

**REPORTS**  
FOR THE  
**58<sup>th</sup> General Council**  
OF THE  
**REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



MEETING IN COUNCIL  
THE OMNI HOTEL  
RICHMOND, SC

June 10-12, 2026

## COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM

Dear Brethren:

On behalf of the Diocese of the Central States and the Program Committee, we welcome all of you to Richmond, VA. This is the first General Council hosted by our youngest diocese. For those who are not aware, the Diocese of the Central States was formed in 2008 because of the continued growth of the Reformed Episcopal Church. As the number of parishes increased across the large geographical territory of the other dioceses, it was determined that we form a new diocese. Bishop Daniel Morse, coadjutor of the Diocese of Mid-America at the time, was called to be the first missionary bishop of the newly formed missionary diocese. Under his shepherding, the roots of this newly planted diocese began to grow deep. In 2020, as Bishop Dan entered retirement, Bishop Peter Manto was installed as Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese. Bishop Peter held the diocese steady through the years of Covid and continued to seek the health and growth of the diocese in the years since. Knowing his retirement was nearing, the diocese elected The Very Rev. Canon Jason Grote, as their bishop coadjutor. Elected in October 2024 and consecrated in June 2025, Bishop Jason has been walking beside Bishop Peter during this transitional season and is excited to build upon the great foundations laid by Bishop Dan and Bishop Peter. We will all share in the special occasion of installing Bishop Jason as the new Ordinary of the Diocese of the Central States during the opening service of Holy Communion.

### **General Council begins with the Communion Service**

#### **Derbyshire Baptist Church**

8800 Derbyshire Road

Richmond, VA 23229

<https://www.dbcrichmond.org/>

**Wednesday morning – June 10 – 9:00am sharp**

**Clergy requested to vest and process (see instructions attached)**

**Charter Bus Times (see instructions attached)**

Registration Check-in at the hotel – 7pm – 9pm - Tuesday evening

We would like to thank the Diocese of the Central States for their warm welcome to us and for hosting us this week. In particular, we thank Bishop Peter Manto, the Rev. Barton Gingerich, the Rev. Kenneth Mills, the Rev. Kasey Gage, and Mrs. Cathy Heissenhuber, who have helped with the planning and execution of this General Council. Additionally, we express our gratitude to the local volunteers of St. Jude's Anglican Church & Holy Cross Anglican Church, and the residents of Chesterfield Heights who offered their ministry of time and service hosting our worship services, compiling the welcome bags, and so much more. Your kindness to the Lord and His church is certainly beyond measure.

We welcome and thank Bishop Julian Dobbs, Provincial Dean of the ACNA, and our fellow Bishops and brethren in the Anglican Church of North America, for rejoicing with us in our opening Eucharist. We thank our 58<sup>th</sup> General Council music director, Mrs. Candace Bawcombe, for coordinating and providing all the music at our worship services this week. We thank Fr. Brian Foos and those of St. Andrew's Academy & College for blessing us with their choir. We thank Derbyshire Baptist Church and the Rev. Dr. Jeff Raymond, Senior Pastor, for allowing us to worship in their beautiful church.

Lastly, we thank Mr. Joe Hearne, a member of our own Christ the Redeemer Church in Owensboro, KY who designed the General Council Logo this year. The center red cross, bible with the alpha/omega, and blue background come from the Reformed Episcopal Church logo. The shield with the four symbols is a part of our host diocese's logo (the Diocese of the Central States). The four 'petals' extending from the shield represent the dogwood flower (pictured on the right). The dogwood flower is the official state flower of the commonwealth of Virginia, in whose capital of Richmond we are having General Council. The Roman numerals (LVIII) under the shield express that this is the 58<sup>th</sup> General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church.



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Attached to this report are several items.

- Important Details & Instructions.  
*Please read this as it will provide most answers for you, including a schedule of events and important times.*
- Order of Business
- Rules of Order

We pray that your presence and participation in this 58<sup>th</sup> General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church will be a blessing to all.

Respectfully Submitted,



The Rt. Rev. Jason R. Grote  
Program Committee Chairman

## **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

### **IMPORTANT DETAILS & INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **KEY LOCATIONS & ADDRESSES**

##### **Omni Hotel Richmond**

100 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

##### **Derbyshire Baptist Church**

8800 Derbyshire Rd.  
Richmond, VA 23229

##### **St. Jude's Anglican Church** (only for the Central States Synod attendees)

8102 Ridge Rd.  
Richmond, VA 23229

#### **HOTEL PARKING**

If you are staying at the hotel and made your reservation using our event code, please use the valet parking option at the hotel. It will be cheaper than their self-parking. Our cost is \$32/nt and will have unlimited in and out access. If you self-park with the hotel, you will pay every time you come in and out, and it will be a more expensive daily rate.

There is city parking directly across the street from the hotel entrance and on a few of the adjacent streets. The James Center parking costs \$25 per day with no in/out privileges (i.e., you will pay twice if you leave and then return again). Some of the other garages may be a little cheaper, but availability, costs, and security cannot be guaranteed. The hotel is in the financial district of downtown and many of those garages fill up with employee parking.

If you are a local resident, driving to General Council, or staying at another hotel – please use this link to the hotel's website to read their posted directions, parking instructions, and other transportation information.

[Downtown Richmond Hotels | Directions To Omni Richmond](#)

#### **HOTEL SHUTTLE**

The Omni hotel and airport are about 8 miles apart (15 min drive). Unfortunately, the hotel does not offer a shuttle to/from the airport. If you are arriving at Richmond Airport and not renting a vehicle, you can Uber from the airport which should only be about \$20-\$30 each way. The hotel website mentions that a taxi would be about the same cost.

The hotel does offer a free shuttle within a 5-mile radius from 7am to 5pm each day, which covers most of the downtown area. You will have to coordinate directly with the hotel if you use the free shuttle for any local destinations.

#### **CHARTER BUSES FOR WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**

Charter busses are available on Wednesday morning to take you to/from the church and the hotel. There will be two busses available. They both will begin loading at 7:30am and depart the hotel at 7:45a. We will NOT track who has or has not loaded in time. If you are not there on time, the bus will leave without you and you will have to find an alternate way to get to the Church or miss the opening worship service.

There will be signs as to where you can wait and load the busses. It will be on the first floor in the larger atrium area of the hotel lobby.

After the worship service, we will take a group photograph. Clergy will then immediately change out of their vestments. If you rode the bus, you should make sure to be back on the bus to return to the hotel as soon as you are changed. The estimated departure time will be 11:30am. Again, we will not count heads to ensure everyone is on the bus. If you are late, you will be left behind and you will have to find another way back to the hotel.

**You must have pre-purchased a ticket to ride the bus during registration.** Your badge will indicate if you did or did not. We based the number of busses needed on those who pre-purchased a seat. If you did not pre-purchase a bus ticket, please do not try to come on the busses. You will be stealing a seat from someone else. Again – your badge will say whether you should be on the bus or not.

#### **TOLLS ON ROADWAYS**

Richmond utilizes a toll system on some of their roadways. If you are driving to/from the church and hotel on Wednesday, you may encounter tolls. If you rented a vehicle, it likely has an ez-pass toll tag built into it. Your car rental company will charge you for the tolls you incur.

If you are driving your personal vehicle, they have implemented a “Pay-By-Plate” system. You will get a bill in the mail that you will have to pay. Some tollways have cash lanes, but there is no guarantee.

If you do not wish to pay any tolls, be sure to tell your GPS system that you wish to “avoid tolls”. Please leave additional travel time as you will not be taking the most direct highway route between the two locations.

#### **DINNER ON THURSDAY**

Everyone will be free to eat where you wish on Thursday evening. There are several local establishments within walking distance. Note that many of the fast-food restaurants in the financial district will close earlier since they cater to employees during work hours. However, there are other places like Jimmy Johns (fast and cheap), a Mexican restaurant, an Irish pub, a steak/seafood/pasta restaurant (directly across from the hotel), Asian cuisine, a tap house, a seafood restaurant, and others. You may also choose to take a stroll along the Canal Walk. I believe there is a Pizza and Mexican place there.

#### **GENERAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION CHECK-IN**

Registration check-in will be available at the special registration desk in the hotel at the following times. Please note this is NOT the main registration desk where you check in. It is a specially designated area outside of the conference rooms on the second floor. The hotel staff and signs can direct you to the location.

- Central States attendees only: During Synod on Tuesday afternoon at St. Jude’s
- Tuesday evening 7pm to 9pm
- Wednesday @ Noon: Upon returning from worship
- Wednesday: 6:15pm – for those only coming to the banquet dinner

We encourage you to check in on Tuesday evening to help limit the line on Wednesday. At check-in you will receive your badge and a welcome bag (full General Council attendees only).

## **YOUR ALL-IMPORTANT BADGE & LANYARD!**

Your badge and lanyard at General Council are extremely important. You should wear them at all meals and during all sessions. Aside from people being able to see your name quickly, these things help us verify certain information very quickly.

You will receive a lanyard which indicates whether you are a clergy voting member (red) or a lay voting member (blue). If you are an observer or guest of the Council, you will receive a white lanyard. This will help us identify individuals that are permitted to speak from the floor or vote during business sessions.

The back of your badge will provide a few key schedule times for you. It will also indicate what meal tickets you have purchased, as well as your lunch selection for Friday, and whether you purchased a bus ticket for the charter buses.

Finally, included on your badge is a QR code that you can scan to visit the mobile-friendly General Council webpage. That page will have much of this information, quick access to reports during business, and a button to make your worship offerings online. Please scan with your phone and check it out!

**Important:** Our sandwich orders on Friday are based on what your badge says. Do NOT take a sandwich that is different from what your badge indicates. If you take a different sandwich than that which is indicated, you will be stealing someone else's lunch. Likewise, if you go through a buffet line for a meal that you did not purchase, we have the potential of running out of food before everyone is served. We also book the charter busses based on the number of people who purchased a bus ticket during registration. If you ride the bus without having purchased a ticket, you will be stealing someone else's seat. *Why do I have to include this? Because these things all happened in Charleston in 2023. Let's not have a repeat in 2026.* 😊

## **CLERGY VESTING FOR WORSHIP**

All clergy and deaconesses are invited to vest and process for the **Wednesday morning Communion service**.

- Bishops - rochet and chimere with red stole
- Other Clergy - cassock/surplice with red stole
- Deaconesses - blue cassock.

You should arrive at Derbyshire Baptist Church by 8:15a for vesting and instruction. Clergy and deaconesses will vest in the choir rooms. Bishops will gather and vest in the Parlor. Immediately following the service, we ask that you remain vested so we can take a group photo in the sanctuary.

**At all other services, only the participating clergy and worship participants will vest.** A separate and direct communication will be made from Fr. Kasey Gage to those participating in those services.

## **WORSHIP OFFERINGS**

We will receive an offering at each of the three morning worship services. The offerings received will be designated for the support of Reformed Episcopal ministries and projects. The Council of Bishops and General Committee have approved the General Council offerings to be evenly split between REC100, the Board of Foreign Missions, and the 2026 Women's Day Project.

We will “pass the plate” during each of the morning services. If you would like to donate by check, we would ask that you make checks payable to “Diocese of the Central States”. Their financial team will be responsible for processing the offerings and distributing them according to their purpose.



If you would like to donate electronically, you can do so with the QR code. It is included here but it will also be included in the bulletin each day. A button will also be available in the General Council web page (you’ll see it after getting your badge). Electronic donations will be processed using the Diocese of Mid-America’s paypal donation account. The Diocese will account for these electronic offerings and will disburse them according to their purpose after General Council is finished.

#### **EXPECTED DRESS CODES**

For Breakfast – casual (but appropriate for public)

For Wed/Thu Worship and Sessions – Sunday worship attire

For Wednesday Banquet – Sunday worship attire

For Friday session – you can dress more casually for travel (but be respectful that we will still worship on Friday morning and have business meetings)

#### **REPORT PACKET**

We will distribute reports electronically via email and on our website. These will also be available on the General Council site during our event. Digital availability of reports and emails is scheduled to begin May 20<sup>th</sup>.

We have learned from recent General Councils that we can significantly reduce our time in business sessions and devote ourselves to ministry and fellowship when everyone has read the reports and formed their questions in advance.

Please make sure you **READ THESE REPORTS BEFORE GENERAL COUNCIL!** We will entertain motions to file many of the reports without presenting them orally. If you have questions that could be answered in advance, feel free to email me (J2Grote@rechurch.org) and I might be able to provide you with answers. Otherwise, note them and ask when the time comes during the business sessions.

The primary reports being orally presented at General Council will be our Presiding Bishop exhortation and other reports pertaining to ministry and mission of the Reformed Episcopal Church (REC100, Board of Foreign Missions, Women of the Church, etc). We will also hear those reports pertaining to the governance and financial aspects of the Church (Sustentation Fund, Pensions/Relief, Constitution & Canons, etc). Diocesan summaries and other non-elected committees that do not have recommendations will be filed. The expectation is that you will have already read them and be prepared for such action.

While many reports are listed in the Order of Business, some of them will not actually have reports because there was nothing to report.

Please have your report packets available on your electronic devices or in print (if desired) during the meetings. It is best if you download your reports to your device prior to your arrival and/or in your hotel room. There is no guarantee of adequate wi-fi connections in the conference room.

*Presiding Bishop Report* – Bishop Sutton will deliver his report orally after lunch on Wednesday. It will then be provided to the secretary for inclusion in the Journal.

**Journal** – It is not necessary to have the Journal of the 57<sup>th</sup> General Council (2023) printed or available at this Council, unless you so desire. The chair will entertain a motion to dispense with the reading of these minutes and to simply approve them. If you note any changes that need to be made in the Journal, please have them ready to announce to the Secretary, Dss. Annette Johnson, or email her in advance ([dssaj@rechurch.org](mailto:dssaj@rechurch.org)) .

#### **DISPLAY TABLES**

We have several display tables set up around the conference room and exhibitor hallways. We encourage you to visit these tables and to learn about many different ministries and missions during our scheduled breaks and/or mealtimes. The tables that should be present are as follows:

- Episcopal Recorder Publications
- Anglican School Association & Alfred Rex Publications
- St. Andrew’s Academy & College
- Cranmer Theological House Seminary
- Cummins Theological Seminary
- Reformed Episcopal Seminary
- REC Board of Foreign Missions
- New Wineskins
- Society of Anglican Missionaries & Senders (SAMS)
- Anglican Frontier Mission
- Anglican Way Institute
- Deaconess Association / Vergers

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you need additional help at any time, you may contact Bishop Jason Grote via text at (832) 264-3483. You may also email him at [J2Grote@rechurch.org](mailto:J2Grote@rechurch.org).

## CONDENSED SCHEDULE

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

6:30a – 7:30a	Breakfast at hotel (for those who purchased)
7:30a –	Busses load (if purchased) Busses will depart for Church at 7:45a sharp!
8:00a – 8:45a	Clergy arrival and vesting (@ Derbyshire)
9:00a – 11:15a	Holy Communion service (@ Derbyshire) <i>Bp. Jason Grote installation as Ordinary - The Diocese of the Central States</i> <i>Bp. Peter Manto, preaching</i>
11:30a – Noon	Return to Omni Hotel (busses will leave at 11:30a sharp!)
Noon – 1:30p	Lunch & Women of the Church Mtg
1:45p – 3:15p	Business Session #1
3:15p – 3:30p	Break
3:30p – 4:30p	Business Session #2 – Mission Greetings & Board of Foreign Missions
4:30p – 6:30p	Break to get ready for Banquet ( <i>clear room so they can reset</i> )
6:30p – 7:00p	Reception hour ( <i>cash bar available</i> )
7:00p – 9:30p	Banquet Dinner (@ Hotel)

### THURSDAY, JUNE 11

7:00a – 8:00a	Breakfast at hotel ( <i>for those who purchased</i> )
9:00a – 9:30a	Morning Prayer (@ Hotel)
9:45a – 11:00a	Business Session #3 & Teaching Presentation – REC100
11:00a – 11:15a	Break
11:15a – 11:55a	REC100-Europe! Greetings
12:00p – 1:15p	Lunch (@ hotel)
1:15p – 2:00p	Business Session #4
2:00p – 2:45p	International Diocese Greetings
2:45p – 3:00p	Break
3:00p – 4:15p	Business Session #5
4:15p – 4:30p	Break
4:30p – 5:00p	Evensong
5:00p –	Adjourn for the day (Dinner on your own)

*The Anglican School Association (ASA) dinner and presentation will be held in the Magnolia Room at 6:00pm on Thursday. This is only for those who registered and purchased the dinner in advance through the ASA.*

### FRIDAY, JUNE 12

7:00a – 8:00a	Breakfast at hotel (for those who purchased)
9:00a – 9:45a	Morning Prayer (@ Hotel)
9:45a – 10:45a	Teaching Presentation – The Rev. Canon Tony Melton
10:45a – 11:00a	Break
11:00a – Noon	Business Session #6
Noon – 1:00p	Lunch (@ hotel)
1:00p – 3:00p	Final Business Session (only if needed)
<i>When done</i>	Adjourn (absolutely no later than 3pm)

**Note:** Adjournment will occur after all business has been completed. This may be earlier or later than scheduled depending on the Business Sessions.

## DETAILED SCHEDULED WITH EXPLANATIONS

### WEDNESDAY – JUNE 10

- **Breakfast Buffet – 6:30am** – James River Ballroom at the Omni hotel – only for those who purchased (your badge will indicate yes or no). Breakfast is only served from 6:30am to 7:30am. Note this breakfast time is earlier than the other days to accommodate travel time to the Church.
- **Bus Transportation – 7:30am** – Those taking the charter bus to the church should be in the secondary lobby of the hotel at 7:30am to begin boarding. Your badge will indicate if you purchased a bus ticket or not. Busses will load and will leave at 7:45am. We will not count or check names for this. If you are late, you will miss the bus and will have to Uber to the church or miss the church service.
- **Holy Communion Worship @ 9:00am** – at Derbyshire Baptist Church. It will take about 30 minutes to drive to/from the hotel and the Church. Clergy should arrive between 8:00a and 8:15a to vest (see instructions above). All others should arrive by 8:30-ish to park and get settled. Following worship, we will remain in the church for a group photo. Clergy will then change and we will return to the hotel for lunch. The bus will leave Derbyshire at 11:30am. We will not count our check names. If you do not get on the bus on time, you will have to Uber back to the hotel.
- **Lunch & Women’s Day – Noon** - The Women of the Church will receive their lunch outside the Potomac Room at the Omni Hotel and then meet in the Potomac Room during lunch. The men will receive and eat their lunches in the James River Ballroom.
- **Afternoon Sessions – 1:45pm**. All business sessions will be in the James River Ballroom at the Omni Hotel. We will end our sessions by 4:30p and leave the conference room such that the hotel staff can set the room for the banquet dinner. You are free to fellowship and freshen up during this two-hour break.
- **Wednesday evening banquet – 6:30pm** – James River Ballroom at the Omni Hotel. A bar (credit cards only) will be available for the reception time beginning at 6:30pm. The doors will open for the dinner and buffet at 7:00pm. There will be a special presentation during the dessert time of the meal.

### THURSDAY – JUNE 11

- **Breakfast Buffet – 7:00am** – James River Ballroom at the Omni hotel – only for those who purchased (your badge will indicate yes or no). Breakfast is served only between 7am and 8am.
- **Morning Prayer Worship @ 9:00am** – James River Ballroom. Only participating clergy will vest. In lieu of a sermon, Canon Michael Vinson will lead a teaching session immediately after worship.
- **Lunch (Noon)** (for those who purchased). Everyone will eat in the James River Ballroom. It will be a hot buffet.
- **Afternoon sessions** - all session will be in the James River Ballroom. We will adjourn our afternoon sessions at 4:15 to prepare for an Evensong service at 4:30p.
- **Dinner on Thursday** – There is no General Council sponsored dinner on Thursday evening. Everyone is free to eat on their own. The Anglican School Association (ASA) will have their dinner and presentations in the Magnolia Room just inside the hotel entrance on the first floor starting at 6:00pm. A separate registration and cost for this event is required. For more information visit:

[Banquet of the Bedes Tickets, Thursday, June 11 • 6 PM - 9 PM | Eventbrite](#)

## FRIDAY – JUNE 12

- **Breakfast Buffet – 7:00am** - James River Ballroom at the Omni hotel – only for those who purchased (your badge will indicate yes or no). Breakfast is served only between 7am and 8am.
- **Morning Prayer worship @ 9am** – James River Ballroom. Only participating clergy will vest. In lieu of a sermon, Canon Tony Melton will lead a teaching session immediately after worship.
- **Business Sessions** –Following our morning worship and a short break, we will convene for our remaining business sessions. If we complete business by lunch, we will adjourn and lunch will be served at noon. If we do not complete our business, we will have lunch and then resume our final session either during a “working lunch” or immediately after lunch.
- **Lunch (Noon)** (for those who purchased). Everyone will eat in the James River Ballroom. It will be a box lunch. You are welcome to eat in the ballroom or to take your lunch with you as you depart (assuming we are done business before lunch).
- **Final session** - if we are not finished our business before lunch, we will reconvene and complete all business. The absolute latest we will adjourn is 3pm but we do anticipate it to be earlier.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

The report numbers listed correspond to the page numbers on the bottom of the printed reports. For example, report 1C, will correspond to the report whose page numbers are listed 1C-1, 1C-2, etc. Although each report is assigned a report number, there may not actually be a printed report provided.

### 0. ITEMS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM

- A. *Welcome* 0A
- B. *Detailed Instructions & Schedule* 0B
- C. *Order of Business* 0C
- D. *Rules of Order* 0D

### 1. BUSINESS SESSION #1 (*Wed after lunch*)

- A. Committee on Credentials 1A
- B. Program Committee (*see above*)
- C. Report on Corresponding Members 1C
- D. Election of Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer) 1D
- E. Minutes from the Previous General Council Journal
- F. Presiding Bishop Report (*orally presented*)

### 2. BUSINESS SESSION #2 (*Wed afternoon*)

- A. Board of Foreign Missions President 2A
- B. Board of Foreign Missions Treasurer 2B

### 3. BUSINESS SESSION #3 (*Thu morning*)

- A. REC100 Canon Missioner 3A

### 4. BUSINESS SESSION #4 (*Thu afternoon*)

- A. Committee on Women's Ministry - President 4A
- B. Committee on Women's Ministry - Treasurer 4B
- C. Order of Deaconesses 4C
- D. Christian Education 4D
- E. Anglican School Association 4E
- F. Young People's Work 4F

### 5. BUSINESS SESSION #5 (*Thu afternoon*)

- A. Report of the General Committee (*filed*) 5A
- B. Report of the Sustentation Fund - President 5B
- C. Report of the Sustentation Fund - Treasurer 5C
- D. Board of Pensions and Relief - President 5D
- E. Board of the Publication Society - President 5E
- F. Board of Pensions and Relief & Episcopal Recorder - Treasurer 5F

### 6. BUSINESS SESSION #6 (*Thu afternoon & Fri*)

- A. Committee on Doctrine and Worship 6A
- B. Standing Liturgical Commission 6B
- C. Report of the Nominations Committee 6C
- D. Committee on Constitution and Canons 6D

**7. BUSINESS SESSION #7 (Fri)**

*(The chair will entertain a motion we dispense with the reading of all Diocesan reports and other reports that do not have any recommendations and that they be filed with secretary)*

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| A. Diocese of the Central States <i>(no recommendations)</i>                              | 7A |
| B. Diocese of Mid-America & Western Canada <i>(no recommendations)</i>                    | 7B |
| C. Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic & Eastern Canada <i>(no recommendations)</i> | 7C |
| D. Diocese of the Southeast - <i>(no recommendations)</i>                                 | 7D |
| E. Report of the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Office <i>(no report)</i>                        | 7E |
| F. Committee on Inter-church Relations <i>(no report)</i>                                 | 7F |
| G. Committee on the State of the Church <i>(no recommendations)</i>                       | 7G |
| H. Committee on Memorials <i>(no recommendation)</i>                                      | 7H |
| I. Committee on Materials for Reformed Episcopal History <i>(no report)</i>               | 7I |
| J. Committee on Press Relations <i>(no report)</i>  | 7J |
| K. Committee on Theological Education <i>(no recommendations)</i>                         | 7K |

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES NON-ELECTIVE**

*Committee Appointments will be made and distributed following General Council*

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Motion of Thanks

**12. GENERAL COUNCIL 2029 INFORMATION**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

NOTE:

1. The Chair may alter the schedule of Business at his discretion.
2. Unfinished business, new business, and matters of importance may be presented at the discretion of the Chair

**RULES OF ORDER**  
**FOR GENERAL COUNCILS AND DIOCESAN SYNODS**  
**OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

1. The business of every meeting shall be introduced with prayer.
2. The Minutes of the sessions of the preceding day shall be read every morning at the opening of business, unless the house shall otherwise determine.
3. The President shall appoint the several committees, unless the canons of the church shall otherwise specify.
4. When the President takes the chair, no member of the house shall continue standing, or shall afterward stand up, except to address the chair.
5. No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the house unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall with due respect address himself to the President, concerning himself strictly to the point in debate.
7. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without specific leave, by vote of the house.
8. A question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.
9. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.
10. No motion shall be considered as before the house unless it be seconded.
11. Reports made by the various Boards and Committees to any Council (or Synod) of the church are officially received upon presentation to the house, and are the subject of its action only insofar as they embody recommendations which require specific authorization or approval under the canons of this church.
12. When any question is before the house, it shall be decided upon before any new subject is introduced, except for the question of adjournment.
13. All questions of order shall be decided in the first instance by the Chair, without debate. An appeal, however, may be made from the decision of the Chair by any member of the house; said appeal requiring a two-thirds majority vote to be sustained.
14. The question on motion of adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.
15. When the house is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat, until the President shall leave the Chair.
16. A call to prayer shall always be in order, when made by a member entitled to the floor; and in such case the Chair shall designate the person(s) whom he desires to lead in that service.
17. These Rules of Order shall remain in force until altered or suspended by the Council, two-thirds of the members present voting for such alteration or suspension.

*Adapted from the Journal of the Twenty-sixth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church*

## COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the 58<sup>th</sup> General Council the Reformed Episcopal Church,

The Committee on Credentials reviewed the parish certifications completed online for this General Council. Any issues were resolved prior to the convening of this meeting, with the following exceptions:

- Mariner's Church – Detroit, MI – did not report. No one from the parish is attending this council.
- St. Peter's – Elkton, MD – did not report. No one from the parish is attending this council.

There are 157 total registered representatives entitled to a vote. This includes 87 clergy and 70 laity.

Alternates Dss. Michelle Caldwell from Trinity - Mason, OH and Mr. Barry Hause from St. Paul's - Lexington, OH are hereby certified to vote in the absence of their parish deputies.

75 parishes/missions from across all four Dioceses are represented by at least one clergyman and/or lay delegate.

Additionally, there are another 15 alternates and 74 observers that are joining us for all or a portion of our Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason R. Grote", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

The Rt. Rev. Jason R. Grote  
Committee on Credentials, Chair

## Clergy House – Voting Members

The clergy roster contained herein may not reflect all updates at the time of distribution.

\* Indicates person is registered to attend Council

### Bishops (10 registered)

1.	* Sutton, Ray	Presiding Bishop & Diocese of Mid-America
2.	* Manto, Peter	Vice-President & Diocese of the Central States
3.	* Banek, Walter	Diocese of Mid-America
4.	* Boonzaaijer, John	Diocese of Mid-America
5.	Brulc, Frank	Diocese of Mid-America
6.	* Camlin, Charles	Diocese of Mid-America
7.	Dorrington, Charles	<i>Retired</i>
8.	* Gillin, Raymond	<i>Retired</i>
9.	* Grote, Jason	Diocese of the Central States
10.	* Hill, Willie	Diocese of the Southeast
11.	* Jenkins, William	Diocese of the Northeast
12.	Morse, Daniel	<i>Retired</i>
13.	* Schnackenberg, Gerry	Diocese of Mid-America
14.	White, William	<i>Retired</i>

### Presbyters (Active) - 76 Registered

1.	* Abboud, Jon	Diocese of the Northeast
2.	Acker, Keith	Diocese of Mid-America
3.	Addison, Alfred	Diocese of the Southeast
4.	Agajanian, Garrett	Diocese of Mid-America
5.	* Amaral, Spencer	Diocese of the Southeast
6.	Andrade, Eduardo	Diocese of the Northeast
7.	Atchison, Stephen	Diocese of the Northeast
8.	* Banks, Chester	Diocese of the Northeast
9.	Barkalow, Jesse	Diocese of Mid-America
10.	* Barnes, Julius	Diocese of the Southeast
11.	* Bartel, Kent	Diocese of Mid-America
12.	* Barto, William	Diocese of the Central States
13.	* Beckham, Christopher	Diocese of the Central States
14.	Benner, Cedric	Diocese of the Northeast
15.	* Bernier, Benjamin	Diocese of Mid-America
16.	Blitz, Michael	Diocese of Mid-America
17.	* Boettner, Keith	Diocese of the Central States
18.	* Boutwell, Wyatt	Diocese of Mid-America
19.	Breaux, James	Diocese of the Southeast
20.	Brookshire, Donald	Diocese of the Southeast
21.	Campbell, John	Diocese of the Northeast
22.	Carlberg, Charlie	Diocese of the Southeast
23.	* Carr, Michael	Diocese of the Northeast
24.	Chase, Gregory	Diocese of Mid-America
25.	* Cirilla, Anthony	Diocese of Mid-America
26.	* Clay, John	Diocese of Mid-America
27.	* Collins, Jr. Charles A.	Diocese of the Southeast
28.	Colvin, Matthew	Diocese of Mid-America
29.	Cooper, Derek	Diocese of the Northeast
30.	* Costa, Andrew	Diocese of the Central States
31.	Currie, Howard	Diocese of the Northeast
32.	* Cusick, Lorenzo	Diocese of the Northeast
33.	Davidson, Brandon	Diocese of Mid-America
34.	* Deems, Tait	Diocese of Mid-America
35.	* DeLapp Nevada	Diocese of Mid-America
36.	Dickinson, Garrett	Diocese of Mid-America
37.	Dorn, Patrick	Diocese of Mid-America
38.	* Edgerton, Paul	Diocese of the Central States
39.	* Ellis, Rusty	Diocese of Mid-America

40. Erlandson, Charles	Diocese of Mid-America
41. Felton, Kendall	Diocese of Mid-America
42. * Fitzpatrick, Michael	Diocese of the Northeast
43. * Foos, Brian	Diocese of Mid-America
44. * Forsberg, Justin	Diocese of the Northeast
45. Fowler, Edward	Diocese of Mid-America
46. France, David	Diocese of the Northeast
47. * Fruin, Edward	Diocese of Mid-America
48. * Gage, Kasey	Diocese of Mid-America
49. Garrison, William	Diocese of the Northeast
50. George, Obaid	Diocese of Mid-America
51. Giles, George	Diocese of the Southeast
52. * Gingerich, Barton	Diocese of the Central States
53. * Goodwin, David	Diocese of the Central States
54. * Gregory, Glenvil	Diocese of the Southeast
55. * Grote, Joshua	Diocese of the Southeast
56. * Grout, Damien	Diocese of the Central States
57. Guild, Roy	Diocese of the Southeast
58. Hajek, Gary	Diocese of the Northeast
59. Hamilton, Joseph	Diocese of the Southeast
60. * Harper, Joshua	Diocese of Mid-America
61. * Harrington, Matthew	Diocese of the Northeast
62. Hartman, Anthony	Diocese of Mid-America
63. Harvey, Eric	Diocese of Mid-America
64. Hassert, Derrick	Diocese of Mid-America
65. * Heaton, John	Diocese of the Central States
66. * Herman, Christopher	Diocese of the Central States
67. * Holley, Tyler	Diocese of the Southeast
68. Holloway, Jason	Diocese of the Northeast
69. Houser, Jon	Diocese of the Central States
70. * Howden, Paul	Diocese of Mid-America
71. * Hubbard, Jeffrey	Diocese of the Central States
72. Hurt, Andrew	Diocese of Mid-America
73. Izzett, Robert	Diocese of Mid-America
74. Jenkins, Mikle	Diocese of the Southeast
75. * Jenkins, Jr. , William	Diocese of the Northeast
76. Johnson, Thomas	Diocese of Mid-America
77. * Jones, Josiah	Diocese of the Central States
78. Jones, Richard	Diocese of Mid-America
79. * Jorgensen, Eric	Diocese of the Northeast
80. * Kell, Jonathan	Diocese of the Central States
81. Keppler, Mitchell (Mike)	Diocese of Mid-America
82. * Kline, Timothy	Diocese of the Central States
83. * Klock, William	Diocese of Mid-America
84. Lee, Rod	Diocese of the Northeast
85. Levi, Frank	Diocese of Mid-America
86. * Lewis, Michael	Diocese of the Central States
87. Liferidge, L. Donnel	Diocese of the Southeast
88. Liferidge, Tory	Diocese of the Southeast
89. * Lloyd, Sr. , Chucky	Diocese of the Southeast
90. Lovell, Jared	Diocese of the Northeast
91. * Lowery, Jameson	Diocese of the Central States
92. * Loyd, Harry D.	Diocese of the Southeast
93. Lund, Carl	Diocese of Mid-America
94. * Luth, Paul	Diocese of the Northeast
95. * Macias, Steven	Diocese of Mid-America
96. * Marlowe, Alex	Diocese of the Central States
97. * Martin, Bartholomew	Diocese of the Northeast
98. Mattson, Gregory	Diocese of Mid-America
99. * Maule, Matthew	Diocese of the Northeast
100.* McCarl, Ricky	Diocese of the Northeast
101. McCray, George	Diocese of the Southeast
102. McDermott, Gerald	Diocese of the Central States

103. McGee, Thomas	Diocese of Mid-America
104. * McNamara, Wayne	Diocese of the Central States
105. * Melton, Tony	Diocese of the Southeast
106. * Miller, Gregory	Diocese of the Northeast
107. Milligan, Benjamin	Diocese of the Southeast
108. Milligan, John	Diocese of the Southeast
109. * Mills, Kenneth	Diocese of the Central States
110. Moock, Ron	Diocese of the Southeast
111. Morales, Sigfrido	Diocese of Mid-America
112. * Morse, Davidson	Diocese of the Central States
113. Norton, David	Diocese of Mid-America
114. Odinye, Victor	Diocese of Mid-America
115. Olubajo, Ebenezer	Diocese of the Northeast
116. Ortiz, Carlos	Diocese of Mid-America
117. Overton, Jameson	Diocese of the Central States
118. Pardon, Robert	Diocese of the Northeast
119. * Parker, Eric	Diocese of the Central States
120. Patterson, Jason	Diocese of the Northeast
121. * Payne, James	Diocese of Mid-America
122. Perez, Yudel	Diocese of the Southeast
123. Peters, Greg	Diocese of Mid-America
124. * Prioleau, John	Diocese of the Southeast
125. Quintero, Jesus	Diocese of Mid-America
126. Rajah, Sunil	Diocese of Mid-America
127. Riches, Jonathan	Diocese of the Northeast
128. Riley, Shawn	Diocese of the Northeast
129. Robinson, Arthur	Diocese of the Southeast
130. Rollison, Moses	Diocese of the Southeast
131. Rowland, Denzil	Diocese of Mid-America
132. * Rowley, Aaron	Diocese of the Central States
133. * Rutt, Steven	Diocese of Mid-America
134. Sanders, Franklin	Diocese of the Central States
135. * Shaw, Kenneth	Diocese of the Southeast
136. Shaw, Lee	Diocese of the Southeast
137. Shaw, Don	Diocese of the Southeast
138. Shields, Mark	Diocese of Mid-America
139. Simpson, John (Jack)	Diocese of the Northeast
140. Sims, Eugene	Diocese of the Southeast
141. Sneed, Brad	Diocese of Mid-America
142. Specht, Mark	Diocese of the Northeast
143. * Spieth, Michael	Diocese of the Central States
144. * Straw, David	Diocese of the Central States
145. * Stults, Stephen	Diocese of Mid-America
146. * Sullivan, B. James	Diocese of Mid-America
147. * Tarsitano, Richard	Diocese of the Central States
148. Templin, Michael	Diocese of Mid-America
149. Thompson, Anthony	Diocese of the Southeast
150. Tooms, Marq	Diocese of Mid-America
151. Tjoelker, Philip	Diocese of Mid-America
152. Toms, Stephan	Diocese of Mid-America
153. * Van Wagenen, Hunter	Diocese of the Southeast
154. * Veley, Duane	Diocese of the Central States
155. * Vinson, Michael	Diocese of Mid-America
156. * Visk, Matthew	Diocese of Mid-America
157. Voelkel, Andrew	Diocese of Mid-America
158. Vowles, William	Diocese of the Northeast
159. Washington, Julius	Diocese of the Southeast
160. * Welty IV, Terrence Anthony	Diocese of Mid-America
161. White, Cornelius A.	Diocese of the Southeast
162. Wilson, Johnnie	Diocese of the Southeast
163. Young, Jerry	Diocese of Mid-America
164. * Ziegenhagen, Nicholas	Diocese of Mid-America
165. * Zigranyirazo, Justin	Diocese of the Central States

**Deacons - in charge of a parish (1 registered)**

1. Brown, Micheal                      Diocese of the Southeast
2. Jeffcoat, Matthew                 Diocese of the Southeast
3. \* Johnson, Bruce                  Diocese of the Southeast
4. Polite, Harrison                    Diocese of the Southeast
5. Wegner, Carl                         Diocese of the Northeast

## House of Laity

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### Deputies - 63 Registered

1. * Agee, Stacey	(DSE) Christ the King - Marietta, GA
2. * Baker, Alan	(DCS) Trinity Church - Connersville, IN
3. * Banek, Nelda	(DMA) Good Shepherd - Tyler, TX
4. Banks, Audrey	(NEMA) Church of our Redeemer - Jersey City, NJ
5. * Bauer, Tom	(DMA) St. Joseph - Branson, MO
6. Blitz, Stephanie	(NEMA) St. John's by the sea - Ventnor, NJ
7. * Boutwell, Renee	(DMA) Holy Cross - Alpine, TX
8. * Brimmer, Ryan	(DCS) St. Jude's - Richmond, VA
9. * Brzeski, Ian	(DMA) St. Matthias - Katy, TX
10. * Buttrum, Joseph	(NEMA) Bishop Cummins - Catonsville, MD
11. * Comfort-Capers, Patricia	(DSE) St. John's - Charleston, SC
12. Cooper, David	(DSE) Immanuel - Cross, SC
13. * Cox, Stacey	(DMA) Christ the King - Grover Beach, CA
14. Currie, Elizabeth	(NEMA) St. Luke's - New Providence, NJ
15. * Curtis, Elaine	(DCS) All Saints - Lynchburg, VA
16. * Davis, Remy	(DMA) Chapel of the Cross - Dallas, TX
17. * Denson, Natasha	(DSE) New Bethel - North Charlston, SC
18. * Dunmeyer, Nathaniel	(DSE) Mt. Olivet - Ravenel, SC
19. * Dyer, Laura	(DMA) Holy Communion - Dallas, TX
20. * Dyer, Ted	(DMA) Holy Communion - Dallas, TX
21. * Ellisor, Jennifer	(DMA) Church of the Resurrection - Crosby, TX
22. * Francis, Lynette	(DSE) Grace - Moncks Corner, SC
23. Fuller, William	(DMA) St. Barnabas - Bellville, TX
24. * Gibbs, Areatha	(DSE) Intercession - Charleston, SC
25. Gibbs, Linda	(DSE) St. Thomas - Moncks Corner, SC
26. Giles, Robert	(DMA) Holy Trinity - Houston, TX
27. * Gillespie, Allison	(NEMA) Faith Church - Baltimore, MD
28. Grothaus, Heather	(DCS) Christ Church - Florence, KY
29. * Guest, Rosalyn	(DSE) Redeemer - Moncks Corner, SC
30. * Hammett, Mark	(NEMA) St. Stephen's - Eldersburg, MD
31. * Hammett, Carolyn	(NEMA) St. Stephen's - Eldersburg, MD
32. * Harrington, Susan	(NEMA) St. Alban's - New York, NY
33. * Herman, Carol	(DCS) St. Lazarus - Dayton, OH
34. * Hisle, Zachariah	(DCS) Christ the King - Dayton, OH
35. * Hopkins, Ken	(DCS) Christ our Hope - Fairborn, OH
36. Huggins, Kenneth	(DMA) St. Michael's - Broken Arrow, OK
37. * Johnson, Dss. Teresa	(DCS) St. James - Memphis, TN
38. * Kell, Ann	(DCS) Church of our Savior - Leesburg, VA
39. * Kelly, Mike	(DCS) Holy Cross - Amelia, VA
40. * Ketchham, Jonathan	(DCS) All Saints - Raleigh, NC
41. * Kistler, Andrew	(DMA) St. Stephen's - Montrose, CO
42. Klock, Veronica	(DMA) Living Word - Courtenay, BC
43. * Komline, Christopher	(NEMA) Covenant Chapel - Basking Ridge, NJ
44. Kozel, Nickolas	(DCS) Trinity Church - Mason, OH
45. * Lebanowski, David	(DMA) St. Paul's - Houston, TX
46. * Levine, Aaron	(DCS) Covenant - Richmond, VA
47. * Loyd, Loutricia	(DSE) Emmanuel - Alvin, SC
48. * Macias, Sarah	(DMA) St. Paul's - Los Altos, CA
49. * Mansour, Joanne	(DCS) Holy Trinity - Chantilly, VA
50. * Mazyck, Cathy	(DSE) Nazareth - Moncks Corner, SC
51. McCarl, Lynette	(NEMA) Good Shepherd - Carlisle, PA
52. * Mikell, Gerard (Skip)	(DSE) St. Luke's - Charleston, SC
53. Molali, Frank	(NEMA) Grace Church - Havre de Grace, MD
54. * Mulvey, John	(DMA) Holy Communion - Dallas, TX
55. Newlon, Thomas	(DMA) Covenant Church - Heber Springs, AR
56. North-Lee, Bertha	(DSE) Zion Church - Edisto Island, SC
57. Parry, George Mark	(DMA) Chapel of the Cross, SC
58. * Perkins, LaToya	(DSE) Redeemer - Pineville, SC

59. Perry, Rebecca	(DMA) St. Mark the Evangelist – Waxahachie, TX
60. * Pickering, Karen	(DSE) New Israel – Charleston, SC
61. * Pickering, Robert	(DSE) New Israel – Charleston, SC
62. Powell, Alan	(NEMA) St. Georges – Hamilton, Ontario
63. * Reeves, Rachel	(DCS) Church of our Savior – Leesburg, VA
64. * Reid, Carron	(DSE) Liberty – Jamestown, SC
65. Riley, Jamie	(NEMA) Grace Church – Collingdale, PA
66. * Robinson, Gwendolyn	(DSE) Mt. Carmel - Goose Creek, SC
67. Robinson, Vanessa	(DSE) Promiseland - Johns Island, SC
68. * Rogers, Dss. Alvalene	(DSE) Nazareth – Moncks Corner, SC
69. * Rutt, Susannah	(DMA) St. Andrew’s – Peoria, AZ
70. Schmuck, Linda	(NEMA) Good Shepherd – Easton, MA
71. * Shelton, David	(DMA) Epiphany Anglican – La Mirada, CA
72. * Simmons, Mable	(DSE) Holy Comforter – Moncks Corner, SC
73. * Sivigny, Dss. Mei-li	(DSE) All Saints – Greenville, SC
74. * Stevenson, John	(DMA) Epiphany Anglican – Longmont, CO
75. * Strode, Val	(DMA) Holy Trinity – Webster Groves, MO
76. Thomas, Ja’Wauan	(NEMA) St. Luke’s Bishop Hoffman – Philadelphia, PA
77. * Tibbs, Lu’Shorn	(DSE) New Bethel – North Charleston, SC
78. Tiner, Gordon	(NEMA) Emmanuel – Somerville, NJ
79. Twiggs, George	(DSE) St. Paul’s – Moncks Corner, SC
80. * Vaughn, Andrew	(DMA) Providence – Corpus Christi, TX
81. * Vinson, Jodi	(DMA) St. Benedict’s – Rockwall, TX
82. * Wells, Brian	(DCS) Christ the Redeemer – Owensboro, KY
83. * Welty, Cherie	(DMA) All Saints – Shreveport, LA
84. * West, Dss. Barbara	(DMA) St. Stephen’s – Flowood, MS
85. Williams, Mike (Calvin)	(NEMA) Jesus the Good Shepherd – Brooklyn, NY
86. * Wilson, Alice	(DSE) Good Shepherd – Bonneau, S
87. * Wilson, Viola	(DSE) Christ Church – Johns Island, SC
88. Woodcock, Carol	(DCS) St. Paul’s – Lexington, VA
89. * Wright, Gregory	(NEMA) St. Matthew’s – Havertown, PA

**General Council Officers, General Committee, & Canonical voting Committee members (not otherwise elected as a deputy) – 5 Registered**

