

June 2024

Greetings in Christ!



Province VI is eight whole state dioceses and our ministries extend throughout all 717,081 square miles and beyond. We have close to 500 congregations with more than 75,000 members. What stories we have and what promise our stories hold!

From the worship services to ministry within a local community and beyond, our congregations are making a difference in the lives of individuals and communities. Just imagine all the stories our congregations hold – stories of joy, comfort, hope, conviction, and action.

Between June 2024 and August 2024, folks across Province VI will be invited to share these stories as part of Province's Narrative Project.

Stories have the potential of opening possibilities...

That strengthen relationships between diocese and ministry partners

That assist dioceses in discerning their gifts

That lead Province VI into a future that is filled with connection and possibility

That build partnerships between congregations and their communities

This is something to celebrate, and you can join us by:

Taking thoughtful moments to respond to the sets of questions (one in June, one in July and one in August) in the survey at the link below.

Sharing this invitation with others you know in congregations across the diocese. Please distribute this letter to individuals across the diocese, encouraging folks to complete the surveys. We will be choosing some of the responses to interview, pulling out the stories that remind us all of our belovedness and belonging.

It is our intention to create a picture of Province VI from the stories collected. It is NOT our intention to single out any particular diocese. We will share this emerging picture with all in the Province especially at the Provincial gathering in Rapid City in 2025.

I am happy to talk with anyone about this project. You may contact me at provincevitoi@gmail.com

Here is the link to a Survey Monkey. Thank you so much for your time and thoughtfulness.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/23GD979>

In peace,

Ellen Bruckner, Coordinator for Province VI