



**Southern  
Shenandoah Valley  
Region**

**Diocese of Virginia**

*Shared Ministry  
Collaborating Together*



**Grace Memorial,  
Port Republic**

**St. Stephen & the  
Good Shepherd,  
Rocky Bar**

**St. Paul's,  
Ingham, Shenandoah**

**St. George's,  
Pine Grove, Stanley**

**Christ Church, Luray**

**Emmanuel,  
Harrisonburg**

**Canterbury Campus  
Ministry, James  
Madison University**

**St. Andrew's,  
Mt. Jackson**

**Emmanuel, Woodstock**

**Cathedral Shrine of  
the Transfiguration,  
Orkney Springs**

## October 2022 Report for the 228th Annual Convention

To the People of God of Diocese of Virginia, Greetings!

The Council of Southern Shenandoah Valley Region gives thanks to Rev. Barbara Seward for her leadership as Dean for the last year and wishes her Godspeed in her new ministry. We welcomed the Very Rev. Kathleen Murray as new Dean and look forward to her vision and guidance. We welcomed Rev. Joseph Butler to Council, Interim Priest at Emmanuel Harrisonburg. We welcomed Marty Bailey to Council, representing St. Stephen & the Good Shepherd. We are grateful for Preston Sudduth, who has served as our representative to Executive Committee for the last three years. We are blessed to have Joseph Lockey as Youth Delegate and Sara Penrod as Alternate Youth Delegate, both willing to serve the Region.

Our Region is comprised of several small mission churches, and we support one another. We were saddened by the death in August of Sandra Gray, Senior Warden and longest member of the six-member church St. George's in Stanley. Our Region supported St. George's with prayers, priest Rev. Catherine Tibbetts of Christ Church Luray officiating at the funeral service, Dean Very Rev. Kathleen Murray attending the service, and the Region giving a monetary memorial.

Our Council met every quarter, via Zoom. The "Regional Resource for Connection, Conversation, and Leadership," sponsored by Bishop Brooke-Davis, was an extremely helpful framework to keep us centered diocesan vision and goals. Our Council invited Rev. Lee Hill to join our October meeting to share news of the diocesan efforts, programs, and resources on Racial Justice and Healing, and Reparations Task Force. His engaging conversation with us was educational, enlightening, and inspiring.

In May we reviewed and advertised all the upcoming outreach activities each parish had planned, encouraging inter-parish participation. We also confirmed the concept of a "Regional" printer/copier. By collaborating as a Region, the smaller parishes may use the copier/printers in the larger parishes for publication of bulletins and programs for large events (i.e., funerals).

Planning for our Region's participation in the Bishop's Consecration, we have secured a bus for us to travel together to Richmond on December 3. Members of our parishes are looking forward to attending the event. Our weekly Regional Bible Study also continues to bring us together via Zoom. Open to all parishioners in the Region, leaders of the week's lessons rotate between clergy and lay persons.

Our budget is built from generous pledges from our parishes. In 2022 we gave three donations totaling \$2,450 (representing 97% of our budget) to ministries.

Southern Shenandoah Valley Region Council looks forward to a new year of shared ministry, collaborating together.

Sincerely,  
Helen Penrod (she/her), Regional Council President