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Bishop

The Right Reverend Patrick Bell

Secretary of Convention

The Rev. Charlotte Wells

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Chancellor

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Proceedings
55th Annual Convention of the
Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon
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Stepping into the Future Together: We will, with God's help

11 For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. 12 Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. 13 When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart,

Jeremiah 29:11-13

Presiding: The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell, Bishop

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Wednesday's meetings were held via Zoom.

- The Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation Annual Meeting was held from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- The first reading of the 2026 EDEO Budget and a budget review session was held at 6:00pm led by Patty Olson-Lindsey, Treasurer of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon.

Thursday, October 16, 2025

Wednesday's meeting was held via Zoom.

EDEO Diocesan Convention Business Meeting I

Call to Order

At 6:05pm Bishop Patrick Bell welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Beth Spell, Chair of Diocesan Council offered an opening prayer. The Rev. Charlotte Wells, Secretary of Convention, reported that a quorum in the lay order, in the clergy order, and a quorum of parishes were represented.

Consent Calendar

- M/S/C** *Motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below:
Election of Ecclesiastical Disciplinary Board Class of 2028 (p.27)*
- *The Rev. Mary Lujan – Hood River*
 - *The Rev. Taylor Clark – Baker City*
 - *Helen Brisson - Sisters*
 - *Confirmation of Commission on Ministry members Class of 2028 (p17)*
 - *The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake – Baker City*
 - *The Rev. Joann Dickson - Heppner*
 - *Kevin Hedgepeth – Hermiston*
 - *Michelle Hedgepeth -Hermiston*

Resolutions

- M/S/C** *Motion to approve a resolution from Standing Committee and Diocesan Council on the closing of St. James', Milton Freewater.*

Holly Hendricks read the resolution and it was voted on and approved.

- M/S/C** ***Resolution on the Closure of St. James' in Milton Freewater***
***RESOLVED** that this convention affirms the decision of the people of St. James', Milton Freewater, to close the parish, and that the ownership of all personal property held by the former congregation, together with all cash or endowment funds, registers, records and other materials, shall be conveyed to, and become the property of, the Diocese.*
Submitted by: Diocesan Council & Standing Committee,
on behalf of the people of St. James', Milton Freewater
Explanation:
The faithful remnant of people from St. James', Milton Freewater, have been in conversation with the bishop over the past several months and have made the difficult decision to close the Church.
***Whereas** the people of St. James', Milton Freewater, can no longer sustain a congregation; and*
***Whereas** the Standing Committee approved this request at their meeting on October 3, 2025, and the entire Diocesan Council voted to approve at their meeting on October 7, 2025 and move the matter to the floor of this Convention for affirmation,*
This resolution acknowledges these realities and affirms the good-faith decision of the people of St. James', Milton Freewater, to close their parish.

2026 Proposed Budget

M/S/C Motion to approve the 2026 Diocesan and Ascension School Budgets as presented.

Elections and Confirmations

Nominations from the Floor

M/S/C Motion to approve the nomination from the floor of The Rev. Katy Nesbitt for the 2028 Standing Committee Clergy Position.

M/S/C Motion to approve nominations from the floor of Chris Baldwin and Steve Welbourn for the 2028 Diocesan Council Lay Positions.

M/S/C Motion to approve the nominations from the floor of The Rev. Charlotte Wells and The Rev. Elizabeth Wheatley-Jones for the 2028 General Convention Clergy Deputy Positions.

M/S/C Motion to approve the nominations from the floor of Nancy Wiggins-Condron for the 2028 General Convention Lay Deputy Position.

Standing Committee-Clergy

M/S/C The Rev. Katy Nesbitt was elected by Zoom Poll ballot to the Standing Committee, Class of 2028.

Standing Committee-Lay

M/S/C Julie S. Reynolds was elected by Zoom Poll ballot to the Standing Committee, Class of 2028.

Diocesan Council-Clergy

M/S/C The Rev. Marilyn Roth was elected by Zoom Poll ballot to the Diocesan Council, Class of 2028.

Diocesan Council-Lay

M/S/C Chris Baldwin and Steve Welbourn were elected by Zoom Poll ballot to the Diocesan Council Class of 2028.

General Convention Deputy-Clergy

M/S/C The Rev. Amy Jayne, The Rev. Elizabeth Wheatley-Jones, and the Rev. Charlotte Wells were elected by Zoom Poll ballot as Clergy Deputies to the 2028 General Convention.

General Convention Deputy-Lay

M/S/C Holly Hendricks, Barbara Reynolds Mayo, and Nancy Wiggins-Condron were elected by Zoom Poll ballot as Lay Deputies to the 2028 General Convention.

Recess

Convention was recessed at 6:37pm.

Friday, October 17, 2025

Friday's events took place at Girvin Hall at the Malheur County Fairgrounds in Ontario, Oregon. The schedule consisted of introductions from and thanks to St. Matthew's, Ontario for their work in planning the convention, especially Prudi Sherman who had led the group of volunteers. The Bishop's Address was the focus of the evening.

Saturday October 18, 2025

Saturday's events took place at Girvin Hall at the Malheur County Fairgrounds in Ontario, Oregon. The program included reports from Ascension School Camp and Conference Center, Caretakers of the Land, The Faithful Innovation Commission, and The Truth and Conciliation Commission. The Diocesan Council and Standing Committee also gave a presentation on the work that they have been doing in planning for the future of EDEO after Bishop Bell retires in 2026. Members of Diocesan Council and Standing Committee also led the attendees in a visioning exercise that included discussions on what the future of EDEO might look like, and what qualities were hoped for in the next bishop.

Holly Hendricks presented the following Courtesy Resolutions:

M/S/C Whereas, as we gather for the 55th Convention of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon, we recognize, honor, and thank our Diocesan staff for their skill and hard work in organizing this Convention in Ontario, Oregon.

And whereas, we are reminded that we are members of a larger Church;

Be it resolved, That the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings to our brothers and sisters in the neighboring Diocese of Spokane, and their bishop The Rt. Rev. Gretchen M. Rehberg, offering our prayers for them as they gather October 17, 2025, for their Diocesan Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings to our brothers and sisters in the neighboring Episcopal Church in Western Oregon, and their bishop The Rt. Rev. Diana D. Akiyama, offering our prayers for them as they gather October 17, 2025, for their Diocesan Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings to our brothers and sisters in the neighboring Diocese of Idaho, and their bishop The Rt. Rev. Jos Tharakan, offering our prayers for them as they gather November 7, 2025, for their Diocesan Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings to our brothers and sisters in the Oregon Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and their bishop Laurie Larson Caesar; and be it further

Resolved, That the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings and affection to the Rt. Rev. William O. Gregg, 6th Bishop of our Diocese; and be it further

Resolved, That the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings and affection to the Rt. Rev. Nedi Rivera, 7th Bishop of our Diocese; and be it further

Resolved, That the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings and affection to Gretchen Rinehart Kimsey, giving thanks for her ongoing presence as a member of this most blessed fellowship here in God's Country; and be it further

Resolved, That the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings and appreciation to Bobby Fossek, Brosnan Spencer, and Meadow Fossek Spencer, and Naknuwīlama Tiičámna - Caretakers of the Land for their grace, leadership, and partnership; and be it further

Resolved, That the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings and appreciation to Sarah Augustine, and The Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery for their grace, leadership, and partnership; and be it further

Resolved, That the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings and appreciation to The Rev. Joe Hubbard of The Indigenous Roundtable, and The Rev. Ernestine Flemister of the Truth & Conciliation Commission of The Episcopal Church in Western Oregon, for their grace, leadership, and partnership; and be it further

Resolved, That the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend greetings and appreciation to Jolene Estimo, Louis Pitt, and Alexis Tonasket Hoyt, and WE-X for their grace, leadership, and partnership; and be it further

Resolved, That the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon extend thanks and appreciation to Oasis House for their hospitality and loving care this weekend; and be it further

Resolved, That the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon offer gratitude and appreciation for The Rev. Amy Jayne, Executive Director of Ascension School Camp & Conference Center and the staff for their enthusiastic willingness to be the spiritual

center of the Diocese and an important partner to the Cove, Oregon community; and be it further

Resolved, That the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon give thanks to God for the faithful witness and ministry of St. James Episcopal Church, Milton Freewater, whose members have served Christ and their neighbors with devotion and love, and that we honor their discernment in closing this chapter, trusting in God's promise that nothing done in love is ever lost, and commending the people of St. James to God's gracious keeping as they move forward in faith; and be it further

Resolved, That the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon express heartfelt gratitude and thanks for the ministry and presence of Bishop Patrick Bell and his wife, TinaMarie, and for his 10 years shepherding, guiding and loving this Diocese, and that we commend Bishop Bell to God's continuing care and guidance in this new season of life and ministry, praying that the Holy Spirit will grant rest, joy, and new opportunities for service.

Saturday evening's banquet was followed by Bishop Bell presenting the bishop's cross to The Rev. Amy Jayne and Lisa Boquist, The Rev. Amy Jayne presented St. Thomas, Canyon City with the Ascension Banner and a special presentation by The Rev. Roy Green and Beth Spell who asked the Convention to adopt the following resolution:

M/S/C

Be It Resolved...

The Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon
Expresses its Deep and Profound Thanks to
Almighty God
For our Beloved Eighth Bishop
The Right Reverend Patrick W. Bell, D.D.

For his ten years as Bishop, a fellow Christian on journey, as friend and colleague, visionary and leader, a man who walks with Jesus;

For his farm roots in Eastern Washington, where he learned the meaning of work, the sacredness of soil and the good companionship of tractor and combine;

For a man described by Tina Marie as "selfless, generous, loyal, sincere and genuine";

For his gifts as Preacher, wise and authentic, a man who prays, a man who reads;

For his Pastor's heart, whose strength is manifest in gentleness, whose method is inclusion, and whose purpose is communicator and builder of community;

For his passion for justice, standing with LGBTQ persons, active in Bishops United Against Gun Violence, and for introducing us to the gifts, wisdom and struggles of Indigenous Peoples, a witness Sarah Augustine described as “bold, fearless, curious. kind and brilliant”; For his thousands of miles on the road as Bishop, occasionally in automobile but happiest on Harleys and Spyders, where he is recognized as “Padre”; for the invigoration he receives from the lakes, hills, forests and mountains, and the wind which envelopes him as Spirit; For one respected in the House of Bishops as “collegial, trustworthy, adventurous, embracing and patient” (Todd Ousley) and “a quiet, steady, able and capable leader” (Michael Curry); For his irrepressible laughter; For his commitment to us, the clergy and people of Eastern Oregon, the elders and the little ones, and the leaders in congregations. Here is a man in whom Christ is honored.
Adopted at the 55th Annual Convention, 18th October 2025, in Ontario, Oregon

Sunday October 19, 2025

Sunday’s events took place at Girvin Hall at the Malheur County Fairgrounds in Ontario, Oregon and consisted of the Eucharist with Bishop Bell presiding and preaching.

Adjournment

M/S/C Motion to adjourn the 55th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon.

Proceedings of the 2025 Diocesan Convention prepared by:

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Approved by:

The Rev. Charlotte Wells
Secretary of Convention

Convention Committee Appointments

Nominations Committee: Task: to recruit and encourage candidates for open positions on Diocesan Council and Standing Committee, with a focus on encouraging representation from each region of the Diocese. This committee is made up of outgoing members of Diocesan Council and Standing Committee:

The Rev. Kelly Mahon
Ellen Nesbitt

Resolutions Committee: Task: to evaluate resolutions and present them to the Convention, with recommendations for action, or, in some cases to return them to their makers. The Committee does not have to address the resolutions that are introduced with various reports. The Committee also prepares Courtesy Resolutions. The Committee may respond to the Bishop's Address, proposing action by Convention and the Diocese in the form of recommendations or resolutions, as appropriate.

Resolution Chair: Holly Hendricks, Sunriver

Time and Place of Future Diocesan Convention:

Prineville, Oregon
Ascension School, Cove, Oregon

October 14-18, 2026
October 13-17, 2027

2026 Budgets

2026 EDEO Budget

	A	R	T	X
	EDEO Operating Budget	2024 Year End	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
1				
2	Income			
3	Assessments	\$363,572.00	\$370,000.00	\$370,000.00
4	Misc. Income/Reimbursments	\$2,019.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5	Other Income			
6	Duncan	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$13,000.00
7	Convention Income	\$10,672.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
8	Donations	\$1,051.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9	Total Other Income	\$26,723.00	\$27,000.00	\$25,000.00
10	Grants /Loans			
11	Found. Grant Retired Clergy Ins.	\$3,060.00	\$3,060.00	\$3,060.00
12	Total Grants/Loans	\$3,060.00	\$3,060.00	\$3,060.00
13	Investment Income	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
14	Development & Emergency Fund for Ministry Support	\$28,150.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
15	Diversity Fund Truth and Conciliation Commission Support	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
16	Truth and Conciliation Commission Support	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
17	Trail Project Support	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
18	Caretakers of the Land Support	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
19	Indigenous Ministry Fund Transfer Total	\$42,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$42,000.00
20	Budget Surplus Transfer	\$23,516.09	\$0.00	\$0.00
21	Total Transfers In	\$95,166.09	\$73,500.00	\$73,500.00
22	Total EDEO Income	\$535,540.09	\$518,560.00	\$516,560.00

2026 EDEO Budget

	A	R	T	X
	EDEO Operating Budget	2024 Year End	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
23				
24	Expenses			
25	The Larger Church			
26	EMO-Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
27	Province VIII	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
28	TEC - The Episcopal Church	\$32,730.00	\$35,495.00	\$34,000.00
29	Total The Larger Church	\$34,730.00	\$38,095.00	\$36,600.00
30	Total Offerings	\$1,409.70	\$0.00	\$0.00
31	Ministry Support			
32	Diocesan Commissions			
33	Faithful Innovation Commission	\$1,977.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
34	Truth and Conciliation Commission	\$3,805.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
35	Commission on Ministry	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
36	Total Diocesan Commissions	\$5,782.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
37	The Epis. Network for Stewardship (TENS)	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
38	Diocesan Convention	\$14,172.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
39	Diocesan Council/Standing Committee	\$13,778.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
40	Faith Formation/Continuing Ed			
41	Retired Clergy	\$1,590.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
42	Collegium	\$13,341.00	\$15,000.00	\$12,000.00
43	Resource Library/Publications	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
44	Background Checks	\$291.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
45	Total Faith Formation/Continuing Ed	\$15,222.00	\$16,800.00	\$12,800.00
46	General Convention Reserve	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
47	Youth Reserve	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
48	Staff Expense	\$12,961.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
49	Total Ministry Support	\$70,415.00	\$70,300.00	\$66,300.00
50	Bishop Expenses	\$62,929.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00

2026 EDEO Budget

	A	R	T	X
	EDEO Operating Budget	2024 Year End	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
51				
52	Personnel			
53	Payroll			
54	Bishop Salary	\$15,945.00	\$16,345.00	\$48,000.00
55	Bishop Housing	\$28,800.00	\$28,800.00	\$0.00
56	SS Premium Bishop	\$2,846.00	\$2,846.00	\$0.00
57	Ascension Executive Director	\$60,617.00	\$60,617.00	\$66,678.00
58	Ascension Executive Director Housing Value			\$20,003.40
59	Diocesan Administrator	\$73,440.00	\$73,440.00	\$79,315.00
60	Total Payroll	\$181,648.00	\$182,048.00	\$193,993.00
61	Total Payroll Expenses	\$9,282.00	\$9,103.00	\$9,103.00
62	Total Payroll Taxes	\$11,862.00	\$10,923.00	\$10,923.00
63	Pension Contributions Clergy (Ascension Executive Dir.) 18%			\$15,602.65
64	Retirement Plan Contributions Lay Staff (Dio. Admin) 9%			\$7,138.35
65	Pension and Retirement Contributions Total	\$16,617.00	\$20,800.00	\$22,741.00
66	Medical and Life Insurance			
67	Bishop	\$17,117.00	\$19,548.00	\$22,000.00
68	Lay and Clergy Staff	\$24,967.00	\$32,040.00	\$33,600.00
69	Life Insurance	\$768.00	\$768.00	\$768.00
70	Retirees Supplemental Med. Ins.	\$3,060.00	\$3,060.00	\$3,060.00
71	Total Medical and Life Insurance	\$45,912.00	\$55,416.00	\$59,428.00
72	Total Personnel	\$265,321.00	\$278,290.00	\$296,188.00

2026 EDEO Budget

	A	R	T	X
	EDEO Operating Budget	2024 Year End	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
73				
74	Administration and Contracted Services			
75	Contracted Services			
76	Audit	\$16,950.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
77	CPA/Payroll Services	\$14,065.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
78	Legal Fees	\$143.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
79	Archive Project	\$382.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
80	Transition Minister	\$3,898.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
81	Trail Habitat Management	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
82	Caretakers of the Land	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
83	Total Contracted Services	\$67,438.00	\$47,000.00	\$47,500.00
84	Administration			
85	Technology	\$9,883.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
86	Other Expense	\$27.90	\$0.00	\$0.00
87	Office Supplies	\$1,350.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
88	Photocopies and Printing	\$4,378.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
89	Postage	\$517.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
90	Telephone	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00
91	Credit Card Fees	\$103.75	\$250.00	\$250.00
92	Total Administration	\$16,499.65	\$14,990.00	\$14,990.00
93	Total Administration and Contracted Services	\$83,937.65	\$61,990.00	\$62,490.00
94	Insurance and Taxes			
95	General Insurance Package	\$11,000.00	\$12,800.00	\$12,800.00
96	Property Taxes	\$64.26	\$100.00	\$100.00
97	Total Insurance and Taxes	\$11,064.26	\$12,900.00	\$12,900.00
98	Total EDEO Expenses	\$529,806.61	\$521,575.00	\$534,478.00
99	Total EDEO Income	\$535,540.09	\$518,560.00	\$516,560.00
100	Balance	\$5,733.48	-\$3,015.00	-\$17,918.00

