

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
VESTRY MINUTES  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING WITH CANON TO THE ORDINARY**

**Date:** July 19, 2023      **Time Started:** 5:30 p.m.      **Time Ended:** 7:00 p.m.

**Vestry Members Present:** Gail Kase, Senior Warden; Peggy Wilson, Junior Warden; Amanda Hilty; Mark Holland; Kathleen Phillips; Mike Robinson; Barbara Schauer; Rebecca Sharp; Carol VanVoorhis

**Other Attendees:** The Rev. Canon Augusta Anderson, Diocesan Canon to the Ordinary; Lorrie Cooper, Clerk

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The meeting was conducted by the Canon, who immediately explained that she is our consultant and will work with ECHS through the entire process. She emphasized that we are not alone and have the support of her and the Bishop. She brought a graphic chart showing the timeline of the process, which could take as long as two years in its entirety, concluding with a new permanent priest being installed. She emphasized that the current focus of the Vestry and ECHS is to say good-bye to David. She suggests that a celebration be planned, and that David be given gifts. She suggests gifting him with local art items. A monetary gift through the Vestry would be taxable income. Monetary gifts from individuals would not be taxable.

David's final Sunday with ECHS is August 6. He will move on quickly to his role at St. John's, and his functions will be handled by the Vestry and church staff until a new priest is installed. The Senior Warden is meeting with David to acquire detailed information about the scope of his functions. Rev. Edward Harrison has volunteered for the three Sundays in August. David gave Gail a list of all possible supply clergy in the diocese, and Gail is contacting them systematically to request their help. She reports that ECHS is covered through October 8. The Canon will also look over interim possibilities and present them to the Vestry the second week of August. An interim priest could start as soon as mid-October.

The discernment process won't start until the committee is formed, possibly not for at least six months. This will allow time for the Interim to settle in. When the committee is formed, one Vestry member (not a Warden) will be included. The Canon will work with the committee. This committee will write a profile of Holy Spirit Church: its history, hopes and dreams. This profile will be posted on the ECHS website. The Canon will receive all contacts from candidates. Interviewing will be through Zoom. The committee will present two final candidates to the Vestry, which will vote on the final choice.

Following David's departure, the Vestry is the ECHS authority until the arrival of a priest. The Vestry will handle any pastoral emergencies. The Senior Warden will be in charge of worship, which will continue to be planned along the current track through Martie Carson (ECHS office administrator) and Teresa Sumpter (church musician). **Vestry contact with the Canon will go through the Senior and Junior Wardens.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorrie Cooper, Clerk

**Date of next Vestry meeting: August 15, 5:00 p.m.**