

## **The Standing Committee**

This report covers the business conducted by the Standing Committee from September 2021 through October 2022. The Committee met every month except August 2022 (including twice in November 2021, January 2022, April 2022, and May 2022). All meetings were conducted over Zoom with the exception of December 2021 (St. Paul's, Mount Lebanon) and March 2022 (St. Peter's, Blairsville).

### **Episcopal Consents**

Diocese of Nevada (The Rev. Elizabeth Bonforte Gardner)  
Diocese of West Virginia (Bishop Coadjutor) (The Rev. Matthew Cowden)  
Diocese of Upper South Carolina (The Very Rev. Daniel P. Richards)  
Diocese of Dallas (Assistant Bishop; Reception from Anglican Church of Canada) (The Right Rev. Fraser Lawton)  
Diocese of Ecuador Central (The Rev. Juan Carlos Quinonez)  
Diocese of Springfield (The Rev. Brian K. Burgess)  
Diocese of Idaho (The Rev. Jos Tharakan)  
Diocese of Southwest Florida (Bishop Coadjutor) (The Very Rev. Dr. Douglas Scharf)  
Diocese of Louisiana (The Rev. Cn. Shannon Rogers Duckworth)  
Diocese of Utah (The Rev. Phyllis Spiegel)  
Diocese of Connecticut (The Rev. Jeffrey Mello)  
Diocese of Virginia (The Rev. Cn. Mark E. Stevenson)

### **Interviews and Consents for Ordination**

Brandon Cooper (Priesthood)  
Erin Morey (Diaconate, Priesthood)

### **Vacancies on Diocesan Boards and Committees**

Board of Trustees, District 2 (James Cassaro)  
Committee on Constitution and Canons (Ian Everhart)

### **Property Issues**

Consented to the sale of the Rectory of St. James Episcopal Church in Penn Hills  
Consented to the closure of St. Paul's, Monongahela

### **Episcopal Transition**

Gave consent to the COVID-19 Protocols for the Ordination and Consecration of the IX Bishop of Pittsburgh that had been recommended by the Transition Committee

### **As Ecclesiastical Authority**

Voted to hold virtual Diocesan Convention, October 16, hosted in Trinity Cathedral  
Discussed plans and details for the October 2021 Diocesan Convention  
Signed Diocesan Commitment for the Episcopal Church budget assessment  
Appointed the Rev. Julie Smith chair of the Commission on Ministry effective November 10  
Accepted the resignation of The Rev. Noah Evans as First Clergy Alternate Deputy to General Convention for reasons of scheduling

In addition to its usual business, the Standing Committee acted as the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Pittsburgh between the resignation of the Right Rev. Dorsey McConnell, VIII Bishop of Pittsburgh, on September 1, 2021, and the Ordination of the Right Rev. Ketlen A. Solak on November 13, 2021.

During that same period, the Standing Committee spent substantial time overseeing the final aspects of the Episcopal Transition. I want to thank all those involved in the work to bring that process to a successful conclusion, particularly the members of the Nominating and Transition Committees, for their hard work in service to the Diocese.

In April, the Standing Committee participated in a Joint Diocesan Leadership Meeting with the Bishop, Board of Trustees, and Diocesan Council.

The Standing Committee had discussions with the Bishop and members of the Commission on Ministry about the ordination process and the manner and timing of the Standing Committee's involvement.

I want to express my sincere thanks to the current members of the Standing Committee: Lisa Brown (*Secretary*), the Rev. Annis Rogers, Steve Stagnitta (*Chaplain*), Kathy Baird, the Rev. Dr. Moni McIntyre, Florence Atwood, the Rev. Nancy Threadgill, and to the Rev. Noah Evans and Bob Johnston, whose terms expired at the end of 2021.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Neil Kumar Raman  
President