

**Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago**  
**Executive Summary of the Minutes of the Meeting of December 9, 2020**

Present by video conference: President Anne Jolly, Miguel Briones, Toni Daniels, Jeannette DeFriest, Lisa Kerpan, Laura Singer, Bishop Jeff Lee, and Chaplain Lisa Senuta

Guests by video conference: Andrea Mysen, Director of Ministries; Courtney Reid, Director of Operations

Anne Jolly called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., and Chaplain Lisa Senuta began the meeting with reflection and prayer.

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

Housing Allowances for 2021 were approved for the following diocesan staff members: the Rev. Alvaro Araica, the Rev. Andrea Mysen, and the Rev. Courtney Reid.

**Bishop's Report**

Bishop Lee requested Standing Committee's concurrence with the decision to remove the "distressed parish" designation of St. Peter's Chicago. Standing Committee unanimously supported the decision.

The bishop thanked Standing Committee for its work during the transition and gave special thanks to President Anne Jolly for her leadership role. Standing Committee thanked the bishop for his service to the diocese and wished him well in retirement.

**Bishop Search and Transition**

Courtney Reid took Standing Committee through the detailed agenda for the electing convention which will take place online on Saturday, December 12, 2020.

Andrea Mysen discussed areas of responsibility during the interim period. She will serve as Head of Staff, and Standing Committee will be the ecclesiastical authority. Standing Committee voted to grant its president the authority to sign documents on behalf of the committee during the interim period. Two consulting bishops, the Rt. Rev. Douglas Sparks and the Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, will be available for guidance and assistance, as needed. Bishop Sparks will be available to travel to the Diocese of Chicago, as well, if needed. Many duties will be on hold during the transition, including congregational visits, confirmations, and much of the discernment process.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is January 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. by video conference.

Lisa Senuta offered a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Kerpan  
Secretary