Minutes of the Standing Committee February 4, 2020

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

Absent: Veronica Chappell+, John Wolgemuth

Announcements: Nicolette: The Urban Well, a source for contemplative practices

Opening Reflections and Prayer: Susan

Bishop Elections

Greg moved and Kathy seconded a motion to approve Poulson Reed as Bishop of Oklahoma. Passed unanimously.

Anthony moved and Patrick seconded a motion to approve Mark Van Koevering as Bishop of Lexington, Kentucky. Passed unanimously.

Jim moved and Patrick seconded a motion to approve Frank Logue as Bishop of Georgia. Passed unanimously.

Patrick moved and Susan seconded a motion to approve Deon Johnson as Bishop of Missouri. Passed unanimously.

"Standing" time with the Bishop:

- Future of the church... dioceses and diocesan committees
- Episcopal Bishops of PA delivered a letter to the state legislature to include LGBTQ in a non-discrimination legislation in front of the legislation.
- Lancaster Theological Seminary celebrating a partnership with Stevenson School this week.
- The Episcopal Church will be filming the second generation of Way of Love videos in our diocese. The "Bishop Out of the Box" program will be featured in a "Bless" video.
- Pastoral visit to Christ Church, Danville. Information is available on the website under "Current Disciplinary Matters" concerning clergy abuse.
- Refugee committee looking for information on a pilgrimage to the border. Details will follow.
- Anti-racism group (EARS) is reforming. Its leadership will be restructuring into a group of white people who will formulate a statement of the problems with racism in the Diocese and will propose steps going forward.
- Three Lutheran synods are collaborating with the Stevenson School on a proposal for a Lily Grant. 60+ people are currently enrolled in Shaped By Faith courses.

Shaped by Faith Initiative:

Discussion of ways that Standing Committee can support the Shaped By Faith initiative. We can be helpful in breaking the mindset that parishes need not care about each other. At next meeting we will begin to tell our stories of how we came to this work that connects our parishes to each other on the Standing Committee.

We adjourned after praying the Shaped by Faith collect.

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