

Standing Committee  
Summary #10 of the May 12, 2008 Meeting

The Standing Committee met on Monday, May 12 at the Diocesan House and we continue to be ever thankful to the guidance the Lord provides us. We are thankful for the opportunity to consider and approve two individuals for candidacy: Jan Hosea of St. Chad's, and Anne Turrie of St. James, Mesilla Park. Robert Gross of All Saints, El Paso was approved for ordination as a Transitional Deacon. The Diaconal Ordination will be held on June 7, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at St. John's Cathedral in Albuquerque.

In preparation for the 2008 Convocation the Nominations and Resolutions Committees were named. The Rev. Deacon Bill Locke will chair Nominations. The committee members are Jan Hosea (NW), Jean Kirby (SW), Nilah Tripp (NE) and Daniel Flores (SE). The Very Rev. Canon Tom Gray will chair the Resolutions Committee and members include The Rev. Deacon Laurie Benavides (SE), Emily Frank (NW), Bill Fegan (NE) and Pat Elliot (SW).

The Rev. Deacon Lew Powell was invited to present to the Standing Committee and Deans about his work with various groups concerning ministry to indigenous populations and to Native American people. We look forward to developing ministry in these areas. Further information was presented in the April issue of *Together*.

Plans for the Diocesan Leadership Retreat on June 4 and 5 will be made by the Design Team at its initial meeting on May 13 and 14. The team will work with design consultant Kathy Isaacson and search/transition consultant Suzanne Foucault. The Retreat will be held in Albuquerque on June 4 and 5, 2008. The Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, the Search and Transition Teams, and the Design Team will be participants. This is a very important event for the Diocese, as the plans for the healing and visioning process which is intended to reach throughout the Diocese will be initiated at this time. The long term process will be reflected also in the work of the Search and Transition Teams. At the Retreat these two teams will have their initial meeting. They will receive their official charge from the Standing Committee and begin work with the consultant for their teams, Suzanne Foucault. As more information on the details of the retreat is known, it will be sent to the participants as well as posted on the web site.

A complete directory of the teams is at the end of this report. The Standing Committee with the input of the Deans attempted to have groups be representative of the Diocese and to identify individuals who will have the time to work to complete the tasks of each team.

(Addendum to report #10...complete directory list of the three teams)

The Very Rev. Mark Goodman provided an update on the visit of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church. The Standing Committee and Diocesan Council will meet with the Council on June 14 for dinner and will have an opportunity to make a short presentation about the Diocese. On Sunday, June 15 at 10 a.m. the Presiding Bishop Kathryn Jefferts Schori will be preaching at the Cathedral.

We also discussed at some length the up coming Matthew 25 Presentation at the Cathedral church of St. John, August 30. We are asking all congregations throughout the Diocese to participate in this sharing of our outreach Ministries. It will be a wonderful opportunity for people from all across the diocese to come together to share in ministry!

The next meeting of the Standing Committee and the Board of Trustees will be held on June 24, 2008. The Deans will join the Standing Committee for the continuing discussion and planning during this transitional time for the Diocese of the Rio Grande.

### **Search Committee**

The Rev. Dr. Tom Arrowsmith-Lowe (Co-Chair)	Episcopal Church of Lincoln County
The Rev. Judith Burgess	Big Bend Mission, Texas
The Rev. Peter Cacoperdo	St. Paul's, Truth or Consequences
The Rev. Canon Carole McGowan	St. Thomas of Canterbury, Abq
The Rev. Deacon Elisabeth Noland	St. Marks-on-the-Mesa, Abq
The Rev. Rocky Schuster	St. James', Taos
The Very Rev. Arthur Tripp	Holy Trinity, Raton
The Rev. Canon Ads Lovekin (Chaplain)	Cathedral Church of St. John, Abq
Ms. Karen Aubrey, Esq. (Co-Chair)	St. Bede's, Santa Fe
Dr. Steve Bush	Cathedral Church of St. John, Abq
Mr. Leon Davis	St. Francis', Rio Rancho
Mr. Hugh Easterday	St. John's, Farmington
Mr. James Manatt	St. Andrew's, Roswell
Mrs. Dedie Taylor	Big Bend Mission, Texas
Mr. Charles White	St. Andrew's, Las Cruces
Ms. Suzanne Foucault (Consultant)	

### **Design Team**

The Very Rev. Mark Goodman	Cathedral Church of St. John, Abq
The Rev. Dr. Richard Murphy	St. Bede's, Santa Fe
The Rev. Brian Winter	St. Chad's, Albuquerque
The Rev. Benjamin Wright	St. James', Clovis
Ms. Cathy Bailey	St. Michael and All Angels, Abq
Ms. Diane Butler	St. Thomas of Canterbury, Abq
Mrs. Jodene Mulliken	St. Andrew's, Roswell
Mr. Larry Pickett, Esq.	St. James', Mesilla Park
Mr. Richard Simpson	Church of the Holy Faith, Santa Fe
Ms. Betsy Yost	St. Paul's/Peace, Las Vegas, NM
The Rev. Patricia Green (Chaplain)	St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Abq
Ms. Kathy Isaacson (Consultant)	
Mr. Amon Purinton (Recorder)	

## Transition Team

The Rev. Kathleene McNellis	St. Christopher's, El Paso
The Rev. Deacon Lew Powell	St. Thomas of Canterbury, Abq
The Rev. Raymond Raney	Holy Cross, Edgewood, NM
The Rev. Deacon Patty Soukup	Cathedral Church of St. John, Abq
The Rev. Libby Webber	St. Francis, Rio Rancho
Mrs. Barbara Carey	Grace Church, Carlsbad
Mr. Michael Coburn	Cathedral Church of St. John, Abq
Mr. James Fuller	St. James', Clovis
Ms. Christine Johnson	St. Bede's, Santa Fe
Mr. Ian Quinn	Cathedral Church of St. John, Abq
Mr. Tony Sarconi	St. Stephen's, Espanola
Mrs. Anne Shoemaker	St. Chad's, Albuquerque
	Ex officio:
The Very Rev. Mark Goodman	Cathedral Church of St. John, Abq
The Rev. Canon Carole McGowan	St. Thomas of Canterbury, Abq