

Annual Report of the Diocese of Atlanta Commission on LGBTQ+ Ministry

While COVID-19 has impacted the work of the Commission on LGBTQ+ Ministry just as it has impacted all of the work of our church, we have been able to get a lot of items accomplished. At the 115th Annual Council, a resolution was passed to have the Deans of the 11 Convocations nominate a representative from their convocation to serve on the Commission. We are having some hesitancy from some of the Deans on this matter. We still have had 5 representatives nominated and we are looking forward to increasing that number shortly.

The Diocese of Atlanta was a sponsor of Atlanta Pride 2022. Links to the diocesan webpage as well as sharing information about our collective work on issues affecting LGBTQ+ persons kept a presence of the diocese on view. The Commission was also present at the Pride Celebration in Rome, GA and the Pride Celebration in Carrolton, GA. Members of the commission attended all three Pride Celebrations to lend support.

The Commission was present at the 32nd Annual Integrity Atlanta Pride Eucharist held at All Saints' Atlanta. The Commission is a co-sponsor of that event. Dr Bruce Garner, preached at the service. The Reverend Canon Dr. Angela F. Shepherd, rector of St. Bartholomew celebrated the Eucharist. The Trey Clegg Singers provided the choir for the service. By all reports it was a great service.

We look forward to the coming year and the hope of being able to have more in-person gatherings to address the work of our Commission.

Meghan Birdseye

Chair