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REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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NOTICE

The FIFTY-SIXTH GENERAL COUNCIL of the Reformed Episcopal Church, originally scheduled to be held in 2020 in Charleston, South Carolina, was postponed by one year and then held by video conference due to restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The FIFTY-SEVENTH GENERAL COUNCIL of the Reformed Episcopal Church will be held in Charleston, South Carolina.

Internal Revenue Service Number of the
Reformed Episcopal Church is 1663

DECLARATION of PRINCIPLES
Of the
REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Adopted, December 2, 1873

I.

The Reformed Episcopal Church, holding “the faith once delivered unto the saints,” declares its belief in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God, and the sole Rule of Faith and Practice; in the Creed “Commonly called the Apostles’ Creed;” in the Divine institution of the Sacraments of Baptism and the LORD’S Supper; and in the doctrines of grace substantially as they are set forth in the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion.

II.

This Church recognizes and adheres to Episcopacy, not as of Divine right, but as a very ancient and desirable form of Church policy.

III.

This Church, retaining a Liturgy which shall not be imperative or repressive of freedom in prayer, accepts The Book of Common Prayer, as it was revised, proposed, and recommended for use by the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, A.D. 1785, reserving full liberty to alter, abridge, enlarge, and amend the same, as may seem most conducive to the edification of the people, “provided that the substance of the faith be kept entire.”

IV.

This Church condemns and rejects the following erroneous and strange doctrines as contrary to God’s Word:

First, That the Church of Christ exists only in one order or form of ecclesiastical polity;

Second, That Christian Ministers are “Priests” in another sense than that in which all believers are “a royal priesthood:”

Third, That the LORD’S Table is an altar on which the oblation of the Body and Blood of Christ is offered anew to the Father:

Fourth, That the Presence of Christ in the LORD’s Supper is a presence in the elements of Bread and Wine:

Fifth, That Regeneration is inseparably connected with Baptism.

MISSION STATEMENT
of the
REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Built upon the foundation of the authoritative Word of God, the Holy Scriptures, the Reformed Episcopal Church sets her highest priority on biblical **worship** and declares her commitment to the work of **evangelism**, the bold and unadulterated proclamation of salvation by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 8:4). In keeping the faith once delivered to the saints, the Reformed Episcopal Church, however, does not believe evangelism to be the end, but rather the beginning of her divinely given vocation.

In addition to being evangelical, she is deeply committed to **discipleship**, the work of training evangelized men and women in Christian living (St. Matthew 28:20). When the Gospel is truly proclaimed and the mercies of God are made known, redeemed men and women must be led to offer their bodies as a living sacrifice, which is their spiritual service (Romans 12:1). Thus, the Reformed Episcopal Church understands the Christian life to be necessarily corporate. The Gospel call of salvation is not only to a savior, but also to a visible **communion** (I Cor.12:27) which, being indwelt by Christ's Spirit, transcends both temporal and geographic bounds.

Therefore, the Reformed Episcopal Church is **creedal**, following the historic catholic faith as it was confessed by the early undivided Church in the Apostles' (A.D. 150), Nicene (A.D. 325) and Athanasian Creeds (circa. A.D. 401); **sacramental**, practicing the divinely ordained sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper as outward and visible signs of His inward and spiritual grace; **liturgical**, using the historic Book of Common Prayer; and **Episcopal**, finding unity with the Church of the earliest Christian eras through submission to the government of godly bishops.

In this fashion, by embracing the broad base of doctrine and practice inherent in apostolic Christianity received by the Church of the English Reformation and expressed in the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, the Reformed Episcopal Church has a foundation for effective ministry in the name of Christ to a world which is lost and dying without Him.

Approved, General Committee, October 5, 2003

**THE FIFTY-SIXTH GENERAL COUNCIL
of the
REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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The Ven. W. Scott Thompson
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TO THE COUNCIL OF 2029

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DIOCESES AND MISSIONARY JURISDICTIONS – 2021

THE DIOCESE OF THE SOUTHEAST

Comprising all the churches in the states of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and the District of Columbia. And some of the churches of North Carolina. The Rt. Rev. William J. White, Ordinary.

THE DIOCESE OF MID-AMERICA

Comprising all the churches in the states of Mississippi, the part of Tennessee that is west of the Tennessee River, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, parts of California, Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Ray R. Sutton, Ordinary; Mrs. Cathy Heissenhuber, Secretary.

- **Convocation of the West:** Comprising all the churches in Arizona, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, parts of California and Texas, New Mexico and Colorado. The Very Rev. Jerry Kistler, Dean.
- **Convocation of Western Canada, Alaska, & Missionary District of Cuba:** Comprising all the churches in the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, the Yukon, all territories west of Manitoba, and the state of Alaska. Also, all the churches in Cuba. The Rt. Rev. Charles W. Dorrington, Dean.

THE DIOCESE OF THE NORTHEAST & MID-ATLANTIC, CENTRAL & EASTERN CANADA

Comprising all the churches in the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland. Also, all the churches in the provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Labrador, and all territories east of Manitoba. The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin, Ordinary.

THE DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL STATES

Comprising all the churches in the states of Alabama, Indiana, Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia. Also, some churches in North Carolina and the counties of Tennessee lying east of the Tennessee River. The Rt. Rev. Peter F. Manto, Ordinary; the Rev. Franklin Sanders, Secretary.

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 RICHES, Leonard W. *(retired)*

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 Benner, Cedric
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 Greenwood, David
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 Mills, Ken
 Moock, Ronald

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 Patterson, Jason
 Payne, James
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 Pierpoint, Randall
 Riches, Jonathan
 Riley, Shawn
 Robinson, Cameron
 Rollison, Moses
 Rutt, Steven
 Sanders, Franklin
 Shaw, Don
 Shields, Mark
 Sneed, Brad
 Spadafora, Frank
 Spieth, Michael
 Straw, David
 Stults, Stephen
 Templin, Michael
 Thompson, Anthony
 Thompson, Scott
 Tjoelker, Philip
 Toms, S. Randall
 VanBorssum, Jason
 Vinson, Michael
 Vowles, William
 Washington, Julius
 White, Cornelius
 Williams, Mel
 Young, Jerry
 Ziegenhagen, Nicholas

DEACON-IN-CHARGE (1)

Fitzpatrick, Stuart

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Bartel, Kent	Heissenhuber, Werner	Quintero, Jesus
Bateman, Frank	Hughes, Kyle	Veley, Duane
Broberg, Vic	Johnston, William	Voelkel, Andrew
Bryant, Neill	Maule, Matthew	

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Caldwell, Michelle	Johnson, Teresa R.	Nowell, Jill
Johnson, Annette M.	Longueville, Cynthia	Pierpoint, Karen

LAY MEMBERS of the GENERAL COMMITTEE (* in attendance)

Mr. Lecklyer Gaillard	* Dss. Canon Annette M. Johnson, (Secretary)	* Mr. Harry K. Johnson, III
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LAY TRUSTEES of the SUSTENTATION FUND (* in attendance)

Mr. Craig Keller	* Mr. Bud Longueville (Treasurer)	Ms. Joanne Owens
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Mrs. Burnie Barnes	Dss. Nancy Jones	* Dss. Canon Annette M. Johnson
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LAY MEMBERS of the COMMITTEE on CONSTITUTION and CANONS (* in attendance)

Mr. John Hendershot, Esq.	Dss. Nancy Jones	* Dss. Teresa Johnson
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LAY DEPUTIES (in attendance - 63)

Azinge, Ray	Hintzel, Travis	Riches, Ron
Benner, Sarah	Hopkins, Ken	Robinson, Gwendolyn C
Blitz, Stephanie	Howell, Steven	Rogers, Alvalene
Brown, Selina	Jenkins, Kimberley	Sanders, Justin
Buffett, Alison	Johnson, Gerald	Schmuck, Linda
Chociej, Richard	Jorgensen, Bobbi Lynn	Seymour, Walter
Comfort-Capers, Patricia	Kleeman, Carl	Simpson, James
Conger, Robert	Levine, Aaron	Sivigny, Mei-li
Currie, Elizabeth	Longueville, Cynthia	Sumpter, Vivian
Davis, Ralph	Longueville, James ("Bud")	Sutton, Susan
Dunmeyer, Betty	Marshall, Mark	Taylor, Donna
Dunmeyer, Nathaniel	Mayrath, Ruby	Thompson, Mary Jane
Edwards, Sarah	McIntyre, Chad	Thorne, Nancy
Fleming, Shelley	Mills, Beth	Vowles, Diana
Gaillard, Edelle P.	Mills, Mary Ann "Gigi"	Warren, Shirley
Goodchild, Mercia	Mooch, Kathy	Washington, Latricia
Guild, Lorraine	Perkins, Jocelyn	Wegner, Marion
Hamarich, Barbara	Pillsbury, Paul	White, Caleb
Haynes, Paulette	Porter, Ernestine	Wiley, Nick
Heng, Dave	Prickette, Linda	Wilson, Viola
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Coaxum, Susan

Conger, Cassandra

Dittman, Andrew

Erlandson, Jackie

Fuller, William

Gelfand, Gertrud

Goanos, George

Heissenhuber, Cathy

Heritage, Gale

Jones, Jane

Klock, Veronica

Lepson, Bobbie

McMurry, Jann

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Nowell, Jill

Prier, Philip

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The Rt. Rev. Jasmin Milic

The Rev. David Ayres

Canon Mark Eldredge

The Rev. Enrique Melchor

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AKD - Reformed Episcopal Church in Germany

Reformed Episcopal Church in Croatia

AKD - Reformed Episcopal Church in Germany

American Anglican Council & General Council speaker

Cuba

POSTULANTS and other OBSERVERS

In addition, there were two (2) Postulants, two (2) Deaconess Candidates, and twenty (20) registered Observers in attendance.

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ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021

The FIFTY-SIXTH GENERAL COUNCIL of the Reformed Episcopal Church began at 9:00 AM with the service of Morning Prayer via Zoom Video Conference on Wednesday, June 9, 2021. The Psalm and Lessons for the Daily Office were read by The Very Rev. Canon Charles Camlin, Psalm 48; Mr. Harry K. Johnson, Isaiah 55; and Dss. Canon Annette Johnson, Acts 15:22-31.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

The FIRST BUSINESS SESSION of the FIFTY-SIXTH GENERAL COUNCIL convened at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, with Bishop Ray R. Sutton presiding. The session opened with the submission of the Attendance and Member Roll for the 56th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church. The Very Rev. Canon Jason R. Grote, Chair of the Program Committee, explained the instructions for using Zoom in conducting the business meetings for the 56th General Council and submitted the report of the Program Committee.

REPORT of the PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Brethren,

As you are aware, but as a matter for the record, the 56th General Council was originally scheduled to be hosted by the Diocese of the Southeast in Charleston, South Carolina during June 2020. The hotel and conference center had long been contracted and other arrangements were in the works. When initial lockdowns were being suggested and the uncertainty of travel was high during March 2020, the General Committee considered the various potential impacts, including financial, if we were to still attempt to host the General Council at its originally scheduled time and place. The decision was made to postpone the General Council by one year and to host it in Dallas, TX, during June 2021. Thankfully, we were able to terminate our current contracts and guarantees without penalty and to receive a refund of our deposits. Likewise, any registration fees which had already been collected from our registrants have been refunded.

Planning then commenced for hosting the General Council at Church of the Holy Communion in Dallas, TX. As the world continued to face travel bans and other meeting restrictions well into the Fall and early winter months, and with the uncertainty of the vaccine distributions, we were again faced with the decision of whether to host General Council in person. Hotel, food, and venue contracts are guaranteed months in advance. Individuals must also make airfare and other travel arrangements several months in advance. This necessity of contracting financial guarantees while facing the uncertainty of the situation make such decisions very difficult. To this end, the Program Committee requested that the Bishops survey each of their Dioceses to assess the commitment

levels of people who might attend in person. The survey indicated that there would be a very significant decrease in attendance.

Based on this survey, the recommendation of the Council of Bishops to the General Committee was that General Council be conducted in a Zoom format. This format, while not ideal, would allow us to conduct the necessary business of the denomination until we can meet again for the next General Council in 2023. The General Committee approved this recommendation unanimously. Two letters of explanation were distributed from the Presiding Bishop regarding these changes.

The Program Committee also reports that, since the 56th General Council could not be hosted by the Diocese of the Southeast in 2020, the General Committee approved the recommendation that the 57th General Council in 2023 be held in Charleston, if possible. The Presiding Bishop will speak more to this point during the proceedings of this Council.

Regarding the documents for the proceedings of this General Council, they were distributed via email to each registered person of the Zoom meeting. They are also published on the national church website (www.rechurch.org). The Presiding Bishop's report is divided into two parts. The first is a statistical portion of his activities and is included in this packet. The second portion will be his address and exhortation during these proceedings. This portion is not included in the packet but will be provided to the secretary for inclusion in the Journal following the Council.

Due to the format and limitations of a Zoom meeting, it will be the recommendation of the chair that most of the reports which do not contain any recommendations be filed with secretary for inclusion in the Journal but not be presented during the meeting.

Please note the recommendation regarding the elections of officers. The Council of Bishops and the General Committee have unanimously commended to you the listed individuals for your consideration as nominees to each office. These individuals meet the Canonical requirements for serving and are willing to serve if nominated and elected.

Attached to this report are the Rules of Order for this General Council and the Order of Business. The chair will have the right to alter the schedule and business at his discretion to best accommodate our needs.

Finally, we are delighted to have with us at this General Council the Rev. Canon Mark Eldredge of the American Anglican Council. Canon Mark developed and leads the REVIVE program for parish revitalization. He graciously accepted our original invitation to be with us in June 2020, and then made himself available again as we had to reschedule. Thank you to Canon Mark for adapting his teachings to a Zoom format and for being with us at this Council. His teachings will be held at the same time (1:30pm Central) on both Wednesday and Thursday.

Respectfully submitted,



The Very Rev. Canon Jason R. Grote
Committee Chairman

**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

The Reformed Episcopal Church
56th General Council
June 9-11, 2021
ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. BUSINESS SESSION #1

- A. Report of the Committee on Program
- B. Committee on Credentials - *Oral*
- C. Declaration by the Secretary of a Quorum - *Oral*
- D. Report on Corresponding Members - *Oral*
- E. Election of Officers - *Oral*

It is the recommendation of the Council of Bishops and the General Committee that the following individuals be considered for nomination and election.

President: The Most Rev. Ray R. Sutton
Vice-President: The Rt. Rev. Peter Manto
Secretary: Dss. Canon Annette M. Johnson
Treasurer: Mr. James ("Bud") P. Longueville

- F. Minutes from the Previous General Council Journal
- G. Diocese of the Southeast Resolutions
- H. Report of the Presiding Bishop

The Statistical Portion of the Presiding Bishop's report is distributed in advance with the report packet. The Exhortation portion of the Report will be presented orally at Council and made available in print following Council and included in the Journal.

B. BUSINESS SESSION #2

- A. Summary of General Committee & Addendums
 - i) Summary of Meeting Actions
 - ii) Resolution on Women in Combat
 - iii) Resolution on Selective Service Registration and Potential Conscription of Women to Military Service
- B. Sustentation Fund (President & Treasurer)
- C. Pensions and Relief / Publication Society (President & Treasurer)
- D. Standing Liturgical Commission
- E. REC100 Canon Missioner
- F. REC100 Treasurer

C. BUSINESS SESSION #3

- A. Diocese of the Central States Resolutions
- B. Board of Foreign Missions President
- C. Board of Foreign Missions Treasurer

D. BUSINESS SESSION #4

- A. Diocese of the Northeast Resolutions
- B. Constitution & Canons
- C. Nominations Committee

E. BUSINESS SESSION #5

- A. Diocese of Mid-America Resolutions
- B. Committee on Women's Ministry

- C. Christian Education / Anglican School Association
- D. *Motion to file all additional reports provided which do not include any recommendations*
- E. Old Business
- F. New Business
- G. Informational Items
 - i) General Council 2023 & 150th Anniversary of the REC
 - ii) Committee Appointments will be made and distributed after General Council

REPORTS TO BE FILED BUT NOT DELIVERED

Since most reports are provided to the Council attendees in advance of General Council, the chair will entertain a motion to file all Diocesan and Committee reports that do not contain any recommendations upon which the Council must act. The chair may, at his discretion, still comment upon or call upon particular Committees to address the council. Not all committees have written reports.

- A. Committee on Doctrine & Worship
- B. Diocese of the Central States (Ordinary Report & Standing Committee Summary)
- C. Diocese of Mid-America (Ordinary Report & Standing Committee Summary)
- D. Diocese of Northeast & Mid-Atlantic (Ordinary Report & Standing Committee Summary)
- E. Diocese of the Southeast (Ordinary Report)
- F. Armed Forces Chaplaincy (*the recommendations contained herein do not require council action*)
- G. Committee on Interchurch Relations
- H. Committee on State of the Church
- I. Special Committee on Liturgical Music/Hymnal
- J. Committee on Memorials
- K. Committee on Press Relations
- L. Committee on Materials for Reformed Episcopal History
- M. Committee to Examine and Certify the Journal
- N. Committee on Theological Education
- O. Committee on Resolutions
- P. REC Deaconesses
- Q. REC Intercessors

The REPORT of the COMMITTEE on CREDENTIALS was presented by The Very Rev. Canon Jason R. Grote. He reported that as of June 9th, a total of 226 individuals had registered for General Council with 97 parishes certified. The Venerable. Dr. James T. Payne moved to receive the report and adopt the recommendations therein; it was seconded by The Very Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE on CREDENTIALS

To the 56th General Council:

The registrations for General Council and Parish Certifications submitted online for the 56th General Council have been reviewed. In most cases, irregularities were resolved prior to this Council and need not be reported.

The committee reports that 22 parishes did not complete a parish certification form by the time this report was produced (June 8th).

- 1) Church of the Blessed Trinity – Alpine, CA – *Diocese of Mid-America*
- 2) Church of our Savior – Joplin, MO – *Diocese of Mid-America*
- 3) Mariners’ Church – Detroit, MI - *Diocese of Mid-America*
- 4) Church of Our Redeemer – Jersey City, NJ – *Diocese of Northeast & Mid-Atlantic*
- 5) Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ – *Diocese of Northeast & Mid-Atlantic*
- 6) Grace Church – Havre-de-grace, MD – *Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic*
- 7) Grace Church – Scranton, PA - - *Diocese of Northeast & Mid-Atlantic*
- 8) Jesus the Good Shepherd – Brooklyn, NY – *Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic*
- 9) St. Alban’s – New York, NY – *Diocese of Northeast & Mid-Atlantic*
- 10) St. Paul’s – Oreland, PA – *Diocese of Northeast & Mid-Atlantic*
- 11) St. Peter’s – Chesapeake City, MD – *Diocese of Northeast & Mid-Atlantic*
- 12) All Saints – Greenville, SC – *Diocese of the Southeast*
- 13) Calvary – St. Stephen, SC – *Diocese of the Southeast*
- 14) Emmanuel – Alvin, SC – *Diocese of the Southeast*
- 15) Good Shepherd – Bonneau, SC – *Diocese of the Southeast*
- 16) Holy Rock – Mt. Carmel, SC – *Diocese of the Southeast*
- 17) Immanuel – Cross, SC – *Diocese of the Southeast*
- 18) Liberty – Jamestown, SC – *Diocese of the Southeast*
- 19) Messiah – Pineville, SC- *Diocese of the Southeast*
- 20) St. James – Cordesville, SC – *Diocese of the Southeast*
- 21) St. Matthew’s – North Charleston, SC – *Diocese of the Southeast*
- 22) St. Thomas – Moncks Corner, SC – *Diocese of the Southeast*

It is noted that the following lay representatives are registered for this Council from parishes which did not submit a certification. In these cases, the Bishop Ordinary in the Diocese was contacted and they certified the representative(s).

- 1) Mei-li Sivigny – Lay Delegate – All Saints, Greenville, SC
- 2) Blythe Brookshire – Lay Alternate – All Saints, Greenville, SC
- 3) Marion Wegner – Lay Delegate – St. Paul’s – Oreland, PA

Based on the Zoom registrations (218 in total as of June 8th), there are 97 REC parishes, missions, and/or plants represented by at least one clergyman and/or lay representative from across all four dioceses of the Reformed Episcopal Church USA/CANADA. I do note that 49 individuals registered for this Council after the publicized deadline of May 28th, with more than 21 registering in the past three days. While we try to accommodate everyone, not abiding by our publicized deadlines does make it very difficult for this committee and the planning committee to complete their work.

The following totals reflect the certified voting membership of this Council:

- 8 Bishops (Active & Retired)
- 95 Presbyters 1 Deacon-in-Charge of a parish
- 60 certified lay delegates.
- 4 lay members of the General Committee, Constitution and Canons, or Sustentation Fund which are canonically entitled to a vote and not otherwise elected/registered as a parish delegate.

In addition to these voting members, there are 23 certified lay alternates and 27 other registered attendees not entitled to a vote.

The committee hereby submits the names of the certified clergy and lay representatives to the Secretary as the official membership of this 56th General Council.

Respectfully submitted,

The Very Rev. Canon Jason R. Grote
Committee on Credentials

**REPORT of the COMMITTEE on CREDENTIALS
REGISTERED ATTENDEES
Listed by Diocese and Parish**

Bishops

Walter Banek	DMA	Good Shepherd – Tyler, TX
Alphonza Gadsden Sr.	DSE	Diocese of the Southeast
R. Charles Gillin	DNEMA	Diocese of the Northeast
Peter Manto	DCS	Trinity Church - Mason, OH
Dan Morse	DCS	All Saints – Lynchburg, VA
Leonard Riches	DNEMA	Emmanuel – Pipersville, PA
Ray Sutton	DMA	Church of the Holy Communion - Dallas, TX
William White	DSE	New Bethel - North Charleston, SC

Presbyters

Jon Abboud	DNEMA	St. Matthew's - Havertown, PA
Eduardo Andrade	DNEMA	Good Shepherd – Easton, MA
Julius Barnes	DSE	St. Luke's - Charleston, SC
Cedric Benner	DNEMA	Bishop Cummins - Catonsville, MD
Benjamin Bernier	DMA	Providence Church - Corpus Christi, TX

Henry Birkinbine III	DMA	Christ's Chapel – Riverside, CA
Michael Blitz	DNEMA	St. John's by the Sea – Ventnor City, NJ
John Boonzaaijer	DMA	The Chapel of the Cross - Dallas, TX
Wyatt Boutwell	DMA	Holy Cross – Alpine, TX
Robert Bowman	DMA	Christ's Chapel – Riverside, CA
Andrew Brummett	DNEMA	Grace REC – Collingdale, PA
M. Russell Buchanan	DNEMA	St. Patrick's – Norristown, PA
Charlie Camlin	DMA	Church of the Holy Communion - Dallas, TX
Michael Carr	DNEMA	St. Timothy's - Mt. Laurel, NJ
Charles A. Collins	DSE	St. Andrew's – Savannah, GA
Paul Cook	DMA	Covenant Church – Greenville, MI
Howard Currie	DNEMA	St. Luke's - New Providence, NJ
Tait Deems	DNEMA	St. Mark's – Rydal, PA
Nevada DeLapp	DMA	St. Stephen's – Flowood, MS
Paul Edgerton	DCS	Church of the Redeemer - Wilson, NC
Russell Ellisor	DMA	Church of the Resurrection - Crosby, TX
Marcus Emmons	DMA	Christ Anglican – Hot Springs, AR
Charles Erlandson	DMA	Good Shepherd - Tyler, TX
Michael Fitzpatrick	DCS	Christ Our Hope – Fairborn, OH
Brian Foos	DMA	St. Andrew's - Chester, CA
Justin Forsberg	DNEMA	St. Matthew's - Havertown, PA
Ed Fowler	DMA	St. Paul's – Houston, TX
David France	DNEMA	St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman – Philadelphia, PA
Kasey Gage	DMA	Church of the Holy Communion - Dallas, TX
George Giles	DSE	St. Matthew's – Charleston, SC
Barton Gingerich	DCS	St. Jude's – Richmond, VA
David Goodwin	DCS	Christ the Redeemer – Owensboro, KY
David Greenwood	DNEMA	Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ
Robert Gresser	DMA	Diocese of Mid-America
Jason Grote	DMA	St. Matthias - Katy, TX
Damien Grout	DCS	St. Andrew's – Appomattox, VA
Roy Guild	DSE	Intercession – Wando, SC
Robert Harrold	DNEMA	St. George's – Hamilton, Ontario
Christopher Herman	DCS	St. Lazarus Mission – Dayton, OH
Willie Hill	DSE	St. John's - Charleston, SC
Jason Holloway Sr.	DNEMA	Church of the Atonement - Philadelphia, PA
Jon Scott Houser	DCS	St. John's - Chelsea, AL
Paul Howden	DMA	Holy Trinity – Webster Groves, MO
Jeffrey Hubbard	DMA	Mariner's Church – Detroit, MI
William Jenkins	DNEMA	Faith Church – Baltimore, MD
Josiah Jones	DCS	Holy Trinity - Fairfax, VA
Lawrence Jones	DMA	St. Thomas of Canterbury – Houston, TX
Eric Jorgensen	DNEMA	St. Stephen's - Eldersburg, MD
Jonathan Kell	DCS	Church of Our Savior at Oatlands – Leesburg, VA
Blaine Kemendo	DMA	St. Barnabas - Bellville, TX
Jerry Kistler	DMA	St. Stephen's - Montrose, CO
William Klock	DMA	Living Word – Courtenay, British Columbia
Frank Levi	DMA	St. Andrew's - Tinley Park, IL
Donnel Liferidge	DSE	St. Paul's – Monck's Corner, SC
Tory Liferidge	DSE	Grace Church - Moncks Corner, SC
Carl Lund	DMA	Holy Trinity - Houston, TX
Paul Luth	DNEMA	St. George's – Hamilton, Ontario
Ian MacGregor	DCS	All Saints - Raleigh, NC
Steve Macias	DMA	St. Paul's – Los Altos, CA

Bartholomew Martin		U. S. Army Chaplain
George McCray	DSE	Nazareth – Moncks Corner, SC
Thomas McGee	DMA	St. Timothy's – Jonesboro, AR
Gerald McLynn	DNEMA	Emmanuel - Somerville, NJ
Wayne McNamara	DCS	Christ the King - Dayton, OH
Tony Melton	DSE	Christ the King – Marietta, GA
Ken Mills	DCS	Church of the Holy Cross – Amelia, VA
J. Ronald Moock	DSE	Diocese of the Southeast
Davidson Morse	DCS	All Saints - Lynchburg, VA
Richard Palmer	DCS	Christ the King – Dayton, OH
Jason Patterson	DNEMA	St. Mark's – Rydal, PA
James Payne	DMA	St. Thomas of Canterbury - Houston, TX
Belgrave Pelle	DNEMA	St. Mary's - Bronx, NY
Randall Pierpoint	DMA	Diocese of Mid-America
Jonathan Riches	DNEMA	Emmanuel - Pipersville, PA
Shawn Riley	DNEMA	St. Paul's – Allentown, PA
Cameron Robinson	DSE	Emmanuel Anglican (Plant) – Spartanburg, SC
Moses Rollison	DSE	St. Michael's – St. Stephen, SC
Steven Rutt	DMA	St. Andrew's Anglican - Phoenix, AZ
Franklin Sanders	DCS	Christ our Hope - Westpoint, TN
Don Shaw	DSE	Good Shepherd - Bonneau, SC
Mark Shields	DMA	St. Andrew's – Phoenix, AZ
Brad Sneed	DMA	Covenant Church – Heber Springs, AR
Frank Spadafora	DNEMA	St. Peter's – Elkton, MD
Michael Spieth	DCS	Trinity Church - Evansville, IN
David Straw	DCS	Trinity Church - Evansville, IN
Stephen Stults	DMA	St. Paul's - Houston, TX
Michael Templin	DMA	St. Michael's – Broken Arrow, OK
Anthony Thompson	DSE	Holy Trinity – Charleston, SC
W. Scott Thompson	DCS	Diocese of the Central States
Phil Tjoelker	DMA	St. Andrew's Cheney Memorial - Tinley Park, IL
S. Randall Toms	DMA	St. Paul's - Baton Rouge, LA
Jason VanBorssum	DMA	St. Mark the Evangelist – Waxahachie, TX
Michael Vinson	DMA	St. Benedict's – Rockwall, TX
William Vowles	DNEMA	St. Stephen's – Eldersburg, MD
Julius Washington	DSE	New Israel – Charleston, SC
Cornelius White	DSE	Bethlehem – Moncks Corner, SC
Mel Williams	DCS	Covenant Church – Roanoke, VA
Jerry Young	DMA	St. Mark the Evangelist – Waxahachie, TX
Nicholas Ziegenhagen	DMA	Good Shepherd – Tyler, TX

Deacon-in-Charge

Stuart Fitzpatrick DCS St. Andrew's – Asheboro, NC

Deacons

Kent Bartel	DMA	Christ the King – Grover Beach, CA
Frank Bateman	DMA	Mariners' Church of Detroit
Vic Broberg	DNEMA	Emmanuel – Pipersville, PA
Neill Bryant	DMA	St. Stephen's – Flowood, MS
Werner Heissenhuber	DMA	Church of the Holy Communion - Dallas, TX
Kyle Hughes	DSE	Christ the King – Marietta, GA
William Johnston	DSE	Christ the King – Marietta, GA
Matthew Maule	DNEMA	St. Mark's – Rydal, PA

Jesus Quintero	DMA	Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral – Dallas, TX
Duane Veley	DCS	St. Lazarus Mission – Dayton, OH
Andrew Voelkel	DMA	Christ the King Fellowship – Covington, LA

Deaconesses

Michelle Caldwell	DCS	Trinity Church - Mason, OH
Annette Johnson	DMA	St. Matthias - Katy, TX
Teresa Johnson	DCS	St. James – Memphis, TN
Cynthia Longueville	DMA	Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral – Dallas, TX
Jill Nowell	DMA	Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral – Dallas, TX
Karen Pierpoint	DMA	Diocese of Mid-America

Delegates

Ray Azinge	DMA	St. Paul’s – Houston, TX
Sarah Benner	DNEMA	Bishop Cummins – Catonsville, MD
Stephanie Blitz	DNEMA	St. John’s by the Sea – Ventnor City, NJ
Selina Brown	DSE	St. John’s – Charleston, SC
Alison Buffett	DNEMA	St. George’s – Hamilton, Ontario
Richard Chociey	DCS	Trinity REC – Mason, OH
Patricia Comfort-Capers	DSE	St. John’s – Charleston, SC
Robert Conger	DCS	Christ the King – Dayton, OH
Elizabeth Currie	DNEMA	St. Luke’s - New Providence, NJ
Ralph Davis	DCS	Church of Our Saviour at Oatlands – Leesburg, VA
Betty Dunmeyer	DSE	Mt. Olivet – Ravanel, SC
Nathaniel Dunmeyer	DSE	Mt. Olivet – Ravanel, SC
Sarah Edwards	DSE	St. Luke’s – Charleston, SC
Shelley Fleming	DCS	Holy Trinity – Fairfax, VA
Edelle P. Gaillard	DSE	New Israel – Charleston, SC
Mercia Goodchild	DMA	Living Word – Courtenay, British Columbia
Lorraine Guild	DSE	Intercession – Wando, SC
Barbara Hamarich	DNEMA	St. Patrick’s – Norristown, PA
Paulette Haynes	DSE	Nazareth – Monck’s Corner, SC
Dave Heng	DCS	Trinity Anglican – Evansville, IN
Carol Herman	DCS	St. Lazarus Mission – Dayton, OH
Travis Hintzel	DMA	St. Barnabas - Bellville, TX
Ken Hopkins	DCS	Christ Our Hope – Fairborn, OH
Steven Howell	DMA	St. Thomas of Canterbury - Houston, TX
Kimberley Jenkins	DNEMA	Faith Church - Baltimore, MD
Gerald Johnson	DNEMA	Emmanuel – Somerville, NJ
Bobbie Lynn Jorgensen	DNEMA	St. Stephen’s – Eldersburg, MD
Carl Kleeman	DSE	St. Andrew’s – Savannah, GA
Aaron Levine	DCS	Covenant Church – Roanoke, VA
Cynthia Longueville	DMA	Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral – Dallas, TX
James (“Bud”) Longueville	DMA	Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral – Dallas, TX
Mark Marshall	DMA	Providence - Corpus Christi, TX
Ruby Mayrath	DMA	St. Michael’s – Broken Arrow, OK
Chad McIntyre	DMA	Christ’s Chapel – Riverside, CA
Beth Mills	DMA	Good Shepherd – Tyler, TX
Mary Ann “Gigi” Mills	DCS	Church of the Holy Cross – Amelia, VA
Kathy Mook	DSE	Promiseland – John’s Island, SC
Jocelyn Perkins	DMA	Church of the Holy Trinity – Houston, TX
Paul Pillsbury	DNEMA	Emmanuel – Pipersville, PA
Ernestine Porter	DSE	Grace Church – Moncks Corner, SC

Linda Prickette	DMA	Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral – Dallas, TX
Diane Prier	DMA	St. Stephen's – Montrose, CO
Ron Riches	DNEMA	Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ
Gwendolyn C. Robinson	DSE	Mt. Carmel – Goose Creek, SC
Alvalene Rogers	DSE	Nazareth – Moncks Corner, SC
Justin Sanders	DCS	Christ Our Hope – Westpoint, TN
Linda Schmuck	DNEMA	Good Shepherd – Easton, MA
Walter Seymour	DNEMA	Bishop Cummins – Catonsville, MD
James Simpson	DMA	Church of the Resurrection – Crosby, TX
Mei-li Sivigny	DSE	All Saints – Greenville, SC
Vivian Sumpter	DSE	St. Luke's – Charleston, SC
Susan Sutton	DMA	Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral – Dallas, TX
Donna Taylor	DMA	St. Matthias – Katy, TX
Mary Jane Thompson	DCS	St. Jude's – Richmond, VA
Nancy Thorne	DNEMA	Grace REC – Collingdale, PA
Diana Vowles	DNEMA	St. Stephen's – Eldersburg, MD
Shirley Warren	DSE	Holy Trinity – Charleston, SC
Latricia Washington	DSE	New Israel – Charleston, SC
Marion Wegner	DNEMA	St. Paul's – Oreland, PA
Caleb White	DMA	Good Shepherd – Tyler, TX
Nick Wiley	DCS	St. Andrew's – Asheboro, NC
Viola Wilson	DSE	Christ Church – John's Island, SC
Gregory Wright	DNEMA	St. Matthew's – Havertown, PA

General Committee Members

Lecklyer Gaillard	DSE	New Israel - Charleston, SC
Annette Johnson	DMA	St. Matthias – Katy, TX
Harry K. Johnson III	DMA	St. Matthias – Katy, TX
Teresa Johnson	DCS	St. James – Memphis, TN

Alternates

Lynn Austin	DMA	St. Paul's – Houston, TX
Dan Bell	DCS	Church of Our Saviour at Oatlands – Leesburg, VA
Blythe Brookshire	DSE	All Saints – Greenville, SC
Susan Coaxum	DSE	St. John's – Charleston, SC
Cassandra Conger	DCS	Christ the King – Dayton, OH
Andrew Dittman	DMA	The Chapel of the Cross – Dallas, TX
Jackie Erlandson	DMA	Good Shepherd – Tyler, TX
William Fuller	DMA	St. Barnabas – Bellville, TX
Gertrud Gelfand	DCS	Holy Trinity – Fairfax, VA
George Goanos	DSE	St. Andrew's – Savannah, GA
Cathy Heissenhuber	DMA	Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral – Dallas, TX
Gale Heritage	DMA	St. Michael's – Broken Arrow, OK
Jane Jones	DCS	Christ Our Hope – Fairborn, OH
Veronica Klock	DMA	Living Word – Courtenay, British Columbia
Bobbie Lepson	DNEMA	Bishop Cummins – Catonsville, MD
Jan McMurry	DNEMA	Good Shepherd – Easton, MA
Elizabeth Mikell	DSE	St. Luke's – Charleston, SC
Pete Mills	DMA	Good Shepherd – Tyler, TX
Melvin Morales	DNEMA	Emmanuel – Pipersville, PA
Jill Nowell	DMA	Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral – Dallas, TX
Philip Prier	DMA	St. Stephen's – Montrose, CO
Beverly Reese	DNEMA	St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman – Philadelphia, PA

Clemmitt Sigler	DCS	Covenant Church – Roanoke, VA
Elise Singleton	DCS	St. James – Memphis, TN
Valerie Suckiel	DSE	Nazareth – Moncks Corner, SC

Postulants

William Nash	DMA	St. Andrew’s Cheney Memorial – Tinley Park, IL
Aaron Pelot	DCS	Christ the King – Dayton, OH
Jocelyn Perkins	DMA	Church of the Holy Trinity – Houston, TX
Alvalene Rogers	DSE	Nazareth – Moncks Corner, SC

Observers

Michelle Caldwell	DCS	Trinity REC – Mason, OH
Betty Campbell	DSE	Intercession – Wando, SC
John Curtis	DCS	Church of Our Saviour at Oatlands – Leesburg, VA
James Demby	DNEMA	St. Timothy’s – Mt. Laurel, NJ
Claudia Dorrington	DMA	Living Word – Courtenay, British Columbia
William Dunn	DNEMA	Bishop Cummins – Catonsville, MD
Hester Gadsden	DSE	Redeemer – Pineville, SC
Jan Gillin	DNEMA	St. Matthew’s – Havertown, PA
Gale Hill	DSE	St. John’s – Charleston, SC
Donald Jacobs	DCS	Covenant Church – Roanoke, VA
David Lebanowski	DMA	St. Paul’s – Houston, TX
Joanne Mansour	DCS	Holy Trinity – Fairfax, VA
Juston Milligan	DSE	Grace Church – Moncks Corner, SC
Joshua Perkins	DMA	Church of the Holy Trinity – Houston, TX
Karen Pierpoint	DMA	Diocese of Mid-America
Rachel Reeves	DCS	Church of Our Saviour at Oatlands – Leesburg, VA
Robert Sommerville	DCS	St. Jude’s – Richmond, VA
Janet Sommerville	DCS	St. Jude’s – Richmond, VA
Danielle Versluys	DMA	Christ’s Chapel – Riverside, CA
Gail Wilson	DSE	Diocese of the Southeast

Observers - Bishop

John Fenwick	Free Church of England
Gerhard Meyer	AKD (REC Germany)
Jasmin Milić	Reformed Episcopal Church in Croatia

Observers - Presbyter

David Ayres	AKD (REC Germany)
Mark Eldredge	American Anglican Council
Enrique Melchor	Cuba

Having examined the Credentials Report, Secretary Dss. Canon Annette Johnson declared the presence of a QUORUM. Note: The Report indicates a total of 176 voting members present: 8 Bishops, 100 Presbyters, 1 Deacon-in-Charge, 63 Lay Delegates, and 4 Lay Members of the General Committee. Also attending were 25 Alternates, 11 Deacons, 6 Deaconesses, 4 Postulants, and 26 Observers.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDING MEMBERS was presented by The Rt. Rev. Charles Gillin.

REPORT of the COMMITTEE on CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

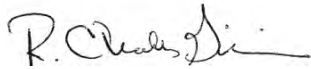
Dear Brethren,

The membership of the Committee on Corresponding Members is: Dss. Canon Annette Johnson, the Very Rev. Jason Patterson, and Bishop Chuck Gillin. The Committee recommends the following individuals be given Corresponding Membership to this Council:

- The Rt. Rev. Gerhard Meyer – Germany
- The Rt. Rev. Jasmin Milic – Croatia
- The Rt. Rev. John Fenwick – Free Church of England
- Canon Mark Eldredge – American Anglican Council & General Council speaker

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

Respectfully Submitted,



The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin, Chairman

In addition, Bishop Gillin proposed the Rev. David Ayers (Germany), the Rev. Enrique Melchor (Cuba), and the Rt. Rev. Keith Allen be given Corresponding Member status. The motion was made by Archdeacon James T. Payne and seconded by Mrs. Sarah Benner to receive the report and adopt the recommendation to extend corresponding membership to the individuals named therein and including those named by Bishop Gillin from the floor. Motion carried.

The ELECTION of OFFICERS

In accordance with the order of business, Bishop Sutton declared that Mrs. Cathy Heissenjuber, Administrative Assistant to the Bishop, would assume the position of Acting Secretary during the election process. Bishop Sutton explained that the Council of Bishops and the General Committee had considered potential nominees for the offices of President/Presiding Bishop, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and unanimously recommended the following individuals be considered for nomination and election:

President/Presiding Bishop: The Most Rev. Ray R. Sutton (*current*)

Vice President: The Rt. Rev. Peter Manto (*Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Central States*)

Secretary: Dss. Canon Annette Johnson (*current Secretary for re-election*)

Treasurer: Mr. James “Bud” Longueville (*current Treasurer for re-election*)

He then yielded the Chair to the Vice-President, The Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden. Bishop Gadsden declared that if it be the will of the Council, the Chair would entertain a motion to elect the recommended slate of officers and that the acting secretary cast one ballot. The Rev. Willie Hill moved

to elect the recommended slate of officers as nominated, and that the acting secretary cast one vote. The Very Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches seconded the motion. Motion carried.

JOURNAL of the 55th GENERAL COUNCIL

A copy of the JOURNAL OF THE 55TH GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH in PDF format was sent by email to all registered Council members. The Rev. Canon Kenneth Shaw moved to approve the Journal as published and to dispense with its reading. Bishop Gadsden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS from the DIOCESE OF THE SOUTHEAST

The Rt. Rev. William White, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southeast, presented three resolutions. Two of the resolutions were in honored memory of The Rt. Rev. Sanco Rembert and The Rt. Rev. James C. West, both of whom served as Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southeast. The third resolution was in honor of The Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden, recently retired Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southeast. The Venerable Dr. James T. Payne moved to accept the resolutions with a vote of thanks. Rev. Willie Hill seconded the motion. A unanimous vote of “aye” was heard accompanied by applause for these Bishops and their service to the Church. Bishop Gadsden expressed his appreciation to the Council.

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE FOR THE EPISCOPAL SERVICE OF THE RIGHT REVEREND SANCO KING REMBERT

WHEREAS in May, A.D. 1966, during the 38th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, Sanco King Rembert was consecrated a Bishop in the Church of God for the Reformed Episcopal Church, becoming the first African-American Bishop in the Reformed Episcopal Church, and served as Bishop Suffragan of the Missionary Jurisdiction of the South until November 1973, then continuing as Bishop Suffragan of the newly constituted Charleston, Atlanta, and Charlotte Synod (now the Diocese of the Southeast), and in June 1987 became Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese, until his retirement in 1998;

And, during his Episcopate, served Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary as Professor of English Bible – Old Testament, and Dean, and then as President, and continued teaching at the Seminary after he retired as Bishop Ordinary until 2015 when He joined the Church Triumphant to be with his Lord;

And mindful of the honor due to those who labor in the Lord, whose labor is not in vain;

We, the Reformed Episcopal Church, express our appreciation and gratitude to God for the Episcopate of Bishop Rembert, and his faithful service to our Church and the Diocese of the Southeast – “Servant of God, well done;” therefore,

RESOLVED and declared at this 56th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, convened the ninth through the eleventh day of June, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One.

