

House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church

July 2, 2008

Telephonic Meeting

The House of Deputies' Committee on the State of the Church met via telephone on Wednesday, July 2, 2008. Those members present were:

Al Price, Chair Kate Cullinane Debby Melnyk, Vice-chair Chip Davis Kathryn W McCormick, Secretary Ann Fontaine Cindi Bartol John Goldsack Arthur Bjontegard Hillary Raining Andrew Cooley Maggie Tinsman

Members absent: Ashton Brooks

Mr. Al Price, chair, called the meeting to order and Raining opened with prayers.

Chair's Report

Price reported on a conference calls he has had with the chair of Structure, Mrs. Barbara Mann, Kirk Hadaway and Mrs. Bonnie Anderson.

Sub-committee Reports Structure: Bjontegard, Bartol, Brooks, Goldsack, Tinsman

There was discussion concerning a draft report from the sub-committee. The sub-committee will have conference calls with the leaders of each of the new ministry centers: Advocacy Center, the Rev. Brian Grieves; Evangelism and Congregational Life Center, the Rev. Suzanne Watson; Mission Leadership Center, the Rev. Margaret Rose; and Partnerships Center, Ms. Toni Daniels;

Success Stories: Fontaine, McCormick, Price

There will be a draft a report for the subcommittee in the following areas: Presiding bishop, MDG and mission.

Identity: Davis, Cooley, Cullinane, Raining

The subcommittee has not been writing, but doing research. Identity is an overwhelming topic. Several suggestions were offered: 1) Should the sub-committee wait for the latest parochial report data; 2) What is being done at Lambeth; 3) How is Anderson planning to weave "identity" into General Convention.

Price offered the following schedule to complete the work of the State of the Church Committee:

August 1: deadline for sub-committee drafts in each area to be sent to the secretary

• Conference Calls:

o August: to discuss draft reports

o September: draft of interim report

o October: follow-up on Interim Report and Blue Book report

o November: revise Blue Book report

o December: finalize Blue Book report

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn Weathersby McCormick, Secretary