

Standing Committee 2025 Annual Report



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA

Current Elected Members

Term ending 2025

The Rev. Noelle York-Simmons
Christ Church, Alexandria

The Rev. Santiago Rodriguez
Grace Church, Alexandria

Mr. Thomas Beatty
St. Philip's, Richmond

Ms. Helen Penrod, President
Emmanuel, Harrisonburg

Term ending 2026

The Rev. Kristen Farrington
Christchurch School, Christchurch

The Rev. Weston Mathews
St. Francis, Great Falls

Ms. Susan Magill
Christ Church, Alexandria

Ms. Christine Crosby, Secretary
Grace Church, Alexandria

Term ending 2027

The Rev. Daniel Johnson
Christ Church, Spotsylvania

The Rev. John T. Thomas
Emmanuel, Greenwood

Ms. Lauren Breeden
The Falls Church, Falls Church

Ms. Margaret Jones
St. Mark's, Richmond

The Standing Committee consists of twelve members who serve, by canon law, as the Bishop's council of advice and makes decisions per the canons. Each year, two clergy and two lay members are elected by the Annual Convention to three-year terms. The Standing Committee meets monthly in Fredericksburg to perform its canonical tasks. Bishop Stevenson regularly participates in the meetings as a guest.

Approving Candidates for Ordination

The formation process for ordained ministry (priesthood and diaconate) is a vital function of the diocese. The Standing Committee interviewed ten postulants, approving their progression towards ordination. We thank The Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price, - Vocations Minister, the Committee on Priesthood, and the Committee on the Diaconate for their collaborative work in this formation process.

Approving Indebtedness Requests to Encumber or Sell Property

The Standing Committee is a steward of real estate transactions within the diocese. Working in conjunction with our Diocesan Treasurer, Ted Smith, the status of seven properties was reviewed and requests for their sale approved. Encumbrance requests for two properties were also reviewed and approved.

Consenting to the Election of Bishops in The Episcopal Church

The election of a bishop in any diocese of The Episcopal Church must be consented by a majority of all Standing Committees of the all the dioceses. Bishop election consents were given for the dioceses of West Texas, West Missouri, Cuba, and Dallas.

Serving as a Council of Advice for the Bishop

During each meeting, Bishop Stevenson shares news of efforts around the diocese to love Jesus, embody justice, and be disciples. Bishop Stevenson sought advice on organizational developments within the diocese and various emerging issues. The committee provided thoughtful insights from our diverse perspectives. We enjoy a mutually respectful working relationship with Bishop Stevenson which allows for forthright and productive conversations.

Work Group Appointments

The Standing Committee offered advice, consent, and nominations on appointments of Regional Deans, Disciplinary Board members, and Truth and Reparations Task Force restructuring and member composition.

The attached Official Acts of The Standing Committee provides an itemized list of all the actions taken by the committee in 2025.

Faithfully submitted on behalf of The Standing Committee,
Helen Penrod, President

OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

October 28, 2024, through October 9, 2025

Election of Standing Committee Officers	
President: Ms. Helen Penrod	11/7/2024
Secretary: Ms. Christine Crosby	11/7/2024
Consent to the Election of the following Bishops	
Bishop Suffragan, Rev. Angela Maria Cortiñas, Diocese of West Texas	12/5/2024
Bishop Elect Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux, Diocese of West Missouri	12/5/2024
Bishop Elect Rev. Angel Rivera, Diocese of Cuba.	4/3/2025
Bishop Coadjutor Rev. Robert Price, Diocese of Dallas	5/29/2025
Election of Collegiate Delegates	
Olivia Andres – VCU	10/9/2025
Jordan Tan – JMU	10/9/2025
Marvin Stearns - UMW	10/9/2025
Jackson Martinez, Peyton Rabb (alternate) – UVA	10/9/2025
Gabriel Dole - GMU	10/9/2025
Consent for Candidacy for Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests	
Jackson Davey	3/6/2025
Bart Natoli	3/6/2025
John Hager	7/2/2025
Joshua House	7/2/2025
Paige Trivett	7/2/2025
Emily Rutledge	9/4/2025
Consent for Candidacy for Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons, vocational	
Cabell Jones	12/5/2024
Stephanie Werner	12/5/2024
Melissa Carter	8/7/2025
Maureen Carey	8/7/2025
Consent for Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons, vocational	
Cabel Jones	3/6/2025
Stephanie Werner	3/6/2025
Judi Thomas	3/6/2025
Maureen Carey	10/9/2025
Consent for Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons, transitional	
Kara Laughlin	1/2/2025
Joy Warburton	1/2/2025
Kris Rose	1/2/2025
Ted Renaud	5/29/2025
Jackson Davey	5/29/2025
Bart Natoli	5/29/2025