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE
FOR THE EPISCOPAL SERVICE OF
THE RIGHT REVEREND JAMES CORTEZ WEST, SR.**

WHEREAS in June, A.D. 1984, in Saint John’s Church, Charleston, South Carolina, James Cortez West, Sr., a fourth generation Reformed Episcopal Presbyterian, was consecrated a Bishop in the Church of God for the Reformed Episcopal Church, and served as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of the Southeast (formerly the Charleston, Atlanta, and Charlotte Synod) until 1987, when he was elected Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese, and in December 1998 became Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese, until he joined the Church Triumphant in May 2006;

And, during his Episcopate, he served Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary as Professor of Systematic Theology and as President, until his death in 2006;

And mindful of the honor due to those who labor in the Lord, whose labor is not in vain;

We, the Reformed Episcopal Church, express our appreciation and gratitude to God for the Episcopate of Bishop West, and his faithful service to our Church and the Diocese of the Southeast – “Servant of God, well done;” therefore,

RESOLVED and declared at this 56th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, convened the ninth through the eleventh day of June, in the Year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-one.

**A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE
FOR THE EPISCOPAL SERVICE OF
THE RIGHT REVEREND ALPHONZA GADSDEN, SR.**

WHEREAS in November, A.D. 2007, in Redeemer Reformed Episcopal Church, Pineville, South Carolina, Alphonza Gadsden, Sr., was consecrated a Bishop in the Church of God for the Reformed Episcopal Church, and served as Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southeast until his retirement in 2020;

And, during his Episcopate, he served Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary as Professor of Systematic Theology, and continues to serve in retirement;

And mindful of the honor due to those who labor in the Lord, whose labor is not in vain;

We, the Reformed Episcopal Church, express our gratitude to God for the Episcopate of Bishop Gadsden in placing him among us to equip the saints for the work of the ministry;

And we extend our deepest thanks to Bishop Al for his faithful service to our Church and the Diocese of the Southeast – “Well done, good and faithful Servant.”

IN TOKEN of our appreciation and the honor in which he is held by this Church, we welcome him as BISHOP EMERITUS of the Diocese of the Southeast, recognizing his continuing place of honor and ministry among us

RESOLVED and declared at this 56th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, convened the ninth through the eleventh day of June, in the Year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-one.

A five-minute “freshen your coffee” break was granted by Bishop Sutton at 10:15 am. Proceedings resumed at 10:20 am.

PRESIDING BISHOP’S REPORT

Bishop Sutton relinquished the chair to Vice-President, The Rt. Rev. Peter Manto, who in turn called for the Presiding Bishop’s report. Copies of the report were distributed to the Council delegates in a supplemental email packet. The statistical part of the report was included in their original report packets.

[Because of technical problems with Bishop Sutton’s internet connection, a 5-minute break was taken to correct the problem. The Bishop then completed his report.] After hearing the report, Rev. Willie Hill asked for prayer for all of us in the Church and for Bishop Sutton, and that we might know we are one in the Lord. The prayer was offered by Bishop Gadsden. Bishop Manto then moved to accept the Presiding Bishop’s Report as presented and approve all recommendations contained therein. He asked for the motion to be seconded by everyone with a round of applause. The motion carried unanimously.

**TRIENNIAL STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP
TO THE 56TH GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Since the last General Council held in June 2017, I had the following total number of trips, meetings and/or visits dealing with Provincial, Ecumenical and Denominational matters.

June 2017 – February 2018

Provincial & Ecumenical	13
Denominational	6

PROVINCIAL & ECUMENICAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS

June 26-30	ACNA College of Bishops Meeting/Provincial Council/Provincial Assembly
July 19	Forward in Faith Council
August 3	ACNA Deans Meeting
August 16	Nigerian Primate Meeting
September 19	ACNA / Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC)
September 19	ACNA Executive Committee Meeting
October 17	ACNA Executive Committee Meeting
November 14-16	Forward in Faith Council
November 21	ACNA Executive Committee Meeting
November 29	ACNA Deans Meeting
January 3, 2018	Forward in Faith Council
January 8-12	ACNA College of Bishops Meeting
January 30	American Anglican Council (AAC) Meeting

DENOMINATIONAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

July 12	REC Council of Bishops Meeting
July 12	REC Board of Foreign Missions Executive Committee Meeting
October 2	REC Council of Bishops Meeting
October 3-4	REC100 Retreat
October 11	REC Board of Foreign Missions Meeting
December 14	REC General Committee Meeting

March 2018 – February 2019

Provincial & Ecumenical	21
Denominational	16

PROVINCIAL & ECUMENICAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS

February 27-28	Forward in Faith Council
March 15-16	ACNA Missionary Diocese of All Saints
March 27	ACNA Clergy Chrism Mass (Celebrant)
April 10-11	American Anglican Council (AAC)
April 17-18	ACNA & Orthodox Church in America (OCA)
April 24	Forward in Faith Board Meeting
May 29	Federation of Anglican Churches in the Americas (FACA), Atlanta, GA
June 15-25	GAFCON, Jerusalem
July 9	Western Rite Synod, Fort Worth, Texas
August 21	ACNA Executive Committee Meeting
August 30-31	Nashotah House Site Visit
September 4-6	ACNA College of Bishops Meeting, Long Beach, CA
September 14	Daughters of the Holy Cross Assembly Speaker
September 25-26	Beeson Divinity School Conference Speaker, Birmingham, Alabama
October 30-31	American Anglican Council (AAC), Atlanta, Georgia
December 6-7	ACNA / Roman Catholic Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
December 10	ACNA Deans Meeting
December 11-12	ACNA / Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS), Fort Wayne, Indiana
January 7-11, 2019	ACNA College of Bishops, Melbourne, Florida
January 28-30	ACNA / Orthodox Church of America (OCA), Yonkers, New York
February 6	American Anglican Council (AAC)

DENOMINATIONAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

March 5	REC Board of Foreign Missions Meeting
March 9	REC100 Finance Meeting
March 23	REC Council of Bishops Meeting
April 3	REC Board of Foreign Missions Meeting
April 18-21	REC Council of Bishops, Committees, and General Committee Meetings
May 9	REC Council of Bishops and Canon Missioners Meeting
June 29	REC Funeral of Vivian White, Charleston, South Carolina
August 28	REC Council of Bishops Meeting
October 9-10	REC Council of Bishops Meeting
October 15	REC Board of Foreign Missions Meeting
October 24-26	REC Diocese of the Central States Synod, Memphis, Tennessee
October 29	REC Board of Foreign Missions Meeting
November 8-9	REC Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic Synod, Ellicott City, Maryland
November 26	REC Sustentation Fund Committee Meeting
November 27	REC100 Meeting
December 4	REC General Committee Meeting

March 2019 – October 2020

Provincial & Ecumenical	50
Denominational	47

PROVINCIAL & ECUMENICAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

March 26-27	ACNA & Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS)
April 13	New Day Kingdom Assembly Church
April 17	ACNA Clergy Chrism Mass (Celebrant)
April 18	ACNA Deans Meeting

May 14	Anglican House Board of Directors Meeting
June 10-11	ACNA & Episcopal Missionary Church (EMC)
June 13-16	ACNA College of Bishops
June 17-19	ACNA Provincial Assembly
June 22	ACNA Youth Provincial Gathering
July 9	ACNA / Gospel for Asia Meeting
August 8	ACNA / North American Lutheran Church Convocation (NALC)
August 12	ACNA Bishops Meeting
August 14	American Anglican Council (AAC)
August 19-21	ACNA & Orthodox Church in America (OCA)
August 30	Anglican House Media Ministry Meeting
September 3	ACNA Charismatic Episcopal Church (CEC)
September 17	ACNA Philippine Independent Catholic Church (PICC)
September 19	ACNA Deans Meeting
September 20	Consecration of Bp. Ryan Reed of Diocese of Fort Worth (Preacher)
September 26-29	New Wineskins Mission Network
October 6	ACNA All Saints Anglican Church, North Carolina
October 15	ACNA / Orthodox Church in America (OCA)
October 28-31	ACNA & Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS)
November 20	ACNA & North American Lutheran Church (NALC)
November 20	Forward in Faith North America Board Meeting
December 3	ACNA / New Day Kingdom Assembly Church
December 16	ACNA / Charismatic Episcopal Church (CEC)
December 18	ACNA / Philippine Independent Catholic Church (PICC)
December 18	ACNA Ecumenical Relations Task Force Chairs
January 6-10, 2020	ACNA College of Bishops Meeting
February 13-15	ACNA/North American Lutheran Church (NALC) Discipleship Conference
February 18	American Anglican Council Board (AAC) Meeting
March 18	ACNA College of Bishops Meeting
March 31	ACNA College of Bishops Meeting
April 22	ACNA/Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS)
April 28	ACNA College of Bishops Regional Meeting
May 7	Archbishop Foley Beach Meeting
May 19	Anglican House Media Ministries (Hymnal)
May 26	ACNA/Philippine Independent Catholic Church (PICC)
May 27	ACNA Deans Meeting
May 27	ACNA Online Ministry Task Force Meeting
June 2	ACNA College of Bishops Meeting
June 17	Archbishop Foley Beach Meeting
June 22-24	ACNA College of Bishops and Provincial Council
June 29	ACNA/North American Lutheran Church (NALC)
July 2	ACNA Online Ministry Task Force Meeting
July 8	ACNA Ecumenical Partners for ACNA Website
August 5	Anglican House Media Ministries (Hymnal)
September 14	ACNA Deans Meeting
September 21	ACNA College of Bishops Meeting

DENOMINATIONAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS

April 16	REC Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic Standing Committee
May 1	REC100 Retreat
May 2	REC Council of Bishops Meeting
May 3	REC Committees Meetings
May 4	REC General Committee Meeting
May 16-20	REC Croatia Churches Visit

May 21-22	Free Church of England Synod
May 24-27	REC Germany Synod
June 27	REC Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic Standing Committee
June 27	REC Banquet in Honor of The Rt. Rev. David Hicks
August 12	REC Board of Foreign Missions Meeting
August 16	St. Paul's REC, Oreland, Pennsylvania
August 17	REC Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic Standing Committee
August 18	St. Matthew's REC, Havertown, Pennsylvania
September 5	REC Board of Foreign Missions
September 12-14	REC Diocese of the Southeast Synod
September 25	REC Mission Conference
September 30	REC Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic Trustees
October 8	REC Council of Bishops Meeting
October 17-18	REC Diocese of the Central States Synod
October 26-27	REC Germany Synod
November 7-9	REC Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic Synod
November 25	REC Council of Bishops
November 27	REC Sustentation Committee
December 3	REC General Committee
December 23	REC Sustentation Committee Meeting
February 3, 2020	REC General Council Planning Meeting
February 17	REC Board of Foreign Missions Meeting
February 19	REC International Ordinaries Meeting
February 26	REC General Committee Meeting
March 6	REC Board of Foreign Missions Meeting
March 9	REC General Council Planning Meeting
March 9	REC Sustentation Trustees Meeting
March 19	REC Bishops Council
March 26	REC General Committee Meeting
April 7	REC Council of Bishops Meeting
April 16	REC Standing Liturgical Committee Meeting
April 16	REC Doctrine and Worship Committee Meeting
April 16	REC Theological Commission Meeting
April 17	REC General Committee Meeting
April 28	REC Council of Bishops Meeting
May 1	REC Women of the Church Meeting
May 19	REC Council of Bishops Meeting
August 25	REC Doctrine and Worship Committee Meeting
September 15	REC Board of Foreign Missions Meeting
September 16	REC100 Meeting
September 18-19	REC Diocese of the Southeast Synod

October 8, 2020 – June 11, 2021

Provincial & Ecumenical	22
Denominational	29

PROVINCIAL & ECUMENICAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS

October 13	Diocese of Fort Worth Meeting w/Bishop Ryan Reed
October 27	ACNA/Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Ecumenical Meeting
October 27	Anglican House Media Ministry Meeting
October 30	American Anglican Council Meeting
December 1	ACNA Deans Meeting
December 15	ACNA/Philippine Independent Catholic Church Ecumenical Meeting
December 15	ACNA/New Day Kingdom Assembly Ecumenical Meeting

December 21	ACNA Deans Meeting
January 5, 2021	ACNA College of Bishops Meeting
January 6	ACNA College of Bishops Meeting
January 7	ACNA College of Bishops Meeting
January 15	ACNA Bishops Meeting
January 26	Anglican House Media Ministry Meeting
February 10	American Anglican Council Meeting
February 26	North American Lutheran Church Meeting
March 30	ACNA Deans Meeting
April 9	Archbishop Foley Beach Meeting
April 29	ACNA Deans Meeting
May 5	ACNA Deans Meeting
May 12	American Anglican Council Meeting
May 14	ACNA Bishops Meeting
May 25	ACNA / New Day Kingdom Assembly Meeting

DENOMINATIONAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

October 11	Launch of Christ the King Anglican Church (Mission), Atlanta GA
October 14	Croatia Clergy Meeting
October 16	Committee on Women's Ministry Meeting
October 20	REC Council of Bishops Meeting
October 23	Diocese of the Central States Synod
October 27	REC100 Meeting
November 4	REC Prayer Intercessors Meeting
November 5	Diocese of Northeast/Mid-Atlantic Synod
November 6	Croatian Clergy Meeting
November 10	REC100 Meeting
November 13	REC Sustentation Committee Meeting
November 23	REC100 Meeting
November 30	REC100 Church Planting Apprentice Meeting
December 2	REC General Committee Meeting
December 8	REC Conscriptio Committee Meeting
December 18	German Clergy Meeting
January 11, 2021	REC100 Meeting
January 13	REC Standing Liturgical Commission Meeting
January 27	REC General Committee Meeting
January 29	German Clergy Meeting
February 5	German Clergy Meeting
February 10	Church Army Meeting
February 12	REC100 Meeting
March 2	REC Board of Foreign Missions Trustees Meeting
April 8	REC Standing Liturgical Commission Meeting
April 14	REC Council of Bishops
April 16	REC General Committee
May 18	REC Nominations Committee Meeting
June 9-11	REC General Council

Respectfully submitted,

The Most Rev. Ray R. Sutton
Presiding Bishop

56th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Presiding Bishop's Report June 9, 2021

“Not My will but Thy Will Be Done” (Luke 22:42)

Our Lord Jesus Christ's singular purpose was to do His Father's will. Early in His ministry He instructed His disciples to pray, “Thy will be done” (Matthew 6:10). In the Garden of Gethsemane He concluded, “Not My will but thy will be done” (Luke 22:42). He did what He had instructed His disciples to pray. Although He asked, “If possible, take this cup from Me,” He was willing to mold His will into the Father's. Amy Carmichael succinctly writes of weaving our will into God's in a poem:

“And shall I pray Thee change Thy will, my Father,
Until it be according unto mine?
But, no, Lord, no, that never shall be, rather
I pray Thee blend my human will with Thine.

Blending His will with the Father's is what Jesus did. It is what we are to do when we realize God's will is not something we'd planned, expected, or even wanted. So many times, in the last two pandemic years of this triennium, we've been reminded of that verse in Proverbs, “You can make plans, but the Lord's purpose will prevail” (Proverbs 19:21). A little prayer expresses this proverb, “God, I trust you with all my heart. Wherever you want me to go, I will go, even if it's not where I planned. Lead me and I will follow.” The crisis of illness in our society has taken us where we did not plan. Yet God has led and by His grace we have followed. Our wills have been blended to His. And His will is always better than ours; it is good. As our African Anglican brothers and sisters are fond of saying, “God is good all the time; all the time God is Good”! For the first part of my Presiding Bishop's report, therefore, I would like to summarize God's goodness to us over the last triennium; where He has led, and by His grace we have followed:

- I. Where, by God's grace, we have blended our wills to His to see His goodness and many accomplishments to His glory.
 1. REC 100: At our last 2017 General Council, I introduced REC 100, an effort to plant 100 new REC missions and parishes as well as revitalize older ones. I appointed the Very Rev. Jason Grote as Canon Missioner. Hopefully, you've been following the extraordinary developments: over twenty new missions and revitalizations have begun, the Lenten offerings based on the call for every adult Reformed Episcopalian to give \$100 per year were successful, the *Front Porch* newsletter publication, two growing Hispanic missions, and new church planter seminars and retreats. You will hear and read so much more in Canon Jason Grote's REC 100 Report. I thank him on behalf of all of us for his excellent leadership in this area.
 2. Publication of two editions of a new REC Hymnal: During the last triennium a new Reformed Episcopal hymnal, *The Book of Common Praise 2017*, has been published by Anglican House Media Ministries of the Anglican Church in North America. It

has gone through two printings. Another edition for the wider GAFCON and ACNA audience has been printed under the title, *Magnify the Lord*. Both printings have been at the cost of the publishing company. The REC also receives royalties for all hymnals sold. To date, I'm told that nearly 11,000 copies of our hymnal have been sold. Not only have REC parishes purchased our hymnal, but many ACNA and some Continuing Anglican congregations are using it as well.

3. Publication of the *Handbook for the Visitation of the Sick: Resources for Clergy and Lay Ministers*: We also published the *Handbook for the Visitation of the Sick* in honor of the Most Rev. Royal U. Grote. He began many years ago to accumulate numerous prayers for visiting the sick and the infirmed. He came across the work of one of our other priests who works with retired and assisted living situations. The result is an excellent aid for clergy and lay ministers. We've distributed these handbooks to all clergy and deaconesses around the REC.
4. The Board of Foreign Missions developments: BFM has done well amidst a big transition from the retirements and the sad loss of our dear friend in Christ, the Rev. Canon William Jerdan. Bishop Chuck was the served as the interim through a transition, for which I'm appreciative of his good work. We are grateful to God for the Rev. Canon John Boonzaaijer who responded to the call to step into leadership of the BFM. He is now the President of BFM and Canon for Foreign Missions. Under his leadership, we have seen an increase in giving, not only in our special Advent offerings, but in parish contributions on a regular basis. I know I speak on behalf of all of us in expressing our appreciation and gratitude for Canon Bill and his wife, Diane, for their faithful service. We have a resolution to that effect that will be given to Diane in memory of Canon Bill. It will be presented when Canon John gives his report. Also, upon the retirements of the Rt. Rev. Charles and Claudia Dorrington, Bishop Walter Banek and the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Bernier have been able to provide continued leadership and help for our exciting mission work in Cuba. We thank the Lord for Bishop Charles and Claudia as they were instruments in God's hands to plant what has become our most successful mission effort in the history of the Reformed Episcopal Church. I also thank Bp. Charles for his years of service as Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of Western Canada. A resolution of appreciation will also be presented to them in the BFM Report. God also continues to bless the REC with the other important missions and dioceses in Croatia and Germany. In the last Triennium before the pandemic, I was able to visit our European missions on a semi-annual basis. My thanks as well to Bishop Chuck Gillin and the Rev. Dr. Doug Mills (now retired) for visiting these dioceses for me in 2018. I also asked all of us to pray that God would raise up new REC missionaries. The Lord has begun to answer our prayers with the Rev. Canon Robert and Traci Gresser. After Robert completes his Ph.D. in Old Testament at Dallas Theological Seminary, he wants to teach in an Anglican seminary in the Global South.
5. The Unification of Theological Education: In the last triennium we have begun the process of unifying theological education. I formed a Sub-committee to Unify Theological Education to this end with the acronym SCUTE, under the oversight of the Theological Commission. I also set apart a committee within SCUTE chaired by the Rev. Canon Dr. Jonathan Riches, to determine options and the best way to bring greater unity without losing the important identity of each of our theological institutions. As a beginning to this unification, the deans and administrative staffs

of each of our seminaries have begun to meet as part of SCUTE. The deans of each seminary now serve on each other's boards. Furthermore, you will see in Dr. Riches' report attached to the Theological Commission Report that we are making other significant progress. The best option for greater unification at present seems to be where Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Philadelphia might be able to offer an accredited degree for students at our other seminaries on their campuses using all faculty members where possible. The existing programs at our seminaries, however, will still be offered and continue unchanged. Each seminary's own identity will be maintained. This option has been approved by the Theological Commission as well as the individual boards. However, the proposal has only been approved in principle. The Association of Theological Schools will need to approve RES offering this program, and many details will need to be worked out. But this at least is a big start. Pray for us.

6. **New Women of the Church organizations:** In the past triennium I asked Mrs. Gale Hill in her capacity as President of the Committee on Women's Ministry to help create protocols primarily for the development of Women of the Church organizations in our newer dioceses, the Diocese of Mid America and the Diocese of the Central States. I also asked Dss. Canon Annette Johnson to assist Mrs. Hill in this effort. I have realized that while our older dioceses in the Northeast and Southeast already have effective Women of the Church organizations, the newer dioceses in their local parishes have needed direction in the development of Women of the Church chapters. They have wonderfully participated in the Women's Day luncheons and offerings under the oversight of the COWM. Yet parish and diocesan Women of the Church groups are only now beginning to form. Therefore, to lay a foundation for the organization of WOC parish and diocesan chapters, Mrs. Hill and Canon Johnson have formulated excellent protocols to launch this effort. These protocols have been approved by our Council of Bishops and the General Committee. It should be recognized, however, that the work that Mrs. Hill and Canon Johnson have done is not to be confused with the COWM, which is separate from existing and future WOC efforts. Regarding the Committee on Women's Ministry, according to my responsibility as Presiding Bishop outlined in the protocols, I have appointed as the new President for the COWM, Mrs. Gale Hill to continue. Thanks be to God she has graciously accepted. The protocols also, by the way, specify that the bishops appoint a representative from their diocese to serve on the COWM. Mrs. Hill will be contacting those appointed after this council.
7. **New Committee of Intercessors for Clergy:** I have also in the last triennium called for a Committee of Intercessors for Clergy. I have asked Dss. Canon Annette Johnson and Dss. Teresa Johnson to form this committee and create protocols. The background behind the intercessors is that our clergy and their families are on the frontlines of spiritual warfare, and they need to be prayed for often. Those who will be involved in prayer are the deaconesses and Daughters of the Holy Cross. Canon Johnson and Dss. Teresa have established protocols that have been approved by the Council of Bishops and the General Committee. Canon Johnson and Dss. Theresa will process all initial requests to help provide privacy where required. With the permission of those requesting prayer, they will direct the request to other deaconesses and the Daughters of the Holy Cross. The contact email is: intercessors@rechurch.org. I encourage our clergy to utilize this important prayer ministry for themselves and their family's needs.

8. Update of the *Deaconess Handbook*: Dss. Canon Annette Johnson has also helped in the last triennium to revise the *Deaconess Handbook*. We have been so encouraged by the number of women who have become deaconesses, as well as other ladies who have entered postulancy. We now have over twenty deaconesses and postulants in the REC, with many more discerning and seeking approval for candidacy. These postulants are also participating in our Deaconess programs at our seminaries.
9. Child Protection Policies and Programs: Over the last triennium we have also implemented child protection programs and policies across the Reformed Episcopal Church. This is such an important need for constant vigilance in today's church. I thank Bishop Walter Banek and Chancellor Jeff Hurt, and their committee, for the leadership and help in this effort.
10. Bishops' Resolution Opposing the Conscription of Women in the Military: I also call to your attention that in the last triennium the Council of Bishops and General Committee have approved a resolution with recommendations opposing the conscription of women into the military. It came to our attention that a special committee in the Pentagon was working on provision for women to be conscripted. It appears that at some point this will go into effect. In order to provide for a clear statement by our church opposing such action, our bishops and the General Committee have approved the resolution. It is attached to this report and will be posted on our website. The resolution also calls for Biblical teachings on the roles of men and women. In the next triennium, I will be appointing a committee to begin this educational work for our church.
11. Successful Episcopal Retirements and Transitions: I also report that in the last triennium we successfully have gone through episcopal transitions in three of our dioceses. In the Dioceses of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic as well as the Central States, one ordinary accepted a call and returned to parish ministry, and the other retired: The Rt. Rev. David Hicks and the Rt. Rev. Daniel Morse. In both cases, the dioceses in a godly, unified, and in the instance of the NEMA Diocese, a peaceful and non-political election process, transitioned to new ordinaries. The Rt. Rev. Peter Manto had been Bishop Co-Adjutor, so no election was required. The Rt. Rev. Chuck Gillin, who had been Suffragan Bishop, was elected to be the Ordinary. I thank Bishops Hicks for his service, although he has not fully retired but serves in another diocese in the ACNA. I also thank Bishop Morse for his many years of faithful service. He served for many years as Suffragan and Bishop Co-Adjutor of the Diocese of Mid America until he was called to establish a new missionary diocese and eventually the Diocese of the Central States.

His work as a true missionary and leader is to be recognized and commended for his exceptional ministry. Also, during the latter part of our triennium that has been extended by a year, the Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden has retired as Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southeast. Bishop Co Adjutor William White succeeded him in a smooth and godly transition. I thank God for my brother, Bishop Al, and his longstanding faithful and distinguished service. For the latter part of the triennium, he has served as Vice-President of the General Council. May God go with him and his dear Hester as they enter retirement for refreshment, and whatever service

God might have for them. At the beginning of our first business session, we will begin presenting resolutions of appreciation for the fully retired ordinaries in our recent history who concluded their ministries without transferring to other jurisdictions and fields of service. Throughout council we will also continue presenting resolutions for other retired or deceased ordinaries from the beginning of this millennium who never received a resolution of appreciation from General Council.

12. Growth Through and Survival of the Pandemic: Finally in this first part of my report, in the latter part of this triennium for the past eighteen months, I'm grateful to God that we have stayed in His will regarding this trying period of the pandemic. I thank the Lord and all of you for the way we have been able to adapt in a godly manner, proceed, and now begin to come back together. This period has been a great challenge for the people of God, also during a time of political and cultural upheaval. We have had to figure out the best ways to continue to offer worship. This has varied across our country. Some of us have gone through extended periods of not being able to meet in person. Others of us have proceeded with less disruption. For most parts of our country, we're essentially on the other side of the pandemic. Other areas are just beginning to return to some semblance of normalcy. Thanks be to God, through this difficult time, we have been able to continue worship and maintain our unity in Christ. Furthermore, most of our churches, even our new mission works, have grown and some have even purchased their places of worship during this time of crisis. May God be praised that we are keeping the main thing the main thing, the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

We have much for which to be thankful over the past triennium. We have prayed, "Not our will but Thy will be done." As always, great is God's faithfulness, praised be His Blessed Name! And though we've had to change our plans to His, allowing ourselves to be blended to His will, we have by His grace been enabled to follow His plan for our lives. I'm reminded of words in the Book of Hebrews, "For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised" (Hebrews 10:36). Now we must continue to pray and do His good and perfect will. Once while St. Francis of Assisi was hoeing his garden, he was asked, "What would you do if you suddenly learned that you were to die at sunset today?" He replied, "I would finish hoeing my garden." That we might persist in "hoeing God's Garden," I turn to exhortations that God has put on my heart. I call this second section:

II. Where we need to move forward in the good will of God.

1. Regather and Renew our Mission: I call upon all of our churches and dioceses to regather for worship, resume ministry, and move forward reaching the world with the transforming love of Jesus Christ. No matter what our views of the pandemic, the time of fear is to come to an end. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer once said, "Being a Christian is less about cautiously avoiding sin than about courageously and actively doing God's will."
2. Continue to grow REC 100 and Lenten Offerings: I call on us to continue to cultivate a missional DNA by becoming in every aspect of our parishes and dioceses a missional church. Let us implement the REC 100 principles of front porch ministries. At the last council our focus was launching new missions and planting new churches. This council, it's on revitalizing parishes. In this two-pronged REC 100 effort, I also call upon your support by every adult member giving at least

\$100 per year in the Lenten offering devoted to REC 100. Given what the pandemic has done to church life across our continent, it is imperative that we become even more mission and ministry driven. Every parish vestry and rector must ask one fundamental question, “What is our ministry to the community?” Or, “Where are our ministries?” If there’s no ministry going on beyond Sunday morning worship, a parish is simply not going to grow. In one sense the key to growth is simple. If you minister to them, they will come!

3. I call upon our parishes to strengthen all their catechetical and educational programs. Our world is Biblically illiterate. Even many in the church do not know the Scriptures. David Younts writes in his book, *Beggarly Belief*, “Pollster George Gallup Jr. has long referred to America as a ‘nation of biblical illiterates.’ Only four in ten Americans know that Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. A majority of citizens cannot name the four Gospels of the New Testament. Only three in ten teenagers know why Easter is celebrated. Two-thirds of Americans believe there are few, if any, absolute principles to direct human behavior. A new poll by the Barna Research Group suggests that religious illiteracy has increased . . . A similar number of born-again Christians deny the existence of the Holy Spirit and Satan. One in five denies Jesus’ physical resurrection and believes he was a sinner. Earlier surveys of mainline . . . [denominations] revealed that barely half . . . believe in the devil, but 56 percent . . . believe in UFOs. One-third . . . have faith in astrology. While nearly three-fourths of all Americans believe in hell, hardly any believe it to be their likely destination in eternity. . . Former Secretary of Education William Bennett concludes that ‘We have become the kind of society that civilized countries used to send missionaries to.’” Bennett is correct.

Therefore, as part of my exhortation for catechetical outreach, I call for expanded educational efforts such as men’s, women’s, and couples Bible studies, new member and inquirer classes, youth ministries, and extensive confirmation programs. I even ask every vestry and congregation in our jurisdiction to consider whether your parish might be able to have some kind of Christian school, whether pre-school, primary, or secondary level of parochial education. The pandemic has created a great moment of opportunity for Christian education. Many public-school systems have alienated Christian and non-Christian families by their approach to the pandemic. Then, there is even the more serious problem of how the public-school systems have now turned to indoctrinating our children with secular, and even sexual and pagan world views antithetical to the Christian Faith. I encourage you to talk to our important Anglican School Association or the clergy and laity in parishes that have schools. What they have discovered is, “If you teach their children they will come.” The school families may not join the parish, but schools transform a parish into a community of new, young families. The residual effects of this, the Celtic Christian principle of evangelism, is the possibility to belong before believing. And the more front porch ministries in a parish to which visitors may belong-before-believing will eventually translate into growth.

4. I call upon all of our parishes to support the work of the Board of Foreign Missions, pray for, give to, and raise up new REC missionaries. My predecessor, the Most Rev. Royal U. Grote, called for all REC parishes to put the BFM in their budget by giving at least \$500 per year. I restore this call to all of our parishes. I also ask that you continue to pray that God will raise up missionaries who will go out and plant REC

missions and churches around the world. Sending missionaries is at the heart of the Great Commission.

5. For my most extensive exhortation, I call upon all of us to respond to encroaching cultural and social worldviews among Scripturally committed churches with a Gospel and Biblical worldview. All too often when the church attempts to be, “all things to all people that by all means we might save some,” she allows culture to seduce her into introducing secular thinking and concepts that insidiously confuse, confound and even violate foundational Biblical commitments (1 Corinthians 9:22, ESV). Far too often St. Paul’s statement about becoming all things to win some by finding common ground with the world, fails to heed the apostle’s other statement, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” (Romans 12:2). For St. Paul, the will of God is clear in how we are to interface with the culture to win some to Christ. Whatever common ground with the world that St. Paul suggests in one passage, should not be interpreted to mean conformity to the world’s, secular thought. Rather, St. Paul calls for transformation to a “Christian mind,” in the words of the Anglican scholar, Harry Blamires, who wrote a book by this title. Elizabeth Elliot, popular Anglican, Christian author refers to conformity to the world as capitulation. She grew up in the Reformed Episcopal Church and became the wife of Jim Elliot, one of the seven Wheaton graduates and missionaries in the 1950s, who were martyred by the Auca Indians in South America while attempting to spread the Gospel to these lost people. She once observed about the will of God: “The will of God is not something you add to your life. It’s a course you choose. You either line yourself up with the Son of God...or you capitulate to the principle which governs the rest of the world.” In light of Scripture’s call to be transformed by the mind of Christ, and not “capitulate to the principle that governs the rest of the world,” I would like to address two different challenges for the church with summaries of a Biblical world and life view regarding them.

The first concerns ministry within the Anglican Church in America in support of a statement out of the College of Bishops that addresses a group of Anglican Christians struggling with same-sex attraction. They prefer to identify themselves as “same-sex Christian,” “Gay-Christian,” or “Gay-Anglican.” The context for the need to produce the statement was that our Archbishop and bishops were asked by one of the Anglican seminaries to offer guidance as to the advisability or not in the use of these designations. For clarification, the purpose of the statement was not a complete Biblical analysis of homosexuality, since much of this work has been done already, and the Constitution and Canons of both the ACNA and REC are clear that any form of homosexual behavior is sin according to the Scriptures. The particular group in question agrees that homosexual practice is wrong. The report out of the College of Bishops, *Sexuality and Identity: A Pastoral Statement from the College of Bishops*, therefore responded to the specific request with a narrower but important purpose. For your information, Bishop Walter Banek and I participated significantly in the task force appointed to write the statement. I was given a major role in the final editing. The statement summarily does, however, present our Biblical commitments to the Scriptural standard of marriage and morality. To the specific purpose for which it was written, the statement concludes for a number of reasons why sexually hyphenated designations of Christians struggling with same-sex

attraction is neither Biblical, historical, nor pastoral. The statement also reassured these misguided believers of our commitment to love, help, and care for those Christians wrestling with this disorder. It was unanimously approved by the College of Bishops in January 2021.

However, subsequent to the release of the statement there was ongoing discussion and unsuccessful pushback attempts on the part of a few. Yet, as the vast majority in the ACNA and the College of Bishops remains steadfast with the statement, there will be continued effort to clarify and help our brothers and sisters dealing with same-sex attraction. In the spirit of contributing further Scriptural instruction and light on inappropriate, sexually hyphenated language for Christian groups, I, therefore, offer the following. It is a summary of the Biblical worldview of sexuality touching the matter, as reflected in the wisdom of the College of Bishops' statement.

(1) Although some Christians have always in the history of the church dealt with same-sex attraction in the context of homosexual disorder, Scripture nowhere speaks of same-sex attraction as a Biblically sanctioned category. James does refer in his epistle to, "lust conceived as giving birth to sin" (James 1:15). No doubt temptation is not sin. However, James is not suggesting that sin is only in the action, the birthing of it. He's doing the opposite. He uses conception and birth language to explain how the two are one. The beginning of the birthing of sin is at the desire and attraction level of conception. This is where giving into temptation, sin, starts and is to be resisted. For example, if a married man said he was attracted to other women besides his wife, but he does not intend to act upon such an attraction, how would Biblical wisdom respond? According to James, it's the beginning of lust even if the man says he does not want, nor intend to have sex with other women. In other words, the attraction itself speaks of an evil that is not allowed by the prior relationship of the man to his wife. Furthermore, pastoral experience in the church reveals that attractions beyond one's spouse do lead to action, even if the latter was not initially intended. Other Scripture expands on the limits of attraction only permitted prior relationships.

The apostle Paul expresses the limits imposed by prior relationship in terms of only two possible relational attractions for Christians, singleness bound to the Lord in celibacy, and Biblical marriage to a spouse (1 Corinthians 7:24-40). Regarding marriage, he advises to remain in the state in which a married person finds himself/herself. That is, the prior relationship governs any other relationship and attraction, such as the example to which I just referred. Importantly, concerning the single or celibate person, St. Paul Biblically reasons the same way. The difference is that the prior relationship for the single person according to St. Paul is to the Lord. Similar to marriage, he advises to remain in the state to which one is called. But single and celibate Christians are to have a unique singular relationship to the Lord that is to be jealously guarded in the same way as a married relationship between husband and wife. In explaining this bond, he uses very precise language touching on attraction when he says, "The [Christian] woman who is unmarried, and the virgin, is concerned about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in *body and spirit*" (1 Corinthians 7:34 NASV). Notice

that St. Paul adds with reference to the single Christian, “and spirit.” He’s not only concerned about faithful action, “the body.” He also speaks of the “spirit” of the single person, which encompasses attraction and desire. His point is that the prior relationship of a single and celibate person to the Lord limits attraction only to Him. St. Paul argues that this is a strength in the Kingdom of God. The advantage of the celibate call commended by St. Paul is that there are no other attractions and therefore distractions from serving the Lord. Any other attraction involving the “spirit” of a single person is explained as in some sense drawing the celibate from singular attraction to the Lord. The only possible exception for the single person to be attracted to another besides the Lord according to St. Paul would be if the celibate were to be called toward and into Biblical marriage. For the apostle, there are only two Biblical attractions, the singular attraction to the Lord, and the exclusive attraction to one’s spouse. There is no suggestion anywhere in the Scriptures that there’s a third category of same-sex attraction. Without any clear Biblical evidence for using sexual hyphenations in the church with reference to those of the same gender, therefore, such designations should not be used to categorize Christians.

(2) Biblical friendship is permissible and commendable, but Scripture does not hyphenate Scriptural friendships with sexual words. The Bible has much to say regarding godly friendships. If the word attraction only means wanting to have a friendship with someone of the same or opposite sex there is nothing inherently wrong. This is good. But here again, Scripture never involves sexual words and their connotations with Biblical friendship. It doesn’t hyphenate the word sex with any relationship for that matter. Furthermore, not even Biblical marriage is described as opposite-sex attraction with sexual language. Godly marriage according to Scripture is in its essence companionship, expressed in God’s purpose to provide for Adam “a helper fit for him,” that is a companion (Genesis 2:18). And even this kind of companionship is limited to the marriage of a man and woman. So why bring sexual language into desire for friendship if Scripture does not? It is especially unwise to do so given our culture when the church struggles with not being conformed by wrong sexual worldviews and language.

(3) For all of these reasons, the church has never approved moral and sexual hyphenations such as “same-sex or gay-Christian,” let alone “gay-Anglican.” We don’t speak of adulterous, kleptomaniac, lying or any sort of Christian with moral hyphenation. We don’t even refer to Christians who struggle with alcohol as “alcoholic-Christians.” Rather, the church has only encouraged sub-groupings and hyphenations associated in terms of worship, service, and mission. This is demonstrated all through the history of the church from monasticism to mission. Grouping around desire is self-serving, not other-serving as the Scriptures call us to be and do. Then pastorally speaking, to put oneself in a social context of the same sexual attraction for which action on the attraction is forbidden is unwise. This would be like putting a man struggling with lust for other women into a Bible study with recovering prostitutes. It’s not a pastoral approach for healing a sexual disorder.

Therefore, I exhort us to resist the language and categories of sexual attraction and relationship, that neither Scripture nor the historic church's understanding of the Bible would permit. At the very least, such novel language pulls the edge of a secular, homosexual worldview into the church. At worst, it could lead, as attraction consistently does, to homosexual behavior that has so divided the 21st century church. Let us resist any trace of conformity to the secular worldview. At the same time, I call us to love all sinners including homosexuals and those struggling with homosexual inclinations. In this we must strive to welcome and show them that Jesus Christ and His church loves, accepts and wants pastorally to help them. All the while, however, we must with God's help, remain steadfast and clear on God's view of human sexuality, Biblical marriage, and sexual desire, attraction and behaviors.

A second cultural concern where we must not be conformed to the world but be transformed in Christ concerns the church's response to the sins of racial prejudice, hatred, and violence in our society. In recent months we have seen tragic, unjust, and unacceptable use of force in racially oriented crimes. These situations have included "the bad cop," as well as retaliatory groups answering hate with hate and equal prejudice. Although not everyone is a racist, nor do these kinds of tragedy mean that all police are racist, Christians must speak the truth in love and peace with the standard of the Word of God. This calls for the application of a Biblical worldview to provide not only the Scriptural understanding of race, but to avoid being conformed to the world by secular racial theories. While models such as Critical Race Theory may at some points offer useful information, they are not necessarily Biblical nor Christian in their premises, principles, and practices. They can even at times become explicitly anti-Christian displaying another kind of religious prejudice. And since they are only theories, they can offer misinformation or exclude key information. Moreover, these secular racial theories in the hands of some biased researchers unfortunately succumb to atheistic totalitarian, Marxist ideologies.

Christians therefore must be extremely careful not to rely on secular theories and worldviews regarding any subject such as race and racism. Non-Christian viewpoints entering the Kingdom of God can confuse, mislead, and conform God's people to the world instead of transforming their minds to the will of God. When this happens, our answers then become no different from a fallen, sinful mind, failing to offer true Scriptural solutions to cultural problems. I know some believe that if we concede to secular viewpoints where we can, some might be won to the Biblical view. Unfortunately, the opposite has proven to be the case throughout Christian history. When the church does not maintain a clear Biblical world view, demonstrating where Scripture actually has the better idea and approach, the unbeliever doesn't truly convert and the church all too often becomes more like the world rather than vice versa. Worse, in cultural issues such as race we can lose sight of the main thing that is to be the main thing, the Gospel of the love of Christ that is the only true way for removing prejudice and for reaching all ethnicities. To help us stay in the will of God and not be conformed to the world on such an important issue, I present a brief summary of the Biblical

world and life view of race that the church uniquely has to offer all societies especially at this time.

(1) The early chapters of Genesis teach that God created humanity in His image, *Imago Dei*. This distinguishes humans from all other creatures. The Hebrew words and language for the Image of God in humanity have been defined as mental and spiritual faculties that people share with God, the appointment of humankind as God's representatives on earth, and a capacity to relate to God. All three of these elements of *Imago Dei* reveal humans as essentially religious. The word religion comes from the Latin, *religio*, meaning to bind or covenant. Not only are humans in the Image of God essentially religious but they are made to have covenant only with the One, True, God who made them. In this, humans are formed first and foremost to worship God. They are created doxological creatures before anything else. God also shaped other aspects into humanity such as economics, education, politics and even race. Yet all of these are not the essence of the *Imago Dei* in mankind. Though important and equal elements of humanity, they are secondary to the *Imago Dei*. They are to be subordinated to God and His covenantal will for humanity. And if humanity allows these other components such as economics, politics or even race to deny or neglect humanity as essentially religious, these areas can actually become a replacement religion. Here is a key place where secular, non-creationist worldviews and racial theories err. Regarding race, they can begin to define race in importance over religion. And in this they can be and are often antagonistic to Christianity.

The Biblical creationist worldview does teach that God created humans with different colors of skin, but it's a very different understanding from non-Christian views of ethnicity. St. Paul says, "And he [God] made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth" (Acts 17:26). Some translations such as the King James Version and others interpret the phrase "one man" as "one blood." Actually, the Greek text only says "one," as in, "God made from one every nation of mankind." Either way, in one man including his blood, all the people and nations originated. This is why the Anglican Evangelical scholar John Stott observes, "Both the dignity and the equality of human beings are traced in Scripture to our creation." The Biblical view has historically been that all humanity is actually one race as in one blood in many ethnicities. This is reflected in the origin of the English word "race." It probably comes by way of the Italian word, *razza*, from the Latin *radix*, which means root. The Biblical view of race is that there is one root to one man with one blood. As the saying goes, "we all bleed red no matter the color of our skin."

Important for us to note, the Biblical creationist model of humanity as one root, blood and race with many ethnicities, was challenged by Enlightenment, evolutionary, and Darwinian theories in the 18th and 19th centuries. They abandoned race in terms of common root and blood. They started redefining race in terms of physical features. They further categorized these racial features into an evolutionary scheme seeing certain ethnic characteristics as less evolved than others. This led to totalitarian

abuses of races defined as less and more human. Nazis and Marxists of the 20th century, even declared some races as subhuman, resulting in genocide committed against millions of Jews and other races. Sadly, even some Christian theologians over the last two centuries have been lured away from a creationist to an evolutionary view of race. They too fell into the trap of racist perspectives. Yet it must be understood that they abandoned a thorough Biblical creationist worldview to arrive at errant racial conclusions. This points not only to the difference between the Biblical creationist worldview, but it also alerts us to the danger of Christians using secular, evolutionary theories to address the problems of race. And when secular race theorists attempt to use evolutionary models to correct the problems of racism, they commit other errors because of the explicitly atheistic premises of any non-creationist worldview.

