

Diocesan Council — Public Minutes

Date: Sept 19, 2025 | **Location:** Zoom

In attendance: The Rev. Mike Evers, the Rev. Mary Caucutt, the Rev. Amy Mayes, Kim McAtee, the Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley, Taimi Kuiva, the Rev. Melinda Bobo, the Rev. Camie Dewey, Shirley Wildman, Amy Irene, the Rev. Lori Modesitt, Sue Rector, Erin Hastey, the Rev. Lin Davenport, the Rev. Kristin Lee, and Andrew Parra.

Staff in attendance: Melissa Anderson, Kristi Wallin, and Genie Osburn.

Opening

Prayer offered by the Rev. Amy Mayes, chaplain.

Agenda and Minutes

- Agenda approved.
- Minutes of July 18 approved.

REPORTS

Bishop Provisional

- Ethete museum project: discussions continue with the Northern Arapaho Tribal Council. A written agreement will be developed.
- Motion approved: Allocate \$25,000 from the 2025 Art Spirit line to the Indigenous Art Market at St. John's in Jackson (one-year only).
- Staff restructuring underway: administration under Melissa Anderson; discernment under the Rev. Canon Lara Gilbert with the Rev. Canon Bobbe Fitzhugh; Canon for Finance and Transition position eliminated. Total compensation and benefits will not exceed 2025 levels.
- Confluence gathering rescheduled from October to January.
- Building Integrity Reports in progress; vitality assessments will be added.

Branding

- The Foundation completed new branding.
- The diocese reviewed logo refresh options; revisions will be presented at a future meeting.

Treasurer

- Treasurer's report through August reviewed.
- Motion approved: Accept the Treasurer's report.

Property Committee

- Region 3 Building Integrity Reports complete; Region 6 in process.
- Glendo church under professional evaluation due to mold.

Ethete Committee

- Ongoing construction at Ethete, including fire suppression, flooring, and electrical.
- Museum building targeted for completion summer 2026 (excluding exhibits and cases).

Standing Committee

- Preparing for bishop search process.
- Exploring return of diocesan-held land to tribal ownership.

Foundation

- Governance documents updated for vote at convention.
- Stewardship resources available (TENS and SALT).
- Foundation grants due October 1.
- Episcopal Relief & Development matching campaign with silent auction proceeds at convention.

Regional Reports

- Region I: Worship creativity and outreach continue; congregations in search.
- Region II: Youth confirmations, growing ministries in Buffalo, Sheridan, and Gillette.
- Region III: Shared worship and Building Integrity Report discussions.
- Region IV: Vacant.
- Region V: Pre-convention at Kemmer; inter-parish worship.
- Region VI: Buy and Browse building cleared; construction to begin in Jackson.

Minutes and Communications

- Public summaries to be shared promptly after meetings.
- Approved minutes will be posted on the diocesan website.
- Onboarding process for new Council members will be developed.

Closing

Sending offered by the Rev. Amy Mayes. Meeting adjourned.