

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany



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In addition to its canonically prescribed duties, the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany serves as the Bishop's Council of Advice. The status and duties of a Standing Committee are set forth in Article IV of the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church, Canon 1.12 of the Canons of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church, and throughout the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany, particularly Article VII of the Constitution of the Diocese. We meet monthly, generally on a Tuesday, mid-month.

The Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church may be accessed at <https://generalconvention.org/constitution-and-canons/>.

The Constitution of the Diocese of Albany may be accessed at <https://albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Constitution-of-the-Episcopal-Diocese-of-Albany-Rev-2011.docx.pdf>.

The Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany can be accessed at <https://albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/The-Canons-of-the-Diocese-of-Albany-2022-version.pdf>.

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.

The Standing Committee remains committed to keeping the diocese informed about our meetings. The change of meeting day from Monday to Tuesday, and the demands of Holy Week and Easter preparations, have delayed this report. We will do our best to send out Standing Committee highlights in the weekly Diocesan Update e-mail on the Tuesday following our meeting.

At its meeting on **March 12, 2024**, the Standing Committee took up, among others, the following matters:

- 1. Welcomed** the Right Reverend Jeremiah Williamson, Tenth Bishop of Albany.
- 2. Adopted** minutes of its meeting of February 15, 2024
- 3. Consented** to the Election of the Rev. Dorothy Sanders Wells as Bishop of Mississippi.
- 4. Consented** to the Election of the Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer as Bishop of Rochester.
- 5. Approved** the Appointment of the Very Rev. Sonya Boyce to the Board of Governors of Episcopal Charities of Albany, Inc.
- 6. Dissolved** Standing Committee subcommittees that had been instituted to facilitate fulfillment of the Standing Committee's responsibilities as Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese prior to the Consecration of the Bishop. Final reports from certain of those subcommittees were also presented.
- 7. Offered** congratulations, prayers, and support to Canon Longe and to Canon Meaghan Keegan, our new diocesan Co-Canons to the Ordinary. The Committee heard a report from Canon Longe.

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8. Were briefed by the Bishop on a variety of current matters affecting the Diocese, and gave its advice to the Bishop.

9. Heard the report of the President of the Standing Committee on the transition from Ecclesiastical Authority and other topics.

10. Welcomed communication from the Trustees of the Diocese.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16.

May the joy of the risen Lord be with you all. Alleluia!