



EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

to Do Ministry in the 21st Century

November 6-8, 2025

**2025 ADOTS CONFERENCE &
SYNOD FOR CLERGY & LAITY**

*Holy Cross Anglican Cathedral · Loganville, GA
Anglican Diocese of the South*



Office of the Bishop
The Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach

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Annual Meeting of the Synod
Christ the King Anglican Church
Loganville, GA

Dear Delegates, Clergy, and the Faithful of the Anglican Diocese of the South,

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

It is a joy to welcome you to this year's Annual Diocesan Synod and Conference for the Laity and Clergy. I thank our Lord for gathering us once again for a time of worship, prayer, fellowship, and shared learning in His presence. Each year, this sacred gathering reminds us that we are one body; bound together by the Holy Spirit, called to serve, and sent into the world as witnesses of Christ's redeeming love.

Our theme this year, *"Equipping the Saints to Do Ministry in the 21st Century,"* calls us to rediscover what it means to serve faithfully in the midst of a rapidly changing world. God has placed each of us in unique settings, our homes, parishes, workplaces, and communities, to be instruments of His grace. We are called not simply to speak the Gospel, but to live it with compassion, integrity, and courage. As St. Paul writes, *"He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ"* (Ephesians 4:11-12). The work before us is not ours alone; it is Christ working through us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Bishop Frank and I are deeply grateful for the opportunity to learn together under the leadership of our two guest speakers this year: the Rt. Rev. Dr. Sabu Koshy Cherian, Bishop of the Church of South India's Madhya Kerala Diocese, and the Very Rev. Canon Dr. Bryan C. Hollon, President and Dean of Trinity Anglican Seminary in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. Their insights and witness will enrich our common life and inspire us to continue serving faithfully in our various ministries.

As we share these few days together, may the Lord renew our hearts, deepen our unity, and strengthen our resolve to proclaim His Kingdom with boldness. I pray that the Holy Spirit will fill us afresh and send us forth as faithful servants of Jesus Christ in the power of His love. Please know that you are remembered continually in my prayers.

Faithfully yours in Jesus the Messiah,

The Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach

Bishop, Anglican Diocese of the South

Archbishop Emeritus, Anglican Church in North America

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2025 CONFERENCE & SYNOD SCHEDULE

Equipping the Saints to Do Ministry in the 21st Century



Thursday, November 06, 2025

- 9:30 AM Mission Roundtable with Canon George Ivey and Fr. Butch Frey (till 2:00 PM)
- 11:00 AM Deacon Ordination Service Rehearsal (*only for candidates*)
- 12:00 PM Deacon's and Mission Roundtable Lunch *Sonshine Room*
- 12:45 PM Deacon's Day (Activities from 12:45 PM to 4:30 PM)
- 2:00 PM Rectors Forum *Nave*
- 3:30 PM Seminar for Clergy and Laity with Dean Bryan Hollon *Nave*
- 4:30 PM Break
- 5:30 PM Deacon Ordination Service *Nave*
- 7:00 PM Deacon's Dinner (*Priests and Laity may attend by purchasing a dinner ticket*)
Strickland Student Center

Friday, November 07, 2025

- 8:30 AM Registration Opens (Starts at 8:30 AM and closes at 2:30 PM) *Main Entrance*
- 9:00 AM Morning Prayer *Nave*
- 9:30 AM Clergy Gathering with Archbishop Foley and Bishop Frank *Nave*
Laity Seminar with Dean Bryan Hollon *Sonshine Room*
- 9:30 AM Clergy Spouse Gathering & Brunch *Strickland Student Center*
- 11:30 AM Midday Prayer *Nave*
- 12:00 PM Lunch *Strickland Student Center*
- 1:30 PM Gatherings
 - Clergy Deanery Meetings
 - Mid-South Missionary District Meeting
 - Laity Seminar with Dean Bryan Hollon *Sonshine Room*
- 3:00 PM Synod Business Meeting (*For Clergy and Delegates only*) *Nave*
- 4:30 PM Break
- 4:50 PM Clergy Vesting
 - Deacons *Sonsine Room*
 - Priests *Room 201*
- 5:30 PM Diocesan Eucharist *Nave*
- 7:00 PM Dinner *Strickland Student Center*

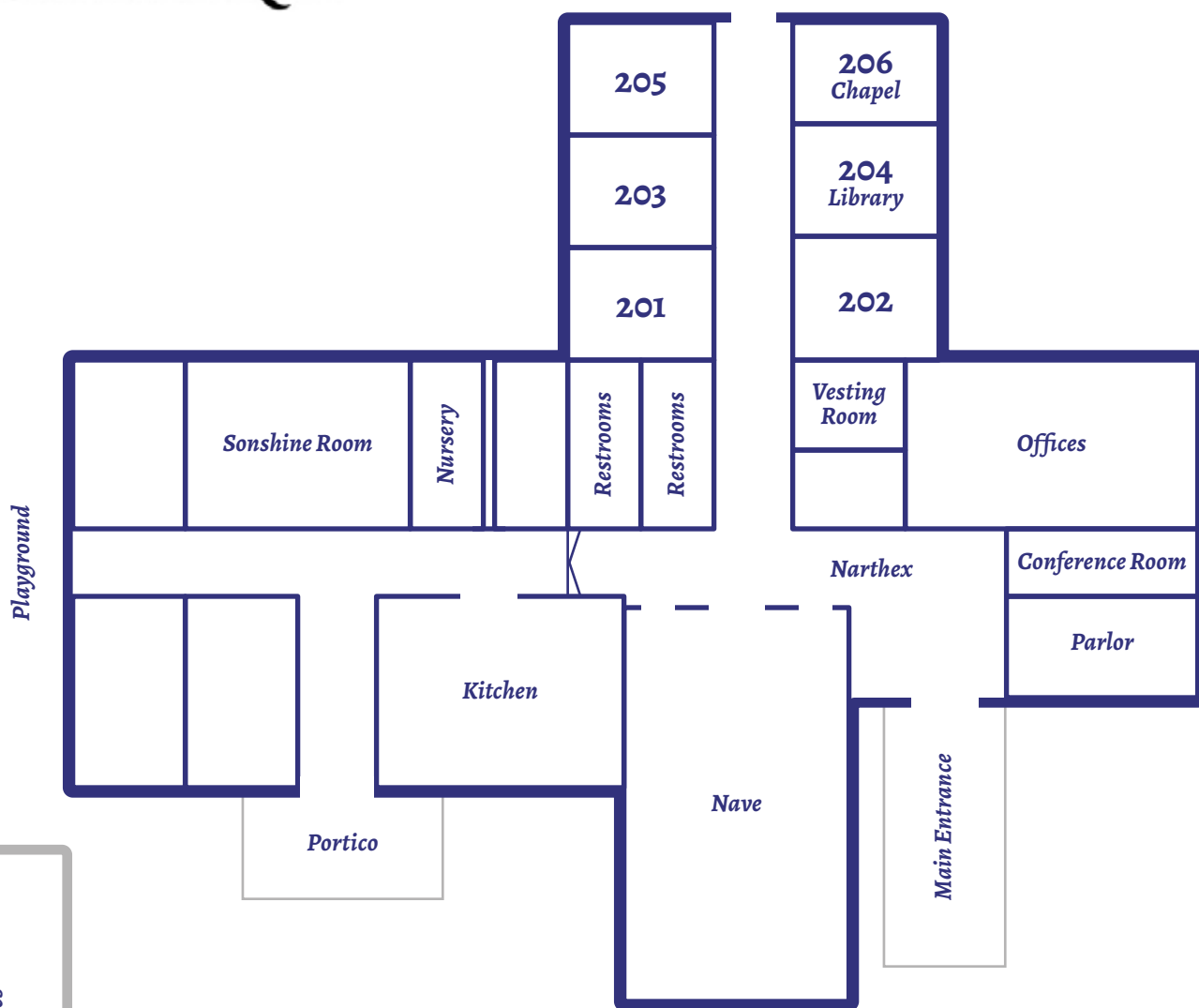
Saturday, November 08, 2025

- 9:00 AM Morning Prayer *Nave*
- 9:30 AM Plenary with Dean Bryan Hollon *Nave*
- 10:30 AM Workshops
- 11:30 AM Midday Prayer *Nave*
- 11:45 AM Lunch *Strickland Student Center*



**HOLY CROSS
CATHEDRAL**

CAMPUS MAP



Anglican Diocese of the South
Offices

PARKING

Strickland Student Center

EVENT INFORMATION

Aspirants to Holy Orders are invited to all clergy gatherings.

