MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE, DIOCESE OF CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 3, 2019 AT GRACE CATHEDRAL, SAN FRANCISCO

3:02 PM Call to order & Opening Prayer
Present: Michael Barham, Matthew Dutton-Gillett, Andrew Han, Noreen Huey, Pam Jester, Albe Larsen, Dorothy Tsuruta, Deb White

Opening prayers led by Michael Barham

3:10 PM Minutes
October 8, 2019, October 26, 2019, November 9, 2019 were presented

Deb moved to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2019, October 26, 2019, November 9, 2019, with one noted correction to spelling Matthew Dutton-Gillett; Seconded by Pam. Motion passed.

3:12 PM SC role & Candidacy/Ordination Consent
Michael gave an introductory update about this conversation about consent process & collaboration with COM and what conversation began at our retreat.

Deb reviewed the canons related to our responsibility for the Ordination to the Diaconate and of Priests. Discussion continued based on reflection questions of this role in relation to Vocations (Associate for Congregational Ministries, Whitney Wilson) and COM. Getting involved earlier in the Vocations/COM process.

There was consensus that yes, we are in agreement with the idea of SC participating earlier in the process. Some discussion occurred about logistics and at what points make the most sense. Agreement that involvement by meeting the COM liaisons (shepherds), not the candidate, before we see the candidate for the first time for interview with Standing Committee. A developed set of questions regarding areas SC would like addressed. Review standardized questions for candidate and raise questions to ensure they are asked. Allows COM to understand our role and expectations.

3:55 PM Break

Approved: 1/9/20
4:00 PM  Time with Bishop, Canon to the Ordinary and Chancellor

Bishop Marc commented on our earlier recanvassing process. Bishop Marc gave update on his health. Climate Change – Bishop Marc opted not to attend for health reasons, but shared his appreciation that Nancy Pelosi attended, following a conversation they had previously. Bishop Marc talked about travel plans and adjustments to attendance at Lambeth and Climate Change/Environmental events. He mentioned his role as part of a team working on Environmental topics for Lambeth and for the House of Bishops at TEC level. Bishop Marc is still on track to defend his dissertation in the Spring. Two publishers interested in turning it into a book.

Date for Court of Appeal: December 17th was shared, indicated that anyone interested in attending to support was welcome.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 4:19 made by Deb and seconded by Albe. Motion to exit Executive Session by Pam, seconded by Albe, to exit executive session. No action taken.

Canon Abbott reported on St. Michael & All Angels & St. John’s - East Contra Costa County.

Motion to enter Executive Session by Albe, seconded by Deb. Motion to exit Executive Session, seconded by Pam. No action taken.

Congratulations extended to Canon Abbott on her Candidacy for Bishop of Minnesota.

4:30 PM  Governance Committee Appointees

We have names of candidates for consideration and will be ready to vote on these appointees in January.

4:35 PM  Consent Requests

Diocese of Taiwan Episcopal Election – The Rev. Dr. Lennon Yuan-Rung Chang

Motion to consent to the election of The Rev. Dr. Lennon Yuan-Rung Chang as Bishop of Taiwan made by Noreen, seconded by Deb. Motion passed, consent signed by SC members.

4:45 PM  Liaison Reports

Written reports as submitted.
4:50 PM  **Other Business**
As discussed at retreat, Deb and Albe are working with Diocesan Institutions. Met today with Ron Hermanson to ask him to consider a role in coordination with a diocesan staff person. Ron concerned that SC has been out of relationship with these institutions. Michael raised concerns about canonical responsibilities. Ron will need to determine how his time—they will meet with the Bishop also to determine how to move forward. Idea of focus on four per year.

Agreement to change the April meeting from Thursday, April 9 (Maundy Thursday) to Thursday, April 2, 10:00am-noon.

5:02 PM  Meeting Adjourned with prayer led by Michael.

Respectfully Submitted,

Noreen Huey