

**115<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Church in Utah**  
**September 19-20, 2020**  
**Report of the Diocesan Council**

Canon 22.1.2 of the Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Utah states:

The Council shall develop, adopt and monitor the annual budget of the Diocese, advise the Bishop on financial issues, oversee Diocesan programs, engage with the Bishop in strategic planning, development and periodically adjust Clergy compensation guidelines, and perform such other work as may be committed to it by the Bishop.

Members of current Diocesan Council:

\*The Rt. Rev Scott Hayashi, Bishop, President of Diocesan Council

\*Dr. G. Ronald Kastner, Salt Lake Region, Diocesan Council Vice President

\*The Rev. Trace Browning, All Saints, SLC

\*Mr. Russ Pack, St. Paul's, Salt Lake Region

The Very Rev. Tyler Doherty, Dean, Cathedral Church of St. Mark

Mr. Don Phillips, Ascension St. Matthews, Eastern Region

Ms. Carol Ann Mitchell, Grace St. George, Southern Region

The Rev. Canon Pablo Ramos, San Esteban/St. Stephen's

Ms. Tere Champs-Major, St. John's Logan, Northern Region

Ex officio

Mr. David Lingo, Diocesan Treasurer

Canon Stephen F. Hutchinson, Diocesan Council Parliamentarian

The Rev. Canon Steve Andersen, CFO through 12/31/19

Ms. Stacy Shelton, after 1/1/20, CFO

Ms. Monica Daly, Administrative Support

\* Designates members of the Council Executive Committee

**Actions of the Diocesan Council since the Diocesan Convention of 2019 include:**

- Approved the 2020 Annual Budget.
- Approved the 2020 Budget Grants to Aided Congregations.
- Received and approved the annual audit report for the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Utah.
- Formed a committee to review Camp Tuttle operations in the context of enhancing Diocesan Youth Ministries.
- Formed a Diocesan Property Committee.
- Committed to visitations over the next several years of all congregations in the Diocese by a joint team of Diocesan Council and Standing Committee members. Six such visits were made before the end of 2019.
- Provided oversight to the Budget/Finance Committee on the preparation of the 2021 Annual Budget, including 1) determination to leave grants to aided parishes unchanged

for 2021; 2) deferred congregation CPA audit requirements for 1 year; and 3) decided that Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds would not be considered as “income” for determination of diocesan assessments.

- Provided a grant to the Diocese of the Navajoland to help it deal with the major medical and human crises caused by the coronavirus-19 pandemic.
- Provided a grant to St. Elizabeth’s parish for repairs and upgrades to its facilities.

Items on our monthly agenda include:

- Reports from the Bishop, Treasurer, CFO, Chancellor.
- Reports from the various Regions of the Diocese.
- Updates on the status of the Perpetual Trust of St. Peter and St. Paul and the likely income available to the Diocese in upcoming years.
- Updates on how congregations were coping with the coronavirus-19 pandemic.

The Council met in May, June, September, October, and December of 2019; and then in February, April, May, June, and August of 2020.

Because Diocesan Convention was delayed until September 2020, all Council members remained in place until their successors were elected.

Respectfully submitted by

G. Ronald Kastner, Ph.D.

Vice-President of the Diocesan Council of The Episcopal Diocese of Utah