

## THE STANDING COMMITTEE

Members of the Standing Committee, elected by Diocesan Convention, are (or have been): Betsy Hetzler and the Rev. Moni McIntyre (terms expired at the end of 2015); Dana Phillips and the Rev. Bill Geiger (terms expire end of 2016); John Adams and the Rev. Jim Simons (through 2017); Kathy Baird and the Rev. Kris Opat (through 2018); Darrell Powell and the Rev. T.J. Freeman (terms began January 2016 and will end in 2019). The Rt. Rev. Dorsey McConnell, Bishop Diocesan, and Andy Roman, Esq., diocesan chancellor, attend and participate regularly.

It has been our privilege and pleasure to work together on behalf of the diocese, serving as the Bishop's Council of Advice and fulfilling various other canonical responsibilities. In the period of September 2015 until August 2016, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pittsburgh met each month except June, July, and August, and participated in the Commission on Ministry Interview Day in January. The president of the Standing Committee participated as a member of Diocesan Council and of the recently-created Bishop's Wellness Committee, as prescribed by diocesan canons. In accordance with the canons of The Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Pittsburgh, the Standing Committee took the following actions:

Consented to the holding of episcopal elections by:

- The Diocese of Los Angeles for Bishop Coadjutor
- The Diocese of West Texas for Bishop Suffragan

Gave consent to the episcopal elections of:

- George R. Sumner, Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Dallas
- Moises Quezada-Mata, Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic
- Patrick W. Bell, Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon
- Douglas E. Sparks, Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Northern Indiana
- Daniel Gutierrez, Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Pennsylvania

Gave approval for admission as candidates for Holy Orders:

- Douglas Kinsey
- Alyse Elizabeth Viggiano
- Joseph Paul Baird

Recommended for ordination to the diaconate:

- Joseph Paul Baird
- Alyse Elizabeth Viggiano

Recommended for ordination to the priesthood:

- C. Garrett Yates
- Daniel Joseph Isadore

Advised and consented for restoring to Holy Orders:

- The Rev. Tina Lockett
- The Rev. Wade William Lawrence

Filled the following vacancies in diocesan offices:

- The Rev. Eric McIntosh, Commission on Ministry
- Karen Slobodian, Board of Trustees

Other actions:

- Approved proposed changes to the parish by-laws of St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg
- Gave consent to the closure of the Church of the Good Samaritan in Liberty Borough

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. William L. Geiger, President

The Rev. Kris Opat, Secretary