



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF
VIRGINIA

THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

2026 Annual Report

The Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia (DMS) is a related organization of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia.

DMS is overseen by a board of trustees, each serving three-year terms. The Board also includes two ex-officio members: the Diocesan Bishop and the Treasurer of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. We note our gratitude for Bishop Harris who represents the Diocesan Bishop at our meetings and for Ted Smith in his role as Treasurer.

Throughout 2025 and 2026, DMS assessed its purpose, policies, and practices in response to shifting mission needs in the diocese. In 2026, the board finalized foundational work to strengthen operations and began to vision for 2027 and beyond. We started by specifying a broad statement of purpose: Drive mission sustainability for churches of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia through financial support. In 2027, we hope to further focus our sense of purpose based on current and anticipated needs in the Diocese of Virginia.

In recent history, DMS has put a lot of effort into providing below market rate loans to churches. As we discern how best to use our assets to propel mission in our diocese while maintaining the purchasing power of these assets, we are considering new ways to engage congregations in the future.

DMS has a variety of assets including long-term investments, short-term investments, loans given to churches, properties with churches, two properties with campus ministry facilities, and one undeveloped plot of land. In addition to giving loans to churches, DMS supports the Mountain Mission congregations through the Reid Trust and other diocesan needs through a grant to the Bishop.

To date in 2026, DMS granted loan extensions to Christ Episcopal Church (Spotsylvania), Church of Our Saviour (Montpelier), and Meade Memorial Episcopal Church (Alexandria).

In 2026, DMS also sold the property that was the home of St. Paul's Church, West Point to a non-Episcopal worshipping community that will continue to use the property for Gospel work.

We also note our gratitude for Trish Couch-Foster, our Business Administrator, for all of the hard work she puts into managing our day-to-day operations. Her efforts are especially noteworthy during a season of transition at DMS.



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Following a strategic retreat in August, DMS updated its leadership team to the following:

President: The Rev. Chris Miller
Vice President: Mr. Scott Boyers
Secretary: Mrs. Tracy Melton
Treasurer: Mr. Ted Smith

Respectfully Submitted

The Rev. Dina Widlake
President
Diocesan Missionary Society