	A	Q	R	U
1	Ascension School Budget			
2		2024	2025	2026
3		Year End	Approved	Proposed
4	INCOME			
5	Contributions			
6	Scholarship Appeal	\$ 26,987.17	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
7	Scholarship Endowment			\$ 5,000.00
8	Ascension Annual Giving	\$ 34,466.58	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
9	Total Contributions	\$ 61,453.75	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
10				
14	Adult Program Income			
15	Adult Formation	\$ 4,937.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,500.00
17	Total Adult Program Income	\$ 4,937.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,500.00
18				
19	Camp/ODS Income			
21	2024 Late Payments			
22	Senior High Camp	\$ 11,525.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
23	Intermediate Camp	\$ 19,125.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
24	Discovery Camp	\$ 3,340.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 5,500.00
25	Combined Camp	\$ 16,129.70	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
26	Beginners Camp	\$ 5,915.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
27	KIDS Bus Subsidy	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
28	Outdoor School	\$ 48,836.19	\$ 98,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
29	Total Camp/Youth Income	\$ 111,470.89	\$ 156,700.00	\$ 131,000.00
30				
31	Rental Fees			
32	Kimsey Commons	\$ 49,381.32	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
33	Founders Hall	\$ 6,976.24	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
35	General Rentals	\$ 72,093.50	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
36	Coe-Kerr	\$ 4,554.50	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
37	Community Center	\$ 760.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00

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39	Total Rental Income	\$ 145,765.56	\$ 124,800.00	\$ 148,000.00
40				
41	Misc Income			
42	Reimbursements/Sales/Rewards	\$ 5,138.05	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
43	Preschool Lease Income	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,790.00
44	Camp Store Income	\$ 998.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 750.00
45	Caretakers of the Land Subsidy	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
46	Habitat/Trail/CREP Fund Transfer	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
48	Operations Manager Subsidy	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
51	Fundraising Events	\$ -	\$ 500.00	
52	Total Other Income	\$ 74,691.46	\$ 57,850.00	\$ 44,540.00
53				
54	Endowed & Investment Transfers			
55	Rose Rine Trust	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
56	Ellsworth Funds	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
57	Lighthall Trust Income	\$ 5,307.90	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
58	Duncan Annual	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
59	Ascension Endowment	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
60	Total Fund Transfers	\$ 37,307.90	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 61,500.00
61	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 435,626.56	\$ 469,350.00	\$ 449,540.00
62				
63	EXPENSES			
64	Program Expenses:			
65	Camp Transportation	\$ 14,229.68	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
66	Background Checks	\$ 635.65	\$ 500.00	\$ 450.00
67	Program Expenses - ODS	\$ 14,266.13	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
68	Program Expenses -Camp	\$ 7,376.24	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
71	Program Supplies-Adult	\$ 596.19	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
72	Store Expense	\$ 3,077.94	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
73	Swimming	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
74	Camper Insurance	\$ 163.50	\$ 163.00	\$ 235.00
75	Total Program Expenses	\$ 44,845.33	\$ 51,663.00	\$ 49,185.00
76				

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77	Staff Expense			
78	Staff Development	\$ 4,175.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
79	Staff Travel and Mileage	\$ 1,193.71	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
80	Staff Support Expenses	\$ 2,392.05	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
81	Total Staff Expense	\$ 7,760.76	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 9,200.00
82				
83	Personnel Expenses			
84	Program & Operations Wages & Salaries	\$ 168,192.73	\$ 215,000.00	\$ 226,100.00
86	Lay Staff Payroll Taxes	\$ 19,611.84	\$ 14,800.00	\$ 20,000.00
87	Pension	\$ 11,201.40	\$ 15,200.00	\$ 12,592.00
88	Medical	\$ 63,062.40	\$ 40,668.00	\$ 31,478.00
89	Life Insurance	\$ 1,152.00	\$ 1,536.00	\$ 1,152.00
90	Total Personnel Expense	\$ 263,220.37	\$ 287,204.00	\$ 291,322.00
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92	Administrative			
93	Memberships Due	\$ 2,760.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,685.00
94	Advertising/Fundraising	\$ 2,173.77	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
95	Credit card fees	\$ 889.35	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
96	Technology/Communications	\$ 3,318.63	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
97	Office Supplies	\$ 821.51	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 600.00
98	Postage	\$ 831.93	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
99	Telephone/Internet	\$ 6,698.38	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
100	Total Administrative	\$ 17,493.57	\$ 18,400.00	\$ 20,785.00
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102	Physical Plant			
103	Electricity	\$ 17,506.33	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
104	Heating Fuel	\$ 11,153.15	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
105	Propane	\$ 1,599.68	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
106	Water/Sewer	\$ 7,614.76	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,800.00
108	Garbage	\$ 2,732.65	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
109	Total Physical Plant	\$ 40,606.57	\$ 38,300.00	\$ 40,600.00
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111	Maintenance			

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112	Recurring Maintenance	\$ 6,423.80	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
113	Contracted Maintenance	\$ 525.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
114	Repair & Maintenance	\$ 1,683.18	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
115	Vehicle Maint/Fuel	\$ 3,280.81	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
116	Greenhouse	\$ 455.41	\$ -	
117	Equipment Expense	\$ 352.99	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
118	Total Maintenance	\$ 12,721.19	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 21,500.00
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120	Insurance and Taxes			
121	Insurance	\$ 21,232.89	\$ 22,200.00	\$ 24,250.00
124	Total Insurance and Taxes	\$ 21,232.89	\$ 22,200.00	\$ 24,250.00
125				
126	Guest Services			
127	Summer Camp Food	\$ 13,026.32	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 15,000.00
128	Conference Center Food	\$ 29,310.25	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
129	Guest Services Supplies	\$ 6,804.37	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
132	Total Guest Services	\$ 49,140.94	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
133	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 457,021.62	\$ 493,767.00	\$ 506,842.00
134	Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (21,395.06)	\$ (24,417.00)	\$ (57,302.00)
135	Audit Adjustment			
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Reports To Convention

Archives/Historiographer Project Report

At the writing of this report, EDEO's Archives have resided at the Ascension Campus at Cove for a little over a year. Since I reside in The Dalles, I'm making some adjustments to accommodate the difference in location. At the time that the archives moved in June of 2024, most materials had already been archived, with only a few additions received. Now my focus is increasing the digitization of what is in the collection so the material can be more readily accessed.

I have visited the archives three times since the 2024 Diocesan Convention. Since Clergy Collegium convened there in November, I spent my "down time" in the archives scanning some of the vertical files collection, especially items of the Pacific Northwest. In March I invited two volunteers, the Rev. Ann Marie Hardin and her daughter Sarah Hardin, to come for a training session to help at the archives. Both live closer than my three-hour drive. Ann Marie spent some of her "down time" at Senior Camp and scanned past clergy photos for the digital collection. And most recently, the week after camp was finished, I traveled to the archives to add a bookcase and unpack more of the vertical files and bound volumes of *The Oregon Trail Churchman*, our Eastern Oregon newsletter for many years.

From home over the winter, I worked on reorganizing the digital scans already processed over the years. While working on the book, *Episcopal Mission and Ministry in Eastern Oregon Country*, I had scanned many documents for book research. Now those files are being saved in the permanent digital collection. I had also realized the archives had many parish histories in the collection. and if they had not been scanned already, more were scanned for the collection. Most recently I acquired the timeline with pictures binder that Trinity, Bend had produced. That is now in the archives both in hardcopy and digital format.

One church that still had no complete parish history was St. Mark the Evangelist, Hood River. Because they are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the cornerstone placement of the current church this year, I assisted in completing a parish history for St. Mark's. We converted the timeline they had for years and converted that into a digital document, too.

The above-mentioned scanning and digitization will help me update the Archives website I still maintain at www.history-episdioeo.weebly.com. Additionally, *Episcopal Mission and Ministry in Eastern Oregon Country* is now available in eBook format from www.lulu.com.

The Good News is I continue to receive inquiries about the history of this diocese, either about the diocese itself or one of the many congregations. My response to almost all questions is if I don't have an answer, I usually know where to research and look it up. So work is never done for the EDEO archives.



Ascension School

Camp & Conference Center

Ascension School Report

*A Place Apart to connect with God's sacred mystery,
celebrating the dignity, diversity, and oneness of all creation.*

Amy's Sabbatical

Dear Friends – I am writing this report in late May as I prepare to head across the street 😊 and not come back for three months. I'm taking a sabbatical after six incredible years serving at Ascension School. I am deeply grateful for this opportunity (and for my colleagues that are making it possible on the practical side of things). I will see you all at Convention 2025!

