

**Minutes Of The Standing Committee
January 2, 2024**

Present: Bob Davis Jr., Gregory Welin+, Laura Gottfried-Letsche, Kevin Barron+, Jennifer Mattson+
Barbara Cross, Rick Breach, Veronica Chappell+

Absent: Eric Hillegas+, David Luo

Opening Devotions:

Greg opened the meeting with prayer.

New Business:

Greg and Jennifer have reached out to candidates to fill a clergy spot on the Standing Committee and are waiting for their decisions.

Congratulations to Veronica on her new position with the diocese.

Candidates for the Transitional Diaconate Interviews

1 – Martha Ambrose - ordination to the priesthood

Martha clarified that she was licensed in the Methodist Church, and not officially ordained. Discussion focused around her family, and what she is looking forward to in her future as a priest, and a period of questions and answers with the committee. Jennifer prayed over the candidate, after which she was dismissed for committee discussion and formulation of feedback. After motion and second, the candidate was unanimously passed on for ordination.

2 – Kathy Hettinga – postulant

Kathy is working as a chaplain currently at hospitals and home hospice, as well as senior living facilities in York County. Kathy was asked to describe her perceived gifts, and how they can be used in her ministries. She was asked to describe some high and low areas of her process so far, and discussion of what she's looking forward to as her process continues. Following this, there was time for questions and answers with the committee, Greg prayed over Kathy, after which, the candidate was dismissed for committee discussion and formulation of feedback. After motion and second, the candidate was unanimously passed on for candidacy.

Kevin will be sending out emails for DocuSign signatures of approval.