

Standing Committee and Board of Trustees
Meeting Summary #11
June 24, 2008

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees, there were two presentations made on behalf of Church of the Epiphany, Socorro and Hope Episcopal Church, Albuquerque. The request for the Church of the Epiphany was to sell the vicarage and surrounding property as the structure is beyond a reasonable cost to repair. The Diocesan Treasurer had met with the Bishop's Committee and various options had been considered over the past 18 months. The request was approved and the proceeds will support payment to the Diocese for the mortgage on the church and other needed improvements. The request for a letter of credit for Hope Church was also approved so that their building program can continue without interruption.

The Trustees also considered the Pooled Investment Fund. Based on the recommendation of the treasurer and assistant treasurer a revised Pooled Investment Fund Guidelines was adopted. The revisions clarified the time it takes for a withdrawal request to be processed.

In its new business, the Standing Committee considered various reports. The Diocesan School for Ministry presented information concerning conversations over the past year exploring possible affiliation with the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest. Further discussions with ETSS have been scheduled. Meanwhile, our present relationship with Trinity School for Ministry continues. Diocesan-wide input will be sought about desirable qualities and learnings in School for Ministry graduates in order to have focused conversations with potential partners about designing a program that best meets our diocesan needs. There will be further details about the format for gathering this input after the July meeting of the Standing Committee.

The 2008 Convocation was discussed. Assisting Bishop William Fry will preach at the service on Friday evening and in lieu of a guest speaker, he will present a report to Convocation based on his work in the Diocese. The Standing Committee will also include in the schedule a session to continue the dialogue initiated at Convocation 2007. The Design Team has been asked to develop a process to continue the conversation.

The Design Team reported that they are planning to present the New Life process at the clergy conference in September and may be part of the program at the Clergy Spouse Retreat, also in September. They will also be working with the Deaneries and individual congregations between now and Convocation. The work of this team will be considered further at the July meeting.

The next meeting of the Standing Committee will be held on Monday, July 14, 2008.