If you are anywhere in the ordination discernment process, please join us for the clergy gatherings.

Clergy Wives Brunch and Event

The clergy wives' brunch and gathering will be held in the Strickland Student Center on Friday starting at 9:30 AM.

Friday 3 PM: Synod Congregational Delegates and All Resident Clergy Business Meeting

All elected lay delegates and resident clergy (deacons, priests, and Bishops of the diocese) are required to attend the Synod Business meeting at 3 PM in the Nave. The Archbishop requests that you be in place no later than 2:55 PM.

ADOTS Giving Options

TEXT GIVING

Text **GIVE** to
706.503.7984

*You will be prompted to
fill in some basic giving
information.*

ONLINE GIVING

Visit adots.org/give

QR CODE FOR WEBSITE



Friday Night Service Procession Out and Clergy Group Photo

Clergy will **not** be processing out tonight, because we are asking all clergy to **stay in place** for a group photo after the dismissal.

Dinner After Worship in the Strickland Student Center

Following tonight's service, a **dinner** will be held in the Strickland Student Center for those registered for the Synod. Your name tag serves as your meal ticket.

Ministry Fair

Please also visit the **Ministry Fair** at the main entrance of the Church. Representatives from partner ministries and vendors will be there.

Dinner/Lunch

Friday lunch and dinner, and Saturday lunch are provided to all registrants.

ADOTS Swag: Now accepting cards.

Our ADOTS swag table at the entrance we are now able to accept card payments. We have, full zip hoodies, sweaters, pens, calendars, stickers, ornaments, water bottles and a limited supply of Mugs.

Wi-Fi Password

HCAC Network

Password: GODISLOVE12

THURSDAY SEMINAR FOR CLERGY AND LAITY

Thursday, 3:00 PM

The Grace of Common Prayer, Part 1: Beyond the Burden of Prayer

with Dean Bryan Hollon

FRIDAY SEMINAR FOR LAITY

Session 1 (9:30-11:45 AM)

The Anglican Way in Catechesis, Part 1

An exploration of catechetical ministry that synthesizes spiritual, liturgical, and dogmatic elements, showing how the Collect for Purity provides a roadmap for Christian formation. Includes presentation and group discussion on implementing these principles in parish life.

Session 2 (1:30-2:45 pm)

The Anglican Way in Catechesis, Part 2

Continuing our examination of Anglican catechetical ministry with a focus on equipping lay ministers for discipleship and formation. Features presentation of practical tools and interactive discussion of specific parish contexts and challenges.

WORKSHOPS *Saturday, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM*

Setting the Table and the Tone: Practical and Spiritual Insights for Rector's and Altar Guild Leaders

Led by Fr. Michael Novotny and Kathy Templin

Come join Fr Michael Novotny and Mrs. Kathy Templin as they teach about ways to develop a reverent, joyful, and efficient altar guild that serves the church of Jesus. Whether you are at a church plant or an established church, Fr Michael and Kathy will provide insight from years of experience in their roles as Rector and Altar Guild Coordinator.

Vocation & Liturgy

Led by Deacon Matt Busby

Equipping our church for mission begins by helping our congregation understand their work as holy and good. Our discipleship in this regard begins by teaching a healthy theology of work, creation, and culture, but it cannot end there. This workshop pushes beyond simply having the right ideas about faith and explores the role of liturgy & worship in shaping our parishioners experience of work as mission. Beginning with our Sunday liturgy and our Book of Common Prayer, our desire is then to empower our laity to write liturgies, prayers, and vocational vows that shape their imaginations to be a “priesthood of all believers” sent to reveal the Kingdom of God in their workplaces.

Serving Basics for LEMs

Led by Skip Sage

The lay servant in sacred liturgy is a ministry of the Christian church that goes back over 2,000 years. From the first, the celebrant of the Liturgy had assistants. As lay ministers, we share in this long, honorable and important tradition of the church. We will review our role in the Liturgy and how it is practiced in the different worship spaces we serve.

Reaching Muslims for Christ

Led by Fr. Matt Walter

As our communities become home to a growing Muslim population, Christians are already interacting with Muslims—at work, at the store, on campus, at the gym, and in their neighborhoods. **The question is no longer if we will engage with Muslims, but how.** Based on his experience here and the Middle East, Fr. Matt, equips believers to share the gospel with Muslims with confidence and humility in love.

Pastoring the “Spiritually Hungry, Religiously Done”: Trauma-Safe Care and Classic Devotion for Faith Reconstruction in Today’s Anglican Parish

Led by Deacon Preston Hill

Across North America an increasing number of baptized Christians describe themselves as “spiritually hungry but institutionally done.” 1 out of 10 individuals used to identify as religious but no longer do, and explicitly identify church hurt as the reason for leaving organized religion. Many still yearn for prayer, Scripture, and sacramental life even while carrying wounds of church-based harm that complicate their return to congregational worship. Drawing on emerging research into faith deconstruction, religious trauma, and “remixed” spirituality, this workshop equips clergy and laity to shepherd such souls without compromising orthodox Anglican theology.

Creative Community Outreach: Using What People Already Celebrate to Effectively Reach Them

Led by Fr. Justin Clemente

How can you and your parish reach out to the communities around you? Part of the answer may already be there for the taking! This super-practical workshop features real, tested ideas for community outreach. This workshop argues that churches will do well to connect into existing community events (festivals, etc.) with an offering of their own that ties into the event itself. This will lend itself to starting more natural conversations and prayer opportunities.

Hospital and Homebound Ministry: Raising Lay Leaders to Serve our Suffering and Isolated Church Family

Led by Deacon Mikah Alge

Early in our church history we see leaders selected specifically to serve the poor and poor in spirit, forming a partnership within the church to allow those called to teach to teach and those empowered to serve to serve. In any given week, most church families will have at least one, if not

more, members of their church carrying the weight of medical conditions. Whether they carry it themselves or for a loved one, the needs are great, and the capacity of clergy is limited. I invite you to attend this worship not only to learn how to minister to the sick in various contexts but also to discover why clergy should be delegating helpers to fix their physical and spiritual attention on this population of the church. As an experienced hospital chaplain, I will map out ways to identify these leaders in your congregation, train them, care for them, and utilize potentially untapped relationships within your local hospital.

Finding Unity: A Case Study in Decision-Making

Led by Fr. Mark Royster

Nine years ago, the vestry at St. Peter's decided to implement the Biblical principle of "Headship and Unity" as described by the Rev. Terry Fulham, Rector of St. Paul's, Darien, Connecticut (the epicenter of the 1980s renewal movement in the Episcopal Church). We have found that it is indeed possible to operate based on total unity in decision-making. God has used this principle to protect us from some blunders and to grow our faith that the Holy Spirit can guide us in every decision.

Making the Most Out of A Clergy Salary Package

Led by Fr. Clint Burnett

Whether you are clergy, vestry, or laity, learn more about taxes on clergy income, what housing allowance is and what it constitutes, and other benefits that a parish can provide clergy to make the most out of their salary.

