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**MINUTES OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE CORPORATION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI
Meeting as
DIOCESAN COUNCIL
Christ Church Cathedral
St. Louis, MO
04 June 2011**

Members present: Bishop Smith, Alisa Barnes, Simone Camp, Mary Ann Cook, Renee Fenner, Jack Fleming, Jim Furgason, Sharon Hoffman, Mary Jane Kuhn, Jerry Martin, Todd McDowell, Susan Mills, Vicky Myers, and Claudia Swoboda

Staff Present: Emily McNeil, Desiree Viliocco, Dan Smith

Guests Present: Jim Schmersahl, Rose Lawson, Marc Smith

Bishop Smith called the meeting to order and opened with prayer at 9:00 a.m.

There was a motion and second to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2011 meeting. Passed by voice vote.

Bishop Smith welcomed Mr. Jim Schmersahl, Certified Public Accountant of Schmersahl Treloar, to present the audit of the Corporation. The audit was a clean audit. Jim praised the financial staff for their work during the past year and in aiding the audit. The audit is attached to the official copy of the minutes and will be available in the Convention Journal.

Bishop Smith welcomed Ms. Rose Lawson of the Church Medical Trust. Ms. Lawson gave a power point presentation on the Denominational Health Plan for the Episcopal Church. She spoke of the mission of the Medical Trust and explained resolution A177 passed at General Convention 2009. Primary points are: Employers are required to offer a health plan to all employees who work 1,500+ hours per year. Each Diocese will set a minimum cost sharing policy that offer equality to clergy and lay employees. Each diocese will decide if schools or other institutions will participate. Employers may not opt out. Employees may opt out. Employees

who work more than 1,000 and less than 1,500 hours per year may voluntarily participate in the DHP. All of this must be in place by January 1, 2013. Questions and Discussion followed.

The Rev. Todd McDowell presented a report from the DHP/Health Insurance Sub-Committee. Todd introduced the members of the committee, and outlined the work of the committee. The committee presented an eight part recommendation to the Council. There needs to be exact wording of a resolution adopted at the September meeting of the Council to be presented at the Convention of the Diocese in November. A forum will be held on August 20, 2011, for all parishes, missions and institutions, at Grace Church in Kirkwood. He outlined the recommendations. It was moved and seconded to send the recommendations to the parishes, missions, and institutions of the diocese for discussion. Passed by voice vote.

Financial Report: In the absence of Tom Hedrick, Desiree Viliocco presented the current financial report.

Desiree Viliocco presented to the Council the process being used for the preparation of the 2012 budget. Letters that were sent to congregations and institutions were placed in Council member's packets.

Church Assistance Endowment Fund Requests: Jim Furgason presented the report of the Church Assistance Endowment Fund sub-committee. The sub-committee presented their recommendations for recipients of the grants from the fund. The committee recommends the following grants: Christ Church, Cape Girardeau, \$6,500; Grace, Jefferson City, \$6,500; Good Shepherd, Town and Country, \$6,500; Christ Church Cathedral, \$6,500; Emmanuel, Webster Groves, \$3,000. Moved, seconded, passed by voice vote.

Election of DIT Trustee:

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri (COEDMO) in its regular meeting on the 4th day of June, 2011 does hereby elect Mr. Larry Labrier to serve a two-year term as co-Trustee of the Diocesan Investment Trust. Moved, seconded, passed by voice vote.

The Council went into recess for the celebration of the Eucharist and lunch at 11:30. Council reconvened at 12:15.

Approval of 2012: Diocesan Council Calendar: proposed calendar was moved and adopted.

Searches within the Diocese: Dan Smith reported on the various searches currently underway in the Diocese.

Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund Request:

Resolved, that the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri does hereby confirm and approve the following corporate action of COEDMO: that a grant in amount of \$1,446.39 be awarded from the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund to assist a clergyperson with medical expenses not covered through an insurance plan. Moved, seconded, passed by voice vote.

Bishop's Report: Bishop Smith reported on his decision to close Columbia Hope. He thanked the Council for their participation in the process. He also reported on changes on his staff. Cory Hoehn from his staff has resigned to take a position in Austin, TX. His work is being redistributed among the remaining staff. Bishop Smith will be in Lui, Southern Sudan for the funeral of Bishop Bullen. This trip will also give Bishop Smith an opportunity to engage in conversations with Bishop Elect Stephen Dokolo. Bishop Smith spoke about a mission opportunity that might exist in Old North St. Louis. He shared that he is looking at Episcopal Service Corps as a possible partner in this work.

Convocations:

- a. Reports:
 - i. Kemper: written report is in the packet.
 - ii. Metro II: minutes are coming soon.
 - iii. Metro III
 - iv. Metro IV: meeting in two weeks.
 - v. West
 - vi. South: written report is in the packet

Other Business: None

Open Question/Comment Time: Bishop Smith was asked about drilling the last well in Lui. He stated that he is going to look into that project while he is in Sudan.

Bishop Smith was asked about a Youth Missioner. He said that the Youth Commission has given him two candidates.

Mary Ann Cook distributed information about a Making Disciples conference on August 27.

The Council suggested that the meeting be adjourned with prayers for Bishop and Debbie Smith as they travel to Lui. Bishop Smith invited Renee Fenner to do those prayers.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52pm.