

PROVINCE II OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Minutes of Provincial Council Regular Meeting  
Via Zoom Conference  
Tuesday, July 23, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Eastern

Present (via Zoom): The Right Reverend Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe, President; the Reverend Jimmie Sue Deppe, Secretary; the Venerable Dr. Walter Baer, Vice-President; the Rev. Theodora Brooks, Clergy Provincial Representative to the Executive Council; the Rev. Canon Johnnie Ross, Clergy Representative to the Provincial Council; Mr. Thomas K. Chu, Esq., Chair of Synod Planning Committee, Lay Representative to Executive Council; Ms. Martha Berry, Esq., Province II Chancellor; Ms. Elizabeth Jacobs, Treasurer.

Also present: Ms. Neva Rae Fox, Provincial Coordinator; Ms. Janice Paxton, Webmaster and Editor of InProv2; Carolyn Belvin (ECW).

Absent: Rev. Allen Wakabayashi (Provincial Coordinator for Young Adults); Karen Patterson; Arlette Benoit Joseph (Province II CPG Representative); the Right Reverend Carlye J. Hughes, Bishop Representative to Provincial Council; Ms. Yamilka M. Maldonado Lay Representative to the Provincial Council; the Rev. Yamily Bass-Choate, Province II Representative to Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism.

This is a Regular Meeting of the Provincial Council called by President the Right Reverend Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe by notice sent by email by Provincial Coordinator Neva Rae Fox. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by President Duncan-Probe with prayer. The meeting proceeded in accordance with the Agenda sent by Ms. Fox on the morning of July 12.

Approval of the April 2024 Minutes

Motion to approve the April 2024 minutes was unanimous.

Report from the President

Bishop Duncan-Probe gave her report: Grateful for the gathering of Province II. Province II invited to the Installation of Presiding Bishop Elect to be a guest. Will select via electronic vote within the next couple of weeks to be selected along with one alternate.

Introduction of New Members

Yamilka M. Maldonado Mitchell, Diocese of Puerto Rico

The Rev. Theodora Brooks (Executive Council), Diocese of New York

Budget Update

Ms. Elizabeth Jacobs has been attending to bills as invoices come in, and is working on a new budget and aligning our line items. Chancellor Ms. Martha Berry, Esq. shared that Synod must approve a budget which means a special meeting must be held. Will be held sometime in September.

### General Convention 2024

Overview and Experiences: A very full General Convention with good discussion. Enjoyed the diverse number of speakers in the Hall. Great atmosphere. ECW a lot of excitement about the future and building strong communications what the ECW does. It was wonderful that Bishop Curry is healthy and full of energy.

Province II Reception on June 25 at 6p.m. until 7:30p.m: A real sense of coming together and community, and so many people happy to connect and get to know each other, a lot of joy in getting to meet one another.

Report from the Executive Council Members (Mr. Thomas Chu, Esq., the Rev. Theodora Brooks  
Executive Council Member Thomas Chu gave his report: Looking forward to a first gathering of the new Executive Council. New budget process is good, and working well – more clarity, very collegial. Instead of meeting 9 times in-person, now 6 times in-person with 3 meetings online.

### EMM Relationship Inquiry

Received a formal request for some type of Provincial relationship with EMM. A request to work together on sharing the work and partnering in the work of EMM. Province II is able to disburse EMM information, and would like to have a Province II EMM liaison. We can send out a general inquiry request.

### Other Business

Forma Conference request to attend. Province II would like more information from Forma.  
Ordination of Karin seminarian. Edwin Wey, in the Diocese of Center New York on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Next Steps

### Next Meeting

TBD.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on consent at 9:46a.m. with prayer by Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe, Secretary