaders in a refugee camp were trained to facilitating inner and trauma healing for children. 20 of those leaders served on four mission teams and ministered to 300 kids. Renewal, intercessory prayer, spiritual authority, empowerment of the Holy Spirit, and addition topics are foundational teachings on all SOMA missions.

Mission Testimonies

"I saw people accept forgiveness for things they had carried for years, even decades. I observed the Holy Spirit moving among His Church in ways that felt like they jumped right off the pages of the Book of Acts." - Fr. John Allen, Assisting Priest, Diocese of Fort Worth.

"I appreciate how the SOMA team carried themselves with humility in teaching. They exemplified how to steward God's gifts and authority in a non-threatening and compassionate way." - Archbishop Brian Williams, Province of South America.

"As I walked down the prayer line during one of the practicums (pairs of people praying for the other), a gentleman stopped me and asked, "What do I do?" I guided him through the steps we just learned. I literally had to feed him the words to pray. Then, we checked the person's shoulder who was receiving prayer. There was a slight improvement. After giving him more words to pray, again, we checked for progress. This time, there was a noticeable improvement! At that point, the man praying was so excited he didn't need me anymore. He jumped right in and prayed again on his own. After praying a third time, the shoulder was checked and there was a 75% improvement! Both men started jumping up and down." - Kyle Spradley, National Director.

Finances & Future Plans

SOMA is proud to be a responsible steward of its resources. We are currently operating under budget, showcasing our commitment to effective management. In 2026, we are excited to launch five missions, and we know that your support will be instrumental in achieving these ambitious goals. We invite you to stand with us in prayer and financial backing as we continue to make a significant impact by building up the body of Christ primarily by training leaders through short-term, cross-cultural missions around the world.

May God richly bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kyle", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kyle Spradley
National Director



RENEWING LEADERS
EMPOWERING THE CHURCH



THE CHURCH *of* ST ALBAN *the* MARTYR

A Parish of the Anglican Church in North America

To the Bishop, Clergy, and Delegates of the Diocese of Fort Worth,

St Alban's Anglican Church is the closest parish to the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA), and therefore it is the primary point of contact for our diocesan outreach to that college campus. In the past year, St Alban's has engaged with UTA in three ways:

- **UTA's Campus Activities Fair.** Our parish manned a table at this annual gathering which is designed to introduce students to campus and community organizations. It was a very easy and successful way to engage with students, and we were able to introduce many to our parish and the Anglican Way. We were the only local traditionalist Church represented at the event and this has become a fruitful evangelistic opportunity for us.
- **Young Adult Ministry.** Over the past five years we have seen an increase in the number of college and post-college students who attend our parish. In response, we have organized a gathering for young adults on the first Sunday of each month, as well as periodic book studies and social outings.
- **Choral Scholar Program.** We have enjoyed the presence of several UTA students who have been hired to participate in our Choral Scholar Program. This ministry has opened the door to providing pastoral care, Christian formation, and – for those who choose it – entrance into the Church.

We are also exploring a new opportunity in cooperation with campus missionary Michael Cobillas and Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church to begin more on-campus activities at UTA.

If any youth in the diocese are students at UTA, please encourage them to get in touch with me, so that we can include them in the life of our community.

Respectfully submitted.

Fr Joseph Francis, SSC
UTA Campus Ministry Coordinator