

Standing Committee and Board of Trustees Meetings
Monday, July 20, 2009

Summary

At the July 20, 2009 meeting, the group met with the Deans in its roles as Standing Committee, Trustees of the Property and Ecclesiastical Authority. The following areas were addressed in the meeting.

The Reverend Robert Gross has been called as the priest-in-charge at Holy Spirit, El Paso. This item had been discussed at the June meeting and the action ratified at this time. The Reverend Thomas Lewis has been called as Priest in Charge for the yoked congregations of St. Mary's Church, Lovington, and St. Christopher's Church in Hobbs.

A candidacy interview was held during the meeting with Lin Lilley from St. Thomas of Canterbury. Her petition for candidacy was approved.

St. James Church in Clovis will be celebrating 100 years of ministry in the Clovis community. Celebration begins with an afternoon tea for the Feast of St. James the Apostle on Saturday, July 25. There will be 2 services on Sunday, July 26 with the Rt. Rev. William C. Frey as celebrant and preacher. Confirmation will also be celebrated at the 10:30 service. A congratulatory letter has been sent to The Rev. Ben Wright.

The communications Committee indicated that there has been a very positive response to the new web site. Further comments are invited. Please visit the web site at: <http://www.dioceserg.org>.

The School for Ministry has received three proposals from seminaries which will be considered by the Re-Visioning Committee. The next retreat for the seminarians will be the weekend of September 11-12.

The deputation to General Convention will report to the Diocese on Sunday, August 16, 2009 from 5 – 7 p.m. Further information will be sent to all churches and clergy to request questions that the deputation can address. The Communication Committee is working to provide electronic access for those who are unable to travel to the cathedral for this program.

Suzanne Foucault, consultant for the Search and Transition Teams, met with the Standing Committee and reviewed the next steps in the search process. The period for submission of applications for the bishop's position will close on July 25th. The initial subsequent step will be a review of the responses to the essay questions. This will be done in a manner so that the reviewers will not know the identity of the applicant whose responses they are reviewing. The process will continue with phone interviews, reference check, visits, and the gathering of other information on the applicants. Oxford background checks will be done. On January 18th, three to five nominees will be presented to the Standing Committee. If accepted by the Standing Committee the names of these candidates will be announced. At that time the process of nomination by petition will begin. Nominees by petition will also have requirements, such as

responding to the essay questions and the Oxford background check, as those nominated by the search process.

Convocation will be held in El Paso, Thursday, October 15 –Saturday, October 17, 2009. The deadline for nominations for elections to be held at that time is July 31, 2009. The forms are posted on the website.

The next meeting of the Standing Committee will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2009.