# The Diocesan Council

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan



# April 9, 2016 Meeting by Conference Call APPROVED Minutes

Council Members Present: Bishop Wendell N. Gibbs, Rae Lee Baxter, Lynda Carter, Don Dersnah, Claudia Hamlin, Clare Hickman, Deon Johnson, Traci Johnson, Karen Lewis, Rob Matras, Joyce Matthews, Christopher Moran, Joyce Munro, Juan Perez, Jenny Ritter, Rob Sherry, Geoffrey Smereck, Bill Stech, Felicity Thompson, Edie Wakevainen (Secretary), Mark Miliotto (Treasurer)

**Council Members Absent**: Andy Anyanonu (excused), Victoria Behnke (excused), Bruce Cann (excused), Steve Chisholm (excused), Brian Johnson (excused), Linda Shafer (excused)

**Diocesan Staff:** Rick Schulte (Director of Diocesan Communications), Jo Ann Hardy (Canon Administrator)

10:00 – Prayer led by Bishop Gibbs

Roll Call

**Acceptance of Agenda** – Modified due to weather-related conference call. Reports not including action items were postponed.

# **Approval of Minutes from March 5, 2016**

Motion was made and properly seconded to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed.

## **Property Action Item**

Canon Hardy presented one action item:

Property of St. Anne's, Walled Lake: The congregation has done a beautiful job caring for this property. Recommendation that the property of St. Anne's, Walled Lake (church and rectory) be appraised and marketed for sale. *A motion to this effect was made and properly seconded. Motion passed.* 

## **Finance Report**

Mark Miliotto presented current financial reports for review and acceptance.

A motion was made and properly seconded to receive the Treasurer's report and file for audit. Motion passed.

Bishop Gibbs asked that future April Council meetings be scheduled for later in the month to allow time for the finance report to include the entire first quarter.

#### **Loans and Grants Action Item**

Don Dersnah presented the following.

Applications for Social Service Grants were due March 1, 2016. Nineteen applications were received totaling of \$106,900. Council has \$59,525 available to distribute this year (\$52,000 in the diocesan operating budget and \$7,525 from 1/2 of the Millennial Development Goal Fund earnings for 2016). The committee recommends not funding two of the requests: St. John's, Plymouth requested a grant for a building re-do; they were referred to the Trustees for a possible grant for that purpose. Forgotten Harvest is a non-Episcopal entity and since requests exceed available funds, we recommend reserving the funding for Episcopal congregations and entities. A motion was made to distribute the funds as shown in the following table. Motion passed.

| Organization                           | Program                          | Amount<br>Requested<br>2016 | Amount<br>Received<br>2015 | Recommend<br>2016      | Deanery        |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| All Saints, E. Lansing                 | Teen After School                | 9,200                       | 2,500                      | 2,500                  | Capital        |
| All Saints, Brooklyn                   | Weekly Community dinners         | 3,500                       | 1,500                      | 1,000                  | William Lyster |
| Bound Together Pontiac<br>(All Saints) | Youth tutoring                   | 12,000                      | 12,000                     | 12,000                 | Oakland        |
| Church of the Messiah,<br>Detroit      | AIM Youth Program                | 2,500                       | 0                          | 1,500                  | Detroit        |
| Crossroads of Michigan                 | General                          | 7,000                       | 5,246                      | 4,700                  | Detroit        |
| Forgotten Harvest                      | Food bank                        | 5,000                       | 0                          | 0                      | Non-Episcopal  |
| Grace, Mt. Clemens                     | Weekly community dinner          | 2,700                       | 2,250                      | 2,250                  | Emrich         |
| Mariners Inn                           | General                          | 10,000                      | 10,000                     | 10,000                 | Detroit        |
| Oasis of Michigan                      | Ministry LGBT                    | 4,000                       | 4,000                      | 3,000                  | Huron Valley   |
| St. Andrew's, Ann Arbor                | 365 day Breakfast                | 9,000                       | 6,800                      | 6,000                  | Huron Valley   |
| St. John's, Royal Oak                  | Open Hands Pantry                | 2,500                       | 0                          | 1,000                  | Emrich         |
| St. Peter's, Hillsdale                 | Free Medical clinic              | 2,500                       | 1,500                      | 1,500                  | William Lyster |
| St. John's, Plymouth                   | Reno project                     | 10,000                      | 0                          | 0                      | Trinity        |
| St. Katherine's, Williamston           | Adult Daycare                    | 10,600                      | 5,400                      | 3,875                  | Capital        |
| St. Luke's, Shelby Township            | Paper pantry                     | 2,000                       | 1,000                      | 1,000                  | Emrich         |
| St. Mary's, Lake Orion                 | Suicide prevention (new program) | 10,000                      | 0                          | 6,000                  | Oakland        |
| St. Michael's, Cambridge Jct           | Diaper pantry                    | 2,000                       | 0                          | 1,000                  | William Lyster |
| St. Michael's, Lincoln Park            | Tutoring program                 | 1,200                       | 1,000                      | 1,000                  | Downriver      |
| St. Peter's, Detroit                   | Manna Works                      | 1,200<br><b>106,900</b>     | 0                          | 1,200<br><b>59,525</b> | Detroit        |

# **Resolution Review**

Judith Schellhammer reminded everyone of the importance of reading the book *The New Jim Crow* in preparation for a discussion at Ministry Fair.

# **Closing Remarks**

Bishop Gibbs reminded everyone to be prepared for a full meeting on May 21, 2016, since the agenda for today's meeting was abbreviated.

# 10:18 am Adjournment

# Next Meeting:

| <b>Meeting Date &amp; Time</b> | Agenda/Focus                    | Location             |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Saturday, May 21, 2016         | Full Business Meeting (includes | St. Paul's Episcopal |
| 10:00am – 2:00pm               | meet the staff: Mark Miliotto,  | Church, Brighton, MI |
|                                | Rick Schulte, Eric Travis)      |                      |