

STANDING COMMITTEE

Report to Diocesan Convention 2025

This report covers the business conducted by the Standing Committee from November 2024 through October 2025.

The Committee met on the following dates via Zoom: November 14, 2023, January 2, 2025, February 11, 2025, March 11, 2025, April 8, 2025, May 13, 2025, July 8, 2025, September 9, 2025, and October 14, 2025

The Committee met on the following dates in person: December 10, 2024, (Calvary, East Liberty) January 25, 2024 (St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon),

On January 25, 2024, the Standing Committee participated in a Joint Diocesan Leadership Meeting held at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon with the Bishop, the Board of Trustees, Diocesan Council and the District Chairs.

At our organizational meeting on January 2, 2025, Florence Atwood was elected President, Eileen Sharbaugh was elected Secretary, Anthony Crisafio was appointed as the Chaplain to the Standing Committee, the Rev. Bonnie-Marie Yager-Wiggan was appointed as the BAWG liaison, Wesley Rohrer was appointed as the liaison to the Board of Trustees and the Rev. Nancy Threadgill was appointed as the Standing Committee's liaison to the Commission on Ministry.

Episcopal Consents Given:

- Diocese of West Texas, Suffragan (The Rev. Angela Maria Cortiñas)
- Diocese of West Missouri (The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux)
- Agreement of Union of the Diocese of Bethlehem and the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania
- Diocese of Cuba (Rev. Angel Roberto Rivera Rodriguez)
- Diocese of Dallas, Coadjutor (The Very Rev. Robert P. Price)

Certified for Ordination:

- Certified the ordination of Deanna Briody to the Priesthood
- Certified the ordination of Jack Brownfield to the Priesthood
- Certified the ordination of Guy Brown to the Priesthood
- Certified the ordination of Theodore Somes to the Priesthood

Vacancies on Diocesan Boards and Committees:

- Appointed Jim Neral, Christ Church, North Hills to fill unexpired term of Wesley Rohrer, St. Andrew's, Highland Park on Standing Committee

Property Issues:

- Appointed Florence Atwood, Calvary, East Liberty to the Donegal Property Task Force

Other Business:

- Annual Review and Approval of the Statement on the Role of the Standing Committee in the Candidacy and Ordination Process
- Consent to Bylaws Revision St. Brendan's, Franklin Park
- Consent to Bylaws Revision Redeemer, Squirrel Hill
- Consent to the Request of the Rev. Bruce Robison for Release and Removal from the Ordained Ministry of the Episcopal Church
- Consent to the Request of the Rev. Dr. Henry L. Thompson for Release and Removal from the Ordained Ministry of the Episcopal Church

Appointments:

- Appointed Mr. Jon Delano as Judge of Elections for the 2025 Diocesan Convention (Joint Appointment with Bishop)

I want to express my thanks to the current members of the Standing Committee: the Rev. Nancy Threadgill, The Rev. Laura DiPanfilo, Wesley Rohrer (resigned), Jim Neral, the Rev. Bonnie-Marie Yager-Wiggan, Eileen Sharbaugh (*Secretary*), the Rev. Natalie Hall, and Anthony Crisafio (*Chaplain*). Finally, to Kathy Baird and the Rev. Dr. Moni McIntyre, whose terms expired at the end of 2024, my deepest appreciation for your service on the Standing Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Florence W. Atwood
President