



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA
DIOCESAN COUNCIL
Saturday, 19 September 2015 – 09:00 AM – 12:00 noon
Church of St David
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AGENDA

How will what we do or say here today affect the lives of those living in poverty?

1. Call to Order The Rev. D. Joy Segal
09:10 AM

2. Host – Welcome, info re. venue *(10 minutes)* The Rev. Frank Allen
One of the colonial parishes. First communion in 1715. Country church thru 1700s. Turn of 19th century population moved out to here – gentlemen farms, then vacationers. Always a “missional church.” In 1940s great influx. Fight in parish regarding whether to build new larger space. Eventually built “the chapel” that is used now, in 1950s. Mission of this church: “We are a church on a mission to know God in Jesus Christ and to make Christ known to others” – That mission is still important. Everything we do has to do something with that mission. We are a generous congregation, pass on about 20% of revenue.

Scripture Reflection and Opening Prayer *(10 minutes)*

Bible Study – passed around. Matthew 28:16-20. Responses to great commission: Timeless call to action to everyone, “I am with you always,” being in touch with Father, Son, and Holy spirit, “go” – call to action, “go” implies “go out, beyond your comfort zone, beyond the church.” As Episcopalians, reluctant to evangelize but we’re told to do it, right here, some of those hearing words doubted but command is still there: go.

How does great commission color your following of Christ: call to action for me right now, said to all – doubters or not – go, do, colors us with courage to do what we see even if we’re afraid, command is to introduce people to Jesus, not to condemn them, reminds us of problems with being distracted by the world and forgetting this command,

How inform work as DC: “The Period” contains all of Christianity thru history (that I have commanded you.), informs work of council as companionship in this work, evangelism is something of what we are not a thing we can or cannot do, “I am with you always ...” – that’s a command too.

3. Opening of the meeting *(5 minutes)* The Rev. D. Joy Segal
09:40

Welcome - recognition and introduction of visitors
Doris and David Griffith

Changes to agenda –
Proposed, seconded, passed.

4. Minutes of the June 20, 2015 meeting of Diocesan Council *(5 minutes)* Jerome Buescher, Secretary
Proposed, seconded, passed

5. Presentation and update on The Darby Mission *(20 minutes)* The Rev. Doris Rajagopal
[Handout included, follows]

Progress in Darby Mission Project as of September 2015

Programs

Began our process by conducting Town Hall meetings and interviews with Darby residents regarding needs and strengths of Darby Borough

- Dinners are fully-functioning, feeding all ages and backgrounds (families, elders, homeless, youth)

We have now served approximately 720 meals.

Community members are also helping.

Computer lab is open and was used during camp. — *OST grant*

Will be used for after school programs and basic computer classes this year

- Clothing through "Our Closet"
- OST-ECS Summer camp 2 successful weeks *9-5 daily*

Each child given breakfast, lunch and snack

Dance, crafts, games, trip to Franklin Institute, Family Fun Day

Distributed back packs and school supplies to each camper

- TWO Out of School Time (OST) after school programs: In the process of negotiating with school for OST after school to be housed in their space. This opportunity came from a teacher's aide who came to know and respect us through her volunteer work at the Rec. Center. She gave our camp flyer to her teacher...

- Will expand programs to include SYS and RISE, our 14-18 youth programs and job development for 18-25 year olds.

- Request for Bible Study- searching for a place to have Bible study. *To use library space, would have to rent room. may have to do that.*

- CREDIBILITY: Darby Borough Council speaks of ECS and the Episcopal Church as a group that does what it says it will do

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Contact for Peggy

*These are all
new things
to this
community*

Partnerships

- **Library and Rec. Center are sharing space: librarian shows children's movie at the Rec. Center on Tuesday afternoons**
- **We have a solid relationship with the Salvation Army and the BVM FoodBank.**
- **PHS with Urban Farm Efforts**
- **St Davids, Radnor; Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr; Church of the Redeemer, Springfield, and St. Faith, Havertown are providing significant financial/ volunteer support.**
- **Model for Trinity Ambler and Chester St Paul's and St Mary's Chester.**

Griffiths – lessons learned. Never go into community and tell them what to do. Slow, preceded by survey done by Penn PhD students who developed model and we can use that model in other places as well. Beginning to think about expanding to Chester, Port Richmond, Trinity Ambler. We did what they asked and it was slow – but it worked.

