

**Report of the Standing Committee  
Episcopal Church in Colorado  
October 2025**

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A summary of the business of the Standing Committee from  
September 2024 through August 2025

**Membership and Meetings:**

<b>Region/Title</b>	<b>Clergy Representative</b>	<b>Lay Representative</b>
Front Range	Rev. Bill Stanton	Donna Colville
High Plains	Rev. Chris Ditzenberger	Open
Northwest	Rev. Matthew Frey	Karla Schapansky, Secretary
Sangre de Cristo	Rev. Linda Brown	Chuck Theobald, President
Southwest	Rev. Wren Blessing	Chip Page
Bishop	Rt. Rev. Kym Lucas	
Treasurer	Nancy Jones	
Chaplin	Rev. Michelle Danson	
Chancellor	Larry Hitt, Esq	

Hybrid meetings were held monthly via Zoom, with retreats at Cathedral Ridge in November and April. Minutes of all meetings are posted at <https://episcopalcolorado.org/diocesan-resources/governance/standing-committee/> .

**Episcopal Consents**

- The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux as Bishop of West Missouri
- The Rev. Angela Maria Cortinas as Bishop Suffragan of West Texas
- The Rev. Griselda Delgado Del Carpio as Bishop of Cuba
- The Very Rev. Rob Price as Bishop Coadjutor of Dallas

**Ordination Consents**

- Jonah Heiser to the transitional diaconate
- Christina R. Heiser to the priesthood
- Jonah Selzer to the priesthood
- Michael Kornelson to the priesthood
- Nikki Inman Campbell to the vocational diaconate
- Kevin Criley to the transitional diaconate

## **Property Actions**

- Approved the acceptance of a grant to repair a truss in the nave of St. Paul's – Central City.
- Approved the sale of the Episcopal Service Corp property at 281 Sherman Street in Denver and the disbursement of the proceeds to conclude the work of ESC and the establishment of a fund to support the ministry of Colorado ESC alumni and young adults.
- Approved the seasonal closure of St. Jame's – Lake City.
- Approved the renewal of the mortgage for Intercession – Thornton.
- Approved the St. Francis Center's request to obtain a line of credit.
- Approved the St. Francia Center establishing a mortgage for 2347 Curtis Street.
- Approved the hiring of a broker to market 3650 Yates Street, previously the parish of St. John's in the Highlands.
- Approved the undertaking of a line of credit by St. Matthew's – Parker
- Approved with deep regret the closure and deconsecration of St. Andrew's = Manitou Springs

## **Other Actions**

- Received audit reports from 2021, 2022 and 2023, thus clearing the backlog of audits, and thanked the treasurer and diocesan controller for their diligence in driving this to conclusion.
- Accepted the resignation of The Rev. Melissa Roberts George as clergy representative from the Sangre de Cristo region as her parishes have been realigned into the Southwest region and appointed The Rev. Linda Brown to the position until the diocesan convention.
- Continued to work with the Colorado Trust to forecast and manage that funding stream which represents 30% of our annual budget.
- Continued to work with the staff of the office of the bishop to identify and reach out to parishes that are not meeting their financial obligations to the diocese as directed by the Canons.
- Accepted the resignation of Darren Armstrong as lay representative from the High Plains region and elected Chuck Theobald as standing committee president through the diocesan convention.

## **Looking Ahead**

The standing committee is excited for Bishop Kym as she experiences the activities planned during her upcoming sabbatical. While she, with the support of the staff of the Office of the Bishop, will continue to be the Ecclesiastical Authority in the diocese throughout her time away, we encourage all parishes to continue to work with their regional missioner, regional representatives and the bishop's staff. We will continue to focus on reviewing standing committee processes and procedures and diocesan canons to be more responsive to congregational needs, and to expanding our collaboration with regional missioners and executive committees.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Theobald, President

Standing Committee of the Episcopal Church in Colorado