



The Council of Advice met via ZOOM video call on 4 & 5 September 2020.

Agenda topics and discussions included:

- ◇ Parish and mission congregation reports from liaisons, and discussion on being mindful that communities/parishioners may be feeling isolated given the unknowns COVID has presented.
- ◇ The Bishop and Council agreed to recognize both St. Michael's Thuringia as a mission and Santa Maria a Ferrano as a specialized mission of the Convocation.
- ◇ Task Force updates from liaisons, overview of general content that will be presented at this October's convention. Discussion on future of these Task Forces and how to keep the work active after their first year of being established.
- ◇ Final review and approval of 2021 budget that will be presented at this October's convention.
- ◇ Agreement to a formal charter for the Finance Committee.
- ◇ Review of feedback provided to Linda Grenz (who conducted the recent mutual ministry review for the Bishop and Council) from clergy and wardens. Discussion held on how to improve communications from the Convocation office to result in content that is more engaging. (The Council will have a separate virtual meeting in the coming weeks to discuss the remaining feedback for this review.)
- ◇ Convention 2020

Finalized that the meeting will be completely virtual this year, and not in Nice, given potential travel restrictions from the uptick in COVID cases across much of Europe. Holy Trinity Nice looks forward to hosting the in-person Convocation Convention in October 2021. Members of the Council will be convening to refine the agenda, so that the program is designed for a virtual format.

For Bishop Mark Edington's formal announcement regarding this decision, as well as other information regarding this convention please click on the following link:

<http://www.tec-europe.org/convocation/governance-conventions-council-of-advice/the-annual-convocation-convention/>

The Council of Advice will next meet for an abbreviated virtual meeting on 22 October 2020.

Key dates for upcoming Convocation programs can be found at:

<http://www.tec-europe.org/calendar/upcoming-convocation-events/>

The Council of Advice is a canonical committee that advises Bishop-in-Charge Mark Edington in carrying out his responsibilities in the Convocation.

If you would like to learn more about the Council of Advice and its current members, please visit:

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