With All the Cove Love,
+Amy

Program Update

For the first time EVER, we closed Discovery Camp in April! Camps are filling up as I type this report and we fully expect to have another record summer. We're also excited to be offering an Alumni Weekend on the tail end of our staff training week this year – June 20-22. The camp alumni committee (of the Advisory Board) has been creatively exploring ways to re-engage former campers and Ascension summer staff. Stay tuned for more opportunities and check out our website for more details: www.coveascensionschool.com

Ascension/Diocesan retreats and events for the remainder of 2025:

August 16 – Cherry Fair

August 21-24 – Adult Formation Retreat

August 27 – September 2 – Caretakers of the Land, Tule Camp

September 5-6 – High Desert School for Ministry Reunion

September 27 – Nate & Megan's Wedding Cove Wedding Celebration – 4pm

September/October – Fall Outdoor School Season!

October 22-2 – Ascension Land Tending Week

October 31- November 2 – Yoga and Wellness Retreat

November 7 – Collegium

November 14-16 – Diocesan Council

The Unbroken Circle Capital Campaign

In early 2024, our campaign feasibility study recommended a goal of \$727,528 and a stretch goal of \$807,556. In August 2024, we launched an ambitious campaign to raise \$750,000 to build a

pool. With a stretch, we hoped to boost our endowment to support the pool's operations and maintenance. The Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation came forward with \$200,000 and Cyde Estes with \$300,000 to ensure the endowment would be secured before we began fundraising on August 19th at the Cove Cherry Fair. We have some news... as of May 27, 2025, we have received gifts and pledges totaling \$750,000 for a pool AND our endowment is now at \$952,500. AND, we have received \$50,000 from the Coe Family to establish an endowment specifically for camp scholarships and expenses. WE HAVE RAISED 1.3 MILLION DOLLARS! Thank you to everyone who joined in ensuring an Unbroken Circle for generations to come. Stayed tuned for the launch of our Planned Giving Program at Convention!

Guest Services

We are in the business of providing radical hospitality to everyone who sets foot at Ascension School. From January to December 2025, we have welcomed or have scheduled 27 guest retreat groups in addition to our own Ascension programming (Outdoor School, Camp, Retreats and Services) and Diocesan programming (Cursillo, Collegium, Council, and Commissions). We have hosted dozens of one day events and personal retreats. Twice weekly, the Cove Seniors have exercised and twice monthly, we've provided Senior Meals for at least 75 people. It's only May and the new community center has already scheduled 36 events for the year. We are celebrating the abundance of joy, service, and celebration that happens every day on this campus. Thank you to everyone who supports this vital ministry!

Our Advisory Board

Makenzie Dyer - Chair
Amy Tensen
Aaron Tenson
Karley Witten
George Nairns
Charlie Hammerich
Sean Kimsey
Cindy Feibert

Our Staff:

Amy Jayne – Executive Director
Megan Cox – Program Director
Nate Cogsdale – Operations Manager
Janette Roberts – Kitchen Manager
Julie Witten – Hospitality Associate
Jason Jayne – Facility/Grounds Manager
Caleb Wiggins – Facility/Grounds Grunt
Dante Fiorella and Karley Witten – Camp Directors

Bisbee Grant Reports

Bisbee Fund Ministry Partnership Grant- Ascension School -Virtual Community Center in Cove

Ascension School received a \$2000 grant to support their partnership with the Cove Community Association in launching a website to promote the new Community Center at the former Sportsman Club. With the funding from the Bisbee grant, we have hired a website designer and have begun the process of working with other nonprofits in Cove to create a virtual community center to draw support for our efforts. The new community center is bustling with weekly gatherings of a wide variety. Thanks to the funding from the Bisbee grant, we will be able to have a central online location (separate from the Ascension School website) to communicate information and help folks book the center. This helps detour community gatherings to the center and build ownership in the Cove community over this project. Thank you!

Bisbee Fund Ministry Partnership Grant- St. Peter's, La Grande -K House

It's important to note that the Multicultural Center at EOU has noted that 45% of EOU college students are food insecure. Besides the word of mouth being spread across campus, there is a significant need for meals. Most of the students we engage with have jobs, and/or do not have a meal plan due to their own financial needs. EOU currently has 1,177 students on campus, this means that 10% of the student body are attending K House breakfasts. The community benefit that this brings is multifaceted and reaches a wide network outside of the college students. It's a way for our local Christian communities to come together and rally behind a mission we all support, as they have done so since it was founded. With the funds received from the Bisbee Grant, this significantly helped with food cost as our number of college students attending meals has increased! We were also able to start doing once a month dinner! We are truly grateful for the support of EDEO and the local ecumenical parishes for all their time and effort towards this ministry.



Bisbee Fund Ministry Partnership Grant- Caretakers of the Land Elders and Wisdom Keepers Project



(Wiweeletitpe, Brosnan Spencer (Left), and Taymaatayxpm, Meadow Fosseck-Spencer studying the intricacies of several very old natural fiber baskets, a hat, and a model of a canoe)

Caretakers of the Land is truly grateful for the opportunity afforded to us through the 2025 Bisbee Ministry Grant to be able to spend a portion of the year learning more about our trades and going deeper into some of the finer details of them. To have been able to learn and begin sharing highly significant crafts which were beginning to go dormant such as natural fiber basketry, hide tanning, canoeing, horse packing, and traditional foods, medicines, and materials has been such a huge blessing, and to have been able to spend so much time refining this

knowledge over this last year is a huge measure of success and an entering into a new phase of taking care of these lifeways, as a way of life.

Our utilization of the funds allowed us to spend time researching baskets, saddles, canoes, clothing, tools, and many other material items of the Columbia River Basin and beyond. Some were replicas while many are very old items handmade by our Ancestors. We went to the Tamastlikt Cultural Institute, the Maryhill Museum, the Josephy Center, and the Columbia River Maritime Museum where we were able to privately examine collections that are stored in the vaults as well as tour the exhibits. Being in the presence of these material items of our old People was life changing, mind opening, and awe inspiring to say the least. Having gained more experience in the making of similar items and to then be able to study them closely gave us a lot more insight into the techniques and materials used and how that shifted from place to place and adapted to the changing times. So many stories and feelings are woven into these everyday things.

Along with the research of these items, we were also able to spend time with Margaret Mathewson, one of our mentors who is retired from teaching anthropology and archaeology at OSU and who was blessed to learn many of our ancient lifeways from several Elders across the Pacific Northwest who are no longer with us. She has been a pivotal part of our learning and revitalization of knowledge as it has been stored in her heart for a reason. It was a treasure to set aside some time to visit, weave, learn, and help her with a few projects around her farm. Her insights into some of the details of weaving and hide tanning such as techniques, natural dyes, locations, traditional versus contemporary, and reciprocity with the plants we are utilizing is priceless knowledge. Her unique and deep relationship to life and to land gives her a unique perspective which is really encouraging for us to be around. Helping around her farm also gave us a lot to ponder on and integrate into our own perspectives around land management as people who work with the natural materials, elements and animals while working to tend, restore, and preserve them.

Since Margaret lives close to the Pacific Ocean (Atachuush, Water of the Highest Order), we decided to also take some time to connect with the cedar and spruce forests, the whales, the ocean, and the marine life in general. Cultural exchange and trade networks from the Ocean to the Plains have always been a huge part of our lifeways and economy, exchanging goods, information, and inspiration. As Salmon People, our lifeways rely heavily on the marine life and the Ocean. We look forward to future possibilities of adaptive cultural exchange with our Coastal neighbors as we also reawaken our trade routes in today's world.

We had planned to visit another elder teacher, Ramona Kiona, during the same trip, but something came up and we were all unable to connect. We will send her a bundle of traditional foods gathered during earlier seasons this year and are grateful to her for all she has done to help us reawaken coiled root basketry.

Another CTUIR Member, Avary Mckay, has become well known for her art and contemporary basketry and is one of a handful of people who are really making strides with the natural fiber basketry revitalization. She was also able to take time off from work to join us and refine her skills in these styles of weaving while gaining some new insights from our teacher and from the plants.

Overall, the opportunity to slow down and learn more about the trades and lifeways we are upholding and teaching was truly a gift. Being able to step back and examine the intricacies of these vessels created for the containment of nourishment, for movement, for trading, for gifting, and for connection, while also examining our own lives from different perspectives and angles has been very clarifying and refining. We are excited and honored to weave all that we have learned into our practices and trades and to set course into another year of reawakening natural and cultural artforms and lifeways.

As always, Kwathlanuushamatash, Thank you all!

Naknuwithlama Tiichamna – Caretakers of the Land

Bisbee Fund Ministry Partnership Grant -St. Stephen's, Baker City Youth Group

St. Stephens Youth Group would like to thank the members of the Diocesan Council and the Bisbee Grant committee for the generous amount of \$2,000 for the 2025 year. This grant helped sponsor special programs, food and spiritual growth through youth group activities within the church as well as outreach to the community.

Our youth group consists of twelve students, grades 5-9. We meet bimonthly. Activities are facilitated through coordinated leadership provided by eight adults, including our Vicar Taylor Clark.

Our youth group activities have always allowed for natural outreach, as kids invite their friends to come along. Whether it's during a open gym time, skiing at Anthony Lakes, gathering potatoes or playing chess on Sunday afternoons, participation has expanded to incorporate new kids. This summer St. Stephens sponsored eighteen campers to Ascension Cove, many attending from outside the Episcopal family because of their relationships with youth group members.