1. Bagby, Bruce	(DMA) Holy Trinity – Houston, TX – General Committee Member
2. Banek, Nathan	(DMA) Good Shepherd – Tyler, TX – Sustentation Fund Member
3. * Barnes, Burnie	(DSE) St. Luke’s – Charleston, SC – Doctrine & Worship
4. Brown, Jeffery	(DCS) St. Jude’s – Richmond, VA – General Committee Member
5. * Heissenhuber, Cathy	(DMA) Holy Communion – Dallas, TX – General Committee Member
6. Hendershot, John	Constitution & Canons
7. * Johnson, Dss. Annette	(DMA) St. Matthias- Katy, TX – General Council Secretary (elected)
8. * Johnson III, Harry K.	(DMA) St. Matthias – Katy, TX – General Committee Member
9. Kellam, Josh	(DSE) Christ the King – Marietta, GA – Sustentation Fund Member
10. * Longueville, James (Bud)	(DMA) Holy Communion – Dallas, TX
11. McNamara, Sandra	(DCS) Christ the King – Dayton, OH – Constitution & Canons

**Alternates – 17 Registered**

1. Almodovar, Juan	(NEMA) Emmanuel – Somerville, NJ
2. Baranay, Ralph	(DCS) Christ the Redeemer – Owensboro, KY
3. Benner, Sarah	(NEMA) Bishop Cummins – Catonsville, MD
4. * Bernier, Miriam	(DMA) Providence Church – Corpus Christi, TX
5. Blythe, Trevor	(DMA) Christ the King – Grover Beach, CA
6. Bullard, Michael	(DMA) St. Benedict’s – Rockwall, TX
7. Bunch, Paula	(DMA) St. Joseph – Branson, MO
8. * Caldwell, Dss. Michelle	(DCS) Trinity Church – Mason, OH
9. Camlin, Brett	(DMA) Holy Communion – Dallas, TX
10. Campbell, Ray	(DCS) Trinity – Connersville, IN
11. * Curtis, Carl	(DCS) All Saints – Lynchburg, VA
12. * Dunmeyer, Brenda	(DSE) Mt. Olivet – Ravenel, SC
13. Embry, Benjamin	(DMA) Chapel of the Cross, TX
14. * Fleming, Shelley Dss.	(DCS) Holy Trinity – Chantilly, VA
15. * Fleming, Zachariah	(DCS) All Saints – Raleigh, NC

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| 16. * Forsberg, Tonya        | (NEMA) St. Matthew's – Havertown, PA            |
| 17. Giles, Vickey            | (DMA) Holy Trinity – Houston, TX                |
| 18. Gregory, Eldeana Liburd  | (DSE) New Bethel – North Charleston, SC         |
| 19. * Grote, Jacob           | (DMA) St. Matthias – Katy, TX                   |
| 20. Grothouse, Tim           | (DCS) Christ Church – Florence, KY              |
| 21. * Hause, Barry           | (DCS) St. Paul's – Lexington, VA                |
| 22. * Jones-Pickerill, Diana | (DMA) St. Andrew's – Peoria, AZ                 |
| 23. Jones, Gwynn             | (DCS) Christ our Hope – Fairborn, OH            |
| 24. Kartee, John             | (NEMA) Grace Church – Collingdale, PA           |
| 25. Kelley, Judy             | (DCS) Holy Cross – Amelia, VA                   |
| 26. Keppler, Jane            | (DMA) St. Barnabas – Bellville, TX              |
| 27. Kingsbury, Michael       | (DSE) St. Thomas – Moncks Corner, SC            |
| 28. * Komline, Cheryl        | (NEMA) Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ      |
| 29. Marion, Darius           | (NEMA) Church of our Redeemer – Jersey City, NJ |
| 30. Markvart, Myra           | (DCS) Covenant – Roanoke, VA                    |
| 31. * Mulvey, Carol          | (DMA) Holy Communion – Dallas, TX               |
| 32. Murray, Meredith         | (DMA) Living Word – Courtenay, BC               |
| 33. Nader, Mike              | (DMA) All Saints – Shreveport, LA               |
| 34. Nulf, Chris              | (DMA) St. Michael's – Broken Arrow, OK          |
| 35. Peters, Christina        | (DMA) Epiphany – La Mirada, CA                  |
| 36. Powell, Louise           | (NEMA) St. George's – Hamilton, ON              |
| 37. * Prioleau, Sheila       | (DSE) Liberty – Jamestown, SC                   |
| 38. Protentis, Russell       | (NEMA) Good Shepherd – Easton, MA               |
| 39. * Regisford, Dss. Susan  | (NEMA) St. Alban's – New York NY                |
| 40. Sachsenmaier, William    | (DMA) Epiphany – Longmont, CO                   |
| 41. Samuelson, Drew          | (NEMA) Good Shepherd – Carlisle, PA             |
| 42. * Shaw, Bridget          | (DSE) St. John's – Charleston, SC               |
| 43. Sockolosky, Tom          | (NEMA) St. John's by the sea – Ventnor, NJ      |
| 44. Specht, Christine        | (NEMA) Grace Church – Havre de Grace, MD        |
| 45. * Strode, Ann            | (DMA) Holy Trinity – Webster Groves, MO         |
| 46. Stults, Della            | (DMA) St. Paul's – Houston, TX                  |
| 47. Thompson, Mary Jane      | (DCS) St. Jude's – Richmond, VA                 |
| 48. * Walton, Johnny         | (DSE) St. Luke's – Charleston, SC               |
| 49. Wegner, Marion           | (NEMA) Jesus the Good Shepherd – Brooklyn, NY   |
| 50. Williams, Darlene        | (DSE) Zion – Edisto Island, SC                  |
| 51. Wright, Sabrina          | (DSE) Emmanuel – Alvin, SC                      |

## **Observers – 72 Registered**

1. Abboud, Bonnie (NEMA) St. Matthew's - Havertown, PA
2. Ayres, Rev. David Presbyterian - REC-AKD Germany
3. Bartel, Allison (DMA) Christ the King - Grover Beach, CA
4. Beuk, Rev. Sergej Deacon – REC Croatia
5. Burr, Baylor ACNA
6. Buttrum, Renate (NEMA) Bishop Cummins - Catonsville, MD
7. Camlin, Brett (DMA) Holy Communion - Dallas, TX
8. Caucutt, Rev. Thomas Deacon - (DCS) St. John's - Chelsea, AL
9. Caucutt, Gabrielle (DCS) St. John's – Chelsea, AL
10. Cayangyang, Rt. Rev. Jay Bishop – ACNA – Special Jurisdiction for the Armed Forces & Chaplaincy
11. Cayangyang, Linda ACNA
12. Celestin, Rev. Ntahobari Presbyterian – Diocese of Kigali, Rwanda
13. de Villiers, Daniel Postulant - (DMA) St. Paul's - Los Altos, CA
14. Dobbs, Brenda ACNA
15. Dobbs, Rt. Rev. Julian Bishop - ACNA – Dean of the Province
16. Einselen, Rev. Mark Deacon – ACNA – Chaplain to the Dean of the Province
17. Firth, Rt. Rev. Matthew Bishop – Free Church of England
18. Foos, Elizabeth (DMA) St. Andrew's - Chester, CA
19. Foos, Emmalie (DMA) St. Andrew's - Chester, CA
20. Fruin, Melissa (DMA) Chapel of the Cross - Dallas, TX
21. Gillin, Jan (NEMA) St. Matthew's - Havertown, PA
22. Goodwin, Joyce (DCS) Christ the Redeemer - Owensboro, KY
23. Grote, Aidan (DMA) St. Matthias - Katy, TX
24. Grote, Avery (DMA) St. Matthias - Katy, TX
25. Grote, Elizabeth (DMA) St. Matthias - Katy, TX
26. Grote, Ellen (DMA) St. Matthias - Katy, TX
27. Grote, Suzanne (DSE) Christ the King - Marietta, GA
28. Harris, Jacob Postulant - (DCS) Christ the King - Dayton, OH
29. Heissenhuber, Rev. Werner Deacon - (DMA) Holy Communion - Dallas, TX
30. Hill, Gale (DSE) Diocese of the Southeast
31. Hopkins, Kathy (DCS) Christ our Hope – Fairborn, OH
32. Hubbard, Jodi (DCS) Trinity REC - Mason, OH
33. Huisman, Janneke REC-AKD Germany
34. Huisman, Rev. Jelle Deacon – REC-AKD Germany
35. Jenkins, Kimberley (NEMA) Faith Church - Baltimore, MD
36. Jensen, Nicolas (DMA) St. Andrew's - Chester, CA
37. Johnson, Royce Ann (DMA) St. Matthias - Katy, TX
38. Jorgensen, Bobbi Lynn (NEMA) St. Stephen's - Eldersburg, MD
39. Ketcham, Braelyn (DCS) All Saints - Raleigh, NC
40. Landstrom, Erik (DCS) Church of our Saviour - Leesburg, VA
41. Liburd Gregory, Eldeana (DSE) New Bethel - North Charleston, SC
42. Lines, Rt. Rev. Andy Bishop – Anglican Network in Europe (GAFCON)
43. Longueville, Cynthia (DMA) Holy Communion - Dallas, TX
44. Manto, Janice (DCS) Trinity REC - Mason, OH
45. Meyer, Rt. Rev. Gerhard Bishop – REC-AKD Germany
46. Meyer, Grace REC-AKD Germany
47. Mikell, Elizabeth (DSE) St. Luke's - Charleston, SC
48. Milic, Rt. Rev. Jasmin Bishop – REC Croatia
49. Miller, Lori (NEMA) St. Paul's - Oreland, PA
50. Noyes, Jenny New Wineskins
51. Pearce, Rev. Ben Deacon - (NEMA) St. Mark's - Rydal, PA
52. Pearce, Carol (DCS) Holy Trinity - Chantilly, VA
53. Pelot, Rev. Aaron Deacon - (DCS) Christ the King - Dayton, OH
54. Perez, Rt. Rev. Wilmar Bishop – Diocese of Colombia
55. Pickerill, Roger Non-REC
56. Reed, Adam Postulant - (DMA) Chapel of the Cross - Dallas, TX
57. Reed, Julie (DMA) Chapel of the Cross - Dallas, TX
58. Reeves, Sean (DCS) Church of our Saviour - Leesburg, VA
59. Sawyer, Mason Postulant - (DCS) All Saints - Raleigh, NC
60. Sawyer, Morgan (DCS) All Saints - Raleigh, NC
61. Spieth, Mary Lou (DCS) Christ the Redeemer - Owensboro, KY
62. Stock, Rev. Lukas Deacon - (DCS) All Saints - Lynchburg, VA

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| 63. Sutton, Susan           | (DMA) Holy Communion - Dallas, TX                     |
| 64. Thompson, Mary Jane     | (DCS) St. Jude's - Richmond, VA                       |
| 65. Thompson, W. Scott      | (DCS) St. Jude's - Richmond, VA                       |
| 66. Ugirimari, Philomene    | (DCS) Christ the King - Dayton, OH                    |
| 67. Walton, Elizabeth       | (DSE) St. Luke's - Charleston, SC                     |
| 68. Wells, Joe              | Postulant - (DMA) St. Stephen's - Montrose, CO        |
| 69. Wells, Wendy            | (DCS) Christ the Redeemer - Owensboro, KY             |
| 70. Wicker, Stewart         | Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders (SAMS)   |
| 71. Workowski, Joan         | (DCS) St. Paul's - Lexington, VA                      |
| 72. Workowski, Rev. Richard | Retired Presbyterian (DCS) St. Paul's - Lexington, VA |
| 73. Wright, Daniel          | (NEMA) St. Matthew's - Havertown, PA                  |
| 74. Young, Kayla            | (DCS) Trinity REC - Mason, OH                         |

## CORRESPONDING MEMBERSHIP

Dear Brethren,

The Committee on Corresponding Members welcomes the following guests of the General Council and recommends that, if they be present for our business proceedings, they be granted Corresponding Membership with voice, but no vote:

- The Rt. Rev. Julian Dobbs – Dean of the Province, Anglican Church in North America
- The Rt. Rev. Jay Cayangyang – Special Jurisdiction for the Armed Forces & Chaplaincy, ACNA
- The Rt. Rev. Andy Lines – Bishop of the Anglican Network in Europe, GAFCON
- The Rt. Rev. Wilmar Perez – Bishop of the Diocese of Colombia
- The Rt. Rev. Matthew Firth – Bishop in the Free Church of England
- The Rt. Rev. Gerhard Meyer & Mrs. Grace Meyer – REC Germany
- The Rt. Rev. Jasmin Milic – REC Croatia
- The Rev. David Ayres – REC Germany
- Deacon Sergej Beuk – REC Croatia
- Deacon Jelle and Mrs. Janneke Heisman – REC Germany/Holland

Additions to this report may be submitted to the Chairman from the floor.

Respectfully Submitted,



The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin, Chairman



The Right Revd Dr Paul Hunt DD, MSc, BSc

*Bishop Primus*

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May 2026

## **YOUR GRACE**

Grace and peace to you in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Convocation of the Free Church of England extends its warmest greetings to The Most Reverend Ray Sutton, Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church, with gratitude to Almighty God for your faithful and steadfast ministry in Christ's Church.

We give thanks for the enduring bonds of affection, fellowship, and shared witness between the Reformed Episcopal Church and the Free Church of England. Rooted together in the historic Anglican faith and committed to the authority of Holy Scripture, the proclamation of the Gospel, and the reverent worship of Almighty God, our Churches continue to stand as sister Churches in a common inheritance and calling.

As Saint Paul reminds us: "For we being many are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another" (Romans 12:5). Across nations and provinces, we rejoice that our communion in Christ transcends all earthly boundaries and bears witness to the unity of His Body. Likewise, we remember the words of the Psalmist: "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133:1).

We honour your episcopal ministry, your theological leadership, and your steadfast witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Your labours for the Church, your defence of the Anglican heritage, and your encouragement of faithful partnership among orthodox Anglican Churches have been a source of strength and blessing to many throughout the Communion.

Be assured of our prayers for you and for the clergy and people of the Reformed Episcopal Church, that the Holy Spirit may continue to guide and sustain your ministry in wisdom, holiness, and courage. May our Churches continue to "stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel" (Philippians 1:27).

In the fellowship of Christ and with every blessing,

The Convocation of the Free Church of England

With every good wish,

BISHOP PAUL HUNT - BISHOP PRIMUS

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

As has been done for the past several General Councils, a slate of nominees to serve as the officers of the General Council is being offered for the Council's consideration. These individuals have already agreed to serve in their respective office, should you desire, and each has the unanimous support of the Council of Bishops and the General Committee (meeting April 2026).

If it is the will of the council, the chair will receive a single motion to elect the slate of nominees as presented without need for further nominations. If it is not the will of the council to elect the slate as a whole, the chair will proceed to entertain nominations and elections for each office, in turn.

Nominations unanimously supported by the Council of Bishops and the General Committee for the Council's consideration and action:

<i>President:</i>	<i>The Most Rev. Ray R. Sutton</i>
<i>Vice-President:</i>	<i>The Rt. Rev. Jason R. Grote</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Mrs. Cathy Heissenhuber</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Mr. James ('Bud') P. Longueville</i>

# BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS – PRESIDENT

## General Council Report, 2023–2026

- I. Trustees
  - A. Forming Ministry Focus Groups to expand and improve REC mission effectiveness
  - B. BFM soon to own EuroRuf GmbH (Knüll Camp Training and Retreat Center)
    - A. North American Reformed Episcopalians on Mission around the world  
Dr. Gresser and family: Namibia Evangelical Theological Seminary
  - C. Dr. Jon Fielder and family: African Mission Healthcare
  - D. Zach and Billie Blocker family: engineering ministry, Central Africa
  - E. Fr David and Patricia Ayres: church planter in Berlin
  - F. Miss Oksana Specht: teaching school in Ethiopia
  - G. Rev'd Sunil Rajah: evangelist to Indian and Pakistani immigrants in San Diego
- II. Short Term Missions
  - A. Elisabeth and Nathaniel Boonzaaijer: one year assignment, assisting at Knüll Camp
  - B. Diocese of the Southeast: annual medical missions to Honduras
  - C. Providence, Corpus Christi: exploratory and evangelistic trip to Japan
  - D. All REC: quarterly Provisioning, Teaching, Vision, and Discovery trips to Cuba
  - E. Canon Michael Vinson: annual REC100-*Europe* church planting cohorts training camp
  - F. Canon Tony Welty: summer parish supply in The Free Church of England
  - G. Chapel of the Cross and DSE: English Youth Camp in Germany
- III. Reformed Episcopal Missionary Dioceses
  - A. Partnership with The Free Church of England
  - B. Convocation of Germany (Suffragan Bishop Gerhard Meyer, under NEMA oversight)
  - C. Missionary Diocese of Croatia (Suffragan Bishop, Jasmin Milić)
  - D. Missionary Diocese of Cuba (Suffragan Bishop, John Boonzaaijer)
  - E. Colombia: Anglican Diocese of Oxford, requesting Level II (Bishop Wilmar Pérez)
- IV. Other
  - A. Reformed Episcopal Prayer Book (2005) in Spanish: Dr. Benjamin Bernier
  - B. Fr. Gustavo Rendón: pastoring independent church in Caracas, Venezuela
  - C. Bishop Bill Atwood: Muslim Background Believers
  - D. Fr Lee and Ela Nelson: Manager at Knüll Camp Training and Retreat Center
  - E. Fr Alexei González: Paraguay, church planter

Many thanks to all the wonderful Reformed Episcopalians who serve as prayer warriors, Sending Parishes, Circle-of-Three partners, sponsors of missionaries, patrons of projects, General Fund donors, Advent Offering organizers, and sage councilors.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Right Reverend John Peter Boonzaaijer, D.Min Reformed  
Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions, President International  
Missionary Bishop, Suffragan for Cuba

*Planting, Building, and Restoring the Church and its Ministry*

## Notes & Highlights

### To accompany the 2023-2025 Financial Reports

### The Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Episcopal Church

The accompanying reports reflect the activities of Calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025, which are all the years since the last General Council.

There are 3 pages to consider with the financial statements. These notes will apply to the first 2 reports.

The third report is a Fund Balance Report. It should be self-explanatory. It shows the starting balance of each designated fund, what occurred in each fund, and what the ending balance of the fund is. For more detailed information of activity within each fund, you would have to ask the treasurer for a specific report.

#### Report #1 - Statement of Financial Position

This is, basically, a Balance Sheet which shows our assets, liabilities, and any temporary restricted funds we are holding specifically for missionaries, ministries, projects, etc. The remaining balance (Total assets less any liabilities and restricted funds) equals our unrestricted net assets. A summary of the report is as follows.

**Total Assets** – Currently, at the end of 2025, we have \$722,004.08 in total assets (line 7). \$118,061.96 of that is held in cash (lines 3 & 4) and \$603,942.12 of it is invested with Goldman Sachs (line 5).

**Current Liabilities** – We do not have any liabilities except for donations that came to the Board for retired Missionaries for which the Treasurer does not have any current contact information (total \$300 – line 13). Once contact information is obtained, we will forward these monies.

**Restricted Assets** (lines 16-51) – These are the balances of each mission “fund”. Donations are received with a specific intent (i.e., “earmarked”) and the board endeavors to use 100% of those funds in accordance with that intent without any administrative fees deducted. This balance will change every year based on the timing and manner in which we receive and disburse the monies. To see what impacted the changes in balance, you would look at the final page of the financial packet regarding the Fund Balances. We must ensure that we always have enough cash/cash- equivalent assets available to pay these balances. Currently, at the end of 2025, we have \$198,676.91 in restricted assets.

**Unrestricted Net Assets** (line 56)- This is usually what parishes refer to as their ‘General Fund’. In every day terms – this would be your final bank balance after you have paid off all your other bills. For us, it is the total of all the assets less any liabilities we owe (line 14) and any restricted assets we have (line 51). The Board can determine how and when to use these funds to support our mission and ministry. Currently, at the end of 2025, we have \$523,027.17 in unrestricted net assets (line 56).

## **Report #2 - Statement of Activities**

The second page of the report is the Statement of Activities. This is, essentially, an income statement. In a non-profit structure, the terms revenue and expenditures are used. Revenues are all the receipts of donations, investment income, etc. Expenditures are split into two main categories. Program Services are those items which directly support the purpose and mission of the Board's existence. This would be all of our mission projects, missionaries, etc. The second category is called Operational Expenses. These are expenses that, while necessary to function, are not directly supporting our mission and purpose. They're often called "overhead expenses" in a business world. The goal of any non-profit is to have a high percentage of revenue supporting their "Program Services" and a low-percentage supporting "Operational Expenses", which we certainly do.

**Revenue (lines 1-13)** – We have two main sources of revenue: Donations and Investment Income. Our total General fund donations during the triennium were \$173,949.57 (line 3). Our total donations received with designations were \$763,515.71 (line 5). Our total investment revenue (which includes unrealized gains) during the triennium was \$153,763.57 (line 11). Our total revenue for the entire triennium was \$1,092,908.85.

**Expenditures (lines 15-44)** - During triennium, we disbursed \$873,720.32 in monies to our Program Services (line 19). \$38,441.84 of those monies were General Fund monies that we allocated to specific missions/ministries (line 17). The remaining \$835,278.48 came from the restricted assets (donations received with earmarks).

Our total Operational expenses for the triennium (line 42) were \$129,770.23. We average approximately \$45,000-\$50,000 per year to operate. Currently, we do not spend any portion of designated donations for operating expenses. We operate from our annual general fund donations and investment revenue. Additionally, our general fund covers all the credit card expenses for donations made to the BFM instead of allocating these fees to the designated fund for which the donations are made.

### **Bottom Line**

The total change to our Unrestricted Net Assets (of the 'Profit/Loss' in a business world) for the entire triennium was an increase of \$161,181.07 (line 51). It is noted that the primary reason for this increase is the investment revenue of \$153,763.57 during the triennium (line 11).

**The Board of Foreign Missions  
Statement of Financial Position  
Calendar Years 2023 - 2025**

	Dec 31, 2023	Dec. 31, 2024	Dec. 31 2025
<b>1 ASSETS</b>			
2 Current Assets			
3 PNC Checking	\$128,393.64	\$204,022.40	\$6,784.52
4 Inwood National Bank Checking	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$111,277.44
5 Investments & Securities (Current Market Value)	\$497,764.96	\$513,514.15	\$603,942.12
6 Undeposited Funds	\$23,198.12	\$0.00	\$0.00
7 Total Current Assets	\$649,356.72	\$717,536.55	\$722,004.08
8			
<b>9 TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$649,356.72</b>	<b>\$717,536.55</b>	<b>\$722,004.08</b>
10			
<b>11 LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>			
12 Current Liabilities			
13 Pass Throughs	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
14 Total Current Liabilities	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
15			
16 Temporarily Restricted Assets			
17 Advent Offerings			
18 Advent 2022	\$9,906.94	\$0.00	\$0.00
19 Advent 2023	\$5,434.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
20 Advent 2024	\$0.00	\$31,050.00	\$0.00
21 Advent 2025	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,456.00
22 Croatia			
23 General	\$19,930.20	\$16,868.20	\$13,695.20
24 Christ the King Building Project	\$19,509.34	\$19,509.34	\$20,709.34
25 Karlovac	\$6,535.15	\$13,992.84	\$5,855.84
26 Special Projects	\$4,231.60	\$4,231.60	\$0.00
27 Cuba			
28 General	\$25,217.69	\$4,659.29	(\$4,127.76)
29 Transportation	\$6,459.56	\$1,459.56	\$5,459.56
30 Seminary	\$9,866.97	\$0.00	\$1,075.00
31 Germany Missions			
32 General	\$21,513.41	\$24,620.42	\$0.00
33 Berlin (David Ayres)	\$20,157.51	\$20,937.51	\$16,985.51
34 Knulle	\$5,000.00	\$12,592.41	\$21,375.84
35 Lee Nelson	\$0.00	\$1,318.85	\$1,121.73
36 Nathan & Elizabeth Boonzaaijer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,180.00
37 Missionary Funds			
38 Gresser, Robert	\$10,360.00	\$26,159.97	\$16,474.87
39 Melchor, Enrique	\$100.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
40 Rajah, Sunil	\$0.00	\$3,885.00	\$1,435.00
41 Specht, Oksana	\$0.00	\$1,070.00	\$105.00
42 Wright, Greg	\$2,550.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,800.00
43 Other			
44 Eliza Dean Fund (unrestricted for missions)	\$55,228.61	\$36,028.61	\$36,028.61
45 Foreign Scholarship Fund	\$6,939.73	\$23,439.57	\$15,656.57
46 Memorials	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$0.00
47 Mission Education & Training	\$2,326.26	\$2,326.26	\$0.00
48 Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
49 2025 Women of the Church Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,990.60
50 REC100 Europe	\$0.00	\$266.18	\$0.00
51 Total Temporarily Restricted Assets	\$231,916.97	\$247,365.61	\$198,676.91
52			
53 Unrestricted Net Assets (General Fund)			
54 Prior Balance	\$361,846.10	\$417,139.75	\$469,870.94
55 Current Year Change	\$55,293.65	\$52,731.19	\$53,156.23
56 Total Unrestricted Net Assets	\$417,139.75	\$469,870.94	\$523,027.17
57			
<b>58 TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$649,356.72</b>	<b>\$717,536.55</b>	<b>\$722,004.08</b>

**The Board of Foreign Missions**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**Calendar Years 2023-2025**

	Dec. 31, 2023	Dec. 31, 2024	Dec. 31, 2025	Triennium Total
<b>1 REVENUE</b>				
2 Contributions				
3 <i>General Fund Donations</i>	\$50,577.80	\$62,828.20	\$60,543.57	\$173,949.57
4 <i>Tithes (Germany)</i>	\$1,680.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,680.00
5 <i>Designated for Projects &amp; Missions</i>	\$184,786.18	\$218,967.53	\$359,762.00	\$763,515.71
6 Total Contributions	\$237,043.98	\$281,795.73	\$420,305.57	\$939,145.28
7				
8 Investment Revenue				
9 <i>Investment Income (Dividends, Cap Gains, Realized)</i>	\$15,256.60	\$15,911.53	\$14,555.98	\$45,724.11
10 <i>Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments</i>	\$35,825.48	\$22,457.94	\$49,756.04	\$108,039.46
11 Total Investment Revenue	\$51,082.08	\$38,369.47	\$64,312.02	\$153,763.57
12				
13 <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$288,126.06</b>	<b>\$320,165.20</b>	<b>\$484,617.59</b>	<b>\$1,092,908.85</b>
14				
15 <b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
16 Program Services				
17 <i>General Funds used for Program Svcs</i>	\$12,599.93	\$374.69	\$25,467.22	\$38,441.84
18 <i>Rest. Funds paid out in support</i>	\$223,308.89	\$203,518.89	\$408,450.70	\$835,278.48
19 Total Program Services	\$235,908.82	\$203,893.58	\$433,917.92	\$873,720.32
20				
21 Operational Expenses				
22 <i>Accounting</i>	\$5,000.00	\$6,205.99	\$7,120.11	\$18,326.10
23 <i>Administrative Honorarium</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
24 <i>Advertising &amp; Promotion</i>	\$2,077.45	\$214.00	\$476.00	\$2,767.45
25 <i>Bank &amp; CC Fees</i>	\$1,784.70	\$2,335.39	\$3,867.05	\$7,987.14
26 <i>BFM Bishop (Canon Missioner) - Honorarium</i>	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$50,000.00
27 <i>Consecration Expenses</i>	\$0.00	\$10,280.82	\$0.00	\$10,280.82
28 <i>Dues &amp; Subscriptions</i>	\$465.00	\$643.56	\$495.00	\$1,603.56
29 <i>Legal &amp; Professional Fees</i>	\$1,570.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$2,170.00
30 <i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$168.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$168.09
31 <i>Office Supplies &amp; Expense</i>	\$1,133.80	\$750.00	\$345.21	\$2,229.01
32 <i>Travel &amp; Meeting Expense</i>				
33         ACNA	\$3,358.60	\$9,112.60	\$1,395.86	\$13,867.06
34         AGMP	\$433.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$433.69
35         GAFCON	\$2,946.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,946.12
36         Mission Development	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,767.17	\$2,767.17
37         New Wineskins	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,595.46	\$2,595.46
38         Promotion & Synod Visits	\$0.00	\$2,309.67	\$2,808.41	\$5,118.08
39         Other	\$829.71	\$1,239.76	\$2,916.76	\$4,986.23
40     Total Travel & Meeting Expense	\$7,568.12	\$12,662.03	\$12,483.66	\$32,713.81
41     Website Administration	\$679.14	\$0.00	\$845.11	\$1,524.25
42 Total Operational Expenses	\$35,446.30	\$48,091.79	\$46,232.14	\$129,770.23
43				
44 <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$271,355.12</b>	<b>\$251,985.37</b>	<b>\$480,150.06</b>	<b>\$1,003,490.55</b>
45				
46 <b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets (Restricted &amp; Unrestricted)</b>	<b>\$16,770.94</b>	<b>\$68,179.83</b>	<b>\$4,467.53</b>	<b>\$89,418.30</b>
47				
48 Increase/ Decrease in Temporary Restricted Asset Balance	(\$38,522.71)	\$15,448.64	(\$48,688.70)	(\$71,762.77)
49 <i>This is the amount that we used from previous year fund balances (if negative) or the amount we put into funds balances for future use (if positive)</i>				
50				
51 <b>Increase (Decrease) in UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$55,293.65</b>	<b>\$52,731.19</b>	<b>\$53,156.23</b>	<b>\$161,181.07</b>
52 <i>This is the amount our General Fund changed by</i>				

The Board of Foreign Missions  
Statement of Fund Balances  
For Calendar Years 2023 - 2025

Fund Name	Donations 2023	Donations 2024	Donations 2025	Beginning Fund Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Total Donations to Fund (2023-2025)	Other Income (2023-2025)	General Funds used for Missions (2023-2025)	Redesignated/ Shifted to another Fund	Expenditures Paid from Fund (2023-2025)	Change to Fund Balance (2023-2025)	Fund Balance Dec. 31, 2025
1 Advent 2019 (for GC Expenses)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,286.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,103.52	\$5,294.98	(\$21,684.77)	(\$14,286.27)	\$0.00
2 Advent 2022 Offering	\$14,085.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,116.00	\$14,085.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$35,201.92)	\$0.00	(\$21,116.00)	\$0.00
3 Advent 2023 Offering	\$5,434.00	\$17,363.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,797.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$10,074.37)	(\$12,722.91)	\$0.00	\$0.00
4 Advent 2024 Offering	\$0.00	\$33,500.00	\$11,462.20	\$0.00	\$44,962.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$40,749.62)	(\$4,212.58)	\$0.00	\$0.00
5 Advent 2025 Offering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,456.00	\$0.00	\$22,456.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,456.00	\$22,456.00
6											
7 Croatia:General	\$18,126.29	\$8,588.00	\$9,176.00	\$13,803.91	\$35,890.29	\$0.00	\$6,831.22	\$350.00	(\$43,180.22)	(\$108.71)	\$13,695.20
8 Croatia:Christ the King Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$19,509.34	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$20,709.34
9 Croatia:Karlovac	\$6,888.88	\$17,519.84	\$5,213.00	\$5,286.73	\$29,621.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	(\$29,402.61)	\$569.11	\$5,855.84
10 Croatia:Short-Term Trip	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)	(\$1,000.00)	\$0.00
11 Croatia:Special Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,231.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$6,231.60)	(\$6,231.60)	\$0.00
12											
13 Cuba:General	\$44,163.57	\$40,742.22	\$66,787.45	\$35,675.38	\$151,693.24	\$0.00	\$3,212.91	\$29,059.17	(\$223,768.46)	(\$39,803.14)	(\$4,127.76)
14 Cuba:Transportation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$16,459.56	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	(\$21,000.00)	(\$11,000.00)	\$5,459.56
15 Cuba:Seminary	\$550.00	\$680.00	\$1,075.00	\$9,316.97	\$2,305.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$10,546.97)	\$0.00	(\$8,241.97)	\$1,075.00
16											
17 Germany:General	\$23,634.26	\$20,757.01	\$8,238.00	\$15,879.15	\$52,629.27	\$0.00	\$16,242.19	\$350.00	(\$85,100.61)	(\$15,879.15)	\$0.00
18 Germany:Berlin (D. Ayres)	\$19,006.26	\$17,430.00	\$20,548.00	\$7,651.25	\$56,984.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	(\$48,000.00)	\$9,334.26	\$16,985.51
19 Germany:Knulle	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$65,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,787.42	(\$57,411.58)	\$21,375.84	\$21,375.84
20 Germany:Nelson, L.	\$0.00	\$2,900.00	\$39,320.00	\$0.00	\$42,220.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	(\$51,098.27)	\$1,121.73	\$1,121.73
21 Germany:Boonzaaijer, N.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,680.00	\$0.00	\$29,680.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$12,500.00)	\$17,180.00	\$17,180.00
22											
23 Gresser, Robert & Traci	\$14,815.00	\$13,410.00	\$24,413.00	\$17,858.08	\$52,638.00	\$0.00	\$52.00	\$20,303.47	(\$74,376.68)	(\$1,383.21)	\$16,474.87
24 Melchor, Enrique	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$15,159.84	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$15,359.84)	(\$14,759.84)	\$400.00
25 Rajah, Sunil	\$0.00	\$15,535.00	\$33,550.00	\$0.00	\$49,085.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	(\$48,000.00)	\$1,435.00	\$1,435.00
26 Specht, Oksana	\$0.00	\$720.00	\$3,655.00	\$0.00	\$4,375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	(\$4,620.00)	\$105.00	\$105.00
27 Wright, Greg	\$5,250.00	\$5,800.00	\$5,150.00	\$2,150.00	\$16,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$16,550.00)	(\$350.00)	\$1,800.00
28											
29 Eliza Dean Fund (unrestricted)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,228.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$19,200.00)	(\$19,200.00)	\$36,028.61
30 Foreign Scholarship Fund	\$7,610.00	\$8,200.00	\$1,100.00	\$10,850.73	\$16,910.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,027.84	(\$32,132.00)	\$4,805.84	\$15,656.57
31 Memorials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$650.00)	(\$650.00)	\$0.00
32 Mission Education & Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,326.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,326.26)	(\$2,326.26)	\$0.00
33 Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
34 2024 Women of the Church Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,200.00	\$0.00	\$12,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$12,200.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00
35 2025 Women of the Church Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,538.35	\$0.00	\$10,538.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$5,547.75)	\$4,990.60	\$4,990.60
36 REC100 Europe:Summer Activities	\$19,922.00	\$5,522.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,444.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$25,444.18)	\$0.00	\$0.00
37											
38 <b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>\$184,786.18</b>	<b>\$218,967.53</b>	<b>\$359,762.00</b>	<b>\$270,439.68</b>	<b>\$763,515.71</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$38,441.84</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$873,720.32)</b>	<b>(\$71,762.77)</b>	<b>\$198,676.91</b>

Line 1 - for 2023 General Council travel expenses as per Advent Offering intent  
Line 2 was shifted to line 1(\$5,294.98), line 23 (\$19,953.47), line 30(\$9,953.47) - as per the Advent 2022 Offering Intent  
Line 3 was shifted to line 30 (\$10,074.37) - as per Advent 2023 Offering Intent  
Line 4 was shifted to lines 7, 9, 17, 18, 23, 25, 26 @ \$350 each as per Advent 2024 offering intent as Christmas gifts.  
Line 4 was shifted to line 13 - \$18,512.20 - excess Advent Offering to Cuba Fund  
Line 4 was shifted to line 14 (\$6000) and line 19 (\$13,787.42) in accordance with Advent Offering intent.  
Line 15 was shifted to line 13 - As per Board - use Cuba Seminary fund for the Synod Trip expenses  
Line 29 - Expenditure from Eliza Dean Fund was Board action. Used for the Knulle Camp Gov't Expense.

## REC100 Canon Missioner

*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*

*(1 Cor.15:58)*

Brethren,

Last time I stood before you, I spoke about the special occasion we were celebrating at our 150<sup>th</sup> REC anniversary. I also spoke on how the REC is recapturing our commitment to domestic missions that was once a central part of our Reformed Episcopal DNA. This year, I will offer this condensed report and then share a special video with you that will communicate, far better than I can, the impact that REC100, our planters, and the Reformed Episcopal Church are having in the lives of their several communities.

### **Mission Map**

This year, Fr. Steve Macias accomplished something for which we have long been yearning. Fr. Steve put together an interactive map which allows us to receive interest requests from individuals across the country and to plot the geography of these requests and where actual ministry/plant activities are occurring. This enables us make connections and to analyze where potential plants might be possible in the future. I asked Fr. Steve for some statistics when writing this report and he shared the following:

- The public interest form has received nearly 9000 views.
- 112 church planting/meeting requests since February 2026.
- The majority of respondents are actively praying for an Anglican presence in their area.
- Approximately 30-40% express willingness to host or help organize a local gather.

But the statistic that stood out to me the most is that the respondents are coming from a wide range of backgrounds – not just current Anglicans. As Fr. Steve wrote to me, “this suggests that the map is functioning as a broad funnel drawing people toward classical Anglicanism”. In other words – the harvest is truly plentiful - and the Reformed Episcopal Church has an even greater opportunity to fulfill our mission of ‘Making Disciples in the Anglican way’ than we may have originally thought.

### **Canon Tony Melton & Always Forward**

Canon Tony is the chief planter and developmental leader of the growth we have experienced in the Atlanta, Georgia area. He also serves as mentor and coach to other planters both in the REC and in the ACNA – something which has directly benefited all of our dioceses in the REC. His passion and vision for church planting is simply incredible. I’m proud to say that Canon Tony has been asked to serve in the capacity of the ‘lead’ for the church planting initiative in the ACNA. Canon Tony has long been able to work with other Canons for church planting and church planters within the ACNA, and this new role will only increase the shaping influence he has. We covet your prayers for Canon Tony as he steps into this incredible role.

### **REC100 Retreat**

REC100 was able to sponsor its first week-long retreat for our current and active church planters and families. This was held at a camp conference center in Trinity, TX in September 2025. Not all families or planters were able to attend, but we still had 19 people from across the country gather for a wonderful time of rest, fellowship, prayer, and learning with each other. Our time together was led by Canon Tony Melton, Canon Michael Vinson, and myself. This kind of time and sharing with one another is absolutely vital. It is the hope that REC100 will be able to provide more opportunities like this for our planters.

### **Church Growth**

In total, the REC has had a total of 37 transfers, plants, and replants since 2017. Additionally, there are 2 additional transfers that are currently being explored and 12 new plants that are in either discussion stage or actual seed phase. It is our prayer that these seeds will come to fruition in the coming years.

The following is a listing of the growth of the Reformed Episcopal since the inception of 2017. Not all of these are a direct result of REC100 and not all of our plants started from scratch. Some are revitalizing works and/or replants that have benefited from the ministry and funds of REC100. The parentheses show their original status when they either began or entered the REC.

1. DCS Trinity Anglican – Connersville, IN (transfer plant)
2. DCS Christ Church – Florence, KY (transfer)
3. DCS Christ the Redeemer – Owensboro, KY (revitalization)
4. DCS St. Luke’s – Maysville, KY (transfer)
5. DCS Darke County Anglican – Ansonia, OH (planted but closed)
6. DCS Johnson City Fellowship – Johnson City, TN (planted)
7. DCS Holy Cross Anglican – Amelia, VA (planted)
8. DMA Resurrection Anglican – Hot Springs, AR (replant)
9. DMA St. Andrew’s – Peoria, AZ (replant)
10. DMA Anglican Church of the Epiphany – La Mirada, CA (transfer)
11. DMA Christ the King – Grover Beach, CA (transfer)
12. DMA St. Paul’s – Los Altos, CA (transfer)
13. DMA Christ Church – Colorado Springs, CO (plant)
14. DMA Epiphany Anglican – Longmont, CO (transfer)
15. DMA Holy Cross Anglican – Colorado Springs, CO (plant)
16. DMA Grand Junction Fellowship – Grand Junction, CO (seed but ceased)
17. DMA Christ the King – Covington, LA (plant)
18. DMA Covenant Church – Greenville, MI (revitalization)
19. DMA St. Barnabas – Lansing, MI (planted but closed)
20. DMA St. Joseph’s – Branson, MO (transfer)
21. DMA Iglesia Holy Communion – Dallas, TX (plant)
22. DMA Iglesia San Matias – Katy, TX (plant)
23. DMA Iglesia San Cruz – Dallas, TX (plant but closed)
24. DMA St. Benedict’s – Rockwall, TX (plant)
25. DMA St. Mark the Evangelist – Waxahachie, TX (transfer replant)
26. DMA St. Mark’s on the Plains – Canyon, TX (transfer replant)
27. DMA Oregon plant – (seed but ceased)
28. DSE Christ the King – Marietta, GA (plant)
29. DSE Christo Rey – Marietta, GA (plant)
30. DSE Incarnation Anglican – Canton, GA (plant)
31. DSE Emmanuel Anglican – Spartanburg, SC (plant)
32. DSE Lamb of God Anglican – Conyers, GA (plant)
33. NEMA Bridgewater, MD – (plant and closed)
34. NEMA New Creation – Hagerstown, MD (transfer plant)
35. NEMA Good Shepherd – Carlisle, PA (transfer)
36. NEMA Resurrection Anglican – Lancaster, PA (plant)
37. NEMA St. Mark’s – Asian congregation – Rydal, PA (plant)

### **Lenten Offerings**

The Annual Lenten Offering continues to be the primary means by which we support the ministry of Church planting. The offering asks that all adults in the Reformed Episcopal Church donate \$100 as a part of their Lenten almsgiving. These offerings are then used to provide our plants with administrative support, website and marketing tools, financial grants, to help fund our planter retreats, and other.

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED DURING TRIENNIUM**  
(2026 is still coming in)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>Total</u>
DCS	\$30,053.13	\$32,168.89	\$30,906.52	\$93,128.54
DMA	\$60,619.10	\$54,756.49	\$24,580.98	\$139,956.57
NEMA	\$3,631.00	\$6,810.00	\$3,360.00	\$13,801.00
DSE	<u>\$2,385.00</u>	<u>\$1,310.00</u>	<u>\$1,680.00</u>	<u>\$5,375.00</u>
Total	<u>\$96,688.23</u>	<u>\$95,045.38</u>	<u>\$60,527.50</u>	<u>\$252,261.11</u>

**LENTEN OFFERING PARTICIPATION LEVELS**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>Total</u>
DCS – 1092 Adults -	27.5%	29.5%	28.3%	28.5%
DMA – 2208 Adults -	27.5%	24.8%	11.1%	21.1%
NEMA – 989 Adults -	3.7%	6.9%	3.4%	4.6%
DSE – 1745 Adults -	<u>1.3%</u>	<u>0.8%</u>	<u>0.09%</u>	<u>1.0%</u>
Total	<u>16.02%</u>	<u>15.75%</u>	<u>10.00%</u>	<u>13.93%</u>

While the amounts received thus far have been enormously helpful in planting and revitalizing new parishes, there does remain minimal participation in this offering. According to the statistical report this year, there are 6,034 ADULT communicant members as of Dec 31, 2025. That is the potential of \$603,400 EVERY year through this offering of a mere \$100. And yet, our total triennium offering (3 years total) is only 41.8% of that single-year potential. Overall, our offerings are only 14% of the potential offering for the triennium.

Now, I know we should not expect 100% participation in this offering. And I certainly don't want to sound like I'm speaking about nothing but money. However, the statistics do tell a story of priorities (after all Jesus said "Where you treasure is, there will your heart be also"). More importantly, these numbers show the potential of what could be done if we were to simply have greater participation.

Imagine a church that doesn't just offer a small grant to new planters for a year or two with the hopes that they can 'make do'. Picture a denomination that willingly devotes significant resources to strengthening our current parishes in ways that will train them to become mission stations and mothering churches. Imagine a denomination that removes the normal obstacles of raising up new clergymen by having a robust means of developing young men into strong and courageous pastors/planters who will lead this denomination into the future. Think of what could be accomplished if we had a full-time Canon Missioner that could devote his entire labor and ministry towards these visions of church growth and parish development. These things are not impossible - and they could be possible now with your support. I ask that you would be mindful of this important offering.

**Video**

As I mentioned already, this year we have produced a video which expresses just a portion of the impact that our planters and REC plants/missions are having in the lives of people. We would like to share that with you now.

[Video]

### **Acknowledgement of our Planters**

Most of us in this room can attest that ministry is not easy, and it requires great sacrifice by both the pastor and his family. But I believe this is especially true for church planters. With nothing but a prayer and a hope – planters step completely into the unknown. It takes great courage and faith coupled with an immense amount of grit and determination. So, our greatest thanks must be expressed to all our planters and their families. If you have been or are currently involved with planting a church, regardless of whether it was during REC100 or not, please stand for a moment so we can acknowledge and thank you for your great ministry and labor for the Lord.

