



## Abstract Report of the Standing Committee to the Convention of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina 2021 Actions

### January 5, 2021

- Report received from the Bishop's Search Committee including a draft position description and diocesan profile. The documents were reviewed and edits recommended to the Search Committee.
- At the Request of Bp. Wm. Murdoch, a diocesan statement on women's ordination was drafted to be provided to candidates in the search process.
- The Standing Committee expressed its appreciation for the work of the Bishop's Search Committee for their work on the Position Description and the Diocesan Profile.

### February 2, 2021

- Mr. David Rowe was interviewed for Candidacy in the ordination process and was unanimously approved.
- After discussion, the Standing Committee voted to remove the statement on women's ordination from the Diocesan Profile.

### March 2, 2021

- The Standing Committee interviewed Mr. Jeff Bennett and Ms. Laura Bowman for ordination to the Transitional Diaconate. Mr. Bennett was recommended for ordination with no stipulations. Ms. Bowman was recommended with the stipulation that the Standing Committee recommended Bp. Lawrence should direct her to further work in applying the Bible to the work of ministry and be assigned a mentor priest in a Charleston congregation.
- A revised statement on women's ordained ministry was discussed and approved. By separate motion it was approved to add the revised statement to the Diocesan Profile.
- The Rev. Shay Gaillard (President) proposed the formation of *ad hoc* committees to assist with consecration planning, transition planning and farewell planning as the Diocese moves through the process of electing a Bishop Coadjutor.
- The Standing Committee approved a draft Abstract report of its actions for 2020 to be presented to Diocesan Convention.
- A fresh lease agreement between the Trustees and the Diocese for the operation of St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center was presented. The President was authorized to execute the lease on behalf of the Diocese.
- The Standing Committee expressed its appreciation for the service of those members about to end their terms: The Rev. Bob Lawrence, the Rev. Jason Collins and Mr. Ben Hagood.

### April 20, 2021

- Membership of the Transition, Consecration and Celebration committees were discussed and initial membership appointed.
- With the newly elected members of the Standing Committee present, it was confirmed that the normal meeting schedule for the coming year would be the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM. For now, meetings will normally be by Zoom unless interviews or other important matters require meeting in person.

- The following officers were elected for the year:  
President – The Rev. Shay Gaillard  
Vice-president – The Rev. Tripp Jeffords  
Secretary - Mr. Francis Mack
- All members of the Standing Committee signed the Diocesan Conflict of Interest Policy.
- New Bylaws were unanimously adopted.

**May 2021** (*there was no meeting*)

**June 1, 2021**

- The Standing Committee expressed its support for the Cathedral as the site for the consecration of the Bishop Coadjutor. The President agreed to discuss the needs of the Cathedral for hosting that event prior to a final decision being made.

**July 6, 2021**

- A request by Old St. Andrews to encumber property in order to improve its Education Building was approved unanimously.
- The Report of the Bishop's Search Committee was received by unanimous vote.
- A motion was presented to conduct the consecration of the Bp. Coadjutor at the Cathedral.

**August 2021** (*there was no meeting*)

**September 7, 2021**

- The Committee interviewed Mr. Ryan Landes for Candidacy for ordination and approved unanimously.
- The Rev. Harry Easterling (vocational deacon) was considered for ordination to the priesthood, expressly and exclusively serve the community of St. Paul's, Bennettsville. It was agreed to interview him for that purpose at the next meeting of the Committee.
- The Rules of Order for the election of a Bishop Coadjutor by the Diocesan Convention were reviewed and unanimously approved.
- A request for remote voting for the electing convention was discussed and the consensus was that this would not be feasible.
- As part of the discussion of the "walk about" process for the election, revisions of the some of the proposed questions were adopted.

**October 5, 2021**

- The Rev. Harry Easterling was interviewed and unanimously approved for ordination to the Priesthood.
- Mrs. Henrietta Rivers was interviewed for Candidacy in the ordination process and unanimously approved.
- The Rev. David Marten was interviewed for ordination to the priesthood, having completed the remedial work requested following his canonical exams. He was unanimously recommended.

**November 2, 2021**

- Approval of the proposal by the Chancellor of a lease agreement for St. Luke's Memorial Church (Andrews, SC) was provisionally approved, provided additional background investigation of the proposed lessee proved satisfactory.

**December 7, 2021**

- Mr. Ryan Landes and Mrs. Henrietta Rivers were interviewed for ordination to the Transitional Diaconate. Both were unanimously recommended to Bp. Lawrence for Ordination.