

The Episcopal Diocese of Rochester  
The Standing Committee  
Via Zoom video conference  
27 May 20

Members present: the Rt. Rev. Prince Singh, the very Rev. Leslie Burkardt, the Revs. Cameron Miller, Ken Pepin, Robert Picken (president), Michael Davis, Joseph DaBoll-Lavoie, Carolyn Mok, Susan Woodhouse.

Guests: Phil Fileri, Kristy Esty, Todd Rubiano.

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

**Opening prayer** was offered by Rob.

**Consent Agenda** was present and approved: moved Cam/seconded Susan.

**Minutes** from were approved: moved Cam/seconded Susan.

Virtual Diocesan Convention.

The chancellor, Phil Feliri, said the canons allow an electronic convention as long as the Bishop proposes and the Standing Committee approves. (please see Virtual Diocesan Convention memo).

Notices of the convention can be sent electronically. Quorum could be established by electronic registration. The convention has to be arranged so that participants can hear everyone. We have voted electronically for the last few conventions.

The only rules are: celebrating Holy Communion (which can be amended at the time of convention) and the Bishop's address.

Todd noted that the costs will be a fraction of a "real" convention.

Kristy said the credentials of the delegates can be established at time of registration which would end 15 mins before convention opening (and the clergy are already known). Delegates must be able to participate on line. She anticipates a truncated convention would last about 4 hours.

The diocesan budget will be reviewed in July.

Pre-convention meetings will take place in October.

**A virtual convention** on 10/31/20 was **approved**: moved Susan/seconded Leslie.

Re-gathering.

The Bishop has put together 3 subgroups dealing with guidelines on when parishes can re-gather. This will occur in phases. Issues about liturgy, sacraments, and re-imagining the future will be reviewed.

Parishes are different in size, building capacity, make up of congregations and are located in 3 regions of New York that follow different state COVID 19 re-opening phases. There will be broad responses about resuming services.

It is agreed that we will adhere to the government, health/CDC diocesan guidelines.

**Bishop's report.**

No visitations due to pandemic quarantine.

Holy Orders. Ordinations of Greg Kremer and Keisha Stokes to the diaconate went well.

Support groups have been set up for the new clergy.

Diocesan Council. There will be assistance for parishes to use/support/sustain new technology.

Trustees. They have returned the federal paycheck protection program money.

**Closing prayer** was offered by Prince.

The meeting was **adjourned @ 5:01**. MOved Michael/seconded Joe.

Next meeting: 6/24/20, 4 pm, by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Mok, secretary