

*As the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin, We Will Call and Equip Laity and Clergy to Bring People to and Disciple Them in a Saving Relationship with Jesus Christ*

**Standing Committee Minutes**

December 17, 2022

Meeting in Person and by Zoom

Committee Members present: Bishop Eric Vawter Menees – President, Mr. David Chambers (2023), Fr. Carlos Raines (2024), Mr. Paul Wagner (2025), Fr. Luke Childs – Vice President (2026), and Mr. David Katzakian (2026)

Staff and Permanent Guests: Mrs. Hephzibah Hovsepian – Secretary, Canon David Francis – Treasurer  
Absent: Dcn. Leslie Arbegast (2023), Mrs. Karlyne Paul (2024), Dcn. Chuck Kendall (2025)

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer Bp. Menees
  
2. Agenda Approval Bp. Menees  
Motion to amend the agenda, adding 'Formation of Mission Grant Subcommittee': Mr. Dave Katzakian  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Fr. Luke Childs  
Motion carries
  
3. Bible Study Fr. Childs  
On the Epistle Romans 1:1-7  
Ending with 'Self Dedication' prayer from the BCP, #73, page 668
  
4. Minutes of November Mrs. Hephzibah  
Motion to approve November Minutes as presented: Mr. Dave Katzakian  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Paul Wagner  
Motion carries
  
5. Financials Cn. Francis
  - a. Financial Reports: November 2022  
We must close our end year report by December 31<sup>st</sup> with what we actually have received up to that date, although the tithes of the month of December will be collected in January. Tithes are due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.  
Questions regarding some specific expenses were asked by the SC members. A detailed explanation of all the expenses were given by Cn. Dave Francis and Bp. Eric Menees.  
Motion to receive the Financial Report for audit: Fr. Carlos Raines  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Dave Chambers  
Motion carries
  
  - b. Written reports for publication: November 2022  
Motion to publish paragraph as amended (see amendment below): Fr. Luke Childs  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Paul Wagner  
Motion carries  
Amendment: "The cash balance of income over expenditure is \$10,355.28 (not \$10,355,28) and there are still two (not four) churches whose tithes have not come in for October".
  
  - c. Central Valley Bank signers - changes Mrs. Hephzibah

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The bank requested an official letter with the status of the changes regarding the Secretary to the Standing Committee and the related change of bank signers: removing Ms. Pestana and adding Mrs. Hovsepian. The letter has been provided to the bank and final paperwork is in process. The Diocese has a debit card for the main operation's account and Bishop Menees has his debit card for his discretionary account.

d. Church planting

Bp. Menees

The rule is for the churches not to call any priest unless they have saved up to 3 years salary, unless the priest is bi-vocational.

-St. John's Orinda

Bishop Menees visited the church a few weeks ago. Starting January 1, 2023, the Diocese will be the lessor for this church, with the Diocese of Oakland. The church will start tithing 5% until they are voted into the Diocese officially at the 2023 Convention.

The finances belonging to St. John's will be soon transferred to the Diocese. Cn. Dave Francis is helping to lead this effort.

-St. Michael's in Pacifica (San Francisco Bay area)

The congregation consisting of 7 families has been meeting in a school (Pac Bay). Once a year for the last four years, Bishop Menees has been visiting, preaching and teaching.

Dcn. Jack Franicevich who will soon be ordained to the priesthood is well known by the members and will be interviewed this week. He is interested in planting this church and will be mentored by Fr. David Miller.

-St. Albans in Los Banos (8 people 0 clergy) – In January 2023, Bishop will visit and celebrate the mass with them and will discuss the option of becoming a house church.

Two years ago, \$ 30,000 was invested in the church for the coffee shop operation. Bishop will ask for the funds to be returned to be spent on missions.

e. Formation of Mission Grant Subcommittee

Bp. Menees

Current Subcommittee's members: Bishop Menees, Fr. Luke Childs – Vice President, Cn. Dave Francis – Treasurer, and Dcn. Leslie Arbegast.

Motion to form 2023 mission grant Subcommittee consisting of the Executive Committee: (President, Vice President, Treasurer) + Dcn Leslie Arbegast: Fr. Carlos Raines

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Paul Wagner

Motion carries

6. COM Report

Bp. Menees

Fr. Jack Estes is the new Chair and Fr. Carlos is a new member of COM team as well as the Canon for Formation and the Vocations Officer.

COM committee had a meeting and changes were made to the time required to pass through the 3 phases from Aspirant to Postulant to Candidate, until ordination.

The time frame for each phase will be tailored to the needs of the individual in the Vocations process.

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- David Peterson is completing his final year Seminary. We're looking to ordain him to the transitional Diaconate before Ash Wednesday 2023.
- Brandon LeTourneau also finishing his STM at Nashotah House. He will be a bi-vocational minister. We would like to place him as a Deacon at Christ church in Reno where he can learn from Fr. Juan Marentes. He is interested in church planting and could possibly help with church planting in Minden.
- Bob Bell at St. Mark's Loomis, has finished his studies at Trinity and is leading Catechism. He is a Postulant for the vocational diaconate. His next step is to get involved with the community ministry to gain experience.
- Juliet San Nicolas de Bradley is a Postulant in the process for vocational Deacon. She is enrolled in ACTS. She is meeting with Fr. Carlos Raines for the first time soon to discuss her vocational aspirations.
- Graham Walker at St. John's Orinda has not entered the vocations process yet, but we expect he will.

7. Convention Follow Up

Bp. Menees

Bishop is inviting all parishes to hold a parish meeting in January to discuss three things:

- What is the Holy Spirit moving you to do with the gifts you have?
- Clergy: who are you discipling, mentoring?
- How are you encouraging people in your congregation? How are you encouraged?

The Goal: "Being Intentional in our Reaching Out".

8. Bishop's Report - Written

Bp. Menees

Bishop Menees would appreciate it if every parish would bless him with their prayers.

The Bishop's log is posted on our website, and churches can track his activities.

9. Deanery Reports

SC Members

Northern Deanery submitted a written report and other deanery updates were given verbally.

*Closing Prayer – Eternal God and Heavenly Father, bless the Diocese of San Joaquin. Inspire us and strengthen our bonds to you and one another. Help us to witness to the saving power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that with Godly love, patience, and zeal we may win many hearts to the Truth once delivered. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Next meeting February 18, 2023