Safety & Security

Led by Koleman Parsley

Children's Ministry

Led by Canon Jessica Greiner

2026 PRAYER CALENDAR

January 4	<i>II Christ</i>	Holy Family <i>Hendersonville, TN</i>
January 11	<i>Baptism of Jesus</i>	Christ Church <i>Cashiers, NC</i>
January 18		St. Peter's <i>Frankfort, KY</i>
January 25		The Mission Red Bank <i>Chattanooga, TN</i>
February 1		Old North Abbey <i>Knoxville, TN</i>
February 8	<i>World Mission</i>	Faith Anglican Church <i>Cordova, TN</i>
February 15		St. Andrew's <i>Rome, GA</i>
February 22	<i>I Lent</i>	The Mission Cleveland <i>Cleveland, TN</i>
March 1		Christ Church of Atlanta <i>Atlanta, GA</i>
March 8		The Shoals Anglican <i>Florence, AL</i>
March 15		St. Patrick's & St. Stephen's Karen <i>Murfreesboro, TN</i>
March 22		St. Gabriel's <i>Springdale, AR</i>
March 29	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	Anglican Church of the Redeemer <i>Chattanooga, TN</i>
April 5	<i>Easter Day</i>	Resurrection Anglican Church <i>Woodstock, GA</i>
April 12		The Table Mission <i>Springfield, MO</i>
April 19		Church of the Resurrection <i>Clarksville, TN</i>
April 26		St. Mark's <i>Moultrie, GA</i>
May 3		Holy Trinity Anglican <i>Madison, MS</i>
May 10		St. Philip's <i>Tuscaloosa, AL</i>
May 17		Apostles <i>Knoxville, TN</i>
May 24	<i>Pentecost</i>	Trinity in the Fields <i>Marion, AR</i>
May 31	<i>Trinity</i>	Trinity Anglican Church <i>Douglasville, GA</i>
June 7		St. Barnabas <i>Newnan, GA</i>
June 14		St. Brendans Anglican <i>Maryville, TN</i>
June 21		St. Peter's Anglican Church <i>Birmingham, AL</i>
June 28		CSI Church of Northern California <i>Los Altos, CA</i>
July 5		Good Samaritan Anglican Church <i>Sugar Hill, GA</i>
July 12		St. Peter's by the Lake <i>Counce, TN</i>
July 19		St. Stephen's <i>Tullahoma, TN</i>
July 26		Holy Trinity Anglican Church <i>Flowery Branch, GA</i>
August 2		Madhya Kerala Deanery
August 9		The Gathering Church <i>Richmond, TX</i>
August 16		Restoration Anglican <i>Birmingham, AL</i>
August 23		St. Luke's Anglican Fellowship <i>Lawrenceville, GA</i>
August 30		All Saints and Mission St. James <i>Jackson, TN</i>
September 6		Incarnation & Memphis Anglican Church <i>Memphis, TN</i>
September 13		Holy Cross Anglican Cathedral <i>Loganville, GA</i>

September 20		The Mission Chattanooga <i>Chattanooga, TN</i>
September 27		Saint Michael's <i>Gallatin, TN</i>
October 4		Legacy <i>Montgomery, AL</i>
October 11		St. Luke Orthodox Anglican <i>Sikeston, MO</i> & King of Kings <i>Mountainview, MO</i>
October 18		St. Andrews <i>Versailles, KY</i>
October 25		All Saints Anglican Church <i>Springfield, MO</i>
November 1	<i>All Saints' Day</i>	All Saints <i>Hot Springs Village, AR</i>
November 8		All Souls Anglican Church <i>Atlanta, GA</i>
November 15		All Saints Anglican <i>Peachtree City, GA</i>
November 22	<i>Christ the King</i>	Christ the King <i>Birmingham, AL</i>
November 29	<i>I Advent</i>	St. Andrew's <i>Madison, AL</i> & St. Andrew's <i>Cullman, AL</i>
December 6		Christ the King <i>Hiawasse, GA</i>
December 13		Christ the King <i>Decherd, TN</i>
December 20		St. Thomas <i>Athens, GA</i>
December 27		St. John's <i>Americus, GA</i>

Feast Days

April 3	<i>Good Friday</i>	Christ Church Jerusalem Deanery
May 14	<i>Ascension</i>	Anglican Relief & Development Fund
September 14	<i>Holy Cross</i>	American Anglican Council
November 1	<i>All Saints'</i>	GAFCON and the Global Anglican Communion
December 24	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	Anglican Church in North America

Weekday Prayer Emphasis

Sunday	<i>Worship Service(s)</i>
Monday	<i>Priest / Staff / Leadership</i>
Tuesday	<i>Stewardship</i>
Wednesday	<i>Outreach / Evangelism</i>
Thursday	<i>Ministries</i>
Friday	<i>Seek God's Will / Follow His Direction</i>
Saturday	<i>Spiritual Growth & Education</i>

Prayer for the Churches / Fellowships / Missions

We pray for the people and clergy of _____, asking you Lord to bless and strengthen their ministry and fellowship to be good witnesses for Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer for Our Bishops

... for Steve our Archbishop,
Foley and Frank our Bishops

SYNOD BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

November 7, 2025 • 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Schedule subject to change under the leading of the Holy Spirit



- **Call to Order and Opening Prayers**
- **Rules of Order**
still in effect from last year
- **Overview of Procedures for Meeting**
- **Appointment of Officers for the Meeting and Inspectors of Election**
- **Seat and Welcome New Congregations**
Member, Mission and Partner Congregations
- **Diocesan Elections**
The Rev. Ben Williams, Chair of the Nominating Committee & Mr. RC Rover, Secretary
- **Bishop's Address**
Archbishop Foley Beach
- **Assisting Bishop's Remarks**
Bishop Frank Lyons
- **Prayer for the Bishops**
- **Standing Committee Chair Remarks**
The Rev. Deacon Darlen Collom
- **Treasurer's Report and Approval of the 2026 Budget**
Mr. Chuck Lewis
- **Constitution & Canons**
The Rev. Deacon Matt Busby, Chair of the Constitution & Canons Committee
- **Appreciation, Thanksgivings & Other Business**
- **Important Announcements and Communications**
The Rev. Canon Sean George
- **Next ADOTS Synod and Conference – November 5-7 2026**
at All Saints, Peachtree City, GA
- **Motion to Adjourn**
- **Closing Prayer**

RULES OF ORDER

*of the Diocesan Synod
of the Anglican Diocese of the South*



These Rules of Order were adopted by the Diocesan Synod for use at its organizational meeting in Loganville, Georgia on April 30-May 1, 2011, and, since adopted, shall remain in effect for any subsequent and special meetings of the Diocesan Synod until amended or superseded. The purpose of our deliberations, prayer and reflection is, as best as possible, to discern the Will of God.

1. **Concerning Meetings and the Agenda.** Annual meetings shall be scheduled at least eleven (11) months in advance. The Standing Committee shall determine the organization and agenda of any meeting. Any ten (10) Delegates may have an item or items included on the agenda before any general meeting is called to order.
2. **Concerning the Chair.** The Chair of the Standing Committee shall call to order and preside as Chair over the organizational meeting of the Synod. At all subsequent meetings of the Synod the Bishop shall call to order and preside over the meeting as the Chair. The Bishop may designate another presiding officer pro tem to act as Chair or, in the Bishop's absence, the Standing Committee may choose a presiding officer pro tem.
3. **Concerning Officers and Committees of the Meeting.** The Chair shall appoint a Secretary to keep minutes of the proceedings and a Parliamentarian to advise the Chair on procedure, and such other officers and committees of the meeting as the Chair deems necessary.
4. **Concerning the Quorum.** The Registrar shall report on the number of Delegates who have registered for the meeting. A quorum for the transaction of business consists of one half of the elected lay Delegates and one half of the clerical Delegates.
5. **Concerning Prayer.** The business of every meeting shall be introduced with prayer, and a call to prayer shall always be in order, when made by a Delegate entitled to the floor. The Chair shall designate the person(s) to lead in prayer.
6. **Concerning Order and Decorum.** Order and decorum shall be observed at all times. When the presiding officer takes the Chair, the Delegates shall seat themselves and not afterward stand up, except to address the Chair. The Delegates shall continue in their seats and shall not hold any private discourse while the meeting is in session. When the Synod is about to adjourn or recess, the Delegates shall keep their seats until the presiding officer leaves the Chair.

