



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF  
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THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

## 2025 Annual Report

The Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia (DMS) is a related organization of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia (our Diocese), established to purchase and hold property, and to develop various programs of support for the extension of the missionary work of our Diocese. Support from DMS comes primarily in the form of loans to member parishes to help repair, renovate, or build new places of worship and congregant ministries.

DMS is overseen by a twelve-member board of directors, each serving three-year terms. The Board also includes two ex-officio members: The Treasurer of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia and our presiding Bishop or his/her appointee – both of whom have voting rights.

In 2024, DMS initiated a new joint effort with the Trustees of the Funds (Virginia Episcopal Investment Funds) to implement a new staff member for shared administrative support to our two Boards. This position was previously provided by our Diocese. Effective July 2025, this role is currently held by Trish Couch-Foster as our DMS Business Administrator.

At its December 2024 meeting, the DMSD Board approved a disbursement of \$97,094.91 from the Reid Fund Grant to the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia in support of mountain missions within our Diocese.

In 2024 the board approved loans to All Saints Sharon Chapel in Alexandria for building repairs and renovation, and to Calvary Front Royal for roof and interior repairs.

In 2024 the Board worked with St. Peter in the Woods, Fairfax, on a property sale agreement with Fairfax County, which was necessary to permit the County to expand its fire & rescue service. The County requires additional land for parking to allow it to meet zoning requirements. The land transfer also benefits the church by providing additional parking for its use. DMS currently holds title to the land on which the church is built. DMS is working with St. Peter's to transfer ownership. The congregation of St. Peter's built and has ownership of the church facility.

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DMS supports our Diocese's campus ministry mission work through ownership of two properties: The Fredericksburg Campus Ministry (at Mary Washington University) and the Harrisonburg Canterbury House (at James Madison University). The buildings provide housing and meeting space for the campus ministry programs in their respective communities. DMS assists our Diocese by funding some maintenance and repairs for these facilities as well as providing property manager oversight to locally appointed staff at the respective facilities.

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DMS accepts investments by parishes and other church entities. The funds are held in trust by the DMS, with interest paid at a fixed rate of return for a five-year period. These funds are used to provide loans, to churches in our Diocese for capital maintenance or other improvements, at or below current market rates.

DMS provides short-term and long-term loan opportunities for churches in our Diocese, at favorable interest rates in the current market environment, to assist congregations with funding for capital and maintenance improvements. In the past year, the Board has worked with several parishes to provide funding for improvements and continues to have funds available to loan.

If your church is contemplating a construction project or a loan to make capital repairs, please contact Trish Couch-Foster at [trish-dms@episcopalvirgini.org](mailto:trish-dms@episcopalvirgini.org)

Respectfully Submitted

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