

# Annual Convention Report

The 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of The Diocese of West Missouri



*Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which He looks  
Compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are His body.  
Christ has no body now but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
compassion on this world.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*

— St. Teresa of Ávila

The Deanery Council of the Northwest-Metro Deanery of The Diocese of West Missouri will have met together three times this year preceding our Diocesan gathering at Convention. Our meetings have again this year all been virtual (and hopefully virtuous) rather than in person. Our primary focus again this year has been supporting one another through these interesting times and making sure that parishes had quick access to our 2021 grant funds in order to help with ministry needs in ways great and small.

For the year 2021, Northwest-Metro made the following grant to the parishes and ministries of our Deanery:

- Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral/St. Andrew's/St. Augustine's -- \$3,000 – to provide 75-100 pairs of winter boots and hygiene items for the annual Holiday Free Store
- Good Shepherd -- \$1,500 -- "Virtual Common Room" – for video conferencing equipment to enhance ministry and outreach
- Good Shepherd/St. Andrew's/St. Augustine's -- \$2,500 – to purchase trees, shrubs and seeds for the urban forest near Swope Park known as Clement Waters. The three parishes also have scheduled a joint workday at Clement Waters in which parishioners from the three parishes will gather for prayer, fellowship, and working together on this greenspace.

- Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral -- \$2,000 – to support the work of Maison de Naissance, a birthing home in Haiti
- Grace, Liberty - \$3,200 – for parking lot maintenance, with striping and painting for disabled parking area done as a parishioner's Eagle Scout project
- St. Augustine's -- \$2,510 – to create a more child-friendly area within the Church, remodel bathrooms to be gender neutral and have a baby changing station, and to purchase an AED unit for the church building.
- St. Mary's -- \$4,500 – to upgrade and repair food pantry, purchase food and supplies
- St. Peter and All Saints -- \$1,300 – for video conferencing equipment
- St. Peter and All Saints -- \$1,600 – to replace old flooring in day school
- From the Deanery - to go to Nourish KC -- \$2,890 – to support ongoing hunger relief efforts

Efforts are underway so that the 2022 grant process can begin even sooner. The application process will be rolled out to the Deanery at our October 2021 meeting.

The Northwest-Metro Deanery continues to build relationships with one another, to encourage one another in our faith and good works, and to build up the Body of Christ in our part of The Diocese of West Missouri. We are striving together to live out being Christ's body in the world – his hands, feet, and eyes with which we do good, bless the world, and look with compassion. It is our hope that the work we do will continue to make a difference, not only in the lives of those in our parishes and in those whom we serve in our various ministries, but by also further spreading the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in this place.

Respectfully submitted,

The Very Rev'd Charles A. (Chas) Marks, Dean