Episcopal Church in Western Oregon Report to the 135th Annual Meeting of Convention Submitted October 16, 2023 to the Secretary of the Convention

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Working Group members in 2023 in alphabetical order (we have no leader):

- Carl Braginsky, St. Michael and All Angels, Portland;
- Jan Childs, St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukie;
- Cass Cole, St. David of Wales, Portland;
- The Rev. Jennifer Creswell, St. Andrew, Portland;
- The Rev. Sara Fischer, Sts. Peter and Paul, Portland;
- Sara Jameson, St. Martin, Lebanon.

2023 Activities Report:

- Submitted to Diocese ongoing progress reports including information on causes and background information on homelessness in Oregon.
- Provided a page of theological underpinnings, Biblical references and mandates requiring our action to end homelessness
- Provided Housing Crisis resources for inclusion on Diocesan website
- Prepared and conducted a survey to gauge parish actions in solving housing crisis
- Summarized survey data in a visual graphic to showcase actions around the Diocese
- Sponsored speaker Kevin Nye in May, 2023. Kevin is the author of <u>Faith Can Lead Us</u>
 <u>Home; A Christian Call to End Homelessness</u>, and works with houseless youth in
 Minneapolis as director of a housing agency. Kevin spoke at four venues while in Oregon.

Expenditures

• \$2,100 for travel expenses and honorarium for Kevin Nye

2023 Goals Progress

- Identified three to four "housing success stories" to profile via short videos. The first video
 is under production, with assistance and distribution of videos to be provided by the
 Diocese
- Summarized survey data in a visual graphic (map) to showcase actions around the Diocese (see page 2.)

2024 Goals

- Continue producing "housing success" videos and share.
- Create materials for congregations containing tools for theological reflection and discernment, as well as an invitation to particular action steps.
- Host one or more Zoom (or in person) workshops to follow up on our videos for parishes/missions.
- Continue identifying organizations we can partner with for housing.

Housing in Planning

- St. David of Wales, Portland Family Promise
- St. Andrew, Porland Micro-village
- Sts. Peter and Paul, Portland -apartments
- St. Philip the Deacon, Portland -townhomes
- St. Bartholomew, Beaverton safe parking
- St Thomas, Eugene, tiny houses

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Housing in **Progress**

- St Edwards, Silverton - some
- Samaritan, Corvallis- 2 tiny houses;
- Eugene -Hospitality Village with 3 small Conestoga huts and 4 tiny
- Eugene -some Garden Cottages for transitional housing
- Divine, Springfield - 2 tiny houses partnered with St. Vincent de Paul

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