

## Standing Committee Report to the 223<sup>rd</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention

At each Standing Committee Meeting, thanks to Mary Ann Rhoads who prints up the agenda, minutes, highlights and materials needed for the meeting, we begin with prayer for our Bishop, the clergy and leadership of our Diocese and for those who are sick and have died. The highlight of each meeting is Bishop Councill's Report sharing Deployment updates, comments and reflections on the state of the Diocese. We then do the work of the Standing Committee giving consents for Episcopal elections, interviewing people in the process toward ordination, and dealing with property matters of parishes in our Diocese concerning sales, purchases, etc. Our 2006-2007 actions and accomplishments include:

Consented: To the election of a Bishop Suffragan for the Diocese of Texas, the Diocese of Newark, and the Diocese of Connecticut, to the election of a Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of Southwest Florida, to the election of the Rev. Dr. Nathan Baxter as Bishop of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, the Rev. Mark Beckwith as Bishop of the Diocese of Newark, the Very Rev. Mark Joseph Lawrence as Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina, the Rev. Larry R. Benfield as Bishop of the Diocese of Arkansas, the Rev. John Crawford Bauerschmidt as Bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee, and the Rev. Canon Robert L. Fitzpatrick as Bishop of the Diocese of Hawaii.

Approved Jeff Hulet, Susan Richardson, and Debbie Brewin-Wilson for ordination to transitional diaconate and priesthood.

Approved Deacon Deborah Piggins, Deacon Jane Brady for ordination to priesthood.

Approved James Gowland, Sharon Sutton, Richard Wisniewski, Peter Carroll, Frank Castellon, and Joanna George as candidates to the diaconate.

Approved Deborah Cook, Lisa Caton, and Christopher Wendell, as candidates for priesthood.

Approved the sale of the Rectory for St. Andrew's, Mount Holly. Approved the request for a construction grant from the New Jersey Historic Trust for St. Stephen's, Beverly, and Christ Church, Shrewsbury

Approved the request for an easement for a capital grant from the State of New Jersey for St. Bernard's, Bernardville. Approved the sale of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Tuckerton. Approved Christ Church, Middletown's loan with Provident Bank to cover upfront construction costs associated with improvements to the original Christ Church building. Approved the sale of the property at 806 West State Street.

Approved the appointment of John Wood Goldsack, Esq. as Chancellor of the Diocese of New Jersey.

Accepted John Goldsack's resignation as a member of the Standing Committee. Elected Keith Jones, Esq. as a lay member of the Standing Committee Class of 2006.

Appointed Chuck Perfater as Property Manager for the Standing Committee. Appointed Mark Chattin as Secretary of the Standing Committee.

Raised the Christmas gift for widows, widowers, and orphans to \$200. from the Widows, Widowers and Orphans Fund.

Approved the 2007 Housing Allowance numbers for Diocesan House Clergy who are not provided housing.

The Standing Committee feels privileged to work with Bishop George Councill. We are fortunate to have his Episcopal leadership at this time in our Diocesan history and call to mission.