

Minutes of the Standing Committee July 5, 2022

Present: Jennifer Mattson+, Eric Hillegas+, Nicolette Norris, Gregory Welin+, Laura Gottfried-Letsche, Kevin Barron+, Kate Harrigan+, Kathy Hettinga, Kevin Barron+, Veronica Chappell+, Anthony Alexander

Opening Devotions

Anthony led opening devotions, using text from Jesus And The Disinherited by Howard Thurman, as pertaining to a devotional on Love, especially in regard to our neighbors.

Committee discussion on the roles of COM and Standing Committee regarding roles in the ordination process. The COM, Standing Committee, and Bishop work together to discern the individual's readiness for ordination.

Ordination Interviews

1 – Martha Ambrose

After introductions, Martha shared her history and her perceived gifts as they pertain to ministry, followed by a time of questions and answers with the committee. Eric prayed over the candidate, after which, she was dismissed for committee discussion. Greg moved, Eric second, and Martha was passed on.

Reports were made regarding General Convention. Notable was work in race relations, racial reconciliation, Indigenous Peoples, LGBTIQ+ issues, dismantling racism, and how to bring these issues to our convention. Also discussed were truth telling, reconciliation, reparation, and how to have these conversations openly with people who differ in opinion.

Closing Prayer

Jennifer closed the meeting with prayer.

Next Meeting, Tuesday October 4, 2022