

Minutes of the Standing Committee
November 2, 2021

Present: +Audrey Scanlan, Drew Dorgan, Jennifer Mattson+, Eric Hillegas+, Veronica Chappell+, Nicolette Norris, Gregory Welin+, Laura Gottfried-Letsche

Absent: Kevin Barron+, Kate Harrigan+, Kathy Hettinga, Anthony Alexander

Opening Devotions: Drew led with readings from Christ Church, Charlottesville, VA, using a Thornton Wilder reading from The Bridge Of San Luis Rey, tying it to All Saints Day, followed by prayer.

Review of Standing Committee's role in the ordination process, aided by flow chart illustrations. Questions raised about whether Standing Committee members see any documentation of a candidate before they are presented for approval, with the answer being that this documentation is the job of the COM, who retains those files, and passes the candidate on for approval.

Also given was a chart showing pathways to lay licensing.

Review of Standing Committee's role in the process of approval of Bishops.

Jennifer Mattson offered prayer for guidance and help in discernment before interviewing the candidate presented.

Ordination Interview with Alyssa Pasternak-Post

Alyssa introduced herself to the committee, and provided a brief biography, including interests, especially in work with children through Godly Play, and chaplaincy, particularly in hospital settings. The committee engaged in thorough discussion of both the candidates gifts, as well as some concerns, leading the meeting to run out of time. The meeting was tabled until Tuesday, November 9th, time to be determined, when hopefully more committee members can be in attendance.

Agenda items not addressed due to lack of time:

Review of Consent for Election of Bishop Coadjutor in West Virginia, and approval vote.

Layperson appointment.

Standing time with the Bishop

Meeting adjourned after prayer with Eric Hillegas+