

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany



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News from the Standing Committee

June 21, 2022

As the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese while the office of Bishop is vacant, the Standing Committee is entrusted with diocesan operations; prayerful consideration and discernment of policies and strategic initiatives; and helping to ensure that urgent situations are addressed with the assistance and advice of Bishop Michael Smith. The membership of the Standing Committee can be found at <https://albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/standing-committee/>.

We are committed to keeping the people of the Diocese of Albany aware of what is going on. However, please understand that some matters must by nature remain confidential, and also that we do not comment on certain deliberations until the Committee is ready to take action or issue a formal statement.

We welcome communication from around the diocese. Please keep in mind we must at times exercise our discretion to set priorities. We ask that you view us as people of good will, and trust the Holy Spirit to guide us all.

At its meeting on June 20, 2022, the Standing Committee took up the following business items:

1. Received notice from Mother Katherine Alonge-Coons, elected to serve as a deputy from the Diocese of Albany to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in July of this year, that she will not be able to attend. We thank her for her generous willingness to serve. The Diocese will be represented by three clergy and three lay deputies.
2. Approved an emergency loan to a parish from the Diocesan Development Fund.
3. Approved the licensure of Allison de Kanel as Lay Preacher at Saint Stephen's, Schenectady.
4. Received reports of vacancies on a number of diocesan bodies and committees and began the process of ensuring they are properly filled.
5. Received a report of finances at Christ the King Center.
6. Reluctantly accepted the resignation of the Rev. Canon Robert Haskell as Canon to the Ordinary and from a variety of diocesan bodies and committees. Plans will be made to thank Fr. Bob and Margaret for their long years of loving service to us in the Diocese of Albany.
7. Began laying the groundwork for a healthy process to address theological diversity within the Diocese of Albany. For the sake of freedom to explore options for dealing with sensitive issues and hurts while building a framework of mutual trust and respect, we ask, at this initial stage, for your patience and prayers.

May the peace of the Lord be with you as we head into the summer vacation and camp season. Please keep Beaver Cross and the many summer initiatives of our parishes and people before the Lord.

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