**2023 Statement of Mission**

**What does EDUSC’s SOM fund?**

Essential in the mind of the SOM Committee, in recommending a preliminary Statement of Mission, will be those goals previously named by the Diocese through the work of the Strategic Vision Task Force: To make, equip and send mature disciples of Jesus Christ into the world in witness to God’s love. Specifically, the diocese is seeking to concentrate on four areas:

* The Church as a Community of Worship, Prayer and Dialogue
* Formation, Teaching and Vocation within the Church
* Witness, Common Mission and Service to the World
* Stewardship and Care of People, Place and Money

The commissions are charged to make funding recommendations based on these goals, keeping in mind that the purpose of the SOM is to fund those ministries that can be carried out most effectively at the diocesan level. Many of our congregations are involved in meaningful ministries, and the SOM cannot support them all. It is for this reason that we honor requests primarily from committees, commissions, institutions, mission congregations and other entities that carry out ministry at the diocesan level.

**Development Process**

Each commission of the Diocesan Executive Council will submit one application for funding using the 2023 Statement of Mission request form. All requests must be submitted to EDUSC through the Diocesan Chief Financial Officer ([ckelly@edusc.org](file:///\\EDUSC-DC01\Public\SOM\2021%20SOM\ckelly@edusc.org)) using the form available on the diocesan website ([www.edusc.org](http://www.edusc.org)). The Statement of Mission Committee will determine block grants for each commission based on requests and projected income. Commissions and convocations will receive the first draft of the 2023 SOM for comments and recommendations by mid-June, and will return their comments and recommendations to the SOM Committee by July 31. Once all recommendations are received, a second draft of the 2023 SOM will be reviewed by the SOM Committee and the Commission on the Diocese. This will in turn be presented to the Diocesan Executive Council at their September meeting. A balanced 2023 SOM will then be presented to the annual Diocesan Convention for approval.

Please see the “Timeline for EDUSC Statement of Mission (SOM)” at the end of this document for further details about the timing of this process.

**2023 Statement of Mission**

**Application**

**Please complete and return this form.**

Submit this form to your Commission chairperson.

Find the form on the web at [www.edusc.org](http://www.edusc.org)

**Commission Making Request:**

**Name of person completing this form:**

**Role of person completing this form:**

**Phone of person completing this form:**

**Email of person completing this form:**

**\*This entire application must be completed to be considered for inclusion in the 2023 SOM.\***

1. Describe the commission’s purpose.
2. List major ministry priorities to achieve that purpose.
3. Review of 2021 SOM
   * 1. Amount Allocated (including supplemental applications received during 2021)
     2. Amount Spent
     3. Review how monies spent forwarded the commission’s responsibilities. Include metrics used to define success and areas for improvement. Discuss any execution issues caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. Review of 2022 SOM
   * 1. Amount currently allocated
     2. Discussion of how monies allocated will forward commission’s responsibilities, including goals for the year and the metrics being used to determine success. Include any provisions being made to ameliorate the on-going pandemic’s impact on the commission’s mission.
5. Provide 2023 SOM ask
   * 1. In order of importance, list ministry/program initiatives with an estimate of annual cost. [It is strongly recommended that the commission Chair require each subordinate initiative to prepare a detailed budget so the commission Chair can speak knowledgeably on how the diocesan funds will be spent.]
     2. Include goals for year and metrics to be used to define success.
     3. Relate the activities to be funded to the Commission’s responsibilities.
6. Using the format provided, attach a funding request for the commission based upon a rollup of the commission’s ministry/program initiatives. Include the Comprehensive Statement of Mission Application and Expense Spreadsheet.
7. Provide a list of ministries funded in 2022 for which no funds are requested in 2023 because of the updated priorities of the commission.
8. Attach the annual report made to convention in 2021 from this commission.
9. Commission Chair should plan to attend the Commission on the Diocese meeting on May TBA, 2023, 10 AM – 2 PM.

**By signing below, I affirm and certify that all the information and data submitted in this application are complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

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**Signature Date**

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| **December** | Commissions | * Commissions Submit Annual Reports to DEC, Identifying ministry priorities and strategies (See Diocesan Mutual Ministry Review) |
| **March 1 - 20** | Finance Committee (Commission on the Diocese)  All Commissions | * Receive an estimate of revenues from the Diocesan Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer. * Commissions accept 2023 Ministry Applications and Expense Spreadsheet from those who request funding. |
| **March 31** | Commission Chairs | * Commission chairs (or liaisons) submit a Comprehensive Statement of Mission Application and Expense Spreadsheet to the Chief Financial Officer, Chanda Kelly |
| **May - June** | Statement of Mission Committee  Commission Chairs | * The Statement of Mission Committee\* reviews all proposals and created Draft 1 of the Statement of Mission for the Diocesan Treasurer to present to Diocesan Executive Council. * Commission Chairs will meet with the Statement of Mission Committee May TBA, 2023, 10 AM – 2 PM at All Saints, Clinton |
| **June** | Statement of Mission Committee  Commission on the Diocese  Diocesan Executive Council  Convocations | * Statement of Mission and Mutual Ministry Review to be a major item on June DEC agenda. * Diocesan Executive Council provides feedback to the Statement of Mission Committee\*. * Convocations are provided an update (with rationale) regarding the development of the Statement of mission * Commission and Statement of Mission representation to attend convocation meetings reporting all feedback to the Statement of Mission Committee. |
| **July** | Commissions | * Commissions review Draft 1 and provide feedback to the Statement of Mission Committee by July 31. * If warranted, the Statement of Mission Committee will meet with the commission chairs and liaisons for further review. |
| **August** | Statement of Mission Committee  Diocesan Executive Council | * The Statement of Mission Committee provides a final draft of the Statement of Mission to the DEC Executive Committee for review. |
| **September** | Diocesan Executive Council  Convocations | * DEC Executive Committee presents the final Statement of Mission to Diocesan Executive Council for action. * Convocations review the Statement of Mission approved by Diocesan Executive Council. * Convocations submit any amendments to the Statement of Mission Committee in writing 5 business days prior to Diocesan Convention. |
| **November** | Diocesan Convention | * Statement of Mission is presented for approval at convention. |