

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
TO THE 239th ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

This report reflects the actions of the Standing Committee for the year 2022 (via Zoom January – December 2022). The Standing Committee of the Diocese of New Jersey held regular meetings during the past year. At the March 5, 2022 meeting, the Rev. Edmund W. Zelle was elected President and the Rev. Lisa A. Hoffman was elected Secretary. Canon Paul Wolfgang agreed to coordinate the real estate business for the Standing Committee.

The following actions were taken in 2022:

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

- Consented to the election of The Reverend Juan Carlos Quiñonez as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Ecuador Central.
- Consented to the Election of The Very Reverend Brian Burgess as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Springfield.
- Consented to the Election of the Reverend Jos Tharakan as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Idaho.
- Consented to the Election of the Very Rev. Dr. Douglas Scharf as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida.
- Consented to the Election of the Rev. Phyllis Spiegel as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Utah.
- Consented to the Election of The Rev. Canon Shannon Rogers Duckworth as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana.
- Consented to the Election of The Rev. Jeffrey Mello as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut.
- Consented to the Election of the Rev. Canon E. Mark Stevenson as Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia.
- Consented to the Election of the Rev. Pastor Elías García Cárdenas as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Colombia.
- Consented to the Election of the Rev. Anne Jolly as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio.

Priesthood/Diaconate

- Recommended Arian Wharff Galvis for Reception as an Episcopal Priest.
- Recommended Eric J. Tuttle for Ordination to the Priesthood.
- Recommended Frederick Galano for Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate and Priesthood.
- Recommended Micah Connor Cronin for Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate and Priesthood.
- Recommended Alicia D. Graham-Hicks for Candidacy.
- Recommended Fernando Paiva, III for Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate and Priesthood.
- Recommended Charles Wesley Rubendall III for Candidacy and Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate.
- Recommended Rachel E. Tyler for Candidacy and Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate
- Approved the First Round 2022-2023 AY Scholarship Recommendations excluding the recommendation for a student in the school for ministry until it is determined that the scholarship funds are not restricted to seminary students.
- Recommended Ayden Petrone for Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate.
- Recommended Rosalie DiSimone-Weiss for Candidacy.
- Recommended Kevin J. Thompson for Candidacy.
- Recommended Rocco Sherman for Candidacy.
- Recommended Jane Carol Wilson for Candidacy.

Property Matters:

- Consented to the sale of the former St. John's, Fords rectory under the terms of the contract provided and authorization for Chancellor Ambos and Bishop Stokes to take all necessary steps to close on this property.
- Consented to the sale of the Tiffany Windows at All Saints' Church, Lakewood for no less than \$130,000, conditional on the Church researching the donation to confirm there are no restrictions on the sale of the donation.
- Consented to the sale of the Grace Church, Plainfield property.

- Consented to the sale of the St. John's Church, Elizabeth property.
- Consented to the marketing of Grace-St. Paul's Church, Mercerville Rectory.
- Rather than wait until the final approval from the vestry, approved the sale of the St. Andrew's property subject to final approval by the Church of the Resurrection vestry.
- Rather than wait for Chancellor Ambos to finalize the closing documents, consented to the sale of the St. Augustine's, Camden, property and authorize Chancellor Ambos and Bishop Stokes to take all necessary steps to close on this property.
- Consented to a two-year lease of St. Andrew's Parish Hall and Kitchen in New Providence to the Little Pioneers Childcare.
- Approved the sale of the property including entering into the contract for sale and proceeding all the way through closing.
- Approved to merge the former corporation known as "The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of St. James' Church, Paulsboro, New Jersey" into the Trustees of Church Property, and authorization to sell this property, including entering into the contract for sale and proceeding all the way through closing.
- Approved the sale of the St. Luke's, Westville property.
- Approved a 5-year lease with between Calvary Church, Flemington and Family Promise of Hunterdon County, Inc. for the property known as "The Annex" contingent on final approval by the Chancellor.

Appointments

- Endorsed Bishop Stokes' re-appointment of Canon Paul Ambos, Esq. as Chancellor for a one-year term.
- Welcomed the Members of the Class of 2026: The Rev. Joanna P. Hollis and Canon Barbara O. Bach and provided a New Member Orientation.
- Endorsed Bishop Stokes' nominations of Mr. Sebastian Vasquez, Mr. Paul Wolfgang, The Rev. Bruce Montgomery, Ms. Ann M. Notte, and Ms. Mary Ann Rhoads as Honorary Canons of Trinity Cathedral.
- Consented to the appointment of the Rev. Joanne Izzo to the position of Acting Canon to the Ordinary and Transitions Officer.
- The following nominations were made for Cathedral Chapter:
 - Cathedral Chapter - Clergy - 1-year unexpired term
The Rev. Kyle Cuperwich
 - Cathedral Chapter – Lay - 1-year unexpired term
Canon Paul Wolfgang
 - 2-year unexpired term (Vacancy filled until next Convention)
Mx. Connor Crafton-Tempel

Other Matters

- Approved the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund Report for 2021.
- Approved the Report of the Relief of Widows, Widowers and Orphans Fund for 2021.
- Ratified the e-mail vote to approve the request of the contract to hire Holy Cow Consulting on behalf of the Bishop Search Committee.
- Welcomed the Members of the Class of 2026: The Rev. Joanna P. Hollis and Canon Barbara O. Bach and provided a New Member Orientation.
- Approved a disbursement from the Widows, Widowers and Orphans Fund in the amount of \$10,564 to cover support for John Lager and Ruth Worth as detailed in the submitted report.
- Accepted the draft Letter of Agreement as submitted by Rev. Zellej, Canons Moore, Freidel and Wolfgang.
- Approved the nominees for the 13th Bishop of New Jersey as presented by the Election Committee.
- Approved the request for a grant of \$11,000 from the Widows, Widowers & Orphans Fund for Mrs. Cheryl Calletta Martin.
- Approved the request for a grant of \$15,000 from the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund for Mrs. Rose Goss.
- Approved the sum of \$157,200 as the 2023 Housing Allowance for clergy employed by the Diocese of New Jersey reflecting an increase in the Housing Allowance to \$30,000.

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