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, August 15, 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 presented: Fr. Luke Childs
2nd: Mr. Ed Taylor
Motion Carried

3. Bible Study - Matthew 15:21-28 — Bp. Menees

And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And he answered, “It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

4. Minutes of SC June Meeting — Mr. Villa

a. Motion to approve June Minutes as presented: Mr. Peter Vargas
2nd: Fr. Andy Ainley
Motion Carried

5. Financials — Cn. Francis

a. Financial Report - June

Cn. David Francis presented a detailed financial report for June
Motion to receive the Financial Reports for audit: Miss Mary Giles
2nd: Fr. Luke Childs
Motion Carried

b. Financial Report - July

Cn. David Francis presented a detailed financial report for July
Motion to receive the Financial Reports for audit: Mr. Ed Taylor
2nd: Fr. Andy Ainley
Motion Carried

c. Written report for publication - June

The expected monthly percentage is 50%. The actual income percentage is 79.5%. The actual expenditure percentage is 49.6%. There is a YTD cash balance of $149,309.10. The significant income boost is the result of a tithe from one church. Without the exceptional tithe, the actual income percentage for June would have been 56.4%

Motion to approve the Financial Report for publication: Fr. Luke Childs
2nd: Mr. Peter Vargas
Motion Carried

d. Written report for publication - July

The expected monthly percentage is 58.1%. The actual income percentage is 89%. The actual expenditure percentage is 60.6%. There is a YTD cash balance of $141,651.80. Subtracting a $115,000 contribution that was moved to the Money Market Account, the operational budget Income percentage YTD is 65%, leaving a cash balance of $26,651.80.

Motion to approve the Financial Report for publication: Fr. Luke Childs
2nd: Fr. Paul Gibbons
Motion Carried

e. Presentation of Draft 2027 Budget

David Francis presented the draft 2027 budget along with written budget notes. He went over the changes to the life insurance structure. Along with the part-time position being created and the potential of partnering with Emmanuel to hire them for additional hours.

Motion to create a part time assistant position: Fr. Paul Gibbons
2nd: Fr. Andy Ainley
Motion Carried

Budget committee moves to approve the proposed 2027 budget
2nd: Mr. Ed Taylor
Motion Carried

f. St. Matthias has submitted a grant request to help hire a Church-Planting Curate to support potential church planting in Sonora. The $4,000 will fund the fourth quarter of 2026.

Motion to approve St. Matthias $4,000 Grant request: Mr. Ed Taylor
2nd: Fr. Andy Ainley
Motion Carried

6. Discussion of Diocesan Convention 2026	Bp. Menees

Bishop gave a verbal update on the Convention. Due to visa requirements, Bishop Gaddie will not be able to attend the convention.

7. New Live Scan Process implementation	Mr. Villa

The Diocese has been approved for the CalVech program. This new structure voids all previous Live Scans, so everyone who meets the requirements must be rescanned. I will email the clergy this week with the new requirements. We will have to keep a list of all the individuals scanned and those who need to be removed. We will also need to keep copies of a signed waiver form from each individual.

8. Update on Church Mutual Insurance & Diocese	Mr. Villa

Sherry Selleck is contacting the individual churches to make them aware that the churches will be moving to their own individual property insurance. This new structure is due to many churches moving to their own policies.

9. Report on the St. Michael's Conference	Fr. Childs

Fr. Spencer submitted a written report, and Fr. Luke gave a verbal summary of the St. Michael's Conference.

10. Discipleship Report - Cn. Conkle Written Report
Cn. Conkle's submitted a written report to the Standing Committee members

11. Safeguarding Report - Dcn. Arbegast's Written Report
Dcn. Leslie submitted a written report

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

13. 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 - September 19, 2026