

Standing Committee Summary
March 30, 2009

The Standing Committee met with the Area Deans and Dean of the Cathedral at Diocesan House on Monday, March 30, 2009, beginning at 9:30. Below is a summary of actions approved by the Standing Committee.

Deacon Cynthia Engle was accepted for ordination to the Priesthood as of December, 2009. She was notified by phone and letter of this action.

Consent to Election: The Standing Committee declined consent to the election of the Bishop-Elect of Northern Michigan.

Report of the Search and Transition Teams: At the request of the Search Team, Ken Seal and Tom Wallis, of The Works Design were approved to design a digital profile and application process. The Transition Team received approval of their proposed process for the candidates for Bishop and the "Walk-About" throughout the Diocese. The process will include interview sites as well as visitation sites throughout the Diocese. The visitation will begin with a retreat for all the candidates with the Search Team.

Deployment: The Poster and Advertisement posted in "The Living Church" and several seminaries resulted in 46 clergy expressing interest in openings in the Diocese. The Deployment Committee will continue to assist parishes in their searches.

Action regarding the end of the six month inhibition period: In accordance with the provisions of Title IV, Canon 10, Section 2, the Standing Committee voted to release all clergy who had previously been inhibited under Title IV, Canon 10, Section 1 six months ago. Declaration of removal has been sent to the Rev. Frank Grubbs and the Rev. Alfred Sawyer.

School for Ministry: Canon Perko reported that a request for proposals has been sent to three seminaries with a May 1, 2009, deadline for reply. It was also announced that Richard Simpson will serve as chair of the School for Ministry Board.

Communications Committee: It is anticipated that the new web site will be up by May 4, 2009. The revised format for the Diocesan newsletter is on hold at the moment. The Communications Committee is serving as editorial board for the current newsletter.

Companion Diocese: Bishop Tito Zavalo of our current Companion Diocese of Chile will visit the Diocese and meet with Bishop Frey. Interest has been expressed on behalf of dioceses in South India, Western Mexico and Navajoland to consider as companion Dioceses.

Recommendation to Diocesan Council: Some concern has been expressed about maintaining a balance of clergy and lay members on the Diocesan Council. The Standing Committee recommends to the Council that a policy be adopted to provide that the Deans

and Vice Deans be of different orders to assure balance and that this be phased in as terms of current members expire.

Strategic Planning for the Standing Committee and Deans: Kathy Isaacson will lead the group in a strategic planning session on May 6, 2009. In this session recommendations from the New Life Retreats will be considered and an action plan developed.