



E2 Standing Committee Report

The Standing Committee serves as a council of advice for the bishop and becomes the diocesan ecclesiastical authority in the bishop's absence. It makes decisions about the sale, encumbrance or disposal of real property belonging to Parishes of the Diocese. It interviews and makes recommendations to the bishop on candidates for Holy Orders, and the consent of the Standing Committee is required for ordination. The Standing Committee also gives or withholds consent to the election of bishops throughout the church and has Judicial responsibilities in the case of clergy misconduct where the clergy or the complainant does not accept the adjudication of the bishop. We can be contacted at standingcommittee@ecww.org.

Many thanks to our outgoing members: The Rev. Canon Elise B. Johnstone, St. John the Baptist, West Seattle, and Ms. Carole Loudenback, Good Shepherd, Federal Way.

Serving on the Standing Committee from the 2025 Diocesan Convention through the 2026 Convention are:

President: The Rev. Dr. Jani Wild, St. Paul's, Bellingham, 2027

Co-Secretaries: The Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons, Trinity, Seattle, 2028 and Mrs. Rose Hazard, St Mark's Cathedral, Seattle 2029

Co-Chaplains: The Rev. Alfredo Feregrino, St. Luke's / San Lucas, Vancouver, 2029 and Sherina James, Christ Church, Tacoma, 2028

Joint Finance Panel Representative: Ms. Connie Lightbody, St. John's, Kirkland, 2027

Commission on Ministry Representative: Ms. Carole Loudenback, Good Shepherd, Federal Way, 2026

Revisions of ordination timeline: The Rev. Canon Elise B. Johnstone, St. John the Baptist, West Seattle, 2026

This year has been a busy year for the Standing Committee. The following actions were taken by your Standing Committee from November 2025- October 2026:

- We certified three people for the diaconate, and approved seven for priesthood. All individuals were amazing and gifted in so many ways. We are grateful for all who have followed their call and the support systems the Diocese has developed to assist people in their journey.
- We gave consent to thirteen new Bishops in dioceses around The Episcopal Church.
- We approved eight actions by parishes and/or the Board of Directors as they related to use/sale of property.

Mutual Ministry Review Work with Bishop LaBelle:

The Standing Committee is tasked with holding a Mutual Ministry Review of the Diocese annually along with the Bishop. We look at all aspects of the year noting what is working well, areas of challenge and areas of improvement. We also work to help establish goals for the work of the Bishop and the Governing Bodies for the coming year.

Gave Advice Regarding Diocese of Olympia Matters:

Affirmed appointment of Jamie Balducci, Epiphany, Seattle, as Secretary to Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Dr. Jani Wild, President