



APPROVED Minutes of Diocesan Council Meeting

Via ZOOM/Conference Call on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 10:00 am

In attendance:

Council Members: Bishop Bonnie A. Perry, Dan Buchin, Bruce Cann, Toni Dennis, Martha Hanoian, Bruce Hinkle, Sandy Hite, Shirley Lappi, Karen Lewis, Bill Stech, Steven Steinberger-Domienik, Felicity Thompson, Luke Thompson, Teresa Wakeen, Roger Weekes, Judith Schellhammer (Assisting Secretary), Cleda Smartt, Edie Wakevainen (Secretary)

Diocesan Staff: Jo Ann Hardy (Canon to the Ordinary), Mark Miliotto (Canon for Finance), Anna Stania (Director of Communications)

Excused: Alice Sawyer

Opening Prayer – Bishop Perry

Acceptance of Agenda – Edie Wakevainen

Steve Steinberger-Domienik moved to accept the Agenda as presented. Toni Dennis seconded. Motion passed.

Bishop Perry's Update

Topics addressed: COVID directive, upcoming events: March 25 renewal of baptismal and ordination vows, April 17 stewardship workshop, April 21 finances workshop

The Theology of Reparations and Reconciliation – Presentation by Bishop Perry followed by group

discussion. *Questions for Consideration: What do you see as the most important role for Diocesan Council? What areas touch your heart?* A group will be convened to do research on reparations on the part of Episcopal church entities in response to the legacy of slavery.

Financial Reports – Mark Miliotto presented the financial reports. Karen Lewis moved to accept and file for audit; Steve Steinberger-Domienik seconded. Motion passed.

Canon Miliotto then presented the Opportunity Resource Fund Loan Renewal: #97-6-45-R16 in the amount of \$175,000 at 3.00% for five years. Bruce Cann moved to approve the renewal; Judith Schellhammer seconded. Motion passed.

Canon Miliotto presented an adjustment to Clergy Housing Designation for Teresa Wakeen: “Whereas the Reverend Teresa Wakeen is employed as a minister of the Gospel of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, which does not provide a residence for her, the Diocesan Council resolves that, of the annualized salary to be paid to Reverend Wakeen during 2021, \$11,000 be designated as parsonage allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS Code of 1986.” Martha Hanoian moved to approve; Shirley Lappi seconded. Motion passed.

Property/Administrative Update – Jo Ann Hardy

Canon Hardy described the Building Wellness Program—a draft pilot program of the Trustees and Diocesan Council.

She provided an update on St. Cyprian’s, Detroit. A caretaker is in place and the building is secure. Canon Ellen Ekevag is working with the congregation. Also, the Emrich Center remains closed; an opportunity for collaboration with the ELCA is being explored.

Loans and Grants Committee Action Item – Felicity Thompson

The Loans and Grants Committee moved to approve the following allocations of the Peace and Justice Advocacy Grants as follows:

| Ministry | 2020 Grant | 2021 Request | 2021 Recomm. | Grant Purpose |
|------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Word and World | 2500 | 2500 | 3000 | Publish Geez Magazine |
| Criminal Justice Incarnation, Pittsfield | 2000 | 3000 | 2000 | Criminal Justice Advocacy |
| American Friends Service | 4000 | 4000 | 3000 | Policy initiatives on incarcerated and families |
| We the People – Detroit Water Justice Advocacy | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 | Space rental to support water justice |
| Poor Peoples Campaign | 4000 | 4000 | 3000 | Staff support to create residents’ council |
| Crossroads of Michigan | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | Training for volunteers |

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| ACTION of Greater Lansing | | 5000 | 3000 | Staff support for civil rights of immigrants |
| All Saints' East Lansing | | 1000 | 1000 | Leadership for becoming more actively anti-racism |
| Cathedral Church, Detroit | | 3000 | 1500 | Songs of Justice & Peace Concert in song and poetry |
| Christ Church Detroit | | 6500 | 3000 | Facilitating Racial Justice – expert guidance |
| Grants Subtotal | | | 22,000 | |
| Website Administration | | | 200 | |
| Memberships | | | 800 | National Action Network, MI League Public Policy, Interfaith Council Peace & Justice, Episcopal Network for Economic Justice |
| Community Organizing Support | | | 1956 | |
| Total for 2021 | | | 24,956 | |

Martha Hanoian seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of January 2021 Minutes – Edie Wakevainen

Karen Lewis moved to accept the minutes. Martha Hanoian seconded. Motion passed.

Closing Prayer – Bishop Perry

Martha Hanoian moved to adjourn. Shirley Lappi seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Edie Wakevainen

Edie Wakevainen, Secretary, Diocesan Council