



STANDING COMMITTEE

Minutes approved at the SC meeting of 150203
6 January, 2015; 1-5 PM
Grace Cathedral, Chapter Room

Members Present: The Rev. Br. Richard Edward Helmer (President), Mr. Ron Hermanson (Secretary), Ms. Brenda Paulin, The Rev. Annette Rankin, The Rev. Mark Spaulding, Ms. Mary Vargas (Vice President), The Rev. Lori Walton

Members Absent: Mr. Jim DeMersman

- 1:05 Standing Committee opened with an Epiphany prayer from the *New Zealand Prayer Book* led by Lori Walton (thanks to Annette Rankin for snacks).
- 1:10 Richard Edward facilitated personal check-ins for members.
- 1:35 Standing Committee prepared for a meeting with CoM.
- 1:50 The Rev. Melissa Ridlon (Vocations Officer), John Gruenig (CoM Chair) and David Crosson (2016 incoming Chair) joined the meeting.

CoM provided overview of recent changes and plans for 2015 including implementing a 'chair elect' for better leadership transition, changed meeting times to 6x per year, rotate the dates, times and locations of meetings, current number of people in the process – 21, of which 16 are for priesthood, core activity for CoM in 2015 is task force work, five task forces include (1) local discernment committees (LDC) for those seeking ordination, (2) guidelines for reception from other traditions, (3) review and update of postulant/candidate requirements, (4) ordaining to the current and future church and (5) empowering lay ministry (in collaboration with Department of Faith Formation). CoM will shortly post a new set of process guidelines on the website. To include the work of five task forces, CoG plans to expand the committee size from 16 to 20.

3:00 Melissa Ridlon, John Gruenig and David Crossan departed the meeting

3:00 Standing Committee heard liaison reports:

MSCU (Spaulding/Vargas) Standing Committee consents to the investiture of the Rt. Rev. David Mitchell Reed as Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of West Texas (based in San Antonio).

3:20 Standing Committee reviewed minutes from the December meeting.

MSCU (Walton/Paulin) Standing Committee approved the December meeting minutes reduced to key points and actions.

3:25 Church Canons - ongoing, monthly review

Richard Edward led SC through the canonical responsibilities of the Standing Committee as outlined in the constitution of SC found in The Constitution and Canons of The General Convention (of the Episcopal Church) and also our own diocesan canons.

3:55 Standing Committee prepared for a meeting with CoG

4:00 Scott Pomerenk (CoG Chair) joined the meeting.

Annette will meet with Chip Larrimore, Chris R-W and possibly Tom Ferguson to review history on institutions. CoG will have considerable turnover in 2015 including the Chair beginning 6/1 but may have smaller workload.

4:45 Scott Pomerenk departed the meeting.

4:50 Bishop Marc joined the meeting; request regarding a Joint Disciplinary Board appointment.

MSCU (Walton/Spaulding) Standing Committee consents to the appointment of Melanie Donahoe to the Joint Disciplinary Board of the Diocese (DioCal).

5:00 Bishop Marc departed the meeting.

5:00 Round-table discussion, action item review and planning for 3 February agenda
Richard and Mary reviewed upcoming action items.

5:30 Lori Walton shared an Epiphany prayer from *All Desires Known* by Janet Morley and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Ron Hermanson, Secretary, and approved at the 3 February SC meeting.