

# Standing Committee Meeting Notes

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Date: April 26, 2025

Time: 9:30–11:00 AM

Present: Darren Armstrong, President, Matthew Frey+, Donna Colville, Chip Page, Wren Blessing+, Chuck Theobald Greg Foraker+, Michelle Danson+, Nancy Jones, Diocesan Treasurer, Karla Schapansky

Absent: Bill Stanton+, Chris Ditzenberger+, Jon Anderson+ Bishop Kym Lucas+ Linda Brown+, newly elected clergy representative, Sangre de Cristo Region

Darren called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

The agenda was approved unanimously; motion by Chuck and seconded by Donna.

- - The March Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously; motion by Donna and Second by Chip.

## 2. Financial Reports

- - Church of the Holy Redeemer tithed \$62,000 to the diocese after a property sale.
- - Unrestricted Reserves currently ~\$1.5M; target remains \$3.5M.
- - New diocesan trust documentation will be circulated to Standing Committee members.
- - Recent unrestricted reserves uses include Cathedral Ridge support, moving expenses, and a LOA for Canon Lucy Ammerman.
- - Episcopal Service Corp house sale proceeds added back to Hicks Trust.

## 3. P&L Report Highlights

- - Colorado Trust payout for 2025 will be \$1.33M (above projected \$1.25M).
- - 2026 projected payout is \$750K, requiring budget planning.
- - Q1 revenue \$105K over budget; Q1 deficit -\$101K vs projected -\$259K (positive variance of \$158K).

## 4. Colorado Trust Relationship

- - Meetings ongoing with CEO Don Mars.
- - Funds confirmed as unrestricted.
- - Request made for Episcopal representation on the board.

- - Possible future discussion about payout of church share from the trust.

## **5. Congregational Giving Overview**

- - Variance across regions; some delays in pledges noted.
- - Discussion of clearer diocesan pledge guidelines.
- - Finance committee to draft best-practices document; Chuck volunteered to assist.

## **6. St. Barnabas Preschool Resolution Approved**

. An Extract to approve St. Barnabas proceeding with a lease with L'Ecole Preschool was presented. The Property Committee recommends approval of Extract. The motion passed. A site visit was made by Canon Jon Anderson and Canon Vanessa Stickler-Glass.

## **7. Clergy Rep Appointment: Deacon Linda Brown**

- - Appointed to complete Rev. Melissa George's term (ends Fall 2025).
- - Eligible to stand for full term afterward.
- She will serve as clergy rep for the SW Region.
- - Broad support for deacon representation on Standing Committee.
- Approved unanimously. Darren moved and Donna seconded.

## **8. Approval of Bishop of Cuba**

- - Motion to approve Bishop-Elect Griselda Delgado Del Carpio passed unanimously. Donna moved and Wren seconded.

## **9. Retreat Planning**

- - Spring 2026 retreat canceled due to bishop's sabbatical.
- - Fall 2026 retreat scheduled for September 11–12, 2026 at Cathedral Ridge.  
The 2026 Convention is in Snowmass
- - Option discussed to use convention weekend for onboarding new members.
- - Reminder: 2025 retreat scheduled for November 14–15.  
Further information coming.

## **10. Action Items / Follow-ups**

- - Treasurer confirmed to vote on Board of Directors matters only, not Standing Committee votes.
- - Standing Committee term list updated and reviewed.
- - Church pledge education resources to be developed by finance committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m. Respectfully submitted, Karla Schapansky, Recording Secretary