Report of the Standing Committee

to the 107th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Northern Indiana

The Standing Committee: 2004-2005

3rd year	The Rev. Brian Grantz, President Saint Anne's, Warsaw (1st term)
	Mr. Timothy Gray The Cathedral Church of Saint James (completing 2-year unexpired term)
2nd year	Mrs. Cynthia Guzzo, Vice-President Saint David's Church, Elkhart (2nd term)
	The Rev. Bennett Jones, Secretary Saint Paul's, Munster (1st term)
1st year	Mrs. Carole Gross Saint Paul's, Mishawaka (2nd term)
	The Rev. James Warnock Gethsemane, Marion (1st term)

The Standing Committee has met seven times since the report to the 106th Diocesan Convention with additional, time-sensitive actions accomplished via email during intervals between meetings. Following is a summary of the actions taken at each meeting:

October 19, 2004

- Endorsed Susan Bunton Haynes as a Candidate for Ordination to the Diaconate (transitional).

November 16, 2004

- Election Standing Committee officers for 2004-2005: Brian Grantz, President; Cynthia Guzzo, Vice-President; Bennett Jones, Secretary.
- Expressed our deep gratitude to Canon David Hyndman for six years of service to the Diocese on the Standing Committee.
- Consented to the consecration of Jeffrey Neil Steenson as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of the Rio Grande.

January 18, 2005

- Reported interim action approving a request from Saint Paul's, LaPorte for the disposal of property.
- Consented to the request from the Diocese of Tennessee to elect a Bishop Coadjutor.
- Reported notices of clergy discipline from the Diocese of Tennessee concerning Frank B. McRight, Jr., and the Diocese of Southern Ohio concerning David R. Ruppe.

March 15, 2005

- Reported interim action consenting to the consecration of James Robert Mathes as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of San Diego.
- Consented to the request from the Diocese of Northern California to elect a Bishop Coadjutor.
- Consented to the request from the Diocese of South Carolina to elect a Bishop Coadjutor.
- Reported notice of clergy discipline from the Diocese of the Rio Grande concerning John R. Russell.
- Endorsed Rebecca Ann Crise, Jane Ellen Schmoetzer, and Joseph Franklin Wilhelm as Candidates for Ordination to the Diaconate (transitional).
- Approved a motion to draft a formal response to the Windsor Report, the Primates' Communiqué of February 2005, and any forthcoming statement made by the House of Bishops. The Rev. Jim Warnock and Mrs. Cynthia Guzzo were appointed to work on a first draft for presentation at the next regular meeting.

May 17, 2005

- Approved a request from Saint Timothy's Church, Griffith, for disposal of property.
- Consented to the request from the Diocese of the Virgin Islands to consecrate Edward Ambrose Gumbs as Bishop Diocesan.
- Endorsed Susan Bunton Haynes as a Candidate for Ordination to the Priesthood.
- Approved adoption of the following statement as the Standing Committee's formal response to the Windsor Report and the Primates' Communiqué of February 2005:

> In consideration of recent events in our Church and the Anglican Communion, as the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Northern Indiana we endorse fully the Windsor Report and accept the primates' recommendations issued at their meeting in Dromantine in February 2005.
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> We strongly urge that the Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in a spirit of reconciliation and humility and in order to restore the full trust of our bonds of affection across the Communion, accept and implement the recommendations of the Windsor Report and Primates' Communiqué.
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> It is our prayer that such acceptance will provide a time for healing and reconciliation within the Episcopal Church of the United States of America.

June 21, 2005

- Reported notice of clergy discipline from the Diocese of Arizona concerning Michael J. Lessard.
- Approved the text of a cover letter for the Standing Committee's formal response to the Windsor Report to be distributed to all clergy and wardens in charge of congregations.

August 26, 2005

- Denied a request to encumber debt from Saint Andrew's-by-the-Lake Church, Michigan City. The President was directed to respond to the Rector giving the Standing Committee's rationale, urging specific actions pertaining the request, and advising resubmission of the request once those actions have been completed.

- Endorsed Jane Ellen Schmoetzer and Joseph Franklin Wilhelm as Candidates for Ordination to the Priesthood.
- Participated in the retreat for Postulants and Candidates for Ordination at Lindenwood Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Brian Grantz, President