

# **The Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin**

## ***Standing Committee Summary***

*May 16, 2008*

Attendance: Cindy Smith (President), Keith Axberg (Secretary), Richard Jennings, Glenn Kanestrom, Beryl Simkins, John Shumaker, and Tim Vivian; and Jerry Lamb (Bishop) and Michael Glass (Chancellor).

Absent: Mark Hall (illness), John Ledbetter (prior business commitment)

The Standing Committee opened with a prayer led by Cindy Smith

Minutes from April 18, 2008 meeting had been circulated to the Standing Committee by email and approved as submitted with some minor corrections for names and titles. A summary of Standing Committee's April Minutes was submitted at this meeting and approved for publication on the website.

Bishop Lamb reported that he and Jane have moved into their new home. He reported also on the efforts he has made to meet clergy and spouses in the diocese (including a conference scheduled for late June). He reported also on clergy changes (transferred in, out, licensed, etc.), health matters for several clergy (with requests for prayer), and other confidential matters regarding diocesan clergy.

Since Mark Hall was not present, Bishop Lamb provided an update on administrative matters, including a change in office staff. Integrity of Puget Sound made a \$240 contribution to the diocese; Mark Hall is working on Pension and Insurance matters; a Clergy and Church listing is being crafted for our use.

Bishop Lamb spoke briefly on the matter of civil unions (marriages) and the recent state Supreme Court ruling. The bishop is crafting a formal letter, but for now the main work of the diocese is its reconstruction and reconciliation. The question will take time for dialogue and discussion, but now is not the time or place for that to happen.

The Standing Committee went into executive session with Chancellor Michael Glass to discuss confidential and legal matters which cannot be reported here at this time.

The Standing Committee also met for a time as the Commission on Ministry and interviewed Vern Hill and Dave Pena. Both were recommended to Bishop Lamb to be admitted as Candidates for Holy Orders.

The Standing Committee returned from its work as COM and discussed matters of Risk Management and Insurance; draft contracts with Bishop Lamb and Canon Mark Hall; a report on the Chancellor's attendance at the Western Chancellors Conference in

Albuquerque, NM; diocesan policies regarding the safety and welfare of all people in the diocese; and other minor matters of interest to the diocese.

Meeting adjourned sine dei.

Respectfully submitted,

The Very Rev. Keith Axberg, Secretary