

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany



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STANDING COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

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The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany is the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese while the office of Bishop is vacant. Visit <https://albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/standing-committee/> for a list of Committee members.

Some matters must by nature remain confidential, and that we must withhold comment on some deliberations until the Committee has taken action or is ready to issue a formal statement.

We welcome communication from around the diocese. We must, of course, exercise discretion in setting priorities. Please view us as people of good will, and trust the Holy Spirit to guide us all.

At its meeting on July 18, 2022, the Standing Committee took up, among others, the following matters:

1. Confirmed several emergency decisions that had been made by e-vote since the last formal meeting.
2. Asked Assisting Bishop Michael Smith to convene a diocesan Task Force on Communion across Difference. Initial core members of Task Force are being invited. More information will be provided as the process takes shape.
3. Renamed the Christ the King Advisory Commission the “Christ the King Oversight Board”; appointed new members to the Board; and reviewed in depth several proposals for the ongoing work of the Board.
4. Appointed the Rev. Patricia Beauharnois, the Rev. Lynne Curtis, and Ms. Kate Storms to the Diocesan Missions Committee.
5. Appointed Mtr. Meaghan Keegan to authorize the disbursement of Diocesan Mission Committee funds.
6. Appointed Christopher Cassidy to the Salary and Benefits Committee.
7. Consented to the Election of
 - the Rev. Jeffrey Mello as XVI Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut
 - the Rev. Cn. Mark Stevenson as XIV Bishop of Virginia
8. Reaffirmed gratitude to Fr. Scott Garno, Sarah Garno, Christopher Cassidy, Mtr. Laurie Garramone, Fr. Leander Harding, David Malsan, and Bishop Michael Smith for representing the Diocese of Albany at General Convention 80 in Baltimore.
9. Resolved several clergy deployment cases.
10. Received reports from the President of the Standing Committee and from the Transitions, Succession, and Diocesan Life subcommittees. The diocesan profile is nearing completion.

May the peace of the Lord be with you and grant you refreshment and peace this summer. Pray for us as we pray for you; pray especially for Bishop Smith and Bishop Gallagher as they travel to the Lambeth Conference. The next scheduled meeting of the Standing Committee will be on Monday, August 1.

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