

THE STANDING COMMITTEE

This report covers the business conducted by the Standing Committee from September 2018 through September 2019. The Committee met every month except August 2019.

Episcopal Consents

Diocese of Kansas (Rev. Dr. Cathleen Chittenden Bascom)
Diocese of Colorado (Rev. Kimberly D. Lucas)
Diocese of Haiti (Bishop Coadjutor) (Ven. Joseph Kerwin Delicat) (*)
Diocese of Arizona (Rev. Jennifer Anne Reddall)
Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe (Rev. Mark D.W. Edington)
Diocese of Ecuador Litoral (Rev. Canon Cristobal Olmedo Leon Lozano)
Diocese of West Tennessee (Rev. Phoebe A. Roaf)
Diocese of San Diego (Rev. Susan Brown Snook)
Diocese of Northern California (Rev. Canon Megan Traquair)
Diocese of Maine (Rev. Thomas James Brown)
Diocese of Texas (Suffragan Bishop) (Rev. Canon Kathryn McRossen Ryan)
Diocese of South Dakota (Rev. Dr. Jonathan H. Folts)
Diocese of Vermont (Rev. Dr. Shannon MacVean-Brown)
Diocese of Michigan (Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry)
Diocese of El Camino Real (Rev. Canon Lucinda Ashby)
Diocese of Montana (Rev. Martha “Marty” Stebbins)

(*) We learned later that Rev. Delicat did not receive consents from a sufficient number of dioceses, and that the Diocese of Haiti will hold a new election for a Bishop Coadjutor.

Interviews and Consents to Ordination

Rev. Canon Kim Karashin (consents to ordination to the diaconate and to the priesthood)
Rev. Julie Smith (consents to ordination to the diaconate and to the priesthood)
Rev. Brandon Mozingo (consent to ordination to the priesthood)
Rev. William “Biff” Carpenter (interview, declaration of acceptability as an Episcopal Priest and consent to reception of his orders from the Anglican Church of North America)

By-law revisions

Church of the Advent, Jeannette
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Mt. Lebanon

Vacancies on Diocesan Boards and Committees

Commission on Ministry (Rev. Garrett Yates)
Board of Trustees (David Bischoff)

Property Issues

Donegal, Pennsylvania – sale of 160 acres including clergy house and barn on terms approved by the Board of Trustees.

Throughout the year, the Standing Committee followed closely the progress of Project CREED, and members of the Committee served on some of the task forces for that Project. We are pleased that all of the task forces have presented thoughtful resolutions for this Convention to consider.

The Agreement with 9 Anglican parishes which was signed in February 2018 was approved by the Court in December 2018 and has been in effect since then. We have worked with a few of the parishes to answer questions about the particulars of the Agreement, and have given consents to specific uses of parish resources when requested. We are now recruiting volunteers to visit each of the parishes before the end of the year, as required by the Agreement. We hope the Agreement will become an ongoing vehicle for our Diocesan mission, as follows:

- To Love those who wounded us, always remembering our own sins of uncharity.
- To Teach ourselves to understand the essentials of our faith, and to learn what we share in common with those who are estranged.
- To Heal the wounds that were caused by the split.

It is a joy and a privilege to serve on the Standing Committee, and I would like to thank former members Kathy Baird and Rev. Kris Opat, current members Lisa Brown, Bob Johnston, Darrell Powell, Rev. Noah Evans, Rev. Eric McIntosh, Rev. Leslie Riemer, Rev. Annis Rogers, Bishop McConnell, Bishop Price and Andy Roman for their unfailing wisdom, humor and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Russell Ayres
President
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