

**Episcopal Diocese El Camino Real  
Minutes of the Standing Committee**

May 20, 2023

Via Zoom

**Attendees:** The Rev. Rob Keim, President, Tricia Ottesen, Vice-President, Shonna Close, The Rev. Amber Sturgess, The Rev. Salying Wong, and Matt Cameron, Secretary.

**Guest:** Joel Martinez, Postulant

Rob called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

**Lectio**

Offered by Amber

- Genesis 37: 17b-28
- Joseph and his Brothers
  - Consider the word, phrase, image or metaphor that comes to mind on the first reading.
  - For your second reading, how is the Spirit speaking to you.

**BUSINESS / INFORMATION**

**Minutes -**

**Motion.**

Approval of the April 15, 2023, Standing Committee Minutes as presented.

- Motion: Tricia
- Second: Shonna
- No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Conversation**

The Standing Committee approves all candidates in the Ordination process. This was the Standing Committee's second meeting with Joel. The time together was meaningful, informational, and insightful Amber prayed for our time together with Joel.

**Consent of Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate**

**Motion.**

Consent of Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate of Joel Martinez.

Reference: Episcopal Church Title III. Ministry. Canon 8. Of the Ordination of Priests

- Motion: Salying
- Second: Tricia
- No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Updates**

- Diocesan Spring Renewal Recap
- Nominations Committee Update
- Deanery Study Group Update

## **Discussion**

- Standing Committee: Draft Norms
  - This was the first meeting on the matter and the second meeting will be at the June Regular Meeting.
- Standing Committee Annual Calendar
  - Outcome: Calendar will be added to the 2023 Standing Committee Handbook
- Regular Meeting. 3rd Saturday. 9am - 12:30pm. Via zoom
  - Agenda: Election of Standing Committee Officers [may continue in January]
- End of term: December 31st

## **DIOCESAN PRAYER LIFE**

Every Standing Committee meeting includes prayer time. The following four congregations were held in prayer.

- Calvary, Santa Cruz
- Good Samaritan, San Jose
- St. Luke's, Atascadero
- Epiphany Lutheran / Episcopal, Marina

## **Guided Prayer -**

Led by Salying

## **HOUSEKEEPING**

### **Review Action Items**

- 5/20/23 Meeting: reviewed / Prior meetings: none

### **Closing Prayer**

Offered by Amber

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:45am

### **Next Meeting**

- Date: Saturday, June 17, 2023 / 9am - 12:30pm
- Via zoom

Respectfully Submitted

Matt Cameron

Secretary