During the 2024-25 church year St. Stephens' youth participated in the following activities:

- Potato gleanings - over 600 pounds gathered and donated to Salvation Army, to be incorporated Thanksgiving food baskets for families in need;
- Pumpkin Auction – kid-created crazy pumpkins were auctioned off to St. Stephens' members to raise money for our Christmas Food Drive;
- Working with a local artist to create unique hanging mobiles using origami and other materials;
- Participated in a Ski Party at Anthony Lakes;
- Helped cut down and haul Christmas trees for St. Stephen's "greening" day;
- They organize and publish a biannual "Youth Newsletter" to keep St. Stephen's parish up to date on youth ideas and activities;
- Made "birthday baskets" (cake mix, frosting mix, candles, birthday hats, napkins, plates, etc.) for families in need. These baskets were delivered to the Northeast Oregon Compassion Center for distribution to families;
- Cooked and served at St. Stephen's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper for the Baker Community.

We love our kids, and are happy to report evidence of their ongoing commitment to St. Stephen's community and their own spiritual growth:

- Our kids regularly assist as teacher helpers for monthly Sunday School, ages preschool through Grade 4;
- Youth group members provided music during our two Christmas Eve services;
- All members of St. Stephens' youth group perform acolyte duties during Holy Eucharist throughout the school months;

- The kids helped organize and operate a bottle drive, raising several hundred dollars for the Cove Pool Campaign;
- Our five oldest youth group members received instruction in confirmation under the tutelage of retired Vicar Aletha Bonebrake and were confirmed this past May during a service at St. Stephens by Bishop Pat Bell.

As school begins, Youth Group will kick off with a golf party and pickle ball gathering. This will involve kids from both St. Stephens and the Baker Presbyterian youth group, with whom we are planning to coordinate activities for the coming year. This will bring an additional six youth to our activities, along with several adults to assist. Our plans include performing a joint Christmas Pageant, to be performed at services in both St. Stephens and Baker Presbyterian. We are also planning activities that will expanded outreach to our community through raking leaves, shoveling snow and helping with other projects to assist the elderly. Finally, we have begun working with our Vicar and the Presbyterian to present curriculum that will lead youth to a deeper understanding of the church seasons.

Naknuwithlama Tiichamna - Caretakers of the Land 2025 Report



(A group of community volunteers planting native trees and shrubs along the path connecting the community center and the restoration site/nature trail)

A grassroots effort to restore the cultural and natural lifeways of the Columbia River Basin through seasonal round immersion experiences

Led by:

Wiweeletitpe, *Brosnan Spencer* and Tiicham Kiluthla, *Bobby Fossek*

Report

As we have been called season after season and year after year to continue deepening and dedicating ourselves to learning highly significant cultural and natural lifeways of the Columbia River Basin that have been going dormant, we have also been called forth to often immediately teach and share these ways of life with our Tribal community while also educating and opening the minds and hearts of our non-native neighbors. Since the formation of *Naknuwithlama Tiichamna – Caretakers of the Land*, we have been able to reach many lives and focus a lot of attention and energy on bringing back our ways of life. Over this past year, what became clear to us is the importance of taking time to refine these skills on a personal level and for ourselves to recharge and allow inspiration and creativity to flow amidst a full, year-round schedule of

organizing and supporting large group cultural and ecosystem restoration activities. Many opportunities, both expected and unexpected, have allowed this space to be made and for these skills to be sharpened, while clarifying and clearing the path ahead.

Fall and winter of 2024 to 2025

- Last Fall, we were able to host another Social Land Tending event where locals and travelers converged at Ascension School for a week of planting native trees and shrubs. Our main focus was to more intentionally open the former Sportsman's Club building as a community hub for connection and resilience. We planted a small forest to connect the building with the restoration site and nature trail.
- We began working with local graziers to bring rotational and regenerative grazing methods into our land management and restoration plan. This will help with soil and vegetation regeneration as well as set an example for how a local food production economy can benefit from and give benefit to ecosystem restoration and well-being.
- We made time to focus on our crafts and skills while also giving space for healing and rejuvenation for our minds, bodies, and spirits after a full year.
- Spent a lot of time splitting and preparing cedar roots and continuing to teach weaving through the CTUIR Family Engagement Program
- Donations raised by members of the Diocese helped support Bobby to attend an important Winter Ceremony and to help with the costs of feeding all of the attendees.

Spring 2025

- We decided to partner with Tamastlikt Cultural Institute on a Fall Hide tanning camp instead of late winter/early spring as we have typically done.
- This happened to make us available to attend the first ever Dogbane Hemp Symposium scheduled the same week in Wenatchee, Washington as teachers and students. This was hosted by the Indigenous Roots and Reparations Foundation, another grassroots, Indigenous led effort up river. This plant is of high cultural significance and a major part of our efforts. Attending the symposium allowed us to share what we know, learn a lot more about weaving and cordage making techniques, and to also make relations and strengthen connections with culture keepers from other Columbia River Bands.
- In partnership with Cove Community Association, we hosted another Earth Day event at Ascension with several planting, weeding, and land tending activities along with plenty of social time.
- We were accepted as the 2025 Greater Hells Canyon Council Artist in Residence Program with the theme being, "Refugia of the Blue Mountains". Our project includes a dogbane hemp and other natural fiber root basket, a tule mat sewed and twined with dogbane hemp, photography, and story telling to show the intricate interconnectedness of all of life in the Blue Mountains, including the Human Beings, since time immemorial, and how

these plants literally tie it all together. We did our first half of the residency in the spring while working this project in with other research we did and opportunities we had through the year.

- Bobby was able to travel to Pullman, Washington, and help Xhimstonik, a Palus band led organization with the carving of their western red cedar shovelnose dugout canoe as a part of their cultural restoration and return to the Lower Snake River which is where our family ties begin. He was able to learn a great deal from the carvers and take the canoe out for its first paddle. This instilled the confidence and understanding to be ready to take on a canoe carving project for our budding paddles and saddles crew of Cayuse, Umatilla, Walla Walla, and Nez Perce.
- We were able to attend the Lower Snake River Healing Canoe Camp and Paddle led by Xhimstonik and to bring along another dedicated youth paddler from CTUIR. We hope to build capacity to be able to bring more youth next year. Bobby paddled as bowman for the Palus dugout throughout the trip and the youth paddlers were in replica voyagers under the mentorship of highly experienced canoeists and carvers. This strengthened a lot of relationships while even more deeply activating our growing organization and our immersion activities.
- We attended two first foods feasts and were able to get out and gather roots several times. We also attended and helped with the Wallowa gathering of gatherers for the 6th year in a row.
- We taught at three of the Spring Outdoor Schools which were hosted at Ascension. Educating the youth about the lands they inhabit and the rivers they depend on is a huge piece of co-creating a regenerative and resilient future, so we appreciate this opportunity to collaborate and carry this out right here in Cove.

Summer 2025

Over the last few summers, we had shifted most of our focus on supporting and teaching for the CTUIR After-School Education Program's Youth Culture Camp. This is a big undertaking requiring preparations to be made all throughout the year to carry out our offerings. This year we were made aware a week ahead that they were unable to bring in contractors. This was a blow at first, since we had spent so much time and energy preparing already and because this is one of our main income sources. Soon after, we centered ourselves and began looking ahead at what new opportunities would come from this one dissolving. Our guidance directed us towards some of our food gathering sites around the Grande Ronde Valley, and the Wallowa Lake and Mountains, where our Ancestors have been making their rounds for thousands of years. This opening felt like the right opportunity to slow down, focus on gathering, weaving, and paddling, while deepening some of the relationships we have cultivated in the Wallowa Country over the last decade. We also received some funding last minute from the For The People Fund, that helped offset some of the income lost. During this portion of the Summer, we were able to:

- Gather berries that are being forgotten about
- Dig Camas and prepare for a bake
- Work on important weaving projects and materials preparation
- Canoe
- Organize a Tribal Canoe Paddle on Wallowa Lake where several canoe families came with dugouts and voyagers during the Tamkaliks Celebration. Many of the Cayuse, Umatilla, Walla Walla, and Nez Perce youth who have been dedicated to paddling, working with horses, and learning cultural lifeways with us were able to join our canoe and help us initiate the next phase of our land and water-based immersion work(details a few bullets down).
- Support Palus Elder, Carrie Schuster in being present in Wallowa Country and to share her teachings with us and those in attendance at Tamkaliks. Also to visit with relatives and friends while strengthening her craft business, Lady Palus Creations.
- Network with locals and officials around Wallowa Country and Wallowa Lake to further strengthen our efforts.
- Connected with and began making agreements with the Wallowa Lake State Park management team to harvest a tree, carve it into a canoe, and launch it on-site, while making it an outreach opportunity and a part of the park programming as well.
- Deepened our connection with a highly experienced wilderness guide and equine packer in the Wallowa Mountains who wants to help with the canoe carving as well as help us to take the horse packing portion of our immersion efforts to the next level. He is also a master level leather worker, hide tanner, saddle maker, and woodworker who we look forward to exchanging knowledge and support with.
- **Bisbee Grant funded research and learning trip** where we were able to tour several museums and research their collections of culturally significant items and artifacts as well as spend time with one of our mentors in the ways of natural fiber weaving, hide tanning, and land management. We were also able to support another tribal member artist who is dedicated to contemporary as well as these natural fiber weaving styles to come along and learn more.
- Bobby was moved from apprentice level guide on bigger canoes to one of two main skippers for the 2025 Hanford Reach Paddle where we take graduate students and professors whose area of study is on the Columbia River, as well as other native and non-native organizations who work in the basin, through the free-flowing section of the river at Hanford. This opportunity has been a great way to intimately share perspective with people whose line of work directly cares for or causes harm to our lifeblood river while gaining more personal paddling, canoe, and camp management experience under the

mentorship of highly experienced river guides and canoeists. The push to be one of two main leaders helped to show Bobby that he is ready to take the canoe work to the next phase.

