

**To the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts  
Annual Report of the Standing Committee  
November 2020 – October 2021**

***Members:***

The following are the elected members of the Standing Committee for 2019 – 2020:

**Clerical Members:**

- Rev. Nancy Webb Stroud, Church of the Atonement, Westfield (2021)
- Rev. Tanya Wallace, All Saints' Church, South Hadley (2022).
- Rev. Carolyn Jones, Christ Church, Fitchburg (2023)
- Rev. Nathaniel Anderson, St John's Church, Williamstown (2024)

**Lay Members:**

- Ms. Wende Wheeler, St Andrew's Church, Longmeadow (2021)
- Ms. Phyllis Larson, Christ Church Cathedral, Springfield (2022)
- Ms. Christina Loy, Christ Church Cathedral, Springfield, (2023)
- Mr. Peter Kite, St Stephens' Church, Westborough (2024)

***General:***

As the council of advice to the bishop, especially concerning matters of ordination and real estate, the Standing Committee has met seven times by Zoom during the period. We also conduct appropriate votes by email in a manner approved by the chancellor and the Episcopal Church. Our proceedings are recorded by minutes reflecting each Zoom conference. Votes taken by email, which must be unanimous without abstention or absence, are confirmed at the following meeting. Minutes, and certificates of votes are kept on file at Diocesan House.

During the period since the last Diocesan Convention, we met by Zoom on November 19, 2020, January 7, 2021, February 4, 2021, March 4, 2021, April 20, 2021, September 14, 2021, and October 21, 2021.

Much of our work is consultative in nature. We talk things over with the bishop, senior diocesan staff, and representatives of parishes. A summary of our actions follows.

On November 19, 2020, being the first meeting after Diocesan Convention, we elected the Rev. Nancy Webb Stroud as president and Mr. Peter Kite as secretary for the coming year.

***Episcopal Elections:***

We consented to the following elections:

- The Rev. Dr. Lennon Yaun-Jung Chang as Diocesan Bishop of Taiwan.
- The Rt. Rev. Mark Allan van Koevering as Diocesan Bishop of Lexington, Kentucky.
- The Rev. Canon Frank S. Logue as Diocesan Bishop of Georgia.
- The Rev. Deon K. Johnson as Diocesan Bishop of Missouri.
- The Rev Canon Ruth Woodliff-Stanley as Diocesan Bishop of South Carolina.

- The Rev. Dr. Ketlen Solak as Diocesan Bishop of Pittsburg.
- The Rev. Elizabeth (Betsey) Monnot as Diocesan Bishop of Iowa.
- The Rev. Matthew Cowden as Bishop Co-adjutor in the Diocese of West Virginia

### ***Ordained Ministry in Western Massachusetts***

We made the followings ordination recommendations to the bishop:

- The Rev. Anna Woofenden as a candidate for ordination.
- Mr. Kevin-Antonio Smallwood as a candidate for ordination.
- Rachael (Jac) Essing to the vocational order of deacons.
- Peter Feltman-Mahan to the transitional order of deacons.
- The Rev. Anna Woofenden to the transitional order of deacons.
- The Rev. Phillip Shearin to the order of priests
- The Rev. Joél Martinez to the order of priests
- The Rev. Peter Feltman-Mahan to the order of priests

### ***Property Matters in our Diocese***

#### *Property Sales:*

We approved a request from Trinity Church, Ware to sell their property at 20 Park Street known as the Davis House.

We affirmed the decision of EMWM to approved the sale of the building previously known as St Andrew's Episcopal Church, North Grafton.

#### *Property Encumbrances:*

We approved a request from Holy Spirit, Sutton for an encumbrance on the property previously known as St Andrews, North Grafton to New Valley Bank & Trust of Springfield for a loan in the amount of \$80,000.

We approved a request from St Andrews, Longmeadow for an encumbrance on their church property to New Valley Bank & Trust of Springfield for a loan in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

### ***The 119th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts:***

We approved that the Rev. Nancy Baillie Strong, who is canonically but not geographically resident within the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, be seated at 2021 convention with voice and vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
 The Rev. Nancy Webb Stroud  
 President, Standing Committee