Please continue to pray for REC100, our planters and their families, and the continued witness of the Reformed Episcopal Church. We remain steadfast – we are making an impact - and our labor is not in vain.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rt. Rev. Jason R. Grote  
National Canon Missioner

# COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S MINISTRY

2023-2026  
Triennial Report

To the 58<sup>th</sup> General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

The Committee on Women's Ministry concluded the last triennium with its triennial fellowship luncheon during the 57th General Council in Charleston, South Carolina on Wednesday, June 7, 2023. The luncheon speaker was Deaconess Alvalene G. Rogers who shared her heartfelt testimony of God's work in her life and what it means to be set apart as a deaconess. Her powerful words caused us to both reflect on God's goodness to each of us and broadened our understanding of the role of a deaconess.

The Committee on Women's Ministry, consisting of Women of the Church Organization Presidents from each diocese: Denise Snyder, Diocese of the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Canada; Jill Nowell, Diocese of Mid-America; Jessica Edwards, Diocese of the Southeast; Mary Bailey, Diocese of the Central States; and Gale Hill, chairperson of the committee, convened its organizational meeting for the 2023-2026 Triennium on Thursday, October 26, 2023. The meeting was held via the Zoom Meeting Platform.

In accordance with diocesan Women of the Church Organization Policy and/or by diocesan appointment, two new WOC Chairpersons, Ebony Holloway and Mable Simmons joined the committee succeeding Denise Snyder and Jessica Edwards.

Continuing adjunct members and representatives from the Diocese of the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Canada are Sarah Benner and Susan Higham. From the Diocese of the Southeast, Rebecca J. "Becky" Pettigrew and Brenda Anderson. From the Diocese of Mid-America, Annette Johnson and Kathy Wood. From the Diocese of the Central States, Melanie Boettner and Mary Jane Thompson. Deaconess representative Teresa Johnson. Daughters of the Holy Cross representative, Susan Sutton. Advisor, Joan Workowski.

Officers were elected as follows: Secretary, Kathy Wood; Treasurer, Melanie Boettner; and Devotional Leaders Annette Johnson and Teresa Johnson.

The Committee on Women's Ministry held five regular meetings with a sixth meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2026, during the triennium, with the activities of the committee being reported at the spring and fall meetings of the General Committee.

Founded in 1948 by the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church for the purpose of "unifying, coordinating and stimulating the work of the Women in the Reformed Episcopal Church; ...", a summary of the committee's activities during the triennium follows:

**Women's Day Project Luncheons** – Programs of spiritual and inspirational blessings including luncheons and the reception of monetary gifts toward a specific need within the denomination.

**2023 Women's Day Project Luncheons:** The goal for our 2023 Project was to raise \$7,500 to establish a permanent scholarship fund to assist Reformed Episcopal Deaconesses and Deaconess Candidates enrolled in academic programs for deaconess training. The 2023 program theme was "Finding Restoration in the Redeemer," and the theme passage was Ruth 4:14-15a – *"And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the Lord, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel. And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age."*

Nine gatherings were held across the denomination:

While the **North Carolina and Virginia Region** of the **Diocese of the Central States**, has enjoyed gathering at Saint Jude's Church in Richmond, VA in past years, a number of small-group gatherings across the region provided an opportunity for greater attendance at luncheons, resulting in an increase in attendance from 26 to 72.

On **April 15, 2023**, 17 persons gathered at All Saints Church in Raleigh NC where deaconess candidate, Shelly Fleming shared information on the deaconess program.

On **May 6, 2023**, 16 persons met at Saint Jude's Church in Richmond, VA where Shelly Fleming again addressed attendees. \$1,025.00 was collected for the project.

Deaconess Barbara West from Saint Stephen's Church in Jackson, MS, addressed the 21 ladies from Covenant Church, Roanoke, VA and Saint Paul's Church, Lexington, VA at Saint Paul's Church on **May 13, 2023**. A project offering of \$350.00+ was received.

Again, on **May 13, 2023** Postulant Shelly Fleming addressed the 18 ladies from Holy Trinity Church in Chantilly, VA and the Church of Our Saviour, Leesburg, VA who gathered at the home of Joanne Mansour in Haymarket, VA. The ladies really enjoyed getting to know each other better since they live only an hour away from each other.

While the Women of the **Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky Region**, did not gather for a luncheon this year, funds earmarked for the project were collected through weekly offerings at Trinity Church, Mason, OH.

On Sunday, **November 5, 2023** a Fall Chili Cook-off was held at Saint James Church, Memphis, TN in the **Alabama and Tennessee Region**. A project offering of \$500.00 was collected.

Two luncheons were held in the **Diocese of the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Canada** with Jamie Riley of Grace Church in Collingdale, PA serving as speaker at both luncheons. 21 persons were in attendance at the luncheon held at Saint Stephen's Church, Eldersburg, MD on May 6, 2023 and 26 persons attended the luncheon held at Grace Church in Collingdale, PA on May 13, 2023.



*Jamie Riley*



*2023 Women's Day Project Offering Luncheon at Saint Stephen's Church, Eldersburg, MD*



*2023 Women's Day Project Offering Luncheon at Grace Church, Collingdale, PA*

In the **Diocese of the Southeast** – 93 persons, gathered at New Bethel Church, North Charleston, SC on Saturday, May 6, 2023. Postulant Alyce Wilson of Good Shepherd Church, Bonneau, SC was the luncheon speaker.



*Alyce Wilson*

*Diocese of the Southeast 2023 Women's Day Project Offering Luncheon*

In the **Diocese of Mid-America**, 36 women gathered during the diocesan synod on the evening of Wednesday, November 29, 2023. Deaconess Canon Annette Johnson of Saint Matthias Church, Katy, TX addressed the group with regard to the project and the deaconess program. Deaconess Jill Nowell of the Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX addressed the group regarding "Community" and announced a push in 2024 to bring all women of the diocese together in fellowship.



*Jill Nowell*



*Diocese of Mid-America, 2023 Women's Day Project Offering Luncheon*

A total of 248 persons were in attendance at our 2023 luncheons and the committee is pleased to report that our goal of \$7,500 to establish a permanent scholarship fund to assist Reformed Episcopal Deaconesses and Deaconess Candidates enrolled in academic programs for deaconess training was eventually **DOUBLED** as a total of **\$14,256.78** plus a receipt of **\$795.00** in 2024 for a grand total of **\$15,051.78**, was received – **PRAISE THE LORD!**

**2024 Women’s Day Project Luncheons:** Our 2024 Project Offering Goal was to present a gift of \$10,000 to Grace and Gerhard Meyer in recognition of and appreciation for their 50 years of service as Reformed Episcopal Missionaries to Germany as they retire from the mission field. The 2024 program theme was As A Little Child, and the theme passage was Matthew 19:14 – *“But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”*

On Saturday, **May 4, 2024**, three luncheons were held across the denomination:

In the **North Carolina and Virginia Region** of the **Diocese of the Central States**, 12 persons gathered for brunch at the home of Mary Jane Thompson in Richmond, VA where Deaconess Shelly Fleming from Fairfax, VA taught on the theme As A Little Child. Similarly, small-group gatherings across the region were encouraged

In the **Diocese of the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Canada** 40 persons gathered at Saint Stephen’s Church, Eldersburg, MD for a luncheon. The luncheon speaker was Ebony Holloway of the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, PA. Breathtaking and inspiring classical music from the Regency Era was performed by The Four Winds Flute Quartet.



*Ebony Holloway*



*Diocese of the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Canada 2024 Women’s Day Project Offering Luncheon*

In the **Diocese of the Southeast** – 93 persons gathered at the Bishop Jerdan Conference Center, McClellanville, SC with an additional 11 persons joining virtually for a luncheon where luncheon speaker, Rebecca “Becky” Pettigrew of Calvary Church, Swamp Fox, SC, addressed the luncheon theme through word and, as Becky is noted for, role play.



Rebecca "Becky" Pettigrew



*Diocese of the Southeast 2024 Women's Day Project Offering Luncheon Cast of "As A Little Child"*

On Saturday, May 18, 2024, 19 persons in the **Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky Region of the Diocese of the Central States**, gathered at Trinity Church, Mason, OH for a luncheon. The luncheon speaker was Dr. Kris Prenger.

175 persons (including 11 attending virtually) were in attendance at our 2024 luncheons and the committee is pleased to report that our goal of \$10,000 to present a gift to Grace and Gerhard Meyer was exceeded – a total of **\$12,200** was received.

**2025 Women's Day Project Luncheons:** Our **2025 Women's Day Project Offering Goal** is to raise a minimum of \$7,500 to assist in the printing of the Reformed Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (the "Episcopal Reformada Oración Común,") in Spanish for native Spanish speakers of The Missionary Diocese of Cuba. The 2025 program theme, Forgiveness was based on our 2025-2026 Devotional Study, a reprint of our 1991-1992 Devotional Study written by the Late Evelyn Mack Parson of the Diocese of the Southeast.

On Saturday, **May 3, 2025**, two luncheons were held across the denomination:

In the **North Carolina and Virginia Region** of the **Diocese of the Central States**, 12 persons gathered in Richmond, VA for a luncheon where the Rev. Scott Thompson, substituting for the scheduled speaker, addressed the group. An offering of \$1,685 was received.

In the **Diocese of the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Canada**, 36 persons attended a luncheon at Bishop Cummins Church in Catonsville, MD. Allison Jenkins of Faith Church, Baltimore, MD was the luncheon speaker. Luncheon attendees participated in a craft project and made greeting cards written in Spanish to be sent along with the project offering to the Cuba churches. A project offering of \$1,446.39 was received.



*Allison Jenkins*



*Diocese of the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Canada 2025 Women's Day Project Offering Luncheon*

In the **Diocese of the Southeast** – 108 persons gathered at Redeemer Church, Pineville, SC for a luncheon where luncheon speaker, Postulant Mei-li Sivigny of All Saints Church, Greenville, SC addressed the luncheon theme, including a powerful personal testimony of experiencing forgiveness. \$2,429.75 was received towards this year's project.



*Mei-li Sivigny*



*Diocese of the Southeast 2025 Women's Day Project Offering Luncheon*

On Saturday, October 4, 2025, 20 ladies gathered in the **Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky Region of the Diocese of the Central States** at Christ Our Hope Church, Fairborn, OH for a luncheon. Lilliana Taylor and Deaconess Michelle Caldwell were the speakers. Lilliana shared details of her mission trip to Washington, DC and Deaconess Michelle, based on the REC Women's Devotional, spoke on the topic of Forgiveness. Her presentation was excellent and engaging and included a discussion period. In keeping with the idea of this year's project offering to raise funds for printing of the Book of Common Prayer in Spanish, the meeting room was festively adorned in a

Latino theme with hand-painted favors made by the Taylor Family. The luncheon menu included a burrito/taco buffet with Cuban black beans and rice with tres leches cake for dessert. An offering of \$474.00 was received.

In the **Diocese of Mid-America**, a gathering was held on Thursday, October 9, 2025 at the Good Shepherd Church, Tyler, TX. Deaconess Jill Nowell addressed the women on the topic of Forgiveness and Deaconess Canon Anette Johnson gave updates on the 2024 project and introduced the 2025 program theme and project. Approximately 40 persons were in attendance at the luncheon.

A total of 216 persons were in attendance at our 2025 gatherings and the committee is pleased to report that our goal of \$7,500 was exceeded – a total of **\$10,538.35**, was received.

We extend sincere thanks and appreciation to the rectors and their congregations hosting our luncheons. Special thanks to the ladies who coordinated these luncheons in their areas.

**Spiritual Enrichment Conference (SEC)** – Designed to provide spiritual fellowship, instruction, and opportunity for women to participate and to grow in the knowledge of Christ and be strengthened as members of His body. Traditionally, the conference is held the first or second weekend in October, but in recent years has been held the last weekend in September.

**2023** – The 65<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Enrichment Conference was held Friday, October 13 through Sunday October 16, 2023 at the Embassy Suites Williamsburg in Williamsburg, VA.

The conference theme was Finding Restoration in the Redeemer and the theme scripture passage was Ruth 4:14-15a: *"And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the Lord, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel. And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age."* The conference speaker was Kimberley Jenkins of Faith Church, Baltimore, MD in the Diocese of the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Canada. We were enlightened on many aspects of Jewish Culture and Israel's relation to the Moabites through Kim's messages focusing on "what it means to be a Kinsman Redeemer," "what was wrong with marrying a Moabite woman," and "The Mystery Redeemer."



Kimberley Jenkins

Following Friday evening's session, a time of fun and games was had by all, including three of our bishops: Bishops William Jenkins and Charles Gillin from the Diocese of the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Canada and Bishop Willie J. Hill of the Diocese of the Southeast.

On Saturday morning, conference attendees separated into small groups to pray for individual, national, and global concerns. Later in the day, these groups reassembled for a time of corporate prayer and praise. This time was especially uplifting to all.



Jan Gillin cheers Bishop Chuck on as Bishop Chuck, Bishop Willie and Bishop Bill square off for the challenge

Sarah Benner of Bishop Cummins Church, Catonsville, MD served as facilitator for Saturday afternoon's workshop on Outreach/Church Revitalization.

On Saturday evening, our conference room was transformed into a movie theater complete with "free" concessions as we enjoyed the movie The Case for Christ.

The Rt. Rev. William Jenkins., Bishop Coadjutor of the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, and Eastern Canada led in the Sunday Morning Worship Service and preached the message. He was assisted by the Rt. Rev. Charles Gillin of the same diocese and the Rt. Rev. Willie J. Hill, Jr. of the Diocese of the Southeast.

Bobbi Lynn Jorgenson of Saint Stephen's Church, Eldersburg, MD assisted by Trudy Gelfand of Holy Trinity Church, Chantilly, VA served as conference musicians, With Sarah Benner serving as song leader.



*Trudy Gelfamd*



*Sarah Benner*



*Bobbi Lynn Jorgenson*

In an effort to make our Spiritual Enrichment Conference more accessible to ladies beyond the east coast, we were pleased to offer attendance incentive grants to one person from each diocese. Three grants were awarded.

59 adults and two infants, including 22 first time conference attendees, two nonagenarians, four octogenarians, and three bishops representing 21 parishes and three Reformed Episcopal Dioceses were in attendance at the conference.

Six nonagenarians and octogenarians were recognized as having been a positive influence, such as Naomi was to Ruth, for the younger women in our churches: Elizabeth Mikell (94), Margaret Boone (90), Lillie Gourdine (89), Sandy Dunn (87), Martha Coaxum (87), and Claire G. Brown (85).



*Pictured L-R are Lillie Gourdine (89), Claire G. Brown (85), (Janie Rosner, presenter of gifts to ladies) Margaret Boone (90,) Sandy Dunn (87), Martha Coaxum (87), and Elizabeth Mikell (94).*

Special thanks to Denise Snyder for presiding and leading us through the activities of the weekend and to the Diocese of the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, and Eastern Canada's Committee on Women's Ministry members for planning and presenting this conference.

**2024** – The 66<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Enrichment Conference was held Friday, September 27-29, 2024 at the Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center in Williamsburg, VA.

The conference theme was As A Little Child and the theme scripture passage was Matthew 19:14: *"But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."*

This year's conference speaker was Jamey Akien of Lake Worth, FL, founder and Executive Director of Logos Education Services LLC, an education services company that provides tutoring, homeschool evaluations, testing, and educational consulting. Jamey is the founder and director of Camp Logos, a 10-week Christian Summer camp focusing on biblical discipleship, academic instruction, and development in the fine and performing arts and athletics.



Jamey Akien

Sharing her childhood experiences with regard to her relationship with her earthly father, Jamey drew a word picture correlating the practical experiences she grew up with to the way she relates to her heavenly father. Her messages stirred our realization of how important we, as His children, are to our Heavenly Father and brought about a profounder sense of solace in His love and care for us.

Rebecca "Becky" Pettigrew of Calvary's Church, Swamp Fox, SC served as facilitator for our Saturday afternoon workshop. This was a very special time. The workshop focused on how Jesus loves the little



children. He loved them so much that he used little ones to accomplish BIG Things for the Kingdom of God. Conference attendees

*Becky's famous award winning "Nobody Greater" Introduction and Jamey and Joy's FAMU Dad*

were divided into six groups and assigned a scripture passage involving a young child to act out. Some passages included Luke 2:41-52 – Jesus teaches in the temple at age 12; Luke 1: 26-33, 38 – Mary, the mother of Jesus at 13, delivers the Son of God into the world to save sinners; 2 Kings 5:1-17 – the young servant girl is helping Naaman to heal from Leprosy; and I Samuel 17:50-53 – David, the shepherd boy at aged 13 or 15 years, kills Goliath.

In keeping with the conference theme, Sarah Bennner of Bishop Cummins Church, Catonsville, MD led in evening entertainment and “playtime” fun for all on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The Rev. Harrylee D. Loyd of Emmanuel Church, Alvin, SC presided over the Morning Prayer Service and Deaconess Alvalene G. Rogers of Nazareth Church, Moncks Corner, SC delivered the message on Sunday morning. Trudy Gelfand of Holy Trinity Church, Chantilly, VA served as conference musician.

50 persons representing 20 parishes were in attendance at the conference.

Special thanks to Linda Butler of Grace Church, Moncks Corner, SC for presiding and leading us through the activities of the weekend and to the Diocese of the Southeast's Committee on Women's Ministry members for planning and presenting this conference.

**2025** – For our 67<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Enrichment Conference, held Friday, September 26 through Sunday September 28, 2025, we returned to the Embassy Suites Williamsburg in Williamsburg, VA.

The conference theme, Forgiveness was based on our 2025-2026 Devotional Study, a reprint of our 1991-1992 Devotional Study written by the Late Evelyn Mack Parson of the Diocese of the Southeast. We were pleased to have as this year's conference speaker, Deaconess Doctor Susan Regisford of Saint Albans Church (*formerly First Church, New York*), Manhattan, NY. Combined with her experience as a physician and deaconess and a desire to help others achieve their best life, Susan took to the stage with the goal of reaching as many people as possible in the realm of holistic health. Today, her talks empower Christian women to overcome limiting beliefs and embrace a healthier, more abundant life through actionable steps grounded in Total Health.



*Susan Regisford*



*Ojetta O'Bryant and Deaconess Susan at Book Review and Signing Session*

Dissecting the one word theme “Forgiveness,” Susan reminded us that “Forgiveness is a divine mandate; it heals and restores relationships.” (*Old Testament – Leviticus 19:18, Micah 7:18, 2 Chronicles 7:14; New Testament – Matthew 6:14-15, Colossians 3:13, Ephesians 4:32*). She shared with us her personal journey of forgiveness and healing and the consequences of unforgiveness, leaving with us a list of ten steps to forgiveness.

Following Saturday morning's session and a time of small-group prayer, on Saturday afternoon, conference attendees came together for a book review and signing session of Susan's recently published book, Rediscovering the Power Within. This was a most enjoyable time of fellowship and the perfect activity on a rainy Saturday afternoon.

On Saturday evening, Sarah Benner of Bishop Cummins Church, Catonsville, MD served as game night facilitator. The Rev. Jason Holloway of the Reformed Episcopal Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, PA led in the Sunday Morning Worship Service and preached the message. He was assisted by the Rt. Rev. Willie J. Hill, Jr. of the Diocese of the Southeast.

61 persons, including 14 first time conference attendees, representing two of our four dioceses registered for the conference.

Through the efforts of our newest Committee on Women's Ministry Member and Chairperson of the Committee on Women's Ministry for the Diocese of the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Canada, Mrs. Ebony Holloway, the Rev. Jason Holloway, and the Reformed Episcopal Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, PA, the triennial project goal of the COWM to institute online registration for our Spiritual Enrichment Conference was realized as we completed our first on-line conference registration. THANK YOU!



*The Rev. and Mrs. Jason and Ebony Holloway*



*SEC 2025 First Time Conference Attendees*

Further thanks to Ebony Holloway for presiding and leading us through the activities of the weekend and to the Diocese of the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, and Eastern Canada's Committee on Women's Ministry members for planning and presenting this conference.

**2026** – The 68<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Enrichment Conference is scheduled to be held Friday, September 26-28, 2026 at the Embassy Suites Williamsburg in Williamsburg, VA

**Publication of Devotional Books** – Written by Reformed Episcopal women, for use in the Women of the Church groups.

The **2023-2024 Devotional Study** titled **Finding Restoration in the Redeemer** was written by Teresa R. Johnson of the Diocese of the Central States. 452 copies were distributed to 28 churches.

The **2024-2025 Devotional Study** titled **As A Little Child** was a reprint of our 1998-1999 Devotional Study written by Deaconess Barbara West of the Diocese of Mid-America. A depleted supply of 404 copies was distributed to 26 churches in four dioceses.

The **2025-2026 Devotional Study** titled, **“FORGIVENESS.”** was a reprint of our 1991-1992 devotional study written by The Late Evelyn Mack Parson of the Diocese of the Southeast. A record number of 585 copies was distributed to 27 churches in four dioceses.

The **2026-2027 Devotional Study** titled, **When ye pray...Pray ye:** will be a reprint of our 1979-1980 devotional study prepared by The Late Mrs. Fred C. Kuehner based on notes of sermons given by her husband, The late Rev. Dr. Fred C. Kuehner.

Thanks to our devotional book writers for sacrifices made in writing our devotionals, to the Rev. Richard W. Workowski for his untiring assistance and guidance in the publishing process, and to Francis Lenzo and Cynthia Campbell of Columbia, Maryland for serving as our devotional book editors.

Special Thanks to Joan Workowski for serving as printing coordinator and distributor of our devotional books for more than 25 years – THANK YOU JOAN – and to Patricia Comfort-Capers and Brenda Dunmeyer for continuing the work as printer and distributor, respectively.

**“Dates to Remember” Publication** – A listing of important dates from each diocese.

The committee continues to compile, publish, and distribute the “Dates to Remember” each year. It is hoped that this brochure will be helpful in planning activities in each parish, and that it will assist in limiting scheduling conflicts. The publication also serves as a reminder to pray for the events and activities in our church. Our committee chairperson, yours truly, under the auspices of



Productions © continued to lead in the production of this publication during the triennium.

**“A Look at You” Publication** – A written and pictorial summary of the committee’s purpose and history, listing milestones and transitions since its inception in 1948.

**Communications** – The committee’s primary mode of disseminating information is via electronic mail. We have established electronic address books including addresses of all clergy and parishes and diocesan key representatives. We solicit your support in maintaining accurate addresses. Please notify us of any changes, updates, or additions at [gghmrsmoses@yahoo.com](mailto:gghmrsmoses@yahoo.com)

You are encouraged to visit us on the web at [cown-rec.org](http://cown-rec.org), and follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/RECCOWM/>. Much thanks and appreciation is extended to our web master, Deaconess Teresa R. Johnson.

The Committee on Women’s Ministry expresses our sincere thanks and appreciation to this 58<sup>th</sup> General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church; to presiding bishop, Ray R. Sutton; to all diocesan ordinaries and the clergy under their charge; to all diocesan women’s ministry groups; and to all of you. Your encouragement and support during the triennium have greatly enhanced the programs of this ministry as – **639** persons gathered at Women’s Day Project Offering Luncheons, **170** persons attended the annual Spiritual Enrichment Conference; a record number of **1,441** devotional studies were distributed, and

**\$37,790.13** was collected for Women's Day Projects. Additionally, the committee's triennial goal of establishing on-line registration for our Spiritual Enrichment Conference was achieved.

We are excited about our future and continue to enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie of our sisters across the denomination as we work, pray, and study God's Word together.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gale G. Hill".

Gale G. Hill, Chairperson

# ORDER OF DEACONESSES

## 58<sup>th</sup> General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church June 10 - 12, 2026

Once again, I would like to express heartfelt appreciation on behalf of all our deaconesses and prospective deaconesses for the support of our bishops, clergy, and laity in developing this biblically based and historic Order of ministry for women in the REC. It has not been easy to earn the trust of those in the church who have witnessed the turmoil created by the innovation of the ordination of women in other parts of the Anglican world and mainline denominations. However, through patience and confidence in our Lord, and through the Apostles' recognition of faithful women as assets to the Church and clergy, the REC's steadfast witness regarding women's ministry is making a positive and significant impression on those both within and beyond our ranks.

### **ROSTER:**

Currently, we have 16 active Deaconesses, 3 retired Deaconesses, and 8 Candidates across our REC dioceses in the U.S., plus 3 new candidates in Berlin, Germany, and 1 new deaconess and several candidates in Cuba. The term "Candidate" designates those who have been approved by the Bishop and Standing Committee of their respective diocese to begin training to become a deaconess and are preparing to take the canonical exams required to be Set Apart by the bishop. A Postulant is one who has made known her intention to discern her call to be a deaconess but has not yet applied to become a candidate. A list of all our deaconesses and candidates is included at the end of this report. The date beside each name indicates the start date of their candidacy, or the date they were Set Apart.

### **DEACONESS EMBER CONCLAVE:**

In February 2024, during the Lenten Ember Days, we began an online video conference, the "Deaconess Ember Conclave," to provide practical and spiritual support for our Deaconesses and Candidates. Since then, we have received requests from Deaconesses in various traditional Anglican jurisdictions, as well as those in the ACNA, to join us. At present, we have 35 Deaconesses and Candidates participating. We meet one evening during the Ember Day Weeks throughout the year.

### **ANGLICAN DEACONESS ASSOCIATION:**

The Anglican Deaconess Association (ADA), through which the Deaconess Ember Conclave operates, was recently invited to apply to become an Affiliated Ministry Partner of the ACNA. This requires a three-round approval process. The ADA made it through the first round. However, the second round requires submission of legal and financial documents, which we could not provide. The ADA was originally organized under the Federation of Anglican Churches in the Americas (FACA) in 2008, prior to the formation of the ACNA, as a professional organization for all Anglican deaconesses in traditional Anglican jurisdictions. With the dissolution of FACA, whatever legal documentation we may have had has been lost or is otherwise outdated, and we no longer operate under any "umbrella" organization. We have kept our website open, since that has been the source of most of our inquiries and contacts for deaconesses. Another round of invitations to apply will be launched later this year. In the meantime, we are attempting to obtain the legal documentation required to successfully reapply.

### **ANGLICAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA (ACNA):**

In relation to receiving this invitation, the Order of Deaconesses has been represented at the ACNA Provincial Councils and Assemblies for the past several years. Since 2024, we have had our own booth and distributed information about the Order to attendees. We have made a number of contacts with clergy and laity within the ACNA who would like to see the restoration of the Order across the Province. Having a Deaconess presence at ACNA events is helping to change attitudes about the ordination of

women, especially when people can see that there is a valid, historical alternative for an official women's ministry already present within the Church. In fact, the Anglican Diocese of Ft. Worth recently Set Apart two new Deaconesses in May 2025, an event attended by Dss. Jill Nowell, Dss. Marisa Cappuccia, and Dss. Canon Annette Johnson. So, please encourage the deaconesses in your diocese to participate. One way to do this would be to consider appointing a qualified deaconess to be a lay representative for your diocese in the coming years. The more deaconesses we have attending, the more influence we have in making people aware of the Order.

To emphasize the impact our Deaconess model has had in its association with the ACNA, I was recently contacted by The Rt. Rev. Dr. Darrell Critch, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of Mahajanga, Madagascar, in the Anglican Communion Province of the Indian Ocean, to meet with him via Zoom. Prior to his election as Bishop of Mahajanga, he served as Archdeacon in the ACNA in Newfoundland, Canada. Shortly after assuming his position as Bishop in Madagascar, he rescinded his predecessor's authorization for the ordination of women in his diocese. His desire is to restore the Order of Deaconesses in Mahajanga. He already has a woman who is completing her seminary training and will be Set Apart soon. He was aware of the REC's model for deaconesses and was seeking information to help in his efforts. I sent him a copy of our Deaconess Information Packet for Bishops. He is also interested in obtaining our deaconess crosses for his deaconesses.

#### **DEACONESSES CROSSES:**

Earlier this year, we attempted to order a new deaconess cross for the Setting Apart of Mei-li Sivigny in the Diocese of the Southeast. Our jeweler informed us that, due to the dramatic rise in silver prices, she could no longer honor the flat-rate price she had originally quoted for making our crosses. The cost of a new cross and chain has more than tripled, making the price unaffordable. Therefore, we have entered into a contract with a Virginia company, Canterbury Pewter, to make our official deaconess crosses. The cost of the new pewter crosses, including the chain, is estimated to be in the range of \$50.00 - \$70.00 (much less than our original crosses). The \$800.00 design fee for creating the mold has been generously donated by The Chapel Shoppe at St. Matthias Anglican Church in Katy, Texas, and authorized by their Vestry as a donation to the Order.

#### **DEACONESS EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Two of our deaconesses, Dss. Canon Annette Johnson and Dss. Teresa Johnson, serve as faculty members at Cranmer Theological House in the Deaconess Studies Program. Cranmer House offers both a Deaconess Certificate curriculum and a Master of Arts in Religion for Deaconess Studies. Similar programs are now being offered at Reformed Episcopal Seminary and Cummins Memorial Seminary.

In relation to the seminaries and their Deaconess Studies programs, a Deaconess Scholarship Fund was established in 2023, with funds raised by the Committee on Women's Ministry (COWM) through its Women's Day Project that year. This fund is intended for women seeking to complete the academic coursework required by the REC Constitution and Canons to become Deaconesses. As specified by our bishops, the scholarship fund is to be shared equally between our three seminaries for their Deaconess Studies students. The Guidelines and Application Form for requesting a scholarship may be downloaded from the REC Deaconess website at <https://recdss.org/scholarship-fund/>. First-time applicants must submit their application by August 1st for the Fall semester, or by November 15th for the Spring semester. Our first scholarship was granted in early 2025. As part of our goal for the Deaconess Scholarship Fund to become self-sustaining, an annual Church-wide appeal for donations has been designated for the Sunday closest to St. Phoebe's Day, September 3.

### **INTERNSHIP AND SERVICE TO THE CHURCH:**

We pride ourselves on the level of education our Candidates for Deaconess receive. As part of that process, they are required to participate in a 9-month internship under the direction of their sponsoring rector during their candidacy. We now have a "*Rector's Internship Checklist for Deaconess Candidates*" to help guide the clergy in training their candidates for the functions they may be called upon to perform in the parish. This practicum gives hands-on experience to our deaconesses-to-be, so they are prepared before their Setting Apart.

The training and education a Deaconess receives also helps prepare her to serve beyond the parish walls. Besides serving in their various capacities at the parish level, our deaconesses have been called upon to share their talents across the REC. Several serve on various church committees and boards. Some have authored annual devotional books for the Women of the Church and contributed to other church materials and publications as well. Others have been invited to speak at various women's gatherings, synods, and convocational meetings.

### **REC INTERCESSORS:**

As a reminder, our Deaconesses and Candidates are always available to pray for members of the clergy and deaconesses whenever a particular need arises. Together with the Daughters of the Holy Cross in the REC, we constitute the REC Intercessors, whose function it is to pray for our clergy. Prayer requests are processed by Dss. Teresa Johnson and Dss. Canon Annette Johnson as co-chairs for the Intercessors. Your confidentiality is sacred to us, and we will share your requests only with the Intercessors as per your instructions. This is the special email address where you can send prayer requests to the RECI via Dss. Canon Annette and Dss. Teresa: [Intercessors@rechurch.org](mailto:Intercessors@rechurch.org).

### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:**

As Canon for Deaconesses in the REC, I would like to request that each Bishop Ordinary send me a copy of any approved application for Deaconess Candidate, along with a copy of the official approval letter from the Bishop and/or Standing Committee to the applicant. This gives me the new Candidate's contact information and other pertinent information, as well as her official approval date to place in our records for deaconesses in the REC. It also allows me to send her a packet of information regarding becoming a deaconess for her use during her discernment and training. Also, Deaconess Candidates are included with the Deaconesses in other activities within the Church, such as the REC Intercessors and Convocational meetings, as part of their training. Therefore, it would also be helpful to include their names and contact information in your diocesan directories under the category of "Candidates". "Postulants" may also be listed, but they are not eligible to participate until they are approved as a Candidate.

As a reminder, our Canons require that the names of all women connected with the Diocese or Missionary Diocese who have been Set Apart as deaconesses during the preceding year to be submitted to the office of the Presiding Bishop and the General Council Secretary with her full name and date of birth, the date and place of her Setting Apart, and the name of the Bishop who presided at the Setting Apart. This information is recorded as part of the clerical records of the Church. Whenever a deaconess resigns, retires, or passes away, that information must also be submitted. Updated contact information for deaconesses and candidates should be included in

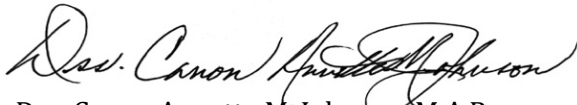
the Diocesan Directories, which are to be submitted to the General Council Secretary on the first of March each year.

**REVISIONS TO CANON 22, *OF DEACONESSES*:**

We commend the revisions to Canon 22, *Of Deaconesses*, to be presented by the Committee on Constitution and Canons to this 58<sup>th</sup> General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church as needed and necessary to properly define the Office of Deaconess in the Church and to clarify other matters as they pertain to Deaconesses.

The Deaconess Canon is always available to answer questions from the clergy or prospective deaconesses when needed. With the attention our Deaconess model has received of late, I pray that the Order will continue to grow and serve the Church as a reflection of God's order and glory in the world.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dss. Canon Annette M. Johnson".

Dss. Canon Annette M. Johnson, M.A.R.  
Presiding Bishop's Canon for the Order of Deaconesses

## DEACONESS ROSTER as of April 2026

The following is a list of current Deaconesses and Candidates for Deaconess in each REC Diocese and Missionary Dioceses or Convocations:

### DIOCESE OF THE NORTHEAST AND MID-ATLANTIC:

#### Deaconesses:

1. Dss. Susan Regisford, M.D. (*St. Alban's, NYC - Set Apart 2024*)

**Retired:** Dss. Ruth Creswell (*Set Apart 3/9/2014*)

#### Candidates: *(Dates indicate the official start of their candidacy.)*

1. Nkiru Menekaya (*Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, NJ - 2024*)

### DIOCESE OF MID-AMERICA:

#### Deaconesses:

1. Dss. Marisa Cappuccia (*Holy Communion, Dallas, TX - Set Apart 8/20/2025*)
2. Dss. Jane Charnock (*St. Mark's, Waxahachie, TX - Set Apart 7/24/2025*)
3. Dss. Gay Flack (*St. Stephen's, Montrose, CO - Set Apart 9/8/2019*)
4. Dss. Cheryl Ivers (*Good Shepherd, Tyler, TX - Set Apart 1/21/23*)
5. Dss. Canon Annette M. Johnson (*St. Matthias, Katy, TX - Set Apart 1/31/1993*)
6. Dss. Cynthia Longueville (*Holy Communion, Dallas, TX - Set Apart 2/7/2021*)
7. Dss. Jill Nowell (*Good Shepherd, Tyler, TX - Set Apart 8/12/2019*)
8. Dss. Melinda Skelton (*Holy Communion, Dallas, TX - Set Apart 10/2024*)
9. Dss. Barbara West, Ph.D. (*St. Stephen's, Flowood, MS - Set Apart 10/27/2019*)

**Retired:** Dss. Karen Pierpoint (*Bend, OR - Set Apart 2/25/2016*)

#### Candidates: *(Dates indicate the official start of their candidacy.)*

1. Katia Crabb (*Holy Communion, Dallas, TX - 12/2024*)
2. Marcia Farrar (*St. Stephen's, Flowood, MS - 12/2024*)
3. Kaylene Graham (*Anglican Church of the Epiphany, La Mirada, CA - 4/2025*)
4. Kimberly Hiles (*St. Benedict's, Rockwall, TX - 12/20*)

**Candidacy terminated or suspended:** Renee Boutwell (*Holy Cross, Alpine, TX - 2/22*) - *health*

### DIOCESE OF THE SOUTHEAST:

#### Deaconesses:

1. Dss. Alvalene G. Rogers, Ph.D. (*Nazareth, Moncks Corner, SC - Set Apart June 3, 2023*)
2. Dss. Mei-li Sivigny (*All Saints, Greenville, SC - 2022 - Set Apart March 1, 2026*)

#### Candidates: *(Dates indicate the official start of their candidacy.)*

1. Allyce Wilson (*Good Shepherd REC, Bonneau, SC - 2021*)
2. Karen Tryon (*Christ the King, Atlanta, GA - 2025*)
3. Elizabeth (Beth) Widner (*Christ the King, Atlanta, GA - 2025*)
4. Stacey Agee (*Incarnation, Canton, GA - 2025*)

**DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL STATES:**

**Deaconesses:**

1. Dss. Michelle R. Caldwell (*Christ the King, Dayton, OH - Set Apart 11/22/2009*)
2. Dss. Shelley Fleming (*Holy Trinity REC, Fairfax, VA - Set Apart 5/18/24*)
3. Dss. Teresa R. Johnson (*St. James', Memphis, TN - Set Apart 1/26/2003*)

**Retired:** Dss. Ella "Candy" Jacques (*Set Apart 10/5/2008*)

**Candidates:**           *(Dates indicate the official start of their candidacy.)*

**MISSIONARY DISTRICT OF CUBA (REC):**

**Deaconesses:**

1. Dss. Yamilet Conde Hernández (*Set Apart at church synod in Cuba - December 2025*)

**Retired:** Dss. Magalis Sierra Romero (*Iglesia San Marcos, Moa, Holguin, Cuba - Set Apart 5/24/2013*)

**Candidates:**

*(Bp. Boonzaaijer reports several potential candidates)*

**REC IN GERMANY:**

**Candidates:**

1. Stefanie Menk
2. Marita Stefanski
3. Eva Gabelmann

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

To the 58th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren,

The Christian Education Committee over the past ten years has provided two levels of Bible study materials as workbook/worksheets: the *Bible Story Lessons* suitable for children up to age 7 or 8, and also *Scripture Studies* suitable for youth age 9 through adult. A complete set of 6 workbooks (A-F, Genesis through Revelation) for each series has been sent to each Diocesan administrative office/REC Seminary for review and as a resource. Each REC parish that purchases a set of these is free to make photocopies of lessons for its own parish use in Sunday School/Bible Catechesis, Bible Studies, Vacation Bible School, etc.

This Bible Study program is being used beyond the REC, in many other churches and Christian schools (Anglican, Reformed, Lutheran, classical, and more). Many homeschooling parents also are annual purchasers of the Bible Curriculum for their children's upcoming school year.

The goal and duty we have before us in raising our children in accord with the Scriptures is described by St. Paul in 2 Timothy 1:5, 3:14-16, *I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also...But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

Our present culture smothers us with so much media information and social engagement opportunities that every family finds it challenging to live up to the example of St. Timothy's parents/grandparents who planted and nurtured that knowledge of Scripture in Timothy's youth.

Proverbs 27:2, *Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips.* I am attaching below a review that Aelfred Rex Publications (the publisher) received January 2026, from an REC mom who homeschooled her children with this curriculum over the past ten years.

May her testimony encourage each parish and members to renew the commitment they made in baptismal vows that *their children be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and be diligently instructed in the Holy Scriptures.*

Respectfully submitted,

The Rt. Rev. Walter R. Banek

### Aelfred Rex Bible Curriculum Recommendation

*I was a beta tester of this Sunday School program when it was first in development, ten-plus years ago. I was privileged to stumble across it because I belonged to a Reformed Episcopal Church in Texas, and my rector knew what the author, Nelda Banek of Good Shepherd Church (REC) in Tyler, Texas, was up to.*

*I had previously served as the youth director at a mainline Episcopal church before I came into the REC. During that time I spent considerable effort looking for an educational program that would offer children and youth a substantial education into Biblical literacy - "reading God's Word for all it's worth," as I once heard someone describe it. I wanted, but could not find even through top Christian press and publication resources, a children's/youth's comprehensive introduction to basic elements of theology, mindful of chronology and liturgy, but most importantly, making accessible to young minds an approach to understanding Scripture and what it means to have a full relationship with their Creator and Savior. Finding this Sunday School curriculum was an answer to that prayer.*

*Even though this Aelfred Rex Bible Curriculum program was still in development as I first used it, in all its stages this Sunday School series far surpassed anything else I have ever seen. For the small children, the Bible Story Book tells the important stories of the Scriptures in such a way that the youngest can grasp the lesson, told with a richness that makes the telling just as edifying to the teacher sharing the stories. The Bible Story Lessons program for the elementary-aged children have accompanying worksheets that help young students grasp central themes, making those connections between Old Testament promises and how they solidly relate to New Testament revelations. Scripture Studies for older youth are marvelous, crafted to delve into all the facets of reformed Christian doctrine and orthodoxy while inspiring wonderful conversations with pre-teens and teens who are ready to engage with what they understand.*

*This program is exceptional for all churches committed to the final authority of Holy Scripture that wish to expose their youth to a beautifully composed and complete Christian education. It provides a thorough understanding of the Good News. It equips students with the Ephesians 6 "Full Armor," ready to defend their faith, feeling strong to go forth and win souls. I say this not just as a Sunday School teacher, but as a mother. My daughters were beta testers with me. My oldest is now in college and is enthusiastically engaging her peers with discussions about faith. She maintains her life of active worship, inviting friends on Sunday – and they join her enthusiastically because she is so winsome in her approach to discussing matters of religion. My youngest is finishing high school and loves theological conversations with me. I attribute much of their engagement capabilities to the lessons they learned through this curriculum. It is one of the best investments I have made into all the children I have taught with this program, including my own.*

*KHP*

*Church of the Holy Trinity (REC), Houston, TX*



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Status of activities:

1. Hosting annual “Banquet of the Bedes” as its professional teachers network and guild.
2. Secured partnership with Herzog Foundation for ASA teacher training and school resources.
3. Rebuilt website, [www.anglicanschools.org](http://www.anglicanschools.org).
4. In process of Dr. Boonzaaijer rearranging his thesis project “The Parish School” as a manual for rectors and vestries imagining or managing a parish school (theology, history, and “how-to”).

The Mr. Erik Landstrom Executive  
Secretary

The Rt. Rev. Dr. John Boonzaaijer  
President

# REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

## 57<sup>th</sup> General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church June 10-12, 2026

Dear Brethren:

The General Committee of the Reformed Episcopal Church met six times during the years since the 57<sup>th</sup> General Council in 2023: December 15, 2023; April 19, 2024; October 25, 2024; May 2, 2025; December 12, 2025; and April 24, 2026, and including two email votes on January 15, 2024, and July 24, 2025. The Most Rev. Ray R. Sutton presided over each meeting, all of which were held by Zoom video conference. Detailed minutes of each meeting are on file at the denominational headquarters in Dallas, Texas.

The following is a summary of actions taken by the General Committee:

### **December 15, 2023 – Zoom Video Conference**

1. Approved the recommendation of Bishop Sutton that The Very Rev. Canon Jason R. Grote fill the remaining term of Mrs. Diana Lopez, who was called home to be with the Lord in May 2023.
2. Unanimous consent was given for the consecration of two new bishops:
  - a. The Rev. Canon John P. Boonzaaijer was elected by the Council of Bishops on September 20, 2023, to be the International Missionary Bishop for Cuba.
  - b. The Very Rev. Canon Dr. Charles F. Camlin was elected by the Synod of the Diocese of Mid-America meeting in Dallas on November 30, 2023, as Bishop Suffragan.
3. Received the report of the Trustees of the Sustentation Fund and approved recommendations as follows:
  - a. To ask each diocese to help support the Presiding Bishop's travel expenses by contributing half of his travel and lodging expenses to attend diocesan synods rather than having the whole amount come from the Sustentation Fund.
4. Approved the Proposed Budget for 2024.
5. Approved Committee reports as presented.
6. Approved the "Purpose and Guidelines" and the "Application Form" for the Deaconess Scholarship Fund as recommended by the Theological Education Commission.
7. Approved the recommendation of Bishop Hill for Mr. Percy Beauford, Esq., to fill the remaining term of Mr. Lecklyer Gaillard for health reasons.

### **January 23, 2024 – Email Vote** (Addendum to the Minutes of the December 15, 2023, meeting)

1. Approved via email the proposed wording change to the *Invitation* in The Order for Holy Communion for inclusion in the printing of the new edition of the Book of Common Prayer as follows:

"Our fellow Christians, *baptized in other branches of Christ's Church*, who love our Divine Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in sincerity, are affectionately invited to the Lord's Table."

### **April 19, 2024 – Zoom Video Conference**

1. Received the report of the Treasurer and approved recommendations of the Trustees of the Sustentation Fund, as follows:
  - a. To establish an investment account for the Deaconess Scholarship Fund to earn revenue on a portion of the monies in the account.
  - b. To use a portion of portfolio funds for special projects (such as missions, etc.) not included in the budget or otherwise designated, and to develop a policy for using such funds.
2. Committee reports were approved as presented.

### **October 25, 2024 – Zoom Video Conference**

1. Sustentation Fund and Committee reports were approved as presented.
2. Approved the location and hotel for the 2026 General Council to be hosted by the Diocese of the Central States at the church associated with the Hunter Classical School near Richmond, Virginia, and the Omni Hotel in Richmond.

### **December 15, 2024 - Email Vote** (Addendum to the Minutes of the October 25, 2024, meeting)

1. Received unanimous consents via email from the Council of Bishops and members of the General Committee to approve the election of The Very Rev. Canon Jason R. Grote as Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of the Central States.

