

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Windsor, Connecticut

July 25, 2020

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## *Call to Order*

### **Attendance**

Because the vestry meeting was held via Zoom and recorded for future viewing, Father Chip stated that formal attendance did not have to be taken.

### **1. Opening Prayers**

The July 25, 2020 Vestry Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by The Reverend Harry (Chip) Elliott with an Opening Prayer. Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, the meeting was held via Zoom.

### **2. Father Chip opened the meeting with a request for issues of concern from the vestry.**

- Marcia Hinckley suggested that if some parishioners would like to visit the Church for a few quiet moments, she would be willing to schedule times when she would open the Church. Parishioners would sign up for specific times to enter the Church; the sign-up would limit the number of people in the Church at one time. A discussion took place about seating and cleaning following the visitations. Father Chip and Marcia will meet to discuss an all-parish email and a possible schedule.
- A question was asked regarding the building assessment. Marcia Hinckley stated that the architect apologized for the slow pace of the assessment. She said that she has been assured that the assessment will be completed and sent to the Church soon.
- Father Chip stated that he and David Stender have been working on the surveys that parishioners recently filled out. They will be meeting in the next week or two to summarize the results.
- Father Chip congratulated Deb Hutchinson on the Race and Reconciliation meeting recently held on zoom. It was remarkably interesting and meaningful to all who participated.

### **3. Deacon Denise**

Father Chip stated that the true purpose of the vestry meeting was to discuss the departure of Deacon Denise from Grace Church. Despite Father Chip trying every avenue available to keep Deacon Denise at our Church, Bishop Laura unequivocally stated that Deacon Denise's last day at the Church will be August 31<sup>st</sup>. A discussion took place regarding a purse for Deacon Denise and a gift. Father Chip explained a purse and its tax ramifications. It was decided that the money for the purse would be taken from the Tuttle Fund. An amount for the purse was decided on. It was also decided that parishioners who would like to contribute to the purse would be able to do so. Their donations would be subtracted from the amount to be taken from the Tuttle Fund. If more money is given to the purse than the amount allocated, a decision regarding the excess will be made by the vestry.

A motion was made for the vestry of Grace Episcopal Church to give a purse in the amount of \$2000 to Reverend Denise Addressa in celebration of her six years of dedicated ministry. This purse is provided upon her leaving her active ministry at Grace Episcopal Church. The funds should be allocated from the Tuttle Fund. The motion was seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. Closing Prayer**

With no other business left to discuss, Father Chip led the vestry in the closing prayer and adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

JoAnne McLeod, Clerk