

**Meeting of the
STANDING COMMITTEE
Diocesan House at the Bosque Center, Albuquerque, NM
July 10& 11, 2019 10:00 a.m.**

Members Present:

Dr. Kathleen Pittman (Convention 2020) – President
The Rev'd Daniel Tuton (Convention 2020)
The Rev'd Jan Hosea (Convention 2019)
The Rev'd Rodney Hurst (Convention 2021) – *via Zoom*
Mr. John Gaige (Convention 2021)

Members Absent with cause:

Ms. Mia Prieskorn (Convention 2019) morning of July 10 only

Others Present:

The Rev. Canon Raymond Raney, CATO & Recording Secretary
Ms. Karen Aubrey, Chancellor for New Mexico
Ms. Annette Chavez De La Cruz, Diocesan staff member, joined the meeting Thursday.

Present During Presentations:

The Right Rev'd Michael Hunn
The Rev. Canon W. Lee Curtis
Mr. James Atkins

Consents for Election:

ACTION: Consented to the election of the Rev. Canon Lucinda Ashby as Bishop Diocesan for Camino Real.

ACTION: Consented to the election of the Rev. Bonnie A Perry as Bishop Diocesan for Michigan.

ACTION: Consented to the election of the Rev. Dr. Jonathan H. Folts as Bishop Diocesan for South Dakota.

ACTION: Consented to the election of the Rev. Dr. Shannon MacVean-Brown as Bishop Diocesan for Vermont.

Certification of Canonical Requirements for Candidacy:

ACTION: Certified that Mr. James Atkins has met the canonical requirements for candidacy and recommended that he be approved for Candidacy for Ordination to Holy Orders.

Bishop's Report:

- Bishop Hunn introduced the Rev. Canon W. Lee Curtis as the next Canon to the Ordinary. He gave his background and ministries, especially his work at Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis, in bilingual liturgies and congregational support. He also related the staff efforts in Indianapolis to be bilingual and address the ICE situation to educate

congregation on rights.

- Bishop Hunn reported on the Budget Process 2020, which included a listening session on the budget and six Budget Roadshows to address priorities and values and budget reflections. Council has wrestled with the information to develop proposed budgets for next year. The priorities or as they are being named Lines of Effort:
 1. Support Congregations so they thrive.
 2. Support Youth and Young Adult ministries
 3. Support Indigenous and Hispanic ministries

The budget proposals will be taken to the deaneries for feedback.

- Bishop Hunn also updated Standing Committee on the status of Asylum Seekers. Currently the number of Asylum Seekers are being returned to Juarez and the flow to the U.S. has reduced. Shelters have been set up in Mexico, including one run by Father Hector, who is being mentored by the Rev. Canon J.J. Bernal. The roof at the shelter needs to be repaired. Border Patrol will not accept food nor clothing. Through a third party, soccer balls, toys and games have been given for children in shelters. The Diocese is working on a feeding program and opening another shelter. More than \$8,000 in donations were received last week when Bishop Hunn was the guest on a Webinar with Episcopal Migration Ministries. Episcopal Relief and Development also is considering a \$10,000 grant to hire a local coordinator.
- Copyright Infringement
Chancellor Aubrey briefed Standing Committee on the issue of a photo used in the diocesan search profile. A lawyer for the photographer informed the diocese of the infringement. She determined the claim is valid. A settlement is in negotiation.

Diocesan Policy Review

Standing Committee reviewed the procedural mechanism for policy development. Once policies are developed, clergy and administrators will be notified via email. Standing rescinded policies to be revised and approved policies to replace them. The approved policies will be reviewed by the chancellors prior to final approval. Once approved, policies will be posted on the diocesan website and congregations notified of the posting.

Next Meeting:

**Diocesan House at the Bosque Center
October 2, 2019 10:00 a.m.**