

## **Province V Synod 2018**

April 6 – 7, 2018

O'Hare Sheraton, Rosemont, IL

### **April 6**

**10:00 AM** - Synod Convened by President of the Executive Board, Genevieve Callard

**Worship** – Baptismal liturgy with water from the many diocese that make up the Province.

**Welcome** – Heather Barta, Coordinator of Province V

**Introduction to Province V Structure** – Gennie Callard

Our gathering began with the President of our Provincial Executive Board, Genevieve (Gennie) Callard, sharing an introduction to the provincial structure. We come from 14 dioceses in 6 states with a total of 220,000 Episcopalians. The goals of the provinces are threefold: to connect, to network, and to support the people in our areas. The hope is that we can bring fresh perspectives and begin to think more outside the box – or, as Gennie put it, learn “to fish from the other side of the boat,” making reference to Jesus’ direction to the disciples when they were not hauling in a big catch (John 21:1 – 6).

### **Nominations/Elections**

Voting open until 5:35 pm

Request for additional nominations for the Joint Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop

**Keynote Address: “Committing to Collaboration, Committing to One Another: Engaging God’s Mission in Province V”** – The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville Burrows, Bishop of the Diocese of Indianapolis

If I were to identify a theme for this year’s Synod, I would borrow words from Paul’s letter to the Romans - Collaboration: One Body with Many Members. Our keynote speaker, the Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville Burrows, Bishop of the Diocese of Indianapolis, asked us to define the word “collaboration.” Answers from the floor included “working together”, “not a competition”, “mutual regard”, and “1 + 1 = 3”. Bishop Jennifer encouraged us to envision our work as “entanglement” in which we are constantly intersecting and engaging with one another. We are stronger and more capable when we work together just as we read in Scripture yet we are prone to creating “silos” or places in which we work alone, whether alone means as individuals, congregations or dioceses. For a body to be healthy and productive, all the parts must be working together and not acting as “lone ranger Christians”. This is as true for the Church as it is for each province and each congregation.

Collaboration may take more time and effort but the reward is far greater and can reach much further. We might need a change of focus. For example: what might it look like if we changed the name “deanery” to “mission area”? “Deanery” can seem more inward-looking while “mission area” looks beyond our own walls into the communities of people and resources around us. We need to answer the questions “Who is not at the table?” and “How do we bring them and keep them engaged?” I think these are

valuable questions to answer whenever we are beginning or re-evaluating mission and outreach programs.

**Table Conversations** – Collaboration: What project do you have in mind?

**Grant Recipient Presentation** – Jack Koepke Mountain T.O.P. <http://mountain-top.org/>

**Bishops United Against Gun Violence** – The Rt Rev. Jeff Lee, Diocese of Chicago and the Rt. Rev. Steven Miller, Diocese of Milwaukee <http://bishopsagainstgunviolence.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/EpiscopaliansAgainstGunViolence/>

**Goals:**

- Public witness and public liturgy
- Education
- Advocacy

**Action:**

- Follow Episcopalians Against Gun Violence on Facebook (see address above) and/or @The Cross Lobby on Twitter
- Join the Episcopal Public Policy Network (EPPN) <http://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/?0>
- General Convention: There will be a short prayer service before each legislative session and a public witness on Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 9:30 am

**Noontime Prayers and Announcements**

**Church Pension Group** – Mary Kate Wold

3 Lines of Business

- Employee Benefits
- Property and Casualty Insurance
- Publishing

**The Academy for Vocational Leadership** – local education for ordained ministry in Michigan

<https://www.edomi.org/academy/>

The Rev. Vicki Hesse, Diocese of Michigan

The Rev. Dr. Val Fargo, Diocese of Eastern Michigan

The Rt. Rev. Wayne Hougland, Diocese of Western Michigan

**Care of Creation** – Ms. Nurya Parish, Plainsong Farm <http://plainsongfarm.com/>

**Grant Recipient Presentation** – Ms Stacy Alan, Province V Camps and Young Adult Ministries <https://www.provincev.org/initiatives/campus-ministry/>

## **Congregational Development**

The College for Congregational Development (CCD) <http://www.cdcollege.org/>

The Diocesan Church Development Initiative (DCDI) <https://www.diocesancdi.com/>

Andrea Mysen, Diocese of Chicago – CCD

Ellen Ekevag - CCD

The Rev. Canon William Spaid, Diocese of Western Michigan - DCDI

Canon Michael Spencer, Diocese of Eastern Michigan – DCDI

The Rev. Gary Manning – DCDI

The Rev. Susan Haynes - DCDI

## **Fierce Conversations-** Ms Courtney Reid

A conversation in which you come out from behind yourself into the conversation to make it real.

Objectives:

- Interrogate reality
- Provoke learning
- Tackle tough challenges
- Enrich relationships

## **6:00 Adjourn for dinner**

**7:00 Open Space Conversations** - Episcopalians Against Gun Violence, Healing Racism, Untied

Thank Offering, Children: Peace Camp and Wiggle Church, Spanish Language Hospitality

## **8:00 Compline**

## **April 7**

### **9:00 Holy Eucharist**

### **10:30 Business Meeting Convened**

Nominations for Joint Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop

President's Address – Genevieve Collard

“State of the Province Address.” We’re doing well and receiving good feedback from other provinces about some of our initiatives. Gennie reported that the Board is working to maximize what’s working in the province while trying to tweak the areas that aren’t living out our mission goals. The Board has chosen three new initiative for this triennium:

- creating ministry groups supported with video chat and networking opportunities
- providing intro to General Convention topics webinars
- the BPG (Big Provincial Gathering) to be held July 12 – 13, 2019 in Kalamazoo, MI.

Approval of Minutes from the 2015 Province V Synod, April 17, 18, 2015

*Motion was made and properly seconded to adopt the minutes. Motion passed.*

Treasurer's Report – Courtney Reid

*Motion was made and properly seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.*

**11:00 Brunch**

**12:30 Business Meeting Continued**

Election Results

President of the Executive Board – Ms. Genevieve Callard

Vice President of the Executive Board – The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth

Secretary of the Executive Board – Ms Alicia Hager

Treasurer of the Executive Board – Ms Courtney Reid

Representative to the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church – The Rev.  
Matthew Cowden

Joint Committee for Election of the Presiding Bishop

Clergy Order

The Rev. M.E. Eccles

The Rev. Susan Haynes

The Rev. Mary Slenski

Lay Order

Ms Jane Cislucis

Mr Chris Hillak

Ms Sandy McPhee

**Fierce Conversation Practice**

**1:09 pm - Synod Adjourned**

Respectfully submitted, The Rev. Judith Schellhammer for Dr. Edie Wakevainen, secretary to  
Executive board