

In this land of mountains, lakes and plains (with some larger population centers) there are vast expanses of land dotted with small towns. Episcopal churches are spread across this vastness often with significant distances between them. There are times when feelings of isolation can creep into a group as well as an individual.

The Province VI Small Church Network seeks to build/strengthen connections across this vastness. Each Province VI diocese includes many small congregations often in small towns. One important part of belonging to The Episcopal Church is the structure that tells us we are each a part of a greater whole. Many of us recognize we are part of a diocese. We also belong to Province VI, and we share commonalities with others in the dioceses of Province VI. The Province VI Small Church Network offers the opportunity to get to know others who are in small churches. It offers that time to share what is happening and to hear what is happening in a variety of places. The connections made can remind us that we are not alone in our place.

This Small Church Network gathers once a month – the first Tuesday of each month – on zoom for an hour. We meet at 6:30pm MT/7:30pm CT. The topics of conversation come from the group and always touch each of us in some way. Everyone, especially those in smaller congregations, are welcome to join the zoom group.

To be included in the email list for notices of each gathering, contact Ellen Bruckner, Province VI Coordinator, <u>ebruckner7@gmail.com</u> and have your address added to the list. A monthly notice comes with the link.

Province VI includes the Dioceses of Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming.