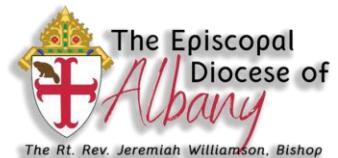


# The Standing Committee



The Very Reverend Tom Malonek, President  
Janet Papa, Secretary

September 23, 2025

*Among its canonically prescribed responsibilities, the Standing Committee serves as the Bishop's Council of Advice. Our status and duties 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, Article VII of the Constitution of the Diocese of Albany, and elsewhere throughout the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese.*

*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/wpcontent/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/wpcontent/uploads/2023/01/The-Canons-of-the-Diocese-of-Albany-2022-version.pdf)*

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*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.*

## Highlights

At its meeting on September 23, 2025, the Standing Committee took up, among others, the following matters:

1. Adopted the minutes of the Standing Committee meeting of August 19, 2025.
2. Bishop Jeremiah updated us on the August Trustee's meeting reviewing property assets for Greenwich and Albany.
3. Bishop Jeremiah and Jen attended the House of Bishops conference in the Dominican Republic in building relationships. Visited Churches, Hospitals retreat center with 67 churches and 800 people in attendance worshipping together.
4. Bishop Jeremiah and Canon Neal are reviewing the ADIT funds and working on ways to use proceeds to benefit the Diocese.
5. Heard a report from the president of the standing committee on the state of the standing committee as Diocese and Convention approaches. Communication and transparency, remain important commitments to uphold. The standing committee is not limited to its canonical duties and advising the Bishop at his request: the committee should be proactively alert to opportunities to support the Bishop and the Diocese. To do this, it will be important to foster community and cohesion within the committee. At the end of the diocesan convention in October, the standing committee, including newly elected members, will meet to elect its president and secretary for the coming year.

Thank you were given to Janet Papa for serving as the standing committee secretary for many years on her terms and also to Fr. Tom Malonek, who served as president during the search for a bishop through this standing committee meeting.

Fr. Scott Garno said Convention is progressing and there were a few committees that needed to be filled.

May the Lord bless the people, congregations, and clergy of the Diocese of Albany.  
Please continue to pray for us.