

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT  
TO THE 236<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

This report reflects the actions of the Standing Committee for the year 2019. The Standing Committee of the Diocese of New Jersey held regular meetings during the past year. At the March 2, 2019 meeting, The Rev. Dr. Anne-Marie Jeffery was elected President and Ms. Ashley Maddison was elected Secretary. The Rev. Edmund W. Zellely agreed to coordinate the real estate business for the Standing Committee.

The following actions were taken in 2019:

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

- Consented to the Election of the Reverend Jennifer Anne Reddall as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Arizona.
- Consented to the Election of the Reverend Kimberly D. Lucas as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Colorado.
- Consented to the Election of the Reverend Mark D. W. Edington as Bishop in Charge, Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe.
- Consented to the Election of the Rvdo. Canon Cristóbal Olmedo León Lozano as Bishop of the Diocese of Ecuador Litoral.
- Consented to the election of The Rev. Phoebe Roaf as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of West Tennessee.
- Consented to the Election of the Reverend Canon Kathryn McCrossen Ryan as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Texas.
- Consented to the Election of the Rev. Canon Megan Traquair as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Northern California.
- Consented to the Election of the Rev. Canon Susan Brown Snook as Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego.
- Consented to the Election of the Rev. Thomas James Brown as Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine.
- Consented to the Election of the Rev. Dr. Jonathan H. Folts as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of South Dakota.
- Consented to the Election of the Rev. Dr. Shannon MacVean-Brown as Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont.
- Consented to the Election of the Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Michigan.
- Consented to the Election of the Rev. Martha “Marty” Stebbins as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Montana.
- Consented to the Election of the Rev. Canon Lucinda Ashby as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of El Camino Real.
- Consented to the Election of the Rev. Dr. Lennon Yuan-Rung Chang as Bishop of the Diocese of Taiwan.
- Consented to the Election of the Reverend Susan B. Haynes as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Southern Virginia.

**Priesthood/Diaconate**

- Recommended Brandon Daniel King for Candidacy, Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, and Ordination to the Priesthood.
- Recommended Edward W. Lowe for Candidacy, Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, and Ordination to the Priesthood.
- Recommended Brian F. Fox for Candidacy, Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, and Ordination to the Priesthood.
- Recommended Laura J. Di Panfilo for Candidacy, Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate and Ordination to the Priesthood.
- Deferred approval of Candidacy for Joylon G. R. Pruszinski.
- Recommended the Rev. Allison Burns-LaGreca, Dcn. for Ordination to the Priesthood.
- Recommended the Rev. Nfikije Mugisha Rwamasirabo, Dcn. for Ordination to the Priesthood.
- Recommended Luke Zerra for Candidacy, Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate.

- Approved the recommendations made by the Committee on the Priesthood for Financial Aid Awards in the amount of \$63,000.
- Recommended Douglas S. Worthington for Candidacy, Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate.
- Recommended Catherine L. Wiczorek for Candidacy, Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate.
- Recommended Thomas John Szczerba, Jr. for Candidacy, Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate.
- Recommended The Rev. Daniel E. Somers, Dcn. for Ordination to the Priesthood.
- Recommended the Rev. Daniel C. Hall, Dcn. for Candidacy and Ordination to the Priesthood.
- Recommended the Rev. Tammy May Young, Dcn. for Ordination to the Priesthood.
- Recommended Shelton Nkrumah Radix for Candidacy.
- Ratified the e-mail approval of the recommendations made by the Committee on the Priesthood for second round of Financial Aid Awards totaling \$10,000.
- Consented to approve to fund an amount not to exceed \$2,600 as additional 2019-2020 financial aid to a seminarian, to reimburse General Theological Seminary for housing amounts advanced by them to which the initial award (combined with her own financial resources) was unable to cover. This amount would come from seminary scholarship funds.

