

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
November 19, 2022
Meeting in Person and by Zoom

Committee Members: Bishop Eric Vawter Menees – President, Dcn. Leslie Arbegast (2023), Mr. David Chambers (2023), Fr. Carlos Raines (2024), Mrs. Karlyne Paul (2024), Mr. Paul Wagner (2025), Dcn. Chuck Kendall (2025), Fr. Luke Childs - Vice President (2026) & Mr. David Katzakian (2026)

Staff and Permanent Guests: Ms. Christina Pestana, Secretary, Canon David Francis, Treasurer

1. Welcome New Members & Opening Prayer Bp. Menees

2. Agenda Approval Bp. Menees
Motion to approve the agenda: Mr. David Katzakian
2nd: Mr. Paul Wagner
Motion carries

3. Bible Study Bp. Menees
Colossians 1:9-20 What do we mean by Jesus Christ being Christ the King? We get the clearest picture of his Kingdom in Revelation 19. As he is coming back on the white horse, on His robe and His thigh, His name is written “King of Kings and Lord of Lords.” What does it mean to have Jesus as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords in our life? John 12 says that to those who received Jesus, to them was given the right to become children of God. If we are the children of God and Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, what does that make us? Princes and princesses. Are you living a life of nobility? In Colossians 1:9-20. The first thing we receive is strength and power. It means that Christians endure suffering in a different way than the rest of the world. We are given the grace to suffer with great grace and dignity. Christians even die differently than the rest of the world; Christians know where they are going after our bodies die. We have an inheritance coming, “sharing in the inheritance with the saints in light” (Col 1:12). He has “delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son” (Col 1:13).

4. Minutes of October & Convention Meetings Ms. Pestana
Motion to approve October Minutes as presented: Mr. Paul Wagner
2nd: Mr. Dave Chambers
Motion carries

Motion to amend Convention Minutes to reflect in the Presentation and Vote of 2023 Budget section to state “*prior to bringing to Convention, we had added an extra \$3600 in pledged income*”: Fr. Luke Childs
2nd: Ms. Karlyne Paul
Motion carries

Motion to approve Convention Minutes as amended: Ms. Karlyne Paul
2nd: Mr. Paul Wagner
Motion carries

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Immediately following Convention on October 28th, members of the Standing Committee gathered, with the exception of Dcn. Chuck Kendall. Two candidates were put forward for the position of Vice-President of Standing Committee: Dcn. Leslie Arbegast and Fr. Luke Childs. There was a motion to elect Fr. Luke Childs as Vice President of the Standing Committee with unanimous agreement.

Motion to ratify the vote: Bishop Eric Menees
2nd: Mr. Dave Chambers
Motion carries

5. Orientation to Standing Committee (new members) Bp. Menees
Bp. Menees explained the ministry of the Standing Committee. Standing Committee is a legal authority for the Diocese, especially in regard to finances.
6. Secretary of Standing Committee Bp. Menees
Motion to elect Zhenik (Hephzibah) Hovsepian as Secretary of the Standing Committee: Dcn. Chuck Kendall
2nd: Fr. Carlos Raines
Motion carries
7. Financials Cn. Francis
 - a. Orientation of financials for new members
A comprehensive explanation of the financial reporting was given to the Standing Committee as an overview. Questions were taken and answered.
 - b. Financial Reports: October 2022
Motion to receive financial reports for audit: Dcn. Leslie Arbegast
2nd: Ms. Karlyne Paul
Motion carries
 - c. Written reports for publication: October 2022
Motion to approve the first paragraph for publication: Fr. Luke Childs
2nd: Mr. David Katzakian
Motion carries
 - d. Bishop Eric's 2023 Housing Resolution
Motion to accept the Resolution as written: Fr. Carlos Raines
2nd: Dcn. Chuck Kendall
Motion carries
 - e. St. John's Orinda - update Bp. Menees
Bp. Menees explained that St. John's Orinda has come into our diocese and the diocese will be handling their finances beginning on January 1, 2023 until they are able to manage it. The monthly transactions should be minimal. Cn. Dave Francis will coordinate a Zoom meeting with Good Shepherd Bookkeeping, St. John's, himself and Hephzibah Hovsepian to work the details out. They will start tithing 5% until they are voted into the Diocese officially at the 2023 Convention.

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- f. All Saints Placerville- update
They are holding their church pre-launch on December 4, 2022. They have funds being held by our diocese in a restricted fund until they are ready to hold the funds themselves. Fr. Richard James has been assigned to help them with their bylaws and incorporation, along with other items needed to become part of the diocese. In addition to All Saints Church, Fr. Ryan and Elizabeth Jones are developing a retreat center called Iona House.
8. Convention Debrief & Strategic Plan Implementation Bp. Menees
Bp. Menees reviewed the next steps of the strategic plan. He also shared the follow up letter provided to clergy and asked for Standing Committee's feedback on both the letter and the strategic plan presentation by Pastor Jud Boies.
9. Request from the Rev. Andy Watson Bp. Menees
A request was made from a bishop in another diocese to transfer the Rev. Andy Watson from the ADSJ to their diocese. The Rev. Watson was previously resident in the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin. He moved away several years ago and left the diocese. He now requests to be received back into the ADSJ in order to transfer to the other diocese. The mind of the Standing Committee is to have the bishop of the new diocese receive the Rev. Watson rather than him returning here.
10. COM Report Bp. Menees
David Peterson and Brandon LeTourneau, candidate and postulant to the presbyterate, respectively, will both graduate from Nashotah House in late Spring 2023. Bp. Menees and the COM are working with them to help move them through their process. They will be here in the diocese in Summer 2023. Dcn. Jack Franicevich may be called to help with a church plant in Pacifica. Bp. Menees and COM are helping to discern this. Juliet San Nicolas de Bradley was accepted as a postulant in October for the diaconate.
11. Bishop's Report - Written Bp. Menees
12. Deanery Reports SC Members
Southern 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 – December 17, 2022