

PROVINCE II OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Minutes of Provincial Council Regular Meeting  
Via Zoom Conference  
Wednesday, February 5, 9:30 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; Ms. Martha Berry, Esq., Province II Chancellor; Ms. Yamilka M. Maldonado Lay Representative to the Provincial Council; Mr. Thomas K. Chu, Esq., Chair of Synod Planning Committee, Lay Representative to Executive Council; the Rev. Theodora Brooks, Clergy Provincial Representative to the Executive Council; the Right Reverend Carlye J. Hughes, Bishop Representative to Provincial Council; Ms. Elizabeth Jacobs, Treasurer.

Also present: Ms. Neva Rae Fox, Provincial Coordinator; Ms. Janice Paxton, Webmaster and Editor of InProv2; Dianne Roberts (ECW); Carolyn Belvin (ECW); Rev. Carolyn Carson, Diocese of New Jersey (UTO Representative)

Absent: Rev. Allen Wakabayashi (Provincial Coordinator for Young Adults); Karen Patterson; Arlette Benoit Joseph (Province II CPG Representative); the Rev. Yamily Bass-Choate, Province II Representative to Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism; the Rev. Canon Johnnie Ross, Clergy Representative to the Provincial Council.

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 9:29 a.m. by President Duncan-Probe with prayer. The meeting proceeded in accordance with the Agenda sent by Ms. Fox on the morning of January 29.

Approval of the July 2024 Minutes

Motion to approve the July 2024 minutes was unanimous.

Introduction of EWC and UTO Representatives

Rev. Carolyn Carson, Diocese of New Jersey (UTO Representative). Dianne Roberts (ECW Representative): Just returned from Birmingham, AL – National ECW met and accomplished much work.

Report from the President

Bishop Duncan-Probe gave her report: Attended a gathering of those concerned about Haiti, good initial conversation on how to be supportive to the people in Haiti. Province II to play a key role in working with Haiti. Letter from the Bishops of New York to be sent to the Governor of New York – intention is to ask Governor to continue to advocate for LGBTQ+ siblings in NY. Go to Cuba in March possibly (there is a seminary in Cuba). Province II to support a seminary in Puerto Rico.

### Treasurer Update

Ms. Elizabeth Jacobs gave her report: Finance Comm meet yesterday – discussed nec moves to enact a budget. Bank requires a letter from Prov II stating Ms. Jacobs is the Treasurer (Citizen’s Bank). Phyllis is still the super user, and move Ms. Jacobs into the super user role. Current balance 92,610.00; reconciled back 2 years to actual charges and deposits.

Not asking Bishop’s to designate monies at this time; will wait until we have developed missional goals.

### Action Items:

1. Motion was made to authorize Bishop Duncan-Probe to write letter to Citizen Bank to make Ms. Elizabeth Jacobs a super user. Unanimous approval of the motion.
2. Motion to authorize Lis to purchase QuickBooks. Unanimous approval of the motion.

### Annual Report to Executive Council, Archives Annual Report

2 canonical requirements are done: Annual Report written and submitted; Province II annually shares information to the Archives (highlighted Slave Trade Lament).

### EMM Relationship Inquiry

EMM has weekly updates on immigration rights, and anyone can sign up for these updates. Province II still seeking a EMM Representative to Council.

### Report from the Executive Council Members (Mr. Thomas Chu, Esq., the Rev. Theodora Brooks)

Executive Council Members reports: changes to Standing Committees has occurred, and a shift to some Committees being ad-hoc. Emphasis on mission and ministry to Haiti. With new Presiding Bishop there’s a new mission and vision for the Episcopal Church. Executive Council meets again in 2 weeks in Maryland.

### Other Business

N/A

### Next Steps

Spend time in contemplation how Province II can be in this space in a focused way with what is unfolding nationally. One or two concrete actions for this year.

### Next Meeting

TBD.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on consent at 10:17a.m. with prayer by Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe, Secretary