

Fredericksburg Regional Council

Annual Report - 2022

In late 2018, we began discussions on how to address the priorities from Bishop Curry and General Convention - Evangelism, Racial Reconciliation, and Care of Creation – along with The Way of Love. Most of our meetings since then have included discussion of the priorities, what member churches have done, and resources available. Activities that member churches have undertaken in the area of racial reconciliation continue to be a significant topic of discussion. At our April meeting there was also discussion of what several churches were doing about energy efficiency.

A significant portion of our virtual January 2022 meeting was spent in discussion of how parishes were adjusting to limitations imposed by the pandemic. (Seems like so long ago.)

For our April and September meetings, we followed a recommendation from Bishop Jennifer Brooke-Davidson that meetings of regional councils begin with conversation about a passage of scripture and include some discussion of the Diocesan priorities of Healing across differences, Honoring and caring for God's creation, and sharing the faith of Jesus. Those priorities were integrated in to our discussions noted above.

Each of our meetings included reports from our Dean and Executive Board representative. Reports from the EB about financial pledging toward the Diocese under the new Virginia Plan for Covenantal Giving were helpful.

As part of the Region's budget, Council members agreed to continue significant support of the Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Mary Washington and Germanna Community College and the joint effort by Trinity, St. George's, and Christ Lutheran Church for the Young Adult Missioner.

Members of our Council continue to report that the sharing of information about programs and activities of the member churches is quite useful.

Respectfully submitted,

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