

Minutes of the Standing Committee
November 5, 2019

Present: Anthony Alexander, Veronica Chappell+, Drew Dorgan, Susan Landin, Michael Nailor+, Nicolette Norris, Jeff Packard+, Patrick Pierce+, Jim Strader-Sasser+, Greg Welin+, +Audrey Scanlan

Absent: John Wolgemuth, Kathy Hettinga

Opening Reflections: Anthony

Standing Committee **functions** were discussed:

- A. We review Bishop Elections. Prior to the meeting Drew will review elected bishops and send us brief bios for our approval at our next meeting. Members wishing more information are invited to research before the meeting.
- B. We interview and review people in the ordination process. We must assure that all materials and procedures are fulfilled; we must also affirm the psychological, moral, and spiritual fitness of persons for the work. Drew will approach the COM to see if they want to continue our liaison process. Anthony will continue to serve as liaison if they so desire. Anthony can also check with Carolyn regarding required materials and procedures as candidates come before us. Interaction with a candidate for priesthood for ordination (their third interview required with Standing Committee) will be a conversation about their ministry. The first two interviews will be presented in the context of affirming the gifts of the candidates as opposed to an inquisition.
- C. We will continue in participation in quarterly Leadership Retreats with COM and SSFM.
- D. We will pick up the unfinished work of the gender equality survey and the clergy compensation study as mandated by the Diocesan Convention.
- E. Minutes of our meetings will go out to members shortly after the Standing Committee meetings. If there are objections or changes, responses will come back to the Secretary. Minutes will then be submitted for publication to the diocesan website.
- F. Drew appointed Jeff as the Vice-President of Standing Committee.
- G. John may continue to serve as liaison to Finance Committee. Jeff is willing to take on that responsibility if John declines.
- H. We discussed other canonical duties of the Standing Committee.

Bishop's Vision and our support:

- A. Our Bishop gathers our visions and articulates them. She assists us in implementing and making the visions accessible to our diocese. Our job with her is to find the sweet spot of our vitality. We discussed the beginning stages of the Shaped by Faith initiative.
- B. The Bishop then sought our input on several opportunities for ministry.

We adjourned after prayer.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 3 at 1 pm at Mt. Calvary Church, Camp Hill.