

# The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany



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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.*

*These are highlights only. Some matters and details must remain confidential. We do not comment on deliberations until the Committee has taken action and/or 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 meeting on October 3, 2022, the Standing Committee took up, among others, the following matters:

1. Appointed to the Task Force on Communion Across Difference ten further members recommended by the Task Force core group. Names of Task Force members will be announced when all participants have confirmed their involvement at an initial scheduling meeting.
2. Recognized with appreciation the graciousness and generosity of Bishop Carol Gallagher in serving on the Task Force.
3. Received a report from the Chair of the Profile and Search Committee on next steps in the process of electing the Tenth Bishop of Albany.
4. Noted with appreciation that Bishop Michael Smith has been invited to visit the Diocese of South Sudan in March 2023 and will convey greetings from the Diocese of Albany.
5. Addressed a number of clergy deployment questions.
6. The next meeting of the Standing Committee will take place in person at Christ the King Center, Monday, November 7, at 1:00 p.m. (Optional bring-your-own brown bag lunch at noon.)

Please pray for the Standing Committee and for Task Force on Communion Across Difference and its members.

*Disciples Making Disciples*

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