7. **Concerning Taking the Floor.** Delegates shall rise to be recognized by the Chair. A Delegate arising to speak shall with due respect address the Chair, and shall not address the House or another Delegate except with permission from the Chair. In debate Delegates shall confine themselves strictly to the point in debate. No Delegate shall speak more than twice in the same debate in the same session without specific leave by the Chair.
8. **Concerning Motions.** No motion shall be put or debated until it is seconded, and, when seconded, shall be stated by the Chair before it is voted on. The Chair or any ten (10) Delegates may have a motion reduced to writing. The report of a committee or task group does not require a motion or second; it shall be deemed to have been moved and seconded.
9. **Concerning Divisible Propositions.** If a question in debate contains two or more distinct propositions, the Chair may divide them or any Delegate may have them divided.
10. **Concerning Voting for in-person meetings.** Unless otherwise provided in the Constitution or Canons, all matters shall be decided by a majority vote of the Delegates voting either altogether or by orders. Voting by orders shall take place if requested by no less than five (5) Delegates, either lay or clergy, in which case a majority of each order shall be required to carry a decision. All votes on motions at meetings shall first be by voice vote. The Chair shall rule on whether a motion is carried or not. If the Chair is in doubt, or if requested by five (5) Delegates, the Chair shall call for a show of hands. The Chair may request a roll call vote or a written ballot for a final determination of any matter. The Chair may appoint tellers to assist the Secretary in any count. Elections of officers shall be by voice vote unless the Chair determines to call for a written ballot.
11. **Concerning Procedures for Voting for electronic meetings.** The chair has the discretion to conduct voting by either a show of hands or by online ballot. Voting that requires more than one option (ex. nominees for the Standing Committee) must meet the following criteria: The total number of votes cast may not exceed the total number of votes allowed. A round of voting that does not meet both of these criteria will be declared invalid another round of voting will be initiated. Voting by orders shall take place if requested by no less than five (5) Delegates, either lay or clergy, in which case a majority of each order shall be required to carry a decision. All votes on motions at meetings shall first be by a show of hands or online ballot. The Chair shall rule on whether a motion is carried or not. If the Chair is in doubt, or if requested by five (5) Delegates, the Chair shall call for a show of hands or online ballot. The Chair may request a roll call vote for a final determination of any matter.

12. **Concerning Follow-on Motions.** When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received unless to:
 - a. lay upon the table,
 - b. postpone indefinitely,
 - c. postpone to a certain time,
 - d. commit to a committee, or
 - e. amend.Motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order listed above.
13. **Concerning Motions to Lay on the Table.** A motion to lay on the table shall be decided without debate. If a motion to lay an amendment on the table is carried, the meeting shall proceed as if no such amendment had been offered.
14. **Concerning Reconsideration.** A question once decided shall not be reconsidered during the same meeting without an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Delegates present, or without a motion for that purpose being made by one of the majority on the prior decision. No question shall be reconsidered more than once at the same meeting.
15. **Concerning Procedural Questions.** All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair, subject to being overruled by a vote of the Delegates present at the call of any Delegate. There are no Questions of Privilege or Points of Order; all procedural questions are merged into an appeal of the Chair's decision.
16. **Concerning Matters Beyond These Rules.** Whenever these Rules fail to provide direction for a particular matter before the Council, the Chair, with advice from the Parliamentarian, shall determine the procedure to be applied.
17. **Concerning Recesses.** The Chair may at any point call a recess for a time certain of up to one (1) hour. A longer recess may be declared by majority vote of the Delegates present.
18. **Concerning Motions to Adjourn.** A motion to adjourn shall always be in order and shall be decided without debate.

2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

Anglican Diocese of the South
Diocesan Synod Report



INCOME		\$ 1,443,146
Congregational Giving	This is based on the current year's giving of our churches and projections based on the prior 3 year giving patterns.	
EXPENSES		\$ 1,440,340
ACNA	\$ 143,200	ADOTS is committed to tithing to the Anglican Church in North America on the gifts we receive from our congregations.
Personnel	\$ 786,120	The Archbishop's salary and salaries for the Assisting Bishop, Canon to the Ordinary, full-time Diocesan Office Manager, Canon for Church Planting, Communications Director (1099), and part-time Diocesan Financial Administrator. Includes salaries (plus COLA) and related payroll taxes and expenses.
Ministries	\$ 297,800	Funds for church planting, missions, annual Synod, Clergy Leadership Training Institute, Dioceses in Formation (Mid South Convocation), lay ministry training, and youth and student ministry.
Travel	\$ 119,109	Travel expenses for the Bishops, the Canons, and the Deans for their duties, conferences, and required meetings. Also includes the cost of the ADOTS delegation to the annual ACNA Provincial Council/Assembly Meeting.
Administration & Facilities	\$ 94,112	Office expenses, postage, audit, legal, D&O insurance, web and computer support, printing, background checks, utilities, and some furniture and equipment.
NET INCOME		\$ 2,806

ANNUAL BUDGET SUMMARY

Anglican Diocese of the South
Diocesan Synod Report



	2025 Budget	2025 YTD (9/30)	2026 Proposed Budget
REVENUE			
Total Revenue	\$ 1,321,796	\$ 885,668	\$ 1,443,146
EXPENSES			
ACNA	\$ 129,714	\$ 88,995	\$ 143,200
Personnel	\$ 728,547	\$ 545,850	\$ 786,120
Ministries	\$ 276,900*	\$ 183,143	\$ 297,800
Travel	\$ 116,000	\$ 70,102	\$ 119,109
Administration & Facilities	\$ 70,668	\$ 48,072	\$ 94,112
Total Expenses	\$ 1,321,829	\$ 936,162	\$ 1,440,340
NET OPERATING SURPLUS/LOSS	(\$ 33)	(\$ 50,494)	\$ 2,806

* Includes \$118,500 from 2024 Surplus Giving

This has passed first vote in 2024. Requires a second vote in 2025.

#1 CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE RE: CLERGY ELIGIBILITY FOR VOTING

Article IV, Section 2(b): [Now reads]: The clerical delegates to the Synod shall consist of the Bishop or Bishops of the Diocese and all of the presbyters and deacons canonically resident in the Diocese and attached to member Congregations or Missions. No clerical member under ecclesiastical discipline of this Church shall be entitled to a seat in the Synod.

Proposed Changes to: Article IV, Section 2(b): The clergy delegates to the Synod shall consist of the ~~Bishop~~ Diocesan bishop, or Bishops of the Diocese any other assisting bishops in the diocese, and all ~~of the~~ presbyters and deacons canonically ~~resident~~ domiciled in the diocese and ~~attached to member Congregations or Missions~~ ministering in a local congregation. Clergy who are not ministering in a local congregation (ADOTS Parish, ADOTS Mission, or ADOTS approved Plant) and are active in a ministry affirmed by the bishop shall also be eligible to serve as clergy delegates to the Synod. Clergy who are domiciled in another diocese or Anglican jurisdiction but are licensed by the bishop to serve in this diocese are invited to have a seat in the Synod, but no voice or vote. No clerical member under ecclesiastical discipline of this Church shall be entitled to a seat in the Synod.

