

## Report of the Standing Committee

Standing Committee, Official Acts, September 2008 through June 2009

### **September 2008**

Voted to provide its advice and consent to the Bishop for granting Stokes Loans to the following: Church of the Advent, Medfield; St. Luke's/San Lucas, Chelsea; All Saints, West Newbury; Trinity, Weymouth; Church of the Good Shepherd, Watertown.

Approved final version of revised by-laws for St. Peter's, Osterville.

Consented to the ordination of Charles Andrew Doyle as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Texas and Brian James Thom as Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Idaho

Voted to provide its advice and consent to the Bishop to permit St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, to encumber St. Anna's Chapel in the form of a preservation restriction agreement in order to qualify for Community Preservation Funds.

Approved admittance of Church of the Holy Spirit, Fall River into union with the Convention of the Diocese.

Voted to provide advice and consent to the Inter Parish Council, acting as the DBA for the Church of the Ascension, St. Mark's Church and St. John's/St. Stephen's Partnership, all of Fall River, to offer and sell the building named St. John's/ St. Stephen's Partnership, 711 Middle Street, Fall River and the building named St. Mark's Church, 125 Mason Road, Fall River.

### **October 2008**

Heard a report from the Interim Chief of Staff, Jim Gammill, on the provisions of Canon 18, Alienation or Encumbrance of Real Estate, and the plans for closing churches

### **November 2008**

Jon Strand, new President, welcomed new members Jo Barrett and Robin Preston. The Committee signed cards of thanks to Margaret Randle and Ramon Aymerich, past president and vice president respectively.

The Committee met at St. James's, Cambridge and received an explanation and tour of the church's proposed new redevelopment plans.

Voted to provide advice and consent to the Bishop to permit Grace Church, Medford, to encumber the church property in the form of a mortgage.

Appointed Jonathan B. (Dutch) Treat to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. Jon Strand on the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center Board.

Approved request for change of the canonical status from parish to mission for St. Andrew's Church, Belmont, approved its new by-laws and approved the sale of the property.

Voted to approve the ordinations to the Priesthood of: The Rev. Colette Bachand-Wood, The Rev. Malia Crawford, The Rev. Courtney Davis-Shoemaker, The Rev. Eric Hillegas, The Rev. Hall Kirkham, The Rev. Elizabeth Steinhauser, and The Rev. Patrick Ward.

Appointed Jonathan B. (Dutch) Treat to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. Jon Strand on the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center Board.

Consented to the ordination of The Rev. Herman Hollerith, IV, as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Southern Virginia.

### **December 2008**

Voted to grant St. Christopher's Church, Chatham's request to revise downward its current restriction on the amount of the 2004 Rectory sale proceeds to a \$400,000 level.

Approved revised by-laws of Church of the Advent, Medfield.

Approved revised by-laws of Trinity Church, Weymouth.

Voted to provide advice and consent to the Bishop for the granting of a Stokes Loan for Church of the Nativity, South Weymouth.

Approved a request for change of the canonical status from parish to mission for St. Matthew and the Redeemer, South Boston and approved its new by-laws.

Approved a request for change of the canonical status from parish to mission for St. Luke's Church, Malden and approved its new by-laws.

Consented to the election of a Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of Los Angeles.

### **January 2009**

Provided advice and consent to the Bishop to permit St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Edgartown to sell its rectory with several contingencies.

Consented to a lower price than it had previously approved for the sale of the buildings and property located at 711 Middle Street, Fall River, MA, with contingency due to market conditions.

Appointed a Property Advisory Subcommittee to advise the Standing Committee on property matters; the members are: Alice Krapf, Wayne Sharpe, Jeff Brown.

Consented to the remittance and termination of the suspension of a priest of the diocese.

Consented to the Ordination of J. Scott Mayer to as Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Northwest Texas.

Consented to the election of two Bishops Suffragan for the Diocese of Los Angeles.

### **February 2009**

Approved revised by-laws of Trinity Church, Topsfield.

Approved the following for Candidacy for Holy Orders: Michael Melendez, Edwin Johnson, Matt Venuti, Brent Was, Sarah Randall, Daniel MacDonald.

Approved one by-law revision for Grace Church, New Bedford with instructions to resubmit by-laws for total updating.

Approved the election of Officers and one Vestry Person for Christ Church (Old North) Boston.

### **March 2009**

Voted to authorize the sale of the rectory of St. Luke's Church, Malden and the property of the former Church of the Holy Trinity, Marlborough, setting minimum prices for each.

Approved a request for change of the canonical status from parish to mission for St. Luke's and St. Margaret's Church, Allston.

Voted to approve contract for the sale of the St. Matthew and the Redeemer, South Boston property.

### **April 2009**

Approved for Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate: Margaret Arnold, Kate Cress, Matthew Kruger, Kathleen Lonergan, Cristina Rathbone, and Victoria Pretti. Also approved Christiaan Beukman, Cynthia Pape, David Sullivan, for Ordination to the Diaconate..

Approved revised by-laws of St. James's Church, Cambridge.

Clerical members voted to accept the renunciation of Holy Orders by the Rev. John Potter.

Consented to Ordination and Consecration of The Rev. Thew Forrester as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Northern Michigan.

Voted to provide advice and consent to the Bishop to permit St. Elizabeth's Church, Sudbury to borrow from the Stokes Fund to pay off its existing loan, or, at the option of the Church, to modify the existing loan guarantee to accommodate the loan modification it has negotiated with the ECBF.

### **May 2009**

Voted to give permission to St. James's Church, Cambridge to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Oaktree Acorn LLC conditional on approval by the Standing Committee's Property Subcommittee.

Conditionally approved the revised by-laws of Grace Church, Medford, pending resolution of two issues.

Consented to the election of a Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of Springfield.

### **June 2009**

Provided advice and consent to the Bishop for granting Stokes Fund Loans to: All Saints Church, Stoneham, contingent on payment of past-due clergy pension contributions and receipt of a current audit; Trinity Church, Randolph, Grace Church, Vineyard Haven and St. James's Church, Groveland.

Consented to the remittance and termination of the suspension of a priest of the diocese.