

Annual Convention Report

The 132nd Annual Convention of The Diocese of West Missouri



The work of the Standing Committee (SC) in 2021 has been largely focused on the episcopal transition and selection of a bishop provisional including, but not limited to the following.

- Coordinating plans and details related to the duties that the SC would have as the ecclesiastical authority beginning on September 13.
- Coordinating with the Presiding Bishop's office (especially Bishop Todd Ousley, Director of the Office of Pastoral Development) on the selection of a bishop provisional.
- Supervising and assisting the diocesan staff.
- Many hours of detailed planning for the Convention, for which the staff and the Secretary of the Diocese, Mr. Curtis Hamilton, were invaluable.

January

- The Standing Committee (SC) joined the Diocesan Council (DC) in retreat

February

- Consented to the diaconal ordination of Michael Johns.
- Wrote an outline for the process of episcopal transition.
- Began plans for an event to honor Bishop Marty and Donna Field for his ten years as bishop diocesan.

March

- Consented to the diaconal ordination of Ryan Wiksell.
- At a special meeting on March 22, we informed Bishop Field that we did not intend to maintain Fr. Steve Rottgers as Canon to the Ordinary of this diocese following the end of Bishop Field's episcopacy, at which time the SC would be the ecclesiastical authority.

April

- Members of the SC began to engage with Diocesan staff in the planning of the 2021 convention.
- Consented to the presbyteral ordination of Isaac Petty.

May

- Approval of the disposal of real property by Grace, Liberty.
- Consented to election of The Reverend Canon Ruth M. Woodliff-Stanley as bishop diocesan for South Carolina.

June

- Decision made to retain remainder of the Diocesan staff.

July

- SC interviewed candidates for bishop provisional.
- After a period of prayer and reflection, the SC nominated The Rt. Rev. Diane Jardine Bruce to serve as bishop provisional pending ratification of Resolution #1 (selection of a bishop provisional) at the 2021 Diocesan convention.

August

- Approval of the presbyteral ordination of Ryan Wiksell

September

- SC members conducted Ember Day conversations with postulants for holy orders.

October

- The SC met in person with Bishop Bruce in Kansas City