

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

OCTOBER 23, 2024

PRESENT: Liz Salamone, Floyd Bayley, Roxanne Gaylord, Nita Byrd, Richard Little, Cameron Miller, Columba Salamony, Bishop Kara Wagner Sherer

1. The September 2024 minutes were amended and approved.
2. Bishop Kara offered the Bishop Consult
  - a. The committee discussed ways for delegates to interact during lunch at convention.
    - i. During convention we will ask each delegate to sit with someone who is not from their parish and discuss 2 questions at lunch. Questions may include:
      1. A time that your parish received a grant and how they used this and how it enriched their parish community.
      2. What would you do were you to get a grant? What do you envision but don't have the resources to make happen.
    - ii. After lunch they will report out from their table something
    - iii. People will go to lunch in groups of 50.
    - iv. We hope to get a better feeling of how grants can be used.
  - b. Bishop Kara sent a survey related to clergy spouse support and another for retired clergy. The hope is to have a chaplain for retired clergy.
  - c. Richard mentioned the importance of staying connected with retired clergy.
  - d. The December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at Bishop Kara's house at 145 Clover Hills Drive, Rochester, NY 14618. The time will be at 6 or 6:30.
3. The Standing Committee had interviews for Lydia Arnts and David Jutsum for Candidacy.
4. Lydia Arnts
  - i. Anti-racism training was discussed –
    1. Intercultural competency is required at VTS involving discussions around identity and privilege and things that are often overlooked.
    2. She had discussions involving reparations and history of African Americans and First Nation Peoples in the USA.
    3. There was also work at St. Thomas when the diocese recommended the reading of *Unsettling Truths* at the parish.
  - ii. She was asked about finances/money, substance use, education, CPE, and relationships.
  - iii. Noted that the diocese should examine the level of support at the Strong Hospital CPE program for seminarians.
- b. David Jutsum

- i. The standing committee asked what he has done to meet ordination requirements, specifically CPE.
  - ii. He did complete CPE in a hospital.
  - iii. He did anti-racism training through the diocese.
  - iv. He completed a placement at St. Lukes in Brockport with Rev. Elizabeth Hardin.
  - v. Liz will write a letter to say that we met with David.
5. The following recommendations were made for the two interviewees:
  - a. The group voted to endorse the recommendation of the COM FOR Lydia Arnts.
  - b. The group voted to endorse the recommendation of the COM for David Jutsum.
6. Columba closed the meeting in prayer.
7. The motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Roxanne and was seconded by Columba. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.