

ADOSC Church Planting Diocesan Council Report ~ December 2025

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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). Since my last report, there have been significant developments in the Florence and Beaufort Deaneries.

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 had a wonderful Church Planters Retreat on October 13-16 on Johns Island. We were joined by Bishop Edgar and founding Seacoast Church Pastor Greg Surratt.

I spent time at Trinity Anglican Seminary (TAS) November 2-4 to encourage our seminarians, teach about church planting and share opportunities for planting in our diocese. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet with our seminarians in their context while also providing vision and hope for where the Lord may be calling them in the future.

The current 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.

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. The Lord has opened a door for Daniel to start meeting with a small group of people in a neighborhood called Wyboo. I look forward to seeing how the Lord continues to shape this potential church in the Spring.

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).