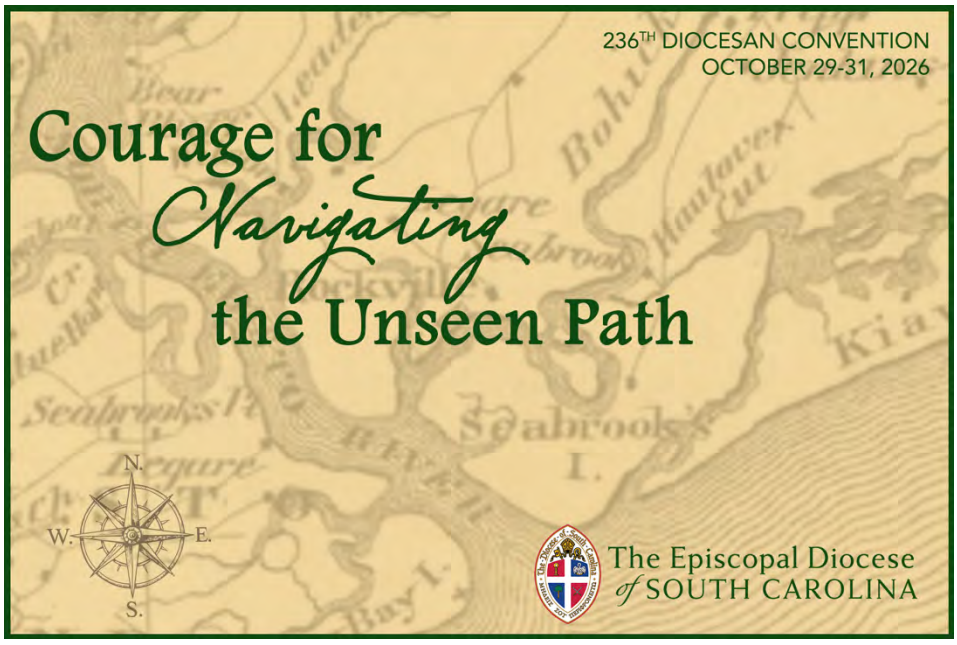


Delegate Packet

The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina

236th Annual Diocesan Convention

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Welcome to the 236th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina!

Friends,

On behalf of the staff of St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, one of the hosts of our 236th Convention of the Episopcal Diocese of South Carolina, I am honored to extend a warm welcome to all delegates, colleagues, and visitors. We are blessed by your presence here with us.

The theme of this year's convention is "Courage for Navigating the Unseen Path." It is particularly appropriate that we engage this theme here in this holy place, where sea, river, land, and sky all meet. It is a place where, like on all barrier islands, change is constant. Our island home is continually reshaped by the slow and relentless forces of salt, wind, current, and tides. And sometimes, it is remade suddenly by a Nor'easter that hurls pounding waves against our dunes, or a tropical system that batters the beaches and forests, and changes coastlines overnight. The accretion and erosion of our shore serves as backdrop for the great turning of the seasons, as migration summons flocks of red knots and whimbrils to offshore sand bars, and blanket flowers blossom in the sand, and spring rains fill and summer droughts empty the sloughs, and that sticky blanket of August heat seems to sit just a bit heavier each year. Here on our island home, in this cathedral that God has made, the preciousness of creation is never clearer, and neither is the need for courage to adapt to the changes that come.

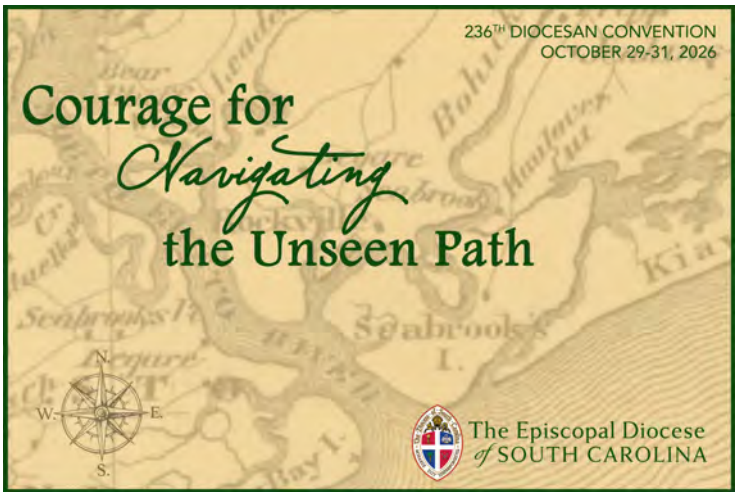
Like St. Christopher, our Diocese continues to live through change. It has weathered some powerful storms, and continues to adapt to the new normal following schism and Covid. Living with the reality that change is constant is never easy, whether we are on a barrier island, or in a parish, or in a cathedral made of wilderness or of stone. And yet, for those of us who follow the way of Jesus, we know that there is one other constant beyond change: the love of God, which will be with us no matter what the unseen path may bring. As Jesus reminds us in the Gospel of Matthew, *"Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?... Consider the lilies of the field, how they*

grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith?"

As we continue to walk on the unseen path, I pray that we will draw courage from the red knots and whimbrils of the air, the blanket flowers of the field, and the glorious wellspring of life here on the ever-shifting boundary of water and land and sky. And I pray that most of all, we will draw both comfort and inspiration from our Savior Jesus Christ, who has promised to be with us on our journey, even to the end of the age.

Welcome, friends. May you find inspiration on our shores, courage through our fellowship, and most of all, may your faith be strengthened and renewed. Blessings as we journey together on the unseen path.

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The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina
The 236th Annual Diocesan Convention
St. John's, Johns Island and
St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

Thursday, October 29, 2026 – St. John's, Johns Island

10 am Optional SmartStart: Calvary Icons Altarpiece Viewing and Artist Discussion at Calvary Episcopal Church, 106 Line St., Charleston, SC

12 pm Registration begins and continues until 1:45pm (St. John's, Johns Island)

2 pm First Business Session: Call to Order — The Right Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley

Appointment of Parliamentarians — Bishop Woodliff-Stanley

Presentation of Agenda — Bishop Woodliff-Stanley

Appointment of Convention Committees — Bishop Woodliff-Stanley

- Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions
- Committee on Constitution and Canons
- Committee on Finance
- Committee on Elections
- Committee on Resolutions
- Committee on Credentials
- Committee on Necrology
- Committee on Nominations

Report of the Clergy Credentials Committee	The Rev. Brooks Boylan
Certification of Quorum	Ms. Diane Wilson Secretary of Convention
Election of the Treasurer	Bishop Woodliff-Stanley
Confirmation of the Secretary	Bishop Woodliff-Stanley
Appointment of Assistant Secretaries	Ms. Wilson
Confirmation of the Chancellor/Vice Chancellor	Bishop Woodliff-Stanley
Appointment of Regional Deans	Bishop Woodliff-Stanley
Confirmation of Appointments to the Commission on Ministry	Bishop Woodliff-Stanley
Bishop's Welcome and Welcome to Special Guests	Bishop Woodliff-Stanley
Report of the New Parishes and Missions Committee	The Very Rev. Joseph Smith
First Report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons	Ms. Melinda Kelley Vice-Chancellor
Recognition of Postulants, New Clergy and Leaders	Bishop Woodliff-Stanley
Report of the Commission on Ministry	The Rev. Charles Jenkins
Report of Transitions in Ministry (TIMS)	The Very Rev. Eric Bash
Report of the Chancellor	Mr. Skip Utsey Chancellor
Report of the Standing Committee	Ms. Vermelle Simmons President of the Standing Committee

3:30 pm Recess

4:00 pm Eucharist at St. John's, reception to follow

Friday, October 30, 2026 – St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center

8 am Registration continues until 9:45 am on the porch of Susanna's House

9 am Morning Formation

10 am Second Business Session: Call to Order

Report of the Lay Credentials Committee — Ms. Antionette Bennett-Bluford

Second Report of the Constitution and Canons Committee — Ms. Melinda Kelley, Vice-Chancellor

Recognition of Institutions — Bishop Woodliff-Stanley

Report of Institution - Bishop Gadsden — The Rev. Charles Jenkins, Chaplain; Ms. Sarah Tipton, President and CEO

Report of Institution - Voorhees University — Dr. Ronnie Hopkins, President

Break

Keynote Address — Dr. Jenny Te Paa Daniel

Break

12 pm Rising Together Campaign Celebration Lunch, music provided by the Voorhees University Choir

1:20 pm Workshops

- Dr. Jenny Te Paa Daniel, *Chapel of the Palms*
- Dr. Beth-Sarah Wright, *Temple Conference Center–Large*
- The Rt. Rev. Ann Ritonia, Bishop Suffragan of the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries, *Kimbel Chapel*
- Dr. Herman Blake and Dr. Emily Moore: "Fessa, there's a road down there: Lessons learned from Grassroots Communities," *Susanna's House*

2:30pm	Third Business Session: Call to Order	Bishop Woodliff-Stanley
	Afternoon Devotion	
	The Bishop's Address	Bishop Woodliff-Stanley
	Break	
	Report of the Nominations Committee	The Rev. Rob Spainhour
	Elections	
	Report of Calvary Icons Project	Mr. Graeme Evelyn Ms. Grace Wingfield
	Report on Eco-Fellows	Ms. Erin Shaffer
	First Report of the Elections Committee	The Rev. Laura Rezac
	First Report of the Resolutions Committee **second ballot if needed*	Ms. Ellen Hardin
	Report of the Treasurer and Board of Trustees	Mr. Barry Ronan Treasurer
	Report of the Diocesan Council including the 2027 Budget	The Very Rev. Joseph Smith Vice-Chair of Council
	Second Report of the Elections Committee **third ballot if needed*	The Rev. Laura Rezac
	Introduction of the Task Force for the Review of Congregational Assessments	The Rev. Michael Crandall
	Report on Congregational Vitality	Canon Ann Fleming
5 pm	Reception: Seafields at Bishop Gadsden	

Saturday, October 31, 2026 – St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center

8:30 am Registration continues until 8:45 am on the porch of Susanna's House

9 am Morning Prayer led by Youth

9:15 am Fourth Business Session: Call to Order	Bishop Woodliff-Stanley
Report of the Youth Commission	The Rev. Brooks Boylan Ms. Dorothy Holland Members of the Youth Commission
Third Report of the Elections Committee	The Rev. Laura Rezac
Recognition of The Citadel Episcopal Cadet Fellowship	The Right Rev. Ann Ritonia
Report of Institution – St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center	The Rev. Laura Rezac Ms. Barbara Christie
Report of the Racial Justice and Reconciliation Commission	Ms. Gail DeCosta Ms. Vermelle Simmons
Special Announcement	Bishop Woodliff-Stanley

Break

Panel Discussion	Bishop Woodliff-Stanley Dr. Jenny Te Paa Daniel Dr. Beth-Sarah Wright

Short break

Second Report of the Committee on Resolutions: Courtesy Resolutions	Ms. Ellen Hardin Diocesan Youth
Report of the Necrology Committee	The Rev. Ricardo Bailey
Invitation to the 237th Convention	Bishop Woodliff-Stanley
Benediction and Adjournment	Bishop Woodliff-Stanley

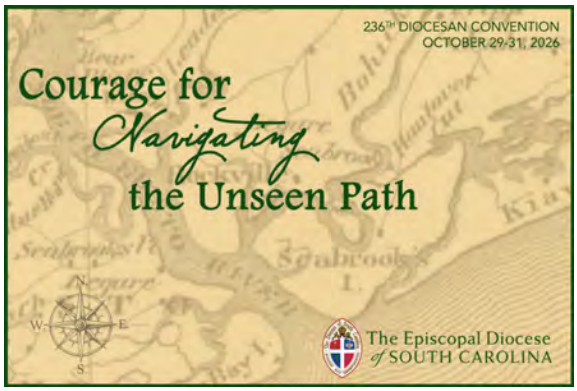
Box Lunch Pick-up and Deanery Huddles

- Pee Dee-Waccamaw: Susanna's House
- Peninsula: Chapel of the Palms
- Southern: Temple Conference Center
- West Charleston: Kimbel Chapel

Addendum: *Special motions governing voting, recommended by the parliamentarians for inclusion in the agenda and order of business adopted by the 236th Convention.*

1. Moved, that on their ballots, voters shall rank alternate delegates in order of preference, 1 through the number of alternate delegates to be elected, with 1 being the preferred candidate and the last number to be elected as the least preferred candidate. In counting the votes, the rankings will be used to determine the most to least preferred alternate delegates who are elected and these preferences shall govern the order in which alternate delegates may be seated in the event any deputy is unable to attend the General Convention.

2. Moved, that this Convention adopt a special rule for this Convention only that permits us to fill the Standing Committee seat vacated by Jane Hart Lewis' resignation by the person receiving the third highest number of votes from among the slate of three lay nominees in the report by the Nominating Committee.



Committee Appointments
236th Annual Convention

Constitution and Canons
Melinda Kelley, Chair
The Rev. Cn. Rob Donehue
The Rev. Cn. Philip Linder
The Rev. Dow Sanderson
The Rev. Michael Shaffer
Skip Utsey, ex-officio

Credentials – Clergy
The Rev. Brooks Boylan, Chair
The Rev. Jenny Newman
The Rev. Fred Thompson

Credentials – Lay
Laura Marshall, Chair
Antionette Bennett
Penny Philo

Elections
The Rev. Laura Rezac, Chair
Rebecca Allen
Deborah Stevens

New Parishes and Missions
The Very Rev. Joseph Smith, Chair
The Rev. Shawan Gillians
Kathlyn Gray
Melinda Kelley, ex officio
Bob Sabalis
Skip Utsey, ex officio

Necrology
The Rev. Ricardo Bailey, Chair

Finance
Barry Ronan, Chair, ex-officio
William Beak
Stephenie Benes
The Rev. Pam Fahrner
Mike Jefferson
The Rev. Cn. Philip Linder
Ted Wingfield
Bishop Ruth Woodliff-Stanley

Nominations
The Rev. Rob Spainhour, Chair
The Very Rev. Eric Bash
Steve Calabro
Deb Harris
The Rev. Julia Madden
Sally Mayse
The Rev. Kevin Sparrow
Nancy Skardon

Resolutions
Ellen Hardin, Chair
Sr. Miriam Elizabeth Bledsoe
The Rev. David Hudspeth
Henry Saunders

REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

236th Annual Convention
The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina

Constitution, Canons, and Rules of Order

Constitutional Amendments

The Proposed Amendments to Article I and Article IX of the Constitution, highlighted in red, will be presented to Convention for First Reading Approval by majority vote of each Order.
If approved for First Reading, the proposed amendments will be presented to Convention in 2027 for Second Reading by two-thirds vote of each Order.

ARTICLE I

Recognition of the Authority of The Episcopal Church **and the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina**

Section 1. The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina accedes to and adopts the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, as they now exist or may hereafter be amended by The Episcopal Church's General Convention and agrees to be permanently and irrevocably governed thereby.

Section 2. **The Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese is the Bishop.**

ARTICLE IX
Standing Committee

Section 1. There shall be a Standing Committee consisting of six canonically resident clergy of the Diocese and six laypersons, who are confirmed communicants in good standing of the Church in the Diocese. The Chancellor **and Vice Chancellor,** unless ~~an~~ elected members of the Standing Committee, shall **serve as legal advisors to** ~~an ex-officio member of~~ the Standing Committee ~~without vote~~. The members of the Standing Committee shall be elected by ballot for a term of three (3) years. At each annual Convention two canonically resident clergy and two laypersons shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. No clergy or layperson whose term has expired shall be eligible for re-election until the passage of one Convention year from the date of said expiration.

