

Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago
Executive Summary - Minutes of the Meeting of February 13, 2019

Present: Eric Biddy, Maria Giraldo, Anne Jolly, Lisa Kerpan, Rory Smith, Jeffrey Lee
By Phone: Barbara Seward
Guest: Todd Ousley, Bishop for Pastoral Development, The Episcopal Church

Eric Biddy, President, called the meeting to order and offered the opening prayer.

Focused Discussion

St. Mark's Geneva

Mark Tusken, Rector of St. Mark's, Geneva; and Wardens, Greg Gifford and Mark Neibch; and Treasurer Ed Rohde, were present to discuss their request for approval to obtain a construction loan and mortgage for the Cornerstone Campaign.

Standing Committee passed the following resolution:

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Chicago approves the request of St. Mark's Church in Geneva to obtain a \$1,000,000 construction loan and a \$550,000 mortgage for the Cornerstone Campaign as presented to Standing Committee at their meeting on February 13, 2019.

Bishop's Report

Bishop Lee shared his intention to retire in August 2020.

At 6:30pm, Bishop Todd Ousley joined the Standing Committee meeting by videoconference to give the committee an overview of the bishop search and transition process. Standing Committee has oversight responsibility for the search and transition, hires a search consultant, and appoints two committees of clergy and lay leaders: a Search & Nomination Committee and a Transition Committee.

The Search & Nomination Committee listens to voices from across the diocese, produces the diocesan profile, seeks and interviews qualified candidates, and presents a slate of nominees to Standing Committee. Standing Committee manages the petition process, where additional names may be added to the slate. The Transition Committee has responsibility for the Walkabouts, Election Convention, and organizes the Ordination and Consecration.

Bishop Ousley gave a brief overview of search and transition budgets, timelines, and best practices. He will be returning to the diocese in March to meet with staff and Standing Committee, and will provide Standing Committee with a list of bishop search and transition consultants to consider hiring.

Business Meeting

Minutes and Executive Summary of January 9, 2019 were approved.

Standing Committee consented to the election of Phoebe Roab, Bishop Diocesan, Diocese of West Tennessee.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is March 13, 2019 at 6pm at St. James Commons.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Bishop Lee offered a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Anne Cothran