

DRAFT - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Standing Committee Meeting

October 8, 2025

ATTENDEES

In-Person: Bishop Clark, Daphne Cody, Gerald Floyd, Scott Zaucha

Zoom: Wes Kimes, Jaime Briceño

1. Opening & Check-In

- Meeting called to order by Wes at 6:00 PM; quorum established.
- Opening prayer offered by Wes.
- Members shared personal and professional updates.

2. Minutes and Agenda Approval

- Agenda approved (Motion: Gerald / Second: Daphne; motion carried).
- September 10, 2025 minutes and executive summary prepared by Daphne approved (Motion: Daphne / Second: Scott; motion carried).

3. Standing Committee Consents

- Property and Asset Consents
 - St. Luke's Evanston (Guests: Rev. Kat Banakis, Cam Sells—Senior Warden, Peg Anderson—Junior Warden via Zoom)
 - Detailed discussion of design/construction plans, fundraising progress (\$2.5M+), and proposed \$1.8M construction loan.
 - Motion: Daphne moved for consent for St. Luke's Evanston to secure a loan up to \$1.8M, secured by mortgage on the church and parish house (Second: Scott; motion carried).

4. New Business

- Bishop Consents
 - None presented.
- Commission on Ministry (CoM) Consents
 - Briefing on CoM changes (Kristin Saylor, Emily Culbertson, Co-Chairs).
 - Discussion of ordination for 5 transitional deacons to priesthood; concerns about cultural competency in process and candidates.
 - Jaime abstained due to concerns; commitment to improving anti-racist procedures and staffing.
 - Motions for each candidate's ordination consent (Motion: Daphne / Second: Scott or Gerald, as noted):

- Stefi Baiju – 4 yes, 1 abstention (motion carried)
- Colin Collette – 4 yes, 1 abstention (motion carried)
- Bryan Matias – 4 yes, 1 abstention (motion carried)
- Shannon Smith Page – 4 yes, 1 abstention (motion carried)
- Stephan Quarles – 4 yes, 1 abstention (motion carried)
- Future discussions scheduled October 25 & 30.

5. Reports

- Bishop's Report
 - Update on support from Bishop Wayne Houglund: Proposal for part-time assistance discussed, addressing leadership challenges, and commitment to resources and communication across 114 parishes and 27,000+ members. Plans for consultation and strategic planning continue.
 - Bajiu Markose update postponed to next meeting.
- President's Report
 - Deferred to next meeting due to time constraints.
- Recognition
 - Tony's resignation formally accepted; committee extended profound thanks for years of exceptional service and dedication.

6. Old Business

- None reviewed.

7. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM (Motion: Jaime / Second: Gerald; motion carried).
- Closing prayer by Scott.
- Next meeting: November 12, 2025 (in-person/Zoom TBD).