

Peninsula Deanery Report

The Peninsula Deanery has been working under the leadership of President, Matthew Woodward, Vice-President, Diane Fitzgibbon, Secretary, Lindsay Hills and Treasurer John Lessar to support collaborative working and democratic processes on the Peninsula. We see our role as two fold, to encourage partnership between parishes in ministry and education, and to help prepare delegates for diocesan convention.

In our first meeting on March 8th we gathered at Transfiguration Episcopal church and reflected on our purpose as a deanery. We also discussed priorities for our Equipping the Beloved Community event scheduled for August.

At our second meeting, on a sunny evening on June 26th, we met at St Bede's Menlo Park. We moved the event from a Saturday to a mid week evening, which made it possible for St Bede's to host. We held a bar-b-que and used the evening to deepen relationships between delegates at the deanery.

We have just held our Equipping the Beloved Community event (August 23rd), and its focus on young adult ministry was well received. Young adults in the diocese led a mid day eucharist, which was moving an innovative, and our keynote speaker, Young Adult missionary from the Diocese of Washington DC, Jason Evans inspired us with his address.

We are currently planning our September 20th meeting, at which we will seek to inform delegates about voting issues at the Diocesan Convention. We are planning to ride together in a bus again to reduce our carbon footprint.

As a deanery we are excited to both be growing together in love, and engaging in the democratic processes of the diocese.