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College of Laity Synod Report 2026

John ZuHone, Chair

The College of Laity met virtually four times in their inaugural year of 2026. During this year, John ZuHone from Church of the Cross in Boston, MA served as Chair, and Jan Harrison from Church of the Holy Cross in Crozet, VA served as Vice-Chair. We had 33 listed members of the College.
The main activity of this past year's work of the College of Laity was to establish the Charter to serve as a governing document for the College's activities going forward. The document emphasizes the unique role of the laity in Christ's Church from the foundations of Scripture, our Anglican formularies, and the Canons of the Anglican Church in North America and the Diocese of Christ Our Hope. It then establishes the relationship of the College to the Diocese, sets up structures for meetings, roles, and responsibilities, and lays out an initial framework for membership in the College, the details of which still require working out in the coming year. We also reviewed proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese.

All College of Laity members from calendar year 2026 will serve for the coming year. The primary tasks set before the College in calendar year 2027 will be to finalize guidelines for membership in the College going forward, as well as the establishment of working groups. We anticipate that the first working group in the College of Laity will be focused on the role of the vestry from a lay perspective.