

### ***What is the Steering Committee?***

The Steering Committee was appointed by the Standing Committee of the Diocese in August, 2025. Its purpose is to support the Standing Committee and the Discernment Committee in their efforts to gather the diocese to support reconciliation and healing. The Steering Committee's first task is to plan and host a gathering, which has been named "Gather, Listen, Connect." This will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> at Christ Church, Kent Island, and will have as its purpose to gather members of the diocese to learn together and share their experiences of the Diocese of Easton.

### ***What is the Steering Committee planning for November 15<sup>th</sup>?***

Our intention is that this first gathering will inform the diocese as a whole, and, especially, the Standing Committee, Discernment Committee and Steering Committee. These three groups are planning for gatherings in 2026 in various parts of the diocese to further the work of healing and reconciliation.

### ***What is our process for preparing the gathering?***

Since August the Steering Committee has held two-hour meetings every two weeks, with one in-person meeting held on September 6<sup>th</sup>. We have been intentional about building spiritual community together and learning each other's gifts and skills in order to have an effective planning process. We share in prayer and Lectio Divina at the start of every meeting.

### ***How do I register for this event?***

Registration will open the week of October 20<sup>th</sup>. Watch for an email from the Diocesan office for further details.

As we prepare an agenda for the November 15<sup>th</sup> event (the agenda will be shared with registrants in advance of the gathering) we are mindful of the diversity of individual experiences in the diocese. We pray and hope to honor

the complexity of our transition in the Diocese of Easton. We strive to create a facilitated event that will maintain respectful communication guidelines where individuals may feel safe to share their experience and to listen to the experiences of others.

This gathering will allow for 200 diocesan members to attend (due to physical space restraints). We hope to have all congregations, with clergy and laypersons, represented.

We invite your prayers for the common life of the diocese and for our work. We pray that our offering will be guided by the Holy Spirit, in the way of Jesus, and a gift to the diocese during this season of transition. To God be the glory!

Click link for more about the consultant to the Steering Committee:

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### **Steering Committee Members**

The Rev. Charlotte Meyer, Interim Rector, Old Wye (Standing Committee)

Diana M. Kunkel, Ph.D. Emmanuel, Chestertown (Discernment Committee)

Chrissy Aull, St. Paul's, Centreville

Eugenie Drayton, Trinity Cathedral, Easton

The Rev. Greg Harbaugh, St. Peter's, Salisbury

The Very Rev. Susan Leight, Rector, Christ Church, Cambridge

James Martinez, Christ Church I.U., Worton

The Rev. Michael Valliant, Christ Church, Easton

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