

**Summary Minutes of the Diocesan Council
Of the Episcopal Church in Delaware
January 20, 2022**

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer. As this was the first meeting for 2022, members introduced themselves to one another. The agenda was accepted, and the minutes of the December meeting were approved.

Canon for Finance, Judith Gregory, presented a resolution regarding lay retiree benefits which was discussed and passed. We discussed the Conflict of Interest statement which each member of council needs to sign.

Vacancies due to resignations were discussed. We need folks for Area 2 (Western Sussex, Kent and southern New Castle counties), Area 4 (City of Wilmington), and one at-large position. All are held by members of the laity.

Canon Gregory and Treasurer Frank Daniels, reported that all acceptances have been received, and gave us a budget update for 2022 and the end of 2021.

Bishop Brown asked for a discussion with regard to mandatory vaccination status for all employees of the Episcopal Church in Delaware, and we gave him a lot to think about. The Bishop has a group to advise him on all matters COVID, and The Rev. Dr. Howell Sasser, an epidemiologist, was asked to join this group.

Members of the council volunteered to prepare and share opening prayers for the remainder of the year and the meeting closed with prayer.