Section 2. If there be no Bishop acting as the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, the Standing Committee shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. In all decisions as the Ecclesiastical Authority, the Standing Committee shall vote by Orders; and a majority vote of the members present from each Order shall be necessary for a decision.

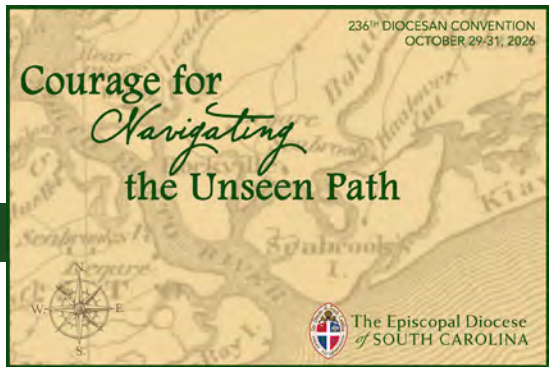
Section 3. At their first meeting after the election the Standing Committee shall choose one of their body to be their president and another member of their body to be their secretary, whose duty it shall be to keep regular minutes of all the proceedings and business of the committee. The committee shall maintain a written record of all of its activities and preserve the records and minutes of its meetings, and may adopt bylaws.

(New) Section 4: **Should a vacancy of a Standing Committee member occur between Annual Conventions, such vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Standing Committee, to serve until the replacement member is elected at the next Annual Convention. The replacement member shall be eligible for election at the next Annual Convention to complete the unexpired term to which such person was elected. Notwithstanding the limitation in Art. IX, Section 1, a person elected at the next Annual Convention to fill a vacancy of one year or less shall be eligible to be elected at the following Annual Convention to a succeeding term of three years. The replacement member for a layperson shall be a layperson of the Diocese, and the replacement for a clergy member shall be a canonically resident member of the clergy of the Diocese.**

The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina
Committee on Constitution & Canons
Committee Members:
The Rev. Canon Rob Donehue
The Rev. Canon Dr. Philip C. Linder, Canon to the Ordinary
The Rev. Dow Sanderson
The Very Rev. Dr. Michael Shaffer
Bert “Skip” Utsey, Chancellor
Melinda Lucka Kelley, Vice Chancellor

NOMINEES FOR DIOCESAN OFFICES

Report Prepared for the 236th Diocesan Convention
As of October 14, 2026



Standing Committee

The Standing Committee is comprised of six clergy and six lay members. The Standing Committee's responsibilities are: to act as the Standing Committee of the diocese in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church, The Constitution of this Diocese (Article IX), and its Canons, including giving consents to Episcopal elections elsewhere in The Episcopal Church; to act as a Council of advice to the Bishop; and to act as Ecclesiastical Authority in absence of the Bishop. Terms are for three years, though this year, one seat is to fill an unexpired two-year term.

Clergy Nominees (2 Clergy Seats):
The Rev. Pam Fahrner
The Rev. B. Shawan Gillians
The Rev. Ned Mulligan

Lay Nominees (3 Lay Seats):
(two for 3-year terms, 1 for 2-year term)
John Gilbert
Deb Harris
Lori Wohlgemuth Tull

Deputy Alternates to the 82nd General Convention in 2027

Deputies and Alternates: Each diocese of The Episcopal Church is entitled to four clergy and four lay deputies at the triennial meetings of the General Convention. Alternate deputies are important should any of the elected deputies be unable to serve, and historically we have elected four in each order. The 82nd General Convention will be held July 3-8, 2027, in Phoenix, Arizona. While the deputies and two alternates were elected last year, two elected clergy deputies have departed the diocese, so this year Convention is asked to elect four clergy alternates and two lay alternates.

Clergy Nominees (4 Alternates needed):
The Rev. Ricardo X.-Z. Bailey
The Rev. Cn. Ryan Currie
The Rev. B. Shawan Gillians
The Rev. Jenny Newman

Lay Nominees (2 Alternates Needed):
Colleen Condon
Molly Hamilton

Trustees of the Diocese

The Trustees of the Diocese include three clergy and three lay members serving in a six-year term. The responsibilities of the Trustees are in accordance with the 1902 Act of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, and include quarterly meetings, and managing the investments, assets, and endowments of the diocese.

Clergy Nominee (1 Clergy Seat):
The Rev. Dr. Jennie Olbrych

Lay Nominee (1 Clergy Seat):
Lesley Gilbert

Trustee, University of the South

The University of the South, located in Sewanee, TN, is owned by the Episcopal dioceses of the southeast, each of which elects two lay persons and one member of the clergy to its Board of Trustees. The Trustees meet once each year for two days. Between annual meetings, Trustees serve the University by promoting its mission, encouraging enrollment, and supporting it financially. Terms are for three years.

Lay Nominee (1 Lay Seat):
William "Bill" Grimes

Additional nominations may be presented to the Nominations Committee on or before October 29, 2026, the first business day of Diocesan Convention.

Additional nominations must include 150 copies of each nominee's photo, nominator statement, and personal statement (which can be on one page).

Standing Committee
Clergy



Name: The Rev. Pam Fahrner

Church: St. Mark's, Port Royal

Nominated by: Sally Mayse

Nominator statement: The Reverend Pam Farhner is ideally suited to serve as a member of the Diocesan Standing Committee, and as advisor to Bishop Ruth. Always cheerful and full of energy, Pam has served most of the small churches in the Southern Deanery and is therefore uniquely suited to advise the bishop on the concerns and challenges of small churches in the rural, southern areas of the Diocese of South Carolina. Pam is a tireless worker for the church and brings a great deal of thoughtful creativity to any task. I believe she will serve the bishop, our Diocese and The Episcopal Church with boundless energy, integrity and enthusiasm. I ask your prayerful consideration to cast your vote for Pam Farhner as clergy member of Standing Committee.

Personal Statement: It has been a privilege to serve this diocese during its foundational and transformative years. Since my arrival in 2013, I have had a front-row seat to our collective journey, navigating periods of transition, the challenges of a global pandemic, and times of leadership vacancy. Serving under the guidance of Bishops von Rosenberg, Adams, and Woodliff-Stanley has provided me with invaluable opportunities to learn, grow, and collaborate with clergy, staff, and parishioners across our community.

My ministry includes many years of service at All Saints, Hilton Head, as well as meaningful engagements with the congregations of All Saints, Hampton; Christ Church, Denmark; Church of the Heavenly Rest, Estill; and The Episcopal Church in Okatie. Most recently, I served as the Interim Rector for St. Mark's in Port Royal, where I now happily worship as a parishioner.
In addition to my parish ministry, I have served on the Diocesan Council for two terms and currently contribute to the diocesan Finance Committee. Following my recent retirement, I am fully energized and uniquely positioned to devote my time, institutional knowledge, and deep love for this diocese's remarkable history to the Standing Committee. I look forward to bringing experience, enthusiasm, and a collaborative spirit to the table.

Standing Committee

Clergy



Name: The Rev. Deacon B. Shawan Gillians

Church: St. Mark's, Charleston

Nominated by: The Rev. Michael Shaffer

Nominator statement: I am honored to nominate the Rev. B. Shawan Gillians to serve on the Standing Committee. Shawan's combination of theological formation, professional expertise, governance experience, and faithful leadership makes her exceptionally well suited for this important ministry. Shawan holds degrees in Economics and Religion from Wofford University, Law from William & Mary, and Business Administration from the University of South Carolina. She is completing her Master of Divinity at Emory University's Candler School of Theology and, God willing and the people consenting, will be ordained a priest in January 2027.

As an attorney and utility executive, Shawan brings extensive experience in strategic planning, financial stewardship, complex decision-making, and collaborative leadership. She currently serves on several boards, including Roper St. Francis Berkeley Hospital, Children's Trust of South Carolina, and the Historic Charleston Foundation. Within our diocese, she has served as a vestry member and senior warden at St. Mark's, Charleston, and on the Strategic Visioning Committee. As a seminarian, she has served at St. Stephen's, Charleston, and Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston. I strongly recommend Shawan. She will bring wisdom, sound judgment, integrity, and a deep commitment to Christ and the leadership and mission of our diocese.

Personal Statement: After being received into The Episcopal Church in 2016 I have been blessed to serve the Church in lay or ordained ministry ever since. At St. Mark's, Charleston, I served in various capacities including as a member of vestry for six years, with five years as senior warden. I have also served on the diocese's Strategic Visioning Team.

I am completing my final semester at Emory University's Candler School of Theology. During seminary, I served at St. Stephen's, Charleston and currently serve as a deacon and seminarian at Grace Church Cathedral. God willing and the bishop and people consenting, I will be ordained to the priesthood in January 2027. Professionally, I have practiced law for nearly twenty years. I am also an executive with experience in finance, strategy, and corporate governance. My community service includes leadership with Coastal Community Foundation, Wofford College, Trident United Way, and other organizations.

I seek to serve on the Standing Committee because I believe faithful governance is itself a ministry. I would bring experience in governance, prayerful discernment, thoughtful counsel, and collaborative leadership to its canonical and advisory responsibilities as we discern together where God is calling our diocese in this season of renewal.

Standing Committee

Clergy



Name: The Rev. Ned Mulligan

Church: St. Bartholomew's, Hartsville

Nominated by: Joseph Rice

Nominator statement: As a parishioner, vestry member and choir member at St. Bartholomew's in Hartsville, I submit my nomination of Ned Mulligan, our priest-in-charge, as a member of the Standing Committee.Ned has brought new life to St. Bart's with his leadership, guidance, knowledge and ability to engage with everyone. His extensive and varied background and experience in both the private sector and in service to Episcopal schools and congregations provide him with a unique perspective that will benefit and enhance the Diocese as we move forward to grow and increase our relevance and reach with both existing and new members.

His theological training and his ability to convey that training in an approachable and accessible manner have endeared him to our congregation--a congregation that has weathered some difficult times and now finds itself moving in a positive and exciting direction. Ned is the driving force behind that growth and change. I am certain that he will bring that same level of dedication, enthusiasm, honesty and devotion to service as a member of the Standing Committee.

Personal Statement: I am seeking election to the Standing Committee because I would welcome the opportunity to serve the diocese in a new way and to offer the experience I have gained through several different chapters of my professional and ministerial life.

Before ordination, I practiced law for 25 years, learning the importance of careful listening, thoughtful analysis, and considering difficult questions from more than one perspective. My years in Episcopal schools—as chaplain, teacher, and administrator—gave me a deep appreciation for the breadth of our Church and for the ways our Episcopal identity can shape communities of faith, learning, and service. Parish ministry has added yet another dimension, allowing me to share closely in the joys, challenges, and hopes of a congregation and the people who call it home.

I have been fortunate to serve the Church in many different settings. At this point in my ministry, I would be grateful for the opportunity to bring those experiences together in service to our diocese, our bishop, our clergy and congregations, and the continuing mission of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

Standing Committee

Lay



Name: John Gilbert

Church: All Saints, Hilton Head Island

Nominated by: The Very Rev. Eric Bash

Nominator statement: John Gilbert is an excellent choice to be on the Standing Committee for the diocese. For the past three years, John has been on the vestry at All Saints Epsicopal Church in Hilton Head. During this time, he has helped lead us through an extremely successful capital campaign as well as leading the congregation during the retirement of the rector and the transitional time while they search for a new rector. As the senior warden, he has facilitated the hiring of our interim rector, and maintained strong communication with the diocese and congregation while we prepare to launch our formal search for the new rector.

John's vast experience as a retired military officer, board member of multiple nonprofit organizations, and integral supporter of his church and our diocese makes him a strong candidate for the Standing Committee. He is a servant leader who is passionate about our message of inclusivity, love, compassion, and care.

Personal Statement: I served in a variety of roles and places in the Air Force, retiring after 26 years, and continue to serve as a teacher, trainer, consultant, and advisor on international arms control, working to reduce the possibility of conflict in various forms and locations. I still devote time to leadership - and followship - in community and educational organizations. I have served on the governing board of our homeowners association (which includes 4400 residences), served in leadership positions with our 700-person World Affairs Council, currently sit on the Boards of the Coastal Discovery Museum and the Hilton Head Ethics Society, and present short courses for local continuing education groups.

My contributions to the religious life of our greater community center on All Saints Episcopal Church, where I have served on the Building and Grounds Committee, lead the team that processes and accounts for weekly donations, and served as a vestry member with responsibility for social justice, as junior warden, and now as senior warden. I have also been a delegate to the diocesan convention and recently led a successful search for our interim rector. I have been married to Lesley for 58+ years and we are proud parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents.

Standing Committee

Lay



Name: Deb Harris

Church: Holy Cross Faith Memorial, Pawleys Island

Nominated by: The Rev. Wil Keith

Nominator statement: Deb Harris has been an active and faithful member of the congregation since joining in 2013. She serves on many, many diocese committees and initiatives and currently has a leadership role in the diocesan Capital Campaign, "Rising Together." Deb has always finished whatever she has started and the work along the way is consistently excellent. Her work is vital to both parish and diocese and she provides a strong link between the two. She is a joy to work with.

Personal Statement: It would be my honor to serve as a lay member of the Standing Committee. I am a lifelong Episcopalian. I was born, raised and spent the majority of my life in the Washington, DC metropolitan area and moved to South Carolina in March 2013. I was an active member of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Springfield, VA for more than 25 years and was involved in many ministries: vestry, altar guild, outreach committee, lay eucharistic minister, Sunday school teacher, EYC leader, delegate to diocesan convention, search committees, discernment committees, and lay committees for seminarians. I'm involved in many ministries at HCFM: vestry, Stephen Ministry, ECW, acolyte, usher, and verger. I also served on the Diocesan Stewardship and Development Committee, the Strategic Visioning Committee, the Feasibility Study, and am currently working on our diocesan capital campaign. I was recently appointed assistant secretary to diocesan convention. I served as a lay deputy to the 80th and 81st General Conventions and I plan to serve again at the 82nd General Convention next year.

I am retired from a 35 year career as a system engineer and defense contractor. I have an adult daughter and was very involved in her schools and activities--church, symphonic and marching bands, lacrosse and karate.

Standing Committee

Lay



Name: Lori Wohlgemuth Tull

Church: Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston

Nominated by: The Rev. Roy Tripp

Nominator statement: I am delighted to nominate Lori Wohlgemuth Tull to serve on the Standing Committee of the Diocese of South Carolina. I first met Lori when she and her husband, Tom Tull, began attending St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Port Royal, where I was rector. From the beginning I was impressed with Lori's ease of connecting with people. Her listening skills, her inquisitive desire to learn more than what's just at the surface and her ability to ask questions that engage people are all aspects that would add value to the Standing Committee.

Lori's faith and her love of The Episcopal Church is evident by the many levels of involvement in the life of our diocese. While at St. Mark's, Lori became active participating as a lay reader and usher. She also played a pivotal role in establishing the Sacred Ground Program and was a facilitator for several programs. Lori is also focused on her own spiritual growth having completed the highly-intensive Education for Ministry Program. Lori will bring a proactive engagement to the committee coupled with a welcoming personality, and insights gained from living her faith in the public square.

