

**Report of Standing Committee
October 2023 – September 2024**

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 bishop-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 the Standing Committee's communication with both the Commission on Ministry and Finance Committee.

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 7 Requests for Consent for Election of Bishops.
- Received updates from Chad Linder, the Diocesan Canon for Finance and Operation.
- Received reports from the Reunification Discernment Committee.
- Reviewed property sale and line of credit proposals presented by the Finance Committee.
- 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 Title IV, reunification, resourcing small parishes, Safe Church requirements, and General Convention.

The Standing Committee meets via Zoom on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Eric Hillegas, President