

SCSGCC Meeting Minutes

VIDEO CALL

May 25, 2017 held via Zoom, 11am ET: <https://zoom.us/j/8391179709>

Spreadsheet of Tasks & Resolutions

Members Present: The Rev. Sharon Alexander, Canon Annette Buchanan, The Rev. Megan Castellan, Ms. Jane Cislucis, Ms. Pauline Getz, The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs, Mr. Michael Glass, Mr. Christopher Hayes, The Rev. Dr. Molly James, Ms. Louisa McKellaston, Mr. Paul Nix, The Rt. Rev. Jake Owensby, Mr. James Simon, The Rev. Canon Rosemari Sullivan, The Rev. Adam Trambley, and The Rev. Canon Bradley Wirth.

Excused: Ms. Sally Johnson, Mr. Scott Remington

Absent: The Rt. Rev. Francisco Duque, The Rt. Rev. William Klusmeyer, and Mr. Jamal Smith.

Opening Prayer by Rosemari

Minutes from March were approved as submitted

Update on October 1-5 Meeting - Location is Salt Lake City

Sunday is the Travel Day. Working Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and ending mid-day Thursday.

Items for Updates and Discussion:

A 002 - Reimagine, Dioceses, Bishops and GC - Rosemari Sullivan

Rosemari has posted to Extranet a file regarding conclusions regarding A002 and the emphasis on the committee of the whole. The document is [here](#).

A118 - Canons & Joint Rules of Order re: Succession Planning - Jim Simon

Sally is working on a flow chart on this. Jim will follow up with Sally on this.

A150 - Title IV Online Training - Polly Getz

Executive Council is meeting soon in Puerto Rico. Polly has selected ten people who will be there to record segments for the project. Many have said yes. Craig Wirth will be there to do filming. It is on track and on schedule and very exciting! The team will be meeting just prior to our meeting in Salt Lake in October.

C027 - Single Court of Review - Jamal Smith & Polly Getz

Polly has not spoken with Jamal. We are going to propose this, and it will be a larger to accommodate the possibility of multiple cases. The Task Forces on Provinces is assuming that is how it is going forward. A question was raised about Province IX and the importance of being

sensitive to language and culture. Jamal will have more information on this, and Polly will follow up with him.

C031 - Diocesan Mergers - Wendell Gibbs & Sharon Alexander

Task Force on Provinces is doing something similar to what was done in the House of Bishops. Likely what is needed is a resolution to call for some continued dialogue and some focus on that.

SC 3- PB Nominations from the Floor - Megan Castellan

The Task Force is aware of this and on it. Question about whether the decision has already been made. The challenge in the past is that practice has not followed the canons. We need to bring canons in line with practice and need for background checks.

SC 5 - Officers of HoD & HoB - Wendell Gibbs

Wendell is going to follow up with Sean Rowe who is chair of Rules Committee.

SC 22 - Full Communion - Sharon Alexander

She is between Constitution, Canons and Ecumenical Officers. There is a bit of a sea change. The gold standard was one with the Lutherans. The one with the Methodists is changing things. It will come to GC in 2021. Dealing with Full Communion is clear. "Communion" should just be replaced with "Full Communion." We can go ahead with this for GC 2018. Proposal [here](#).

The issue now is one of Historic Succession and what is meant by this. We may need to deal with this down the road, even after 2018. How do we deal with this when it seems to be changing among Ecumenical Agreements?

SC 27 - [Canon IV.3.1 - Christopher Hayes](#)

It seems to be a solution in search of a problem, but Christopher is seeking to do justice to the proposal. He sought to make it clear that it covers oral and written misrepresentations. The underlying concern seems to be that Title IV does not apply prior to ordination, but it does seem to apply. These changes may not be necessary given the breadth of the current canons, particularly because they discuss deceit and fraud (Title IV, Canon 4.1.6). Perhaps the wording could be changed their to cover the ordination process? Canon 3 may provide more flexibility. The groups listed are those with canonical oversight. Christopher will do a bit more work on this drafting.

Christopher also raised questions around what a pastoral relationship means and the question of whether it ever ends. The overall concern is the problem of legislating in too much detail we will miss capturing something that is actually wrong.

SC 33 - Joint Nominating Process - Jamal & Jim Simon

Work still needs to be done and the question was raised about how to connect with GAM (committee of Executive Council) on this. Jane and Polly will be chatting on this prior to Executive Council.

SC 34 - Alternative Liturgies - Sally Johnson & Polly Getz

Paul Burrows has done some drafting. The idea is to clarify and standardize what is "authorized" for use. These drafts will be sent around for review and then back to SCLM.

SC 36 - Equity in Clergy Compensation - Molly James

Question has arisen around whether there is an issue with the inclusion of marriage in the list. Consensus is to leave it as is, because the question of marriage and whether or not someone can be forced to marry is much bigger and beyond our scope.

New Business

Question as to whether a chancellor can file briefs in case regarding Bishop Bruno, because chancellors are generally removed from Title IV process. This is an unresolved question. It is unrealistic to think a chancellor should be uninvolved when complaint is trivial. It is tougher when a complaint makes it through the intake process. It is tricky, because a chancellor is representing the Office of the Bishop. No chancellor can serve as the Church Attorney in Title IV. In LA, it seems that they were acting as chancellors for Office of Bishop, but that may also be debatable. There will need to be some conversation after this is all over.

Question about Standing Commission on Eccumenical and Interreligious Affairs. It has been raised as discussion the deputies email listserv. Our conclusion in March had been that it was not needed because there are staff members who do this work. Jane is wondering how to reply regarding this? How does the listserv conversation impact our work? Polly was going to contact Nathaniel, but has not done so yet. The other possibility would be for us to put the proposal forward in our Blue Book Report, but we (as the SC) would not recommend adoption.

Task Forces are not necessarily looking at bringing forward resolutions.

Megan has drafted an amendment to Title IV, which would add sexual harassment to misconduct. Megan will post this to the Extranet, so we can discuss this in August.

Bradley will post a proposal to the Extranet about the House of Deputies meeting more often than every three years, so that we can discuss this in August as well.

Polly presented to the Western Chancellors conference regarding Title IV FAQ. She welcomes additional input from members of the SC as well.

Michael Glass is going to have a conversation with Mark Duffy regarding Title IV information and how it might be published in a statistical and confidential way. He hopes to make a proposal for the Blue Book. A reminder that we need to submit budget requests soon.

Question of digitizing church records more broadly. Perhaps we should propose a Task Force on this? It would be within our purview to do this.

Between now and October, we should be thinking about things that have not been accomplished or skipped and how we might propose their being addressed in the next Triennium.

Adjournment at 12:04 PM ET

Next Meeting: Video Call on August 10 at 11 am ET/10 CT/9 MT/8 PT via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Molly F. James, PhD