

119th Convention of the Episcopal Church in Utah
Report of the Standing Committee

Members

Mr. Kurt Cook, President

The Rev. Michael Carney, Vice President

The Rev. Daniela Lee, Secretary

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The Rev. Jason Samuel

The Rt. Rev. Phyllis Spiegel, 12th Bishop of Utah

The Rev. David Sakrison, Secretary to Convention, ex officio

Canon Stephen F. Hutchinson, Esq. (Canonical Advisor), ex officio

Ms. Angela Rogers, Assistant Secretary

Mandate (from Canon 13)

The Standing Committee shall act as the Bishop's council of advice; and when there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee is the ecclesiastical authority.

It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to give consent for the ordination and consecration of bishops in other dioceses.

It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee to give consent for ordinations within the Diocese in conformity with Canons III.6.6(c) and III.8.8.6(d) of the General Canons of The Episcopal Church as the same may be amended from time to time.

It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee, acting with the consent of the Bishop, unless there is no Bishop, to give consent for the encumbrance or alienation of all real property held or managed by the Diocese, Congregations, Institutions or the Corporation, to the extent authorized by Canon II.6 Sections 2 and 4, of the General Canons of The Episcopal Church, as they may be amended from time to time.

The elected members of the Standing Committee shall serve as members of the Board of Trustees of the Corporation of the Episcopal Church in Utah.

The Standing Committee shall report to the Council the anticipated distribution from the Perpetual Trust of St. Peter and St. Paul for the budget of the Diocese for the next year and report the same to the Convention.

The Standing Committee shall perform such other work as it may be directed to do by the Convention or the Bishop.

Action Items

The Standing Committee meets monthly to carry out its canonical responsibilities. In 2023 and 2024, we met each month in person and by Zoom.

On May 3, 2023, Cn. Stephen F. Hutchinson called the organizational meeting of the Standing Committee to order at 3:03 p.m., in Salt Lake City, Utah. A quorum was present. The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers and to set the date for the next meeting.

Action items include:

- Approved the annual Resolution of the Standing Committee
- Elected our Officers
- Approved minutes and agendas for regular and special meetings of the Board
- Approved Capital Fund Repairs/Loans for congregations
- Approved participation in funding a new Diocesan Finance Software System
- Consented to six Bishop Elections
- Approved the 118th Convention Journal
- Approved the revised Down Payment Assistance Policy previously known as the Equity Sharing Policy
- Approved Clergy Housing Allowances
- Consented to the Ordination to the Priesthood of The Rev. Ashely Gurling

- Consented and Approved Down Payment Assistance Agreements
- Endorsed and Supported the Creation and Implementation of a Property Maintenance and Repair Taskforce
- Supported President of the House of Deputies, Julia Ayala Harris
- Supported Bishop Spiegel's zero-tolerance stance on Sexual Misconduct
- Consented to the sale of property owned by St. Paul's Salt Lake City
- Approved to use the Map Dash Program once the new Canon to the Ordinary is hired
- Interviewed and recommended Ms. Deanna Anderson for admission to Candidacy
- Designated and identified Standing Committee funds for future ministry initiatives
- Approved renting the annex property located in Brigham City and utilizing a property management firm
- Finished the 2019 project to intentionally visit every congregation as of April 7th. The program was to have been completed in 12 months but due to COVID-19, it has taken almost 5 years.

The Mission Strategy of the Diocese

As the stewards of the legal framework of the diocese, we provide structural support for God's mission in our midst.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Kurt Cook
Standing Committee President