



The Standing Committee  
Diocese of California, The Episcopal Church  
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Minutes for 5 May, 2015; 1-5 PM  
(Approved at SC meeting of 2015\_0602)  
Grace Cathedral, Wilsey Conference Center

**Members Present:** Mr. Jim DeMersman,, Mr. Ron Hermanson (Secretary), Ms. Brenda Paulin, The Rev. Annette Rankin, The Rev. Mark Spaulding, Ms. Mary Vargas (Vice President), The Rev. Lori Walton

**Members Absent:** The Rev. Br. Richard Edward Helmer (President)

- 1:00 Standing Committee opened with a reading of Psalm 121 and selected portions of Noonday Prayer from the BCP led by Brenda Paulin (thanks to Mark Spaulding for snacks).
- 1:05 Mary facilitated personal check-ins for members.
- 1:25 **MSCU (DeMersman/Spaulding)** to approve the April meeting minutes after removing all but the key points and actions.
- 1:30 Standing Committee reviewed four files for ordination to the diaconate.  
**MSCU (Spaulding/DeMersman)** Standing Committee recommends Wendy Cliff, Pam Jester, Walter Ramsey and Deb White for ordination to the diaconate.  
Standing Committee reviewed one file for ordination to the priesthood.  
**MSCU (Paulin/Rankin)** with Lori Walton abstaining – Standing Committee recommends Mary Greene for ordination to the priesthood.
- 2:00 Standing Committee reviewed the New Skellig Celtic Christian Community governance proposal.  
**MSCU (Rankin/Walton)** Standing Committee approves the proposal for governance of New Skellig Celtic Christian Community as ‘A Congregation Affiliated with The Episcopal Church’ (Canon I.16) in the Marin Deanery, Diocese of California as submitted by The Rev. Dr. Vincent Pizzuto, Vicar of New Skellig Celtic Christian Community.
- 2:30 Standing Committee postponed the ongoing, monthly canons study until the June meeting.
- 2:30 Mary previewed two items for the June SC meeting agenda including SC leadership roles for the next 1-2 years and planning for our time of celebration and thanksgiving with Bishop Marc.
- 3:00 Standing Committee heard committee liaison reports.

4:05 Bishop Marc joined the meeting

Bishop reviewed the situation and governance proposal for New Skellig just approved by SC, provided an update on ESC, lots of parishes in transition right now, expressed interest for SC to look at how to shorten meetings, search for GC Dean is in final stage, expressed openness for SC issuing an opinion for expanding the hours of the CoM staff person, wants a task force to recommend a tech solution for the CoM process and suggested Gay Clark Jennings might have insight with SC models around the country. Mark Spaulding volunteered to serve on this task force.

4:45 Bishop Marc left the meeting. Mary completed an agenda preview for June including open action items.

5:00 Brenda Paulin closed with prayer as we were adjourned.

Submitted by Ron Hermanson, Secretary, for approval at the 2 June meeting.