### **May 2, 2025 – ZOOM Video Conference**

1. Approved the recommendation of the Council of Bishops to call a Special Meeting of the General Council prior to the June 2026 General Council.
2. Approved changes proposed by the Committee on Constitution and Canons and to recommend them to the Special Meeting of the General Council concerning the mandatory retirement age for bishops and ministers as stated in Canon 19.
3. Approved the report presented by the Trustees of the Sustentation Fund and REC100.
4. Approved Committee reports as presented.

### **July 24, 2025 - Email Vote** (Addendum to the Minutes of the May 2, 2025, meeting)

1. Received email votes from the Council of Bishops and General Committee approving the extension of the terms of office of Presiding Bishop Sutton and Vice-President Manto beyond their 75<sup>th</sup> birthdays until the end of their terms in June 2026 at General Council.

### **December 12, 2025 – ZOOM Video Conference**

1. Approved the report presented by the Trustees of the Sustentation Fund and REC100.
2. Authorized the printing of 1,000 copies of a pocket-sized leather-bound gift edition of the Book of Common Prayer to be available in time for General Council in June 2026, and thereby approving this as the Women’s Day Project for 2026. Additional funding of up to \$13,000.00 will be provided by the Publication Society (PubSoc).
3. Approved Committee reports as presented.

**April 24, 2026 – ZOOM Video Conference**

1. Sustentation Fund and Committee reports were approved as presented.
2. Authorized Bishop Grote to block off an extra 10 to 20 rooms, dependent on availability, at the Omni Hotel in Richmond, Virginia, for the 2026 General Council.
3. Recognized the years of faithful service of The Rt. Rev. Peter Manto, second Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Central States, with applause and thanksgiving.
4. Approved the slate of officers recommended by the Council of Bishops to be presented to the 2026 General Council as follows: Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Ray R. Sutton; Vice-President, The Rt. Rev. Jason R. Grote; Treasurer, Mr. James “Bud” Longueville; and Secretary, Mrs. Cathy Heissenhuber.
5. Approved the proposal to host the 59<sup>th</sup> General Council in 2029 at Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral in Dallas, Texas, Diocese of Mid-America.
6. Approved the signing of the “Memorandum of Understanding” between the Reformed Episcopal Church Missionary Diocese of Croatia and Serbia and the Anglican Network in Europe in forming the GAFCON proto-province in Europe.

Respectfully submitted,



Dss. Canon Annette M. Johnson  
General Council Secretary, and  
Secretary to the General Committee

## Sustentation Fund - President

The Trustees of the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Episcopal Church report as follows:

In Fall 2014, the Committee made a careful examination of the budget. This examination revealed that the church's investment and endowment accounts were being drawn upon at a rate that was unsustainable over the long term. Combined total expenditures were well in excess of both operating and investment income, leading to a real possibility of the church's funds being dissipated over a very short period. In response to that examination, the trustees, with the support of the bishops and general council, revised the budget to provide that operating expenses would be covered by operating income. Over the course of the past twelve years (2014-2026), this program has achieved some success. With God's grace, the Sustentation Fund's investments are now at their highest point ever.

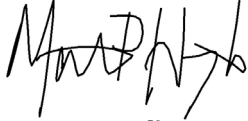
During the preceding triennium, the Trustees of the Sustentation have continued to monitor the church's financial condition and its investments. This has been a somewhat challenging task due to the volatility in the various markets due to financial and political events. While the investment accounts suffered some losses during the period, as of the last accounting, our investments have recovered. This is largely due to the efforts of Mr. Bud Longueville and Bishop Jason Grote, who continue to manage the day-to-day business of the national church with diligence.

As a result, the trustees are pleased to advise the General Council of the following:

- 1. Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Activities.** The statement of financial position for the triennium and the statement of activities are presented in detail in the treasurer's report.
- 2. Income and Expenses.** As noted above, the committee confirms that the operating expenses of the General Committee continue to be met through ordinary income, without reliance on draws from the investment portfolio.
- 3. REC 100.** The sustentation fund continues to hold and manage the funds of REC 100. These funds are kept separate from those of the General Council and are accounted for in the separate statements which follow in the treasurer's report.
- 4. Episcopal Recorder.** The trustees reviewed the position of the Episcopal Recorder, Inc. They note that in 2006, management of Episcopal Recorder, Inc., was transferred from the Board of Pensions and Relief to the Sustentation Fund. Due to an oversight, however, in recent years, Episcopal Recorder has been reporting its accounts through the BPR. It is more appropriate for these reports to be made to the Sustentation Fund.

**5. Proposed Budget.** The trustees considered the proposed budget for the coming year and recommended approval of the budget by the General Committee. The General Committee have given its consent with the result that the budget for the 2026 is set forth in the treasurer's report for approval by this General Council. The budgets for each succeeding year of the triennium are initially set as the current year's budget and then amended each year by the General Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M.P. Harrington', written in a cursive style.

(The Reverend) M.P. Harrington Chairman

**Statement of Financial Position**  
**Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Episcopal Church**  
**2023 - 2025**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b><u>12/31/23</u></b>	<b><u>12/31/24</u></b>	<b><u>12/31/25</u></b>
<b>Cash</b>			
1001    Sust. Checking Inwood (TX)	103,656.16	128,058.90	128,289.12
<b>Cash Total</b>	<b>103,656.16</b>	<b>128,058.90</b>	<b>128,289.12</b>
<b>Current Investments</b>			
1009    Goldman Sachs Portfolio	951,180.95	1,042,697.91	1,173,235.77
<b>Current Investments Total</b>	<b>951,180.95</b>	<b>1,042,697.91</b>	<b>1,173,235.77</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,054,837.11</b>	<b>1,170,756.81</b>	<b>1,301,524.89</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>			
2500    Event Accounts Payable	-	1,000.00	-
2500.1  Spec. Projects/Actions Payable	-	3,000.00	-
2501    Hymnal Orders Payable	-	680.36	26.48
2502    GC Prepaid Expense	731.21	5,981.21	35,981.21
<b>Total Liabilities (Gen. Con. deposits)</b>	<b>731.21</b>	<b>10,661.57</b>	<b>36,007.69</b>
<b>Restricted Assets</b>			
3106    Emergency Relief Fund	713.00	713.00	713.00
3107    Anglican School Assn. Fund	10,502.04	6,463.47	5,305.20
3108    Special Projects Fund	833.53	833.53	833.53
3113    Military Chaplaincy Fund	4,381.71	6,381.71	8,381.71
3114    Young Peoples Fund	497.97	497.97	497.97
3116    Dss. Scholarship Fund	1,400.00	19,470.17	18,994.09
<b>Restricted Assets Total</b>	<b>18,328.25</b>	<b>34,359.85</b>	<b>34,725.50</b>
<b>Unrestricted Assets</b>			
3000    Current Year Gain/(Loss)	125,312.22	97,446.10	97,056.31
3100    Prior Year Balance	901,465.43	1,026,777.65	1,127,223.75
3115    Expense Reserve	9,000.00	1,511.64	6,511.64
<b>Unrestricted Assets Total</b>	<b>1,035,777.65</b>	<b>1,125,735.39</b>	<b>1,230,791.70</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,054,837.11</b>	<b>1,170,756.81</b>	<b>1,301,524.89</b>

**The Sustentation Fund  
of the Reformed Episcopal Church  
Statement of Activities  
2023 - 2025**

		<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Ordinary Income</b>					
<b>Diocesan Tithes</b>					
4000	Northeast Tithes	33,038.67	37,286.42	33,736.77	104,061.86
4001	Southeast Tithes	29,700.00	32,000.00	32,000.00	93,700.00
4002	Mid-America Tithes	42,000.00	52,537.06	49,500.00	144,037.06
4003	Central States Tithes	22,039.70	25,912.09	28,392.54	76,344.33
4006	Germany Tithes	-	-	855.30	855.30
<b>Diocesan Tithes Total</b>		<b>126,778.37</b>	<b>147,735.57</b>	<b>144,484.61</b>	<b>418,998.55</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>					
<b>Other Revenue Detail</b>					
4015	Rest. Funds Released	10,613.01	9,053.57	16,068.27	35,734.85
<b>Other Revenue Detail Total</b>		<b>10,613.01</b>	<b>9,053.57</b>	<b>16,068.27</b>	<b>35,734.85</b>
<b>Other Revenue Total</b>					
<b>Total Ordinary Income</b>		<b>137,391.38</b>	<b>156,789.14</b>	<b>160,552.88</b>	<b>454,733.40</b>
<b>Ordinary Expense</b>					
<b>Administrative &amp; Operational</b>					
6100	Accounting & Audit	564.85	500.00	1,000.00	2,064.85
6101	GC Secretary Honorarium	3,960.00	4,100.00	4,100.00	12,160.00
6105	GC Meeting (Triennial)	5,388.18	5,000.00	5,000.00	15,388.18
6106	Travel-Non Committee	5,940.95	369.96	4,117.62	10,428.53
6110	Office Expenses-Presiding Bishop	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,833.33	3,833.33
6110.1	Office Exp. PB - CHC Admin Support	8,250.00	8,400.00	13,350.00	30,000.00
6110.2	Office Exp. PB - CHC Office Support	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	18,000.00
6110.3	Office Exp. PB - CHC Storage Facility	825.00	825.00	2,200.00	3,850.00
6111	Presiding Bishop Salary & Benefits	41,359.96	42,600.00	42,600.00	126,559.96
6112	Treasurer Honorarium	5,500.00	5,700.00	5,700.00	16,900.00
6113	Vice-President Honorarium	3,300.00	3,400.00	3,399.96	10,099.96
6114	IT & Web Admin	5,041.66	5,700.00	5,950.94	16,692.60
6115	Committee Expense Total	899.24	-	2,671.46	3,570.70
6116	Gen. Liab/D&O Insurance	4,561.85	4,298.44	-	8,860.29
6117	Chaplaincy Fund Support	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
<b>Total Administrative &amp; Operational</b>		<b>93,591.69</b>	<b>88,893.40</b>	<b>98,923.31</b>	<b>281,408.40</b>

**The Sustentation Fund  
of the Reformed Episcopal Church  
Statement of Activities  
2023 - 2025**

		<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Ecumenical Expenses</b>					
6200	Ecum. Officer Honorarium	-	-	-	-
6201	Ecum. Meeting & Travel	11,177.94	12,733.15	11,489.68	35,400.77
6202	ACNA Support	12,000.00	14,773.56	12,000.00	38,773.56
<b>Ecumenical Expenses Total</b>		<b>23,177.94</b>	<b>27,506.71</b>	<b>23,489.68</b>	<b>74,174.33</b>
<b>Ministries &amp; Missions Support</b>					
6308	Rest. Funds Disbursed	10,613.01	9,053.57	16,068.27	35,734.85
<b>Ministries &amp; Missions Support Total</b>		<b>10,613.01</b>	<b>9,053.57</b>	<b>16,068.27</b>	<b>35,734.85</b>
<b>Total Ordinary Expense</b>		<b>127,382.64</b>	<b>125,453.68</b>	<b>138,481.26</b>	<b>391,317.58</b>
<b>Change In Net Assets Due To Ordinary Revenue &amp; Expense</b>		<b>10,008.74</b>	<b>31,335.46</b>	<b>22,071.62</b>	<b>63,415.82</b>
		<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Increase(Decrease) in Assets from Other Activity</b>					
<b>Investment Income (General Fund portion only)</b>					
4014	Investment Income	115,303.48	90,110.64	128,028.62	333,442.74
<b>Investment Inc Total</b>		<b>115,303.48</b>	<b>90,110.64</b>	<b>128,028.62</b>	<b>333,442.74</b>
<b>General Committee Special Projects/Actions</b>					
6304	Special Gifts	-	21,000.00	35,000.00	56,000.00
6306	ACNA Special Gifts	-	3,000.00	15,000.00	18,000.00
6307	Hymnal Production	-	-	43.93	43.93
<b>Total General Committee Special Projects/Actions</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>24,000.00</b>	<b>50,043.93</b>	<b>74,043.93</b>
<b>Total Increase(Decrease) in Assets from Other Activity</b>		<b>115,303.48</b>	<b>66,110.64</b>	<b>77,984.69</b>	<b>259,398.81</b>
<b>Total Increase(Decrease) in Assets from All Activity</b>		<b>125,312.22</b>	<b>97,446.10</b>	<b>100,056.31</b>	<b>322,814.63</b>

**The Sustentation Fund  
Restricted Asset Report  
2023 - 2025**

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Beg. Balance</u> <u>1/1/2023</u>	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Net</u> <u>Inv. Income</u>	<u>Distributions</u>	<u>End. Balance</u> <u>12/31/2025</u>
3106 Emergency Relief Fund	713.00	-	-	-	713.00
3107 Anglican School Assn. Fund	10,543.88	20,350.00	-	(25,588.68)	5,305.20
3108 Special Projects Fund	833.53	-	-	-	833.53
3113 Military Chaplaincy Fund	1,527.88	13,000.00	-	(6,146.17)	8,381.71
3114 Young Peoples Fund	497.97	-	-	-	497.97
3116 Dss. Scholarship Fund	-	19,078.53	3,915.56	(4,000.00)	18,994.09
	<u>14,116.26</u>	<u>52,428.53</u>	<u>3,915.56</u>	<u>(35,734.85)</u>	<u>34,725.50</u>

<u>Donations</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Memo</u>
3107 Anglican School Assn. Fund	20,350.00	ASA Dues
3113 Military Chaplaincy Fund	13,000.00	DMA & Sust Fund support
3116 Dss. Scholarship Fund	19,078.53	Various donations
3116 Dss. Scholarship Fund	<u>3,915.56</u>	Investment Income
	56,344.09	

<u>Distributions</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Memo</u>
3107 Anglican School Assn. Fund	(25,588.68)	ASA Expenses, Exec. Secy.
3113 Military Chaplaincy Fund	(6,146.17)	Honorarium, Conf. Expense
3116 Dss. Scholarship Fund	<u>(4,000.00)</u>	Scholarship Expense
	(35,734.85)	

**REC100**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**2023 - 2025**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b><u>12/31/2023</u></b>	<b><u>12/31/2024</u></b>	<b><u>12/31/2025</u></b>
<b>Cash</b>			
1001 INB REC100 X4798	115,340.01	112,967.62	107,540.74
1011 Waxahachie Petty Cash	120.00	120.00	-
1011.1 GSAF CO Springs Petty Cash	764.67	-	-
1011.2 Spartanburg Petty Cash	-	-	-
1011.3 HCAM Oratory Petty Cash	<u>1,126.45</u>	<u>540.27</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Cash Total</b>	<b>117,351.13</b>	<b>113,627.89</b>	<b>107,540.74</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>			
1100 REC100 Prepaid Percept Reports	1,980.00	1,980.00	1,980.00
1110 REC100 Edward Jones X1895	186,689.78	93,740.14	99,943.76
1110.1 HCAM CD 32745	100,782.34	-	-
1110.2 MM Acct. INB 5959	<u>50,339.90</u>	<u>52,146.00</u>	<u>53,513.15</u>
<b>Other Assets Total</b>	<b>339,792.02</b>	<b>147,866.14</b>	<b>155,436.91</b>
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>457,143.15</b>	<b>261,494.03</b>	<b>262,977.65</b>
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**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

2001.1 Spartanburg Pension Accrual	1,068.00	-	-
2001.2 HCAM Pension Accrual	8,125.00	8,400.00	-
2000.3 Lansing Pension Accrual	3,360.00	-	-
2001.6 CCAM Pension Accrual	3,060.00	-	-
2001.7 REC100 Prepaid Expense	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
<b>Total Liabilities (Gen. Con. deposits)</b>	<b>15,613.00</b>	<b>8,400.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>

**Restricted Assets**

3101 REC100 Diocese of NE & MA	56,096.69	53,404.75	49,817.84
3102 REC100 Diocese of Southeast	23,963.33	21,099.60	17,301.67
3103 REC100 Diocese of Mid-America	27,439.95	63,361.40	66,688.34
3104 REC100 Diocese of Central States	34,691.77	27,359.41	23,331.46
3300 REC100 St. Benedicts (Rockwall, TX)	96.52	96.80	193.60
3301 REC100 (Covington)	8,627.50	6,036.26	897.43
3302 REC100 (Waxahachie)	(72.90)	(287.63)	-
3303 Incarnation - Canton, GA	1,098.44	98.75	-
3310 REC100 (Atlanta)	212.92	212.92	-
3310.1 Christo Rey (Atlanta)	48.11	57.37	-
3312 REC100 (Spartanburg)	534.00	-	-
3313 REC100 CCAM (CO Springs)	100,295.76	500.00	-
3314 REC100 HCAM (CO Springs)	<u>26,677.21</u>	<u>23,846.91</u>	<u>-</u>

	<u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>12/31/2025</u>
3314.1 REC100 HC Oratory Bldg/Leasehold	100,782.34	-	-
3315 REC100 St. Barnabas (Lansing, MI)	887.69	887.69	-
3316 Holy Communion - Johnson City, TN	5,163.83	5,852.65	31,659.33
3317 Nashville, TN	-	-	1,600.00
<b>Restricted Assets Total</b>	<b>386,543.16</b>	<b>202,526.88</b>	<b>191,489.67</b>
<b>Unrestricted Assets</b>			
3000 REC100 Administrative	54,986.99	50,567.15	66,487.98
<b>Unrestricted Assets Total</b>	<b>54,986.99</b>	<b>50,567.15</b>	<b>66,487.98</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>457,143.15</b>	<b>261,494.03</b>	<b>262,977.65</b>

**REC100**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**2023 - 2025**

		<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>(3000) REC100 Administrative</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
4000	Admin Direct Income	1,058.92	5,828.72	10,062.75	16,950.39
4001	Admin Assessment Inc.	20,224.70	19,508.19	23,550.99	63,283.88
4002	Admin Div/Int Inc.	8,757.00	2,449.56	5,325.10	16,531.66
4004	Admin Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	99.19	244.33	1,183.05	1,526.57
<b>Income Total</b>		<b>30,139.81</b>	<b>28,030.80</b>	<b>40,121.89</b>	<b>98,292.50</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
6000	Admin General Expense	-	-	-	-
6001	Admin CC Proc Fees	193.46	44.15	41.46	279.07
6002	Honorariums & Salaries	-	-	-	-
6002.01	National Canon Missioner	11,000.00	11,083.18	10,999.92	33,083.10
6002.02	Treasurer	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	16,500.00
6002.04	Special Projects/Actions	1,500.00	-	-	1,500.00
6003	Admin Legal/Professional	-	856.75	602.02	1,458.77
6004.1	REC100 Annual Retreat	-	-	702.69	702.69
6004.03	Non-Retreat Travel	-	862.45	1,076.95	1,939.40
6005	Admin Accounting/Audit	132.78	1,025.54	1,579.26	2,737.58
6006	Admin Veritas Expense	-	856.75	200.53	1,057.28
6007	Admin Non-Comm Mtg Expense	1,590.82	-	-	1,590.82
6008.01	Front Porch Newsletter	511.68	511.68	-	1,023.36
6008.02	Lenten Offering Materials	2,439.44	5,015.40	3,204.01	10,658.85
6008.04	Software & Subscriptions	500.00	794.22	-	1,294.22
6008.05	Website & Social Media	-	-	294.22	294.22
6009	Admin Other Expense	-	-	-	-
6010	Admin Gen. Liab/D&O Exp	-	5,900.52	-	5,900.52
<b>Expenditures Total</b>		<b>23,368.18</b>	<b>32,450.64</b>	<b>24,201.06</b>	<b>80,019.88</b>
<b>Admin Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<b>6,771.63</b>	<b>(4,419.84)</b>	<b>15,920.83</b>	<b>18,272.62</b>

**REC100  
Restricted Asset Report  
2023 - 2025**

	<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Beg. Balance 1/1/2023</u>	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Distributions</u>	<u>End. Balance 12/31/2025</u>
3101	REC100 Diocese of NE & MA	42,772.42	29,022.00	(21,976.58)	49,817.84
3102	REC100 Diocese of Southeast	18,473.93	9,619.75	(10,792.01)	17,301.67
3103	REC100 Diocese of Mid-America	26,732.31	163,295.83	(123,339.80)	66,688.34
3104	REC100 Diocese of Central States	53,213.31	88,177.12	(118,058.97)	23,331.46
3300	REC100 St. Benedicts (Rockwall, TX)	96.18	3,350.00	(3,252.58)	193.60
3301	REC100 Christ The King (Covington, LA)	12,917.09	22,199.00	(34,218.66)	897.43
3302	REC100 St. Mark's (Waxahachie, TX)	34.26	13,978.00	(14,012.26)	-
3303	Incarnation - Canton	-	6,146.00	(6,146.00)	-
3310	REC100 Christ The King (Atlanta)	61,839.87	142,310.79	(204,150.66)	-
3310.1	Christo Rey (Atlanta)	-	2,810.00	(2,810.00)	-
3312	REC100 (Spartanburg)	57,744.38	17,183.22	(74,927.60)	-
3313	REC100 CCAM (CO Springs)	90,187.78	77,695.65	(167,883.43)	-
3314	REC100 HCAM (CO Springs)	4,722.50	300,690.28	(305,412.78)	-
3314.1	REC100 HCAM (Bldg/Leasehold)	100,000.00	4,081.50	(104,081.50)	-
3314.2	REC100 HCAM (Alms Fund)	-	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	-
3315	REC100 St. Barnabas (Lansing)	2,417.09	32,450.00	(34,867.09)	-
3316	Holy Communion - Johnson City, TN	3,009.28	98,052.00	(69,401.95)	31,659.33
3317	Nashville, TN	-	1,649.02	(49.02)	1,600.00
		474,160.40	1,014,710.16	(1,297,380.89)	191,489.67

**Detailed breakdowns are provided to the General Committee at each regular meeting and are available in the minutes of the General Committee or upon request.**

## **BOARD OF PENSIONS & RELIEF - PRESIDENT**

### **58<sup>th</sup> General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church**

Dear Brethren:

The following elected members of this Board have served over the last triennium:

Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin, Chairman  
Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, Treasurer & Plan Administrator  
Mr. Joel Abboud, Assistant Treasurer  
Mr. Matthew Banek  
Mr. Vince Clanton  
Rev. Cn. J. Ronald Moock  
Mr. Bruce Woodcock  
Rev. Kenneth Bailey (APA Representative)  
Ven. James T. Payne (Advising member – non-voting)  
Mrs. Tonya Forsberg (Secretary – non-voting)

The Chairman thanks everyone for their consistent and faithful participation.

This Board met by Zoom teleconference on September 26, 2024, October 20, 2025 and April 16, 2026. The diocesan Bishops and others, designated by the Presiding Bishop, were invited to attend the 2025 and 2026 meetings. Mr. Ken Ferrone, the investment advisor, was also invited to the 2025 and 2026 meetings and provided information and updates about the portfolio.

The Rev. Cn. Tony Melton had communicated with the Chairman about the possibility of decreasing church plant contributions on behalf of their clergy. The observation was made that since most planters were young with families that additional income, rather than the 12% pension contribution, would be of more value to them at this point in their lives. The Chairman noted that the benefits of compound interest over the long term was also of great value. The Plan Administrator was consulted and determined that the pension contribution could be decreased to 6%, however, the request would need to be made in writing and accompanied by a signed and notarized waiver from the participant's beneficiaries stating their understanding and agreement with the reduced contribution.

Prior to the October 20, 2025 meeting, the Chairman sent a seven-page Pension Plan Synopsis to the Committee members and bishops scheduled to attend.

At the Committee's October 20, 2025 meeting, committee member Mr. Vince Clanton requested that certain information, consisting of seven documents, be supplied to committee members. On October 27, 2025 he emailed his request to Mrs. Tonya Forsberg, Secretary, who forwarded it to the Chairman. The Chairman requested that Mrs. Forsberg, Archdeacon Jon Abboud and Mr. Ken Ferrone compile the requested information for review. Their confidential work product was forwarded to Committee members and diocesan Bishops in an email on January 12, 2026 in the form of nine documents and other documentation. There were no follow-up questions from Committee members concerning these submissions at the April 16, 2026 meeting.

The Kearney Scholarship brochure was updated and sent to the bishops of the church. Three students of clergymen are currently receiving tuition assistance from the Kearney Fund.

At the committee's April 16, 2026 meeting, members agreed to the necessity of Director's & Officer's insurance coverage for this Committee. There was lengthy discussion about possibilities and requirements. Bishop Sutton suggested that the matter be referred to Canon Matt Harrington for legal counsel. He concurred with member's comments that since Pensions & Relief is a board and has its own EIN number, that coverage could not be attached to the General Council's insurance policy, but would have to be obtained separately. Archdeacon Abboud volunteered to explore carriers.

The PowerPoint presentation is part of this report and will be provided to the Council Secretary following its presentation at this General Council.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bishop R. Charles Gillin  
Chairman

# THE PUBLICATION SOCIETY

## 58<sup>th</sup> General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

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Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, Treasurer & Plan Administrator  
Mr. Joel Abboud, Assistant Treasurer  
Mr. Matthew Banek  
Rt. Rev. Dr. Charlie Camlin  
Mr. Vince Clanton  
Rev. Cn. J. Ronald Moock  
Mrs. Tonya Forsberg (Non-voting Secretary)

The Chairman thanks everyone for their consistent and faithful participation.

This Board met by Zoom teleconference on September 26, 2024, October 20, 2025 and April 16, 2026. The diocesan Bishops and others, designated by the Presiding Bishop, were invited to attend the 2025 and 2026 meetings.

It was reported at the 2024 meeting that 1000 pew edition Books of Common Prayer were reprinted to replenish stock.

It was also reported that illegal copies of *An Outline of an Anglican Life* by the Rev. Louis Tarsisano have been illegally circulating. This takes royalties away from the Tarsitano family.

It was brought to the attention of the Chairman by Bishop Jason Grote that the 2011 General Council minutes record the purchase of Episcopal Recorder, Inc. by the Sustentation Fund for \$125,000. He referred it to Canon Matt Harrington, Chairman of the Sustentation Fund, who confirmed this action. Therefore, the Chairman and members of the Sustentation need to make decisions about how the funds, publications and order processing of Episcopal Recorder, Inc. property will be handled moving forward. Episcopal Recorder, Inc. is a registered non-profit in the state of Pennsylvania. Its registration is up-to-date. Bishop Grote reported to the Committee that at the latest meeting of the Sustentation Fund meeting this was discussed and when the new website is completed, that a means to order publications online is planned to be built into it.

It was reported by the Treasurer that a \$14,296 deposit was made with the publisher for the new pocket-sized Book of Common Prayer. One of the suggested ideas of this new effort is to gift these pocket-sized prayer books to confirmands. The Women of the Church project offering for 2026 has a \$10,000 goal and has also been designated for this project. A previous gift to the Publication Society, earmarked for another project, was redirected to this project by the donor. Upon hearing the pocket-sized BCP may potentially cost \$57.00 each, it was requested that the Sustentation Fund/Episcopal Recorder, Inc. collaborate with the Treasurer to set a price point. It was agreed that special, introductory pricing should be offered for the General Council and for a period following. Once the introductory and standard price points are set, Bishop Sutton will send an email to clergy prior to the General Council. The Women's

Committee will receive 20 gifted copies of the pocket-sized BCP along with all registered Presbyters who attend the forthcoming Council.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin  
Chairman

<i>The Board of Pensions and Relief</i>	<b>2023 yr end</b>	<b>2024 yr end</b>	<b>2025 yr end</b>
Starting Cash Balance (Operating Account)	\$ 101,333.65	\$114,327.28	\$132,992.74
Disability Premiums Collected	\$ 51,323.03	\$55,940.00	\$53,578.35
Investment Account Withdrawals	\$ 104,435.83	\$110,640.26	\$111,036.04
Pension Contributions Received	\$ 835,042.00	\$968,071.47	\$1,036,402.29
Annual fund contribution	\$ 9,090.00	\$13,877.75	\$9,189.75
Scholarship Funding		\$750.00	\$1,500.00
Ministerial Relief Contribution			
Total Increase to Cash Balance	\$ 999,890.86	\$1,149,279.48	\$1,211,706.43
Decrease to Cash Balance			
Administrative Expense	\$ 103,211.34	\$110,490.32	\$111,331.60
Audit	\$ 1,000.00		\$0.00
Bond Renewal	\$ 150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Disability Premiums Paid	\$ 39,153.89	\$40,916.75	\$39,932.10
Pension Contributions Forwarded	\$ 835,042.00	\$968,101.47	\$1,036,402.29
Annual Fund distributions	\$ 8,340.00	\$10,205.48	\$12,350.00
Ministerial Relief Dist			
Scholarships Funded		\$750.00	\$1,500.00
Total Decrease to Cash Balance	\$ 986,897.23	\$1,130,614.02	\$1,201,515.99
Net Increase/Decrease to Cash Balance	\$ 12,993.63	\$18,665.46	\$10,190.44
Balance	\$ 114,327.28	\$132,992.74	\$143,183.18
Account # 1	12/31/23	As of 12/31/24	As of 12/31/25
Rich Fund	\$ 4,147.99	\$4,545.32	\$4,988.05
Widows & Orphans	\$ 2,488.77	\$2,727.18	\$2,992.82
Ministerial Relief	\$ 21,075.41	\$23,094.23	\$25,343.65
Episcopal Relief	\$ 12,334.05	\$13,515.53	\$14,831.96
Kearney Fund	\$ 114,654.57	\$125,637.37	\$136,255.67
Administrative Reserve	\$ 27,370.54	\$29,842.09	\$32,748.77
Total	\$ 182,071.33	\$199,361.73	\$217,160.92
MPPP Account #2 (Pension Account)			
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$ 14,139,223.33</b>	<b>\$15,697,061.55</b>	<b>\$17,403,966.79</b>
Performance Percentage Annualized Return	12.30%	10.65%	10.77%

P&R was able to provide larger year end gifts to retired clergy and widows because contributions were received in 2024 after distributions were made

Revised 2/15/2026	<i>Episcopal Recorder</i>	<b>2023 Totals</b>	<b>2024 Totals</b>	<b>2025 Totals</b>
Revenue	<b>Starting Balance</b>	<b>26,326.33</b>	\$33,186.89	\$32,808.38
	Sales (net cc fees)	\$ 11,187.58	\$16,662.99	\$11,745.20
	Contributions	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 11,187.58</b>	<b>\$16,662.99</b>	<b>\$11,745.20</b>
Expenses				
	Admin/Office	\$ 4,327.56	\$4,044.10	\$4,109.38
	Printed Books		\$12,503.90	
	Other Products		\$493.50	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,327.56</b>	<b>\$17,041.50</b>	<b>\$4,109.38</b>
	Revenue in excess of Expense	\$ 6,860.02	<b>-\$378.51</b>	\$7,635.82
	<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 33,186.89</b>	<b>\$32,808.38</b>	<b>\$40,444.20</b>

On 1/1/26, a check in the amount of \$14,296.00 was sent to Sheridan Publishing as a deposit for the new pocket BCP. We should expect the book to be shipping sometime in March or April.

These reports are provided together because the Board Members of Pensions and Relief and the Publication Society are the same. The chairman should provide the reports to the General Committee.

# DOCTRINE AND WORSHIP

General Council  
June 2026

The Committee on Doctrine and Worship met once during this triennium and we are currently assessing a potential service for the “Approved Supplemental Services” which has been sent to us by the Standing Liturgical Commission.

On October 28, 2025, the Committee met via Zoom to discuss the proposed changes to Canon 22 on Deaconesses. The Committee made some suggested changes which were subsequently adopted.

We are currently assessing a proposed service to be added to the Approved Supplemental Services on the REC website. This service is entitled: Via Dolorosa: The Biblical Stations of the Cross. We have not yet reached a consensus on this service and will have a meeting in the near future to work through several matters that have been raised.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rt. Rev. Charles F. Camlin, Chair

## STANDING LITURGICAL COMMISSION

### 58<sup>th</sup> General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church June 10-12, 2026

During the three years since General Council met in 2023, the Standing Liturgical Committee (SLC) has met four times via Zoom Video Conference and conducted two email votes. Most of the committee's work has focused on completing the revisions and corrections to the Third Edition of the *Book of Occasional Services* to prepare it for publication. We have now completed that process and have updated the Preface for the Third Edition. This will replace the older versions and will be available online as downloads on the REC website's "Resources" page upon approval by General Council. A hard-copy edition has previously been approved for publication by the SLC and the General Committee whenever funds allow.

At its first Zoom video conference in the new triennium on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, the SLC elected The Rev. Canon J. Ronald Moock as Assistant Chair and The Rev. Justin M. Forsberg as Secretary.

#### ***Book of Occasional Services (2023 - 2026)***

Several amendments, corrections, and rubrical revisions have been made to the offices, some for consistency, others for clarity, or to correct grammatical errors. A change in the wording of the first rubric in the office for "The Admission of a Communicant Member", which also includes an explanatory footnote to be placed at the end of the service, was approved as follows:

In the Office for The Admission of a Communicant Member:

The beginning rubric:

¶ *For use by the Bishop in admitting into communicant membership in this Church persons already confirmed in another part of the holy Catholic Church by a bishop validly ordained according to historic precedent \*, though not in communion with this Church.*

Footnote:

*\* In accordance with the Canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church and the historic Preface to the Ordinal, none shall be considered validly ordained as a Deacon, Priest, or Bishop, except they be male, of the age which the Canon in that case provided may require, and have received the laying on of hands by a bishop in valid Historic Succession.*

The committee also approved a change in the title of "The Installation of a Bishop." The word "Installation" has been replaced by the word "Institution" to make it compatible with the rubrics and consistent with the Book of Common Prayer.

A revised, shorter version of the *Litany for Missions* was submitted by The Rt. Rev. John Boonzaaijer to replace the current version already included in the section for Litanies in the Book of Occasional Services. With a few revisions to make the form consistent with other litanies, it was approved to replace the older version, then approved by the Committee on Doctrine and Worship. It is appended to this report. Therefore, we recommend this change to the General Council.

#### ***Supplemental Approved Services (online)***

The *Litany for Holy Innocents* has been revised and rewritten in traditional language by the Rev. Wayne McNamara and was approved for inclusion under the "Supplemental Approved Services" on the "Resources" page of the REC website. The committee recommends this litany, appended to this report, for General Council's approval, having been approved by the Doctrine & Worship Committee.

Another version of the Stations of the Cross was submitted to the committee for approval as an Approved Supplemental Service. The *“Via Dolorosa: The Biblical Stations of the Cross”*, an adaptation of one advocated by Pope John Paul II, but using collects from the Book of Common Prayer, was submitted by The Very Rev. Canon Dr. Jason S. Patterson. It was approved by the SLC but is still under consideration by the Doctrine and Worship committee.

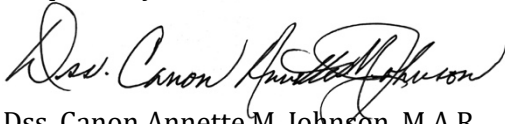
***REC Book of Common Prayer***

The new edition of the REC Book of Common Prayer, containing the revisions approved at General Council in 2023, has been printed and is available through the Episcopal Recorder.

Also, the General Committee approved the printing of one thousand copies of a new pocket-sized gift edition of the BCP with a leather cover as a joint endeavor of the Women’s Day Project for 2026 and the Publication Society (PubSoc).

The members of the Standing Liturgical Committee should be commended for their detailed work on the various projects they have been tasked with completing. Special appreciation goes to The Rev. Robert Peterson, who has taken on the task of formatting (and reformatting) the Book of Occasional Services for both online use and publication, and has made all necessary revisions as requested. We also wish to thank the members of the Committee on Doctrine and Worship who help keep us on the right track, both doctrinally and in our classical liturgy.

Respectfully submitted,



Dss. Canon Annette M. Johnson, M.A.R.  
SLC Chair

## *A Litany for Mission*

**O** GOD the Father, Creator of heaven and earth;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God;  
*Have mercy upon us.*

**R**EMEMBER not the persecutions, pogroms, or neglect furthered by the Church in any age, nor indifference, wandering, or error in this present time. Purge our hearts from foolishness, pride, bigotry, and arrogance.  
*Spare us, Good Lord.*

**F**ROM heresy, schism, syncretism, and the wiles of the devil,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From building cultures of dependency among the poor,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From lack of interest in the Great Commission,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From dearth of parish extension works,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From blindness of heart, ungodliness, uncharitableness, and infidelity,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all persecution, oppression, and the crafts and assaults of the devil,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

**W**E sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to plant thy holy Church in all the world, that Jesus Christ may be known and worshipped by all peoples;  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to awaken a zeal for missions in the hearts of all thy people;  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest throughout the world;  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to enkindle within thy faithful people willingness to provide faithful support;  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to revive thy Church in North America and the Christian West;  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to restore and enlarge thy Church in the Caribbean and Latin America;  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to prosper and protect thy Church in Africa;  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to raise up faithful evangelists to restore the Church in Europe;  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to increase conversions among the people of the Middle East;  
*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to reveal the incarnate Lord to all Asia;

*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant stability in the Holy Land and peace to Jerusalem, that the Gospel of thy Son may be heard, loved, and obeyed;

*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to establish and uphold Reformed Episcopal missionary dioceses, convocations, outposts, missionaries, sending agencies, and all who minister in thy Church;

*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to strengthen all who suffer persecution for the Faith throughout the world;

*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to prosper ministry among immigrants, the neglected, and forlorn;

*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to convert those who worship the Creation rather than its Creator;

*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to enlighten all seekers, catechumens, and converts;

*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to deliver all nations and people from slavery and oppression;

*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to uphold the work of education in schools and centers of learning everywhere;

*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless medical, agricultural, and economic missions;

*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to guide and inspire all Bible translators;

*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

That it may please thee to foster unity among all who love thee;

*We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.*

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

*Grant us thy peace.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

*Have mercy upon us.*

O Christ, hear us.

*O Christ, hear us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**O** ALMIGHTY Father, thou King eternal, immortal, invisible, thou only wise God our Savior; Hasten, we beseech thee, the coming upon earth of the kingdom of thy Son, and draw the whole world of mankind into willing obedience to his blessed reign. Overcome all his enemies, and bring low every power that is exalted against him. Cast out all the evil things which cause wars and fightings among us, and let thy Spirit rule the hearts of men in righteousness and love. Repair the desolations of former days; rejoice the wilderness with

beauty; and make glad the city with thy law. Establish every work that is founded on truth and equity, and fulfill all the good hopes and desires of thy people. Manifest thy will, Almighty Father, in the brotherhood of man, and bring in universal peace; through the victory of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Minister and People.* **O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy Name's sake.**

**O** MOST merciful Saviour, who willest that all men should be saved; be present with those who are gone forth in thy Name to preach the Gospel in distant lands, [*especially those for whom our prayers are desired;*] Be with them in all perils, in sickness and distress, in loneliness, weariness, and pain, in disappointment and persecution, and in hope and planning. Give them a sure confidence in thee. Pour out upon them thy Holy Spirit, and prosper the works of their hands; send unto them faithful and true fellow-laborers. Give them a rich increase here, and grant that hereafter they may dwell with thee in the heavenly places, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Minister and People.* **O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thine honor.**

¶ *Here shall follow the Lord's Prayer, if not already said, and may follow other prayers from the Book of Common Prayer, a Cycle of Prayer, or other prayers offered by the people.*

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, **Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

*Minister:* The LORD bless us and keep us. The LORD make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us. The LORD lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace, this *day* and evermore. *Amen.*

## ***Litany for the Holy Innocents***

O GOD the Father, Creator of heaven and earth;

***Have mercy upon us.***

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;

***Have mercy upon us.***

O God the Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life;

***Have mercy upon us.***

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God;

***Have mercy upon us.***

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, hear us.

***Graciously hear us, O Christ,***

***Graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.***

Blessed art thou O LORD God, through whom all things were made, the author and giver of life, lover of the poor and weak, defender of the helpless, who dost fashion in mystery each child conceived in a mother's womb, the One who loves every child thou hast made.

We humbly beseech thee to hear the prayers of thy people offered at this time when we remember the Innocents who perished for thy Name's sake by the sword at Herod's command. Be pleased, O LORD, to accept our repentance and humble supplications which we offer today on behalf of all the young and innocent.

Our Father, whose beloved Son didst say to His disciples, when they would have kept the infants and children from Him, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven"; of thy great mercy, defend from the wickedness of the evil one all such as are unable to defend themselves.

***LORD, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

O gracious Father, as Rachel wept for the Holy Innocents of Ramah, we deeply mourn the loss of millions of innocents taken by abortion in *America*; May this horrible disgrace which overshadows our nation, by thy hand, be speedily lifted from us. Drive far from us all wicked and unclean spirits that travel throughout the world to the ruin souls.

***LORD, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Forgive us LORD for every sin against life, for the heinous practice of abortion, for the neglect and abuse of children, for silence, apathy, and any cooperation of thy people in commission of injustices toward the young and innocent. Grant us true repentance and better minds.

***LORD, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

May thy holy Church throughout the world be always strengthened in true faith, holiness, and perfect love. May She uphold the truth in love and acknowledge the goodness of thy divine providence in the conception of each new child, that each one, being wrought mysteriously in the womb, would be valued, protected, and nurtured.

***LORD, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Especially we pray for all bishops, priests, deacons, deaconesses, and those in prominent places of service in thy Church, that they may bear faithful witness in teaching and through godly example how we may protect the young and innocent, and care for those parents who are in need.

***LORD, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

For all in authority in this our nation, especially *the President of the United States, the governors of each state*, all legislators and judges, that they would above all things seek thine honour and glory. May they, remembering whose ministers they are, labour to serve this people in thy faith and fear, and faithfully administer justice to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue, especially for the sake of the unborn.

***LORD, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

We offer unto thee, O Lord, our humble and hearty thanks for the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, and pray now for each state government and its leaders to uphold the sacredness of life in policy and legislation.

May those in authority ever be reminded of, and keep always before their eyes, the account they will one day render unto thee. May those still blind to thy Truth be swiftly brought to the Light and granted courage and strength to boldly speak for the cause of justice.

***LORD, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Almighty God, our heavenly Father who hast committed to thy holy Church the care and nurture of children; Enlighten with thy wisdom all who teach and those who learn; grant to thy faithful people everywhere insight and courage to bear faithful witness to the world about the sanctity of human life.

***LORD, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

On behalf of the innocents we commend to thy continual care the homes in which thy people dwell; Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock have been made one flesh: grant them to know themselves to be icons of Christ and the Church, to give themselves to one another in the love of the Holy Trinity, and to find the soothing balm of the Gospel in all their wounds.

***LORD, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Touch with pity the hearts of those pregnant women who do not think of motherhood. Grant them to see that the child they carry is made in thine image for eternal life. Dispel their fears and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies, give them birth, and all the needed care a mother alone can give.

***LORD, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Grant grace especially to the single parent led home. Protect and keep them ever in thy Name, granting wisdom and strength in the nurture and raising of thy children.

***LORD, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

In thy great compassion bring healing, salvation, and deliverance to all whose lives have been touched by these sins.

***LORD, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

We pray for all unborn children who will lose their lives this (*day, week, year*) by abortion; in thy great compassion attend them in the hour of their death, and mercifully bear them to thyself.

***LORD, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Bless all those who seek in this our day to bring an end to abortion and child abuse, and all who offer help, encouragement, and the Gospel to mothers and families in need or distress (*N...*) especially to those women in the balance of deciding whether or not to have an abortion.

***LORD, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Father, graciously direct all thy people to know and understand their part in answering the issues of abortion and the abuse of young children; grant us wisdom, courage, and strength to do it. We thank thee for granting us fruitful labor on behalf of thy children.

***LORD, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Bless the fruit of the womb with havens of peace, in the fear of God and the nurture of the Lord, and heal the brokenness of our land.

***LORD, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

For all who suffer ridicule, rejection, mistreatment, and imprisonment in defending the innocents; sustain them in their afflictions and suffer not their faith in thee to fail.

***LORD, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

And finally, we praise thee for the wonderful grace and virtue demonstrated to us in all thy saints, who have been chosen vessels of thy grace and Lights of the world in their generations; grant us grace so to direct our lives in following their good examples, that at the last, we may join them in everlasting life.

**Amen.**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,  
***Have mercy upon us.***  
O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,  
***Have mercy upon us.***  
O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,  
***Grant us thy peace.***

*Let us pray.*

Almighty and ever-living God, thou hast created all things through thy Son Jesus Christ who trampled the power of death by his Paschal Mystery. May all who acknowledge thee promote the sacredness of life and always serve thee faithfully, through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ***Preface to the Third Edition***

The diligent work of the Standing Liturgical Commission of the Reformed Episcopal Church has continued over the past several years to provide a trustworthy supplement to the Book of Common Prayer as was indicated it would by the former chairs of this commission, The Rt. Rev. David Hicks and our late brother-in-Christ, The Very Rev. Jerry D. Kistler, in their prefaces to the first and second editions of the Book of Occasional Services. Therefore, we now present the third edition.

Two significant additions were made to the third edition. First was the addition of “A Prayer of Blessing for the Anniversary of the Setting Apart of a Deaconess” in the section, Episcopal Blessings for Various Occasions. This coincides with the Form for the Setting Apart of a Deaconess already included in the Book of Occasional Services and is consistent with the anniversary prayers provided for that of deacons, presbyters, and bishops, recognizing the important ministry of each particular canonical office in the life of the Church.

