Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

Executive Summary of the Standing Committee (SC) Meeting of January 10, 2024
On Zoom

Present: Bishop Paula Clark, Daphne Cody, Toni Daniels**,** Gerald Floyd, Wes Kimes, Jo Ann Lagman, and Kara Wagner Sherer.
Guest: the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings was present for part of the meeting (6:15 to 7:00 PM).

A quorum being established, Toni called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM, and a member of the bishop's staff, the Rev. Alvaro Araica, who died on December 31, was particularly remembered in prayer.

Minutes
The following were approved:
• Minutes of December 13, 2023
• Executive summary of December 13, 2023

Mission Leadership Review (MLR)
The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings (the consultant the bishop has engaged to do the MLR) logged into the meeting at 6:15 PM. The SC reviewed her proposal and asked Gay questions.
• This internal review will take place August through October 2024.
• The bishop is the client and will decide in consultation with Gay how best to use the final report.
• Gay will be listening for patterns, trends, and agreements across the series of interviews of leaders in staff, elected, or appointed roles (around 75 people total).
• The SC discussed how best to ensure representation of underrepresented groups.
The Rev. Clark Jennings logged off the meeting.

Bishop's Report
• The bishop has asked Trinity's Bishop's Committee for a recommendation of how best to go forward and anticipates their report after they meet next. The Dean of the Chicago South Deanery, the Rev. Dr. Fulton Porter, has written a letter to the bishop regarding future plans for Trinity.
• The bishop is hiring a Development officer for the diocese who would start on February 1 and will be announced soon.
• The institution of new staff canons and two honorary canons will take place at the Cathedral at the 12:10 weekday Eucharist on February 8. The two honorary canons are the Rev. Sandra Castillo and the Rev. Richard Tolliver.
• The bishop is saddened by the death of the Rev. Alvaro Araica, from the diocesan staff. His funeral will be at the Cathedral on January 20 at 2 PM. The parish where he served, Cristo Rey Chicago, will be staffed with help from the diocese. Luis Garcia will assume Alvaro's duties as diocesan Multicultural Ministries officer part-time until a new person can be hired for that role. The diocesan staff will take a retreat after Alvaro's funeral after this loss.

- The Onboarding Zoom for new committee and commission members will still take place on Zoom on January 20, but it has been abridged to accommodate Alvaro Araica's service.
- The bishop announced that Clergy Conference will be held in October 2024.
- The bishop endorses the Crossroads anti-racism training, and noted that financial assistance to attend is available. Kara mentioned the training dates are on the Crossroads website. SC is not required to take it as a group, but we have made our mandatory anti-racism training a goal for this current spring.

Consents on episcopal elections:
- Jo Ann moved and Gerald seconded that we consent to the ordination of the Rev. Austin Keith Rios as Bishop Co-adjutor of the Diocese of California. *The motion carried.*

Consents on ordinations in our diocese:
- Daphne moved and Gerald seconded that we consent to the ordination of Christopher Poore to the transitional diaconate. *The motion carried, with one abstention.*

Some discussion followed about SC's role in discernment for ordination in our diocese. We will ensure that at least one of us is present at every stage along a nominee's, postulant's, candidate's, or ordinand's discernment journey.

Other
Jo Ann shared that the Episcopal Asian Ministries (EAM) group met recently for the first time since 2015. The EAM will meet again on February 17 at 10 AM at St. David's Aurora.

Next Meeting & Adjournment
Next meeting: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 6:00 PM. It will be on Zoom. It is one week later than usual in order to accommodate Ash Wednesday.

Toni adjourned our meeting at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Daphne Cody, Secretary