- We received funding support from the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts Indigenous Relationship Building fund for our 2025 Huckleberry Camp. This camp is focused on gathering with other tribal families to pick and preserve berries and to enjoy time on the water and land together.
- Tule Reed Gathering and Mat Making Camp with the CTUIR Family Engagement Program is based in Cove with gathering taking place at Ladd Marsh.
- Second half of the Artist Residency at Good Bear Ranch in Baker.

Fall 2025

- Collaboration with CTUIR Department of Natural Resources for a weekend long climate and carbon symposium at Ascension Camp and Conference Center
- Unveiling of the Refugia of the Blues Artist in Residency exhibit during the Greater Hells Canyon Council's Fall Gala.
- Fall Social Land Tending Projects
- Opening Ceremony and the beginning of the Canoe Carving and Horse Packing Immersion at Wallowa Lake
- Fall Materials Gathering
- Coiled Basketry Retreat with CTUIR Family Engagement Program
- Hide Workshop with Tamastslikt Cultural Institute

Winter 2025 will be spent fully immersed in the practice of all that has been learned and refined over the past years such as natural fiber weaving and hide tanning as well as teaching several workshops. We will also be continuing to carve the canoe with the intention of having it ready for the water by Spring at the latest.

We are grateful to all of the many donors and sponsors through the Diocese and beyond who contribute so generously to our efforts. We are also grateful to the organizations we have received grants from such as:

The Potlatch Fund

The Bisbee Ministry Fund

Oregon Community Foundation

The Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts

For The People

We are also grateful for our many community partners and organizations in our network whose collaborations make it all more possible. It takes a village to make these projects happen:

Ascension Camp and Conference Center first and foremost!

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Grande Ronde Model Watershed- Community Science Project

Xhimstonik

Wallowa Land Trust

Greater Hells Canyon Council

Indigenous Roots and Reparation Foundation

7 Waters Canoe Family

Charlie Birdhat

Kalispell Canoe Family

Tamastlikt Cultural Institute

Cove Community Association

Wallowa Lake State Park

Del Sol Wilderness Outfitters

Wallowa Band Homeland Return Project

And many other orgs and individuals who uplift and support us throughout the seasons and years!

Kwathlanuushamatash! Thank you all!

Naknuwithlama Tiichamna – Caretakers of the Land



(Bobby Fosseck and a group of Cayuse, Nez Perce, Walla Walla, and Umatilla youth at the Wallowa Lake Tribal Canoe Paddle held during Tamkaliks Celebration)

Chaplains to the Retired Clergy and Spouse

Since the last diocesan convention we have attended the National Chaplains to the Retired Meeting in Arlington, Virginia. At this meeting we learned that all Retired Clergy who have accounts with the Church Pension Fund, need to have their own retiree account. This is necessary because only individuals can change such things as their address, and phone number.

In The Diocese of Eastern Oregon we sent 55 birthday cards to our retirees and spouses, made 50 phone calls and met with 15 people in small groups, made 12 home and hospital visits and attended 1 clergy funeral.

We are happy to share what we have learned about Elder Abuse and Scamming of older adults.

We report to Bishop Pat Bell, whenever we know of someone who needs extra pastoral care. We appreciate it when people from parishes throughout the diocese notify us when they know of a retired deacon, priest or spouse who needs extra pastoral care. If possible we visit that person or call them and offer prayers. We have talked with the Bishop about improving the notification process to the chaplains upon the death of any retired clergy or spouse.

The Rev. Celine A Burke

Dick Burke

Bishop's Chaplains to the Retired Clergy and Spouses of Eastern Oregon.

Cursillo

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

It has been a wonderful last couple of years. Cursillo #51 taught us to use our gifts faithfully as stewards of God's grace. It was a beautiful weekend sharing our gifts with one another and to be bound by His love. Thanks to our Core Team, Danny Sharp, Sharon Inskeep, Katie Fuller, and Matt Griffin for making Cursillo #51 an enjoyable and adventurous and successful weekend. We had 36 team members, and we served 14 candidates. We had to learn to adjust and work with a much smaller team, with teams working double duties and working closely together. We also pulled outside Cursillistas to help with prayer vigil. These people helped take the late shifts from the comfort of their homes and allowed the team members to get much needed rest by getting to bed earlier. A small team made a strong close bond.

Ray Jeff Sprier stepped up this year to take over as our Spiritual Director replacing Bishop Patrick Bell. He did a magnificent job filling the shoes of Pat. There are some hiccups to work out, but we still had a great and spiritual weekend.

We are looking for new people to join and help our team keep Cursillo alive and growing in Faith and supporting fellow Cursillistas in the love and grace of Christ which fills our souls every day. The secretariat is looking for people to prayerfully think about ways to serve their Cursillo community. We have the following position available to help serve: Post Cursillo Chair. Secretariat members and Sponsor will make sure candidates have or are invited to a 4th day group. We meet about 9 times a year via Zoom. Please let Clyde, Kim, or me know if you or someone would like to serve.

Individual community members have raised over \$5000 towards supporting the Unbroken Circle at Cove and our Cursillo family has matched those funds up to \$5000 to make the total donated over \$10,000. We have also donated to the sidewalk project at Cove.

This is our "off" year which we call our Retreat Weekend, this year Matt, Kim, Katie, and Karen have taken lead on the project with the theme being "Past, Present, & Future – Changes in Time". This weekend will be held May 2026 at Cove. Also, we have reserved the weekend of April 30-May 2, 2027, for Cursillo #52.

Thank you to Palanca Coordinator Riki, she keeps us in touch with Cursillo communities around the world. I would also like to thank Ray Jeff, Cyde, Sharon, Kim, Rita, Gary, Katie, Karen, Diana and Matt for serving on the Secretariat.

Prayers to those that have moved on to their 5th day and to their friends and families.
Blessings,
Danny Sharp- Secretariat President

Diocesan Council Report

Diocesan Council met on September 4, 2024 by ZOOM. Amy Jayne, reported on the significant progress of the capital campaign, the post camping season report, and the Grey Family Foundation grant to fund AC in those buildings still needing it, and a grant from the Beloved Community to support the Land Tending Week on the Trail Project and an award from the Grande Rhonde Hospital to support the Senior Exercise program in Coe Kerr. Kelly Mahon reported on St. Luke's Lakeview. Patty Olson-Lindsey gave the financial report and recommended a Property Fund Policy and transfer of funds to specific accounts. Bishop Pat gave his report describing the visitation plan to include Amy Jayne to get the word about the Capital Campaign, the work of the Truth and Conciliation and Faithful Innovation Commissions, plans for the November Retreat and an update on clergy assignments.

Council met October 9, 2024. Kelly Mahon reported on the Klamath Falls property and received approval to contract with a security company for said property. Patty Olson-Lindsey gave a financial report and presented the proposed 2025 operating budget. Amy Jayne presented the draft 2025 Ascension School operating budget. Both budgets were approved to be presented to diocesan Convention.

Council met November 15-16, 2024 at Ascension School. Beth Spell was elected Co-Chair of Council. Kelly Mahon gave reports on the Klamath Falls, Lakeview and Union Street, The Dalles properties. He also discussed plans to begin a conversation with the Presiding Bishop concerning plans for the future of plans for the bishop after Bishop Pat's retirement. Bishop Pat reported on the Archbishop of Canterbury's resignation, and the importance of insuring reporting processes are clear and easily followed. He also asked for prayers for Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe. Amy Jayne reported on the Ascension School capital campaign as well as the restorative grazing practice being implemented on the Trail Project. A discussion on the Team Episcopate was held and committees were set up. Future meeting schedule was announced.

Council met on January 28, 2025 by Zoom. Bisbee grant recommendations were approved. Ray Jeff Spreier gave the report from the Communication Committee. Charlotte Wells gave an update from the Canon Update Committee. Kelly Mahon reported on communication with the Presiding Bishop's staff concerning The Team Episcopate plan, Klamath Falls property and the Union Street property in The Dalles. Angela Pursel reported from the Personnel Committee. Amy Jayne gave the Ascension School report and announced her sabbatical plans for the summer.

