

**Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago**  
**Executive Summary of the Minutes of the Meeting of November 11, 2019**

Present: Eric Biddy, President; Jeannette DeFriest; Anne Jolly; Lisa Kerpan; Rory Smith; Lisa Senuta

Eric Biddy, President, called the meeting to order at 6pm. Lisa Senuta, Chaplain, offered an opening reflection and prayer.

**Business Meeting**

The minutes and executive summary of the meeting of October 9, 2019 were approved.

Standing Committee consented to the admission of Grace, New Lenox as a parish at annual diocesan convention.

Standing Committee consented to the election of Susan B. Haynes, Bishop Diocesan, Diocese of Southern Virginia. Standing Committee also consented to the ordination of Courtney Reid to the priesthood and Brenda Kilpatrick to the diaconate.

Eric Biddy reviewed upcoming dates: The ordination of Deacons will take place on December 14; candidacy interviews will be held December 17; and the next postulancy overnight will be January 24-25, 2020. As many members of Standing Committee as possible will attend candidacy interviews. Rory Smith will be the Standing Committee representative at the postulancy overnight in January.

Standing Committee will hold its next meeting immediately following the conclusion of diocesan convention on Saturday, November 23. This meeting will be convened for the sole purpose of electing a President and Secretary.

**Bishop Search and Transition**

Standing Committee and the Search & Nomination Committee will hold a workshop during annual diocesan convention about the bishop search and transition. Rory Smith, Eric Biddy, Jeannette DeFriest, and Lisa Senuta (Standing Committee) will join Jenny Replogle, Luis Garcia, and Bob Petite (Search & Nomination) in leading the workshop.

Standing Committee discussed Bishop Lee's 2020 compensation. He and his family will be moving out of the property owned by the diocese early in 2020. Standing Committee discussed how much the bishop's salary should be increased, and decided more information was needed before making a decision.

Standing Committee approved a motion to advise Bishop & Trustees to retain ownership of the property currently housing the bishop and his family.

The letter from Bishop Lee formally announcing the call for the electing convention, which will be held June 20, 2020 at St. James Commons, will be delayed until after annual diocesan convention.

The Search & Nomination Committee has completed the diocesan profile, and draft copies of the profile have been sent to Standing Committee and Bishop Lee. The profile will be published in December.

Transition Committee has a retreat scheduled with consultant Kim Jackson on Friday, December 6. Standing Committee members are encouraged to attend, and will present the Transition Committee with its charge.

Standing Committee thanked Eric Bidy for his years of service. His term will end with the election at diocesan convention.

Standing Committee unanimously approved a motion that the President Emeritus of Standing Committee be included in Standing Committee meetings for advice and counsel at the invitation of the President.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is December 11, 2019 at 6pm at St. James Commons.

#### **Closing Prayer and Adjournment**

Lisa Senuta offered a closing prayer, and Eric Bidy adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kerpan  
Secretary