Personal Statement: Raised in the Roman Catholic faith, growing unease with church doctrine led my husband and me to The Episcopal Church and our first Choral Eucharist at Grace Church Cathedral in October 2017. Within 30 minutes, we knew we had found our new spiritual home. After completing the Inquirers Class, we were received into The Episcopal Church in May 2018.

Since my reception into The Episcopal Church, I have been honored and humbled to serve in two different churches within the diocese: Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston and St. Mark's, Port Royal as lay reader and usher. Additional ministries in which I serve include Church Mouse Boutique/ Tea Room team member, Canterbury House Tea coordinator, Grace-to-Go food prep/greeter, and Community Supper team member.

In 2023, I participated in the inaugural Sacred Ground Program at St. Mark's. Greatly impacted by the experience and motivated to use my background as an adult learning professional to work with others building Beloved Community within the diocese, I co-facilitated two Sacred Ground Circles in 2024 and 2025. During this time, I also completed the Education for Ministry Program – a transformative spiritual experience for me.

The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina has given me the opportunity to serve my neighbors and the Lord in many capacities. And yet, I believe spiritual growth also comes with stretching oneself beyond what is most comfortable and listening for where the Holy Spirit may be directing me to go. At this point in my spiritual journey, I feel called to offer my name for consideration as a Standing Committee lay candidate.

Alternate Deputy, 82nd General Convention
Clergy



Name: The Rev. Ricardo X.-Z. Bailey

Church: Calvary, Charleston

Nominated by: Vermelle Simmons

Nominator statement: The Reverend Ricardo Bailey, seventh rector of Historic Calvary, brings significant pastoral experience and expertise in church law to the community. He serves on the Standing Committee and is a member of The Title IV Commission. Rev. Bailey also takes an active role in CAJM programs, a member of Three Churches United, participates in weekly ministry at Grace Church Cathedral, and acts as a pilgrimage leader of Racial Healing.

Father Bailey was initially ordained as a priest in the Holy Catholic Church in Atlanta, GA, and has served in the priesthood since 2003. In 2011, he was received into The Episcopal Church by Bishop Neil Alexander. He held numerous roles in The Diocese of Atlanta under Bishop Wright's leadership. During his service in Atlanta, Father Bailey was selected by then Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry to be one of three chaplains to the House of Bishops within The Episcopal Church.

Father Bailey is known for his approachability, respect for diverse perspectives, and his willingness to engage in governance. His collaborative spirit and commitment to clear communication are valuable assets to our deputation.

Personal Statement: My name is Father Ricardo Bailey, and I am a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. I serve as the rector of the Historic Calvary Episcopal Church in Charleston.
I believe I would be a strong candidate to serve as an alternate clergy deputy for General Convention because I am familiar with the work of the House of Deputies on a large scale. Additionally, I believe my presence would bring a sense of balance and a renewed sense of purpose, affirming that there is a place for everyone at the table. I desire to serve God in this important role, and I trust that this intention will better equip me to be a servant leader in our beloved diocese.

Alternate Deputy, 82nd General Convention
Clergy



Name: The Rev. Cn. Ryan Currie

Church: All churches in the diocese (Bishop's Staff)

Nominated by: Deb Harris

Nominator statement: It is an honor and a privilege to nominate Ryan Currie to serve as a clergy alternate deputy for the 82nd General Convention. I have known Ryan since he came to our diocese as Holy Cross Faith Memorial's Assistant Rector in 2019. I have worked with him in a variety of capacities and have come to know him as a faithful, knowledgeable, compassionate, enthusiastic priest and friend. He would be an excellent addition to our deputation.

Personal Statement: I would be pleased to serve the diocese as a clergy alternate to the General Convention. I have wanted to participate in a General Convention for quite some time, but so far, I have not had the opportunity to do so. I believe that my experience of the broader church and my history in this diocese qualifies me to be a good representative for South Carolina Episcopalians, and I would be grateful for your support.

Alternate Deputy, 82nd General Convention
Clergy



Name: The Rev. Deacon Shawan Gillians

Church: St. Mark's, Charleston

Nominated by: The Rev. Michael Shaffer

Nominator statement: I am pleased to nominate the Rev. B. Shawan Gillians to serve as alternate clergy deputy to the 82nd General Convention of The Episcopal Church. An attorney and clergy, Shawan brings a unique combination of legal expertise, knowledge of canon and constitutional law, and familiarity with church polity. As a former senior warden of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Charleston, she understands the needs and concerns of vestry leadership from a lay perspective. Her experience as a seminarian at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and Grace Church Cathedral also gives her insight into the ministry and concerns of clergy.

Shawan has earned an excellent reputation in the wider church, including her selection by the Rev. Canon Ron Byrd to serve on the planning committee for The Episcopal Church's 2026 Seminarians of Color Conference. Shawan's credentials and experience make her exceptionally well qualified. With our current clergy deputation comprised exclusively of white male clergy, her election would broaden the perspectives and representation of our deputation and better reflect the diversity of our beloved diocese. I strongly urge her election.

Personal Statement: My experience in The Episcopal Church has given me the opportunity to see its common life from several perspectives - as a parishioner, vestry member, senior warden, a postulant and candidate for holy orders, and now a deacon. I currently serve at Grace Church Cathedral, following service as the seminarian on staff at St. Stephen's - Charleston. I am completing my final semester at Candler School of Theology at Emory University and, God willing and the Bishop and people consenting, will be ordained to the priesthood in January 2027.

Beyond the church, I am an attorney and a utility executive with experience in strategy, finance, communications, and governance. My community service has included leadership with educational, philanthropic, healthcare, and civic organizations throughout South Carolina. I would welcome the opportunity to serve our diocese at General Convention, where the breadth and diversity of The Episcopal Church gather to discern our common life and witness. I would bring careful preparation, thoughtful engagement with differing perspectives, and a willingness to listen deeply before reaching conclusions. I hope to represent our diocese faithfully while contributing to the wider Church's discernment of how God is calling us to proclaim the Gospel in our time.

Alternate Deputy, 82nd General Convention
Clergy



Name: The Rev. Jenny Newman

Church: St. Mark's, Port Royal

Nominated by: Barney Forsythe

Nominator statement: It is my honor to nominate the Rev. Jenny Newman, rector of St. Mark's in Port Royal, as an alternate delegate to General Convention. Jenny brings many gifts to this important service. Before ordination in 2021, she spent 10 years as a neurocognitive research specialist, counselor, and adjunct university professor. Prior to her call to the Lowcountry, Jenny was rector of a parish in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and a university campus chaplain. She is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree, with a concentration in leadership. Jenny is a gifted preacher, engaging and collaborative leader, and strategic visionary who is fully grounded in the Gospel of Christ. In the short time she has been at St. Mark's, she has initiated a parish-wide discernment process that will lead to a clearer understanding of our values, mission, and vision, so that our congregation can be more intentional about how God is calling us to love and serve. As an alternate delegate to General Convention, she will listen deeply, discern where the Holy Spirit is leading The Episcopal Church, and participate collaboratively in charting the next phase of our church's ministry.

Personal Statement: Serving as an alternate to General Convention would be a rare chance to learn more deeply about The Episcopal Church while taking part in shaping its future. Currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry in Leadership for Wonder, I've been exploring how curiosity and deeper questions shape how we lead and discern together, and I bring a mission-focused orientation to that work. My hope is to see us move beyond stagnant models of church into places of joy and service where all belong and know themselves as God's beloved. Here in the Lowcountry, we have no shortage of deconstructing evangelicals seeking a spiritual home; helping The Episcopal Church recognize itself as that home is work I care deeply about.

Though new to South Carolina, I bring relevant experience: three years on my previous diocese's Executive Committee, service on its Commission on Ministry and Racial Justice Task Force, and ongoing leadership of pilgrimages serving the local and national church. What I'd bring to Convention is a willingness to listen widely, notice what's emerging, and help name the questions we're being called to ask. I hope to carry that discernment home to serve our shared life and ministry.

Alternate Deputy, 82nd General Convention
Lay



Name: Colleen Condon

Church: St. Peter's, Charleston (West Ashley)

Nominated by: The Rev. Courtney Davis-Shoemaker

Nominator statement: I have known Colleen since they began attending St. Stephen's, Charleston, and I am honored to now serve alongside them at St. Peter's in West Ashley. As bishop's warden, Colleen's commitment to renewing an Episcopal presence in West Ashley has been unwavering. They have been instrumental in helping us navigate significant building challenges while also discerning how we build a faithful and welcoming community.

Colleen brings valuable legal experience, careful attention to detail, and an ability to work through complex questions without losing sight of the people involved. When challenges at St. Peter's have felt overwhelming, Colleen has consistently helped us identify a path forward. Colleen is also deeply committed to ensuring that The Episcopal Church is grounded in God's love and reaches out to those who have experienced harm from the Church, particularly members of the LGBTQ+ community. They have helped engage our congregation in Park Circle Pride and the Charleston Pride Festival.

Colleen understands both the importance of thoughtful legislation and the relationships necessary to accomplish meaningful work. I believe these gifts, along with their deep commitment to The Episcopal Church, would make them a valuable member of South Carolina's General Convention deputation if called to serve.

Personal Statement: I would be honored to join the SC delegation to the 82nd General Convention as a lay alternate. I currently serve as bishop's warden to St. Peter's, on the Commission on Ministry (COM), Bishop's Advisory Committee on Ministry (BACOM), and on the diocesan Social Infrastructure Task Force. Participating in the convention would give me opportunities to learn more from others on ways I can be of increased service here at home.

Our diocesan churches helped me find God again after feeling shunned and isolated for many years. I was received into The Episcopal Church in 2018 at St. Stephen's, Charleston, where I served on the vestry, capital campaign committee, and as chancellor.

My professional career is as a Family Court lawyer and mediator. I have previously served three times at the DNC National Convention as a delegate and a Rules Committee member, and I humbly suggest that these skills could be helpful. Proud to be a queer Episcopalian, I represented our diocese at the Full and Equal Conference in Minneapolis in September, better comprehending the tremendous decisions our church has made to make LGBTQ+ people feel radically included. I want to continue the pursuit of that promise.

Alternate Deputy, 82nd General Convention
Lay



Name: Molly Hamilton

Church: Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston

Nominated by: Vermelle Simmons

Nominator statement: Molly has served the diocese as director of communications since July 2019. Through my roles on the Standing Committee and the Diocesan Racial Justice and Reconciliation Commission, I have had the opportunity to work with her. Molly is efficient, knowledgeable, and she provides valuable insight. Her experience as a diocesan communicator has enabled her to work closely with diocesan deputies and to understand the responsibilities involved in representing the diocese.

Molly attended the last General Convention as both a visitor and a diocesan communicator. In connection with that convention and the previous General Convention, she worked closely with our diocesan deputies, reporting on their experiences from the months of preparation through their daily reports during the event. Through this work, Molly has gained valuable familiarity with what deputies need to do to best serve our diocese while attending and participating in this important gathering of the wider Church. Given her experience, knowledge, and familiarity with the work of diocesan deputies, she would be a great representative of our diocese as a lay alternate deputy, should she be elected.

Personal Statement: It would be an honor to serve as an alternate deputy for the 82nd General Convention in Phoenix next year. As diocesan director of communication, I have been very involved with our delegation for the two General Conventions held since I began in this role in July 2019. I observed remotely due to the pandemic for the 80th General Convention, and then I attended the 81st General Convention in Kentucky.

It was very enlightening to be there and view firsthand the impact that deputies from dioceses across The Episcopal Church can have on the direction our Church takes in the future. General Convention is shorter now than before the pandemic, and I believe having alternates is even more important as long sessions can lead to a need for a short break! I am already planning to attend in Phoenix and it would be a privilege to be able to particpate with our deputation, if only for a brief time. I'd be honored to serve in this role.

Trustee, The Diocese of South Carolina

Clergy



Name: The Rev. Dr. Jennie Olbrych

Church: St. Mark's, Charleston

Nominated by: The Rev. Dow Sanderson

Nominator statement: The Reverend Jennie Olbrych knows and loves the Diocese of South Carolina. Her rich and varied experience as rector, school chaplain, spiritual director, counselor, and friend to so many gives her a detailed overview of all the ministries of our diocese. She has served in most elected positions on the diocesan level and is now offering her gifts as a Trustee. All who know her value her wisdom, her calm demeanor, and her good humor. She has the ability to see the full measure of our past (the good and the bad) as well as a good understanding of our future needs for growth and sustainability. I have known and admired her for more than 30 years, and am honored to submit her name, and I commend her to your consideration

Personal Statement: I would be honored to serve our diocese in a fiduciary capacity as a Trustee. Building up The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina has been my call for decades and has taken many forms over the years. From settled calls in rural and suburban settings, to working with congregations in transition or crisis, to serving on a diocesan level in many capacities, I bring an awareness of the history, financial and property challenges and opportunities of our congregations and Diocese. Strengthening the institutional well-being of congregations for mission has been a key element in my work and has included untangling budgetary, property, and trust concerns. I have overseen capital campaigns, manage investments and several trusts, and would welcome the opportunity to bring this experience to the diocese by serving as a Trustee.

Trustee, The Diocese of South Carolina
Lay



Name: Lesley Gilbert

Church: All Saints, Hilton Head Island

Nominated by: Joyce Emmett

Nominator statement: I consider it a privilege to nominate Lesley Gilbert for the position of Lay Trustee of the Diocese. I met Lesley shortly after joining All Saints Episcopal Church back in 2014. Although she had only been at All Saints for a couple of years, Lesley was already involved in a number of ministries, as well as volunteering and serving in a number of community programs. I had the opportunity to serve with her on the Vestry and as an advisor to the All Saints Preschool. Lesley was a critical contributor to the creation of the All Saints Child Development Center in 2023, a program designed to serve children and families that would otherwise not be able to afford quality preschool education and childcare. At the 2024 Diocesan Convention, Bishop Ruth Woodiff-Stanley recognized the school by presenting the "Becoming Beloved Community" Spotlight Award to All Saints. With her background and skills, Lesley has the unique ability to both provide leadership in financial matters, while maintaining a passion for social justice and outreach initiatives.

Personal Statement: My career centered around finance and accounting, having started as a financial analyst and retiring as Vice-President of Finance for a major consulting firm headquartered in Washington, D.C. When I retired, I wanted to use the experience I had gained in business, both the technical aspects, but as importantly, people development and team leadership. This led to involvement and leadership in philanthropic and community organizations. I had the privilege of serving on the Advisory Board, including Chair, of Women in Philanthropy, a women's giving circle of over 200 women supporting local non-profits through annual grant-making. Other groups include the Symphony League, our homeowners' association finance committee, and World Affairs Council.

My goal when moving here was to be part of a church community. All Saints has provided me with opportunities from serving on and chairing the Finance Commission; the vestry; Foundation Board, including chair; the preschool board; and capital campaign committees. I was also a delegate to diocesan conventions and participated in Sacred Ground.

