

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

May 21, 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: Bruce Hunter

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer Bp. Menees
2. Agenda Approval Bp. Menees
Motion to approve: Mr. Dave Chambers
2nd: Fr. Carlos Raines
Motion carried
3. Bible Study Bp. Menees
The teaching was from John 14.
4. Minutes of April Meeting Ms. Pestana
Motion to approve: Fr. Carlos Raines
2nd: Dcn. Lee Johnson
Motion carried
5. Financials Cn. Francis
 - a. Bookkeeper & Banking transition
We will start making deposits and over to the new bank accounts at CVCB.
 - b. Financial Reports: April 2022
We will examine why postage is so high for April. A few tithes are behind.
Motion to accept the financial reports: Mr. David Chambers
2nd: Ms. Karlyne Paul
Motion carried
 - c. Written reports for publication: April 2022
Add a new sentence at end of first paragraph: “Keep in mind there are seven congregations that have yet to submit their tithe check.”
Motion with additional sentence: Bp. Eric Menees
2nd. Dcn. Chuck Kendall
Motion carried

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- d. Funds for Internships Summer 2022
Account #239- Bishop's Birthday and Anniversary fund has \$5,261.36
Bishop Menees proposes \$2,000 for David & Roseann Peterson, and
\$3,000 for Dcn. Micah Hogan.

Please encourage your congregations and the deaneries to contribute to this fund. This is what supports our seminarians.

Bishop Menees can make an announcement to the diocese with various opportunities to contribute to Seminarian and Intern Support.

A check request will be made for these two seminarians.

6. Request for Restricted Fund for ACTS Cn. Francis
Motion to create a restricted fund for ACTS: Fr. Carlos Raines
2nd: Mr. Paul Wagner
Motion carried
Cn. David Francis will contact Cn. Beth Conkle on the decision.
7. Strategic Planning Retreat Costs Bp. Menees
Doing a retreat may be the best way to kick off the Strategic Planning. This would require taking money out of reserves, however. Currently, the Deans, Mr. Bruce Hunter, Mr. Dave Chambers and Ms. Karlyne Paul comprise the Strategic Planning Committee. The hope is by Convention we will have a solid initial plan to roll out. Bishop Menees will think more about this.
8. New Wineskins Representation Bp. Menees
2,000 people come in from all over the world for this conference. Fr. Richard Menees has been the diocesan representative. Bishop Menees was planning to go, but cannot attend due to a conflict. Congregations in the diocese have missionaries they are supporting It's important to get a missions focus in place. Christina Pestana accepted the nomination to be the representative for New Wineskins this year. The estimated cost for this trip is \$2,000.
9. Kigezi and the New Wineskins Conference Bp. Menees
It would be strategic to invite and help support the incoming Bishop Akanjuna and his wife Charity (Mama Kigezi). Tradition would be to fly them first class. Our international travel agent found pricing and it would be between \$6,000 and \$11,000. We'd also want to bring them here immediately after. That would increase the budget \$12,000 to \$15,000. This has to be decided immediately due to registrations filling up and cost of travel.

Motion for Standing Committee to set aside up to \$17,000 for Diocese to bring Bp. Akanjuna and his wife Charity to New Wineskins and to the Diocese and Christina Pestana to New Wineskins conference.

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Moved: Dcn. Leslie Arbegast
2nd: Dcn. Lee Johnson
Motion carried.

10. Funding for Kenyan Clergy Bp. Menees
Five “superstars” in the northern area of Kenya are gifted evangelists but need training. We received a request for supporting them. Seminary there would cost only \$2,000 per person. (A total of \$10,000.)

The Standing Committee decided not to allocate funds at this time. Bp. Menees will reach out to Kenya and tell them we considered their request to support their seminarians, but at this time we are focusing on our companion diocese.

11. Social Media Guidelines Bp. Menees
Bp. Menees explained the difference between a guideline and a policy. A suggestion was made to simplify the guidelines to include only the opening paragraph, a statement that we have adopted the ACNA Christian Code of Ethics for Using Social Media, and the Code of Ethics themselves.

Motion to adopt the Christian
Move: Mrs. Karlyne Paul
2nd: Dcn. Chuck Kendall
Motion carried

12. Protect Children and Youth New Guidelines Ms. Pestana
The Guidelines to Protect Children and Youth, include in onboarding materials for clergy, and distributing it to the entire diocese, and posting it on the website. Move to accept the Guidelines for the Protection of Children and Youth: Dcn. Leslie
2nd: Dcn Lee Johnson
Motion carried

13. Strategic Planning Bp. Menees
We reviewed this earlier in agenda item #7 above.

14. Bishop’s Report - Written Bp. Menees
Bishop Menees gave a verbal review of his report and highlighted the congregations in southeastern Mexico that he is mentoring. He visited 2 congregations and hopes to go back and visit more. He hopes we will develop relationships between our congregations and theirs.

15. Deanery Reports SC Members

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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 – June 18, 2022