

# Ministry Reports

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## Canonical Report from the Bishop September 2023 – September 2024



### Official Visitations in 2023:

Holy Trinity	Juneau
St. Christopher's	Anchorage
St. Peter's	Sitka
Good Shepherd	Venetie
All Saint's	Anchorage
Christ Church	Anchorage
St. David's	Wasilla
St. Timothy's	Tanacross
Holy Trinity	Juneau
St. Peters	Seward
Bishop Rowe Chapel	Arctic Village

### Official Visitations in 2024:

St. John's	Ketchikan
St. Thomas	Point Hope
St. Matthew's	Fairbanks
St. Brendan's	Juneau
St. James	Tanana
St. Phillips	Wrangell
Christ Church	Anchorage
St. Matthew's	Fairbanks
St. Marks	Nenana
Holy Spirit	Eagle River
St. Jude's	North Pole
St. Stephen's	Ft. Yukon
St. Barthlomew's	Palmer
St. Matthew's	Fairbanks
Good Shepherd	Huslia

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September 2022 – September 2023

<b>Confirmed</b>	9		
<b>Received</b>	1		
<b>Installations</b>	1	Stephen Reed	St. Matthew's, Fairbanks
<b>Letters Dimissory</b>	1	Catherine Amy Kropp	Diocese of Hawaii
<b>Acceptance of Letters Dimissory</b>	0		
<b>Retirements</b>	2	Betty Glover John Holz	
<b>Non-Canonical-Licensed</b>	2	Richard Miles Lydia Wilson	Kenai Wasilla
<b>Parish Changes</b>	0		
<b>Necrology</b>	3	Robert Thwing Montie Slusher David Elsensohn	10/18/2023 1/21/2024 6/27/2024

### Small Mission Clergy:

(6) Congregations, (6) Clergy

The Rev. Enoch Adams, Jr.	serving	Epiphany Kivalina, Kivalina
The Rev. Marilyn Duggar	serving	St. Mark's, Nenana
The Rev. Susan Mitchell	serving	Holy Trinity, Circle
The Rev. Mary Nathaniel	serving	St. Stephen's, Ft. Yukon
The Rev. Matt DuFour	serving	St. Francis, Kenai
The Rev. Dawn Allen-Herron	serving	St. Thomas, Point Hope

### Ordinations: 0

### Accepted into the process for Holy Orders 2023-2024

Nominee: 0

Postulants: 0

Candidates: 5 Janette Dementi, Judy Gau, Ross McKay, Hannah Moderow, Erin Tulip

### Those Currently in Process:

Postulants: (2) Kevin Higgins, Helen Stafford

Candidates: (6) Janette Dementi, Judy Gau, Kris Green, Ross McKay  
Hannah Moderow, Erin Tulip

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Name: Suzanne Krull Committee/Deanery/Ministry: Canon for Finance & Administration

1. Please highlight the **activities/events and/or projects** of your ministry/committee since last year's convention.
  - **Maintain high standards for financial reporting, following GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles).** Ensure that our finances are audited by an outside agency. The 2023 audit was completed and reviewed by Standing Comm., August 2024. The annual Treasurer's Review (internal financial review/audit) was completed in April 2024.
  - **Developed 2025 budget that reflect the bishop's vision and strategic plan.** Managed, with the Standing Committee, budget changes/recommendations throughout 2023 and 2024.
  - **Assist in the administration of the Prison Ministry Grant Program, which is overseen by the Standing Committee.** One application was received and awarded in 2023.
  - **Acted as the Bishop's Staff liaison to various diocesan committees including Standing Committee, Investment Committee, FIT Committee, Convention Budget Committee, etc.;** providing support, reporting, logistics, continuity, and guidance.
  - **Continued to work with Church Pension Group to ensure our insurance needs are met and pension plans, for both clergy and lay employees, are provided per General Convention resolutions and TEC canons.**
  - **Manage and stay current on the Denominational Health Plan, including the potential impact Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) may have.** A copy of said policy can be found on the diocesan website. Coordinate with The Medical Trust on medical/dental, etc. insurances for eligible employees.
  - **Attended the deanery meetings, either virtually or in-person; Interior & South Central in-person, Southeast Zoom and Arctic Coast has not meet yet.** Met with the Interior Executive Committee to assist in planning and executing, their in-person deanery meeting & ministry goals.
  - **Assisted congregations with administrative and other issues as they arose and made visitations with Bishop Mark to congregations requesting assistance.** Provided support to the Interior Deanery Executive Committee & Arctic Coast Deanery leadership.
  - **Continue to provide Human Resource support to the staff and congregations, including assisting with new hire onboarding.**
  - **Provide administrative and financial support to congregations as needed, including but not limited to insurance & property matters, financial, budget and accounting matters, employment issues, pastoral needs, etc.**
  - **Continued implementation of the Small Mission Clergy Program.** We currently have six congregations participating. We will continue the program in 2025; funding for the program is included in the 2024 & 2025 Budget.

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- Engage with the College of Congregational Development in the Diocese of Olympia for partnering in ministry. Served as a trainer at the Diocese of Olympia summer College in June 2024 and sent three congregational team: Christ Church Anchorage, St. David's Wasilla and St. Bartholomew Palmer as participants. The plan is to send three to four congregational teams in 2025.
- Continue to work with Julie Lytle, Director of Distributive Learning Initiatives & The Rev. Mary Crist, Indigenous Theological Education Coordinator for The Episcopal Church to explore exciting opportunities for further education through programs called: Pathway to Baptismal Living & Two plus Two.
- Exploring mutual ministry models, such as the Genesis II process, which is starting in South Central Deanery and will be presented at this year's Convention.
- Continued enrollment in a diocesan Membership to TENS (The Episcopal Network for Stewardship), allowing resources to be available to all our congregations.
- Provide administrative and program support for the planning and implementation of Diocesan Convention. The planning, coordination and execution of this endeavor is extensive; it has and continues to consume a great deal of time and energy.
- Work with congregations that have vacant clergy positions and are in various stages of a clergy search process to understand the administrative and financial impacts. Provide support with position listing and advice and counsel to search committees and search committee chairpersons.
- Network with Province 8 Transition Ministers and attend Spring/Fall meetings.
- Please see the enclosed financial reports, including 2025 Diocesan Budget, Congregational Pledge Reports, Parochial Report Data, and 2023 Financial Section of Delegate Packets
- Provided information, including survey results, for the eNews and the deanery meetings regarding the continued discussion of the format of Conventions moving forward.
- Attend a webinar on Intercultural Conflict Styles and became a certified Administrator.
- As staff liaison to the Standing Committee attended, with Lauran Pifke, Standing Committee President, the Reparation Summit at VTS and gathered valuable information and ideas regarding moving forward with our truth-telling: Remembering, reckoning, Repair, Restore & Reconciling.
- Very grateful for the much-needed sabbatical, which was Nov 15, 2023 – February 21, 2024.

2. Tell us about the **goals** of your ministry for the upcoming year:

My goal is to continue to provide for the administrative needs of the Bishop's Office and diocese. The first priority is to ensure that our finances are recorded accurately and timely and our accounting systems and procedures follow GAAP, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Continue to work with the auditors to ensure we are compliant with the new Non-Profit Accounting Rules (ASU 2016-14). Continue providing congregational development tools with the continued implementation of the Small Mission Clergy Program, the participation of congregational teams to the College for Congregational Development and providing regional licensed ministry training events. Assist the Standing Committee as they forge through the

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hard work of truth-telling, remembering, reckoning, repairing, restoring and reconciling.

Other administrative needs include insurance, pension, legal issues, property issues, building and ground maintenance, implementation of the Medical Insurance Policy which supports the DHP (Denominational Health Plan) Canon, monitor impact of and ensure compliance with Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) on our policies and practices.

Support congregational ministry by providing deanery funding to be used at the discretion of each deanery for their congregational ministry development. Provide support to the deanery structures, as requested.

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|-----------------|--|-----|
| 3. Stewardship. | Do you receive support from the Diocese? | Yes |
|                 | If Yes, are you within budget?           | Yes |
|                 | Are you raising additional funds?        | No  |

Please explain your overall financial situation: **The current estimate for the diocese is to be within budget by year-end 2024. The Administrative Expenses are also within budget.**

4. Please share any other **comments or concerns** that you have regarding your ministry.

I would like to publicly acknowledge and thank the other members of the bishop's staff for tremendous effort and accomplishments made with very limited resources and in very trying times. In particular, I would like to say a special *Thank You* to Lynnette Winfrey-Frank, the Administrative Assistant; she continues to go "above and beyond" to support this ministry. I'd also like to say *Thank you* to Melissa Ward, the Bishop's Assistant/Receptionist for providing support needed to attend to the administrative arm of the bishop's office.

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Name: Lynnette Winfrey-Frank, Administrative Assistant  
Committee/Deanery/Ministry: Bishop's Staff

1. Please highlight the **activities/events and/or projects** of your ministry/committee since last year's convention.

**Provide bookkeeping and administrative support to Suzanne Krull, Canon for Finance and Administration. My main responsibilities are financial bookkeeping of accounts payable and receivable, bank and credit card reconciliations, payroll, and journal entries. Maintain insurance and property files.**

**Accounts payable - Receive and code all incoming bills, so I can give them to Suzanne for approval and to ensure that there is proper backup and documentation for each bill or contract. Enter bills into QuickBooks then print and mail checks or enter as electronic payment if payment is set up that way. Maintain files for all vendors.**

**Accounts receivable - Receive and code all income and donations. Prepare deposits to enter the online banking system to remotely deposit checks at the diocesan office. If there is cash, I take directly to the bank to deposit. I do a printout of all deposits, code and give to Suzanne for approval then enter deposits into QuickBooks. Maintain files for all deposits by month.**

**Payroll is done biweekly for diocesan staff and monthly for small mission clergy. Gather timesheets and reimbursements. Code reimbursements and give to Suzanne/Bishop Mark for approval. Enter payroll into QuickBooks to for direct deposits. Print out payroll liabilities and payroll summary for pay period then go online to make sure all liabilities are paid. Do journal entries for all reimbursements. Maintain files for all payroll and liability payments.**

**Parochial Reports for all our congregations are due March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Log onto the website to keep track of congregations who have turned them and contact the ones who have not. Help the congregations over the phone if the internet is not good in some of our villages. Enter information here. Send out reminders by email to congregations and if can't get a response start making phone calls.**

**Audit – The audit starts in May or June. I assist Suzanne in gathering all the documents requested by the auditors. Answer their questions and file all documents once they are done.**

**Convention - Send out convention mailings and assist with updating the website with convention registration. Also log on to our website that organizes our registrations. Send travel authorization to Corporate Travel Management. Keep track of all delegates who have registered, paid, and booked their travel. Make copies of the convention documents and put packets together for delegates and visitors. Put name badges together for everyone who has registered. Box everything up so that everything gets to convention on time and in one piece. Make sure we have everything we need for the convention i.e., folders, pens, labels for packets and name badges.**

