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

Standing Committee Minutes
Saturday, February 21, 2026
Meeting by Zoom

Committee Members	Present	Absent
President: Bishop Eric Vawter Menees		
Vice President: Fr. Luke Childs (26)		
Mr. Ed Taylor (29)		
Fr. Paul Gibbons (29)		
Mr. David Katzakian (26)		
Miss Mary Giles (27)		
Fr. Spencer Stubblefield (27)		
Fr. Andy Ainley (28)		
Mr. Peter Vargas (28)		

Staff and Guests
Secretary: Raul Villa
Treasurer: Cn. David Francis

1. Opening Prayer	Bp. Menees

2. Agenda Approval	Bp. Menees

Motion to approve agenda as amended: Fr. Paul Gibbons
2nd: Fr. Andy Ainley
Motion Carried

3. Bible Study - Matthew 4:1-11	Bp. Menees

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, “‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

4. Minutes of SC January Meeting	Mr. Villa

a. Motion to approve January Minutes as presented: Fr. Luke Childs
2nd: Mr. Peter Vargas
Motion Carried

5. Financials — Cn. Francis

a. ACTS Grant - Cn. Elizabeth Conkle

Cn. Elizabeth made a PowerPoint presentation on the grant requirements and how ACTS will use the grant funds. One way the grant will be used is to expand the Spanish ACTS classes. The presentation also included a new church-planting model.

Motion of support, the Standing Committee is greatly indebted to Canon Elizabeth and the ACTS Program for their formation for our Diocese, and we are in full support of this grant: Miss Mary Giles.

2nd: Fr. Paul Gibbons

Motion Carried

b. Financial Report - January

Cn. David Francis presented a detailed financial report for January

Motion to receive the Financial Reports for audit: Mr. Peter Vargas

2nd: Fr. Andy Ainley

Motion Carried

c. Written January report for publication

The expected monthly percentage is 8.3%. The actual income percentage is 10.5%. The actual expenditure percentage is 15.8%. There is a negative cash balance of $10,496.23. The negative balance is attributed to three things—January was a three payroll month; the full $4,000.00 budgeted for ACTS was transferred; and no deposit was made the last week of January, so some of the January checks were deposited in February. That deposit includes around $17,000.00 for Tithes from November and December that were received late.

Motion to approve the Financial Report for publication: Miss Mary Giles

2nd: Mr. Peter Vargas

Motion Carried

d. Mission Grant Sub-Committee

A grant request from St. Mark's, Loomis, was received for $6,500 for a Church Planting Curacy Program. St. Mark’s seeks to offer potential curates a salary of $65,000; the grant would cover 10% of the salary.

Motion to approve the Grant request: Fr. Paul Gibbons

2nd: Fr. Luke Childs

Motion Carried

The Bishop requested a volunteer to join the mission grant sub-committee. Mr. Peter Vargas volunteered to join the sub-committee

e. Capital Campaign Update
The Bishop gave a verbal update on the capital campaign. Along with a list of churches that he will be visiting this upcoming week.

6. Subcommittee for Annual Review	Fr. Childs

Fr. Luke went over the next steps for the sub-committee after receiving the feedback from the clergy in the Diocese. The committee will meet, summarize the feedback, and send a self-evaluation form to the Bishop for completion. Ed Taylor created a template for a clergy review and would like it sent to the Diocese's clergy so they can use it if needed. Bishop emphasized the importance of having annual reviews.

7. Bishop's Report	Bp. Menees

The bishop presented a written and verbal report

8. Deanery Reports	SC Reps.

Deanery reports were presented both written and 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 - March 21st