

Council of Advice Report – June 2019

Your Council of Advice met in Paris on June 6-8 and for the first time was joined by our new Bishop! Mark's participation, feedback and counsel were deeply appreciated by the Council as we move forward with number of Convocation initiatives.

We spent some time talking about the best way of working together as we jointly discern the best path for the Convocation under his leadership.

Items covered in the meeting included 2020 Convocation budget planning and grant reviews, parish and mission congregation reports from liaisons, updated safeguarding policy, October 2019 Geneva convention planning, and the planning/organization of the [Whalon Fund](#).

Much discussion was dedicated to the future health and growth of the Convocation around the following topics:

- Leverage existing resources from the The Episcopal Church in the United States, particularly the The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (*DFMS*)
- Revitalize the Convocation Canon's Committee to ensure that canons are regularly updated to meet actual needs
- Review the process for Convocation-wide communications so that information is best disseminated

The Council is a canonical committee that advises the Bishop in Charge in carrying out his responsibilities in the Convocation.

If you would like to learn more about the Council of Advice and its current members, please visit: <http://www.tec-europe.org/administration/governance-how-we-work-together/the-council-of-advice/>

Wishing all of you a pleasant summer !