(2) The Biblical worldview of race teaches that Adam and Eve’s sinful rebellion against God resulted in segmenting humanity in terms of ethnicity. God created one race, one blood in different colors united by grace. Sinful, fallen humans divided the one race, one blood of humanity by subjugating races according to national power structures. Although God did form tribes and nations, he did not make one race more pure than another (Genesis 10). He made all races equal and called for every person to be treated equally. His blessing and cursing were not on one race or tribe due to ethnicity but faithfulness or unfaithfulness to His covenant (Genesis 9:25). St. Peter says, “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation, anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him” (Acts 10:34). The Word of God in passages such as this one actually provides a fuller, more accurate, and truly corrective understanding of racism than secular theories. Holy Writ teaches that the specific sin of racism is the spiritual problem of hate and prejudice against and preferential treatment of one race above another due to ethnicity. The Bible reveals that sinful “partiality” toward certain humans and races, to use St. Peter’s language, is the cause of racial prejudice. The Scriptures even go to a deeper root source of the sin of racism. The origin of all sin is pride leading to hatred, anger and violence. Racial arrogance is in the fallen heart of prejudice resulting in hatred that elevates or denigrates a person on the basis of the color of skin. The Scriptures in this spiritual assessment present a critical sin view of racism, with which secular theories are not concerned in their analyses.

In addition, Scripture teaches that all of humanity represented by Adam and Eve fell into sin (Romans 5:12). The apostle concludes, “All have sinned and fall short of God’s glory” (Romans 3:23). Everyone in every race is a sinner. No one person or race is exempt from the effects of sin. However, although humanity became totally depraved this does not mean that every person has become *utterly* depraved. There’s a big difference between totally and utterly. Total depravity means that humans in every aspect of their person – mind, emotion, and will – became tainted and enslaved by sin. This is not the same as utter depravity. The phrase utter depravity suggests that every sinner commits every sin. This goes beyond the Scriptural teaching of the effect of the fall. By God’s restraining common grace every human does not become so utterly depraved that he/she commits every sin. Just as not every

individual is a murderer, or robs a bank, not every person participates in the sin of racism. On this point, secular racial theories like CRT actually exceed the Biblical doctrine of sin by effectively accusing all humans of certain races of the sin of racism. They say things like, “all white people are racists.” This kind of generalization is not accurate according to Scripture or experience, any more than it would be to say that every human is a murderer. It’s reducing individuals of a race to utter and not just total depravity. It is more Scripturally precise to say all races have racists but not everyone in a given race is a racist.

Thus, because of a more accurate evaluation of racism as a sin problem, a Biblical worldview provides a spiritual solution of true love for God and neighbor leading to peace that goes to the source of fallen pride and hatred regardless of the racial sins of prejudice and abuse. Only by turning to the God of the Bible can sinful, racial injustice be overcome. In the words of Ken Ham and A. Charles Ware in their book, *One Race, One Blood*, “race is a sin issue not a skin issue.” The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. reflected this Biblical viewpoint when he said, “I look for the day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin but the content of their character.” To quote St. Peter again, “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.”

The only, ultimate solution to the sin of racism is the “Fear of the Lord and obedience to Him,” the Gospel, which is the Biblical doctrine of salvation.

(3) The third aspect of the Biblical world view of race is redemption in Jesus Christ that restores God’s intended created purpose of one race, one blood in many skin colors. As the Scriptures say, “So God loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to the end that all who believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). St. Paul explains, “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made us both one and broken down in His flesh the dividing wall of hostility” (Ephesians 2:13-14). The blood of Christ unites our blood into the original, created purpose of God that sin jeopardized. St. Paul says elsewhere that as we receive by faith what he calls, the blessed or consecrated “bread and cup,” “we share in the Body and the Blood of Christ.” Furthermore, he adds that as “we share in the Body of Christ, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of one bread” (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). According to the Biblical worldview of salvation, union in and by means of Jesus Christ is the ultimate solution to joining together all ethnicities. Christ is the only One who can break down all racial “dividing walls of hostility.” This unity in diversity of one body one blood is indeed the picture of heaven as described by the Apostle John in the Book of Revelation. Seven times we’re told that the redeemed community of humans in heaven has been redeemed from, “every tribe and language and people and nation” (5:9; 7:9; 10:11; 11:9; 13:7; 14:6; 17:15). Do you think the New Testament is trying to make a point about race? As Ham and Ware say, “the move from race relations to grace relations” redeems humanity to what God intended at creation.

Among the early church fathers such as Tertullian and Origen of Alexandria, they often referred to this aforementioned Biblical teaching as Christ's redemption forming into one race all ethnicities in the church. This is not to say that all ethnic distinctions are removed or no longer recognized or important. Redemption does not make God's people color blind but ethnically appreciative. The early church fathers further explained their insight by pointing out that the New Testament speaks of only three races: Jew, Gentile, and the Church. In Scripture the distinction is actually threefold in this sense, the Jewish race, the Gentile races including all ethnicities, and the Church in which the ethnicities of the world are and can only be truly united. In the Kingdom of God all ethnicities are equal and to be equally reached in Christ with no preference for any single race apart from the others. There is no east nor west, no north nor south. The dividing wall between Jew, Gentile, and all races is torn down by the Gospel. To quote our wonderful invitation in Holy Communion, "All who love our Divine Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity are affectionately invited to the Lord's Table."

Furthermore, the early church fathers also taught from the Scriptures that though Christ makes all one, God does not neglect ethnicity by redemption. Rather, grace leads the church to recognize that each race brings gifts into the church to form a whole. Like the oneness of marriage, unity does not remove diversity. A man and woman, by becoming one in marriage, do not cease to be male and female. Their unity is in complementing each other with the diverseness that each brings to the unity. Diversity is good, and unified in Christ. In the church, all races are brought into God's Kingdom to contribute to each other, that all together might reach all the ethnicities of the world for Christ. This is the redemption in Christ that also restores humanity.

(4) The final aspect of the Biblical worldview is restoration in Jesus Christ to love, care for, and include all ethnicities. This is sometimes called sanctification of character leading to loving God and one's neighbor. We see restoration at work in the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10). The Good Samaritan not only saves the man near death. He picks him up, takes care of him, and leads him to a hospital where he can be fully restored. Regarding the sin of racism, Jesus Christ not only takes away hate, but He puts love in the heart for all people, regardless of race, creed, or color. This is the restoration effect of redemption in Jesus Christ. It's Christians who write hymns like, "Jesus loves the little children; all the children of the world; red, brown, yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight; Jesus loves the little children of the world." Not only are colors and races precious in Jesus' sight. God restores them to the preciousness of their racial identity in Jesus Christ.

In addition, concerning Gospel restoration from racism, secular racial theories generally fail to recognize how Jesus Christ and Christianity have the greatest story of restoring all races, especially ones of color, with the Gospel and a Biblical worldview. Ironically, one of the positive methods of secular race theories is called storytelling. They use skillful storytelling techniques to correct false narratives and add important aspects to history.

No doubt some erring interpreters of Scripture for a brief period once misinterpreted the curse on Canaan in the Old Testament to be on Ham resulting in racial stigmatizing (Genesis 9:25). Although the faulty interpretation has been acknowledged, corrected and rejected, the larger narrative of the overall positive effect of the Gospel and its stories in Christian history has been mostly neglected by secular racial theorists. In fact, it can be argued from any objective reading of the last two thousand years, the most effective and only real freedom humanity has ever known has resulted from Christianity's impact. Even today, look at where there is still open slavery practiced. It's places Christianity either has never had influence or has been rejected and oppressed. Islam for example, has throughout its entire history produced one oppressive slave state after another even down to the present. Slavery is still practiced in Islamic countries. Secular race theories conspicuously neglect this travesty as well as the true Christian story. They will note the importance of the abolitionists in the 19th century. What they fail to emphasize is the significance of their Christian commitment that led to their abolitionist views. They will mention sometimes the remarkable story of overcoming slavery and racism in England by courageous Anglican Evangelicals like William Wilberforce and John Newton who authored the great hymn, *Amazing Grace*. What some don't mention is John Newton's own testimony of how he was changed from being a slave trader, by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, to become a champion for the very people whom he had hated and enslaved.

Though Christians are sinners saved by grace and not perfect in this life, the prevailing Gospel story regarding race is overwhelmingly constructive. One of the most powerful stories of Christian restoration is the first African Bishop, Samuel Ajayi Crowther (1809-1891). When only twelve years old, his family was captured by Muslim slave traders in Western Africa. Traveling in the captors' slave ship, a British Royal Navy Squadron of Ships enforcing the ban on slave trade intercepted the vessel. Crowther converted to Christianity through English missionaries. Eventually called into the ministry, the English Church Missionary Society provided for his education at Oxford University where he earned a doctoral degree. Upon returning to Nigeria with the CMS, he became the first Anglican African Bishop. During the same period, Henry Townsend was a 19th century Anglican missionary to the West Coast of Africa in the area of Abeokuta, Nigeria. He encountered slave markets. On a certain day he attended one, bought a slave, and right in front of everyone after he had purchased the man, unshackled his chains, and set him free. That act became a powerful Christian witness for the man and his culture. Both men worked together to spread the Gospel and stop the evil slave trade.

There is also our own history in the Reformed Episcopal Church. It is a classic example of how Jesus Christ changes people from being racist. The first Reformed Episcopal bishop in South Carolina was Peter Fassyoux Stephens. He was the white Commandant of the Citadel in Charleston and fought for the South in the Civil War. After the war was over, Christ moved in his life. He took up the cause of freed African American slaves. He worked to reform the educational system in South Carolina so that African Americans

could receive an education. And when the Episcopal Church would not ordain African American Christian men called into Holy Orders, he ordained them after they had left the Episcopal Church. He, together with these faithful lay and clergy African Americans, began a grand work for Christ. It continues to this day as a key witness in and from the Reformed Episcopal Church in the Diocese of the Southeast.

These are just some among myriads of stories in Christian history of how Jesus Christ can and does restore a lost humanity from racism and ethnic prejudice, if a person will truly believe in Him and embrace the Holy Scriptures' model for living. Jesus Christ was not a white Caucasian. He was a Jew, and He was "woke," before any of us. He has awakened His followers throughout history down to the present. Faithful Biblical Christians are already indeed "woke." Our society needs to hear the Christian story of redemption and restoration in Christ alone.

I could go so much further with this exhortation calling us to a Gospel and Scriptural model of race. I've only touched the surface with the Biblical world view of creation, fall, redemption and restoration regarding ethnicity. Much more needs to be done in articulating a Biblical Race Theology. If it's Scriptural, it's not a theory. Much more can be developed on the Biblical perspective, as well as critique of secular approaches. This is the only way to become all things to all that some might come to Christ, without at the same time being conformed to the world. This is our responsibility as Christian scholars and believers in keeping the main thing the main thing. It is only the Gospel that redeems and restores humans to love, to respect, to honor, to care for, and to reach, all ethnicities. We must always, by God's grace, keep the main thing the main thing, attempting to reach the world for Christ. We should also remain vigilant in keeping the main thing the main thing in our work together in the Reformed Episcopal Church. To this end close to home, I offer a final second exhortation as we stand together as a Reformed Episcopal Church of many ethnicities.

Second in these challenging times of racial turmoil, I exhort us to renew our stand with our African American brothers and sisters, especially our fellow Reformed Episcopalians. I believe we can strengthen our work together first by weeping with those who weep. My/our hearts go out especially for our African American brothers and sisters who have lived once again through a painful period and witnessed racially oriented crimes. We are all grieved and concerned. But for our African American brothers and sisters, old wounds have been reopened from the recent abuses in our culture. Although not all in our society are racist, it has pointed out the need for reform among some our law enforcement agencies. We should realize the effects of these tragic events on our brothers and sisters, hurt with them, uphold them, pray for them, and weep with those who weep. At the same time in our stand together to proclaim Christ, particularly those of us in the Anglican Church in North America and in the Reformed Episcopal Church, let us not lose sight of the difference between faithful, Biblical and believing Gospel churches and the unbelieving culture. I don't know of any lay or clergy in the ACNA or the REC who are racist. Some may be confused and frustrated, but the word racist does not apply to our fellow Biblical Anglicans. I ask us not to be confused with the confusion in our society to the extent

that we forget the distinction between lost sinner without the grace of God and saved sinners by grace in Biblical churches. I know we have so much more in which we must be sanctified. I realize that in our increasingly diverse society, we in a Biblical church must reach all diversities with the Gospel. In calling us to stand with our fellow African American Reformed Episcopalians, I ask that they minister to us and help us better to fulfill the Great Commission to all ethnicities of the world and in our ministries together. All of our churches need more ethnic diversity. Finally, as part of this second exhortation, though many of us may not have experienced the same kind of oppression in our own recent histories, I also hear in Scripture that, “there is no sin that is not common to humanity.” I’m reminded of the words of Brother Lawrence in his classic, *Practicing the Presence of God*, “If we’re truly devoted to doing God’s will, pain and pleasure won’t make any difference to us.” We weep with those who weep and work for a better day when we may rejoice with those who rejoice.

I come to the end of my report to this 56th General Council with the theme, “Not my will, but Thy will be done.” I have summarized where, by God’s grace, we have continued to walk together in God’s will. God has given us many victories over the last, extended triennium. I have also exhorted us in a number of areas where I pray by God’s grace, we will continue in His will. In this as you can see, I also have been compelled by my teaching office and responsibility as a bishop and as your Presiding Bishop to offer Scriptural guidance regarding two social and cultural areas. I have drawn from St. Paul, who says in the will of God we are to be transformed to think Christianly with a Biblical world and life view, and not to be conformed to nor confused by the world’s secular models. As my grandmother used to say, “Eat the cherries but spit out the pits.”

In closing, I thank all of you for the privilege and honor of being allowed to serve as your Presiding Bishop, now an additional term. I humbly accept this awesome responsibility and ask for your constant prayers. Thank you for re-electing me in the will of the Lord. I thank all who have served with me, the Council of Bishops, the General Committee, the denominational staff, and all the clergy and the laity. I especially thank my wife, Susan, and my whole family who patiently and understandingly have given husband, dad and granddad the time to serve. You are truly God’s people. What a blessing to serve you. With all my predecessors, I call upon the Reformed Episcopal Church to uphold the sanctity of life. To this end, I also exhort our clergy to preach on the importance of protecting all human life in the womb at least one Sunday a year at the Feast of Holy Innocents, or on a Sunday nearest to the infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized the slaughter of millions of unborn children since 1972. May God help us to stand firm and do His will. As I began on the theme of “thy will be done,” I end with a blessing calling for the same: “Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may *do his will*, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.” (Hebrews 13:20-21)

Bishop Sutton called for a 15-minute break at the conclusion of his report. The Second Business Session commenced at 11:45 am.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

Following the call to order for the SECOND BUSINESS SESSION OF THE 56TH GENERAL COUNCIL, The Rt. Rev. Charles Gillin moved to send copies of Bishop Sutton's report to Rev. Andrew Gross, Communications Director for the Anglican Church in North America, and to each member of the ACNA College of

Bishops. Bishop Gadsden seconded the motion. The Rev. Canon Ron Moock offered an amendment to include that it also be posted to the REC Facebook page, Archbishop Foley Beach's Facebook page, and other appropriate sites on the internet. The amended motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION from the DIOCESE OF THE NORTHEAST & MID-ATLANTIC

Bishop Gillin presented and moved a resolution to honor The Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, REC Presiding Bishop 1996-2014, and recognize his years of service to the Church. Bishop Gillin also congratulated Bishop & Mrs. Riches on the recent celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary. The motion was seconded by Bishop Gadsden. The motion carried unanimously.

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE FOR THE EPISCOPAL SERVICE OF

THE MOST REVEREND LEONARD W. RICHES, SR.

With the conferral of the title

MOST REVEREND PRESIDING BISHOP EMERITUS

WHEREAS, the Reformed Episcopal Church rightly honors those who have labored tirelessly in the Lord's vineyard and have led the church faithfully; and

WHEREAS, THE MOST REVEREND LEONARD W. RICHES, SR. has served the Reformed Episcopal Church with faithfulness, integrity, and honor for well over fifty years serving as Rector of St. Luke's in Philadelphia, PA, First Church in New York, NY, and St. Mark's in Rydal, PA, and on various church boards and committees; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Riches worked for the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church from 1965-2015, as Professor of Liturgics and Theology, President, and Chancellor; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Riches was consecrated in 1975, served as Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic from 1984 to 2008 and functioned as the Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church from 1996-2014; and

WHEREAS, the extraordinary leadership of Bishop Riches was integral in revitalizing the Reformed Episcopal Church in the late 20th and early 21st centuries and renewing Anglicanism; and

WHEREAS, his work with the Reformed Episcopal Church, Common Cause Partners, and others helped lead to the formation of the Anglican Church in North America, which he served as Senior Bishop, installing the first Archbishop Robert W. Duncan;

WHEREAS, his wife Barbara J. Riches labored faithfully by his side all these years, proving a godly model of marriage and Christian service;

We the Reformed Episcopal Church express our hearty praise and thanksgiving to God for the gift of his servant Leonard to lead and guide the Reformed Episcopal Church over these many years and raise-up and equip new leaders for the work of the ministry;

Further, we extend our deepest thanks to this esteemed Bishop and his wife, for all of the sacrifices they have made in order to serve the flock of God and to lead the wider Church into the way of truth and fully embrace our traditional Anglican identity.

As a token of our gratitude and the honor with which Bishop Riches is held by this church, we welcome him as the MOST REVEREND PRESIDING BISHOP EMERITUS of the Reformed Episcopal Church, a title of distinction by which we recognize his continuing place of honor and ministry of godly fatherhood among us.

RESOLVED and declared at this General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, convened this ninth through eleventh days of June in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-One.

In response to Bishop Sutton's request, Bishop Gadsden moved to receive the REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE including two resolutions approved by the General Committee regarding WOMEN IN COMBAT and the CONSCRIPTION OF WOMEN, and direct that it be filed with the Secretary. The motion was seconded by Rev. Roy Guild and carried.

REPORT of the GENERAL COMMITTEE

Dear Brethren:

The General Committee of the Reformed Episcopal Church met eleven times during the extended triennium (2017 - 2021) caused by the Covid-19 pandemic: December 14, 2017; April 21, 2018; December 4, 2018; May 4, 2019; December 3, 2019; March 26, 2020; April 17, 2020; April 29, 2020; December 2, 2020; January 27, 2021; and April 16, 2021. The Most Rev. Ray R. Sutton presided over each meeting held in person, or by phone or 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 14, 2017 – Conference Call

1. [An email vote was taken in October which approved a second printing of the Hymnal 2017.]
2. Approved the resolution from the Council of Bishops regarding Women in Combat. The resolution will be published in the Journal and on the REC website.

April 21, 2018 – Meeting at the Cathedral Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX

1. Approved a motion requested by the Standing Liturgical Committee that General Committee members ask that all additional liturgies used in REC parishes, which have not already been approved, be submitted to the Standing Liturgical Committee to go through the approval process. (These services might include: Seven Last Words of Christ – a 3-hr. service for Good Friday; Easter Vigil; Epiphany Feast of Lights; liturgy for All Saints; Lessons & Carols; etc.) Once approved, these liturgies may be published online

under the category of “Additional Services” on the REC website for other parishes to use with the permission of their Bishop Ordinary.

2. Approved COWM Project for 2019, to raise funds for the printing of the *Handbook for the Visitation of the Sick*.

December 4, 2018 – Conference Call

1. [An email vote approving a third printing of the Hymnal 2017, was taken in August.]
2. Approved the following resolution in regard to the budget:

“In an effort to balance the budget, the Sustentation Fund recommends that each Diocese be responsible for the air, hotel, and car rental expenses of their respective Bishops to attend any Bishop and/or National Church committee meetings. The cost of meals and entertainment will still be covered by the National Church budget. This recommendation will be reviewed each year during the budgeting process and may be changed by action of the General Committee at any future meeting.”

3. Approved 2019 Budget.
4. Approved motion to have dioceses pay their tithes to the National Church monthly.
5. Approved COWM 2020 Project to provide 5 scooters for clergy in Cuba.
6. Approved the location of the Spring 2019, General Committee meetings to be held at the DSE headquarters in Summerville, South Carolina.

May 4, 2019 – Summerville, South Carolina

1. No motions were offered at this meeting other than to receive the report of the Trustees of the Sustentation Fund and to accept the committee reports as presented.

December 3, 2019 – ZOOM Video Conference

1. Approved motion to obtain insurance coverage for abuse and molestation which will include general liability coverage for REC officers, General Council/Committee, BFM, Trustees, and REC100.
2. Approved proposed budget for 2020 as presented by the Trustees of the Sustentation Fund.
3. Approved the appointment of The Rt. Rev. Al Gadsden as Vice President of General Council and Archdeacon James T. Payne as Canon to the Presiding Bishop. Both will serve until the end of the triennium.
4. Approved motion to hold all General Committee Spring meetings via ZOOM.

March 26, 2020, Emergency Meeting – ZOOM Video Conference

1. Approved motion to postpone the 56th REC General Council 2020, to a convenient week in June, 2021, at the same venue in Charleston, South Carolina, because of the quarantine restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

April 17, 2020 – ZOOM Video Conference

1. Approved report presented by the Trustees of the Sustentation Fund.
2. Approved reports from the following committees: Board of Pensions and Relief, Publication Society, Committee on Constitution and Canons, and the Standing Liturgical Committee.

3. The Rt. Rev. Walter Banek announced that as a result of the funds raised by the Committee on Women's Ministry 2019 Project, the *Handbook for the Visitation of the Sick* had been published and distributed to REC clergy and deaconesses. (Because of the postponement of General Council in the wake of Covid-19, the books could not be presented in person as originally intended.)

April 29, 2020 – Email Vote

1. Approved the unanimous recommendation from the Council of Bishops to change the venue for the 56th General Council (2021) from Charleston to Dallas (Cathedral Church of the Holy Communion) because of the ongoing ramifications of the Covid-19 pandemic. The vote was taken via email.

December 2, 2020 – ZOOM Video Conference

1. Received the report from the Council of Bishops announcing the following: 1.) approval of a set of bylaws for the COWM along with a set of guidelines for dioceses to organize the Women of the Church; 2.) establishment of the REC Intercessors, a special intercessory team for the benefit of the clergy and deaconesses; 3.) approval of a revised *Handbook for Deaconesses*; 4.) and organization of an International REC Council of Bishops.
2. Approved a resolution recommended by the Council of Bishops to correct the Journal of the 55th General Council in 2017, prior to its publication, to accurately reflect the territories of the Diocese of the Southeast and the Diocese of the Central States, which had been inaccurately reported in previous Journals, to show the state of Florida to be within the jurisdiction of the Diocese of the Southeast.
3. Approved the report of the Trustees of the Sustentation Fund.
4. Approved a motion to have a formal presentation to recognize the ministry and service of The Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden in the REC at General Council 2021. Bishop Gadsden will officially retire on December 12, 2020.

January 27, 2021, Special Meeting – ZOOM Video Conference

1. Approved a motion to change the venue for the 56th General Council in June 2021, to a Zoom Conference, rather than attempting to meet in person in Dallas because of the ongoing difficulties for travel and accommodations caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

April 16, 2021 – ZOOM Video Conference

1. Approved the report from the Council of Bishops.
2. Reports from the various committees were received and filed.
3. The Most Rev. Ray R. Sutton announced the appointment of Dss. Annette Johnson as lay Canon for Deaconesses. Formal reports on Deaconesses will be added to those already presented to General Committee and General Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Resolution on Women in Combat
Reformed Episcopal Council of Bishops

WHEREAS, the President and Congress have moved the United States military services to abandon heir historic policy of limiting combat military service to males and are now recruiting, training and assigning women to combat roles; and

WHEREAS, God created man in His own image, as male and female with specific and complementary characteristics (Genesis 1:27), so that male and female in relation constitute a complete expression of the divine order of humanity; and

WHEREAS, the equality of male and female, as to dignity and worth arising from their creation in the image of God, is fully consistent with distinction of function between male and female; and

WHEREAS, the Church has understood the Scriptures to teach that the basic unit of society is the family, wherein the husband as head has the primary responsibility of leader, provider and sacrificial protector, and the wife has the primary responsibility of supporter, nurturer and life-giver (1 Corinthians 11:2-16; Ephesians 5:22-32); and

WHEREAS, it is the special gift of God to women that they bear children for the preservation of the human race and the glory of God, and the policy of placing women in combat is destructive to the exercise of that gift; and

WHEREAS, there is currently a bill before the United States Congress that would include women in the military draft, to which women in the Reformed Episcopal Church have conscientious objection; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Bishops of the Reformed Episcopal Church do with loyal respect and deep concern, warn against and oppose any laws and policies, which would substitute sexual interchangeability for the aforementioned complementary but distinct responsibilities of male and female; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we give deepest gratitude and honor to those courageous women who have served their country in military support roles, especially those who have served in harm's way; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commit our prayer support to all military members and families serving this great nation around the world; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that we call upon the President, Congress and all military leaders to reverse the present policy and to restore the historic limitation of military combat service to males only.

Presented by the Reformed Episcopal Council of Bishops
Received and adopted by the General Committee
December 14, 2017

**Resolution On Selective Service Registration
and Potential Conscription of Women to Military Service
Reformed Episcopal Council of Bishops**

WHEREAS, The Bishops of the Reformed Episcopal Church in their 2016 Resolution On Women in Combat expressed our biblical and theological concerns regarding women in combat; and

WHEREAS, this concern prompted us to call upon the President, Congress, and all military leaders to reverse the present policy and to restore the historic limitation of military combat service to males only; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was not heeded and women now serve in all capacities including combat roles; and

WHEREAS, given the current political and cultural milieu, there is a possibility that women may be included in Selective Service registration and thus be susceptible to a military draft; and

WHEREAS, some of our female members may, on the basis of their theological and biblical concerns, object to serving in the military especially in combat roles.

Therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the Bishops of the Reformed Episcopal Church, do, with loyal respect and deep concern, voice our objection to the registration of and potential conscription of women: and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we offer the teaching and pastoral offices of this church to promote the biblical and theological standards set forth in our 2016 Resolution on Woman in Combat; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we offer the teaching and pastoral offices of this church to promote and instruct our members in their distinct biblical duties as male and female; and

Be it finally RESOLVED, that we call upon members of the Reformed Episcopal Church to resist the movement towards radical feminism and to embrace the call of being biblically male and female filling distinct roles as equal members of Christ's One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

*Presented by the Reformed Episcopal Council of Bishops
Received and adopted by the General Committee*

Chairman of the TRUSTEES OF THE SUSTENTATION FUND, Rev. Matt Harrington, submitted his report together with the 2017-2020 Financial Reports from REC Treasurer, Mr. James "Bud" Longueville. Archdeacon Payne moved to receive the Chairman's report in conjunction with the 2017-2020 Financial Reports. Rev. Jerry McLynn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**REPORT of the TRUSTEES of the SUSTENTATION FUND
15 May 2021**

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

1. Statement of Financial Position. The statement of financial position is presented in detail in the Treasurer's report. With respect to that report, the Trustees note, with thanks, the hard work of Mr. Bud Longueville and Canon Jason Grote in managing the Sustentation Fund's accounts. We note that control of expenses and income has resulted in a situation where the operating expenses of the General Committee are now met through ordinary income, without reliance on draws from the investment portfolio. We hope that this situation will continue in future years, so that the Church's investment accounts will continue to stabilise and grow in order to be ready to meet unforeseen expenses.

2. Proposed Budget. The Trustees considered the proposed budget for the coming triennium and recommend approval of this budget as set forth in the Treasurer's report.

3. ACNA Mortgage. Several years ago, the Trustees made a loan to the Anglican Church in America, which was supported by a mortgage on real property owned by the ACNA national office. That loan had been paid in full, although the mortgage had not been recorded as satisfied on the land records by the end of 2020. In early 2021, however, the ACNA approached the Trustees for additional advances of funds. After conversation with representatives of the Diocese of Mid-America, the DMA agreed to make those advances provided the Trustees assign the current promissory note and mortgage bond to Mid-America. In the event, the Trustees transferred the mortgage to DEMA, which now holds the note and mortgage.

Respectfully submitted,



(The Reverend) M.P. Harrington
Chairman

Statement of Financial Position
Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Episcopal Church
Triennium 2017 - 2019 & 2020

ASSETS		<u>12/31/17</u>	<u>12/31/18</u>	<u>12/31/19</u>	<u>12/31/20</u>
Cash					
1000	Sust. Checking Santander (PA)	257.91	-	-	-
1001	Sust. Checking Inwood (TX)	<u>72,346.17</u>	<u>43,827.55</u>	<u>68,568.58</u>	<u>75,237.43</u>
Cash Total		72,604.08	43,827.55	68,568.58	75,237.43
Current Investments					
1009	Goldman Sachs Portfolio	806,812.59	749,082.69	883,975.77	891,560.88
1010	Fidelity 3.1 Portfolio	-	-	-	-
1011	Fidelity 3.2 Portfolio	-	-	-	-
Current Investments Total		806,812.59	749,082.69	883,975.77	891,560.88
Long-Term Investments					
1012	ACNA Mortgage	36,181.02	21,293.49	5,487.74	-
1013	Eleanor Stroud Fund Mortgage	<u>5,300.00</u>	<u>5,300.00</u>	<u>5,300.00</u>	<u>5,300.00</u>
Long-Term Investments Total		41,481.02	26,593.49	10,787.74	5,300.00
Other Assets					
1020	Reimbursable Expenses	-	689.89	522.82	93.66
Other Assets Total		<u>-</u>	<u>689.89</u>	<u>522.82</u>	<u>93.66</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		920,897.69	820,193.62	963,854.91	972,191.97
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS					
2500	Event Accounts Payable	(1,440.00)	(3,483.40)	(6,839.65)	-
2501	Hymnal Orders Payable	(9,971.20)	-	-	-
2502	Prepaid Expense	-	-	<u>(6,237.91)</u>	<u>(8,012.50)</u>
Total Liabilities		(11,411.20)	(3,483.40)	(13,077.56)	(8,012.50)
Restricted Assets					
3021	Video Fund	214.50	214.50	214.50	214.50
3101	Eliza Dean Fund (Missions)	62,724.31	57,158.70	67,549.45	-
3102	Rebecca Stroud Fund	7,932.14	7,555.53	8,929.06	9,777.60
3103	Southern Missionary Fund	12,956.60	12,342.66	14,586.40	15,972.60
3104	Needy Student Fund	1,912.44	1,821.63	2,152.77	2,357.35
3106	Emergency Relief Fund	713.00	713.00	713.00	713.00
3107	Anglican School Assn. Fund	644.28	12,382.00	12,232.21	9,477.67
3108	REC 100 Fund	60,795.39	-	-	-
3018	Visitation Manual Project	-	-	8,300.00	701.88
3113	Military Chaplaincy Fund	(567.21)	(542.20)	714.45	(759.42)
3114	Young Peoples Fund	-	-	-	497.97
Restricted Assets Total		147,325.45	91,645.82	115,391.84	38,953.15
Unrestricted Assets					
3115	Expense Reserve	-	-	-	3,000.00
3000	Current Year Gain/(Loss)	8,775.75	(52,952.26)	129,509.41	76,710.67
3100	Prior Year Balance	<u>776,207.69</u>	<u>784,983.46</u>	<u>732,031.22</u>	<u>861,540.65</u>
Unrestricted Assets Total		784,983.44	732,031.20	861,540.63	941,251.32
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		920,897.69	820,193.62	963,854.91	972,191.97

The Sustentation Fund
of the Reformed Episcopal Church
Statement of Activities
Triennium 2017 - 2019 & 2020

	2017 <u>Actual</u>	2018 <u>Actual</u>	2019 <u>Actual</u>	Triennium <u>Total</u>	2020 <u>Actual</u>
Ordinary Income					
Diocesan Tithes					
4000 Northeast Tithes	30,909.38	36,698.82	22,872.02	90,480.22	28,860.98
4001 Southeast Tithes	17,000.00	21,250.00	17,000.00	55,250.00	17,250.00
4002 Mid-America Tithes	35,000.00	34,500.00	36,000.00	105,500.00	34,000.00
4003 Central States Tithes	<u>31,632.61</u>	<u>17,123.03</u>	<u>19,764.64</u>	<u>68,520.28</u>	<u>16,225.49</u>
Diocesan Tithes Total	114,541.99	109,571.85	95,636.66	319,750.50	96,336.47
Other Revenue					
Other Revenue Detail					
4050 Individual Donations	-	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
4015 Rest. Funds Released	<u>47,721.18</u>	<u>63,676.15</u>	<u>6,802.14</u>	<u>118,199.47</u>	<u>83,822.35</u>
Other Revenue Detail Total	47,721.18	63,676.15	11,802.14	123,199.47	83,822.35
Other Revenue Total					
Total Ordinary Income	162,263.17	173,248.00	107,438.80	442,949.97	180,158.82
Ordinary Expense					
Administrative & Operational					
6100 Accounting & Audit	1,380.60	1,204.90	1,393.90	3,979.40	1,000.00
6101 GC Secretary Honorarium	1,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	7,500.00	3,000.00
6102 Administrative Secretary & Benefits	12,600.00	-	-	12,600.00	-
6105 GC Meeting (Triennial)	8,063.62	-	-	8,063.62	6,839.65
6106 Travel-Non Committee	2,638.99	5,561.18	4,323.86	12,524.03	431.21
6107 Membership & Dues	250.00	-	-	250.00	-
6108 Miscellaneous Expense	1,535.97	1,448.34	990.55	3,974.86	-
6109 Office Expenses-Media, PA	18,371.25	272.91	-	18,644.16	-
6110 Office Expenses-Presiding Bishop	8,595.36	20,168.03	14,499.88	43,263.27	2,561.35
6110.1 Office Exp. PB CHC Admin Support	-	-	-	-	6,999.96
6110.2 Office Exp. PB CHC Office Support	-	-	-	-	4,999.92
6110.3 Office Exp. PB Office Support	-	-	-	-	984.00
6111 Presiding Bishop Salary & Benefits	36,900.00	36,900.00	36,900.00	110,700.00	36,900.00
6112 Treasurer Honorarium	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	10,800.00	3,600.00
6113 Vice-President Honorarium	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,916.62	12,916.62	-
6114 IT & Web Admin	5,825.00	5,825.00	5,979.57	17,629.57	6,009.87
6115 Committee Expense Total	18,036.65	20,076.05	8,387.58	46,500.28	-
6116 Gen Liab/D&O Insurance	-	-	-	-	3,500.00
Total Administrative & Operational	124,297.44	103,056.41	81,991.96	309,345.81	76,825.96

The Sustentation Fund
of the Reformed Episcopal Church
Statement of Activities
Triennium 2017 - 2019 & 2020

	2017 <u>Actual</u>	2018 <u>Actual</u>	2019 <u>Actual</u>	Triennium <u>Total</u>	2020 <u>Actual</u>
Ecumenical Expenses					
6200 Ecumenical Officer Honorarium	4,999.96	4,583.26	-	9,583.22	-
6201 Ecum. Meeting & Travel	11,991.60	25,044.47	8,659.16	45,695.23	1,889.26
6202 ACNA Support	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	36,000.00	12,000.00
Ecumenical Expenses Total	28,991.56	41,627.73	20,659.16	91,278.45	13,889.26
Ministries & Missions Support					
6303 Episcopal Recorder	11,599.98	-	-	11,599.98	-
6308 Rest. Funds Disbursed	47,721.18	63,676.15	6,802.14	118,199.47	83,822.35
Ministries & Missions Support Total	59,321.16	63,676.15	6,802.14	129,799.45	83,822.35
Total Ordinary Expense	212,610.16	208,360.29	109,453.26	530,423.71	174,537.57
Change In Net Assets Due To Ordinary Revenue & Expense	(50,346.99)	(35,112.29)	(2,014.46)	(87,473.74)	5,621.25
Increase(Decrease) in Assets from Other Activity					
Investment Income (General Fund portion only)					
4014 Investment Income	73,879.02	(33,747.64)	120,553.92	160,685.30	72,695.24
4106 ACNA Mortgage Income	2,630.49	1,765.59	847.37	5,243.45	61.81
Investment Inc Total	76,509.51	(31,982.05)	121,401.29	165,928.75	72,757.05
General Committee Special Projects/Actions					
6304 Special Gifts	-	-	-	-	2,000.00
6307 Hymnal Production	17,386.75	(14,142.10)	(10,122.60)	(6,877.95)	(332.39)
Total General Committee Special Projects/Actions	17,386.75	(14,142.10)	(10,122.60)	(6,877.95)	1,667.61
Total Increase(Decrease) in Assets from Other Activity	59,122.76	(17,839.95)	131,523.89	172,806.70	71,089.44
Total Increase(Decrease) in Assets from All Activity	8,775.77	(52,952.24)	129,509.43	85,332.96	76,710.69

**The Sustentation Fund
Restricted Asset Report
Triennium 2017 - 2019 & 2020**

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Beg. Balance</u> <u>1/1/2017</u>	<u>End. Balance</u> <u>12/31/2020</u>
3020 BNCE Fund	23,864.28	-
3021 Video Fund	214.50	214.50
3101 Eliza Dean Fund (Missions)	56,581.90	-
3102 Rebecca Stroud Fund	7,155.37	9,777.60
3103 Southern Missionary Fund	11,687.80	15,972.60
3104 Needy Student Fund	1,725.25	2,357.35
3106 Emergency Relief Fund	713.00	713.00
3107 Anglican School Assn Fund	358.80	9,477.67
3108 REC 100 Fund	-	-
3108 Visitation Manual Project	-	701.88
3113 Military Chaplaincy	(1,180.34)	(759.42)
3114 Young Peoples Fund	-	497.97
	101,120.56	38,953.15

Actions

- 3020 BNCE Balance moved to REC 100 Fund
- 3101 Eliza Dean transfer to BFM by action of the board
- 3108 REC100 funds moved to REC100 bank account
- 3108 Visitation Manual Project completed
- 3113 Military Chaplaincy funded annually from DMA & Sust Fund

Mr. Longueville then presented the 2021 PROPOSED BUDGET with PROJECTIONS FOR 2022-2023. He stated that some funds had been moved into the REC100 account as highlighted in the report. After summarizing each section, he called for questions. Hearing none, Rev. Willie Hill moved to support the 2021 Budget and 2022-2023 Projected Budget. Rev. Wayne McNamara seconded, and the motion carried. [The GENERAL COMMITTEE will review the Budget each year.]

**The Sustentation Fund
of the Reformed Episcopal Church
2021 Budget as Approved & 2022 - 2023 Projections**

	<u>2021</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Projection</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Projection</u>
Ordinary Income			
Diocesan Tithes			
4000 Northeast Tithes	28,000.00	28,800.00	29,600.00
4001 Southeast Tithes	21,000.00	21,600.00	22,200.00
4002 Mid-America Tithes	35,000.00	36,100.00	37,200.00
4003 Central States Tithes	<u>17,200.00</u>	<u>17,700.00</u>	<u>18,200.00</u>
Diocesan Tithes Total	101,200.00	104,200.00	107,200.00
Total Ordinary Income	101,200.00	104,200.00	107,200.00
Ordinary Expense			
Administrative & Operational			
6100 Accounting & Audit	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
6101 GC Secretary Honorarium	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
6105 GC Meeting (Triennial)	2,500.00	-	10,000.00
6106 Travel-Non Committee	3,750.00	3,750.00	3,750.00
6110 Office Expenses-Presiding Bishop	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
6110.1 Office Exp. CHC Admin Support	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
6110.2 Office Exp. CHC Office Support	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
6110.3 Office Exp. PB Office Support	825.00	825.00	825.00
6111 Presiding Bishop Salary & Benefits	37,600.00	37,600.00	37,600.00
6112 Treasurer Honorarium	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
6114 IT & Web Admin	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
6115 Committee Expense Total	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
6116 Gen Liab/D&O Insurance	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
6117 Chaplaincy Fund Support	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Administrative & Operational	81,025.00	78,525.00	88,525.00

The Sustentation Fund
of the Reformed Episcopal Church
2021 Budget as Approved & 2022 - 2023 Projections

	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2022 Projection</u>	<u>2023 Projection</u>
Ecumenical Expenses			
6201 Ecum. Meeting & Travel	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
6202 ACNA Support	<u>12,000.00</u>	<u>12,000.00</u>	<u>12,000.00</u>
Ecumenical Expenses Total	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
Total Ordinary Expense	99,025.00	96,525.00	106,525.00
Change In Net Assets Due To Ordinary Revenue & Expense	2,175.00	7,675.00	675.00
	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2022 Projection</u>	<u>2023 Projection</u>
Increase(Decrease) in Assets from Other Activity			
Investment Income (General Fund portion only)			
4014 Investment Income	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>15,500.00</u>	<u>16,000.00</u>
Investment Income Total	15,000.00	15,500.00	16,000.00
General Committee Special Projects/Actions			
6307 Hymnal Production	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total General Committee Special Projects/Actions	-	-	-
Total Increase(Decrease) in Assets from Other Activity	15,000.00	15,500.00	16,000.00
Total Increase(Decrease) in Assets from All Activity	17,175.00	23,175.00	16,675.00

Archdeacon Payne, Chairman of the BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RELIEF, reminded delegates that participation in the Pension Plan was mandatory and commented on the annual scholarships available prior to asking The Ven. Dr. Jon Abboud to present his Treasurer's report.

REPORT of the BOARD of PENSIONS AND RELIEF

(This report has been updated from the previous report for information purposes.)

The Board of Pensions and Relief has three main responsibilities:

1. To oversee and administer the Money Purchase Plan Pension Program for the Clergy and other employees of the REC and APA.

Presbyters in the REC are required by vote of the General Council to participate in the denominational pension program if they maintain an official position in a parish. The required contribution is the greater of 12% of salary and rectory expenses or \$500.00. Deacons and other parish employees may be voluntarily enrolled if the Parish chooses to do so. Contributions are employer paid. Monies in the fund are pooled together for investment purposes and allocations are made twice a year to individual accounts with reports being generated at the end of June and December. Investments are managed by Eagle View Financial and reports are generated by Continental Benefits. Our investment philosophy is to be conservative with low volatility. Given the broad spectrum and diversity of the investments and our desire to preserve capital for our participants, we are generally pleased with the performance of the fund. You can see that performance in the financial reports.

Our clergy pensioners are now allowed to receive a rectory allowance from their pension funds. If you are planning to retire soon and would like to take advantage of this provision, please contact Dr. Abboud. You can reach him via email at stmatts@aol.com or on his cell phone (610) 246-4879.

