

Report of the Standing Committee  
Of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York  
November 9, 2019 - November 5, 2020

The Standing Committee of the Diocese is authorized by the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church as well as by the Canons of the Diocese of Central New York. It is composed of four clerical members and four lay members, one of who in each order is elected by Diocesan Convention for a four year term. The 2019-2020 members of the Committee are by class:

Class of 2020	The Rev. Dan Handschy	Ms. Felicity Hallanan
Class of 2021	The Rev. Brooks Cato	Ms. Beth Hallinan
Class of 2022	The Rev. Jennifer Kenna	Ms. Charlie Fix
Class of 2023	The Rev. J. Brad Benson	Ms. Cynthia Adamowsky

The Committee met November 9, 2019 immediately following Diocesan Convention and elected the Rev. Brooks Cato as President, Ms. Felicity Hallanan as Secretary, and Ms. Cynthia Adamowsky as Representative to the Board.

The Standing Committee most often executed the regular duties of episcopal consents, Commission on Ministry consents, and property matters and served as a council of advice to the Bishop. Given recent trends in The Episcopal Church due in large part to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Standing Committee has consented to fewer Episcopal elections than in recent years. Property concerns have been addressed, though also not to the degree required in previous years.

All Church property is held in trust by the Diocese. Consequently most property transactions (placing property on the market to sell, selling property, mortgages, property leases of five years or more) must be approved by the Standing Committee. The necessary procedures and forms may be found on the Diocesan website under “Resources,” then “Congregations,” then “Church Property,” then download the appropriate forms or information. Contact information is also found on the Diocesan website, the side bar on “Church Property” will lead you there and inquiries are always welcome. The forms for these various transactions must be completed and submitted to the Standing Committee at least **two weeks** prior to a meeting of the Standing Committee, so that all members may have time to carefully review the materials before the meeting. Parish representatives may personally present their case to the Committee, but completely prepared and legible paperwork is required because the paperwork becomes part of the materials submitted to the NYS Supreme Court. The NYS Supreme Court and the Attorney General’s Office require legible paperwork, typed or printed neatly in ink.

The Standing Committee met on the following dates during 2018-2019:

November 9, 2019	June 10-11; 29; 30, 2020 (via email)
January 21, 2020	August 18, 2020 (via email)
March 17, 2020 (via Zoom)	September 22, 2020 (via Zoom)
May 19, 2020 (via Zoom)	

The following are the “official actions” of the Standing Committee 2019-2020 by category:

Episcopal Consents

Consented to the election of the Rev. Lennon Yuan-Rung Chang to be Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Taiwan  
Consented to the election of the Rev. Susan B. Haynes to be Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Southern Virginia

Consented to the election of the Rev. Deon Kevin Johnson to be Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Missouri

Consented to the election of the Rev. Frank S. Logue to be Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Georgia

Consented to the election of the Rev. Mark Allen Van Koevering as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Lexington

Consented to the election of the Rev. Glenda S. Curry as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Alabama

Consented to the election of the Rev. Poulsen C. Reed as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Oklahoma

Consented to the election of the Rev. Craig Loya as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Minnesota

Commission on Ministry

Recommended ordination to the priesthood for the Rev. Shelly Banner

Property

Consented to the sale of the church and rectory at St. Mark's, Clark Mills

Consented to the sale of the church and rectory at St. John's, Whitesboro

Consented to the sale of the rectory at Grace Church, Syracuse

Other

Consented to the closure of Grace Church, Waverly

Faithfully Submitted,

The Rev. Brooks Cato,  
President of the Standing Committee