**Dancing with the Spirit – When Belle Mickelson starts her music camps up in villages, I process the contracts to make sure that the diocese has W-9's for each contract worker. Process contracts and reimbursements in a timely manner.**

**Make sure I keep up to date with all QuickBooks, Online Banking and Parochial Report filing information.**

**Send out mailings/emails during convention, parochial report, property/liability insurance, and pledge letters.**

**Maintain insurance and property files. Pull documents for Suzanne or Bishop when needed.**

**Update website when needed.**

**Answer phones when receptionist is out and take messages.**

**I am a notary and I notarize documents when needed for Bishop and Suzanne.**

**Other duties include watering the flowers during summer.**

2. Tell us about the **goals** of your ministry for the upcoming year:

**My goal is to continue doing my job here at the diocese.**

3. **Stewardship.** Do you receive support from the Diocese? Yes\_ No\_  
If Yes, are you within budget? Yes\_ No\_  
Are you raising additional funds? Yes\_ No\_

Please explain your overall financial situation:

4. Please share any other **comments or concerns** that you have regarding your ministry.  
**It will be 24 years here at the diocese in December 2024. I have really enjoyed working here with everyone and I am absolutely blessed by each one of you every year during the convention. Thankful to all the people who I have met through the years.**

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Name: *Melissa Ward* Committee/Deanery/Ministry: BRH

1. Please highlight the **activities/events and/or projects** of your ministry/committee since last year's convention.
  - **Maintain Bishop's calendar- Scheduling and adjusting as needed.**
  - **Arrange Bishop's travel and visitations. This can include, but not limited to, signing up for conferences, maintaining contact before the event, making travel arrangements to the destination (rental car, bus, train, etc), booking hotel accommodations, finding out what services will be needed at Visitations (baptism, Confirmation, etc.), and Preparing a folder with all of this information, in an organized fashion for easy retrieval.**
  - **Maintain Bishop's Log- This log is used to fill out the Canonical Report each year. Contains all services he has provided, ordinations, postulants, SMC and more.**
  - **Maintain all records for the Bishop: some examples are; notices form other diocese on actions with clergy, items pertaining to the different parishes, important emails, Lay Leader documents, Postulant files, Individual Clergy Files, and much more.**
    - **I am still working on scanning all the Clergy files (active, retired, moved, and deceased) into digital files. I take each file, organize it into the desired categories, make cover sheets for those categories, then I scan each packet into the individual's digital file. This is so that all the files will be set up exactly the same in the physical file and the digital file; for continuity and ease of reference when needed. This is a slow process and I work on it when I am not doing my regular tasks.**
  - **I have also created a spreadsheet file that has All of our clergy and lay, their contact information, ordination information and more. I have different tabs for different information groups that are referenced regularly. I created this in a hope to make it easier for me and any future secretaries, to have continuity and all the pertinent information at their fingertips.**

- **Respond to the needs of those who call on us for prayer, funeral, and other services; finding clergy when Bishop is not available. Then helping to arrange their travel, (Travel Authorizations), and maintaining a file on the Authorizations for Lynnette.**
- **Create any documents, certificates, or any other required forms. I also order the Baptismal, Reception, Confirmation, and grandparent cards that Bishop and Clergy use.**
- **Diocesan Convention- I will make the liturgy and help with any other preparations Bishop may have. At convention I assist Bishop, Clergy, and other attendees however possible.**
- **Assist with correspondence. Proofread, make suggestions and then produce the resulting document.**
- **Locate any needed information for the Bishop.**
- **Monthly Ordination Anniversary Cards. Keep list of dates, put together each months' cards with names (and according to Priest or Deacon). Once Bishop has filled out the cards for that month, I mail them off. I also post the names on the Clergy Facebook Page each month to celebrate.**
- **Provide overall support and attention to the Bishop as needed So that he may perform his tasks Effectively.**

#### **Supporting the Diocese Office:**

- **Answer calls, emails, and other forms of correspondence.**
- **Order all supplies for the Bishop and the office staff. Keep rotating stock of necessities (Office supplies, Bathroom products, cleaners, PPE, etc.)**
- **Produce the mailing Labels for our office, churches, clergy, and any other groups as needed.**
- **I am working on creating an SOP (standard operating procedures) for my position. This will help others if they need to take care of a task in my absences.**
- **Yearly Diocesan Calendar- Produce the picture, get approved, and then order the desired quantity so that they arrive in December. Once in stock, I advertise that the calendars are available, take orders, and ship them out. I created a spreadsheet to keep track of who ordered, when they were mailed and when they were paid for. I use this to help decide how many to order next year.**

- Provide support and hospitality for the clergy and other visitors.
- “Thank you” letters. When we receive payments/donations, Lynnette makes the deposits, After, a list of the Deposit is given to me and I create the letters, print them with an envelope and mail it out. One copy of the letter is also give back to Lynnette for her records.
- Create the weekly Newsletter, upon approval, I then send it out, post it to FB groups/main page.
  - Part of making the newsletter is creating Bishop Post on our website, adding the article to the newsletter with a link to the Website page that the article is listed.
- General Convention- Enter the list of delegates and alternates, work on each phase of housing for convention, help make any changes that happen from the first phase of convention until the convention starts. Provide any other support needed.

2. Tell us about the **goals** of your ministry for the upcoming year:

- ✓ I will continue the lengthy process of scanning the files to create digital records.
- ✓ I will continue adding to the SOP for future use
- ✓ I will continue to give the best customer service to our visitors, clergy, churches, and staff here in the office.

3. **Stewardship.** Do you receive support from the Diocese? Yes\_ No \_ **X**  
 If Yes, are you within budget? Yes\_ No\_  
 Are you raising additional funds? Yes\_ No\_

Please explain your overall financial situation: N/A

4. Please share any other **comments or concerns** that you have regarding your ministry.

I have stated every year how this job is a blessing, that the people I work with are a blessing, and that I am thankful they chose me for this position 6 years ago. Well, that has not changed and you will probably read these words every year in this report.

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Name: **Lauran Pifke**

Committee/Deanery/Ministry: **Standing Committee**

**1. Please highlight the activities/ events and/or projects of your ministry/ committee since last year's convention.**

The two main projects of our committee were the plan to support the work involved in "Telling the Truth about The Episcopal Church's History with Indigenous Boarding Schools" and gathering input regarding future Diocesan Conventions. Bishop Mark and Pearl Chanar are serving on the national A127 commission and will report on their work regarding ongoing research into Indigenous Boarding Schools at this year's Convention. The Standing Committee will make a motion at Convention that Diocesan Conventions beginning in 2026 alternate between on-line and in-person for a trial period of 4 years which will be reevaluated at the 2029 in-person convention. We also approved a prison ministry grant to St. Brendan's, Juneau in November 2023, interviewed and recommended 5 candidates for Holy Orders: Ross McKay, Erin Tulip, Hannah Moderow, Judy Gau, and Jeanette Dementi-Edwards. We consented to several bishop's ordinations, received the Annual Diocesan Audit report, and recommended the 2025 budget to Convention.

**2. Tell us about the goals of your ministry for the upcoming year:**

Our goals for the coming year are to continue the work on research and begin to implement a plan for reconciliation and reparation regarding the Indigenous Boarding Schools, to continue to monitor the financial statements, and to implement any new Convention resolutions.

<b>3. Stewardship.</b>	Do you receive support from the Diocese?	Yes
	If Yes;are you within budget?	Yes
	Are you raising additional funds?	No

Please explain your overall financial situation:

**4. Please share any other comments or concerns that you have regarding your ministry.**

I am extremely grateful for the dedication and hard work that the members of this committee have shown and done. Thanks to: Barbara Collison (Arctic Coast), John Holz (Interior), Julie Platson (Southeast), Maggie McKay (Southcentral), Nancy Burke (Bishop's appointment), Michael Lukshin (Southeast), Enoch Adams Jr. (Arctic Coast), and Judy Gau (Interior). And a BIG thank you to Suzanne Krull, who keeps us organized. They are all truly faithful members of the Body of Christ!

## Ministry Report September 2024

### Diocesan Investment Committee

1. The principal activities of the Diocesan Investment Committee are to review requests for loans to parishes from the Developmental Loan Fund and make recommendations to the Standing Committee, oversee the Diocese's loans and investments and recommend policies for making loans.

The Development Loan Fund presently holds loans to five parishes throughout the state and on the Bishop's residence totaling about \$470,000. The Committee is happy to report all loans are current in payment.

The Investment Committee worked with Holy Trinity Juneau for a significant pay-down of its loan from the Developmental Loan Fund. This was the trigger to recommend establishing a new policy to incentivize early payment of loans with a reduction of the interest rate on the loan. This new policy was approved.

The Diocese's investment portfolio stands at just about \$8 million, expected to provide \$368,000 in dividends and interest to the budget. The portfolio yielded 5.5 percent through August of 2024 compared to the five year average of 5.07 percent.

2. The goals of the Investment Committee are to continue the work of helping parishes finance their building projects, reviewing requests for loans from the Developmental Loan Fund for the Standing Committee and overseeing the Diocesan investment funds.

3. We receive no financial support from the Diocese.

4. I express my heartfelt thanks to the members of the Investment Committee: Rev. Michael Burke, Steve Ericson, Duane Heyman and Charlotte White. Their wisdom and dedication are vital to the work of the Investment Committee.

