



Episcopal Diocese of  
Eastern Oregon

**Diocesan Council  
June 11-12, 2025  
Minutes of the Meeting  
St. Paul's, The Dalles**

**Present:**

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell, Bishop

**Class of 2025**

The Rev. Kelly Mahon (SC)

Ellen Nesbitt (SC)

**Class of 2026**

The Rev. Liz Cahill (SC)

The Rev. Roy Green

Barbara Reynolds Mayo (SC)

Beth Spell

Holly Hendricks

**Class of 2027**

The Rev. Elizabeth Wheatley-Jones (SC)

The Rev. Pam Miller

Cory Bradshaw (SC)

Betty Palmer

Kathy Thew

**Ex Officio**

Patty Olson-Lindsey, Treasurer

The Rev. Charlotte Wells, Secretary of Convention

**Seat and Voice**

Lisa Boquist, Secretary to Council

**Absent**

The Rev. Amy Jayne

**Call to Order**

Beth Spell opened the meeting with a land acknowledgement and prayer at 4:12pm.

**Approval of Minutes: April 25-26**

**M/S/C**      *Motion to approve the minutes from April 25-26, 2025 (Kathy Thew, Roy Green)*

**Convention**

**Theme**

After much discussion council decided that the theme for the 2025 Diocesan Convention will be: *Stepping into Our Future; We will with God's Help.*

## Program

Bishop Pat reported that there will be no keynote speaker at Convention, but our time together will focus on discussions around the future – the hopes and dreams of EDEO. The Truth and Conciliation Commission and the Faithful Innovation Commission will also have significant time to share about their work on behalf of the diocese.

## Location

The in-person portion of Convention will take place Friday, October 17 through Sunday, October 19 at Girvin Hall at the Malheur County Fairgrounds in Ontario, Oregon. St. Matthew's is helping to coordinate catering and food service for the weekend. The online business meeting will be on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

## Resolutions

Holly Hendricks volunteered to be the Resolutions Chair for this year's convention, with Kelly Mahon offering to help her understand her role.

Currently the only resolution that is anticipated is the updates to the Canons, which Council will review prior to the deadline.

## Convention Offering

**M/SC**            *Motion to designate the Oasis House, a ministry of St. Matthew's, as the recipient of the convention offering. (Barbara Reynolds Mayo, Roy Green)*

Lisa will make sure that information on how to support the Paiute tribe with flood relief is included in the Pre-Convention Journal, as well as making sure that information is included in Connections and on social media, including a note that the request comes for Diocesan Council and Collegium.

## Elections

Lisa reported that this year's elections will include the following:

- Diocesan Council – 1 clergy, 2 lay
- Standing Committee – 1 clergy, 1 lay
- General Convention Deputation - 4 clergy and 4 lay, as well as an alternate for each group.

The outgoing members are:

Standing Committee: The Rev. Kelly Mahon and Ellen Nesbitt

Diocesan Council: No outgoing members

## 2026 Diocesan Convention Location

The 2026 Diocesan Convention will be held in Prineville, October 16-18, in Carey Hall at the Crook County Fairgrounds.

## Standing Committee Report

Kelly reported that the offer on the St. Paul's building in Klamath Falls was withdrawn due to the inability of the buyer to acquire the necessary financing. Standing Committee voted to lower the asking price to \$675,000.

Standing Committee also voted to relist the lot in Klamath Falls that has been in escrow for over a year.

They will also be meeting to create a draft LOA for the potential Provisional Bishop position.

Kelly asked Bishop Pat to share about his attendance at the 150-year anniversary celebration of the historic St. Paul's Chapel in The Dalles. +Pat said it was a well-attended gathering and very well done. St. Paul's is currently exploring the future uses of the space.

## Bishop's Report

Bishop Pat asked Pam Miller to share about the Rise Center, which is a partnership with the People of the Big River, local indigenous siblings, who host educational and spiritual events for indigenous youth and local members. The partnership with St. Paul's started last August when they began meeting in the lower section of St. Paul's. The relationship building has been slow, but steady, and Pam was invited to an event next week that is a graduation celebration for 38 kids from the center. St. Paul's is gifting them all with cards that have been blessed by the congregation.

St. Paul's is also the location of the Annual Meeting of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery, on August 1-4. So far about 49 people have signed up and they are expecting many more. Bishop Pat encouraged members of Council to attend if they are able, or to reach out to Pam to see how they might help the congregation with their hosting needs. More information can be found here : [Coalition Annual Gathering](#)

Bishop Pat also discussed the current state of the country and the importance of not staying silent in the face of injustice.

## Financial Updates

### Coe Family Scholarship Endowment

Lisa reported that Arnold Coe has donated \$50,000 for a scholarship endowment in memory of Jean Coe. The funds will be used to ensure that every child is able to attend camp, regardless of financial status.

### Amy Jayne Sabbatical Project - Oak Flat Spiritual Accompaniment Project

Amy sent the following letter to Diocesan Council asking for support for her work with Oak Flats and the Apache Stronghold.

*I wanted to make you aware that I spoke with Bishop Pat about the possibility of the Diocese financially supporting my COFA (spiritual accompaniment) training and presence at Oak Flat Apache Stronghold this summer for approximately 1 week. The cost is \$5000 (split amount 8-15 participants, dependent on who passes the application process). Additionally, there would be transportation and other travel costs. I am guessing \$1000-1500. I would spend several days in Phoenix training with Indigenous leaders including Sarah Augustine. I would then participate in a walk/relay from the reservation to Oak Flat. I will spiritually accompany the Indigenous elders and leaders (as part of the protest). My goal is to learn and grow as an ally and a leader in the racial justice movement for Indigenous peoples. I believe this will help my work in the Diocese and especially our partnership with the Coalition to Dismantle the DoD.*

**M/S/C**            *Motion to approve up to \$5000 from the Indigenous Ministry Fund to support Amy's sabbatical project. (Roy Green, Pam Miller)*

## What's Next – Episcopate Model Discussion

Council reviewed the options that had been presented by Rebecca Wilson at the meeting in April. The model of Provisional Bishop will give the diocese space and time to envision the future, and also space to mourn the loss of Bishop Pat who has been influential in the revitalization of the diocese.

**M/S/C**            *Motion to move forward with search and election of a Provisional Bishop. (Elizabeth Wheatley-Jones, Roy Green)*

The next steps will include creating a profile that will include what EDEO is looking for in a Provisional Bishop, as well as what EDEO has to offer. Elizabeth Wheatley-Jones agreed to chair the committee, Barbara Reynolds Mayo, Liz Cahill, Roy Green, and Holly Hendricks will round out the members. The following timeline was set in place:

June 2025	Standing Committee will notify the National Church that the diocese intends to elect a Provisional Bishop. Kelly and Beth will write a letter to the diocese about the decision.
September 2025	The Profile Committee will have the profile completed.
October 2025	A discussion about the process and intention will be discussed with the members of Convention.
January 2026	The search process will begin with the hopes of electing in the spring.
June 8, 2026	Bishop Pat begins a terminal sabbatical that will end on September 1 <sup>st</sup> .

### Next Meeting Planning

Lisa will send out a poll for the next meeting for the end of July, and also for the September Budget meeting.

### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

#### o Action Items

- o Lisa will send out information on how to support the Paiute with flood relief
- o Standing Committee will notify the national church about the Provisional Bishop Decision
- o Standing Committee will notify the Klamath Falls realtor about property decisions
- o Kelly and Beth will compose a letter to the diocese for Lisa to send out
- o Profile committee will begin work
- o Lisa will send out a poll for upcoming meetings