

**Standing Committee
Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania
Approvals and Consents
December 2017**

Date	Approvals	Consents
Dec. 12, 2017	Approved with corrections for clarity. the minutes of the October 24, 2017 meeting.	
	Election of officers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norman McCausland, President • Hillary Raining, Vice President • Eric Rabe, Secretary Each unanimously elected.	
	Approved the Bishop's nomination of Mary Kohart, Esq., to serve as Chancellor for the next year.	
	Approved Louis K. Steffenhagen for Diaconal Candidacy.	
	Approved Matthew D. Simpson for Diaconal Candidacy.	

	Approved St. John's Essington request for permission to rent the parish rectory subject to review and approval of the lease by the Chancellor.	
	Authorized the executive committee to review expenses related to the sale of the rectory of Redeemer, Springfield, to determine expenses related to preparing the property for the real estate listing. The parish has requested that these expenses be reimbursed from the proceeds of the sale.	
	Approved a letter to Bishop Clifton Daniel expressing the heartfelt sympathy of the Standing Committee to him upon the occasion of his wife's passing.	
Jan. 23, 2018	Approved the request of St. James Church, Collegeville to grant to Lower Providence Township, Montgomery County, Pa., a 10-foot right-of-way on two fronting roads of the church property in exchange for exemption from certain Township ordinances.	
	Approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept improvements estimated at \$10,000 in lieu of 2018 rent for space used by the Church Foundation at 3717 Chestnut Street.	
	Approved three new policies implementing canons regarding church property in the Diocese that is leased, sold or mortgaged.	

	Approved a resolution making \$450,000 available for the 2018 budget from funds invested at the Church Foundation	
	Approved a resolution making \$1.5 million dollars available over five years from funds invested at the Church Foundation. The money will finance a “Growth and Development Fund” to assist local parishes making capital improvements.	
	Authorized the Executive Committee to determine and make appropriate reimbursement from proceeds to Redeemer, Springfield, for expenses incurred in preparing its rectory for sale.	
Feb. 27, 2018	Approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee to permit a lease between St. John’s Church, Lower Merion and the City Line Presbyterian Church for space. This extends an existing agreement.	
	Approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee to authorize discussions of a possible sale of St. Mary’s Warwick, the New Church.	
March 27, 2018	Approved for candidacy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle Bullock • Benjamin Capps • Christopher Exley • Michael Palmisano • Paul Reese 	
April 24, 2018	Resolved unanimously to create a committee to study office space options when the current 3717 Chestnut Street lease expires in 2019.	
May 8, 2018	Approved four candidates for ordination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benjamin Capps (transitional diaconate) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michael Whitnah (transitional diaconate)• Louis Steffenhagen (vocational diaconate)• Matthew Simpson (vocational diaconate)	