

Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago
Executive Summary of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 14, 2020

Present by video conference: Anne Jolly, President; Miguel Briones; Jeannette DeFriest; Lisa Kerpan; Laura Singer; Rory Smith; Bishop Jeff Lee

Guest by video conference: Courtney Reid, Director of Operations

Anne Jolly, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, and began the meeting with a reflection and prayer.

The minutes and executive summaries of the September meeting were approved.

Ordination

The following candidates were approved for ordination:

- Transitional Diaconate - Jo Ann Lagman
- Diaconate - Terri Morrissey

Bishop's Report

The bishop reported that he has reached out to all of the bishop candidates to offer them congratulations. He noted that this is an extraordinary slate of candidates.

Bishop Lee will retire at the end of the year, and Standing Committee will be the ecclesiastical authority during the period between bishops. Anne Jolly has consulted with the Presiding Bishop's office and discussions are ongoing about how Standing Committee will manage the interim period.

Bishop Search and Transition

The Search & Nomination Committee presented a slate of four candidates to the Standing Committee on September 28. On October 5, Standing Committee announced the slate and opened petitions. On October 12, the petition period closed with no additional nominations. The candidates are:

- **The Rev. Canon Paula E. Clark**, Canon to the Ordinary and Chief of Staff, Diocese of Washington
- **The Rev. Edwin Daniel Johnson**, Rector, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Boston
- **The Rev. Dr. Fulton L. Porter III**, Rector, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Chicago
- **The Rev. Winnie Varghese**, Priest for Ministry and Program Coordination, Trinity Church Wall Street, New York City

The Transition Committee has scheduled six Candidate Conversations in November. Standing Committee will help organize an additional clergy-only Candidate Conversation on November 11th at 6 pm.

Focused Discussion

Courtney Reid joined the meeting at 6:45 pm to discuss: *The Procedures for Electing the XIII Bishop of Chicago*, the *Rules of Order for a Virtual Convention*, and the *Rules of Order for the Election of the XIII Bishop of Chicago*.

The documents were prepared and revised in consultation with Chancellor Michael Peregrine and Chancellors Emeriti Todd Young and Richard Hoskins, along with other dioceses, including Oregon which held the first all-online bishop election. Following some minor edits, Standing Committee will approve the Procedures and Rules of Order for the electing convention in a vote by email, and they will be distributed to the diocese in English and Spanish well in advance of the electing convention.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 4, 2020 at 6pm by video conference.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Jeannette DeFriest offered a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kerpan
Secretary