

## Potomac Region –2025 Report

### Summary

The Potomac Region's activities in 2025 focused on:

- Finding ways to collaborate and bring the churches together for combined fellowship.
- Strengthening congregational vitality and resilience amid federal workforce reductions.
  - In February, we had a presentation by **Rev. Shirley Smith Graham, Minister of Congregational Vitality**, on fostering congregational vitality. Participants reflected on questions of joy, strengths, challenges, and hopes in ministry. We asked each congregation to report on any needs that have come because of the federal workforce reductions.
- Sharing updates on environmental stewardship and parish initiatives.
  - St. Luke's recently installed solar panels.
  - Many churches talked about community gardens they either currently have or are interested in starting.
- Addressing communication and administrative needs, including the election of a Treasurer.
  - Aimee Bramley was elected as treasurer at the September Meeting.
- Supporting clergy transitions and fostering collaboration among congregations.
  - The Rev. Charles Brock retired from St. James' in March.
  - The Rev. Susan Pinkerton has been called as Interim Rector at St. James'.
  - The Rev. Jo Ann Murphey retired from St. Margaret's in September.
  - The Rev. Katherine Ferguson has been called as Priest-in-Charge at Margaret's.
  - The Rev. Daniel Cenci has been called as Rector at Pohick Church in March.

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton has also stepped in as interim Dean of the Region. The Region remains committed to facilitating effective regional ministry and continuing its work in service to the Diocese of Virginia.