

Standing Committee  
Tuesday, April 28, 2020  
Zoom

**Members present:** The Rev'd Robert Alves (President), Mr. Bob Riche (Secretary), The Rev'd Marcia McRae, Mr. Earl Miller, and Rev'd Jeff Douglas, The Rt Rev'd Robert Skirving

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Rev'd Alves.

Rev'd Alves offered an opening prayer.

It was noted for the record that the minutes of the February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> meetings had been approved electronically.

It was noted for the record that since the meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> that the Committee had electronically:

- Approved the appointments of Rev'd Ray Hanna and Rev'd Deacon Katherine Mitchell to the Disciplinary Board,
- Provided consent to the election of the Rev'd Craig Loya as Bishop Diocesan for Minnesota,
- Provided consent to the election of the Rev'd Dr. Glenda S. Curry as Bishop Coadjutor for Alabama,
- Approved the request for All Saints, Southern Shores to establish a \$200,000 line of credit, and
- Concurred with the opinion of the Chancellor that Standing Committee approval was not required for parishes to apply for PPE loans authorized by the CARES Act.

Bishop Skirving discussed several issues with the Standing Committee:

- Based upon Governor Cooper's plan to reopen North Carolina, it appears that the first opportunity for public worship will be May 24<sup>th</sup>. The Bishop plans to issue guidance on reopening worship, leaving the majority of details to the discretion of each congregation.
- The Bishop's plans for the Summer and Fall have been modified due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Lambeth Conference has been rescheduled for next year, and it has yet to be decided whether the University of the South will hold Fall classes. As a result, the Bishop has deferred his planned sabbatical.
- Ms. Melody Perdue has completed all of the requirements for ordination to the Diaconate except for one course, which was cancelled due to the pandemic. The Commission on Ministry has approved her for ordination.

**MOTION:** Mr. Riche moved that the Standing Committee waive the requirement that Ms. Melody Perdue's last course be completed before ordination, and that the Committee

approve her ordination to the Diaconate. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the members present.

Bishop Skirving closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Riche  
*Secretary of the Standing Committee*