

# The **Episcopal Church** in **Maine**



## **Meeting of the Diocesan Council**

*2-3 December 2016      Marriott Sable Oaks, South Portland*

The meeting began on Friday night, December 2 at 5:45 with conversation and dinner. The Bishop then spoke about:

- Group norms and confidentiality/expectations
- Canonical requirements / responsibilities of Council members
- Diocesan Council Structure
- Sub-committees
  - Executive
  - Finance
  - Mission Priorities (MP)
  - Strategic Mission Support (SMS)
  - Maine Episcopal Network for Justice (MENJ)
- Populate Committees
- Election of Officers

The Bishop then offered the book *Dignity* by Donna Hicks for everyone to read and there were copies available in the back.

The meeting ended at 8:30 pm with Compline. Meeting to reconvene in the morning on December 3.

## Saturday, 3 December

Present: Stephen Lane, Mark Spahr, Dick Rozene, Lael Sorenson, Liz Graves, Gail Chandler, John Balicki, Corey Walmer, Nancy Mooers, Tom Ward, Kim Wallace, Craig Hoecker, Jason Briggs, Laura Peckham, Paul Baudette, Tim Fleck, Judith Cox, Peter Bickford, Nancy Moore, Rita Steadman.

Staff Present: Terry Reimer, Jane Hartwell, Michael Ambler

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 and the Bishop passed around a portion of a scripture reading for everyone to read and discuss.

Review of the minutes – after a small correction of adding Rita Steadman as present, the minutes were approved.

Terry Reimer spoke on understanding the Financial Reports

Finance Committee Report - Dick spoke on this.

### 2016 Budget:

St. Mark's Augusta – going to be fine.

Deer Isle – going to be able to pay assessment in full

Lisbon – still having trouble - will revisit after first of the year

Saco – had not paid in full by the end of the year and still in arrears

### Review 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 financial information

SMS Recommendations (see the Finance Committee Report)

Budget Adjustments – 2016 – moved by committee

Release \$1500 to Palmyra for 2016 from reserve

Release \$1132 to Rangeley for 2016 from reserve

After discussion and questions, the motion passed.

**St. Elizabeth's Pantry money was released.**

Lovett Fund – to be used for repairs to facilities.

(Line 160300) St. Thomas Winn for \$4500 for replacement of their roof. After vote, it passed.

2017 Budget:

SMS Recommendations (see Finance Committee Report)

Brownville - After discussion and vote – passed.

Aroostook Cluster – after discussion and vote – passed.

Calais – after discussion and vote – passed.

Houlton – after discussion and vote – passed.

Palmyra – after discussion and vote – passed.

Dover-Foxcroft – after discussion and vote – passed.

Clergy Housing Resolutions for Staff

#### HOUSING RESOLUTION FOR THE RT. REV. STEPHEN LANE 2017

WHEREAS the Rt. Rev. Stephen Lane is employed as a minister of the Gospel by the Episcopal Diocese of Maine, which does not provide a residence for him, the Diocesan Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine resolves that of the total compensation from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 paid to Bishop Lane, that \$35,255.91 be designated a housing allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS Code of 1986.

#### HOUSING RESOLUTION FOR THE REV. CANON MICHAEL AMBLER 2017

WHEREAS the Rev. Canon Michael Ambler is employed as a minister of the Gospel by the Episcopal Diocese of Maine, which does not provide a residence for him, the Diocesan Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine resolves that of the total compensation from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 paid to Canon Ambler, that \$25,000.00 be designated a housing allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS Code of 1986.

#### HOUSING RESOLUTION FOR THE REV. SHIRLEY BOWEN 2017

WHEREAS the Rev. Shirley Bowen is employed as a minister of the Gospel by Episcopal Diocese of Maine, which does not provide a residence for her, the Diocesan Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine resolves that of the total compensation from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 paid to Rev. Bowen, that \$21,000.00 be designated a housing allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS Code of 1986.

Rt. Rev. Stephen Lane – moved, seconded and passed.

The Rev. Canon Michael Ambler – moved, seconded and passed.

The Rev. Shirley Bowen – moved, seconded and passed.

#### Other Budget items

Rangeley – SMS – council may be asked to release money at the next meeting for them due to the calling of a priest.

EPF – on behalf of Mission Priorities – possible adjustment - bring that recommendation before the next council meeting.

After a short break, the meeting reconvened at 10:45.

The Bishop then asked for people to step forward to populate the different committees.

Current Executive Committee – fully populated so all set  
Finance Committee – Fred Fowler’s term is expiring and committee wishes to re-nominate and he is in agreement – reaffirmation voted and passed.

Mission Priorities – Corey Walmer interested. After vote, passed.

SMS – John Balicki interested. After vote, passed.

Bequests – Jason Briggs & Judith Cox – after vote, passed.

Jubilee Task Force – Kim Wallace to continue, Gail Chandler and Rita Steadman – after vote, passed.

Public Policy Committee – change to Council Liaisons instead of Public Policy Committee to ENJ with Heidi. Craig Hoecker and Tom Ward and Liz Graves – after vote, passed.

Working Group – Rita Steadman, Tom Ward, Liz Graves, Corey Walmer, Kim Wallace and Nancy Moore – after vote, passed.

The Bishop spoke on conversations regarding the Wilson Center. Jane Hartwell and Rita Steadman spoke on this also. FC to meet with Jane, Rita, Kim, Craig and Tom to bring a proposal to the next council meeting to find out how to fund this.

#### New Initiatives Grants

1st Round NIF deadlines, application, and process

Point of First contact for NIF grant applications

Moved by Terry and seconded that Heidi take the lead on the New Initiatives Grants including the deadlines, application and process.

The Bishop then gave his report and spoke on:

Convention Debrief and Survey Evaluation

Living Local: Joining God – Michael Ambler spoke on this.

First meeting – first of January – date TBA

Introduction of Rich Simpson

There was a break for lunch and then the Bishop and staff left and the council met with Rich Simpson.

After the meeting with Rich, there was a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.