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, May 16, 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: Mr. Peter Vargas
Motion Carried

3. Bible Study - Luke 24:44-53 — Fr. Gibbons

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

4. Minutes of SC April Meeting — Mr. Villa

a. Motion to approve April Minutes as presented: Ed Taylor
2nd: David Katzakian
Motion Carried

5. Financials — Cn. Francis

a. Financial Report - April

Cn. David Francis presented a detailed financial report for April

Motion to receive the Financial Reports for audit: Fr. Andy Ainley

2nd: Mary Giles

Motion Carried

b. Written report for publication

The expected monthly percentage is 33%. The actual income percentage YTD is 38.4%. The actual YTD expenditure percentage is 34%. There is a net cash balance YTD of $21,251.55.

Motion to approve the Financial Report for publication: Peter Vargas

2nd: Fr. Andy Ainley

Motion Carried

c. Transfer of Funds

The Standing Committee will discuss the transfer of funds to a money market or savings account at the next meeting after gathering more information on available accounts.

d. Budget Committee

Bishop and Dave Francis will reach out to previous members and new suggested members to see if they are available to serve on the budget committee.

e. Mission Grant Sub-Committee

Immanuel Anglican Church in Whitewater submitted a report to the standing committee specifying how the grant has been utilized.

f. Capital Campaign Update

The Bishop provided a verbal update on the capital campaign. With the support of the Standing Committee, the Bishop intends to contact Wesleyan Impact Partners to discuss a letter of intent and initiate the loan process. The Standing Committee concurred, and the Bishop will report back at the June meeting.

6. Subcommittee for Annual Review	Bp. Menees

Bishop is formally requesting approval for a sabbatical in 2027—combining one month of regular vacation with two months of sabbatical leave, for a total of three months (mid-June to mid-September). During the Bishop's absence, other bishops (Keith Andrews and/or Phil Ashley) will cover duties if needed.

Motion to approve the Bishop's two-month sabbatical aligned with his vacation in the summer of 2027: Fr. Paul Gibbons
2nd: Fr. Andy Ainley
Motion Carried

7. Discipleship Report	Cn. Conkle

Cn. Conkle's submitted a written report to the Standing Committee members

8. Safeguarding Report	Dcn. Arbegast

Dcn. Leslie submitted a written report

9. Fr. Phillip Berghuis	Bp. Menees

Fr. Phillip Berghuis has signed the following release form on May 14, 2026

To whom it may concern, having on January 20th received the formal request from the Reverend Phillip Berghuis to be released from the ordained Ministry of the Anglican Church of North America and the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin. And having taken the requisite 60 days to determine whether Father Berghuis has a change of mind or any impediment that would require discipline. And having reported that at the April 18th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin, both Father Berghuis's request and the lack of any suspicion of wrongdoing. And having received verbal consent from the Standing Committee of the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin at the same meeting. And having determined that Father Berghuis has fulfilled the requirements for release of ministry under the canons of the Anglican Church in North America, Title 3, Canon 6, Section 3. Be it therefore known, that the Reverend Phillip Berghuis is released from all rights and responsibilities of a clergyman in the Anglican Church in North America and the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin. Be it further known that with his signature below, the Reverend Phillip Berghuis no longer represents or holds any ecclesiastical pastoral or administrative authority in the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin or the Anglican Church in North America.

10. Bishop's Report	Bp. Menees
The bishop presented a written and verbal report	

11. 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 - June 20, 2026