Provincial Council Agenda

November 8, 2021

Zoom

The Council was called to order at 10:00 am.

Attendees Present:

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| **First Name** | **Last Name** |
| **The Rev. T.** | Allen |
| **Russ** | Randle |
| **Michael** | Wood |
| **Jane** | Morgan |
| **Pamela** | Cochran |
| **Audrey** | Scanlan |
| **Ramelle** | McCall |
| **Susan** | Bentley |
| **Sue** | von Rautenkranz |
| **Patricia** | Downing |
| **Chris** | Streeter |
| **Mark Delcuze** |  |
| **Judith** | Gregory |
| **Jon** | Delano |
| **Ellyn{Lyn}** | Crawford |
| **Philip** | Steptoe |
| **Lisa** | Brown |
| **Christopher** | Hart |
| **Steven** | Jones |
| **The Rev. Canon Chris** | McCloud |
| **Gerry Perez--Washington** |  |
| **Linda** | Watkins |
| **Cathy** | Bailey |
| **Scott** | Slater |
| **marygarner** |  |
| **Eddie** | Vance |
| **Gerry** | Perez |
| **Bishop** | Klusmeyer |
| **Nathaniel** | Pierce |
| **Kevin** | Nichole |
| **Geoffrey** | Wild |
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| **Russell** | Bishop |
| **Barbara** | Ambrose |
| **Carrie A Brown MD Deputy G C** |  |
| **VERONICA** | CHAPPELL |
| **Ruth** | Elder |

Morning Prayer was led by Canon Judith Gregory

The Right Reverend Mike Klusmeyer presiding, called for acceptance of Meeting Norms and Agenda, and review of the 2020 Minutes

Ministry Updates/Announcements followed.

Racial Justice, Reconciliation, & Anti-Racism - The Rev. Canon Chris McCloud

Canon McCloud reported that three coordinators had three meetings planned: December 7, 2021; March 9, 2022; and at General Convention in July. In addition, the Racial Justice, Reconciliation and Anti- Racism Ministry invites everyone to join in a discussion The Very Reverend Dr. Kelly Brown Douglass about her latest book. The discussion, via Zoom, will take place on March 9, 2022 from 6 to 7:30pm. Registration information will be available in early 2022,

Environmental Stewardship

Mr. Steven Jones

This program was initiated in response to a 2018 Resolution.

Please see report linked here.



Diocese of Central Pennsylvania (CPA) Shaped by Faith Initiative

The Rev. Canon Chris Streeter and Bishop Audrey Scanlon

CPA’s Shaped by Faith is a three-part initiative to create a Diocese best shaped to serve God’s mission in Central Pennsylvania. It has been in place for about eighteen months. Congregations came together to intensely scrutinize three aspects of their work as communities of faith, Identity, Mission, and Design. Using both funds from a Constable Grant and the Diocese, and with the full support of Diocesan staff devoted to the initiative, the program is now in the Implementation phase. In response to a question, the leaders were pleased to report that they intend and expect that this program can be replicated in other dioceses and provinces. They look forward to supporting such efforts.

Please see report linked here.



Latino Deacons School

The Ven. L. Sue von Rautenkranz

Several times throughout the Council Meeting, this initiative was cited for being an excellent example of a Province-supported program with the potential for being replicated throughout the Wider Church.

Reverend Rautenkranz emphasized that the program currently has 30 participants and are seeking 15 more. Further, she announced the ordination of the first 3 Spanish-speaking candidates in 2022. In addition, she stated that academic formation modules will be available to the Province. Next class begins in January 2022.

Please see report linked here.



Note: *At this point in the proceedings, the Reverend Nathaniel Pierce noted that the Diocese of Puerto Rico is hoping to move from Province 9 and is probably going to Province 2.*

General Convention Update

The Rev. Canon Scott Slater

Canon Slater reported the following:

* + Caroline Baumgartner is the Coordinator in the Diocese of Maryland for Volunteers
  + GC will need at least 1000 volunteers
  + People may volunteer for a single day, multiple days, and if multiple days may help with the same task or do different tasks.
  + A website for volunteers is planned early next year that will contain information on transportation and parking
  + Once critical area to be staffed is Registration - seeking people with language proficiency (especially Spanish)
  + Public Safety is another critical area
  + Tech support, especially for iPads
  + Supervisors of volunteers will offer training daily
  + July 9 in the will be the Revival – all are invited
  + A website for volunteer registration and information will be available mid-February 2022

Mr. Remell McCall added that:

* + Monday night will be Maryland Night for Maryland attendees
  + Friday night will be Province III Night

At this time, Mr. Randy Bishop of the Diocese of Southwest Virginia asked for a moment to honor the life and work of Mrs. Alice Webley Harris. She passed away in July. Mrs. Pam Cochran added that she Mrs. Webley had been enormously dedicated and involved in the work of Province III.

