



## Abstract Report of the Standing Committee to the Convention of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina 2025 Actions

### **January 7, 2025**

- Canonical Matters: The Rev. Janet Echols, Director of Diaconate Training program presented the Candidates for Diaconate being interviewed. Mrs. Anna Bruner, Dr. Roland Skinner, Mr. John Davis and Mr. Walt Miller were all unanimously approved.
- Housing Allowance for two new staff members: Whereas, the following are employed as ministers of the Gospel of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, that in addition to their compensation, beginning January 1, 2025, the requested amounts shall be paid to them as designated household and/or utilities allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS Code of 1986. This annual amount shall continue in subsequent years unless rescinded by another resolution for the Rev. Taylor Daniel, and the Rev. Cn. Laura B. Bowman. Motion made by Bob Kunes and seconded by the Very Rev Gary Beson and unanimously approved.
- Cathedral loan to be secured by first mortgage on property: the Very Rev. Gary Beson made motion to approve Cathedral to execute loan and other documents required to borrow funds for restoration; Terry Jenkins seconded motion; unanimously approved.
- Following Executive Session –
  - The Very Rev. Gary Beson made motion to appoint a Church Attorney to investigate the charge made by the Vestry of Saint James Anglican Church ADOSC; Terry Jenkins seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
  - Mr. Terry Jenkins made the motion to appoint David DeVane as the Church Attorney. Seconded by Shirley Wiggins and unanimously adopted. The President of the Standing Committee will contact Mr. DeVane about his willingness to serve.

### **January 28, 2025 – Special Meeting**

The special meeting of the Standing Committee was called to review and approve the 2025 Diocesan Budget as prepared and presented by the Finance Committee.

After discussion, a motion to approve the 2025 Diocesan Budget as presented was made by the Very Rev. Beson and seconded by Mr. Kilgo. Motion passed unanimously.

### **February 4, 2025**

- Ordination Interviews – The postulants for candidacy for priesthood were introduced and interviewed. Camden Wyndham (St. Helena's) and Zach Barton (Cathedral) were unanimously approved.
- Having received a verified complaint by the Vestry of St. James, James Island, Ms. McMeekin made a motion to ratify the previous Standing Committee motions on January 7 to investigate the charge made by the Vestry of Saint James Anglican Church ADOSC and to appoint David DeVane as church attorney. The motion to ratify was seconded by the Rev. Mary Ellen Doran and passed.

- Draft of Abstract Report of Standing Committee to Diocesan Convention. The report was presented and discussed. Mr. Kilgo made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and passed.
  - Safe Church Policy Manual updates - The following resolution was presented and discussed. WHEREAS: The Standing Committee agrees that certain revisions to the Child and Youth Protection Policy Manual (the “Manual”) should be adopted pursuant to Canon XXXV, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Manual be revised as follows:

1. Insert contact information to facilitate reporting to the SC Department of Social Services (pp. ii, 20, 22, and 57);
2. Insert the adoption and revision history of the Manual (p. ii);
3. Update the Table of Contents of the Manual (pp. iii – v);
4. Insert a section in the Manual regarding non-church affiliated interactions with children and youth to address comments from the Diocese’s insurance underwriter (p. 18);
5. Revise the Diocesan Office responsibilities section to clarify that the Diocesan Office conducts clergy and licensed minister screenings (p. 29); and
6. Insert the version number on the revised pages of the Manual.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Ms. Meekin, seconded by Rev Doran and passed.

- Camp Jubilee – The Rev. Ken Weldon and Mr. John Benson joined the meeting. A program and fundraising report of Camp Jubilee was presented. After discussion, Mr. Kunes made a motion to make an early principal payment of \$360,000 as soon as it was possible to receive confirmation from the bank that the early payment will satisfy the regularly scheduled principal payment in 2025 and that the early principal payment will reduce the next scheduled interest payment. Motion seconded by the Very Rev. Beson and passed unanimously.
- Trustee Settlement Funds - Settlement funds have been received to benefit St James, Blackville and Holy Cross, Sullivans Island for St. Thomas and St. Dennis.
  - The Very Rev. Beson made a motion to transfer the requested settlement funds to Holy Cross, Sullivans Island, upon the request of their Vestry. Motion seconded by the Rev. Shelton and passed.
  - Mr. Kunes made a motion to transfer the requested settlement funds to St. James, Blackville upon the request of their Vestry. Motion seconded by Mr. Jenkins and passed.

