

Truro Anglican Church—Regular Vestry Meeting Summary

September 2025

On September 16, 2025, at 7:05 pm, Jamie Brown opened the meeting with prayer thanking God for His presence. He ended by asking for the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

For the devotion Jamie shared thoughts from Acts 15 where the Jerusalem Council dealt with a major contentious issue. Although the church might have split over this conflict, it did not.

Jamie concluded by praying for God to keep us clear, open-handed, and generous whenever we disagree.

Summary

1. The Vestry moved, seconded, and approved acceptance of the following items:

- Vestry Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2025
- Financial Summary Reports – July and August Finance Committee, TPK, and Trinity Burke.

Jamie paused to pray (along with other Vestry members), offering thanks for new families arriving at Truro, and a petition for sustained financial provision.

2. TPK Update; Buildings and Grounds Committee: Tom Heitman reported that TPK achieved 90% enrollment for the 2025-2026 academic year. After months of preparation, including the drafting of three written procedures, the Safety Team officially launched. Members on duty wear red lanyards. The Safety Team could use more volunteers to monitor the grounds and another volunteer with medical training. The air handler in the steeple, installed when the main sanctuary was built in the late 1950s, recently malfunctioned. Options for its replacement, possibly in a more accessible location, are being considered.
3. Outreach: Jamie reported that more TIPS students are enrolled for the fall semester than ever before. TIPS seeks more volunteers as assistants for online English classes, which take place Monday and Wednesday evenings. Some parishioners are attending the 30th New Wineskins Conference this week. New Wineskins is major gathering of global Anglicans who pray for, receive reports from, and support foreign and domestic missions. Truro continues to partner with the Lamb Center. Long-time Truro member Mary Petersen will be honored for her decades of service to the Lamb Center and its guests at its fall celebration.
4. Personnel Committee: Per Steve Weagraff's report, the Committee had its initial meeting on July 15, 2025. No decisions were made but several policy questions were identified for consideration.
5. Director of Operations: Daria Brown briefly reported on (i) completing the kitchen refresh, and (ii) signing a contract to repair the sanctuary ceiling from damage caused by the

failing steeple air handler. Marsha Foos has been meeting with each ministry to prepare the 2026 budget and shared a preliminary draft with the Finance Committee.

6. Senior Warden: Nancy Gordon asked all Vestry members to read Archbishop Steve Wood's pastoral letter to the ACNA, reprinted in the Mid-Atlantic Messenger of September 16, 2025. She also encouraged Vestry members to read Will Guidara's book *Unreasonable Hospitality: The Remarkable Power of Giving People More Than They Expect*.
7. Rector: Jamie addressed in his oral report:
 - An invitation was recently extended to an individual to join the clergy team as a full-time Associate Rector. After much prayer, that individual decided to pursue another opportunity. We will now reinstate a prayerful search.
 - Ryan Shelton started as Director of Worship in late August.
 - The Rev. Preston Hansen and the Rev. Catherine Warner were each ordained to the priesthood in the past month.
 - On September 27, Bishop-elect Jeff Bailey will be consecrated at Truro to lead the Diocese of Churches for the Sake of Others (C4SO). Truro's campus will be busy that Saturday and the Friday before. Archbishop Wood, who will preside at the consecration, will also preach at Truro on Sunday, September 28.
 - The Rev. Chris Hammond has begun teaching a class on Sundays at 9 am entitled We Believe: Unpacking the Nicene Creed.
 - Jamie plans to begin his annual prayer retreat on October 6.
 - Libby Cannizzaro designed a curriculum and has 75 registered for Women's Bible Study starting this month.
 - The vestry entered executive session at 8:27 pm and ended at 8:56 pm.
8. Jamie concluded with prayer and adjourned the meeting at 8:59 pm.

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