

## Report to the Provincial Council of Province III

by the Rev. Nathaniel W. Pierce, clergy representative to Executive Council

The Executive Council met October 20-22, 2016 in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Here is a summary of the important actions taken:

- Authorized a senior secured bridge loan to St. Augustine's University in North Carolina of up to \$1 million secured by a deed of trust of its Meadowbrook Golf Course; \$500,000 be available immediately to St. Augustine's, additional \$500,000 be extended upon completion of due diligence to the satisfaction of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary treasurer, confirming the value of the property securing the loan (ECEC 005).

- Appointed Episcopal Church representatives to several ecumenical bodies as follows:

Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue in the USA -- the Rev. Dr. Michael Cover, John Kiess, the Rev. Amy E. Richter, Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, the Rev. C. Denise Yarbrough

Lutheran Episcopal Coordinating Committee -- the Rt. Rev. Douglas E. Sparks, the Rev. Niles Chittenden, the Rev. Nancy McGrath Green, the Rev. David W. Perry

Moravian Episcopal Coordinating Committee -- the Rev. T. Scott Allen, the Rev. Dale Grandfield

Presbyterian Episcopal Dialogue Committee -- the Rev. Elise B. Johnstone, Elizabeth M. Ring, Joseph G. Wolyniak

United Methodist Episcopal Dialogue Committee – Ms. Deirdre Good

### Advocacy and Networking for Mission

- Call on U.S. president, North Dakota governor, North Dakota U.S. senators and congressman, U.S. Department of Justice and Morton County Sheriff Department to make all necessary efforts possible to immediately de-escalate military and police provocation among the camp sites of peaceful protest and witness of the Dakota Access Pipeline Project near Standing Rock Sioux Reservation; commend the work of the dioceses of North Dakota and South Dakota for its supportive leadership of the Sioux Nation's response "to the corporate and governmental intrusion onto its sacred ground";

call on The Episcopal Church at all levels to prayerfully and financially support the planned winter encampment, which is the Sioux Nation's right for peaceful assembly and protest; commend ecumenical and interfaith partners, Episcopal dioceses that have offered support morally and financially, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council and its chairman for prayerful and nonviolent presence, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and its council, the primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, presiding bishop and his staff for their ministry of presence (AN018).

- Affirm support of Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in September 2015; pledge to continue support of and action towards the goals of eradicating poverty and fostering sustainable development by 2030 (AN020).

#### Advocacy and Networking for Mission and Finances for Mission

- Direct treasurer to refile shareholder resolution on board diversity prior to May 2017 with CACI International, a major provider of information solutions and services in support of security missions and government transformation, which has no women on its board of directors, as presented by the Executive Council Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility (AN-FFM009 revised).
- Direct treasurer to refile shareholder resolution on requesting that Chevron Corp. report quantitative indicators on all shale plays where it is operating, as presented by the Executive Council Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility (AN-FFM010 revised).

#### Governance and Administration for Mission

- Request the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, in order to assure the integrity of those nominated for election to fiduciary positions within the Episcopal Church, including Executive Council and trustees of the Church Pension Fund, to screen potential nominees by asking them to respond to questions about potentially disqualifying conduct, to verify such information through appropriate public records checks, and to take such information into account in determining whether or not a person should be nominated; such conduct would include conviction of any crime (other than minor traffic or juvenile offenses), conviction of driving while intoxicated or driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, findings by a court or professional disciplinary body that the nominee violated ethical or fiduciary standards of conduct applicable to their profession, findings by a court or agency that the nominee violated federal or state securities laws, including consent agreements based on such allegations, any order (including by consent) barring the nominee from practice before any state or federal agency, any protective or restraining order against the nominee to prevent abuse of another person, registration as a sex offender, any pending unresolved legal or disciplinary action; request Joint Standing Commission on Structure, Governance and Constitution and Canons to prepare and propose appropriate amendments to the canons, joint rules of order and rules of order of the House of Deputies and House of Bishops to require appropriate screening of potential nominees for Executive Council and trustees for the Church Pension Fund prior to their nomination whether the election is by General Convention, a province, or to fill a vacancy to assure the integrity of such potential nominees to serve in a fiduciary capacity (GAM007) .

#### Local Mission and Ministry

- Approve grants recommended by the D005 Advisory Group on Church Planting and approved for funding by the Joint Standing Committee on Local Ministry and Mission: 4 Saints' Food Pantry, Diocese of Fort Worth, \$20,000, and **Slate Project, Baltimore, Diocese of Maryland, \$75,000 (LMM005)**. <http://www.slateproject.org/>

#### World Mission

- Authorize Episcopal Migration Ministries, in coordination with the presiding officers, and the Development Office, to develop a fundraising plan that includes solicitation of donations both in cash and/or in-kind, grants and other sources, and to develop a presentation of project proposal to grant makers that will not conflict with other church or mission goals and priorities; as Episcopal Migration Ministries diversifies funding beyond governmental contractual dollars to follow procedure and protocol according to FFM 067 (Oct 27, 2014) for accounting and accountability per guidelines outlined for entities within the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (WM011).