I must recognize and specially commend Canon for Finance and Administration Suzanne Krull for her never-failing energy, intelligence and patience with the Investment Committee. Without her we could not function



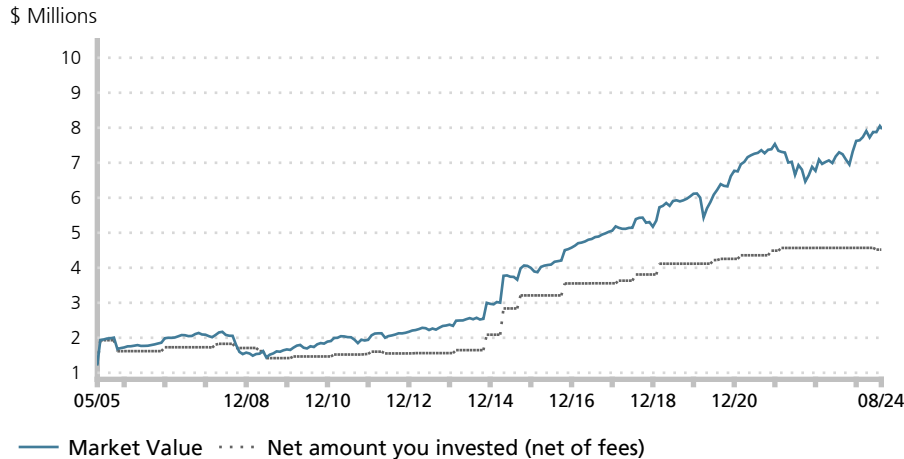
# Performance Review

as of August 13, 2024

## Consolidated report prepared for Episcopal Diocese of Alaska

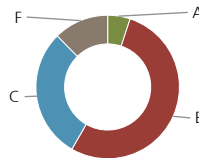
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UX XX655 Dev Loan	UX XX657 Bp Discretion
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## Sources of Portfolio Value



## Asset Allocation Review

	Value on 08/13/2024 (\$)	% of Portfolio
<b>A Cash</b>	<b>406,098.14</b>	<b>5.08</b>
Cash	406,098.14	5.08
<b>B Fixed Income</b>	<b>4,255,387.34</b>	<b>53.24</b>
US	2,674,262.85	33.46
Global	1,429,715.08	17.89
International	151,409.41	1.89
<b>C Equity</b>	<b>2,341,186.26</b>	<b>29.29</b>
US	1,989,617.81	24.89
International	351,568.45	4.40
<b>D Commodities</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>E Non-Traditional</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>F Other</b>	<b>990,363.99</b>	<b>12.39</b>
Balanced	990,363.99	12.39
<b>Total Portfolio</b>	<b>\$7,993,035.73</b>	<b>100%</b>



Balanced mutual funds and Insurance & Annuity products are allocated in the 'Other' category

## Portfolio Value and Investment Results

	Performance returns (annualized > 1 year)			
	Prev. Quarter 03/31/2024 to 06/30/2024	YTD 12/31/2023 to 08/13/2024	5 Years 08/13/2019 to 08/13/2024	ITD 05/04/2005 to 08/13/2024
<b>Opening value</b>	<b>7,906,907.16</b>	<b>7,624,191.29</b>	<b>5,878,702.73</b>	<b>1,244,164.58</b>
Net deposits/withdrawals	-62,216.72	-86,204.69	183,121.09	2,748,531.51
Div./interest income	89,680.39	196,554.00	1,653,018.65	3,300,222.89
Change in accr. interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Change in value	-58,673.69	258,495.12	278,193.25	700,116.75
<b>Closing value</b>	<b>7,875,697.14</b>	<b>7,993,035.73</b>	<b>7,993,035.73</b>	<b>7,993,035.73</b>
Net Time-weighted ROR	0.24	5.50	5.07	4.79

Net deposits and withdrawals include program and account fees.

## Time Weighted Rates of Return (Net of Fees)

	Performance returns (annualized > 1 year)			
	Prev. Quarter 03/31/2024 to 06/30/2024	YTD 12/31/2023 to 08/13/2024	5 Years 08/13/2019 to 08/13/2024	ITD 05/04/2005 to 08/13/2024
<b>Your portfolio(%)</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>5.50</b>	<b>5.07</b>	<b>4.79</b>
US Treasury Bill - 3 Mos	1.34	3.35	2.24	1.53
BBG Agg Bond	0.07	2.94	0.13	3.16
S&P 500	4.28	14.89	15.02	10.41

Past performance does not guarantee future results and current performance may be lower/higher than past data presented.

Report created on: August 14, 2024

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Name: Lorraine Pavlick \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee/Deanery/Ministry: Deanery \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please highlight the **activities/events and/or projects** of your ministry/committee since last year's convention.
  - I have been working closely with the Church Committee and with the three new ladies on board.
  - The Ladies have been working on the Grand for the new song books for the Good Shepard. The songs will be in both English and Koyukon Athabascan.
  - The Church has been having Garage Sales every other weekend to raise monies for the Church fuel and electricity.
  - It has been an ongoing project to do the changes for the Bank, it is quite hard when you live in the Village and the Bank is in Fairbanks. But we will not give up on the process.

2. Tell us about the **goals** of your ministry for the upcoming year:
  - I will continue to work with the Church Committee, Public and also continue to hold Church Services.
  - The three Ladies here in Huslia would like to become Worship Leaders.
  - I will also work toward my Ordination for Ministry. Please be patient.

3. **Stewardship.** Do you receive support from the Diocese? Yes\_X No\_  
If Yes, are you within budget? Yes\_X No\_  
Are you raising additional funds? Yes\_X No\_

Please explain your overall financial situation:  
The is funds available at the Bank if needed.  
With offerings at Church and Garage Sales we are afloat.

4. Please share any other **comments or concerns** that you have regarding your ministry.

I believe that everything is going well, and if needed we can get things on in a timely manner.

**I do enjoy working for and spreading God's word.**



# Episcopal Diocese of Alaska

## Ministry Report

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Name: Peg Fisher Committee/Deanery/Ministry: South Central Deanery

1. Please highlight the **activities/events and/or projects** of your ministry/committee since last year's convention.

**Below are some of the events we held in the past year:**

- **Our annual meeting was held at Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Anchorage, this was a two-day event and a wonderful time for fellowship and learning.**
- **Advent Lessons and Carols was held on the first Sunday of Advent, this was a well-attended event, and donations were received for Lutheran Social Services.**
- **Financial Support for St. Mary's Youth Mission to Colombia**
- **St. Bartholomew's, St. David's, Christ Church and Holy Spirit had people attend The College of Congregational Development in June.**
- **Financial Support for our Seminarians**
- **We launched "The Beacon" our new and improved Newsletter**

2. Tell us about the **goals** of your ministry for the upcoming year:

- **Continuing to strengthen ties between parishes**
- **Support parishes need through Grants**
- **Continuing with various Deanery events**
- **Continue having a strong and inspiring Deanery Meeting with fellowship and learning.**

3. **Stewardship.** Do you receive support from the Diocese? Yes X No \_  
If Yes, are you within budget? Yes X No \_  
Are you raising additional funds? Yes X No \_

Please explain your overall financial situation:

- **Our Deanery is blessed to be stable, able, and have sufficient funds for the support of our parish's ministry projects.**

4. Please share any other **comments or concerns** that you have regarding your ministry.

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Name: Robert A. Coghill Jr.

Committee/Deanery/Ministry: Southeast Alaska Deanery

1. Please highlight the **activities/events and/or projects** of your ministry/committee since last year's convention.

The Deanery met via Zoom Convocation this year. Our plan is to meet, in the flesh, at The Church of the Holy Trinity in Juneau on May 9 and 10, 2025.

The 2024 Convocation's keynote speaker was Tom Brackett of the National Church. Tom heads up the Genesis II project to revitalize our churches. He spoke to our Convocation via Zoom. I went to the South Central Deanery Convocation to meet him in person. I am convinced that, together, Ketchikan, Wrangell and Sitka would benefit by going through this process together. I can also see how the northern churches in our Deanery would also benefit.

Five of our churches have defibrillators funded through the Deanery. Our people are elderly and certainly, in the Holy Spirit, we are still young and dynamic.

Many of the churches in our Deanery may now administer reserved sacrament. The Eucharist is fundamental to our way of worship. Our way being what Presiding Bishop Michael Curry refers to as "...one Church, the Body of Christ in the Episcopal tradition." All in our Deanery can follow in our Baptismal Covenant: "(to) continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers." BCP - 304

This year, in partnership with K̄unéix̄ Hídi Northern Light United Church, the Deanery is supporting Mother Belle Mickelson's music camp at St. Brendan's in Juneau. A dozen youngsters will be playing Americana and bluegrass tunes as well as practicing Godly Play. Children will be invited from the churches in the community.

2. Tell us about the **goals** of your ministry for the upcoming year:

We plan to meet in person for the first time since the Pandemic began

We plan to continue youth programs

We will support each other's missions

3. **Stewardship.** Do you receive support from the Diocese? Yes\_X No\_  
If Yes, are you within budget? Yes\_X No\_

Are you raising additional funds?

Yes\_X

No\_

Please explain your overall financial situation: We have sufficient funds for a in person Convocation in 2025. In 2024 our Deanery was joined by Kuneix Hidi Nothern Light United Church sponsoring a children music camp. We reduced our request

4. Please share any other **comments or concerns** that you have regarding your ministry.

The greatest virtue of the Southeast Alaska Episcopal Church Deanery is to support and encourage one another in our missions to the communities of Southeast Alaska. We share successful missions and challenges. Though we cannot drive from town to town we can share our experiences and know that we are part of a larger community in the Way of Jesus Christ.

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## FAITH INTO TOMORROW – GOOD NEWS ENDOWMENT 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

The **Faith Into Tomorrow – Good News Endowment** is a diocesan endowment fund conceived around 1992 by Bishop Charleston and other diocesan leaders. The **FIT Campaign**, conducted during 1993, appealed to Episcopalians across the state to pledge towards the vision of Bishop Charleston, to establish a fund that would concentrate our efforts towards six specific ministries. The Diocesan Investment Committee oversees the ongoing management of the investment of the endowment funds. The FIT Oversight Committee oversees the distribution of the interest from these funds through grants and operating budget line-item funding.

**Membership:** The FIT Oversight Committee (OC) consists of eight persons. Two lay-persons and two clergy will be elected by the Convention. The Bishop, on recommendation by the FIT OC Chairman, will appoint three at-large members. The Diocesan Canon for Finance and Administration will be an ex-officio member. The elected and appointed members serve 4-year terms.

The current members of the committee are Seat A: Bella Schjenken (Elected Lay, Anchorage), Seat 1: Ossie Knowlton (Appointed, Ketchikan), Seat B: The Rev. Wilson Valentine (Elected Clergy; Wasilla), Seat 2: Charlotte White (Appointed; Nenana), Seat C: Maggie McKay (Elected Lay, Anchorage), Seat 3: Loren Hill, chair (Appointed; Kenai), Seat D: The Rev. Julie Platson (Elected Clergy; Sitka), and ex officio Canon Suzanne Krull (Staff Liaison).

The committee held two evening meetings in 2024 by Zoom and longer all-day Zoom meeting, November 4, 2023. The next meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2024.

