

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

September 17, 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

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer Bp. Menees
Mr. Bruce Hunter and Dcn. Lee Johnson will end their terms on Standing Committee in October. At the following meeting, the Standing Committee will need to elect the next vice-president.
2. Agenda Approval Bp. Menees
Motion to approve agenda: Mr. Bruce Hunter
2nd. Dcn. Leslie Arbegast
Motion carried
3. Bible Study Bp. Menees
Timothy 2:1-7 Paul is exhorting Timothy in his leadership during this time when Gnosticism and the emphasis on the Law of Judaism was coming into the Church, and Nero was the emperor. Paul instructed Timothy to pray for those in authority.
4. Minutes of August Meeting Ms. Pestana
Motion to receive the minutes with noted typo correction: Fr. Carlos
2nd. Dcn. Lee Johnson
Motion carried
5. Financials Cn. Francis
 - a. Financial Reports: August 2022
ADSJ's contribution level to ACNA West will decrease in 2023. The additional funding can be moved into Miscellaneous for other expenses. We will keep the Ministry Report for monthly financials and remove the duplicate reports for Standing Committee going forward.

Motion to receive the August Financial Reports: Karlyne
2nd: Mr. Bruce Hunter
Motion carried.
 - b. Written reports for publication: August 2022

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Motion to receive and publish the first paragraph of financial narrative:
Mr. Paul Wagner
2nd: Dcn. Lee Johnson
Motion carried.

- c. GAFCON Expense Report Ms. Pestana
Our current GAFCON fund will cover the cost of the base registration fee for the GAFCON team plus flights at approximately \$2,000 per person. The initial deposit for the team has been made.

6. Convention / Strategic Planning Update Bp. Menees
Planning is underway for Convention which is scheduled for October 27th and 28th. Emmanuel Anglican Church and other churches are providing volunteers. Bishop Menees will be asking Rob Cravy, ESA Love Inc.'s new executive director to speak at the Thursday evening dinner.

7. COM Report Ms. Pestana
Two people were accepted from St. Paul's as postulants, and Dolores Vargas from St. Matthias was approved for ordination, pending the report from her canonicals. Fr. Gordon Kamai's term is ending and Fr. Jack Estes accepted the position of COM Chair. Becky Smith will be joining COM as the new lay person. Fr. Carlos Raines will be the new Vocations Officer for the diocese after the first day of Advent and will also sit on COM. Raising up new clergy is of utmost importance in the diocese. COM will begin to meet every other month rather than quarterly, beginning in November, due to the increasing number of ordinands.

8. Search for new Executive Administrative Assistant
The search is underway for this position. Ideally the candidate will be someone who has a source of health insurance, since the diocese cannot currently provide this benefit.

9. Bishop's Report - Written Bp. Menees
The civil lawsuit against us has come to a settlement agreement and the attorney of the eight plaintiffs has accepted it. The plaintiffs will still need to agree to the settlement, and that process will take place in October.

10. Deanery Reports SC Members
Deanery reports were given in written form with a few verbal reports added.

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 – October 15, 2022