

## **EPISCOPACY COMMITTEE**

*Rev. Gary Kennedy, Chair*

The Episcopacy Committee of the Desert Southwest Annual Conference has been busy during the past annual conference year. The nature of suspended worship throughout the annual conference in 2020 and the development of the Zoom call culture actually assisted us in being able to have more meetings than the customary one or two in person meeting that we have had in past years. Transitioning from live to zoom meetings gave us greater flexibility and more “face to face” zoom meetings.

The work of the Episcopacy Committee is in large part confidential (somewhat like the work of the local church Staff Parish Relations Committee) with specific duties as described in ¶637 of the *2016 Book of Discipline*. Our committee has faithfully executed those duties and remain ready whenever called upon by the Bishop or need.

Our committee faces considerable work ahead during time of Episcopal transition. The work we do is important to the annual conference and important to the work of the Bishop. We have enjoyed a good working relationship with Bishop Robert Hoshibata and Julie O’Neal.