



Standing Committee
Episcopal Diocese of California
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Meeting Minutes for 3 January, 2017
1-3:45 PM
Grace Cathedral Chapter Room

Members Present: Andrew Lee, Dorothy Tsuruta, Rev. Jill Honodel, Rev. Mark Spaulding (Vice President), Rev. Michael Arase-Barham, Ron Hermanson (President), Jim DeMersman (Secretary)

Members Absent: Rev. Leonard Oakes

1:05 Opening devotions were led by Jim. Thanks to Ron for snacks.

1:10 Meeting was called to order
Ron led the SC in personal check-ins.
MSCU: (Arase-Barham/Spaulding) The minutes of the December 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

1:25 Andrew and Mark prepared the SC for their interview with Bella Sempari.

1:35 The SC interviewed Bella Sempari as a candidate for the priesthood.

2:15 The SC was joined by Bishop Marc. We discussed the following:

- Equipping the Beloved Community event on February
- Update on staffing changes at Dio House
 - Formation Ministries-Eric is taking the lead on the Committee and will hire by the end of February
 - Stephanie Martin Taylor-former KQED morning reporter will be the new head of the Communications Group; will start in mid-January
 - New Executive Assistant-Jennifer Seaman; she was the assistant to the President of the Conservatory of Music.
- Parishes and Missions that should be on our radar
- Bishop's letter to the President Elect
- Planning thoughts on Dio Cal Institutions conversations
- Bill Bowes has passed away. He was the large contributor to the endowment campaign and to Grace Cathedral.

3:15 **MSC:** (Lee/Honodel) To consent to Bella Sempari as a candidate for ordination to the priesthood. Tsuruta abstained.

3:20 The SC heard liaison reports.

Episcopal Elections

MSCU (Arase-Barham/Honodel) To consent to the election of Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows as Bishop of the Diocese of Indianapolis.

MSCU (Arase Barham/Lee) To consent to the election of The Rev. Canon Gretchen Rehberg as Bishop of the Diocese of Spokane.

Commission on Ministry: According to a recent schedule put forth from the COM, there are 3 interviews scheduled for March which will not work for us. Ron and Andrew will talk with Julie to see what can be done.

3:45 Meeting adjourned with prayer from Jim

Respectfully submitted,

Jim DeMersman, Secretary