The second addition was to create a separate section within the book for Litanies. Some litanies that were already in the Book of Occasional Services were rearranged to be included in this section, and others not found in the Book of Common Prayer were added. The section for Litanies now contains A Litany for the Church, A Litany for a Sick Person, A Litany for Missions, and A Litany for Marriage.

Another revision of note was to the initial rubric for The Admission of a Communicant Member. Additional wording was added to this rubric to help define what was meant by the term “communicant member.” To help further define the Reformed Episcopal Church’s doctrinal position, a footnote was included at the end of the office to explain the phrase, “by a bishop validly ordained according to historic precedent,” used in the rubric.

Similarly, as a way of explanation, the text of Canon 7, Section 8, from the Constitution and Canons, has been inserted after the Table of Contents. This section states the Reformed Episcopal Church’s position on the use of the terms “priest” and “presbyter” as found within the Book of Occasional Services.

Other minor grammatical and formatting revisions were made to particular offices and rubrics for clarity and to make them more consistent within themselves and in conformity with the classical Book of Common Prayer. One such revision was to change the title of “The Installation of a Bishop” by replacing the word “Installation” with the word “Institution.”

We pray that this third edition will be a blessing to the clergy and serve to edify the Church as a supplement to its liturgical life, to the Glory of God.

Dss. Canon Annette M. Johnson, Chair  
Eastertide, 2026

## COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

To the 58th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren,

The Committee makes the following nominations for elected committees of the Reformed Episcopal Church for the next triennium. Note, that the italicized names under the General Committee are nominated to serve either a nine-year term or to complete the term of a vacant position on that committee.

### **General Committee (12)**

**Note:** Bishops Ordinary are *ex officio* members of the General Committee, but are not listed in the General Committee classes below. Also, the Secretary for the General Committee for the next triennium is Cathy Heissenhuber.

Class of 2035 - *The Very Rev. Steve Rutt; The Rev. Jonathan Kell; The Very Rev. Eduardo Andrade; Dss. Alvalene Gadsden Rogers.*

Class of 2032 - *The Rev. Dr. Julius Barnes; Mr. Harry K. Johnson, III; The Rev. Paul Luth; The Rev. Canon Greg Peters.*

Class of 2029 - *The Rev. Josiah Jones; Mr. Bruce Bagby; The Rev. Canon Tony Melton; Mr. Willis Dietz.*

### **Trustees of the Sustentation Fund** (Treasurer, *ex officio* + 4)

The Rev. Dr. Matthew P. Harrington; Mr. James ("Bud") Longueville; Mr. Jordan Rafferty; Mr. Josh Kellam; Mr. Nathan Banek; Note also: *The Rt. Rev. Jason R. Grote (non-voting, advising member)*

### **Committee on Doctrine and Worship** (3+3)

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Charles Camlin; Mrs. Burnie Barnes; The Rev. Dr. Charles Erlandson; Dss. Canon Annette Johnson; Dss. Teresa Johnson; The Rev. George McCray.

### **Committee on Constitution and Canons** (3+3)

The Ven. James T. Payne; The Rev. Wyatt Boutwell; Mr. John Hendershot, Esq.; Mr. Sam Cole, Esq.; Mrs. Sandra McNamara; The Rev. Drew Collins.

### **Board of Pensions and Relief (7+1 APA)**

The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin; The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud; Mr. Joel Abboud; Mr. Matthew Banek; Mr. Vince Clanton; Mr. Edwin Archbold; Mr. Christopher Cervantes; Mr. Kenneth Bailey (APA representative). Note also: *The Ven. James T. Payne, (non-voting, advising member), Tonya Forsberg (non-voting, Secretary)*

### **Trustees of the Publication Society (7)**

The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin; The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud; Mr. Joel Abboud; Mr. Matthew Banek; The Rt. Rev. Dr. Charlie Camlin; Mr. Ben Thompson; The Rev. Canon J. Ronald Moock. Note: *Tonya Forsberg (non-voting, Secretary)*

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**Standing Liturgical Commission (12 max)**

Dss Canon Annette Johnson; The Rt. Rev. Walter Banek; The Rt. Rev. Dr. Charlie Camlin; The Rev. Justin Forsberg; The Rev. Aaron Rowley; The Rev. Wayne McNamara; The Rev. Canon Cameron Robinson; The Very Rev. Dr. Jason Patterson; The Rev. Robert Peterson; The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches; The Rev. Kenneth Shaw; Mrs. Nelda Banek (BCP Custodian).

**Official Auditors**

Mr. Greg Wright: Pensions & Relief and Episcopal Recorder; Mr. David Shepson: Sustentation Fund and REC100.

**Court of Review**

The Ven. James T. Payne; Mr. Percy Beauford; Mr. John Hendershot, Esq.; Mr. Sam Cole, Esq. The Rev. Wyatt Boutwell.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rt. Rev. Walter R. Banek

# Report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons

To the Clergy & Lay Deputies of the Reformed Episcopal Church:

The Committee held four meetings during this triennium via Zoom (April 2024, January 2025, April 2025, and February 2026). As a result of these deliberations, the Committee is proposing the changes to four canons that are summarized below, all of which have been reviewed and approved by the REC Council of Bishops.

1. **Canon 11, *Of the Ordination and Consecration, and Reception of Bishops, and Canon 46, Of Standing Committees***

**Background:** Following the election of Bishop Jason Grote in the Diocese of the Central States, the Search Committee that had been formed to oversee the election forwarded a list of recommended changes to the referenced canons, based on their experience with attempting to follow the text as written. The Committee on Constitution and Canons reviewed their recommendations and agreed that revisions were needed. The full text of each canon, with proposed changes marked, is provided in Appendix A.

2. **Canon 22, *On Deaconesses***

**Background:** At the 57<sup>th</sup> General Council, recommendations were made from the floor to provide clearer instructions in Canon 22 regarding the application process for Deaconesses. In reviewing the Canon, the Committee determined that additional changes to clarify the roles and responsibilities of Deaconesses would also benefit not only potential candidates, but also to the church at large. The proposed changes were reviewed by the Committee on Doctrine and Worship and by the Council of Bishops in October 2025. The revisions recommended from those reviews were made at the meeting of the Constitution and Canons Committee held on February 16, 2026. The full text of this canon, with proposed changes marked, is provided in Appendix B.

3. **Deletion of Section 8 of Canon 29, *Of the Establishment of Courts and Their Jurisdiction***

**Background:** The section in question is no longer applicable because matters of Episcopal discipline are now handled within the ACNA provincial structure. Appendix C contains Canon 29 in its entirety, with the proposed deletion marked.

**Action Requested:** The Committee recommends that the REC General Council approve the proposed amendments that have been presented for your review and consideration.

The Committee is also providing a document entitled “Best Practices and Procedures for Ecclesiastical Discipline in Dioceses of the Reformed Episcopal Church (REC)” to fulfill a longstanding need for each diocese to have a set of procedures for use in the event a disciplinary court must be convened.

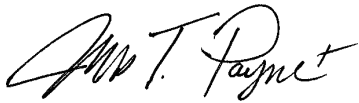
**Background:** Although Canon 29, *Of the Rules of Procedure of Courts*, provides a brief overview of the structure of “courts of trial, inquiry, and appeal,” it does not give specific instructions on the conduct of a trial, stating instead that diocesan courts would adopt “the rules of evidence, pre-trial methods and hearings,” that are “applied by the State or Provincial courts in the jurisdiction where the proceedings are convened.” When the REC Canons were initially adopted in 2002, the intent was for each diocese to produce its own set of rules and procedures, but that has not happened as yet. The Committee proposed a document to the 57<sup>th</sup> General Council that was based on the rules of procedure that had been adopted by ACNA, but due to several concerns that were raised, it was declined. In consultation with the Bishops and several trusted legal experts, the Committee addressed those concerns, resulting in the “Best Practices and Procedures” document that is included in Appendix D.

**Action Requested:** The Committee recommends that this document be approved and that each diocese either adopt these rules, incorporating any changes needed to meet legal requirements for their state or other jurisdiction, or submit their own rules and procedures by the end of the calendar year for review by the Chancellors and this Committee.

As a reminder, since no amendments are being proposed to the Constitution, the revisions to the Canons take immediate effect if passed by a two-thirds majority vote, and if the “Best Practices and Procedures” document is accepted, the dioceses would have until the end of this calendar year to adopt it or submit their own procedures, in order to comply with the requirements of Canon 29.

I would like to thank the members of the Committee (The Rev. Wyatt Boutwell, Mr. John Hendershot, Dss. Teresa Johnson, Mrs. Sandy McNamara, and The Rev. Canon Ronald J. Moock), as well as the Bishops, for their input into these proposals. Special thanks are due to The Rev. William Barto for his diligence in crafting the best practices document. Due to his expertise, we now have an excellent framework for the orderly conduct of ecclesiastical courts. Thanks also to Dss. Canon Annette Johnson for her vital contributions to the revisions proposed for Canon 22.

Respectfully submitted,



The Ven. James T. Payne Committee Chair  
Enclosures (4)

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~~Proposed deletion~~

# Appendix A

## CANON 11

### *Of the Ordination and Consecration, and Reception of Bishops*

**Section 1 (a)** Whenever a Diocese shall desire the election of a Bishop, the following procedure, manner and forms for nomination and election shall be used.

**(b)** The call for the nomination and election of a Diocesan, Coadjutor, or Suffragan Bishop shall originate with the current Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese, or if the diocesan See is vacant, by the Standing Committee of the Diocese. In the case of a Bishop Coadjutor, the Bishop Ordinary must state his intention to retire within two years after the consecration of his successor or at the next General Council, whichever time is greater.

**(c)** In every instance, once the call for an episcopal election is made, the process shall be conducted under the authority of the Standing Committee, by an appointed Episcopal Search Committee. The Search Committee shall be chaired by the President of the Standing Committee, who shall be a presbyter who is either an elected or ex-officio member of the Standing Committee, and who shall be nominated by the Bishop Ordinary and confirmed by the Standing Committee. The Episcopal Search Committee shall consist of 2 clergy and 2 lay members who are elected members of the Standing Committee and 4 to 6 members at large, equally divided between clergy and laity. These members should be men and women in leadership positions and chosen as a cross representation of the membership of the diocese. No currently serving or retired member of the episcopate shall serve on the Search Committee.

**(d)** The Diocese shall make provision for the reasonable expenses of the Search Committee, and the Standing Committee shall establish a schedule to receive reports or briefings through its members on the Search Committee. The Search Committee Chair shall also keep the Presiding Bishop apprised of the ongoing work of the committee.

**(e)** The Search Committee shall establish its own meeting schedule and rules of operation, and shall be empowered to solicit and receive names of proposed nominees from within and without the diocese and to investigate and interview proposed candidates for nomination. The Search Committee shall file a final report 90 days after its appointment and forward a list of at least ~~3 to 4~~ **[two]** and no more than ~~5~~ **[five]** proposed nominees, **each endorsed by a majority of the Search Committee,** to the Standing Committee and the Presiding Bishop's Office. During the search phase, the ~~5~~ members of the Standing Committee who are serving on the Episcopal Search Committee may share, on a confidential basis, interim progress reports with the Ecclesiastical Authority and may request needed information from the Diocese within the bounds of confidentiality.

**(f)** The manner of selecting nominees shall be as follows:

- (1) In the case of nominations for a Suffragan or Coadjutor Bishop, the sitting Bishop Ordinary may, through the Standing Committee, propose a name or names for consideration.
- (2) In every case the Standing Committee, by majority vote, may also propose names for consideration.
- (3) The Episcopal Search Committee shall receive such recommendations and shall also diligently seek other potential candidates whom it believes may possess the spiritual gifts, sound learning, and call to episcopal ministry required of a Bishop in the Church of God as proposed by its own members and from the clergy and laity of the Diocese. Present Suffragan Bishops, Missionary Bishops, and Presbyters of the Diocese or those canonically resident in other dioceses of the Reformed Episcopal Church who meet the criteria and canonical requirements may all be considered. With the permission of the Ecclesiastical Authority, a bishop or presbyter of a National or Provincial jurisdiction to which the Reformed Episcopal Church is aligned may be considered.

- (4) The Episcopal Search Committee may inquire as to a willingness to serve and may request a curriculum vitae and personal and professional references from candidates and may conduct interviews in person or by conference call as it deems necessary to arrive at a list of finalists.
- (5) Exclusions. Except as directed above, no one shall be eligible for consideration for nomination or election to the episcopate who is not in conformity with Canon 12, [11] Section 5 [6] (c), who cannot subscribe to the Oath of Conformity of the Reformed Episcopal Church (Article IV, Section 2 of the Constitution of this Church), nor who is currently under church discipline or otherwise disqualified by prior acts of which the Search Committee is made aware. No clergy member of the Search Committee who becomes a serious candidate for nomination shall remain on the committee but shall recuse himself from further service or withdraw his name from consideration. No member of the Standing Committee who is on the list of finalists presented to the Standing Committee shall take any further part in the reviewing of the proposed nominees and shall abstain for any and all motions or other actions taken in the nomination process. In such a case, the Standing Committee may choose a replacement from among the senior clergy of archdeacons, deans, and canons to serve on the Episcopal Search Committee until it completes its work. If it is the President of the Standing Committee who is so recused, the Episcopal Search Committee will be chaired by the most senior Presbyterian on the committee until it completes its work.
- (6) ~~The list of at least three and not more than five candidates to be submitted to the Standing Committee shall be endorsed by a majority of the Episcopal Search Committee. If it is unable to do so, the four names receiving the most votes (by secret ballot) shall all be forwarded to the Standing Committee.~~ [After due consideration of the references and qualifications of each candidate willing to serve, the Episcopal Search Committee will submit to the Standing Committee a list of two to five candidates, each of whom has been endorsed as qualified for episcopal office by a majority of the Episcopal Search Committee through secret written ballot.] The Episcopal Search Committee shall not recommend a “favorite” candidate but shall state that the candidates are “qualified.”

(g) Names submitted to the Standing Committee by the Episcopal Search Committee shall be subject to such prudent, formal background and reference checks as are required by the policies of the Diocese. Except for serious disqualifying or other serious cause, the finalist list of [two to five names] shall be certified by a simple majority of the Standing Committee [voting by secret ballot] and submitted to the next regular or special called meeting of the Synod as formal nominees for its action concerning election. The [Standing] Committee shall not endorse a particular candidate, although individual members of the Committee are at liberty to do so.

(h) The current Bishop Ordinary, if there is one, should refrain from public endorsement or electioneering on behalf of any candidate, although he retains his liberty to give private counsel, if asked.

(i) Election shall be held by secret ballot at the next regular or special called Synod of the Diocese. Voting shall be by orders until a candidate is elected, as follows: A two-thirds majority of both clergy and lay votes shall be required on the first two ballots. After two ballots, the candidate with the lowest number of votes will be removed from consideration and a simple majority of each order shall be required for election.

(j) The presbyter receiving the required majorities of both Clergy and Lay votes shall be deemed a Bishop-Elect of the Diocese and shall then be approved and consecrated as provided by these Canons and any requirements of a National Church or Province with which the Reformed Episcopal Church is a member.

**Section 2 (a)** Whenever the Church in any Diocese shall desire the ordination and consecration of a Bishop-elect, whether elected as Ordinary, Coadjutor, or Suffragan; if the election shall have taken place within six months before a meeting of the General Council, the Standing Committee of the said Diocese shall, by their President, or by some person or persons specially appointed, forward to the secretary of the General Council evidence of the election of the Bishop-elect by the Synod or Council of the Diocese, together with evidence of his having been duly ordered Deacon and Presbyter, and also a testimonial signed by a constitutional majority of such Synod, in the following words:

*We, whose names are hereunder written, fully sensible how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality or affection, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that the Reverend A. B. is not, so far as we are informed, justly liable to evil report, either for error in religion or for viciousness of life; and that we know of no impediment on account of which he ought not to be ordained and consecrated to that Holy Office. We do, moreover, jointly and severally declare that we believe him to be of such sufficiency in good learning, of such soundness in the Faith, and of such virtuous and pure manners and godly conversation, that he is apt and meet to exercise the Office of a Bishop to the honour of God and the edifying of His Church, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ. (Signed)*

The Secretary of such Synod or Council shall certify upon this testimonial that it has been signed by a constitutional majority thereof. The Secretary of General Council shall lay the said testimonials before the Council, and if it shall consent, by simple majority of both the Clergy and the Laity, to the consecration of the Bishop-elect, notice of said consent, certified by the President and Secretary, shall be sent to the Council of Bishops, together with the testimonials aforesaid.

**(b)** In all particulars the service at the consecration of a Bishop shall be under the direction of the Presiding Bishop or such other Bishop appointed by him to preside at such consecration.

**Section 3 (a)** If the election of a Bishop shall have taken place more than six months before the meeting of the General Council, the Standing Committee of the Diocese electing shall, by their President, or by some person or persons specially appointed, immediately send a certificate of the election to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses, together with copies of the necessary testimonials; and if a majority of the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses shall consent to the consecration of the Bishop-elect, the Standing Committee of the Diocese electing shall then forward the evidence of said consent, with the other necessary testimonials, to the Presiding Bishop, who shall immediately communicate the same to every Bishop of this Church, and if a majority of such Bishops shall consent to the consecration, the Presiding Bishop shall, without delay, notify such consent to the Standing Committee of the Diocese electing and to the Bishop-elect, and upon notice of his acceptance of the election, the Presiding Bishop shall take order for the consecration of the said Bishop-elect either by himself and two other Bishops of this Church, or by any three Bishops of this Church to whom he may communicate the testimonials. The evidence of the consent of the several Standing Committees shall be a testimonial in the following words, signed by a majority of the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses:

*We, being a majority of all the members of the Standing Committee of \_\_\_\_\_, and having been duly convened at \_\_\_\_\_, fully sensible how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality or affection, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that the Reverend A. B. is not, so far as we are informed, justly liable to evil report, either for error in religion or for viciousness of life; and that we know of no impediment on account of which he ought not to be ordained and consecrated to that Holy Office.*

*In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_. (Signed)*

If the Presiding Bishop shall not have received the consent of a majority of the Bishops within three months from the date of his notice to them, he shall then give notice of such failure to the Standing Committee of the Diocese electing.

**(b)** In case a majority of all the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses shall not consent to the consecration of a Bishop-elect within the period of six months from the date of the notification of the election by the Standing Committee of the Diocese electing, or in case a majority of all the Bishops entitled to act in the premises shall not consent within the period of three months from the date of notification to them by the Presiding Bishop of the

election, the Presiding Bishop shall declare the election null and void, and the Synod of the Diocese may then proceed to a new election.

(c) Upon completion of the certification of any bishop-elect in accordance with Canon 11, 12, or 13, the Presiding Bishop shall submit the name of the presbyter so elected to the appropriate ecclesiastical authority of any National or Provincial Church with which the Reformed Episcopal Church has constitutionally aligned itself for its approval of said election. No consecration shall take place until such approval is obtained and filed for record with the Presiding Bishop of this Church.

**Section 4 (a)** When a Bishop of a Diocese is unable, by reason of age, or other permanent cause of infirmity, or by reason of the growth and extent of Diocesan work, fully to discharge the duties of his office, a Bishop Coadjutor may be elected by and for said Diocese, who shall have the right of succession; provided that before the election of a Bishop Coadjutor for the reason of extent of Diocesan work, the consent of the General Council, or during the recess thereof, the consent of a majority of the Bishops having jurisdiction in the United States and Canada and of the several Standing Committees, must be had and obtained. Before any election of a Bishop Coadjutor, the Bishop of the Diocese shall read, or cause to be read, to the Synod or Council thereof, his written consent to such election, and in such consent he shall state the duties which he thereby assigns to the Bishop Coadjutor, when duly ordained and consecrated, and such consent shall form part of the proceedings of the Synod. The duties assigned by the Bishop to the Bishop Coadjutor in any Diocese may be enlarged by mutual consent whenever the Bishop of the Diocese may desire to assign such additional duties to the Bishop Coadjutor. In case of the inability of the Bishop of the Diocese to issue the aforesaid consent, the Standing Committee of the Diocese may request the Synod or Council to act without such consent, and such request shall be accompanied by certificates of physicians as to the inability of the Bishop of the Diocese to issue his written consent.

(b) It shall also be lawful, within two years or less prior to the effective date of the resignation or retirement of a Bishop from his jurisdiction, for the said Bishop, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, to call a special meeting of the Synod or Council of the Diocese to elect a successor; provided that if the Synod is to meet in regular session meanwhile, it may hold the election during such regular session. Such call for a special Synod shall trigger the procedure outlined in Title I Canon 11 Section 1(a). The proceedings incident to preparation for the ordination and consecration of such successor shall be as provided in Section 2 of this Canon; but the Presiding Bishop shall not take order for the consecration to be on any date prior to that upon which the resignation is to become effective.

(c) In the case of a Bishop Coadjutor, the grounds for his election as stated in the record of the Synod, shall be communicated, with the other required testimonials, to the General Council, or to the Standing Committees and Bishops.

(d) In case of application for the consecration of a Bishop Coadjutor, the Standing Committee shall forward to the Presiding Bishop, in addition to the evidence and testimonials required by the preceding Section, a certificate of the Presiding Officer and Secretary of the Synod that every requirement of this Section has been complied with.

(e) There shall not be in any Diocese at the same time more than one Bishop Coadjutor.

**Section 5** No one shall be consecrated Bishop unless he shall at the time subscribe, in the presence of the Ordaining and Consecrating Bishops, to the declaration required in Article IV, Section 2 of the Constitution of this Church.

**Section 6 (a)** The Council of Bishops may receive into this Church a Bishop of a Church which is in communion with this Church, with the consent of the General Committee or the General Council. In such cases he shall be treated with the rights and dignity of the office. However, such Bishop may not serve as a Bishop Ordinary, Coadjutor, or Suffragan except he be elected to such office as provided under these Canons. If such Bishop is retired, he may be received and accorded the status of a retired Bishop of this Church.

(b) The Council of Bishops may, with the concurrence of the General Committee and the appropriate ecclesiastical authority of any National or Provincial Church with which the Reformed Episcopal Church has constitutionally aligned itself, receive into this Church a Bishop of a Church which is not in communion with this Church, provided that the provisions of Canon 10 be observed as to his Diaconate and Presbyterate, and provided further that no temporary license shall extend further than permission of the Council of Bishops for such Bishop to function as a Presbyter. No one shall receive conditional ordination and consecration as a Bishop without the consent of the General Council or if it be not in session, by the Council of Bishops and the General Committee. Such a Bishop so received, whether in his Order or with conditional ordination and consecration, shall become a member of the Council of Bishops of this Church.

(c) No person received as a Bishop under this Canon shall be elected as Bishop Ordinary, Coadjutor, or Suffragan in any diocese unless he has been in Holy Orders for at least ten years, of which at least five years has been spent as Presbyter and Rector of a parish church, and shall have been canonically a clergy member of this Church for a minimum of five years before his date of election.

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## CANON 46

### *Of Standing Committees*

**Section 1** In every Diocese, the Standing Committee shall elect from its own body a President and a Secretary. [The President shall be a presbyter who is either an elected or ex-officio member of the Standing Committee, and who shall be nominated by the Bishop Ordinary and confirmed by the Standing Committee.] The Standing Committee shall consist of those members duly elected by the Diocese at its annual Synod, Council or Convocation under the Canons established by said Diocese together with any Bishops Coadjutor or Suffragan, Archdeacons and Canons, if there be any, who shall be members ex-officio, and may meet in conformity with their own rules from time to time, and shall keep a record of their proceedings; and the President may summon a special meeting whenever he may deem it necessary. They shall be summoned on the requisition of the Bishop Ordinary, who together with the Coadjutor, if there be one, shall be a member ex-officio, whenever he shall desire their advice; and they may meet of their own accord and agreeably to their own rules when they may be disposed to advise the Bishop. The Bishop shall retain the right to preside when present. The Standing Committee and the Bishop shall, together, constitute the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese.

**Section 2** In all cases in which a Canon of the General Council directs a duty to be performed, or a power to be exercised, by a Standing Committee, or by the Clerical members thereof, or by any other body consisting of several members, a majority of said members, the whole having been duly cited to meet, shall be a quorum; and a majority of the quorum so convened shall be competent to act, unless the contrary is expressly required by the Canon.

**Section 3** When it is certified to the Presiding Bishop by at least three reputable physicians who shall have examined the case, that the Bishop of any Diocese is incapable of authorizing the Bishop Coadjutor, if there be one, or a Suffragan Bishop, if there be one, or the Standing Committee, to act as the Ecclesiastical Authority, then upon the advice of three active Bishops (those not retired), at least one Bishop from a neighboring Diocese or Diocese, to be selected by the Presiding Bishop, the Bishop Coadjutor, if there be one, or a Suffragan Bishop, if there be one, or the Standing Committee, shall be declared by the Presiding Bishop to be the Ecclesiastical Authority for all purposes set forth in these Canons, and shall retain such authority until such time as, acting upon a like certificate, the Presiding Bishop shall declare the said Bishop competent to perform his official duties.

## Appendix B

### CANON 22 *Of Deaconesses*

**Section 1** The Order of Deaconesses is an ancient and Apostolic lay ministry for women in Christ's Church. A woman of devout character and proved fitness may be Set Apart as Deaconess by any Bishop of this Church, subject to the provisions contained in this Canon.

**Section 2 (a)** The duty of a Deaconess is to assist in the work of the Parish, Mission, or institution to which she has been duly appointed, under the direction of the Rector or ~~Priest~~ [Minister] in Charge; or to perform such functions as may be directly entrusted to her by the Bishop who has jurisdiction in the Diocese or Missionary Diocese in which she serves. In no case shall the duties of a Deaconess include the performance of any liturgical function that is reserved to men in Holy Orders.

**[(b) The following are the chief functions which may be entrusted to a Deaconess by virtue of her Office:**

- (1) To care for the sick, the afflicted, and the poor;
- (2) Under the Rector or Minister in Charge, to give instruction in the Christian Faith;
- (3) Under the Rector or the Minister in Charge, to prepare candidates for Baptism and for Confirmation;
- (4) To assist at the administration of Holy Baptism; and when Baptism is administered privately in the absence of the Presbyter or Deacon, to be the ministrant by virtue of her Office;
- (5) Under the Rector or Minister in Charge, to organize, superintend, and carry out the Church's work among women and children;
- (6) With the approval of the Bishop and the Rector or Minister in Charge, to read Morning and Evening Prayer (omitting the Absolution and substituting the Collect for the Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity for the same) and the Litany at women's and children's gatherings. She may also serve as a Lector at the discretion of the Rector or Minister in Charge;
- (7) With approval of the Bishop and permission of the Rector or Minister in Charge, she may distribute the reserved Sacrament to the sick and shut-ins, particularly to women and children, provided she has been properly instructed in so doing, but not in Church or Chapel. She also may accompany the Presbyter or Deacon on such visitations;
- (8) To be a witness in counseling, especially when the person being counseled is a woman or child. Her participation in counseling shall be at the discretion of the Rector or Minister in Charge. By virtue of her Office, a Deaconess is bound by the same moral and legal obligations as a member of the clergy.
- (9) To organize and carry on social work; and in colleges and schools to have a responsible part in the education of women and children, and to promote the welfare of women students.]

**Section 3 (a)** A woman who is a communicant member of this Church and who has attained the age of twenty-three, who desires reception as a Candidate for the Office of Deaconess shall submit to the Bishop of the Diocese or Missionary Diocese the following:

- [(1) Her application.]**
- (2) A letter of recommendation from the Rector or Minister in Charge of the parish she attends, to include a declaration that she is a communicant of the Church in good standing.
- (3) Letters of recommendation from two women communicants of the Church.

(4) Evidence that she is a graduate of a four-year institution of higher learning. Any Candidate who does not meet this requirement shall have attained the age of thirty-five years, and must provide evidence to the Board of Examining Chaplains that she possesses the intellectual ability to enter with advantage upon a course of study preparatory to being Set Apart.

(b) During the period of Candidacy, she shall be under the supervision of the Bishop and shall report to him quarterly at the Ember Seasons.

(c) The Candidate shall also be required to serve a minimum of nine months in an internship, supervised by a Presbyter under the direction of the Bishop[, and which shall include instruction in all skills necessary to perform the chief functions of a Deaconess as listed in Section 2(b)].

(d) Although a Deaconess dedicates herself to a life-long service, no vow or implied promise of celibacy should be required as necessary for admission to the Order. However, if a woman seeking candidacy is already married, or should the question of marriage arise after her ordering, she must be able to convince the Bishop that she will be able to fulfill her vocation to married life as well as that of a Deaconess. The Bishop shall seek to counsel the Candidate's husband and children (if there be such), or in the case of one already Set Apart, her intended spouse, as to the demands and expectations of her office and to affirm their support of her ministry.

[(e) Before admitting a Candidate to the Office of Deaconess, the Bishop may require her to submit to a thorough examination by a physician approved by the Bishop. This examination shall cover her mental and emotional stability as well as her physical condition. Any reports shall be kept on file by the Bishop and shall be submitted to the Standing Committee or Council of Advice with the application to be recommended for admission to the Office of Deaconess.]

(f) For due cause, the Bishop may terminate any Candidacy. In such cases, the Bishop will communicate his decision and his reasons for termination to the Candidate, to her Rector, and to the Presbyter supervising her Candidacy, if he is not her Rector.

**Section 4** No woman shall be Set Apart as Deaconess within eighteen months of her reception as a Candidate, unless the Bishop, with the advice and consent of a majority of the members of the Standing Committee or Council of Advice, shall shorten the time of her candidacy; and in no case shall the time be shortened to less than twelve months.

**Section 5 (a)** Before admission to the Office of Deaconess, a Candidate shall be required to pass [an] examination [that covers all] the following subjects:

- (1) Holy Scripture: The Bible in English; introduction to and contents of the various books; special knowledge of at least one Gospel and one Epistle.
- (2) Church History: A general outline, including the History of the Church in the United States, and special knowledge of the first five centuries, and to include the history of Deaconesses both ancient and modern.
- (3) Christian Missions: History; present extent and methods; at least one missionary biography.
- (4) Doctrine: Contents and teaching of the Book of Common Prayer, including preparation for the Sacraments.
- (5) Christian Ethics and Moral Theology: Particular emphasis on matters pertaining to the counseling of women and children.
- (6) Ministration: The office and work of a Deaconess; Parish Work and Organization.

(b) This examination shall be conducted by examiners appointed by the Bishop. The results of the examination shall be certified to the Bishop and to the Standing Committee of the Diocese or Council of Advice of the Missionary Diocese.

**Section 6 (a)** When all Candidacy requirements have been fulfilled, the Bishop, upon the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Diocese or Council of Advice of the Missionary Diocese may admit the Candidate to the office of Deaconess, using the Form of the Setting Apart of a Deaconess in the Book of Occasional Services of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

**(b)** Upon Setting Apart a woman as Deaconess, the Bishop shall issue to her a “Letter of Orders” officially signifying that she has been duly Set Apart to the Office of Deaconess in Christ's Church. The certificate shall include the woman's name and the date and place of her Setting Apart, and shall be signed by the Bishop.

**(c)** The fact of the Setting Apart of a Deaconess shall be transmitted by the Bishop to the Secretary of the General Council and the appointed Deaconess Canon, together with the following data:

- (1) Her full name.
- (2) Place and date of birth.
- (3) Date and place of such Setting Apart.
- (4) Name of the officiating Bishop.

Any change in the status of a Deaconess shall be likewise notified to the Secretary and Deaconess Canon by the Bishop.]

**Section 7** A woman having thus been Set Apart to the Order is properly addressed as “Deaconess,” the appropriate abbreviation being “Dss.”

**Section 8** When engaged in the duties of her office and on official occasions, a Deaconess shall wear a distinctive dress (habit) adopted for the Order in witness of her office and vocation. A common cross adopted for the Order, along with a Deaconess collar,] shall be blessed and presented to her by the Bishop upon the occasion of her Setting Apart. [A blue cassock with cincture, indicating the mark of her Office, is worn on occasions which require a Deaconess to vest.]

**Section 9 (a)** No Deaconess shall accept work in a Diocese without the express authority, in writing, of the Bishop of that Diocese; nor shall she undertake work in a Parish without similar authority from the Rector of the Parish. A parochial Deaconess should be considered an official member of the staff.

**(b)** A distinctive seat in the Church, in the Choir or elsewhere in the Chancel, may be assigned to the Deaconess by virtue of her Office.]

**Section 10** When not connected with a Parish, the Deaconess shall be under the direct oversight of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or Missionary Diocese to which she is canonically attached. Each Deaconess shall report annually to the Bishop of her Diocese in the form prescribed by the Bishop. A Deaconess may be transferred from one Diocese or Missionary Diocese to another by Letters Testimonial (Dimissory).

**Section 11** A Deaconess may at any time resign her office to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which she is at the time Canonically resident, but she may not be suspended or removed from office except by the Bishop for cause, with the consent of the Standing Committee, and after a hearing before the Bishop and Standing Committee.

**Section 12** A Deaconess serves at the discretion of her Bishop and is usually non-stipendiary. Should a stipend be deemed appropriate, it shall be determined by the Diocese, Missionary Diocese or District, Parish, or institution to which she has been assigned and presented in a written contractual agreement.

**Section 13** Deaconesses are eligible to participate in the pension plan provided by the Church and administered by the Board of Pensions and Relief. Each Diocese, Parish, or other agency of the Church employing the regular services of a Deaconess may choose to provide for a pension upon her retirement, at the expense of such employer.

# Appendix C

## CANON 29

### *Of the Rules of Procedure of Courts*

**Section 1** The Rules of Procedure provided herein shall apply to all courts of trial, inquiry, and appeal.

**Section 2** Courts of trial and review shall be composed of the following:

- (a) A presiding officer, who shall be a Bishop of this Church, other members elected as required by the appropriate Canon. The Presiding Bishop shall always be the presiding officer of any court of which he is a member;
- (b) A secretary, charged with the duty of recording the proceedings and certifying the same to a court of review and appeal; provided, however, the secretary may be a non-member of the Court as authorized by Canon 27, Section 2; and
- (c) At the election of the court, an advisor, who shall be conversant in Canonical and secular law, may be a non-member of the court, and shall advise the Court in the application of Canonical and secular law.

**Section 3** The general rules of procedure applicable to the Courts including the rules of evidence, pre-trial methods and hearings, shall be those applied by the State or Provincial courts in the jurisdiction where the proceedings are convened. The rights guaranteed by the Church, its Constitution, Canons and By-laws, as well as those provided by the State and Federal statute and Constitution for cases brought in the United States, or the applicable laws of the Dominion of Canada or of the Province in which the court shall meet, shall be observed. These shall include, but not be limited to, the right to confront one's accuser(s), the right to due process, the presumption of innocence, the right to open and public proceedings of the court, and the right to consult legal counsel.

**Section 4** Presentments shall be written or typed, specific and concise in form, setting forth in detail sufficient to properly advise the Court of the offense charged, including the following:

- (1) The exact name, or names, of the persons charged;
- (2) The date, or dates, time, or times, place, or places, of the alleged offense;
- (3) The position of the charged clergyman in the Episcopal Order and place of Ministerial appointment;
- (4) The nature of the offense charged with reference to applicable Canon, Constitution, By-law, Holy Scripture or Church teaching; and
- (5) The exact names and addresses of the person, or persons, instituting the presentment.

**Section 5 (a)** No charge, or charges, which allege Commission of an act, or acts, more than five years prior to the date of the presentment, shall be considered by any Court for any purpose and shall be dismissed by the presiding officer of the Court on his own motion.

**(b)** If the accused shall have been convicted of a felony offense in any Court of Record exercising criminal jurisdiction, notwithstanding five years may have elapsed since its Commission, a presentment may be made at any time within one year after such conviction.

**Section 6** In the event the charged party shall be a Presbyter, Deacon, or Deaconess, the presentment shall be endorsed and certified by the affidavit of at least one Bishop or Presbyter, and by at least four communicant members in good standing of the Laity of the Church.

**Section 7** In the event the charged party is a Bishop, the presentment shall be endorsed and certified by the affidavit of at least one Bishop, by no less than two Presbyters, and no less than five communicant members in good standing

of the Laity of the Church. Before a Bishop shall be placed on trial for any offense charged by presentment, the Presiding Bishop shall impanel a Special Board of Inquiry composed of himself, or a Bishop (including a retired Bishop) appointed by him and not of the Diocese or Missionary Diocese of the Accused, acting as President, two other Bishops of this Church, two Presbyters and two Lay Persons, chosen from the General Committee, whose sole purpose shall be to establish the adequacy of such presentment. Bishops, Presbyters and Lay Persons serving on this Special Board of Inquiry may include persons from the Diocese of the Accused. The Board of Inquiry shall, in all cases, file a written report with the General Committee. After such investigation as it shall deem fit, it may, on its own motion, dismiss the presentment, declaring the cause for such dismissal, or may institute the necessary procedures precedent to trial upon the same. Any appeal to a decision to dismiss must be made to the General Committee within six months of the date of the original presentment or to the General Council, if in session, whose decision shall be final.

~~**Section 8** In the event the accused party is the Presiding Bishop, the Special Board of Inquiry shall be chaired by the most senior Bishop of the Church having jurisdiction, with seniority reckoned from date of Consecration, or if he be unable due to age or infirmity, the next most senior Bishop and so on, but shall otherwise conform to Section 7 of this Canon.~~

## Appendix D

### Best Practices and Procedures for Ecclesiastical Discipline in Dioceses of the Reformed Episcopal Church (REC)

#### 1. General

- 1.1. These rules are to be interpreted to provide for the just determination of every disciplinary proceeding, to secure simplicity in procedure and fairness in administration, and to eliminate unjustifiable expense and delay.
- 1.2. This disciplinary process does not limit other forms of inquiry or action, such as an episcopal visitation or an inquiry by the Bishop or the Standing Committee (or their designates) into the spiritual and temporal state of a congregation or of the diocese, including but not limited to obtaining information about the well-being and the effective administration of congregations or of the diocese.

#### 2. Pastoral Resolution

A Bishop has a general duty whenever it is appropriate to endeavor to reconcile the parties involved in any dispute and achieve an outcome within the diocese accepted by all the parties. When a report of clergy misconduct is received by the person appointed for that purpose, and consultation made with the Bishop, the Bishop should fulfill this pastoral function expeditiously. The Bishop may initiate an inquiry, a process of conciliation or mediation, or any other process of reconciliation or resolution as he may think appropriate. Nevertheless, not all reports of clergy misconduct are appropriate for such pastoral resolution, especially reports of misconduct involving physical violence, sexual assault, abuse of the vulnerable, conduct amounting to an imminent threat to another individual, or other conduct amounting to a felony under the relevant criminal law. Only when the Bishop, in his absolute discretion, determines that pastoral resolution or reconciliation is not possible or not appropriate should recourse be had to the formal disciplinary process of the diocese.

#### 3. Pastoral Care

The well-being of the whole diocese is the Bishop's responsibility, and the Bishop is the chief pastor of all persons within the diocese, whether laity or clergy. Consequently, pastoral care is an important aspect of the disciplinary process, and may be appropriate for a reporting Party, a Respondent, and others concerned. Since the Bishop is also responsible for administering discipline over clergy in the diocese, it is essential that the Bishop should avoid being seen to be taking sides. This means the Bishop should not personally give pastoral care to anyone connected with a report of clergy misconduct. This is in the interests of fairness to all, and will reduce the risk that the Bishop's impartiality could be or appear to be compromised.

#### 4. Admonitions

- 4.1. The Bishop may always warn and instruct a member of the clergy under his authority as to the performance of pastoral responsibilities or official duties.
- 4.2. A Bishop may issue an admonition to a member of the clergy under his jurisdiction. Before issuing an admonition, the Bishop should meet with the member of the clergy concerned to discuss the basis for the admonition, unless there are exceptional circumstances that prevent such meeting and those circumstances are fully described in the admonition. The admonition should be in writing, and must specify the misconduct or performance complained of and the canonical or theological basis for the warning, and must provide a reasonable time for the member of the clergy to take any required action.

## **5. Receiving Reports of Misconduct**

- 5.1. The Bishop, in consultation with the Standing Committee, should from time to time appoint at least two persons on such terms and subject to such conditions as it may think fit to receive reports of misconduct allegedly committed by persons subject to ecclesiastical discipline. Each Reports Receiver should be either a human resources practitioner, legally qualified, or otherwise suitably qualified person by experience or training. No person may be appointed as a Reports Receiver who is otherwise an employee of the province or diocese, a chancellor or assistant chancellor of the diocese, or a member of the clergy. The identity of the diocesan Reports Receivers and contact information should be available on the diocesan website and other media maintained by the diocese.
- 5.2. Reports Receivers may serve indefinitely, but the appointing Bishop or a successor may remove any person so appointed, provided that the removal is approved by the Standing Committee.
- 5.3. A person may be considered “legally qualified” if the person has been licensed to practice law for at least five years in any part of the United States or Canada.
- 5.4. Where a report is made against a person subject to the disciplinary canons, the Reports Receiver shall first consult with the Bishop and together they shall determine whether reasonable grounds have been disclosed to believe that the member of the clergy is liable to disciplinary action under the applicable canons.
- 5.5. “Reasonable grounds” means a rational and objective basis for believing based on the face of the report that an offense under the applicable canons has been committed, and the reasonableness of this belief is assessed in light of the totality of the circumstances, including but not limited to the reporting party’s basis of knowledge, the consistency of the report, any corroboration of the report by other reports, and the nature of the conduct reported.
- 5.6. If the Bishop and the Reports Receiver are of the opinion that the report discloses no reasonable grounds, then, after obtaining the approval of the Standing Committee or its designate, the Reports Receiver may dismiss the report and inform the reporting party of the decision and provide a concise explanation as to the basis for dismissal. A “reporting party” is a person who brings a report of ecclesiastical misconduct to the attention of the Ecclesiastical Authority, Rector, or diocesan Reports Receivers, as appropriate. The Standing Committee and the Bishop shall, together, constitute the “Ecclesiastical Authority” of the Diocese. Such a dismissal shall not be a defense to a subsequent Report in relation to the same or substantially the same matters.

## **6. Investigation**

- 6.1. If, however, either the Reports Receiver or the Bishop is of the opinion that the report discloses reasonable grounds, or if the Standing Committee or its designate does not give its approval, the report may not be dismissed, and the report should be forwarded to a diocesan Board of Inquiry, or, if the report is based upon conviction of a felony violation of the criminal code of any political subdivision of the United States or Canada or of the Federal government of either, to the Standing Committee for action.
- 6.2. The Ecclesiastical Authority should designate a member of the board to preside over its activities and meetings. The President of the board has discretion as to the time, place, and manner of conducting the business of the board, and is responsible for the security and integrity of all evidence received. Except for matters dealing with the time, place, and manner of the receipt of evidence or statements, the board will not receive requests or motions for appropriate relief from the Respondent or Reporting Party, and should direct any such submissions to the Ecclesiastical Authority.
- 6.3. The Board of Inquiry may request written statements from persons with knowledge about the facts and circumstances of the report, including the reporting party, the Presbyter, Deacon,

Deaconess, or other lay person facing presentment (“Respondent”), and other persons, as it deems necessary and appropriate.

- 6.4. In addition to the opportunity to make written statements, the Board of Inquiry may, in its absolute discretion, give the Respondent, the reporting party, and any other person a non-adversarial opportunity to be heard before it. If the Board of Inquiry gives this opportunity to any of such persons, it should offer a like but separate opportunity to each of them. “Non-adversarial” means an occasion for hearing from one person, without any other person who may be adversely interested being given notice or having an opportunity for contestation or examination. These hearings need not be recorded or transcribed.
- 6.5. After receiving evidence, the Board of Inquiry will deliberate as to whether the evidence received establishes a prima facie case against the Respondent. A “prima facie case” means that there is sufficient proof to support a finding that a canonical offense has been committed, if evidence to the contrary is disregarded; and that taking the evidence as a whole, it is more likely than not that a canonical offense has been committed. The conclusion of the Board of Inquiry must be supported by a majority of the board members who participated in the inquiry; board members will indicate their support for the conclusion of the board as described in the report by signing the document. After the board has concluded its work, members of the board may not discuss their deliberations or the position or vote of any other board member with anyone.
- 6.6. The President of the board will transmit or cause to be transmitted the report of the board and all evidence received to the Ecclesiastical Authority.

