

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Standing Committee Meeting
February 12, 2025

ATTENDEES

Members Present: Toni Daniels, Daphne Cody, Gerald Floyd, Jo Ann Lagman, Jaime Briceño, Wes Kimes (President), Bishop Clark.

Guest: Crystal Plummer (Canon for Networking, Diocese of Chicago).

- **Opening Prayer and Check-in**
 - The meeting began with an opening prayer led by Crystal Plummer. Members shared updates on their ministries and personal matters. Prayers were requested for Gerald Floyd's upcoming surgery.
- **Approval of Minutes and Agenda**
 - The agenda, January meeting minutes, and executive summary were approved unanimously.
- **Strategic Planning Update**
 - Crystal Plummer has taken over the strategic planning process from T.J. Houlihan, who will now focus on implementation. The diocese has received over 900 survey responses, with engagement levels described as "really good."
 - The three-phase strategic planning process consists of **discovery, discernment, and implementation**.
 - Next steps include staff presentations, diocesan leader interviews, and virtual group conversations in March.
 - A strategic planning retreat is scheduled for May to finalize the plan.
- **Bishop's Report**
 - Bishop Clark provided updates on key diocesan initiatives:
 - **New Committees:** A Youth Council is launching soon to engage young members, particularly in light of Camp Chicago's absence this year. A Disability Committee (name pending) will explore the theology of ability and inclusion.
 - **Trinity Chicago Discussions:** Updates pending further review.
 - **St. James Cathedral Leadership:** The Very Rev. Lisa Hackney-James has been appointed dean, with her installation set for March 2.
- **Standing Committee Advisory Discussion**

Jo Ann Lagman facilitated a discussion on factors influencing the creation of a stable and compassionate diocesan community.

 - **Driving Forces:** The Gospel, diverse storytelling, cross-political conversations, goodwill, courage, boldness, and compassion.

- **Restraining Forces:** Community isolation, political polarization, lack of communication, fear, anxiety, and despair.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- No active property consents at this time.
- Wes Kimes met with three parishes considering property transactions:
 - **Grace Church, Hinsdale:** Received a 60-day extension on their property contract.
 - **St. Ignatius, Antioch:** Working with the county to sell a portion of their property for a traffic circle.
 - **St. Luke's, Evanston:** Preparing for a capital campaign and a bridge loan request for accessibility improvements.
- Budget priorities were reviewed from the diocesan member orientation held on February 8.

- **STANDING COMMITTEE CONSENTS**

No active consent requests.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

- Gerald Floyd closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting adjourned with unanimous consent.

- **Next Meeting: March 12, 2025 – Format TBD (In-Person/Zoom).**