

**The Standing Committee of the Diocese of California**  
**Meeting Minutes - Approved**  
**August 5, 2014**  
Grace Cathedral Chapter Room  
1:00 to 5:35 pm

**Present:** Mr. Chris Butler, The Rev. Br. Richard Edward Helmer (Secretary), Mr. Ron Hermanson, Ms. Brenda Paulin, Ms. Mary Vargas (President), The Rev. Lori Walton; The Rev. Sue Thompson (Vice President) joined the meeting at 1:25 pm.

- 1:00 Opening devotions were led by Richard Edward Helmer.
- 1:05 Standing Committee held personal check-in.
- 1:37 Standing Committee prepared for candidacy interviews.
- 1:45 Robb Anderson joined the meeting to discuss candidacy for the transitional diaconate.
- 2:20 Robb Anderson departed the meeting.
- 2:30 Deb White joined the meeting to discuss candidacy for the transitional diaconate and priesthood.
- 3:00 Deb White departed the meeting.

Standing Committee took a brief break.

- 3:06 Tom Ferguson, CFO, and Christopher Hayes, Chancellor, joined the meeting.
- 3:50 Christopher Hayes reported briefly on proposed canonical changes under review for this year's Diocesan Convention.
- 3:52 Christopher Hayes and Tom Ferguson departed the meeting.
- 4:00 Standing Committee discussed the candidacy interviews.  
**MSCU (Walton / Hermanson)** Standing Committee recommends Robb Anderson for admission to candidacy to the priesthood.
- 4:50 Standing Committee discussed areas for potential conversation on the ordination process with the Bishop and CoM.
- 5:13 Standing Committee liaisons gave reports from various diocesan bodies.
- 5:26 Chris Butler departed the meeting.
- 5:30 **MSC (Hermanson / Paulin)** with one abstention, approves the June Standing Committee meeting minutes as presented.
- 5:35 Sue Thompson closed the meeting with prayer.

Faithfully submitted,

Richard Edward Helmer, BSG  
Secretary

Approved by Standing Committee at their September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 meeting.