



Supporting Collaboration

This department serves parishes and parish ministry leaders. Since February 2026, we have supported collaboration in youth/student ministry in the diocese in the following ways:

- *Youth Commission*
 - The 2026–2027 Youth Commission Application is open!
 - **New Youth Commission Model:**
 - The new model intends to offer discernment, formation, and pathways to ministry leadership for high schoolers in the diocese. The pathway to servant leadership will go from parish to the diocese and then back to the parish.
 - Here is how the model works in practice:
 1. A high schooler applies, interviews, and is accepted to the Youth Commission
 2. The student commits to two team trainings: one Sunday in the Fall semester (August) and one Sunday in the Spring semester (January).
 3. At the Fall team training, the student will worship at the host parish, connect with the other youth commissioners, then walk through two rotations of ministry pathways, taught by expert practitioners. The ministry pathways are: Prayer, Diocesan, Missions, Worship, Discipleship/Evangelism, and Family Ministry.
 4. At the end of the Fall training, each student will identify a primary and a secondary ministry pathway.

5. The Canon for Student Ministry & Youth Commission Lead will create cohorts for each ministry pathway, comprised of students who selected it as their pathways.
 6. Each cohort will have coaching, follow-up, prayer, resourcing, and encouragement from a ministry coach in a group chat. This will be a student's opportunity to step into servant leadership with clarity, community, and coaching.
 7. The Spring training will continue to sharpen and form the cohorts for maturity in discipleship and wisdom in leadership for their ministry pathways.
 8. The ideal fruit of each cohort is to take a next-step of leadership in their parish.
- *Youth/Student Leader Network*
 - The Fusion student leader network will meet again on May 21st at the Pickle Bar in Summerville, SC, for a time to connect and celebrate the school year.
 - *Fall 2026 Youth Retreats*
 - Pray for Mattie Zanin, the Fall Retreats Manager, who is working behind the scenes to make Fall 2026 Youth Retreats happen!
 - Mondo 2026 | Camp Bob Cooper | Oct. 16–18 | Theme: Yes & Amen
 - Regenerate 2026 | Camp Bob Cooper | Nov. 13–15 | Theme: Here & Now
 - *United (Charleston)*
 - Canon Myers, in capacities for the Diocese and for the Cathedral, hosted a collaborative youth ministry worship night called United on Wednesday, April 29th. Over 200 students from nine churches in Charleston gathered at the Cathedral. The Student Ministry Department supported United by off-setting \$250 for the food costs.

Discovering Unknown and Unengaged Leaders

This department champions parishes by helping to discover unknown and unengaged leaders for youth/student ministry. We have done so recently in the following ways:

- *Hiring Processes*
 - **Continue to pray for the Lord to lead the right candidates to the following open positions:**
 - Christ St. Paul's, Hollywood, SC | Full-time Family Minister
 - Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant | Full-time Youth Minister
- *Provincial Assembly 2026: Youth Delegate Nominations and Appointments*
 - Pursuant of ACNA and ADOSC canons, the Student Ministry Department worked to nominate seven youth delegates for the upcoming virtual Provincial Assembly. Bishop Edgar subsequently appointed the following seven nominees as ADOSC Youth Delegates for Provincial Assembly:
 - Elliott Arscott | Florence Deanery | Holy Comforter, Sumter
 - Gabriel Collier | Orangeburg Deanery | St. Matthias, Summerton
 - Amelia Cannon | Georgetown Deanery | Trinity, Myrtle Beach
 - Edward Hart | Charleston Deanery | Youth Commission | The Cathedral, Charleston
 - Julia Dubay | Charleston Deanery | Camp Jubilee Staff | Holy Trinity & St. John's, Charleston
 - Ben Shelton | West Charleston Deanery | St. John's, John's Island
 - Cole O'Keefe | Florence Deanery | Youth Minister & Youth Delegate Coordinator | St. John's, Florence

Developing Ministers and Ministries

The department aims to be the leading ACNA diocese for discovering and developing next generation ministers. Here are a few ways we've supported this work:

- *Monday Co-Working*
 - Canon Myers offers a Monday co-working space for youth/student ministry leaders in the greater Charleston area. The location rotates throughout the Charleston metro, from West Ashley, James Island, Mt. Pleasant, Downtown Charleston, North Charleston, and Summerville. Co-working has provided a unique opportunity for younger youth ministry leaders to steward their responsibilities among peers who encourage, discern, collaborate, and pray together.
- *Student Leader Network – Spring 2026 Coaching Cohort*
 - The ACNA Student Leader Network provided ministry coaching for ADOSC student ministry leaders in February. Five student ministers participated in coaching for comprehensive relational discipleship. The Student Ministry Department covered the \$500 cost to make this cohort free for any ADOSC student ministry leader.

Shared Vision for Youth/Student Ministry

At the Student Ministry Department retreat in August, **we recognized all the 'gaps' which exist when someone answers the question, "What is youth ministry?"** Here is my best proposal for a shared vision for youth/student ministry:

*Youth/Student Ministry exists to create **intentional** spaces for **safe, intergenerational, Gospel relationships**.*

I believe this framework, though not exhaustive, will begin to cultivate a positive vision for what youth ministry is, is not, and can look like in the various contexts and ministries of this diocese. I also believe that the Anglican tradition is uniquely equipped to form young people in Christ, and we can join the Holy Spirit in this good, Gospel work.

Grace & Peace,

The Rev. Canon Hunter Myers

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