



Province V Executive Board report to the Dioceses 2024-2025

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**Submitted by each diocesan
representative to their diocese.**

Province V is a network of 11 dioceses of the Episcopal Church. Our diocese is one of those 11 [Title 1, Canon 9: Of Provinces]. I have been appointed as the diocesan representative on the Province V Executive Board, and with this report I'll share resources available and events occurring at the provincial level. Please review this report and share information with others in your worshipping community!

The Theme of Province V: CONNECT. SUPPORT. COLLABORATE
In Province V, we "tell it in the light" (Matthew 10:27-31), celebrating God's promise of renewal within the Episcopal Church in the Midwest.

To do this, we:

Connect people to people and people to resources.

Support each other in a variety of ministries, resourcing from within and without.

Collaborate across multiple dioceses to build capacity for demonstrable impact.

Leadership

The Province V Executive Board is responsible for the operations of the province. There are 17 members of this board, which includes the 11 diocesan representatives, 2 members (one lay and one clergy) who serve on the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, and 4 elected officers. You can see the full list of members here:

<https://www.provincev.org/exboard.html>

Board members meet monthly via Zoom to share resources from our dioceses and hear about and help develop provincial events and programming. The board gathers in-person once per year to build deeper connections and have in-depth conversation about vision and strategic planning for the province.

Province V Staff: <https://www.provincev.org/provincial-staff.html>

The Rev. Heather Barta, Coordinator

Mr. Eric Richey, Campus Ministry Developer

Mr. Steve Welch, Communications Coordinator

Most Recent Grants Received by Province V

These grants were received in 2024 for Special Projects and New Programs, and the funds are currently in use in the following ways

- **United Thank Offering Grant, \$55,000**

This grant launched Province V's new *Engaging Gender Complexity (EGC)* initiative. EGC will help individuals and worshipping communities create welcoming space for *all* people and will equip participants to welcome gender-diverse individuals into their community without causing harm to or undue emotional and psychological labor for them. Province V worked with S. Bear Bergman to provide training to facilitators and coaches. Their work in their local ministry contexts begins Fall 2025.

- **Constable Fund Grant, \$30,000**

Province V received funds to create a curriculum in response to Resolution D-030 [GC80]. Bexley Seabury is the vendor for creating this curriculum, which will then be available to the whole church through their Pathways for Baptismal Living platform. The curriculum is coming together and receiving feedback for updating and editing. There will be a pilot program in September with the Diocese of Iowa. Based on feedback from that pilot, the curriculum will be edited and made ready for churchwide use. We plan to have a full report by the end of 2025.

- **Becoming Beloved Community Impact Grant, \$10,200**

Through this grant, Total Life Wellness will present a total of nine (9) trainings by the end of 2025.

Description for this online course: Join this online course to learn how to recognize human trafficking and support those reentering our community after human exploitation. This 90-minute course will introduce participants to the basics of trafficking, how to respond when trafficking is suspected, and how their community can help those on their journey from surviving to thriving.

Learn more about our partner: Total Life Wellness at

<https://totallifewellness21.wixsite.com/total-life-wellnes-2>

Resources are available at Province V's Anti-Human Trafficking webpage:

<https://www.provincev.org/antihumantrafficking.html>

- **Church Periodical Club (CPC), \$756**

The Province IV / V Creation Care Event was a great success, and this grant provided books to each participant. The Provinces are grateful for the CPC's support as we continue to share ways of caring for all of creation. Visit <https://revivingcreation.org> to explore Margaret's work.

- **Trinity Church's Leadership Development Grant, \$375,000**

This grant provided the funds to hire Mr. Eric Richey as the Campus Ministry Developer. He started on January 1 and has been working to connect with many across the province and across the church. There will be a "Campus Ministry Cohort: Engaging with Institutions of Higher Learning" beginning Fall 2025, and another launching Spring 2026. Congregational Leaders (lay and ordained) will learn how to engage Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) in their local ministry context. IHLs include community colleges, trade schools, professional schools, colleges and universities.

See details about Eric and his work: <https://www.provincev.org/cmd.html>

Learn more about Trinity Church's Vision for Leadership Development:

<https://trinitywallstreet.org/grants-partners/leadership-development>

Networks

<https://www.provincev.org/networks.html>

The networks continue to expand to serve leaders across the province. Networks are open to any person who would like to be connected to others working on similar ministries. If there is a network that you might find helpful and want to offer it to others in the province, contact Heather Barta at provinceVcoordinator@gmail.com.

Leadership Coaching Project

<https://www.provincev.org/lcp.html>

Trained lay and ordained coaches are available to work with individuals, teams or groups on your goals and challenges. These coaches are available to any person interested in working on ministerial or personal goals. All coaches will provide a complimentary “introductory” meeting so that you can ask questions about coaching with them and get to know each other. Rural Area Ministry Specialists are available at a reduced rate to leaders in rural areas. (“Rural Area” is defined as a town with a population of 20,000 or fewer.)

Events hosted in 2024-2025

Creation Care Event – September 2024, hosted by Provinces IV and V – Nazareth, KY

Campus Minister Retreat – October 2024, annual gathering of Province V Lay & Ordained Professional Ministers whose work is centered on YACM. (This retreat has also included leaders from Province VI.)

Upcoming events

Episcopal Creation Care Event, Sept 18-20, 2025, Procter Center, Southern Ohio

Hosted by Provinces IV and V, Procter Center, and Diocese of Southern Ohio

<https://episcopalcreationcaregathering.org>

Campus Minister Retreat, October 14-16, 2025, Madison, Wisconsin

<https://www.provincev.org/cmd.html>

Women Clergy Retreat, May 31- June 3, 2026, Lansing Michigan

Hosted by Provinces V and VI

<https://www.provincev.org/wcr26.html>

Big Provincial Gathering, July 31-August 1, 2026, Kalamazoo, Michigan

The 4th BPG for Province V! This year will not include a Synod to allow more time for workshops and connecting.

<https://www.provincev.org/bpg26.html>

Connecting to the Province

Sign up for the monthly newsletter at the bottom of the website: <https://www.provincev.org>

General Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ProvinceFive/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/provincefive/>

Please contact your diocesan representative or the Coordinator, Heather Barta for more information about anything presented in this report!