

Standing Committee

At the 26th Annual Convention of the Diocese of West Tennessee hosted by St. John's Episcopal Church, Memphis, the Reverend Andy Macbeth was elected as presbyter member and Mackie Gober was elected as lay member to the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee duly convened at the conclusion of the 26th Annual Convention to elect the Venerable John Moloney as President of the Standing Committee and Dr. Bruce Steinhauer as Secretary of the Standing Committee, both for a second term. The following actions were taken during the course of the year:

- consent was given for the Diocese of Alabama to elect a bishop coadjutor
- consent was given for the Diocese of Maine to elect a bishop coadjutor
- consent was withheld for the Reverend Mark Lawrence as Bishop-elect of South

Carolina

- approval was given for James Newsom to be a candidate for Holy Orders as a transitional Deacon
- approval was given for Drew Woodruff to be a candidate for Holy Orders as Deacon
- approval was given for Deacon Don Smith to be ordained Priest
- approval was given for Deacon Kevin Brown to be ordained Priest
- approval was given for the secularization of the former St. George's Episcopal Church building that had been previously sold to St. George's Episcopal School during 2004 and had been leased by the Parish of St. George's until the completion of their new church. The secularization of the building was done on October 28, 2007.

a special open meeting of the Standing Committee was held in response to a letter to the Bishop and Standing Committee from a presbyter of the Diocese, relating concerns as to the deployment and treatment of female presbyters in the Diocese of West Tennessee. Concerns and recommendations were informally communicated by the Standing Committee to the Bishop.

- consent was given for the election of Mark Beckwith as Bishop of Newark
- approval was given for Deacon Terry Street to be ordained Priest
- approval was given for Deacon Bill Murray to be ordained Priest
- consent was given for the election of the Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Breidenthal as 9th Bishop

of Southern Ohio.

- consent was given for the election of the Rev. Dabney T. Smith as Bishop Coadjutor of Southwest Florida

• consent was given for the election of the Rev. Dr. Laura Ahrens as Suffragan Bishop of Connecticut

• consent was given for the election of the Rev. Gregory Harold Rickel as Bishop of Olympia.

• consent was given for the election of the Rev. Sean Walter Rowe as Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania

• consent was given for the election of the Rev. Edward Joseph Koneiczny as Bishop of Oklahoma

- consent was given for the election of the Rev. Jeffrey Lee as 12th Bishop of Chicago
- consent was given for the Diocese of Dallas to elect a bishop suffragan
- consent was given for the Diocese of Puerto Rico to elect a new bishop