Council met April 25-26, 2025 at St. Mark's Hood River. Patty Olson-Lindsey reported on the year end report, the Madras Fund, the Capital Campaign Fund CR, and the Shop Fund, and Truth and Conciliation Commission funds for WeX. Kelly Mahon reported on Standing committee resignations and recommendations for replacements, the Klamath Falls property, and The Dalles property. Amy Jayne presented a job description for the Ascension School Advisory Board. Bishop Pat reported on visitations and asked us to be vigilant in standing up for the marginalized. Charlotte Wells reported that the Collins Lecture will be in Pendleton and focus on how to support LGBTQ+ youth. Bishop gave a report on the Team Episcopate discussion.

Council met June 11-12, 2025 at St. Paul's The Dalles. The theme of *Stepping into Our Future; We will with God's Help* was selected for convention. Bishop Pat and Lisa discussed the planned program, location, resolutions and convention offering and election openings. Kelly Mahon reported on the Klamath Falls and The Dalles properties. Pam Miller reported on the Rise Center,

which is a partnership with the People of the Big River organization, and the Annual Meeting of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery. Financial updates included information about a Cove Scholarship fund in honor of Jean Coe and funding for Amy Jayne's attendance to attend an event at Oak Flat. Bishop Pat reminded us to speak out against injustice.

Faithful Innovation Commission

It will be two years when a small group of people, Joann Dickson, Joyce Atchley, Katy Nesbitt, and Marilyn Roth, formed a Faithful Innovation Commission to encourage members throughout the Diocese of Eastern Oregon to give thought on how to share their faith with friends, neighbors, or people they might meet spontaneously. Our steps to share this process of relational evangelism has been slow.

Currently, only two churches have responded to starting a Faithful Innovation learning group or using part of the process at their church, St. Thomas, Canyon City, lead by Rev. Joyce Atchley, and St. Paul's The Dalles, lead by Marilyn Roth. Some people may consider this slow start a flop of major proportions, but I remember the words of Dwight Zscheile, "If you're trying something new, be open to failing 'big'." In some ways, our commission can be seen as failing 'big' if we measure how many churches have invited us to share the Faithful Innovation process with their members. But, call me overly optimistic, or just a simple person who believes in the power of the Holy Spirit to change us from the inside out, where I believe the commission's small steps will eventually grow fruit.

I imagine the disciples might have felt this way when they began to venture forth from Judea. Jesus told the disciples to go out two by two to share the story of Jesus and the Kingdom of God, and if people refused to listen, then they were to dust off their sandals and leave. The Faithful Innovation Commission is still here to serve the Diocese of Eastern Oregon. We are willing to come to your church to visit with some of your members who might want to start a learning group centered around the Faithful Innovation process.

A common experience that can evolve from starting a Faithful Innovation learning process is that church members find that they are already doing similar outreach, and they may only need to tweak their efforts for further connection with their neighbors. Our invitation to visit your church to form a Faithful Innovation learning group may just seem like one more duty heaped upon other responsibilities, but what if the Faithful Innovation process is a way to blend your current efforts into connecting with people you are yet to meet?

I've offered the invitation for a member of our commission to visit your church to share what it might mean to start a learning group, so I guess as some people might say, "the ball is in your court."

Peace be with you,

Rev. Marilyn Roth, Chairperson of Faithful Innovation

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Standing Committee Report

The six members of the Standing Committee were the Rev's. Kelly Mahon (President), Liz Cahill, and Ray Jeff Spreier, and lay members Angela Pursel, Ellen Nesbitt, and Barbara Reynolds. Angela Purcel and the Rev. Spreier resigned in April, and their positions were filled by Cory Bradshaw and the Rev. Elizabeth Wheatley-Jones, respectively. In October the Rev. Kelly Mahon began a three-month sabbatical. The Rev. Liz Cahill was elected President of Standing Committee.

Much of the Standing Committee's time was spent on property issues:

☐ St. Paul's, Klamath Falls: The building is still for sale. We lowered the price to \$479,000. The vacant lot associated with St. Paul's is in escrow.

☐ St. Luke's in Lakeview has an unstable chimney. We are attempting to work with them to formulate a plan.

☐ In October we approved the resolution for the closure of St. James in Milton Freewater. As yet there are no plans for the building, but in November we approved a request by the Rotary Club of Milton Freewater to move the Peace Pole from the St. James site to a central location in town. We encouraged them to include a plaque acknowledging St. James Episcopal Church.

☐ The Historical Chapel at St. Paul's in The Dalles has seen a variety of activities, from classes to lectures to an art show, to acquaint the public with this historic building, overseen by a committee from St. Paul's.

In consultation with a representative from Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, the Standing Committee determined that the assisting bishop model that we prepared to adopt last year would not serve the needs of the Diocese. We have decided that, in our present situation, a Provisional Bishop would be a better fit. The search for and agreement with a Provisional Bishop should be completed by late spring.

Bishop Pat Bell has served as our bishop for ten years, and has never taken a sabbatical leave. Therefore we have agreed he will take a terminal sabbatical for the last three months of his employment with the Diocese.

We consented to:

the election of the Rev. Angela Maria Cortiñas as Suffragen of West Texas, and the merger of two Pennsylvania dioceses to form the new Diocese of Susquehanna.

Standing Committee meetings were held:

November 5, 2024	December 16, 2024
January 7, 2025	January 22, 2025
February 18, 2025	February 24, 2025
March 26, 2025	April 25, 2025*
June 11, 2025*	October 9, 2025
October 16, 2025	

All meetings were online, except for those indicated with an *

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Cahill+ President of the Standing Committee

Truth and Conciliation Commission

Commission members this past year have been: Beth Spell, Barbara Reynolds, Bishop Pat Bell, The Rev Amy Jayne, The Rev. Charlotte Wells, The Rev. Jan Kozak, The Rev. Deacon Georgia Giacobbe. New members this year include The Rev. Ernestine Flemister from the Diocese of (western) Oregon, The Rev. Kathleen Patton and Bekah Wilson.

Sarah Augustine and The Rev. Joe Hubbard from the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery and Jolene and Louis Pitt from WeX continue to be partners in this work.

Our circle has broadened and deepened again this year. We have followed parallel paths with other organizations as individuals, and have continued to progress together as the Truth and Conciliation Commission.

After last year's report, we attended the Red Shirt Day commemoration of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People from the Umatilla reservation. We found the ceremony both moving and very sad. Family members and friends of those who were missing or murdered bore witness to the violence that continues against Indigenous people.

In January, some of us participated in Winter Talk remotely, presented by the Episcopal Church Office of Indigenous Ministries, convened by The Rev. Brad Hoff, Minister for Indigenous Ministries. We heard from numerous Indigenous attendees who continue to be frustrated by the lack of fiscal and clergy resources for their small rural churches. The work on the Boarding School commissions was moving slowly, as trusting relationships form slowly. It was uncertain to all how the new Presiding Bishop would approach Indigenous ministries.

Bishop Pat and the TCC sent a letter to the Boarding School commissions, commending them on their work and letting them know we in Eastern Oregon fully support them. The letter was intended to encourage the commissions and, ultimately, we believe it did.

Three of us traveled to the Yakama Nation in April on a pilgrimage with Sarah Augustine and members of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery. There, we toured several sites, including the museum, and spent transformative time at the site of the boarding school at Fort Simcoe. The site was a fort in the 1850's, and a boarding school from the 1860's into the early 1890's. Now under lease to the State of Washington Park service, no signage exists telling of its boarding school history. The only building still standing from that era is the very small, dark, eerie jail where the children were placed as punishment for perceived misbehavior. After that heaviness, we were blessed to spend the evening with Dewey Bill and Mending Wings members.

Apache Stronghold (Oak Flat): The TCC expressed to Bishop Pat our desire that TEC sign an amicus brief supporting the San Carlos Apache's suit against the U.S. government at The Supreme Court. Pat exerted his influence with Executive Council. TEC signed on, and, as a result, so did the Presbyterian and United Methodist denominations. While The Supreme Court refused to hear their argument and President Trump refused to meet with Dr. Wenzler Nosie, Sr. of the San Carlos

Apache tribe, the mainline protestant denominations stood in solidarity with our Indigenous siblings, and we consider this solidarity a good beginning.

Additionally, Rev. Amy Jayne spent part of her sabbatical taking the Coalition's Oak Flat Accompaniment (COFA) training at Oak Flat. She and Bishop Pat represented the TCC at the Ceremony on July 19, one month prior to the scheduled turning over of this sacred site to Resolution Copper on August 19.

The Episcopal Indigenous Justice Roundtable: is convened online by The Rev. Joe Hubbard each month. The membership has grown steadily to include dioceses in Colorado, Minnesota, Wyoming, North and South Dakota, New York, Massachusetts, Virginia, California, and others! Several TCC members attend, learning from other dioceses what is possible, what is working, what has not worked so far. Valuable.

While the work of WeX continues, expansion of the Trails Project progressed more slowly than anticipated. Many contacts were made, but few People of Color and White Allies committed to join to do the work. Trainings have been given now and WeX moves forward with generous encouragement from TCC.

