The Episcopal Diocese Of Western New York

"We Meet": Listening Sessions Continue Across the Diocese

Bishop Provisional Stephen Lane reflected last week on what makes Anglican decision-making distinct: we meet. The listening sessions underway across the diocese are that same instinct in practice —the slow, prayerful work of gathering perspectives so that whoever leads next is chosen with the full Body's discernment behind them.

Sessions have now been held in 19 congregations, including St. Paul's in Angola, whose members describe their small, close-knit parish as "small but mighty" and, among numerous other outreach ministries, works with a local partner's food pantry; St. Matthias' in East Aurora, which runs a twice-monthly Pet Food Pantry for families across the region; Trinity in Lancaster, whose food pantry serves 350 families in four communities; and St. Philip's in Buffalo, which grounds its ministry in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s concept of "Beloved Community," and offers a Wednesday food pantry. In looking at this group of congregations alone, we're able to see quite a commitment to feeding ministry in the Diocese of Western New York!

Every congregation is invited to take part — the input shapes the diocesan profile guiding the search ahead.

And please send us your stories. We'd love to share them in the diocesan news!

St. Philip's, Buffalo	Sue Sims	Deborah Seals	July 12, 2026
St. Paul's, Angola	Mark Henger	Abrielle Monaghan	July 12. 2026
Christ Church, Lockport	Thomas Mitchell	Robin Kozlowski	July 19, 2026
St. Peter's, Westfield	Cheri Maytum-Krull	Abrielle Monaghan	July 19, 2026
St. Paul's, Springfield	Mark Henger	Sue Sims	July 19, 2026
St. Alban's, Silver Creek	Lisa Yaggie	Sharon Drennen	July 19, 2026
Good Shepherd, Buffalo	William Duthe	Susan Hadden	July 19, 2026