Joint Meeting of the
STANDING COMMITTEE
And COMMISSION ON MINISTRY OF THE BAPTIZED
The Bosque Center
Albuquerque, New Mexico
October 30, 2019

Presiding Officer
The Rt. Rev. Michael Buerkel Hunn

Standing Committee Members Present:
The Rev. Daniel Tuton (Convention 2020)
Rector, Hope in the Desert, Albuquerque
Dr. Kathleen Pittman (Convention 2020)
St. Andrew’s, Roswell
Mr. John Gaige (Convention 2021)
St. Andrew’s, Las Cruces
The Rev. Jan Hosea (Convention 2022)
St. Chad’s, Albuquerque
Ms. Mia Prieskorn (Convention 2022)
St. Francis, Rio Rancho

COMB Members Present
Canon Mark Childers, Acting Chair
Church of the Holy Faith, Santa Fe
The Rev. Dr. Jeanine Driscoll, Advisory to COMB as Clinical Psychologist
Rector, St. Thomas of Canterbury, Albuquerque
The Rev. Jeremiah Griffin, Elected, term ends 2021
Rector, St. Chad’s, Albuquerque
The Rev. John Tober (via Zoom) Appointed as Recent Seminarian
Rector, St. James, Mesilla Park
The Rev. Dr. Jeanne Lutz, Elected to four-year term 2023
St. Andrew’s, Las Cruces
Ms. Dallas Baxter, Elected to COMB term ends 2020
St. James, Alpine, Texas
The Rev. David Martin, Deacon, Appointed Deacon
St. Mark’s, Albuquerque
The Very Rev. Canon Carole McGowan, Ex-Officio
Canon for Formation and Dean of the Bishop’s School for Ministry
The Rev. Sylvia Miller-Mutia, Appointed to fill Doug Bleyle’s term
St. Mark’s, Albuquerque
Ms. Christine Johnson, Elected to COMB, term ends 2022
St. Bede’s, Santa Fe
Mrs. Susan Wallens (via Zoom) Bishop appointment for four-year term
St. Paul’s, Marfa, Texas
The Rev. Canon Lee Curtis, Canon to the Ordinary
Standing Committee Members Absent with Cause:
The Rev. Rodney Hurst (Convention 2021)

Others Present:
The Rev. Canon Raymond Raney, Recording Secretary

Bishop Hunn asked those present to introduce themselves, and expressed his gratitude for their service. He explained the purpose of the meeting to ensure both diocesan bodies understand their tasks in the discernment process, to examine the Episcopal and Diocesan Canons to determine the roles of Standing Committee and COMB in discernment. He emphasized the need to assist persons in discerning their gifts rather than determine whether they are called to ordination. The task he defines as determining “Where your greatest passion meets the world’s greatest need.” Instead of the Parish Discernment Committee voting “yes” or “no” on a person moving forward in discernment, working through a description of the person’s gifts so it is not a matter of creating an attitude of determining whether a person is “worthy” or “unworthy.”

Ms. Baxter asked that the gathering address the role and develop guidance for the Parish Discernment Committee.

Dr. Pittman expressed consideration that all are called to service of the Lord. She expressed a need for fostering Lay leadership, which is lacking. She expressed evidence in the lack of Lay persons who put their names forward for election at Diocesan Convention. She maintained that is not a matter of “whether” you are called but “where” you are called. Bishop suggested the groups divide and examine the Canons and define what their roles are. Then the groups will rejoin and explain their respective roles to the other, and then explain what has been the practice and what needs to change.

Standing Committee and COMB were provided with a copy of Title III of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and Canon 4 Standing Committee and Canon 16 Commission on Ministry of the Baptized. The groups discussed the current understanding of the process, and reconvened to relate their respective perspectives. A Task Force was appointed to draft a process that delineates the discernment process to clarify the roles of Standing Committee and the Commission on Ministry of the Baptized.