

Executive Council and Standing Committee
Joint meeting
March 28, 2020
Conference Call
9am

These are the minutes approved at the May 9, 2020

Present: Sean Sullivan, Canon Brendan O'Sullivan-Hale, Lara Dryer, the Rev. Rebecca Nickel, Susan Steigerwald, the Rev. Holly Zaher, Laurel Cornell, the Rev. C Davies Reed, the Rev. Christopher Beasley, the Rev. Jan Oller, the Rev. Drew Downs, Dick Frey, the Rev. Canon Kristin White, Mary Ellen Brown, the Rev. Hilary Cooke, Jeff Brinkmann, Michael McGraw, George Plew, Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Janet Brinkworth.

We began with a prayer by Bishop Jennifer at 9:01am.

Brendan began with several documents which were already sent. He suggested the need to free up financial assistance during these times in order to continue the work. Apportionments could be made voluntary for some congregations for April and May. This needs approval of Executive Council. There was discussion. Also, there were other items from the Investment and Finance meeting including loan deferral, pension assessment waiver from CPG, and emergency cash for aided congregations administered by a small committee. Canon Brendan mentioned that online gifts can go through the diocese, who will absorb the cost and that Church Insurance Group will allow monthly payments instead of quarterly.

The bailout package from the government was also discussed led by Canon Brendan. Small businesses qualify for loans and this applies to churches.

The request to make apportionments voluntary or mandatory came to a vote. The motion was made to accept this recommendation of Investment and Finance committee, that it would be voluntary for April and May for some congregations. The Executive Council voted. Motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

The Bishop reminded us that conditions are ever evolving, and we will likely be back in touch in a few weeks.

There was a final question about Waycross and how they are doing financially. There was some discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46am.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Brinkworth