



STANDING COMMITTEE

Minutes approved at SC meeting of 15-01-06
2 December, 2014; 1-5 PM
Grace Cathedral, Chapter Room

Members Present: Mr. Jim DeMersman, The Rev. Br. Richard Edward Helmer (President), 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: None

1:00 Standing Committee opened with an Advent devotion and prayer led by Ron Hermanson

1:05 Richard Edward facilitated personal check-ins for members.

1:20 Standing Committee prepared for a reception to the Priesthood interview

1:35 Vincent Pizzuto joined the meeting for an interview for reception to the Episcopal Priesthood.

2:15 Vincent Pizzuto departed the meeting

Discussion – SC reviewed documentation from the canons regarding the reception of clergy and congregations from other churches

MSCU (Hermanson/Vargas) Standing Committee certifies and recommends The Rev. Vincent Pizzuto, subsequent to his reception with the people of New Skellig Community as members of The Episcopal Church, for reception to the priesthood by the Bishop.

2:50 Standing Committee reviewed minutes from the November meeting as well as the addendum from the SC retreat of 11/14-15.

MSCU (Spaulding/Vargas) Standing Committee approved the November meeting minutes including the retreat addendum after removing all but the key points and actions.

3:00 Standing Committee heard liaison reports.

3:40 Church Canons - Standing Committee discussed our ongoing, monthly review of the Canons and agreed to continue this practice in 2015.

4:00 Bishop Marc joined the meeting.

SC needs to provide annual approval for a non-stipendiary attorney who can deal with potential title 14 issues.

MSCU (Spaulding/DeMersman) Standing Committee approves the appointment of Jim Alexander as Diocesan Church Attorney under Title IV for the calendar year 2015.

New Skellig/SC needed actions – According to Canon 1.16, should be mission now – with Ross? Needs committee appointed now (Bishop, NS and SC) and a timeline/to do list by October. Need resolution crafted by July so NS can be seated at convention.

Braid Mission – personal/private funding for three years. Future structure of jurisdiction with St. Gregory or Advent? Possible invitation for meeting with SC in fall, 2015.

5:10 Bp. Marc left the meeting. Mary verbally reviewed the meeting action items.

5:30 Ron Hermanson closed with an Advent poem and the meeting was adjourned.

Addendum from the email vote of 21 November, 2014:

The Standing Committee, having advised the Bishop under Canon III. 10.5.3, consents with the Bishop to appropriate accommodations under Canon III.10 in order to certify the fitness of the Rev. Vincent Pizzuto for reception as a Priest in this church. These accommodations reflect the unusual circumstance of receiving Fr. Pizzuto and the community of New Skellig together from the Celtic Christian Church, in which Fr. Pizzuto serves as Priest, into the Episcopal Church, with the requisite approval of the Presiding Bishop under Canon 1.16.

In reviewing the certification for reception of a Priest required by Canon III.10, Standing Committee consents to the following three accommodations, accepting:

1. Certification of Fr. Pizzuto's intention to complete anti-racism training in this Church at the earliest opportunity, as fulfillment of Canon III.10.1(c)(4).
2. A letter of support for Fr. Pizzuto's reception as a Priest from the Rector and Senior Warden of St. John's Ross, as fulfillment of Canon III.10.3(a)(6).
3. Attestation to Fr. Pizzuto's regular participation in the worship and life of St. John's, Ross, for over one year, in lieu of the minimum required time as a 'confirmed communicant of this Church' under Canon III.10.3(1).

MSCU (Spaulding/Vargas) Standing Committee certifies the Bishop's receiving communication, dated 24 November, 2014, from the office of the Presiding Bishop indicating that the regularity of The Rev. Vincent Pizzuto's orders is approved by the Presiding Bishop under Canon I.16.3, and that Fr. Pizzuto therefore may be received, without conditional ordination, as a Priest in this Church.

Submitted by Ron Hermanson, Secretary.