

**Meeting of the
STANDING COMMITTEE
Diocesan House at the Bosque Center, Albuquerque, NM
October 2, 2019 9:00a.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)
Mr. John Gaige (Convention 2021) – *via Zoom*

Members Absent with cause:

Ms. Mia Prieskorn (Convention 2019)

Others Present:

The Rev'd Raymond Raney, Recording Secretary
Ms. Karen Aubrey, Chancellor for New Mexico
Ms. Annette Chavez De La Cruz, Diocesan staff member

Present During Presentations:

The Right Rev'd Michael Buerkel Hunn
Ms. Mary Jewell, Bishop's Executive Assistant
The Rev. Canon W. Lee Curtis

President's Remarks

Dr. Pittman remarked on a peaceful time in the interim. She advised a working retreat for diocesan officers at Camp Stoney January 23-25, 2020. Bishop Hunn reflected the need to have the leadership of the diocese to begin a long-range planning process Who are We? and What is God calling us to be?

Standing Committee Actions:

Standing Committee consented to the election of the Rev'd Martha "Marty" Stebbins as Bishop Diocesan for Montana.

Standing Committee consented to the election of the Rev'd Dr. Lennon Yuan-Rung Chang as Bishop Diocesan for Taiwan.

Ratified the Email Votes to approve the Housing Allowance for the Rev'd Canon Lee Curtis, the new Canon to the Ordinary.

Granted permission to allow Mary Jewell to determine the means of transferring materials from the records of Bishop Jeffrey Steenson, the interim period of Standing Committee as Ecclesiastical Authority, and Bishop Michael Vono to the Diocesan Archives, and work with Chancellor Karen Aubrey to determine what paperwork needs to be completed to achieve the transfer.

Bishop Hunn reported on the Staff Re-Structure. He explained that with the call of Canon Curtis to work in El Paso, the Chief of Staff position filled by Canon Raney changed. Now the structure

revolves around Bishop and Mary Jewell as the hub, and divides the staff into teams: Congregational Thriving Team, the Hospitality Team and Administration Team. The Thriving Team work to support congregations. The Hospitality Team combines the Bosque Center and Bishop's Ridge to work together, which will incorporate the Camp & Conference Committee to implement the business plan. The Administration Team blends some positions to provide support for the Diocese.

- Congregational Thriving: Canon Curtis, Paula Mote as Youth Missioner, Patty Soukup as Archdeacon, Lisa Katz-Ricker as support, Carole McGowan as Bishop's School dean, Annette De La Cruz as Convention support. The Team includes Congregational Life and Development, and the Pastoral Response Team.
- The Hospitality Team is co-lead by Catherine Lind and Christopher Jewell and includes Toye Robertson, Chef Jerry Gallegos. The inclusion of both sites provides insights into new opportunities. Diocesan groups including the Camp & Conference Committee, also are evolving.
- Consented to the Bishop's nominations of Ms. Becca Lenzo, Mr. Dupuy Bateman, Ms. Linda Shay, the Rev. Pamela Graham to three-year terms on the Camp and Conference Committee. Standing will be represented by the Rev. Rod Hurst and Diocesan Council by Ms. Cathy Bailey.
- Created a task force in consultation with the Bishop to draft suggested revisions of the Canon concerning the election of a bishop for consideration at Diocesan Convention 2020.
- Revised Policy 401 to change the Title of Policy to Contracted Use of Church Facilities, to provide that requests for use of church facilities are reviewed and approved by the Rector/Priest-in-Charge, and for recurring use congregations are asked to contact the Diocesan Chancellors to complete a lease agreement.
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Borderland Update

Bishop Hunn reported that the Diocese has opened a shelter at San Matias church in Juarez. The funds have come from donations via the Diocese and folks across the nation. It is one of thirteen shelters in Juarez. Father Hector is the representative in Juarez and the Diocese is the funding stream. The shelters are divided by nationality. The San Matias shelter houses Cubans. A number have left to seek asylum in Mexico. The shelter was robbed by members of the cartel. The human cost is great. Security measures have been installed, and arrangements are being made to Spirito Santo, which needs roof repairs. Bishop met with Congressional representatives in Washington, D.C. and is making in-roads to the Border Patrol. The government is working on a third-country asylum process, which resulted in 350 Mexicans under the Santa Fe Bridge, which flooded. Two priests on sabbatical are aiding Father Hector. Spirito Santo is sheltering some of the asylum seekers. If the government policy is overturned, the buses may begin running again to provide a humanitarian response.

Next Meeting:
Grant County Veterans Memorial Business & Conference Center, Silver City, NM
October 19, 2019 11:30a.m.
Diocesan House – Bosque Center
Meeting with COMB

October 30, 2019, 10:00a.m.