

## **HOL Steering Committee Minutes of Meeting: 21 March 2018**

Attending: Theresa Gorley, Tom Wilding, John Duffy-Burke, Mike Mitchell; John O'Grady, Leo Champagne, Paula Hayford. Absent: Sandy Rice, Rose Mary Volbrecht, Bakhti Ishaya.

1. Minutes from February HOL SC Meeting were approved.
2. Discussed the amendment process for the ECC Constitution. As of March 20, only 16 delegates had voted, but a number of people had indicated some difficulty in getting the link to the ballot. Some had sent no links and some were told to print off the ballot, mark it, and submit by email. We agreed that we didn't need to take any additional action until after the closing date, March 22. Rose Mary will be sending the results to Mike and Paula, who will then get the next step (revision of the draft according to the results) and getting the ballot on the whole constitution (yes/no) underway with a shorter turnaround time (maybe just a week).
3. The Finance Committee reported that there had been no activity since the last meeting but the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report should be available in April and the committee will meet then. No further action had been taken on setting up separate accounts yet.
4. Paula reported on the status of the 2020 Synod. The pricing for the final two candidates, one in St. Louis and one in Rochester, had been received and the Drury Inn in St. Louis appeared to be the best choice. We discussed the content of the Synod and agreed that we need to make sure that making sure there is adequate time to get the real business of the Synod completed and that time for getting to know colleagues from other communities was important.
5. The April Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Holy Thursday. Tom will do a Doodle Poll to see if we can move it to a better time slot.

## **HOL Steering Committee Conference Call April 22, 2019**

**Attendees:** Tom, Mike, Paula, Rose Mary, John, Leo, John

**Opening:** Prayer was overlooked

### **Financial Report—Tom**

- There was no new to report from the Finance Committee

### **Constitution**

- This was the sole item on the Agenda.
- The results of the vote on the amended constitution were discussed with Tom relaying some of the conversation from the Leadership Council meeting prior to the closing of the ballot.
- The electronic vote concluded with 32 delegates voting yes and 10 voting no on the amended Constitution.

- There was a discussion of the most effective way to proceed with the HOP: whether to jump straight to a conference committee to hammer out the differences between the two houses versions or to let the HOP decide to vote on the HOL version as it stands.
- The Committee concluded that the decision must be made by the Steering Committee for the HOP and agreed to send along with the constitution our recommendations to form a joint committee if The Steering Committee believes HOL version will not receive a large enough majority to meet the Presiding Bishop's sense of a consensus.
- The Committee agreed that in the event the HOP wants to form a joint committee to develop a common document for both houses to vote on, Tom, Rose Mary and John will represent the HOL.
- The Committee agreed that any committee should consist on of only delegates to the HOL and HOP and that the delegates should consult with other affected parties as part of their process.
- After sending the amended constitution the steering committee for the HOP, Tom will email the results to the entire HOL and advise them on the next steps in the process.

### **Minutes**

- The March 2019 minutes were approved, with John making a motion and Paula seconding.

## **HOL Steering Committee Minutes, 16 May 2019**

Attending: Paula Hayford, Theresa Gorley, Bhakti Ishaya, John O'Grady, Leo Champagne, Tom Wilding

1. The minutes of the HOL Steering Committee from 22 April 2019 were approved. Tom will send them to the listserv.
2. Paula and Tom reported on the Leadership Council meeting of 14 May 2019. The major discussion centered on the constitution process. After considerable discussion it was decided that the HOP President will identify three HOP delegates to serve on a joint committee with HOL delegates to try to take the current two versions of the draft constitution and develop a compromised version that can be taken back to the Houses and voted on. The exact process for the final voting wasn't decided, but developing a single version is the next step.
3. A report from the Finance Committee was sent to the Steering Committee earlier. One community has asked to be allowed to stop tithing since their income level has taken a steep decline. An email from the Finance Committee chair asked them to set a time limit and reminded them that the tithes are based on 6% of their actual undesignated income, which means that if the income has gone down significantly, the tithe requirement goes down automatically. A final decision will be made by the leaders of the two Houses when more information is available.

4. The 2020 Synod will be held in October 2020 in St. Louis. The community there has agreed to host that event.
5. Tom suggested to Paula and the other SC members that it isn't too early to be identifying potential candidates for vice-chair and SC members to be elected at the 2020 Synod.