

# SUMMARY OF 2008 ACTIONS OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL

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## **JANUARY 16, 2008: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, MINNEAPOLIS**

- Unanimously passed a motion to ask Jim Huber and Dan Pearson to be co-chairs of the Mission Strategy Committee, with Mariann Budde as spiritual leader and Craig Van Gelder as the consultant.
- Unanimously passed a motion stating that the draft charge to the Mission Strategy Committee be completed as discussed in Council, with additional items to be inserted and with a preamble added by the Bishop, and that it be presented to the leadership of the committee and then published at large.

## **FEBRUARY 14, 2008: ST. LUKE'S, MINNEAPOLIS**

- Unanimously passed Resolution 2008-03, designating any budget surplus from 2007 for offset of the additional anticipated expenses for the bishop search and transition, as well as continued Mission Strategy Committee costs.
- Unanimously passed a motion instructing Sarah Strickland to put together a plan for mutual ministry review with Gethsemane, Minneapolis, including financial information, and to present this material at the March 13 Council meeting.
- Unanimously passed Resolution 2008-02, listing minimum insurance coverage requirements for all churches in the diocese, to be implemented by May 1, 2008.
- Passed a motion stating that the diocesan finance report presented to Council at its March 13 meeting be fully transparent, and include individual salary and benefit numbers for the episcopate and for diocesan staff.

## **MARCH 13, 2008: ASCENSION CHURCH, STILLWATER**

- Accepted a proposal from Cincinnatus to conduct a midpoint ministry review with Gethsemane, Minneapolis.

## **APRIL 17, 2008: CHURCH OF GETHSEMANE, MINNEAPOLIS**

- Unanimously passed Resolution 2008-04, accepting an annuity gift of approximately \$37,000 from Mary Ann Carter, to be used toward the St. Barnabas Project for Homeless Youth.

## **JUNE 4-5, 2008: ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ST. PAUL**

- Passed a resolution to affirm and adopt the DFAC budget preparation report as the process for creating the 2009 budget.
- Passed funding option #1 for the Mission Strategy Network.
- Passed funding option #1 for the Bishop Search and Transition.
- Unanimously passed a motion of commendation for Beth Royalty's good work in facilitating the Finance Summit.

## **JULY 24, 2008: ST. JOHN'S, MANKATO**

- Passed a motion to direct the Diocesan Finance and Audit Committee (DFAC) to complete a detailed budget by the September Council Meeting using the bottom line of Budget "B."

## **SEPTEMBER 16, 2008: ST. MARTIN'S BY THE LAKE, MINNETONKA BEACH**

- Unanimously approved the appointment of Karen Olson as Secretary of Convention.
- Defeated a motion that funding for mission strategy be allocated from funds received from ACG.
- Defeated a motion to remove the salary increases to be included in the 2009 budget for the Executive Officer and the Canon Missioner.
- Adopted the 2009 diocesan budget, 13-2.
- Unanimously approved a motion thanking the Finance/Audit Committee and diocesan staff for the work they have done and for their input in the budget preparation process.
- Unanimously adopted the 2009 budget narrative.
- Unanimously approved use of special funding for the Trustees of the Diocese, Inc.
- Unanimously approved a motion that information on individual 2009 compensation and benefits (by position, but not name) be included within the budget detail for 2009.
- Unanimously adopted a revised sexual misconduct resolution (2008-05) with a date change.
- Unanimously approved an application by the Montgomery Seasonal Worker Ministry to become a Specialized Mission Congregation.
- Unanimously approved a recommendation from the MDG Task Force for funding allocation.
- Unanimously passed a motion thanking Canon Gary Gleason for his years of ministry in the Diocese of Minnesota.

## **DECEMBER 11, 2008: ALL SAINTS INDIAN MISSION, MINNEAPOLIS**

- Unanimously approved the nominations of Doug Franzen, Tom Eklo, Andrew Waldo, Rex McKee, and Susan Dusek to work with representatives from the Standing Committee to establish recommendations for the compensation and benefit package for the IX Bishop of Minnesota.
- Unanimously passed Resolution 2008-06, listing 2009 housing allowances for diocesan-employed clergy.
- Unanimously passed (with one grammatical change) Resolution 2008-07, changing the authorized check signers for the Diocese of Minnesota.
- Unanimously received the Gethsemane Mutual Ministry Review report, and took it under advisement and consideration for further discussion and possible action at the January 2009 meeting.
- Unanimously passed a motion that Diocesan Council express its deep gratitude for the hard work Gethsemane has been doing in mission and ministry, and to commend them on their will to work, celebrating their success and thanking them for what they are doing for transformation in the Diocese of Minnesota.
- Unanimously voted to give Bishop Jelinek the initiative to constitute a working group to assist with property issues for the Church of Gethsemane, Minneapolis.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Gleason and Karen Olson, Secretaries of Council  
Susan Barksdale, recorder