

20251217 Standing Committee Minutes DRAFT 3

Present: Chuck Theobald, President; Chris Ditzenberger+, Vice President; Karla Schapansky, Recording Secretary; Nancy Jones, Treasurer; Michelle Danson+, Chaplain; Wren Blessing+; Donna Colville, Kate Dykstra, Matthew Fry+, Melissa Adzima+, Deacon Linda Brown, Lucy Amerman+ Vanessa Stickler Glass+

Absent: Chip Page, Canon Mike Orr, Greg Foraker+

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Chuck Theobald, President.

Representatives from St. Francis Center, Nancy Burke, Andrew Spinks, and Kathy Randolph gave a presentation of the many aspects of outreach that the St. Francis Center offers in Denver. Nancy, Executive Director, described the work of the St. Francis Center, providing both day and residential services and related support across multiple locations in Denver. With the approval of the Standing Committee in 2024, they successfully sought and obtained independent 501(c)3 non-profit status this year.

Michelle led a brief Formation time.

The agenda for the day and the minutes of the November 19, 2025 were approved by consent with the correction of the minutes to include Scott Asper, Executive Director, Colorado Episcopal Foundation as present.

Nancy gave a treasurer's report for the diocese and Cathedral Ridge. Hannah Anderson has been hired as the new camp director and the appointment of Kellye Nelson as registrar. The budget for 2026 is projected to meet income targets. Nancy encouraged the committee to visit the new website.

Regional reports were made for the Front Range, Sangre de Cristo, High Plains including the upcoming ordination of Mary Meredith Joy, Southwest, and Northwest.

Suggestions from the region representatives included continued conversation regarding sustainable parishes, in-person workshops at the annual convention, in-person Safe Church training, the lack of full-time clergy and reliance on supply clergy, the continued optimism to deepen a partnership with churches in Navajo Land.

There are five Bishop consents for the committee to approve and subsequently sign each individually. Matthew made the motion to approve and Donna seconded. All five candidates were approved. The committee will review the diocese's process for further bishop consents in the future. The candidates for bishop are Gregory Kimura as Bishop of San Joaquin, Shay Craig as Bishop of North Dakota, Sarah Kathleen Fisher as Bishop of East Carolina, Maguelina Howell as Bishop of Western Massachusetts and Antonio Gallardo as Bishop of Los Angeles.

Canon Lucy gave an update on parishes throughout the diocese. Holy Redeemer is considering a reorganization as a Pauli Murray Center for Social Justice Coalition.

Michelle led a closing time and received prayer requests from the committee members.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karla Schapansky, Recording Secretary