The following 2019 grant award was granted extension due to delayed activities/events cause by COVID-19: (2019) Case 6 Holy Trinity, Juneau: Faith of Place

### Grants Distributed – Fall 2023 & Spring 2024

<b>2023/2024 Case 2A – Facility Emergency Repair/Replacement</b>		
Amount available - \$83,185		
<b>Church or Group</b>	<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
St. Thomas, Pt. Hope (Fall 2023)	Window Replacement due to Vandalism	\$7,000
St. Francis, Kenai (Spring 2024)	Windstorm Damage	\$300

<b>2023 Case 4 – Youth Ministry</b> Amount available - \$9,036		
<b>Church or Group</b>	<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Good Shepherd, Huslia	Joining Hands	\$2,250
St. Mary's, Anchorage	Youth Ministries	\$5,000
Dancing with the Spirit	Gospel Videos & Songbooks	\$1,286
St. James, Tanana	Warm Hands Warm Hearts	\$500

<b>2023 Case 5 – Caring for Victims of Poverty and Abuse</b> Amount available - \$9,007		
<b>Church or Group</b>	<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
St. Jude's, North Pole	Food Pantry	\$1,000
St. John's, Ketchikan	Lord's Table	\$2,500
St. Christopher's, Anchorage	Food Pantry	\$1,500
St. George's, Kotzebue	Cudd Hall Community Kitchen	\$2,607
St. James, Tanana	Soup & Breakfast Ministry	\$1,400

<b>2023 Case 6 – Encouraging Spiritual Growth or Outreach</b> Amount available - \$3,251		
<b>Church or Group</b>	<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
St. Bartholomew's, Palmer	Music	\$599
Arctic Village Church, Arctic Village	Youth Camp	\$1,752
St. Peter's, Seward	Worship Music Infrastructure	\$900

**The deadline for Case 4, Case 5 and Case 6 applications is October 11, 2024.** Awards will be announced by December.

For more information about the Faith Into Tomorrow Endowment, F.I.T. ministries or its Oversight Committee, please contact any of the F.I.T. committee members.

In His service,

Loren Hill, Chair



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## **Grant Reporting Case 2A – Facility Emergency Repair and Replacement**

To all grant recipients: St. Thomas, Point Hope

We are blessed to be able to provide the grant funding for your application. As stated in your award letter we do require reporting, due prior to this year's convention. Failure to return the completed report by the deadline may jeopardize future grant awards. Funds must be spent/used within 12 months of receipt. All unused/unspent funds not used for the specific award must be returned.

Report deadline: **September 1, 2024**. Please answer the following questions and submit to the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska, 1205 Denali Way, Fairbanks, AK 99701; Attn: FIT Reporting or via email: [canonsk@episcopalak.org](mailto:canonsk@episcopalak.org). Although not required, photos are welcome. Please limit entire reporting to no more than (2) pages.

1) What work was done?

New windows were ordered and shipped to replace vandalized broken windows. The windows will be installed by volunteers when the weather is warm, plan is for early summer 2025.

2) How was the money spent?

The money was spent on windows and freight. The installation will be done by volunteers.

3) Suggestions for improving the grant/loan process:

None



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To all grant recipients: St. Francis, Kenai

We are blessed to be able to provide the grant funding for your application. As stated in your award letter we do require reporting, due prior to this year's convention. Failure to return the completed report by the deadline may jeopardize future grant awards. Funds must be spent/used within 12 months of receipt. All unused/unspent funds not used for the specific award must be returned.

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1) What work was done?

Replaced the cross a top St. Francis the was damaged in the wind storm on March 32, 2024.



2) How was the money spent?

The money was used to rent the man-lift for working to install the cross.

3) Suggestions for improving the grant/loan process:

None.



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## Grant Reporting: Case 4 Youth Ministry

Date: 08-22-2024

Grant Case of award: \$5000.00

Name of Program: Youth Ministries

Name of Church/Organization: St. Mary's, Anchorage. Report made by Rev. Israel A. Portilla-Gómez

### 1) Describe the program the grant helped fund? (share your story)

St. Mary's began a partnership with the Episcopal Church of Colombia after The Rt. Rev. Pastor Elías García-Cárdenas was elected as its new bishop, a friend of Rev. Israel Portilla-Gómez, also Colombian and new Associate Rector for Family Ministries at St. Mary's. In February 2023, together with Rev. Michael Burke, they attended the consecration of his episcopal ministry in Bogota. Also, they explored the possibility of making a missionary trip in partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Colombia. St. Mary's has maintained a tradition of youth missionary partnership trips throughout its history, both in and outside the United States, with its most recent trip being to Malawi in Africa in 2018, where St. Mary's partnerships with different Anglican churches.

This Mission Trip to Colombia was from May 28 to June 12, 2024. It was designed to help the youth grow in their spiritual, emotional, social, and physical relationship with Christ, the Church, and youth from other cultures and languages. This was especially important after the disruption that the pandemic caused to the youth. For them, there were not just three years but years with more significant changes in their lives.

### 2) How did your program impact your church? Your community?

I deeply appreciate the effort and enthusiasm that went into planning our trip. It brought a lot of excitement to the youth, their families, and the whole community. We formed a group of 14 young people from St. Mary's and one youth from Cordova. In total, 25 people were involved, including chaperones and self-paid parents.

The idea of having a Partnership Trip to Colombia was like a revival for us. After the pandemic, the number of youth varied between 3 and 5. Even when we started planning, we wanted to be optimistic about having 8 youth to have at least a group of 12 people with chaperones to make the trip possible. We presented the project to our community and other episcopal churches of the Southcentral Deanery in Spring 2023. We began learning Spanish and fundraising. New spaces for creating friendships and bonds opened during our activities. New youth and families joined our group until we had a solid number that continues to grow today.

### 3) How do you see God's work/purpose in this program?

God invites us to dream, go beyond our borders, serve others, find new realities, and create deep and sincere human cross-cultural connections. I see God's work when we build community, we engage youth and their families.



Our youth are thirsty and hungry to find purpose and meaning in their lives, fulfill their dreams, and feel that they are part of something bigger and transformative.

Our Mission Partnership Trip to Colombia was the opportunity to start a journey where we put our faith and spiritual growth into action, opening our hearts and minds to others in different places, languages, traditions, and cultures.

#### 4) How were the funds spent?

One of the biggest challenges was the financial effort. The cost to cover the expenses for each youth was an estimated \$ 3.500, and we asked them for a contribution of \$500. In addition to the expenses related to airfare, hotels, meals, and local travel, we wanted to bring \$15,000 to support different projects in the three different places we visited. Also, we strengthened the local economy, paying for our services, such as transportation and meals with the churches and communities we visited. The Grant received from the Diocese contributed to making this possible.

**Puerto Nariño:** In partnership with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, we collaborated on the endowment of the future Santa Luisa school. It is a school still in construction, where the local government and a foundation from Sweden will build two classrooms and a kitchen. Our money will help to build the restrooms. The project is expected to be completed at the end of this year if the Amazon River level allows the transport of materials. Our contribution was \$5.000.

Additionally, our youth group covered the cost of transportation of more than 400 kits donated by Days For Girls International to support the nuns in eliminating the stigma associated with menstruation. Finally, to play with the local youth, we brought 30 sports balls and 20 sports bibs, and we had a lot of fun playing soccer and basketball.



**St. Mary's Magdalene in Cartagena:** We helped Rev. Miguel (87 years old), who has been working in this community for more than 30 years, in building a church. It had been his dream with his parishioners. So, we wanted to help them with this new church's roof, windows, and painting. We visited them, and as you can see in the following picture, the church is almost ready. The community and Rev. Miguel received us with thankful hearts. Our contribution was \$5.000.



**Children’s Soup Kitchen** in Bogota, the capital of Colombia. We supported a children’s soup kitchen through the Diocese, where about 50 children are fed daily on the outskirts of the city, in the Neighborhood of San German, in a poor and needy sector. Rev. Bladimir Pedraza has led this work with the support of the Episcopal Church of Colombia and an Episcopal Church in Boston. Also, as soccer is the official sport, we donated 40 soccer balls for the children of this community. We had a great day with them, dancing and having the traditional Sancocho. Our contribution was \$5.000.



5) Thank-you or recognition of key people/organizations:  
The Episcopal Church Dioceses of Alaska and Colombia, The South Central Deanery, the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in Puerto Nariño, Days for Girls International represented by Mary Werner, and all who supported us spiritually, emotionally, and financially. **THANK YOU!**

Please click on the following link: [2024 photos and videos Mission Partnership Trip to Colombia](#)

## Faith Into Tomorrow 2023 Dancing with the Spirit Report Case 4—Youth Ministries

Date: \_September 20, 2024\_\_\_\_\_

Grant Case of award : \_\_Case 4 Youth Ministries \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Program: \_Gospel Videos & Songbook\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church/Organization: \_\_Dancing with the Spirit\_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Describe the program the grant helped fund? (share your story)

Dancing with the Spirit already has 32 Gospel Song and Fiddle Videos plus Songbooks and Fiddle Tab posted on our website in Volumes 1 & 2 and Holiday Songs—and on jump drives for use in villages without high-speed internet. And we have an additional 20 Gospel Songs which we recorded with the help of a 2023 FIT grant and additional funding from other sources. With this grant, we were able to record 4 Christmas Songs in Deg Xinag sung by Jeanette Dementi with Patty Hamre on ukulele. And these 24 additional Gospel Songs will soon be up on our website in a special Gospel Songs section.

- 2) How did your program impact your church? Your community?

Jeanette Dementi, Tyson Alteri and I taught and sang Christmas Songs in Deg Xinag in our December 11-15 Music and Culture Week in Shageluk. Students there played and sang these Christmas Songs as part of a Wednesday night church service—and for their end of the week Shageluk Community Christmas Celebration. And Jeanette and I were able to take these 4 Christmas songs to Anvik and Grayling over the Christmas break to teach to students and to use in church services in their communities. Adults in those villages were so proud of their young church musicians. And these Christmas song recordings will be available for use this Christmas and for many years to come.

- 3) How do you see God's work/purpose in this program?

It is so wonderful to hear songs sung in local languages—that honor the elders and community—and make young musicians proud of their culture. Gospel music makes everyone happy and filled with joy as they sing God into their hearts, minds and souls!

- 4) How were the funds spent?

This year's FIT grant was for \$1286. Recording the 4 Christmas songs cost \$1600 (\$200/person/song). So we used other funds for the additional costs—and for posting them on our website along with the other 20 new Gospel Songs.

- 5) Suggestions for improving the grant process or other comments including Thank-you or recognition of key people/organizations:

Thanks to gospel singers Jeanette Dementi, Lillian Aanauraq Lane, Gail Gallahorn, Dorothy Sommer, Mary Moses Edwin, Judy Gau, Victoria Demmert, Leona Olsen, and gospel musicians and singers Mike Mickelson, Josephine Malemute, Patty Hamre and Christina Vican—and our webmaster Bryan Mills.



Anvik Students – Dec 2023



St. Luke's Shageluk at the school



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## Grant Reporting Case 4, Case 5 & Case 6

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Date: Dec. 8, 2023

Grant Case of award: 4

Name of Program: Warm hands Warm hearts

Name of Church/Organization: St James Episcopal

1) Describe the program the grant helped fund? (share your story)

This \$500 helped buy gloves for 39 children  
The total amount was \$1246.74 and the \$500 helped a bunch

2) How did your program impact your church? Your community?

This impact the church by bringing these children back into the church

3) How do you see God's work/purpose in this program?

