

**Summary Minutes of the Diocesan Council
Of the Episcopal Church in Delaware
Contingency Meeting
March 17, 2022**

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer. The agenda was accepted, and the minutes of the February meeting were approved. We welcomed three new members to the council.

We voted on the membership to fill the fourth council vacancy – unanimously electing Amber Welch to fill the Area II position for two years.

Bishop Brown introduced a resolution to show our financial support for the Pain and Prayer Project. The Rev. Dr. Marta Illueca asked for bridge funding and support from the council and the trustees. We unanimously voted to support her project in the amount of \$15,000.00 for 2022, which is coming from a new ministry gift. We will also be supporting her project in the amount of \$20,000.00 for 2023, which will be part of our budget. This will free Dr. Illueca from the immediate burden of raising funds in addition to her time-sensitive work. The bishop says we are an “angel investor” in this project.

Treasurer, Frank Daniels, reported that our finances look good so far this year, and updated us on our small parish audit program.

Vice President, Helen Spence, began a discussion of whether a summary of council minutes should be made available to the members of our parishes, since the council essentially serves as vestry for the diocese. The idea was generally supported presuming that the minutes would be submitted by a voting member of this body. After discussion, a motion was made that Summary Minutes should be made available through “*The Net*” and the motion passed.

Bishop Brown offered the closing prayer.