

Minutes of the Standing Committee
October 1, 2019

Present: Drew Dorgan, John Harwood+, Susan Landin, Nicolette Norris, Jeff Packard+, Bishop Audrey.

Absent: Anthony Alexander, John Wolgemuth, Amy Swiernik, Barbara Hutchinson+, Michael Nailor+, Patrick Pierce+, and Jim Strader-Sasser+.

1. After our opening reflections, we interviewed Kyle Murphy for ordination to the priesthood. We affirmed his gifts for ministry: he is articulate, reflective, compassionate, refreshingly honest, and positive. Smart and proactive, he is also sincere and has a good sense of humor. Both self-possessed and unafraid, he also knows that he doesn't have answers to all pastoral questions. With a great deal of parish ministry (because he's served two parishes as a lay pastor and then as a deacon), he is using all of his gifts as a teacher—he is good at explaining and teaching. He has grown into his pastoral identity. We voted unanimously voted for him to proceed. Barbara+ and Michael+ voted in absentia to support our motion. With seven votes, we had a quorum. We also wished him happy birthday (his 36th).
2. Bishop Audrey is working with an executive coach who has special expertise in appreciative enquiry and sensitivity to the cultural challenges of “Shaped by Faith.” We talked in detail about the 148th Convention's themes and processes, and we shared her excitement about the next phase of our journey together.

Our next Standing Committee Meeting will be following the Convention. The first regular meeting will be on November 5. We are exploring the possibilities of a new location for the meeting, and we'll clarify the location soon.