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From: Gwynne Lawlor <gwynne@lawlor.co.za>
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 2:23 PM
To: 'Fr Tom Amoore'
Subject: RE: Provincial Standing Committee

Thank you Tom!!!!

From: Fr Tom Amoore [mailto:boksburgang@telkomsa.net]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2017 9:00 AM
To: Deacon Joan Jones
Cc: Gwynne Lawlor
Subject: Provincial Standing Committee

Dear Joan,

Greetings. Sorry to be so long in getting this to you.

First please take note of the requirement that all questions pertaining to reports are to be submitted in quadruplicate after Evening Prayer on the Wednesday and handed to the PEO.

It is quite terrifying for someone at their first meeting to face this body. I presume you will be called up as the reports are dealt with (after tea on Thursday) and have to read out your question, but they may just answer it saving you standing up. On the question obviously you need to indicate who it comes from – i.e. from you. You can say Deacon Joan Jones on behalf of the Provincial Conference of Deacons.

There are just two matters affecting Deacons;

The first is in Agendum 7, the report of the advisory board on Theological education and training for ministry. On page 3 of the report there is a paragraph headed "Minimum qualification for ordination". There it is stated that the minimum qualification is a diploma serving as an entry to a B Th degree. The Question;

"In the report from the Advisory Board on Theological Education and training for Ministry" the minimum qualification for ordination is given as a diploma which will serve as an entry for a B Th degree. Is it intended that this apply both to the Diaconate and to those discerned as called to the priesthood being ordained to the transitional diaconate? Has consideration been given to a separate qualification for those discerned as called to the Diaconate?"

The second is from agendum 25, the report of the College of the Transfiguration. There the number of students is given. However there is no indication as to whether they are all being trained for the priesthood or whether there are some being trained for the Diaconate.

The Question; "in the report of the College of the Transfiguration, it is stated that there are 44 students at the college. Are there any who have been discerned as called to the Diaconate, and if so how many? "

Please contact me if you have any problems.

Bless you and enjoy it. You will see a larger picture of the church and meet fascinating people.

Regards,

Fr Tom.