Standing Committee of the Diocese of Northern Indiana

President: The Very Rev. Frederick Mann. Members: The Rev. David L. Hyndman, Mrs. Nancy Brennen, The Rev. David K. Ottsen, Mrs. Carol Gross, Mrs. Cynthia Guzzo.

The Standing Committee continued in its advisory capacity to the Bishop as well as in its function of continuing the canonical duties as required. With exception of November 2001 and January, July and August 2002, the Standing Committee has met monthly during the past year.

In response to the General Convention 2000 mandate for diocesan level training in race relations, the Standing Committee organized a workshop for diocesan lay leadership in June. This was cancelled due to lack of response. Rescheduling has not yet been accomplished.

The Standing Committee consented to the ordinations of The Rev. Theodore Neidlinger and The Rev. M. Richard Miller to the Priesthood under the provisions of Title III, Canon 6, Section 10 of The Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church.

The Committee consented to the ordination of The Rev. Mary Ann Hill to the Priesthood in accordance with Title III, Canon 7, Section 12 of The Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church.

The Committee approved the candidacy of George Douglass in process toward ordination as a Permanent Deacon.

The Committee consented for the Bishop of this diocese to grant full Letters Dimissory for The Rev. Susan Blubaugh, under provisions of Title III, Canon 9 Section 8, should she choose at any time to move from this diocese with encouragement to the receiving Bishop that Susan be allowed full function as a priest of that diocese.

The Committee accepted the renunciation of the ordained ministry of the Episcopal Church by Donald Zelaya.

The Committee approved the loan consolidation and refinancing request of St. Paul’s Parish, Munster under provisions of appropriate ECUSA and diocesan canons.

Consented to the ceding of territory from the Diocese of Arizona to the Diocese of Nevada.

The Committee granted nine (9) consents to consecrate Bishops in diocese that held Episcopal elections and granted five (5) consents for dioceses to have Episcopal elections.

The Standing Committee generally meets the third Tuesday of each month at noon to conduct required business. Business for the Standing Committee should be submitted to the President by the second Tuesday of each month. This past year, with all Committee members having email capability, documents were successfully transmitted via email in order to prepare for and follow-up on meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

The Very Rev. Frederick Mann, President