

**Standing Committee
The Diocese of Rhode Island
2021 Diocesan Convention Report**

November 17, 2020

- It was moved and passed to accept the Diocesan Revolving Loan Application of \$80,000 of Sts. Matthew and Mark Church.
- Bishop Knisely joined the meeting to discuss the question of approval of Diocesan Revolving Loan Application of \$136,605 of Old Narragansett Church. He shared a brief overview of the church dating from 1704, its use as a summer chapel, and its endowment to cover expenses. Due to questions about the amount of the requested loan a motion was made and passed to table this request.

December 15, 2020

- Approval of Diocesan Revolving Loan Application of \$46,000 to the Church of the Holy Spirit, Charlestown. A motion was made to approve, seconded and the motion passed.

January 19, 2021

- Two new Postulants, and review of Standing Committee's role in Ordination process:
 - John Candon, Postulant for the Priesthood (Church of the Holy Spirit): Approved
 - Andrea Hutnak, Postulant for the Diaconate (St. David's on the Hill): Approved
- Consent or Non-Consent of the election of a Bishop Diocesan for the Diocese of Chicago: Consent Approved 'individual' signing electronically
- Bylaws: Zabriskie Memorial Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Newport: Approved
- Bylaws Template Update: Approval: Making by-laws easy for vestries in the future.

February 16, 2021

- By laws Template: The term 'Rector' will replace 'Priest in Charge.' The term 'Congregation' will be replaced by the term 'Parish.' Dr. Rebecca Silliman volunteered to edit the By Laws Template.

March 16, 2021

- Diocesan Line of Credit: Dennis Burton, CFO: 4:20 p.m. A maximum loan amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 to provide a working capital line of credit

April 20, 2021

- Update for St. David's sale of Rectory (see attached documentation) Motion approved.
- Testimonial for the ordination on June 12th of George Hartwell Hylton (see documentation): Motion Approved.

- The Rev. Norman Macleod – transfer of canonical residency. (documents forthcoming) Priest in good standing. Lead Climate Justice.
- By laws – Becky Silliman giving it a final ‘look see.’ When parishes use the template, they should use the terminology.

May 18, 2021

- Bishop election consent forms from the Diocese of South Carolina, were distributed prior to the meeting, for their election of The Rev. Canon Ruth M. Woodliff-Stanley. No concerns were expressed by the committee. Motion to approve Olsen/Gilmartin. Vote to consent was unanimous.

June 15, 2021

- The Bishop’s extended time included 3 items for our discussion to be recorded in the minutes:
- Discussion of the four Cranston Episcopal Churches:
 1. Ascension Church (The Rev. Michael Coburn) has a Latino congregation and doing well.
 2. Transfiguration Church has a Latino congregation. Mr. Edward Lopes will be received by the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island as a priest. Mr. Lopes is engaged to be married.
 3. St. David’s on the Hill Church, The Rev. James recently sold their rectory.
 4. All Saints Church (The Rev. Alfred Zadig) in the Pontiac section of Cranston doing well.
 5. None of the Cranston churches are willing to merge.

July 20, 2021

- Consent to the election of a Bishop Diocesan:
The Rev. Dr. Ketlen A. Solak: Approved 4:11 pm
- Bylaws revision for Sts. Matthew and Mark: A revision suggestion. Several discrepancies were found.

August: No Meeting

September: No Meeting

October 19, 2021

- Discussion and vote on St. Mary’s East Providence, moving them to Special Mission status (from Mission status) as part of their winding down: Change to Specialized Mission: **Approved.**
- Consent to election of Bishop Diocesan, Upper South Carolina: **Approved**
- Consent to the election of a Bishop Diocesan – Iowa: **Approved**
- Bylaws revision for Sts. Matthew and Mark- **Approved**