I was honored to serve on the search committee for our rector, which was followed by the privilege to be on the search committee for our bishop. On a personal note, John and I have been married for 58 years, have two sons, three grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Trustee, The University of the South
Lay



Name: Bill Grimes

Church: All Saints, Hilton Head Island

Nominated by: Sally Mayse

Nominator statement: William Grimes, universally known as Billy, is uniquely suited to represent the Diocese of South Carolina as a Trustee for the University of the South. Billy's son Will is a graduate of Sewanee, as are Will's wife and almost all of her family. Billy is immersed in Sewanee whenever there is a family gathering. Additionally, Will is a Delta Airlines pilot after Billy taught him to fly, utilizing the small airport at Sewanee. Another compelling attribute for your consideration is that Billy serves as teacher, coach and mentor to the Young Eagles, a high school flying program and is a lifeguard at the Beaufort YMCA. Both of these activities give Billy access to potential Sewanee students, a large group of talented, attractive and highly motivated young people. Billy Grimes is our man! Elect him as Trustee, University of the South.

Personal Statement: Thank you for considering me as a nominee as a Trustee of Sewanee representing the Diocese of South Carolina. It is an honor to be under consideration to potentially participate in the future direction of an institution that I admire and hold in such high regard. My wife Susan and I have been members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Port Royal for the past 10 years. I currently participate as a member of the vestry where my subcommittee focus is on stewardship.

I graduated from Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology—and, like many graduates in the 1970s, not much idea of what I was going to do with it. While at Bowling Green, I played on the lacrosse team and was fortunate to be part of two championship seasons with an outstanding group of teammates. My career eventually led me into consulting, where I worked as a safety consultant and later as Director of Safety for several companies. My focus was on Safety Management Systems, human factors engineering, and flight safety. Later in life, I traded the consulting role for the cockpit and became a line pilot for a large business jet management company before retiring several years ago. Retirement, however, has been anything but quiet. Today I provide flight instruction at Beaufort Executive Airport, where I have the privilege of helping people develop the skills and confidence to become pilots. It's a rewarding way to meet interesting people, occasionally test my nerves, and watch someone achieve a lifelong dream. I also enjoy serving a few shifts each week as a lifeguard at the Port Royal YMCA.

My connection to Sewanee is primarily through family. Our son Will graduated from Sewanee in 2011 and his wife Cleo as well, in 2012. Will played lacrosse on the first NCAA division 3 team at Sewanee for four years which led us to becoming regular visitors and fully embracing the culture and beauty of "The Domain." Thank you once again for considering me as a Trustee at Sewanee representing the Diocese of South Carolina. It would be an honor if selected to participate in any way to help support an institution such as the University of the South. I have witnessed first hand the end results that an educational experience at Sewanee can provide a young individual and the spiritual leadership it develops for future clergy.

Resolution #001

Resolution – Resolved, that the 236th Annual Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina recognizes The Historic Calvary Episcopal Church in Charleston as the first site in the United States of America for artist Graeme Mortimer Evelyn's international project to install altarpieces marking important sites connected to the transatlantic slave trade. The altarpiece was dedicated and blessed by the Right Reverend Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, Bishop of South Carolina, on October 10, 2026.

Explanation - This altarpiece is rooted in oral histories, archival research, and community engagement. The artwork honors Calvary's faith, history, and resilience and connects its legacy to Charleston's central role in the transatlantic slave trade. The Calvary Icons Project altarpiece is part of the artist's larger mission, including a completed altarpiece in Bristol, England, and proposed altarpieces in Barbados and Ghana.

2027 Budget - Diocesan Council

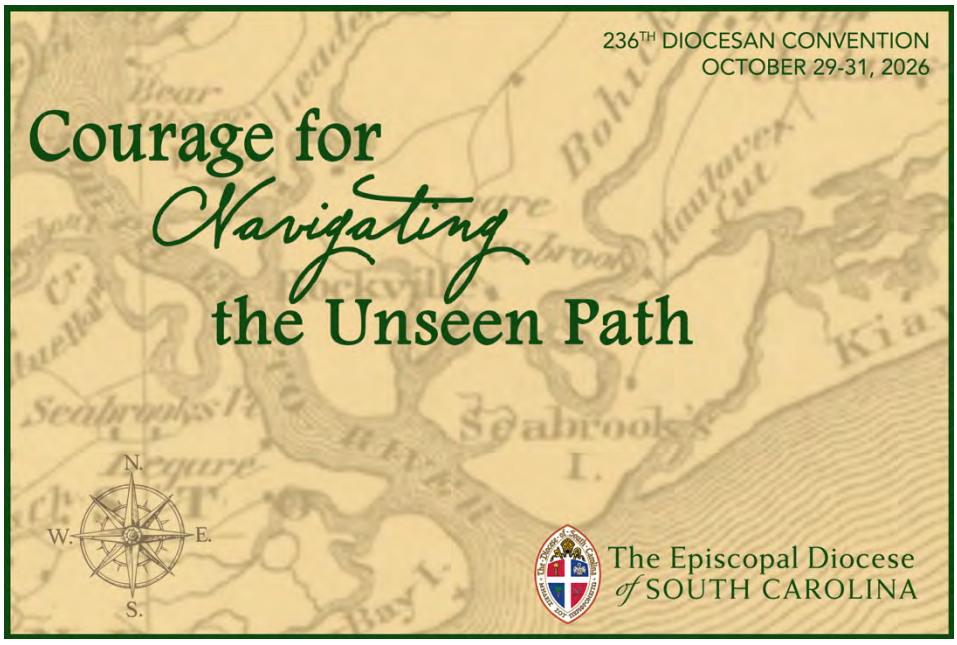
2027 NUM	Line Item Description	2026 EOY Estimate	2027 Budget	% Change	NOTES
40000	***Operations & Programs Income***	***$3,246,988***	***$3,426,759***	***+6%***	
40100	*Income, Parishes & Missions*	*$651,041*	*$856,759*	*+32%*	
40200	Income, Individuals & Institutions	$72,992	$100,000	+37%	Note: This is an estimate based on actual receipts during 2024 through 2026-to-date.
40310	Income, TEC Grants, TEC Grant for Voorhees	$129,800	$170,000	+31%	
40800	Income, Other	$518,155	$500,000	-4%	Note: This is an estimate based on actual receipts during 2024 through 2026-to-date.
40910	Income, Capital Asset Disbursements, Operations & Programs	$1,875,000	$1,800,000	-4%	
52000	***Program Expenses, Seeking Justice***	***($200,447)***	***($89,000)***	***-56%***	
52300	Program Expenses, Seeking Justice, Action Now Outreach Ministries (ANOM)	($15,143)	($14,000)	-8%	Examples: Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy, Dominican Development Group, Episcopal Relief & Development.
52400	Program Expenses, Seeking Justice, Repair/Rebuild/Renewal Ministry (RRRM)	($185,304)	($75,000)	-60%	Examples: Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage, Partnership with the Province of West Africa, Racial Reconciliation & Social Justice, Voorhees Support.
53000	***Program Expenses, Spreading Christ's Love***	***($323,582)***	***($196,000)***	***-39%***	
53100	Program Expenses, Spreading Christ's Love, Gathering In Faith (GIF)	($69,221)	($60,000)	-13%	Examples: Clergy Events, Deanery Meetings, Retired Clergy Gathering, Youth Programming.
53200	Program Expenses, Spreading Christ's Love, Parish/Missions Support and Grants (PMSG)	($222,556)	($100,000)	-55%	
53300	Program Expenses, Spreading Christ's Love, Education & Training (E&T)	($16,150)	($20,000)	+24%	Examples: College Ministry Programs, Conference Fees, Scholarships, Leadership and Other Education Resources
53400	Program Expenses, Spreading Christ's Love, Communications	($15,655)	($16,000)	+2%	Note: Approximately $7,000 of this is attributable to 2025.
54000	***Program Expenses, Walking Humbly with Our God***	***($234,010)***	***($361,677)***	***+55%***	
54100	Program Expenses, Walking Humbly with Our God, External Mission Support (EMS)	($218,041)	($339,677)	+56%	Examples: TEC Assessment, Province IV Assessment, Seminary Support, Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, University of the South, Kanuga, Porter Gaud. Note: The original 2026 estimate for the TEC assessment was assumed to be 3% higher than 2025. The assessment was calculated in Jan, 2026 ($336,000) the re-calculated in Sep,2026 ($202,541) for 2027 ($323,677).
54200	Program Expenses, Walking Humbly with Our God, Internal Mission Support (IMS)	($15,969)	($22,000)	+38%	Examples: Annual Diocesan Convention, Seminarian Support, Background Checks, Commission on Ministry, EFM.

2027 Budget - Diocesan Council

2027 NUM	Line Item Description	2026 EOY Estimate	2027 Budget	% Change	NOTES
61000	***Operating Expenses, Episcopate***	***($422,965)***	***($423,656)***	***+0%***	
61100	Operating Expenses, Episcopate, Bishop S&B	($270,121)	($275,865)	+2%	
61200	Operating Expenses, Episcopate, Executive Assistant S&B	($102,819)	($112,791)	+10%	
61310	Operating Expenses, Episcopate, Travel/Entertainment, Within the Diocese	($4,882)	($10,000)	+105%	
61320	Operating Expenses, Episcopate, Travel/Entertainment, Outside the Diocese	($45,143)	($25,000)	-45%	
62000	***Operating Expenses, Seeking Justice***	***($318,749)***	***($332,075)***	***+4%***	
62100	Operating Expenses, Seeking Justice, Cn for Justice and Future Leaders S&B	($153,698)	($162,072)	+5%	
62200	Operating Expenses, Seeking Justice, Dean of Chapel and Spiritual Engagement S&B	($165,051)	($170,003)	+3%	$127,308 comes from a grant from TEC (see above). Note: The grant may increase based on the projected EOY value (~$165K).
63000	***Operating Expenses, Spreading Christ's Love***	***($305,221)***	***($125,668)***	***-59%***	
63100	Operating Expenses, Spreading Christ's Love, Cn for Congregational Vitality S&B	($158,492)			Note: TEC and EDoSC are working on the details for shared time with the position. Note: TEC has agreed to fund this position completely during the transition.
63200	Operating Expenses, Spreading Christ's Love, Dir. of Communications S&B	($108,308)	($113,668)	+5%	
63300	Operating Expenses, Spreading Christ's Love, Chaplain to the Retired	($38,421)	($12,000)	-69%	
64000	***Operating Expenses, Walking Humbly with Our God***	***($243,092)***	***($172,819)***	***-29%***	
64100	Operating Expenses, Walking Humbly with Our God, Cn to the Ordinary S&B	($76,162)	($83,960)	+10%	
64200	Operating Expenses, Walking Humbly with Our God, Cn for Common Mission S&B	($166,930)	($88,859)	-47%	Note: TEC and EDoSC are working on the details for shared time with the position. Note: TEC has agreed to fund 50% of this position during the transition.

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2027 NUM	Line Item Description	2026 EOY Estimate	2027 Budget	% Change	NOTES
65000	***Operating Expenses, Administrative***	***($1,079,360)***	***($1,041,332)***	***-4%***	
65100	Operating Expenses, Administrative, Dir. of Finance and Administration S&B	($129,332)	($153,367)	+19%	
65200	Operating Expenses, Administrative, Comptroller S&B	($112,795)	($119,875)	+6%	
65300	Operating Expenses, Administrative, Office Operations (Ops)	($71,654)	($45,000)	-37%	Examples: Rent (Calvary & Grace), Office Supplies, Office Maintenance, Diocesan Gifts & Memorials, etc.
65400	Operating Expenses, Administrative, Computer/Network Equipment/Software/Subscriptions (IT)	($18,649)	($45,000)	+141%	Examples: Network Management (Cloud-Based ZTA), Computer Equipment, Software Licensing, TENS, etc.
65510	Operating Expenses, Administrative, Insurance, Liability (Ins-L) Workers Compensation	($78,214)	($50,000)	-36%	
65520	Operating Expenses, Administrative, Insurance, Property (Ins-P) Church Insurance & Surety Bond	($325,545)	($400,000)	+23%	Note: This continues to rise across the industry. The Diocese will engage CIC in verifying proper risk evaluation. In addition, the Diocese will continue to ensure appropriate support of churches in need.
~~*65610*~~	~~*Operating Expenses, Administrative, Taxes, Federal Employment Tax*~~	~~*($476)*~~	~~*($125,000)*~~		*DELETED - These costs are included in the staff S&B totals.*
65620	Operating Expenses, Administrative, Taxes, Property Taxes	($73,696)	($15,000)	-80%	Note: These are continuing to be challenged on our behalf by Forvis-Mazars (based on our 501(c)(3) status).
65700	Operating Expenses, Administrative, Banking Fees	($3,021)	($3,090)	+2%	
65800	Operating Expenses, Administrative, Contract Services (CS)	($190,843)	($120,000)	-37%	Examples: Chancellor Expenses, Payroll Processing, Annual Audit, etc.
65900	Operating Expenses, Administrative, Other	($75,135)	($90,000)	+20%	Examples: Staff Travel Expenses (~$30K), Coming Street Expenses (~$20K), Investment Fees (~$40K), Etc. Note: The 2026 Budget under estimated for Staff Travel. Note: 129 Coming Street and Investment Fees were formerly unbudgeted.
70000	***Operating & Program Expenses***	***($3,127,426)***	***($2,742,227)***	***-12%***	
40000	***Operations & Programs Income***	***$3,246,988***	***$3,426,759***	***+6%***	
99100	**NET TOTAL (Operations & Programs)**	**$119,562**	**$684,532**	**+473%**	
		***On pace** to receive **6.4%** from the Diocese.*	***Assuming 8%** giving from the Diocese.*		



Report of Institutions

The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina

236th Annual Diocesan Convention

Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community
Report to the 2026 Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina

This has been a year of significant growth and renewal. Across our two campuses, our commitment to helping residents and team members flourish is reflected in new residences, renewed spaces for worship and wellness, expanded pastoral care, outreach partnerships, and educational support for team members. The mission that guided our past now carries us forward: to embrace God's call to ministry, to serve with integrity, to exercise wise stewardship, and to reach out with a generous spirit.

Seafields
Seafields, our newest community on Johns Island, marks an exciting chapter of growth in Bishop Gadsden's history. By September, 89 percent of residences were occupied or reserved. Marshview Assisted Living opened October 6th with 14 of the 16 residences reserved. A substantial and growing waiting list reflects the community's strong reception. Seafields' financial progress includes redeeming more than $111 million of its original bond principal over 12 months ahead of projections. Philanthropic gifts exceeded $500,000 in the first nine months of operations, supporting the spiritual, social, and recreational life of the community.

Seafields is also building relationships throughout the Sea Islands, welcoming nonprofit organizations to use its gathering spaces and developing ties for pastoral care and shared ministry with St. John's Episcopal Church on Johns Island. We are especially honored to host a reception at Seafields for this year's Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina.

Renewal and Investment at Bishop Gadsden
At our Charleston campus, work is underway on Reimagining Wellness, featuring an expanded fitness center, new aquatic center and spa, fitness studio, and outdoor pickleball/multisport courts. The new Wellness spaces are anchored by a dynamic Hub, with a coffee & juice bar and gathering spaces. The project also features a new performing arts venue and event courtyard, sized to accommodate the growing community. In addition, a unified health pavilion brings together expanded outpatient therapy, an enlarged pharmacy, and a renovated medical clinic, alongside new resident meeting rooms, administrative offices, and a dedicated Team Member Retreat.

These improvements reflect our conviction that aging should be accompanied by continued growth, meaningful engagement, and abundant support for healthy living. Nearly $3 million in philanthropic support has been committed to date, and giving continues to grow.

