

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of California
Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2012

Grace Cathedral Chapter Room
1:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Chris Butler, The Rev. Br. Richard Edward Helmer (Secretary), Ms. AnnaMarie Hoos, The Rev. David Ota, Ms. Brenda Paulin, The Rev. Sue Thompson (Vice President), Ms. Mary Vargas (President), The Rev. Lori Walton

1:00 Meeting convened and Richard Helmer led opening prayer and devotions.

1:10 Joseph Matthews took the Standing Committee's annual photo for the diocesan website.

1:15 Mary Vargas led personal check-in.

1:54 Margaret Dyer-Chamberlain joined the Standing Committee meeting to consider her candidacy for the diaconate.

2:20 Margaret departed the meeting.

2:25 **MSCU** (Walton / Thompson) Standing Committee reviewed the December meeting agenda and amended and approved the October 21 and November 6 minutes.

2:34 Rouhac Austin joined the meeting to discuss the Church Growth Matching Fund developed by Executive Council to support innovative ministries around the Diocese.

3:00 Rouhac Austin departed the meeting.

3:01 **MSCU** (Hoos / Thompson) The Standing Committee certifies Margaret Dyer-Chamberlain for candidacy for the diaconate.

3:04 Bishop Marc Andrus joined the meeting.

- Standing Committee and the Bishop discussed a proposed Diocesan Governance Review to be developed in 2013.
- East Contra Costa Congregations Updates
 - The Steering Committee and Bishop are interviewing finalists for the clergy team.
 - A call will likely be made by the end of December.
 - The Diocese is helping fund an administrator for ECCC for three years.
- St. James, Oakland

The Standing Committee received a letter from Sam Leite, priest-in-charge, requesting -- after his consulting with members of the congregation -- that the Standing Committee move forward with consent for St. James being formally moved to mission status.
- The Standing Committee and Bishop discussed goal planning in the New Year and a ministry review with the Bishop in February.

4:45 The Bishop departed the meeting.

4:50 Scholarship Committee Report

- Chris Butler is still waiting to hear regarding the status of restrictions on the Monteagle Funds.
- **MSCU** (Helmer / Paulin) Standing Committee appoints Chris Butler and Sue Thompson from the Standing Committee; and Pamela Clare and Kenneth Schmidt from the Commission on Ministry to serve on the Scholarship Committee, pending their consent.

4:55 Episcopal Elections Report

Standing Committee discussed a proposal from Richard Helmer, the Standing Committee liaison for episcopal elections, regarding gathering comment on consents from around the diocese. Standing Committee asked Richard to move forward with plans to publish a brief article in DioBytes when a consent question regarding an election comes for consideration, with contact information on where diocesan members may send comment about the election. The liaison would then compile the comments and make them available for review by the Standing Committee and Bishop prior to the consent decision.

5:14 Bishop's Compensation Committee Report

Standing Committee discussed the current status of the work on 2006 Lyons Street and the ongoing work of the committee on a compensation review.

5:45 **MSC** (Helmer / Thompson), with one abstention, Standing Committee consents to St. James', Oakland, being moved to mission status.

5:50 **MSCU** (Ota / Walton) Standing Committee will give up to \$1,000 – or the remainder of the 2012 Standing Committee budget, whichever is less – out of the 2012 Standing Committee budget to the diocesan Church Growth Matching Fund.

5:55 Nominating Committee Report

David Ota reported that the nominating committee has not yet met since he became liaison, but a phone conference will be held on December 12th.

6:00 Richard Helmer led a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned.

Faithfully submitted,

The Rev. Br. Richard Edward Helmer, n/BSG
Secretary

Approved by Standing Committee at the January 8, 2013 meeting.