

*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

October 15, 2022

Meeting in Person and by Zoom

Committee Members: Bishop Eric Vawter Menees – President, Mr. David Chambers (2023) - Vice President, Mr. Paul Wagner (2025), Dcn. Chuck Kendall (2025), Mr. Bruce Hunter (2022), Dcn. Lee Johnson (2022), Dcn. Leslie Arbegast (2023), Fr. Carlos Raines (2024), Mrs. Karlyne Paul (2024)

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

Regrets: Mr. Bruce Hunter, Fr. Carlos Raines

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer Bp. Menees
2. Agenda Approval Bp. Menees  
Motion to approve agenda: Dcn. Lee Johnson  
2nd: Ms. Karlyne Paul  
Motion carried
3. Bible Study Bp. Menees  
Parable of the persistent widow. Jesus taught them to always pray and to not lose heart. Every prayer is answered: Yes, No or Not Yet. God says continually come back if you are not receiving an answer from the Lord immediately. When God says “Not yet,” He is inviting us into a deeper relationship with Him and to grow in faith. He is honing us and is making us more faithful and love Him more deeply. Will God not give justice to those who love Him? He asks us to give thanks in all circumstances. Our prayer is not only when we are asking something from God, but our praises to God. Our faith isn’t based on what we think God is or is not doing for us. It is based on the fact that we are His, that we are loved beyond measure, and we are here for Him.
4. Minutes of September Meeting Ms. Pestana  
Motion approve minutes: Dcn. Chuck Kendall  
2nd: Mr. Paul Wagner  
Motion carried
5. Financials Cn. Francis
  - a. Financial Reports: September 2022  
Motion to receive financials for audit: Karlyne Paul  
2nd: Dcn. Lee Johnson  
Motion carried
  - b. Written reports for publication: September 2022

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Motion to publish the first paragraph of Cn. David's narrative: Mr. Paul Wagner  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Dcn. Chuck Kendall

- c. Updated Budget from floor of convention  
Bp. Eric noted that we will have a surplus for 2023 over budget based on the savings for ACNA West dues and the special donation that comes in monthly, which historically has gone to the Bishop's Discretionary fund (and Bishop Eric is giving to the Diocesan Miscellaneous Income category.)
  - d. St. John's Orinda Bp. Menees  
Currently their books are being handled by the church they were planted from in San Jose. They have officially come under the Bishop's authority. They should be included automatically under our insurance policy since they are simply a church plant, not a 501©3. Fr. Richard James is meeting with them to help them transition into our diocese. The diocese will look into processing their tithe and paying their rent. They will need to get prepared for compliance requirements, etc.
6. Convention / Strategic Planning Update Bp. Menees  
Searching for one lay person to serve on the Ecclesiastical Trial Court. Bishop Eric will be appointing an additional chancellor for estates and property. At the November meeting, the Standing Committee will begin to implement the strategic planning goals within the three planning areas:  
1) Grow the Diocese  
2) Equip and Encourage Leaders  
3) Add Value to the Church through Discipleship and Anglican identity
7. COM Report Ms. Pestana  
Brandon LeTourneau, David Peterson, and Dcn. Jack Franicevich will all be coming out in May 2023. David Peterson will be applying to both Holy Cross and St. Mark's, Loomis. St. John's Orinda also has a lay person who is interested in pursuing holy orders.
8. Search for new Executive Administrative Assistant  
We have two candidates for the position. We should know who will take the position early this week.
- Bishop Eric would like to ask for a motion to make funds available if needed through line 613 Ministry Recruitment to help with moving costs for the new Executive Administrative Assistant: Dcn. Leslie Arbegast.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Chuck Kendall  
Motion carried.
9. Bishop's Report - Written Bp. Menees

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All Saints Placerville is in the process of coming into fruition and being incorporated. They will be part of the Northern Deanery. Incarnation Anglican Church, Roseville is holding funds for All Saints. They will need to send a check to the diocese and we will release the funds to All Saints after they are incorporated.

10. Deanery Reports

SC Members

*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 – November 19, 2022