The Standing Committee

November 2002 — September 2003

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Northern Indiana met a total of seven times since last Diocesan Convention, plus a couple of times we were able to make use of email to transact business. Given that this year was a year of General Convention, we did not have much of the usual business of consents for the election of persons to the office of bishop that we normally do.

At our first meeting in November of 2002 the following were elected as officers of the Standing Committee:

President The Rev. David Ottsen
Vice-President The Rev. David Hyndman
Secretary The Rev. Brian Grantz

Of the seven meetings we held the last two were special meetings. On September 13, we held a joint meeting with the Commission on Ministry at St. John's in Elkhart. This meeting was held to better facilitate our responsibility in the ordination process. It provided the Standing Committee the opportunity to meet with postulants (before our canonical requirements) and candidates in order to better discern their call to ministry. The second special meeting was held on September 29 at the Diocesan Office in order to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Jon Badur. We accepted with sadness his resignation and appointed Mr. Tim Gray to fill that vacancy until the Convention could act.

Included in our business over the year we gave the following consents:

- For the election of a Suffragan Bishop in the Diocese of Texas
- For the election of a Bishop Coadjutor in the Diocese of Arizona in the Diocese of West Texas
- For the election of the Rev. Alan Scarfe as Diocesan Bishop of Iowa.

We approved as follows those in our diocese in the ordination process:

- Mr. George Douglass, for ordination to the Diaconate
- Deacon Carol Fleming, changing her status from Vocational Deacon to Transitional Deacon

We also approved the following changes in property as requested by congregations in our Diocese:

- St. Anne's, Warsaw, for the sale of their present rectory and purchase of a new rectory
- St. Anne's, Warsaw, for the transfer of property no longer needed to Bethany Bible Church
- St. James, Goshen, for the sale of their rectory.
- St. Andrew's, Valparaiso, for the sale of property as part of their capital campaign.

I want to thank the Diocese for your prayers and support, our Bishop Ed Little, for his interaction with the Standing Committee along with Canon Seger and the Diocesan staff and especially thank all the members of the Standing Committee listed below for their dedication to our work this past year. I also want to thank the Diocese for giving me the opportunity to serve on the Standing Committee these past three years.

Members of the Diocese of Northern Indiana Standing Committee:

The Rev. Brian Grantz

(Mr. Jon Badur)

The Rev. David Hyndman.

Mrs. Carole Gross

Mrs. Cynthia Guzzo

Yours in Christ, The Rev. David Ottsen, President