

Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago
Executive Summary of the Minutes of the Meeting of May 13, 2020

Present by video conference: Anne Jolly, President; Miguel Briones; Jeannette DeFriest; Lisa Kerpan; Laura Singer; Rory Smith; and Lisa Senuta, Chaplain

Anne Jolly, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Lisa Senuta, Chaplain, offered an opening prayer and reflection.

The minutes and executive summary of the meeting of April 1, 2020 were approved.

COVID-19

Anne Jolly commended the work of Miguel Briones in providing live translation during the bishop's weekly video conference meetings with clergy in the diocese. In-person worship services continue to be suspended in the diocese as the state of Illinois remains under a stay-at-home order. She also commended Lisa Senuta who recently led a virtual retreat for clergy that focused on leading in a time of heightened anxiety.

Bishop Search and Transition

Search & Nomination Committee: Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the discernment retreat, originally scheduled to take place in April, is now tentatively scheduled to take place in September. Contingency plans are being developed in the event that an in-person retreat is not possible at that time.

Transition Committee: The Walkabouts and Electing Convention, originally scheduled to take place in June, have been postponed to the fall. Contingency plans are being developed in the likely event that large gatherings are not permitted in the fall. No new date has been set for the ordination and consecration, and Bishop Lee has not announced a new date for his retirement.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting is June 10, 2020 at 6pm by video conference.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Lisa Senuta offered a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kerpan
Secretary