

**Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago**  
**Executive Summary of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 9, 2019**

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

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

**Business Meeting**

Standing Committee consented to the election of Lennon Yuan-Rung Chang, Bishop Diocesan, Diocese of Taiwan. Standing Committee also consented to the ordination of Sandra Siegel Miller and Ruth Ann Gaston to the Vocational Diaconate; and Cate Anthony and Jaime Briceno to the Transitional Diaconate.

The minutes and executive summary of the meeting of September 11, 2019 were approved.

Eric Biddy reported that Bishop Frank Griswold will be returning to the diocese in October 2020 for a Spanish liturgy confirmation service, which is held at St James Cathedral annually. The diocese will be without a bishop diocesan for a short period of time between Bp Lee's resignation and the ordination and consecration of the bishop-elect. During that time, Standing Committee will be the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese.

Eric Biddy also reported that Grace, Galena provided an update on the disposition of their parish house, for which they had received prior approval to sell. They sold the approved property on May 17, 2019.

**Bishop's Report**

Bishop Lee reported that the change in location for the annual clergy conference was well-received. Standing Committee will need to arrange for the location for next year's conference.

He also reported that he is focusing on fundraising during his remaining tenure in the diocese to increase the Endowment Fund.

The bishop and his family are planning to look for housing with the intention of moving out of the house owned by the diocese early in 2020. Standing Committee will consult with Bishop and Trustees about the disposition of the property.

Following his report, the bishop left the meeting.

### **Bishop Search and Transition**

Standing Committee discussed how to manage communication oversight responsibilities for the bishop search and transition.

Standing Committee discussed the formal call for the Special Convention for the Election of a Bishop, and decided it should be communicated by email and by postal mailing to all clergy and congregations in the diocese. The electing convention will be held June 20, 2020 at St James Cathedral in Chicago. As ecclesiastical authority in the diocese, Bishop Lee will be President of the electing convention.

Standing Committee has received a copy of the Procedures for the Election of a Bishop drafted by then-chancellor Richard Hoskins and used for the bishop election in 1998. This document will be revised for the bishop election in 2020. The revised procedures will be reviewed by the chancellor(s) and the bishop before being adopted by Standing Committee.

St James Cathedral and Commons have been reserved as a back-up venue for the ordination and consecration of the thirteenth Bishop of Chicago, which will take place in January 2021.

An announcement calling for applications for Transition Committee was included in the diocese's weekly email newsletter earlier in the day. The announcement will also appear on Oct 16 and Oct 23. The application deadline is October 25.

### **Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 13, 2019 at 6pm at St. James Commons.

### **Closing Prayer and Adjournment**

Lisa Senuta offered a closing prayer, and Eric Bidy adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kerpan  
Secretary