### **March 4, 2025**

- It was noted that the confirmation of approval of Convention Resolutions was made via Email poll.
- Camp Jubilee - Mr. Kunes made a motion to approve the eight managers as listed, seconded by Mr. Jenkins and passed. Mr. Kunes made a motion that the Chancellor be directed to prepare the operating agreement and form the LLC in the name of Camp Jubilee of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, LLC.
- Safe Church Policy Manual – Two additional changes have been requested. On page 16 concerning the use of tobacco and influence of drugs. The Rev. Shelton made a motion to change the language to read “prohibit the use of tobacco products, nicotine

and vaping devices and the influence of drugs and alcohol”, seconded by Mrs. Wiggins and passed.

### **March 14, 2025 – Special Meeting**

- Canonical Matters - Ordination Interviews: The postulants for candidacy for priesthood were introduced and interviewed. Both Kurt Walters and Alonzo Crawford were unanimously approved for Candidacy.
- The Very Rev. Beson made a motion that the President of the Standing Committee prepare a Presentment and provide it to the Chancellor in accordance with the Canons and furthermore that this action be kept confidential by the Standing Committee, motion seconded by Mr. Jenkins and passed.
- The Rev. Doran made a motion that upon the recommendation of the Chancellor, a Church Attorney be appointed for the prosecutions of the Presentment, seconded by the Rev. Clarkson and passed.

### **March 26, 2025 – Special Meeting**

- Election of Officers:
  - President: upon motion made by Mr. Bob Kunes and seconded by Mr. Bobby Kilgo, the Rev. David Booman was unanimously elected as President.
  - Vice President: upon motion made by the Rev. David Booman and seconded by Mrs. Shirley Wiggins, the Rev. Jeremy Shelton was unanimously elected as Vice President.
  - Secretary: upon motion made by Mr. Terry Jenkins and seconded by Mrs. Shirley Wiggins, Mr. Bob Kunes was unanimously elected as Secretary.
- Canonical Matters: Upon motion made by the Rev. Bill Clarkson, and seconded by the Rev. Jamie Sosnowski, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:
  - With regards to the Canon XXIX matter previously before the Standing Committee on March 14, 2025, the Standing Committee (i) determines that because of additional information presented to the Standing Committee by the Respondent on March 17, 2025, good and sufficient cause exists to extend the time for further review and final completion of the Report of the Church Attorney; and (ii) appoints Hal Frampton as the Church Attorney in place of David Devane to consider the information submitted by the Respondent, to complete any additional investigation deemed appropriate, to provide any revisions or supplement to the previous Report of the Church Attorney within 30 days, and to represent the Standing Committee in any further proceedings under Canon XXIX.

### **April 1, 2025**

- Camp Jubilee - The Rev. Ken Weldon and Mr. Jay Hamm gave a report on Camp Jubilee. They announced a one-million-dollar donation. It was discussed what the best use would be of it. A motion was by the Rev. Bill Clarkson and seconded by Mrs. Shirley Wiggins to use up to eight hundred thousand dollars to pay down the debt on the real estate. It passed unanimously. After additional information was received from Karen Rothenberger, Assistant Treasurer, motion was made by Terry Jenkins and seconded by Shirley Wiggins to allow all the entire \$1.0 million gift to be used to pay down the debt on the real estate. The motion passed unanimously. The motion was made by Shirley Wiggins and seconded by Bill Clarkson to appoint Mr. Terry Jenkins to the selection committee for the Camp

Jubilee Board to identify the contractor to work with on the Phase II construction budget. He was unanimously approved.

- The committee interviewed Tom Cannon, Zach Barton and Hunter Myers for the transitional diaconate. All were unanimously approved.

