

**Joint Meeting of the Diocesan Council
and the
Standing Committee
of the
Diocese of Quincy
in the Episcopal Church
April 25, 2009**

The Diocesan Council and the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Quincy of the Episcopal Church met jointly at St. Paul's Cathedral, Peoria, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2009.

Present from the Diocesan Council were

The Rt. Reverend John Clark Buchanan, Provisional Bishop
The Rev. James Allemeier
Ms. Christine Barrow
Ms. Linda Brown
Ms. Erica Goldstone
Dr. Katharine A. Pawelko
Ms. Valerie Renner
Ms. Brenda Spencer

Present from the Standing Committee were

The Rev. Canon Laurence Larson, President
The Rev. Canon John Blossom
The Rev. Robert Dedmon, Secretary
Dr. Lin Goldstone
Ms. Ann Fulton

Also present were

Ms. Lisa Carter, Assistant to the Bishop
Thomas Ewing, Chancellor of the Diocese
Michael Renner, Treasurer of the Diocese
The Rev. Canon George Pence
Deacon Don Lewellen

Report of the Bishop

The Bishop reported on his weekend in Moline and at All Saints' Church, speaking of lively and joyful worship and happy, enthusiastic people. He stated that he is receiving calls from clergy in other dioceses who are eager to help and who stand in support of the Diocese of Quincy of the Episcopal Church.

The Bishop announced his appointment of Ms. Lisa Carter as part-time assistant to the Bishop. Ms. Carter is also the assistant treasurer at St. Paul's Cathedral, Peoria.

The Bishop announced his visitation schedule:

April 4, 2009	Synod Meeting	St. Paul's Cathedral, Peoria
April 5, 2009	St. Paul's Cathedral	Peoria
April 18-19, 2009	All Saints' Church,	Moline
April 25, 2009	Diocesan Council	St. Paul's Cathedral, Peoria
May 16-17, 2009	St. James' Church,	Griggsville
May 18, 2009	Grace Church,	Galesburg
May 19, 2009	Clergy Day	St. Paul's Cathedral, Peoria
May 24, 2009	St. James' Church,	Lewistown

Report of the Treasurer

Mr. Renner reported on the 2009 budget approved at the Synod of April 4, 2009. He stated that he is waiting for word on decisions of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, which met during the week of April 19, regarding the Episcopal Church funding of this budget. He is working now to establish a checking account for the diocese at Busey Bank in Peoria once we have obtained an appropriate tax identification number. For this the diocese will need a signature card.

The Rev. Allemeier moved and Dr. Goldstone seconded that the diocese open a checking account at Busey Bank. This motion passed without objection.

The Rev. Larson moved and the Rev. Allemeier seconded that the following persons be authorized to sign checks on behalf of the diocese and that two signatures would be required for checks in excess of the amount of \$500: John Blossom, Lisa Carter, Robert Dedmon, and Michael Renner.

Mr. Renner stated that the Diocese of Quincy of the Episcopal Church continues to be covered for property and liability by Church Insurance.

Discussion continued on the issue of supplemental Medicare coverage for retired clergy in the diocese. The Southern Cone contingent has notified retired clergy that this clergy benefit has been discontinued. The Diocese of Quincy of the

Episcopal Church will continue to carry the coverage for retired Episcopal clergy until 12/31/09. This led to the discussion of which clergy are and which clergy are not canonically resident in the Diocese of Quincy.

The Bishop stated that it is his task to discover the clergy that are continuing in the Episcopal Church and those who are not. He stated that in all of our discussions and decisions that it is important that we are clear that we are the continuing Diocese of Quincy. "The Diocese of Quincy" is our legal name and we are not conceding it.

The Bishop discussed the terms and consequences of a "voluntary renunciation of ordination" in the Episcopal Church under Title III as compared to depositions from ordained ministry under Title IV of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church.

The Bishop has mailed a letter to clergy listed in the diocesan directory asking them to state their intentions.

Report of the Secretary

The Rev. Robert Dedmon reported that he is working on the Journal of the Special Synod, and noted that the canons require that the annual synod regularly take place on the third week end of October, in this case, October 16 – 17, 2009. He suggested that the Council and Standing Committee consider having a one day synod at the cathedral on Saturday, October 17, which would considerably simplify the logistics of Synod.

Report of the Chancellor

Chancellor Ewing reported that litigation initiated by the Southern Cone group against the Episcopal Church and National City Bank, Peoria, was filed in Illinois circuit court in Adams County, Quincy, on March 30, 2009, asking for a Declaratory Judgment by the court as to the rightful ownership of the assets and property of the Diocese of Quincy. The Chancellor for the Presiding Bishop accepted service on April 3, 2009, in order to avert an attempt to serve the Presiding Bishop at the Synod on April 4, 2009. The Chancellor noted that of April 25, 2009, National City Bank had not been served.

At its April 21, 2009, meeting the Standing Committee of the Episcopal diocese approved joining with the Episcopal Church in a counter suit if necessary. Meanwhile, Mary Kostel, assistant to Chancellor Beers, will request an extension of time in which to respond to the March 30, 2009, suit initiated by the Southern Cone group. The Episcopal Church will challenge the standing of those who brought the suit of March 30, and the church will request a change of venue. At some point in this process, the Episcopal Church will bring a counter suit

against those persons which will state that The Diocese of Quincy of the Episcopal Church has rightful ownership of all personal and real property and assets. This process will require a good deal of time.

Discussion moved to tax identification numbers. Chancellor Ewing stated that the Internal Revenue Service is not willing to issue a provisional tax identification number. The Chancellor will report to the IRS Fraud Division that there are persons who are unauthorized to use the diocesan tax ID number, and that this number is being fraudulently used by these unauthorized persons. The Diocese of Quincy in the Episcopal Church will continue to use the current sales tax number of the Episcopal Church.

Chancellor Ewing noted that we are included under the domain of Quincy.anglican.org should this become useful.

Election of Vice Presiding of Diocesan Council

The Council elected the Reverend James Allemeier as Vice President of the Diocesan Council.

The joint meeting was adjourned with a blessing by Bishop Buchanan at 12:30 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Robert Dedmon
Secretary of Synod