

The Episcopal Diocese of Rochester
Standing Committee meeting
Via Zoom videoconference
2/24/2021

Present: The Rt. Rev. Bishop Singh; the Rev Cameron Miller (president); the Very Revs. Leslie Burkardt, Ruth Ferguson, Kenneth Pepin; Floyd Bayley, Joseph DaBoll-Lavoie, Michael Davis, Carolyn Mok (secretary).

The meeting was **convened** at 4:01 pm.

Opening prayer was given by Joe.

Consent agenda was approved. Moved, Michael/seconded Ken.

Minutes of 1/20/21 meeting. were approved. Moved, Michael/seconded Ken.

Minutes of 2/2/21 meeting were corrected.

Bishop's report.

Prince thanked the diocese for its support about his divorce.. He will be taking time off from 2/24-3/7/2021.

Diocesan deans. Circles of sustainability have been established. Prince reminded us they have served 1 out of 5 years of their term.

Racial Reconciliation, Healing and Justice Committee. Prince stated that the committee is going strong. They have put together programs and will be sponsoring another book group. Ruth was concerned about the possible consequences in Rochester from the decision of the Rochester Grand Jury not to indict the police over Daniel Prude's death. She is worried that the city is very tense over this decision. She has joined community faith leaders in praying for the community.

Re-imagining Church. Prince is pleased with its work.

Rector search. A person has been called to St. Peter's; the timing of the rector's arrival is to be determined.

In-person worship. As the NY state positivity rate has gone down and will be below the threshold for in person gathering, people have been wondering if we could gather by Easter. Can we worship together in an outdoor setting? Could we limit attendance to < 25 people (as per the NY state COVID guidelines for funerals)? Could it be left to the individual parishes as long as they adhere to the diocesan guidelines? Prince suggested we wait for further guidance from the Thriving in the COVID World Task Force.

Closing prayer was led by Ruth.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 4:44pm.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, 3/24/2021 at 4 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully, submitted,
Carolyn Mok secretary/