

Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

SPECIAL MEETING regarding Trinity Church, Chicago

February 2, 2023, 8:00 AM on Zoom

Executive Summary

Present on Zoom: Bishop Paula Clark, Miguel Briones, Daphne Cody, Toni Daniels, Jeannette DeFriest, Gerald Floyd, Wes Kimes

Guest present: the Rev. Andrea Mysen, Director of Ministries on the Bishop's Staff

A quorum being established, Toni called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM. Jeannette gave an opening prayer. Everyone introduced themselves to Andrea.

Trinity Church, Chicago

Andrea Mysen outlined in documents sent before our meeting a timeline, including the decision in 2020 by the bishop and Standing Committee to declare Trinity Church a Distressed Parish under Canon 28. The primary immediate concern is the dangerous state of the building, including blocked fire egress, water damage, likelihood of mold, sewage overflow, and multiple additional citations by the City building department. Andrea and the bishop were open to various questions asked by Standing Committee members, including: needs of community groups that use the space and how to appoint new temporary vestry members of Trinity. There was also some discussion about the differences between closing a parish (which is not being proposed here) and temporarily closing a building .

Two motions were unanimously approved:

- 1.** We agree that Bishop Clark appoint replacement temporary vestry members for Trinity Church, Chicago in order that information can be obtained and actions can be taken to move forward (Canon 28) and to govern the affairs of the parish.
- 2.** Following the diocesan chancellors' recommendations, the bishop and Standing Committee order that the building at 125 E. 26th Street, Chicago 60616, be temporarily vacated and secured until physical safety is ensured.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Daphne Cody, Secretary