

# CANON FOR MISSION

I continue to be blessed by the opportunity to serve the people and parishes of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh. Following are some highlights from my work as canon for mission during the past year.

- I headed up the planning for our March 23 **Lenten Learning Day**, which featured a wonderful line-up of presenters from within our own diocese, sharing their experience in mission and ministry as they've sought to love, teach, and heal their neighbors.
- I continued to support the Rev. Dan Isadore and the development of the **University Chaplaincy** program.
  - I collaborated with Dan, his wife Hallie, and Mr. Rich Creehan to craft and submit a Young Adult and Campus Ministry (YACM) grant proposal. Dan was awarded a YACM Leadership Grant of \$14,000, which is helping to fund his ministry in the current and next academic years.
  - I developed a letter of agreement between the Diocese and Ms. Rose Schrott, a student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, who is working with Dan as an intern during the 2019/2020 academic year. This represents a significant step toward the Chaplaincy becoming a "training organization," in which students and others learn how to meet people where they are, share the gospel, and live a Jesus-shaped life in community.
  - I provided consultative support for a new initiative of the Chaplaincy, a "road show" of sorts through which parishes can learn about Dan's unique way of ministering to students, and how they might help support the Chaplaincy's continued growth.
- I worked with the Rev. Eric McIntosh and Mr. Rich Creehan to develop a grant proposal for **St. James, Penn Hills**. The "Harvest Grant" represents the final phase of grant funding for new Episcopal communities, according to the framework provided by the Episcopal Church's Church Planting and Redevelopment Department. A successful effort will result in up to \$40,000 for St. James.
- I am serving as the liaison between the leadership of **St. Andrew's, Highland Park**, and the Bishop and staff of the Diocese as St. Andrew's prepares for the retirement of long-time rector, the Rev. Bruce Robison, at the end of this year.
- Late last year, Bishop McConnell asked that I add to my portfolio the pastoral care of **small parishes** and parishes undergoing a transition in leadership. Most recently, this involved facilitating the Rev. William Carpenter's acceptance of a call to St. Francis-in-the-Fields, Somerset, to serve as its priest-in-charge.

As I look back on the past year – my fourth year as diocesan canon for mission – I look forward to assuming the role of director of administration in January. I still have much to learn, and will be working diligently in the coming months to ensure that the necessary “transfer of knowledge” occurs between our current director, Kathi Workman, and myself. I will also be continuing my discernment around how to live out my priestly call and ministry within the context of my work on diocesan staff.

Prayerfully and respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Canon Kimberly Karashin