

House of Deputies
Committee on the State of the Church

August 6, 2008
Telephonic Meeting

The House of Deputies' Committee on the State of the Church met via telephone on Wednesday, August 6, 2008. Those members present were:

Al Price, *Chair*
Debby Melnyk, *Vice-chair*
Kathryn W McCormick, *Secretary*
Cindi Bartol
Andrew Cooley

Chip Davis
Ann Fontaine
Hillary Raining
Maggie Tinsman

Members absent: Arthur Bjontegard, Ashton Brooks, Kate Cullinane, John Goldsack

Mr. Al Price, chair, called the meeting to order and members briefly checked in.

Sub-committee Reports

Leadership - Structure: *Bjontegard, Bartol, Brooks, Goldsack, Tinsman*

The subcommittee has been working on the draft presented by Bjontegard in May. A subgroup will incorporate part of the booklet "A Time of Truth and Hope" written by Jim Lemler and Charles Fulton. Discussion followed.

Identity: *Davis, Cooley, Cullinane, Raining*

Davis reported that committee will be doing further work. CREDO probably will be releasing their Episcopal Identity project after the first of the year. The subcommittee will review Lambeth's work on Anglican Identity: how do we walk together in diversity. Discussion followed.

Success Stories: *Fontaine, McCormick, Price*

Fontaine reported that Episcopal Relief and Development has achieved a four star rating working with corporations in the "Nets for Life" project.

There should be some mention on the reorganization of the church center staff and the attempt to bring the staff closer to the field. SOTC was reminded that all CCAB's were asked to use conference calls for their meetings and it would be helpful to get a report on how that is working and the level of participation.

Price reported that Kirk Hadaway will be on the September conference call and should be reporting on the congregational survey and 2007 parochial report data. SOTC will get his wisdom on releasing the 2007 data as part of SOTC's interim report.

The proposed timeline for the remaining meetings of SOTC:

September: hear from Hadaway on congregational survey and 2007 parochial report data; discuss Fast Facts

October: draft finalized with necessary charts and tables; writing group to meet with Ann Karoly to assemble the report

November: committee input on draft report

December: discussion of final draft

December 12: Blue Book deadline

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Weathersby McCormick, *Secretary*