

**Minutes of the Standing Committee
November 1, 2022**

Present: +Audrey Scanlan, Drew Dorgan, Eric Hillegas+, Veronica Chappell+, Gregory Welin+, Laura Gottfried-Letsche, Kevin Barron+, Kate Harrigan+, Barbara Cross, Anthony Alexander, David Luo

Absent: Jennifer Mattson+

Opening Devotions:

Anthony opened the meeting with study on letters of Paul, and Pauline Literature, focusing on connections between Paul's letters and the slave-master experience and how Paul's letters reinforced the mentality of master superiority. Following, Anthony led us in prayer.

Interviews

Dina Ishler
Martha Harris
Ted Christopher

Initial discussion regarding our role in the ordination process. In specific, listen for affirmation, gifts, and how we can lift them up. Kate will stay in touch with Mary and Barbara on COM for updates, etc.

Dina Ishler

Dina shared recent activities and ministries, exploration and enthusiasm. She shared her what she perceives to be her gifts, and how they relate to her ministry. Dina took to heart July's input from committee, which was nice to hear. She then answered questions from the committee, after which Kevin prayed over the candidate and she left the meeting. Kate moved, Barb second – motion passed to recommend the candidate be moved forward, after which committee discussed affirmations to be sent on to her.

Martha Harris

Martha shared her recent activities and ministries. She also shared her perceived gifts, and how they relate to her ministry, both now and going forward. Martha then answered questions from the committee. Greg prayed over the candidate, and she then left the meeting. Barb moved, Veronica second – motion passed to recommend the candidate be moved forward, after which committee discussed affirmations to be sent on to her.

Ted Christopher shared his updates and his perceived gifts in his journey to become a bi-vocational priest and professor. He discussed his perceived gifts, and how they relate to his ministry, particularly in campus chaplaincy. Ted then answered questions from committee, after which Eric prayed over the candidate, and Ted left the meeting. David moved, Veronica second, and motion passed to recommend the candidate be moved forward, after which committee discussed affirmations to be sent to him.

Other business

Check in with Drew about her employees and their families in Ukraine.

Discussion of someone to fill empty spot on committee

Standing Time With The Bishop:

Resolution to investigate reunification with the Diocese of Bethlehem. Discussed putting together committee and it's make up, as well as looking at a consultant for contracts, etc. Applications will be forthcoming.

Report of the Bishop regarding time in Baltimore for committee work regarding Presiding Bishop nominations.

Glenn's facing two surgeries, which may affect sabbatical times/schedules.

Reporting that Nicole Free is settling in well in her new role.

Closing

Drew closed the meeting with prayer.

Next Meeting, Tuesday, December 6th, 2022.