### **Property Matters**

- Approved a request from the Church of the Annunciation to contract with The Visible Church to sell its property for \$250,000 with a \$10,000 down payment and the balance at 6% interest with payment based on a 30-year payout and a balloon payment at the end of a 10-year term, understanding that that final closing documents will be presented to the Standing Committee for approval prior to closing the sale.
- Approved the Consent to Conveyance by the Trustees of Church Property of the Diocese of New Jersey to Phuoc Duyen Buddhist Association of New Jersey Inc. of a deed conveying title to real property known as St. John Church in Maple Shade, at 39–41 & 47 East Linwood Avenue, Maple Shade, New Jersey 08052, bearing tax map designation of Plate 6, Block 49, Lots 18, 19, 20, and 21.01 on the Tax Map of the Township of Maple Shade.
- Consented to the Easement for All Saints’ Church, Navesink, required by statute.
- Consented to the Easement for St. Michael’s Church, Trenton, required by statute.
- Consented to the sale of the rectory at St. Augustine’s Church, Asbury Park, acknowledging that they will request consent to conveyance prior to execution of any closing documents.
- Consented to the lease agreement between Rutgers University and Christ Church, New Brunswick, to access and use the organ in the balcony of Christ Church nave.
- Consented to the Conveyance by The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Bernard’s Protestant Episcopal Church, Bernardsville, to Jennifer Sue Owlett and Alexander Motazedi, wife and husband, of a deed conveying title to real property in the Borough of Bernardsville, Somerset County, New Jersey, bearing tax map designation of Block 68 and Lot 68 on the Tax Map of the Borough of Bernardsville.
- Consented to the encumbrance of property St. Peter’s Church, Freehold as incorporated below:
  - Consented to the “Building Crossroads at St. Peter’s, Freehold” proposal submitted by the vestry of St. Peter’s Church, Freehold;
  - Authorized the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen to enter into whatever contracts and/or agreements may be necessary to accomplish the plan outlined in the proposal, contingent upon prior review and approval by the Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer, and;
  - Authorized the President of the Standing Committee to sign a consent to encumbrance of the property in its proper form once the details of the loan are finalized, and recommend that the Bishop do so contingent upon prior review and approval as to form by the Chancellor.
- Ratified the e-mail approval of the Consent to Conveyance for the rectory of St. Augustine’s Church, Asbury Park.
- Approved the sale of the rectory at St. Andrew’s Church, Lambertville.
- Gave consent for Trinity Church, Asbury Park, to list the property.
- Approved the issuance of the consent required by statute at such time so that closing may take place as soon as documents are complete for Church of the Resurrection, Bridgeton.
- Ratified the e-mail vote taken to Consent to the Conveyance of the sale of the rectory at Trinity Church in Asbury Park.

**Funding Requests:**

- Approved funding not to exceed \$12,000 to be taken from the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund to pay for COBRA health insurance coverage a part-time Priest-in-Charge and his family.
- Consented to approve assistance from the Widows, Widowers and Orphans Fund for one of the widows in need.
- Consented to approve to fund an amount not to exceed \$1,200 to cover counseling costs incurred as part of someone in the ordination process, which would come from the Etta Shur Fund.

**Church Matters:**

- Granted an extension of time through the June 6<sup>th</sup> Standing Committee meeting for the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rahway, to present their plan, and to continue to send them monthly payments through June 2019.
- Consented to delegate authority over continued pass-through of mortgage payments for the Church of Good Shepherd, Rahway to Canons Jones and Droste, in consultation with Bishop Stokes, through the end of 2019, with periodic updates provided to the Standing Committee by the same.

**Church Classifications and Consolidations**

- Consented to the reclassification from Parish to Mission Status for St. John's Episcopal Church, Elizabeth, 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.

**Other Matters**

- Received and approved the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund Report for 2018.
- Received and approved the Report of the Relief of Widows, Widowers and Orphans Fund for 2018.
- Consented to the nominations for Honorary Canons, Canon Theologians, and Communications:
  - Honorary Canons of Trinity Cathedral
    - The Rev. Valerie L. Balling
    - The Rev. Joan M. Pettit Mason
    - The Rev. Ronald N. Pollock
    - Ms. Barbara Okamoto Bach
    - Ms. Wendy V. Blackman
  - Canon Theologians
    - The Rev. Dr. Kevin J. Moroney
    - The Rev. Dr. Kara N. Slade
  - Canon for Communications
    - Mr. Steven Welch
- Thanked the Members of the Class of 2019: The Rev. Valerie L. Balling, President, and Ms. Karen Oliver Moore, Secretary.
- Welcomed the newly elected Standing Committee members
  - Class of 2023: The Rev. Edmund W. Zelley
  - Class of 2023: Mr. Paul Wolfgang
  - Class of 2021: The Rev. James Matthew Tucker
- Appointed The Very Rev. Lisa A. Hoffman to fill the vacancy in the Class of 2022 until the 2020 Convention when the two-year vacancy will be filled by election of Diocesan Convention.
- Welcomed the Very Rev. Lisa A. Hoffman to fill the vacancy in the Class of 2022 until the 2020 Convention when the two-year vacancy will be filled by election of Diocesan Convention.
- Approved the sum of \$147,700 as the 2020 housing allowance for clergy employed by the Diocese of New Jersey

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Dr. Anne-Marie Jeffery, President