### **May 6, 2025**

- Financial matters - The Rev. Jeremy Shelton moved to grant the Diocesan Treasurer discretion to transfer to Vanguard Cash Reserves Federal Money Market Fund (within the Diocesan Janney Scott Montgomery account) such funds as the Treasurer may, from time to time, deem appropriate after consultation with Mrs. Karen Rothenberger, the Assistant Treasurer, and to withdraw such funds as the Treasurer may, from time to time, deem necessary. Mrs. Lindsay Dew seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.
- With regards to the Canon XXIX matter previously before the Standing Committee on March 14, 2025, the Standing Committee (i) determines that because of additional information presented to the Standing Committee by the Respondent on March 17, 2025 and for other reasons, that good and sufficient cause continues to exist to extend the time for further review and final completion of the Report of the Church Attorney; and (ii) acknowledges that Hal Frampton, who was previously appointed as Church Attorney for this matter, has reported to the Standing Committee on May 4, 2025 that he is no longer able to continue in his role as Church Attorney because of the time demands of his professional practice; and (iii) therefore requests that the Chancellor recommend to the Standing Committee an attorney to be retained as a replacement Church Attorney to complete the work of the Church Attorney as previously requested by the Standing Committee. The motion was seconded by The Rev. Mary Ellen Doran and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Bobby Kilgo moved that: the Standing Committee of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina unequivocally and wholeheartedly supports the vision of Bishop Edgar for the Diocese as the Bishop set out in his Bishop's Address given at the 2025 Diocesan Convention. The vision includes Christian Education, Prayer Book Worship, and Congregational Development. This vision is worthy to be shared with all congregations of the Diocese. The motion was seconded by the Rev. Mary Ellen Doran and unanimously passed.
- The next item on the Agenda was the approval of the disbursement of an additional \$100,000 payment on the note incurred in the Camp Jubilee purchase; Mr. Terry Jenkins made a motion to approve the disbursement and Mrs. Lindsay Dew seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

### **June 3, 2025**

- Ordination Interviews - The Rev. Jonathon Collins and the Rev. Aaron Schnupp were interviewed for ordination to the Priesthood. They were unanimously approved.
- Financial Matters - After discussion, upon motion made by Mr. Bobby Kilgo, and seconded by Mr. Terry Jenkins, the discussion about debt reduction was deferred until September when Mr. Wallace would be present with his recommendations.
- Mr. Kunes noted that, by email, the Standing Committee had unanimously adopted the following resolution: "With regards to the Canon XXIX matter previously before the Standing Committee on March 14, 2025, the Standing Committee accepts the recommendation of the Chancellor and hereby appoints Mr. Brandt Shelbourne as the replacement Church Attorney to complete the work of the Church Attorney as

previously requested by the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee also approves the Engagement Letter dated May 21, 2025 submitted by Mr. Shelbourne's law firm and authorizes the President of the Standing Committee to execute the Engagement Letter on its behalf."

- Mr. Kunes stated that he wanted the motion that Mr. Shelbourne be retained according to the terms of his engagement letter dated May 21, 2025 and signed by the President of the Standing Committee, be ratified as part of these minutes. Mr. Kunes' motion to ratify the hiring of Mr. Shelbourne was seconded by Mrs. Lindsay Dew, and unanimously approved by the Standing Committee.
- Regarding Church of the Atonement, Walterboro - Mr. Bobby Kilgo moved that the President of the Standing Committee is hereby authorized to execute any quit claim deed the Chancellor may recommend to transfer title to the Episcopal Church, or its designee. The Rev. Bill Clarkson seconded the motion, and the Standing Committee unanimously approved the motion.
- Mr. Bob Kunes advised that the Rev. Ken Weldon requested that Mr. Jan Malinowski be appointed as the ninth board member for Camp Jubilee to replace Mr. John Benson. Mr. Kunes reminded the Standing Committee that, before retiring, Mr. Malinowski had been the President of the Palmetto State Bank which had made the loan used to acquire the Camp Jubilee property. Upon motion made by Mr. Kunes and seconded by Mr. Terry Jenkins, the Standing Committee unanimously approved Mr. Jan Malinowski as the ninth Camp Jubilee Director.
- Following Executive Session, Mr. Bobby Kilgo then made the following Motion which was seconded by Mr. Ben Dixon:
  - After receiving the report of the Church Attorney, Mr. Brandt Shelbourne, and the proposed Superseding Presentment, the Standing Committee issues the attached Superseding Presentment and authorizes the President of the Standing Committee to sign the Superseding Presentment and directs the Chancellor to present the Superseding Presentment to the Trial Court.
  - The motion was unanimously approved by the Standing Committee.