Chapel and Pastoral Care
The spiritual life of Bishop Gadsden continues to flourish, rooted in the worship, traditions, and theology of the Episcopal Church, with the Chapel at its heart, where residents, families, and team members gather to worship, pray, celebrate, and seek comfort in the presence of God.

This 20-year anniversary of the Chapel brought significant renewal, including ceiling repairs, refreshed interior, and chancel enhancements. New chairs accommodate a variety of liturgical arrangements, recalling the great collegiate chapels of the Anglican tradition. These improvements preserve the dignity and beauty of Anglican worship while keeping the space welcoming, accessible, and adaptable. Our worship life is enriched by the exceptional gifts of our choir and Choral Scholars. Holy Eucharist, Choral Evensong, and the observance of the Church's holy days are central to our common life, while sacred music connects residents to the rich musical inheritance of the Anglican tradition and welcomes the wider Charleston community into the Chapel.

The Rev. Shawn L. Griffith joined Bishop Gadsden as full-time Associate Chaplain, ministering primarily to residents, families, and team members of the Gadsden Glen Center for Health and Rehab. His presence among

those receiving skilled nursing care, memory support, and short-term rehabilitation has strengthened pastoral care across every level of our community.

Through our Koinonia initiative, we warmly engaged with congregations throughout the Diocese to strengthen fellowship and ministry through visits, social gatherings, shared worship, and musical offerings. For residents whose relationships with their home parishes have changed with age, these connections affirm that they remain valued members of the wider Episcopal Church.

Outreach and Service to the Wider Community
Outreach remains an essential expression of our Christian mission. Early this year we gave over $300,000 in outreach grants from 2025 to three worthy entities: Sea Island Habitat for Humanity, St. James Episcopal Church, and the Ferguson Village Neighborhood Association. Funds raised in 2026 will support nine organizations selected by residents addressing housing, education, food insecurity, and other essential human needs. These partnerships reflect our mission of Christian stewardship in the greater community.

Supporting Those Who Serve
Positive team-member engagement has reached an all-time high, with more than 500 employees participating in our most recent survey. Philanthropic support for team-member appreciation reached record levels at the end of 2025, and during 2026 more than $150,000 in scholarships and debt relief was provided to support team members' continued education, professional development, and financial stability. These investments reflect a core principle of our common life: the dignity and well-being of those who provide care are inseparable from those of the people who receive it. We are grateful for the individuals whose daily work gives tangible expression to the values upon which Bishop Gadsden was founded.

Looking Forward
Bishop Gadsden has been shaped by the conviction that Christian faith must find expression in how we care for one another. We are deeply grateful to the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina for its partnership, prayers, and continued support. It is our privilege to advance the legacy entrusted to the Church more than a century and three-quarters ago, confident that the same God who inspired its beginning continues to call us into a future filled with promise.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah E. H. Tipton
President/CEO

The Rev. Charles E. Jenkins
Director of Pastoral Care and Chaplain

Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Communities

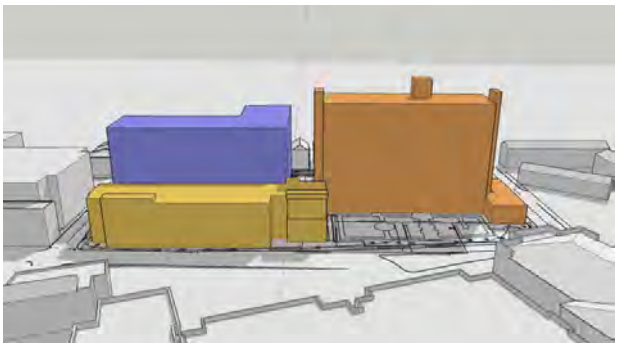
Canterbury House is expanding. The objective is to offer additional independent living units to the growing senior population in our Charleston, SC community. During the past two years, the Canterbury's development team has created plans for campus construction of a new 150-unit building. This facility would be integrated with its existing two buildings and available to anyone 62 or older who meets annual income guidelines. Once complete, the campus will encompass Canterbury House East, a four-story building with 46 (minus units on second floor) units, and Canterbury House West, a thirteen-story high-rise with 204 units, and the new building, Canterbury House South.



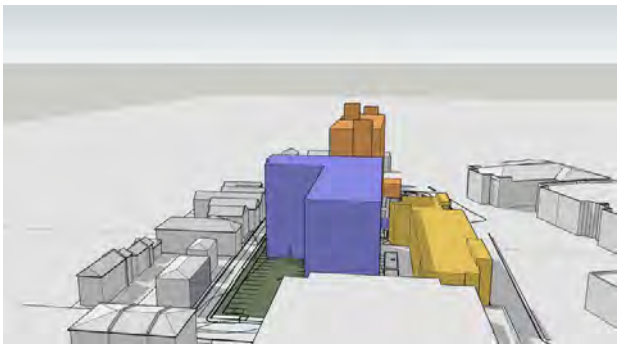


The project will cost an estimated $120 million, which include construction of the South building, updating and renovating the West building, and modifications to the East building. The expansion of affordable senior housing units will also be supported by accommodations for food services, social services, and governmental agency support for the elderly. Most importantly, the phasing of the project's elements will be coordinated in such a fashion as to eliminate any resident displacement during the project; and equally important, to maintain its affordability to residents and the community at large.

Architectural design focused and synergized on Canterbury's hidden presence while incorporating design for parking and "green spaces," including a park for residents and its neighboring community.



Market Street Elevated Angle



Archdale Street Elevated Angle

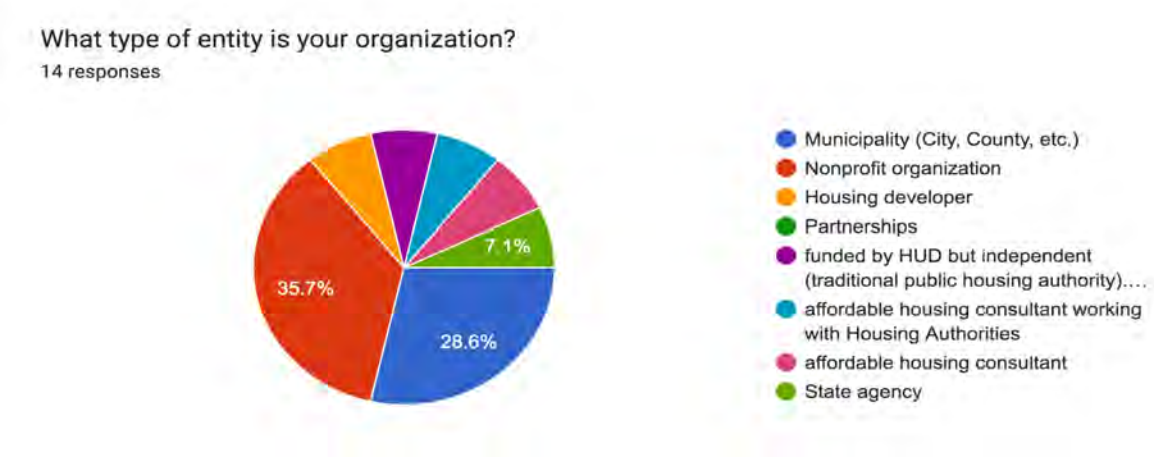
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BACKGROUND

Inherently aware of the community's insatiable need for affordable senior housing, the board of directors commissioned last year a "Needs Assessment." The purpose of this study was to gain a deeper understanding of and clarify the need for housing opportunities available for independent, low-income seniors living in Charleston and to identify any missing services required for this population to succeed. Study objectives:

- Identify the number of units available for seniors in the low-income bracket,
- Identify existing plans for more units and housing opportunities, and
- Determine unmet needs and services.

Fifteen (15) key community stakeholders and organizational leaders representing organizations, municipalities, agencies, consultants, and developers were interviewed. The composition of those interviewed is depicted below:



According to the City of Charleston Comprehensive Plan, there is currently a shortage of 16,000 units for affordable housing needed by 2030. With seniors representing 20% of low-income housing needs, this equates to a total of 3,200 units needed. Approximately 1,500 new housing units are being planned for the Charleston Area, leaving approximately 1,700 short of the goal.

The analysis also revealed unmet needs and services in the low-income or at-risk senior population in Charleston that are not being filled by current organizations serving this population:

- Need more affordable units with subsidies and rental assistance, stabilize housing costs, and preserve deeply subsidized housing
- Need more social and supportive services and partnerships with other nonprofits to increase the quality of life, such as:
- Managing and budgeting finances and paying bills
- Housekeeping, organizing, and addressing hoarding

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- Guardianship or conservatorship process for seniors who become unable to care for themselves
- Checking in on seniors to observe how they are doing
- Transportation
- Food programs and access to grocery stores
- Educating on levels of long-term care options and programs
- Mental health services
- Workforce training
- Assisted living and memory care facilities
- Clothing programs

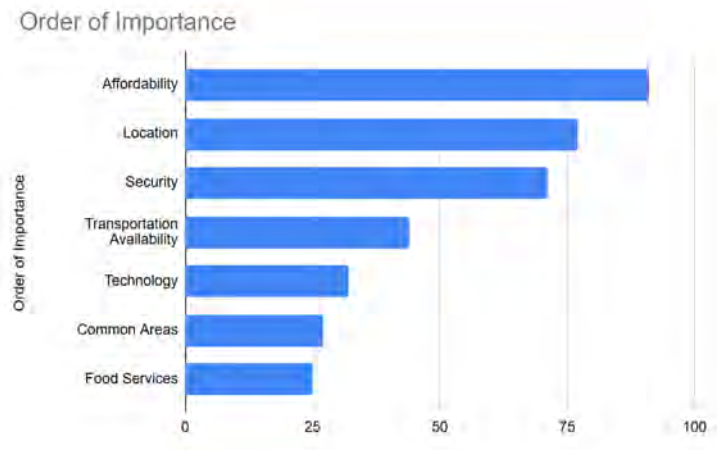
Canterbury House serves as an important part of the low-income senior housing ecosystem, including the need for aging-in-place features for staying in their own homes and independent living apartments. As a result of the project expansion, Canterbury will be optimally positioned to meet several of the aforementioned “unmet” needs and services.

FOCUSING INWARD

In order to gain a better understanding of resident satisfaction on existing benefits and services, and gain additional insights on potential communal elements that will add to the quality of life of current and future residents, the board expanded the survey to include its residents.

All current (Oct-2025) residents of Canterbury House were invited to participate in the residential survey, and 137 residents participated in the 3-day survey period. This represents approximately 56% of the residents. Participants ranged in age from 62 to 90+ years old, with nearly half of the residents falling within the 70 – 79-year age range. Three-quarters of the participants (104 respondents) were female, while the other quarter (33) were male. Nearly four (4) out of five (5) participants were Caucasian, with African American, Hispanic, multi-race and Asian making up the remainder. Ninety-five percent of the participants noted that they live alone (130), while only seven (7) indicated they lived with someone else.

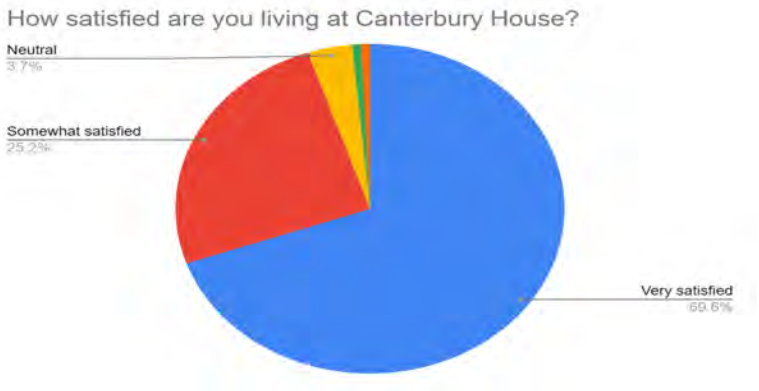
Highlights of the results are outlined below:



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A detailed listing of responses from "open-ended" survey questions provided a lengthy feedback enumeration. These responses were broken down into "need" versus "wants." Within 30-days, the staff had addressed the majority of requested needs, those within the operating budget, and even some on the "wants" list. The most notable callout was the need/want for social activities and involvement, a request the staff has become focused for numerous health reasons.

When asked about their overall satisfaction with living at Canterbury House, more than two-thirds of those surveyed indicated very satisfied, with nearly 95% indicating they were either very satisfied or somewhat satisfied. Only one resident indicated they were very unsatisfied.



JOURNEY ON THE COMPLEX ROAD

Objectives
No displacement of any current resident
Affordable
No campus relocation
Remain true to the Canterbury's mission statement

Because of the multifaceted elements in the project, we are seeking professionals; those to whom possess the skill set in various financial, tax matters, legal, construction, and project management to make the project a success.

Respectfully submitted,



Frederick T. Fabian
Chairman & President

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Annual Report to the 236th Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina

The Rev. Michael R. Sullivan, President & CEO, Kanuga Conferences

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth."
— Psalm 121:1–2 (KJV)

Dear Friends in Christ,

There is something fitting about beginning with these familiar words as the Diocese of South Carolina gathers at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. For generations, both Kanuga and St. Christopher have offered places apart where people can rest, deepen their faith, encounter the beauty of creation, and discover anew the presence of God. We are grateful for our shared heritage and our common calling within The Episcopal Church.

At Kanuga, 2026 has been a year of stabilization and faithful stewardship. We completed the state-mandated repairs to our dam, an investment of $1.7 million, and replaced the Inn's HVAC system at a cost of $1.5 million. We also completed renovations to Guest House A and Cottages 11 and 16, renewing these beloved spaces for the guests who will make new memories there. Work on the exterior of the Chapel of the Transfiguration is now beginning, with completion anticipated by year's end. These essential investments protect the place entrusted to our care and strengthen the foundation for our future ministry.

This work has not been without challenges. The lake had to be lowered during part of our summer season, and delays in the HVAC project affected room revenue. Yet the generosity of our friends and supporters has been extraordinary. We raised more than $250,000 in additional Annual Fund support to help offset these unanticipated costs, including an inspiring $200,000 challenge gift from Elizabeth Chance. We are on pace for our strongest Annual Fund year outside the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID period, with meaningful payments toward our capital campaign anticipated before year's end.

Even as we care for our physical campus, we remain focused on Kanuga's deeper vocation: forming people in faith and creating space for transformation. Through strengthened outdoor programming, the Kanuga Fellows Program, our partnership with Trinity Church Wall Street, and our engagement with the wider Church, we continue to invest in Christian formation, leadership, and the renewal of congregational life.

I am reminded that faithful stewardship is about more than maintaining buildings or balancing budgets. It is about preserving a ministry that has touched generations of lives and ensuring that its gifts remain available to generations yet to come. I am deeply grateful to our staff, trustees, donors, clergy, and friends whose commitment makes this possible.

As the Psalmist reminds us, our help comes from the Lord, who watches over us in our going out and our coming in. May that assurance sustain Kanuga, St. Christopher, your Diocese, and the wider Church as we continue this shared work of hospitality, formation, and hope.

With gratitude and every blessing,

The Rev. Michael R. Sullivan
President & CEO, Kanuga Conferences

KANUGA

The Gathering Place

Stewarding a Legacy, Welcoming a Future

2025 Annual Report



A MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL

Dear Friends,

The past two years have asked much of this place and the people who love it.

In 2024, Hurricane Helene changed the landscape of Western North Carolina. This impact continued to test the land, our infrastructure, and our endurance, into 2025. Yet, rather than rushing forward, we chose to slow down and return to our roots—to strengthen what had been strained, to listen carefully, and to tend this place with faithfulness and care.



