

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT  
TO THE 224<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of New Jersey held regular meetings during the past year. At the organizational meeting held on March 3, 2007, The Rev. Terrence W. Rosheuvel was elected President and The Rev. Mark H. Chattin was elected Secretary. Mr. Charles Perfater agreed to coordinate the real estate business for the Standing Committee.

In order to be submitted in time for Convention, this report reflects the actions of the Standing Committee from March 3, 2007 to January 24, 2008.

The following actions were taken:

Episcopal Elections, Ordinations and/or Consecrations of Bishops –

- Consented to the Ordination and Consecration of The Very Rev. Shannon S. Johnston as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Virginia.
- Consented to the Election of a Bishop Suffragan for the Diocese of Alabama.
- Consented to the Election of The Rev. Laura Ahrens as Bishop Suffragan for the Diocese of Connecticut.
- Affirmed the action taken by e-mail to consent to the Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Sean Walter Rowe as the eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania.
- Affirmed the action taken by e-mail to consent to the Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Dr. Gregory H. Rickel as Bishop of the Diocese of Olympia.
- Affirmed the action taken by e-mail to consent to the Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Edward Joseph Konieczny as Bishop of the Diocese of Oklahoma.
- Affirmed the action taken by e-mail to consent to the Election of a Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of Maine.
- Consented to the Ordination and Consecration of the Ven. Mary Gray-Reeves as Bishop of the Diocese of El Camino Real.
- Consented to the Ordination and Consecration of the Very Rev. Mark J. Lawrence as Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina.
- Consented to the Ordination of The Rev. John McKee Sloan as Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama.
- Consented to the Ordination of The Very Rev. Dan Thomas Edwards as Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Nevada.
- Consented to the Ordination of The Rev. Jeffrey D. Lee as Bishop of Chicago.
- Consented to the Election of a Bishop Suffragan for the Diocese of Dallas
- Consented to the Election of a Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of Puerto Rico
- Consented to the Ordination of The Rev. Canon Stephen Taylor Lane as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Maine.

Vocational Diaconate –

- Recommended Greg Ventura for ordination to the Vocational Diaconate.
- Recommended Rosemarie Broderick and Susan Cushinotto for candidacy to the vocational diaconate.

Priesthood –

- Approved the 2007 Financial Aid Awards.
- Recommended Lisa Caton, Deborah Cook and Christopher Wendell for ordination to the Transitional Diaconate and Ordination to the Priesthood.

- Recommended John Hartman, Matthew Tucker, Charlotte Wells, Justin Falciani, and James Brent Bates for candidacy.
- Recommended David Snyder to be received as a priest.

Property Matters –

- Approved the sale of Trinity Cathedral's property at 806 West State Street.
- Request of the Vicar of St. Mark's, Hammonton, to sell the vicarage was not approved
- Approved the contract between Ocean County and St. Stephen's Church, Whiting.
- Approved the lease for a nursery-day school at St. Luke's Church, Metuchen.
- Ratified the two leases for Trinity Church, Cranford, with the direction to come to Standing Committee the next time leases are negotiated.
- Approved the mortgage on St. John-on-the-Mountain, Bernardsville's church property to help fund renovations.

Church Classifications and Consolidations –

- Approved the consolidation of St. Paul's Church and Church of the Holy Comforter, Rahway.
- Approved St. James' Church, Edison's request to be reclassified as an Incorporated Mission.

Other Matters –

- Endorsed the efforts of Bishop Cancell in consultation with Bishop Matthews to begin the exploration for an Assisting/Assistant Bishop this summer and to report back at the September meeting.
- Concurred with the appointment of the Rt. Rev. Sylvestre D. Romero as Assisting Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey effective October 1, 2007.
- Approved the housing allowance for clergy employed at Diocesan House who are not provided housing.
- Consented to create the position of Assistant Bishop and seek the approval of Diocesan Convention in accordance with Title III, Canon 12, Section 5.
- Regarding the Widows, Widowers and Orphans Fund/Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, a subcommittee of the Standing Committee recommended continuing as in the past for 2007 and for Bishop Cancell to send a letter to clergy in 2008 about changes with the two funds. These changes will include: a transition to prioritize response to critical needs, development of a process for people outside the Diocese seeking help, and to share information about the funds as widely as possible.
- Approved the compensation package for Bishop Cancell for 2008 as proposed by the Finance & Budget Committee and approved by Diocesan Council.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Terrence W. Rosheuvel  
President