

Standing Committee Meeting

Draft Minutes - August 13, 2025

Present: Bishop Kym Lucas, Canon Vanessa Stickler-Glass, Canon Jon Anderson, Matthew Frey, Michelle Danson, Bill Stanton, Linda Brown, Chuck Theobald, Donna Colville, Nancy Jones, Wren Blessing (acting secretary)

Absent: Chris Ditzenberger, Karla Schapansky, Chip Page, Canon Greg Foraker, Canon Mike Orr

9:03 – The meeting was called to order by Chuck Theobald, who opened in prayer.

9:07 – Formation time commenced, facilitated by Michelle Danson, discussing the role of the chaplain and formation time in our Standing Committee gatherings.

9:45 – The minutes of the July meeting were discussed, noting that the partnership in question is between St. John's, Ouray and St. Michael's, Telluride. The following (from Article IV of the Diocesan Constitution and Canons) was also noted:

Section 3. The Diocesan Standing Committee shall fill vacancies in its membership occurring between Diocesan Conventions until the next Diocesan Convention. The Diocesan Convention shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

Section 4. The members of the Diocesan Standing Committee shall elect annually from among themselves a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary. The powers, functions, and duties of the Diocesan Standing Committee shall be those prescribed by the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and by the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the consent agenda (including approval of the agenda and approval of the amended minutes of the July meeting) was unanimously approved.

9:48 – The Treasurer's report commenced. Nancy Jones will send a draft 2026 proposed budget to Kirsten Manica for distribution to convocation attendees. Nancy reviewed the 2026 proposed budget. Upon motion made and seconded, the draft budget was approved for presentation at convocation. During discussion, it was noted that we have sufficient resources to cover the deficit budget.

10:10 – Nancy Jones offered a status report for Cathedral Ridge, noting that the camp and conference center is actively supporting ministry within parishes, affinity groups, amongst clergy and laity. The summer camp groups had excellent participation.

10:15 – 10:25 – *The Standing Committee recessed.*

10:26 – The group reconvened and the Bishop shared about her recent work including visitations to the Southwest Region, work with lay pastoral leaders, and sabbatical planning in the Anglican Church of Kenya. Bishop Kym also shared about convention preparations and the Office of the Bishop's Lilly grant application. Bishop Kym also provided an update on interviews for the position

which Dianne Draper currently occupies, as Dianne's retirement is pending. Questions and discussion with the Standing Committee followed the Bishop's presentation.

10:45 – The group acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the Rev. Bill Stanton's service on the Standing Committee, as his term will conclude at convention.

10:50 – Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, the meeting adjourned.