

Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

Executive Summary of the Standing Committee (SC) Meeting of November 13, 2024

On Zoom

Present on Zoom: Jaime Briceño, Bishop Clark, Daphne Cody, Toni Daniels, Gerald Floyd, Wes Kimes, and Jo Ann Lagman.

A quorum being established, Toni called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM, and Jaime offered the opening prayer.

Minutes

The Minutes and Executive Summary of October 16, 2024 regular meeting were approved.

Bishop's Report

Bishop Clark reported on the following items:

- The Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats (SWOT) matrix from the Ministry Leadership Review (MLR) conducted by the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings in August and September has been reviewed by the bishop and was shared with the SC.
- Trinity Mission Chicago and St. Thomas Chicago update: Tom Camell will work with the Rev. Dr. Fulton Porter and with the Renaissance Group on a redevelopment proposal, as well as on a merger proposal for the congregations.
- With the retirement of Jim Naughton, Canticle Communications is closing their business and will no longer be available to the diocese as of December 31, 2024.

President's Report

A letter to the SC from the Rev. Mike Dwyer, who had served as the priest at Christ Ottawa, was reviewed. Out of the Christ Ottawa experience, the SC notes:

- grief can be deep for people who close their church.
- reaching across to Bishop & Trustees (B&T) is helpful.
- in the future, can we develop various options for downsizing graciously.
- Actions:
 1. Daphne will remind the bishop after diocesan convention to send out her resource/tool for congregations to take their "vitality temperature."
 2. Wes will draft a SC reply to Rev. Dwyer and circulate it to us.

Consents on episcopal elections and/or ordinations in our diocese:

- Daphne moved, and Wes seconded, to consent to the ordination to the priesthood of **Tara Osbourne** in this diocese. *The motion carried.*
- Jo Ann moved, and Gerald seconded, to consent to the ordination to the priesthood of **Kenji Kirumatsu** in this diocese. *The motion carried.*
- Wes moved, and Jaime seconded, to consent to the ordination to the priesthood of **Katie Spero** in this diocese. *The motion carried.*
- Action: Daphne will notify Louisa McKellastan on the bishop's staff of these three ordination consents.

- The ordinations are slated to be held at the Cathedral on December 21.
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- Wes moved, and Daphne seconded, to consent to the election of **Angela Maria Cortiñas** as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of West Texas. *The motion carried.*
- Action: Toni will submit the consent electronically.

Housing/Parsonage Allowances for clergy on diocesan staff

- Housing allowance resolutions for the following clergy who serve on the bishop's staff were brought before the Standing Committee for approval for the upcoming tax year 2025: Bishop Paula Clark, Andrea Mysen, and Michael Choquette. All three resolutions were approved.
- Email affirmative votes were received from Toni, Daphne, Wes, Jaime, and Jo Ann.
- Action: Daphne will reply by email to Graicey Van Spankeren on the bishop's staff, with the names of the SC members who approved these resolutions.

Next Meeting & Adjournment

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 with the newly configured SC. Wes (if elected) and Daphne will convene it.

Toni adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM after the bishop blessed us.

Respectfully submitted,
Daphne Cody, Secretary