### **July 1, 2025**

- The Rev. Cn. Jim Lewis and The Rev. Cn. Laura Bowman began a discussion of the Diocesan Safe Church Plan. It was suggested that the Rev. Lewis and the Rev. Bowman, working with the chancellors, complete the work presented on the update. It is expected there will be a final draft for the approval of the Standing Committee at its September meeting.
- Members of the Cathedral of St. Luke and Paul presented a plan to help finance the repair the church's portico. The Diocesan House is a lessee of the land under the building. The Cathedral is the lessor. The matter was referred the Chancellor and Mr. Bob Kunes for review.

### **August 5, 2025 – Special Meeting**

- Upon motion made by the Rev Jamie Sosnowski and seconded by the Rev. Corey Prescott, eight members of the Standing Committee voted to invite Mr. Alan Runyan to meet with the Standing Committee.
- Upon motion made by Mrs. Lindsay Dew the Standing Committee unanimously voted to ask the Rev. Corey Prescott to draft a letter to be circulated by email by Thursday and to be reviewed on Friday at the next Standing Committee meeting.

### **August 8, 2025**

- At the conclusion of discussion, the Standing Committee came out of Executive Session and approved the following motion:
  - To approve the letter to the clergy of the Diocese, as drafted by the Rev. Corey Prescott, and as amended today. The vote was (11) yes and (1) no.
- The meeting for conversation with Mr. Alan Runyan was confirmed for Tuesday, August 12 at 2:00 p.m., in the Diocesan Library.

### **August 12, 2025**

- The Chancellor, Mr. Ben Hagood, addressed the issue of the request by the Church of St. Luke and St. Paul, Radclifffboro for the Standing Committee to recommend to the Bishop that the Church of St. Luke and St. Paul, Radclifffboro be allowed and authorized to enter into a transaction to lease the historic church building to enable the Cathedral to reap benefits from available income tax credits. Upon motion made by the Rev Jamie Sosnowski and seconded by Mr. Terry Jenkins, the Standing Committee unanimously approved the following resolution:
  - The Standing Committee consents to the lease and encumbrance of the Church of St. Luke and St. Paul, Radclifffboro as part of a Historic Tax Credit transaction subject to the review and approval of the Lease and License by the Chancellor and recommends to Bishop Edgar that the Bishop approve such lease as required by the Diocesan Canons.

### **September 2, 2025**

- Johnny Wallace, Treasurer, joined the meeting: Mr. Wallace reported the Finance Committee recommendations for re-assignment of inactive accounts in Restricted Funds. Restricted funds reviewed by Finance Committee with resulting recommendation that 11 inactive funds be re-assigned to existing ministries most nearly matching the purposes of the inactive funds. Bishop Edgar requested that existing Christian Marriage Conference funds of \$481 and existing Marriage Ministry fund of \$5,000 be allocated to the Clergy Marriage Retreat Fund. Remaining recommendations of the Finance Committee were approved with motion by the Rev. Jamie Sosnowski; Seconded Mr. Terry Jenkins; and unanimously approved.
- Finance Committee recommends Proposal for \$50,000 in budget each year beginning 2026 for Bishop's residence debt reduction and will include in 2026 budget.
- Motion by Bobby Kilgo to acknowledge the resignation of the Rev. David Booman as Member and President of Standing Committee and to send letter to the Rev. David Booman thanking him for his service; seconded by Mrs. Shirley Wiggins; and unanimously approved.
- Motion by Mr. Bobby Kilgo to elect the Rev. Mary Ellen Doran as President of Standing Committee; seconded by Mr. Terry Jenkins; and unanimously approved.
- Mr. Ben Hagood reported that Life Resources was updating its By Laws and had requested formal "spiritual oversight" by the Diocese and by Bishop's appointment of Life Resources Chaplain. The Standing Committee took no action but requested the Chancellor to discuss matters further with Life Resources officers and report back in October.
- Church of Good Shepherd is borrowing funds for up to 5 years. The Standing Committee was asked to approve a loan of \$800,000 for property purchase with payoff in 5 years. Motion made by the Rev. Mary Ellen Doran and seconded by the

Rev. Bill Clarkson that Bishop Edgar, subject to Chancellor's approval, can approve Good Shepherd's loan secured by mortgage on the purchased property; unanimously approved.