That work continues to shape who we are. Renewal, we have learned, is not about reinvention. It is about making room again—repairing what matters, restoring stability, and preparing this gathering place to welcome all who seek rest, reflection, and connection.

Because of your generosity, presence, and belief in Kanuga's mission, we stand renewed and ready. This report reflects a year of stewardship, gratitude, and quiet progress—work that grounds us today and prepares us for what comes next.

With grace and peace,

The Rev. Michael R. Sullivan
President & CEO

MISSION & VISION

Kanuga is a gathering place inviting all people to connect with each other, nature, and the Creator.

WHERE FAITH MAKES ROOM

Because of you, Kanuga's mission lives and breathes each day. Your support sustains this gathering place, where faith is deepened, community is formed, and lives are quietly transformed.



STEWARDS OF THIS PLACE

Rooted in place. Renewed by community.

GIVE

GROW

GATHER

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RENEWAL IN ALL SEASONS



At Kanuga, renewal is not only something we offer—it is something we must faithfully practice. Each year, guests arrive seeking rest, clarity, and spiritual renewal. They come to walk the trails, sit beside the lake, worship in sacred spaces, and reconnect with what matters most. For nearly a century, this land has held those moments of transformation. To continue offering that gift to others, we must also tend to the place itself with intention and care.



This past year marked an important season of physical renewal across Kanuga's campus. We began a thoughtful process of restoring our cottages—honoring their history while updating them to better serve today's guests. These improvements reflect what we heard from families, retreat leaders, and longtime visitors: spaces that feel welcoming, comfortable, and worthy of the experiences that happen within them. Renovations began with Cottage 26 and are continuing with a long-term vision for renewing each space with both stewardship and hospitality in mind.



At the same time, we addressed critical infrastructure needs that quietly support every stay, every program, and every gathering. Essential work on the lake and dam ensures the safety, sustainability, and longevity of one of Kanuga's most beloved places. These investments may not always be visible, but they are foundational—protecting both our guests and the land entrusted to our care.

This kind of work is not glamorous, but it is sacred.

Because renewal is not only about what is new—it is about what is faithfully sustained.
As we invite others into rest, reflection, and transformation, we remain committed to renewing the physical spaces that make those experiences possible. With gratitude for the community who makes this stewardship possible, Kanuga continues to care for this holy ground—so that it may continue caring for generations to come.

CAMP KANUGA
LOOKING BACK, LEADING FORWARD

To all my fellow Camp Kanugans, what a year we've had together. This month marks the one year anniversary of my move to Kanuga. And while we still have important work ahead, this feels like a fitting moment to pause and remember a few of the moments that shaped my first year as Director.

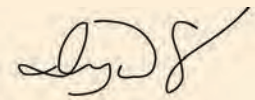
When I arrived last spring, the effects of Hurricane Helene were still fresh across the property. Early on, Elise and I often took long walks around camp. On the surface, these walks had a practical purpose: helping me learn the land, understand the facilities, and begin to grasp the many moving pieces that make Camp Kanuga what it is. But there was another reason for those walks as well.

Elise has spent eighteen summers at Camp Kanuga. To say she knows this land well is an understatement. As we walked, she would lead me to places affected by the storm—fallen trees, slopes that had given way, beloved spaces altered overnight. Often she arrived with the urgency of someone who had just remembered something she needed me to see. And then, when we reached the spot, she would pause in a kind of quiet disbelief.

To me, however, these places simply looked like the woods as I had first encountered them. The fallen trees and altered paths were part of my introduction to camp. What felt to Elise like sudden loss was, for me, the landscape as it had always been.

In that space between her memory and my first impression, I began to understand something essential about leadership. To step into a place is to see it as it is; to care for it well is to learn to see it as it has been, and as it is remembered by others. My first year has been an exercise in that kind of seeing—listening closely to the stories, traditions, and attachments that give Camp Kanuga its life. I am deeply grateful for the many guides who have shared that vision, and I look forward to welcoming many of them back this summer.

Signed,



Ingrid VanZanten
Director, Camp Kanuga



A LEGACY THAT LIGHTS THE WAY



The pier at Camp Kanuga's outdoor chapel plays a central role in one of camp's most meaningful traditions. At the start of each session, a canoe carries a lit torch across Lake McCready to the pier, where it is brought ashore to light the opening campfire as campers sing "Light the Fire."

Following Hurricane Helene, that tradition was at risk. High winds brought trees down onto the pier, destroying much of the structure. At the same time, heavy rains caused significant erosion, depositing sediment near the shoreline and making the water too shallow for a canoe to reach the landing. With summer approaching, restoring the pier became a priority.

Elise Croak, Program Director and a lifelong member of the Kanuga community, reached out to Andrea Jackson, a family friend she had grown up with during Guest Period, to begin imagining what restoration might look like. Andrea's connection to Camp Kanuga also runs deep. Her parents, Jack and Anne Larson, spent many summers at Kanuga alongside Elise's grandparents, Walter and Mabel Brice. In 2009, Anne Larson gifted the cross that now stands in the chapel in memory of her husband, Jack, and their dear friend Mabel.

Moved by both the history and the importance of the tradition, Andrea generously funded the reconstruction of the pier in honor of Anne Larson, her mother, and Elise's Grandfather, Walter Brice–both of whom have since passed on. What emerged was not simply a replacement, but a thoughtful reimagining — preserving the arching sourwood branch above and creating space for campers to gather.

Because of Andrea's generosity, her parents, and Elise's Grandparents are memorialized in a beautiful and meaningful way at Kanuga, the opening ceremony torch once again reaches the shore, and a cherished tradition continues for generations to come.









A PLACE TO LEAD AND BELONG

Each year, Kanuga serves a wide and growing community on this campus, welcoming individuals and groups into experiences that form and shape leaders at every stage of life. From youth programs to adult retreats, outdoor education to faith-based formation, this work cultivates confidence, deepens purpose, and equips people to lead with clarity, compassion, and conviction in the communities they call home.










MOUNTAIN TRAIL OUTDOOR SCHOOL



This year, Mountain Trail Outdoor School welcomed more than 2,500 participants to the Bob Campbell Youth Campus, where hands-on learning and immersive experiences in the natural world sparked growth and discovery. Through time spent in creation, students and leaders built confidence, strengthened teamwork, and began to see themselves as active participants in the world around them.

What starts here does not end with a single visit. It becomes part of a lifelong journey of outdoor education—one that shapes perspective, deepens curiosity, and fosters a lasting sense of responsibility and stewardship for creation.

KEY CONFERENCES



The Kanuga Empowered Youth Conference Program hosted two successful conferences this year, creating space for young people to build authentic community, ask honest questions about faith, and show up as their full and true selves.

In December, Winterlight celebrated its 50th year with a joyful reunion that reminded us how each personal experience at Kanuga is part of a much larger story—one shaped by generations of youth who have found belonging, growth, and transformation here.



THE KANUGA FELLOWS
Leadership Renewed



In 2025, Kanuga launched the Kanuga Fellows Program, a new leadership formation initiative designed to nurture clergy and lay leaders seeking deeper spiritual grounding and renewed clarity in their call to lead. Rooted in the Episcopal tradition and shaped by Kanuga's mountain setting, the program combines immersive residential retreats with sustained virtual engagement throughout the year.

The inaugural cohort gathered at Kanuga for its first residency, engaging in theological reflection, leadership development, and community building. Since then, Fellows have continued meeting online, maintaining a rhythm of conversation and peer support as they apply insights within their ministries.

Early feedback reflects meaningful renewal, with participants describing the cohort as a supportive community of leaders learning from one another across diverse ministry contexts. Made possible through the generous support of Trinity Church NYC, the Kanuga Fellows Program represents a strategic investment in forming courageous, thoughtful leaders for the future of the Church. To learn more visit kanuga.org/fellows.

LOCAL TO ALL

This year, Kanuga's local events brought people together in fresh and joyful ways, inviting the wider community to gather and experience the land we share. Poetry readings overlooking the lake, full moon hikes, and outdoor concerts created moments of wonder, creativity, and connection. Together, these events affirmed Kanuga's role as a welcoming gathering place—rooted in nature and open to all.



Gather in the Forest

Throughout the year, guided hikes and forest bathing experiences invited participants to slow down and reconnect with the natural world. Led by knowledgeable guides, these gatherings encouraged reflection, curiosity, and a deeper appreciation for the rhythms of the forest surrounding this sacred place.



Gather in Harmony

Music In the Pines became a beloved way for neighbors and guests to gather. Outdoor concerts brought families, friends, and visitors together for evenings of shared joy—where melodies carried across the landscape and community formed naturally.



Gather for Conversation

From weeklong conferences that explored faith, leadership, and spirituality to intimate afternoon poetry readings, Kanuga hosted a wide range of thoughtful programs. Each gathering created space for learning, creativity, and meaningful conversation within a setting that invites reflection.



NEXTGEN GATHERINGS

This summer, Kanuga's NextGen gatherings at the Lakefront Pavilion became a natural hub for connection, creativity, and shared purpose. Set against the water and mountains, these events brought together young adults and emerging leaders who care deeply about Kanuga and its future.

At the heart of each gathering was a shared commitment to imagining and shaping Kanuga's future for generations to come. Conversations centered on stewardship, leadership, and how the next generation can care for this sacred place while helping it grow and adapt. Participants shared dreams for expanded programs, deeper engagement, and new ways Kanuga can continue to be a place of renewal, formation, and belonging. Together, these NextGen events did more than bring people together—they sparked a sense of responsibility and hope, empowering future leaders to carry Kanuga forward with intention and love.



THE 1928 SOCIETY

This year, Kanuga proudly launched The 1928 Society, a new community recognizing those whose generosity is helping carry Kanuga's mission forward. Donors who gave $2,500 or more to the Annual Fund in 2025, were warmly welcomed into the Society as a sign of our deep gratitude for their commitment to this place and its future. Their support reflects a shared belief in Kanuga's enduring role as a gathering place for renewal, formation, and hospitality.

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Dear Friends of Kanuga,

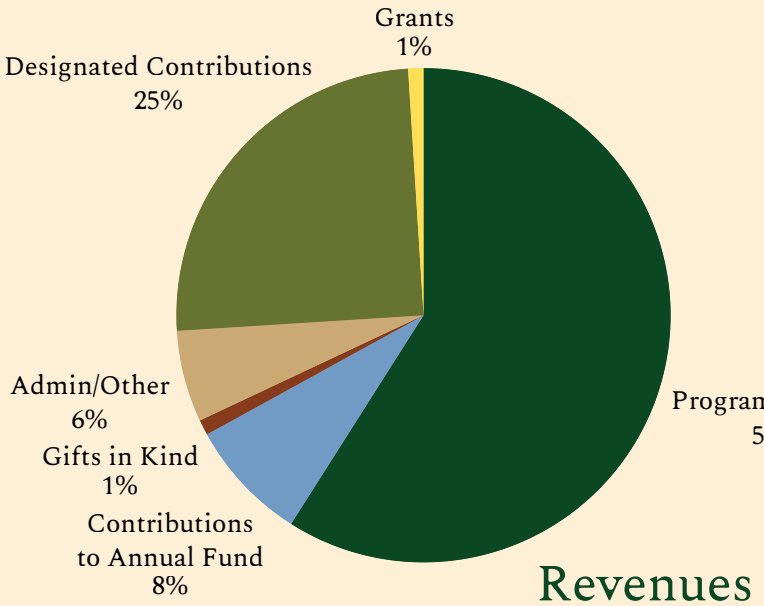
This year, our financial work has focused on strengthening the foundation that allows Kanuga's mission to flourish for years to come. Through careful stewardship, disciplined planning, and honest assessment, we have worked to align our resources with the programs and experiences that most directly support Kanuga's calling as a place of hospitality, formation, and renewal.

We also made important investments in the physical campus, including critical infrastructure needs, cottage improvements, and work related to the lake and dam. While much of this work happens behind the scenes, it is essential to ensuring the safety, sustainability, and long-term vitality of this special place.

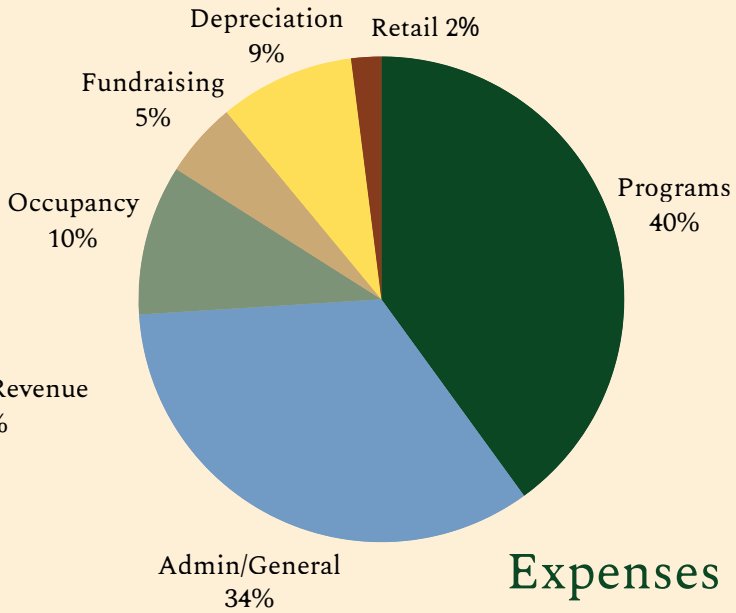
Financial stewardship is ultimately an act of trust—honoring the generosity of those who give and the responsibility we share to care well for what has been entrusted to us. Because of your continued support, Kanuga moves forward with greater stability, transparency, and confidence in the future.

