The Second Province

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of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America

meeting of the Synod Planning Committee

February 1, 2023 at 8:30am

Present (via Zoom): The Right Reverend Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe, President; The Venerable Dr. Walter Baer, Vice-President; the Reverend Jimmie Sue Deppe, Secretary; the Rev. Canon Johnnie Ross, Clergy Representative to the Provincial Council; Mr. Thomas K. Chu, Esq., Lay Representative to Executive Council & Chair of Synod Planning Committee; the Reverend Lillian Davis-Wilson, Dcn., Clergy Provincial Representative to the Executive Council; Ms. Neva Rae Fox, Provincial Coordinator; Mr. Jose R. Delgado Director of Communications of Puerto Rico

Also present: and Ms. Janice Paxton, Webmaster

Absent: none

This is a Regular Meeting of the Provincial Synod called by President the Right Reverend Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe by notice sent by email by Provincial Coordinator Neva Rae Fox on January 19, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by President Duncan-Probe with prayer. The meeting proceeded in accordance with the Agenda sent by Ms. Fox on the morning of February 1.

Overview from Ms. Neva Rae Fox of Synod Planning

Overview was given.

Introduction of Committee Members

Introductions were made by everyone.

Discussion: Recap of Online Synod May 5, 2022

Recap of 2022 Synod Minutes and a review of “Takeaways” was given by Ms. Neva Rae Fox. A suggestion was made that Bishop Duncan-Probe to reappoint the 2022 Tech Committee as this team was excellent.

Discussion of Date & Time for Synod 2024

Possible date Thursday, May 9, 2024; Time: TBD.

First, Ms. Neva Rae Fox will contact the Bishops/Communications Directors in the Dioceses of the Province to get input on the date and time of Synod. This information will then be shared with the Synod Planning Committee to determine a date and time.

Discussion of Online vs Hybrid vs In-person

Discussion was had about each option.

Motion was made to have Synod 2024 be online with encouraging Delegation Groups to meet together in-person to participate as group in Synod, and to have translation available as needed per Delegation.

Discussion: clarification of online vs hybrid.

Motion was made by Rev. Canon Johnnie Ross, second by Rev. Lilian Davis-Wilson. Unanimously approved.

Discussion of the Elements of Synod 2024

ResolutionsElectionsNotice of Synod Meeting (Ms. Neva Rae Fox, Ms. Jan Paxton, Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe)List of Deputies from Dioceses (Ms. Jan Paxton)Committee appointments by President (Bishop Duncan-Probe)

Other Business

Appointed Mr. Thom Chu as Chair of Synod Planning Committee. Unanimously approved.

General Convention funds were allocated for Provinces in amount of $10,000; decision made to allocate these funds for Translation and Translators.

Ash Wednesday 2024 Stations of the Cross Task Force work in process.

Next StepsSet the date and time of our next Synod Planning meeting. Ms. Neva Rae Fox and Mr. Thom Chu will email the Synod planning committee with this date.

Next Meeting

TBD

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on consent at 9:27a.m. with prayer by Bishop Duncan-Probe.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe, Secretary