2. The Board maintains a long-term Disability and Life Insurance Program for the clergy and other employees of the REC. All clergy employed by a parish are required to participate in this program. New hires may be enrolled within 30 days of employment without health underwriting. Other employees may be voluntarily enrolled by the employer. Premiums are paid by the employer. The plan provides for up to \$2000 dollars a month in disability payments, depending upon salary, after a 6-month waiting period and up to \$50,000 dollars in life insurance, depending upon the age of the individual. There is also an accidental death benefit attached to the plan. The current premium remains at \$500.00 per year. The sad fact that we experienced a number of claims during the past three years shows the wisdom of maintaining this program.
3. The Board oversees several other funds dedicated to the relief of clergy in the REC and a general fund used to provide other benefits. We continue from that fund to pay supplemental pension payments to clergy and widows who were unable to participate in the existing pension program due to age or retirement at the time the plan was instituted. In addition, we maintain

a small scholarship program. At present only one scholarship is offered at a time. When that scholarship opens, we will post a notification.

In conclusion, we want to remind all clergy and participants in any of our programs to review and update your beneficiary designations.

Further, so that we may implement necessary changes to enrollments and benefits, we urge our Bishops, Diocesan leaders, and Parishes to immediately notify us with respect to any changes in ordination or clergy employment.

Finally, we remind all participants in any of our programs to immediately notify us of any changes in contact information or address as this information is critical to the timely receipt of reports and other information.

In His service,

The Rev. Dr. Jon W. Abboud
Plan Administrator

Archdeacon Abboud explained the Treasurer's Report, remarking that the past four years had been good to pensioners, although some downturn was experienced in the last year. The fund is able to handle downturns without extreme risk. In the last year, about \$45,000.00 had been distributed to widows, missionaries, etc. There have been no inquiries for scholarships in the last year. Retired clergy may receive distributions as tax free rectory allowances if the request is made in writing to the Board. Only the Board can arrange for these benefits. Contact either Archdeacons Payne or Abboud for questions or requests.

Canon Grote moved to receive the financial report from the Board of Pensions and Relief. Mrs. Sarah Benner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Report subject to audit

**The Board of Pensions and Relief
For the Triennium 2017-2019 with 2020**

Starting Cash Balance (Operating Account) As of 12/31/16 from 2016 report	\$	61,836.59
Adjustment to starting balance as a result of voiding outstanding checks	\$	250.00
Starting cash balance 12/31/2016	\$	62,086.59

	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Previous Year Starting Balance (Operating)	\$62,086.29	\$66,128.77	\$75,645.61	\$81,918.05	\$62,086.29
Increase to Cash Balance					
Disability Premiums Collected	\$46,733.00	\$54,753.35	\$53,058.00	\$49,638.32	\$204,182.67
** Investment Account Withdrawals	\$95,496.85	\$97,820.44	\$100,377.45	\$100,997.34	\$394,692.08
Pension Contributions Received	\$675,400.57	\$666,053.45	\$721,739.71	\$886,571.79	\$2,949,765.52
Retired Clergy Fund Contributions	\$9,874.00	\$20,626.19	\$9,188.18	\$5,920.00	\$45,608.37
Scholarship Funding	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Ministerial Relief Contribution	-	-	-	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Total Increase to Cash Balance	\$828,254.42	\$840,003.43	\$885,863.34	\$1,045,627.45	\$3,599,748.64
Decrease to Cash Balance					
Administrative Expense	\$96,086.93	\$97,996.61	\$96,161.03	\$101,357.73	\$391,602.30
Audit	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Bond Renewal	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$600.00
Disability Premiums Paid	\$38,724.44	\$47,786.50	\$46,450.16	\$42,431.63	\$175,392.73
Pension Contributions Forwarded	\$675,400.57	\$666,053.48	\$721,739.71	\$886,571.79	\$2,949,765.55
Retired Clergy Fund Disbursements	\$9,350.00	\$17,000.00	\$12,590.00	\$8,675.00	\$47,615.00
Ministerial Relief Dist	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$6,000.00
Scholarships Funded	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Total Decrease to Cash Balance	\$824,211.94	\$830,486.59	\$879,590.90	\$1,040,686.15	\$3,574,975.58
Net Increase/Decrease to Operating Cash	\$4,042.48	\$9,516.84	\$6,272.44	\$4,941.30	\$24,773.06
Ending Cash Balance (Operating)	\$66,128.77	\$75,645.61	\$81,918.05	\$86,859.35	\$86,859.35

**Investment Account Withdrawals are not reflective of Principal, realized gains or dividends/interest.

Informational item. Renewal information for the Disability and Life Insurance program indicates we will not need to increase premiums charged to participating churches in 2021 or 2022

Investment Account Balances

Investment Account #1 (Funds used at the discretion of the Board)

	12/31/2017	12/31/2018	12/31/2019	12/31/2020
Rich Fund	\$3,129.86	\$2,952.21	\$3,402.33	\$3,751.72
Widows & Orphans	\$1,877.87	\$1,771.29	\$2,041.30	\$2,250.72
Ministerial Relief	\$15,902.32	\$14,999.74	\$17,286.18	\$19,059.56
Episcopal Relief	\$9,306.57	\$8,778.36	\$10,116.47	\$11,154.32
Kearney Fund	\$99,461.80	\$91,110.92	\$100,399.93	\$108,287.10
Administrative Reserve	\$24,594.84	\$23,198.89	\$26,735.26	\$28,256.19
Investment Account #1	\$154,273.26	\$142,811.41	\$159,981.47	\$172,759.61

MPPP Account #2 (Pension Account)

	12/31/2017	12/31/2018	12/31/2019	12/31/2020
Total Ending Account Balance	\$10,048,252.12	\$9,643,718.28	\$11,172,669.87	\$12,950,861.36
Performance Percentage	11.16%	-5.28%	16%	11.70%
Gain for Triennium		21.88%		

**Performance Percentage is reported from the portfolio advisor

Archdeacon Abboud then offered his report for the Episcopal Recorder. The Order Form for books and other items is available on the REC website. http://rechurch.org/pub_soc.html

The report for the Episcopal Recorder was filed with the Secretary. No motion required.

Report subject to audit

Episcopal Recorder
For the Triennium 2017-2019 With 2020

	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Previous Year Starting Balance	\$13,066.69	\$6,119.99	\$13,646.62	\$17,888.00	\$13,066.69
Revenue					
Sales	\$12,126.00	\$11,146.68	\$9,990.84	\$10,867.47	\$44,130.99
Support from Sustentation Fund	\$11,599.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,599.98
Total Revenue	\$23,725.98	\$11,146.68	\$9,990.84	\$10,867.47	\$55,730.97
Expenses					
Admin/Office	\$13,312.26	\$3,620.05	\$3,875.89	\$2,745.60	\$23,553.80
Printed Books	\$17,360.42	\$0.00	\$1,846.48	\$18,857.23	\$38,064.13
Other Products	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27.09	\$500.00	\$527.09
Total Expenses	\$30,672.68	\$3,620.05	\$5,749.46	\$22,102.83	\$62,145.02
Revenue in excess of Expense	(\$6,946.70)	\$7,526.63	\$4,241.38	(\$11,235.36)	(\$6,414.05)
Ending Cash Balance	\$6,119.99	\$13,646.62	\$17,888.00	\$6,652.64	\$6,652.64

Note: Inventory costs are expensed fully in the year of production and not reported as an asset. Full proceeds of sales are reported at the time of sale.

The Very Rev. Jerry Kistler, Chair of the Standing Liturgical Commission, presented his report on the work of the Commission over the past triennium. Mr. Bill Cross moved to receive the report and approve the work of the Commission. The motion was seconded by Bishop Gadsden. Motion carried.

REPORT of the STANDING LITURGICAL COMMISSION

To the 56th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church:

Over the past quadrennium, the Standing Liturgical Commission (SLC) has completed several projects, including a second edition of the *Book of Occasional Services*, several “Additional Services,” and a Visitation Handbook.

Book of Occasional Services (2020)

As anticipated by Bp. David Hicks in his preface to the 1st edition of the *Book of Occasional Services*, the SLC has in its 2nd edition presented the church with additional materials to build upon what has been produced thus far to supplement its liturgical life.

In particular, the SLC has provided in this edition an office for the Admission of Lay Readers, which was conspicuously absent from the previous edition. The ministry of the Lay Reader is an important

and canonical ministry in the church, and it was decided by the Commission that a distinct liturgical form appropriate to that ministry was badly needed. A Litany for the Church, the availability of which was assumed by the offices for the Founding of a Church and the Opening of a Church, has also now been provided. Also, prayers for the admission of Vergers have been added to the liturgy for the Admission of Lay Ministers and Officers. These services are appended to this report, and, having passed the scrutiny of the Committee on Doctrine and Worship, are recommended for the General Council's approval.

Additionally, several amendments, corrections, and rubrical revisions have been made to the offices in the 1st edition, including the addition of a prayer for the blessing of the Oil of the Catechumens in the Blessing of Oils (in the office of Blessings for Various Occasions) that was missing from the 1st edition, and rubrics to clarify when in the service of Holy Communion the bishop should bless each of the oils.

Finally, the Way of the Cross found in the 1st edition of the BOS is now presented in traditional language for the purpose of achieving the goal of making all the offices conform to the language and style of the classical Books of Common Prayer.

Each of the services of the *BOS* is now individually downloadable on the REC website. The services are as follows:

- Prefaces to the 1st and 2nd Editions
- 1. Prayers at Mid-Day
- 2. Compline
- 3. The Admission of a Communicant Member
- 4. The Blessing of Married Persons
- 5. The Adoption of Children

- 6. The Setting Apart of a Deaconess
- 7. The Installation of a Bishop
- 8. The Admission of a Canon, Archdeacon, or Dean
- 9. The Admission of Lay Readers (pending the Council's approval)
- 10. The Admission of Lay Ministers and Officers (with the admission of Vergers, pending the Council's approval)
- 11. A Litany for the Church (pending the Council's approval)
- 12A. The Foundation of a Church—the Breaking of Ground
- 12B. The Foundation of a Church—The Laying of the Cornerstone
- 13. The Opening of a Church
- 14. Form for Declaration of Secularization of a Church
- 15. Setting up the Christmas Creche
- 16. The Blessing of Palms and Procession
- 17. The Way of the Cross
- 18. The Blessing of the Paschal Candle
- 19. The Liturgy for the Rogation Days
- 20. The Blessing of Houses
- 21. Blessings for Various Occasions

The Commission is considering printing the *BOS* as a booklet for distribution at our next General Council in 2023.

Additional Services

Several other services and supplemental materials were authorized by the SLC and the Committee on Doctrine and Worship and are now recommended for the Council's approval, including:

- *The Psalter in Modern Language* (to compliment the BCP in Modern Language)
- *A Tenebrae Service*
- *The Way of the Cross: The Nine Scriptural Stations*

Rather than printing these materials out in full here, they are available for your perusal on the recourses page of the REC website (rechurch.org/recourses). A representative sample of the Psalter has been appended.

Visitation Handbook

A Visitation Handbook has been printed and copies have been sent to each diocese, two for each parish. Extra copies have been sent to the Publication Society for purchase.

The Book of Common Prayer, 2019

With the approval of the Committee on Doctrine and Worship, the SLC also recommended to the Council of Bishops the ACNA's *Book of Common Prayer, 2019* for use in the Reformed Episcopal Church at the discretion of the Bishop Ordinary of each diocese. The Council of Bishops subsequently approved this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

The Very Rev. Jerry D. Kistler

A Litany for the Church

¶ *For use at the Founding and Opening of a Church, and at other times.*

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.

O CHRIST, the Rock upon which thy Church is built,
whereon thy People, as living stones fitly framed
together, grow into a spiritual house;

Defend thy Church, O Lord.

O Christ, the Vine of which thy People are the branches,
that they may bring forth fruit an hundredfold;

Defend thy Church, O Lord.

O Christ, the Head of thy Body, the Church, whereof all
thy People are the members;

Defend thy Church, O Lord.

O Christ, our Prophet, who teachest the way of God in
truth;

Defend thy Church, O Lord.

O Christ, our Priest, who didst offer up thyself upon the
Cross, and ever livest to make intercession for us with the
Father;

Defend thy Church, O Lord.

O Christ, our King, who reignest over all the earth, and
makest us the citizens of thy heavenly Kingdom;

Defend thy Church, O Lord.

O Christ, who didst send the Holy Ghost upon the Church
at Pentecost, enduing it with power from on high;

Defend thy Church, O Lord.

A Litany for the Church

WE do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that we may continue steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That thou wilt fulfil thy promise to be with us always, even unto the end of the world;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That thou wilt bless the Clergy of thy Church, that they may diligently preach the Gospel, and faithfully administer the holy Sacraments;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That thou wilt heal the divisions in thy Church, that we all may be one, even as thou art one with the Father;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That every member of the Church in his vocation and ministry may truly and godly serve thee;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

¶ *When this Litany is used separately the Kyries and Lord's Prayer shall follow here.*

Arise, O God, maintain thine own cause;

And forget not the congregation of the poor for ever.

Look down from heaven, behold, and visit this vine;

And the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself.

Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness;

And let thy saints sing with joyfulness.

The Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

A Litany for the Church

Let us pray.

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

NOW unto him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

The Admission of Lay Readers

¶ *To be used before Holy Communion, or after the Collects in the Daily Office.*

¶ *At the appointed time each person to be admitted shall stand at the chancel rail as the person being designated to the office of Chief Lay Reader reads the following lesson from the lectern.*

Hear the words of Saint Paul the Apostle in his second letter to Timothy.

II Timothy 3: 1-17

THIS know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was. But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a

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child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto 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 perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

¶ The Priest shall first appoint and install the Chief Lay Reader using the interrogatory and charge but changing to read “Receive the authority to serve as Chief Reader of this parish”. The Chief Lay Reader, or a reader representing him, shall then present to the Priest all others to be admitted to the office of Lay Reader.

REVEREND Father in God, I present unto you these persons to be admitted to the Office of Licensed Lay Reader in this Diocese.

¶ The shall the Priest say,

ALMIGHTY and Merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that Thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service, look down, we beseech Thee, on these thy servants who are now to be admitted to the office of Reader in this Church. Pour upon them the abundance of Thy grace; make them modest and humble in their ministrations, ready to obey those set over them in the Lord, diligent to frame and fashion their own lives, and the lives of their family, according to Thy blessed Word. Grant unto them growth in the knowledge and love of Thy Word, that they may faithfully minister to the salvation of souls, to the edification of Thy Church, and to the glory of Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then the Priest shall address all to be admitted.

DEARLY beloved, ye who are to be admitted as Readers in the House of God, we call upon you to know the holiness of that office, and to fulfill it with all reverence and

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godly fear. For our God is a mighty God, who will pour down upon you His grace that ye may go on to perfection. And as ye are set in an high place in the Church, that your voice may be heard of all men, so ought ye to study and strive to be models of holy living, obedient bearers of the Word of God, in all godly conversation, that God might bestow upon you His heavenly grace.

N. In so far as it lieth in you, do ye promise to faithfully execute the duties of the office of Reader in the Church of God and to be obedient to the clergy and others appointed over you being diligent in the same?

Answer. I will, the Lord being my helper.

¶ Then shall the Priest deliver to each man to be admitted a license bearing the seal or signature of Bishop together with the following charge, saying,

N. By the authority of the Bishop, receive thou the authority to serve as a Reader in the House of God. May God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, rest upon thee, and upon this work done in His Name. Amen.

Let us pray

O Lord God, Holy Father, vouchsafe to bless these Thy servants in their office of Lay Readers, that they may be diligent in the conduct of public worship, and such other duties as may be assigned, and may in their lives so set forth the beauty of the things they read that they may be for examples of holiness in Thy Church. Keep them by Thy grace in purity of life, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with Thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever One God, world without end. Amen.

The Admission of Lay Ministers and Officers

¶ *To be used before Holy Communion, or after the Collects in the Daily Office.*

¶ *The Priest shall appoint a Sponsor who shall instruct and examine the Candidates in the duties of their Office, and present them for Admission.*

¶ *Candidates for different Ministries may be presented and examined together, but shall be admitted separately with the Proper pertaining to their Office.*

THE PRESENTATION

¶ *The congregation being seated, the Priest shall stand at the chancel gate, facing the people, the Sponsor and the Candidate(s), clad in the proper vesture of their Office, standing before him. The Sponsor shall say,*

REVEREND Sir, I present unto you these persons, to be admitted to the Office of Lector (*or Verger, etc.*) in this Parish.

Priest. Are the persons whom you present duly prepared by purity of life, regular attendance at Church, and knowledge of their duties, to exercise *their* ministry to the honour of God and the edifying of the Church?

Sponsor. I have instructed and examined *them*, and believe them so to be.

THE EXAMINATION

¶ *The Priest, addressing the Candidates, shall say,*

DEARLY beloved, who desire to be admitted to the Office of Lector (*or Verger, etc.*) in this Church, are you convinced that the work of this ministry is so important that, while you are appointed thereto, you should be diligent in performing the same?

Answer. I am so convinced.

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Priest. Will you try faithfully and reverently to execute the duties of your Office to the best of your ability, as unto the Lord and not unto men?

Answer. I will try to do so.

Priest. Will you strive to live in accordance with the sacredness of this Office?

Answer. I will so strive, the Lord being my helper.

Priest. May God guide and bless you in the doing of this work.

THE ADMISSION

¶ Then, the people being seated, the Candidates, standing, shall be admitted as follows. The Priest shall take each Candidate by the right hand, saying the words of Admission, I admit you, etc. Then he shall give the Candidate the Token of the Office, saying, And I give you, etc. and shall say over them the Collect.

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2. OF VERGERS

I ADMIT you to the Office of Verger in this Church; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

RECEIVE, your Verger's Vestment as a symbol of the service you will offer Christ and His Church. And receive this Virge as a token of your ministry to provide guidance and protection.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named, who has called us into the fellowship of your Church, grant, we pray, that in all our churches we may fulfill the duties and enjoy the privileges of our spiritual homes. And on those who offer themselves for service as vergers in the house of God bestow the fullness of your grace, that, united in love to you, and to one another, we may show forth your glory and hasten the coming of Your Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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THE CONCLUSION

Priest. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Priest. Let us pray.

REGARD, we beseech thee, O Lord, our supplications, and confirm with thy heavenly benediction thy servants whom we have admitted to the lay ministry of thy Church, that with sincere devotion of mind and body they may offer a service acceptable to thy divine Majesty; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

The Psalter

Or Psalms of David

BOOK I

The First Day

Morning Prayer

Psalm 1. *Beatus vir qui non abiit.*

Blessed is the man who has not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners, * and has not sat in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; * and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side, * that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

4 His leaf also shall not wither; * and look, whatsoever he does, it shall prosper.

5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them; * but they are like the chaff, which the wind scatters away from the face of the earth.

6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement, * neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

7 But the LORD knows the way of the righteous; * and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Day 1

THE PSALTER

Psalms 2, 3

Psalm 2. *Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

WHY do the nations so furiously rage together? * and why do the people imagine a vain thing?

2 The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take counsel together * against the LORD, and against His Anointed:

3 Let us break their bonds asunder, * and cast away their cords from us.

4 He Who dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn: * the Lord shall have them in derision.

5 Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath, * and distress them in His great displeasure.

6 Yet have I set My King * upon My holy hill of Sion.

7 I will rehearse the decree; * the LORD has said unto me, You are My Son, this day have I begotten You.

8 Desire of Me, and I shall give You the nations for Your inheritance, * and the utmost parts of the earth for Your possession.

9 You shall bruise them with a rod of iron, * and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

10 Be wise now therefore, O you kings; * be instructed, you who are judges of the earth.

11 Serve the LORD in fear, * and rejoice unto Him with reverence.

12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and so you perish from the right way, if His wrath is kindled, yes but a little. * Blessed are all they who put their trust in Him.

Psalm 3. *Domine, quid multiplicati?*

LORD, how are they increased who trouble me! * many are they who rise against me.

2 Many one there be that say of my soul, * There is no help for him in his God.

3 But You, O LORD, are my defender; * You are my worship, and the lifter up of my head.

The Very Rev. Canon Jason Grote, Canon Missioner for REC100, presented his report by reading portions of his report and highlighting other important items of interest. Rev. Gerry McLynn moved to receive the report. Bishop Gadsden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORT of the NATIONAL CANON MISSIONER for REC100

REC100 National Canon Missioner Report
56th General Council – June 2021
The Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren,

“We have a compulsion to testify and spread the Gospel”

You’ve seen these words on almost every communication or pamphlet that has come from the REC100 office. The reason being, is that these words of our Presiding Bishop to the 55th General Council (2017) embody the very vision set forth by Bishop Sutton as he and the late Bishop Grote planned and implemented the committee and ministry known as REC100.

The vision is to make disciples for Jesus Christ in the Anglican way by continuing the growth of the Reformed Episcopal Church through the planting of 100 new parishes, and by encouraging every current Reformed Episcopal parish to embrace anew their mission for Christ in the local community.

At the 55th General Council, Bishop Sutton appointed me to serve as the National Canon Missioner. In that role, I was asked to help implement this vision and to oversee the work of the new REC100 Committee. The following is a report of the summary of my work and the work of this committee during this past triennium.

ESTABLISHMENT & INITIAL WORK

During this first triennium, the initial foundational steps of organization and visibility were taken. We developed a website (rec100.org), social media outlets, publishing Bishop Sutton’s General Council teachings, among other more menial tasks.

We began our communication avenue to our parishes by providing *The Front Porch* newsletter, which derives it’s name from Bishop Sutton’s call for all parishes to develop ‘Front Porch Ministries’ (*ministries designed to help the local church and community to engage with each other*). This newsletter provides highlights of new planters, plants, parishes, and other information pertaining to REC100 and the domestic growth of the Reformed Episcopal Church. With the great help of our designer, Mrs. Connie O’Hara, we have published six of these seasonal newsletters. In addition, we continue to design and provide annual Lenten Offering materials to be distributed in our parishes and members. These have included bulletin inserts, offering brochures, wall posters, social media graphics, REC100 prayer bookmarks and magnets.

Mr. Bud Longueville, treasurer for the General Council, also serves as the treasurer for REC100 and he helped established the necessary accounting system to receive online donations, the Lenten offerings, and to track each of our various diocesan funds and expenses. He is also instrumental in providing the day-today financial oversight and administration on behalf of our new plants and planters until such a time as the local mission can legally and logistically do so.

I also composed the first edition of the REC100 Planter's manual. This manual compiles various aspects of the REC100 church planting process and canonical requirements, includes a planter evaluation, a planting plan questionnaire, as well as the guidelines for receiving REC100 grants and approvals, along with a few other resources.

In addition, Bishop Sutton and I worked together to articulate Reformed Episcopal values. It is important that all of our parishes and new plants engage these values. These REC values are printed on the back cover of each *Front Porch* newsletter, and I've included them in their entirety at the end of this report for you and the Journal, but the broad categories are as follows:

- Traditional Anglicanism
- Reverent & liturgical worship with comprehensive churchmanship
- A Biblical world & life view
- Being an 'always mission-al' community
- Discipleship & personal commitments of all members

MEETINGS OF REC100

The Reformed Episcopal Bishops, REC100 committee members, Canon Missioners, and Church planters met multiple times during this extended triennium (June 2017-Dec 2020).

The first initial formational meeting was in October 2017, at which we reviewed and discussed the aforementioned REC100 Planter's Manual, REC100 structure and procedures, and our REC values.

This was followed by a second gathering in April 2018, at which Deacons Werner Heissenhuber and David Norton taught us how to lead the *Veritas: What is Truth?* © ministry developed at Church of the Holy Communion Dallas, TX. This ministry helps begin the process of discipleship by providing an opportunity to, metaphorically, open the door and lead people from the front porch ministries of the church to the inside. We were fortunate to video tape Bishop Sutton as he led the weekly presentations which we can now provide to parishes for their use. If you would like to learn more or use the *Veritas: What is Truth?* © ministry, please visit www.rec100.org and look for the Veritas section.

The third gathering of REC100 was a day-long retreat for all of our Bishops, Canon Missioners, and church planters in April 2019 at headquarters of the Diocese of the Southeast. We were delighted to have Canon Dan Alger, Canon for Church Planting in the ACNA, be with us and to be our primary speaker.

We planned to have our planters gather at General Council 2020, however the Covid-19 pandemic did not allow us to do so. Instead, we called for an REC100 Zoom meeting in November 2020. This was not the ideal venue for a retreat, but it at least allowed our planters and pastors to share their most recent activities with each other. It also provided an opportunity to have Canon Mark Eldredge of the American Anglican Council hear our stories, and to introduce himself and the teaching that he is providing for us at this General Council.

REC100 LENTEN OFFERINGS

The 2017 General Council supported the vision of Bishops Grote and Bishop Sutton concerning REC100, and embraced the "Give a Hundred Lenten Offering" that Bishop Grote learned about from

our Anglican brethren abroad. In particular, this REC100 offering asks each adult member to contribute \$100 each Lenten season to help support the mission and ministry of REC100. As of the writing of this report (May 2021), this model has raised over \$300,000 in financial support. As the Treasurer's report will indicate, Lenten Offerings received from the first three offerings of 2018 – 2020 are as follows by Diocese:

Central States \$ 49,229.35

Mid-America \$ 174,737.63

Northeast \$ 20,030.94

Southeast \$ 20,561.00

In addition to these Lenten Offerings, REC100 received a wonderful gift of \$50,000 from an individual as well as receiving the Women's Day Project Offering from the national REC Committee on Women's Ministry. These offerings were vital in providing the initial resources needed for the formation of REC100. REC100 also received a most gracious \$100,000 donation towards the specific ministry of planting a mission near Atlanta, Georgia. This has been fruitful as that parish is now one of our most flourishing missions.

One word of note, which you can see from the totals, is that there is a great disparity of offering participation between our Dioceses. It is unclear as to the cause of this. We are unsure whether the offering is being regularly promoted in the local parish by the pastors throughout Lent, or whether there is a lack of personal conviction or ability to support this ministry in some geographic areas. Any ideas or suggestions which might help promote and increase these support levels would be appreciated. These offerings are essential to equipping the overall ministry of REC100 and directly supporting our newest plants and revitalization efforts.

BROADER CHURCH PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENTS

As you are aware, Canon Mark Eldredge is with us at this General Council. Canon Mark serves with the American Anglican Council of focuses on teaching and supporting parish revitalization. If you remember, Bishop Sutton mentioned that the ministry of REC100 was a two-pronged approach – with parish planting and parish revitalization. Canon Mark is one resource we are working with to help encourage this.

We are also working with Always Forward, the church planting arm of the Anglican Church in North America. As mentioned already, Canon Dan Alger taught our REC100 retreat, and he led our plenary teaching sessions at the Diocese of Mid-America Synod in 2018. Molly Ruach has also served as a planting coach for three of our current church planters.

Two of our planters, Fr. Tony Melton and Fr. Michael Vinson, are currently working on developing an official church planting apprenticeship program. This would allow potential church planters to begin the work of planting at a mission station while completing their seminary education rather than waiting until they have completed seminary. This model could increase the opportunity and work of mission as it would increase our 'planter pipeline'.

CANON MISSIONERS

Since the initial forming of REC100, some changes have occurred in the leadership of each of the Dioceses. The following are the lists of the current Canon Missioners as of the writing of this report.

- Canon Jason Grote – National Canon Missioner and Canon Missioner for the Diocese of Mid-America
- Canon Cameron Robinson – Canon Missioner for the Diocese of the Southeast
- Venerable Scott Thompson – Canon Missioner for the Diocese of the Central States
- Vacant – a new Canon Missioner is being considered for the Diocese of the Northeast since Canon Jack Clark recently retired.

NEWEST REC PARISHES, PLANTS, AND PARISH REVITALIZATIONS

The following is a list of newest REC parishes which are in some stage of planting or formation, and/ or have transferred into the REC as a mission/parish.

- Holy Cross Mission - Midlothian, Virginia (*Diocese of the Central States*)
- St. Andrew's – Phoenix, Arizona (*Diocese of Mid-America*)
- Christ the King – Grover Beach, California (*Diocese of Mid-America*)
- Good Shepherd - Colorado Springs, Colorado (*Diocese of Mid-America*)
- Grand Junction, Colorado (*Diocese of Mid-America*)
- Christ the King - Covington, Louisiana (*Diocese of Mid-America*)
- All Saints – Shreveport, Louisiana (*Diocese of Mid-America*)
- Covenant Church – Greenville, Michigan (*Diocese of Mid-America*)
- Klamath Falls, Oregon (*Diocese of Mid-America*)
- San Matias Latino Mission - Katy, Texas (*Diocese of Mid-America*)
- Latino Mission - Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas (*Diocese of Mid-America*)
- St. Benedict's – Rockwall, Texas (*Diocese of Mid-America*)
- St. Mark the Evangelist – Waxahachie, Texas (*Diocese of Mid-America*)
- Christ the King – Marietta, Georgia (*Diocese of the Southeast*)
- Emmanuel Church – Spartanburg, South Carolina (*Diocese of the Southeast*)

Plans are currently being made for new plants in:

- Little Rock, Arkansas (*Diocese of Mid-America*)
- Canyon, Texas (*Diocese of Mid-America*)
- Denton, Texas (*Diocese of Mid-America*)
- McKinney, Texas (*Diocese of Mid-America*)
- Canton, Georgia (*Diocese of the Southeast*)

In addition, the following parishes entered into a phase of parish revitalization:

- All Saints – Shreveport, LA (*Diocese of Mid-America*)
- St. Paul's – Clear Lake, TX (*Diocese of Mid-America*)

As a final matter of reporting, the planting effort previously undertaken in Westminster, Maryland (*Diocese of the Northeast*) is no longer planting.

CLOSING

I started with a quote from our current Presiding Bishop. I now close with another quote. These are words written by our REC Bishops in their 2004 Bishop's letter on Missions (which can be found on the resource page of the rechurch.org website). The late Bishop Grote exhorted us with them again in 2011 as he delivered his Board of Foreign Missions President's report. And now, a decade later, I remind us of them again.

"It is our conviction therefore that mission should be at the center of everything we are and do in the Reformed Episcopal Church. Every Reformed Episcopalian should be a missionary. Each parish should be a mission station. All committees at the parish, diocesan and national levels should factor mission into the center of their business first and foremost. Mission should be of the heart of every aspect of the Reformed Episcopal Church."

Our hearts are once again opening to the intentional domestic mission work of the Reformed Episcopal Church and it is bearing fruit. Please continue to pray and support this Committee, the growth of the REC, and all of our new planters & parishes.

In His service,

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

Reformed Episcopal Values

TRADITIONAL ANGLICANISM

- Ancient & Historic Model of the Church as expressed through the Formularies of the English Reformation regarding Faith & Order
- Doctrinal Standards of the Reformed Episcopal Church:
 - The Holy Scripture as God's inerrant, infallible & unchangeable Word
 - Book of Common Prayer (REC2003)
 - 39 Articles of Religion
 - Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral
 - Declaration of Principles
 - Jerusalem Declaration

A BIBLICAL WORLD & LIFE VIEW

- Testing all things by Scripture
- Biblical & Traditional views on:
 - Marriage & Family
 - Gender & Sexuality
 - Sanctity of Human Life
 - Morality based on the 10 Commandments and teachings of Jesus

REVERENT & LITURGICAL WORSHIP WITH COMPREHENSIVE CHURCHMANSHIP

- Historic Book of Common Prayer in Elizabethan or Contemporary Language as approved by the Reformed Episcopal Church
- Sacramental Worship with Biblical Preaching
- Customs reflective of varying cultures (African American, Anglo, Latino, etc)
- Comprehensive Churchmanship (low, high, etc)
- Music expressing the beauty and character of God, and the hymnody of the historic church – most especially as contained in the 1940 Hymnal and REC Book of Common Praise 2017

BEING AN ALWAYS MISSIONAL COMMUNITY

- Seeking to provide ways for unbelievers to 'belong' before they 'believe'
- Willing to care for the least, the last, the lost, and the lonely
- Committed to the support of both domestic and foreign mission
- Raising up and equipping Missionaries and Church planters

DISCIPLESHIP & PERSONAL COMMITMENTS OF ALL MEMBERS

- Ministry that equips laity to be active in all aspects of the work of the Church
- Ministry that develops future leadership both lay & clergy
- Establishing Christian schools and Christian education at all levels
- Providing Biblical and faithful seminaries
- Encourages the Tithe (10%) as the normative model of giving

REPORT of the TREASURER for REC100

Mr. Bud Longueville, Treasurer for REC100, presented the REC100 Treasurer's Report. Rev. Willie Hill moved to receive the report as presented. Mrs. Sarah Benner seconded. The motion carried. (Reports are printed on the following pages.)

END OF FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

General Council members were dismissed for lunch at 12:44 pm by Bishop Sutton. They were asked to return for the initial teaching presentation by Rev. Canon Mark Eldredge at 1:30 pm.

Statement of Financial Position
REC100
Triennium 2017 - 2019 & 2020

ASSETS		<u>12/31/17</u>	<u>12/31/18</u>	<u>12/31/19</u>	<u>12/31/20</u>
Cash					
1000	REC100 Checking Inwood (TX)	-	129,363.72	57,224.64	96,742.25
1010	Atlanta Petty Cash	-	-	-	41.88
1011	Waxahachie Petty Cash	-	-	-	120.00
1001	Sust. Checking Inwood (TX)	60,795.39	-	-	-
Cash Total		60,795.39	129,363.72	57,224.64	96,904.13
Other Assets					
1100	REC100 Prepaid Percept Rpts.	-	2,200.00	1,980.00	1,980.00
1110	REC100 Edward Jones	-	-	84,393.98	117,794.72
1200	REC100 NCM Payable	-	1,666.70	-	-
Other Assets Total		-	3,866.70	86,373.98	119,774.72
TOTAL ASSETS		60,795.39	133,230.42	143,598.62	216,678.85
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS					
2000	REC100 PPD Clergy Comp.	-	-	(5,280.00)	(5,280.00)
2001	REC100 Pension Accruals	-	-	-	7,440.00
Total Liabilities		-	-	(5,280.00)	2,160.00
Restricted Assets					
3101	Diocese of the NE & MA	-	9,235.69	14,649.74	17,566.12
3102	Diocese of the Southeast	-	8,883.72	8,811.81	11,095.34
3103	Diocese of Mid-America	-	52,046.92	50,888.28	42,588.90
3104	Diocese of the Central States	-	19,984.50	34,685.77	44,210.36
3300	Rockwall, TX	-	-	4,573.91	463.16
3301	Covington, LA	-	-	-	2,054.04
3302	Waxahachie, TX	-	-	-	3,475.26
3310	Atlanta, GA	60,795.39	-	13,511.56	44,515.56
3311	Atlanta, GA (Special Gift)	-	-	-	3,000.00
3312	Spartanburg, SC	-	-	-	1,884.33
3313	Colorado Springs, CO	-	-	-	15,000.00
Restricted Assets Total		60,795.39	90,150.83	127,121.07	185,853.07
Unrestricted Assets					
3000	Administrative Funds	60,795.39	43,079.59	21,757.55	28,665.78
Unrestricted Assets Total		60,795.39	43,079.59	21,757.55	28,665.78
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		121,590.78	133,230.42	143,598.62	216,678.85

REC100 Administrative
Statement of Activities
Triennium 2017 - 2019 & 2020

		2017	2018	2019	Triennium	2020
		Actual	Actual	Actual	Total	Actual
Income						
4000	Admin Direct Income	-	58,201.69	200.00	58,401.69	10,410.00
4001	Admin Assessment Income	-	10,677.94	8,826.61	19,504.55	6,663.26
4101.1	Admin (Atlanta) Tithe Income	-	-	-	-	5,280.24
4002	Admin Div/Int Income	-	-	977.21	977.21	674.94
4004	Admin Unrealized Gain/Loss	-	-	-	-	(60.09)
4163	REC100 Fund Income (Sust Fund)	<u>77,764.28</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,764.28</u>	<u>-</u>
Income Total		<u>77,764.28</u>	<u>68,879.63</u>	<u>10,003.82</u>	<u>156,647.73</u>	<u>22,968.35</u>
Expense						
6002	Honorariums & Salaries	-	-	-	-	-
6002.1	National Canon Missioner	-	8,333.30	10,000.00	18,333.30	9,999.96
6002.2	Treasurer	-	-	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
6002.3	Media Coordinator	-	3,333.32	5,833.31	9,166.63	-
6004	Meeting Expense	-	-	-	-	19.82
6004.1	REC100 Annual Retreat	-	4,200.72	3,332.10	7,532.82	-
6004.2	General Council	-	-	-	-	-
6004.3	Non-Retreat Travel	-	1,334.10	-	1,334.10	-
6000	General Expense	-	245.94	14.90	260.84	22.29
6001	CC Proc Fees	-	251.55	352.45	604.00	395.34
6003	Legal/Professional Expense	-	-	-	-	-
6005	Accounting/Audit	-	341.25	1,168.15	1,509.40	-
6006	Veritas Expense	-	5,609.63	1,326.77	6,936.40	17.32
6007	Non-Committee Meeting Expense	-	-	213.20	213.20	854.43
6009	Other Expense	-	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	185.09
6010	General Liability/D&O Insurance	-	-	-	-	2,252.50
6008	Promotional Expense	-	868.84	-	868.84	-
6008.1	Front Porch Newsletter	-	531.19	1,337.21	1,868.40	447.72
6008.2	Lenten Offering Materials	-	-	3,033.95	3,033.95	65.65
6008.3	Other Promotional	-	239.00	-	239.00	-
6008.4	Software & Subscriptions	-	277.38	180.00	457.38	-
6008.5	Website & Social Media	-	233.82	233.82	467.64	-
9163	REC100 Fund Expese (Sust Fund)	<u>16,968.89</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,968.89</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expense		<u>16,968.89</u>	<u>25,800.04</u>	<u>31,325.86</u>	<u>74,094.79</u>	<u>16,060.12</u>
Total Increase(Decrease) in Assets from All Activity		60,795.39	43,079.59	(21,322.04)	82,552.94	6,908.23

REC100
Lenten Offering Summary Report

Diocese	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Northeast	10,228.54	6,661.68	3,140.72	20,030.94
Southeast	10,365.00	6,101.00	4,095.00	20,561.00
Mid-America	64,876.39	59,842.12	50,019.12	174,737.63
Central States	22,205.00	16,361.50	10,662.85	49,229.35
Diocese Total	107,674.93	88,966.30	67,917.69	264,558.92
 Admin	 7,500.00	 420.00	 410.00	 8,330.00
Total Lenten Offerings	115,174.93	89,386.30	68,327.69	272,888.92

TEACHING SESSION
CHURCH REVITALIZATION
Rev. Canon Mark Eldredge

The General Council reconvened at 1:30 pm for the first online Teaching Session. Bishop Sutton introduced the presenter, Rev. Canon Mark Eldredge, Director of Anglican Revitalization Ministries for the American Anglican Council. Canon Eldredge received his Bachelor of Science from Florida State University and his Master of Divinity from Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA. After serving as an Associate Priest for three years at an Episcopal Church in Midland, TX, Mark moved to Jacksonville to be the Senior Pastor of Epiphany Episcopal Church. While leading that church through revitalization, he also moved the church into what has become the Anglican Church of North America. After 14 years in that church, Mark is serving the Anglican Church in North America by helping local congregations better fulfill the Great Commission in our times. He also serves a similar role as the Canon for Congregational Health for the Gulf Atlantic Diocese based in Jacksonville, FL. He is married with three children and one grandson.

Canon Eldredge stated that the main focus of his teaching is to help traditional Anglican parishes create a missional culture. One factor in accomplishing this is to adapt, but not abandon core Anglican values. A most important core value is to have a Great Commitment to the Great Commission. (Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-49; Acts 1:8; John 20:21) There must be a clear vision and an understanding that “commitment” is different than having “a good idea”.

A 15-minute question and answer period was allotted at the end of the presentation.

Session I of General Council was closed with Family Evening Prayer led by Bishop Sutton at 3:12 pm. The second day of business is scheduled to resume online at 9:00 am, Thursday, June 10.

The FIFTY-SIXTH GENERAL COUNCIL of the Reformed Episcopal Church reconvened for its second day of proceedings at 9:00 AM via Zoom Video Conference on Thursday, June 10, 2021, with the service of Morning Prayer led by clergy from the Diocese of the Southeast. The Rt. Rev. William White introduced Rev. Anthony Thompson (officiant) with Rev. Tony Melton assisting. The Psalm and Lessons read for the Daily Office were Psalm 27, Isaiah 60, and I Corinthians 12:1-26.

Canon Grote announced that the Presiding Bishop's Report was available on the REC website and on the registration page. Video links to both the Business Session and the Teaching Session should be available within the next week once they have been edited for viewing.

Canon Grote also provided voting rules for Thursday's Business Session. Everyone was asked to use the "reaction button" on their Zoom screen for voting: red for "no", and green for "yes". Anyone making a motion or second should identify themselves first and allow the Presiding Bishop to repeat their name.

Bishop Sutton read correspondence he had received from The Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches following Wednesday's vote designating him as Presiding Bishop Emeritus.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION

The THIRD BUSINESS SESSION of the FIFTY-SIXTH GENERAL COUNCIL convened at 9:30 AM on Thursday, June 10, 2021, with Bishop Ray R. Sutton presiding. The session opened with Greetings from our Guests.

GREETINGS from GUESTS

At the invitation of Bishop Sutton, bishops from the various overseas and domestic jurisdictions associated with the REC offered greetings to the 56th General Council.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. John Fenwick, Bishop Primus, brought greetings from the Free Church of England. He gave an update on the current situation. Bishop Fenwick explained that The Rt. Rev. Paul Hunt, Bishop of the Southern Diocese of the FCE, was on holiday. Bishop Sutton then introduced the other overseas bishops or representative in attendance: The Rev. Enrique Melchor of Cuba, The Rt. Rev. Gerhard Meyer of Germany, and The Rt. Rev. Jasmin Milić of Croatia.

The Rt. Rev. Gerhard Meyer brought greetings from Germany. He reported that four mission churches which had been located in hospital chapels had closed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, as a result of the pandemic, the seminary in Germany had connected with REC seminaries in the U.S. via Zoom in order to continue classes. Plans are in the works to start a new mission in Munich. Ordinations will be taking place soon, including two Muslim converts. REC/ACNA Catechisms had been translated into German, and 160 copies had been sold thus far through PubSoc Germany. The Kull Camp had been closed due to the pandemic but was now ready to re-open as a result of government assistance. The Bishop's wife, Grace, reported that the Women of the Church in Germany had to cease activities during the pandemic but were able to offer classes online for children.

The Rt. Rev. Jasmin Milić of Croatia had not yet joined the meeting online. Bishop Sutton will allow him to bring greetings later when he is able to log in.

Because The Rev. Enrique Melchor was having difficulty logging into the meeting, Bishop Banek read the letter he was to present from The Rt. Rev. Raul Mendez Willians of Cuba. Once Rev. Melchor was able to join the meeting, The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Bernier translated his message on screen. Rev. Melchor offered thanks for being able to attend and speak to the General Council. He thanked God for being in the U.S. and for his ministry. Rev. Bernier reported that he had translated the Presiding Bishop's Report into Spanish for our REC Spanish missions in the U.S. and Cuba.

