



Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia
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Report from the Standing Committee to the 131st Annual Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia

As my Standing Committee term concludes, I am grateful to the members who have served for the last year: the Rev. Samantha Vincent-Alexander, the Rev. Grant Stokes, Rusty Bishop, Rose Parker, and Kathy Wootton. Rusty is also concluding his term, and he has been exceptional in his role as Secretary. The Committee has enjoyed our work with Bishop Haynes and Canon Hoffman, and we offer our thanks to the entire Diocesan staff, especially Leah Sicignano who keeps us organized and fed.

Much of the work of the Standing Committee this year was to serve as a sounding board for Bishop Haynes regarding various matters. We also received monthly updates from Canon Hoffman about clergy and churches in transition and real estate transactions.

Other notable work of the Standing Committee throughout the last year included the following:

- Consent to the elections of the Bishops of the Dioceses of Idaho, Springfield (IL), Southwest Florida, Louisiana, Connecticut, Utah, Colombia, and Central Florida
- Several property decisions including the following:
 - Approval of resolutions requested by Christ and St. Luke's, Norfolk that enabled the transfer of historic tax credits
 - Approval for the sale of the rectory of St. Luke's, Blackstone
 - Approval of the rental of the parish house of Trinity, South Hill
 - Approval of the request for Right of Entry by the City of Virginia Beach to St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach
- Approval of Jean Vinson for ordination to the transitional diaconate and the priesthood and approval of Rebecca Troutman for candidacy

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Andie Wigodsky Rohrs
President