



Report to the 2018 Synod of the Diocese of Christ our Hope, ACNA
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As the Diocesan Council (DC) reflects back on this past year, the word that describes our work is Sustainability. In years past, we have been learning the rhythm of the diocese. This year, we worked toward creating sustainability for our diocese, even and especially from an administrative perspective.

The DC meets on a monthly basis via video conferencing and consists of three representatives (2 lay, 1 clergy) from each region. The DC seeks to represent the geographic and demographic diversity of the diocese, and bring to the meetings the practical experience of the members and the prayerful commitment to seeing Christ's work flourish in the diocese.

The DC continues to develop synergy as each individual's gifts are being utilized. This year the following DC members will be rotating off after 3 years of service: Matt Haggerty (Mid-Atlantic Region Lay Representative), Glenn Wise (Southeast Region Lay Representative) and Rev. Jan Buchanan (Northeast Region Clergy Representative).

The work of the DC this past year has consisted of the following:

- Budget
 - Monthly review of the diocese budget and accounting reports.
 - Creation of the 2019 diocese budget.
 - Discussion and evaluation of fundraising strategies.
- Regional Retreats
 - The DC made a concerted effort to attend the Regional Retreats to ensure we are communicating well with the individual parishes. We implemented video recordings of MPP submittal presentations.
- Policies/Guidelines
 - Approval of a Cash Handling Policy
 - Approval of a Charitable Giving Policy
 - Approval of Church Safety & Security Guidelines
 - Approval of an Employee Handbook
 - Approval of a Diocesan Council Handbook
- Mission Ministry Partnerships (MPPs)
 - The DC spends 2 to 3 months prayerfully evaluating all new MPPs submitted to the DC. This is a very important process for the DC and the overall ministry of the diocese.
 - The DC reviewed existing MPP Reporting & Accountability
 - The DC continues to review and process the Mission Policy/Priorities for MPPs.



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- Bishop Updates
 - Bishop Breedlove provides an update to the DC at each meeting regarding his recent parish visits and overall activities for the prior month. The Bishop takes this time to request prayer for specific diocese and personal needs.

- Miscellaneous
 - Reviewed Constitution and Cannons Committee Recommendations
 - Interviewed and processed new DC nominees for synod vote.
 - Walked with Bishop Breedlove thru his Sabbatical.
 - Reviewed and approved Grace Anglican Mission application for diocesan membership.
 - Reviewed and approved Emmanuel Anglican Community application for diocesan membership.
 - Approved the creation of a Risk Management Committee.

This has been an exciting year for the DC and we look forward to continuing to serve the Diocese in 2019. The DC covets your prayers for wisdom and discernment and we seek to be faithful with all that God has entrusted to our Diocese.

In Christ,
Glenn Wise
On behalf of the Diocesan Council 2018