With gratitude,

Bill Norris, Executive Vice President, Advancement



Revenues



Expenses

2025 Revenues, gains, and other support:

Program Revenue	$7,640,913	59%
Designated Contributions and Pledges, net	$3,209,086	25%
Contributions Annual Fund	$988,737	8%
Admin/Other	$834,994	6%
Grants	$114,067	1%
Gifts in Kind	$98,431	1%
Total revenues, gains, and other support	$12,886,228	100%

2025 Expenses:

Programs	$4,503,620	40%
Admin/general	$3,881,426	34%
Occupancy	$1,093,197	10%
Depreciation	$1,013,134	9%
Fundraising	$513,150	5%
Retail	$263,289	2%
Total Expenses	$11,267,816	100%
Gain (Loss)	$1,618,412	

Kanuga Gratefully Recognizes 2025 Donors

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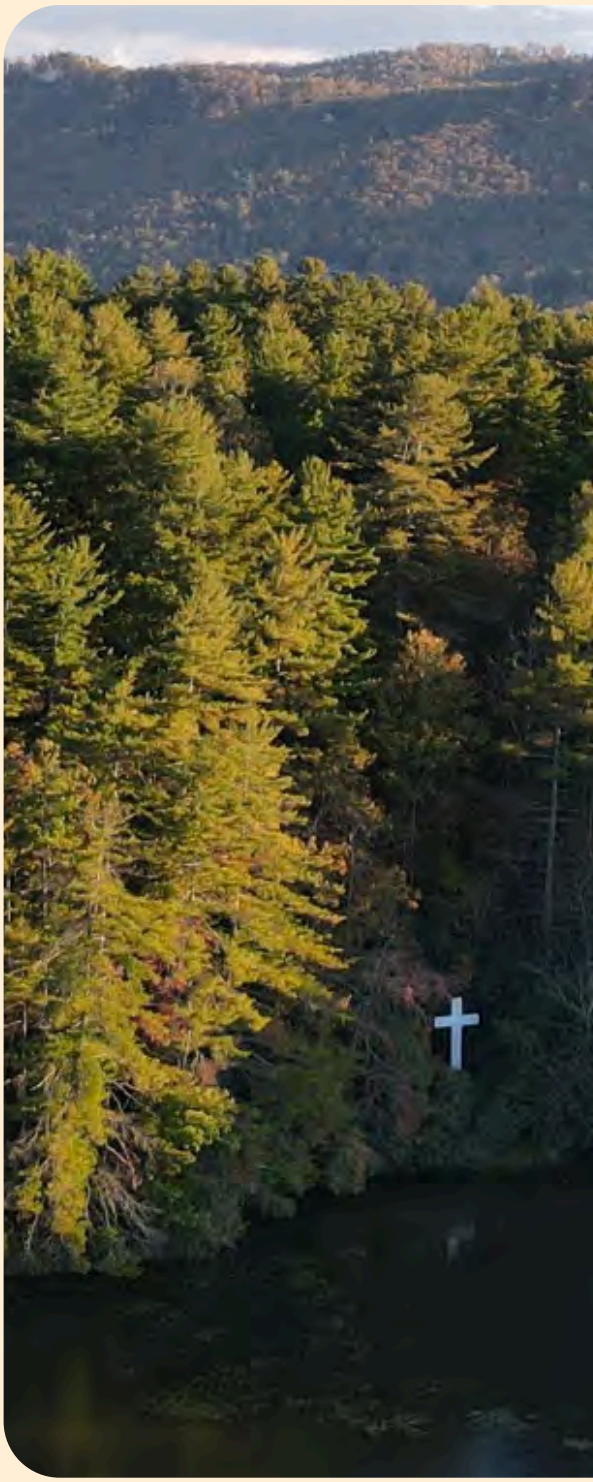
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After resilience comes renewal, and renewal calls us forward. Grounded in our history and strengthened by all who walked alongside us this year, Kanuga is prepared for the seasons ahead—ready to welcome, to gather, and to make room for all who seek rest, connection, and transformation here. Thank you for being part of Kanuga's story and for helping carry this place—and its promise—forward.

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Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina

Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

Porter-Gaud Mission Statement

To inspire lives of purpose, learning, and service through cultivating each student's God-given potential.

Episcopal Identity at Porter-Gaud

As an Episcopal School, Porter-Gaud is a Christian community that is upheld by the basic principles of the Baptismal Covenant.[1] This Covenant, as expressed in the Book of Common Prayer, is founded upon the belief that God has revealed himself in the person of Jesus Christ as a triune community of love - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and that human beings, made in the divine image, are created for communion with this love. From this foundation, the Baptismal Covenant calls individuals and institutions to be incarnate instruments of God's love and grace. True to its Episcopal identity, Porter-Gaud thus seeks to be a community that celebrates and worships God as the center of life and loves our neighbors as ourselves, serving Christ in all persons, striving for justice and peace among all people, and respecting the dignity of every human being.

Worship

Worship is one of the most universal and effective expressions of Episcopal identity and community life. Services for all divisions are held weekly for faculty and students, and prayer is offered regularly, both at internal gatherings and public events. When we gather for worship, we immerse ourselves in the traditions, stories, and values that serve as the anchors of our community, seeking to center our hearts and minds around the love of God revealed to us in the person of Jesus Christ. These gatherings are sensitive to the diversity of religious identities represented within our school while remaining faithful to the Anglican tradition, particularly as articulated in the Book of Common Prayer.

Leadership

Directive of Episcopal identity comes from the Board of Trustees via the school's mission statement and bylaws and is implemented by the Head of School and the Office of the Chaplaincy. The school's governance structure calls for regular review and examination of the school's Episcopal identity by the Board of Trustees. This identity is also to be clearly articulated regularly to all members of the community, particularly at the beginning of each academic year, during the interview and/or orientation process for new board members, faculty, staff, and students, as well as throughout the admissions process for prospective families.

Office of the Chaplaincy

The Rev'd Palmer B. Kennedy - Head Chaplain
Mrs. Abbie Martin - Upper School Chaplain
The Rev'd Phil Cunningham - Middle School Chaplain
The Rev'd David Rowe - Lower School Chaplain
Mrs. Hannah Smith - Assistant Chaplain for O'Quinn

[1] See Appendix A for the entirety of the Baptismal Covenant as expressed in the Book of Common Prayer.

Community Engagement and Wellness

As an embodiment of the Christian faith, Porter-Gaud seeks to celebrate and worship God as the center of life and to honor the dignity of every human being as beloved persons made in the image of God. We affirm the sovereignty of God and seek to be a community where the immeasurable and irreplaceable worth of each person is recognized and unconditional love - a love that doesn't have to be earned - is offered to all. Our traditions and community life flow from this identity and aim to create an environment that welcomes and nurtures the unique capacity of every member of our community to reflect God's love, goodness, beauty, and creativity and to pursue lives of meaning, purpose, and service. In addition to the presence of our chaplains, one of the clearest expressions of this commitment is the Office of Community Engagement and Wellness, which is anchored by and is an extension of our Episcopal identity.[2]

Religious Diversity

Porter-Gaud stands on the foundation of orthodox Anglican theology rooted in the Christian scriptures and expressed in the Book of Common Prayer. This foundation has an integrity that enables us to be an inclusive community that loves and honors each of our members. The religious diversity of the school community does not create silos or ignore differences. Rather, it provides a magnificent opportunity to foster thoughtful dialogue, humility, empathy, understanding, and respect for the spiritual formation of individuals and families from a variety of faiths and backgrounds. Together, we seek to cultivate a community that embodies the love of God, a love that is unconditional and indiscriminate.

Academics

As an Episcopal school, Porter-Gaud participates in a tradition with a long and rich history of academic excellence, integrating faith and reason in a graceful and inclusive manner which has been the hallmark of Anglican education for centuries. Our academic curriculum is constructed and implemented in alignment with our Episcopal identity and combines rigorous and free intellectual inquiry with an unapologetic proclamation of faith in a sovereign and loving God. Consistent with our commitment to academic excellence and intellectual development, Porter-Gaud offers the study of religion in a manner that is meaningful, age-appropriate, and as fully rigorous as our other academic offerings. Though the content may overlap, a clear distinction is maintained between gatherings for worship, prayer, and discipleship and the study of religion in the classroom.

The WATCH Prayer

The WATCH Prayer is a natural outgrowth of the mission of the school, particularly with respect to our Episcopal identity. It is an articulation of (and prayerful supplication for) the principles and moral qualities we - as an Episcopal school - seek to develop in our students.

May our WORDS be full of truth and kindness,
our ACTIONS gracious and honorable,
our THOUGHTS unselfish and charitable,
our CHARACTER noble and upright,
and our HABITS virtuous,
that our school family may grow in faith, honor, and knowledge,
as we WATCH together in all things.
Amen.

[2] See Appendix B for an example of our Episcopal identity serving as the foundation for our Office of Community Engagement and Wellness.

The Baptismal Covenant (Book of Common Prayer, 304-305)

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People I will, with God's help.

Community Engagement and Belonging Terminology

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:
Community engagement is the process of identifying and addressing issues affecting the well-being of all members of the community, as well as celebrating the joy of coming together as one. (Romans 12:3-5)

BELONGING:
Belonging is an outcome. It means different things to different people and implies the feeling of security, appreciation, support, fair treatment, and acceptance as a beloved member of the community. (Ephesians 2:13-22)

DIVERSITY:
The intentional development of school communities where people of different backgrounds, identities, and points of view come together as a body. Diversity is both a source of strength and a primary means of enhancing the intellectual, social, spiritual, and moral life of the school. (Rev. 7:9-10)

INCLUSION:
Beyond the sheer presence of a diverse group of people, inclusion is the process by which members of the community honor one another's inherent dignity, welcome many voices (especially those from underrepresented and historically marginalized communities), and work toward the ongoing broadening of the community's horizons. (Romans 15: 5-7)

EQUITY:
Equity is the condition where fairness and faithfulness thrive, and all members of the community are respected for their inherent dignity as human beings and capacity to contribute to the building up of the life of the school. Toward that end, we at Porter-Gaud intentionally seek to identify barriers to creating a more equitable community. (Psalm 33:5)

JUSTICE:
The courageous and continual attention to and advocacy on behalf of those most vulnerable in the community (Proverbs 31:8; Isaiah 1:17a)

DIGNITY:
Dignity speaks to the inherent and unconditional worth of all human beings and the primary lens through which we view each community member. (Gal. 3:28)

SOCIAL JUSTICE:
The integration of the ideals and concepts of equity, justice, and a fair society throughout the life of the school; the embracing and honoring of diversity; and the integral inclusion of community service and service-learning. (Isaiah 1:17; I Corinthians 12:26; Philippians 2:3-4)

This document was prepared by Reverend Palmer Kennedy, Porter-Gaud School Head Chaplain, and Dr. Yerko Sepúlveda, Head of Community Engagement and Wellness. The definitions for Community Engagement and Belonging were drafted by the aforementioned Porter-Gaud leaders. The definitions for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice, Dignity, and Social Justice were adapted from NAES Statement on Inclusion and Episcopal Identity. The Porter-Gaud Board of Trustees adopted this terminology on January 10, 2023.

ST. CHRISTOPHER
camp & conference center

Report for Diocesan Convention, 2026

A Brief History



St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center is located on 314 acres of coastal wilderness on beautiful Seabrook Island. Our mission is to offer our guests a place for rest, relaxation, and renewal, and to provide a space to encounter the Living Christ. Owned and operated by the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina, we fulfill that mission through our summer camp programming, conference center and retreat hospitality, and a robust environmental education program that serves both parochial and secular schools.

The history of this property precedes colonization, with the first known inhabitants likely being the Stono Native Americans. Our history as an institution began in 1938, when the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina sponsored a summer camp at this site for underprivileged children. This summer camping tradition has continued, with brief interruptions for a polio outbreak and WWII, ever since. The ministry of our Conference Center began in the 1960s, and in 1981, St. Christopher founded the Barrier Island Environmental Education Program. St. Christopher was operated as an Episcopal institution until the 2012 schism, at which point it was operated by the ACNA Diocese. The Supreme Court decision of 2022 returned St. Christopher to the stewardship of Episcopal Diocese, which has resumed operation and oversight since October 2022.

Operations Overview

Summer Camp was the first ministry to operate on our property. Since 1938, campers have joined us here to learn more about the God who loves them and calls them by name, while also having a tremendous amount of fun, making new friends, and growing in faith, resilience, and character.

Our conference center offers space and hospitality for gatherings of all kinds, from churches and religious groups, to environmental and governmental organizations, to family reunions, to quilting guilds. We are especially excited to offer special rates for Episcopal/ACNA groups and would love to host parishes for retreats, beach dates, youth groups, or any other event. It is also our pleasure to offer personal retreats for anyone who wants to find a bit of restoration and renewal for themselves. We even have special respite rates for clergy and lay church employees. Many groups and individuals come back year after year to enjoy the warm hospitality and peaceful surroundings. Our facilities include 44 lodge rooms with two beds in each; the ability to add rollaway beds to rooms to support families staying together; two apartments with full kitchens and seating areas; 16 cabins available for overnight stays; several meeting spaces in a variety of sizes; an outdoor picnic pavilion overlooking the estuary; and three chapels, including a small outdoor chapel.

Last but certainly not least is our Barrier Island Environmental Education Program (often referred to as BI) Depending on the year, BI reaches between 6000 and 8000 participants who join us to learn about coastal ecology and creation care. Our prayer is that each person that has an experience with our programming will come away with a deeper understanding of and love for the natural world that God has made. Classes are taught by a team of naturalists, who are recent college graduates who live on-site in an intentional Christian community. We are pleased to welcome the same schools here year after year for hands-on environmental education, and also delight in how many new schools are coming here each year. We offer regular outreach opportunities to local

schools, and we invite neighbors and community members to join us on campus periodically for special events and programming. Outdoor Encounters, a subset of BI, offers regular kayaking and other nature excursions here on our campus by reservation.

Updates for 2026 in each of the three areas follows. If you have questions about any aspect of our mission and ministry, please contact the Rev. Laura Rezac, Executive Director, at lrezac@stchristopher.org or at 843-768-0429, ext. 3004.









Conference Center

Our Director of the Conference Center is Lauren Harris. She is our primary liaison for groups who come here for retreat, and under her leadership, our attendance and revenue have increased in 2026 relative to other post-Covid years. She is supported in this work by Bailey Lain, our Camp and Conference Center Assistant. We are also pleased to welcome Michelle Lackey, our new Director of Food Service, who has brought a fresh perspective and has made a great impression with our guests.

Our Conference Center has branched out into offering our own programming as well. In 2026, we hosted our first Artist Retreat and public art classes. Our Beach Day, a collaboration between Conference Center and Summer Camp, was a tremendous success. We also offered a Blessing of the Animals for our friends and neighbors on Seabrook Island, including a horse from the local equestrian center! And, we are looking forward to our Franciscan Spirituality Retreat coming up on December 11 - 13, led by the Rev. Canon Phil Linder. We hope to see our friends from the Diocese of South Carolina at these gatherings!

