STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA MINUTES OF MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 2024

Present: +Audrey Scanlan, Eric Hillegas+, David Wirick, Barbara Cross, Veronica

Chappell+, Jennifer Mattson+, Bob Davis, Jr., Sarah Reid

Absent: Allison Carnahan+, Kyle Murphy+, David Luo

Eric Hillegas+ opened the meeting with the Collect for Advent I.

Certification of Bishop

After review of information provided by the Executive Office of the General Convention (GCO), those present consented to the election of Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux as Bishop of West Missouri. The motion was made by Barbara Cross, seconded by Veronica Chappell. Unanimously approved.

Standing Time With the Bishop

Bishop Scanlan provided an update on the reunification process with the Diocese of Bethlehem, with particular focus on the required process to certify reunification at the 2025 Diocesan Convention.

The Bishop informed the Standing Committee about a potential Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship in our diocese. If the matter proceeds, Canon III.9.15 instructs the Standing Committee to confer with the Rector and/or Vestry in question if they desire to present their testimony. The Standing Committee will then make a recommendation to the Bishop, who is solely responsible for rendering a godly judgment on the matter. Bishop Scanlan asked members of the Standing Committee to familiarize themselves with the relevant Canon in case the matter proceeds.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting Tuesday, January 7th.