

**Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh (TEC)
Diocesan Council
Calvary Episcopal Church
December 7, 2009**

Minutes

(corrected & approved by Council, January 4, 2010)

MEMBERS PRESENT (District represented): Ms. Joan Morris, President (7); The Right Rev. Kenneth Price, Bishop; The Rev. Canon James Shoucair, Secretary of Convention; Mr. Andy Roman, Chancellor; Ms. Linda Getts, ECW President; Fran Gargotta (2); The Rev. Steven Smalley (3); Mr. John Hose (4); The Rev. William Geiger (4); Mr. John Roberts (4); The Rev. Lou Hays (5/10); Mr. Robert Johnston (5/10); The Rev. Charles Weiss (5/10); The Rev. Dr. Moni McIntyre (7); The Rev. Dr. Jay Geisler (8);

INCOMING MEMBERS PRESENT: The Rev. Christine McIlvain (2); Ms. Kristin Smalley (3); The Rev. Leslie Reimer (7);

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Joan Gundersen, Treasurer; Ms. Dana Phillips, for the President of the Board of Trustees; Mr. Rich Creehan, Diocesan Communications;

ABSENT: Mr. Russ Ayres, President of the Board of Trustees; The Rev. Dr. James Simons, President of the Standing Committee; Ms. Melissa McClain (2); The Rev. Norman E. Koehler, III (3); Ms. Ardelle Hopson (7); Ms. Judith Rosensteel (8); Mr. Robert Pratt (incoming 8);

The December meeting of the Diocesan Council was **called to order** at 7:15pm by Joan Morris, President. **Bishop Price** shared from a Forward Movement pamphlet on *Lectio Divina*, then various members volunteered reflections on Sunday's gospel lesson.

Minutes of the November 16th Council meeting were approved, with corrections.

Ms. Dana Phillips reported for the **Board of Trustees** on behalf of Russ Ayers that Holy Cross, Homewood had reduced the amount of their request for roof repairs.

Chancellor Andy Roman gave a update on legal matters, including a brief overview of a report recently received from the Special Master outlining the property covered by Judge James' ruling.

Treasurer Joan Gundersen presented her report, which is included with these minutes. She noted that all bills are currently paid, and that while some income for 2009 was below expectation, so were some expenses, and there will probably be about \$160,000 carryover into 2010. The Treasurer's report was received as presented.

The **Budget & Assessment Committee** report was presented by Mr. John Hose, Committee Chair. The Committee recommended and moved that in the 2010 Budget the Bishop's housing expense reflect the actual market value of the rental, having received a pledge from the owners to contribute to the Diocese the difference between the actual market value and the cost previously agreed upon. A revised 2010 budget reflecting this recommendation was distributed. The motion PASSED.

The Budget & Assessment Committee also recommended & moved that Council adjust the 2010 assessment diocesan portion for Holy Cross, Homewood from \$14,595 to \$8,000. Holy Cross requested the adjustment to help them make critical repairs to their buildings. They have received other very significant grants & donations to enable them to repair the church roof. It was noted that over the last 30 years, Holy Cross has borrowed about \$50,000 from the Diocese, and has been very reliable in repaying those loans. The motion to reduce their 2010 assessment PASSED.

Bishop Price spoke of his plans to move to Pittsburgh at the end of the month, as he winds up a majority of commitments in Southern Ohio and plans for more full-time participation in Pittsburgh after the first of the year. He reported having a cordial and productive meeting with Bishop Duncan earlier in the day. Bishop Price suggested Council may want to evaluate the suitability of the current office space before the lease renewal date of February 1.

Discussion about time & location of **Council meetings in 2010** led to preliminarily planning to meet on the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm at Calvary Church, Shadyside.

Discussion about dates & location for the **2010 Diocesan Convention** produced a motion to hold convention on Friday evening and Saturday October 15-16, 2010. The motion PASSED. Council expressed a preference for holding the Convention at Trinity Cathedral, and will wait for a proposal from the Convention Planning Committee concerning location and other details.

Bishop Price announced dates for diocesan **Leadership Meetings** (for members of governing bodies and other elected & appointed leaders) in 2010: Saturdays February 13, May 8, August 7, November 6.

Council **adjourned**, and was dismissed with a prayer from Bishop Price, at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. William Geiger
on behalf of the Council Secretary