

Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago
Executive Summary of the Minutes of the Meeting of August 12, 2020

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

Guest by video conference: Courtney Reid, Director of Operations

Anne Jolly, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Standing Committee began the meeting with a reflection and prayer led by Chaplain Lisa Senuta.

Focused Discussion

Courtney Reid, Director of Operations, reported on electing convention planning. The electing convention is scheduled to take place online December 12, 2020 using the Zoom video conference platform and Simply Voting. The same technology will be used for annual diocesan convention in November. Several training sessions will be offered leading up to annual convention with additional sessions added for the electing convention. Electors will gather individually or in small groups, depending on health guidelines, and will need WiFi and a personal device (computer, laptop, tablet or smart phone) to participate and vote. The electing convention will have professional simultaneous English to Spanish translation. Delegate registration and certification will begin in the middle of October. This diocese will not be the first in the Episcopal Church to hold its bishop election online; the Diocese of Oregon is scheduled to hold its election online on August 29.

Bishop Search and Transition

Standing Committee reviewed the Petition Process Guidelines. Following review by the chancellor(s), Standing Committee will approve the guidelines by email and publish them in early September.

The Transition Committee has developed a schedule for "Candidate Conversations," which will take place online in November. The format(s) and questions are still being developed.

The Search & Nomination Committee has scheduled all of their discernment meetings with candidates. They have put together an article about how they've adapted their discernment process to COVID-19 that will be posted to the search website; an excerpt will be published in next week's newsletter.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting is September 9, 2020 at 6pm by video conference.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Lisa Senuta offered a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Kerpan
Secretary