

**Standing Committee Report  
To the 230<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention**

This report reflects the actions of the Standing Committee for the year 2013. The Standing Committee of the Diocese of New Jersey held regular meetings during the past year. At the March 2, 2013 meeting, The Rev. Kuruvilla K. "Sunil" Chandy was elected President and Canon Charles Perfater was elected Secretary. The Rev. C. John Thompson-Quartey agreed to coordinate the real estate business for the Standing Committee.

The following actions were taken in 2013:

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

- Consented to the Election of William Jay Lambert as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Eau Claire.
- Consented to the Election of a Bishop Suffragan for the Diocese of New York.
- Consented to the Election of Anne Hodges-Copple as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of North Carolina.
- Consented to the Election of Mark Allen Bourlakas as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia.
- Consented to the Election of a Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of Massachusetts.
- Consented to the Reunion of the Diocese of Quincy and the Diocese of Chicago.
- Consented to the Election of a Bishop Suffragan for the Diocese of Maryland.
- Consented to the election of Whyne M. Hougland Jr. as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Western Michigan.
- Consented to the election of a Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of Mississippi.
- Consented to the Election of Matthew Alan Gunter as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Fond du Lac.

**Priesthood/Diaconate**

- Recommended Megan Thomas for Candidacy.
- Approved an award in the amount of \$200 to Chizoba Nwankwo from the William J. Walters Scholarship Fund to be applied toward her tuition in the School for Deacons.
- Recommended Kathleen Murray for Ordination to the Priesthood.
- Recommended Paul E. Adler, Kristen Claire Foley, Peter Alan Helman, and Megan Thomas for Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate and to the Priesthood.
- Approved the 2013-2014 Financial Aid Awards.
- Recommended Alice Hodgkins Courtright, Anthony Puca, Jr., and Katlin E. McCallister for Candidacy and to the Transitional Diaconate.
- Met with representatives from the Committee on Priesthood and the Committee on the Diaconate.
- Recommended Donnamarie Donohue and Nancy Jane Hagner for candidacy.

**Property Matters**

- Consented to the proposed sale of the rectory belonging to St. Matthias', Hamilton.
- Approved the 2013 Real Estate Memorandum to be posted on the Diocesan website.
- Recommended that an appropriate form be developed by the real estate sub-committee that would consolidate all components made necessary by the Real Estate Agreement into an easy document in order to simplify future considerations.
- Gave consent for Christ Church, Bordentown, to sell the property at 134 Prince Street, Bordentown.
- Approved the purchase of a second rectory for St. George's Church-by-the-River, Rumson.
- Conveyed approval to St. Peter's, Clarksboro, to proceed with the plan to sell three different parcels - the rectory, located at 200 Kings Highway, Mt. Royal, New Jersey and two pieces of adjacent farmland recognizing; however, that the sale of each parcel, in accordance with the guidelines outlined in the Real Estate Memorandum, must come before the Standing Committee for its approval before the sale can be consummated.

### **Church Classifications and Consolidations**

- Concurred with St. Francis' Church, Dunellen's request for reclassification as an Independent Parish of the Diocese of New Jersey.
- Consented to the process of St. John's Church, Woodbridge, in making application to be reclassified as an Independent Parish of the Diocese of New Jersey.
- Concurred with St. John's Church, Woodbridge's request for reclassification as an Independent Parish of the Diocese of New Jersey.
- Consented to the consolidation of St. Andrew's Church, Bridgeton, and Trinity Church, Vineland, subject to the approvals of the respective congregations as provided by statute.

### **Episcopal Election Process**

- Received a written report and the slate of Nominees for the 12<sup>th</sup> Bishop of New Jersey from the Episcopal Election Committee.
- Received written and/or oral reports from the Transition Committee at each meeting.
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- Agreed to send a thank you note to the Episcopal Election Committee and the Transition Committee.

### **Other Matters**

- Concurred with the appointment of Paul Ambos, Esq. as Acting Chancellor.
- Approved the compensation package for Bishop Councell for 2013 as proposed by the Finance & Budget Committee and approved by Diocesan Council subject to Diocesan Convention approval.
- Approved the compensation package for Bishop-Elect as proposed by the Finance & Budget Committee and approved by Diocesan Council subject to Diocesan Convention approval.
- Consented to the Bishop's appointments to the Insurance Committee effective at the end of Convention 2013.
- Welcomed the newly elected members
  - Class of 2017: The Rev. Lisa G. E. Caton and Canon Charles H. Perfater
  - Class of 2016: The Rev. C. John Thompson-Quartey
  - Class of 2015: Ms. Barbara O. Bach
- The Rev. Kuruvilla "Sunil" Chandy was elected President and Canon Charles H. Perfater was elected Secretary of the Standing Committee for the coming year.
- The Rev. C. John Thompson-Quartey will coordinate the real estate business for the Standing Committee for the coming year.
- Recommend that Diocesan Council amend the original Trust Agreement of the Elizabeth Fund that money be used for feasibility study pursuant to Grace Church (4<sup>th</sup> church) being declared closed at Convention.
- Consented to an adjustment in the Clergy Housing Allowance for the Rev. Canon John Sosnowski, Canon to the Ordinary.
- Approved making the payment of an arrearage for a clergy member from the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, assuming that the payment is approved by the Benefits Committee at their September meeting.
- Bishop Councell was lauded by the Standing Committee members for his steadfast and superb leadership in the Diocese of New Jersey for the past ten years.
- Thanked the Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund for her diligence and wisdom in serving the Standing Committee. Her unexpired term will be filled by the Standing Committee until Convention 2014.
- The Rev. Terry L. Martin was appointed by the Standing Committee to fill the unexpired term for Rev. Eklund until the 2014 Convention.

Respectfully submitted,  
 The Rev. Kuruvilla K. "Sunil" Chandy  
 President