

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
TO THE 238th ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

This report reflects the actions of the Standing Committee for the year 2021 (via Zoom January – December 2021). The Standing Committee of the Diocese of New Jersey held regular meetings during the past year. At the March 6, 2021 meeting, The Rev. Edmund W. Zelley was elected President and The Rev. Lisa A. Hoffman was elected Secretary. Mr. Paul Wolfgang agreed to coordinate the real estate business for the Standing Committee.

The following actions were taken in 2021:

Episcopal Elections, Ordinations and/or Consecrations of Bishops and Diocesan Consents

- Consented to the Election of the Reverend Dr. Ketlen A. Solak as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.
- Consented to the Election of the Rev. Betsey Monnot as Diocesan Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa
- Consented to the Election of the Very Rev. Daniel P. Richards as Diocesan Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina.
- Consented to the Election of the Reverend Matthew D. Cowden as Bishop Coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia.
- Consented to the Election of the Reverend Elizabeth Bonforte Gardner as Bishop Diocesan in the Diocese of Nevada.
- Consented to the Appointment of Bishop Fraser Lawton as Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Dallas, and his reception as a bishop of The Episcopal Church.

Priesthood/Diaconate

- Recommended José Maria Cantos Delgado for Ordination to the Priesthood.
- Affirmed Candidacy for Jamie Smith effective February 10, 2020.
- Affirmed Candidacy for Carol Rodgers effective February 10, 2020; recommended Carol Rodgers for Ordination to the Vocational Diaconate.
- Affirmed Candidacy for Bruce Cecchini effective February 10, 2020; recommended Bruce Cecchini for Ordination to the Vocational Diaconate.
- Affirmed Candidacy for Nicole Kurkowski effective February 10, 2020; recommended Nicole Kurkowski for Ordination to the Vocational Diaconate.
- Affirmed Candidacy for Jean Marcucci effective February 10, 2020; recommended Jean Marcucci for Ordination to the Vocational Diaconate.
- Affirmed Candidacy for Geraldine Welch effective February 10, 2020; recommended Geraldine Welch for Ordination to the Vocational Diaconate.
- Affirmed Candidacy for Vasu Subramani effective February 10, 2020; recommended Vasu Subramani for Ordination to the Vocational Diaconate.
- Recommended Rachel Douglass for Candidacy.
- Recommended Michael Thomas Panzarella for Ordination to the Priesthood.
- Postponed the vote to recommend Ryan Paetzold for Reception as an Episcopal Priest until the April meeting.
- Approved the fourth round of the 2020-2021 Financial Aid Awards.
- Affirmed the decision to receive Ryan Paetzold as a priest and to license him to serve for one year and to return to be interviewed by the Standing Committee in a year.
- Recommended Fernando Paiva III for Candidacy.
- Approved the first round of the 2021-2022 Financial Aid Awards.
- Recommended Bruce Cecchini for Ordination to the Vocational Diaconate.
- Recommended Nicole Kurkowski for Ordination to the Vocational Diaconate.
- Recommended Jean Marcucci for Ordination to the Vocational Diaconate.
- Recommended Carol Rodgers for Ordination to the Vocational Diaconate.
- Recommended Vasu Subramani for Ordination to the Vocational Diaconate.
- Recommended Geraldine Welch for Ordination to the Vocational Diaconate.
- Recommended Paul Scott Chalakani for Ordination to the Priesthood.

Priesthood/Diaconate (continued)

- Approved the fourth round and update of the 2021-22 AY Scholarship Recommendations.

- Recommended Micah Connor Cronin for Candidacy.
- Recommended Frederick Galano for Candidacy.
- Recommended Ayden Petrone for Candidacy.
- Recommended Heath D. Dewrell for Ordination to the Priesthood.

Property Matters:

- Consented to the request of St. Bernard's Church, Bernardsville, to enter into a 2-year lease for the cottage located on the property, contingent upon the revision of the name of the lessor to reflect correct legal name of the parish.
- Approved marketing of former St. Paul's rectory property for \$389,900.
- Approved the sale of the former St. Paul's, Rahway rectory for \$390,000 contingent upon Chancellor Ambos' approval of the form of that contract.
- Approved the Lease between St. Andrew's, Lambertville and Fisherman's Mark, pending approval by Chancellor Ambos.
- Approved the Consent to Lease Agreement between St. Andrew's Church in Amwell at Lambertville and Fisherman's Mark.
- Approved the conveyance title to real property known as the former rectory of the former St. Paul's Church, Rahway, New Jersey at 985 Pierpont Street, Rahway, New Jersey 07065.
- Accepted the offer to purchase St. Andrews' Episcopal Church, Bridgeton.
- Consented to the sale of St. Mark's, Hammonton property.
- Consented to the sale of St. Augustine's, Camden property.
- Consented to the conveyance of the Church of the Resurrection, Bridgeton.

Church Classifications and Consolidations:

- Consented to the re-classification of St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church, Lumberton, New Jersey, from Parish to Mission Status in accordance with the Diocese of New Jersey Canon 60, Section 2(b).

Appointments

- Endorsed Bishop Stokes' re-appointment of Canon Paul Ambos, Esq. as Chancellor for a one-year term.
- Approved Bishop Stokes' appointment of Valaida Wynn Guerrero as Chair of The Episcopal Search and Nomination Committee for the Election of the 13th Bishop of New Jersey.
- Voted to contact The Rev. Kimberly Jackson, The Rev. Canon Richard Callaway, and the The Rev. L. Ann Hallisey to invite them to the September Standing Committee Meeting as prospective candidates for the position of Consultant for the Diocese of New Jersey for the Election Process of the 13th Bishop of New Jersey.
- Approved to engage The Very Rev. Ronald H. Clingenpeel as the Consultant for the election of our next Bishop.

Other Matters

- Received and approved the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund Report for 2020.
- Received and approved the Report of the Relief of Widows, Widowers and Orphans Fund for 2020.
- Welcomed the elected members, Class of 2025: The Rev. Canon Andy J. Moore and Canon Donna L. Freidel, Esq.
- Ratified the e-mail endorsement of Bishop Stokes' nominations, which Cathedral Chapter voted to elect as Honorary Canons of Trinity Cathedral: Philip G. Lewis, MD, MPH, The Rev. Dr. John P. Mitchell, Ms. Karen Oliver Moore, The Rev. Theodore Moore, Dcn. and Ms. Rosa Péna.
- Appointed Katherine Young, St. Luke's Church, Metuchen and Donna Russell, St. Elizabeth's Church, Elizabeth as members of the Cathedral Major Chapter for a term running to the 2022 Diocesan Convention.
- Approved funding for St. Bartholomew's Church, Cherry Hill, in the amount of \$8,262 to cover the 30% of Mother Anna Noon's compensation that will not be covered by insurance.
- Approved funding for the Rev. Theodore Anderson, Jr. to reimburse him in the amount of \$1,380 for the out-of-pocket costs he has incurred for his home health aide.

Other Matters (continued)

- Approved funding in the amount of \$10,832 (8 months' coverage) to assist Mother Noon with her health insurance costs from May – December of 2021.
- Ratified the e-mail vote for reimbursement to the church for three months of Mother Val Redpath's salary that was not covered by disability.
- Approved funding for Fr. Wedderburn from the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund in the amount of \$1,000/month from September, 2021 until the earlier of the time we find an alternative work arrangement or 16 months (through the end of 2022), for a total not to exceed \$16,000 while we continue to investigate other possible options.
- Approved the sum of \$147,700 as the 2022 Housing Allowance for clergy employed by the Diocese of New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Edmund W. Zelle, President