

ADOSC Church Planting Diocesan Council Report ~ August 2025

Rev. Todd Simonis – Canon for Church Planting

I continue to have conversations about Church Planting “next steps” with several churches in the Diocese. I am excited about how several of these potential plants can be supported by Deaneries (where no single “mother church” may have the resources to fully support a plant).

A free resource I would commend to every church in ADOSC is a webinar hosted by Always Forward called “Equipping Churches To Plant Churches” at 8:00pm on Wednesday, October 8. This webinar will focus on equipping rectors, planters and lay leaders from all sized churches to effectively plant new churches in various contexts. Registration for this event can be found by going to www.Always-Forward.com and then clicking on “Events”. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Please keep Rev. Daniel Miles and his family in your prayers as they continue their planting efforts in the area of Manning, SC. Pray specifically that the Lord would provide a strong core team to support Daniel.

Our ongoing relationship with KARDIA (Church Planting initiative of Diocese of the Carolinas) continues to be fruitful. In addition to partnering in our Assessment efforts and strategies for planting around the state, we will share in a Church Planters Retreat October 13-16 on Johns Island.

The 2025-2026 Church Planting Residency program is accepting applications. This practical training allows individuals to remain in their current context while receiving weekly teaching, coaching and encouragement. If you, or someone you know, might be interested participating in the Residency Program (open to be clergy and laity), contact me or find more information on the ADOSC website.

In our ADOSC clergy fantasy football league, please pray for Jonathan Bennett. To put in Biblical terms, the quarterbacks are many, but the skill positions are few.

In addition to our church planting efforts within ADOSC, I continue to coach Rev. Johnmark Smith in Columbia, Tennessee and Rev. Brandon Marschner in Fargo, North Dakota.

We have identified several opportunities for planting in/around our diocese. Our greatest need is for the Lord to raise up plant-ers! Please pray the Lord will raise up laborers for His harvest (Luke 10:2).