Grant from Aramark to study health. PHS will partner with us regarding urban farms.

Questions, discussion – Bishop regarding evangelism, Celtic evangelism (check this – band of followers would build camp, people got curious, what do you do? Well, we're followers of Jesus, etc. – not doctrine, not dogma, but relationships). Model Doris has done for us – free from buildings and burden of buildings. Never hear the word "outreach" – but "partnerships" creating communities where Jesus is served and celebrated. General comment – "thank you."

10:15

6. Discussion of Alcohol Policies/Recommendations (3 attachments) (20 minutes) The Rev. Lucy Amerman

Reference to Maryland happenings. Convention, clergy sessions, what do we do?

To whom do I talk in the diocese if I have concerns – who is the point person. Should be on diocesan web site, should have contact person info. Some decisions needed – need to take questions to bishop then formulate policy, bring to DC for approval/input. Joy – taking this question up with vestry. Lucy – e.g., cooking at parish dinner – presence of alcohol needs to be noted, just like presence of nuts would be noted. Bishop – need to deal with this at diocesan convention. Lucy – Caron Foundation has offered speakers (handout, included)

Lucy Amerman

From: James McManus [JMcManus@caron.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 4:30 PM
To: Lucy Amerman
Subject: Caron Speaker Availability

Hello Rev. Amerman:

I serve as the regional executive for Caron Treatment Centers in the Philadelphia area. Caron was started close to 50 years ago as a non-profit residential treatment resource for those suffering from addiction to alcohol and other chemical substances. Our main treatment facility and corporate offices are located in Wernersville, Berks County approximately 60 miles northwest of Philadelphia. Complete information regarding Caron can be found on our website at www.caron.org.

In the spirit of service to those communities which have sent large numbers of patients to Caron for treatment, we are pleased to offer our highly trained team of clinical experts to serve as speaker resources to church and community groups on a variety of topics related to the disease of addiction. Some of those topics have included:

- The increased abuse of opiate pain medications and alternative treatment methods for chronic pain
- What are the signals of substance abuse in your adolescent child and how to communicate with them
- Growing substance abuse in older adults and how to address it with the individual and the family
- The role of spirituality within the 12-step tradition

Caron would be pleased to make a speaker(s) available to address these topics or others that may be of concern within your diocesan parishes. There would not be any cost to the host group and we are very flexible regarding scheduling.

Please let me know if there is any interest in pursuing this offer further. I am available to speak with you by telephone or through a personal meeting at your office.

Sincerely, Jim McManus

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Second subject – benefits for laity (handout). Came up at convention last year, tabled. Letters of agreement in individual parishes are grandfathered. Laity benefits – to be made equivalent, minimum established. Question: what about Obamacare effect – need to notify people of that route? Clergy are required to participate in DIOPA group plan.

Peter Datos: move to support this resolution as presented. Seconded. Discussion: If it doesn't pass, Jan 01 2016 will take effect by national canon. Call question. Passed, unanimous. Bishop – DIOPA health plan administered by The Episcopal Church Medical Trust and we "own" it. It's a good plan.

10:47

7. Discussion of Finance Committee presentation of 2016 budget (one attachment) (15 minutes) The Rev. D. Joy Segal

a. Discussion of request/response for funds for Diocesan Council

Madison – problem with program budget part of finance committee. Question: incorporation of diocese? Bishop – SC has passed resolution calling for incorporation, will be resolution before convention (to create taskforce). Elise – budget is balanced but to what end? DC – should take leadership in going to vestry about unpaid pledges. Point that needs to be made – DC needs to look at list and decide how to walk the walk with those people. Peggy – bible lesson "go," "fire for mission" – want to build not just sustain. Mission needs money, need to set goals. Resolution is online.

Curtin: resolution to support incorporation resolution from council. Seconded. Discussion: Why incorporate? Streamline working leadership group, more time for mission, less time for governance. SC is doing stuff that canons don't require them to do; should they or should that decision-making rest with another body? Incorporation would make clear who is responsible for what? Call question. Passed – unanimous.

