

(NEW) TRIFOLD SUMMARY

A one page, front and back overview of the Building Bridges process, recommendation, and next steps. This is a summary of the full 2023 convention report for those seeking just the main points, with information for how to engage the details further online.

Download and print additional copies of the tri-fold: tinyurl.com/bbsc-trifold-2024

BUILDING BRIDGES 2023 CONVENTION REPORT

Detailed information about Building Bridges' work over the last several years, including summaries of several subcommittees: financial stewardship, internal conversations, external research, and more. The report articulates the "why" of the committee's recommendation for juncture.



Download and print the full report: tinyurl.com/bbsc-report-2023
or scan the QR code.

Download and print a bulletin insert about the report: tinyurl.com/bbsc-report-2023-bulletin

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

After gathering remaining questions at the 2023 diocesan convention and incorporating others they've received over the last several years, the Building Bridges team put together a list of FAQs, addressing many areas including: the discernment process, the recommendation for juncture, and general diocesan questions. This is a live Google Document that allows us to update as we gain more information or address new questions.

Access online: tinyurl.com/bbsc-faqs

BULLETIN INSERT AND DRAFT DOCUMENTS FOR THE "AGREEMENT FOR UNION" (JANUARY 2024)

For review and input during the January 2024 public Feedback Sessions, the Building Bridges team has offered draft documents, detailing their current recommendations in key areas of the canons and our approach to financial stewardship. After receiving diocesan-wide input, the Building Bridges group will make final changes accordingly before presenting as "final" drafts to the pre-convention meetings for the March 16 special convention. Should juncture be approved, we would not formally adopt canons or a budget until our first convention in October 2024 -- this means, they can continue to be amended ahead of their adoption (and after, according to normal processes).

Access "Draft Constitution and Canons Recommendations" online: tinyurl.com/bbsc-draft-canons-jan2024

Access "Draft Stewardship of Resources Recommendations" online: tinyurl.com/bbsc-draft-finance-jan2024

Download and print a bulletin insert about the January Feedback Sessions: tinyurl.com/bbsc-feedback2024-bulletin

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR CONGREGATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

It is crucial to the discernment process that we have wide participation and representation from across the two dioceses in our conversation. In addition to the many public conversations that Building Bridges has hosted over the last several years, they've put out quite a bit of content aimed at sharing information and building engagement with the local congregation.

All previous communications, including the "Season of Practice" video series (includes our former bishop provisional) are available from eastmich.org/building-bridges and edwm.org/building-bridges.

The Building Bridges series in our bi-diocesan newsletter is intended to be replicable content for parish newsletters and social media. Those include:

- Summer 2023 - Newsletter Content on Listening Session Take-Aways: tinyurl.com/bbsc-newsletter-summer
- Fall 2023 - Newsletter Content on the Building Bridges Subteams: tinyurl.com/bbsc-newsletter-fall
- Winter 2024 - (ongoing) Newsletter Content on the Steps to March: tinyurl.com/bbsc-newsletter-winter