

Standing Committee Report Sept.7, 2024

The Standing Committee

This report is a summary of the business conducted by the Standing Committee from September 2023

through August 2024. The Committee met every month. All meetings were conducted over Zoom except for the November 2023 (Fall Retreat) and April 2024 (Spring Retreat) meetings: both Retreats were conducted at Cathedral Ridge.

Monthly minutes of the Standing Committee are available for review on the Diocesan website.

Standing Committee members

Darren Armstrong, President- High Plains

Rev. Bill Stanton, Vice President- Front Range

Karla Schapansky, Secretary- Northwest

Rev. Wren Blessing, Southwest

Rev. Kate Brasden, High Plains

Donna Colville- Front Range

Rev. Matthew Frey- Northwest

Rev. Melissa Roberts George- Sangre de Cristo

Chip Page- Southwest

Chuck Theobald- Sangre de Cristo

Ex Officio

Rt. Rev. Kym Lucas- Bishop

Nancy Jones- Treasurer

Rev. Amy Lithgoe- Chaplain

Lawrence Hitt II- Chancellor

Episcopal Consents

Diocese of Rochester (Kara Wagner Sherer)

Diocese of Mississippi (Dorothy Sanders Wells)

Diocese of California (Austin Keith Rios)

Diocese of Southern Ohio (Kristin Uffelman White)

Diocese of Albany (Jeremiah Williamson)

Diocese of Arkansas (John T. W. Harmon)

Diocese of Maryland (Carrie Schofield-Broadbent)

Interviews and Consents for Ordination/ Diaconate

Megan Worthman

Robin Tems

Anthony Suggs Perea
Rob Rose
Charles Martin
Durango Jenkins
Amanda Barker
Michael Kornelson
Christina Rutland
Wendy McAllister

Significant Property Issues

Approved additional resources to Cathedral Ridge for needed repairs and as a bridge loan while a new property insurance carrier was put into place
Numerous Parishes requested assistance in gaining approval for various grants and/or loans that would enable them to complete necessary repairs and construction projects. The Standing Committee worked alongside the Diocesan Property Committee to ensure that these requests were in compliance to Diocesan canons and procedures

Mission Leadership Review

During the Spring of 2024, the Standing Committee, in collaboration with Bishop Kym, coordinated the Mission Leadership Review for the Diocese of Colorado. The review was an opportunity solicit feedback and various perspectives regarding our life as a Diocese under Bishop Kym's leadership. A series of conversations and interviews were conducted by Rev. Gay Jennings, past President of the Executive Committee for the National church, with members of the Standing Committee, Regional Missioners and Executive Boards as well as members of the Bishop's Staff. The resulting feedback has been shared with the Standing Committee and a summary report has been prepared for distribution to the Missioners and Regional Boards.

Looking ahead

The Standing Committee continues to explore ways to work more closely with both Parishes and members of the Bishop's staff to support the vitality of our institutions and Parishes within the Diocese. This work has taken the form of beginning a thorough review of our Canons and procedures to ensure that they are more truly responsive to our post-Covid lives together. While this work is tedious and does not hold the promise of quick results, it is important that careful discernment lead to constructive adjustments in our structure that will reflect the flexibility needed to continue the remarkable work being accomplished within the Diocese. Along with our continued collaboration with the Regional Missioners and Regional Executive Board members, the Standing Committee remains focused on providing a voice for the member parishes of this Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,
Darren Armstrong
President
Standing Committee, Diocese of Colorado