

## Summary of the April 22, 2026 Standing Committee Meeting

The Standing Committee met on April 22, 2026, on Zoom, with clergy and lay members gathering alongside Bishop Anne B. Jolly and Chancellor Bill Powel. Following an opening prayer offered by Halley Marsh, the committee spent time reflecting together on the diocesan vision and core values, with each member sharing a personal check-in. The committee approved the March 11 meeting minutes and then engaged in a Bible study led by Kristen Busa on Luke 18:1–8, focusing on themes of persistence and faithfulness in prayer.

During the Chancellor's report, the committee discussed ongoing conversations with St. Timothy's in Perrysburg in response to their request to sell kitchen equipment to the Timothy's Perrysburg Foundation. Chancellor Powel shared insights from a recent meeting with members of the Vestry and the Rector concerning the congregation's history and future ministry as it relates to Timothy's Perrysburg Foundation. The Standing Committee looks forward to meeting on site at St. Timothy's in September to learn more. The Chancellor also updated the committee on efforts to revise diocesan disciplinary processes in response to feedback received during the recent House of Bishops meeting.

In the Bishop's report, Bishop Jolly shared updates on several important diocesan initiatives and concerns. These included the strong response to the recent Ministry of Discernment Day, updates on the ECW financial misappropriation case, and the upcoming launch of a new leadership development program for deacons and lay preachers. She also announced the hiring of a consultant to support Beloved Community work across the Diocese and expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming regional gathering events. The Bishop invited the Standing Committee to participate in a book study on *Mixed Ecology* in the coming months, which members agreed to undertake together. After a brief executive session, the meeting concluded with prayer by the Rev. June Hardy Dorsey and was adjourned.

Summary written by The Rev. June Hardy Dorsey