



Diocese of Ohio
Standing Committee
December 2024 Meeting Summary

Each month the Standing Committee will submit a summary of its meeting to help familiarize the diocese with the work of this body. We would appreciate your feedback.

Members present: Dianne Audrick Smith (President, 2025), Mother Debra Q. Bennett (Secretary, 2025), Halley Marsh (2026), Kristen Busa (2027), Fr. Seth Wymer (2027), Marc Norman (2028), and Fr. George Baum (2028). Canon Jessie Dodson for Bishop Anne Jolly (ex-officio). Unable to attend: Mother June Hardy Dorsey (2026).

Dianne Audrick Smith opened the meeting, which was held at Bellwether Farm as part of a Diocesan Leadership Retreat.

Discussion focused on how the work we did as a leadership body would specifically impact the work of the Standing Committee in 2025 to support the diocesan vision. We agreed to spend dedicated time in each meeting to review the latest vision work and act as a council of advice related to that work. We are going to keep the vision as a focus of all our discussions.

We also reiterated our intention to provide more regular communications to the diocese through these summaries and ~~worked out~~ developed a simple process to ensure we meet that intention. We reviewed and approved the November Meeting Summary and discussed a forthcoming statement from Standing Committee on Resolution R2 from Diocesan Convention.

During the meeting we also reviewed accords made between bishops and clergy (former clergy) across the church.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2025 at Trinity Commons.