

**The Standing Committee of the Diocese of California**  
**Meeting Minutes - Approved**  
**February 4, 2014**

Grace Cathedral Chapter Room  
1:00 to 5:40 p.m.

**Present:** Mr. Chris Butler, The Rev. Br. Richard Edward Helmer (Secretary), Mr. Ron Hermanson, Ms. Brenda Paulin, The Rev. Annette Rankin, The Rev. Sue Thompson (Vice President), Ms. Mary Vargas (President), The Rev. Lori Walton

1:05 The meeting opened with prayer and devotions led by Lori Walton.

1:08 Mary Vargas facilitated personal check-in.

1:35 Standing Committee reviewed minutes from January meeting

**MSCU (Thompson / Walton)** Standing Committee approves the January, 2013 minutes as amended.

1:40 Standing Committee prepared for Candidacy Interviews.

1:45 Wendy Cliff joined the meeting for an interview for candidacy to the priesthood.

2:16 Wendy Cliff departed the meeting.

2:23 **MSCU (Thompson / Butler)** Standing Committee consents to the candidacy of Wendy Cliff for priesthood.

2:35 Annie Pierpoint joined the meeting for an interview for candidacy to the priesthood.

3:15 Annie Pierpoint departed the meeting.

Standing Committee took a break.

3:34 **MSCU (Paulin / Walton)** Standing Committee consents to the candidacy of Annie Pierpoint for priesthood.

3:37 Standing Committee studied canons governing the Standing Committee's responsibility around the episcopate.

4:00 Jim Forsyth and The Rev. Leonard Oakes joined the meeting.

4:04 Christopher Hayes and Bishop Andrus joined the meeting.

Standing Committee and the Bishop discussed Holy Child / St. Martin's, Daly City, proposed lease sale on their T-Mobile contract.

4:20 MSCU (Hermanson / Thompson) Standing Committee consents to Holy Child/St. Martin's, Daly City, seeking offers through Sunkay Associates to sell their T-Mobile lease.

The Rev. Leonard Oakes and Jim Forsyth departed the meeting.

4:21 The Rev. Christopher Martin and Jay Luther joined the meeting.

Standing Committee and the Bishop discussed St. Paul's, San Rafael lease agreement with Marin Day School.

**MSCU (Paulin/Thompson)** Subject to any additional changes to the lease agreement in coordination with the Chancellor, Standing Committee consents to a renewed lease agreement between St. Paul's, San Rafael, and Marin Day School.

4:35 Jay Luther and The Rev. Christopher Martin departed the meeting.

Standing Committee held conversation with the Bishop and Chancellor.

**MSCU (Helmer / Walton)** Standing Committee moves into executive session.

5:15 **MSCU (Thompson / Paulin)** Standing Committee moves out of executive session.

Christopher Hayes departed the meeting.

The Bishop and Standing Committee discussed congregations in transition and church planting.

5:25 Bishop Andrus and Chris Butler departed the meeting.

5:30 Standing a Committee received liaison reports

- **Commission on Ministry – Lori Walton – written report submitted**
- **Executive Council – Mary Vargas – gave a brief report**
- **Executive Compensation Committee – Brenda Paulin – nothing to report**
- **Grace Cathedral Board of Trustees – Mary Vargas – nothing to report**
- **Committee on Governance – Ron Hermanson – written report submitted**
- **Working Group on Diocesan Institutions – Chris Butler – nothing to report**
- **Scholarship Committee – Chris Butler – no report**
- **Nominating Committee – Annette Rankin – gave a brief report; awaiting a quorum of elected members to meet**
- **Episcopal Elections – Richard Helmer**
  - **Episcopal election of Allen Shin as Suffragen of New York**
  - **Request to hold election for Coadjutor of Southeast Florida**

**MSCU(Thompson/Helmer) Standing Committee consents to the consecration of Allen Shin as Suffragen Bishop of New York.**

**MSCU(Thompson/Helmer) Standing Committee consents to the election of a Bishop Coadjutor in Southeast Florida.**

- **Diocesan Mutual Ministry Review – Sue Thompson and Brenda Paulin**
- **Planning for March meeting: feedback**

5:30 Standing Committee held a brief round table discussion, covering:

- Action item review
- Meeting evaluation

5:40 Lori Walton led a closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned.

Faithfully submitted,

The Rev. Br. Richard Edward Helmer, BSG  
Secretary

Approved at the April 1st meeting of the Standing Committee.