Consent for Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests Rebecca Casey Caroline Mitchell Kara Laughlin Kris Rose Joy Warburton	12/5/2024 12/5/2024 8/7/2025 8/7/2025 8/7/2025
Consent for Encumbrance or Sale of Church Property Consent to encumbrance of easement for 665 N. Airport Road in Henrico County. Consent for sale of property at 5600 Cross Lane, Prince William County. Consent for sale of property (two parcels) at 96 Shelton Shop Road, Stafford County. Consent for sale of Omisol Rd., Ox Rd., Forest Lakes, Good Shepherd of the Hills, and St. John's properties. Consent to Request for Indebtedness by St. George's Fredericksburg for a loan for the Open to All in Love construction projects.	12/5/2024 3/6/2025 3/6/2025 9/4/2025 10/9/2025
Consent to Appointments of Regional Deans Rev. Jenettarose Greene, Arlington Region Rev. Susan Pinkerton, Acting Dean for Potomac Region Rev. Will Stanley, Central Richmond Region Rev. Jennifer Lazzuri, Charlottesville Region Rev. Megan Limburg, Northern Neck Region Rev. Peter Fraser-Morris, Southern Shenandoah Valley Region Rev. William Stafford Wittaker, Northern Neck Region	8/7/2025 9/4/2025 9/4/2025 9/4/2025 9/4/2025 9/4/2025 10/9/2025
Nominations for Disciplinary Board Lay: Marleen McCabe, David Meeker Clergy: Rev. Herbert Jones, Rev. Dina Widlake Clergy: Rev. Kristen Wickersham appointed to fill a partial term. Clergy: Rev. Susan Pinkerton, Rev. Kristen Wickersham Lay: Brian Carr, Trevor Cox	10/28/2024 10/28/2024 3/6/2025 9/4/2025 9/4/2025
Consent to Appointments for Truth and Reparations Task Force Consent to discharge Reparations Task Force and reorganize under Ministry for Racial Justice and Healing. Approved slate of nominees for restructured Truth and Reparations Task Force: John Chilton, Larry Clark, Connor Crafton-Tempel, Karen Franklin, Rev. Marlene Forrest (Chaplain), Rev. Anthony Gaboton, Jabriel Hassan, Thomas Howard, Rev. Dawn McNamara, Maria Pointdexter, Melanie Pressley, Pat Roane, Rev. Julius Rodriguez, Ryan Smith, Marco White (ad hoc), Rev. Kristen Farrington (Standing Committee member).	3/6/2025 8/7/2025
Other Canonically Required Consents (Accords, depositions etc.) Consent to release and removal from ordained ministry of Rev. Deacon Reginald Hayes. Consent to reunion of the Dioceses of Bethlehem and Central Pennsylvania. Consent to Letter of Agreement for second Assistant Bishop (Rt. Rev. Mark Bourlakis). Consent to Rt. Rev. Kevin Brown as Bishop of Record for a Title IV case.	12/5/2024 1/2/2025 2/6/2025 2/18/2025