

Standing Committee Meeting  
October 14, 2008  
Summary #14

The Standing Committee continues to address the concerns of the Diocese through the development of policy statements and guidelines. Action at the meeting on October 14, 2008, includes the identification of a group to begin to address a Diocesan Policy and recommendations for Sabbatical leave. Betsy Yost will work with The Rev. Carole McGowan and The Very Rev. Mark Goodman to develop a draft. Input from clergy and lay is welcome. Please email to: [byost9@msn.com](mailto:byost9@msn.com)

An additional working group has been formed to advise the Diocesan Deployment Officer on deployment matters. The group includes The Rev. David Luchenbach, The Rev. Brian Winter, The Very Rev. Jan Davey, and The Very Rev. Mark Goodman. The Standing Committee has also considered the value of Mutual Ministry Review and is considering the development of a cadre of people in the Diocese who are trained and will be available to respond to requests from clergy and/or congregations.

The Communications Committee reported a change in the Diocesan publication of "Together" to a newspaper format. A communication protocol has been established with the Search and Transition Teams to assure timely communication to all members of the Diocese concerning the essential work of these teams. Information will come from Karen Aubrey and The Rev. Tom Arrowsmith-Lowe for Search and Barbara Carey and The Rev. Ray Raney for Transition to The Very Rev. Mark Goodman, Diane Butler, and The Rev. Pete Falk.

The Standing Committee has appointed Bill Juvrud as the Texas Chancellor. In addition, the request to approve The Rev. Ken Semon as Rector of Church of the Holy Faith, Santa Fe, was approved. The President of the Standing Committee presented this information to the vestry at their meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2008.

The following policies have been adopted:

- Anti-Racism Training
- Filling of Clergy Vacancies

The meeting calendar for 2009 was reviewed. It was determined that the Standing Committee will continue to invite the Area Deans and the Dean of the Cathedral to attend meetings as appropriate. Following is the calendar:

Monday, January 12, 2009

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Monday, March 23, 2009

Thursday – Sunday, April 30 – May 3, 2009 in El Paso

Alternate dates – May 7-10, 2009

Monday, May 18, 2009

Monday, July 20, 2009  
Tuesday, August 18, 2009  
Monday, September 14, 2009  
Saturday, October 17, 2009 at the close of convocation in El Paso.  
Monday, November 9, 2009  
Tuesday, December 8, 2009.

The next meeting of the Standing Committee will be held on November 10, 2008. There will also be a short organizational meeting following the close of Convocation on Saturday, October 25, 2008.