Bishop Klusmeyer led prayers for Ms. Webley.

11:30 Nominating Committee Report The Right Reverend Mike Klusmeyer

For Synod in May a report of the Nominating Committee must be made 20 days in advance of the meeting. Therefore, committee members will begin making calls in the next 24 hours to identify candidates the offices of Provincial President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Lay Rep. to

Executive Council

Current Lay Representative, Mr. Russ Randle stated that no nominations from the floor may be made for Representative to the Executive Council. The person(s) nominated also must be from Dioceses in good financial standing. (At the time of Council, 2 dioceses were not in good standing, Southwest Virginia and Washington.)

Treasurer’s Report

Canon Judith Gregory

* 2021 Balance Sheet as of 10.31.2021
* 2021 Rev & Exp Budget and Actual as of 10.31.2021
* 2022 Apportionment Schedule
* 2022 Proposed Budget

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# 2021 Balance Sheet as of 10.31.21:

We are still holding onto the Prepaid Expense of $3,100 which is the deposit return from Chanco coupled with the deposit for the Maritime Conference Center. We hope to utilize the $1,500 from Chanco in 2021. If not, we hope to ask for a refund.

# 2021 Revenue and Expense Budget and Actual as of 10.31.2021:

* I expect the year will end on a positive note (please see #5 below).
* All the dioceses have paid their full apportionments but Washington and SWVA. Each diocese has been contacted stating the ramifications of not paying in full.
* $5,000 of support to the Diocese of Central PA for the Shaped by Faith ministry was approved by Executive Council. Given that budgeted programs were not taking place, this was granted since the cash was available to support this ministry.
* There are a few budgeted revenue and expenses that will not appear before year-end, predominately due to meetings not held in person:
  + Synod registration and expense for 2021
  + Council registration and expense for 2021
  + General convention and most travel expenses
  + Title IV Training
  + Peace and Justice
  + Congregational Development

# 2022 Apportionment Schedule:

* Due to some of the Prov. III dioceses not submitting their 2020 Diocesan Reports by September 1, 2021, some apportionments are based on the 2019 report. These are noted by a (\*\*) after the diocesan name. As the numbers become available, the budget for 2022 will be adjusted.
* I have budgeted the same $9800 for Synod Registration and Expense for 2022.
* I have put back in the $5,000 for General Convention and travel expenses.
* I have included a 3% COLA for 2022.
* Budgets for Care of the Environment, Congregational Development and Youth Formation prepared budgets to the coordinator.
* This results in a small positive bottom line prior to receipt of the remaining diocesan reports.

# 2023 Apportionment Rate:

Executive Council supports maintaining the apportionment rate into 2023, .0035.

Please see the budget here.



Motion – Recommend the Proposed Budget for 2022 to the Synod

The Reverend Nathaniel Pierce moved, and Mr. Chris Hart seconded a motion that the Proposed Budget for 2022, as amended, be recommended for final action by the Synod in May, 2022.

Budget Discussion

Members wondered whether there was an opportunity to invest cash held for future events. Would CDs with staggered maturity dates be an option? At the same time it was pointed out that interest rates are so low that leaving the cash where it is would likely be most practical.

Members noted that no funds were designated for The Opioid Task Force, the Peace and Justice Ministry, and Title IV Training.

Provincial Coordinator Dr. Pamela Cochran reported that each Ministry had been asked to submit budget requests and those three areas had not asked for funds.

Dr. Cochran further explained that Covid had impacted the planning of in-person Title IV Training. Funds could be requested in the event the in-person trainings resumed.

Bishop Klusmeyer reported that a number of the members of the Province III Task Force had joined the DFMS Task Force which was funding their work. Prior to this change, their work in the Province had been funded by a Constable Grant.

