

DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Diocesan Missionary Society (DMS) was founded in the 1860's to provide support to our Diocese's Mission churches. Since that time, DMS has grown and is a unique Related Organization and asset to our vibrant Diocese. DMS may be unique to other Dioceses in that DMS can provide loan funding to our Diocese's parishes, missions, and Related Organizations through loans for the physical plant of each. DMS has the ability to provide at market rates for the building of a church, for renovation of a church, and for supporting Related Organizations in supporting their physical plant. DMS also accepts Promissory Notes from parishes to support its mission.

During 2020, DMS built a Canterbury House on the campus of James Madison University (JMU). DMS had owned the prior Canterbury House on JMU's campus. However, after negotiations with JMU, DMS received approximately \$300,000 from JMU and land near the JMU campus on which to build a Canterbury House. DMS, with its own funding of over \$1 million, and in support of the Diocese's mission of evangelism and campus ministry, built a new Canterbury House for JMU. The Rt. Rev. Susan Goff consecrated the chapel at the JMU Canterbury House on October 17, 2021. DMS built this Canterbury House in mind of, and has space for, ecumenical usages of the building.

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