

Report to 2023 Diocesan Convention: Diocese of Rhode Island Standing Committee Minutes

November 14, 2022

Standing Committee reviewed contract with Bonham's Church Services and documents pertaining to sale of a stained-glass window at St. Luke's in East Greenwich and requested two additional items needed for Standing Committee approval. Standing Committee encouraged St. Luke's to continue with their process.

The Rev. Susan Wrathall was elected to a one-year term as President of the Standing Committee. The Rev. Canon Liz Habecker was elected to a one-year term as secretary.

December 20, 2022

Standing Committee affirmed the bishop's appointment of Orville Forbes to complete David Olsen's term (one year remaining) on the Standing Committee

Approved St. Luke's Episcopal Church, East Greenwich, RI's Tiffany window project

Approved Trinity Church, Newport's revised by-laws pending two revisions

Bishop Election Consents: Columbia: The Rev. Pastor Elias Garcia Gárdenas; Diocese of Ohio: The Rev. Anne Jolly; Diocese of New York: The Rev. Matthew Foster Heyd.

Approval of the transfer of The Very Rev. Christopher Pappas to The Anglican Church of Canada.

January 17, 2023

Bishop Election Consent: Olympia: - Bishop Melissa Skelton as Bishop Provisional

February 28, 2023

Bishop Election Consents: New Jersey: The Rev. Sally French; Central Florida: The Rev. Justin S. Holcomb

March 21, 2023

Bishop Election Consent: David Reed as Bishop Coadjutor in West Texas

April 18, 2023

Standing Committee approved Andrea Hutnak to be ordained a Vocational Deacon

Bishop Election Consents: The Rev. Ann Ritonia elected to be the Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries; The Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent elected Bishop Coadjutor in the Diocese of Maryland

May 16, 2023

After much discussion, prayer and discernment over several months, Bishop Consent: Diocese of Florida, The Rev. Charlie Holt. The vote: 6 "yes" and 2 "no"

The SC agreed on the document presented outlining the process for approving the election of a bishop.

The congregation by-law revision process material will be sent out to every congregation along with a cover letter from President Wrathall.

June 20, 2023

A Candidacy Interview with Virginia Buckles was held, following which a motion for her acceptance for candidacy was approved.

July 18, 2023

Approved "Role of the Standing Committee and the process of approving the election of a bishop" in order to regularize the work of the Standing Committee.

Approved the ordination of Virginia Buckles to the Transitional Diaconate.

No meeting in August 2023