## **7. Disposition of the Report**

- 7.1. The Board of Inquiry may draft a presentment incorporating its findings for consideration by the Ecclesiastical Authority with its report. Examples of presentments can be found in the appendix to this document.
- 7.2. The Ecclesiastical Authority may adopt or adapt any draft presentment received from the Board of Inquiry, as it deems appropriate and otherwise supported by the evidence received.
- 7.3. After considering the report from the Board of Inquiry or the report of civil conviction, the Standing Committee will determine whether to present the matter for trial by the Court of Diocesan Authority or make other disposition of the report. Any presentment for trial must comply with REC Canon II.29. If the Standing Committee does not have sufficient lay members to meet the endorsement and certification requirements of that canon, the Standing Committee may invite lay members of the Board of Inquiry or laity elected to diocesan offices to endorse and certify the presentment under consideration. However, if the Standing Committee does have sufficient lay members to meet the requirements for presentment in Canon II.29, but the requisite number of lay members do not wish to endorse and certify the presentment, the Standing Committee should not solicit other laity to participate, and should make other disposition of the report.
- 7.4. The Ecclesiastical Authority will inform or cause to be informed the Respondent and any Reporting Party of its decision on the report and a concise explanation of its basis, provide to the Respondent a copy of any presentment to be referred for trial, inform Respondent that the Court has been empaneled, and identify the court members and the Diocesan Prosecutor responsible for proving the presentment.

## **8. Presentment and Pre-Hearing Procedure**

- 8.1. A Respondent may ask the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese to dismiss the presentment or provide other appropriate relief at any time before appeal is perfected before the court of review for any of the following reasons: the court lacks jurisdiction over the person to be tried; the presentment fails to state an offense punishable under these canons; the time between the

commission of the offense alleged, date of any felony conviction for the offense alleged, and the date of presentment exceeds canonical limitations; or non-compliance with either the applicable canons or rules of procedure by the court or Prosecutor that affects the substantial rights of the person facing trial.

- 8.2. Members of the court, the Diocesan Prosecutor, and any court support staff will affirm the following declaration before receiving the presentment, unless previously executed:

I, \_\_\_\_, do solemnly declare being fully sensible how important it is that allegations of misconduct involving members of the clergy and laity of the diocese be adjudicated in a fair and impartial manner in accordance with proper procedures, undertake that I will duly and faithfully and to the best of my knowledge and power perform my duties as a member of \_\_\_\_ without fear or favor or affection or ill-will towards any person, and that I will uphold the Constitution and Canons of the diocese and the Reformed Episcopal Church for the glory of God, the good of his church, and the welfare of his people.

- 8.3. The President of the Court may appoint a clerk to maintain a record of the proceedings, including:

8.3.1. A copy of the signed presentment;

8.3.2. A list of the witnesses called by either side or the Court;

8.3.3. A list of all evidence introduced by either side and notation as to whether the evidence was accepted by the Court;

8.3.4. Records from secular adjudication of any offenses, if appropriate;

8.3.5. Copies of any parish records or other evidence provided to the Court by the Ecclesiastical Authority;

8.3.6. Any special instructions received by the Court from the Ecclesiastical Authority.

- 8.4. The President of the Court has discretion as to the time, place, and manner of conducting the business of the Court, and is responsible for the security and integrity of all evidence received. Except for matters dealing with the time, place, and manner of the receipt of evidence or statements, the Court will not receive requests or motions for appropriate relief from the Respondent or Reporting Party, and should direct any such submissions to the Ecclesiastical Authority.

- 8.5. No later than 42 days prior to the date set for hearing the presentment, the Prosecutor will provide to Respondent the following:

8.5.1. the name and, if known, the address and contact information of each individual likely to testify at the hearing—along with the subjects of that expected testimony;

8.5.2. a copy—or a description by category and location—of all documents, electronically stored information, and tangible things that the Prosecutor intends to introduce into evidence at the hearing;

- 8.6. No later than 28 days prior to the date set for hearing the presentment, the Respondent will provide to Prosecutor the following:

8.6.1. the name and, if known, the address and contact information of each individual likely to testify at the hearing—along with the subjects of that expected testimony;

8.6.2. a copy—or a description by category and location—of all documents, electronically stored information, and tangible things that the Prosecutor intends to introduce into evidence at the hearing.

- 8.7. No later than 21 days prior to the date set for hearing, either party may ask the Ecclesiastical Authority to exclude testimony or evidence anticipated at hearing because the evidence is irrelevant or its relevance is substantially outweighed by a danger of confusion of issues, undue delay, waste of time, or needless presentation of cumulative evidence.
- 8.8. Evidence is irrelevant if it has no tendency to make a fact at issue more or less probable than it would be without the evidence.
- 8.9. Relevant evidence may nevertheless be excluded if its relevance is substantially outweighed by a danger of confusion of issues, undue delay, waste of time, or needless presentation of cumulative evidence.

## **9. Hearing Procedure**

- 9.1. The court shall give the Prosecutor, as well as the Respondent and counsel, if applicable, the opportunity to:
  - 9.1.1. attend and be heard at the hearing of the presentment;
  - 9.1.2. introduce relevant documentary evidence;
  - 9.1.3. call witnesses (including any reporting party, if desired by the Prosecutor) to give relevant evidence;
  - 9.1.4. cross-examine witnesses; and
  - 9.1.5. make such submissions of other relevant evidence and testimony to the Court.
- 9.2. Testimony may be received in any appropriate form, including remote testimony via electronic means and written statements. Any witness testifying before the court must swear or affirm that the testimony about to be given will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Affidavits and other sworn statements should include the same or similar affirmation. Statements or other documentary evidence received without such affirmation may, but need not be, given less weight by the court.
- 9.3. The members of the Court may request the production of relevant evidence and testimony as it determines to be necessary. Failure to produce evidence or testimony by the Respondent will not be considered by the Court when determining whether the presentment has been proven.
- 9.4. Upon objection or on its own motion, the Court may make a determination as to whether evidence tendered by either party is irrelevant, and it may exclude otherwise relevant evidence if it concludes that its relevance is substantially outweighed by a danger of confusion of issues, undue delay, waste of time, or needless presentation of cumulative evidence.
- 9.5. The Bishop may file a written statement under oath concerning his direct involvement in the events and allegations, and can only be called as a witness if any material facts of his involvement in the case are disputed by the Accused and a simple majority of the Court determines that his testimony is relevant and necessary to resolve the allegations.
- 9.6. A reporting party may attend a hearing of the court unless the court determines by clear and convincing evidence that the party's testimony would be materially altered if the party heard other testimony at that proceeding. Evidence is "clear and convincing" if it produces a firm belief or conviction as to the truth of the matter at issue. In determining whether to exclude a reporting party, the court must make every effort to permit the fullest attendance possible by the reporting party and must consider reasonable alternatives to exclusion.
- 9.7. The court may, on the application of the Prosecutor or other advocate, agree to the amendment of the terms of a presentment, provided it is satisfied that the Respondent would not be unfairly prejudiced thereby.

- 9.8. If, during the course of hearing a presentment, it becomes apparent to the court that the Respondent may be liable to disciplinary action under the applicable canons in relation to matters not the subject matter of the presentment, it may amend the terms of the presentment to include those additional matters or it may bring those matters to the attention of the Ecclesiastical Authority. If the panel decides to amend a presentment, it may, on the application of the Respondent or the Prosecutor, adjourn the hearing for such period of time as may seem fit in the circumstances.
- 9.9. The Court may take notice of any criminal conviction or civil judgment against Respondent, which shall be regarded as conclusive proof of his or her having committed that crime or civil violation, provided that he or she is given a reasonable opportunity to be heard as to any matters in extenuation and mitigation.
- 9.10. The Court may, on its own initiative or upon motion from the Respondent at the end of the presentation of evidence by the Diocesan Prosecutor, enter a finding of not guilty if a majority of the Court determines that the evidence, viewed in a light most favorable to the Diocesan Prosecutor, is insufficient to establish the guilt of the Respondent by clear and convincing evidence. Evidence that is clear and convincing produces a firm belief or conviction as to the truth of the matters alleged in the presentment; it is evidence so clear, direct, weighty, and convincing as to enable one to come to a clear conviction about the truth of the allegations. Deliberation and voting by the Court will be in closed session outside of the presence of the parties and will be conducted by written ballot. If the Court determines the evidence is sufficient to proceed, the Respondent may present evidence and testimony as described in para. 9.1.
- 9.11. At the conclusion of Respondent's case, the Court may receive argument from the parties in written or oral form, and will close to deliberate and vote by secret written ballot. Before voting to find that a Respondent is guilty, a court member must be persuaded that the evidence of guilt is clear and convincing, as described above; if the evidence fails to produce such a clear conviction about the truth of the allegations, the court member must vote to find Respondent not guilty. A separate vote and finding must be made as to each offense alleged in the presentment.
10. **Sentencing After Submission to Discipline.** The Respondent may submit to discipline at any time by pleading guilty to one of more of the offenses alleged in the presentment.
- 10.1. The Diocesan Prosecutor may nevertheless present evidence on any remaining offenses, in aggravation as the offense to which Respondent has pleaded guilty, or both.
- 10.2. The Diocesan Prosecutor may also agree with the Respondent as to a resolution of the case and an appropriate sentence.
- 10.3. The Court may accept a plea of guilty or an agreed resolution of the case only if the Court determines that the plea and any such agreement with the Diocesan Prosecutor is voluntary and provides for a just determination of the presentment. Any plea of guilty or agreed resolution of the case accepted by the Court becomes the judgment of the Court and is not subject to appeal.

## **11. Initial Review**

Except as noted above, the Standing Committee shall review the findings and sentence as required by the canons and report accordingly.

## 12. Public Notice

The Ecclesiastical Authority will inform the REC College of Bishops, any reporting party, and the clergy of the diocese of any finding of guilt by the Court and the sentence imposed.

## 13. Record of Proceedings

The Ecclesiastical Authority will secure and retain all records of the proceedings of Boards of Inquiry and Courts of Diocesan Authority as part of the historical record of the diocese.

## 14. Indemnity

14.1. The Reports Receiver and the members of the Reports Investigation Committee and any diocesan court shall be indemnified by the diocese from all losses and expenses incurred by them in or about the discharge of their respective duties, except for any loss or expense as happen from their own respective intentionally dishonest conduct, fraud, willful violations of law, or criminal misconduct.

14.2. No member of the Court and Reports Investigation Committee shall be liable for any act, omission, or default of any other member of the Court and Reports Investigation Committee unless the same happens from his or her own intentionally dishonest conduct, fraud, willful violations of law, or criminal misconduct.

### ***Appendix: Drafting Presentments***

A Presentment must include a plain, concise, and definite written statement of the essential facts constituting the offense(s) alleged to have been committed, including reference to the particular provision of Canon II.26 that has been violated. These requirements are meant to inform the Respondent of the conduct charged, to enable the Respondent to prepare a defense, and to protect the Respondent against being subject to multiple Presentments for the same offense.

A Presentment may contain several charges, but each charge should allege a single offense. In the case of an offense arising under Canon II.26.1(7), the charge should include both the underlying duty or responsibility and the facts establishing a neglect or dereliction of ecclesiastical office.

### **Examples:**

#### *Charge 1*

In that the Rev. Samuel Smith, at or near Minot, North Dakota, on divers occasions between or about June 15, 2024, and November 4, 2024,<sup>1</sup> did commit lewd, lascivious, or vulgar acts involving moral turpitude or gross immorality in violation of Canon II.26.1(2) of the Reformed Episcopal Church, to wit: Rev. Smith sexually harassed his administrative assistant, Ms. J.B.V. <sup>2</sup>, an employee of the parish under his supervision and a parishioner married to another parishioner, by making deliberate and offensive comments of a sexual nature to her and threatening her employment unless she engaged in sexual acts with Rev. Smith.

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<sup>1</sup> The date, time, and location of the commission of the offense charged should be stated with sufficient precision to enable the Respondent to understand what particular act or omission is alleged and to prepare a defense. If the conduct alleged extended over a period of time, it is proper to allege that it occurred, for example, “from about June 15, 2024 to about November 4, 2024,” or “on divers occasions between June 15, 2024, and November 4, 2024.”

<sup>2</sup> In the case of an offense against the person or property of a person, the first name, middle initial, and last name or, if the alleged victim is a minor or the offense is of a particularly sensitive nature, the first, middle, and last initials of such person should be alleged, if known.

*Charge 2*<sup>3</sup>

In that the Rev. Samuel Smith did, at or near Minot, North Dakota, on March 3, 2024,<sup>4</sup> engage in unseemly, notorious and dilatory acts deemed derogatory of the Church or its Holy Orders in violation of Canon II.26.1(8) of the Reformed Episcopal Church, to wit: Rev. Smith submitted to Frank Mammon, the parish treasurer, a personal expense for reimbursement from the parish discretionary fund, namely, an eight-day stay at an Airbnb in Denver, Colorado in February 2024, amounting to \$2,473.00, for a personal trip that was unrelated to official duties.

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<sup>3</sup> A single charge need not be numbered, but in the event that there are multiple charges in a single Presentment, the charges should be numbered sequentially.

<sup>4</sup> See note 1.

# DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL STATES

## The Report of Bishop Peter Manto

Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Central States

To: The 58th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church (REC) Dear Brethren, December 7, 2025, marked the 12th anniversary of my consecration to the Episcopate. This report is given in my 7th and final year as Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Central States (DCS). Our Diocese is honored and delighted to serve as hosts for this General Council. We are especially pleased because, as things have worked out, our entire Church family will now be able to share an important and significant day in the life of the DCS: the installation of The Rt. Rev. Jason Grote as our new Bishop Ordinary.

*At the REC General Committee Meeting on Saturday, October 13, 2007, Bishop Royal Grote distributed two documents containing the recommendation and procedure for the re-organization of the current three Dioceses in the USA to add a new diocese to be called the Missionary Diocese of the Central States. A motion was made by the Ven. Jon Abboud and Mr. Ron Riches to adopt the recommendations from the bishops. The motion carried.*

*A motion was then made by the Ven. Abboud and Col. Andrew Bland to make the effective start date for the new diocese to be January 1, 2008. The motion carried; and on January 24, 2008, the Missionary Diocese of the Central States held its organizational meeting in Sevierville, Tennessee, with the Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse, Missionary Bishop presiding (Rt. Rev. Daniel Morse, 2008 Synod Report).*

Now, 18 and a half years later, I am pleased to report that this fledgling diocese is healthy, growing and eager to continue on in this next season under the leadership of our third bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jason Grote.

Bishop Jason plans to relocate to Ohio in July to begin his work as Bishop Ordinary. I will continue to serve the diocese in a part-time role and assist Bishop Jason with the transition until the end of 2026 when I will retire after 50 years of ordained ministry. I am grateful to our Lord for the strength to have completed this leg of the race as well as to the many co-laborers, family and friends who have helped me in so many ways over the years. I want to especially thank my wife, Janice, for her love for Jesus and for His Church as well as for her never-failing devotion and care for me.

I submit this summary of my activities during the past triennium in the work of the Episcopate. The details of these labors are recorded in full in the Annual Journals of the DCS Synod.

### Summary

During my 104 visits within the diocese, I conducted 226 Confirmations, 74 Receptions, 3 Diaconal Ordinations and 4 Presbyterial Ordinations. I participated in 3 Episcopal Consecrations and received 2 mission parishes into the Diocese from outside the REC. Visits outside the Diocese included 8 trips for other REC matters and 6 trips for ACNA matters along with serving as the ACNA Episcopal Observer for an Episcopal Election.

Excerpts from my Episcopal Synod Reports:

### 2023-2024 Synod Term

During my 36 visits to the parishes and missions within the diocese, 109 individuals were presented to me for the laying on of hands in the ancient rite of Confirmation. During those visits, I also received 11 individuals as new members within the REC and presided over the ordination of three men to the Presbyterate, one to the Diaconate and set apart one woman as a Deaconess. These 36 visits also included preaching and teaching sessions, meeting with clergy and their wives, meeting with vestries and parish members and attending various business meetings. In addition, I participated in the consecration of 2 REC bishops, the biannual ACNA College of Bishops meetings and the ACNA Provincial Council.

#### 2024-2025 Synod Term

During my 44 visits to the parishes and missions within the diocese, 51 individuals were presented to me for the laying on of hands in the ancient rite of Confirmation. During those visits, I also received 35 individuals as new members within the REC and presided over the ordination of one man to the Presbyterate and one to the Diaconate. These 44 visits also included preaching and teaching sessions, meeting with clergy and their wives, meeting with vestries and parish members and attending various business meetings. In addition, I participated in the consecration of an REC bishop, the biannual ACNA College of Bishops meetings, the ACNA Provincial Council and the Conclave to elect the next Archbishop for the ACNA.

#### 2025-2026 Synod Term

During my 24 visits over the 8 months from October to May to the parishes and missions within the Diocese, 66 individuals were presented to me for the laying on of hands in the ancient rite of Confirmation. During those visits, I also received 28 individuals as new members within the REC and presided over the ordination of one man to the Diaconate. These 24 visits also included preaching and teaching sessions, meeting with clergy and their wives, meeting with vestries and parish members and attending various business meetings.

In addition, I attended the first of the biannual ACNA College of Bishops meetings and currently serve as a juror on the court for the trial of a bishop now in progress.

#### Additional Activities

I assisted in the process leading to the election of our Diocesan Coadjutor in anticipation of my retirement. I received 2 mission parish transfers from other jurisdictions into the DCS. I participated via Zoom in many meetings related to both REC and ACNA issues. I attended the funerals of Bp. Leonard Riches and Bp. Al Gadsden and presided at a wedding.

For the last triennium I functioned as Vice President of the REC General Council and Vice President of the Board of Foreign Missions and served on several other committees and national church projects.

#### Conclusion

There are 22 parishes and missions served by 2 bishops, 31 presbyters, 3 deacons and 3 deaconesses. There are currently 6 postulants. The diocesan finances are strong, and the Diocese maintains a generous scholarship fund to assist those studying towards ordination. Average Sunday attendance has risen from 915 in 2023 to 1,013 in 2024 to 1,140 in 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rt. Rev. Peter Manto Ordinary  
Diocese of the Central States

## Summary of the Standing Committee

The Diocese of the Central States

### 2023-2024 Composition

Clergy Members - The Rev. Jonathan Kell (2024), The Rev. Josiah Jones (2025), The Rev. Davidson Morse (2026)

Lay Members - Mr. Jeff Brown (2024), Mr. Tom McConnell (2025), Mr. Steve Mouton (2026)

Ex Officio Members - Bishop Peter Manto, Archdeacon Scott Thompson, Treasurer The Rev. Ken Mills, Secretary The Rev. Keith Boettner

### 2024-2025 Composition

Clergy Members - The Rev. Josiah Jones (2025), The Rev. Davidson Morse (2026), The Rev. Paul Edgerton (2027)

Lay Members - Mr. Tom McConnell (2025), Mr. Steve Mouton (2026), Mr. Paul Harris (2027)

Ex Officio Members - Bishop Peter Manto, Bishop Jason Grote, Treasurer The Rev. Ken Mills, Secretary The Rev. Keith Boettner

### 2025-2026 Composition

Clergy Members - The Rev. Davidson Morse (2026), The Rev. Paul Edgerton (2027), The Rev. Wayne MacNamara (2028)

Lay Members - Mr. Steve Mouton (2026), Mr. Paul Harris (2027), Dss. Shelly Fleming (2028)

Ex Officio Members - Bishop Peter Manto, Bishop Jason Grote, Treasurer The Rev. Ken Mills, Secretary The Rev. Keith Boettner

## ACTIONS

### Postulancy:

1. On 6 December 2022, the Committee approved the application of Mr. Jonathan McGill to the postulancy. Mr. McGill attends Christ the King Anglican Church in Dayton, OH.
2. On 13 September 2023 the Committee approved the application of Mr. Kevin Gottlieb to the postulancy. Mr. Gottlieb attends Holy Trinity REC in Chantilly, VA.
3. On 1 November 2023, Mr. Lukas Stock was approved as a postulant at All Saints Church in Lynchburg, VA.
4. On 26 January 2024, Mr. Noah Elkins was approved as a postulant at Christ the Redeemer in Owensboro, KY.
5. On 29 April 2024, Mr. Sean Reeves was approved as a postulant at Church of Our Saviour, Oatlands, VA.
6. On 9 May 2024, Mr. Andy Kuniholm was approved as a postulant at Church of Our Saviour, Oatlands, VA.
7. On 18 June 2024, Mr. Thomas Caucutt was approved as a postulant at St. John's Church in Birmingham, AL.
8. On 12 July 2024, Mr. John Bush was approved as a postulant at Holy Trinity REC in Chantilly, VA, pending the completion of his background check.
9. On 5 December 2024, Mr. Tegan Truitt from Holy Trinity, Chantilly VA was approved as a Postulant.
10. On 5 December 2024, Mr. Tucker Holmes from Church of Our Saviour, Oatlands, VA was approved as a Postulant.
11. On 15 February 2025, Mr. Mason Sawyer from All Saints', Raleigh, NC was approved as a Postulant.
12. On 12 March 2025, Mr. Jacob Harris from Christ the King, Dayton, OH was approved as a

Postulant.

13. In April of 2025, Mr. Noah Elkins from Christ the Redeemer, Owensboro, KY withdrew from the Postulancy to pursue membership in another Communion.
14. On 3 September 2025, Bishop Manto released Mr. Tegan Truitt from the Postulancy at his request. Tegan has moved out of the Diocese to take a job teaching at Grove City College in PA, and may pursue Postulancy in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.
15. On 4 May 2026, Mr. Tyler MacDowell from St. Jude's, Richmond, VA was approved as a postulant.

### **Holy Orders:**

1. On 9 February 2023, Fr. Michael Lewis was received into the REC from the ACNA.
2. On 19 August 2023, Fr. Andrew Costa was ordained a priest at Christ the King, Dayton.
3. On 20 November 2023, Mr. David Heng was approved to be made a Deacon.
4. On 9 May 2024, the Rev. Dcn. William Barto was approved for ordination to the presbyterate.
5. On 30 July 2024, the Rev. Dcn. Tim Kline was approved for ordination to the presbyterate.
6. On 4 November 2024, the Rev. Dcn. Jameson Lowery at Church of the Redeemer in Wilson, NC was approved for ordination to the presbyterate.
7. On 23 January 2025, the Rev. Robert Hudson was received as a retired Presbyter. He transferred from the now defunct International Diocese of the ACNA, and serves at St. Luke's in Maysville, KY.
8. On 15 February 2025, the Rev. Alex Marlowe was received as a Presbyter into our Diocese to serve as the church planter at the Extension Work in Johnson City, TN (Johnson City Mission). He transferred from the APA.
9. On 20 May 2025, the Rev. Dr. Gerald McDermott was approved to transfer his Orders from the Diocese of Christ our Hope (ACNA) to our Diocese. Dr. McDermott will continue to worship at an ACNA parish in Crozet, VA.
10. On 21 July 2025, the Committee was informed that a letter dimissory was issued by Bishop Manto to the Rev. Dominic Taranto from NC, transferring him to the UECNA.
11. On 25 July 2025, the Committee was informed by Bishop Manto that he had licensed the Rev. Michael DuCharme to serve as Assistant Clergy at the Extension Work in Johnson City, TN (Johnson City Mission). The Rev. DuCharme is an ACNA priest resident in the Jurisdiction of the Armed Forces and Chaplaincy.
12. On 25 November, the Committee voted to receive Fr. Dan Hardin from the Jurisdiction of the Armed Forces and Chaplains.

### **Parish Matters:**

1. On 10 February 2023, the Standing Committee voted to approve the beginning of an Extension Work in Johnson City, TN, which will be conducted under the auspices of the REC100 program.
2. On 2 August 2023, upon reception of The Article of Association and Conformity of a New Mission or Parish, the Committee voted to approve the reception of Christ the Redeemer, Owensboro, as a Mission Parish in the Diocese.
3. On 25 November 2023, Darke County Anglican Mission was approved as an Extension Work in our Diocese.
4. On 31 December 2023, the Standing Committee affirmed the closing of St. Andrews Anglican Church in Asheboro, NC, as the mission voted to merge with All Souls Anglican (APA) in Asheboro.
5. On 25 March 2024, Mrs. Shelley Fleming was approved to be set apart as Deaconess.
6. On 23 September 2024, St. Luke's Church in Maysville, KY, was approved to be enrolled as a

member mission parish of the Diocese.

7. On 25 July 2025, Christ Church in Florence, KY was received into our Diocese as a Mission Parish from the APA.

#### **Calls of Rectors:**

1. On 9 February 2023, Fr. Michael Lewis' call as Rector to Christ our Hope in Fairborn, OH was approved.
2. On 1 December 2023, the Rev. Jeffrey Hubbard's call as Rector to Trinity Church in Mason, OH was approved.
3. On 26 January 2024, the Rev. Aaron Rowley's call as Rector to All Saints Church in Raleigh, NC was approved.
4. On 25 July 2025, the Committee affirmed Bishop Manto's appointment of the Rev. Damien Grote as vicar of St. Paul's in Lexington, VA.

#### **Affirmation of Episcopal Election:**

1. On 8 December 2022, the Standing Committee provided consent to the election of the Rev. William Jenkins to be the Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic.
2. On 3 October 2023, the Standing Committee provided consent to the election of a missionary Bishop for Cuba, in keeping with Canon 12 of the REC Canons.
3. On 8 December 2023, the Committee provided the canonically required affirmation of the election of the Very Rev. Charles Camlin as Bishop Suffragan in the Diocese of Mid-America.
4. As required by Canon 11, the Standing Committee obtained the required consents from the Standing Committees of the Dioceses of the REC after the election of the Rev. Canon Jason Grote as our Bishop Coadjutor. These consents were obtained after providing the required testimonials of the election, and were sent to the Presiding Bishop and Secretary of the General Council on November 20, 2024.
5. On 25 July 2025, in keeping with Canon 16 Section 1 of the REC's Canons, the Committee voted to approve Bishop Grote's absence from the Diocese until he moves here in July 2026. This was a condition discussed before the election last fall, but the Canon makes clear that the SC must take action to approve the absence of any Bishop from his Diocese that is longer than 3 months.

#### **Duties as Assigned:**

1. On 9 February 2023, the Standing Committee agreed to a proposal to send a letter of disaffiliation to St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Appomattox, VA.
2. On 2 April 2023, the Committee voted to approve the holding of a Zoom Diocesan Synod.
3. On 25 September, the Committee approved a set of Model Parish Bylaws that had been created by the Constitution and Canons Committee for the Diocese. These can be provided to new or existing parishes.
4. On 24 October 2023, the Rev. Josiah Jones was voted as President.
5. On 26 October 2023, the Rev. Barton Gingerich was voted a board member of St. George's School.
6. The Standing Committee met via Zoom on 8 February 2024, 25 April 2024, 25 June 2024, and 5 September 2024, mainly to discuss issues related to the Episcopal Search and to fulfill canonically mandated duties related to the list of candidates for Bishop Coadjutor.
7. On 5 September 2024, the Committee certified the list of The Rev. Canon Jason Grote, The Rev. Dr. Gregory Peters, and the Rev. Gregory Miller.

8. On 25 February 2025, the Committee approved the Diocesan Clergy Wellness Handbook.
9. On 9 April 2025, the Committee agreed to the plan to have Bishop Manto appoint the Delegates to the ACNA's Provincial Council.
10. On 22 April 2025, Fr. Jones submitted to the national Constitution and Canons Committee five proposals related to Canon 11 of the REC's Canons. This was submitted on behalf of the Standing Committee. These proposed edits reflect the experience of our Diocese in the election of Bishop Grote, and contain recommendations regarding the number of candidates required by the Canon, moving and deleting sentences which are out of place or no longer relevant, clarifying the Standing Committee's duties after the Search Committee has passed on its recommended candidates, revising the voting process, and deleting or moving other material.
11. On 25 July 2025, the Committee affirmatively rejected Bishop Manto's canonically required resignation. Canon 19 Section 5 (a) and (b) stipulate that upon attaining the age of seventy-five, a Minister is considered to have tendered his resignation on his birthday, unless "affirmatively rejected by a majority of the Vestry, Standing Committee, or General Committee to which the resignation must be offered." By God's Grace, Bishop Manto will serve as Bishop Ordinary until Bishop Grote is installed as Bishop Ordinary at General Council 2026.
12. On 16 February 2026, the Committee voted to Incorporate the Diocese of the Central States.

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Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Davidson R. Morse, President of the Standing Committee, Diocese of the Central States

# DIOCESE OF MID-AMERICA

## The Report of Bishop Ray R. Sutton Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of Mid-America

To: The 58<sup>th</sup> General Council

Dear Brethren,

I submit this summary of my activities in the work of the Episcopate since the 57<sup>th</sup> General Council held in June of 2023. The details of those labors are recorded in full in the annual Journals of the DMA Synod.

Summary: June 2023 – June 2026:

- Episcopal Visits: 63
- Confirmations: 310
- Deaconess Setting Apart: 1
- Diaconal Ordinations: 7
- Presbyterial Ordinations: 5
- Admission of Canons: 3
- Admission of Deans: 1
- Installation of Rectors: 5
- Installation of Bishops: 2
- Episcopal Consecrations: 3
- Church Consecrations: 4

Summary of Episcopal Reports to the DMA by year:

### **June-December 2023**

Since the last General Council in June through the close of 2023, I made seventeen Episcopal visitations to the parishes and missions of our diocese. During these visitations, one-hundred thirty persons were presented for the laying on of hands in the ancient rite of Confirmation. One man was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons, two to the Sacred Order of Priests, and two rectors were formally instituted into their cures. I also had the privilege of presiding at one wedding and one funeral. Beyond these Episcopal and sacramental duties, I participated in thirty-two additional diocesan and parish meetings, gatherings, and events, and taught a course for Cranmer Theological House as part of our ongoing work of clergy formation and theological education. By God's grace, our diocese has experienced a season of significant growth and development. Two new missions were established in Colorado Springs, both of which rapidly matured to the point of calling full-time priests. Christian education initiatives likewise continued to expand, including the establishment of new parish schools and micro-colleges in Michigan, California, and Texas. To strengthen support for our western congregations, a new Dean was appointed for the Convocation and Deanery of the West. In addition to my diocesan responsibilities, I attended eight denominational and twelve provincial meetings and events. I traveled to Croatia, Serbia, Latvia, and the Vatican, and continued ecumenical efforts through the ACNA with representatives of the Roman Catholic Church, the Orthodox Church in America, the North American Lutheran Church, Messianic Jewish leaders, the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia.

**2024**

During 2024 I conducted twenty-one Episcopal visitations to the parishes and missions of our diocese, during which sixty-three persons received the laying on of hands in the ancient rite of Confirmation. It was my honor and privilege to serve as Consecrator at the consecration of two of our men, the Rt. Rev. John P. Boonzaaijer and the Rt. Rev. Charles F. Camlin, to the Sacred Order of Bishops in the early spring. Two men were ordained to the Presbyterate, and one to the Diaconate. In addition, one Rector was instituted into his cure, one Canon was formally admitted, and two churches were consecrated. I participated in sixty-two additional diocesan and parish meetings and gatherings throughout the year. I taught two courses at Cranmer Theological House, and spoke at several seminaries and conferences. I presided at one wedding and one funeral. By God's grace, our diocese has continued to experience a season of encouraging growth and strengthening. All five deaneries held successful annual clericus retreats. New missions and extension works continued to develop, an additional parish was received into diocesan membership, and a congregation was successfully replanted. Several clergymen transferred into the diocese from other Anglican jurisdictions, further enriching the mission and ministry of the Church. Thanks be to God, the Diocese of Mid-America now includes forty-four parishes, missions, and extension works; five active bishops and two retired bishops; seventy-six presbyters; eighteen deacons; six deaconesses; sixteen postulants; and seven deaconess candidates. Cranmer Theological House presently serves eighty students in its various programs, and four parishes are either operating or actively supporting parochial schools within their congregations. Beyond these Episcopal and sacramental duties, I participated in eleven denominational and twenty provincial gatherings, including the Investiture of the Most Rev. Steve Wood in the Anglican Church in North America, the Free Church of England Convocation in the United Kingdom, and ecumenical work in the Philippines.

## **2025**

At the outset of the year, our Church mourned the passing of the former Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches, who departed this life on December 29, 2024. His funeral was held at Emmanuel Anglican Church on January 11, 2025, where clergy, family, and friends gathered to commend him to Almighty God and to give thanks for his faithful ministry and steadfast witness to the Gospel. Due to severe winter weather and the cancellation of my flight, I was regrettably unable to attend his homegoing service. We continue to give thanks for his many years of devoted service to Christ and His Church, praying that he may rest in peace and rise in glory. Within the life of the diocese, I conducted twenty Episcopal visitations to diocesan parishes and missions, administering the ancient rite of Confirmation to seventy individuals. The Lord blessed our ministry with the ordination of five men to the Sacred Order of Deacons and one to the Sacred Order of Priests. In June, it was my distinct joy and privilege to serve as Chief Consecrator for the episcopal consecration of the Rt. Rev. Jason R. Grote. Throughout the year, I also consecrated two churches, set apart one woman as a Deaconess, instituted two Rectors, and admitted two Canons and one Dean, baptized my granddaughter and officiated at one wedding. I participated in the funeral of my dear brother, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Alphonza Gadsden, Sr., former Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southeast. Beyond our diocese work, in June I participated in the installation of the Rt. Rev. William Jenkins, Sr. as Ordinary of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. I also traveled internationally to attend the investiture of the Most Rev. Rinalds Grants, Archbishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia. Closer to home, I made visits to three parishes, attended some fifty diocesan meetings and events, taught three Cranmer Theological House courses, fulfilled eight speaking engagements, and participated in sixteen denominational and fifty-one provincial meetings and events.

## **January-June 12, 2026**

Moving into the final year of the triennium, I am pleased to submit this report summarizing my Episcopal ministry for the first part of 2026. Throughout the diocese, I have conducted five Episcopal visits, administered the ancient rite of Confirmation to forty-seven persons, and baptized one infant. My responsibilities included active participation in thirteen diocesan events, fifteen denominational meetings and gatherings, and ten provincial meetings. Beyond routine responsibilities, I fulfilled ten speaking engagements at various conferences and seminars. A distinct highlight of this period occurred at this

General Council, where I was the Institutor and Celebrant for the Opening Eucharist and formally installed The Rt. Rev. Jason R. Grote as the Bishop of the Diocese of the Central States. These collective ministries and milestones reflect the steady growth taking place across our communities, demonstrating the continued vitality of our shared work.

**Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Mid-America to the  
58<sup>th</sup> General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church  
June 2026**

The following is a summary of the actions taken by the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Mid-America since the last General Council held in June 2023.

**Standing Committee Meeting**

Thursday, July 6, 2023

Actions taken:

1. Approved Candidacy for Holy Orders
  - a. Mr. Jared Pulver, St. Timothy's Anglican Church, Jonesboro, AR
  - b. Mr. Timothy Wilson, St. Benedict's Anglican Church, Rockwall, TX (approved conditionally pending clear background check and receipt of transcripts)
2. Approved Candidacy for Deaconess
  - a. Ms. Marisa Cappuccia, Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX
3. Clergy Status Change
  - a. The Rev. John Clay, St. Thomas of Canterbury, Houston, TX, Installed as the 4<sup>th</sup> Rector
4. Approved Search Committee Procedure and Committee Members for the Election of a Suffragan
5. Approved changing the planned Zoom Synod to an in-person Synod to be held November 29-30, 2023 at Church of the Holy Communion
6. Approved the recommendation to the Trustees of the Diocese to proceed with a vote on covering the cost of meals and registration for the clergy and delegates at Synod.
7. Approved the commissioning of Holy Cross mission in Colorado Springs

**Standing Committee Email Vote**

Friday, September 1, 2023

Action taken:

1. Approved examination and upon successful completion, ordination of Mr. Brett Lemke, Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX, to the Diaconate

**Standing Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Actions taken:

1. Approved examination and upon successful completion, ordination to the Diaconate
  - a. Mr. Matthew Visk, Christ's Chapel, Riverside, CA (examined for both Diaconate and Presbyterate)
  - b. Mr. Kevin Harris, St. Thomas of Canterbury, Houston, TX (approved conditionally pending clear background check and receipt of transcripts)
2. Approved examination and upon successful completion, ordination to the Presbyterate
  - a. The Rev. Deacon Dr. Joshua Harper, Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX
3. Reception as Presbyter
  - a. The Rev. Mitchell Keppler received from the ACNA Missionary Diocese of All Saints

4. Clergy Status Changes:
  - a. The Rev. Donald Richmond (retired) reinstated to the DMA rolls
  - b. The Rev. Mitchell Keppler, St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Bellville, TX changed from Priest-in-Charge to Vicar
5. Closings
  - a. St. Barnabas Extension Work, Lansing, MI
6. Approved the election of Canon John Boonzaaijer as the Missionary Suffragan of Cuba.
7. Approved Canon Charles Camlin and Canon Jason Grote as nominees for the election of a Suffragan.

**Standing Committee Meeting**

Monday, December 11, 2023

Actions taken:

1. Approved examination and upon successful completion, orders regularized to the Diaconate
  - a. Roberto Cruz, The Chapel of the Cross/Iglesia Santa Cruz, Dallas, TX  
(approval is conditional upon being confirmed, a clear background check, receipt of transcripts, Vestry certification, and recommendation from a priest.)
2. Clergy Status Changes
  - a. The Very Rev. Kasey Gage, Chair of Examining Chaplains
  - b. Mrs. Melinda Brown, Church of the Holy Communion, Deaconess Candidacy paused
3. Clergy Transfers
 

*-Out-*

  - a. Letters Dimissory issued for Rev. Jeffrey Hubbard to the Diocese of the Central States  
REC
4. Elevated from Mission to Parish Status
  - a. St. Benedict's Anglican Church, Rockwall, effective January 2024
5. Accepted results of the election of Charles Camlin at Synod, and consented for his election as Suffragan

"We, being a majority of all the members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Mid-America, and having been duly convened by video conference, fully sensible how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality or affection, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that the Very Reverend Canon Dr. Charles F. Camlin is not, so far as we are informed, justly liable to evil report, either for error in religion or for viciousness of life; and that we know of no impediment on account of which he ought not to be ordained and consecrated to that Holy Office.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord 2023."

Signed:

The Venerable Dr. James T. Payne, President

The Rev. Carl Lund

The Rev. Dr. Robert Bowman

Deaconess Canon Annette Johnson

Mrs. Petie Lebanowski  
Mrs. Erin Berge  
Mrs. Cathy Heissenhuber, Secretary

### **Standing Committee Meeting**

Friday, March 8, 2024

Actions taken:

1. Approved Candidacy for Holy Orders
  - a. Dr. Martin Alaichamy, All Saints Anglican Church, Shreveport, LA (approved conditionally pending clear background check)
  - b. Mr. Robert Graham, St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Lake Almanor, CA
  - c. Mr. Roberto Cruz, The Chapel of the Cross/Iglesia Santa Cruz, Dallas, TX
2. Approved examination and upon successful completion, ordination to the Presbyterate
  - a. The Rev. Deacon Victor Odinye, St. Matthias Anglican Church, Katy, TX
3. Ordination to the Presbyterate
  - a. The Rev. Deacon Gregory Mattson, Christ Anglican, Hot Springs, AR
4. Clergy Status Changes
  - a. The Rev. Deacon Gregory Mattson, Christ Anglican, Hot Springs, AR, Minister-in-Charge.
  - b. The Rev. Deacon Neill Bryant, St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Flowood, AR, suspended
5. Mission Reactivated
  - a. Christ Anglican, Hot Springs, AR
6. Clergy Transfers
  - Out-
  - a. Letters Dimissory issued for the Rev. Deacon Jason McInnis to the Anglican Province in America

### **Standing Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

Actions taken:

1. Approved Candidacy for Holy Orders
  - a. Mr. Andrew Cantelmi, Anglican Church of the Epiphany, La Mirada, CA
  - b. Mr. Richard Reeb, St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Tinley Park, IL
2. Approved examination and upon successful completion, orders regularized
  - a. Pastor Jacob Hanby, Missioner, Caro, MI
3. Approved examination and upon successful completion, Setting Apart of a Deaconess
  - a. Ms. Melinda Skelton, Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX
4. Clergy Status Changes
  - a. The Rev. Donald Richmond resigned from ministry in the REC
5. Clergy Transfers
  - In-
  - a. The Rev. Patrick Dorn from ACNA Missionary Diocese of All Saints
  - b. The Rev. Denzil Roland from ACNA Missionary Diocese of All Saints
6. Approved Name Change
  - a. Re-launch of Christ Anglican church plant in Hot Springs, AR with new name of Resurrection Anglican Church

7. Approved Church Plants
  - a. Church of the Apostles, Flint, MI
  - b. Epiphany Anglican Fellowship, Longmont, CO

### **Standing Committee Consent**

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

Action taken:

1. Consented for the Election of Jason Robert Grote as Coadjutor of the Diocese of the Central States

“We, being a majority of all the members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Mid-America, and having been duly voted in writing via email through the Secretary, fully sensible how important it is that the Sacred Order and Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion without partiality or affection, do, in the presence of Almighty God, testify that the Very Reverend Canon Jason Robert Grote is not, so far as we are informed, justly liable to evil report, either for error in religion or for viciousness of life; and that we know of no impediment on account of which he ought not to be ordained and consecrated to that Holy Office.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord 2024.”

The Venerable Dr. James T. Payne, President  
The Rev. Carl Lund  
The Rev. Kasey Gage  
Deaconess Canon Annette Johnson  
Mr. Mark Knight  
Mrs. Erin Berge  
Mrs. Cathy Heissenhuber, Secretary

### **Standing Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Actions taken:

1. Approved Candidacy for Holy Orders
  - a. Mr. Matthew Bergstrom, St. Andrew’s Anglican Church, Lake Almanor, CA
2. Approved Candidacy for Deaconess
  - a. Mrs. Katia Crabb, Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX
  - b. Mrs. Marcia Farrar, St. Stephen’s Anglican Church, Flowood, MS
3. Approved examination and upon successful completion, ordination to the permanent Diaconate
  - a. Mr. Jared Pulver, St. Timothy’s Anglican Church, Jonesboro, AR
4. Approved examination and upon successful completion, reception to the Presbyterate
  - a. The Rev. Charles Birkby
5. Approved examination and upon successful completion, orders regularized to the Diaconate
  - a. Pastor Brandon Davidson (PCA)
6. Clergy Status and Position Changes
  - a. The Rev. Canon Tony Welty, Canon Missioner for Church Revitalization

- b. The Very Rev. Russell Ellisor, Dean of South Texas/Southern Louisiana Deanery
  - c. The Rev. Sunil Rajah, Vicar, Blessed Trinity Church, El Cajon, CA
  - d. The Rev. Matthew Visk, Presbyter and Rector, Christ's Chapel, Riverside, CA
  - e. The Rev. Henry Birkinbine, Retired
  - f. The Rev. Dr. Robert Bowman, Retired
  - g. Pastor Jacob Hanby, withdrawal of application for Holy Orders
  - h. The Rev. Victor Odinye, Presbyter, St. Matthias Anglican Church, Katy, TX
  - i. Mr. Michael Nader, postulancy reinstated, All Saints Anglican Church, Shreveport, LA
  - j. The Rev. Jeffrey Steel, reinstated to diocesan rolls
  - k. The Rev. Deacon Roberto Cruz, Minister-in-Charge, Iglesia Santa Cruz, Dallas
  - l. Mr. Chad McIntyre, withdrawal of application for Holy Orders
7. Clergy Transfers
- Out-*
- a. The Rev. Omar Bravo, Iglesia Santa Cruz, Dallas, TX
8. Reception of Parish
- a. St. Paul's Anglican Church, Los Altos, CA

**Standing Committee Email Vote**

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

Action taken:

- 1. Approved participation in the Clergy Wellness Support Fund grant through the ACNA with Bishop-elect Jason Grote serving as Diocesan Champion, assisted by Rev. Wyatt Boutwell.

