

THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
Diocese of San Joaquin  
Notes for the Minutes' June 16, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr Jim Snell, Fr Michael McClenaghan, Mr Tom Wright, Mrs Debby Cavanagh Fr Carlos Raines, Fr Dan Martins, and Mr Ted Yumoto.

MEMBER(S) ABSENT. Mrs. Kim Robinson.

OPENING PRAYERS.

! The meeting was opened at 9 05 AM with prayer offered by Fr Jim Snell.

INFORMATION FROM/ON MEMBERS (moved directly on to Minutes)

MINUTES

! Minutes of the May 19, 2007, meeting were approved (MSC MMc/TW 7-0)

CORRESPONDENCE and NOTIFICATIONS.

! Fr Steve Nicholls re. Avenal two individuals on the Bishop's Committee claim St Thomas, Avenal overpayment of assessment, AND, also want title to the church (want the keys), and may be leaving not only the Episcopal Church, but also Anglicanism, discussion regarding direction of this congregation, and interpretation of the Bp's offer to allow leaving with no debt,

CONSENTS:

! 3 consents which include a cover letter from PB listing to the SC the received documents, and new wrinkles a form if not voting in the positive and additional wording in the support document, Jim referred to III 2 4 a, that we STILL haven't received the certificate of election from the Sec of Conv, and the other docs, discussion; we will reject all three on the same basis as last month's Virginia and Connecticut, Jim+ will take care of the three letters to Olympia, NW Penn, OK, etc , Jim will compose letters and then fwd the actual correspondence for the records,

! Jim+ will also (upon motion, write PB/Chancellor that a conversation with Ted doesn't satisfy the issue with Virginia, which hasn't responded, letter will ask if PB can certify Virginia (DM/CR 7-0),

VOCATIONS:

! Testimonials for ordination Jack Faucett—(being received as a Canon X deacon, his form was under Canon VIII, so Jim+ changed, consulted w/Van+, and clarified that our permission was for diaconate ONLY, so now, paperwork for Canon VIII is being filled in pre-dated, and what do in six months when we reach the threshold of the reality of priest, Dan+ suggested even though the TEC has eliminated Canon IX, that San Joaquin could begin the process to reinstate at convention, Dan will draft,

! Procedure for interviews of postulants for Candidacy—assigned in minutes of May for Jim to create something Jim offered a suggested scheme, intended next step (TW/MMc

7-0);

I invited to July 6th COM discernment retreat alternative (one candidate) in the morning,

#### NEW BUSINESS.

I Ted reported on EC

I informational SC meetings around the diocese, discussion, (has potential to be hijacked, Bp has already gone around, GC deputation has already in the past); Carlos suggested coordinating any such meetings to develop plan as mandated by convention, with Diocesan Council and Bishop, discussion;

I Jim commented on the two documents iNotes on Rusty's report and iResponse to email  
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**BISHOP:** (the meeting at ECCO) (possibly moving to a house with a larger dining room and no pool), update on things going on right now. working relationship with the other dioceses is difficult, as we are out in front, we have a mandate from last convention to convene a designated strategy development; reviewed iRusty's report, reviewed the Frank Griswold signing of Dromantine and subsequent consecration of Gene and questioning by Greg V, and Schor's eyes to the Dar es Salaam communiqué; a third thing is w/Rowan & Windsor & Dar es Salaam, there were certain understood realities of the Sept 30 for TEC's response to the Communique, the subsequent release of invitations to Lambeth prematurely, outraged the Primates for Rowan's violation of support for the Primates, what is being perceived is the Rowan is not working to avoid a schism, but to keep TEC and Canadians in the WWAC, the African Bishops have had it w/Rowan whom they feel has compromised on the agreed principles and theology (of moratoria), so they are moving forward with the consecration of three or four men for the benefit of the conservative NA (Bill Atwood, Kenya several others looming), this potentially creates a Western Church (British Isles, Canada, US, New Z, part of Australia not Sydney) and the other group would be the rest, Dan question Canturburian/non-Canturburian factions? Bp possibly, but not delineated, Bp described the working of the five dioceses up at ECCO, mentioned were the other five (Albany Bp Love, will probably do little at this time, but he is prepared to call a special convention for direction after Sept 30, Rio Grande Bp Steenson, is currently carving up the diocese, generally in a Christ Church, Overland Park type of negotiation, speculation is that Steenson will become RC on Oct 1st, South Carolina Bp Salmon/Mark Lawrence, called special convention, suspended canon related to election of Bishop w/a two-thirds majority, and will re-elect Mark on Aug 4th, the action of 815 tended to galvanize the stragglers of the diocese, the feeling is that Mark will be elected and consecrated REGARDLESS of whether there is an election and approval, and this will drive SC up with us, Dallas Stanton, a bit paralyzed with what's going on, will subsidize two Windsor meetings, but may not attend himself, Central Florida Bp John Howe seems to be vacillating while his Standing Committee/Diocesan Council/parishes are unified against 815, currently, large groups of church (Rio G, Dallas, & Central FL) are positioning themselves to leave, so that's the landscape;

Now, focus on Jim's iRusty's report and its content that Venerables and the Southern Cone (at its meeting of Bishops in Buenos Aires) would extend protection through a province

of the Americas,

Still, Bp Duncan is concerned regarding the ensconcement into a divided set of oversights of the many groups; so, Common Cause partners coming together would represent a larger group coming together (35 bishops) and respond as one orthodox voice to the Primates; a possibility, if we can come together as an ecclesiastical group, that brings us to one final thing: no 'super Saturday' due to scheduling difficulties/complexities;

So, the diocese of San Joaquin would be standing alone as of the conclusion of our diocesan convention; clergy would be automatically transferred to Southern Cone by the end of convention, Quincy has a quirk in their C&C to be able to suspend their constitution, and amend (one week before us), so the possibility could be that we re-schedule our convention to coincide with Quincy's second convention on Dec 8, this would give us more time,

2 significant meetings (ACN on July 30/31) will erase reference to TEC, Sept 25-28 in Pittsburgh meeting of the Common Cause, either could be a source for presentment charges if the first meeting does expunge, a third item is that TEC would/will/might attempt to enjoin the assets of the five dioceses,

Discussion re the EC's 'accession clause null and void' resolution,

So, it is John-David's sense that he had agreed that a strategy group for the diocese, would not be formed until this meeting up at ECCO, so now, we must get on with the mandate based upon the many avenues of information to then meet and work, Tom Wright also observed that moving the convention to later, makes sense to allow more time to develop strategy, discussion re the extent of lawsuits to be brought by TEC,

A group of six (3 each from Council and SC) plus the Bishop should now be set up to strategize, consensus that the convention will be moved to Dec 8th (Saturday, Feast of the Immaculate Conception) the same date as Quincy's second reading,

Extensive discussion regarding several scenarios, Bp left at 12 30PM with a prayer & blessing,

SC then continued with the selection of three names: Michael McC/Carlos/Ted (consensus),

#### OLD BUSINESS

1 SC fill vacancy on committee (Richard James will run in the Fall; Michael Frye MSC TY/MMc 7-0 to bring in Frye.

#### ADJOURNMENT

1 With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12 42 P M , with prayer by Dan+

Next meetings are schedule for July 22, and August 21, 2007, 9 a m at Diocesan House

Respectfully submitted,  
Ted M Yumoto, Secretary