

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE**  
**EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER**

**FEBRUARY 26, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Liz Salamone, Roxanne Gaylord, Rev. Nita Byrd, Richard Little, Rev. Columba Salamony, Rev. Elizabeth Harden, Rev. Rob Picken,  
Bishop Kara Wagner Sherer, Jim Burch

1. **Call to Order:** 6:30pm
2. **Opening Prayer:** Rob Picken
3. **Welcome and Round Robin:** Quick introductions and welcome.
4. **Approval of December 2024 and January 2025 Draft Minutes:** January minutes: Motion to accept made by Nita, seconded by Jim, carried unanimously with the addition of the Wordle exercise graphic. December minutes: Motion by Roxanne, seconded by Nita, carried unanimously.
5. **Bishop's agenda and consult**
  - "Jesus and the Disinherited" book study discussion. +Kara would like to review chapters 1-3 at the May SC meeting and chapters 4-6 at the June meeting.
  - +Kara diocese grants redesign and review/Task Force.
    - Southern Tier: Corning-Elmira Community Foundation
    - \$375K
    - Up to \$5K
    - Sustainability Grants up to \$25K
    - Convocation Grants
    - Other 501(c)3 Grants: Episcopal and other organizations.
  - Requests for Proposals (RFP) have been sent out for former St. Stephens Church facilities use.
6. **New Website/Brand Development**
  - Updated website
    - Will have a sign-in portion to get access to certain resources, etc.
    - No sign-in for the public side of the website, until access and sign-in is requested.
    - Templates for parishes.
  - Website rebranding
    - Causewave (formerly Ad Council of Rochester)-private company. Sarah will reach out to them regarding their services/cost. Fact Sheet: [CAUSEWAVE Community Partners](#)
7. **Interview - Carla Aslakson-Yarnal**

- Review of Ordination process: [Episcopal Ordination Process](#); [Chicago Ordination Process](#); [Washington Ordination Steps](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)

**10. Closing Prayer:** offered by Rob Picken at 8:20 pm.

**11. Close Meeting:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Little, Secretary

**March Meeting:** Wednesday, March 26, 2025 on Zoom