



APPROVED Minutes of Diocesan Council Meeting

Via ZOOM/Conference Call on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at 9:00 am

*In attendance:*

**Council Members:** Bishop Bonnie A. Perry, Askari Asante, Bruce Cann, Lynda Carter, Paul Castelli, Toni Dennis, Bruce Hinkle, Sandi Hite, Shirley Lappi, Linda MacDonald, Bill Stech, Steven Steinberger-Domienik, Felicity Thompson, Luke Thompson, Diana Walworth, Roger Weekes, Judith Schellhammer (Assistant Secretary), Edie Wakevainen (Secretary), Mark Miliotto (Treasurer)

**Diocesan Staff:** Jo Ann Hardy (Canon Administrator), Anna Stania (Director of Communications)

**Excused:** Katie Oppenheim, Teresa Wakeen

**Absent:** Dan Buchin, Steve Chisholm, Martha Hanoian

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**Opening Prayer – Bishop Perry**

**Bishop's Time –** Bishop Perry provided an update on the Race Matters work, including four Zoom gatherings and round tables for persons of color and law enforcement personnel. Everyone in the Diocese is invited to sign "A Statement on Race" on the diocesan website. Those who sign will be invited to join the work. A foundational group is being assembled to identify avenues, places, and perspectives from which to enter the work. Sr. Vee and Bishop Perry are offering another book study, this time on *White Fragility*.

**Approval of Minutes from May 16, 2020 –** *Lynda Carter moved to approve, second by Paul Castelli.*

*Motion passed.*

### **Report for Action**

**Loans and Grants Committee –** Canon Hardy on behalf of Martha Hanoian

(1) The Loans and Grants Committee reviewed an application for a grant in the amount of \$15,000 and a loan in the amount of \$260,000 from St. James', Birmingham. The congregation is seeking assistance for a \$900,000 capital improvement project which will include replacement of HVAC, update of sound/streaming

capabilities, flat roof repair, and an ADA compliant entry way. The congregation was awarded an \$18,000 grant from the Trustees of the diocese. The Loans and Grants Committee recommends to Diocesan Council that: A grant in the amount of \$10,000 and a loan in the amount of \$250,000 be awarded. Terms of the loan will be negotiated with the congregation by diocesan staff.

*Motion to approve by Canon Hardy on behalf of Committee. Motion passed.*

(2) The Committee reviewed an application for a loan in the amount of \$300,000 from Christ Church, Detroit. The congregation is seeking assistance for a \$645,000 project to restore and preserve the bell tower. The Committee recommends to Council that a grant in the amount of \$10,000 and a loan in the amount of \$250,000 be awarded. Terms of the loan to be negotiated with congregation by diocesan staff. The Committee also recommends that Christ Church consider applying for a grant from the Trustees of the Diocese.

*Motion to approve by Canon Hardy on behalf of Committee. Motion passed.*

(3) The Committee reviewed an application for a grant in the amount of \$1,000 from Grace, Detroit (the total project cost for concrete work and a railing for their entrance). The Committee recommends that a grant in the amount of \$900 be awarded. The committee also requests that Grace Church obtain an additional bid from a contractor specializing in concrete repairs.

*Motion to approve by Canon Hardy on behalf of Committee. Motion passed.*

### **Financial Report/Updates**

M. Miliotto presented current financial reports for review and acceptance. *Lynda Carter moved to receive Treasurer's report and file for audit, second by Toni Dennis. Motion passed.*

**Closing Prayer – Bishop Perry**

**Next meeting scheduled for September 19, 2020**

Respectfully submitted,

*Edie Wakevainen*

Edie Wakevainen, Secretary, Diocesan Council