STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, September 14, 2020

Present: Jim+, Keila+, Carolyn, +Mark, Tom. Absent: Lucinda

Opening Prayer – Jim+

Check-In by members

Bishop’s Notes:
- Learning about and exploring the diocesan budget as many faith communities might appeal the yearly assessment. Also, fixed a snag in the diocesan audit. Pledge giving has remained steady for most; plate giving has affected larger congregations more.
- Online Formation offerings are out there for folks – not only for our parishioners, but new folks who we’ve met online. Two start this month, and another, in Advent.
- Renewal Works has started in the diocese, with a 5-member cohort starting this month. Other start-dates are January and September 2021. This focuses on our spiritual foundations, and to stop and listen to God - a ministry of Forward Movement.
- A task force will be formed on Creation Care, led by Dr. Tom Kimmerer.
- House of Bishops will meet virtually and focus on Liturgy.
- 14 faith communities have submitted plans for A Way Forward and have been accepted. Peer review of proposals will change – the bishop can approve plans without this step.
- No requests have been received for bishop consents recently.

Closing Prayer - +Mark