Meeting of the
STANDING COMMITTEE
Diocesan House at the Bosque Center, Albuquerque, NM
December 4, 2019  9:00a.m.

Members Present:
The Rev. Daniel Tuton (Convention 2020)
Dr. Kathleen Pittman, President (Convention 2020)
The Rev. Rodney Hurst (Convention 2021)
Mr. John Gaige (Convention 2021)
The Rev. Jan Hosea (Convention 2022)
Ms. Mia Prieskorn (Convention 2022) – joined the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Members Absent:

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

Others Present during Presentations:
The Rt. Rev. Michael Buerkel Hunn, Bishop Diocesan
The Rev’d Dr. Jeanine Driscoll
The Rev’d Ryan Jordan, Deacon (via Zoom)
Ms. Penni Chambers
Ms. Jill Cline
Ms. Lynn Finnegan
Br. David Luke Henton
Ms. Sondra Jones

Actions of Standing Committee:
• Certified that Deacon Ryan Jordan has satisfied the canonical requirements and recommended he be ordained to the priesthood.
• Certified that Ms. Penni Chambers has met the canonical requirements and approved her as a Candidate for Ordination to Holy Orders.
• Certified that Ms. Lynn Finnegan has met the canonical requirements and approved her as a Candidate for Ordination to Holy Orders. Approved unanimously.
• Certified that Br. David Luke Henton has met the canonical requirements and approved him as a Candidate for Ordination to Holy Orders. Approved unanimously.
• Certified that Ms. Jones has met the canonical requirements and approved her as a Candidate for Ordination to Holy Orders. Approved unanimously.
• Consented to the election of the Rev. Susan B. Hayes as Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia.

Bishop’s Report
• St. Christopher’s, El Paso, has requested and been granted Mission Status. The congregation
is mostly Spanish speaking. Canon Curtis is working with them to incorporate Hispanic/Latino congregants into the leadership.

- **Artesia:** Fr. Maurice Geldert has resigned because of health. Canon Curtis will be visiting St. Paul’s, Artesia, to assess the situation.
- **St. Thomas of Canterbury** has called the Rev. Jeanine Driscoll as a rector-time-certain. Bishop set five questions: Campus Ministry, Homeless Ministry, liturgical style, stance of families in church, Christian formation and youth and young adults.
- **Canon Curtis** is dealing with congregations on the edge of financial viability. Alamogordo has doubled the pledges. Edgewood is within $30,000 of goal with two weeks to go. Patterns of lack of stewardship and educating congregations on finances will be addressed over the next three years and increasing the spiritual depth.
- **Border Ministries:**
  - Diocese has been focused on the shelters for the Asylum Seekers. A priest from Massachusetts is assisting at the Border. Bishop has identified the need for a “Bridge Chaplain” to work between the sides of the Border. A proposal is being drafted to for a priest for a year to start in March.
  - Working with St. Christopher’s as hub for donations, and setting up a value-added purchasing goods where they are cheaper.
  - Bishop related meeting a volunteer to provide camping mats for Asylum seekers who is setting up a 501c(3) to help at the Border.
  - Los Posadas is being planned for the bridge on December 12.
  - Youth Missioner position has been posted. Hiring is intended by the end of Snow Slam!
  - The newly formed Camp and Conference Center group has met and will be developing plans for Camp 2020 and implementing the Bateman Report.
- **Howden Observance**
  - Plan to centralize observance at Cathedral and simulcast it to congregations for participation in the Liturgy of the Word and celebrate locally for the Eucharist.
  - Diocese has purchased a two-camera set up for future use.

**Next Meeting:**

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**February 12, 2020, 10:00 a.m.**