

Report of the Standing Committee to the 88th Convention of the Diocese of Eau Claire

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Eau Claire began the year at its first meeting January 16, 2016, by electing the Revd. Vern Barber as its president. The remaining committee members who continued to serve were the Revd. Mark Ricker, Mr. Art Hancock, Mr. Tim Donohue, Mr. Andrew Lorenz and Ms. Nancy Firth. With the passing of Rev. Barber, the Rev. Guy Usher was appointed to fill his seat on the Committee. At his first meeting in June, Rev. Usher was elected as President of the Standing Committee.

The work of the Standing Committee is to advise the Bishop in matters of pastoral oversight and ecclesiastical relations. In the absence of a bishop, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the diocese devolves to the Standing Committee. This entails providing communication and consent to the wider church regarding the governance of dioceses, and reviewing the work of various committees and commissions throughout the diocese, and advising the bishop how to best proceed with their results. This is done in coordination with the Executive Council, which advises the bishop on matters of finance and administration. All meetings are held jointly with the Executive Council, with the exception of interviews and proceedings that are confidential to the Standing Committee.

The following is a listing of the official acts of the Standing Committee from January 2016 to the present.

- The Rev. Cn. Aaron Zook appointed as Secretary of the Standing Committee and Executive Council
- With the Executive Council, discussed the need to provide necessary Teleconferencing technology to support groups in the Diocese
- Committed to the ministerial support of Diocesan Youth through Camps and EYE events as well as through ministry in the parishes
- Discussed and approved the leadership transition at Christ Church, Bayfield.

The Standing Committee consented to the following episcopal elections:

- The Election of a Bishop Coadjutor in the Diocese of Los Angeles was discussed and approved.
- The Standing Committee unanimously consented to the Ordination of *Rev. Santosh Murray* as Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Easton.
- The Standing Committee unanimously consented to the Ordination of *Rev. Canon Jose McLoughlin* as Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina.
- The Standing Committee unanimously consented to the Ordination of *Very Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe* as Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Central New York.

The Standing Committee interviewed and gave consent to the following individuals:

- Mr. Robert Rosolowski was unanimously approved for Candidacy and for Ordination to the Vocational Diaconate.
- Mr. Steve Russell was unanimously approved for Candidacy and for Ordination to the Vocational Diaconate.

- Ms. Rose Ruthy was unanimously approved for Candidacy and for Ordination to the Vocational Diaconate.
- Mr. Michael Newago was unanimously approved for Candidacy and for Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate.
- Ms. Sue Ripplinger was unanimously approved for Candidacy.

The Standing Committee approved the Encumbrance of Property for the following parishes:

- Christ Church Cathedral to be permitted to pursue the purchase adjacent property and to thereby encumber property of the Diocese. (2/16)
- Christ Church, Chippewa Falls to be permitted to pursue the purchase adjacent property and to thereby encumber property of the Diocese. (10/16)

The Standing Committee's role in advising the Bishop and the Executive Council in ministerial and financial matters, respectively, is reflected in the work of Bp. Lambert and the Executive Council and Trustees of the Diocese. The points listed above mark the official actions of the group, but the informal influence cannot be overstated. I thank all the members of the Standing Committee for their efforts over the last twelve months.

Faithfully submitted,

The Rev'd Canon Aaron Zook
Secretary of the Standing Committee