MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE OF CALIFORNIA
2020 October 8, 10 A.M. ONLINE USING “ZOOM”

10:00AM CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER
Present: Michael Barham, Todd Bryant, Andrew Han, Noreen Huey, Pam Jester, Albe Larsen, Dorothy Tsuruta, Deborah White
- Opening Prayer – Andrew Han
- Welcome – The Rev’d Todd Bryant

10:12 AM APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- January 2020 Minutes Correction
- September 10 Regular Meeting
- September 15 Called Meeting
- September 29 Called Meeting
Motion to approve the minutes for January 2020 correction, September 10, 2020, September 15, 2020 and September 29, 2020 as noted above; made by Noreen, Seconded by Pam. Motion carried. With no corrections.

10:13 AM LIAISON REPORTS
- Commission on Ministry – written report
- Diocesan Institutions – written report
- Governance – written report
- Episcopal Elections – written report
- Executive Council – no report
- Nominating
  Nominations Committee no longer meeting as all the candidates standing for election are intact and ready for the convention.
  Respectfully submitted,
  Dorothy
- Grace Cathedral Board of Trustees – no report – meeting today
- Executive Compensation – no report

10:15 AM CONSENTS
Motion to vote on the following consents via election runner app. made by Michael, Seconded by Albe. Motion carried.

- License agreement between Good Shepherd, Belmont, and the School for Deacons
  - Awaiting advice from Christopher
  - Moved to take vote for consent contingent upon any changes by Christopher Hayes, made by Albe, Seconded by Dorothy.
- Ordination to the Diaconate
  - Ethan Lowery
  - Colby Roberts
- Ordination to the Presbyterate
  - Liz Milner
  - Scot Sherman

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Deb spoke briefly about the two candidates for ordination to the diaconate. And two candidates to the Presbyterate.

**Motion to consent on dispatch via election runner by Andrew and seconded by Dorothy. Motion carried**

- **Election of The Rev’d Diana Akiyama, Ordinary for the Diocese of Oregon**
  
  Andrew spoke about Diana Akiyama, elected on 8/29/20, 11th Bishop at Diocese of Oregon.

  **Motion to consent to election made by Andrew, seconded by Pam. Motion carried.**

Deb to coordinate for method of signatures for ordinations.

Electronic ballots (election runner) emailed to Standing Committee members.

**10:31 AM 2020 RETREAT PLANNING**

Discussed tentative plans for retreat. Two morning sessions via zoom +social time on Friday evening.

**11:00 AM TIME WITH THE BISHOP**

Christopher and Bishop Marc joined us. Abbott was in a prior engagement, would attend later if able.

Christopher spoke about Good Shepherd and SFD and agrees with the license agreement as written.

There was some discussion about the importance of congregations as agents of healing in their neighborhoods following the election and resources for supporting reconciliation. Diocesan staff was discussing plans for supporting clergy and congregations in preparing ourselves with resources in support of the neighborhoods.

- **Updates on Convention**
  Abbott indicating hope that many have registered for the two sessions – tonight and next Thursday. Saturday morning will begin with Healing Liturgy coming together beautifully. Will bring together themes & launch us into deeper and further work as a diocese. Managed into one full day. Encouraged participation in Orientations. Registration is important for voice and vote. Ginger & dispatch team and Richard Edward have been stellar and the production team has had other diocesan convention experience.

  Abbott gave an update on the status of St. Augustine’s. Jim Dahlin and vestry/stewardship working with Davey Gerhard to make sure stewardship is as robust as possible. Had approached Bishop, Exec. Council/Finance committee for loan to cover construction expense and shortfalls in income. Was moved to aided parish status (for
three years), plus loan and 3 years of assessment relief. Making some hopeful progress, strong energy and working with diocesan staff in variety of ways. Have a rectory and priest in charge: Jim Dahlin (from outside the diocese) there since last Spring. No Standing Committee action at this time, but do we need additional information? – take this up next term. Over course of three years will have check in with Standing Committee – next Spring would be a good time to include that.

Canons 11.08 and 11.09 – circumstances in which a parish may transition to a mission. Temporary status for 3 yrs at end of time will be determined if remain parish or mission

Motion that we enter executive sessions made by Michael, seconded by Albe.

Motion to exit executive session, made by Michael, seconded by Pam. No reportable actions.

11:46 AM 2020-2021 OFFICER NOMINATIONS
Motion for nominations of slate of officers, for vote at convention:
President, Deborah White (nominated by Dorothy)
Vice President, Pam Jester (nominated by Albe)
Secretary, Noreen Huey (nominated by Albe)
Motion passed for this slate.

Election Runner results: All yes for each item. All consents passed.

12:00 PM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUTGOING SC MEMBERS
Cards and small gifts were presented with our thanks to
-outgoing member, Dorothy Tsuruta
-outgoing President and member, Michael Barham

12:30 PM CLOSING PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT
Closing Prayer – Michael Barham

- Next meeting, October 17, 2020, immediately following the announcement of elections to Standing Committee for the purpose of electing officers (via Zoom).
- Save the Dates: November 12, 10 a.m. for subsequent regular meeting; November 13-14 annual retreat.

Respectfully Submitted,
Noreen Huey

Approved: ___November 12, 2020_____

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