RESOLUTION from the DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL STATES

The Rt. Rev. Peter F. Manto, Bishop Ordinary of the Central States, introduced the Rev. Paul Edgerton, President of the DCS Standing Committee, to read a resolution in honor of The Rt. Rev. Daniel Morse, first Bishop Ordinary for the Diocese of the Central States, and in recognition of his service to the Church. The Ven. Scott Thompson moved to approve the resolution with the Ven. Dr. James T. Payne seconding. Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE FOR THE EPISCOPAL SERVICE OF THE RIGHT REVEREND DANIEL ROGAN MORSE

WHEREAS, THE RIGHT REVEREND DANIEL ROGAN MORSE has served with distinction and faithfulness as the founding Missionary Bishop and first Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Central States and has pastored the Parishes and Clergy with care and devotion and has well-earned our love, affection, and respect;

And mindful of the honor due to those who labor in the Lord, whose labor is not in vain;

We the Reformed Episcopal Church express our hearty thanks to God for the gift of his servant Dan to equip the saints for the work of the ministry;

And we extend our deepest thanks to this esteemed Bishop for all of the sacrifices he has made in order to serve the flock of God and to lead both the Clergy and the Laity in the way of truth.

IN TOKEN of our gratitude and the honor in which he is held by this church, we welcome him as the reverend BISHOP EMERITUS of the Diocese of the Central States, a title of distinction by which we recognize his continuing place of honor and ministry of godly fatherhood among us.

RESOLVED and declared at this General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, convened this ninth through eleventh days of June in the Year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one.

Bishop Sutton allowed a “warm your coffee” break at 10:10 am. The meeting resumed at 10:15 am.

REPORT of the BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Rev. Canon John Boonzaaijer, President of the BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, read his report to the 56th General Council. At its conclusion, Canon Boonzaaijer welcomed Mrs. Denise Cox from the SOCIETY OF ANGLICAN MISSIONARIES AND SENDERS who explained the purpose and mission of SAMS. She stated that she had worked with both Canon Boonzaaijer and Canon Bill Jerdan. She recognized Rev. David Ayres from Germany; Rev. Robert Gresser and family, missionaries to Malawi; and Rev. Matthew Colvin, former missionary to the Philippines. Mrs. Cox expressed her appreciation for Bishop Meyer and the REC’s mission work in Europe.

Canon Boonzaaijer then introduced a resolution in recognition of Canon Bill Jerdan and his long service in the mission field. Rev. Willie Hill moved to receive the report of the Board of Foreign Missions and approve the resolution. Mrs. Sarah Benner seconded the motion. The motion carried. Rev. Hill stated the covid-delayed Memorial Service for Canon Jerdan would be held on July 17, 2021.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

REPORT TO THE 56th GENERAL COUNCIL

June, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Board of Foreign Missions for the Reformed Episcopal Church has seen much change and new ministry these last four years. We have grieved the loss of its Executive Secretary, The Rev’d Canon Bill Jerdan. The Rt. Rev’d Chuck Gillin served as president during most of the triennium, with myself elected to continue his work in January, 2020. The worldwide effects of COVID were extremely fruitful in their ability to face ultimate questions of faith, discipleship, and practice—all over the globe, and with much conversation amongst mission partners, missionaries, and church leaders.

Amongst others, some noteworthy achievements since last General Council include:

- Completed the Reformation Heritage Museum in Osijek, Croatia with a dedication service on October 31, 2017, the five hundredth anniversary of the Protestant Reformation in Europe.
- Represented The Reformed Episcopal Church at Saint Andrew’s Cathedral in Singapore, as it hosted the 2017 Global Anglican Mission Partners conference.
- The Reformed Episcopal Church is now a member of the Global Anglican Mission Partners, serves on its Steering Committee, and hosted a workshop featuring “The Singapore Story” at its last triennial international missions conference, *New Wineskins*. This same story inspired Bishop Grote’s vision for the BFM, and drives much of the content of BFM and REC100. (Global Missions is one of the six ACNA provincial initiatives.)

- Launched “Circles of Three,” a non-financial friendship bringing together two stateside parishes of different dioceses with one of a foreign diocese or partner.

- Launched the “Sending Parish” initiative, seeking the participation of at least 80% of RECUS parishes 1) to appoint a Lay Missions Advocate, 2) to contribute to the BFM General Fund annually with at least \$500, and 3) to support at least one foreign project or missionary at any amount.

- Began to publish the missions *Cycle of Prayer* twice per year to encourage unified, systematic, and effective prayer for missions in each of our parishes.

- Formed an *ad hoc* committee to formulate recommendations for the government and provision of REC Cuba, as RECUS assumes the primary responsibility for its care and direction.

- Formed the joint *REC-ANiC Cuba Committee* for continued provision and leadership training of the REC Missionary Diocese of Cuba since the retirement of Bishop and Mrs. Dorrington.

- Revised the application for mission service to concentrate ministry for the furtherance of the mission of The Reformed Episcopal Church.

- Continuing to support and to send missionaries for service in God’s Kingdom.

- Exploring ways to serve the needs specific and germane to the nature of a Missionary Diocese (which by definition lacks the numbers and support of a Diocese and is functionally more like a deanery or convocation).

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev’d John Peter Boonzaaijer
 BFM President, and
 Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Foreign Missions

**Board of Foreign Missions Report to the 56th General Council
 Of the Reformed Episcopal Church**

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

The Board of Foreign Missions held the following teleconference meetings during the triennium:

- • June 16, 2017 – Organizational meeting at General Council
- • October 11, 2017
- • April 3, 2018
- • October 29, 2018
- • September 5, 2019



Between these general meetings the Executive Committee and Bishops Sutton, Gillin and Canon

Jerdan participated in many teleconference calls.

At the organizational meeting held during the sessions of the 55th General Council on June 16,

2017 in Dallas, TX the Board elected the following officers:

- • President - The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin
- • Vice-President – The Rt. Rev. Peter Manto
- • Treasurer – The Rev. Jason Grote
- • Secretary – Deaconess Teresa Johnson
- The Board also reappointed the Rev. Canon William Jerdan as Executive Secretary.

Colvin Family

Following the return of the Rev. Matt Colvin and his family from the mission field in the Philippines and Indonesia, the Board voted to extend its endorsement of the Colvin family through 2017 for the purpose of collecting continued support through the BFM. This action was reported on the BFM website and Facebook page and Fr. Matt communicated it to his supporters and SAMS in his newsletter.

Fr. Matt continues with his online teaching which helps sustain his family financially. Sora's lungs have improved to near normal. She is attending school and attempting to transfer her midwifery credentials to British Columbia in the hope of resuming practice in 2019. They request prayer for the continuing needs of their children. Matt and Sora are open to returning to the field in several years, if the Lord opens that door. They have been advised by SAMS that there are enough funds in their account should they wish to consider a short-term project.

Singapore

The Anglican Province of Southeast Asia and the Diocese of Singapore invited Bishop Ray Sutton to send REC representatives to their triennial "Mission Consultation Roundtable" in October 2017. While it was the Board of Foreign that provided their travel, and the Diocese of Singapore provided

lodging and meals. The trip also included visits to deanery projects. Bishop Sutton and the BFM named Vice-president Bishop Peter Manto, Executive Secretary Canon Bill Jerdan, and member Fr. John Boonzaaijer as representatives. Thanks to frequent flyer miles offered by a vestryman at Chapel of the Cross, they were able to add Nathaniel Boonzaaijer to the group.

The participants provided reports to the bishops of the church and the members of the Foreign Board.

Brazil & Venezuela

The work in Brazil and Venezuela is under the oversight of the Free Church of England and Bishop Primus, the Rt. Rev. John Fenwick. Bishop Fenwick sent a Letter of Commendation to the Foreign Board in July 2017 seeking permission for his Commissary (Assistant), the Rt. Rev. Josep Rossello, to do fundraising in North America. Bishop Fenwick's request was approved by the REC Council of Bishops and the Board.

Bishop Rossello subsequently advised the Bishops of the Church and Canon Jerdan that he and his family were relocating to England in 2019 and that he has accepted a call to be rector of Christ Church in Exmouth on the southern coast. He will assist the FCE with church planting and other outreach efforts. Bishop Rossello will continue as the diocesan bishop for the FCE South American Diocese until such time as a new bishop is appointed.

Advent Offerings

Over the course of the triennium the Board sponsored three Advent offerings that were endorsed by Bishop Sutton. These offerings were used for:

- Fr. Ben Bernier and theological training in Cuba
- Cuban building additions and hurricane relief
- A Cuban printing and publishing center
- Toward the cost of sending the Gresser family to Malawi
- Church planting in Germany
- The building project in Karlovac, Croatia
- Funds for Missionaries and International Bishops and their Wives to attend the 56th General Council

The Board thanks God, working through his faithful servants, for His gracious provision in supplying the funds associated with these and other BFM offerings.

Cuba

The Canadian Mission work in Cuba is the result of a plea that came in July 2003 to the Diocese of Western Canada for Episcopal oversight for a small group of believers in the city of Moa, Holguin, Cuba. What began as a small congregation of approximately 15 people has grown and spread throughout other areas of the country under the careful and consistent oversight of the Rt. Rev. Charles Dorrington with the help of his wife Claudia. In 2014 the Rt. Rev. Raul Willians Mendez Suarez was consecrated Bishop.

The Canadian team, under the direction and leadership of Bishop Charles Dorrington, made several mission visits to Cuba over the course of the triennium. The Rev. Dr. Ben Bernier was endorsed by Bishop Sutton to accompany the team and to lay the groundwork to begin the process of theological education among the clergy. Dr. Bernier has accompanied the team on every mission since May 2017 and his visits have been funded by the Foreign Board. Other US based visitors who have also accompanied the team are Dr. Julius Barnes, Bishop Eric Menees (San Joaquin, CA) Bishop Walter Banek and more recently the Very Rev. & Mrs. Jason Patterson. The primary Canadian benefactor for the operating budget of the Cuban churches, the St. Athanasius Society, served notice that their funding would end in 2018. During his 2018 visit, Dr. Bernier was asked by the Board to search for income-

producing opportunities for the churches. He did this and reported back with these existing projects and possibilities: a taxi (painted and AC added), a fruit and vegetable farm, a pig farm, a carpentry shop, English classes for adults and a B&B in Havana. Hopefully we can, with God's help, enable our Cuban brethren to become more self-sustaining. Bishop Sutton attended the Foreign Board meeting on April 3, 2018 and encouraged the members to make the funding of the work in Cuba work a priority moving forward.

The hog project was shut down by the government due to a viral epidemic among the livestock. The diocesan taxi has received a facelift and a new project is in the works to purchase electric scooters for clerical transportation. Funds gathered through the Advent offering were given to the diocese for the purpose of establishing a print center to help with self-sustainability. Bishop Charles and Claudia Dorrington reported that the 2019 budget had been met, thanks to the release of \$10,000 of donated funds by the BFM treasurer previously earmarked for Cuba. The Canadian Cuban team, including Mrs. Claudia Dorrington, visited Cuba in January 2020. The BFM paid for the travel expenses of the U.S. representatives, Bishop Walter Banek, the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Bernier, and the Very Rev. & Mrs. Jason Patterson (Sarah). U.S. participants needed to change flight arrangements, necessitating their departure from Canada, in order to gain entry into Cuba.

Currently, there are over 40 reported parishes and missions in three districts on the Island.

Croatia

From October 26-31, 2017 Canon Bill Jerdan, Fr. John Boonzaaijer and his son Nathaniel traveled to Croatia from Singapore to attend the October 28 dedication of the Reformation Heritage Center in Osijek. Funding to support this project was raised through the 2017 REC Lenten Mission Offering. On October 29 the Tordinci parish was also celebrating the 500th anniversary, while Bishop Milic attended a joint service with local Lutherans in Osijek. Our

church was represented at the Reformation commemorative service at the National Theatre in Zagreb on October 30.

In mid-November 2017 the Rev. Almir Pehlic, vicar of Christ the King mission in Karlovac, along with the Rev. Thomas Smith embarked on a 12-day fund-raising mission to western PA for the purpose of visiting churches to publicize the Karlovac Capital Campaign. This campaign was approved by the Foreign Board after it received a project application. It involves an aggressive real estate acquisition and building project. Rev. Greg Miller, a member of this Committee, hosted the men for several nights during their visit. All funds given for this project were directed to be sent through the Foreign Board Treasurer to continue this Reformed Episcopal work in Croatia. The BFM Executive Committee approved the Project Application.

Fr. Almir Pehlic and Rev. Tom Smith again visited the US in February 2019 and traveled to western Pennsylvania, the Washington DC area, Baltimore and Philadelphia in the continuing effort to raise awareness and funding for the work in Croatia and in particular for the ministry in Karlovac. Fr. Pehlic was invited to speak at the Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Blue Bell, PA. The Rev. Robert Hitchings is scheduled to make a trip to the U.S.

for the purpose of fundraising for his work with the Roma people. Fr. Hitchings has recently been ordained a presbyter in the Missionary Diocese of Croatia. All funding will come through BFM to the Croatia diocese for the Roma work in Kapelna. The Rev. Ed Fowler will be involved in helping to make visitation arrangements. Fr. Fowler has published, "The Cry" which features the work of the Missionary Diocese of Croatia and more recently the entire work of the Foreign Board. We appreciate Rev. Fowler's fine efforts.

Germany

Anglican Bridge (formerly English Camp) is a continuing short-term opportunity that allows young people from countries with English as a first language to interact with German young people who are attempting to learn English.

Two new missionary families have been endorsed by the Foreign Board. This endorsement followed votes of approval by the REC Council of Bishops and the Executive Committee. The Rev. & Mrs. David Ayres (Patricia) serve at Christ Anglican Church in Berlin. Their acceptance by SAMS as their sending agency was recently obtained. Many of us are familiar with the Ayres family as a result of Fr. David's previous ministry in the NEMA Diocese. Rev. Dcn. & Mrs. Jared Wensyel (Abigail) have been received as Board endorsed missionaries subject to their endorsement by SAMS. The Wensyels are involved in a church planting effort in Frankfurt. The Rev. Davidson Morse has agreed to serve as their U.S. advocate to assist with future travel and deputation visits to the U.S.

Croatian & German Synods

From April 27 through May 3, 2018, the Board President, Bishop Charles Gillin, and Archdeacon Douglas Mills, from the diocese of Mid-America, were asked by Bishop Sutton to represent him at the Croatian and German synods. Bishop Sutton had planned to make

the trip but was stricken with painful back issues. They visited the Croatian and German Synods on April 28 and May 5 respectively. They visited Osijek, Tordinci, Karlovac, and Zagreb in Croatia. Their time in Germany was spent at the Knull Camp. Bishop Gillin also met with the Rev. David Ayres and his wife Patricia to discuss their situation and ministry future in relation to the Foreign Board.

Gresser Family - Malawi

The BFM approved the missionary application of the Rev. Canon & Mrs. Robert Gresser on October 29, 2018. The recommendation was made by the Executive Committee and endorsed by the REC Council of Bishops. The Gressers carried out a four-month teaching mission, beginning March 2019, at the Leonard Kamunga Theological College in Malawi, Africa (Anglican Diocese of Northern Malawi). They anticipated continued service at this school and possibly at a new theological school in Rwanda. They previously served in Uganda under AIM and in Ethiopia. They were accompanied by their two special needs children, Andrew and Peter. Father Gresser is pursuing a Ph.D. in Old Testament at Dallas Theological Seminary. His orders are held in the Diocese of Mid-America and he currently serves as the Reformed Episcopal endorser for military chaplains. The Gresser's received the endorsement of SAMS. The budget for the Gresser Malawi mission was set at \$17,000

by SAMS. The Gresser's were one of the recipients of the Advent offering to assist with start-up expenses and the BFM has voted to advance them \$6,000 against anticipated funds resulting from deputation efforts.

At the proceedings of the DMA Synod at the end of February, the Gresser family was commissioned. The family arrived safely in Malawi on March 19, 2019. The Gresser's home was located in Malosa which involved three hours of daily commuting time for Robert three days a week. Bishop Fanuel Magangani was concerned for his safety. Canon Makweya often provided transportation, but that arrangement was not sustainable. The theological school leadership worked with the Gresser's to find housing within walking distance to the school. There are challenges for the school. Foremost is the fact that the bishops are not sending theological students because they cannot afford to support new parish priests.

The Gresser family returned to the US on July 17, 2019. Canon Gresser submitted a written report to the Board on August 2, 2019, and was present on the September 5 teleconference meeting call. His report noted both the positive and negative aspects of their time on the field. It is his opinion that the school was unprepared to host his family and that expenses were grossly underestimated. Canon Robert believes that the dioceses of Malawi, as well as the Province of Central Africa, are at a crossroads. Many of the clerical leaders are pushing this Province into the arms of the "progressives" and away from the tenets of GAFCON. This has affected theological education. The school is not universally supported and as a result is underfunded. Canon Gresser is open to serving in overseas theological education in the future, following the completion of his PhD studies. He is currently serving as Priest-in-Charge, of Holy Comforter Anglican Church in Cleburne, TX, in an extended Interim position, and continues to serve as the Canon for Military Chaplains in the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Other

During the Triennium the Board approved a Missionary Application, Project Application and Expense Reimbursement Policy.

At its April 3, 2018 meeting, the Board voted that the Executive Committee be authorized to approve General Fund supplements, if and when necessary, of up to \$2,500 total per calendar year, for each mission field or endeavor that is sponsored by the Board of Foreign Missions. Following a member's recommendation at the Board's meeting in October 2017, Bishop Gillin contacted Canon Jason Grote and Mr. Bud Longueville to learn more about the process the members of the Sustentation Fund followed to invest their funds with Goldman Sachs. It was recommended that he contact Mr. Craig Keller, a member of the Sustentation Committee who had contacts with Goldman Sachs. Mr. Keller was very helpful and arranged several conference calls between himself, Brad Shusman at Goldman,

Canon Grote and Bishop Gillin. Canon Grote provided the amounts in the checking account funds he would be willing to combine with our Fidelity investments to make the Goldman investment. He was careful to evaluate future liquidity needs. That total was \$300,000. It was noted that our current Fidelity portfolio was invested aggressively with large risk exposure and high fees. The Goldman conservative recommendation carried less risk and

lower fees. On March 5, 2018, the Executive Board was joined in the teleconference by Craig Keller and voted to recommend to the Board to place all of the money in the Fidelity Investment portfolio and \$160,000 cash from the checking account into the recommended Goldman Sachs conservative investment portfolio. The Board approved this action at its meeting on April 3, 2018.

Circles of Three

The Circles of Three is an initiative of the BFM developed by Board member the Rev. Cn. John Boonzaaijer. It helps meet a long-standing concern voiced by Canon Jerdan. That is, how can our people be better informed, educated and involved in foreign missions? The idea behind the initiative is to establish three-way relationships between two domestic and one foreign parish or mission. The goal is ongoing communication and sharing about mission endeavors. The key is the appointment of a parish mission's advocate who will be the primary channel for all mission communication. This individual could also serve as the channel for all domestic REC 100 communications from the national and diocesan canon missionaries. All completed forms are forwarded to Canon John Boonzaaijer for coordination. The project has been communicated to each Diocese and hopefully all of our churches have been advised and anticipate participating. At last report there are 19 Circles of Three.

Anglican Global Mission Partners AGMP)

Canon Jerdan and the Rev. John Boonzaaijer attended the fall AGMP meeting in Ambridge, PA on November 13-16.

The AGMP held their annual meeting in Herndon, VA on March 7-9, 2019. Canon Jerdan was able to attend and represent the REC. A mission's roundtable was scheduled to be held on

Saturday morning, March 9. Unfortunately, due to an emergency in the family of the coordinator, it had to be cancelled.

In conjunction with the AGMP fall conference, the 2019 New Wineskins Global Mission's Conference was held on September 26-29, 2019 at Ridgecrest Conference Center in Ridgecrest, NC. Canon Jerdan arranged for a REC pre-conference event featuring speakers from the Diocese of Singapore on September 25-26. The transformation of the Diocese of Singapore from simply maintaining the Anglican ministry to planting and developing future dioceses in six surrounding countries is a story that inspires Anglican dioceses and parishes in North America. The REC100 effort was inspired by the Diocese of Singapore. The REC welcomed Canon Yee Ching Wah, Singapore Director of Missions and veteran missionary to Thailand, and Archdeacon Wong Tak Meng, former Dean of the Mission Deanery of Cambodia. Canon Jerdan asked the Rev. John Boonzaaijer and the Rev. Greg Miller to co-lead this conference because of his medical condition. Reports were given on the REC mission in

Cuba (Bishop Banek), Malawi (Canon Gresser), Croatia (Fr. Ed Fowler), and Germany (Fr. David Ayres). Our newest missionaries, Jared and Abigail Wensyel were also able to attend, along with Fr. Davidson Morse, their stateside advocate. Canon & Mrs. Ron Moock, Bishops

Gadsden and White, and several parishioners from NEMA and DCS were also in attendance. The BFM co-sponsored this pre-conference and paid the costs of our organizing participants.

Missions Prayer Cycle

Mr. Joshua Bloom, a member of the Reformed Episcopal Church of Our Savior in Leesburg, VA, worked with Canon Jerdan to design a REC Missions Prayer Cycle for 2019. It was distributed to the churches electronically and can be used on the local and diocesan levels to remember specific mission posts and outreach on particular Sundays throughout the liturgical year.

Women of the Church 2020 Project Offering

From Mrs. Gail Hill, the Chairperson of the REC Women of the Church:

Our 2020 Women's Day Project has been assigned. We are pleased to announce that the project will be to raise \$10,000 to assist in purchasing five electric motor bikes to be used to transport REC Clergy in Cuba to their preaching stations. At the end of 2018, there were 15 REC Clergymen and 46 preaching stations. Their means of transportation to these stations is by foot, bicycle, or taxi.

Canon Jerdan

Canon Jerdan continued in his role as Executive Secretary during the Triennium. He served as the primary interface with field missionaries and mission dioceses. He also provided constant mission-related communications, with the help of Dss. Teresa Johnson, to our Reformed Episcopal churches.

Canon Jerdan represented the BFM at the ACNA Provincial Assembly in Wheaton, IL on June 27-30, 2017.

He also traveled to western and northern Africa with Diane for two teaching missions in 2017. We received the news early in 2019 that Canon Jerdan had been diagnosed with lung cancer that had metastasized to several ribs and vertebrae. He has been prescribed a drug by his doctor that helps his immune system fight the disease. Prior to Canon Bill's diagnosis, Bishop Sutton had requested a detailed job description for the BFM Executive Secretary since it was Canon Bill's intention to resign as the Board's Executive Secretary at the next General Council. Canon Jerdan continues under doctor's care. A daily targeted chemotherapy treatment had produced positive results, but recently he has suffered a serious setback with the doctor's discovery of additional cancer. He has begun a new treatment. Our thought and prayers continue with Canon Bill, Diane and their family as they face this medical challenge in God's power and by His grace.

All the while, Canon Bill had been able to continue a regular schedule of emailing and telephoning in his capacity as Executive Secretary, however, he has been unable to travel on behalf of the Board. Father John Boonzaaijer has been making synodical visits in his stead. Cn. Jerdan's resignation has been made effective, at his request, as of January 1, 2020. The cause of world missions has been noticeably advanced as a result of the witness of the Jerdan family.

New BFM President

At its September 5, 2019 meeting the Board unanimously elected the Rev. John P. Boonzaaijer as its new President, effective January 1, 2020. Fr. Boonzaaijer is the rector of the Chapel of the Cross in Dallas, TX, has actively served on the Board and been involved in its leadership, including overseas travel to our mission partners. Canon Jerdan and Bishop Gillin are preparing documentation that will help Fr. Boonzaaijer with the transition.

Bishop Gillin's Parting Comments

It has been my joy and privilege to serve with the Executive Committee and Board members these last two and one-half years. When our dear brother Bishop Roy Grote was suddenly promoted, I was asked by Bishop Sutton to serve as President. I realized then and now that I could never fill the shoes of our beloved Bishop Roy, but I trust the work of the Board has been advanced during my tenure. I wish to thank each member for their service to the General Council through this Board. It has been a joy to work with the membership and in particular with a strong and active Executive Committee. Their encouragement and support have been a great blessing.

I especially thank the Rt. Rev. Ray R. Sutton (Presiding Bishop), the Rev. Canon William Jerdan (Executive Secretary), the Rt. Rev. Peter Manto (Vice-President), the Very Rev. Canon Jason Grote (Treasurer), and Deaconess Teresa Johnson (Secretary). Dss. Teresa has been a special blessing to me and the Board. She is always willing to go the extra mile using her excellent communication skills to post information on the Board's Facebook page, Twitter account, and website. She also migrated the updated BFM website to a new server. Canon Jerdan has been

an invaluable help to me these past several years and I could not have carried out my responsibilities if it were not for his constant assistance. I am indebted to him, as are all of us, for his labor and perseverance serving as the Board's Executive Secretary.

Please continue to pray for President Boonzaaijer, the Executive Committee, the entire Board and our missionaries that the Lord will continue to bless our labors to His glory.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Canon John Boonzaaijer
Foreign Board President

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
In Recognition Of
THE REV. CANON WILLIAM S. JERDAN

WHEREAS, the Rev. Canon William S. Jerdan has been a life-long member of the Reformed Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, in his younger days he ministered in Sunday School and youth ministries in South Carolina, Illinois, and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, he served as Rector of St. Luke's Reformed Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from 1969 to 1971; and

WHEREAS, he served as a missionary to France from 1972-2009 under the auspices of this Foreign Board and through the sending agency of Global Outreach; and

WHEREAS, he faithfully served as the Executive Secretary of this Foreign Board from 2011 through the first day of 2020 and helped oversee the growth of missions in Europe, Asia, and Africa and has been on the forefront of encouraging and assisting churches to build a mission's mindset by promoting both short and long-term missions; and

WHEREAS, he has continued to serve in world missions by pastorally ministering in Cambodia and West and North Africa; and

WHEREAS, he helped build world-wide Anglican mission partnerships;

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that on this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty, the Reformed Episcopal Church, and in particular this Foreign Board, gives thanks to Almighty God for the service and ministry of the Rev. Canon William S. Jerdan.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Episcopal seal.

The Most Rev. Dr. Ray R. Sutton
Presiding Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Jasmin Milić joined the meeting online and brought greetings from Croatia and Serbia. He announced the establishment of new missions in Zagreb and Dalmatia. Now that travel restrictions have been lifted, he hopes people will come and serve there again. Canon Boonzaaijer added that Bishop Milić had appeared on national television in Croatia several times and that these events were available for viewing on the BFM website.

Bishop Banek offered updates on Cuba from his recent visits there. He stated that he had made several trips to Cuba prior to COVID to take supplies to the missions. However, since the pandemic started, the island has been completely closed. Funds for Cuban missions are largely supplied by churches in Canada. These funds allowed for a seminary building to be acquired and built. There are eighteen (18) students enrolled for the current semester. Their curriculum was developed by the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Bernier. He translates English and Anglican works into Spanish for use at the seminary.

Claudia Dorrington, who traveled to Cuba on behalf of Bishop Dorrington when he could no longer make the trip, is known as “Mother Claudia” there. Unfortunately, neither of them are able to travel anymore because of health issues. However, Claudia encouraged all pastors to supply hard copies of the “Cuba Chronicles” for their congregants. Rev. Melchor read the latest news from the newsletter about the seminary in Moa called “Casa de Cranmer”. He also read about the option to purchase scooters in Cuba for the Cuban clergy so they are able to travel to the various missions under their charge. As Dr. Bernier displayed a picture of the seminary building, he stated that it was a miracle that they were able to construct the facilities, since food and materials were difficult to acquire.

Bishop Banek informed everyone that Rev. Melchor would be in the Dallas and Houston areas during the summer. If a parish would like for him to visit, they should contact Bishop Banek.

Canon Boonzaaijer then thanked everyone for their individual and parish support. He also stated that the resolution to honor Bishop Dorrington would be delayed until later in the afternoon, when he is able to join the meeting.

At 11:00 am, Bishop Sutton called for a 15-minute break.

REPORT of the BOARD of FOREIGN MISSIONS TREASURER

The Very Rev. Canon Jason Grote, TREASURER for the BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, requested that his report be filed with the Secretary unless anyone had a question. Hearing none, Archdeacon Payne moved to receive the BFM Treasurer’s report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Riches. Motion carried.

NOTES ACCOMPANYING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2017 – 2020

CURRENT ASSETS

- The Board’s assets are maintained in cash in a local operating checking account (PNC Bank) and investment accounts (Goldman Sachs). There are no fixed or long-term assets or property owned by the Board. As of Dec. 31, 2020, \$164,546.92 in cash/equivalent assets are held in the operating checking account and \$437,417.38 are held in the investment account.
- The investment assets of the Board are currently managed by Goldman Sachs. As of Dec. 31, 2020, the Board has a current value of \$437,417.38 invested. Goldman Sachs does not charge any advisory fees to the Board. A review and rebalancing of current allocations is made, at the very least, on an annual basis. The current investment allocations as the end of calendar year 2020 are as follows:
 - 3.83% (\$16,743.74) Cash & Money Markets
 - 54.72% (\$239,334.75) Investment Grade Fixed Income
 - 6.93% (\$30,328.13) Other Fixed Income
 - 22.31% (\$97,593.15) US Equity
 - 12.21% (\$53,417.61) Non-US Equity

The balance reported on the Statement of Financial Position reflects the current market value reported on the investment statements and includes interest, dividends, realized and unrealized gains. Earnings reported on the Statement of Activities are itemized and reported as per the investment statements.

All investment activity is recorded as unrestricted activity and is not allocated across any of the Temporary Restricted Assets. Any gain/loss impacts the general fund and helps pay the operational expenses of the Board.

CURRENT LIABILITIES

- The Board does not have any debt.
- *Pass Throughs* - monies which were payable to and received by the Board but should not have been. The Treasurer deposits the monies and then forwards the monies to the appropriate entity.
- *Pensions Payable* - the accrual of pension contributions which were realized in one accounting period but the cash was actually forwarded in a future accounting period.

TEMPORARY RESTRICTED ASSETS

- Each mission and/or project has its own designated "funds". Donations are solicited and received with donor intent based on the Board's authorization and approval. The Board does not assess any percentage fee from these donations for administration, thus crediting the full amount of the donations within their respective fund. The Board does maintain the right, in accordance with the regulations regarding charitable contributions, to redesignate funds when necessitated. Each year, the increase or decrease from the activity within each fund carries forward within each fund balance.
- The total Temporary Restricted Assets held by the Board as of December 31, 2020 were \$230,965.40.
- *Eliza Dean Fund* - Although reported and accounted for as a Temporary Restricted Asset, the Eliza Dean Fund is not restricted to a specific mission or project and is considered to be unrestricted for use by the Board. The Eliza Dean Fund was an asset held and reported by the Sustentation Fund of the REC from a time (pre-1900) when the Board of Foreign Missions did not hold its own assets. In researching the Journals of the General Council, the only restriction noted was that the funds be used for the furtherance of the ministry and purpose of the Board of Foreign Missions. The Sustentation Fund of the REC approved the request of the Board that these funds be transferred from the Sustentation Fund and to be reported in the Financial Position of the Board of Foreign Missions.
- A Statement of Fund Balances is provided as a part of the financial packet which reflects the summary of activities regarding each Temporary Restricted Asset.
- By action of the Board, the following Temporary Restricted Assets were redesignated to other funds between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2020.
 - *Advent 2017* – \$5,976.15 remaining applied to the Cuba:General Fund. Cuba was one of the original intended beneficiaries of this offering.
 - *Advent 2018* - \$5,000 shifted to the balance of Croatia:Christ the King Project as an intended beneficiary of the offering. \$2,000 of the offering intended to benefit the Gressers was

applied to Cuba:General because the Gressers had returned from their missionary activity. The remaining \$308.82 balance of the offering was also applied to Cuba:General Fund.

- Cuba:Taxi – a \$1,000 donation received was not needed and shifted to the General Fund of the Board to be used as needed. This was with permission of the donor.
- Christian Formation - \$500 redesignated to the General Fund for use in paying the expenses of the BFM Canon Missioner Honorarium/Travel. This Fund was originally for a program developed by the Board that is no longer used.
- Executive Secretary – Upon the death of Canon Bill Jerdan, the BFM Canon Missioner assumed the responsibilities and expenses that originally belonged to the Executive Secretary. The final remaining balance of the monies raised for the Executive Secretary was shifted to the General Fund to help pay for the BFM Canon Missioner Honorarium/Travel. The amount was \$7,070.30.
- Mission Mobilization & Planning – The Board approved redesignating the remaining \$3,434.35 to the General Fund to help support the BFM Canon Missioner Honorarium/Travel.
- The Kazi Fund – This fund was determined to be an unrestricted asset of the Board which had no specific intent. The Board chose to redesignate the full balance (\$16,136.03) to the Mission Education Fund which can be used for future mission seminars and education.

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS (General Fund)

- Unrestricted Net Assets consist of the total assets less any liabilities and temporary restricted balances. This is usually understood with the term “General Fund” in most churches. The Board may direct the General Fund as it determines without restriction.
- The General Fund consists of donations made by donors without any specific intent as well as any increase/decrease from all other activities that are not related to a specific restricted asset. This would include investment activity, general operating expenses, etc. The Board will, from time to time, authorize using the general fund balance (whether from new donations or from the balance carried forward from previous year’s activity) to supplement certain expenses for a particular mission or project.
- In total from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2020, the Board used \$36,824.57 of unrestricted assets (General Fund) to supplement the expenses/support of various missions and projects.
- The Board has already approved an additional \$10,000 supplement from the General Fund to be used in conjunction with the Advent 2019 Offering balance to help pay defray the expenses of foreign Bishops and approved individuals to attend the 2023 General Council.
- The activities of the Board increased the unrestricted net asset balance (General Fund) as follows:
 - 2017 \$ 472.04
 - 2018 \$ 7,992.06
 - 2019 \$39,752.41
 - 2020 \$37,933.65
- The total unrestricted net asset balance (General Fund) of the Board as of December 31, 2020 was \$367,673.06.

**The Board of Foreign Missions
Report of the Treasurer for 2017 - 2020
Statement of Financial Position**

ASSETS	Dec 31, 2017	Dec 31, 2018	Dec 31, 2019	Dec 31, 2020
Current Assets				
PNC Checking	\$220,697.60	\$85,912.62	\$127,436.37	\$137,305.78
Investments & Securities (Current Market Value)	\$149,091.93	\$295,220.93	\$319,682.90	\$437,417.38
Undeposited Funds at Year-End	\$1,600.00	\$15,473.95	\$6,970.00	\$27,241.14
Total Current Assets	\$371,389.53	\$396,607.50	\$454,089.27	\$601,964.30
TOTAL ASSETS	\$371,389.53	\$396,607.50	\$454,089.27	\$601,964.30
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS				
Current Liabilities				
Pass Throughs	\$0.00	\$1,981.22	\$0.00	\$200.00
Pensions Payable	\$0.00	\$3,240.00	\$3,125.84	\$3,125.84
Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00	\$5,221.22	\$3,125.84	\$3,325.84
Temporarily Restricted Assets				
Advent 2017 Offering	\$17,978.00	\$7,476.15	\$0.00	\$0.00
Advent 2018 Offering	\$0.00	\$6,630.00	\$7,308.82	\$0.00
Advent 2019 Offering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,884.61	\$14,286.27
Croatia				
Christ the King Building Project	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$19,459.34	\$19,509.34
Kapelna	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Karlovac	\$85.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$1,592.46
Special Project	\$12,261.60	\$12,261.60	\$9,261.60	\$9,811.60
General	\$18,671.41	\$28,201.19	\$20,929.95	\$21,975.95
Cuba				
Property Initiative	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Scooter Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$155.00	\$11,712.00
Taxi	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
General	\$0.00	\$2,650.00	\$7,486.00	\$30,269.73
Germany Missions				
Berlin (David Ayres)	\$300.00	\$2,120.00	\$4,568.50	\$13,562.25
Wensyel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$440.00	\$4,745.73
General	\$6,603.38	\$5,735.22	\$3,458.08	\$1,049.81
Colvin, Matt & Sora	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$1,625.00	\$1,625.00
Gresser, Robert	\$0.00	\$3,100.00	\$12,830.05	\$12,940.05
Jerdan, William (non Executive Secretary)	\$1,890.82	\$1,890.82	\$1,890.82	\$0.00
Wright, Greg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,510.00
Short-Term:Croatia	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Short-Term:Nepal/Singapore Missions	\$850.73	\$850.73	\$850.73	\$850.73
Christian Formation	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Executive Secretary	\$2,683.27	\$7,188.19	\$7,070.30	\$0.00
Mission Education & Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,145.87	\$10,145.87
Mission Mobilization	\$3,434.35	\$3,434.35	\$3,434.35	\$0.00
Eliza Dean Fund (unrestricted for missions)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65,228.61
Kazi Fund	\$16,136.03	\$16,136.03	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Memorials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
Total Temporarily Restricted Assets	\$89,394.59	\$101,399.28	\$121,224.02	\$230,965.40
Unrestricted Net Assets (General Fund)				
Prior Balance	\$281,522.90	\$281,994.94	\$289,987.00	\$329,739.41
Current Year Change	\$472.04	\$7,992.06	\$39,752.41	\$37,933.65
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	\$281,994.94	\$289,987.00	\$329,739.41	\$367,673.06
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$371,389.53	\$396,607.50	\$454,089.27	\$601,964.30

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Statement of Activities**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
REVENUE					
Contributions					
<i>Transfer of Eliza Dean Asset from Sustentation Fund</i>	-	-	-	\$65,228.61	\$65,228.61
<i>General Fund Donations</i>	\$18,977.42	\$25,914.45	\$16,726.85	\$31,287.75	\$92,906.47
<i>Tithes from Jurisdictions</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$720.00	\$720.00
<i>Rest. Funds redesignated to GF for BFM Canon Missioner</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,004.65	\$12,004.65
<i>Designated for Projects & Missions</i>	\$154,471.64	\$141,454.33	\$122,735.23	\$129,996.60	\$548,657.80
Total Contributions	\$173,449.06	\$167,368.78	\$139,462.08	\$239,237.61	\$719,517.53
Investment Revenue					
<i>Fees</i>	(\$1,387.07)	(\$1,289.72)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,676.79)
<i>Investment Income (Dividends, Cap Gains, Realized)</i>	\$7,424.58	\$26,686.53	\$9,029.07	\$8,521.65	\$51,661.83
<i>Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments</i>	\$11,406.30	(\$29,201.41)	\$32,829.90	\$17,834.22	\$32,869.01
Total Investment Revenue	\$17,443.81	(\$3,804.60)	\$41,858.97	\$26,355.87	\$81,854.05
TOTAL REVENUES	\$190,892.87	\$163,564.18	\$181,321.05	\$265,593.48	\$801,371.58
EXPENDITURES					
Program Services					
<i>General Funds used for Program Svcs</i>	\$20,578.14	\$5,715.15	\$8,492.59	\$2,038.69	\$36,824.57
<i>Rest. Funds shifted to GF for BFM Canon Missioner</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,004.65	\$12,004.65
<i>Rest. Funds paid out in support</i>	\$130,354.40	\$129,449.64	\$102,910.49	\$73,479.18	\$436,193.71
Total Program Services	\$150,932.54	\$135,164.79	\$111,403.08	\$87,522.52	\$485,022.93
Operational Expenses					
<i>Accounting</i>	\$3,004.99	\$3,000.00	\$3,004.99	\$5,004.99	\$14,014.97
<i>Advertising & Promotion</i>	\$108.15	\$127.25	\$1,659.89	\$552.00	\$2,447.29
<i>Bank & CC Fees</i>	\$977.69	\$1,354.36	\$1,090.03	\$1,114.89	\$4,536.97
<i>BFM Canon Missioner - Honorarium</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
<i>BFM Canon Missioner - Travel Expenses</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,931.59	\$1,931.59
<i>Dues & Subscriptions</i>	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$768.33	\$2,268.33
<i>Gifts</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$370.00
<i>Office Supplies & Expense</i>	\$1,881.46	\$2,172.39	\$1,893.62	\$235.60	\$6,183.07
<i>Travel & Meeting Expense</i>	\$8,898.76	\$1,048.64	\$2,192.29	\$618.53	\$12,758.22
Total Operational Expenses	\$15,371.05	\$8,402.64	\$10,340.82	\$30,395.93	\$64,510.44
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$166,303.59	\$143,567.43	\$121,743.90	\$117,918.45	\$549,533.37
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets (Restricted & Unrestricted)	\$24,589.28	\$19,996.75	\$59,577.15	\$147,675.03	\$251,838.21
Increase/ Decrease in Temporary Restricted Asset Balance	\$24,117.24	\$12,004.69	\$19,824.74	\$109,741.38	\$177,692.70
<small><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></small>					
Increase (Decrease) in UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	\$472.04	\$7,992.06	\$39,752.41	\$37,933.65	\$86,150.16
<small><i>This is the amount our General Fund changed by</i></small>					

The 56th General Council 2021

The Board of Foreign Missions
Report of the Treasurer for 2017 - 2020
Statement of Fund Balances

Fund Name	Donations 2017	Donations 2018	Donations 2019	Donations 2020 YTD	Beginning Fund Balance Dec. 31, 2016	Total Donations to Fund (2017-2020)	Other Income (2017-2020)	General Funds used for Missions (2017-2020)	Redesignated/ Shifted to another Fund	Expenditures Paid from Fund (2017-2020)	Change to Fund Balance (2017-2020)	Fund Balance Dec 31, 2020
Advent 2017 Offering	\$20,478.00	\$19,434.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,912.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$5,976.15)	(\$33,936.05)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Advent 2018 Offering	\$0.00	\$11,630.00	\$8,678.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,308.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$7,308.82)	(\$13,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Advent 2019 Offering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,884.61	\$8,401.66	\$0.00	\$14,286.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,286.27	\$14,286.27
Croatia:Christ the King Project	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$14,109.34	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$14,509.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$19,509.34	\$19,509.34
Croatia:Kapehna	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$7,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$7,600.00)	(\$300.00)	\$0.00
Croatia:Karlovec	\$1,200.00	\$4,045.08	\$350.00	\$1,592.46	\$1,285.00	\$7,167.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$6,880.08)	\$307.46	\$1,592.46
Croatia:Special Project	\$31,985.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$276.22	\$32,535.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$23,000.00)	\$9,535.38	\$9,811.60
Croatia:General	\$11,134.00	\$18,161.78	\$6,775.76	\$9,471.00	\$15,995.41	\$45,542.54	\$0.00	\$9,441.74	\$0.00	(\$49,003.74)	\$5,980.54	\$21,975.95
Cuba:Property Initiative	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Cuba:Scouter Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$155.00	\$11,557.00	\$0.00	\$11,712.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,712.00	\$11,712.00
Cuba:Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cuba:General (includes 2020 Advent)	\$2,100.00	\$6,100.00	\$4,836.00	\$50,039.00	\$0.00	\$63,075.00	\$0.00	\$11,432.02	\$8,284.97	(\$52,522.26)	\$30,269.73	\$30,269.73
Germany:Berlin (Ayres)	\$760.00	\$2,860.00	\$3,375.00	\$8,993.75	\$0.00	\$15,988.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,426.50)	\$13,562.25	\$13,562.25
Germany:Crofts	\$600.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$390.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,750.00)	(\$350.00)	\$0.00
Germany:Wenspel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$440.00	\$5,460.00	\$0.00	\$5,900.00	\$0.00	\$573.27	\$0.00	(\$1,727.54)	\$4,745.73	\$4,745.73
Germany:General	\$25,999.01	\$27,571.84	\$26,048.70	\$22,191.73	\$9,087.45	\$101,811.28	\$0.00	\$8,934.74	\$0.00	(\$118,783.66)	(\$8,037.64)	\$1,049.81
Brodish, Sue	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Colvin, Matt & Sara	\$19,639.00	\$4,926.00	\$1,375.00	\$0.00	\$2,784.00	\$25,940.00	\$0.00	\$1,208.83	\$0.00	(\$28,307.83)	(\$1,159.00)	\$1,625.00
Gresser, Robert & Traci	\$0.00	\$3,100.00	\$19,696.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$22,906.00	\$0.00	\$586.07	\$0.00	(\$10,552.02)	\$12,940.05	\$12,940.05
Jerdan, Bill (non Exec. Secr.)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,890.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,890.82)	(\$1,890.82)	\$0.00
King, Judy (Pension Account)	\$600.00	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,400.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wright, Greg	\$10,570.00	\$4,663.68	\$4,980.00	\$5,930.00	\$400.00	\$26,143.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$23,033.68)	\$3,110.00	\$3,110.00
Short-Term: Croatia	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Short-Term: Germany	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Short-Term: Nepal/Singapore	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,144.97	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,944.24)	(\$2,944.24)	\$850.73
Christian Formation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)	\$0.00	(\$500.00)	\$0.00
Executive Secretary	\$21,706.25	\$28,251.75	\$24,131.00	\$0.00	\$8,899.10	\$74,089.00	\$0.00	\$2,647.90	(\$7,070.30)	(\$78,959.70)	(\$8,699.10)	\$0.00
Mission Education & Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,136.03	(\$5,990.16)	\$10,145.87	\$10,145.87
Mission Mobilization / Planning	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,434.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,434.35)	\$0.00	(\$3,434.35)	\$0.00
Eliza Dean Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65,228.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65,228.61	\$65,228.61
Kazi Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,136.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$16,136.03)	\$0.00	(\$16,136.03)	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$8,260.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,260.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$8,260.00)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Memorials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$650.00
Total Restricted Funds	\$156,471.64	\$141,454.33	\$122,735.23	\$129,996.60	\$65,277.35	\$548,637.80	\$65,228.61	\$36,624.57	(\$12,004.65)	(\$473,018.28)	\$165,688.05	\$230,965.40

Explanations of Redesignation of Temporary Restricted Assets are included in the Notes to Accompany the Financial Statements.

