

Minutes of the Standing Committee of Episcopal Diocese of Rochester

October 26th meeting of the Standing Committee in Regular Session

Date: Wednesday October 26th ,2022 at 4:00pm

Meeting held LIVE in person

Present: Mr. Michael Davis, Mr. Joseph DaBoll-Lavoie, The Very Rev's Leslie Burkardt, Ruth Ferguson, Kenneth Pepin; Mr. Floyd Bayley, The Rt. Rev Steve Lane,

Absent: Mr. Jeremy Cooney; The Rev. Nita Byrd;

The Very Rev. Ruth Ferguson welcomed us with an **opening prayer** focusing on our gratitude for the commitment of Leslie and Joe.

President Mike read the **Covenantal Practices**

Those in attendance shared latest **news and happenings**.

Minutes were approved by Joe and Leslie. All present were in favor.

Consent for the Bishop of Columbia Ken motioned and Ruth seconded All were in favor.

Bishops Advisory Report

Covid remains a continued concern. Keisha the secretary to the convention got it but will still be able to conduct her service to the Convention. The bishop updated us on a few other health concerns among the clergy.

Jimmie Deppe will begin her new ministry in Long Island

Craig Hoffmann was appointed to the Theology Committee of the General Convention.p

The bishop also brought up some concerns of the variety of parishes that struggle.

He reviewed and updated us on Title IV cases

He provided clarification to a question concerning how many parishes does a diocese have to have to remain a diocese? He answered that there was no fast rule but usually dioceses in the thirties begin to experience difficulties having not enough people to carry out the ministry.

He informed us that at convention he will be planning to address his idea of placing a regional priest in charge over some of our more vulnerable parishes. The bishop would be the rector and the missionary would oversee the ministeries.

Leslie and Ken offered a reflection and process of the Listening Sessions they held in Angelica and Danville. We talked about getting the future listening sessions to follow a similar format and questions so as to get a more consistent response. Each presenter could tweak it using their personal style but overall the designed process really was quite effective and fun.

We discussed having a clergy only listening session as well as one for the retired clergy.

Leslie offered to extend her work on behalf of the committee to engage in a few more listening sessions.

Ruth moved and Floyd seconded. All were in favor.

Leslie will give the report to the Convention in place of Michael who will be working that day.

Floyd closed us with a beautiful prayer.

We will hold a short ZOOM meeting close to 1pm to vote on president and secretary

Ken has accepted the nomination for president and Ruth has accepted the nomination for secretary. **THE VOTE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SPECIAL MEETING** following Convention at 1:00pm.

Our next regular session of the Standing Committee will be on Wednesday November 16th 2022

This is my last set of notes. It has been a privilege to serve you as your dutiful scribe.

Ken