

Standing Committee Update to Executive Council

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Membership:

The Rev. Curt Norman (St. Luke's, S'ville), President – Term expires November 2015
Norm Snyder (Good Shepherd, Granbury), Secretary – Term expires November 2015
The Rev. Carlye Hughes (Trinity, FW) – Term expires November 2016
Mollee Westfall (All Saints, FW) – Term expires November 2016
The Rev. Amy Haynie (EC in Wichita Falls) – Term expires November 2017
Joel Walker (St. Martin , Keller) – Term expires November 2017
Elinor Normand (Trinity, FW) – Clerk

Meetings:

First Mondays of each month at 3pm at Trinity – Fort Worth

Previous meetings: 12/1/15 and 1/5/15

Business Matters:

- In consultation with Bishop High, the Standing Committee appointed members to Task Force on Assessments as mandated by 2014 diocesan convention
- The Standing Committee has given consent to the election of Bishop Mitchell Reed in the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas
- The Standing Committee has given consent to the ordination to priesthood of Deacon Tony Hiatt (vote taken by email, ratification to take place at 2/2/15 meeting)
- The Standing Committee is at the beginning stages of conversations with the Episcopal Diocese of Texas in regards to resolution passed at the diocesan convention for joint ministry initiatives. Items under discussion include but are not limited to: administrative functions, church insurance/pension, church planting, congregational development, clergy continuing education / clergy conference, leadership training for vestries, Standing Committee, Executive Council, et. al., educational opportunities through Iona School for Ministry, summer camps, renewal programs. First face-to-face meeting with Diocese of Texas was on 12/16/14 in Houston.
- The Standing Committee has begun conversations with Bishop Clayton Matthews in the Presiding Bishop's office in regards to persons and models for provisional episcopacy following the end of Bishop High's tenure in November 2015. While it is too early to comment on any of the options, the Standing Committee is quite pleased with the available options.