Article IV, Section 2(b): [Would read]: The clergy delegates to the Synod shall consist of the Diocesan bishop, any other assisting bishops in the diocese, and all presbyters and deacons canonically domiciled in the diocese and ministering in a local congregation. Clergy who are not ministering in a local congregation (ADOTS Parish, ADOTS Mission, or ADOTS approved Plant) and are active in a ministry affirmed by the bishop shall also be eligible to serve as clergy delegates to the Synod. Clergy who are domiciled in another diocese or Anglican jurisdiction but are licensed by the bishop to serve in this diocese are invited to have a seat in the Synod, but no voice or vote. No clerical member under ecclesiastical discipline of this Church shall be entitled to a seat in the Synod.

Comments: *The changes resolve confusion or ambiguity concerning clergy voting eligibility at Synod and assure that voting clergy are active in ministry in the Diocese. Note that constitutional changes must be approved twice in subsequent annual meetings by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority of the entire number of delegates eligible to vote at any annual meeting of the Synod. This is the first vote on this amendment.*

This has passed first vote in 2024. Requires a second vote in 2025.

#2 CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE RE: BISHOP ELECTION PROCESS

Article V: The Office of Bishop

Section 3: Concerning the Election of Bishops:

Bishops shall be chosen by the Diocese in conformance with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese and consistent with the Constitution and Canons of the Church. With the consent of the College of Bishops, the Diocese may commence the process of election of a bishop, the election of the Bishop of the Diocese or a Suffragan Bishop or Bishop Coadjutor, ~~or the selection of two to three nominees for Bishop of the Diocese or a Suffragan Bishop or Bishop Coadjutor,~~ which shall take place at the annual meeting or at any special meeting of the Synod called for that purpose.

The vote shall be by secret ballot and by orders. A majority of the votes cast by lay and clerical delegates voting by orders on the same ballot shall be necessary to a choice, whether for election as a Bishop or selection as a nominee. ~~If nominees are being chosen, each delegate may vote for as many as there are nominees to be chosen from a slate which may number more than the nominees to be chosen.~~ The Secretary of the Diocese shall promptly certify the election of a Bishop for consent by the College of Bishops of the Church, ~~or certify two or three nominees from which the College of Bishops may select one for the Diocese, as the case may be. The Standing Committee by majority vote of its members shall determine which procedure shall be employed and, in the event the nominee procedure is employed, shall determine the exact number of nominees to be selected. If the Synod shall find only one suitable candidate for the office of Bishop, the name will be submitted for consideration by the College of Bishops with the permission of the Archbishop of the Church.~~ In the event that the Bishop-elect ~~or the nominees are~~ is rejected by the College of Bishops, another election meeting of the Synod shall promptly be called by the Bishop or the Standing Committee. Upon the consent or choice of a Bishop-elect by the College of Bishops, the Archbishop shall take order for the consecration and/or installation of such Bishop in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Church.

Comments: *These Constitutional changes give additional guidance for the Bishop election process and provides for the election of a Bishop rather than nominees. Note that constitutional changes must be approved twice in subsequent annual meetings by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority of the entire number of delegates eligible to vote at any annual meeting of the Synod. This is the first vote on this amendment.*

2025 CANON TO THE ORDINARY REPORT

The Very Reverend Canon Sean George
Diocesan Synod Report



Grace and peace to you in the Name of our glorious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

As **Canon to the Ordinary**, I serve as the Bishop's chief clergy administrative aide, translating vision and initiatives into the processes necessary for them to achieve fruition. I work with our ministry leaders and am responsible for the ordination process, communications, clergy/parish transitions, and formation, as well as help with diocesan health insurance, and development programs. Below, I've provided a snapshot of my ministry events and trips and completed projects for the calendar year 2025.

Clergy Formation: For clergy care, we offered this year deanery meetings and synod gatherings. We have also assisted with counseling and other support to individual clergy as needed. We also held our first clergy and family retreat. We look forward to offering more retreats and conferences in the upcoming year.

Ordination and Reception: 3 people were ordained deacons this year, and 3 were ordained priests. 2 priests were received.

Other Clergy Notes: 1 member of the clergy rests peacefully now with our Lord, whom he faithfully served. 3 members of our clergy transferred to other dioceses and 3 resigned from Holy Orders.

Communications: Communications Associate Hannah Henderson continues to produce multiple stories monthly. These include reports from your parishes, our partner ministries (ARDE, Anglicans for Life, etc.), and devotional and theological posts. We continue this multi-year effort to increase our ability – across the diocese and in each parish – to share the stories of what God is doing. You can sign up for our reports at www.adots.org/subscribe

Canons and Coordinators

I work with our canons and coordinators to support their ministries. Please see their reports for more information.

Canon to the Ordinary *November 2024 through November 2025*

PROJECTS COMPLETED

- Revised diocesan Deacon and Priest Ordination Exams
- Support for Christ Church, Atlanta, GA Rector Search
- Support for All Saints, Springfield, MO Rector Search
- Support for The Table, Springfield, MO Rector Search
- Vestry Retreat with St. John's, Americus, GA

- Vestry Retreat with The Table, Springfield, MO
- Crozier Society Implementation
- Cross Cultural Orientation Program with Clergy transferred to North America from Church of South India

CANON TO THE ORDINARY – EVENTS AND MINISTRY TRIPS

- Celebrant and Preacher at Christ Anglican Church, Cashiers, NC (November 16-17)
- Interview with Rector Candidate (November 18)
- Baptism at Atlanta Mar Thoma Church, Stone Mountain, GA (November 23)
- Celebrate and Preach at All Saints Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (November 23-24)
- Vestry meeting with The Table Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (November 24)
- Wedding in College Station, TX (December 7)
- ACNA Canons Meeting (December 11)
- Diocesan Visit to CSI Church of Northern California, Los Altos, CA (December 14-15)
- Celebrate and Preach at All Saints Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (December 21-22)
- Celebrate and Preach at All Saints Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (December 24)
- Celebrate and Preach at All Saints Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (January 4-5)
- Vestry Retreat with The Table Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (January 4)
- Redeemer Anglican Church Lawrenceville (January 12)
- Celebrate and Preach at CSI Church of the Ascension, Kottayam, India (January 19)
- Preach at Bethany Ashram, Kottayam, India (January 21)
- Meet with Geevaghese Mar Coorilose, Malankara Syrian Orthodox Church (January 25)
- Visit CSI Holy Trinity Cathedral (January 26)
- CSI Madhya Kerala Diocesan Convention (January 26 – February 02)
- Speaker at CMS College, Kottayam, India (January 29)
- Tour CMS Weaving School, Thollassery, India (January 28)
- Visit Bishop Moore College for the Hearing Impaired, Adoor, India (January 29)
- Visit CSI Higher Secondary School for the Partially Hearing, Adoor, India (January 29)
- Visit St. Peter and St. Paul Orthodox Church, Parumala, India (January 29)
- Visit Asha Bhavan School for Children with Special Needs and Disabilities (January 30)
- Speaker, Sunday School Students Gathering, Kottayam, India (February 01)
- ADOTS Clergy and Family Retreat, Talladega, AL (February 4-7)
- ADOTS Standing Committee Meeting (February 13)
- Funeral at Mar Thoma Church of Atlanta (February 21)
- Clergy Meetings in Springfield, MO (February 22)
- Celebrant and Preacher at All Saints Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (February 23)
- Celebrant and Preacher at The Table Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (February 23)
- ACNA Canons Meeting (March 03)
- Meeting with Trinity Anglican Seminary (March 04)
- Ash Wednesday Service with Bishop Frank at Holy Cross Cathedral (March 05)
- Meeting with Asbury Theological Seminary (March 11)
- Meeting with Nashotah House Theological Seminary (March 13)
- Combined Vestry and Search Committee Meeting with All Saints, Springfield, MO (March 13)
- Pastoral Meetings in Springfield, MO (March 15)

