

## **COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

### **2025 Diocesan Convention**

The Commission on Ministry is established pursuant to Title III of the Canons of the Episcopal Church and Canon III of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh in order to advise and assist the bishop “in the determination of present and future opportunities and needs for the ministry of all baptized persons; and in the design and oversight of the ongoing process for recruitment, discernment, formation for ministry, and assessment of readiness therefore.”

Since the 2024 Diocesan Convention, the Commission on Ministry will have met 8 times. Highlights of the year include:

- Began revising the manual for those seeking Holy Order of Deacons in the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pittsburgh
- The Bishop granted Postulancy to
  - Matthew Lancaster
  - Samuel Blessing Manirakiza
- The Commission on Ministry followed up with postulants who “disappeared” from the process and reengaged Brett Hansen

I thank Bishop Solak for her leadership and support, and each member of the Commission for their service during the year:

Mr. John Appledorn, St. Brendan’s, Franklin Park; Dr. Frances Dannenberg, Church of the Redeemer, Squirrel Hill; Ms. Jamie DeRosa, St. David’s Velencia; Ms. Patricia Dunkis, St. Paul’s Mount Lebanon; The Rev. Sara Irwin, St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Highland Park; The Rev. Erin Morey, St. Paul’s Mount Lebanon; The Rev. Dr. Moni McIntyre, St. Stephen’s McKeesport; The Rev. Deacon Linda Tardy Wilson, Retired

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Julie L. Smith

Chairperson