The Diocese of Central Pennsylvania
Minutes of the Standing Committee
January 15, 2019

Present: John Harwood+, John Wolgemuth, Amy Swiernik, Jim Strader-Sasser+, Barbara Hutchinson+, Drew Dorgan, Susan Landin, Michael Nailor+, and Patrick Pierce+

We began by sharing our reflections on symbols of hope and hopefulness in the new year as well as orientation to SC roles as part of the circle of love (guardian/time-keeper, scribe, clerk, host). Drew agreed to serve as guardian for today’s meeting; Michael+ was scribe for St. John’s issue and Jim+ for the book discussion.

1. We were asked to consent to the election of three bishops-elect. Drew moved, Patrick+ seconded, and we consented to the elections of
   a. The Rev. Canon Cristobal Olmedo Leon Lozano- Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Ecuador Litoral
   b. The Rev. Mark D. W. Edington as Bishop in Charge of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe
   c. The Rev. Kimberly D. Lucas to the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Colorado

2. Regarding the discussion with St. John’s-Lancaster, Bishop +Audrey and Barbara+ met with the senior warden and finance committee about non-compliance with the agreement. Since the construction has been completed and the parish will reduce its line of credit with Fulton Bank, we have addressed our major concerns. The parish also agreed to pay its full fair share for 2019.

3. Goals for the SC this year
   a. **SC Formation** as informed, faithful leaders of the Diocesan and as the Council of Advice for our bishop (Jim, Patrick, Drew, Michael)
      i. **2019 Goal** – engage in study around the 4 core words guiding the health of our diocese: Discovery, Experimentation, Creativity, Collaboration
   b. **SC representatives to the Commission on Ministry** (Anthony)
      i. **Ongoing goal**: Deepen the relationship between the COM and SC through SC representation on the COM and through the sharing of information on people in the process, so the SC can be better informed when making decisions granting candidacy and ordination.
   c. **SC approval of episcopate elections** (John H., Amy)
      i. **Ongoing goal**: Provide information regarding the upcoming elections and their candidates so the members of the SC can make informed decisions.
   d. **SC’s role regarding Ordination Process** (Susan, Nicolette, Michael, Barbara)
      i. **Ongoing goal**: Continue collaboration with the Bishop, Bishop’s Office (Carolyn) and the Chairs of the COM in sharing information and documentation for each person in the process and to create a shared timeline of potential interview dates so the process is supportive of each person in the process.
   e. **Goal for 2019**: With others, design and provide facilitation of a retreat gathering all groups and individuals connected to the Ordination Process (Bishop, Canon for Transitional Ministry, Dean of SSFM and other key board members, COM members, Standing Committee members) to develop a shared vision for qualities of ordained
ministers and a process to support that vision. **Tentative Date for Retreat is March 8, 1-5 p.m. at a place to be determined.**

f. **SC representative to the Finance Committee** (John W.)
   i. **Ongoing Goal** – Facilitate conversation between the Finance Committee and the Standing Committee through SC Representation on the Finance Committee
   ii. **Goal for 2019** - Participate in the development and approval of a Financial Policy for parishes which are renting, selling, purchasing, or mortgaging property

h. **Clergy Compensation Committee** (Jim, Drew)
   i. **Goal for 2019** - Participate in group consisting of Finance Committee and SC Members to make a recommendation to the 2019 Diocesan Convention for any increases in Clergy Compensation. Deadline for Resolutions is June.

We next interviewed Megan McDermott, a transitional deacon now in the Diocese of Western Massachusetts. John+ moved and John seconded the motion that she be ordained to the priesthood. We were struck by her attributes: energetic, intellectual, articulate, willingness to explore both sides of questions, sensitive to the context of the church, uplifting, joyful, ability to reframe, vibrant and committed.

We ended our meeting with devotions for the evening.

**Our next meeting will be on February 5 at 1 p.m.**