

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

**April 23, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Ms. Liz Salamone, Ms. Roxanne Gaylord, Rev. Nita Byrd, Mr. Richard Little,  
Rev. Columba Salamony, Rev. Elizabeth Harden,  
Rt. Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer, Mr. James Burch  
Absent: Rev. Rob Picken

1. **Call to Order:** 6:30pm
2. **Opening Prayer:** Nita
3. **Welcome and Round Robin:** Quick introductions and welcome.
4. **Approval of March 26, 2025 Minutes:** Motion to accept made by Jim, seconded by Columba, carried unanimously.
5. **Bishop's agenda and consult**
  - Title IV Update
  - Recent Events:
    - Installations at St. James-Watkins Glen/St. John's Catharine; St. George's-Hilton
    - Immigration March in Rochester
  - House of Bishops Meeting
  - Considering new model for part-time clergy 26 Sundays not 52. Would be considered in a parish by parish basis. Lay lead Morning Prayer would happen on alternate Sundays. A rector could be full time and serve two parishes without being in each parish every Sunday. Other models are 2 or more parishes sharing one rector and other staff. Consider mentorship models for new clergy as assistant or curate with a seasoned rector as mentor.
  - We have new postulants and aspirants. The Commission on Ministry and the bishop will determine best formation/education plans based on age and experiences.
  - [Causewave Proposal](#)
    - [CAUSEWAVE Community Partners](#)

- EDOR Audit Group–Interns/Clergy Change
- CoM Discernment Day 2026–clergy and laity

6. **Bishop Consent: Diocese of Cuba:** Richard made the motion, Nita seconded. Approved.

7. **Final review of candidates for ordination to the Diaconate.** Spring 2025 Ordination Candidates, Rev. Virginia Tyler Smith, April 28, 2025.

Upcoming Candidates for Review: ***Special Meeting: May 14, 2025***

- Joel Wilbur - Priesthood
- Maria Hartz - Transitional Diaconate
- David Jutsum - Transitional Diaconate
- Lydia Arnts - Transitional Diaconate
- **Appointment/Installation May 31, 2025.**
- o Other:
  - Carl D'Angio -Postulant
  - Carla Aslakson-Yarnal - Vocational Diaconate (*Candidacy approved for ordination: Motion by Rob, 2nd by Columba. Approved unanimously. 3-26-25 Standing Committee Minutes.*) **Appointment/Installation June 7, 2025.**

8. **Other business.**

- Recognition of the passing of Pope Francis.

9. **Closing Prayer:** offered by Columba.

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10. **Close Meeting:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Little, Secretary

**May Meeting:** Wednesday, May 28, 2025 on Zoom