The TCC renamed the congregations' liaison members Shepherds, which more accurately describes their roles: moving congregations towards action. Several of us took the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery's 6-part online Organizing for Action training in Spring. Organizing is fascinating and challenging work.

In August, the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery held their Annual Gathering at St. Paul's in the Dalles, allowing several TCC members and WeX volunteers to participate, once again broadening the circle, deepening connections already formed, and creating space and opportunity for new connections to form.

On the Monday after the Gathering, the Coalition offered a valuable training entitled Economic Justice, Jubilee, and Re-envisioning Security. Beth, Bekah, Pat, Kathleen, Barbara, and Jan took this challenging course, which we are still digesting.

With respect and care,

Jan Kozak

No Report Received:

- Bisbee Fund Ministry Partnership Grant- Church of the Transfiguration, Family Ministry Project
- Bisbee Fund Ministry Partnership Grant -St. Matthew's, Ontario Oasis House
- Commission on Ministry
- Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation

Clergy

The Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon

Bishop:

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell

Diocesan Assignment

Bishop

Canonically Resident Priests:

03-09-95	*Daniel W. Gardner	Greenwood, Arkansas
03-23-96	Charles R. Barnes	St. John's, Hermiston
11-18-03	*Mary R. Lujan	Non-parochial, Hood River
11-19-06	Aletha G. Bonebrake	Diocesan Council and COM, Baker City
02-04-09	Roy D. Green	Diocesan Council, Sunriver
02-24-11	*Kenneth V. King, Jr.	Johnstown, PA
05-28-14	Marilyn Roth	Transition Minister, The Dalles
12-11-15	Charlotte Wells	Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton
11-17-18	P. Kelly Mahon	St. Mark's, Hood River
07-30-19	Ann Marie Hardin	St. James', Milton Freewater
09-24-19	MaryAnne Gard	COM, Sunriver
10-10-20	Ray Jeff Spreier	St. Andrew's, Prineville
08-21-21	Katy Nesbitt	St. Patrick's, Enterprise
07-23-22	Taylor Clark	St. Stephen's, Baker City
03-26-22	Sean Rogers	St. Matthew's, Ontario
10-22-23	Pamela Miller	St. Paul's, The Dalles
11-10-23	Elizabeth Cahill	Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton
06-06-24	Wendy Cliff	Non-Parochial, Bend
09-01-24	Elizabeth Wheatley-Jones	Trinity, Bend
09-28-24	Amy Jayne	Ascension School, Cove
10-26-24	Joann Dickson	Hopeful Saints, Heppner

ELCA/Presbyterian Clergy serving Episcopal parishes

07-01-11	Matthew Littau	St. Andrew's Episcopal + Peace Lutheran, Burns
03-01-24	Lillian Stahlberg	Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters
09-01-24	Kally Elliot	Sunriver Christian Fellowship, Sunriver

Canonically Resident Deacons:

05-01-02	Janet L. Warner	St. John's, Hermiston
11-09-17	Joyce Atchley	St. Thomas, Canyon City
06-10-06	Roger L. Fairfield	Sisters, OR

Retired canonically resident clergy

(Entitled to seat and voice in Convention, in accordance with Diocesan Canons)

01-17-70	Richard H. Thew	St. Patrick's, Enterprise	priest
08-03-75	Lawrence E. Fredrick	Sunnyvale, CA	priest
10-15-86	Gary J. Young	Hood River, OR	priest
03-15-92	Carol A. Parker	Prineville, OR	priest
05-22-94	Janet C. Schiering	Hood River, OR	priest
04-22-95	Stephen P. Uffelman	Prineville, OR	priest
06-10-98	Richard E. Attebury	Moscow, ID	priest
10-11-98	Carol J. McClelland	Vancouver, WA	deacon
08-10-99	Wilma M. Hoffer	Bend, OR	deacon
09-26-99	John W. Gilsdorf	Athena, OR	priest
11-30-99	Serita V. Smith-Allen	Hood River, OR	priest
02-17-01	Anne Scissons	Albany, OR	priest
01-06-02	Connie Boone	Cutting, CA	deacon
06-05-03	Mikel McClain	Portland, OR	priest
06-16-03	Sarah M. Stanton	Lacey, WA	priest
07-16-03	Richard S. Landrith	Lakeview, OR	priest
06-10-06	Roger L. Fairfield	Sisters, OR	deacon
06-24-06	Martha Cornue Hurlburt	Walla Walla, WA	priest
01-05-08	Gaye Hauk Lawson	Trinity, Bend	deacon
10-22-08	Charles Christopher	Silverton, Oregon	priest
03-19-11	Dan Lediard	Kennewick, WA	priest
05-23-11	Kathryn Macek	Colorado Springs, CO	priest
12-05-11	Georgia Giacobbe	The Dalles, OR	deacon
09-23-15	John Nesbitt	Enterprise, OR	priest
03-22-16	Richard (Red) Stevens	The Dalles, OR	priest
09-09-16	Lee Kiefer	Redmond, OR	canon
06-10-06	Rebecca Lanham Hendricks	Milton-Freewater, OR	priest
09-21-85	James D. Mosier	Ontario, OR	priest
05-19-16	Willa Goodfellow	Sisters, OR	priest
05-01-02	Janet M. Kozak	Madras, OR	priest
05-19-09	John "Jack" Erskine	Sisters, OR	priest
11-19-14	Jed Holdorph	Trinity, Bend	priest
09-16-97	Nancy Sargent Green	Sunriver, OR	Honorary Canon
08-10-21	Linda Hale	La Grande, OR	priest
06-06-15	John Collins	Albuquerque, NM	priest
06-16-99	Jean S. Cupp	Pendleton, OR	deacon

Dates are of canonical residency in the Diocese of Eastern Oregon.

* Asterisk beside the names on pages denotes those canonically resident clergy, in accordance with Diocesan Canons, who are **not** qualified clerical delegates, entitled to seat, voice and vote in Convention. According to Diocesan Canon V.6, "All canonically resident clergy, of whatever Order, who have a regular diocesan or congregational assignment, and are in good standing, and who are performing the duties of their office, and who are not under ecclesiastical discipline, have the right to seat, voice and vote in the Convention. Retired clergy, canonically resident in the Diocese, shall be entitled to seat and voice, but no vote in Convention."

Lay Delegates
Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon
55th Annual Convention, October 17-19, 2025

SW – Senior Warden

JW - Junior Warden

D – Elected Delegate

A – Elected Alternate

Persons whose names are in italics were **not** present or **did not** participate as **voting delegates**.

St. Stephen's, Baker City

Nancy Rorick, SW

Molly Larsen, JW

Lindianne Sappington, D

BoDean Tayer, A

Trinity, Bend

Adrienne Garrison, SW

Tom Lowery, JW

Valerie Pharr, D

Meg Walsh, D

Bend Haag, *D*

Steve Welbourn, D

Keith Pharr, A

Sarah Irby, A

St. Barnabas, Bonanza

Linda Hammerich, SW

Delana Heidrich, JW

St. Andrew's, Burns

Steve Grasty, SW

Ann Thew, JW

Cindy Grasty, D

St. Thomas, Canyon City

Julie Reynolds, SW

Jim Spell, D

St. Patrick's, Enterprise

Char Williams, SW

Linda Kruger Ebbert, JW

Sue Juve, D

All Saints, Heppner

George Nairns, SW

Bill McDowell, JW

Chris Humphries, D

Cyde Estes, A

St. John's, Hermiston

Robert Rose, SW

Diana Henderson, JW

Phyllis Jerome, D

Alexis McCarthy, A

St. Mark's, Hood River

Steve Winkle, SW

Maggie Anderson, JW

Vicki Kelsey, D

Jasinta Rajamoney, A

St. Peter's, La Grande

Chris Baldwin, SW

Nod Palmer, JW

Najaria Esty, D

Steve Baldwin, A

St. Luke's, Lakeview

St. Mark's, Madras

St. James', Milton-Freewater

Allison VanOcker, SW

Marty Nyman, JW

Lynn Crawford, D

Alta Crawford, A

St. Matthew's, Ontario

Tim Lanterman, SW
Amy Martinez, D
Valerie Lodge, A

Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton

Diane Groff, JW
Patrick Cahill, D
Mary Finney, A

St. Andrew's, Prineville

Nancy Condron, SW
Richard Potter, JW
Gordon Moore, D
Debbie Trautner, A

Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters

Bill Brisson, SW
Judy Beaver, JW
Dixie Fairfield, D
Helen Brisson, D
Adrienne Brown, A

All Saints of the Cascades, Sunriver

Randy Heise, SW
Rob Foster, JW
Jennie Foster, D

St. Paul's, The Dalles

Amy McIlvenna, SW
Remi Wills, JW
Julie Reynolds, D
Lowery Browning, A

Diocesan Council, Lay Delegates

Beth Spell
Kathy Thew
Betty Palmer
Holly Hendricks

Standing Committee, Lay Delegates

Ellen Nesbitt
Cory Bradshaw
Barbara Reynolds Mayo

Secretary of Convention

The Rev. Charlotte Wells

Treasurer

Patricia Olson-Lindsey

Chancellor

Vacant