General Council resumed deliberations at 11:15 am, following a 15-minute break.

REPORT of the COMMITTEE on CONSTITUTIONS and CANONS

Archdeacon James T. Payne presented the REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS. Actionable items in the report were presented in three sections.

First to be considered were the revision of and additions to TITLE I, CANON 11: “Of the Ordination and Consecration, and Reception of Bishops”, and the revisions to the related CANON 16: “Of the Duties of Bishops”. Dr. Riches moved to adopt the changes to Title I, Canon 11, and Canon 16 as presented. Bishop Gadsden seconded the motion. Following some discussion for clarification, the vote was called with over two-thirds of those present and voting in the affirmative, thereby rendering the revised Canons to be in effect at the close of this 56th General Council.

Second, Archdeacon Payne presented the proposed revision and replacement of Title II, Canon 34: “Of the Solemnization of Holy Matrimony”. Mei-li Sivigny moved to adopt the replacement of said Canon. Rev. Greg Miller seconded the motion. After discussion of Section 3(a) concerning impediments, the vote was called with over two-thirds of those present and voting in the affirmative (90 in favor, 1 against), thereby rendering the new Canon 34 to be in effect at the close of this 56th General Council.

Third, a Proposed Model Canon, Title III, Canon 1: “The Call of a Minister to a Parish”, was recommended by the Committee to each Diocese for adoption. Mei-li Sivigny moved that the report of the Committee on Constitutions and Canons be received as presented, including the recommendation of the Proposed Model Canon for each Diocese. The motion was seconded by Rev. Kistler. The motion carried.

Bishop Sutton thanked Archdeacon Payne and Dss. Teresa Johnson for their work on behalf of the Committee.

The Reformed Episcopal Church The Committee on Constitutions and Canons

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

The Committee held two in-person meetings during the triennium since the 55th General Council, once in Dallas, TX (April 2018) and once in Summerville, SC (May 2019). In April 2021, a final round of votes was requested via email, in which the three items presented in this report were approved by a majority of the Committee. These items have also been reviewed and approved by the REC Council of Bishops.

1) Revision of and Addition to Title I, Canon 11, “Of the Ordination and Consecration, and Reception of Bishops,” and revisions to Canon 16, “Of Duties of Bishops”

An additional section and minor revisions to existing sections are proposed to Canon 11. A new section, inserted prior to the existing canon, establishes a uniform method for the process of nominating and electing a Bishop in this Church. This addition is in response to numerous requests from both within and without our sub-jurisdiction of the Anglican Church in North America and is intended to promote a fair and open process.

It also follows the biblical precedent in Acts 1:15-26, with the election of St. Matthias from a slate of qualified men.

Minor supporting revisions are proposed to the following portions of Canon 11 (section numbers correspond to the updates required by the insertion of Section 1):

- A. Section 4(b) – Extends the timeline to begin the search process for a new bishop
- B. Section 6(c) – Clarifies the minimum requirements for a bishop to be elected as a Bishop Ordinary, Coadjutor, or Suffragan

Additional revisions supporting the changes to Canon 11 are proposed to Title 1, Canon 16, “Of Duties of Bishops” to clarify the procedure to be used when a Diocese is without a Bishop, for whatever reason.

To provide context for the proposed changes, all Canons regarding Bishops in this Church are included in the enclosure. Added text is displayed in red, and deletions are displayed in strikethrough text.

2) Replacement for existing Title II, Canon 34, “Of the Solemnization of Holy Matrimony”

At the 55th General Council, a minor revision was made to Canon 34 to add a sentence defining marriage as the union between one man and one woman. At that time, the Committee indicated that the language in this Canon would be examined in its entirety, in response to the rapidly deteriorating view of marriage in modern culture.

After much deliberation, the Committee is proposing that the existing Canon 34 be replaced by a revision that incorporates the essentials of the traditional Anglican requirements for matrimony, while specifically re-affirming our position that so-called “same-sex marriage” is incompatible with Holy Scripture and is therefore not permissible in the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Many states require clergy to register with, and even to be licensed by, the secular authority.

Given the Supreme Court’s ruling in *Obergefell v Hodges*¹ and the court-enforced punitive treatment of businesses for refusal to participate in or provide goods or services to marriage arrangements for same sex couples, we must contemplate the possibility that at some future date secular authority may attempt coercive behavior and force, by fines or by court orders, and mandate clergy to officiate at such same sex ceremonies under penalty of law.

The proposed Canon 34 would allow the Bishop, under such eventualities, to halt participation of the clergy in officiating at any civil marriage or to sign and file such marriage licenses in response to such coercion, and substitute the formal blessing of a civil contract of marriage using the prayer book rite in circumstances where the parties are eligible for Christian marriage.

Qualifying couples would first comply with the civil authority and after being married according to secular law by the magistrate, would be empowered and have their marriage blessed by the clergy and presented with a Certificate of Christian Marriage.

In addition, the proposed Canon clarifies the requirements that must be met before a couple can be married in this Church, and it makes provision for the wronged party in a divorce to receive a statement from his or her Rector that the person was not at fault and is free to remarry.

Considering that new language for Canon 34 is being proposed to replace the existing Canon 34, it is not presented in red text in the enclosure.

3. Model Canon on the Call of a Minister

The final item is a recommended “model” diocesan canon based on the following canon of the Diocese of Mid-America: Title III – Of Pastoral Connections, Canon 1 – *“The Call of a Minister to a Parish.”* It provides a framework to ensure that a formal letter of call covers all matters that are essential not only to the parish extending the call but also to the priest who receives it. No diocese is being compelled to adopt the canon verbatim, as legal requirements differ in each state within a jurisdiction.

The full text of the proposed amendments has been provided as an enclosure for your review and consideration. The Committee recommends that the REC General Council approve these two amendments to the Canons and the model diocesan canon.

Respectfully submitted,

The Venerable James T. Payne, D.D.
Chairman

Deaconess Teresa Roberts Johnson
Secretary

Enclosures (3)

1 ***Obergefell v. Hodges*** 576 U.S. 644 (2015), is a landmark case in which the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that the fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples by both the Due Process Clause and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. The 5–4 ruling requires all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and the Insular Areas to perform and recognize the marriages of same-sex couples on the terms and conditions as the marriages of opposite-sex couples, with all the accompanying rights and responsibilities.

Enclosure 1

TITLE I: THE MINISTRY

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 and no more than 5 proposed nominees 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. Section 5 (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 Presbyter 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. 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 shall be certified by a simple majority of the Standing Committee and submitted to the next regular or special called meeting of the Synod as formal nominees for its action concerning election. The 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 1 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 2 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 3 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 ~~six months~~ **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 (a).** The proceedings incident to preparation for the ordination and consecration of such successor shall be as provided in Section 1 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 4 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 5 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 ~~three~~ a minimum of five** years before his date of election.

CANON 12

Of Missionary Bishops

Section 1 The General Council may establish Missionary Dioceses in the United States or its Territories, or parts thereof, or in territory belonging to the United States, or to the Dominion of Canada, its provinces and territories or parts thereof, not organized into Dioceses, or in territory beyond the United States or Canada, not under the charge of Bishops in communion with this Church. It may also, from time to time, change, increase or diminish the territory included in such Missionary Dioceses.

Section 2 (a) The Council of Bishops may, from time to time, choose a suitable presbyter or presbyters to serve this Church as Missionary Bishops in Missionary Dioceses, such choice to be subject to confirmation of the General Council during its triennial sessions, and at other times to confirmation by a majority of the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses and a majority of the General Committee.

(b) The Presiding Bishop, in consultation with the Council of Bishops, may appoint a Missionary Bishop to Chaplains and Military Personnel, either from among the Bishops of this Church or by the choosing of a suitable Presbyter, such choice to be subject to confirmation of the General Council during its triennial sessions, and at other times by a majority of the Standing Committees of the various dioceses and a majority of the General Committee. The Missionary Bishop to Chaplains and Military Personnel may be assigned oversight of such other non-military chaplaincies as may be appropriate, with the advice and consent of the Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese in which the chaplaincy is located.

The Missionary Bishop to Chaplains and Military Personnel shall be the endorsing agent for all Chaplains of the Reformed Episcopal Church and shall exercise pastoral and administrative oversight over Military Chaplains. Due to the unique nature of this ministry, the Missionary Bishop to Chaplains and Military

Personnel is exempt from those portions of Canon 12 and Canon 17 that pertain to the oversight of a Missionary Diocese.

The Missionary Bishop to Chaplains and Military Personnel shall report on a quarterly basis to the Presiding Bishop, who shall establish policies and provide general oversight. The appointment may be withdrawn by the Presiding Bishop at his discretion in consultation with the Council of Bishops. This Canon shall be interpreted in such a manner as to allow the endorsement of Chaplains to the Canadian Armed Forces by a Bishop of this Church designated by the Missionary Bishop to Chaplains and Military Personnel so as to conform to the laws of Canada.

(c) The evidence of such choice shall be a certificate signed by the Bishop presiding in the Council of Bishops and by its Secretary, with a testimonial, or certified copy thereof, signed by a majority of the Bishops of the Church, in the second form required in Canon 11, Section 1, which shall be sent to the Presiding Bishop, or to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses, if the General Council be not in session.

(d) When the Presiding Bishop shall have received a certificate signed by the President and Secretary of the General Council (or certificates signed by the Presidents and Secretaries of a majority of the Standing Committees as the case may be), that the election has been approved, and shall have received notice of the acceptance by the Bishop-elect of his election, he 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 certificates and testimonial.

Section 3 The General Committee shall have power, at their discretion, to transfer a Missionary Bishop from one Missionary Diocese to another, and, in case of the permanent disability of the Bishop in charge, to declare the Missionary Diocese vacant.

Section 4 Any Bishop or Bishops elected and consecrated under this Canon shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Council of Bishops, and shall be eligible to the office of Bishop or Bishop Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop in any organized Diocese within the United States or the Dominion of Canada; provided that such Missionary Bishop shall not be so eligible within five years from the date of his consecration, except to the office of Bishop of a Diocese formed in whole or in part out of his Missionary Diocese. And whenever a Diocese shall have been organized within the jurisdiction of such Missionary Bishop, if he shall be chosen Bishop of such Diocese, he may accept the office without vacating his Missionary appointment; provided that he continue to discharge the duties of Missionary Bishop within the residue of his original jurisdiction, if there be such residue, until the Council of Bishops shall elect a Missionary Bishop of such residue.

Section 5 (a) When a Diocese, entitled to the choice of a Bishop, shall elect as its Diocesan, or as its Bishop Coadjutor, or Suffragan Bishop, a Missionary Bishop of this Church, if such election shall have taken place within six months before a meeting of the General Council, evidence thereof shall be laid before each House of the General Council, and the concurrence of each House, and its express consent, shall be necessary to the validity of said election, and shall complete the same so that the Bishop thus elected shall be thereafter the Bishop of the Diocese which has elected him.

(b) If the said election shall have taken place more than six months before a meeting of the General Council, the above process may be adopted, or the following instead thereof, *viz*: The Standing Committee of the Diocese electing shall give duly certified evidence of the election to every Bishop of this Church, and to the Standing Committee of every Diocese, and to the General Committee. On receiving notice of the concurrence of a majority of such Bishops and of the Standing Committees in the election, and of the General Committee and their express consent thereto, the Standing Committee of the Diocese electing shall transmit notice thereof to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese and Missionary Diocese within the United States; which notice shall state what Bishops and what Standing Committees have consented to the election.

On receiving this notice, the Presiding Bishop shall certify to the Secretary of the Council of Bishops the altered status and style of the Bishop concerned. The Standing Committee of such Diocese shall transmit to every Congregation thereof, to be publicly read therein, a notice of the election thus completed, and also cause public notice thereof to be given in such other way as they may think proper.

Section 6 In case of the death or resignation of a Missionary Bishop, or of a vacancy in the Missionary Diocese from other cause, the charge thereof shall devolve upon the Presiding Bishop with the power of appointing some other Bishop of this Church as his substitute in said charge until the vacancy is filled.

Section 7 If during the recess of the General Council, and more than six months previous to its session, there shall be a vacancy in a Missionary Diocese arising from any cause, the Council of Bishops shall, on the written request of a majority of the same, be convened by the Presiding Bishop, and thereupon may proceed to elect a Bishop for such Diocese.

CANON 13
Of Suffragan Bishops

Section 1 A Suffragan Bishop shall be elected in accordance with the Canons enacted in each Diocese for the election of a Bishop. However, the initiative shall in every case be taken by the Bishop of the Diocese asking for the assistance of a Suffragan.

Section 2 There shall not at any time be more than two Suffragan Bishops (one if there be a Coadjutor) holding office in and for any Diocese, save by special consent of the General Council as previously obtained.

Section 3 The Council of Bishops, from time to time in its discretion, may choose a Suffragan Bishop for any Missionary Diocese from the Presbyters of that Missionary Diocese, in the same manner as provided by Canon 12, Section 2, and subject to all the provisions thereof.

Section 4 A Suffragan Bishop shall act, in all respects, as the assistant of the Bishop of the Diocese, or Missionary Diocese, and under his direction.

Section 5 The tenure of office of a Suffragan Bishop shall not be terminated on the death or removal of the Bishop of the Diocese or Missionary Diocese. A Suffragan Bishop whose resignation has been accepted shall exercise Episcopal functions only as he may be authorized by the Ecclesiastical Authority of a Diocese or a Missionary Diocese.

Section 6 (a) Whenever a Suffragan Bishop shall be elected Bishop or Bishop Coadjutor of a Diocese or Bishop of a Missionary Diocese, if such election shall have taken place within six months before a meeting of the General Council, evidence thereof shall be laid before each House of the General Council and the concurrence of each House and its express consent shall be necessary to the validity of said election, and shall complete the same, so that the Bishop thus elected shall be thereafter the Bishop or Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese which has elected him; or Missionary Bishop of the Diocese, as the case may be.

(b) If the said election has taken place more than six months before a meeting of the General Council, the above process may be adopted, or the following instead thereof, viz.: The Standing Committee of the Diocese electing, or the Secretary of the Council of Bishops, as the case may be, shall give duly certified evidence of the election to every Bishop of this Church in the United States and Canada who has seat and vote in the Council of Bishops, and to the Standing Committee of every Diocese, and to the General Committee.

On receiving notice of the concurrence of a majority of the Bishops and of the Standing Committees, and of the General Committee in the election, and their express consent thereto, the Standing Committee of the Diocese concerned or the Secretary of the Council of Bishops, as the case may be, shall transmit notice

thereof to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese and Missionary Diocese within the United States or the Dominion of Canada; which notice shall state what Bishops and what Standing Committees have consented to the election. On receiving this notice, the Presiding Bishop shall certify to the Secretary of the Council of Bishops the altered status and style of the Bishop concerned.

CANON 14

Of the Consecration of Bishops for Foreign Lands

Section 1 The following conditions are prescribed as necessary to be fulfilled before the Presiding Bishop of this Church shall take order for a Consecration to the Episcopate authorized by that Article.

(a) A person seeking to be consecrated a Bishop for a foreign land must present to the Presiding Bishop of this Church a statement in writing subscribed by him setting forth his name, and the date and place of his birth; his Ecclesiastical and Civil status; whether he is in Presbyter's Orders, and, if so, the time and place and Episcopal source of his admission thereto, and to the Diaconate; the fact of his election or appointment, by a body of Christian people in a foreign land, to be, when duly consecrated, their Bishop; the corporate name under which such body is or desires and intends to be known as a distinct part of the Catholic Church of Christ; and the land wherein and the civil government under which it claims and purposes to exercise its jurisdiction as such; that the position of this body of Christian people in the land wherein they dwell is such as to justify its distinct organization as a Church therein; that the members of that body will receive the person consecrated for them by the Episcopate of this Church as a true and lawful Chief Pastor, will suitably maintain him as such, and will render to him all due Canonical obedience in the exercise of his proper Episcopal functions; that by the lawful authority recognized in the body applying through him for the Episcopate there has been prescribed for use in that body a Book of Offices containing the Creeds commonly called the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, together with forms for the Administration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, an Ordinal, an Office for the Administration of Confirmation by the Laying on of Hands, and an Order for the public reading of the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, in which Book the Faith and Order of the Church, as this Church hath received the same, are clearly set forth and established as the Faith and Order of the Church in which the Episcopate is as aforesaid desired to be settled and maintained; and that the person presenting himself for consecration is, in his life and teaching, in entire conformity with the principles of such Faith and Order, that he is not justly liable to evil report for error in religion or viciousness of life, and that he has no knowledge of any impediment on account of which he ought not to be consecrated to the Office of a Bishop.

(b) In case a Bishop should already have been consecrated for a foreign land, application should be made for the consecration of a second or of a third Bishop for the same country, the judgment in writing of the Bishop or Bishops already exercising jurisdiction in that land concerning the proposed consecration shall be presented to the Presiding Bishop together with the papers required in the foregoing Clause.

(c) The applicant making the statement required in Clause (1) shall with it present to the Presiding Bishop evidence fully substantiating the said statement in every particular thereof; and shall make such further statement, supported by such further evidence, as the Presiding Bishop may in the premises deem to be desirable or essential.

(d) If the Presiding Bishop shall deem the statement so submitted, with the evidence substantiating the same, sufficient to justify the consideration or the application by the Bishops of this Church, he shall lay the whole record embodying such statement and evidence before the Council of Bishops on the next occasion on which they may be duly convened as such, with the presence of a majority of all the Bishops of this Church entitled to vote in said Council.

Section 2 (a) If after consideration of the statement and evidence so presented, and of any other evidence of which they may be cognizant, a majority of the Bishops of this Church entitled to vote in the Council of

Bishops of this Church shall consent to the proposed consecration, the Presiding Bishop shall present the matter to the General Council for its concurrence, or to the General Committee if Council be not in session. Upon approval by majority vote of either General Council or General Committee, the Presiding Bishop may take order therefore in the same manner as order is prescribed to be taken by him in the consecration of Bishops in this Church, the Order of Consecration being conformed, as nearly as may be in the judgment of the Bishops consecrating, to that used in this Church.

(b) No one shall be consecrated in accordance with this Canon without compliance with all requirements of a National or Provincial Church with which the Reformed Episcopal Church may be constitutionally aligned.

Section 3 Immediately after a consecration as herein provided shall have taken place, the Presiding Bishop shall lodge the original record of the statement and evidence above required, together with such other papers and documents as he may deem essential to the true and complete history of the proceedings, with the Secretary of the General Council in the Office of the Presiding Bishop for preservation among the Archives of this Church.

CANON 15

Of the Presiding Bishop and His Office

Section 1 The Presiding Bishop shall be the President of General Council and shall preside over meetings of the General Committee and Council of Bishops. He shall take order for the consecration of Bishops when duly elected. He shall also perform all other duties prescribed for him by other Canons of General Council.

Section 2 The stipend of the Presiding Bishop and his necessary expenses shall be provided for in the budget approved by the General Council.

Section 3 The style of the Presiding Bishop shall be Bishop of *N.*, Presiding Bishop. The Presiding Bishop shall be denominated Most Reverend.

Section 4 The Presiding Bishop may appoint a Canon, with the advice and consent of the General Committee.

(a) The Canon to the Presiding Bishop may be a member of either the Clergy or the Laity of this Church.

(b) The Canon to the Presiding Bishop shall implement the policies of the General Council and General Committee and shall exercise such duties or functions as may be assigned by the Presiding Bishop from time to time.

(c) The Presiding Bishop may delegate to his Canon any additional duties assigned to the Presiding Bishop under the Canons which are purely administrative (i.e., non-episcopal) duties as he deems fit. This includes representing the Presiding Bishop at meetings of Boards, Committees, and Commissions established under the Canons of this Church or by the General Committee. In such cases where the Presiding Bishop is a member or ex-officio member, the Canon shall be given voice, but no vote. The Canon to the Presiding Bishop may not chair such meetings without the consent of a majority of the remaining members but is otherwise to be accorded the same courtesy that would be due to the Presiding Bishop.

Section 5 The Presiding Bishop may, with the advice and consent of the General Committee, appoint a person learned in canon and civil law to serve as Chancellor, who shall serve as a legal advisor on such matters as shall be referred to him by the Presiding Bishop, General Council, General Committee, Council of Bishops, or by any other duly established sub-division or agency of the Reformed Episcopal Church. The Chancellor shall be a member ex-officio of the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Section 6 Provision in the budget shall be made for a permanent location for the Office of the Presiding Bishop as described in Canon 42, Section 7, and may be made for such staff as deemed necessary to carry out the work of the Office.

CANON 16
Of Duties of Bishops

Section 1 It shall be the duty of every Bishop of this Church to reside within the limits of his jurisdiction; nor shall he absent himself therefrom for more than three months without consent of the Synod or the Standing Committee of the Diocese, or, in the case of a Missionary Bishop, without the consent of the Presiding Bishop.

Section 2 (a) Every Bishop shall visit the Congregations within his Diocese or Missionary Diocese at least once in three years, for the purposes of examining their condition, inspecting the behavior of the Clergy, administering Confirmation, preaching the Word, and at his discretion, celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

(b) If a Bishop shall for three years have declined to visit a Parish or Congregation, the Minister and Vestry or the Corporation, or the Bishop, may apply to the Presiding Bishop to appoint a Council of Conciliation, who shall amicably determine all matters of difference between the parties, and each party shall conform to the decision of the Council in the premises; provided that in case of any subsequent trial of either party for failure to conform to such decision, any constitutional or Canonical right of the defendant in the premises may be pleaded and established as a sufficient defense, notwithstanding such former decision; and, provided, further, that in any case the Bishop may at any time apply for such Council of Conciliation. If the Presiding Bishop shall be the party within whose jurisdiction the Parish or Congregation may be, then the application shall be made to the Bishop next in seniority.

(c) Every Bishop shall keep a record of all his official acts, which record shall be the property of the Diocese, and shall be transmitted to his successor.

Section 3 Every Bishop shall deliver at least once in three years a Charge to the Clergy of his Diocese or Missionary Diocese, unless prevented by reasonable cause; and may, from time to time, address to the people of his Diocese or Missionary Diocese Pastoral Letters on points of Christian doctrine, worship, or manners, which he may require the Clergy to read to their congregations.

Section 4 At every Annual Synod or Convocation the Bishop shall make a statement of the affairs of the Diocese or Missionary Diocese since the last meeting of the Synod or Convocation; the names of the churches which he has visited; the number of persons confirmed; the names of those who have been received as Candidates for Holy Orders, and of those who have been ordained, and of those who have been by him suspended or deposed from the Ministry; the changes by death, removal, or otherwise, which have taken place among the Clergy; and all matters tending to throw light upon the affairs of the Diocese or Missionary Diocese; which statement shall be inserted in the Journal.

Section 5 It shall be the duty of a Bishop, whenever leaving his Diocese or Missionary Diocese for the space of six calendar months, to authorize, by writing, under his hand and seal, the Bishop Coadjutor, or, should there be none, the Standing Committee of the Diocese, or the Council of Advice of the Diocese, to act as the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof during his absence. The Bishop Coadjutor, or, should there be none, the Standing Committee, may become at any time the Ecclesiastical Authority upon the written request of the Bishop, and continue to act as such until the request be revoked by him in writing.

Section 6 (a) Any Bishop of this Church may, on the invitation of the Synod or of the Standing Committee of any Diocese where there is no Bishop, or where the Bishop is for the time under a disability to perform

Episcopal offices by reason of a judicial sentence, visit and perform Episcopal offices in that Diocese, or in any part thereof; and this invitation may be for a stated period, and may be at any time revoked.

(b) A Diocese without a Bishop, or of which the Bishop is for the time under a disability by reason of a judicial sentence, may, by its Synod, be placed under the provisional charge and authority of the **Presiding Bishop**, Bishop, or Bishop Coadjutor of another Diocese, who shall by that act be authorized to perform all the duties and offices of the Bishop of the Diocese so vacant or whose Bishop is under disability, until, in the case of a vacant Diocese a Bishop be duly elected and consecrated for the same; or in the case of a Diocese whose Bishop is disabled, until the disqualification be removed; or, until, in either case, the said act of the Synod be revoked. **Under no circumstances shall a Suffragan Bishop or Missionary Bishop assume the duties of a Bishop Ordinary, nor chair the Standing Committee as part of the Ecclesiastical Authority, unless elected to that office.**

(c) A Diocese, while under the provisional charge of a Bishop, shall not invite any other Bishop to perform any Episcopal duty or exercise authority.

Section 7 (a) If the Bishop of a Diocese, or a Bishop Coadjutor, shall desire to resign his jurisdiction, he shall send in writing to the Presiding Bishop his resignation with the reasons, therefore. This communication shall be sent at least thirty days before the date set for a regular or a special meeting of the Council of Bishops. The Presiding Bishop shall without delay send a copy of the communication to every Bishop of this Church having ecclesiastical jurisdiction, and also to the Standing Committee of the Diocese of the Bishop desiring to resign, in order that the Standing Committee may on behalf of the Diocese be heard either in person or by correspondence upon the subject. The Council of Bishops, during its session shall investigate the whole case, and by a majority of those present accept or refuse the resignation.

(b) In case the resignation, be sent to the Presiding Bishop at a time when no regular or special meeting of the Council is about to be held, he shall exercise his discretion as to calling a special meeting.

(c) The Council of Bishops may accept the resignation of a Missionary Bishop at any of its sessions by a vote of not less than two-thirds of those present.

(d) In all cases of a proposed resignation, the Council of Bishops shall cause their proceedings to be recorded in their Journal; and the resignation shall be completed when the vote of the Council of Bishops, accepting the same, shall be so recorded. It shall then be the duty of the Presiding Officer of the Council of Bishops to communicate the fact to the Houses of Clergy and Laity, if in session, and to the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese and Missionary Diocese.

(e) A Bishop whose resignation has been accepted may perform Episcopal acts at the request of any Bishop of this Church, having ecclesiastical jurisdiction, within the limits of his jurisdiction.

(f) A Bishop who ceases to have Episcopal charge shall still be subject in all matters to the Constitution and Canons of this Church and authority of the General Council.

CANON 17

Of Duties of Missionary Bishops

Section 1 Missionary Bishops shall exercise jurisdiction in States and Territories, or parts thereof, belonging to the United States; or in the Provinces and Territories of the Dominion of Canada, or parts thereof, not organized into Dioceses, or in any Missionary Diocese of this Church beyond the limits of the United States, in conformity with the Constitution and Canons of this Church, and under such regulations and instructions, not inconsistent therewith, as the General Council may prescribe.

Section 2 Notice shall be sent to all Archbishops and Presiding Bishops of Churches in communion with this Church, of the designation of any Foreign Missionary Diocese, and of the consecration of any Foreign Missionary Bishop. Such Bishop, either already consecrated or to be consecrated, shall exercise his Mission within his defined Diocese, and it is hereby declared as the judgment of this Church, that no two Bishops of Churches in communion with each other should exercise jurisdiction in the same place.

Section 3 Every such Bishop shall report annually to the Presiding Bishop his proceedings, and the state and condition of the Church within his Missionary Diocese, such report to be transmitted by the Presiding Bishop to the General Committee. Every such report shall state the amount contributed in each year by the said Diocese for Episcopal Support.

Section 4 (a) On the formation of a Missionary Diocese the Bishop consecrated therefore, or assigned thereto, shall, for the administration of his jurisdiction, adopt the Canons approved by the Council of Bishops for Missionary Dioceses, or he may select the Constitution and Canons of one of the Dioceses of this Church, which shall remain in force, so far as applicable to the circumstances of such Missionary Diocese, except so far as altered by the Bishop and Convocation from time to time with the approbation of the Presiding Bishop of the Church.

(b) Every Missionary Bishop shall appoint annually a Council of Advice, to be composed of not less than two or more than four Presbyters, and an equal number of Laymen, communicants of this Church, resident within his Missionary Diocese, who shall perform the duties of a Standing Committee for such Diocese, except in so far as these Canons otherwise provide, and who shall continue in office until their successors are appointed, and shall, so far as the circumstances of the Diocese permit, be governed by the Constitution and Canons that have been adopted for such Diocese.

(c) Missionary Bishops shall be elected to serve a term of three years and shall be reelected at the pleasure of General Council.

Enclosure 2**TITLE II: ECCLESIASTICAL DISCIPLINE***Proposed Revision & Replacement***CANON 34***Of the Solemnization of Holy Matrimony*

Section 1 This Church affirms our Lord's teaching that Holy Matrimony is a lifelong sacramental covenant between one man and one woman, binding both to self-giving love and exclusive fidelity. Jesus Christ teaches that God is the author of marriage from the beginning of time. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27; cf. Matthew 19:4-6). God's design for marriage has always involved one man and one woman for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord; for mutual joy and for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; to maintain purity, so that husbands and wives, with all the household of God, might serve as holy and undefiled members of the Body of Christ; and for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom in family, church, and society, to the praise of his holy Name.

Section 2 (a) In accordance with the clear teaching of Holy Scripture and the universal practice of the historic Church, no Minister of this Church shall solemnize any marriage or purported union except that which is between one man and one woman.

- (b) In any civil jurisdiction in which licensure is required by the secular authority to officiate at a marriage, and in which that authority by statute or court order would require Clergy to submit to laws of marriage that violate the teachings of Scripture on the nature of biblical marriage, Ministers of this Church shall not perform civil marriages, but shall instead solemnize marriages by providing a religious blessing of a previously contracted civil marriage.
- (c) It shall be within the discretion of any Minister of this Church to decline to solemnize any marriage for any reason.

Section 3 (a) No Minister of this Church, after due inquiry, shall knowingly agree to solemnize any marriage unless he has ascertained the right of the parties to marry not in violation of any of the following impediments:

- (1) Consanguinity within the degrees of the Table of Kindred and Affinity in the 1662 edition of the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England;
 - (2) Mistake as to the identity of either party or misrepresentation thereof by either party;
 - (3) Mental incompetence or deficiency of either party sufficient to prevent the exercise of intelligent choice;
 - (4) Impotence or the existence of sexually transmitted disease undisclosed to either party;
 - (5) Evidence of sexual perversion or conviction of a sexually related crime;
 - (6) Facts that would make the marriage bigamous; and
 - (7) Fraud, coercion, or duress.
- (b) Before solemnizing any marriage, the Clergy member shall also ensure that the following requirements are met:
- (1) Both parties requesting to be married shall have been baptized. No exception can be made to this requirement without the written permission of the Bishop of the Diocese of this Church in which the marriage is to take place;
 - (2) Thirty (30) days' public notice of intention to marry shall be given. If the Minister determines for weighty reasons to waive this requirement, he shall notify the Bishop immediately and in writing;

- (3) The Minister shall provide counsel to both parties on Holy Matrimony with respect to theological and social implications and responsibilities; and
- (4) If either party has been married to any other person still living whose marriage has been dissolved by a civil court, the additional provisions of Section 4 of this Canon shall be met.

Section 4 (a) As marriage is a lifelong covenant between a man and a woman in which the two become one flesh, and is both an ordinance of Creation, affirmed as such by our Lord, and a state of life commended by Saint Paul as a sign of the mystical union between Christ and His Church (Matthew 19:3-9; Ephesians 5:22-32), the failure of a marriage is always a tragedy. Scripture acknowledges our fallen nature, provides guidance to know when a marriage may be dissolved, and allows the possibility of a subsequent marriage in certain circumstances (Matthew 19 and I Corinthians 7).

- (b) The ecclesiastical authority of each Diocese is responsible for establishing a process by which this discernment may be made with reasonable promptness. The process may include the use of established policies based on Scriptural principles so as to consider Christian mercy and charity within the bounds of godly discipline.
- (c) The Minister who intends to preside at such a marriage is responsible for ensuring that the following provisions have been met if a person who has a living former spouse seeks to remarry:
 - (1) At least one year shall have elapsed since the civil dissolution of the previous marriage before application can be made to remarry.
 - (2) The Minister shall ascertain the pertinent facts concerning a declaration of dissolution of the prior marriage; and shall forward his findings in writing at least thirty (30) days before the intended date of marriage to the Bishop Ordinary for his godly advice and, if warranted, his consent;
 - (3) The Bishop shall deliver his judgment on the petition within twenty (20) days of receiving the same. Should he not deliver his judgment within the stated time, the proposed request for marriage shall be considered to have been approved. In every case, the proceedings shall be held confidential.
- (d) It is the responsibility of Rectors and Vicars to act as spiritual fathers in their Parishes. Thus, when a marriage within a Minister's congregation is failing, he must act to give spiritual counsel to the parties willing to receive such and correction to any who are not so willing, the goal being to restore the relationship. When divorce is the result instead, if the Rector has examined the evidence and determined that one party is not at significant fault in the divorce and ought to be free to remarry in the future, he may make a statement in writing to that effect and, after conferring with the Bishop, issue such to the party who was wronged. This writ may be submitted to satisfy Sections 4(c)(2) to protect the party who was not at fault from the distress of discussing painful events in order to prove eligibility for remarriage.

Section 5(a) In all cases, marriages within this Church shall be solemnized according to the forms contained in the authorized or a previously authorized Book of Common Prayer, or other rite authorized by this Church and permitted by the Bishop.

- (b) In addition, the following requirements shall be met with regard to the marriage rite.
 - (1) There shall be at least two witnesses present at the wedding;
 - (2) The Minister shall record in the permanent records of the congregation the name, age, and residence of each party. Such record shall be signed by the Minister, the married parties, and at least two witnesses.
 - (3) The Minister shall require the parties to sign the following declaration:

“We, A. B. and C. D., desiring to receive the blessing of Holy Matrimony in the Church, do solemnly declare that we hold marriage to be a lifelong union of one man and one woman, living together as husband and wife, as it is set forth in the Book of Common Prayer and Holy Scripture. We believe it is established by God for the purpose of the procreation (if it may be) of children,

and their spiritual and physical nurture; for mutual joy, and for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; to maintain purity, so that husbands and wives, with all the household of God, might serve as holy and undefiled members of the Body of Christ; and for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom in family, church, and society, to the praise of his holy Name. We do engage ourselves, so far as in us lies, to make our utmost effort to establish this relationship and to seek God's help thereto.

Section 6(a) If at any time, it is determined that either party in a marriage ceremony performed in this Church withheld facts regarding the impediments to marriage stated in Section 3 of this Canon, their marriage is deemed to be null and void by lack of proper intention and will not be honored or recognized or honored by any Clergy or Parish of this Church. They shall also be subject to discipline under the provisions of Title II of these Canons.

(b) Persons whose marriage ceremony was performed in a church not in communion with this Church and whose relationship would violate any of the impediments stated in Section 3 of this Canon shall not be admitted to membership in any Parish of this Church.

Enclosure 3

PROPOSED MODEL CANON

[TITLE III]– OF PASTORAL CONNECTIONS

CANON I – *The Call of a Minister to a Parish*

Section 1. Unless otherwise provided by the Charter or By-Laws of the Parish, or ordered by the Parish at a stated meeting, the Vestry shall take initial and final action in the calling of a Rector or Minister-in-Charge (Deacon). In the case of assisting clergy, the Rector shall seek the advice and consent of the Vestry in the calling of a Presbyter or the assignment of a Deacon. In every case the Vestry shall approve all compensation paid to the clergy and other financial terms of the call.

Section 2. The advice and consent of the Bishop Ordinary and Standing Committee, or the Standing Committee alone if there be no Bishop Ordinary, shall be required before a Call is issued by any Parish. No Deacon may be considered as a Candidate for a Call without the prior consent of the Bishop Ordinary.

Section 3. The Call of a Minister shall be consistent with the laws of the state or other jurisdiction in which the parish is located, shall be in writing in the form of a “Letter of Call” or other written Contract. The Diocese shall prepare templates for the employment of various offices of ministry including the calling of a Rector, the calling of an Interim Rector, the calling of a Presbyter, the appointment of a Vicar, and the assignment of a Deacon/Deaconess. These shall include at a minimum the following:

1. A “Ministry Position Description” that states the general requirements and duties of the pastoral, administrative, sacramental, and educational ministry expected in the performance of the call. It shall be acknowledged and signed by all parties. For reference, a general summary of the Duties of Ministers may be found in Canon 19 of the Canons of the General Council. Specific expectations, personnel and other policies, holidays, vacation, and medical or family leave.
2. Continuing education, and provision, when applicable for full time clergy, of a sabbatical leave
3. Aspects of proper order and discipline related to the position: Ministry review, conformity with diocesan policies/customaries, and reporting to diocesan authority as required, etc.
4. The financial arrangements of the call including salary, retirement contributions, health, disability, and any other insurance including coverage mandated by the General Council. Issues concerning the rectory (if there is one) or of a housing allowance: utilities, annual leave for recreation and rest, expense allowances, moving costs, car allowance, etc. It is required that where there is a cash allowance made for the rectory that the rectory allowance be designated in a cash amount. Other such cash amounts such as car allowance, etc., should be designated separately so as to not be confused with salary.
5. Matters concerning any intellectual and other property rights
6. Except in the case of an Interim Rector, the Letter of Call or Contract must be for a period of two years.
7. The Vestry shall annually review all salary and benefits with a view to necessary adjustments.
8. All matters concerning the call of a clergyman must be approved by the Bishop and Standing Committee and a copy of the signed documentation shall be given to each of the following:

- A. The Minister receiving the Call
- B. The Bishop of the Diocese of Mid-America
- C. The Secretary of the Standing Committee
- D. The Secretary of the Parish extending the Call

Section 4. The Bishop and Standing Committee shall appoint the Vicar of a Mission Parish or of an extension work. A Presbyter shall have the right to accept or reject such an appointment without prejudice.

Section 5. Unless otherwise provided in the By-Laws of a Parish, a Call shall be for an indefinite period of time but in no case for less than a period of two years.

Section 6. No Presbyter shall be settled as Rector or Pastor of a Parish of the Diocese of Mid-America unless he be duly installed according to the Order provided in the **Book of Common Prayer** by the Bishop, or a Presbyter appointed by the Bishop to act in his stead. This section shall not apply in the case of a Deacon called as a Minister-in-Charge or Vicar appointed to a Mission Parish or Extension Work.

Section 7. All parish clergy assisting the Rector in a parish, whether stipendiary or non-stipendiary, and regardless of the title by which they are known, shall serve with the approval of the Bishop Ordinary, under the authority and direction of the Rector and shall serve at the Rector's pleasure.

Section 8. In the event of the death, retirement, removal, or resignation of the Rector, all remaining clergy shall serve at the pleasure of the Bishop Ordinary or such other authority as he shall appoint until a Rector is called to the parish.

Section 9. Upon the calling of a new Rector to a vacant parish, all assistant clergy shall be deemed to have submitted their resignation to the Vestry prior to the installation of the new Rector who shall have the prerogative of retaining or not retaining said clergy upon taking office.

Section 10. In a Mission Parish, assisting clergy will be appointed by the Bishop Ordinary to serve under the authority of the Vicar, and shall serve at the Bishop's pleasure.

The Rt. Rev. Walter Banek, Chair, presented the report of the COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS with an explanation of the process used to select nominees for the various elected committees for General Council. Rev. Willie Hill moved that the report be accepted with all nominees elected as a whole, and the Secretary to cast one ballot. The motion was seconded by Rev. Roy Guild. The motion carried.

REPORT of the COMMITTEE on NOMINATIONS

To the 56th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren,

The Committee on Nominations met on May 18, 2021, by Zoom teleconference. The Committee members attending were: The Rt. Rev. Walter R. Banek, The Rev. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, Mr. Harry K. Johnson, III. Absent from that meeting were The Rev. Keith Boettner and The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller. The Committee makes the following nominations for elected committees of the Reformed Episcopal Church for the next triennium. Note, that non-italicized names under the General Committee are nominated to serve either a nine-year term or complete the term of a vacant position on that committee.

General Committee (12)

Class of 2029

Mr. Bruce Bagby; The Rev. Josiah Jones; Mrs. Diana Lopez; The Rev. Tony Melton.

Class of 2026 - The Rt. Rev. Walter Banek; Mr. Jeffrey Brown; Mr. Lecklyer Gaillard; The Ven. Scott Thompson.

Class of 2023 - The Rev. Willie J. Hill; The Rev. Dr. Julius Barnes; Mr. Harry K. Johnson, III; Mr. John Mulvey.

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

The Rev. Dr. Matthew P. Harrington; Mr. James ("Bud") Longueville; The Very Rev. Canon Jason R. Grote; Mr. Craig Keller; Mrs. Joanne Owens.

Committee on Doctrine and Worship (3+3)

The Very Rev. Canon Charles Camlin; Mrs. Burnie Barnes; The Rev. Dr. Charles Erlandson; Dss. Canon Annette Johnson; Dss. Nancy Jones; The Rev. George McCray.

Committee on Constitution and Canons (3+3)

The Ven. James T. Payne; Mr. John Hendershot, Esq.; Dss. Teresa Johnson; Dss. Nancy Jones; The Rev. Dr. Eric Jorgensen; The Rev. Canon J. Ronald Moock.

Board of Pensions and Relief (7)

The Ven. James T. Payne; The Rev. Dr. Jon W. Abboud; Mr. Joel Abboud; Mrs. Kathryn Cando (APA representative); Mrs. Tonya Forsberg; Mrs. Joyce Keller; The Rev. Canon J. Ronald Moock; Mr. Bruce Woodcock; (non-voting auxiliary member: Vince Clanton).