- Celebrant and Preacher at All Saints Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (March 15)
- Celebrant and Preacher at The Table Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (March 15)
- Pastoral Meeting (March 20)
- Deanery Meeting (March 24)
- Rector Candidate Interview (March 24)
- Rector Candidate Interview (March 25)
- Meeting with Search Team at The Table. Springfield, MO (March 25)
- ACNA Canons Meeting (March 26)
- Workshop with Search Committee at All Saints, Springfield, MO (March 29)
- Clergy Meeting in Springfield (March 29)
- Pastoral Meetings in Springfield, MO (March 29)
- Celebrant and Preacher at All Saints Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (March 30)
- ADOTS/Diocese of South Carolina Meeting (March 31)
- Standing Committee Meeting (April 10)
- Palm Sunday with St. Luke's Anglican Fellowship, Lawrenceville, GA (April 12)
- Maundy Thursday Service at All Saints Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (April 17)
- Good Friday Service at All Saints Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (April 18)
- Easter Vigil at All Saints Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (April 19)
- Easter Service at All Saints Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (April 20)
- ACNA Canons and & Admins Meeting (April 23)
- Pastoral Meeting (April 24)
- Wedding at Saints Nicholas, Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Roseland, NJ (April 26)
- Meeting with Asbury Seminary and CSI Madhya Kerala Diocese (April 30)
- First Communion, Winter Graden, FL (May 03)
- Pastoral Meeting (May 08)
- Celebrate and Preach at Emmanuel CSI Congregation of Atlanta (May 11)
- ACNA Provincial Council Ballot Meeting (May 14)
- Pastoral Meetings in Springfield (May 17)
- Celebrate and Preach at All Saints Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (May 18)
- Celebrate at The Table Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (May 18)
- Meeting with The Table Anglican Church Search Committee (May 18)
- Reception for Bishop Emmanuel from Rwanda (May 21)
- Meeting with Trinity Anglican Seminary and CSI Madhya Kerala Diocese (May 22)
- Celebrate and Preach at Emmanuel CSI Congregation of Atlanta (May 25)
- ACNA Canons and & Admins Meeting (May 28)
- Rector Candidate Interview (May 29)
- Pastoral Meetings in Springfield (May 31)
- Celebrate and Preach at All Saints Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (June 01)
- Celebrate at The Table Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (June 01)
- 2025 ADOTS Conference & Synod Planning Meeting (June 03)
- ACNA Canons & Admins Steering Committee Meeting (June 04)
- Pastoral Meeting (June 05)
- Meeting with Anglican Diocese of South Carolina (June 05)
- Pastoral Meeting (June 07)
- Celebrate and Preach at St. Patrick's Anglican Church, Murfreesboro, TN (June 08)

- Standing Committee Meeting in Springfield, MO (June 11)
- Springfield Clergy Gathering with Archbishop Foley (June 11)
- Arkansas and Missouri Deanery Meeting with Archbishop Foley (June 13)
- Diocesan Visit to All Saints Anglican Church, Springfield, MO, with Archbishop Foley (June 13-14)
- ACNA Canons and Admins Meeting at Trinity Anglican Seminary (June 17)
- ACNA Provincial Council (June 18-20)
- Celebrate and Preach at All Saints Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (June 22)
- Meeting with Search Committee at The Table Anglican Church (June 22)
- Celebrate at The Table Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (June 22)
- Vestry Meeting with The Table Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (June 25)
- ACNA Media Relations Meeting (June 26)
- Celebrate and Preach at Holy Cross Anglican Cathedral (June 29)
- Vestry Meeting with The Table Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (June 30)
- Pastoral Meetings (July 07)
- Celebrate and Preach at All Saints Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (July 12)
- Celebrate at The Table Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (July 12)
- Pastoral Meetings (July 13)
- Pastoral Meetings (July 16)
- Celebrate and Preach at Christ Church of Atlanta (July 20)
- ADOTS Youth Camp (July 21-24)
- Ordination of Ryan Collins at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Birmingham, AL (July 22)
- Celebrate and Preach at All Saints Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (July 27)
- Celebrate and Preach at The Table Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (July 27)
- Missionaries from Pakistan at ADOTS (July 29-31)
- Preach at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Flowery Branch, GA (August 03)
- Cross Cultural Training Program for Church of South India Clergy (August 04-08)
- Standing Committee Meeting at All Saints Anglican Church, Peachtree City, GA (August 09)
- Celebrate and Preach at Good Samaritan Anglican Church, Buford, GA (August 10)
- ADOTS Safety Call with Youth and Children Ministers (August 21)
- Institution of Fr. John Gram as Rector of The Table Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (August 21)
- Funeral at Newnan United Methodist Church (August 23)
- ADOTS Deans Meeting (August 28)
- Wedding at Atlanta Mar Thoma Church (August 30)
- Preacher, Holy Cross Cathedral (August 31)
- Institution of Fr. Butch Fry as Rector of All Saints Anglican Church, Springfield, MO (September 02)
- Midsouth Clergy Retreat at Subiaco Abbey, Arkansas (September 03-05)
- Celebrate and Preach at CSI Church of Northern California, Los Altos, CA (September 07)
- Holy Cross Cathedral Worship Planning Meeting & Staff Meeting (September 09)
- ACNA Title IV Revision Meeting (September 10)
- Celebration of Life Service (September 10)
- Diocese of C4SO Diaspora Conference on Immigrant Church Planting (September 12-13)
- Celebrate and Preach at St. Thomas CSI Church, Houston, TX (September 14)
- Holy Cross Cathedral Worship Planning Meeting (September 16)
- Holy Cross Cathedral Chapter Meeting (September 16)
- Cottage Prayer with Emmanuel CSI Church of Atlanta (September 20)

- Holy Cross Cathedral – Music Ministry Interviews (September 22 and 24)
- Holy Cross Cathedral Worship Planning Meeting & Staff Meeting (September 23)
- Holy Cross Cathedral Staff and ADOTS – Synod Meeting (September 23)
- Assist at Holy Cross Cathedral Services (September 28)
- Mission Trip to Dubai and Pakistan with Archbishop Foley (September 28 – October 09)
- Holy Cross Cathedral Worship Planning Meeting (October 14)
- Holy Cross Cathedral Staff Meeting (October 14)
- Celebrant and Preacher, Holy Cross Cathedral (October 19)
- Holy Cross Cathedral Worship Planning Meeting (October 21)
- Meetings at Nashotah House Theological Seminary (October 28-30)
- Diocesan Visit to CSI Church of Northern California with Bishop Frank (November 1-3)
- Holy Cross Cathedral Worship Planning Meeting (November 04)
- 2025 ADOTS Conference and Synod (November 06-08)

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Lord and His Church.

Many Blessings,

Canon Sean+

2025 CANON MISSIONER REPORT

The Reverend Canon George Ivey
Diocesan Synod Report



- Our shining event this year was the 50th anniversary of the New Wineskins Global Missionary Conference at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, from September 17-20. The pre-conference and the post-conference were rich and meaningful. The theme was “Hope for the Nations”. There were over 1,500 participants and 99 presenters. Our mission outreached, multiplied, and connections were made. ADOTS supported this event with a \$30,000 gift.
- The Anglican Global Missions Partners convened at All Saints in Peachtree City on February 24-26. We now have 60 Partners who have joined our team. This is a highly productive team that seeks synergies within our Global Mission Initiative. On June 22-27, Anglican Global Mission Partners convened in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and invited all our ACNA Bishops to visit us at Christ Church. The attendance was excellent.
- Anglican Frontier Missions convened in Richmond, VA, for a three-day conference designed to seek God for greater global outreach.
- AFM is expanding their budget and the number of cross-cultural workers. They now have just over 50 teams on major unreached mission fields.
- ADOTS has had five cross-cultural workers join our force. Austin White has made a commitment to ministry in Kazakhstan. Abby Hadley will be going to Thailand. Lexi and Hutton Cate will be serving in Indonesia. The Bernardis will serve in Algeria. The Roses will minister in Kazakhstan.
- Promotion continues within ADOTS churches to use World Mission Sunday, February 8, 2026 to emphasize ADOTS’ dedication to world Missions.
- Our gold key ADOTS missions’ event will take place on November 6, 2025. The ADOTS Mission Roundtable. It begins at 9:30 AM and concludes at 2:30 PM. The Reverend Corina Casas, Executive Director of The Church’s Ministry Among the Jewish People. The event will also feature Bishop Cherian, Bishop of Kerala, India.