Anymore to do on this topic? First, wait for incorporation decision from convention. Other choice – take responsibility for program budget while finance committee sets amount. Or, note that we're struggling with this but let it alone until incorporation decision is made. Should DC make it a priority to contact vestries of delinquent parishes?

Huff – upcoming vestry workshop – come to it

Motion: DC to contact deans regarding non-pledging parishes. Discussion: some parishes are hurting. Deans are the correct contact person. Passed, unanimous.

b. Discussion of Diocesan Council's view of funding for the future (combining with 9)

Two versions. Consider draft of goals. Bishop – incredible coincidence of goals. What's missing is a statement about "these are the goals for the next 2 or 3 years." Bold – are themes. 5 goals, comments with them.

Call it "Diocesan Goals," take off "draft," publish in convention journal

Elise: Move draft as final as agreed, seconded. Discussion: Remove "younger generation." Decision: accept as submitted, allow bishop to tweak as needed before publishing. Passed, unanimous.

8. Discussion of Diocesan Goals (two attachments) (10 minutes)
Combined with previous item.

The Rev. D. Joy Segal

9. Bishop's Report (30 minutes)

The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, 3rd

Passed handout – what makes us most proud, staff retreat. Asking council for resolution thanking staff for their service and initiative (product of retreat included)

WHAT MAKES US MOST PROUD

STAFF RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

RESILIENCE

HOSPITALITY

TALENTS

RESOURCEFULNESS

DARBY PROJECT

DEDICATION

IDENTIFYING NEW LEADERS

MARYLAND PROPERTY

SUPPORT TO PARISHES

CHARITABLE NATURE

**RELATIONSHIP WITH
NATIONAL CHURCH**

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

WISDOM

INNOVATION

EXPERIENCE

EFM

HISTORY

DIVERSITY

STEWARDSHIP

VOLUNTEERS

HEALTH BENEFITS

SUPPORT OF CLERGY

DIOPA offices closed for pope visit

Resolution moved: Support for efforts of staff. Call question – passed, unanimous

Thanks to Chancellor for work she does mostly unseen – asking for resolution in thanks for her work & ministry to this diocese. Move, seconded, passed.

Resolution – thank bishop for service as 16th bishop of PA. Seconded, passed, unanimous.

Bishop mentioned that he has invited Bishop Bennison to installation of new bishop

10. Executive Committee Report (10 minutes)

The Rev. D. Joy Segal

- a. Diocesan Council Committee participation and responsibilities:
 - i. Review/discussion of committee volunteer opportunities and DC coverage.
 - ii. Thoughts on possibilities for new committees.
- b. Suggestions for venues for DC meetings in 2016
- c. Determination of terms of current DC members; request for notice of new members before meeting of 14 Nov 2015 (Secretary) – nominating committee: Curtin, Elise, Carolyn, Peter Datas.

11. Treasurer's Report (10 minutes)

Mr. James Pope, Treasurer

Little to say, we're ahead of last year in most issues. Around page 7 – convention and bishop search exceed budget expenses but it was pre-paid so we're OK but can't show as income now.

12. Standing Committee Report (10 minutes)

No report at this meeting, report of previous activities accepted

13. Committee Reports (oral and written) (10 minutes)

Muriel – resolution about becoming commission rather than committee. Commission more permanent. Have grown to 19 members, working with own parishes; some desire to bring together other entities within diocese that share same concerns. Bishop – pointing out that vision for this ministry came from one person, Muriel. "Thank you" for that

Motion to support resolution and thank Muriel – proposed, seconded, passed unanimous.

14. Old Business

Copy of letter to Emanuel AME, apologies for omission of names

Carolyn – Diocese as clearing house for personnel clearances? Mary – contact youth personnel, they know what's going on.

15. Schedule of next meeting

Jerome Buescher, Secretary

(November 14, 2015 – Philadelphia Cathedral)

16. Reflections (10 minutes)

George Vosburgh will do tours for anyone who wants one. Elise – appreciated 6 years of service on DC.

Joe Madison – ask for Andrew Kuhn in January

17. Closing Prayer

The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, 3rd

18. Adjournment
12:20

The Rev. D. Joy Segal