

STANDING COMMITTEE Report to Diocesan Convention 2026

This report covers the business conducted by the Standing Committee from November 2025 through October 2026.

Since Diocesan Convention 2025, the Standing Committee met in person on December 8 (2025), January 5 (organizational meeting), January 10 (Joint Diocesan Leadership Meeting with the Bishop, the Board of Trustees, Diocesan Council and the District Chairs).

Meetings over zoom were held February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, September 8, and October 13.

Elections & Committee Leadership Appointments

At the January 5, 2026 organizational meeting, the Rev. Bonnie-Marie Yager-Wiggan was elected President, Eileen Sharbaugh was elected Secretary, and Anthony Crisafio was appointed Chaplain. Following the Rev. Bonnie-Marie Yager-Wiggan's resignation on August 20, the Rev. Sara Irwin was elected president on September 8.

- Liaisons Appointed
 - The Rev. Natalie Hall – Commission on Ministry (CoM) liaison
 - The Rev. Laura DiPanfilo – Budget Assessment Working Group (BAWG) liaison
 - Shannon Warchol O'Brien – Board of Trustees liaison
- Diocesan Council Lay Representatives (Re-elected Sept 8, 2026):
 - Daniel Sirianni (District 4)
 - Bruce Quayle (District 1)
- Judge of Elections (Oct 2026):
 - Jon Delano was appointed Judge of Elections for the 2026 Diocesan Convention (joint appointment with the Bishop)

1. Bishop Consents

- **Diocese of North Dakota:** Consent granted for the election of The Very Rev. Shay Craig as Bishop.
- **Diocese of San Joaquin:** Consent granted for the election of The Rev. Dr. Gregory Kimura as Bishop.
- **Diocese of Los Angeles:** Consent granted for the election of The Rev. Antonio Jose Gallardo Lucena as Bishop.
- **Diocese of Alabama:** Consent granted for the election of The Very Rev. Richard Lawson as Bishop.

- **Diocese of Southwestern Virginia:** Consent granted for the election of The Rev. Karin L. MacPhail as Bishop.
- **Diocese of Taiwan:** Consent granted for the election of The Rev. Keith Chen-Cheng Lee as Bishop.
- **Diocese of Hawaii:** Consent granted for the election of The Rev. Elizabeth Berman as Bishop.
- **Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania:** Consent granted for the election of The Rev. Jenifer Chatfield as Bishop.
- **Diocese of Lexington:** Consent granted for the election of The Rev. David Sibley as Bishop.
- **Diocese of Florida:** Consent granted for the election of The Rev. J. Randolph (Randy) Alexander Jr. as Bishop.

2. Property & Real Estate Decisions

- **St. Andrew's, Highland Park:** Consent to the sale of property
- **Donegal Property:** Completed the sale of the Donegal property following task force work.
- **St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon:** Reviewed and processed a real estate encumbrance requiring an Operation and Maintenance Agreement with Mt. Lebanon for the stormwater abatement system (St. Margaret's Garden renovation) to be recorded on the land deed.

3. Other Business

- Consent to the transition of the Church of the Incarnation, Beaver, Pennsylvania, under the guidance and operational support of the Diocese of Pittsburgh
- Certification of the Rev. Nicole Starr to be ordained priest
- Approval of Candidacy for Postulant Ellen Seagraves (order of Deacons)

Thanks to our Chancellors, Bishop, Staff, and Members of the Standing Committee for their work, particularly to the Rev. Bonnie-Marie Yager-Wiggan in her assistance in my transition to president.

Submitted by The Rev. Sara Irwin