

Annual Report of Standing Committee
2022

For the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania,
The Right Reverend Audrey Scanlan, Bishop

The Standing Committee organized itself this year to intentionally cover the 4 areas of responsibility canonically given to it—matters in The Episcopal Church, primarily affirmation or refusal of affirmation for bishops-elect; the Ordination Process; Diocesan Property, and Counsel to the bishop. This clarity of organization is seen in the Standing Committee’s current monthly agenda, and in the appointed representatives from Standing Committee to the Commission on Ministry and Finance Committee, detailed below.

In actions this year, the Standing Committee

- Affirmed candidacy and ordination of 10 people brought forward in the ordination process at the recommendation of the Bishop and the Commission on Ministry.
- Affirmed several Requests for Consent for Election of Bishops.
- Received updates from Chad Linder, the Diocesan Canon for Finance and Operation.
- We also reviewed several property transitions presented by the Property and Finance Committees.
- Acted as our bishop’s Council of Advice as she shared her involvement in the wider church, her decisions regarding parish configuration and leadership when appropriate, and as she came to us asking for our advice on pastoral issues and especially issues surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine, gun violence, LGBTQ+ issues, General Convention and Lambeth.

The Standing Committee meets via Zoom on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m., lasting 2-3 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Drew Dorgan, President of Standing Committee