They feel the <sup>joy</sup> giving and I see a change in these kids when receiving gifts from the church

4) How were the funds spent?

on little ~~less~~ than half the gloves I ~~purchase~~ purchased

5) Suggestions for improving the grant process or other comments including Thank-you or recognition of key people/organizations:

St. Jude's Episcopal Church  
P.O. Box 55458  
North Pole, AK 99705

July 20, 2024

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FIT Grant Report

Grant Case Award: 2023 Case 5 FIT Grant  
Name of Program: Food Pantry  
Name of Church: St. Jude's Episcopal Church

1) Describe the program the grant helped fund:

St. Jude's has run a food pantry for 26 years. In addition to providing food to needy families, St. Jude's also provides school lunches to food insecure students at North Pole High School one weekend each month. Since COVID, there have been no donors to the pantry or on its behalf.

2) How did your program impact your church? Your community?

The grant allowed us to feed more people and removed some anxiety surrounding the lack of external contributions.

3) How do you see God's work/purpose in this program?

Feeding people is our special ministry. We are called to serve people and to do God's work. This grant enabled us to continue the work of feeding the hungry.

4) How were the funds spent?

Thanksgiving food baskets were provided to 15 families in need and to 26 high school students. The recipients were all very grateful. We learned from one student that their entire family was grateful for the food from the lunches.

5) Suggestions for improving the grant process or other comments including thank-you or recognition of key people/organizations:

Thank you to the FIT committee for the opportunity to continue our work and to the Diocese in administering the funds.



Michele Bifelt, Senior Warden

Date: September 15, 2024

Grant Case of award: Case 5 - Caring for Victims of Poverty and Abuse

Name of Program: The Lord's Table

Name of Church/Organization: St. John's Episcopal Church, Ketchikan, Alaska

1. Describe the program the grant helped fund? (share your story)

The Lord's Table ministry at St. John's Church in Ketchikan plays a vital role in addressing food insecurity within our community. This ministry provides hot, nutritious meals to individuals and families who are less fortunate, offering not only sustenance but also a sense of care and dignity. By serving meals on a regular basis, The Lord's Table ensures that those who are struggling with hunger have a reliable source of food, creating a welcoming space where people can gather and receive both physical nourishment and emotional support.

In addition to providing meals, the ministry fosters community connection by bringing together volunteers from different walks of life, all working toward the common goal of supporting the most vulnerable members of Ketchikan. Through the generous support of grants like the one from the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska, The Lord's Table is able to continue and expand its outreach, helping to alleviate the burden of hunger and build a stronger, more compassionate community.

2. How did your program impact your church? Your community?

The Lord's Table ministry at St. John's Church has had a profound impact on both the church and the broader Ketchikan community. For the church, it has strengthened the congregation's sense of mission and purpose by actively engaging in service to the less fortunate. This ministry has united church members and volunteers around a shared goal of feeding those in need, deepening their connection to the teachings of compassion and charity. It has also drawn in new volunteers and participants, broadening the church's outreach and reinforcing its role as a hub of service and care within the community.

For the wider Ketchikan community, The Lord's Table has been a crucial resource for individuals and families facing food insecurity. By providing consistent, healthy meals, the ministry has alleviated hunger and created a space where people feel valued and supported. The ministry not only meets basic needs but also builds a sense of community among those it serves, offering a safe and welcoming environment where relationships are formed, and social isolation is reduced. The impact extends beyond the meals themselves, contributing to a spirit of generosity and solidarity throughout the community.

3. How do you see God's work/purpose in this program?

God's work and purpose are clearly visible in The Lord's Table ministry through the acts of compassion, service, and love that define its mission. The ministry embodies the biblical call to care for "the least of these" by feeding the hungry and serving those in need, reflecting the selfless love of Christ. Each meal provided is a tangible expression of God's grace, as it not only meets a physical need but also offers comfort and dignity to individuals who may feel marginalized or forgotten.

Through the dedicated service of volunteers, we witness the hands and feet of Christ in action, as people from all walks of life come together to serve their neighbors. The ministry is a living example of faith in action, showing how God works through His people to uplift and support the vulnerable. The relationships formed and the sense of community fostered around shared meals demonstrate God's purpose of unity, love, and care for all. Ultimately, The Lord's Table ministry reveals God's ongoing work in the world, as it brings hope, sustenance, and connection to those who need it most.

#### 4. How were the funds spent?

The \$2,500 grant received from the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska has been carefully allocated to ensure that The Lord's Table ministry at St. John's Church can continue serving an average of 325 meals each month. Here's how the funds have been utilized:

**Food Purchases:** The bulk of the grant has been used to purchase essential food items to prepare balanced, nutritious meals. This includes staples like rice, pasta, and bread, along with fresh vegetables, fruits, proteins such as chicken, beef, and fish, and dairy products. By buying in bulk and partnering with local food distributors, the ministry has maximized the impact of the grant, ensuring a consistent supply of ingredients at a lower cost.

**Disposable Supplies:** Part of the grant has been allocated to cover the costs of disposable supplies, including take-out containers, utensils, napkins, and paper products, which are essential for packaging and serving meals, especially for those who take their food to-go. This has been crucial in maintaining hygiene and convenience for the recipients.

**Cleaning and Sanitation Supplies:** To maintain a safe and healthy environment, a portion of the funds has been used to purchase cleaning supplies like disinfectants, sanitizers, gloves, and other materials necessary for maintaining cleanliness in the kitchen and dining areas. This ensures compliance with health standards and keeps volunteers and recipients safe.

**Supplementary Costs:** Any remaining funds have been directed toward necessary kitchen supplies (such as pots, pans, and utensils) or small repairs for equipment used in meal preparation. These costs are essential to ensure the ministry can continue operating smoothly.

The careful management of the \$2,500 grant has allowed The Lord's Table to stretch resources and continue providing for those in need, ensuring that an average of 325 meals are served each month. The grant has been a key factor in sustaining the ministry's ability to meet the ongoing needs of the community.

#### 5. Suggestions for improving the grant process or other comments including Thank-you or recognition of key people/organizations:



On behalf of The Lord's Table ministry and St. John's Church, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude for the incredible dedication and hard work our volunteers have poured into serving our community. Their commitment to feeding the less fortunate has made a profound impact on the lives of so many in Ketchikan, and it is truly a reflection of the love and compassion that defines our ministry.

We thank the parishioners of St. John's for their unwavering support and continued involvement. Their dedication and willingness to serve make this ministry possible, and their spirit of generosity shines through in every meal prepared and served.

We also want to thank our friends from Ketchikan Presbyterian Church, South Tongass Alliance Church, and First United Methodist Church. Their partnership has been invaluable, and together we have been able to extend our reach and provide even more care to those in need. Their collaboration strengthens our community and exemplifies the power of working together in faith.

A special thank-you to Ellen Funk, the Gosnell Family, Hunter Davis, and Deacon Alan Rockwood, whose individual contributions of time, energy, and resources have enriched this ministry. Their personal commitment has been essential to the success of The Lord's Table, and we are deeply grateful for their involvement.

Each of these groups, whether in the kitchen, serving meals, or behind the scenes, has played a vital role in ensuring that The Lord's Table can continue its mission of feeding the hungry and spreading love throughout Ketchikan. Their selfless service is a testament to the compassion that brings us all together, and we are incredibly blessed to have them as part of this ministry.



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## **Grant Reporting Case 4, Case 5 & Case 6**

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Date: September 24, 2024

Grant Case of award : Case 5

Name of Program: Food Pantry

Name of Church/Organization: St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

1) Describe the program the grant helped fund? (share your story)

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, a beacon of hope, has been serving those in need through our Food Pantry for over 50 years. This long-standing tradition of compassion and service, which has touched the lives of countless individuals, is a testament to our shared values and commitment to helping others. Your support has made this possible, and we are proud of the impact we have made together.

2) How did your program impact your church? Your community?

We served 682 patrons from January through August 2024. Patrons often request prayers for themselves and others, and their names are added to our prayer list. We provide lists of agencies that may help our patrons find housing, jobs, and other services. One of our former patrons asked for prayers to find a job. He has a full-time job and continues to clean the church and help at the Pantry every Thursday.

3) How do you see God's work/purpose in this program?

St. Christopher's congregation has pledged funds and donated food. Other churches donate to our Pantry as well. Christ Church donates fresh vegetables every summer and groceries during the year. One of the

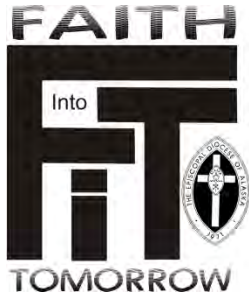
congregations that rent from St. Christopher's also donates food. We appreciate all donations of food and funds that keep our Pantry open and continue serving people in need.

4) How were the funds spent?

The following items were purchased for the Pantry with FIT funds:

Flour	\$ 90.00
Eggs	220.00
Rice	190.00
Sugar	220.00
Oatmeal	110.00
Vegetables	300.00
Fruit	297.00
Margarine	83.00
Total:	\$ 1500.00

5) Suggestions for improving the grant process or other comments including Thank-you or recognition of key people/organizations:



***Faith Into Tomorrow Endowment  
Episcopal Diocese of Alaska  
1205 Denali Way  
Fairbanks AK 99701***

August 27, 2024  
2023 FIT Case 5 award  
Cudd Hall Community Kitchen  
St. George's-in-the-Arctic Episcopal Church, Kotzebue

Quite a few years ago (10? 15?) a church member felt called to begin providing a hot Sunday meal for homeless or hungry folks in Kotzebue, or anyone who might want to come to share food and fellowship. As time has passed, different groups and individuals have continued the program out of Cudd Hall, our parish hall. During Covid shutdowns, we were able to continue serving meals at the door. This year we are back to a sit-down meal in the hall, with many servings being delivered to others who can't make it over. People often come early to help out, enjoy a warm and dry building, and visit. We have been averaging 30 people served in the hall weekly, with 50 to 70 total meals being eaten or taken away/delivered. Our diners range from small children to elders.

This meal has been a focal point of our outreach at St. George's-in-the-Arctic. We also do periodic giveaways of donated clothing and other items, and people can access needed items on Sunday afternoons as well. Our program is known throughout the community, and we receive many donations such as extra food from funeral potlucks or other events, pantry items from people moving out of town, leftover supplies from hunters, fish buyers, and government work teams in the area temporarily, food reaching its expiration or sell-by date from stores, and turkeys and hams for holidays from corporations like NANA and KIC. All our church members have contributed with donated items or helping to prepare food. The City of Kotzebue and Northwest Inupiat Housing Authority worked with us to secure grant money to upgrade our water, electrical and heating system in support of this outreach and other ways that Cudd Hall is used to benefit the community.

God definitely has a hand in this work as evidenced by the joy it brings to all participants. It may seem like a lot of work, but it is very satisfying and there is plenty of help.