Respectfully submitted,
Reverend George Ivey

2025 CHURCH PLANTING REPORT

The Reverend Canon Chris Sorensen

Diocesan Synod Report



EARLY PLANTING EXPLORATIONS

- Columbus, GA
- Augusta, GA
- Joplin, MO
- Murphy, NC
- Fairburn, GA
- Lebanon, TN

FELLOWSHIPS

Not yet offering a weekly public worship service

- Mission Northside, Hixson, TN (Fr. Josh Baker)
- Blairsville, GA (Darlene Collom)
- Cookeville, TN (lay led, with oversight by Fr. Aaron Wright)
- St. James, Ooltewah, TN (Fr. Jarrod Hill)

MISSIONS

Weekly worship with an ASA under 50

- St. Phillips, Tuscaloosa, Alabama (Fr. Jim Barton)
- Church of the Incarnation, Memphis, TN (Fr. Drew Haltom)
- Christ the Servant, Rome, GA (Fr. Tyler Patrick)
- Restoration Anglican, Birmingham, AL (Fr. Will Shafferman)
- Good Samaritan Anglican Church, Buford, GA (Fr. Daniel Shoemake)
- St. Andrews, Cullman, AL (Fr. Scott Rutherford)
- King of Kings, Mountain View, MO (Rev. Matthew Dusenberry)
- Mission Shoals, Florence, AL (Fr. Lanier Nail)

PARISHES

Weekly worship with an ASA over 50, established leadership/vestry, more than 50% budget through local tithes and offerings

- Mission St. James, Jackson, TN (Fr. Ben Williams)
- The Gathering Church, Richmond, TX (Rev. Jon Henson)
- Church of the Resurrection, Clarksville, TN (Fr. Cliff Syner)
- All Souls, Atlanta, GA (Fr. Colin Setterberg)
- St. Barnabas Anglican, Newnan, GA (Fr. Joey Fitzgerald)
- St. Peter's By The Lake, Pickwick Dam, TN (Fr. Fred Ellrich)
- The Table, Springfield, MO (Fr. John Graham)
- Mission Cleveland, Cleveland, TN (Fr. Justin Hogg)

2025 YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY REPORT

Lay Canon Jessica Greiner

Diocesan Synod Report



It continues to be an honor to serve the Diocese as the Lay Canon for Family and Youth Ministry. This past year has been marked by meaningful collaboration and renewed vision for how we equip and connect those serving children, students, and families across ADOTS. My focus continues to be building strong networks, providing practical resources, and fostering a culture of shared ministry that strengthens the work of discipleship to the next generation.

NETWORKING AND CONFERENCES

This year provided rich opportunities for learning, collaboration, and inspiration. I attended the Formed Conference as a panelist in Chattanooga, which offered valuable theological insight and practical ideas for ministry amid the rise of technology. I also traveled to Chicago to participate in the Rooted Conference and made meaningful connections with other Anglican leaders in youth, family and children's ministry. This year, I had the privilege of attending the Annual Clergy Retreat, which, for the first time, welcomed clergy families. It was a joy to help design and facilitate a thoughtful program specifically for children. The addition of family participation brought a beautiful sense of community and strengthened the bonds among our clergy and their loved ones. Throughout the year, I also participated in monthly ACNA Family Ministry and Student Ministry Network calls, as well as other topical discussions.

RESOURCING MINISTRY LEADERS

Providing practical, theologically and liturgically rich resources for ministry leaders has remained central to my work. To maintain ongoing communication, I distributed newsletter-style updates to ADOTS family and youth ministry leaders, sharing curated resources, seasonal encouragement, and ideas for ministry collaboration. I continued to curate and share sacramental and liturgical materials for parishes to use in their ministry settings. I also offered one on one consultations with a number of children's and youth leaders across the diocese—advising on topics such as program structure, curriculum selection, ministry environments, seasonal planning, and safeguarding.

INAUGURAL ABIDE YOUTH SUMMER CAMP AT SHOCCO SPRINGS

One of the most exciting milestones this year was hosting the first annual ADOTS Youth Summer Camp at Shocco Springs Conference Center in Alabama. This event marked a significant step forward in building shared community among youth and leaders across the diocese. The camp brought together more than 100 students and leaders across the Diocese for a week of worship and prayer, teaching, small groups, and outdoor fun — all centered on deepening faith and forming connections.

Our incredible leadership team modeled what healthy collaboration and discipleship look like—leading with joy, humility, and encouragement. The atmosphere was one of belonging and unity, where students

could see and feel that they are part of something much bigger than their home parish: a living, growing family of faith across our diocese. I would like to personally thank Courtney Allen from Mission Chattanooga. Her efforts made this first Abide camp a huge success and laid the groundwork for what will become an annual diocesan tradition.

As I transition into the role supporting Family and Children's ministry across ADOTS, it remains a privilege to walk alongside so many faithful leaders who give their time and energy to forming the next generation.

Jessica Greiner, Canon

ADOTS Family & Children's Ministry

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2025 COORDINATOR FOR LIFE ISSUES REPORT

Paulette Ivey
Diocesan Synod Report



As Coordinator of Life Issues for ADOTS, I encourage every parish to get involved in life affirming ministry if you haven't already.

AFL offers two different levels of involvement as a leader. One individual can serve as a Life Leader, and can later move on into a Chapter Leader role, as your church is able to form a chapter. Both levels need to be prayerfully approached and blessed by the rector.

Our national AFL office, led by Canon Georgette Forney, is an enormous support. She and her team in Ambridge, Pennsylvania are always available to guide you with resource materials and conversations by phone/email. I am also available to assist your church in planting your own life affirming team. You may contact me by phone or email—404-992-3778 or paulette.ivey12@gmail.com

In August, I was asked by Father Phil Hannah, to come to Redeemer Anglican in Chattanooga. After speaking to a small group on Saturday evening, as well as a Sunday School class and an after church meeting, I was extremely encouraged. They have a group which is incredibly enthusiastic about beginning their chapter in 2025!

I also serve as Chapter Leader of the Holy Cross Cathedral Anglicans for Life Chapter. We have had a productive year.

1. In March we prayed at a Planned Parenthood facility along with Father Justin Clemente.
2. On April 27th, I led a seminar from 2:00-4:00pm entitled "Finishing Life Well." Our chapter promoted the seminar several weeks in advance. We were thrilled to have 40 church members sign up. The purpose was to encourage every attendee to appoint a Power of Attorney for Health Care instead of a Living Will. We provided each person with POA form, which I explained, along with a copy of AFL's Finishing Life Well Booklet.
3. In July our chapter hosted our annual Holy Cross Baby Shower between church services. Church members dropped off their gifts in the church foyer. All gifts go to our local Pregnancy Center.

4. In November we will have an AFL table at the Synod Ministry Fair.
5. Many of our chapter members work with community outreaches with children, with our church disability team, and pregnancy center.
6. We are now planning to survey church members to determine which bioethical topics they want to learn about in 2026.

2025 SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT REPORT

The Reverend Canon Geoff Hatley
Diocesan Synod Report



This year the deliverance team ran two trainings for new deliverance teams. One in Atlanta and one in Madison/Huntsville, Al. We were called to help out/consult with deliverance and exorcism issues for churches from each of our deaneries. Our deliverance sessions are gentle process designed to help free a person (or churches) from evil, sins, and/or traumas that are weighing their life down or crushing them. To these issues, frequently various demonic entities attach. This process is a gentle way to remove those as well. We handle cases of all levels from basic deliverance up through severe possession. A typical session lasts 2.5 hours. More substantial cases take more sessions and sessions can run longer. We do not do counseling. It is a prayer process. The diocese would like to thank all of our members for their hard work in this ministry of mercy and compassion for their fellow believers.

