

Episcopal Diocese of Oregon  
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FRESH START

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Activities Report

- Fresh Start is a diocesan-led program for clergy in new positions and their congregations
- Fresh Start's purpose is to support Episcopal clergy and their congregational leaders in navigating the critical period of transition in clergy leadership
- At the same time the program promotes collegial relationships among clergy within a diocese
- Our Fresh Start program in 2021 has had up to 29 clergy in transitional ministry, with more expected to join as new calls are made in our diocese
- Due to the pandemic, we meet on Zoom for each of our eight sessions per year

Expenditures

- Since we meet on Zoom, we have not had mileage expenses for members to travel to meetings
- Due to the pandemic, we did not have an in-person retreat this year, so there were no retreat expenses this year

2021 Goals Progress

- Welcome clergy who are new to the Diocese of Oregon
- Welcome newly ordained clergy in our diocese
- Support clergy in their leadership of their congregations as they navigate the first two years of ministry

2022 Goals

- Support clergy & congregations in times of transition
- Provide space for continuing education and collegiality among clergy
- Discern how this ministry will evolve in the future