Relationships are built. It emphasizes that we are all God's beloved children and worthy of not only food but also love and respect. We always seem to have what we need when we need it. And somehow, the food always tastes good!

The Case 5 FIT Grant funds were used to purchase staples such as flour, sugar, and vegetables, as well as plates, take-out trays, soup cups and the like. We also purchased warm socks and other small items to give to folks last winter.

The FIT grant process worked well for us. Thank you very much for this support! We also would like to thank: NANA Corporation, KIC, City of Kotzebue, NIHA, Church of God and the Food Bank of Alaska, Copper River Seafoods, Northstar Market, Rotman's Store, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, and all the many individuals who have contributed time and resources to this project. And especially, thanks be to God for blessing this work.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Mary Norton

**St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church**  
Homer, Alaska



*Walking in Beauty—Roots & Wings is a women’s healing retreat focusing on healing the intergenerational abuse resulting from institutional and BIA policies of removing children from their homes and placing them in boarding schools. St. Augustine’s is the sponsoring congregation for this unique, Alaskan grown program. This was the inspiration of the Rev. Dr. Anna Frank after the Sitka Convention. She asked the Rev. Judith Lethin to design and implement a healing program for Alaska Native women. Walking in Beauty—Roots & Wings is the product of that collaboration.*

25-29, 2024 Arctic Village hosted a Walking in Beauty—Roots & Wings healing retreat for 7 out of town women, and approximately 23 local women. At this training/retreat we had representatives from 7 villages, including members of the Deanery Executive Committee: Arctic Village, Fairbanks, Venetie, Chalkyitsik, Tanana, Huslia, and Shageluk. Great progress was made in understanding the effects of trauma and how to build resilience that resulted from the intergenerational experience of Boarding School. We especially focused on creating a safe/healthy environment for sharing our trauma. We used art, music, self-care, storytelling, medicine making, prayer, positive affirmations, and the talking circle. We used Matthew 5 as our text.

This program was originally funded for the 2022 grant cycle, but with health issues of the main presenter and scheduling conflicts, the committee asked for an extension for completing this grant.

**Date Item Revenue Expenses Balance**

**11/23/202**

**2 FIT Grant \$7,400.00**

**\$7,400.00**

**5/12/2023 To Rev. Judith, reimbursemt for airfare \$928.69**

**8/10/2023 To Rev. Judith, reimbursemt for supplies \$607.78**

**5/13/2024 To Rev. Judith, reimbursemt for travel, retreat food & postage \$1,191.80**

**5/31/2024 To EDA, reimbursemt for travel \$3,883.10 (Check # 1309)**

**5/31/2024 To Nell Gustafson, reimbursemt for BCP purchase \$499.80 (Check # 1208)**

**5/31/2024 To EDA, balance of FIT grant \$288.83 (Returned to Diocese Check # 1310)**

**The Rev. Dr. Trimble Gilbert donated the Sunday offering to the women's retreat fund at the Deanery in the amount of \$209.40 (Check #1311)**

# Walking in Beauty

ROOTS & WINGS

*A very special\**

Women's Healing Retreat in Arctic Village

Funded by the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska, F.I.T. Grant  
Supported by the Interior Deanery of the Episcopal Church

**April 25-29, 2024**

We will share stories, discover our personal and cultural values and strengths, pray, sing, laugh, play, do art, drum, dance, share traditional food, and learn about healthy boundaries, and forgiveness. We will grow stronger as a people and recover a sense of understanding and belonging and confidence. We will also be making a healing salve from local medicine plants like our great, great grandmothers!

**To Register or Learn More Call:**

Debbie Tritt-Kendi 907-987-6206

The Rev. Anna Frank: 907-456-5781

The Rev. Judith Lethin: 907-830-9840

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by

**claiming our Athabascan roots and  
spreading our Christian wings**

**In Compassion for Our Children, Family and Neighbors**

*\*If your parents, or grandparents suffered from the Boarding School experience, and this resulted in complicated grief from suicide, racism, neglect or abuse, incarceration, having a family member murdered, or raped, or addicted to alcohol and drugs or violence, you will want to join this very gentle healing retreat.*



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## Prison Ministry Grant Program Grant Reporting

To all grant recipients:

Reporting to the Diocesan Convention is required.

The deadline for the report is September 1, 2024.

Please answer the following questions and submit to: Episcopal Diocese of Alaska, 1205 Denali Way, Fairbanks, AK 99701, Attn: Prison Ministry Grant Reporting OR email to: [canonsk@episcopalak.org](mailto:canonsk@episcopalak.org)

Date: 9/1/24

Name of Program: "Church" Prayer Service at Juneau Youth Services

Name of Church: St. Brendan's Episcopal (Juneau)

- 1.) **Describe the program the grant helped fund.** Our Outreach Committee has been providing a Noonday Prayer service from the BCP for residents of the Johnson Youth Center's Treatment Facility intermittently for over thirty years. When Mo. Caroline asked us to carry on the ministry after she retired, we began visiting the youth with her at the JYC on the first Sunday of each month. In June 2023, we extended the ministry to twice each month, first and third Sundays. As well as the Noonday Prayer service and providing snacks, we added an art component. Recently, we've added more open prayers and requests, along with some scripture reading. After prayer, everyone is invited to participate in an open-ended art activity and continue fellowship. It's typically an extra hour or more, and the activities each time vary to remain engaging and adaptable.
- 2.) **How did your program impact prisoners or prison ministry?** We try to provide inspiration and guidance, as well as art projects and materials inviting and appealing for all. We feel that we have been very well received, and the youth seem to enjoy our time. While before it was mostly just the young women of the residents, Staff began bringing in the boys from the detention unit to participate too. That added even more enthusiastic involvement from the whole group and their supervisors. In recent months we have been asked to divide ourselves and offer service and prayers, sometimes art, with the youth in detention on their own side as well, so that all may receive God's spirit and fellowship equally, but it varies each visit by security circumstances, the kids' behaviors, and their preferences. For any who participate, we see an effect of comradery, relation building, open communication, caring support, and even some peace and/or fun in a challenging place in their lives.
- 3.) **How do you see God's work/purpose in this program?** We share some extra spiritual light and grace, along with the comfort that these youth have a loving, accepting, and listening God who is with them. With necessary confidentiality, we cannot know or imagine all these kids have gone through or what brought them to this point. But these visits may open their hearts up to God's love and our friendship, and they feel trust in sharing their stories or their needs. They grow trust in the growth and positivity that lies ahead for them (obviously much of that is from their

programs and treatments as well, but our program may enrich that). We also see firsthand the staff's dedication and commitment to these youth, along with the constant care and protection they give. This has two effects for us as outsiders: We have direct witness to what is a fairly unknown and difficult role in God's work on these children's lives, but also it makes evident God's full provision of their needs being met. Above all, they can heal and repair their own growth and spirits.

4.) **How were the funds spent?** Activities to date have included purchase of materials for: collage, acrylic painting, watercolor, a variety of markers and pencils, various paper mediums including stickers, adhesives, canvas frames, paper making ingredients, and a few other activities including seasonal projects or hand made name tags. Some expenses have also included refreshments if we purchase or make them instead of the Outreach Committee (who has been wonderful in providing these!), we just occasionally do alternate plans. We also have plans to purchase small spiritual goodbye gifts (like crosses) for the kids when they are released to go back home or to new families.

5.) **Suggestions for improving the grant process or other comments including Thank-you or recognition of key people/organizations.** We honestly think it's gone really well and are very grateful for this provision. We find our own human folly (ex: messier than intended projects, or accepting kids' requests which result in poor participation – like teenage whims!) but we redirect and learn from these. It helps us to see this as an ever-evolving and adaptable project where God is the steady force... But this question brings to our attention – “Thank you” – we should use some funds to find some way to show appreciation for the staff who welcome us in, take amazing care of these minors, and serve in an often thankless role.

## DANCING WITH THE SPIRIT ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2024

<https://www.dancingwiththespirit.org>

Dancing with the Spirit is a program that teaches guitar, fiddle, mandolin, ukulele, singing, and dancing to students in villages—operating out of the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska office. It is funded by schools, tribal councils, and individual contributions. We have a 7 member Board of Directors and elected officers who guide the program and have developed our mission statement. “Dancing with the Spirit connects youth and elders through school music programs and camps—promoting spiritual, physical, and mental wellness with the joy, love and hope of music. Our goal is to prevent suicide, drug, alcohol, and domestic abuse by building self-esteem, preserving musical traditions, and encouraging strong healthy communities.”

1. Over the past eighteen years, we have traveled to 57 villages—plus reached out to the Native communities in Fairbanks, Juneau, Kodiak, Cordova, and Anchorage with music camps. Villages are Alaganuk, Allakaket, Angoon, Anvik, Arctic Village, Beaver, Chalkyitsik, Chenega, Circle, Coffman Cove, Eagle, Emmonak, Fort Yukon, Galena, Grayling, Hollis, Holycross, Hooper Bay, Hughes, Huslia, Hydaburg, Hyder, Kake, Kaltag, Kasaan, Kivalina, Kokohanok, Kotzebue, Koyukuk, McGrath, Manley Hot Springs, Mentasta Lake, Minto, Naukati, Nikolai, Northway, Nuiqsut, Nulato, Pelican, Point Hope, Port Alexander, Rampart, Ruby, Sand Point, Scammon Bay, Shageluk, Stevens Village, Tanacross, Tanana, Tetlin, Thorne Bay, Tok, Tyonek, Unalakleet, Venetie, Whale Pass, and Yakutat.
2. We spent 33 weeks in villages this past school year and one week in Juneau this summer leading Music and Culture Camps. Since the pandemic, we have expanded our staff to focus more on culture and healthy living and hiring many more Native staff from the villages.
3. Staff and several students played dance music for the TCC Convention on March 13<sup>th</sup> which was featured on one of the TV stations covering the convention. On Saturday night March 16<sup>th</sup>, we sponsored an *Honor the Elders Dance* at the Morris Thompson Center featuring the fiddle music of Rev. Dr. Chief Trimble Gilbert—that was attended by 400 people. We had the Young Native Fiddlers play at the beginning of the dance. And Nina Heyano put together 80 gift bags for the elders attending. We had a silent auction and lots of food—and of course dancing!! The dance was covered by KTVF and their news clip can be found on the home page of our website <https://www.dancingwiththespirit.org>
4. Economic impact includes \$109,645 paid to 31 TCC tribal members; \$16,250 paid to 4 other Native staff; and \$91,850 paid to 18 non-Native staff for a total of \$217,745.
5. Our curriculum (Volume 1, 2 and Holiday videos, songbooks, fiddle tab) is available free for downloading on our webpage <https://www.dancingwiththespirit.org> We’ve also loaded our curriculum on jump drives for students, teachers, families, and musicians including songs in Gwich’in, Han Gwich’in, Deg Xinag, and Koyukon. New this summer are 12 Gwich’in fiddle tunes and the start of a Gwich’in Social Studies Unit. And we will have Gospel Music videos, songbook, and fiddle tab available later this fall.
6. We led Zoom music lessons for the Hughes and Rampart Schools who recently formed their own student band. And we hope to expand Zoom lessons this fall.
7. For the 2022-23 school year, we received \$96,305 from the Yukon Flats School District for Music and Culture Weeks in Arctic Village (2x), Beaver (2x), Circle, Chalkyitsik (2x), Fort Yukon, and Venetie (3x); \$68,290 from the Yukon Koyukuk

