

STANDING COMMITTEE

Rt. Rev. Sir and Delegates:

The following is the annual report of the Standing Committee (SC) of the Diocese of West Missouri from October 21, 2010 through October 20, 2011.

Elected members of the SC, serving as of October 20, 2011 (Dates of year elected; term for two years):

Susie Danielsson (2010)	Russell Johnson+ (2009)
*Preston Gilson (2008)	Stan Runnels+ (2010)
Channing Horner (2009)	Mimi Savidge+ (2009)
Gary Leabo (2009)	*Frank Sierra+ (2008)

* Preston Gilson resigned his position Sept. 2, 2011. His replacement will take place at the 2011 Diocesan Convention

* Frank Sierra+ was appointed by the committee to replace Terry White+ who was elected Bishop of Kentucky.

The following were elected immediately after the adjournment of the 120th Diocesan Convention to a one year term:

President: Russell Johnson+	Vice-President: Gary Leabo
Secretary: Channing Horner	

The committee consented to the following elections of diocesan bishops:

Michael P. Milliken+	Diocese of West Kansas
Daniel H. Martins+	Diocese of Springfield
Martin S. Field+	Diocese of West Missouri
Rayford J. Day+	Diocese of Northern Michigan
R. William Franklin+	Diocese of Western New York
George D. Young III+	Diocese of East Tennessee
Joseph S. Barker+	Diocese of Nebraska
Mariann E. Budde+	Diocese of Washington
+John McK. Sloan	Diocese of Alabama

The committee consented to the following elections:

Bishop Suffragan	Diocese of Haiti
Bishop Suffragan	Diocese of Virginia
Bishop Suffragan	Diocese of New York
Bishop Coadjutor	Diocese of New Hampshire

The committee approved the application for ordination to the transitional diaconate:
Nila Bishop, Kathleen Hall, Diane Pike

The committee approved the application for ordination to the vocational diaconate:
Sherrill Russell

The committee approved the candidate status to Holy Orders (priesthood):
David Angus, Nila Bishop, David Cox, Kathleen Hall, Greg Hoover, Laurie McKim, and
Greg Morgan, Ronald E. Verhaegha (Received from the Roman Catholic Church)

The committee approved the volunteer renunciation of Ordained Ministry:
Katherine Calore

The committee approved:

- Appointment of David Powell as Church Attorney
- Letter of Understanding between +Martin S. Field and the Standing Committee
- The selling of property of Trinity Church, Marshall, MO.
- The diocese purchasing the property given to St. Michael's Church (Independence), to pay back taxes and other expenses with final sale proceeds to St. Michael's less sales and tax expenses.
- The gift of a pipe organ to St. Alban's (Bolivar).
- In concurrence with the Diocesan Council, the purchase of a home for Bishop Field's family (no more than \$325,000.) with a two year limit for the selling of his home in Flint, MI, and then purchase his home from the diocese.

The Search/Transition/Consecration Reports:

Search/Nomination Committee: Dr. Linda Robertson:

The Search/Nomination Committee has completed its responsibilities by offering the following candidates (that were approved by the SC) for election to Bishop of the Diocese of West Missouri:

The Rev. Peter F. Casparian (Diocese of Long Island)
The Very Rev. Martin S. Field (Diocese of Eastern Michigan)
The Rev. Canon E. Daniel Smith (Diocese of Missouri)

Transition/Consecration Committee: The Very Rev Dr. Douglas Johnson:

It seems like such a very long time ago that we first began forming our committee membership, our sub-committees, and forming just how it would be that we could get all of this work done on time. While the Search Committee was certainly thought to be a much more glamorous job, our committee actually worked longer and had much more to do. We were all a bit exhausted by the time the election and then finally the consecration arrived. Glad it was all over and behind us were refrains we liked to chant, but we were also glad that we could rejoice and celebrate with the rest of our diocesan family.

A special thank you to all who served on our Transition Committee and my special thanks to all those who took special responsibility on our sub-committees – Jim Gilligan, Marcia Biggs, Sam Mason, Maryann Mansfield, and Anne

Hutcherson to name just a few. There were so many more. Thank you to all to participated in any way

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Now our job is to support Bishop Field in the best ways possible by continuing to be the faithful people of this diocese that we are. A diocese, I might add, that we all love and adore; a diocese that has been given to us as a gift from God for the work of the kingdom. Let us all continue that work.

My term as president ends at the 2011 convention. It has been an honor to serve the diocese with such gifted people.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell W. Johnson, Jr. +
President