

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

February 18, 2023

Via Zoom

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

**Vacancy:** One Clergy person [Class of 2026]

**Guest:** Bishop Lucinda Ashby

Rob called the meeting to order at 9:36am.

**Lectio**

Offered by Salying

- Deuteronomy 31:7-13
- Moses and Joshua
  - Consider the word, phrase, image or metaphor that comes to mind on the first reading.
  - For our second reading, reflect upon ways the passage impacts and informs our work on Standing Committee.

**BUSINESS / INFORMATION**

**Motion.**

Approval of the January 21, 2023, Standing Committee Minutes as presented.

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

**Consent of Bishop Elections -**

*Per the Episcopal Church Title III: Ministry. Canon 11. Of the Ordination of Bishops. The following [Consent or not to the election of Diocesan Bishops] is the responsibility of Standing Committee.*

**Motion.**

Consent to the Bishop-Elect of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida, The Rev. Canon Dr. Justin S. Holcomb.

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

### **Motion.**

Consent to the Bishop-Elect of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey, The Rev. Canon Dr. Sally French.

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

### **Motion.**

Consent to the Bishop Provisional Designate of the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, The Most Rev. Melissa Skelton.

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

### **Standing Committee: Vacancy**

Diocesan Constitution Article V.4.

*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 elect a member of the same order to full the unexpired term.*

### **Motion.**

Approve The Rev. Amber Sturgess, Rector All Saints Episcopal Church Carmel, as Standing Committee member, to fill the Clergy vacancy until the 2023 Diocesan Convention election per Diocesan Constitution Article V.4.

- Motion. Tricia
- Second. Jackie
- No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Deanery Study Group Update**

In November 2022 the Diocesan Convention adopted Resolution C: Deanery Study Group which called for the Standing Committee to establish this Study Group.

- First meeting has been held and the second meeting has been scheduled.
- Members are eager and enthusiastic.

### **TIME WITH BISHOP LUCINDA**

Bishop Lucinda and the Standing Committee working in a partnership relationship -

- *Serve as Council of Advice to our Bishop*
- *With Bishop Lucinda, seek information from other diocesan entities*
- *With Commission on Ministry [COM] recommends to our Bishop for change in status for people in the ordination process*
- *With the Board of Trustees [BOT] and Bishop Lucinda, approve property transactions*
- *The Standing Committee is elected by Convention*
- *The Standing Committee serves as the Ecclesiastical Authority for the diocese in the absence of a Diocesan Bishop.*

Topics covered included but not limited to the following -

- The broader Anglican Church
- Standing Committee vacancy
- Clergy transitions
- Task Force on Visioning
- Bishop visitations
- Diocesan Leadership Retreat

### **DIOCESAN PRAYER LIFE**

- St Timothy's, Mountain View
- Holy Family Episcopal Church, San Jose
- St Philip the Apostle, Scott's Valley
- The Episcopal Church in Almaden (ECA), San Jose
- St Barnabas', Arroyo Grande

### **Guided Prayer -**

Led by Salying

### **HOUSEKEEPING**

Reviewed Action Items

### **Closing Prayer**

Offered by Salying.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 12:20pm.

### **Next Meeting**

- Date: Saturday, March 18, 2023
- 9am - 12:30pm
- Via zoom

Respectfully Submitted

Matt Cameron

Secretary

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