

## STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR MAY 22, 2024

PRESENT: Roxanne Gaylord, Ruth Ferguson, Richard Little, Floyd Bayley, Bishop Steve Lane, Liz Salamone, Nita Byrd, Columba Salamony  
The meeting was opened with prayer and the members of the standing committee had a check in.

1. The minutes were approved
2. The Bishop gave an update
  - a. Trustees approved 2<sup>nd</sup> mortgage for Kara's home and will close May 29<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Their housing costs are within federal guidelines and the debt they are carrying is within federal guidelines
  - c. Kara starts on June 1<sup>st</sup> and will:
    - i. Meet with Todd Rubiano and gets oriented to trustees
    - ii. Join with staff online May 23<sup>rd</sup>
    - iii. Be present on 1<sup>st</sup> for Jim Adams' retirement
  - d. Discussion of the budget for the Transition Committee
  - e. The Diocese is set for General convention
  - f. There is an ordination of deacons on 15<sup>th</sup>
    - i. Joel Wilbur and
    - ii. Rock Whitman
  - g. Discussion of diocesan staff transitions
3. Columba gave an update on the consecration
4. Consents were voted on for the following
  - a. Diocese of Olympia
    - i. The Standing Committee voted for consent unanimously
  - b. Diocese of Massachusetts
    - i. The Standing Committee voted for consent unanimously
5. Discussed the D&NC committee
  - a. Discussed the planned picnic in August
  - b. Columba to write transition team
  - c. Aug 8-10, 12-14 possible dates
  - d. Ruth will reach out to D&NC
  - e. Nita will reach out to Kara
6. Discussion of next meeting
  - a. It is during General Convention
  - b. The Standing Committee can skip meeting in June
  - c. The committee will meet in August
  - d. Fall meetings were discussed – November may need to be changed due to Thanksgiving
7. There are several places in the diocese where it is difficult to get clergy to run for positions. Council is looking to restructure the diocese districts. They will propose changes in structures to perhaps 3 convocations.
  - a. This will reduce the number of officers needed for diocesan council
  - b. The Diocese probably won't make formal changes at this election
8. The meeting was closed with prayer and adjourned.