Trustees of the Publication Society (7)

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Mr. Greg Wright

Court of Review

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Respectfully submitted,

The Rt. Rev. Walter R. Banek

RESOLUTION of APPRECIATION

THE RT. REV. RICHARD JOHN BOYCE

Bishop Sutton presented a resolution in appreciation for the faithful leadership of The Rt. Rev. Richard John Boyce "to make common cause for the gospel of Jesus Christ and common cause for a united, missionary and orthodox Anglicanism in North America" and his service in the Reformed Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church in North America and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Bishop Gadsden. Motion carried.

Resolution of Appreciation
For the Rt. Rev. Richard John Boyce

Whereas the Rev. Richard John Boyce was consecrated a faithful Anglican Bishop in the Orthodox Anglican Church on June 26th, 1986, and served as ordinary of the Diocese of the West in the Anglican Province of America and...

Whereas Bishop Richard in 2004 joined other Bishops of six conservative Anglican Organizations in creating and leading the Common Cause Partnership pledging, in a letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury, "to make common cause for the gospel of Jesus Christ and common cause for a united, missionary and orthodox Anglicanism in North America" and...

Whereas when the challenges of and obstacles to forming a united Anglicanism began to seem insurmountable in 2007, Bishop Richard encouraged the Common Cause Bishops saying: "If we are going to start a new Anglican Church in North America, we can't wait until everything is perfect... it will never get done. Let us unite now and ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in working together." and...

Whereas Bishop Richard co-led the APA delegation in supporting and attending the first GAFCON Conference 2008 in Jerusalem that called for the creation of a new biblically faithful Anglican province in North America, and

Whereas at the creation of the ACNA the Anglican Province in America withdrew in July 2008 and declined any further involvement, Bishop Richard courageously invited the clergy and churches of the Western Diocese of the APA to join him in leaving the APA and be received by the Reformed Episcopal Church where he continued to be a leader in the formation of the ACNA and

Whereas Bishop Richard, recognizing the struggles of the disparate small Anglican congregations of various jurisdictions throughout the increasingly secular Pacific Northwest, co-founded with the Rev. Kevin Bond Allen and 6 other rectors, the ACNA Missionary Diocese of Cascadia in cooperation with the REC Diocese of the West which he served as the Ordinary

Whereas Bishop Richard served as vicar general of the Diocese of Cascadia during its formation from 2009 to 2011, he retired from diocesan ministry in both jurisdictions in 2011, and while continuing to serve as mentor and Personal Advisor for Cascadia's first Diocesan Bishop Kevin Allen, the Lord called him home at 91 years of age on April 20, 2020, therefore,

Be it Resolved that we, the 56th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, give thanks to God for the visionary and courageous leadership and sacrificial ministry of the Rt. Rev. Richard John Boyce who was instrumental in the founding of the ACNA and the continuing ministry of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

REPORT of the COMMITTEE on WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Mrs. Gale Hill, Chair of the COMMITTEE on WOMEN'S MINISTRY, read the following recommendation from her report, then requested that the complete report be filed:

"The committee recommends to this 56th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church that Mrs. Diane Wright be recognized for her 15 years of service as treasurer of the Committee on Women's Ministry. Diane retired from this position on June 30, 2020."

Bishop Sutton read the formal resolution recognizing Mrs. Wright's service to the COWM. Mrs. Sarah Benner moved to receive the report and adopt the resolution. Rev. Willie Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S MINISTRY

to

The 56th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

The Committee on Women's Ministry concluded the 2014-2016 Triennium with its "Triennial Fellowship Luncheon." The luncheon was held during the 55th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Dallas, Texas on Thursday, June 15, 2015. Always a wonderful time of fellowship and getting reacquainted, this occasion also gave opportunity for Susan Sutton, committee member and wife of newly elected Presiding Bishop Ray R. Sutton, to introduce herself to some and bring greetings and words of encouragement to all.

Six ladies: Melanie Boettner from the Diocese of the Central States, Susan Sutton from the Diocese of Mid-America, Karen Pierpoint from the Diocese of Mid-America (West Coast), Lisa Hicks from the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Canada, Gale Hill from the Diocese of the Southeast, and Claudia Dorrington from the Diocese of Western Canada and Alaska were appointed to serve as committee members for the triennium.

The committee met by way of electronic media on Thursday, July 17, 2017 for the purpose of electing a committee chairperson. Gale Hill was elected as chairperson for the triennium.

Other officers serving during the triennium were Saralee Czajkowski, secretary; Diane Wright, treasurer; and Edelle Gaillard, devotional leader. Joan Workowski and Bonnie Abboud, served as advisors to the committee.

Adjunct committee members were as follows. From the Diocese of the Central States: Teresa Johnson; from the Diocese of Mid-America: Annette Johnson; from the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Canada: Saralee Czajkowski, Susan Higham, and Diane Wright; from the Diocese of the Southeast: Brenda Anderson, Edelle Gaillard, and Deloris Duncan.

Six regular meetings in October and May, two called meetings, and four sub-committee meetings were held during the triennium. Two subsequent meetings were held.

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 Luncheon – A program, traditionally held the first Friday in May, of spiritual and inspirational blessing including a luncheon and the reception of monetary gifts toward a specific need within the denomination.

2017 – This year’s project is to raise \$10,000 to be used to explore methods of enhancing our Women’s Day Project Luncheons to encourage greater program participation throughout the denomination and yield greater financial offerings to support our annual projects; and to develop cohesion of the work of the Committee on Women’s Ministry across the denomination. To this end, plans are to transition from our annual central location gatherings (in Philadelphia) to annual regional gatherings and triennial central location gatherings. It is our hope to begin holding these decentralized luncheons in 2018 making this, our 2017 luncheon a very special one as we close the era of centralized location luncheons.

The luncheon was held Friday, May 5, 2017 at Saint Paul’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Oreland, PA. The program theme was “Women of Influence and Faith,” and the theme passage was Romans 12:1-2 – *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”* The luncheon speaker was Judy King, Wycliffe Bible Translators and Reformed Episcopal Church Board of Foreign Missions Bible translator and retired missionary to Brazil. This was a very special and somewhat emotional time of fellowship with the ladies of the Diocese of the Southeast being recognized and applauded for their sacrifice in making the trip from the south to the north to attend this gathering for more than four decades. An offering of \$6,420.00 was collected. 65 persons attended the luncheon.



Judy King

2018 – Friday, February 23, 2018 was an historic day in the life of the women’s ministry of the Reformed Episcopal Church as the **Diocese of Mid-America** hosted its first Women’s Day Project Offering Luncheon. The luncheon was the first of seven scheduled during 2018 as part of the decentralization of the location of the luncheons from Philadelphia to locations within each diocese. This luncheon was not only the first to be held in the Diocese of Mid-America, but also the first to be held outside of the Northeast since its inception. The luncheon was held at the Church of the Holy Communion in Dallas, TX. Following a delicious Texas-style Barbecue



Susan Sutton

lunch, the Most Reverend Ray R. Sutton, Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of Mid-America extended an encouraging welcome to those in attendance citing the important work past project offerings have helped to



Nelda Banek, Barbara West, the Rev. Canon William “Bill” Jerdan and others enjoy a Texas-style Barbecue lunch at our first decentralized Women’s Day Luncheon.

accomplish, including the development of this (the Diocese of Mid-America) very diocese. The Rev. Canon William “Bill” Jerdan led in the Morning Prayer Service and Mrs. Susan Sutton delivered the message based on this year’s theme: “Living (Aging) in Grace” – *“Grow in the grace and knowledge of*

our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever.” – 2 Peter 3:18 (NKJV). We were delighted to have with us Dr. Barbara J. West, upon whose writings for our 2018-2019 Devotional Studies, our theme was based.

The goal for this year’s project is to raise \$7,500 to support our REC100 initiative to plant 100 new churches in the Reformed Episcopal Church denomination and to encourage and reinforce established churches. In addition to the “firsts” mentioned above, it is believed that this project is the first to coincide with a Reformed Episcopal Church denominational-wide mission – REC100. We are delighted to report that our goal was achieved.

In an effort to involve all regions of the **Diocese of the Central States** three luncheons, all focusing on this year’s REC 100 initiative, were scheduled:

On Saturday, April 21, 2018, “25 ladies and one adorable 14-month-old little girl” from the North Carolina and Virginia areas met at Saint Jude’s Anglican Church in Richmond, VA, where Father Bart Gingerich led the discussion. An enjoyable time was had by all and one commented: *“I pray that the Lord will continue to bless and lead us in this new way of approaching Women’s Ministry in the REC.”*



Luncheon attendees from three Ohio Parishes in the Diocese of the Central States

Simultaneously, a luncheon for the ladies in the Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky areas was held at Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church in Mason, OH.

The Rt. Rev. Peter Manto was the speaker and discussed the importance of the role of our women in carrying out the REC 100 initiative. 19 ladies, representing three Ohio parishes: Christ Our Hope, Christ The King, and Trinity Reformed Episcopal Churches, were in attendance.



Luncheon attendees from the southern portion of the Diocese of the Central States

And, on Saturday, May 5, 2018, 11 ladies from the Alabama and Tennessee areas, (five from Saint John’s Anglican Church in Birmingham and six from Saint James Anglican Church in Memphis) met at The Factory Cafe in Florence, AL for brunch.

Teresa Johnson led the discussion. Their time together was so encouraging that the group decided to plan additional gatherings throughout the year. *“It was a great blessing to meet new sisters in Christ!”*

On Thursday, May 3, 2018, Susan Sutton traveled from Dallas, TX to Charleston, SC to be with the ladies of the **Diocese of the Southeast** for their first diocesan luncheon on Friday, May 4, 2018. After more than four decades of traveling to the Northeast for this occasion and enjoying a wonderful time of fellowship and growing together for the ladies of both dioceses, the excitement of this historical event garnered 83 persons in attendance. The luncheon was held at New Bethel Reformed Episcopal Church, North Charleston, SC. Mrs. Sutton delivered the message based on this year's theme: "Living (Aging) in Grace" – "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever." – 2 Peter 3:18 (NKJV).



The Rt. Rev. and Mrs. William J. and Vivian White, the Rt. Rev. and Mrs. Alphonza and Hester Gadsden, and luncheon speaker, Susan Sutton fellowship in the Diocese of the Southeast.

Following the fellowship in the Diocese of the Southeast, Mrs. Sutton and yours truly, Gale Hill, traveled to the **Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Canada** and shared her message on this year's theme with the ladies there. 46 persons, including many first-time luncheon attendees, gathered at Saint Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Oreland, PA for that diocesan luncheon.



Four first-time attendees and one veteran luncheon attendee from Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, Collingdale, PA.

In the **Diocese of Mid-America (Western Canada)** Claudia Dorrington hosted a luncheon for those in that area. Thank you, Claudia, for always doing your part.

A combined total of 220 persons attended these luncheons. This number more than doubles recent luncheon attendance.

Our sincere thanks is extended to the many who supported and helped make this initiative of decentralizing our luncheons a great success; especially the Most Rev. Ray R. Sutton, the Rt. Rev. Peter Manto, the Rt. Rev. William J. White, the Rev. John Medvick, the Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick, the Rev Canon William "Bill" Jerdan, and the members of the Committee on Women's Ministry.

2019 Women’s Day Project Luncheons: The goal for this year’s project is to raise \$7,500 to assist in the publication of *The Handbook for the Visitation of the Sick*. A vision of the Late Most Reverend Royal U. Grote, Jr., the handbook will be used as a “resources for clergy and laity charged with taking care of the People of God.” The 2019 program theme was “**JOY**,” and the theme passage was Philippians 4:4 – “*Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!*”

Five luncheons were held across the denomination: In the **Diocese of Mid-America**, the **Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Canada** and two luncheons were held in the **Diocese of the Central States**:

In the **Diocese of Mid-America**, a luncheon was held on Friday, March 1, 2019 at the Church of the Holy Communion in Dallas, TX. The luncheon speaker was Jill Nowell of the Church of the Holy Communion. 39 persons were in attendance at the luncheon.



Jill Nowell



Two luncheons were held in the **Diocese of the Central States**:



Fr. Scott Thompson

On Saturday, April 27, 2019, 25 persons representing five parishes from the **North Carolina and Virginia** areas met at Saint Jude’s Anglican Church in Richmond, VA, where Father Scott Thompson was the luncheon speaker.



On Saturday, April 27, 2019, 24 persons were in attendance at a luncheon for the **Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky** areas at Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church in Mason, OH. The Rev. David Truax of Trinity Church served as luncheon speaker.

In the **Diocese of the Southeast** – 104 persons, representing 18 churches gathered at New Bethel Reformed Episcopal Church in North Charleston, SC for a luncheon. Shelah “Shan” Butler Durant of Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, Moncks Corner, SC was the luncheon speaker.



Shelah "Shan" Durant



In the Diocese of the **Northeast and Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Canada**, 52 persons gathered at Saint Stephen's Reformed Episcopal Church in Eldersburg, MD for a luncheon. The luncheon speaker was Sarah Benner of Bishop Cummins Reformed Episcopal Church, Catonsville, MD.



Sarah Benner



A total of 244 persons were in attendance at our 2019 luncheons and the committee is delighted to report that our goal of \$7,500 was exceeded – a total of \$8,300 was received.

We extend sincere thanks and appreciation to the rectors and their congregations hosting our luncheons: the Rev. John Medvick and St. Paul's Church, the Rev. Canon Charles Camlin and the Church of the Holy Communion, Father Scott Thompson and Saint Jude's Church, Bishop Peter Manto and Trinity Church, Bishop William J. White and New Bethel Church, and the Rev. Eric Jorgenson and Saint Stephen's Church.

Special thanks to the ladies who coordinated these luncheons in their areas. Gennie Verbeck, Diocese of Mid-America; Mary Jane Thompson, Mary Bailey, and Melanie Boettner, Diocese of the Central States; Edelle Gaillard, Diocese of the Southeast; Susan Higham, Diocese of the Northeast Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Canada; and Claudia Dorrington, Diocese of Mid-America (Western Canada).

2020 Women's Day Project Luncheons and the Corvid 19 Coronavirus Pandemic:

Geared up for our 2020 Women's Day Project Offering Luncheons, the first of which was to be held in Dallas, TX on March 21, 2020, with two scheduled to be held on April 25th and three others scheduled to be held on May 2nd, the committee was forced to cancel all program gatherings because of the global Corvid 19 Coronavirus Pandemic.

The project goal was to raise \$10,000 to purchase five electric bikes to assist clergy in Cuba with transportation to their preaching stations. Given the times of program changes/cancellations and financial restrictions, we were pleased to report that our goal was reached and, because of the great need for these bikes and the number of pastors requiring assistance in reaching their preaching stations, the Committee embraced the opportunity to purchase five additional bikes and announced the 2021 Project Offering Goal to raise \$10,000 to purchase five additional electric bikes.

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. The women in the Northeast and Southeast meet together in October; the women in the West meet in March; the women in Mid-America meet in October; and the women in Western Canada meet in November.



*Linda Frost-Clark
pictured here as
Lydia of Thyatira*

2017 – The 61st Spiritual Enrichment Conference was held Friday, October 13 through Sunday, October 15, 2017 at The Doubletree by Hilton Williamsburg in Williamsburg, Virginia.

The conference theme was "Women of Influence and Faith" and the theme passage was Romans 12:1-2 – "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

This year's conference featured three presentations by Linda Frost-Clark of *Voices ... In Their Words*, Dallas, Texas (<http://voices.name>). Appearing in complete period costume, Mrs. Frost-Clark portrayed the voices of Sarah, the wife of Abraham, Lydia of Thyatira, and Claudia, Pilot's Wife, telling their story in the first person singular in what might have been their words. The presentations were captivating and brought to life, in detail, these women of influence and faith. Mrs. Frost-Clark has also authored [My Name Is Mary](#).

Following Saturday morning's session, conference attendees gathered into groups for a time of corporate prayer. Additionally, our Prayer Room was available for private prayer throughout the conference. Prayer lists and prayer request cards were made available. At the conclusion of the conference, prayer cards were distributed to conference attendees who volunteered to continue in prayer after leaving the conference.

Trudy Gelfand of Holy Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church, Fairfax, VA facilitated the conference workshop which, in keeping with the conference theme of [Women of Influence and Faith](#), culminated with the learning and singing of [Miriam's Song](#).



Trudy Gelfand

We were blessed to have Trudy also serve as this year's conference musician.

At our conference banquet, certificates of appreciation were presented to our 2017 Women's Day Project Luncheon Speaker, Judy King (in absentia); our 2017-2018 Devotional Book Writers, Brenda Anderson (in absentia) and Adrienne Gregory; our 2017 Spiritual Enrichment Conference Presenter, Linda-Frost Clark; our Conference Musician, Trudy Gelfand; our 2015, 2016, 2017 Women's Day Project Luncheon Culinary Coordinators, Nancy Fleischer, Susan Higham, and Beverly Reese; and Chief Master Sergeant Edward J. Wright for his encouragement and support of the women of his home church, the women of the Diocese of the Southeast of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and the programs of the Committee on Women's Ministry of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Information on two ministries was shared at the banquet. Susan Sutton shared information on the [Daughters of the Cross](#), an order of women who have committed their lives to the work and service of Jesus Christ through prayer and other service activities. Linda Frost-Clark shared information on [Wounded Soldier, Healing Warrior](#), a ministry to assist disabled veterans founded by her husband, Vietnam Veteran Allen B. Clark. Mr. Clark, himself a double-leg amputee from mortar shrapnel, is the author of [Valor in Vietnam](#). More information is available at www.combatfaith.com.

The conference concluded on Sunday Morning, with the Holy Communion Service. We were especially blessed to have four clergymen participate in the service. The Rev Willie J. Hill, Jr., of Saint John's Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC preached the sermon. Other clergymen assisting in the service were the Rev. Richard W. Workowski of Covenant Reformed Episcopal Church, Roanoke, VA; the Rev. Harry L. D. Loyd of Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal Church, Alvin, SC, and the Rev. Jack Clark of Saint Peter's Anglican Church, Elkton, MD.

46 persons, including three first-time attendees: Ashley Combs of Saint Stephen's Reformed Episcopal Church, Eldersburg, MD, the Rev. Harry L. D. Loyd, and the Rev. Jack Clark, representing 20 churches and six states: Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia were in attendance at the conference.

2018 – The 62nd Spiritual Enrichment Conference was held Friday, October 12 through Sunday, October 14, 2018, at The Doubletree by Hilton Williamsburg in Williamsburg, Virginia.

The conference theme was “Living in Grace” and the theme passage was 2 Peter 3:18 – “*Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever.*”

We were blessed to have three of our ladies as speakers for our 2018 Spiritual Enrichment Conference. Ebony Holloway of the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, PA; Sarah Benner of Bishop Cummins Memorial Reformed Episcopal Church, Catonsville, MD; and Rubystene Mazyck of Saint Paul’s-Saint Stephen’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Moncks Corner, SC addressed the theme of Living in Grace from three vantage points: young adulthood, middle-aged adult, and the older adult, respectively.



Ebony Holloway, Sarah Benner, and Rubystene Mazyck

Following Saturday morning’s session, conference attendees gathered into groups for a time of corporate prayer. Our Prayer Room was available for private prayer throughout the conference.



Susan Sutton

Susan Sutton of the Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX and who has been a great encouragement to the work of the committee, facilitated the conference workshop which focused on our REC100 Initiative.

We were blessed to have Bobbi Lynn Jorgenson of Saint Stephen’s Anglican (REC) Church, Eldersburg, MD serve as this year’s conference musician.

In lieu of a conference semi-formal banquet on Saturday evening, a casual buffet dinner was served. followed by special recognitions and the presentation of certificates of appreciation to our 2018 Women’s Day Project Luncheon Speakers: Susan Sutton and, in absentia, Father Bart Gingerich, the Rt. Rev. Peter Manto, and Teresa Johnson; our 2018-2019 Devotional Book Writer, Dr. Barbara J. West; our 2018 Spiritual Enrichment Conference Speakers: Ebony Holloway, Sarah Benner, and Rubystene Mazyck; and our Conference Musician, Bobbi Lynn Jorgenson.



Bobbi Lynn Jorgenson



Madeline Combs

First-time Spiritual Enrichment Conference Attendees: Carolyn Hammett, Betty Benekin, Anna Thomas, Stephanie Hingley, Jessica Brummett, Francena Edwards, Oneathia Washington, Selina Brown, and Bernard Prioleau

Following the presentations, conference attendees gathered for “Movie Time” where the movie entitled, In His Steps was shown. The movie, apropos of the conference theme of Living in Grace, and the conference workshop topic of REC100 as related to front porch ministries, along with the free concession stand items, was enjoyed by all.

The Rev. Willie J. Hill, Jr., of Saint John’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC led in the Sunday Morning Worship Service and preached the message. He was assisted by the Rev. Edmond B. Mazyck of Saint Paul’s-Saint Stephen’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Moncks Corner, SC, and the Rev. Chiron Thompson of the Church of the Messiah, Philadelphia, PA.



Susan Higham, Alice “Bobbie” Lepson, Beverly Reese, Elizabeth Mikell, and the Rev. Edmond Mazyck attendees of more than forty Spiritual Enrichment Conferences.

55 adults and one infant were in attendance. Attendees included nine first-time attendees and five attendees of more than forty years of conference attendance. 18 churches and five states: Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Texas were represented at the conference.

2019 – The 63rd Spiritual Enrichment Conference was held Friday, October 11 through Sunday, October 13, 2019 at The Embassy Suites Williamsburg in Williamsburg, Virginia. This new location for the conference was chosen in an effort to reduce the cost of the conference and thus, encourage greater attendance.

The conference theme was “Trusting when ...” and the theme passage was Isaiah 26:3 – “*You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.*” This year’s conference speaker was Georgette Forney, of Sewickley, PA. Georgette is the president of Anglicans for Life and co-founder of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign. During Session I of the conference, Georgette reminded us of God’s Omnis – His omnipotence, His omniscience, and His omnipresence. Session II focused on some key reasons why we don’t trust God, and Session III addressed ways in which we can build “trust muscles.”



Georgette Forney



Sarah Benner

The conference workshop entitled “Trusting when ... you’re called to reach out” was facilitated by Sarah Benner of Bishop Cummins Church, Catonsville, MD. Sarah led the group in an interactive session of sharing experiences, thoughts and ideas on how our outreach efforts might be enhanced.

Again this year, in lieu of a semi-formal banquet on Saturday evening, following the afternoon break, conference attendees reassembled for a time of special recognitions and evening activity. During this time, special thanks was extended to our conference speaker Georgette Forney, our conference musician

Bobby Lynn Jorgenson of Saint Stephen’s Anglican (REC) Church, Eldersburg, MD, and our 2019 Women’s Day Luncheon speakers and coordinators. Luncheon speakers were Shelah “Shan” Durant Butler of the Diocese of the Southeast; Jill Nowell of the Diocese of Mid-America; Sarah Benner of the Diocese of the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Canada; the Rev. David Truax of the Diocese of the Central States-OH, IN, KY; the Rev. Scott Thompson of the Diocese of the Central States-NC, VA. 2019 Luncheon coordinators were Edelle P. Gaillard, Diocese of the Southeast; Gennie Verbeck, Diocese of Mid-America; Susan Higham, Diocese of the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Canada, Mary Bailey, Diocese of the Central States-OH, IN, KY; Mary Jane Thompson of the Diocese of the Central States-NC, VA.

Rebecca “Becky” Pettigrew coordinated the evening activity entitled “Trusting when ... the Word tells you to.” This was a fun-filled evening as groups were assigned scripture passages demonstrating the results of TRUSTING the WORD to read and act out: John 4:6, The Samaritan Woman; Luke 13:11-13, the woman crippled by a spirit; John 8:3-11, the woman caught in adultery; Matthew 9:20-26, the woman with the issue of bleeding; and 1 Kings 17:21, the widow whose son died.



Rebecca J. “Becky” Pettigrew



102-year-old Luttie Bell Ham with clergymen Richard W. Workowski, Jack Clark, J. Ronald Mook, Sr., and Willie J. Hill, Jr.

The Rev Richard W. Workowski of Covenant Reformed Episcopal Church, Roanoke, VA led the Sunday Morning Worship Service and the Rev. Canon J. Ronald Mook, of the Diocese of the Southeast preached the message. Other participating clergy were the Rev. Willie J. Hill, Jr., of Saint John’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC, and the Rev. Jack Clark of Saint Peter’s Anglican Church, Elkton, MD.

Registering for and attending this year’s conference were 50 persons, ten of whom were first-time conference attendees, representing 16 churches, four dioceses, and six states: Florida, Maryland, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas,

and Virginia. Additionally, we were delighted to have one very special guest, 102-year- old, Luttie Bell Ham of Calvary Reformed Episcopal Church, Swap Fox, SC in attendance.

Special thanks to Brenda Anderson of New Bethel Reformed Episcopal Church, North Charleston, SC for presiding and leading us through the activities of the weekend.



First-time Spiritual Enrichment Conference Attendees: Elaine Williams, Julie Adair, Gail Wilson, Virginia McGraw, Stephanie Cox, Mary Warren Sciba and Liz Daley



Happy 102nd Birthday Miss Luttie Bell

2020 – As the novel Corona 19 Virus Pandemic continued to spread, the 64th Spiritual Enrichment scheduled to be held Friday, October 9 through Sunday, October 11, 2020, at The Embassy Suites Williamsburg in Williamsburg, VA, was cancelled.

Memorials – The Committee on Women’s Ministry acknowledges with deep sympathy the passing of **Mr. Richard Lambert** on Thursday, December 7, 2017. Mr. Lambert was a member of Saint Mary’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Bronx, NY. Serving as driver for the ladies of Saint Mary’s to and from our Spiritual Enrichment Conferences, Mr. Lambert became a regular conference attendee and supporter of the ministries of this committee. We offer our sincere condolences to his widow, Mrs. Francine Lambert, and other family members. We will miss his warm smile and accommodating spirit.



Richard Lambert



*Avis R. Gadsden Riley
1959-2020*

Our hearts were saddened to learn of the death of **Mrs. Avis Ramona Gadsden Riley** on Monday, March 30, 2020. Mrs. Riley was a member of Redeemer Reformed Episcopal Church, Pineville, SC. She was very active in the work of the women of her church, the Diocese of the Southeast, and on the national level. She served in many capacities, including speaker for Christian Life Enrichment Conferences, Spiritual Enrichment Conferences, and Women’s Day Project Offering Luncheons. Her quick-witted, jovial, and light-hearted personality brought much laughter to all. One of this writer’s fondest memories of Avis comes as I reflect on having assisted in certifying that the requirements to receive the degree of Masters of Education in Early Childhood

Education from the College of Charleston were met by both Avis and her mother, Mrs. Naomi P. Gadsden, making them the first African-American mother-daughter to simultaneously receive their masters degrees from the College. We will miss Avis and her wide-eyed humor. Our sincere sympathy is extended to her son, Jarvis; her mother, Mrs. Naomi P. Gadsden, and other family members.

Following an extended illness, our dear friend and supporter, **the Rev. Canon William S. “Bill” Jerdan**, Executive Secretary of the Reformed Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions, transitioned from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant on Saturday, June 27, 2020.



*William S. “Bill” Jerdan
1944-2020*

Bill and his wife, Diane, have been an integral part of the work of the Committee on Women’s Ministry, providing support through their attendance and presentations at Spiritual Enrichment Conferences, Women’s Day Project Offering Luncheons, and other programs. For many years, our Women’s Day Project Offering Luncheons included a segment on foreign missions, which began to wane as our senior missionaries retired from field work. With Bill and Diane’s assistance, this segment of the luncheon was enthusiastically revived. Bill possessed a keen understanding of the varied cultures of the regions of our church which enabled greater communication throughout the denomination.

We will truly miss Bill and invoke the Comforter’s care for his wife, Diane; his children, Stephanie, Daniel, Benjamin, and Jonathan; and other members of the family.



Canon Jerdan and CMSergeant Wright at the 60th Spiritual Enrichment Conference

The Committee on Women’s Ministry fondly remembers **Mrs. Mary Ancrum Wright**. We extend our heartfelt condolences to her husband of 65 years, Chief Master Sergeant Edward J. Wright; her daughters, Wanda, Sharon, and Mary Ann; her stepson, Edward, Jr.; and other family members.



*Mary A. Wright
1933-2020*

“Miss Mary,” as this writer so lovingly addressed her, was a precious lady who dearly loved the work of the women of the church. Not only was she very active at Mount Olivet Reformed Episcopal Church, Rantowles, SC, where she led the women’s work for many years; and on the diocesan level, where she was a faithful member of the Diocese of the Southeast’s Women of the Church organization, a charter member of the Committee on Women’s Work, and co-founder of the Christian Life Enrichment Conference; but on the international level as well. She was a member of the Committee on Women’s Ministry of the Reformed Episcopal Church for more than a decade and served in many capacities, including interim secretary, co-host for Spiritual Enrichment Conferences, speaker at Women’s Day Project Offering Luncheons, and team-writer for the 2003-2004 Devotional Studies for the Women of the Reformed Episcopal Church entitled, The Power of Relationships. Her calming demeanor and bright smile extended a feeling of approachability to all. And upon hearing her voice, the gentle tone became an invitation to remain in her presence.



*Chief Master Sergeant
Edward J. Wright
1927-2020*

The Committee on Women’s Ministry celebrates with the family of **Chief Master Sergeant Edward J. Wright**, his life, and his transition from earth to heaven on Monday, August 10, 2020, exactly 51 days after his beloved wife of 65 years, Mrs. Mary Ancrum Wright, made her transition.

Sergeant Wright or Sarge, as he was respectfully and lovingly called, was a life-long Reformed Episcopalian who served as a member of the General Committee and the Sustentation Fund. In the Diocese of the Southeast, he served as Diocesan Treasurer, and a member of the Standing Committee and Board of Trustees. He was an avid supporter of the work of this committee, himself rarely absent from Women’s Day programs and Spiritual Enrichment Conferences. Not only did he encourage attendance at these programs but often took it upon himself to transport those needing transportation.

A proud member of the United States Armed Forces, Sergeant Wright served 30 years in the United States Air Force retiring in 1976 with the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. The Committee on Women’s Ministry thanks God and salutes Chief Master Sergeant Edward J. Wright.



*CM Sergeant Edward J. and Mrs. Mary A.
Wright at a Spiritual Enrichment Conference*

Retirement – After 15 years as a faithful member of the Committee on Women’s Ministry and her very efficient execution of the office of treasurer for as many years, Diane Wright retired from that position on June 30, 2020. Her service as treasurer has been most valuable not only to the Committee but to the Reformed Episcopal Church at large.



Diane Wright

Diane’s attendance at meetings, Spiritual Enrichment Conferences, Women’s Day Project Offering Luncheons, and General Councils; traveling great distances and investing great personal finances, has been an extraordinary expression of her commitment to and support of this ministry.

The Committee extends our sincere appreciation to Diane.

Thanks to Trudy Gelfand of Holy Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church in Fairfax, VA, Bobbi Lynn Jorgenson of Saint Stephen’s Anglican (REC) Church, Eldersburg, MD, Carolyn Boxmeyer of Saint Luke’s/Bishop Hoffman Reformed Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, PA, Alonia Jones of Saint John’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, Alice Gaillard of New Israel Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC, and all other musicians for serving as Spiritual Enrichment Conference and Women’s Day Project Luncheon musicians during the triennium.

Thanks to Beverly Reese of Saint Luke’s and Bishop Hoffman Memorial Church, Philadelphia, PA, Elizabeth Mikell of Saint Luke’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC, and all other registrars for serving as registrar for our Women’s Day Project Luncheons and Spiritual Enrichment Conferences, and Alfredia Doiley of Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, Moncks Corner, SC and yours truly, Gale Hill for serving in this capacity as well as travel coordinator for the Diocese of the Southeast. Thanks also to Diane Wright of Saint Luke’s Church, NJ for acting as assistant registrar and attending to the financial matters of this ministry.

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

The **2017-2018** Devotional Book entitled, Women of Influence and Faith was co-authored by Brenda Anderson and Adrienne Gregory of the Diocese of the Southeast.

The **2018-2019** Devotional Book entitled, Living in Grace was written by Barbara J. West, Ph.D. of the Diocese of Mid-America.

The **2019-2020** Devotional Book was a reprint of the 1987-1988 Devotional Book entitled, **JOY: Jesus, Others, You**. The devotional study was written by the Late Miss Lucille A. Williams of the Diocese of the Southeast. 400 copies were printed and distributed to women’s groups in each diocese.

The **2020-2021** Devotional Book entitled, Fruit of the Spirit was written by Jill Nowell of the Diocese of Mid-America. 480 copies were printed and distributed to women’s groups throughout the denomination.

While many of our women’s groups were not able to come together for face-to-face meetings because of the pandemic, we were blessed that our study was enhanced as groups from various churches came together to study the monthly lessons by way of Zoom Meetings and conference calls.

Special thanks to our devotional book writers for the sacrifices made in writing our devotionals, to the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks and the Rev. Richard W. Workowski for their untiring assistance and guidance in the publishing process, to Francis Lenzo and Cynthia Campbell of Columbia, Maryland for serving as our devotional book editors, and to Joan Workowski for serving as our printing coordinator and distributor.

“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. Our committee chairperson, yours truly, under the auspices of

GHi 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. Copies of this booklet are available upon request.

You are encouraged to visit us on the web at **cowm-rec.org** and follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/RECCOWM/>. Much thanks and appreciation is extended to our web master, Dss. Teresa Johnson.

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 gghrmsoses@yahoo.com

Other Activities ...

... in the Diocese of Mid-America – by Gennie Verbeck, Diocesan Chairperson

“We were delighted to participate in the decentralized REC Women’s Day Project Offering Luncheon by hosting the luncheon on February 23, 2018 in conjunction with the DMA Synod at Church of the Holy Communion. The well attended luncheon was followed by our speaker, Susan Sutton, on Living in Grace. At this time, we also had the presentation of the 2018 project goal to support REC100 by Canon Jason Grote and missions update by Canon Bill Jerdan.

We hosted the second decentralized REC Women’s Day Project Luncheon on March 1, 2019 in conjunction with the DMA Synod at CHC. We were pleased with the attendance of this event as well. The speaker was Dss. Jill Nowell on Rejoice in the Lord always again I say Rejoice. The 2019 project of supporting the publication of the *Handbook for the Visitation of the Sick* to be used by clergy was presented by Dss. Annette Johnson, and we also had a special mission update by Traci Gresser sharing their story of moving to Malawi for mission work.

Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral had a Solemn Choral Evensong and Reception for The Most Rev. Ray Sutton to celebrate the 20th anniversary of being consecrated as a Bishop. It was a special service with visiting choirs from Good Shepherd and Chapel of the Cross and the sermon was delivered by Bishop Walter Banek.”

... in the Diocese Mid-America (Western Canada)

With the retirement of Claudia Dorrington as a member of the committee, we welcome her successor, Kathy Wood and express thanks to Claudia for her leadership over the years, and to Kathy for her willingness to carry on the work in that region.

... in the Diocese of the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Canada – by Susan Higham, Diocesan Chairperson

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." — James 1:17

What a challenging, exciting, and blessed year 2020 has been for COWM. Many of you may not have seen this year that way, but just think about this. It has been challenging, because we have had to cancel both Women's Day and Spiritual Enrichment, something that has not happened in my many years of involvement with both programs. We could not fellowship with our sisters in the Lord in person but had to come up with new ways of reaching out to them: phone, mail, Zoom, Facebook, etc.

We became excited to hear our project offering had reached its goal of \$ 10,000 in June 2020. It provided necessary transportation for our pastors in Cuba, and believe me, the clergy was truly excited about that.

Finally, we have been blessed. God is answering our prayers as we begin planning our events for 2021:

Women's Day	Spiritual Enrichment
Saturday, May 8, 2021	October 8-10, 2021
Emmanuel Church, Somerville, NJ	Williamsburg, VA

The devotional booklet for this year is being enjoyed by the ladies, and our project offering will be a repeat of last year. We hope to raise \$ 10,000 to provide transportation to all our pastors serving in Cuba.

I must also thank the Lord for providing a new treasurer. In June 2020, after many years of service, Diane Wright retired from her position as treasurer of COWM, and in her place, we welcome Mrs. Brenda Anderson.

So, you see, God has used 2020 in many ways to continue His work, and we continue to ask you to be an active part of that work.

To Him be the glory, both now and forever. Amen.

... in the Diocese of the Southeast

During the triennium, the Committee on Women’s Work (Ministry) of the Diocese of the Southeast hosted two Christian Life Enrichment Conferences: the 39th and the 40th conferences were held at the Kingston Plantation Embassy Suites/The Brighton Hotel in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The 41st conference, which was scheduled to be held at The Town and Country and Country Inn and Suites in Charleston, SC was cancelled because of the effects of the Corvid 19 Coronavirus.

The Christian Life Enrichment Conference, a spin-off of our Spiritual Enrichment Conference, began in 1978 when several women of the Diocese of the Southeast, who traveled from South Carolina to New Jersey to attend the Spiritual Enrichment Conference, wanted their sisters at home who were not able to travel to New Jersey to experience what they had experienced in New Jersey. At the bidding of these women, a Committee on Women’s Work was appointed by the Late Right Reverend William H. S. Jerdan for the purpose of planning and implementing such a program in the then, missionary jurisdiction.



Brenda Anderson

The **39th** Christian Life Enrichment Conference was held **Friday, March 16 – Sunday, March 18, 2018**

The theme for the 39th Christian Life Enrichment Conference was, “Women of Influence and Faith”, and the theme passage was Romans 12:1-2: “*Therefore, I urge you brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy to offer your bodies [life] as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and prove what God’s will is; His good, pleasing and perfect will.*” The conference speaker was Brenda

Anderson of New Bethel Reformed Episcopal Church, North Charleston, SC. Based on the theme passage, her messages were titled: “Present Your Bodies as a Living Sacrifice,” “Renew Your Mind,” and “Women of Influence and Faith – Life Transformed.” Alice Gaillard of New Israel Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC served as conference musician. Oneathia “Trella” Washington Ugochukwu of Saint Luke’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC (newly elected as president of the Women of the Church Organization and appointed Chairperson of the Committee on Women’s Work (Ministry) of the Diocese of the Southeast) served as presider for the conference. Rebecca J. “Becky” Pettigrew of Calvary Reformed Episcopal Church, Swamp Fox, SC, served as talent scout for “The Betty Guess Talent Time.” Leola B. Johnson was recognized for her service as past president of the Women of the Church Organization and Chairman of the Committee on Women’s Work (Ministry) of the Diocese of the Southeast for the past two years. Nathaniel Dunmeyer led Sunday’s Morning Prayer Service. 70 persons registered for the conference.



Janie Wilson

The **40th** Christian Life Enrichment Conference was held **Friday, March 15 – Sunday, March 17, 2019** The conference theme was “Proclaiming the Gift of Salvation—How Are You Embracing Your Gift?” The conference speaker, Mrs. Janie Wilson, PhD, President and Founder of the Peninsula Biblical Counseling Ministries of Charleston, SC, led three dynamic sessions of teaching and concluded during the worship service on



Crystal Brown Heyward

Sunday morning. Music for the weekend was led by recording artist and Psalmist, Christal Brown Heyward, Lead Psalmist at Saint John's Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC. An exciting and "all hands on deck" workshop on praise and remembrance was led by Vivian Sumpter of Saint Luke's Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC. Betty Dunmeyer, of Mount Olivet Reformed Episcopal Church, Rantowles, SC (member of the Committee on Women's Work and president of the Women's Missionary Society of the Diocese of the Southeast) served as presider for the conference. Rebecca J. "Becky" Pettigrew of Calvary Reformed Episcopal Church, Swamp Fox, SC served as emcee for "The Betty Guess Talent Time" on Saturday evening. 93 Persons registered for the conference.

The **41st** Christian Life Enrichment Conference, scheduled to be hosted by the Young Women's Ministry, **Friday, March 20 – Sunday, March 22, 2020** was cancelled because of the onset of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

The Committee on Women's Ministry of the Reformed Episcopal Church salutes and extends appreciation to the ***Women of the Church Organization of the Diocese of the Southeast*** for its involvement in women's ministry and especially for its sponsorship of the Annual Princess Tea. More recently referred to as the "Prince and Princess Tea", this program provides youth from across the diocese a platform upon which to showcase their Christian talents. Funds raised from this program are designated to support the Annual Women's Day Project Luncheon.

Sincere thanks to Leola B. Johnson and Oneathia "Trella" Washington Ugochukwu for their leadership as chair ladies during the triennium.

The Committee on Women's Ministry looks forward to continuing the work of "unifying, coordinating and stimulating the work of the Women in the Reformed Episcopal Church; ...," to which it was called in 1948 by the General Council,

Continuing to fulfill the two-fold purpose of our 2017 Women's Day Project: 1) *to explore methods of enhancing our Women's Day Project Luncheons to encourage greater program participation throughout the denomination and 2) to develop cohesion of the work of the Committee on Women's Ministry across the denomination, Protocols and Guidelines for organizing Reformed Episcopal Diocesan Women of the Church Organizations in conjunction with Operating Procedures for the Reformed Episcopal Church Committee on Women's Ministry were developed and endorsed by the College of Bishops and the General Committee of the Reformed Episcopal Church. During the upcoming triennium, the committee anticipates working with each diocese to establish or reform diocesan women of the church organizations.*

At this 56th General Council, the Committee on Women's Ministry expresses our sincere thanks and appreciation to Presiding Bishop, Ray R. Sutton; to the Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse, retired ordinary of the Diocese of the Central States; to all other diocesan ordinaries and the clergy under their charge; to all diocesan women's ministry groups; and to all of you for your encouragement and support of the programs of this ministry.

