

The Episcopal Diocese of Rochester
The Standing Committee
Via Zoom video conference
24 June 20

Members present: The Right Rev. Prince Singh, Very Rev. Leslie Burkhardt, Kenneth Pepin; the Revs Cameron Miller, Robert Picken (president). Joseph DaBoll-LaVoie, Michael Davis, Carolyn Mok, Susan Woodhouse.

The meeting was **called to order @** 4:03 pm.

Opening prayer was offered by Cam,

Consent agenda was approved. Moved Cam/seconded Michael.

The **minutes** were approved. Moved Cam/seconded Michael.

The **ordination of the Rev Joshua Barrett** to the priesthood was approved. Moved Ken/seconded Michael.

Josh will be ordained in August, after serving as a transitional deacon for 6 months. He will be the pastoral leader at Church of the Redeemer, Addison, and an associate rector at Christ Church, Corning. His circle of support included the Rev. Troy Preston, rector of Corning and who came from Addison.

Bishop's report.

Racial diversity. Prince would like the diocese to work on achieving more racial diversity in diocesan leadership.

Supporting congregations. Diocesan Council is working with Trustees to provide financial support to our parishes. Pledging has been good.

Youth involvement. Prince is inspired by the passion of young people with respect to Black Lives Matter.

Transitions. The Rev. Dahn Gandell is still on leave, and has been adhering to her new rule of life. The Rev. Michael McCue will be the substitute priest at Ascension.

The Rev. Susan Kohlmeir will be retiring 6/30. The parish has started the visioning work, search process. The Very Rev. Johnnie Ross will be her consultant.

The Rev. Keisha Stokes will be interviewed in the fall for ordination to the priesthood.

The Rev. Greg Kremer will be interviewed in the fall for ordination to the priesthood.

St. Peter's is interviewing candidates for rector.

Incarnation is interviewing candidates for rector.

Good Shepherd, Savona, has decided they would like a part time priest, leading worship on Sunday eve.

Trinity, Canaseraga has only 4 active members; however, they would like to continue as a parish. Johnnie Ross will be working with the church about re-visioning their future.

Cancelling Episcopal Night at Frontier Field. Because of the limits on gathering during the COVID 19 pandemic, the celebration at Frontier Field will be cancelled. We discussed where to re-purpose those funds (donating to a Tiny House for REACH and finding an outreach project in the rural part of the diocese).

Regathering. Prince shared that he is not getting a lot of pressure to re-open churches; Members of the Committee concurred. People are learning to adapt to on line worship. Parishes are live streaming their liturgy, with some recording music during the service. New ways of being church were discussed (table fellowship w discussions/ book clubs/meals; house churches (5% churches in the US are house churches).

Budget. There are no major cuts. Some savings came from hosting an on line convention. More money could be saved if General Convention is held electronically. Susan said that more money has been donated for the music program at St. Peter's!

Bishop's vacation. Prince will take 2 weeks off, tbd.

Closing prayer was offered by Carolyn.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm, moved Susan/seconded Michael.

Next meeting will be on Zoom on Wednesday, 8/26/20 at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Mok