

The Standing Committee of The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago  
Executive Summary  
Minutes of the Meeting of February 7, 2018

Present: Eric Bidy, Maria Giraldo, Kathy Leson, Jeffrey Lee, Barbara Seward, Rory Smith, Kristin White

Guest: Courtney Reid, Director of Operations

**Focused Discussion**

Courtney Reid joined the group to talk about how the diocese is structured and how the various entities work together to support the mission and ministry of the diocese. She distributed a diagram of the 7 audited entities of the diocese and flow chart of the Bishop's staff.

**Bishop's Report**

The Trustees of the Endowment commissioned CCS Fundraising, a national church fundraising group with offices in Chicago, to work with us on a Mutual Benefit Campaign. CCS has successfully conducted similar campaigns for the Dioceses of Ohio and Massachusetts. The first step is to interview leadership in every congregation throughout our diocese to measure their interest in a campaign, their dreams for the resources that might be developed and their capacity to raise the money they need. This work is to be completed in the next couple of months. Even if we decide not to proceed with the campaign, the interviews will provide useful data about our congregations.

A steering committee made up of about 12 lay and ordained leaders will meet for the first time on February 8 with consultants from CCS for an introduction to the concept of the Mutual Benefit Campaign.

**Business meeting**

Minutes and Executive Summary of January 17, 2018 were approved.

Standing Committee approved the request from All Saints, Moline to move to Rock Island where they will lease space in a sharing arrangement with St. James Lutheran Church.

Kristin White reported that she is working with St. Paul and the Redeemer regarding approval to secure a loan so that work at the church can begin as pledges from a successful capital campaign are received.

**Next Meeting**

Wednesday, March 21 at 6:00pm at St. James Commons.