

STANDING COMMISSION ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

Conference Call

March 8, 2001

Minutes

The Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons held a meeting by teleconference at 3:00 p.m. ET on March 8, 2001.

The following members were present:

The Rev. Canon George W. Brandt, Ms Rosalie Simmonds Ballentine, Mr. Duncan A. Bayne, Mr. Paul E. Cooney, Mr. William Fleener, Jr., The Rt. Rev. Charles E. Jenkins, The Rev. Stan Runnels, The Rt. Rev. Stacy Fred Sauls, Ms. D. Rebecca Snow, The Rt. Rev. Catherine M. Waynick

The following members were unable to attend:

Mr. Richard J. Hoskins
The Rev. Gregory A. Jacobs

The following matters were discussed:

I. Resolution A028 re: Title IV

A. There was discussion concerning the status of appointments to the Task Force that is to study alternative models for ecclesiastical discipline.

- The following persons have agreed to be appointed by SCCC: Duncan Bayne, Bp. Waynick, Steve Hutchinson and The Rev. Gay Jennings. Bp. Waynick will serve as liaison.
- The following persons have agreed to be appointed by SCMD: Timothy Wittlinger, Bp Ohl and Suzanne Monihan.
- The following persons have agreed to be appointed from the membership of CSE: Tim Sedgwick, Les Alvis and The Rev. Virginia Herring.

B. George Brandt reported that discussions were in progress with The Rev. Harold Lewis, Altigrassia Perez and Gene Robinson.

C. The Rev. Virginia Herring is to serve as the chair of the Task Force. The initial meeting of the Task Force has been called on May 8, 2001.

II. Resolution A073: Title III

A. Becky Snow will serve as liaison with SCMD concerning the study of issues relating to the study of Title III. Other SCCC members to assist with this work include: Rosalie Ballentine, Bill Fleener, George Brandt and Bp. Sauls.

B. George Brandt noted his understanding that Bp. Cronenberger expected to convene a meeting of SCMD on March 29, 2001 and noted further that Bp. Cronenberger does not anticipate that participation by members of SCCC will be required during the early phases of the work of SCMD concerning Title III matters.

III. Other Matters

A. George Brandt reported on a letter received from The Rev. Tony Jewiss regarding the desirability of developing recommended revisions to the Rules of Order. Ray Duncan has been appointed to lead the work on this project at the Episcopal Church Center. There followed discussion regarding the role SCCC should carry out with respect to this project. There was agreement that it would not be appropriate for SCCC to be involved in this work. George Brandt will communicate this view to Rosmari Sullivan.

B. George Brandt reported that Tony Jewiss has "non substantive" canonical edits in progress. There was consensus that members of SCCC should volunteer to review Titles I and II, with a focus on consistency and clarity, beginning with the amendments proposed by Tony. George Brandt will appoint one group to review Title I and another group to review Title II.

C. George Brandt noted that the SCCC's deadline for submission of its report for publication in the Blue Book for the 2003 General Convention will be in January, 2003.

D. It was agreed that June 1, 2002 should be a deadline by which either of the two task forces should advise SCCC of their intent to propose canonical changes. Further, it was agreed that each task force be asked to provide minutes of its meetings to its SCCC liaison, who, in turn, would distribute copies of the minutes to other members of SCCC as appropriate.

E. Next Meetings of SCCC:

- February 7-9, 2002 (Thursday – Saturday); Location TBD.
- October 27-29, 2002 (Sunday – Tuesday); Location TBD.

F. Concerning possible Constitutional amendments relating to Suffragan Bishops: Becky Snow will develop and circulate a proposal as a basis for discussion at the next meeting of the SCCC.

There being no further business, the conference call was adjourned at approximately 4:15 p.m. ET.

Respectfully submitted, Paul E Cooney, Secretary