- Camp Jubilee - Mr. Terry Jenkins made motion to approve 4 items identified in August 21, 2025 Camp Jubilee Board minutes with items 1, 2, and 4 from Camp Jubilee Development account and item 3 (\$7,000 for moving expenses) from Camp Jubilee Operating account. Lindsay Dew seconded; unanimously approved;
- The Rev. Jamie Sosnowski made the motion to send August 8, 2025 letter issued to ADOSC Clergy to every Standing Committee in the ACNA with an invitation to sign on to our call for an independent investigation as outlined in the August 8 letter. Second by Mr. Terry Jenkins and unanimously approved.
- The Rev. Jamie Sosnowski made the motion to send the August 8, 2025 letter issued to ADOSC Clergy to the Executive Committee of the ACNA. Seconded by Mrs. Shirley Wiggins; unanimously approved.

### **October 14, 2025**

- Financial matters – August and September Diocesan Financial Statements were distributed with no corrections unanimously approved.
- Request from the Rev. Jonathan Riddle, Bluffton to create a Diocesan fund was discussed. Following discussion, the Rev. Corey Prescott moved that the Bishop send a letter to the Rev. Jonathan Riddle denying request; seconded by Mrs. Shirley Wiggins and unanimously passed.
- Safe Church Policy – Policies for Protection of Adults. Mr. Bobby Kilgo made motion to receive the report as information at this time; seconded by Mrs. Shirley Wiggins and unanimously approved.
- Regarding Ruch trial proceedings – Confirmation of approval of letters to Executive Committee of ACNA and other Standing Committees of other ACNA Dioceses. Mr. Ben Hagood noted that the trial resumed on the 8th of October. Mr. Bobby Kilgo made motion to ratify the prior approval of communications to Executive Committee of ACNA and to other Standing Committees of other ACNA Dioceses within the Province. The Rev. Bill Clarkson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- Ordination Interviews – The Rev. Deborah Eident was interviewed for the Transitional Diaconate. After extensive interaction between The Rev. Deborah Eident and the Standing Committee, the Standing Committee unanimously approved her moving forward in Transitional Diaconate program.

### **October 29, 2025 – Special Meeting**

- Following Executive Session, the meeting was adjourned with no action taken.

### **November 4, 2025 – Special Meeting**

- After interview by Members of the Committee, Mr. Bob Kunes made motion to approve Camden Windham for Transitional Diaconate. The motion was unanimously passed.

### **November 13, 2025 – Special Meeting**

- Following meeting in Executive Session, the President noted that the Standing Committee will (1) meet with the clergy victims next week at the Diocesan Offices at 1:00 on November 18, 2025; (2) will prepare a letter to be sent to the entire Diocese

outlining the steps the Standing Committee has taken —and will take —to support both the victims who filed the Presentment and Bishop Edgar’s letter emailed today to the entire Diocese; (3) will prepare a letter to be sent to the College of Bishops of ACNA to support Bishop Edgar’s letter requesting action by ACNA

#### **November 18, 2025 – Special Meeting**

- The Rev. Mary Ellen Doran noted that the purpose of the meeting was to meet with the Rev. Hamilton Smith, the Rev. Drew Miller, the Rev. Rob Sturdy, and the Rev. Todd Simonis. After meeting in Executive Session, no action was taken.

#### **December 2, 2025**

- The Standing Committee returned out of Executive Committee after discussing the concerns the Standing Committee has requested the Bishop to communicate to the upcoming meeting of the College of Bishops.
- Information was provided by Bishop Edgar and Mr. Ben Hagood on the addition to the Safe Church Policy concerning adults. Changes were made and motion by the Rev. Bill Clarkson and seconded by Mrs. Lindsay Dew to adopt them as an addendum to the Safe Church Policy Manual was approved unanimously.
- The committee interviewed Alonzo Crawford for Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate. The motion was approved unanimously.
- The committee interviewed Zach Barton and Hunter Myers for the Ordination to the Priesthood. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **December 8, 2025 – Special Zoom Meeting**

- Upon motion made by the Rev. Corey Prescott and seconded by Mr. Terry Jenkins, the Standing Committee voted to ask the Diocesan Chancellor to organize a meeting of appropriate Diocesan officers and staff to clarify the current procedures for determining and modifying financial expenditures of the Diocese. The Officers and Staff are asked to provide a written report summarizing those conclusions.