STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING March 18, 2019  
The Episcopal Diocese of Lexington

Present:
Cindy McMurry, Amy Dafler Meaux, Tom Pope, Keila Thomas, Jim Trimble, Bishop Van Koevering

Meeting Called to Order at 10:10am.

Officer Elections (by acclamation):
President: The Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux  
Vice-President: The Rev. Keila Thomas  
Secretary: The Rev. Jim Trimble

Minutes from January and February 2019: Approved  
Will send to the Rev. Karen Booth

Discussion of the Role of Standing Committee:
- We can work right now on forming a new diocesan culture, not having to wait
- Exciting time in regards to non-traditional bishop selection/election
- The role of the SC is to support the bishop; Council of Advice; assist with episcopal consents; assist with those in the diocesan ordination process; property issues of churches
- A dream that every Episcopalian could serve on a SC – intimate and personal
- Parish visits by SC and EC members is affirming – hoping it becomes the norm.

Episcopal Election Consents:
Northern California, Bishop Diocesan (The Rev. Megan Traquair): Approved  
San Diego, Bishop Diocesan (The Rev. Canon Susan Snook): Approved  
Maine, Bishop Diocesan (The Rev. Thomas Brown): Approved  
Texas, Bishop Suffragan (The Rev. Canon Kathryn Ryan): Approved

Bishop’s Reflections:
Bishop Van Koevering offered thoughts on:
- the ‘Core Value’ exercises at Diocesan Convention, and that the Envisioning Team went through the same exercise. He mentioned The Landscape and Convention Goals: discipleship, community presence, evangelism.
- The challenges of ‘how do we lead change? How do we get there?’
- A Mission Action Plan: to capture the life of a faith community, not just the size. Changing on how we report this.
- Lambeth Invitation of same-sex spouses discussion
Mutual Ministry Review discussion:
- The Presiding Bishop has no dates set aside
- Purpose: Is this life-giving for us? Are we ready to elect a bishop?
- The results of Pre-Convention hearings can be used in this new process – working towards a long-term relationship. Using a combination of visits and evaluative questions. It’s important to acknowledge the value of each person’s thoughts and voice.
- Focus needs to be more on discernment, rather than goals or accomplishments.

Draft Timeline:
1. Mid-June: ready to post ‘Visit Agenda’
2. Late June: ready for visits
3. Mid-July to Mid-August: visits
4. Mid-August: work done
5. October 2, 2019: End Date

Next Meeting: Monday, April 29 at 10:00am: Mission House in Lexington

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Jim Trimble