

DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 12, 2014
EPISCOPAL HOUSE, NEWARK

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31 Mulberry Street
Newark, NJ 07102
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6:00 Dinner
6:30 Business Session
7:40 Action Teams Meetings
8:30 Adjournment

The Meeting was called to order after dinner starting at 6:30pm. The Bishop extended greetings to Council visiting Episcopal House and introduced the newest members to join the Council: The Rev. Rosa Brown, Ms. Janelle Grant, Mr. Bob Bogert, Ms. Dunstanette Macauley-Dukuly, The Rev. Tim Carr

DWELLING IN THE WORD: Luke 10:1-12 – *The Rev. Kevin PJ Coffey and Dunstanette Macauley Dukuly read the passage.*

Signs of Gods Grace were shared.

Requests for additional items or time adjustments to the agenda were requested, there were none and agenda was adopted for the evening.

The MINUTES of the December 11, 2013 Council meeting were *moved, seconded and approved.*

Council Orientation Ms. Martha Reiner gave an overview of Diocesan Council roles.
Episcopal House Staff was introduced by the Bishop.

EPISCOPAL COMMUNICATIONS - *The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith*

- *Christ Hospital – Carepoint Christ Hospital has honored the legacy of the Episcopal Church and gifted \$50,000, with the understanding that we can continue to develop a relationship. Very much engaged in Jersey City. With ACA they are expanding their health center offerings.*
- *Feb 24. Chair of Liberian Covenant Committee – The Bishop will be going to Liberia for a week with a team to foster the relationship with the church in Liberia.*
- *Mutual Ministry Review for the Bishop – working with Gay Jennings March 11 & 12 to interview staff and other key leaders in the diocese to issue a report on the Bishop's Ministry in the Diocese*
- *At Convention, Resolution was passed on Bullying Task Force which is being assembled.*
- *Liturgy & Music Committee engaging Maggie Dawn to work with the Cathedral and resource for worship. March 15th & 16th worship service at the Cathedral at 4PM.*
- *Transitions listed supplied by Greg.*

7:20pm STEERING COMMITTEE –

GSECD Board Ratifications – It was moved by Rev. Chuck Hatfield that the following names be ratified by Council to serve as trustees for the Garden State Episcopal Community Development Corporation: Mr. Dan Altilio, Ms. Birgit Solano-Richante, Ms. Nikki Mederos, The Rev. Thomas Murphy, Mr. Henry Vaca, Mr. Tom Venino.

Moved, Seconded and Approved

Incarnation Proposal Update – *The Rev. Canon Greg Jacobs stated that during this evening Action Teams session, the Equipping Team would review the financial aspects of Incarnations Ministry plan and report back, then in March the Action Team will present the second reading of the mission plan to the Council.*

MISSIONAL NETWORK – Alan Roxborough - The Bishop spoke

Ginny was at a conference with Allan Roxburgh. Bishop is assembling a team to look at the Diocesan Cultural Shift and determine what we need to focus on with shifting the culture of the diocese. Moving the process through transitioning the diocese on Mission strategy. Bishop is involved in an informal network of Bishops who are exploring the Missional concept.

2014 CONVENTION ACTIONS – Bishop Beckwith
2014 CONVENTION FEEDBACK

- Keep Convention at two days for the social context
- Food Portion's were huge.
- Bishops address 'fed the vestry' with discussion
- Choir amplification and music should be practiced.
- Timing – with storms happening – considerations for travel out of a storm.
- Task Force should think outside the box. No 'sacred cows'
- Budget considered one month into the year.
- Times of debate have passed on.
- Resolutions don't need to be resolutions, perhaps other forums available.
- One day Convention in New York was not a happy occasion as
- Candidates forum was early and up against the workshops.
- Dietary Considerations.
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7:40pm ACTION TEAMS - DISCUSSIONS

8:10pm ACTION TEAMS - REPORT OUTS

Equipping – Supplied JCAM Funds usage proposals to be brought before Council in March

Empowering – Reviewed the recent actions of team including a review of the groups we are responsible for

Engaging – reviewed the workshops on Human Trafficking and Wealth Disparity Lenten practice of the SNAP challenge. Develop Publicity and resource guides for the Educational Resources.

ADJOURN The meeting was adjourned into Compline at 8:20 PM which was led by the *Empowering Action Team*

Respectfully Submitted,

*John A. King,
Secretary to Council*