

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany



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HIGHLIGHTS of the STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING of August 15, 2022

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.

These are highlights only. Some matters and details must remain confidential. We do not comment on deliberations until the Committee has taken action and is prepared 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 August 15, 2022, meeting, the Standing Committee took up, among others, the following matters:

1. Appointed Clark Curtis Chair of the Diocesan Development Fund Committee.
2. Certified the Rev'd Karla Banach for ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests.
3. Approved listing for sale of the rectory of Zion Church, Hudson Falls, noting that Standing Committee must separately approve the acceptance of any offer and will set conditions on the use of proceeds.
4. Consented to the call of the Rev'd Patti Johnson as Rector of Saint James, AuSable Forks.
5. Heard a report on the Diocese of Albany's Task Force on Communion across Differences.
NOTE: The current Task Force is *designing a process and framework* for future conversations and is not in a position to interact with suggestions, input, or inquiries at this time. Watch for further news soon.
6. Registered appreciation and support for a proposed trial of an innovative staffing pattern to meet the needs of smaller, rural parishes without clergy.
7. Learned of developments at Christ the King center, including, with sadness, of the impending departure of Aaron and Laura Adams. Father Bill Hinrichs and Mother Jean DeVaty have assumed their duties as interim Co-Executive-Directors. We deeply appreciate all of the diocesan staff who work at CtK.
8. Noted with appreciation the work of Shawn Denis and others to re-open ADIT for business as usual. Dividend checks are being cut and other transactions are once again available.
9. Were briefed on a strategy to reach out to help congregations and individuals fulfill their SafeChurch training requirements. Information will be available soon.
10. Began considering options for the 2023 Diocesan Convention business meeting, in view of the fact that an Electing Convention for the Tenth Bishop of Albany is also on the horizon.
11. Speaking of electing a bishop, the Diocesan Profile is completed and undergoing final cosmetic formatting. Once release is coordinated with the Episcopal Church, the profile will be available electronically on multiple platforms. Watch for details soon! Deep thanks to all who worked so hard to complete this stage of the process.

Please keep in prayer the Profile and Search Committee and its members in the transition to the next phase of the Bishop Search process.

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