

The Episcopal Diocese of Rochester  
The Standing Committee  
27 June 2018

Attendance: Members - Sarah Peters, Michael Hartney, Lois Giess, Carolyn Mok, Richard Hamlin, Cameron Miller, Robert Picken, Susan Woodhouse;  
Bishop - Prince Singh

The meeting was convened in the Diocesan offices at Saint Peter's Church, Henrietta, New York, at 4.03 p.m.

An opening prayer, including a poem by Mary Oliver, was offered by Cameron.

The Agenda was presented. Moved (Carolyn)/Seconded (Richard) Passed.

The Minutes of May 23, 2018 were presented. Moved (Lois)/Seconded (Susan) Passed.

Consent to the Election of a Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Bethlehem was considered. Moved (Robert)/Seconded (Susan) Passed.

Consent to the Election of a Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of the Rio Grande was considered. Moved (Robert)/Seconded (Carolyn) Passed.

Consent to the Election of a Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Newark was considered. Moved (Robert)/Seconded (Susan) Passed.

The Bishop's report was considered. He presented highlights:

- Trinity Geneva installation of Cameron Miller as Rector and blessing of Trinity Place was one of the most encouraging signs of a community doing real discernment and courage to move into the future that he has witnessed.
- Saint George's Hilton Confirmation was led by the Christian Education Director for several weeks after the Rector followed a call to another church. The congregation was agile and able to present a class of seven for Confirmation without a Rector.
- Brad Benson is retiring as Rector from Saint Thomas' Bath in September.

- Deven Hubert is moving from Saint Luke's Fairport to be the chaplain at Episcopal SeniorLife Communities on September 1st.
- The Search process is being refined to include Vestries and Church Growth Committees to make the transition to new leadership faster.
- The Bishop's term as the leader of Rochester Interfaith Network Alive (RINA) has ended.
- A Joint Diocesan Staff Meeting with the Diocese of Central New York was held at Christ Church Manlius in June. A Family Vigil/Eucharist for the issues surrounding immigration was held at the end of the day. The Bishop preached.
- The committee engaged the Bishop in a discussion on the Diaconate and licensure of Lay persons.
- RISE camp is happening this week.
- General Convention is about to commence in the first weeks of July. The Bishop and our deputation will be in Austin, Texas, in a few days.

A confidential matter regarding a person in discernment was shared by the Bishop. Our advice/opinions were offered.

The Commission on Ministry will meet October 13<sup>th</sup> with Postulants to consider advancing them to Candidacy. The committee will keep the date open so that we might attend in order to conduct our canonically required interview.

The Committee discussed the Proposed Mutual Ministry Review of the Bishop. The President presented the work already underway by a committee of elected diocesan leadership. The committee offered our encouragement and advice to the Bishop and the President.

The Committee discussed Standing Committee Officer succession for 2018-2019. At our September meeting the nomination of a President and a Secretary will be considered.

No meeting in July or August is anticipated.

As required by our Behavioral Covenants the committee members shared their feelings regarding the process observed for today's meeting. Reflections were: things are going right, challenging conversation and

thought, more and more collaborative, comfortable, honesty and kindness, just right, openness, wisdom, respect.

Prayer Requests:

Bishop: Thanksgiving for Roja's book that is out; continuing healing for Karen Hanson, Marilyle Sweet Page; prayer for our seminarians

Richard: Prayer for his wife, Stephanie, in rehab; thanksgiving for the Bishop's ministry

Sarah: Thanksgiving for the amazing jazz artists in Rochester this week

Cameron: Prayer for the reunification for immigrant families

Carolyn: Thanksgiving for Leadership of the *Reclaiming Jesus Movement*

Susan: For the General Convention, our Bishop and Deputies

The closing prayers were offered by Robert.

Motion to adjourn. Moved (Robert)/Seconded (Carolyn) Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5.51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Hartney, Secretary