REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE (2020)

This report reflects the actions of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Olympia from November 2019 through October 2020. The Standing Committee held regular monthly meetings throughout the year. Officers and Representatives of the Standing Committee are as follows:

President: Steve Danzey
Clerk: Charla Conner
Chaplain: Helen McPeak
Commission on Ministry: Roberta Newell

Joint Finance Panel: Jim Beckwith, Charla Conner (Observer)
Members: Jennifer King Daugherty, Vikki Day

The following actions were taken by the Standing Committee from November 2019 through October 2020:

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

- Consented to the Election of Susan B. Haynes as Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia;
- Consented to the Election of Frank S. Logue as Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia;
- Consented to the Election of Mark Allan Van Koevering as Bishop of the Diocese of Lexington;
- Consented to the Election of Deon Kevin Johnson as Bishop of the Diocese of Missouri;
- Consented to the Election of Poulson Reed as Bishop of the Diocese of Oklahoma;
- Consented to the Election of Glenda S. Curry as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Alabama;
- Consented to the Election of Craig Loya as Bishop of the Diocese of Minnesota;
- Consented to the Election of Diana Akiyama as Bishop of the Diocese of Oregon.

Ordinations, Diocese of Olympia

- Certificates of Attestations were signed for Michael Beaton, Rong By, Natalie Johnson, Hillary Kimsey, Transitional Diaconate, December 2019;
- Accepted the reinstatement request to ordained ministry by James Tolbert, January 2020.
- Certificate of Attestations were signed for Rong By, Stephen Crippen, Natalie Johnson, Hillary Kimsey, Priesthood, June 2020;
- Certificate of Attestation was signed for Alan Christensen, Diaconate, October 2020.

Congregational Property Matters

- Authorized Good Shepherd, Vancouver to sell real property;
- Approved the sale of the St. Paul's, Bremerton vacant property to the Episcopal Retirement Communities;
- · Approved the request for the Economic Injury Disaster Loan by Trinity, Everett;
- Approved the acceptance of the Economic Injury Disaster Loan by St. John's/San Juan, Olympia.

Diocesan Mission and Vision

In our role as council of advice to the Bishop, your Standing Committee continues to work with the Bishop and diocesan staff to equip members of the Diocese to discern how we will live into our Vision together: <u>Locally Centered</u>, <u>Networked Communities</u> who are <u>Forming Leaders</u> though

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<u>Sacrament for Service</u>. We begin each meeting with a brief discussion and reflection on our mission/vision statement, how we see it being lived out in the diocese, and the gaps we see between our hopes and aspirations and the reality of day-to-life in our parishes and members.

Leadership Development

As we onboarded folks to the Standing Committee, we set mutual expectations for our life and work. This included norms for meetings, attendance, and how we would talk to each other. Each meeting begins with silence and prayer and ends with prayers for our work and People in the Ordination Process.

As a group we chose to continue our focus our personal development on our Intercultural Competency. At the beginning of the year, we assessed our competency and set a learning goal for our work. We continue to focus on identifying intercultural aspects of issues before us. This included cultural dimensions of property transactions, the ordination process, and Episcopal Consents. We are now in the third year of this work, which has in many ways prepared us for the conversations about the anti-racism work now underway in our diocese. In addition to doing our own personal work in this area, we are committed to supporting our bishop, staff, and diocese in this important work.