Treasurer Gregory asked whether funds should be inserted as place holders. Dr. Cochran and several members remarked that using placeholders had been common practice for a number of years but that the budget had not been realized, resulting in large surpluses. In recent years funds for the ministries were being funded by the surplus. The result was new programming that was accomplishing the goal of serving the Dioceses of the Province with events, opportunities, the sharing of best practices and creation of offerings, e.g. The Deacon’s School, that could be replicated.

Mrs. Linda Watkins expressed concern about the apparent lack of a clear charge for the Peace and Justice Ministry. Canon Chris Streeter and Mr. Jones commented that there was significant overlap between the Racial Reconciliation, Environmental Stewardship, and Peace and Justice Ministries. They agreed to meet with Mrs. Watkins to identify possibilities for clarity of mission and collaboration. After these comments there was consensus that there should be an in-person Ministry Coordinators’ meeting as soon as it was safe to do so.

Motion – Add $3,000 to New Ministries

Lay Representative to the Executive Council Russ Randle moved that $3,000 of the undesignated funds be added to New Ministries and reallocated to other areas, if necessary. The motion was Seconded by Mr. Ramelle McCall. Following discussion, during which multiple members endorsed the suggestion of bringing all the Ministry Coordinators together for a meeting, the motion was adopted.

The Motion to adopt the budget as amended was adopted.

Reports from the Executive Committee

Report by Russ Randle

Province III Lay Representative to Executive Council

Please see the report here.



Report of The Reverend Patricia Downing.

Province III Clergy Representative on Executive Council



Presidential Remarks

The Right Reverend Mike Klusmeyer

Bishop Klusmeyer spoke of how much had been accomplished despite the Covid Pandemic. He made special mention of the work of the Opioid Task Force which had been led by Carl Calder, now Chief of Police Huntington, West Virginia

He acknowledged the pent-up demand to do many more things in and for the Province.

The Bishop concluded by thanking all the members and officers of the Council and offered special thanks to Dr. Cochran for all she has done to move the Province so far and so well in such a brief period of time.

Vice-Presidential Remarks

The Reverend Nathaniel Pierce

The Reverend Nathaniel Pierce spoke in detail about the value of the Blue Book, the publication produced prior to each General Convention. It is in 3 volumes and more than 1,200 pages filled with information and task force reports that reflect the depth and breadth of the ministry of the DFMS. It also contains the resolutions being proposed at the coming General Convention. The book is continuously updated.

He especially made note of Resolution A-030. It recommends for the next Triennium that there be a Task Force on Pacifism and Just War Traditions

Provincial Coordinator’s Report

Dr. Pamela Cochran

Dr. Cochran reported that despite the pandemic, there had been a full year of ministry in the Province. In fact, the impact of the pandemic had created incentives to find new ways to do ministries.

The reconstituted leadership of Anti-Racism/Social Justice Ministry was especially recognized for the wide participation in its group book discussion of How to Be an Anti-Racist by Ibram X Kendi. The Q and A session, moderated by Canon McCloud, had even greater participation.

Formation and Youth now has an effective leadership team. They hold monthly “deep dive” meetings. The sessions have included a discussion of retreat planning during Covid and guest speaker and President of the House of Deputies whose focus was “What is General Convention” (an expert description of how our Church is constituted). Soon they will hear from a professor who will help them examine trauma to themselves and others with a goal of helping them to serve those who have been so impacted. Together with representatives from 7 dioceses in our Province they are planning the next “Trail to Truth” event, a racial reconciliation program, for April 2022. Further, the Formation and Youth ministry, with the assistance of an intern, has established a greatly enhanced website containing wide-ranging resources focused on all aspects of formation.

The work of the Opioid Task Force and Ally Training received rave reviews. They were supported by a Constable Grant.

The Resolutions Committee is at work. More about that in just a few minutes from The Rev. Pierce.

Title VI Training and support are available online

The Province’s own website has been enhanced and now includes event announcements, registration capability and resources. Please note that A Congregation Development Day, in-person, is planned for April 12.

Note: Pam, I don’t think I have everything you would like here.

Resolutions

The Rev. Nathaniel Pierce

Rev. Pierce moved that the province vote on the following proposed resolution to restore funding in

support of the Provinces. We will forward this to Canon Barlowe and PB&F. We are asking Council to vote based on ordinance 5, section 2b; if needed between meetings of Synod. No second was required.



Stronger Provincial ministries = stronger Provinces = a stronger TEC

The Resolution was adopted.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 2:30 pm with the thanks of

President Klusmeyer