School District for Music and Culture Weeks in Hughes (2x), Huslia, Kaltag, Koyukuk, Nulato, Rampart (2x), Ruby (2x), and Minto; \$67,750 from the RurAL CAP Foundation; \$59,662 from the Tanana Chiefs Conference for transportation to their villages; \$6,789 from the Sand Point School and Tribe; \$4500 from the City and Village of Holy Cross for their Music and Culture Week; \$4500 from the Iditarod School District for the Nikolai Music and Culture Week; \$4,500 from the Northway Johnson O'Malley Funds for the Northway Music and Culture Week; \$3800 from the Shageluk Tribe for their Music and Culture Week; \$3000 from Doyon's Daaga' grant for the second Hughes Music and Culture Week; \$2000 from the International Bluegrass Foundation's Arnold Shultz Fund; \$2000 from the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska; \$1,286 from the Faith Into Tomorrow Program; \$500 for the Denakkanaaga Galena Music and Culture Week; plus \$4755 individual donations from the TCC Convention and *Honor the Elders Dance* and 15 individual donations ranging from \$50 to \$2000 and totaling \$6,030 . The grand total for Sept. 2023-Aug 2024 income is \$333,667. We are still have outstanding invoices \$5309 from Yakutat; \$3800 from Anvik; \$3800 from the Yukon Flats School District for this summer's Beaver Culture Camp--and TCC summer transportation expenses to Galena and Beaver \$5077.

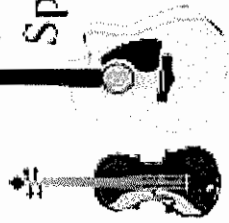
8. There are now 1000's of additional instruments in the villages thanks to support from schools, tribes, and grants such as those from the RurAL CAP Foundation who has three times given us over \$60,000.
9. Updated our Dancing with the Spirit website with more pictures and information.
10. Nominated the Rev. Dr. Chief Trimble Gilbert for a National Heritage Fellowship—and he won this year!! Senator Murkowski traveled to Arctic Village Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> with 10 Native leaders to tell Trimble that he had won this award which includes \$25,000, a film and story about his leadership in the Gwich'in fiddling and dance tradition, and a trip to Washington, D.C. at the end of September.
11. Continued to give out a two CD set *Rev. Trimble Gilbert Sings Takudh Hymns*--plus an all Gwich'in CD recorded by Beaver students
12. Continued work on a Gospel Guitar Songbook/Play Along CD.
13. Developed curriculum for a Music Instructor Training to raise up more leaders.
14. Developed a *Dancing with the Spirit* brochure, stickers, display board, & Thank You cards..
15. The Rev. Belle Mickelson and the Rev. Catherine Amy Kropp traveled to Louisville, Kentucky this summer and made a well-received *Dancing with the Spirit* presentation to the Episcopal Church Women in conjunction with the Episcopal Church's General Convention.
16. The Rev. Belle Mickelson and Jeanette Dementi traveled to Anvik and Grayling over the Christmas break, taught music, and led church services. Some of the Anvik and Shageluk students played at church services in their communities. The Rev. Belle Mickelson helped with church services in Venetie, Tanana, and Fort Yukon—plus a Gospel Sing in Fort Yukon. She spent 9 weeks in villages and a week in Juneau plus handled the majority of the logistics for all the village trips.
17. Alex Troutman of Channel Films made a 5 minute film for us to use for fundraising—and Ash Love from Bexley Seabury Seminary prepared a draft fundraising plan for us. We are looking for solid funding and hope to have good news soon on setting up an endowment fund and campaign with the goal of hiring several full-time staff along with our current instructors--so *Dancing with the Spirit* can continue long into the future!





Dancing with the Spirit

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[www.dancingwiththespirit.org](http://www.dancingwiththespirit.org)

## Report from the 81<sup>st</sup> General Convention, 2024

**The 81<sup>st</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church** was held in Louisville, Kentucky this year during the last week of June. Our deputation consisted of clergy deputies Mary Norton, Bessie Titus, Julie Platson, Marilyn Duggar, and alternate Dawn Allen-Herron; lay deputies Allan Hayton, Maggie McKay, Dan Hall, Adam Lees, and alternate Loyd Platson; and Bishop Mark Lattime. This was the first time we have taken alternates, and we were grateful for their support, especially Dawn for framing the gift mentioned later and Loyd for filling in for Adam when he got sick. The Convention was also fortunate to have the amazing expertise of our very own Canon Suzanne Krull as one of the Supervisors of the large volunteer corps that kept everything running smoothly. The organization was amazing, with space for alternates to be included close to the deputation area, preloaded ipads with all the resolutions and information we needed, and even the hotel within easy indoor walking distance. Thank you, Melissa Ward and the Diocesan office, for your part in making everything work well for our deputation.



As a post-pandemic event, the 81<sup>st</sup> General Convention was longer than the 80<sup>th</sup> Convention in 2022, but not quite the 10 days of previous Conventions. In 2022, for Covid safety reasons, most legislative committee **meetings and hearings were conducted online prior to the Convention**. That practice was continued this year, to streamline business at Convention and

perhaps to make those meetings available to more people in the online format. It was good to return to at least some **in-person hearings and caucuses**, however. We were also able to enjoy an **exhibition hall** with vendors and representatives of different organizations. Once again, there was a **children's program** (Maggie can provide details), a concurrent **ECW** meeting (including presentations by the Rev. Belle Mickelson with *Dancing with the Spirit* and the Rev. Catherine Amy Kropp, formerly at St. Mary's), and an official **Youth Presence** (impressive rising leaders not afraid to speak up.) Especially wonderful was the return of **joint worship services**, held almost daily, and augmented by an extremely talented group of musicians, an enthusiastic volunteer choir including Adam and Mary, and a jubilant congregation of perhaps 1,000 avid Episcopalians and guests from around the world.

Deputies and bishops were issued iPads that gave us access to all the resolutions, profiles of nominees for various positions, worship service bulletins, and other useful information. Voting was done by voice or electronically via the iPads, with very few glitches this time around. Many of the **396 resolutions** submitted were not considered controversial or needing additional debate and were voted on as a large daily group, known as the “Consent Calendar.” Others were brought up individually with time for deputies to testify for or against them, with topics ranging from procedures in the House of Deputies to passage of The Episcopal Church budget for the next three years to creation care to positions on human rights and world conflicts and much more. Among noteworthy anniversaries recognized were the **150<sup>th</sup> year of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW)** and the **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Philadelphia Eleven**, the first women to be ordained as priests in the Episcopal Church. Coincidentally, all five of our clergy deputies were female.

One of the many resolutions passed was **C009: Petition of the Episcopal Church in Navajoland to become a Missionary Diocese** (rather than a missionary district). One benefit of the new status this brings to our siblings in Navajoland is that they will elect their own bishop rather than having one appointed by the House of Bishops. The Alaska deputation presented a beautiful, beaded cross, made by Lilly Henry of Ft. Yukon, to their deputation in honor of the event. As Lilly said in making the cross, “This is from my heart to yours,” and it is also from all our hearts in Alaska to theirs.



Indigenous Ministries hosted a **Boarding School Talking Circle** one evening, with powerful testimonies and a presentation about research on the history and effects of the indigenous boarding schools. This can be viewed on the Indigenous Ministries of the Episcopal Church Facebook page (June 27). Resolution C032 also addressed this issue with an invitation to use the following prayer, written by a boarding school survivor who is an Episcopalian from one of the Sioux nations in South Dakota:



### Prayer to Remember the Innocents:

**Dear Lord, Almighty God, we pray for all Indigenous children who were in residential and boarding schools in Canada and the United States. Some died there; we ask that you give assurance to their descendants that their souls are with you and their ancestors. Some survived there; we ask that you give your healing grace to all who endured hardship while there and are still struggling with those memories. Lastly, we ask you to help us guard our children against harm in this world. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen**

Probably the most anticipated **election** (elected by the House of Bishops and confirmed by the House of Deputies) was for our **new presiding bishop**. The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, bishop of the Dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York will succeed the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry as the 28<sup>th</sup> presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church, for a nine-year term beginning Nov. 1. The investiture service will take place on Nov. 2 starting at 11 a.m. and will be livestreamed (see link in our Diocesan News).

General Convention wasn't all long hours and hard work. We found time to visit with old and new friends from all around The Episcopal Church, check out local places of interest, and enjoy Louisville cuisine. The 82<sup>nd</sup> General Convention will be held in Phoenix, Arizona in July 2027. Despite the heat, experiencing the inner workings of The Episcopal Church is a rewarding experience, and I would encourage everyone to consider being a deputy to



General Convention, or even a volunteer, if the opportunity arises. If you would like to know more about this year's Convention, talk to one of the deputies or go to **generalconvention.org** for a Summary of Actions, Resolutions, Elections, TEC Budget, and more.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Mary Norton, deputation chair,  
with assistance from Marilyn Duggar and Adam Lees

## 2023 Parochial Report Information

In 2023 Parochial Reports were filed for all 48 churches.

