

**Episcopal Diocese El Camino Real**  
**Minutes of the Standing Committee**  
January 21, 2023  
In-Person at the Diocesan Leadership Retreat  
St. Paul's / San Pablo, Salinas

**Attendees:** The Rev. Rob Keim, President, Tricia Ottesen, Vice-President, Shonna Close, Jackie Pierce, and The Rev. Salying Wong.

**Absent:** Matt Cameron, Secretary, The Rev. Martin Juarez, The Rev. Jani Wild.

**Guests:** Carole Bartolini, Diocesan Communications Director.

The Rev. Rob Keim called the meeting to order at 1:05pm and offered the opening prayer.

### **BUSINESS / INFORMATION**

#### **Minutes - Motion.**

Approval of the December 17, 2022, Standing Committee Minutes as presented.

- Motion: Shonna Close
- Second: The Rev Salying Wong
- No further discussion. Motion passed with 4 Yea and 1 Abstention.

#### **Bishop Consent - Motion.**

Consent to the Bishop-Elect of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, The Rev. Matthew F. Heyd.

- Motion: The Rev. Salying Wong
- Second: Shonna Close
- No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Liaisons**

Confirmed the following:

- Board of Trustees (BOT): Shonna Close
- Commission on Ministry (COM): The Rev. Salying Wong

#### **2023 Meeting Schedule**

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month via zoom unless otherwise changed. The October meeting is held in-person.

#### **Deanery Study Group**

The inaugural meeting of the Deanery Study Group is scheduled for Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.

In November 2022 the Diocesan Convention adopted Resolution C: Deanery Study Group which called for the Standing Committee to establish this Study Group. The committee is composed of lay and clergy people from each of the three deaneries.

The mission of the Deanery Study Group of the Diocese of El Camino Real is to:

1. examine how each deanery in the Diocese is formed and operated, how it is led, what it accomplishes, and whether it is effective; and
2. to recommend appropriate or necessary changes to the Diocesan deanery structure and the operational functions of the Diocesan deaneries.

### **Vacancy**

Standing Committee member, The Rev. Jani Wild has accepted a Call as Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Bellingham, WA. Congratulations! The receipt of her resignation initiates the following:

- Diocesan Constitution Article V.4. Standing Committee. Vacancy

*If a vacancy occurs in its membership, the Standing Committee shall elect a replacement of the same order, who shall serve until the next Annual Meeting. At that meeting the Convention shall select a member of the same order to fill the unexpired term.*

### **PRAYER LIFE**

The Standing Committee includes the following during each Meeting.

#### **Lectio Divina**

An ancient and traditional prayer template that includes Bible passage readings, comments, and reflection.

#### **Congregations Prayer Cycle**

Prayers for parishes, missions, and diocesan entities. Typically, four per meeting.

- The January meeting was for organizing and planning. The prayer cycle will begin in February.

#### **Guided Prayer**

Intentional time dedicated to guided meditative prayers.

### **HOUSEKEEPING**

**Review Action Items:** 1/21/23 Meeting

**Closing Prayer:** Offered by Shonna Close

**Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 2:08 pm.

#### **Next Meeting:**

Saturday, February 18, 2023 / 9:30am - 12:30pm / via zoom

Respectfully Submitted,

Tricia Ottesen, Meeting Secretary