

The Episcopal Diocese of Rochester
The Standing Committee
Meeting at Diocesan Offices
23 January 2019

Members Present: The Rev. Leslie Burkardt, Joseph DaBoll-Lavoie, The Rev. Richard Hamlin, Carolyn Mok, The Rev. Cameron Miller, Sarah Peters, The Rev. Robert Picken, Susan Woodhouse; and, The Right Reverend Prince Singh, Bishop.

The meeting was **Called to Order** at 4:02 p.m. An **Opening Prayer** was offered by Cam Miller.

The Agenda was presented and approved. Moved (Carolyn)/Seconded (Susan)

The Minutes of the November 28, 2018 Meeting were approved. Moved (Rick) /Seconded (Susan)

The Minutes of the December 5, 2018 Special Meeting were approved. Moved (Carolyn) /Seconded (Joe)

It was read into the minutes that **Mr. Harold A. Kurland, Esq.**, of Ward, Greenberg, Heller, and Reidy, LLP was confirmed as Church Attorney for the Diocese of Rochester. (Approved by e-mail vote on December 18, 2018.)

Consent to the Election of the Bishop Diocesan of Kansas, The Rev. Dr. Cathleen Chittenden Bascom, was given. Moved (Cam) / Seconded (Leslie)

Consent to the Election of the Bishop Diocesan of Colorado, The Rev. Kimberly Lucas, was given. Moved (Leslie) / Seconded (Carolyn)

Consent to the Election of the Bishop Diocesan of Arizona, The Rev. Jennifer Anne Reddall, was given. Moved (Rob) / Seconded (Leslie)

Consent to the Election of the Bishop in Charge, Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, The Rev. Mark D.W. Edington, was given. Moved (Cam) / Seconded (Susan)

Consent to the Election of the Bishop Diocesan of Ecuador Litoral, The Rev. Canon Cristobal Olmedo Leon Lozano, was given. Moved (Cam) / Seconded (Susan)

Consent for Ordination as Deacon, Sue Ouellette, was given. Moved (Carolyn) / Seconded (Rick) / Abstaining (Leslie and Joe)

Consent for Ordination as Deacon (transitional), Melanie Duguid-May, was given. Moved (Rick) / Seconded (Rob) / Abstaining (Leslie and Joe)

An update about the **Episcopal Mutual Ministry Review** was given by Sarah. The group that met in December to review the ministry of the Diocese will meet again at the end of January and a report will be shared once available.

The **Bishop's Report** was presented, with the following highlights:

- Prayers were requested for those who mourn the deaths of Nancy Wainwright, Shirley Stiegler, Dan Alonzo, and Ben Johnson.
- Rural Migrant Ministry (RMM) liturgies at *Grace!* in Lyons are a good way to stand with migrant workers, some of whom are pressured by ICE.
- Launch of Racial Reconciliation, Healing and Justice (RRHJ) will be the Blessed Absalom Jones Celebration at Two Saints' Church, and more information about education programs will be published soon.
- The College of Congregational Development is offering two programs this year (four weekends and one week-long) with participants from Rochester, Central New York, Western Massachusetts, and beyond.
- SPICE Dinner was successful and will become an annual event.
- Clergy coverage is being provided for churches in Watkins Glen and Catherine during the temporary absence of their priest – the reasons for which were discussed.
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges are conducting a national search for the Chaplain position.
- Bishop Singh's sabbatical is coming up this year and more information about how it will be spent will be offered soon, including final dates.
- Creative clergy leadership needs to be sought for our smaller congregations and a possible candidate was discussed.

(Cam Miller left the meeting at 5:32pm)

Process Feedback was offered: affirming, efficient, laughter and joy, exciting to be part of so many yeses, good patience, increasingly good-humored, much more trusting.

Closing Prayer was led by Carolyn Mok and the meeting **Adjourned** at 5:51pm. Moved (Rick) / Seconded (Susan)

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Picken, Secretary