*Thank you for your hard work in completing the Parochial Report!!!*

***All the pages have the same information, just different sorts***

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**Episcopal Diocese of Alaska  
2023 vs 2022 Parochial Report**

Deanery	City	Congregation Name	2023				2022				2023 vs 2022			
			Active Baptized Members	Members in Good Standing	Average attendance	Total Operating Income	Active Baptized Members	Members in Good Standing	Average attendance	Total Operating Income	Active Baptized Members	Members in Good Standing	Average attendance	Total Operating Income
Arctic Coast	Kivalina	Kivalina Epiphany	400	17	13	\$35,927	403	14	14	\$60,180	(3)	3	(1)	(\$24,253)
Arctic Coast	Kotzebue	St Georges in the Arctic .	42	33	10	\$29,617	42	31	8	\$26,038	0	2	2	\$3,579
Arctic Coast	Noatak *	Episcopal Congregation	10	0	0	\$0	10	0	0	\$0	0	0	0	\$0
Arctic Coast	Point Hope	St Thomas	274	230	12	\$18,091	282	275	12	\$29,007	(8)	(45)	0	(\$10,916)
Arctic Coast	Point Lay	St Albans in the Arctic	59	5	1	\$0	59	5	1	\$0	0	0	0	\$0
Interior	Allakaket	St Johns in the Wilderness	127	127	5	\$990	129	129	10	\$490	(2)	(2)	(5)	\$500
Interior	Anvik	Christ Church	83	83	10	\$0	83	83	15	\$120	0	0	(5)	(\$120)
Interior	Arctic Village	Bishop Rowe Chapel	129	60	3	\$925	136	60	3	\$2,919	(7)	0	0	(\$1,994)
Interior	Beaver	St Matthews	76	2	2	\$1,646	78	2	3	\$2,901	(2)	0	(1)	(\$1,255)
Interior	Birch Creek *	St Peters	25	0	0	\$0	25	0	0	\$0	0	0	0	\$0
Interior	Chalkyitsik	St Timothys	73	6	6	\$1,250	76	10	8	\$2,956	(3)	(4)	(2)	(\$1,706)
Interior	Circle	Holy Trinity	74	0	6	\$1,096	74	65	7	\$491	0	(65)	(1)	\$605
Interior	Eagle	St Johns	19	10	8	\$1,072	19	10	8	\$5,041	0	0	0	(\$3,969)
Interior	Fairbanks	St Matthews	514	440	57	\$209,850	1,077	720	35	\$203,231	(563)	(280)	22	\$6,619
Interior	Fort Yukon	St Stephens	191	120	24	\$15,513	192	105	48	\$6,995	(1)	15	(24)	\$8,518
Interior	Grayling	St Pauls	258	235	1	\$0	258	235	5	\$800	0	0	(4)	(\$800)
Interior	Hughes	St Pauls	53	26	6	\$0	54	27	6	\$27	(1)	(1)	0	(\$27)
Interior	Huslia	Good Shepherd Mission	137	11	11	\$2,106	137	11	11	\$1,614	0	0	0	\$492
Interior	Minto	St Barnabas	31	31	11	\$14,000	33	33	11	\$14,000	(2)	(2)	0	\$0
Interior	Nenana	St Marks	123	65	17	\$11,780	123	65	14	\$15,439	0	0	3	(\$3,659)
Interior	North Pole	St Judes	26	15	13	\$37,761	27	14	11	\$37,907	(1)	1	2	(\$146)
Interior	Rampart	Episcopal Congregation	53	40	6	\$0	53	40	6	\$0	0	0	0	\$0
Interior	Shageluk	St Lukes	82	82	5	\$300	88	88	7	\$200	(6)	(6)	(2)	\$100
Interior	Stevens Village	St Andrews	39	5	5	\$0	40	5	5	\$0	(1)	0	0	\$0
Interior	Tanacross	St Timothys	94	20	1	\$0	94	20	1	\$0	0	0	0	\$0
Interior	Tanana	St James	125	43	6	\$5,838	127	43	5	\$4,840	(2)	0	1	\$998
Interior	Venetie	Good Shepherd	185	11	7	\$7,324	203	3	6	\$7,941	(18)	8	1	(\$617)

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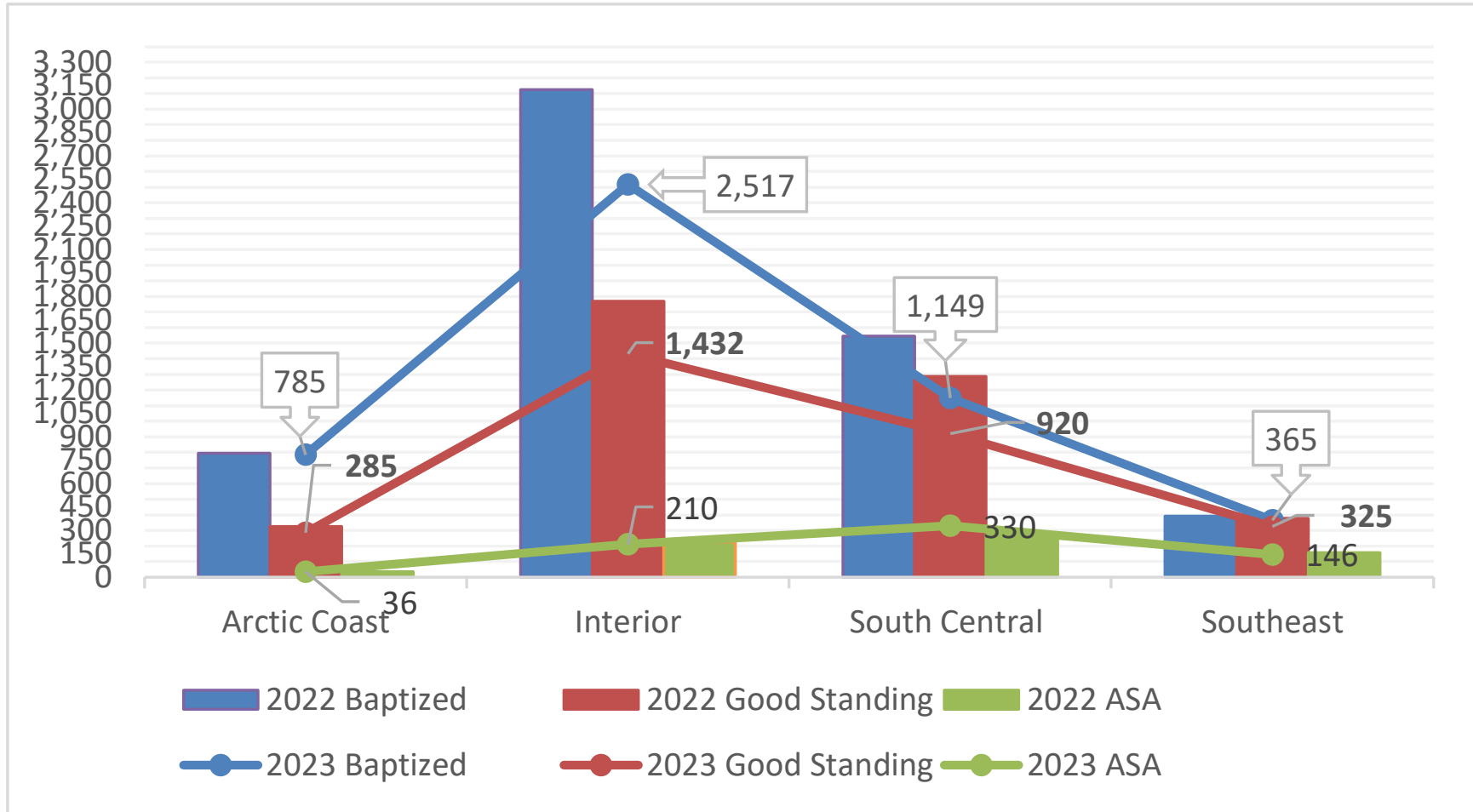
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Deanery	City	Congregation Name	2023				2022				2023 vs 2022			
			Active Baptized Members	Members in Good Standing	Average attendance	Total Operating Income	Active Baptized Members	Members in Good Standing	Average attendance	Total Operating Income	Active Baptized Members	Members in Good Standing	Average attendance	Total Operating Income
S. Central	Anchorage	All Saints	218	95	34	\$276,644	218	92	33	\$252,648	0	3	1	\$23,996
S. Central	Anchorage	Christ Church	78	77	20	\$148,571	76	76	22	\$134,270	2	1	(2)	\$14,301
S. Central	Anchorage	St Christophers	31	31	26	\$30,684	31	30	26	\$34,000	0	1	0	(\$3,316)
S. Central	Anchorage	St Marys	443	443	107	\$884,107	760	712	68	\$813,217	(317)	(269)	39	\$70,890
S. Central	Cordova	St Georges	60	60	14	\$40,852	71	60	12	\$26,479	(11)	0	2	\$14,373
S. Central	Eagle River	Holy Spirit	53	43	27	\$83,761	57	45	24	\$106,832	(4)	(2)	3	(\$23,071)
S. Central	Homer	St Augustines	13	13	5	\$16,243	6	4	4	\$52,665	7	9	1	(\$36,422)
S. Central	Kenai	St Francis by the Sea	8	8	7	\$25,236	21	8	7	\$27,081	(13)	0	0	(\$1,845)
S. Central	Kodiak	St James the Fisherman	64	0	22	\$94,537	64	50	17	\$82,152	0	(50)	5	\$12,385
S. Central	Palmer	St Bartholomews	32	32	26	\$70,726	28	28	21	\$55,891	4	4	5	\$14,835
S. Central	Seward	St Peters	2	2	8	\$32,569	11	11	10	\$33,102	(9)	(9)	(2)	(\$533)
S. Central	Talkeetna	Denali Episcopal	11	11	7	\$435	15	8	7	\$699	(4)	3	0	(\$264)
S. Central	Valdez	Epiphany Lutheran/Episcopa	60	60	13	\$86,411	110	107	11	\$98,000	(50)	(47)	2	(\$11,589)
S. Central	Wasilla	St Davids	76	45	14	\$40,938	77	56	11	\$58,605	(1)	(11)	3	(\$17,667)
South East	Haines	St Michael & All Angels	48	48	9	\$11,468	52	52	13	\$13,119	(4)	(4)	(4)	(\$1,651)
South East	Juneau	Holy Trinity	114	105	50	\$240,026	117	117	47	\$224,878	(3)	(12)	3	\$15,148
South East	Juneau	St Brendan	50	49	23	\$101,095	52	50	24	\$93,884	(2)	(1)	(1)	\$7,211
South East	Ketchikan	St Johns	38	38	17	\$84,410	40	40	24	\$84,505	(2)	(2)	(7)	(\$95)
South East	Petersburg	St Andrews	0	0	3	\$17,031	13	13	14	\$16,679	(13)	(13)	(11)	\$352
South East	Sitka	St Peters by the Sea	85	61	29	\$144,481	87	87	28	\$156,953	(2)	(26)	1	(\$12,472)
South East	Wrangell	St Philips	30	24	15	\$48,268	30	20	9	\$50,918	0	4	6	(\$2,650)
	Total for the Entire Diocese		4,816	2,962	722	\$2,873,579	5,858	3,759	692	\$2,839,714	(1,042)	(797)	30	\$33,865
	Average for the Entire Diocese		100	62	15	\$59,866	122	78	14	\$59,161	(22)	(17)	1	\$706
	Arctic Coast		785	285	36	83,635	796	325	35	115,225	(11)	(40)	1	(31,590)
	Interior		2,517	1,432	210	311,451	3,126	1,768	225	307,912	(609)	(336)	(15)	3,539
	South Central		1,149	920	330	1,831,714	1,545	1,287	273	1,775,641	(396)	(367)	57	56,073
	Southeast		365	325	146	646,779	391	379	159	640,936	(26)	(54)	(13)	5,843
			4,816	2,962	722	2,873,579	5,858	3,759	692	2,839,714	(1,042)	(797)	30	33,865

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