

# The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany



The Very Reverend Tom Malione, *President*  
Janet Papa, *Secretary*

January 23, 2024

*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 are sensitive, personal, or not ready to report. We do not comment on deliberations. We welcome communication from around the diocese. Please view us as people of good will, and trust the Holy Spirit to guide us all.*

At its meeting on **January 15, 2024**, the Standing Committee took up, among others, the following matters:

- 1. Adopted** the minutes of the December 18, 2023, meeting.
- 2. Appointed** Father Jeremiah Williamson, Mother Kathy Alonge-Coons, and Deacon Lynne Curtis to the Committee to oversee and make grants from the Vanbenthuyzen Grant fund. This restricted fund supports activities in support of mental health.
- 3. Approved** support for the Vanbenthuyzen Grant Fund Committee's funding of a Recovery Retreat and the Welcome Home Initiative.
- 4. Instructed** the Secretary of the Diocese to issue the Call to Convention for Friday, May 31, 2024, through Sunday, June 2, 2024. The Secretary will issue the call in due time.
- 5. Directed** the conclusion of a contract with the YMCA facility at Silver Bay to house the upcoming Annual Diocesan Convention. Registration, housing, and reservation details will be available when the Call to Convention is issued.
- 6. Received** an update from Bishop-Elect Jeremiah Williamson regarding his arrival and first steps getting on board in the Diocese of Albany and on Diocesan Staff.
- 7. Heard** a briefing from the President of the Standing Committee regarding the status of Child Victim Act cases.
- 8. Welcomed** reports from the Administration Subcommittee and the Transitions Subcommittee.
- 9. Subsequently** approved a contract for audiovisual services in the Cathedral at the Consecration of the Tenth Bishop of Albany.

Please pray for the Bishop-Elect and his family, and for the Diocesan Council, which will meet on Saturday, February 10. Pray also for peace in the world and for the well being of the Church.

*Disciples Making Disciples*

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