

A Summary report of the Standing Committee for  
the 158<sup>th</sup> Convention of  
The Diocese of California

**Actions of the Standing Committee for the year November 2006 through  
October 2007**

**Candidates for ordination to the Diaconate and Priesthood**

Approved...

the reception of The Rev. David Abernathy Deppe as a priest.  
the candidacy to the priesthood: Albert Pearson,  
the candidacy to the diaconate: Michael Schreiber and Mary Hinse,  
for ordination to the permanent diaconate: Davidson Bidwell-Waite, Kenneth  
Powell, and Frank Sterling  
for ordination to the transitional diaconate: Linda Huggard,  
for ordination to the priesthood: The Rev. Sean Burke, The Rev. Will Hocker, The  
Rev. Jude Hill, The Rev. Peter Schell, The Rev. Jeffrey Donnelly, The Rev. Steven  
Hassett, The Rev. Karen Johanns, The Rev. Austin Leininger, The Rev. Kathryn  
Galiccia, The Rev. Lauren Pifke, The Rev. Cris Craun, The Rev. Jay Watan, and The  
Rev. Connie Lamb.

Worked with the Commission on Ministry to review the ordination process.

Approved Bp Marc's appointments of the Rev. Anthony Turney and the Rev. Kathleen Van  
Sickle as Archdeacons of the diocese.

**Congregations**

Worked with St. Peter's to creatively resolve the demolition of its church after the 1989  
earthquake and to plan for the construction of housing for disabled adults.

Approved lease agreements for: a T Mobile tower at Holy Trinity/La Santissima Trinidad,  
Richmond; a T Mobile tower for St. Cyprian's, San Francisco; St. Mark's Berkeley lease  
agreement for use of buildings for a school, and the lease agreement between St. Bede's  
Episcopal Church and Trinity School,

Approved Bayview Mission in the Bayview/Hunters Point neighborhood as a specialized  
mission of the diocese.

Began the process with Bp. Marc Andrus of working with Good Shepherd, Belmont to  
embrace mission status.

**Episcopal consents**

The Standing committee consented to the election of: The Rev. Mark Beckwith as Bishop of  
Newark, The Rev. Larry Benfield as Bishop of Arkansas, The Rev. Tom Breidenthal as  
Bishop of Southern Ohio, the Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick as Bishop of Hawaii, The Rev.

Dabney Smith as Bishop of Southwest Florida, the Rev. Laura Ahrens as Suffragan Bishop of Connecticut, The Rev. Sean Walter Rowe as Bishop of Northwest Pennsylvania, The Rev. Gregory Rickel as Bishop of Olympia, The Rev. Edward Konieszczy as Bishop of Oklahoma, The Rev. Mary Grave Reeves as Bishop of El Camino Real, and to the election of a coadjutor in the Diocese of Maine.

The Standing Committee withheld consent for the election of the Rev. Mark Lawrence as Bishop of South Carolina (twice).

### **Clergy Housing**

Approved the continuation of the original equity share in the residence of Rev. Channing Smith and Mary Richards should they sell their current residence to purchase a new home.

### **Board members of Diocesan Episcopal Institutions**

Approved the following as Board members of Bishop's Ranch: Sam Parke, Lyn Whitaker Klein, and David Lawson.

Approved as Board members for Ohlhoff Recovery Programs: Luke Argilla, Michael Helms, John Kirkwood, James Loyce, Jr., The Rev. Jason Parkin, and Paul L. Wattis, III.

Approved as Board members for Episcopal Homes Foundation: William Mason

Approved as Board members for Episcopal Charities: Peter Vestal, Thomas Worth, Kathy Henry, Chris Ball, Deborah Stebbens.

### **Governance and Policy work**

Oversaw the work of the Steering Committee and the Working Group for the Diocesan Governance Review. Coordinated the deanery and convention presentations of proposed governance structure. Many thanks to the Working Group: Paul Evans (chair), Margalynne Armstrong, Roulhac Austin, Chip Larrimore, David Lui, and Salying Wong; and the Steering Committee: Kathy Henry (co-chair), Vanessa Glass (co-chair), Ruth Baney, Jim DeMersman, Tim Fox, Dave Frangquist, Carolyn Gaines, Margaret Gill, Jill Honodel, Vince Jang, Jay Luther, Bob McCaskill, Chad Smith, Dianne Smith, Lisa Thompson, Sue Thompson, Kathy Trapani, and Mary Jane Wood.

Gave input into the new Sexual Misconduct Policy being developed by the Rev. Stacey Grossman and Diocesan Staff.

### **Began a Nominating Committee**

Nominating Committee chaired by Anna McHargue, Vice-president of the Standing Committee, and Martha Kuhlman presented the nominees to the 158<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention for positions of Treasurer, Standing Committee, Ecclesiastical Court, Board of Directors, Provincial Synod, and Delegates to General Convention.

**Created the first ever Mutual Ministry Review with our Bishop**

Spent a half day reviewing the mutual work of Bp Marc and the Standing Committee to identify focus items for the coming year's work.

**As Trustees of the Eastman Fund**

Approved \$37,636 for scholarships for seminarians and \$51,777 for the relief of clergy student loan debt relief. Transferred the Montegle Fund from Episcopal Charities to the Diocese.

**Convention**

Drafted both the Assistant Bishop and the Special Convention resolutions for the 158<sup>th</sup> convention of the Diocese of California.