**Standing Committee Email Vote**

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Action taken:

- 1. Approved examination and upon successful completion, Setting Apart of Deaconesses
  - a. Mrs. Jane Charnock, St. Mark the Evangelist, Waxahachie, TX
  - b. Ms. Marisa Cappuccia, Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX

**Standing Committee Email Vote**

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Actions taken:

- 1. Approved Candidacy for Holy Orders
  - a. Mr. John McLain, Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX
- 2. Approved Candidacy for Deaconess
  - a. Mrs. Kaylene Graham, Anglican Church of the Epiphany, La Mirada, CA
- 3. Approved examination and upon successful completion, ordination to the Diaconate
  - a. Mr. William Nash, St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Tinley Park, IL
  - b. Mr. Greg Hoyt, St. Matthias Anglican Church, Katy, TX
  - c. Mr. Timothy Wilson, St. Benedict's Anglican Church, Rockwall, TX
  - d. Mr. James Allen, St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Peoria, AZ
  - e. Dr. Martin Alaichamy, All Saints Anglican Church, Shreveport, LA

4. Clergy Status and Position Changes
  - a. Canon Michael Vinson, Canon Missioner
  - b. The Rt. Rev. Frank Brulc, Vicar of Church of Our Savior, Joplin, MO
5. Reverted from Parish to Mission Status
  - a. St. Michael's Anglican Church, Broken Arrow, OK
6. Clergy Transfers
 

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  - a. The Rt. Rev. Gerald Schnackenberg from the Diocese of Biharamulo, Province of the Anglican Church in Tanzania (AMiA)
  - b. Mr. Greg Hoyt from the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic

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  - a. Letters Dimissory issued for the Rev. Steven McCarthy to the ACNA Diocese of Quincy
  - b. Letters Dimissory issued for the Rev. Derek Harmon to the ACNA Diocese of the South

**Standing Committee Email Vote**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Action taken:

1. Approved examination and upon successful completion, orders regularized to the Diaconate and Presbyterate
  - a. Pastor Marq Toombs (PCA)

**Standing Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Actions taken:

1. Approved Candidacy for Holy Orders
  - a. Mr. Clifford Lopez, Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX
  - b. Mr. Louis Comus, St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Peoria, AZ
  - c. Mr. Joseph Wells, St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Montrose, CO
  - d. Mr. Noah Richards, Anglican Church of the Epiphany, La Mirada, CA
2. Elevated from Mission to Parish Status
  - a. St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Bellville, TX
  - b. Holy Cross Anglican Church, Colorado Springs, CO
3. Clergy Status Change
  - a. The Rev. Mitchell Keppler, 1<sup>st</sup> Rector of St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Bellville, TX
  - b. The Rev. Jesse Barkalow, 1<sup>st</sup> Rector of Holy Cross Anglican Church, Colorado Springs, CO
  - c. The Rev. Andrew Hurt, reactivated and serving at Providence REC, Corpus Christi, TX
4. Clergy Transfers
 

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  - a. The Rev. Deacon Shane Taylor from ACNA Diocese of the Living Word
  - b. The Rev. Deacon Dwight Harp from ACNA Diocese of the Rocky Mountains

**Standing Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Actions taken:

1. Approved Candidacy for Holy Orders
  - a. Mr. Adam Reed, The Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, TX
2. Clergy Receptions
  - a. The Rev. Anthony Cirilla from United Episcopal Church
  - b. The Rev. Deacon Kenyon Bunch from United Episcopal Church
3. Parish Receptions
  - a. St. Joseph Anglican Church, Branson, MO

**Standing Committee Meeting**

Friday, March 6, 2026

Actions taken:

1. Approved Candidacy for Holy Orders
  - a. Mr. Dominic Garlick, Holy Cross Anglican Church, Colorado Springs, CO
  - b. Dr. Edwin Charnock, St. Mark the Evangelist, Waxahachie, TX
2. Clergy Receptions
  - a. The Rev. Deacon James “Jay” Baker from Anglican Mission in America
3. Clergy Status Changes
  - a. The Rev. Thomas McGee, retired as Rector of St. Timothy’s Anglican Church, Jonesboro, AR, currently assisting at Good Shepherd Anglican Church, Tyler, TX
  - b. The Rev. Brad Sneed, Priest-in-Charge, St. Timothy’s Anglican Church, Jonesboro, AR
  - c. The Rev. Deacon James Allen, suspended
  - d. Mrs. Renee Boutwell, withdrawal from Deaconess candidacy
  - e. The Rev. Dr. Robert Bowman, demitted from Holy Orders
4. Clergy Transfers
 

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  - a. The Rev. Deacon Roberto Cruz to the ACNA Diocese of Quincy
5. Approved examination and upon successful completion, ordination to the Presbyterate
  - a. The Rev. Deacon Jared Pulver, St. Timothy’s Anglican Church, Jonesboro, AR
6. Approved Parish Name Change
  - a. Epiphany Anglican Fellowship, Longmont, CO changed to Epiphany Anglican Church
7. Rejected Bishop Ray Sutton’s resignation in advance of his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday in August, approving him to continue as Ordinary.

# THE DIOCESE OF THE NORTHEAST & MID-ATLANTIC

## REPORT OF THE RT. REV. WILLIAM A. JENKINS, SR.

Bishop Ordinary

To all the Faithful in NEMA,

Greetings in the Name of our Blessed Lord Jesus!

The following is a listing of my activities serving as Diocesan Bishop from Jan. 1, 2025 to November 2, 2025.

### Regular Episcopal Visits to Churches

3/23 Good Shepherd Anglican-Carlisle, PA

7 Confirmations, 2 Transfers, Licensed 2 Clergy, Licensed 4 Lay Readers

3/30/25 Jesus, the Good Shepherd – Brooklyn, NY

No Confirmations, Licensed 1 Clergy, Licensed 1 Lay Reader, Congregational Meeting

5/31-6/1 New Redeemer Reformed Episcopal Church-Jersey City

0 Confirmations, 0 Transfers, Licensed 2 Clergy,

6/8 St. Marks' Reformed Episcopal Church– Rydal, PA

6 Confirmations, 2 Received, Licensed 3 Clergy, Licensed 1 Lay Reader

7/13 St. Georges' Reformed Episcopal Church-Hamilton ON

1 Confirmation, Licensed 2 Clergy

8/3 Church of the Atonement-Philadelphia, PA

2 Confirmands, Licensed 2 Clergy

8/17 Good Shepherd Reformed Episcopal Church, Bridgewater, MA

3 Confirmations, Licensed 2 Clergy

9/14 Grace Reformed Episcopal Church-Collingdale

5 Confirmations, 5 Transfers, Licensed 2 Clergy

10/26 St. Matthew's Reformed Episcopal Church-Havertown, PA

1 Confirmand

11/2 St. Stephen's Reformed Episcopal Church, Eldersburg, MD

7 confirmands, 1 Transfer

### Other Church Visits

1/27/25 Messiah RE Church, Deconsecration

1/9/25 Good Shepherd-Carlisle. PA, Exorcism

4/16/25 Faith Church-Ash Wednesday

4/16 & 18 /25 Bishop Cummins Church, Exorcism and Cleansing, Tenebrae

4/19/25 Faith Church-MD, Easter Vigil

4/20/25 Faith Church-MD, Easter Day

5/9/25 St. Mark's Church – Rydal, PA, Florence Miller Funeral

6/7 St Stephen's Church, Wilson-Cavrak Wedding

6/22 Atonement 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

6/28 Bishop Cummins REC – Episcopal Institution

### Episcopal Consecration

I was honored to participate in the Consecration of the Rt. Rev. Jason Grote to the Episcopate on Wednesday, June 4 2025. +Jason was elected Co-Adjutor for the Diocese of the Central States, replacing the retiring Bishop Peter Manto.

### Vestry Meetings (All by Zoom)

2/4/25 Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ  
2/25/25 Emmanuel Church –Pipersville, PA  
4//29/25 Emmanuel Church –Pipersville, NJ  
5/6/25 Atonement Church – Philadelphia, PA  
5/27/25 Grace REC-Scranton  
6/19 St. Paul’s-Philadelphia  
7/29 Covenant Chapel-Basking Ridge  
8/5 St. Luke’s B/H-Philadelphia  
8/12 St. Luke’s B/H-Philadelphia  
9/22 Emmanuel-Pipersville

**ACNA**

6/16-20 ACNA College of Bishops-Ambridge, PA  
9/25 ACNA COB Zoom, Bp. Derek Jones  
11/3 ACNA Update

**Other Diocesan Meetings and Functions (Zoom, In-Person and Phone)**

1/8/25 Clergy Meeting  
1/13/25 Clergy Meetings  
1/14/25 Outreach Meeting  
1/16/25 Clergy Meeting  
1/16/25 Realtor Meeting JTGS  
1/17/25 Episcopal Meeting=Bp. Gillin  
1/22/25 Clergy Meeting  
1/28/25 Clergy Meetings  
1/29/25 Clergy Meeting  
1/30/25 Outreach Meeting  
2/3/25 Trustees Meeting CCPC  
2/6-8/25 Clergy Retreat  
2/18/25 Search Committee Covenant Chapel  
2/28/25 Examining Chaplains-Stephen Atchison  
3/12/25 Clergy Meeting ACNA  
3/18/25 Clergy Meeting  
3/18/25 Search Committee Covenant Chapel  
3/27/25 Clergy Meeting  
4/3/25 Constitutions and Canons REC  
4/7/25 Board of Foreign Missions  
4/9/25 ACNA Regional  
4/22/25 RES Convocation  
4/23/25 Clergy Meetings  
4/29-5/2/25 REC Bishop’s Council  
5/9 Miller Funeral, St Mark’s  
5/22/25 Episcopal Consult  
5/28-30/25 Anglican Way Institute  
6/13 Clergy Meeting  
7/1 Clergy Meeting  
7/3 Two Clergy Meetings  
7/8 Diocese Call  
7/9 ACNA Bishops Regional Zoom  
7/10 Revitalization consult  
7/15 Outreach Meeting

7/16 Potential Clergy Interview  
7/17 Clergy Meeting  
7/20-26 Diocesan Summer Camp  
7/23 Council of Bishops Zoom  
8/1 St. Stephen's Men's Gathering-Speaker  
8/4 Dr. Tiffany Butler-Safeguarding ACNA  
8/5 Consult-Potential Clergy Transfer  
8/6 Clergy Meeting  
8/8 Postulant Meeting  
8/14 General Council Zoom  
8/15 BFM  
8/19 Wise Stewards RES  
8/20 Clergy Meeting  
8/26 Consult-Potential Clergy Transfer  
8/27 Postulant Meeting  
9/4 Postulant Meeting  
9/4 Ministry Partners ACNA  
9/5 Exam Nkiru Menekaya  
9/11 General Council Meeting  
9/16 Wise Stewards RES  
9/22 Emmanuel Pipersville Vestry  
9/25 Church Plant Investigation Alberta CA  
9/27 Weiss Funeral, Clinton MD  
9/30 Clergy Meeting-Council Prep

### **Reformed Episcopal Seminary Meetings**

1/31/25 Board of Directors  
6/11 Symposium Hearing the Voice of Christ in the OT  
8/19 Wise Stewards Initiative  
10/21 Wise Stewards Initiative

### **Ordination Examinations**

The Rev. Dcn. Stephen Atchison was examined by the Board of Examining Chaplains to be ordained Presbyterian on July 17, 2025. Stephen was formerly a member of St. Matthews REC in Havertown, PA. The examination was held by Zoom. The Rev. Matt Harrington was also on the examination call. Candidate Atchison sustained the examination and was recommended to the bishop for ordination to the presbyterate. He will continue to serve at St. Paul's REC under the direction of the Very Rev. Matthew Harrington.

### **Clerical Reception Request and Discernments**

The Rev. Anthony Ciaccio inquired with PB Ray Sutton about moving his orders to the REC. Having been initially ordained in the Continuum, he subsequently moved his orders to the RCA upon taking a call in New England. He now has a desire to come "home" with the possibility of bringing his parish. Upon further discussion and examination, I discovered that he has divorced twice and is now on his third (and more successful) marriage of 15 years. As the ACNA has a nearly hard and fast policy of not receiving divorced clergy into the Province, I told him I was reasonably sure this would not be acceptable. PB Sutton has advised me otherwise. Fr. Ciaccio should apply to be accepted into the ACNA, with the explanation of his circumstances. If received, we may continue discussions from there.

The Rev. Lucas Dorminy of the CREC is discerning God's call to the REC and specifically NEMA. Pray for Lucas and his family for God's direction.

The Rev. Peter Geromel of the ACC is discerning God's Call to the REC and specifically to NEMA. Peter is a former RES graduate.

### **Clergy Transfer Request**

Bukola Adenuga, Requested transfer of license to Church of Nigeria, North American Mission (CONNAM). Granted on Sept 9, 2025, the Standing Committee gave their consent to his transfer.

### **Clergy Suspension**

Rev. Dcn. James Macnamara, St. George's, Hamilton, ON

After discernment and discussion, with Dcn. Macnamara, Rev. Paul Luth and myself, I have withdrawn James' license for the present time due to dereliction of duty. He remains a deacon transferred into NEMA for the next 12 months subject to re-formation and mentoring by Rev. Paul Luth. The Standing Committee gave their consent to the suspension of this license.

### **Postulants**

Joshua Devers, St. Stephen's Church – Eldersburg, MD, has retired from his military position. We are in discussion about his next steps in ministry.

Rick Wilson, Grace-HdG, MD, has abandoned his postulancy and been removed from our rolls.

Timothy Meadows, St. Alban's Church – New York, NY, will complete his diaconal work shortly and begin work on his diaconal exam.

Gregory Hoyt, St. Mark's Church – Rydal, PA, has been transferred to the Diocese of Mid-America.

Matthew Trail, St. Stephen's Church – Eldersburg, MD continues to pursue his studies.

Joshua Arp, Grace Church – Scranton, PA, is preparing to take his diaconal exam this winter.

Keith Beardsworth, St. Matthew's Church – Havertown, PA, continues his discernment period.

Eric Landstrom, Grace Church – Collingdale, PA Transferred to the Diocese of the Central States  
Cal Parks, Emmanuel, Pipersville – is preparing for his diaconal exam this fall.

### **Deaconness**

Nkiru Menakaya, Emmanuel Somerville, Examined on Friday September 5. She sustained her exam successfully. Her setting apart will be scheduled shortly.

### **Licensed Lay Readers**

Mr. Calvin (Mike) Williams, Jesus the Good Shepherd – Brooklyn, NY

John Singleton West, Good Shepherd-Carlisle, PA

Gerald Joseph Berardi, Good Shepherd-Carlisle, PA

John Christopher Ritchie, Good Shepherd-Carlisle, PA

Al Edmond Laferte, Good Shepherd-Carlisle, PA

Ja'wuan Thomas, St. Luke's BH, Philadelphia, PA

Noah Zehrunge, St. Mark's-Rydal PA

### **Suspended Lay Readers**

Mr. Noah Zehrunge, St. Marks-Rydal, PA

### **Pastoral Vacancies**

Emmanuel Church – Pipersville, PA – The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches has been appointed to serve as Vicar at Emmanuel Church – Pipersville, PA –resolving this former vacancy.

Emmanuel Church-Somerville, PA-On December 31, 2024, the Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn retired from his charge. He has served as rector of this parish for 16 years. He and his wife Ginger have retired to Smyrna,

DE, and are currently active at St. Peter's Anglican Church in Elkton, MD. The parish is continuing in its search for a new Rector.

St. Peter's Church – Elkton, MD – The Rev. Frank Spadafora continues to serve as Interim Vicar. A Search Committee has been formed and the Committee has issued a letter to prospective pastoral candidates. They are seeking a part-time rector and have constructed a financial package. The rector's position needs and church description have been sent to the diocesan, REC and ACNA websites for posting. They have received some applications. Rev. Spadafora is often assisted by the Rev. John Campbell and now the Very Rev. Gerald McLynn. It is anticipated that one of our Seminarians, Christian Jones did a two month internship there this summer.

As of this time, Rev. Spadafora is willing to continue his Interim responsibilities at the church and the congregation is thankful to receive his ministry. Rev. Spadafora has experienced significant medical and personal issues over the past 2 years and continues in his recovery.

Grace Anglican Church (Mission) – Scranton, PA – This mission continues under the bishop's oversight. Minister-in-Charge Jared Lovell, Sr. Warden, Dr. Joshua Arp, Jr. Warden and Mr. Evan Hughes continue to provide local lay leadership in the absence of a vicar along with other local vestry members. Mr. Lovell was hired by the church to perform intern-related activities. The Rev. William Garrison has been engaged by the vestry to visit the church twice each month to preside at the Lord's Table and to preach. The mission continues to grow by God's mercy.

Grace-Scranton has scheduled another fall outreach conference titled "Generational Wealth: Preparing Heirs for the Unexpected Journey", Oct 10-11, 2025

Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ – Following the resignation and departure of the Rev. David N. Greenwood, the Rev. Dcn. Tom Davison had been appointed to serve as minister-in-charge. Tom has been leading the worship services and shouldering most of the teaching responsibilities at the church.

I am pleased to announce the call of the Rev. Dr. Seth Snyder to this parish. His official start date was October 19, 2025. The vestry has done significant repairs to the rectory ahead of his arrival.

St. Paul's Church – Oreland, PA – In an attempt to relieve the Very Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrington of an excessive amount of responsibility, I have been in consultation with the Rev. Greg Miller, and asked him to discern God's will in coming to St. Paul's. After prayer and counsel, he has determined that it is God's will for him to come to St. Paul's. I am appointing him Vicar of the parish, and have made request of the provisional vestry to stipulate a package to begin on Jan. 1, 2026. The Rev. Steve Achison is continuing to stay on as Curate.

## Church Reports

**Church of the Atonement – Philadelphia, PA** – The Vicar, Rev. Jason Holloway reports a growing ASA, and a waiting list for their popular after school program. Please continue to pray for this important outreach as they do have hurdles ahead in terms of City Regulations with the after school work program

**St. Alban's Church – New York, NY** – The Very Rev. Dr. Matt Harrington will resume fuller duties going forward. Canon Harrington has agreed to continue to represent the church's interests and attend the Zoom meetings of the condominium association. They continue to rent the property in mid-town Manhattan to the school for autistic children.

Timothy Meadows, the current Senior Warden, is finishing his diaconal studies and planning his diaconal exam for the near future.

**Good Shepherd Church – Carlisle, PA** – The mission continues to move ahead successfully under the care of the Rev. Ricky McCarl. Attendance has moved into the mid 60's, and their outreach continues to expand into Messiah and Lancaster Bible. A meeting to gauge interest for a church plant in the Lancaster area was held on Oct. 7. 20 people were in attendance. Rev. McCarl is leading its organization.

**St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman – Philadelphia, PA** - continues under the leadership of the Rev. David A. France, Vicar. The ESL program held as a Front Porch ministry is finding continued success. The classes are taught by Chris and Naomi Morris, members of St. Mark's Church, Rydal, PA. They had previously

taught these classes in China. The Latino speaking portion of the ESL is in a place to begin Morning or Evening Prayer. Let us pray for someone to lead them.

In addition, a Chinese community outreach effort that had been meeting regularly at the church has now been moved into St. Marks's with the usage of translating software so that they can worship together. Continue to pray for a leader for this strong outreach.

**St. Mark's Church – Rydal, PA** - The Rector, Parish leadership and the Bishop are discussing plans for the institution of a Curacy program to train new Church planters and revitalizers. They are looking to form a partnership with the Made to Flourish Foundation which helps Churches by way of a 5-year grant to assist in funding this important work. We have two such programs in the REC, one in Southeast and one in Mid-America.

**Grace Church – Havre-de-Grace, MD** – The Rev. Dr. Mark A. Specht with the vestry are continuing to discuss and plan for the future.

**Jesus the Good Shepherd Mission – Brooklyn, NY** – The parish was moved to mission status in the fall of 2024. Their property is currently under contract for sale. Having received a full price offer, we are now in the last leg of the lengthy process established by the State of NY for the sale of a property owned by a non-profit entity. We are still planning that this should be completed by year's end. Residual funds are to be used in a successful replant in a more advantageous circumstance. Rev. Deacon Carl Wegner continues his faithful service to the mission.

### **Church Plant Opportunities**

**Brunswick, MD** - A group of five families about 1 ½ hours west of Baltimore, have contacted NEMA for assistance with a Church plant. At least 2 of the five families are confirmed Reformed Episcopalians with a history in the Diocese of Central States. Looking to begin a work that is closer to home for all of them, we are working in conjunction with Bp. Peter Manto, as this may fall under the purview of his diocese. Please be in prayer for this group, and for the Oversight we will offer them. The Rev. Lucas Dorminy, currently a CREC minister, is presently discerning a move of the Spirit to transfer into the REC. He is located in nearby Martinsburg WV and could potentially be a possible resource for these families. Rev. McCarl is advising.

**Williamsport, PA** – This group of families has undergone some turnover in the last 6 months, but are still expressing an interest in establishing an Anglican testimony here. Rev. Lovell and McCarl have been advising this fledgling work.

### **Lancaster, PA**

First interest meeting was held on Tuesday, Oct. 7. 20 people were in attendance. Rev. McCarl is advising.

**Philadelphia, PA** – Rev. Patterson reports the very beginnings of a possibility of a work in Philadelphia.

**Church Transfers** – I have just received word from Bp. Chris Warner (DOMA) that he has released one of his congregations, New Creation Anglican, to enter into conversations with us about the possibility of a transfer. New Creation is a conservative, non WO, 1662 Prayer Book Parish. They are considering issuing a call to the Rev. Peter Geromel (RES Grad) who has been serving in the continuum. Even if New Creation does not issue a call, he is convinced that God wants him to move into NEMA. Pray for God's direction here, that both parish and Priest might find His direction, and earnestly follow His will.

There is a second parish looking to transfer into NEMA in Massachusetts, currently led by former RES grad, Jack Simpson. Pray for the progress of both of these works.

## **Reformed Episcopal Seminary**

The Seminary move from Blue Bell, PA to the property of St. Paul's Church, Oreland, PA. is nearing completion with only library organization remaining. In this fall semester, the Seminary instituted the Bishop George David Cummins Scholarship program. This provides free tuition for any M.Div. student who will attend classes in person. The aim is to create a critical mass of in person students, to augment the online classes which are being taught. It is also hoped that with the creation of this group of students, God may provide us with sufficient opportunities for ministry to keep them here in our diocese.

RES sponsored a fall symposium in September entitled "Anglicans in the Revolution".

ATS has initiated new a program named "Wise Stewards" in which we have been invited to participate.

This is an effort to get board members to take ownership of their roles and governance to help them perform their work better. The opening meetings have been helpful. Our next accreditation round begins in 2026.

## **Other Matters**

Committee on Young People's Work

The Winter Camp for 6th -12th graders was held at Rock Mountain Bible Camp in Susquehanna, PA on February 14-16, 2025. The speaker was the Rev. Jason Holloway who spoke on "Jesus out Hope: Life from the Wilderness".

The Summer Camp for the diocesan youth was held July 20-26, 2025 with the theme "The Gospel in Middle Earth". The campers were led by the Rev. Jared McNabb for the Juniors, and the Rev. Mike Blitz for the Seniors. The response to the lessons was overwhelmingly positive among the campers. There was a total of 117 in attendance.

Our thanks to the Rev. William A. Jenkins, Jr., the Committee on Young People's Work and camp staff for their continued commitment to the spiritual encouragement of our young people.

## **Risk Management**

This task is still underway, having undergone several iterations as we try to stay in line with ACNA protocols. Thankfully, the head of safeguarding for ACNA, Doctor Tiffany Butler, is a very pro REC leader. She has been most helpful along the way. At this point, all Church clergy should be getting their background checks lined up through Protect My Ministry, and the Rev. Ricky McCarl. These are required for all members who serve children and at risk adults in all our congregations in any capacity.

## **Diocese of Central Eastern Canada**

This Diocese was previously committed to the care of the NEMA Diocese. We have been awaiting a new non-profit registration that would replace the Diocesan entity of Central and Eastern Canada. This was necessary for the continued funding of the Cuban Mission work originally established under the DCEC. This will also affect the designation (but not the standing) of the Rev. Robert Harrold, who has longtime been the Dean of the Diocese. Thanks be to God, this has now all been approved and registered with the Canadian government. We will now begin the legal work to dismantle mothball the DCEC entity. The Standing Committee has offered their concurrence on the closing of the Diocese of Central and Eastern Canada, the dissolution of the office of Dean of the Diocese, and folding St. George's Reformed Episcopal Church into NEMA.

Respectfully submitted,

Rt. Rev. Wm. A. Jenkins, Sr., Ordinary

**THE RT. REV. R. CHARLES GILLIN**  
**to the**  
**58<sup>th</sup> General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church**

Dear Brethren:

This report summarizes my episcopal activities for the years 2023 and 2024. I retired from my position as Ordinary on December 31, 2024. These activities can be found in detail in the Minutes of the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic for the 142<sup>nd</sup>, 143<sup>rd</sup> and 144<sup>th</sup> diocesan Councils. These Minutes are found on the diocesan website: rec-nema.org under the Resources tab.

Regular Episcopal Visitations to churches in 2023:

<u>Visits</u>	<u>Confirmations</u>	<u>Canonical Receptions</u>
14	26	6

Regular Episcopal Visitations to churches in 2024:

<u>Visits</u>	<u>Confirmations</u>	<u>Canonical Receptions</u>
17	75	0

Regular Episcopal Visitations to churches in 2025\*:

<u>Visits</u>	<u>Confirmations</u>	<u>Canonical Receptions</u>
4	11	0

\*At the request and/or with the permission of the Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr.

Clerical Transfers

On April 13, 2023 I issued a Letter Dimissory, upon request, on behalf of the Rev. Tait Deems to the Reformed Episcopal Diocese of Mid-America.

On May 25, 2023 I issued, at his request, a Letter Dimissory on behalf of the Rev. Aaron T. Cappucci to the Diocese of Ft. Worth overseen by the Rt. Rev. Ryan Reed.

On August 15, 2023 I issued a Letter Dimissory, at his request, on behalf of the Rev. Dr. David N. Greenwood to the Anglican Diocese of the South overseen by the Most Rev. Foley Beach.

On November 7, 2023 I issued, at his request, a Letter Dimissory on behalf of the Rev. Deacon Vic Broberg to the Anglican Province of America overseen by the Rt. Rev. Chandler H. Jones.

New Clerical Calls

On January 14, 2024, the vestry of St. Matthew's Church, Havertown, PA voted to call the Rev. Justin M. Forsberg as Assistant Rector of the Parish. The call was unanimously adopted at the congregational meeting on Sunday February 11, 2024. I approved the action.

In early February 2024, the Rev. Matthew G. Maule was named Assistant Rector of St. Mark's Church in Rydal, PA. I approved the action.

### Ordinations

On January 27, 2024 the Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. and I ordained the Rev. Deacon William A. Jenkins, Jr., Presbyterian, at Faith Reformed Episcopal Church, Baltimore, MD. The ordinand was presented by the Very Rev. Dr. Eric W. Jorgensen. The Rev. Justin M. Forsberg read the Litany. The Old Testament scripture was read by the Rev. Ricky McCarl. The Gospel was read by the Rev. Cedric R. Benner. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Shawn Riley, who also read the Epistle.

On July 13, 2024 I ordained the Rev. Chester R. Banks, Presbyterian, at the Church of Our Redeemer in Jersey City, NJ. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Justin M. Forsberg. The homilist was the Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn. Rev. Norris O. Gadsden read the Litany and the Gospel. The Epistle was read by Mr. Christopher Komline. The service of Holy Communion was read by the Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr.

On May 20, 2023 I ordained Mr. Stephen Atchison, Deacon, at St. Matthew's Reformed Episcopal Church, Havertown, PA. The ordinand was presented by the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud. The Rev. Rod Lee served as Litanist. The homily was delivered by the Rev. Justin M. Forsberg.

On October 7, 2023 I ordained Mr. Kevin Murphy, Deacon, at Good Shepherd Anglican Church, Harrisburg, PA. The service was held in the sanctuary of the historic Zion Lutheran Church. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Ricky McCarl. The Rev. Shawn Riley served as Litanist. The Epistle was read by Pastor Karin Pejack. Rev. Deacon Murphy read the Gospel and the ante- and post-Holy Communion readers were Rev. Justin M. Forsberg and the Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. The homily was delivered by the Rev. Cn. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches.

On April 14, 2024 I ordained Mr. Norris O. Gadsden, Deacon, at the Church of our Redeemer in Jersey City, NJ. The ordinand was presented by the Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn who also read the Holy Scriptures. The Rev. Chester R. Banks and the Rev. Justin M. Forsberg served as Litanists. I preached the homily.

On April 20, 2024 I ordained Mr. Benjamin P. Pearce, Deacon at St. Mark's Church in Rydal, PA. The ordinand was presented by the Very Rev. Jason S. Patterson who also preached the homily. The Rev. Matthew G. Maule served as Litanist. The Holy Scriptures were read by Mr. Gregory Hoyt and Mr. David Szomor, both of whom served as Postulants at St. Mark's Church.

On July 13, 2024 I ordained Mr. Thomas J. Davison, Deacon, at Covenant Chapel Reformed Episcopal Church in Basking Ridge, NJ. The candidate was presented by the Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn who also read the Service of Holy Communion. The homilist was the Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. Mr. Christopher Komline read the Litany. The Epistle was read by Mr. Brian Ayres and the Gospel by Rev. Davison.

### German Ordinands

The Rev. Canon John Boonzaaijer, the President of the Reformed Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions made the request that the Standing Committee of the NEMA Diocese certify the clerical credentials of clergy in the Reformed Episcopal Church in Germany. The former AKD was no longer a diocese and needed a diocese to perform this task on its behalf. All examinations will be

done by the Rt. Rev. Gerhard Meyer and his presbyters. Upon acknowledgment of the examination being sustained by the candidate and with the submission of the diocesan informational and doctrinal form titled, *NEMA Application for Postulancy, Ordination and Transfer*, I agreed to Canon Boonzaaijer's request. I received two completed NEMA forms from Mr. Gregor Janik and Mr. Branislav Tot, found them to be in good order and recommended to the Standing Committee that these men be ordained to the diaconate. The recommendation was approved.

### Clerical Necrology

The Rev. Jack W. Clark was called home to be with the Lord on June 4, 2022. He succumbed to pancreatic cancer at age 74 while living in retirement in Florida. On July 14, 2023, his remains were laid to rest at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear, DE. The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks was asked by his widow, Esther, to serve as officiant. Bishop Hicks asked Bishop Jenkins and me to participate in the short military service by reading Holy Scripture.

### Deaconess Retirement

On January 3, 2023 Deaconess Ruth Creswell wrote a letter addressed to me announcing her retirement. I acknowledged her letter with one of my own and followed up with a telephone call to pray with and thank her for her ministry.

### Deaconess Set Apart

On June 30, 2024 I set apart Dr. Susan H. D. Regisford as a Deaconess at St. Alban's Church in New York, NY. She was presented by the Rev. Canon Matthew P. Harrington who also assisted in the service. Other participants were the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick and Dr. Dennis Wermert.

### Churches

#### **Good Shepherd Church – South Easton, MA**

On Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 6:00pm I consecrated the church building of this congregation. The Rev. Deacon Thomas Schmuck, the Very Rev. Eduardo A. Andrade and Bishop William Jenkins also read in the service. Archdeacon Jon W. Abboud delivered the homily.

Services at the **St. Patrick's Church, Norristown, PA** were suspended due to the lengthy illness of the Rev. Russell M. Buchanan.

**St. Alban's Church – New York, NY** – This parish has been meeting in a property located at 45 Tudor City Place in New York City. It sits between 1st & 2nd Avenues above E. 42nd Street across from a public park and in the shadow of the United Nations. The church negotiated a long-term lease and is meeting at the property during final renovations. The former church property had been leased to a school that caters to autistic children.

On September 9, 2023 I met with the church vestry at the rectory. The groundwork had been laid by the Rev. Canon Dr. Matthew Harrington to help prepare the vestry members for his departure as the resident rector. The vestry voted unanimously to call the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick as Associate Rector. His official duties began on October 1, 2023. Canon Harrington agreed to continue to represent the church's interests and attend the Zoom meetings of

the condominium association.

On July 7, 2024 the church held a farewell for the Rev. Mr. Fitzpatrick. He agreed to move back to the Collingdale, PA area to assist the Rev. Shawn Riley in ministry at Grace Church. Rev. Fitzpatrick had served this parish for many years prior to moving to Ohio.

**New Redeemer Church – Jersey City, NJ** – The Search Committee recommended the call of the Rev. Chester Banks to the vestry. At a meeting held on October 4, 2023, the vestry voted to extend a call to Rev. Banks to serve as the minister of New Redeemer Church. Following his examination and ordination to the presbyterate on July 13, 2024, he was licensed by me to serve the parish.

**Jesus the Good Shepherd – Brooklyn, NY** – Bishop Jenkins and I received notification that due to health reasons; the Rev. Eugene Phipps was no longer able to conduct services at the church and announced his retirement. The Rev. Dcn. Carl Wegner was contacted and at my request agreed to travel to the church on a weekly basis to conduct services. He conducted his first service on September 22, 2024. The parish was placed on Mission status and a provisional vestry appointed. I requested that a sale of the church property be investigated with the residual proceeds from the sale used for the rental of another meeting space in Brooklyn.

**St. Timothy’s Mission – Mt. Laurel, NJ** - After much prayer and in consultation with Bishop William A. Jenkins, Sr., the Rev. Michael J. Carr and the vestry of St. Timothy’s Church in Mt. Laurel, NJ it was decided to close the church which had been meeting in rented facilities. I officiated at their final service held on December 29, 2024.

#### Reformed Episcopal Seminary

At the Board of Directors meeting held on February 24, 2023 three important decisions were made which affect theological education in the Diocese. First, the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches, following consultation with me and others, requested a paid year-long sabbatical from his teaching and administrative duties as President and Dean of the Seminary. He had served at the Seminary for 24 years, 11 of which were as Dean and four of which as President and Dean. In addition, he has assumed many other duties that are normally performed by several others in other seminaries and teaching an abnormally heavy course load, that have added to the burden of his responsibilities. Significant progress was made under his leadership in areas of accreditation, the new Master of Arts in Theology degree and financial aid. He remained as President and Dean until June 12, 2023. He planned to return at the beginning of the 2024-2025 academic year as the chair of the Bishop Riches Chair of Anglican Theology.

Second, the Board unanimously voted to appoint the Rev. Dr. Matthew P. Harrington as Dean and President of the institution beginning on June 13, 2023. During the time of transition, Dr. Riches agreed to work alongside and support the new Administration and Bishop and submit to their judgment in the decision-making process.

Third, the Board established a committee to undertake a feasibility study to physically move the Seminary from its current location in Blue Bell, PA to the facilities of St. Paul’s Reformed

Episcopal Church in Oreland, PA. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, Dr. Guy Webster, was empowered to chair and appoint members to this Committee.

At the Seminary Board of Director's meeting on May 12, 2023, the Relocation Task Force presented its feasibility report to the Board for adoption. It was recommended that the Seminary be relocated from its current location in Blue Bell, PA to the property of St. Paul's R. E. Church in Oreland, PA. The recommendation was passed. Also, the Board had granted the Rev. Cn. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches, President and Dean, a sabbatical from August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024, with full salary and benefits. On July 5, 2024, Dr. Riches tendered his resignation to the Board, from all positions, effective August 5, 2024.

Other

I have been asked to conduct regular chapels and to preach at the Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community where Jan and I reside. I was also elected to the Resident's Council by the cottage residents.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin  
Bishop Ordinary NEMA Diocese (Ret.)

## SUMMARY OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic

This report represents a summary of the actions of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic that are recorded in detail of the minutes of the 143<sup>rd</sup>, 144<sup>th</sup>, and 145<sup>th</sup> of those diocesan council meetings. The membership of the Standing Committee for each year of the triennium will be found listed in the same published reports.

### CANONICAL EXAMINATIONS/ORDINATIONS/RECEPTIONS/TRANSFERS

#### New Clerical Calls, Clergy Reception and Transfers

- On April 13, 2023, Bp. Gillin issued a Letter Dimissory, upon request, on behalf of the Rev. Tait Deems to the Reformed Episcopal Diocese of Mid-America.
- On May 25, 2023, Bp. Gillin issued, at his request, a Letter Dimissory on behalf of the Rev. Aaron T. Cappucci to the Diocese of Ft. Worth overseen by the Rt. Rev. Ryan Reed.
- On August 15, 2023, Bp. Gillin issued a Letter Dimissory, at his request, on behalf of the Rev. Dr. David N. Greenwood to the Anglican Diocese of the South overseen by the Most Rev. Foley Beach.
- On September 9, 2023, Bp. Gillin met with the church vestry of St. Alban's Church New York, NY at the rectory. The groundwork had been laid by Canon Harrington to help prepare the vestry members for his departure as the resident rector. At that same meeting, the vestry of St. Alban's Church, New York, NY voted unanimously to call the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick as Associate Rector. His official duties began on October 1, 2023. **The Standing Committee approved of the action of the Vestry of St. Alban's Church to call the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick to serve as Associate Rector.**
- **Rev. Dcn. Vic Broberg** - On November 7, 2023 Bp. Gillin issued, at his request, a Letter Dimissory on behalf of the Rev. Deacon Vic Broberg to the Anglican Province of America overseen by the Rt. Rev. Chandler H. Jones.
- On January 14, 2024, the vestry of St. Matthew's Church, Havertown, PA voted to call the **Rev. Justin M. Forsberg** as Associate Rector of the Parish. The call was unanimously adopted at their congregational meeting on Sunday February 11, 2024. In early February of this year, the **Rev. Matthew G. Maule** was named Assistant Rector of St. Mark's Church in Rydal, PA. Bp. Gillin has **approved** both of these calls.
- **Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches** was appointed to serve as Vicar at Emmanuel Church, Pipersville, PA. The Committee approved the motion on January 6, 2025
- **Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick** was transferred to Grace Collingdale, PA on July 14, 2024.
- **Rev. Chester Banks** was installed as Rector of New Redeemer REC, Jersey City, NJ on June 1, 2025. The Rt. Rev. William Jenkins presided.
- **Rev. Dr. Seth Synder** has been called to Rector at Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, NJ. The Committee approved the call on August 8, 2025

- **Rev. Bukola Adenuga**, Requested transfer of license to Church of Nigeria, North American Mission (CONNAM). Granted on Sept 9, 2025. Consented by the Committee on October 2, 2025
- **Rev. Lorenzo Cusik** was issued a license by Bishop Jenkins and approved by the Standing Committee on January 9, 2026 to serve as Curate of Emmanuel RE Church, Sommerville, NJ. He was referred to the Examining Chaplains on April 10, 2026
- **Rev. Greg Miller** was appointed as Vicar to St. Paul's Church, Oreland, PA this was affirmed by the Standing Committee on January 29, 2026
- **Rev. Dcn. Jared Lovell** was called as Rector to Grace, Scranton, PA
- **Rev. Greg Miller** was appointed as Vicar to St. Paul's Church, Oreland, PA this was affirmed by the Standing Committee on January 29, 2026
- **Rev. Dr. John S. Simpson** was examined by the Examining Chaplains on January 30, 2026 and was recommended to the bishop for reception and transfer into the NEMA Diocese as a Presbyter. The bishop recommended the approval of the Standing Committee of his transfer. **The Standing Committee approved this motion** on March 26, 2026.
- On March 26, 2026 the Standing Committee approved the title of **Bishop Gerhart Meyers** as Bishop Emeritus until October of 2026

**The Standing Committee concurred with these actions.**

- On May 25, 2023, Bp. Gillin issued, at his request, a Letter Dimissory on behalf of the Rev. Aaron T. Cappucci to the Diocese of Ft. Worth overseen by the Rt. Rev. Ryan Reed.
- On August 15, 2023, Bp. Gillin issued a Letter Dimissory, at his request, on behalf of the Rev. Dr. David N. Greenwood to the Anglican Diocese of the South overseen by the Most Rev. Foley Beach.

Parish Transfers/Receptions

- On March 18, 2026 the Standing Committee approved the request by **Grace Church, Scranton** to be moved to full parish status.
- On March 22, 2026 a letter of association and conformity was received by the bishop and the Standing Committee. On March 26, 2026 the Standing Committee voted to approve the transfer of **Christ the King Chapel of Taunton, MA** as a mission of the NEMA Diocese.
- On March 25, 2026 a letter of association and conformity was received by the bishop and the Standing Committee. On March 26, 2026 the Standing Committee voted to approve the transfer of **New Creation of Hagerstown, MD** as a mission of the NEMA Diocese.

Closings

- **St. Timothy's Anglican Mission, Mt. Laurel, NJ** was disbanded in December of 2024 after losing its lease on their building. The communicates were transferred to the care of St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman.
- **The Diocese of Central and Eastern Canada** has been registered with Canada as a new non-profit. This was necessary for the continued funding of the Cuban Mission work originally established under the DCEC. The closing of the diocese and the dissolution of its office of The Dean

of the Diocese means that **St. George's REC** will be folded into the diocese of NEMA. The Committee consented to the closing on October 2, 2025.

### Ordination Exams

- **Mr. Stephen Atchison** was examined for Deacons orders on January 24, 2023, in Havertown, PA. His rector, Archdeacon Jon Abboud, hosted the meeting in his home and was present with the Examining Chaplains and Bishop-Coadjutor Elect William Jenkins for the meeting. Candidate Atchison was approved for ordination pending successful report backs. His responsibilities were fulfilled.
- **Mr. Kevin Murphy** was examined for Deacons orders on July 16, 2023, in Rydal, PA. Bishop William Jenkins joined the Examining Chaplains for the meeting. Candidate Murphy was approved for ordination pending successful report backs. His responsibilities were fulfilled
- **The Rev. Deacon William A. Jenkins, Jr.** was examined by the Examining Chaplains for Presbyters orders on November 14, 2023. The examination was held by Zoom. Bishop William Jenkins recused himself from the meeting. Rev. Jenkins sustained the examination and was recommended to the bishop for ordination.
- **Mr. Norris O. Gadsden** was examined by the Examining Chaplains for Deacons orders on January 12, 2024. The examination was held by Zoom. Bishop William Jenkins was also on the examination call. Candidate Gadsden sustained the examination and was recommended to the bishop for ordination upon completing several follow-up items.
- **Mr. Benjamin P. Pearce** was examined by the Examining Chaplains for Deacons orders on January 12, 2024. The examination was held by Zoom. Bishop William Jenkins and the Very Rev. Jason S. Patterson were also on the examination call. Candidate Pearce sustained the examination and was recommended to the bishop for ordination.
- **The Rev. Chester Banks** was examined by the Examining Chaplains on May 8, 2024. The examination was held by Zoom. Bishop William Jenkins and the Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn were also on the examination call. Candidate Banks sustained the examination and was recommended to the bishop for reception as a Deacon and ordination to the Presbyterate. I intend to do this as permitted in Title I - Canon 10, Section 5 (a) *Thereafter the Bishop, being satisfied of such Minister's theological attainments and soundness in faith, may (3) Receive him as a Minister of the Gospel and conditionally regularize his status as a Deacon or a Presbyter by laying on of hands and by use of the proper form as found in the Ordinal of the Book of Common Prayer.* Bp. Gillin **recommend** that the Rev. Chester Banks be received on our clergy rolls as a Deacon and ordained Presbyter as per the recommendation of the Examining Chaplains. **The Standing Committee approved this motion.**
- **Rev. Dcn. Stephen Atchison** was examined for Presbyters orders on February 28, 2025. ordination to the presbyterate. Candidate Atchison sustained the examination and was recommended to the bishop for ordination.
- Bishop Jenkins received the files of the written examinations and at the request of Bp Meyers and Bp Boonzaaijer that **Mr. Nick Manhke** and **Mr. Jelle Huisman** be recommended to the Standing Committee for ordination to the diaconate and **Rev. Gregor Janik** for the ordination to the presbyterate. The Standing Committee voted on February 5, 2025 to offer their concurrence for all three ordinations

## Ordinations

- **Mr. Kevin Murphy** was ordained to the diaconate by Bp. Gillin on Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 1:00pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Harrisburg, PA. The ordinand was presented by the Rev. Ricky McCarl. The Rev. Shawn Riley served as Litanist. Pastor Karin Pejack read the Holy Scriptures. The homily was delivered by the Rev. Canon Dr. Jonathan S. Riches.
- **Mr. Stephen Atchison**- Bp. Gillin ordained Mr. Stephen Atchison to the diaconate on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 4:00pm at St. Matthew's R.E. Church in Havertown, PA. The ordinand was presented by the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud. The Rev. Rod Lee served as Litanist. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Justin M. Forsberg.
- **Rev. Fr. William A. Jenkins, Jr.** – On January 27, 2024 the Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. and Bp. Gillin ordained the Rev. Deacon William A. Jenkins, Jr., Presbyter, at Faith Reformed Episcopal Church, Baltimore, MD. The ordinand was presented by the Very Rev. Dr. Eric W. Jorgensen. The Rev. Justin M. Forsberg read the Litany. The Old Testament scripture was read by the Rev. Ricky McCarl. The Gospel was read by the Rev. Cedric R. Benner. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Shawn Riley, who also read the Epistle.
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- **Rev. Deacon Benjamin P. Pearce** – On April 20, 2024, Bp. Gillin ordained Mr. Benjamin P. Pearce, Deacon, at St. Mark's Church in Rydal, PA. The ordinand was presented by the Very Rev. Jason S. Patterson who also preached the homily. The Rev. Matthew G. Maule served as Litanist. The Holy Scriptures were read by Mr. Gregory Hoyt and Mr. David Szomor, both of whom serve as Postulants at St. Mark's Church.
- **Rev. Dcn. Stephen Atchison** was ordained as presbyter on July 17, 2025 at St. Mathew's REC, Havertown, PA
- **Rev. Dcn. Gregor Janik** was ordained as presbyter on Feb. 5, 2025

## Episcopal Institution

- **Rt. Rev. Wm. A. Jenkins** was installed as Bishop Ordinary of the NEMA Diocese on June 28, 2025 at Bishop Cummins REC in Catonsville, MD.

## Pastoral vacancies

- **Emmanuel Church (Mission) – Pipersville, PA** – Canon Jonathan Riches continues to serve as Interim Vicar. He has scheduled a number of visiting ministers and Seminary students to assist with services.
- **New Redeemer Church – Jersey City, NJ** – This parish continues under the Bishop's oversight. I have been assisted by the Dean Jerry Mc Lynn who has agreed to schedule presbyters to serve the Eucharist once-a-month at the church. As of late, the Rev. Justin Forsberg has been making these visits. Mr. Norris Gadsden and the Rev. Chester Banks have been alternating reading Morning Prayer and preaching.