Our newly trained team at Good Samaritan had 10 deliverance sessions. Our trainings provide the opportunity for us to pull together trained clergy and parishioners from various parishes to work on cases in other churches. These diocesan teams are sometimes scheduled to come together and sometimes are pulled together at diocesan gatherings at our bishop(s) request. Our diocesan teams handled approximately 11 cases this year. Our senior team had 36+ deliverance sessions from individuals in the diocese, our local area, and several from out areas outside of our diocese. If you are interested in training for your congregation, please contact the diocese.

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend Canon Geoff Hatley

2025 CANON THEOLOGIAN REPORT

The Reverend Canon John Roop

Diocesan Synod Report



If you are a theologian you truly pray. If you truly pray you are a theologian (Evagrius Ponticus (c. 346-399), The 153 Chapters on Prayer, Chapter 60).

Faced with that definition I offer the 2025 annual report praying for my own inadequacies:

Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

As ADOTS Canon Theologian my work is not in service of the academy but rather of the diocese and its parishes, of its clergy and its people, and, in a wider sense, of all those who might be interested in pastoral reflection and Biblical clarity in the midst of these complex and confusing times. I am available to laity and clergy alike, upon request, as a resource and conversation partner and may be reached at john@apostlesonline.org

In 2025 I authored a few brief papers, some written from personal concern and some written upon request, among them:

“Freemasonry: An Anglican Perspective” which explores the intersection of Freemasonry and Christian faith and practice, specifically addressing whether Freemasonry is compatible with Scripture, Creeds, baptismal vows and identity, and our Anglican formularies. The paper also addresses various pastoral issues at the parish level. This work was requested by and presented to Archbishop Foley.

“The Priesthood of the Laity for Women” which considers the nature of creational and baptismal priesthood and the practice of that vocation both generally and specifically by women in our parishes. This was requested by and presented to Women of the Word, part of the women’s ministry at Apostles Anglican Church.

I also continue to post brief theological reflections — often on current issues — on the blog First Blessings (www.firstblessings.blog).

Throughout the year I have discussed various theological and pastoral concerns and issues with both lay and clergy members of our diocese on an as-needed basis.

Additionally I serve as an instructor of theology and spiritual direction at the St Benedict Center for Spiritual Formation (www.stbenedict-csf.org) which prepares spiritual directors for our diocese and beyond.

MINISTRY FAIR EXHIBITORS

Please take a moment Saturday to visit our ministry partners in the tent.



SONGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Friday, November 7, 2025

After First Lesson

Agnus Dei

Alleluia, alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia, alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia

Holy, holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
You are holy, holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
Amen

Michael W. Smith

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Before General Thanksgiving

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward to Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore!
How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best!
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'tis a heaven of heavens to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee!

SONGS FOR MORNING PRAYER

Saturday, November 8, 2025

After First Lesson

Praise the Father, Praise the Son

O sov'reign God, O matchless King
The saints adore, the angels sing
And fall before the throne of grace
To You belongs the highest praise

These sufferings, this passing tide
Under Your wings I will abide
And ev'ry enemy shall flee
You are my hope and victory

*Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit: Three in One
Clothed in power and in grace
The name above all other names*

To the valley for my soul
Thy great descent has made me whole
Your word my heart has welcomed home
Now peace like water ever flows

Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever

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Before General Thanksgiving

Man of Sorrows

Man of Sorrows! what a name
For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we;
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement! can it be?
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die;
It is finished! was His cry;
Now in Heav'n exalted high.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious king,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew His song we'll sing:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

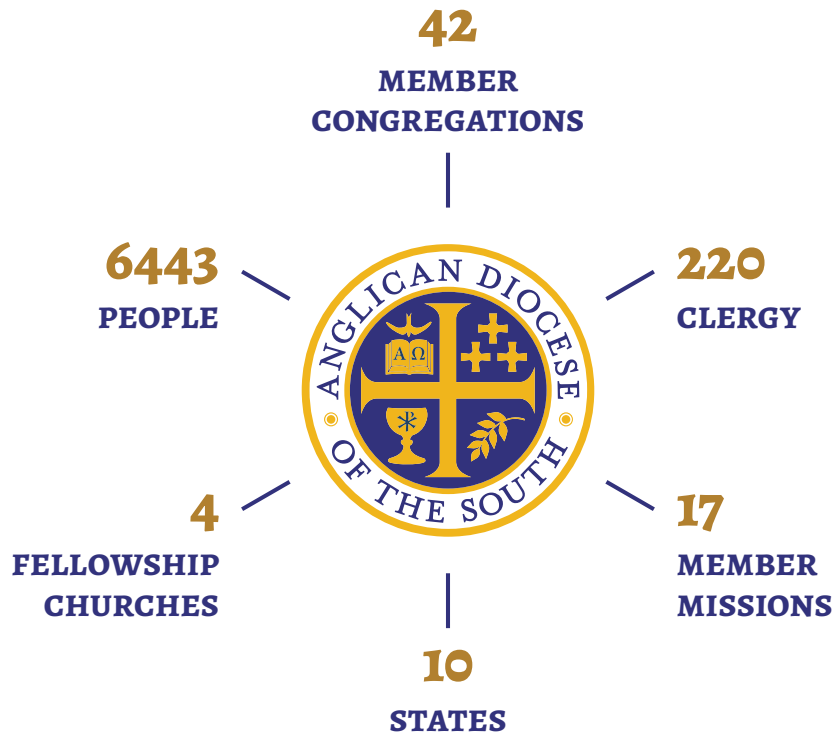
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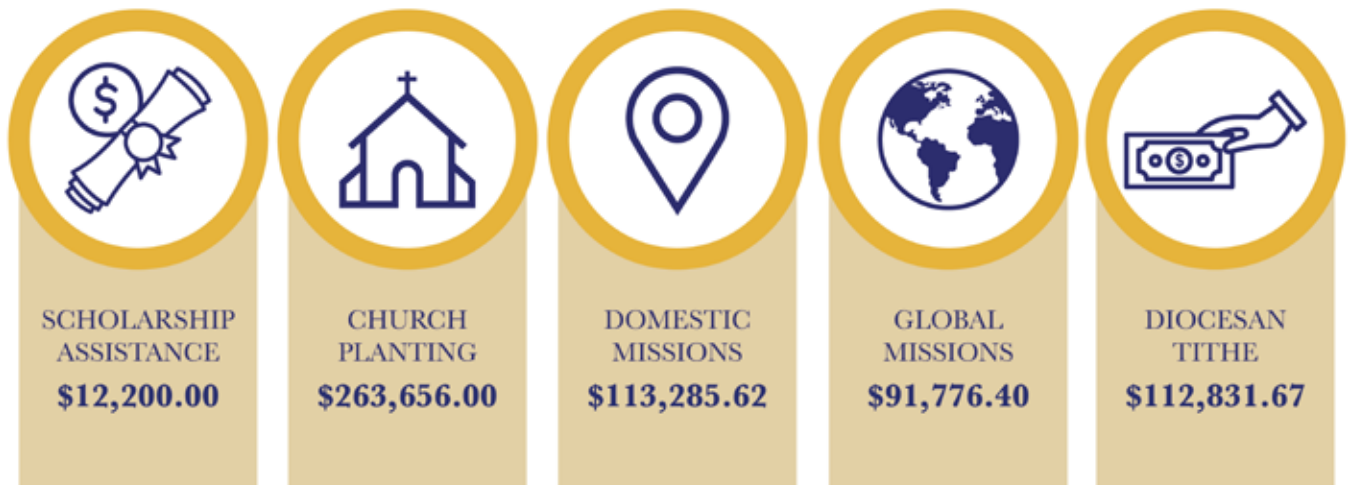
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