Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of California
Minutes
Meeting September 7, 2010

**Present:** Mr. Paul Evans (*president*), the Rev. Ron Culmer (*vice president*), Dr. Ron Johnson (*secretary*), Ms. Peggy Greene, the Rev. Bruce Smith, the Rev. David Ota, the Rev. Nina Pickerrell

**Absent:** Mr. Bob Birss

**Guests:** Shelton Ensley, Chair, Executive Council
Roulhac Austin, Vice-Chair, Executive Council

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by President Paul Evans. Dr. Ron Johnson gathered us with prayer.

**Executive Council**
Ensley and Austin report to Standing Committee

Explanation of assessment issue to Standing Committee
Deanery Task Force (DTF) update

*Mr. Ensley and Ms. Austin were excused from the meeting.*

MSCU (Peggy, Ron C.) at 2:25 pm the Standing Committee adjourned and reconvened in Executive Session.

MSCU (Peggy, Ron C) at 2:45 pm the Standing Committee reconvened.

**Compensation**
The committee is up and running. Lyon Street will be evaluated. The Committee is also looking elsewhere for an alternative location in the event Lyon Street is sold.

John Tornquist has requested that Vance Frost and Robert Adams be added as members to the Committee.

MSCU (Bruce/David) to add Vance Frost and Robert Adams as members of the Compensation Committee.

**Nominations Committee**
Ron C. delivered a report of the slate of vetted nominees to various offices. The deadline for nominees has been extended to September 15. Candidates were added but not yet vetted.

Standing Committee clergy order: Sue Thompson, Thomas Skillings, Merry Chan-Ong, Bro. Jude
Standing Committee lay order: Melissa Ridlon, Christopher Butler, Jan Robisher, Mary Vargas

*Bishop Marc and Mr. Christopher Hayes were welcomed to the meeting*

**St. Peters**
SC needs assurance from the chancellor that St. Peter’s can be made a mission. According to the chancellor, St. Peter’s has had a hearing in accordance with the canons. The chancellor will prepare a statement and argument detailing all points in contention. They will be invited to the SC October meeting.
**Canon Changes**
Christopher Hayes distributed a list of canon changes to be presented and voted on at Convention.

*Mr. Hayes was excused from the meeting*

**Intentional Community**
Bishop’s discussion of the history, purpose and rationale for DioCal involvement.
Three are currently in Dioceses of California
(two with Episcopal Community Services, one at DioHouse)
Supervised by Robyn Arnold

**Institutions**
The Bishop was reminded of his responsibility to appoint a chair for the working group of the Committee on Diocesan Institutions.

**Bishop’s Time**

*Bp Marc departed the meeting*

**2010-2011 Officers**
There was discussion and implementation of the process to be used for the election of Standing Committee president, vice president and secretary.

**Canon Changes**
Further review and discussion of proposed canon changes distributed by the chancellor.

*Canon 6.09* – suggest changing membership on the Committee on Nominations to *two* consecutive years rather than to *four* consecutive years. Additional suggestion was that membership total eight (one from each Deanery plus the SC and EC appointees) rather than fourteen as described.

*Canon 8.02 and 16.01* – subsection (d) must be rewritten to clarify that minutes of actions taken in Executive Session are available only to the Standing Committee, the Bishop and the Executive Council.

*Canon 21.01-21.02* – suggestion that proposed amendments to canons be delivered to the secretary of convention at least 120 days before convention. In addition, the secretary will deliver these to the committee on canons for distribution to deaneries 60 days before convention.

Consensus of the Standing Committee is that there were too many changes, and that they were delivered too late for adequate discussion before convention.

**Consents**
The Standing Committee was asked to consent to the consecration of the Rev. Canon Scott B. Hayashi as Bishop of the Diocese of Utah. Members present signed the consent request in the affirmative to approve his consecration.

Standing Committee was also asked to consent to the consecration of the Very Rev. Terry Allen White as Bishop of the Diocese of Kentucky. Peggy will research his background to enable SC to make an informed decision on approving his consecration.
Minutes:
MSCU (David, Bruce) to approve minutes of July 6, 2010.

Adjournment
MSCU (Nina/Ron C.)

Meeting adjourned 6:10 pm.
Next meeting:  Tuesday, October 5th, 1:00 pm
             snacks & prayers – The Rev. David Ota

Respectfully submitted

Dr. Ron Johnson
Secretary