

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
TO THE 235th ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

This report reflects the actions of the Standing Committee for the year 2018. The Standing Committee of the Diocese of New Jersey held regular meetings during the past year. At the March 3, 2018 meeting, The Rev. Valerie L. Balling was elected President and The Rev. Juan Monge-Santiago agreed to coordinate the real estate business for the Standing Committee.

At the request of Bishop Stokes, the Standing Committee worked with The Rev. Dr. Bud Holland to develop a Mutual Ministry Review (MMR). The purpose of this review was to evaluate how the working relationship between the Bishop and the members of the Diocese has developed over the last 5 years, and to discern the direction and intention of our future ministry together. The final MMR report can be found at <http://dioceseofnj.org/mmr>.

The following actions were taken in 2018:

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

- Consented to the election of a Bishop Suffragan for the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia.
- Consented to the election of Kevin D. Nichols as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Bethlehem.
- Consented to the election of Michael Buerkel Hunn as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Rio Grande.
- Consented to the election of the Rev. Carlye J. Hughes as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Newark.
- Consented to the election of the Rev. Mark Andrew Cowell as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Western Kansas.
- Consented to the election of a Bishop Suffragan of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas.
- Did not consent to the Election of Joseph Kerwin Delicat as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Haiti.
- Consented to the election of the Rev. Dr. Cathleen Chittenden Bascom as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Kansas.

Priesthood/Diaconate

- Recommended Karen Burke Lewis for Candidacy and Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate.
- Recommended Graham Marsh for Candidacy, Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, and Ordination to the Priesthood.
- Recommended Nfikije Mugisha Rwamasirabo for Candidacy and Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate pending receipt of the Seminary recommendation (Seminary recommendation received on May 18, 2018).
- Recommended John Francis Maher for Candidacy, Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, and Ordination to the Priesthood.
- Recommended Sharon Patterson for Candidacy, Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, and Ordination to the Priesthood.
- Recommended George Rambow for Candidacy, Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, and Ordination to the Priesthood.
- Recommended Stephen John Connor for Reception as a Priest in The Episcopal Church.
- Recommended Joseph Luzardo for Candidacy and for Ordination to the Diaconate.
- Recommended Brigitte Pincelli for Candidacy and for Ordination to the Diaconate.
- Recommended Michelleleslie Maltese-Nehrbass for Candidacy and for Ordination to the Diaconate.
- Recommended Michelle OQuendo for Candidacy and for Ordination to the Diaconate.
- Recommended Kenneth Carpinelli for Candidacy and for Ordination to the Diaconate.
- Approved the 2018 Financial Aid Awards.
- Deferred approval of Candidacy for Brandon Daniel King.
- Recommended Allison Marie Burns-LaGreca for Candidacy and for Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate.
- Recommended Tammy May Young for Candidacy and for Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate.
- Recommended Carmen J. Viola for Ordination to the Priesthood.

- Approved additional 2018 Financial Aid Awards.

Property Matters

- Approved Good Shepherd Church, Rahway's plan and agreed to disburse past due mortgage payments contingent on Canon Phyllis Jones' approval.
- Gave consent to allow the rector and wardens of St. Bernard's Church, Bernardsville, to execute the Amended and Restated real estate contract between St. Bernard's Church and NGC Development, LLC together with the associated drawings and completion bond.
- Consented to Conveyance by The Trustees of Church Property of the Diocese of New Jersey to New Hope Ministries, Inc., a New Jersey nonprofit corporation, of a deed conveying title to the property referenced above, formerly known as Trinity Episcopal Church, bearing tax map designation of Block 46, Lot 19 on the Tax Map of the Township of Delran.
- Authorized the Trustees of Church Property to transfer to itself in consideration of the sum of \$1.00 the property known as tax lots 150, 151 and 152 in Block 1101 of the Township of Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey for purposes of consolidating those three tax lots into one tax lot known as lot 150.01, as required by the Township of Toms River.
- Consented to Conveyance for the property known as the former Church of St. John-in-the-Wilderness, Gibbsboro, New Jersey at 77 Hilliards Road, Gibbsboro, New Jersey.
- Approved retroactively the three-year lease dated June 21, 2017 for the property of the congregation formerly known as Trinity Church, Vineland, with Greater Deliverance Church (GDC) for \$3,200/month containing a "Right of First Refusal" clause giving GDC the right to match any offer for sale of the property prior to it being sold to anyone else.
- Consented for Holy Cross Church, Perth Amboy, to enter into a contract for sale with Great Grace Evangelical Church in the amount of \$255,000 or \$245,000, whichever is negotiated, with \$55,000 down and the Trustees to hold a seller-financed mortgage for the balance at 6% over 10 years with payments based on a 30-year payout and balloon payment at the end of 10 years.
- Approved the Consent to Conveyance of the title to real property known as the former Church of the Holy Cross, Perth Amboy.
- Approved St. John's Church, Maple Shade's ministry plan.
- Approved a request from St. John's Church, Maple Shade, to enter into a contract with Phuoc Doyen Buddhist Inc. under the terms outlined, understanding that final closing documents will be presented to Standing Committee for approval prior to closing of the sale.
- Approved the Consent to Conveyance by the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of All Saints' Memorial Church, Navesink.

Church Matters:

- Approved the release of funds for the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rahway, to make necessary payments under their severance agreement and to enable the congregation to pay other expenses.
- Approved a request from Church of the Good Shepherd, Rahway, to continue passing through the mortgage payments supporting the operating budget for the congregation through April 30, 2019 to allow time to clarify which option (part-time clergy or affiliation) emerges as the best path forward and develop a plan to be presented to Standing Committee at the April 2019 meeting.

Church Classifications and Consolidations

- Consented to the re-classification of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Haddon Heights, from Parish to Mission Status in accordance with the Diocese of New Jersey Canon 60, Section 2(b).

Appointments

- Endorsed Bishop Stokes' re-appointment of Canon Paul Ambos, Esq. as Chancellor for a one-year term.
- Appointed Michelle Woods to fill the 3-year term on the Audit Committee.

Other Matters

- The Rev. Valerie L. Balling was elected President for the coming year.

- Ms. Karen Moore was elected Secretary for the coming year.
- The Rev. Juan Monge-Santiago will coordinate the real estate business for the Standing Committee for the coming year.

- Welcomed the newly elected Standing Committee members
 - Class of 2022: The Rev. Joseluis Memba
 - Class of 2022: Ms. Ashley Maddison
- Approved the sum of \$134,950 as the 2019 housing allowance for clergy employed by the Diocese of New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Valerie L. Balling, President