

HOUSE OF BISHOPS COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT

Membership

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| The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris, <i>Chair</i> | Massachusetts, I | 2021 |
| The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows | Indianapolis, V | 2021 |
| The Rt. Rev. Oge Beauvoir | Haiti, II | 2021 |
| The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel | New York, II | 2021 |
| The Rt. Rev. Susan Goff | Virginia, III | 2021 |
| The Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith | Southern Virginia, III | 2021 |
| The Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley | Eastern Michigan, V | 2021 |
| The Rt. Rev. Jake Owensby | Western Louisiana, VII | 2021 |
| The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano | Long Island, II | 2021 |
| The Rt. Rev. Dean Wolfe | New York, II | 2021 |
| The Most Rev. Michael Curry, <i>Ex Officio</i> | North Carolina, IV | |

Representation at General Convention

The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris

Mandate

THE COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS & THE OFFICE OF PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT: REPORT TO THE 1979 GENERAL CONVENTION

The Committee on Pastoral Development is a Standing Committee of the House of Bishops. It was created in 1959 when the Presiding Bishop, Arthur Lichtenberger, appointed a committee to study the pastoral needs of the clergy and their families.

Summary of Work

Our current focus: To build “shalom” in The Episcopal Church through its attention to the life and work of bishops and their families.

To that end, the Committee:

- Attends to the corporate wellness of the House of Bishops, assessing needs and providing for programmatic responses where appropriate and needed;
- Assists with the wellness of individual bishops; building systems that allow for pastoral care and healthy relationships, and providing opportunities for education and training in order to exercise gracious leadership to better serve and enable the community of the baptized in their mission; and
- Serves as a primary source of advice and support to the Bishop for and the Office of Pastoral Development.

Meetings: The Committee met in person twice in the years 2018 and 2019, and three times via teleconference during the triennium, and at other regularly scheduled meetings of the House of Bishops.

The following were ongoing matters of concern for the Committee during the triennium:

1. At each gathering of the House of Bishops, the committee promotes and presents the Core Values and Social Media Policy of the house, in order to continue to develop a learning, discerning, and healing community within the House of Bishops;
2. Serves as a council of advice and support to the Bishop for the Office of Pastoral Development and for the Presiding Bishop, especially regarding the re-formation of Dioceses following termination of relationships with The Episcopal Church and separation of House of Bishops members seeking new jurisdiction;
3. Works with the House of Bishops Planning Committee in the continuity of programs between House of Bishops meetings;
4. Supports collaboration and collegiality between the Spouses and Partners of Bishops Network of The Episcopal Church and the House of Bishops;
5. Provides direct pastoral care to bishops and their spouses/partners;
6. Continuing research and reports to House of Bishops regarding appropriate use of Social Media within the House;

7. Continuing discussion of Title IV concerns and issues;
8. Raising awareness regarding the ministries, care, and support of Bishops Suffragan;
9. Works to develop gracious norms for a newly elected bishop when that bishop's spouse is ordained and is currently serving, or wishes to serve, within that diocese;
10. Monitors issues concerning income replacement and disability for bishops;
11. Continuing discussion, the raising of awareness and recommendations to the House of Bishops concerning #MeToo matters;
12. Addressing hospitality and procedures for visiting bishops at House of Bishops gatherings;
13. Review of the leave-taking ritual of retiring bishops;
14. Provided suggestions and support for the development and adoption of the Covenant to Dismantle Racism with the HOB;
15. Revised the HOB Core Values to strengthen the Covenant to Dismantle Racism, and hold each bishop accountable in our fellowship and ministry;
16. In conjunction with the HOB Planning Committee and the College for Bishops, developed follow up to the covenant, and incorporation of anti-racism work at the 2021 Spring HOB gathering.

Budget

The Committee expects to meet a similar number of times in the next triennium. This will require a budget of \$14,000 per year for a total of \$42,000.

Proposed resolutions

A084 HOB Pastoral Development Expenses

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That there be appropriated from the budget of the General Convention the sum of \$42,000 for the expenses of the House of Bishops Committee on Pastoral Development for the 2021-2024 Triennium.

EXPLANATION

The budget request is to cover expenses for 3 in person and electronic meetings for the 2021-2024 Triennium. This will require a budget of \$14,000 per year for a total of \$42,000.