- **Grace Anglican Church (Mission) – Scranton, PA** – This mission continues under the Bishop’s oversight. Minister-in-Charge Jared Lovell, Sr. Warden, Dr. Joshua Arp, Jr. Warden and Mr. Evan Hughes continue to provide local lay leadership in the absence of a vicar along with other local vestry members. Mr. Lovell was hired by the church to perform intern-related activities. The Rev. William Garrison has been engaged by the vestry to visit the church twice each month to preside at the Lord’s Table and to preach.
- **St. Peter’s Church – Elkton, MD** – The Rev. Frank Spadafora continues to serve as Interim Vicar. A Search Committee has been formed and the Committee has issued a letter to prospective pastoral candidates. They are seeking a part-time rector and have constructed a financial package. The rector’s position needs and church description have been sent to the diocesan, REC and ACNA websites for posting. Rev. Spadafora is often assisted by the Rev. John Campbell.
- **Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ** – Following the resignation and departure of the Rev. David N. Greenwood Bp. Gillin has been meeting with the vestry on a regular basis by Zoom or in person. The Very Rev. Jerry McLynn contacted me for permission to arrange for a regular preaching rotation involving Mr. Tom Davison, Mr. Chris Komline, Mr. Jonathan Martin and Dean McLynn who also serves the Eucharist on the Sunday he visits.
- **St. Paul’s Church – Oreland, PA** – This ministry continues under the capable and sacrificial leadership of the Rev. Canon Dr. Matthew P. Harrington who serves as Interim Vicar. Dr. Dennis Wermert and Mr. Timothy Meadows have been serving at St. Alban’s Church by reading Morning Prayer and preaching in Canon Harrington’s absence.
- **Emmanuel Church-Somerville, PA**-On December 31, 2024, the Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn retired from his charge. He has served as rector of this parish for 16 years. He and his wife Ginger have retired to Smyrna, DE, and are currently active at St. Peter’s Anglican Church in Elkton, MD.

#### Clerical Necrology

- **The Rev. Jack W. Clark** was called home to be with the Lord on June 4, 2022. He succumbed to pancreatic cancer at age 74 while living in retirement in Florida. On July 14, 2023, his remains were laid to rest at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear, DE. The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks was asked by his widow, Esther, to serve as officiant. Bishop Hicks asked Bishop Jenkins and Bishop Gillin to participate in the short military service by reading Holy Scripture.
- **Bishop Leonard Wayne Riches, Sr.**, a beloved spiritual leader, scholar, and advocate for traditional Anglicanism, was born on March 21, 1939, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to A. Wayne and Enola (Gilbert) Riches. He passed away on December 29, 2024, in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. Riches is known for his extraordinary leadership in revitalizing the Reformed Episcopal Church (REC), renewing traditional Anglicanism, and being an integral part of establishing the Anglican Church in North America.

He graduated cum laude from Princeton University in 1961 with a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature. He then earned a Master of Divinity from the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church (now Reformed Episcopal Seminary) in 1964. Riches pursued further graduate studies toward a Master of Sacred Theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary). He was awarded honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees by the Reformed Episcopal Seminary in 1976 and by Cranmer Theological House in 1997.

Riches was baptized at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. In 1946, his family joined the Reformed Episcopal Church, first worshipping at Memorial Church of Our Redeemer, a

Reformed Episcopal congregation in Philadelphia. They later became members of Calvary Reformed Episcopal Church under the leadership of William H. S. Jerdan, who, like Riches, became a Presiding Bishop of the REC.

Riches was ordained as a deacon in 1964 and as a presbyter in 1965 by Bishop Howard David Higgins. Riches served as rector for three REC parishes: St. Luke's Church in Philadelphia, First Reformed Episcopal Church in New York, and St. Mark's Church in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania.

Riches married Barbara Martin, a fellow graduate of Reformed Episcopal Seminary, in 1964. Together, they had two sons, Leonard, Jr. and Jonathan, and were proud grandparents to four grandchildren, representing the fourth generation of Reformed Episcopalians in the Riches family. Riches was a teacher, professor, mentor, pastor, and bishop. He started teaching at Reformed Episcopal Seminary in 1965 as a lecturer and later became Professor of Liturgics and Theology. He was the seminary's president from 1982 to 1990 and 1995 to 1998. Upon retiring in 2015 after 50 years of service, he was named Professor Emeritus of Liturgics and Theology. He also held visiting professorships at Cranmer Theological House and Sangre de Cristo Seminary in Westcliffe, Colorado. Riches was proud that his son Jonathan completed a Ph.D. in liturgics and served the seminary for 25 years, enhancing his legacy by achieving full accreditation in 2013 and introducing a Master of Arts degree along with other programs.

In 1974, Riches was elected bishop of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic and was consecrated in June 1975 at the First Reformed Episcopal Church in New York. He served as Assistant Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor, and later Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese from 1984 until November 2008. He served as Presiding Bishop of the entire denomination from 1996 to 2014. He helped the Reformed Episcopal Church grow and reunite with other traditional Anglicans. Riches was Moderator of the Federation of the Anglican Churches in the Americas from January 2006 to April 2008 and worked with the Common Cause Partners, helping to lead the formation of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) in June 2009, contributing to the Anglican realignment movement in the United States.

Riches served as the most senior bishop in the ACNA, installing the first Archbishop Robert W. Duncan. Archbishop Duncan said:

“Without the commitment and statesmanship of Presiding Bishop Leonard Riches, it is hard to imagine how the Anglican Church in North America could ever have come together. His wisdom and presence were an abiding gift to me personally and to the whole movement that was the Common Cause Partnership of orthodox Anglican fragments, a movement that is now a growing and united Church of some thirty dioceses and more than 120,000 believers whose mission is to reach North America with the transforming love of Jesus Christ, recognized and in Communion with 60 million Anglicans worldwide.”

Bishop Leonard W. Riches, Sr.'s legacy is marked by his steadfast commitment to the principles of traditional Anglicanism, his love and compassion in the spirit of Jesus Christ, his pivotal leadership in Anglican realignment, and his dedication to theological education.

#### Funerals/Memorial Services

- **Florence Miller** – On May 9, 2025 Bishop Jenkins, accompanied by Bishop and Mrs. Gillin attended the funeral service for Mrs. Florence Miller at St. Mark's REC Rydal, PA. Florence, the wife of Captain Bob Miller passed into glory on Sunday May 4, 2025. Both have been longtime members of St. Mark's and Captain Miller remains a fellow servant on our NEMA Standing Committee.

- **Elsie Weiss** – On September 27, 2025 Bishop Jenkins participated in the funeral service for Mrs. Elsie Weiss, mother of Carol Weiss Riches and mother-in-law to Mr. Ron Riches, our diocesan treasurer. Elsie was just shy of 103 years old and labored for God as his faithful soldier and servant.

#### Other Actions of the Standing Committee

- The Standing Committee approved a motion to consent to the Episcopal Election of the Rev. Canon John Peter Boonzaaijer. On September 20, 2023, the Rev. Canon John Peter Boonzaaijer was elected as Missionary Suffragan Bishop for the Missionary Diocese of the Reformed Episcopal Church in Cuba. The Standing Committee of diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church approved this motion on October 18, 2023.
- On December 11, 2023, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church approved a motion to the consent of the episcopal election of the Rev. Canon Charles F. Camlin as a Suffragan Bishop for the Diocese of Mid-America.
- On July 30, 2025 the Committee passed the motion to concur with Bishop Jenkins on the nomination of Dss. Susan Regisford as one of two report receivers for the NEMA to keep in accordance with our Child and Adult Protection Policy.
- **Nkiru Menakaya** of Emmanuel Somerville was examined on Friday September 5, 2025. She sustained her exam successfully and was recommend to the bishop to be set apart as a Deaconess.
- On Dec. 30, 2025 the Standing Committee passed the motion to endorse Bishop Jenkin’s “Proposal for Request of Suffragan NEMA” to the other ACNA bishops.

#### German Ordinands

At the May 14, 2024 meeting of the Standing Committee, Bp. Gillin included this part of his report. The Rev. Canon John Boonzaaijer, the President of the Reformed Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions had made the request that the Standing Committee of our Diocese certify the clerical credentials of clergy in the Reformed Episcopal Church in Germany. The former AKD is no longer a diocese and needs a diocese to perform this task on their behalf. All examinations will be done by the Rt. Rev. Gerhard Meyer and his presbyters. Upon acknowledgment that the examination has been sustained by the candidate and with the submission our diocesan informational and doctrinal form titled, NEMA Application for Postulancy, Ordination and Transfer, Bp. Gillin agreed to Canon Boonzaaijer’s request. Bp. Gillin has received two completed NEMA forms from Mr. Gregor Janik and Mr. Branislav Tot, found them to be in good order and **recommend** to the Standing Committee that these men be ordained to the diaconate. **The Standing Committee approved this motion.**

#### Reformed Episcopal Seminary

The Reformed Episcopal Seminary went through many changes in 2023-2026. The Seminary move from Blue Bell, PA to the property of St. Paul’s Church, Oreland, PA. is now complete. The Seminary has instituted the Bishop George David Cummins Scholarship program. This scholarship provides free tuition for any M.Div. students who attends classes in person. The aim is to create a critical mass of in person students, to augment the online classes which are being taught. It is also hoped that with the creation of this group of students, God may provide us with sufficient opportunities for ministry to keep them here in our diocese. The work for continued accreditation is in process.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda M. Schmuck

# DIOCESE OF THE SOUTHEAST

## Report of the Bishop Ordinary

*The Rt. Rev. Willie J. Hill*

To the 58<sup>th</sup> General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church:

The Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southeast of the Reformed Episcopal Church reports this summary of his activities during the 2023-2026 Triennium for the period May 2023 through April 2026.

Beginning each year at diocesan synods by focusing on a particular theme, the following themes were chosen and shared with congregations during the triennium:

2022-2023 – For the 51<sup>st</sup> Synod of the Diocese of the Southeast the theme and theme passage was “Serve The Lord With Gladness.” Psalm 100:2 – *“Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.”*

2023-2024 – For the 52<sup>nd</sup> Synod of the Diocese of the Southeast of the Reformed Episcopal Church the theme and theme passage was “Evangelism for Life,” 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 – *“And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power.”*

2025-2026 – For the 53<sup>rd</sup> Synod of the Diocese of the Southeast the theme and theme passage was Revival and Restoration, Psalm 85:4-7 – *“Restore us, O God of our salvation, And cause Your anger toward us to cease. Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations? Will You not revive us again, That Your people may rejoice in You? Show us Your mercy, Lord, And grant us Your salvation.”*

### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

#### Diocesan Visits, Roles and Functions

**Episcopal Visits:** 85 two-day episcopal visits were made to all 34 parishes in the diocese

**Baptisms:** Five infants were baptized

**Confirmations:** 61 persons were confirmed

**Marriages:** Four marriage ceremonies were conducted

**Funerals/Memorials:** Served at 51 funerals, including the following services –

- 05/18/23 – Mrs. Doris Louise Edgefield Jackson (widower of the Late Rev. George Jackson)
- 10/03/24 – the Rev. David Riley 06/01/25 – the Rev. Dec. Thaddeus
- 01/25/25 – the Rt. Rev. Dr. Alphonza Gadsden, Sr, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of the Southeast
- 06/02/25 – the Rev. Eugene Anderson Sims
- 02/17/26 – Mrs. Mary Ruth Lloyd (wife of the Rev. Chucky A. Lloyd, Sr.)  
AND our youngest and eldest –
- 12/07/24 – 13-year-old, Marvis Broughton
- 11/25/24 **107-year-old**, matriarch of the Diocese of the Southeast, Mrs. Luttie Bell Seaward-Alston-Ham

## **Meetings**

It is my pleasure to preside over the meetings of the **Standing Committee**, the **Board of Trustees**, and the **Clergy** at our quarterly meetings. As well as our diocesan quarterly convocations. I continue to meet with and serve as pastoral counselor to the **Women of the Church Organization** and attend quarterly meetings and programs of the WOC.

## **Ordinations/Settings Apart/Installations/Lay Licensures**

- 03/11/23 – Ordination to the Diaconate of Mathew W. Jeffcoat
- 05/27/23 – Ordination to the Diaconate of Benjamin Tyler Holley
- 05/27/23 – Ordination to the Presbyterate of Spencer Amaral
- 05/28/23 – Installation of Tony Melton as Rector of Christ the King Anglican Church
- 06/03/23 – Setting Apart of Alvalene G. Rogers to the Lay Order of Deaconess
- 06/01/24 – Ordination to the Presbyterate of Benjamin Tyler Holly
- 06/19/25 – Installation of Kenneth Shaw as Rector of Saint John’s RE Church
- 03/01/26 – Setting Apart of Mei-li Sivigny to the Lay Order of Deaconess

Additionally, during the triennium 18 persons were licensed as Lay Readers/Worship Leaders.

## **Special Services**

April 17, 2025 and April 2, 2026 – served as leader in our diocesan Maundy Thursday, Messianic Passover Seders.

08/09/25 – attended the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Banquet of Nazareth Reformed Episcopal Church, the “Mother Church” of the Diocese of the Southeast of the Reformed Episcopal Church, Berkeley Shrine Club, Moncks Corner, SC

08/10/25 – delivered the closing message for Nazareth Reformed Episcopal Church’s Sesquicentennial Celebration at Nazareth Church

11/06/23 – officiated the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new church building for Intercession RE Church, Wando, SC

03/02/25 – presided over the Mortgage Burning Service for All Saints Anglican RE Church, Greenville, SC

## **MISSIONS**

Focus continues to be on the REC 100 efforts in the Diocese of the Southeast.

The Missionary Convention of the Diocese of the Southeast continues to support Home and Foreign Missions.

During the triennium members of the Diocese of the Southeast participated in four short term mission trips: three to Roatan, Honduras, CENTRAL AMERICA and one the Knull Camp in Schwarzenborn, GERMANY.

## **THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION**

I am honored to serve as president of my beloved alma mater, Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary and grateful to The Board of Trustees of the Seminary for their continued efforts in providing sound

theological education and seeking accreditation.

In January of 2026, Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary began her year-long celebration of 150 years of Theological Education with numerous special events planned including the Annual Bishop S. K. Rembert Lecture Series and Seminary Alumni Banquet.

The Board of Trustees continues to seek accreditation for our seminary through the Transitional Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS). Additionally, the Theological Commission of the Reformed Episcopal Church is exploring avenues to unify the work of Theological Education with all Reformed Episcopal Seminaries.

#### DENOMINATIONAL

I continue to serve as a member of the General Committee of the Reformed Episcopal Church and have attended all scheduled College of Bishops and General Committee meetings as well as several called meetings.

02/15/24 – served as co-presenter at the Consecration of the Rev. Canon John Peter Boonzaaijer as International Missionary Bishop Suffragan to Cuba of the Reformed Episcopal Church, Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, TX,

03/21/24 – served as co-consecrator at the Consecration of the Very Rev. Canon Dr. Charles F. Camlin as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Mid-America of the Reformed Episcopal Church, Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, TX,

11/7-8/2025 – attended the 147<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Synod of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic and delivered the opening sermon, Saint Mark's and Saint Paul's Churches, Rydal and Oreland, PA

01/11/25 – attended a service of The Order for Holy Communion and the Burial of the Dead for the Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches, Sr., past Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church and leading founding Bishop of the Anglican Church in North America, Emmanuel Anglican Church Pipersville, PA

06/04/25 – served as a co-consecrator and the preacher at the Consecration of the Very Rev. Canon Jason R. Grote as Bishop in the Church of God and Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of the Central States of the Reformed Episcopal Church, Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, TX

06/22/25 – delivered the celebratory message at the Homecoming and 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, PA.

06/28/25 – attended the installation of the Rt. Rev. William Jenkins, Sr. as Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, Bishop Cummins Reformed Episcopal Church, Catonsville, MD

#### PROVINCIAL RELATIONSHIP

I served as the Reformed Episcopal Church's Endorsing Agent for Military Chaplains, and attended all meetings held during the triennium. I served as a member of Arch Bishop Steve Wood's Cabinet and a member of the ACNA's Unity Task Force, and attended virtual meetings of the ACNA College of Bishops.

01/08-12/24 – attended the **ACNA's College of Bishops Meeting**. Melbourne, FL served as celebrant of the Holy Eucharist

01/18-20/24 – attended the Mere Anglican Conference, Charleston, SC

06/20-23/24 – participated in the ACNA's College of Bishops Conclave, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA

06/25-27/24 – attended the ACNA's Provincial Council and Provincial Assembly, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA

08-10-24 – attended ACNA Unity Task Force Meeting, Dallas, TX

09/29/24 – celebrated the Holy Eucharist and delivered the sermon at the Annual Homecoming Service at Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Bronx, NY.

10/08/24 – attended the in-person meeting for Endorsing Agents for Military Chaplains, Atlanta, GA. During my return trip home, I was privileged to serve as Honor Guard for one of America's finest (*United States Army*) returning home to his final resting place. "May God bless America and may God bless our troops."



10/30/24 – participated in the Investiture of the Most Reverend Stephen D. Wood as the third Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America, SeaCoast Church, Mount Pleasant, SC

01/13-17/25 – attended the **ACNA's College of Bishops Meeting**, Melbourne, FL.

06/16-18/25 – attended the **ACNA's College of Bishops Meeting**, Trinity Anglican Seminary's Trophimus Center, Ambridge, PA

06/18-20/25 – attended the **ACNA Provincial Council**, Trinity Anglican Seminary's Trophimus Center in Ambridge, PA

01/12/16/26 – attended the **ACNA's College of Bishops Meeting**. Melbourne, FL

#### ECUMENICAL

I continue to serve as an ad hoc committee member of the Anson Street African Burial Ground Memorial (<https://www.asabgproject.com>) at the Gaillard Center, Charleston, SC

I continue to serve (since 2016) as a member of the Inter-denomination Clergy Advisory Council to the Mayor of the City of Charleston, SC in the area of racial reconciliation and community development.

07/22/23 – attended the Historic Organ Dedication and Emmanuel Nine Memorial Ground-breaking Ceremony at Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC.

09/26/25 – attended the retirement celebration for Pastor Henry E. Dixon, Overseer and Founder of Truth Tabernacle Church, Mt. Pleasant, SC

01/10/26 – participated in the Ordination and Pastoral Installation of Pastor Ronald K. Dixon as pastor of Truth Tabernacle Church, Cordesville, SC

02/08/26 – attended the retirement celebration for the Rev. Sloan Gordon, Cedar Springs Baptist Church, Plum Branch, SC

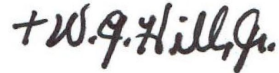
04/18/26 – recipient of a 2026 Desmond Pringle Media “Desi Award” in recognition of leadership and contribution to the community, Charleston, SC

**GLOBAL ANGLICAN FUTURE CONFERENCE (GAFCON)**

02/04/24 – participated in the Consecration of Bishop-elect Paul Donison as Bishop within the Anglican Church of Rwanda and Seating as Assistant Bishop of GASABO, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kigali, Gasabro, Rwanda

02/05-09/24 – attended GAFCON’s Bishop’s Training Institute 7 (BTI7) in Kigali, Rwanda, EAST-CENTRAL AFRICA.

In His service,



Willie J. Hill, Jr.

**The Reformed Episcopal Church  
State of the Church Report  
As of December 31, 2025**

<b>Diocese</b>	<b>Total Parishes &amp; Missions/Extensions</b>	<b>Parishes that did NOT report</b>	<b>Baptized Members</b>	<b>All Communicant Members</b>	<b>Adult Communicants Members</b>	<b>Average Sunday Attendance</b>
Central States	22	0	1616	1242	1092	1233
Mid-America	42	1	3046	2484	2208	2237
Northeast & Mid-Atlantic	22	1	1430	1088	989	884
Southeast	33	0	2428	1908	1745	1459
<b>Totals</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8520</b>	<b>6722</b>	<b>6034</b>	<b>5813</b>

**Official Acts**

<b>Diocese</b>	<b>Baptisms 2023-2025</b>	<b>Confirmations 2023-2025</b>	<b>Marriages 2023-2025</b>	<b>Burials 2023-2025</b>
Central States	151	217	25	86
Mid-America	286	398	61	107
Northeast & Mid-Atlantic	87	143	12	67
Southeast	141	150	31	119
<b>Totals</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>379</b>

This report was completed on May 11, 2026. Any submissions or changes after that date are not reflected.

The Statistical Information was obtained from Parish Certification forms for the 58th General Council. The committee notes that 2 parishes in total did not complete the certification form.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rt. Rev. Jason R. Grote  
Committee Chairman

**Diocese of the Central States**  
*The Rt. Rev. Peter Manto, Ordinary*

	Parish	City	State	Total Members as of 12/31/2025	ALL Communicants as of 12/31/2025	ADULT Communicants as of 12/31/2025	Average Sunday Attendance
1	All Saints	Lynchburg	VA	159	109	109	130
2	All Saints	Raleigh	NC	91	80	70	105
3	Christ Church	Florence	KY	17	13	10	13
4	Christ our Hope	Fairborn	OH	46	46	37	38
5	Christ our Hope	Westpoint	TN	22	12	12	18
6	Christ the King	Dayton	OH	149	90	84	125
7	Christ the Redeemer	Owensboro	KY	45	37	28	46
8	Church of our Saviour	Leesburg	VA	231	214	169	178
9	Church of the Redeemer	Wilson	NC	22	15	13	20
10	Covenant Church	Roanoke	VA	21	20	19	14
11	Holy Cross	Amelia	VA	61	65	61	46
12	Holy Trinity	Chantilly	VA	71	56	56	48
13	Johnson City Fellowship	Johnson City	TN	37	15	11	30
14	St. James	Memphis	TN	128	115	103	52
15	St. John's	Chelsea	AL	59	57	34	46
16	St. Jude's	Richmond	VA	96	91	82	69
17	St. Lazarus Mission	Dayton	OH	180	46	46	94
18	St. Luke's	Maysville	KY	16	16	16	12
19	St. Paul's	Lexington	VA	28	28	28	29
20	Trinity Church	Connersville	IN	32	27	24	30
21	Trinity Church	Evansville	IN	54	40	39	48
22	Trinity Church	Mason	OH	51	50	41	42
	<b>Totals</b>			<b>1616</b>	<b>1242</b>	<b>1092</b>	<b>1233</b>

DNR=Did Not Report

The following changes are noted during the past triennium (*there may be other changes of which this committee was unaware*):

- St. Andrew's - Ashboro, NC - merged with APA
- St. Luke's - Maysville, KY - added
- Christ Church - Florence, KY - added
- Johnson City Fellowship - plant started
- Darke County Anglican - Ansonia, OH - plant closed end of 2025.

**Diocese of the Central States**  
*The Rt. Rev. Peter Manto, Ordinary*

	Parish	City	State	Official Acts			
				Baptisms 2023-2025	Confirmations 2023-2025	Marriages 2023-2025	Burials 2023-2025
1	All Saints	Lynchburg	VA	13	27	0	2
2	All Saints	Raleigh	NC	18	22	2	5
3	Christ Church	Florence	KY	0	1	0	0
4	Christ our Hope	Fairborn	OH	3	2	1	3
5	Christ our Hope	Westpoint	TN	1	0	3	0
6	Christ the King	Dayton	OH	25	25	0	1
7	Christ the Redeemer	Owensboro	KY	14	20	1	0
8	Church of our Saviour	Leesburg	VA	23	45	7	9
9	Church of the Redeemer	Wilson	NC	3	2	0	0
10	Covenant Church	Roanoke	VA	0	3	0	5
11	Holy Cross	Amelia	VA	3	6	1	4
12	Holy Trinity	Chantilly	VA	10	10	5	2
13	Johnson City Fellowship	Johnson City	TN	1	0	0	0
14	St. James	Memphis	TN	1	0	2	3
15	St. John's	Chelsea	AL	5	9	0	1
16	St. Jude's	Richmond	VA	6	6	1	2
17	St. Lazarus Mission	Dayton	OH	0	0	0	42
18	St. Luke's	Maysville	KY	0	5	0	0
19	St. Paul's	Lexington	VA	2	2	0	4
20	Trinity Church	Connersville	IN	0	4	0	0
21	Trinity Church	Evansville	IN	3	10	1	0
22	Trinity Church	Mason	OH	5	18	1	3
Closed	Darke County Anglican	Ansonia	OH	15	0	0	0
			<b>Totals</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>86</b>

DNR=Did Not Report

**Diocese of Mid-America**  
The Rt. Rev. Ray Sutton, Ordinary

	Parish	City	State	Total Members as of 12/31/2025	ALL Communicants as of 12/31/2025	ADULT Communicants as of 12/31/2025	Average Sunday Attendance
0	All Saints	Shreveport	LA	47	40	40	40
1	Anglican Church of the Epiphany	La Mirada	CA	62	62	54	62
2	Chapel of the Cross	Dallas	TX	159	122	92	131
3	Christ Church	Colorado Springs	CO	50	46	22	45
4	Christ the King	Grover Beach	CA	38	27	27	29
5	Christ the King	Covington	LA	21	13	9	30
6	Christ's Chapel	Riverside	CA	95	95	67	100
7	Church of our Savior	Joplin	MO	33	28	20	31
8	Church of the Blessed Trinity	Alpine	CA	19	13	13	11
9	Church of the Holy Communion	Dallas	TX	414	380	380	205
10	Church of the Resurrection	Crosby	TX	70	50	60	55
11	Covenant Church	Greenville	MI	71	25	25	60
12	Covenant Church (St. Boniface)	Heber Springs	AR	85	79	70	35
13	Epiphany Anglican	Longmont	CO	32	16	16	30
14	Good Shepherd	Tyler	TX	210	210	131	172
15	Holy Cross	Alpine	TX	51	37	34	46
16	Holy Cross	Colorado Springs	CO	67	36	32	63
17	Holy Trinity	Houston	TX	90	55	48	55
18	Holy Trinity	Webster Groves	MO	49	43	41	31
19	Iglesia Holy Communion	Dallas	TX	60	10	60	60
20	Iglesia San Matias	Katy	TX	10	9	9	25
21	Living Word	Courtenay, BC	CANADA	33	23	23	21
22	Mariners Church	Detroit	MI	DNR			
23	Providence	Corpus Christi	TX	64	42	37	33
24	Resurrection Anglican	Hot Springs	AR	57	57	45	29
25	St. Andrew's	Chester	CA	29	22	22	25
26	St. Andrew's	Peoria	AZ	72	48	34	51
27	St. Andrew's	Tinley Park	IL	125	116	89	75
28	St. Barnabas	Bellville	TX	45	30	30	19
29	St. Benedict's	Rockwall	TX	165	165	120	166
30	St. Joseph	Branson	MO	27	22	22	35
31	St. Mark the Evangelist	Waxahachie	TX	24	20	21	25
32	St. Mark's on the Plain	Canyon	TX	23	26	23	18
33	St. Matthias	Katy	TX	94	67	63	58
34	St. Michael's	Broken Arrow	OK	22	13	13	12
35	St. Paul's	Baton Rouge	LA	29	27	26	20
36	St. Paul's	Houston	TX	38	37	36	37
37	St. Paul's	Los Altos	CA	65	43	42	41
38	St. Stephen's	Flowood	MS	112	92	90	82
39	St. Stephen's	Montrose	CO	65	56	52	45
40	St. Thomas of Canterbury	Houston	TX	133	103	103	65
41	St. Timothy's	Jonesboro	AR	46	39	37	34
42	Trinity	Pagosa Springs	CO	45	40	30	30
			<b>Totals</b>	<b>3046</b>	<b>2484</b>	<b>2208</b>	<b>2237</b>

DNR=Did Not Report

The following changes are noted during the past triennium (*there may be other changes of which this committee was unaware*):

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| St. Barnabas - Lansing, MI - plant closed                                   | Epiphany Anglican - Longmont, CO - added           |
| Iglesia Santa Cruz - mission ceased   | Resurrection Anglican - Hot Springs - AR - replant |
| Good Shepherd Fellowship Colorado Springs - name changed to Christ Church   | St. Joseph - Branson, MO - added                   |
| Holy Cross Oratory - Colorado Springs - name changed to Holy Cross Anglican | St. Paul's - Los Altos, CA - added                 |

**Diocese of Mid-America**  
The Rt. Rev. Ray Sutton, Ordinary

	Parish	City	State	Official Acts				
				Baptisms 2022-2025	Confirmations 2023-2025	Marriages 2023-2025	Burials 2023-2025	
0	All Saints	Shreveport	LA	3	4	4	4	
1	Anglican Church of the Epiphany	La Mirada	CA	6	22	2	0	
2	Chapel of the Cross	Dallas	TX	8	11	2	2	
3	Christ Church	Colorado Springs	CO	5	8	0	1	
4	Christ the King	Grover Beach	CA	9	10	2	1	
5	Christ the King	Covington	LA	4	11	1	0	
6	Christ's Chapel	Riverside	CA	11	16	3	2	
7	Church of our Savior	Joplin	MO	2	23	0	1	
8	Church of the Blessed Trinity	Alpine	CA	4	6	0	0	
9	Church of the Holy Communion	Dallas	TX	25	40	3	28	
10	Church of the Resurrection	Crosby	TX	10	9	1	5	
11	Covenant Church	Greenville	MI	14	0	1	0	
12	Covenant Church (St. Boniface)	Heber Springs	AR	3	48	0	0	
13	Epiphany Anglican	Longmont	CO	2	5	0	1	
14	Good Shepherd	Tyler	TX	23	6	7	10	
15	Holy Cross	Alpine	TX	13	5	0	0	
16	Holy Cross	Colorado Springs	CO	12	25	2	0	
17	Holy Trinity	Houston	TX	10	9	1	1	
18	Holy Trinity	Webster Groves	MO	5	5	1	2	
19	Iglesia Holy Communion	Dallas	TX	0	0	0	0	
20	Iglesia San Matias	Katy	TX	0	0	0	0	
21	Living Word	Courtenay, BC	CANADA	0	0	1	1	
22	Mariners Church	Detroit	MI					
23	Providence	Corpus Christi	TX	8	6	3	3	
24	Resurrection Anglican	Hot Springs	AR	10	7	1	0	
25	St. Andrew's	Chester	CA	2	1	0	1	
26	St. Andrew's	Peoria	AZ	20	17	2	0	
27	St. Andrew's	Tinley Park	IL	8	12	0	3	
28	St. Barnabas	Bellville	TX	3	8	1	2	
29	St. Benedict's	Rockwall	TX	17	30	5	1	
30	St. Joseph	Branson	MO	3	6	2	1	
31	St. Mark the Evangelist	Waxahachie	TX	2	2	0	2	
32	St. Mark's on the Plain	Canyon	TX	2	0	0	0	
33	St. Matthias	Katy	TX	15	7	4	2	
34	St. Michael's	Broken Arrow	OK	3	4	0	3	
35	St. Paul's	Baton Rouge	LA	2	4	1	1	
36	St. Paul's	Houston	TX	0	1	1	1	
37	St. Paul's	Los Altos	CA	12	15	4	2	
38	St. Stephen's	Flowood	MS	6	9	2	13	
39	St. Stephen's	Montrose	CO	1	2	1	3	
40	St. Thomas of Canterbury	Houston	TX	0	1	2	2	
41	St. Timothy's	Jonesboro	AR	1	3	1	8	
42	Trinity	Pagosa Springs	CO	2	0	0	0	
DNR=Did Not Report				<b>Totals</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>107</b>

**Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic**  
*The Rt. Rev. William Jenkins, Ordinary*

	Parish	City	State	ADULT			
				Total Members as of 12/31/2025	Communicants as of 12/31/2025	Communicants as of 12/31/2025	Average Sunday Attendance
0	Bishop Cummins	Catonsville	MD	95	93	92	67
1	Church of the Atonement	Philadelphia	PA	33	25	23	24
2	Church of Our Redeemer	Jersey City	NJ	46	43	46	35
3	Covenant Chapel	Basking Ridge	NJ	18	18	18	7
4	Emmanuel	Pipersville	PA	41	32	32	28
5	Emmanuel	Somerville	NJ	32	31	30	25
6	Faith Church	Baltimore	MD	59	57	45	40
7	Good Shepherd	Harrisburg	PA	60	58	50	60
8	Good Shepherd	West Bridgewater	MA	76	65	49	67
9	Grace Church	Collingdale	PA	165	123	105	47
10	Grace Church	Havre-de-grace	MD	22	22	22	18
11	Grace Church	Scranton	PA	45	23	18	55
12	Jesus the Good Shepherd	Brooklyn	NY	12	11	12	8
13	St. Alban's	New York	NY	43	43	42	28
14	St. George's	Hamilton, Ontario	CANADA	97	75	72	50
15	St. John's by-the-sea	Ventnor	NJ	44	44	41	13
16	St. Luke's	New Providence	NJ	6	6	6	11
17	St. Luke's/Bishop Hoffman	Philadelphia	PA	11	11	11	14
18	St. Mark's	Rydal	PA	152	97	88	102
19	St. Matthew's	Havertown	PA	51	44	41	40
20	St. Paul's	Oreland	PA	6	6	6	10
21	St. Peters	Elkton	MD	DNR			
22	St. Stephen's	Eldersburg	MD	161	161	140	135
<b>Totals</b>				<b>1430</b>	<b>1088</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>884</b>

DNR=Did Not Report

The following changes are noted during the past triennium (*there may be other changes of which this committee was unaware*) :  
 St. Timothy's - Mt. Laurel, NJ - closed Dec 2024

**Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic**  
*The Rt. Rev. William Jenkins, Ordinary*

	Parish	City	State	Official Acts			
				Baptisms 2023-2025	Confirmations 2023-2025	Marriages 2023-2025	Burials 2023-2025
0	Bishop Cummins	Catonsville	MD	0	0	1	11
1	Church of the Atonement	Philadelphia	PA	3	3	0	0
2	Church of Our Redeemer	Jersey City	NJ	0	0	0	2
3	Covenant Chapel	Basking Ridge	NJ	0	0	1	1
4	Emmanuel	Pipersville	PA	2	1	1	2
5	Emmanuel	Somerville	NJ	0	0	0	0
6	Faith Church	Baltimore	MD	3	7	2	2
7	Good Shepherd	Harrisburg	PA	2	7	0	0
8	Good Shepherd	West Bridgewater	MA	4	6	0	5
9	Grace Church	Collingdale	PA	10	6	3	7
10	Grace Church	Havre-de-grace	MD	0	0	0	6
11	Grace Church	Scranton	PA	6	14	1	2
12	Jesus the Good Shepherd	Brooklyn	NY	0	0	0	0
13	St. Alban's	New York	NY	0	6	0	0
14	St. George's	Hamilton, Ontario	CANADA	3	2	0	5
15	St. John's by-the-sea	Ventnor	NJ	1	4	1	5
16	St. Luke's	New Providence	NJ	0	0	0	0
17	St. Luke's/Bishop Hoffman	Philadelphia	PA	1	1	0	2
18	St. Mark's	Rydal	PA	32	55	0	9
19	St. Matthew's	Havertown	PA	6	16	1	0
20	St. Paul's	Oreland	PA	0	0	0	0
21	St. Peters	Elkton	MD	DNR			
22	St. Stephen's	Eldersburg	MD	14	15	1	8
closed	St. Timothy's	Mt. Laurel	NJ	DNR			
<b>Totals</b>				<b>87</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>67</b>

DNR=Did Not Report

**Diocese of the Southeast**  
*The Rt. Rev. Willie Hill, Ordinary*

	Parish	City	State	Total Members as of 12/31/2025	Communicants as of 12/31/2025	ADULT Communicants as of 12/31/2025	Average Sunday Attendance
1	All Saints	Greenville	SC	46	46	37	35
2	Atonement	Mt. Pleasant	SC	19	19	19	14
3	Bethlehem	Moncks Corner	SC	47	43	25	40
4	Calvary	St. Stephen	SC	71	12	19	17
5	Christ's Church	Johns Island	SC	24	24	24	23
6	Christ the King	Marietta	GA	237	120	115	205
7	Emmanuel	Alvin	SC	22	25	25	18
8	Emmanuel	Spartanburg	SC	31	21	21	52
9	Good Shepherd	Bonneau	SC	44	44	44	15
10	Grace	Moncks Corner	SC	400	250	240	250
11	Holy Comforter	Moncks Corner	SC	47	44	44	10
12	Holy Rock	Mt. Carmel	SC	44	25	20	25
13	Holy Trinity	Charleston	SC	20	20	20	20
14	Immanuel	Cross	SC	61	61	59	20
15	Incarnation	Canton	GA	100	57	52	90
16	Intercession	Wando	SC	17	17	17	13
17	Liberty	Jamestown	SC	69	47	47	29
18	Messiah	Pineville	SC	43	43	43	20
19	Mt. Carmel	Goose Creek	SC	31	31	31	11
20	Mt. Olivet	Ravenel	SC	122	122	75	60
21	Nazareth	Moncks Corner	SC	120	115	109	75
22	New Bethel	North Charleston	SC	153	127	102	67
23	New Israel	Charleston	SC	117	97	97	56
24	New St. Thomas	Columbia	SC	26	21	21	22
25	Promiseland	Johns Island	SC	14	14	14	7
26	Redeemer	Pineville	SC	157	157	136	85
27	St. Andrew's	Savannah	GA	51	51	47	24
28	St. John's	Charleston	SC	105	95	85	55
29	St. Luke's	Charleston	SC	105	76	76	55
30	St. Michael's	St. Stephen	SC	23	22	22	15
31	St. Paul's	Moncks Corner	SC	26	26	23	15
32	St. Thomas	Moncks Corner	SC	15	15	15	6
33	Zion	Edisto Island	SC	21	21	21	10
	DNR=Did Not Report		<b>Totals</b>	<b>2428</b>	<b>1908</b>	<b>1745</b>	<b>1459</b>

The following changes are noted during the past triennium (*there may be other changes of which this committee was unaware*):  
 St. Matthew's - temporarily closed - members in other local parishes

**Diocese of the Southeast**  
*The Rt. Rev. Willie Hill, Ordinary*

	Parish	City	State	Official Acts				
				Baptisms 2023-2025	Confirmations 2023-2025	Marriages 2023-2025	Burials 2023-2025	
1	All Saints	Greenville	SC	5	7	3	3	
2	Atonement	Mt. Pleasant	SC	0	0	0	3	
3	Bethlehem	Moncks Corner	SC	0	4	0	3	
4	Calvary	St. Stephen	SC	8	4	1	6	
5	Christ's Church	Johns Island	SC	0	0	0	0	
6	Christ the King	Marietta	GA	35	51	7	2	
7	Emmanuel	Alvin	SC	3	0	3	3	
8	Emmanuel	Spartanburg	SC	5	10	0	0	
9	Good Shepherd	Bonneau	SC	2	0	0	1	
10	Grace	Moncks Corner	SC	20	8	10	5	
11	Holy Comforter	Moncks Corner	SC	0	0	0	3	
12	Holy Rock	Mt. Carmel	SC	2	0	0	3	
13	Holy Trinity	Charleston	SC	0	0	0	4	
14	Immanuel	Cross	SC	2	0	0	0	
15	Incarnation	Canton	GA	20	29	2	2	
16	Intercession	Wando	SC	0	1	0	0	
17	Liberty	Jamestown	SC	3	0	0	1	
18	Messiah	Pineville	SC	7	0	0	7	
19	Mt. Carmel	Goose Creek	SC	0	0	0	2	
20	Mt. Olivet	Ravenel	SC	0	0	1	1	
21	Nazareth	Moncks Corner	SC	5	7	1	10	
22	New Bethel	North Charleston	SC	5	9	1	11	
23	New Israel	Charleston	SC	0	0	0	16	
24	New St. Thomas	Columbia	SC	5	0	0	2	
25	Promiseland	Johns Island	SC	0	0	0	2	
26	Redeemer	Pineville	SC	5	4	0	14	
27	St. Andrew's	Savannah	GA	0	2	0	6	
28	St. John's	Charleston	SC	4	9	0	4	
29	St. Luke's	Charleston	SC	1	4	1	3	
30	St. Michael's	St. Stephen	SC	1	0	0	0	
31	St. Paul's	Moncks Corner	SC	3	1	0	1	
32	St. Thomas	Moncks Corner	SC	0	0	1	1	
33	Zion	Edisto Island	SC	0	0	0	0	
DNR=Did Not Report				<b>Totals</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>119</b>

## COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

2023- 2026

*"I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." (2 Timothy 1:12)*

### The Diocese NEMA

- **The Most Rev. Leonard Wayne Riches (1939-2024)**

The Most Rev. Leonard Wayne Riches (1939-2024) served 3 parishes in the Diocese of NEMA (formerly, New York and Philadelphia Synod), St. Luke's, Philadelphia; First RE Church, New York, and St. Mark's REC, Jenkintown. Elected a Bishop in 1974, he served as Assistant Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor, and Bishop Ordinary from his consecration in 1975 until 2008. He also served as Presiding Bishop for the entire Reformed Episcopal Church from 1996-2014. Bp. Riches was instrumental in the founding of the Federation of Anglican Churches in America and the Common Cause Partners, which ultimately coalesced into the Anglican Church in North America in 2009.

- **Rev. Daniel Olsen (1928-2023)**

Rev. Daniel Olsen (1928-2023) was a 32-year missionary with his wife, Jean (Molyneaux) Olsen, for the African Inland Mission. He was a supporter of Foreign Missions on the Diocesan and General Council levels.

- **Rev. Dr. Rodney Alan Whittaker (1949-2023)**

Rev. Dr. Rodney Alan Whittaker (1949-2023) Professor of New Testament Greek, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Professor of New Testament, Trinity School for Ministry. Author of a commentary on the Gospel of John and several Greek textbooks.

- **Beverley Jean Reese (1952-2023)**

Beverley Jean Reese (1952-2023) was an active member of St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman REC, where she served in Women's Ministry on both the local and national level. She also represented her parish at Diocesan and General Councils.

- **Gladys Moore Crouthamel (1937-2024)**

Gladys Moore Crouthamel (1937-2024) was a devoted wife to the Rev. Dr. Dale Crouthamel for 63 years. Active in Women's Ministry on the local and national level. Delegate to Diocesan and General Councils.

## Diocese of the Southeast

- **Mrs. Doris L. Edgefield-Jackson. (1938-2023)**

Mrs. Doris L. Edgefield-Jackson. (1938-1923) Mrs. Jackson was the widow of a Reformed Episcopal Clergyman, the Late Reverend George Jackson, Sr., who died May 11, 2023

- **The Rev. Dec. Robert Thaddeus Palmer (1937-2024)**

The Rev. Dec. Robert Thaddeus Palmer (1937-2024), a retired Deacon serving at Nazareth Reformed Episcopal Church, Moncks Corner, SC. -died May 26, 2024

- **The Reverend David Riley (1947-2024)**

The Reverend David Riley (1947-2024), retired presbyter in the Diocese of the Southeast, died September 21, 2024

- **The Right Reverend Alphonza Gadsden Sr. (1945-2025)**

The Right Reverend Alphonza Gadsden, Sr. (1945-2025), Bishop Ordinary (2007-2020) of the Diocese of the Southeast of the Reformed Episcopal Church. He was one of the original organizers and signatories of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA). Bishop Gadsden also served as Vice Chairman of the Provincial Assembly and Council and Vice President to the Presiding Bishop of the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church. died January 17, 2025

- **The Rev. Eugene Anderson Sims (1946-2025)**

The Rev. Eugene Anderson Sims (1946-2025), Retired Presbyter in the Diocese of the Southeast, died May 27, 2025.

- **Mr. Seaward Middleton, Jr. (1944-2025)**

Mr. Seaward Middleton, Jr. (1944-2025), member of New Israel Reformed Episcopal Church, Board of Trustees-DSE, and member of the General Committee- Reformed Episcopal Church – died August 17, 2025.

- **Mrs. Mary Ruth Loyd (1950- 2026)**

Mrs. Mary Ruth Loyd (1950- 2026), a member of Redeemer Reformed Episcopal Church, a devoted wife of Reformed Episcopal Clergyman, the Rev. Chucky A. Lloyd, Sr., died February 11, 2026

## Diocese of the Central States

- **The Rev. Dr. Marc Clausen** (d. 2025). Senior Professor of History and Law, Cedarville University.

## Diocese of Mid-America – None reported to the Committee

Submitted,

Rev. Dr. Julius Barnes, Chairman  
Committee on Memorials

## **Theological Education Commission**

According to Canon 54, *Of the Commission on Theological Education*, section 1(a),

*“There shall be a Commission on Theological Education, composed of the Bishops Ordinary or their Coadjutors, of each Diocese or Missionary Diocese in this Church, and the deans and chairmen of the boards of trustees of all Diocesan or Jurisdictional theological seminaries of the Reformed Episcopal Church, who shall organize as they deem fit and elect such officers and form such committees as they deem necessary to fulfill their duties.*

The Commission on Theological Education oversees all theological education approved by the Reformed Episcopal Church. During the past triennium, the Commission met annually to approve all Masters of Divinity Degrees.

Submitted on behalf of the Commission,  
The Rt. Rev. Jason R. Grote