Ways to engage:

- For individuals: join us for the Franciscan Spirituality Retreat or Artist Classes! Or, join us for a personal retreat for your own rest, restoration, and renewal. Or, consider serving as a volunteer weekend host! Email Lauren Harris at lharris@stchristopher.org for more information.
- For clergy and church employees: Ask us about our respite rates for Sabbath time here at St. Christopher. Vestries, encourage your staff to take a retreat for their own restoration.
- For parishes: join us for a retreat of your own at our conference center, either overnight or for the day

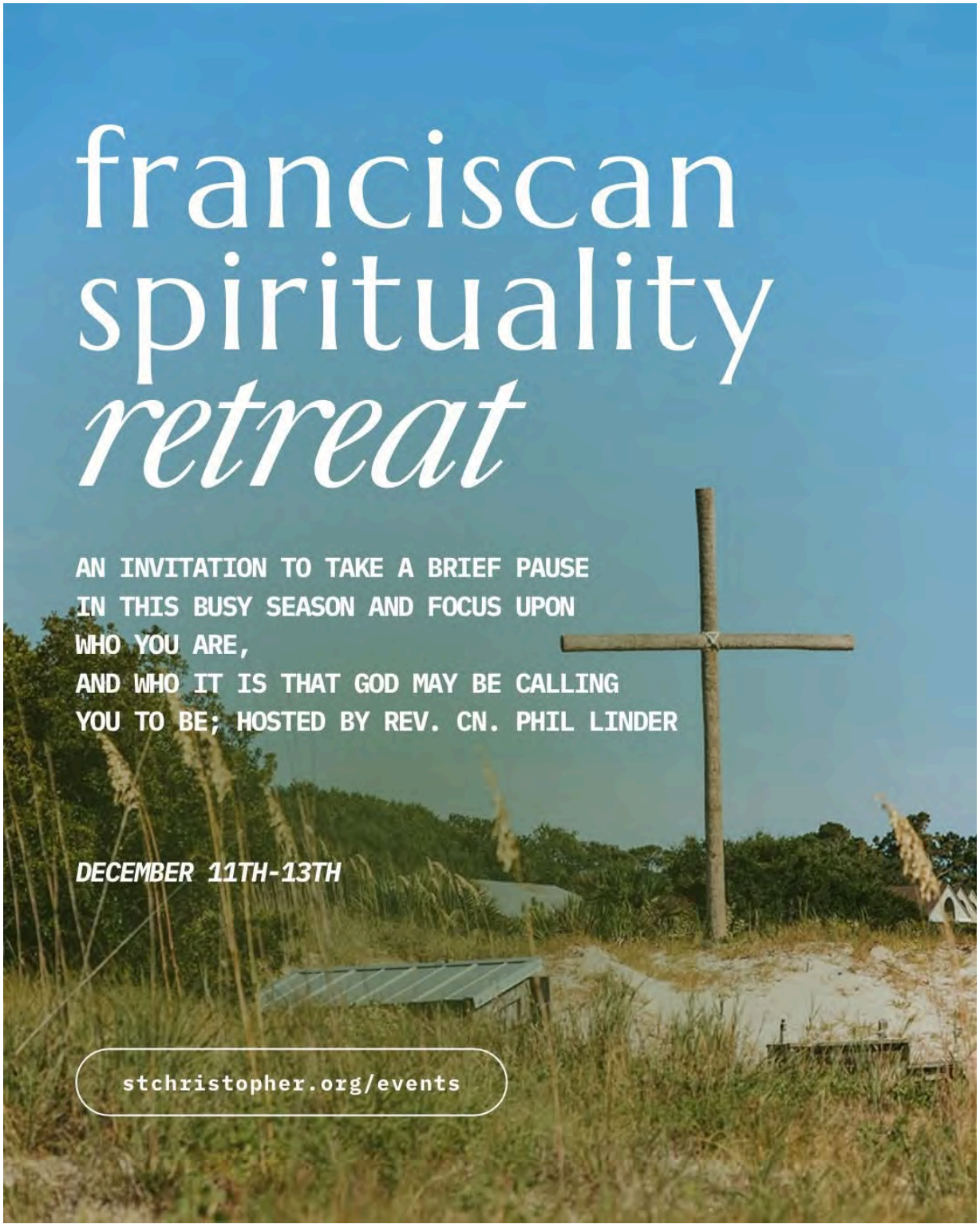
Important dates:

- Listening Session for Conference Center Friends: November 10, 6 - 7 pm, online
- Franciscan Spirituality Retreat: December 11 - 13
- Artist Retreat Classes for the Public: January 24 and 26
- June 12: Beach Day for all!

Contact:

- Director of the Conference Center: **Lauren Harris** (lharris@stchristopher.org, 843-768-0429, option 1) - Group Retreats
- Welcome Center Administrator: **Lisa Marrone** (lmarrone@stchristopher.org, 843-768-0429, option 2) - Personal Retreats


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Summer Camp

Summer Camp 2026 was a great success! Many thanks to Meg Cutshall, our Director of Summer Camp, for diving right in during her first summer with us and leading her team with clarity, compassion, and vision. Katie Sullivan, our Director of Student Ministries, organized registration, staff mentoring, and even helped out in cabins a time or two! We also are grateful to Bennett and Kate Love, our Director of Operations and Communication Specialist, for going above and beyond to support camp; Nora Terrill, our Assistant Director; Robert Hart, All-Staff Chaplain for 2026; and each chaplain who shared the love of God with campers. Many thanks also to all the counselors, interns, counselors-in-training, and volunteers who contributed to this success!

Our theme this year was Crowded Table, and our formation emphasized both God's radical welcome, and ways that we can create beloved community around that crowded table. And it was indeed crowded! 2026 was our largest summer in terms of numbers since the transition from the ACNA in 2022. Thanks be to God!

Early registration for Episcopal and ACNA families opens at 9 am on December 7, with general registration opening on January 11 at 9 am. Please put this in church bulletins and spread the word in your communities! Please also know that we would never want finances to stand in the way of a child coming to camp - financial aid is available.

Ways to engage:

- Encourage the children and youth in your life to come to camp! Clergy, please use discretionary funds to help financially support families with camp fees.
- Encourage high school youth (15 and up) to apply as counselors-in-training
- Encourage emerging adults (18 and up) to apply to be a counselor
- Come to Camp Play Day on November 22! https://www.stchristopher.org/events
- Contribute prayers, cards, snacks, and donations for our summer camp staff.

Important dates:

- Staff Applications Open: November 1 https://www.stchristopher.org/work-volunteer-at-camp
- Fall Camp Play Day: November 22, 2 - 6 pm at St. Christopher
- Listening Session for Camp Families and Alums: December 3, 6 - 7 pm, online
- **Early Summer Camp Registration for Episcopal/ACNA Families:** December 7 at 9 am, online https://www.stchristopher.org/register-for-camp
- **General Summer Camp Registration Opens:** January 11 at 9 am, online

Contact:

- Director of Summer Camp: **Meg Cutshall** (mcutshall@stchristopher.org)
- Director of Student Ministries: **Katie Sullivan** (ksullivan@stchristopher.org)


Camp Saint Christopher
2027 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE
SESSION | DATES | AGES
1 | June 1st - 3rd (3 Days) | Rising 2nd - 5th
2 | June 4th - 6th (3 Days) | Family Camp
3 | June 9th - 11th (3 Days) | Rising 3rd - 5th
4 | June 14th - 18th (5 Days) | Rising 7th - 9th
5 | June 21st - 25th (5 Days) | Rising 3rd - 6th
6 | June 28th - July 2nd (5 Days) | Rising 6th - 8th
7 | July 7th - 9th (3 Days) | Rising 1st - 3rd
8 | July 12th - 16th (5 Days) | Rising 2nd - 5th
9 | July 19th - 23rd (5 Days) | Rising 9th - 12th
10 | July 26th - 28th (3 Days) | Rising 5th - 8th
11 | July 30th - August 1st (3 Days) | Family Camp
we can't wait to see you again!
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NOVEMBER
22
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VISIT STCHRISTOPHER.ORG/EVENTS TO REGISTER!

Barrier Island Environmental Education Program

2026 is another fantastic year for our Barrier Island Program! It continues to be ably led by the dynamic duo of Jared Crain, Director, and Tyler Harris, Associate Director. We also are fully staffed with a team of naturalists, who not only teach classes, but assist with local outreach, citizen science projects, invasive species removal, and carrying for the ambassador animals in our herpetarium and aquarium.

We are particularly grateful for the creation of a new outdoor classroom space, funded by a grant from the Town of Seabrook Island and the Seabrook Island Garden Club. Our new pollinator garden is a teaching resource for the schools and Sea Island neighbors who come to St. Christopher to learn about native plants and how they can garden for pollinators in their own communities.

In 2026, we were also proud to partner with Clemson University on two of their citizen science initiatives, as they work to track the Yellow-Legged Hornet (an invasive species) and to preserve and cultivate Tough Bully, a rare native plant that grows on our property. We hope to continue to partner with community organizations to promote scientific research on our campus.

Finally, we are pleased to continue to offer Outdoor Encounters programming, including kayaking and other nature excursions. https://www.stchristopher.org/activities

Ways to engage:

- Spread the word to your children and grandchildren's schools about the amazing field trip opportunities here! https://www.stchristopher.org/about-barrier-island
- Rally friends to join us for the Barrier Island 5K on April 17!

Important dates:

- Listening Session for BI Teachers, Parents, and Alums: December 1, 6 - 7 pm
- Homeschool Week: January 5 - 8 https://www.stchristopher.org/events/barrier-island-homeschool-week
- Scouts Shiveree - January 29 - 31
- Winter Sustainability Talk on Wildlife Monitoring and Ongoing Data Collection at St. Christopher - February 2
- Nature Writers' Workshop: February 3 - 5
- Barrier Island 5K - April 17
- Note: Signups will be on our events page! (https://www.stchristopher.org/events)

Contact:

- Director of the Barrier Island Program: **Jared Crain** (jcrain@stchristopher.org)

You're Invited!

This fall and winter, we will be holding listening sessions as we discern how God is calling us in the years ahead. We hope that everyone with a heart for St. Christopher, youth and children formation, or creation care will attend one of these gatherings!

https://www.stchristopher.org/events/the-future-of-st-christopher-listening-discernment-gatherings




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THE FUTURE OF ST. CHRISTOPHER:
listening & discernment gatherings
THURS
NOV 12
ST. THOMAS
6-7 PM | PARK CIRCLE (NORTH CHARLESTON)
SAT
NOV 21
PRIVATE HOME
5:30-7 PM | MOUNT PLEASANT, SC
CHAPEL OF THE PALMS
SUN
JAN 10
ST. CHRISTOPHER
3 - 4:30 PM | SEABROOK ISLAND, SC
IN PERSON GATHERINGS

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Report for the Diocese of South Carolina

for Fiscal Year 2026

The University of the South is the only institute of higher education founded and governed by dioceses of the Episcopal Church. The bishops, clergy, and laity of more than two-dozen dioceses form the core of the University's Board of Trustees. These connections foster mutually beneficial relationships that make Sewanee a truly unique and special place.

2025-2026 SEWANEE ALMANAC

College of Arts & Sciences:

- Total enrollment in the College: **1,735**
- Total aid awarded to College students from Governing Dioceses: **$48M**
- Total number of College students from all 27 Governing Dioceses: **1312**

School of Theology:

- Enrollment in the seminary: **139**
- Total aid awarded to seminarians from Governing Dioceses: **$800k+**
- **22** seminarians represented **15/27** of the Governing Dioceses.
- **4225** participants enrolled in Education for Ministry.

HOW YOUR DIOCESE SUPPORTS SEWANEE FINANCIALLY

(Includes Sewanee Fund and capital project gifts for the fiscal year 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026)

- Diocesan support in FY26: **$0**
- Support from parishes in the diocese: **$3,900**
- Number of parishes in the diocese that made a gift to Sewanee: **3**

HOW YOUR DIOCESE ENGAGES WITH SEWANEE

- College students from the diocesan area: **56**
- Seminarians from the diocese: **1**
- School of Theology alumni currently serving in the diocese: **13**

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- The Rt. Rev. Ruth M. Woodliff-Stanley
- Jean McDowell Martin (2027)
- The Rev. Cn. Ryan Currie (2028)
- Helen Davis Britton (2029)

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Voorhees University: An Episcopal HBCU
Fall 2026 Impact Report

The Reverend Marie-Carmel Chery

Dean of the Chapel & Spiritual Engagement

Dr. Ronnie Hopkins, 10th President & CEO

I. Enrollment

Fall 2026 Enrollment = 527; Fall 2024 = 570. [Note: Decrease of 43 students attributed to largest graduation of students in the last decade in May 2027.]

Projected Enrollment Goal for Fall 2027 = 800.

II. **Retention Rate** = 58%; 2% improvement from previous year. Persistence Rate = 88%.

III. **US News and World Report HBCU Ranking**

Voorhees University ranked #26 in the nation for Best HBCU by US News and World Report. Ranking second best HBCU in the State of South Carolina.

South Carolina HBCU Ranking by US News and World Report		
Claflin University (#10)	**Voorhees University (#29)**	South Carolina State Univ. (#38)
Benedict College (#56)	Morris College (#66)	Allen University (#69)

IV. Historic Endowment: Achieved Historic Endowment High of **$23,607,480.30**

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V. Safety and Security remain a priority.
VU Office of Campus Safety & Security has systemic affiliations/partnerships with: City of Denmark Police, Bam-berg County Sheriff's Office, SC Law Enforcement Division, Homeland Security and FBI (Special HBCU Support).

V. Celebrating Grant Awards

2026 Grant Awards			
Grant	**Award**	**Awardee**	**Principal Investigator**
SC Institute on Prevention of Sexual Violence on College Campuses	$4000		Nurse Suzane Williams
Work-Inegrated Learning (WIL)	$50,000	UNCF Institute for Capacity Building	Dr. Edward Hill, Jr. Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
Strengthening HBCU Endowments	$1 million	James & Judith Foundation via UNCF	Dr. Prince Brown, Vice President for University Advancement Dr. Ronnie Hopkins, President & CEO
AI Engagement at Voorhees University	$1,188,800	Department of Labor	Dr. Cathy Scarborough. Director of Rural Development Community Institute Dr. Corey Amaker, Special Assistant to the President

NSF EPSCoR Collaborates for Optimizing Research Ecosystems	$305,000	National Science Foundation	Dr. Zhabiz Golkar, Founding Director of CERPI
Improvement Science Propels Achievement & Critical Teaching for Unfinished Learning	$10 million	Department of Education	Dr. Damara Hightower Mitchell, Founder/CEO Dr. Tondaleya Jackson, Project Director Center of Excellence for Educator Preparation & Innovation
Strengthening Voorhees University Charter Institute of Learning (VCI)	$300,000	UNCF K-12 Partnerships	Dr. Ronnie Hopkins, President & CEO

VI. Episcopal Engagement

- **Campus Chapel:** Conducted weekly Chapel Services for spiritual engagement of students, faculty, staff, administrators, and community members.
- **Campus Movie Night:** Hosted viewing of film *Ruth and Boaz* on October 18, 2026. The film, a biblical-based romantic drama, premiered on Netflix on September 26, 2025.
- **Consecration Service:** Attended the Ordination and Consecration of the Reverend Dr. Adam Shoemaker as the Ninth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island.
- **Hosted VU Learning Day with Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina, October 3, 2026.** As component of the Diocese's Racial Reconciliation, Voorhees University for a meaningful day of faith, history, reflection and community. Diocesan Learning Day brought together alumni, faculty, staff, students and guests for meaningful conversations

centered on the history, mission and legacy of Voorhees University. Alumni shared stories about their experiences and journeys at Voorhees, while faculty and staff reflected on the University's mission and its continued commitment to education, service and community.

- **CUAC (Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Union) Triennial Conference:** A delegation attended the 12th International Triennial Conference of the Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion, hosted by Trinity University of Asia. 10th President and CEO Dr. Ronnie Hopkins, along with members of the Voorhees delegation, joined leaders and educators from Anglican-affiliated institutions around the world for meaningful dialogue surrounding faith, education, artificial intelligence, ethics, technology, and the future of human flourishing.

VII. Students First—Student Engagement

- **Mr. and Miss Voorhees University:** Antoine Coleman, Jr. was crowned the 13th Mister Voorhees University and Jayda Stackhouse was crowned the 59th Miss Voorhees University.
- **NABJ Annual Conference:** During the 2026 National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) Convention & Career Fair in Atlanta, several Voorhees University Mass Communication students joined the University's Director of Marketing and Communications for an opportunity to experience the media industry beyond the classroom attending the 2026 NABJ Convention & Career Fair in Atlanta, GA.
- **Living and Learning Communities Upgrade:** All Living and Learning Communities received campus renovations to include HVAC replacement, remodel of bathrooms, and Lobby Entrance Upgrade.

VIII. **University Pool and University VISTRO Opening:** Voorhees University proudly celebrated two exciting student and community milestones the reopening of the University Swimming Pool and the grand opening of The Voorhees

University VISTRO. The return of the University's Olympic-size swimming pool, following more than two decades of closure, marks an exciting new chapter for student wellness, recreation and future community programming. The opening of the VISTRO introduces another vibrant space for students to gather, connect and enjoy an enhanced campus dining experience.