

PROVINCE II OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Minutes of Provincial Council
Via Zoom Conference
Tuesday, January 29, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

Present (via Zoom): The Reverend Dahn Dean Gandell, President; The Right Reverend DeDe Duncan-Probe, Vice-President; Canon Paul Ambos, Esq., Secretary; Canon Phyllis Jones, Treasurer; Canon Noreen Duncan, Lay Provincial Representative to the Executive Council; the Reverend Lillian Davis-Wilson, Dcn., Clergy Provincial Representative to the Executive Council; the Right Reverend William H. Stokes, Episcopal Representative to the Provincial Council; the Very Reverend Joell Szachara, Clergy Representative to the Provincial Council; and Ms. Yvonne O'Neal, Lay Representative to the Provincial Council

Also present: Ms. Dorothy-Jane Connolly, Chair of Synod Planning Committee; Ms. Janice Paxton, Webmaster and Editor of InProv2; and Mr. Phillip Fileri, Esq., Province II Chancellor

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order by President the Reverend Dahn Gandell at 9:02 with prayer by the Right Reverend William H. Stokes.

The meeting proceeded in accordance with the Agenda posted to BaseCamp on January 22 by email by Synod Planning Committee Chair Dorothy-Jane Connolly.

Revised minutes of the October 12, 2018 meeting were on motion (Ambos) approved as distributed.

President Gandell made the following appointments:

Advisory Council to Province II: Dorothy-Jane Connolly (Albany), Jan Paxton (New Jersey), Brian Romero (Long Island), Grace-Ann Porpeggia (Albany), Phillip Fileri (Rochester), and Neva Rae Fox (New Jersey)

Ordinance Committee: Neva Rae Fox as additional member

Province II Representative to the Executive Council's Committee on Anti-Racism: Mr. Brian Romero (Long Island)

Communications Committee: Dorothy-Jane Connolly and Neva Rae Fox as Co-Chairs, Dahn Gandell, Phyllis Jones (New Jersey), Yvonne O'Neal (New York), Grace-Ann Porpeggia, and Brian Romero

Liaison Representative to Provincial Leadership Council: Neva Rae Fox

Mr. Fileri reported on Provincial Court of Review matters. As reported earlier this month, the election last year of the Venerable Joseph Kerwin Delicat as the Bishop Coadjutor of Haiti did not receive the required consents of the Bishops or Standing Committees. Bishop Jean-Zaché Duracin will be resigning jurisdiction on March 1 upon reaching the age of 72, and so the Standing Committee will become the Ecclesiastical Authority. According to Bishop Todd Ousley of the Office of Pastoral Development, they do not expect a new election for a year or two, and there may be a provisional bishop in the interim. A Listening Committee is expected to be formed to assist the Diocese and will be meeting in Miami rather than Port-au-Prince because of security concerns. Ms.

Fox asked that a request be made to include a representative of Province II on the Listening Committee.

Ms. Fox filed a written report on the December Provincial Leadership Conference.

Ms. Connolly reported that negotiations have been opened with the Desmond for the next Synod on either April 22–24 or April 29–May 1, 2021. If these don't work out she will seek an alternative venue.

Ms. Connolly has made arrangements to consolidate provincial records with Phyllis Jones at the Diocese of New Jersey office, gathering various documents from Chuck Perfater, Jerry Carroll, and Bishop Provenzano. Once they are all together a decision will be made as to what to keep.

Ms. Duncan as Lay Representative to Executive Council reported that the Council met in October. The Joint Standing Committees were restructured into Finance, Governance and Operations, Mission Within The Episcopal Church, and Mission Beyond The Episcopal Church. Ms. Duncan is on the Committee for Mission Within The Episcopal Church as liaison to the Executive Council Committee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation. The Council adopted a 2019 budget. Deadlines for applications for Constable and Roanridge grants have been extended to March. The next meeting will be held February 21 to 24. The Rev. Lillian Davis-Wilson as Clerical Representative to Executive Council filed a written report and noted that she had been elected as Vice-Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Mission Beyond The Episcopal Church. She looks forward to the next meeting in February.

Ms. Connolly reported for the Communications Committee. A determination has been made to migrate from Constant Contact to MailChimp. Work on the new logo is ongoing. The Province now has a presence on Instagram and Twitter as well as Facebook and are investigating sponsored content to increase exposure. A Litany for Those Affected by the Government Shutdown was developed and posted on the website along with a Spanish translation. Work is continuing on adding translations, and Ms. Fox is developing a list of available translators. Bishop Stokes noted that additional liturgical resources from Bishops Against Gun Violence were on the website. Ms. O'Neill suggested developing a liturgy for those threatened by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Webmaster Jan Paxton solicits information from diocesan calendars for adding to the website. Ms. Connolly noted that the roles of Ms. Paxton and Ms. Fox will need to be clarified for the future.

Treasurer Phyllis Jones reported that transition to the new checking account at Investors Bank has gone relatively smoothly; while she is the initial signator, she has papers to add Mother Gandell, Bishop Duncan-Probe, and Ms. Connolly as well and to issue debit cards. The draft budget should be revised by the next Council meeting. On motion (Ambos) expense reimbursement of up to \$3,000 each were approved for the President and Vice-President of the Province to attend the consecration of the Rev. Mark D.W. Edington as the new bishop of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe on April 6. Ms. Connolly outlined the proposal from Ms. Fox for consultancy with The Fox Group for a monthly retainer of \$750. This compares with her daily rate of \$800. On motion (Ambos) the agreement was approved.

The next Provincial Council Zoom meeting was set for March 26 at 10:00. A special meeting on the Budget was set for February 26 at 10:00.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on consent at 10:32 p.m. with prayer by Bishop Duncan-Probe.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Ambos, Secretary