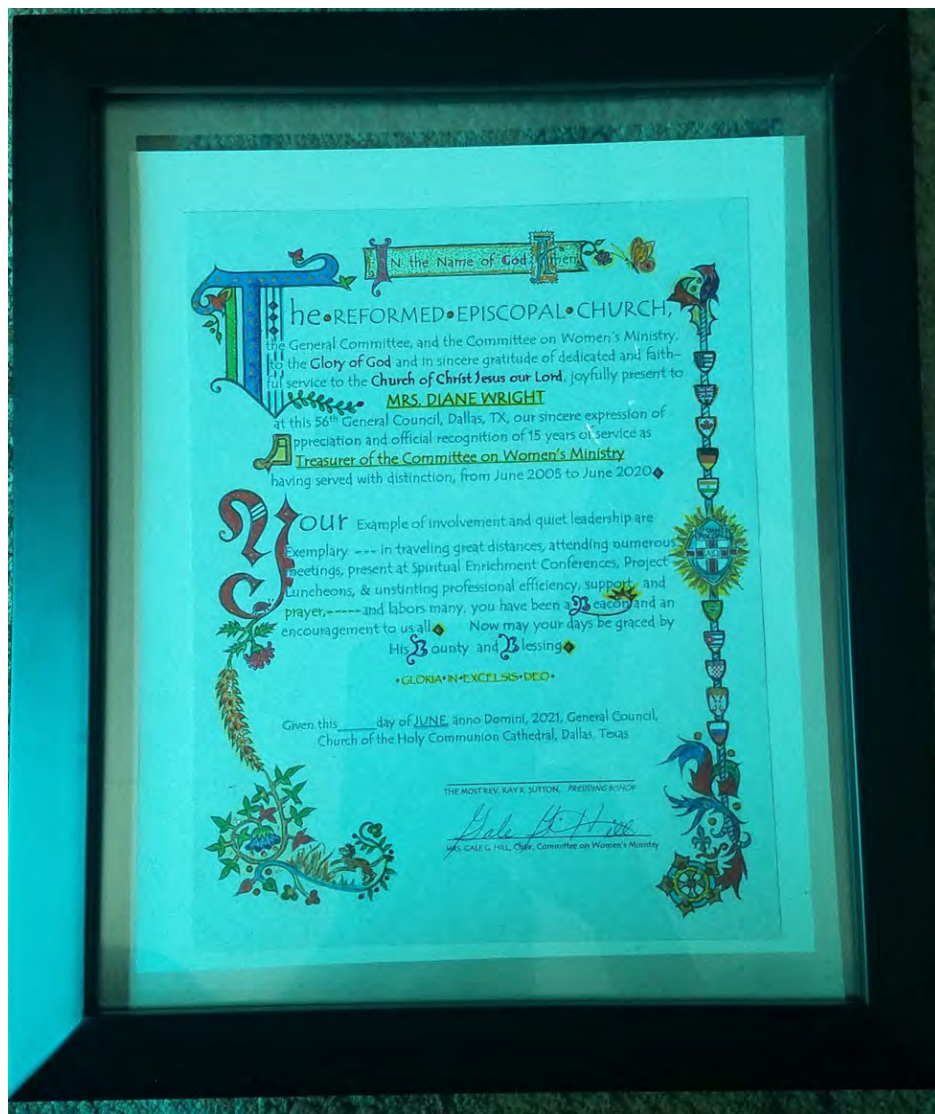
Recommendation

The committee recommends to this 56th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church that Mrs. Diane Wright be recognized for her 15 years of service as treasurer of the Committee on Women’s Ministry. Diane retired from this position on June 30, 2020.

Yours in Christ Jesus,



Gale G. Hill, Chairperson



COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S MINISTRY
Profit and Loss
January 2017 through December 2019

Balance forward		\$19,106.76
Income		
Contributions Income		\$425.00
Devotional Receipts - 9/16-6/17		\$90.00
Devotional Receipts - 9/17-6/18		\$1,762.81
Devotional Receipts - 9/18-6/19		\$1,902.00
Devotional Receipts - 9/19-6/20		\$1,719.00
Interest Income		\$20.38
Miscellaneous Income		\$934.98
Spiritual Enrichment Cont. Inc.		
SEC COWM Offering - 2017	\$469.90	
SEC COWM Offering - 2018	\$680.00	
SEC COWM Offering - 2019	\$611.00	
SEC Reg., Food, Lodging	\$3,486.00	
SEC Registration	<u>\$3,575.00</u>	
Total Spiritual Enrichment Cont. Inc		\$8,821.90
Women's Day Income		
Women's Day COWM Offering	\$1,322.00	
Women's Day Lunch Reservations	\$3,850.00	
Women's Day Project- 2017	\$6,420.00	
Women's Day Project- 2018	\$6,805.00	
Women's Day Project - 2019	<u>\$8,296.79</u>	
Total Women's Day Income		\$26,693.79
Total Income		\$42,369.86
Expense		
Bank Service Charges		\$4.50
Devotional Book Exp.		\$3,386.56
International SEC expenses		\$1,188.00
Professional Fees - Accounting		\$600.00
Spiritual Enrichment Cont. Exp.		
SEC Food & Lodging	\$255.00	
SEC Honorarium	\$2,400.00	
SEC Misc. Exp.	\$241.65	
SEC Spkr, Litur., Music Travel Exp.	\$1,712.76	
SEC Expense - Other	<u>\$3,476.73</u>	

Total Spiritual Enrichment Cont. Exp.		\$8,086.14
Women's Day Expense		
Women's Day Honorarium	\$1,100.00	
Women's Day Misc. Expenses	\$669.96	
Women's Day Project Disburs. '17	\$3,777.89	
Women's Day Project Disburs. '18	\$6,805.00	
Women's Day Project Disburs. '19	\$8,300.00	
Women's Day Restaurant Expense	\$2,745.00	
Women's Day Other	<u>\$112.79</u>	
Total Women's Day Expenses		\$23,510.64
Total Expense		<u>\$36,775.84</u>
Net Income		<u>\$5,594.02</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2019		\$24,700.78

Respectfully submitted

Diane Wright

Diane Wright, Treasurer

Bishop Banek introduced the report of the Committee on Christian Education by summarizing the first part of the report. He stated that an outline of the curriculum for the Catechesis of Children and Adults was included. He also announced that the Alfred Rex Curriculum was nearly complete. Canon Boonzaaijer also summarized the report from the Anglican Schools Association and drew attention to the article at the end of the report entitled "The Parish School: An Apologetic for the parish school". Bishop Banek remarked that a school is a great "front porch ministry" for parishes. Mei-li Sivigny moved to receive the report. Dss. Cynthia Longueville seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORT of the COMMITTEE on CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

To the 56th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren,

These are the members of the Committee on Christian Education for the past triennium: The Rt. Rev. Walter Banek, Rev. Brian Foos, Rev. John Heaton, Rev. John Boonzaaijer, Mr. Steven Hoopes, Mrs. Nelda Banek, the Rev. Eric Jorgensen.

The Committee on Christian Education has sought to address two areas of Christian discipleship:

1. Catechesis of children and adults in
 - a. the Holy Scriptures,
 - b. the Christian faith as expressed in the Creeds,
 - c. the life of Prayer rooted in the Lord's Prayer and cultivated in the rhythmic cycles of prayer set forth in the Book of Common Prayer
 - d. the sanctity of a godly life founded upon the Ten Commandments as these frame a life of holy love to God and toward our fellow man.
2. Establishing Parish Schools to reinforce and support parents and godparents in the vows they made in their children's baptism regarding "all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health." The Rev. Canon John P. Boonzaaijer has overseen this aspect of Christian education and will submit his Parish School and Anglican School Association report separately.

Children and Youth Bible Education - The REC Sunday School curriculum through Aelfred Rex Publications is nearing completion for younger children and also older youth and adults. Its objective is to teach the stories of the Bible faithfully and thoroughly, introducing all the major figures and events in the historic unfolding of redemption as fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ. To be deeply rooted as Anglicans in the faith once for all delivered to the saints, our parish children and adults must be deeply rooted in the knowledge of Holy Scripture in all those areas. The curriculum materials include instruction and tips for effective teaching. As requested in the 55th General Council, a curriculum training workshop is also being planned for our next General Council, when we meet in person.

Materials for an Anglican Young Adult Ministry in a classic Prayer Book Parish are still to be developed. The intention is to make this material available on a website.

Youth and Adult Catechesis –

- A. Promote the Anglican Way Institute as the intended conference for all REC young adults with website links to previous AWI conference recordings.
- B. The Rev. Canon Boonzaaijer and the Rev. Brian Foos have begun work on developing a comprehensive REC catechumenate.
 - a. It will develop the basic principle that the altar is the center of the parish and therefore all parish life flows from the altar, i.e. Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament is the center of the parish’s life. Rather than a program, this will seek to guide all parish activities so that they demonstrate a logical connection to the altar.
- A. Provide material for adult catechesis to be used in Sunday Schools (Catechesis Hour).

a) **Level**

- A. Year One: Basic Discipleship
- B. Year Two: A Larger Anglican Catechism
- C. Year Three: Bible Grammar (Bible stories and covenant, including Aelfred Rex curriculum for adults)

b) **Level Two:** Biblical Studies

- 1. Rotating Bible Book Study
- 2. N.T. Wright’s *New Testament for Everyone*
- 3. Christological studies of the Old Testament

c) **Level Three:** Ongoing Studies and Theology (provide syllabi)

Produce syllabi for the following (multiple authors) basic outlines and material for an 8-12 course, with enough to give content and direction to any capable teacher.

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| 1. The Church Year | 12. Church Architecture |
| 2. Using Your Prayer Book | 13. Patristics |
| 3. Sin, Salvation, and The Christian Life | 14. Heresies and The Ecumenical Councils |
| 4. The Sacraments | 15. Islam |
| 5. Thirty-Nine Articles | 16. Sexuality and Biblical Anthropology |
| 6. Christian Marriage | 17. Holy Orders |
| 7. Childrearing in the Christian Home | 18. Anglican Spirituality |
| 8. Hymnology and Choral Skills | 19. The Rule of Saint Benedict |
| 9. Church History | 20. Ethics & Worldviews |
| 10. History of Christianity in the Isles | 21. Apologetics & World Religions British |
| 11. The Reformed Episcopal Church: History and Identity | 22. Christian Doctrine |
| | 23 History of Philosophy |
| | 24 Age, Sickness, Death, and Resurrection |

Respectfully submitted,
The Rt. Rev. Walter R. Banek

Triennium Report for General Council
June, 2021



ANGLICAN
SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

I. Membership

A. Member Schools

1. Appomattox Christian Academy, Appomattox, VA
2. Good Shepherd School, Tyler, TX
3. The Saint Timothy School, Dallas, TX
4. Holy Communion Pre-School, Dallas, TX
5. Saint Andrew's Academy, Chester, CA
6. Canterbury Christian School, Los Altos Hills, CA
7. Saint Paul's Classical School, Melbourne, FL
8. Saint Benedict Hall, Kailua, HI
9. Dominion Academy, Dayton, OH
10. Christ Academy, Collingdale, PA
11. St. Stephen's Classical Academy, Eldersburg, MD
12. St. Mark's Classical Academy, Rydal, PA
13. Lindisfarne Hall, Fernandina Beach, FL
14. Atonement Academy, Philadelphia, PA
15. Several HomeSchools, and individual Anglican teachers of other schools

B. Member School Qualifications

1. are Anglican by jurisdiction, ethos, formularies, and spiritual formation
2. keep Prayer Book Daily Office in school life (at least one Office per day),
3. utilize a traditional Western (classical) education, per Board's evaluation,
4. are governed by ASA model bylaws, or similar approved bylaws.

C. HomeSchool and Co-op Qualifications

1. keep Prayer Book Daily Office in family life (at least one Office per day), and
2. utilize a traditional Western (classical) education, per Board's evaluation.

II. Accomplishments

- A. Hired The Reverend Andrew Brummett as part time Executive Secretary—*who is responsible for many of these accomplishments, and much appreciated!*
- B. ASA table presentations at Classical School Conferences and other Anglican jurisdiction events.
- C. Produced Website www.AnglicanSchools.org.
- D. Receive regular inquiries from parishes and rectors about startups.
- E. Host annual teachers' fellowship: The Society of Saint Bede.
- F. Produced Manual for Accreditation.
- G. Published an "apology" for parish schools (below).
- H. Organized official Teacher Certification, with Guild Levels and opportunities for professional development and continued education.

III. Plans

- A. to partner with larger agencies for legal defense resources, and acquire strategy for ministry in hostile social or political environments
- B. that half of REC parishes have a parish school ministry during the next twenty years
- C. to produce a History, Theology, and Manual of education for the parish school
- D. research the need for an Anglican undergraduate college

The Parish School

An apologetic for the parish school, will be published in Forward in Christ (July, 2021), for the Anglican School Association.

The praying school, within its parish, is the flower of “that Benedictine island”—whose fruit has become the monastic oasis, metropolitan refuge, and urban garden of godly belonging, identity, faith, and re-creation. It is found throughout the world, wherever Prayer Book Christianity has taken root.

The Anglican Prayer Book parish school tends to be small, pedagogically classical, and built around the worship of the church—with intentional catechesis and character development. I write in praise of parish education in particular. While much good can be accomplished through multi-denominational Christian education, and some identity preserved through large, diocesan schooling, parish education is a more particular *sui generis*. Not lightly undertaken or easily managed, it shows the most promise for generational transformation, cultural evangelism, and a superior education. The return of these to parish life is among the greatest needs for Anglican Christianity and its ministry within the decaying culture of the Western world.

Parish schools assist parents to fulfill baptismal vows. Both parents and congregation take on responsibilities during Holy Baptism in the form of vows. It may very well be true that “students learn everything they need to know in Kindergarten,” as once boasted a beloved and experienced teacher. What does that youth need to know for his soul’s health and salvation? Does it include the Creator of heaven and earth? The narratives of Holy Scripture? Spiritual truth and Christian philosophy? The student always becomes like his master. Who gets to choose the stories that pass on tradition, wisdom, and virtue? It is prayed that he or she may continue to life’s end “according to this beginning.” The whole community bears a certain responsibility for the later faithfulness of each person baptized. How is that responsibility carried out?

Parish schools continue the narrative of both testaments. After baptizing them in the Red Sea, God educated His people for two years in liturgics, the calendar, and moral law. His saving deeds—the Passover and the Jordan crossing—were then to be recounted through annual assigned questions by children. For the Hebrews, coming of age meant more than adulthood; children became sons and daughters of the covenant, as members of the children of God. They learned to read, write, recite, discuss, and sing God’s Word. New Testament children are addressed in the same fashion—as covenant children of God who know, love, and obey the God of Israel through His Promised Son so often discovered in the beloved stories of the first covenant. Parish members know God is no less interested in their own children’s children, and the generation born of them, than He was in those of David’s day. “That the generation to come might know them, the children who would be born, that they may arise and declare them to their children, that they may set their

hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments; and may not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that did not set its heart aright, and whose spirit was not faithful to God” (Psalm 78:6-8).

Parish schools maintain the natural home of historic classical education. Following the cultural disintegration of the Roman Empire, Christian communities continued the pursuit of learning and education. Christianity inherited, baptized, absorbed, and developed the Hebrew commitment to pedagogy, the Greek pursuit of wisdom, and the Roman love for order. So thorough was this baptism that Europeans ruminated upon it for more than a millennium, establishing one of the great cultures of world history. The worshiping community remained the center of its bequeathing—whether in the abbey, or village church. Every English parish operated a school for the education of its children, led by the vicar and his appointed headmaster. All older manuals refer to this as one of the ordinary pastoral responsibilities of the parish priest.

Parish schools continue the best of public community school. In America the community (public) school developed as the creation of neighborhood (parish) parents combining their assets to employ teachers to educate their children in the desired curriculum of the community. As time passed, following the visions of Rousseau, Napoleon, Dewey, and European state education, American schools were converted into government school and unfortunately today no longer function even as parent-directed neighborhood

schooling. Students, effectively sequestered from their parents’ faith, values, and desires, became captive disciples of the secular religion of the nation-state, and now graduate to fulfill the political, technological, and commercial duties expected of them.

Parish schools produce Christian culture by studying it. Culture is said to embody faith. For over one thousand years Western culture was a Christian culture, which ought yet to be studied—even if only for the comparisons necessary to intelligent conversation. Most places of education, including an alarming number of private and Christian schools, no longer study Western culture or impart an appreciation of its contributions, sins, shortcomings, and presuppositions as necessary to an educated interaction with present culture. By the same token, the brilliant specialist—without such study—yet lacks a complete education. In much contemporary and all government education, Western Civilization has not even the honor of the vestigial appendix.

Parish schools view children as made for loves more noble than political conformity or technological proficiency. Schooling is presently valued for its ability to acquire money, possess items, exercise freedoms, and enjoy luxury, and is intended to form a graduate who thinks, believes, acts, and chooses as a well-formed disciple of the prevailing secular religion of technology and socio-political ideology. Yet what is the Good Life? Where is Beauty enjoyed? And can it reshape the fallen selfish soul? Shall all our students descend with Pilate to despair of Truth? Hath God not made us for Himself? Is there repose from restlessness outside of Him? Can the morass of sensuality ever satisfy man’s thirst for Love? Can halls of learning where these questions are proscribed, or whose classical dialogues are never known, possibly be where our youths will drink from the wells of divine and prior wisdom?

Parish schools imprint children with the Prayer Book Rule of Life. Unlike the private school, restrained by the lowest common religious denominator, the parish school is shaped by the natural rhythms and content of daily parish prayer. School days begin and end with Morning and Evening

Prayer, not as tailored for private desire, but in the finest language and order already inherited as its Rule of Life. Rather than taught to write their own, or to adjust all things to personal preference, the students of a parish school adopt the rule of the Church, and are shaped for life during their formative years.

Parish schools orient habits around the parish altar. Not only is their schedule organized around the daily, weekly, and annual calendar of worship, in their bodies and habitus students recognize the sovereignty of Christ as they acknowledge cross, altar, kneeler, sacrament, and hymnal. Even more importantly, students become accustomed to the community decisions that flow from the known and understood will of God. All lives are centered around one thing or another: if not God, then a false deity, or the self. Given the wrong type of schooling, the student is taught to understand the world from the viewpoint of the central self, rather than from a soul inhabiting a world ordered by God. Those who trust God can ask after reading the news, “Can you imagine what would have happened if we had not prayed today?”

Parish schools shape character through parents, clergy, godparents, and mentors. Parents are responsible to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord Himself, and they partner with the ministers of the Lord, and those in concert with them, to pursue their assigned objective. There are no unknown persons in the parish school. Even those who raise eyebrows serve within the constraints of the baptized community. Joseph Chamberlain declared during the debate of 1870 to disestablish English parish schools, “the object of the Liberal party in England, throughout the continent of Europe and in America has been to wrest the education of the young out of the hands of the priests” ...and entrust it to the state. This objective has not changed, and few parents or clergy adequately respect its threat to our children.

Parish schools cultivate healthy relationships. Most parish schools do not have sufficient students to warrant even a single class of a given grade level—which recent utilitarian invention remains to be evaluated for its psychological goodness upon the child. Most rather function as a series of one room schoolhouses of varied ages, not for the convenience of the teachers, but of necessity, and for the good of students. It is not easily done, nor is it free of inherent difficulty, but it does create helpful opportunities. Several grade levels often study together in groups of twelve or fewer. Being sometimes the elder and sometimes the younger, students learn both kinds of relationships throughout their careers. Kindergarteners know High Schoolers by name and are friends, mixing during prayer and play. Middle schoolers integrate with those more cheerful souls of their recent simpler life, while also being corrected and mentored by those ahead of them. All contribute: cleaning, gardening, repairs, fundraisers, and student management each find their place within the ordinary job description of a student.

In parish schools students become deeply known and loved. Sorrow, weakness, shyness, strengths, flaws, gifts, and interests reveal themselves. The nature of the school itself is more akin to family politics than institutional programs. Students’ engagement, obedience, correction, and fidelity are not limited to the home and its expectations, but parental authority extends to others, also responsible for the vows of baptism in loco parentis. As Bishop Royal Grote was fond of saying, “Adam was Church before he was family.” The added layers of the parish school supplement and challenge an exclusively family-centered agenda for the protection, education, and spiritual development of our children, and allows them to be formed, loved, corrected, and shaped by others within their pastoral cure of souls. For parents this combination is simultaneously the greatest attraction and eventual obstacle.

Parish schools promote generational faithfulness. All studies of youth ministry have concluded that of the factors common to young people who remain in the Faith into adulthood, rich inter-generational relationships are chief among them. Sequestering students into environments where the other generations of the parish community are not frequently and naturally present should be questioned, especially today. I frequently tell students, “God is especially interested in your great-grandchildren, and it is why I want you to enjoy your work at school today.” Perpetual adolescence, especially among males, combats the Kingdom of God as a devilish affront—whether inside or outside the church. (If boys became men, I suspect more of the talented young women would desire to marry them...and become parents together of more students!)

Parish schools accommodate wide learning differences in small communities. Hardly a goal, it seems inevitable that classroom sizes are inversely proportional to the spectrum of tolerated learning differences within a school. This certainly does not make learning issues any more easily solved, but they are more personally addressed. Teachers toil with frustration, but a student struggling in a class of ten all day long—known and understood by the teacher—tends to succeed more significantly over time than one receiving separate tutoring, apart from the class, for a limited time, and promoted regardless of ability or progress. A student may be best served by spending additional years in a classroom, letting the basal curriculum work out both its potential and its results over a longer time. Admittedly, this stretches the teacher, and requires patience from classmates, but it is able to serve and develop a child according to its nature.

Parish schools evangelize. Due to God’s common grace, non-christians also seek virtue, good education, and micro-schools. The parish school is the one ministry for which unbelievers will approach the church and ask for help! Parish schools are governed by rectors and vestries, and thus do not rely upon professions of faith to avoid mission drift. It is also their immune defense against the influence of loud, persistent, or wealthy parents with competing objectives. Parish schools often become productive doorways into church membership for wandering sheep or seeking souls. Parish schools assist parents with fulfilling their baptismal vows; remaining seats should be made available to others who desire similar goals for their children.

Parish schools can be financially viable. Financial viability is possible regardless of size, whether for six or for sixty—if contemporary school and classroom models are discarded and parish assets developed. Never lucrative, and always expensive, schools require sacrifice by all, but can be done well. Financial needs will vary widely. Using buildings otherwise vacant six days per week, vestries steward property; rectors provide leadership; some teachers can volunteer; others are breadwinners; more are in-between. Each must be of the highest quality. A successful business plan prices tuition at actual calculated cost, awards discounts as merited, and bridges the gap with benefactors. Ideally, though not usually possible, parishioner parents contribute as able but are not charged tuition, thus sharing the mutual parish responsibility vowed at each baptism. When charged, tuition can always be indexed according to need as assessed by an outside company. When understood theologically and sacramentally, all generations will cheerfully embrace the parish school’s support and secure its success.

Few ministries or occupations require such commitment, dedication, and persistence as the parish school. Fewer still are more rewarding, more promising, more needed, or more blessed by our Lord, Who said, “Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev’d Canon John P. Boonzaaijer President

Bishop Sutton summarized the report of the Theological Commission. Dr. Riches reported that Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Philadelphia was in the process of applying for several certifications. New programs at RES are scheduled to begin in the Fall semester, but those cannot be announced yet.

**REPORT of the THEOLOGICAL COMMISSION
of the REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Throughout the triennium the Theological Commission met annually to approve the awarding of the Master of Divinity degrees for all three of our seminaries: Cummins Theological Seminary, Cranmer House, and Reformed Episcopal Seminary. In September 2020, I also formed a subcommittee of the Theological Commission of the REC: the Sub-Committee for Unifying Theological Education (SCUTE). I created it for the purpose of researching and proposing to our church a way to unify theological education in the REC to the greatest extent possible. The Reformed Episcopal Church and its seminaries possess the unique niche of representing Biblical, classical, 39 Articles, traditional prayer book Anglicanism. In fact, we have the only Anglican seminaries in North America where a student/candidate/postulant will learn the whole Bible, the historic Christian Faith, the 39 Articles, and the classical great tradition of the Cranmerian 1662/1928 Prayer Book, both its meaning and practice. We have a tremendous role to play in the rebuilding of the Anglican Way. Our seminaries have an essential role in equipping leaders to support the work of the church and REC100. I have appointed the Rev. Canon Jonathan Riches as the chair of the sub-committee and to report on the important progress that has already been made.

The Most Rev. Ray R. Sutton
Presiding Bishop

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the
SUB-COMMITTEE FOR UNIFYING THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION
of the THEOLOGICAL COMMISSION of the
REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Introduction and Background

SCUTE was formed by the Most Rev. Ray Sutton in September 2020 “for the purpose of researching and proposing to our church a way to unify theological education in the REC to the greatest extent possible.” The desire was and is to continue to build upon the strong commitments and programs that the church has had with regard to theological education and to meet the needs of a diverse and growing church.

The executive committee was formed to analyze and discuss different ways to achieve a high level of unity that would meet the greatest needs of the whole church and then to make initial proposals to the Theological Commission.

The Work of the Executive Committee

The committee began by looking at in-depth profiles of our three fine institutions of theological education: Cranmer Theological House Seminary, Cummins Seminary, and Reformed Episcopal Seminary. It was noted that each institution had its own distinct and valuable identity and niche, while all had a common core, purpose, and history.

As the executive committee began its deliberations, our existing seminaries and their identities, REC100 and church planting, distance education, and the accreditation that Reformed Episcopal Seminary has achieved were all important factors that were discussed. There was a consensus that it was essential to provide the traditional biblical Anglican Theological Education in keeping with II Timothy 1:1-18. This commitment to theological training that is grounded in biblical fidelity has been integral to the identities and growth of the REC. The desire is to make this education and equipping available to as many people as possible in various contexts and methods. There was also agreement that the identities, missions, and niches of our three seminaries is important to this goal.

Further the executive committee concurred that accreditation and the benefits that it gives is important and valuable in extending and improving the delivery of theological education to more people and equipping more leaders to serve the church. Three options with regard to accreditation and unity were discussed and analyzed: 1) Individual Institution Accreditation – Each seminary achieves full accreditation on its own, 2) One National Seminary Operating Three Campuses – Our Institutions merge together into one Seminary under the Department of Education of one state, 3) One Accredited Seminary Offering Courses at All Three Campuses.

Further discussion and brainstorming occurred in terms of how these options would be enacted and the details that would need to be worked out amongst the institutions and ecclesiastical and governmental authorities for each one. After discussion and deliberation, the executive committee unanimously recommends option three as the initial course of action noting that this does not prevent moving to either of the other options in the long-term. The benefit of this model is that it would allow a combination of faculty and course offerings from the one accredited seminary in multiple places while allowing each institution to maintain its individual identity and serve its constituency. A student could take up to 50% of credits needed to earn a degree through RES courses offered at a location other than the home campus of Reformed Episcopal Seminary. Students could earn additional credits through RES distance education and could also use transfer credits to earn a degree. The SCUTE executive committee crafted this model into a set of general recommendations that were then approved by the committees involved and the Boards of all three seminaries as a starting point for more collaborative work. Reformed Episcopal Seminary with the support of all our institutions will now be conducting focused group meetings with leaders throughout the church to see what accredited courses are needed and the best way to offer them. Please pray for us as we seek to strengthen and RE Theological Education and broaden its outreach.

Recommendations

That the Theological Commission, the Council of Bishops, and the seminary Boards approve working toward having courses of our accredited seminary offered at all three campuses and the following recommendations, in principle:

- 1) The courses being offered at host campuses would be at a tuition rate of \$250/credit, subject to annual increase. (This is the rate through 2022-2023.) Tuition would be paid to RES. RES would pay 1/3 of tuition revenues to the host campus. RES would pay the faculty

member and reimburse for approved transportation costs and the host campus would be responsible for the faculty member's accommodations as needed. At least 5 paid students would be required for a course to run. (More may be necessary depending on faculty transportation cost.)

- 2) RES courses will continue to be offered on the quarter system when offered at other campuses.
- 3) Student service fees would be payable to RES at current rates. (\$100/term for part-time)
- 4) While the accredited degree program would be the RES curriculum, a comprehensive guide will be developed of what courses taken at the other RES institutions would be accepted by RES for each degree requirement.
- 5) Meetings will be conducted with local church leaders, church planters, and field supervisors to determine future course and curriculum needs and assess their delivery and effectiveness.

Approved By Executive Committee 4/12/21

Approved By Council of Bishops 4/13/21

Approved by Theological Commission 4/14/21

Approved by REC General Committee 4/16/21

Approved by RESeminary Board 4/30/21*

(Noted need for share commitment and costs)

Approved by Cummins Theological Seminary Board 5/15/21

Approved by Cranmer House Theological Seminary Board 5/26/21*

(Noted that precise details will continue to be worked out)

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Canon Jonathan S. Riches, Ph.D.

REPORT of THE COMMITTEE on DOCTRINE and WORSHIP

To the 56th General Council

May 2021

The Committee on Doctrine and Worship met twice during this triennium and also approved some additional rites by two email votes.

Our first meeting was conducted via Zoom on April 16, 2020. The following matters were considered. Fr. Camlin stated that he had received notice from the Standing Liturgical Committee that they had approved the use of the ACNA 2019 Book of Common Prayer in the REC at the discretion of the Bishop Ordinary and pending approval of the Committee on Doctrine and Worship. Since this was short notice for the review process, Fr. Camlin proposed that a vote from this committee could be postponed until the next meeting in August or September. Bishop Sutton explained the process stating that the ACNA-BCP would not replace our own REC Book of Common Prayer, but might be used in the REC with provisions. Ultimately, it would have to be presented to General Council for final approval. The committee agreed to postpone a vote until the next meeting.

Dss. Johnson offered a summary of the revisions made by the Standing Liturgical Committee to the Book of Occasional Services and to the Handbook for the Visitation of the Sick which were previously approved by this committee. She explained that when new submissions are made from REC parishes to be included in the “Special Services” section on the REC website, the SLC will approve them by email vote as they are received, and then forward them to the Committee on Doctrine and Worship for approval before they are published online. Any special service used in an REC parish that is not already included in an approved source must be presented for review. (These may include services for Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Pentecost, etc.)

At our second meeting on August 25, 2020, the various liturgies which had been submitted by the Standing Liturgical Committee to be reviewed before publishing to the “Special Services” resource page on the REC web page, along with the Modern Language Psalter, and the newly published ACNA Book of Common Prayer were all reviewed and discussed. All of the submissions had been distributed to the members prior to the meeting. Each item was considered and voted on as follows:

1) Admission of Lay Readers

Bishop White moved to approve the service for the Admission of Lay Readers. The motion was seconded by Bishop Banek; and the motion carried.

2) A Tenebrae Service

Dss. Nancy Jones moved to approve The Tenebrae Service. Rev. Dr. Erlandson seconded the motion with a correction on page 3, of the spelling of “meal”. The motion with correction was approved.

3) The Way of the Cross (Nine Scriptural Stations)

A discussion concerning the wording of the rubric on page 16, “[Silence - it is customary to genuflect momentarily.]”, ensued. Dss. Jones asked if the word should be changed to “[Silence - people may genuflect momentarily.]. Bishop Sutton moved to approve The Way of the Cross service with his revision. Bishop White seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4) The Psalter in Modern Language

Bishop Sutton moved to approve The Psalter in Modern Language. Bishop Manto stated that Psalm 1, Verse 5, should read “it is not so with them”. Dss. Jones seconded the motion with the correction. The motion with correction was approved.

5) ACNA Book of Common Prayer (2019)

Rev. McCray moved to allow the use of the 2019 ACNA Book of Common Prayer in the REC only with approval of the Bishop Ordinary of each diocese. Bishop Gadsden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

In New Business, Fr. Camlin introduced the newly revised Handbook for Deaconesses in the Reformed Episcopal Church. (Copies were distributed to the members prior to the meeting.) Dss. Johnson explained that the original Handbook had been compiled for use by Deaconesses in the REC and the APA (Anglican Province in America) together. Bishops in both jurisdictions had recently decided that each jurisdiction should have their own Handbook for Deaconesses. The REC Handbook also needed revision to update Canon 22, *Of Deaconesses*, to the new Canon approved by General Council in 2017, to reflect changes to The Form for the Setting Apart of a Deaconess, and to

make it consistent with the current Canon 22, and what had become common practice in the REC. Rev. McCray inquired whether the Form for the Setting Apart of a Deaconess could be changed to modern language. After discussion, Bishop Banek moved to approve the revised Handbook for Deaconesses in the REC. Dss. Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

We also had two email votes in March and May of 2021. These were taken in response to Dean Kistler's requests from The Standing Liturgical Committee to approve two additions to the Book of Occasional Services. The first was a prayer for the blessing of the Oil of the Catechumens which was curiously absent from the service for the Blessing of Oils. The second was a request to approve a service for the installation of a verger. In response, the following were approved by our committee:

1. **Blessing of Holy Oils:** The Standing Liturgical Committee has approved a new service for the Blessing of Holy Oils to replace the one in the Book of Occasional Services. We realize that we voted for the inclusion of a prayer for the Oil of the Catechumens previously. However, this new service would take the place of what is in the BOS now. It is a more detailed service which holds to the long-held tradition of the blessing of oils by the bishop during Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday (or sometime during Holy Week). Therefore, we are asking for your vote for its inclusion in the Book of Occasional Services.

Following the Agnus Dei:

O Lord, holy Father, giver of health and salvation: Send thy Holy Spirit to sanctify this oil; that, as your holy apostles anointed many that were sick and healed them, so may those who in faith and repentance receive this holy unction be made whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

After the Communion, before the Post-Communion Prayer:

Blessing of the Oil of Catechumens (OS)

O Lord God, the Protector of all who believe in Thee: Bless, we pray, this oil, and give wisdom and strength to all who are anointed with it in preparation for their Baptism. Bring them to a deeper understanding of the Gospel, help them to accept the challenge of life in Christ, and lead them to the joy of new birth in the family of Thy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Immediately after the Post-Communion Prayer, the ampulla is brought to the Bishop, who places it on a small table in the sight of the congregation, or on the altar (the communion vessels having already been removed). Facing the people, the Bishop addresses them in these or similar words:

Consecration of the Chrism (SC)

Dearly beloved brethren: In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the creation; and, throughout history, God, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, has empowered his people to serve him. As a sign of that gift, the priests and kings of Israel were anointed with oil; and our Lord Jesus was himself anointed with the Holy Spirit at his Baptism as the Christ, God's own Messiah. At Baptism, Christians are likewise anointed by that same Spirit to empower them for God's service. Let us now set apart this oil to be the sign of that anointing.

Silence is kept as the Bishop pours balsam into the vessel of oil and mixes it. (This may be done ahead of time in the Sacristy.) Afterwards the Bishop shall say:

Let us pray.

The Bishop then places a hand on the vessel of oil and prays:

Eternal Father, whose blessed Son was anointed by the Holy Spirit to be the Savior and servant of all, we pray you to consecrate this oil, that those who are sealed with it may share in the royal priesthood of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, world without end. *Amen.*

The Bishop turns to the people and says:

Let us pray.

The people kneel. The Bishop, with arms outstretched over the people, continues:

Almighty God, we pray thee graciously to behold this thy family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

2. **Admission of Vergers:** The original version for the Admission of Vergers which was approved is the one used by the ACNA Verger's Guild. We can say that it has been approved for use in the REC, but only for those who are also being inducted into the Guild at the time of their admission as a Verger. The version we are asking you to approve is recommended by the SLC to be included in the Book of Occasional Services as the second office under the section, "Admission of Lay Ministers and Officers". This service would be our own for the REC and would not require admission to the ACNA Verger's Guild. The new service is as follows:

The Admission of Lay Ministers and Officers

2. OF VERGERS

I ADMIT you to the Office of Verger in this Church;
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Receive your Verger's Vestment as a symbol of the service you will offer Christ and His Church. And receive this Virge as a token of your ministry to provide guidance and protection.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY FATHER, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named, who has called us into the fellowship of your Church, grant, we pray, that in all our churches we may fulfill the duties and enjoy the privileges of our spiritual homes. And on those who offer themselves for service as vergers in the house of God bestow the fullness of your grace, that, united in love to you, and to one another, we may show forth your glory and hasten the coming of Your Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Very Rev. Canon Charles F. Camlin, Chair

Bishop Sutton asked for a motion to file all other reports that did not contain resolutions or recommendations requiring action by General Council. Rev. Willie moved to file all other reports. The motion was seconded by Rev. Dr. Julius Barnes. The motion carried.

Bishop Gillin requested that Canon John Smith be added to the Report on Memorials. Bishop Sutton ruled from the chair that his name be included with the Memorials.

Bishop Sutton then called for any Old Business to be brought before the General Council. Hearing none, he called for any New Business to be brought before Council. None was heard.

REPORTS of the DIOCESAN ORDINARIES and STANDING COMMITTEES

DIOCESE of the CENTRAL STATES

**2018 Report of the Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse Bishop Ordinary,
The Diocese of the Central States**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In accordance with the Canons of this Church, I hereby present you with a list of all active clergy in the Diocese of the Central States. Attached to the end of this report is the current list. All Deacons and Presbyters on that list are current.

On this occasion of my Tenth report as Bishop of this Diocese, I submit this summary of my activities during this past year in the work of the episcopate. Some of our work is done on the telephone, and I certainly have had my share of very long telephone conversations. Those are much less expensive than car or plane travel, but I hope you know for sure that if you need me to visit you I will drop everything and come, so do not hesitate to ask.

I made 19 Episcopal visits to the Parishes and Missions of this Diocese, and 21 persons were presented to me for the laying on of hands in the ancient rite of confirmation since I reported to you in 2017. In addition to those Episcopal visits, I had preaching engagements and meetings with clergy as enumerated below.

EPISCOPAL MEETINGS

Date and Location	Special Purpose	Confirmations
January		
8-12—ACNA College of Bishops, Melbourne, FL		
14—St. John’s, Chelsea, AL	Ordination of Chris Brown to diaconate	
April		
18—REC bishops, Dallas TX	19—REC 100	
20—Constitution & Canons Committee	21—General Committee	
29—Covenant, Roanoke		1
May		
6—Easter 3—All Saints, Raleigh		1
8—Meet with the Rev. Dr. Chris King, Kannapolis, NC		
20—Christ the Redeemer, Owensboro, KY		
27—Holy Trinity, Fairfax, VA		4

June

- 3—Holy Cross, Midlothian, VA 5
17—Christ Our Hope, Dayton, OH 8
24— Christ Our Hope, Westpoint, TN

July

- 3—Christ Our Hope, Westpoint, TN Franklin Sanders and Nancy Osborne wedding
15—Christ Our Hope, Westpoint, TN
22—St. Paul’s, Lexington, VA Reception of New Parish

August

- 19—Church of Our Saviour, Oatlands, Leesburg, VA 1

October

- 8-10—Bishops in Dallas
25-26—Synod, Memphis, TN
27—Trinity 23—

November

- 4—All Saints—All Saints, Lynchburg, VA
11—Trinity
24—Trinity, Mason, OH

December

- 2—First Sunday in Advent—St. Andrew’s, Appomattox, VA

BISHOP PETER MANTO

I want to give special thanks to my Coadjutor, Bishop Peter, for his assistance this past year, and also to all of you for your warm welcome to him when he has visited you in my place.

RECEPTION OF PARISH

On July 22 I received St. Paul’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Lexington, VA from the Anglican Catholic Church. Mrs. Gail Carr is the Sr. Warden. Please give those who are with us at this synod a very warm welcome.

WEDDING

On July 13 I had the distinct honor and privilege of joining the Rev. Franklin Sanders and Nancy Osborne, the widow of the Rev. Michael Osborne (deceased) in holy matrimony. Please give your warmest welcome to Nancy.

CLERGY TRANSFER

On June 18 I transferred the Rev. Dan Sparks to the United Episcopal Church.

ATTENDANCE AT THE COUNCILS OF THE CHURCH

The General Council of the REC only occurs every three years and the diocesan synod only once a year. For the Church to function properly we need full participation by all our clergy and lay representatives. In response to email reminders I have sent out in the last 2 years I have gotten responses indicating that some of you don’t plan your schedules with these things in mind. Included in your responsibilities as churchmen when you took your ordination or membership vows is your

participation in the councils of the church, and that requires a measure of planning on your part by putting those dates on your calendar and not planning vacations or other activities that would prevent your attendance. It also means that vestries need to include in the parish budget the expense of sending clergy and lay representatives to those council meetings.

I received the following request from David Straw. Bishop Dan,

It is with regret that I formally notify you that I will be unable to attend our Diocesan Synod this year. As we discussed on the phone, my secular job has presented a scheduling conflict which causes me to miss. I appreciate your understanding, and I pray this Synod will be tremendously successful. I am especially regretful that I will be unable to hear Presiding Bishop Sutton speak this year.

In Christ's Service David+

I also received a request from the Rev. John Heaton to be excused from this meeting.

DATE FOR THE 2019 DIOCESE MEETING

Our 2019 Synod will be at Church of Our Saviour, Oatlands in Leesburg, VA Oct. 23-25. We thank them for their invitation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That until the heinous practice of Abortion on demand is abolished in this country that the Third Sunday in January, or the Sunday closest to Holy Innocents (Dec. 28, 2017), be designated Sanctity of Life Sunday and observed in all our Parishes. Furthermore, that our Clergy prepare and deliver a sermon on that theme at the Worship services on that day. Liturgical resources are available from the Diocesan Headquarters of the Diocese of Mid-America for use on that Sunday.
- 2) That this Council commend the support of Cranmer Theological House, Cummins Theological Seminary, and Reformed Episcopal Seminary to the parishes of our Diocese and that every effort be made to support these essential ministries both in terms of finances and personnel.
- 3) That the parishes of the Diocese support the work of the Women in the Church.
- 4) That the parishes of the Diocese support the REC mission in Cuba.
- 5) That Dss. Teresa Johnson be thanked for her work in producing a newsletter for the diocese and that all parishes be encouraged to cooperate fully and communicate with her (trjohnsn@gmail.com) any news items about their parishes so that we can improve communications in the diocese.
- 6) That this Council commend the ministry of Matt and Sora Colvin to the support of all REC parishes.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse
Bishop Ordinary

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USELTON, The Rev. Randy

DEACONS

BOUTWELL, The Rev. Wyatt
BROWN, The Rev. Chris Brown
GOODWIN, The Rev. David
WINSLER, The Rev. Brad

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JOHNSON, Teresa
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JOSEPHSEN, Jr. The Rev. Dr. Hans E.

KUMP, The Rev. William T.

SMITH, The Rev. William H.

WORKOWSKI, The Rev. Richard

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BUTLER, Mark

CHASTEEN, James

FITZPATRICK, Stuart

MOORE, Tanner J.

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**2019 Report of the Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse Bishop Ordinary,
The Diocese of the Central States**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In accordance with the Canons of this Church, I hereby present you with a list of all active clergy in the Diocese of the Central States. Attached to the end of this report is the current list. All Deacons and Presbyters on that list are current.

On this occasion of my Eleventh report as Bishop of this Diocese, I submit this summary of my activities during this past year in the work of the episcopate. Some of our work is done on the telephone, and I certainly have had my share of very long telephone conversations. Those are much less expensive than car or plane travel, but I hope you know for sure that if you need me to visit you I will drop everything and come, so do not hesitate to ask.

I made 18 Episcopal visits to the Parishes and Missions of this Diocese, and 21 persons were presented to me for the laying on of hands in the ancient rite of confirmation since I reported to you in 2018. In addition to those Episcopal visits, I had preaching engagements and meetings with clergy as enumerated below.

EPISCOPAL MEETINGS

Date and Location	Special Purpose	Confirmations
February		
24—Trinity, Mason, OH	Ordain Tanner Moore	
March		
3—Church of Our Saviour, Oatlands	4	
6—St. Andrew’s, Appomattox, VA	Ash Wednesday	
April		
6—VA Convocation, Richmond, VA		
May		
1-4—REC Bishops, Summerville, SC		
12—Holy Trinity, Fairfax, VA		
26—St. Paul’s, Lexington, VA	Institution of the Rev. Dr. Eric Parker	
30—Christ Our Hope, Dayton, OH	Blessing of new building	
June		
9—Covenant, Roanoke, VA	1	
16—All Saints, Lynchburg, VA		
24— Christ Our Hope, Westpoint, TN		
August		
18—Holy Cross, Midlothian, VA	4	

September

- 1—St. Andrew’s, Appomattox, VA
- 8—Christ Our Hope, Westpoint, TN
- 15—St. James, Memphis, TN 6

October

- 6—All Saints, Raleigh, NC, St. Andrew’s, Asheboro, NC
- 13—Redeemer, Wilson, NC 2
- 16-18—Synod, Church of Our Saviour, Oatlands, Leesburg, VA

November

- 3—All Saints—All Saints, Lynchburg, VA
- 17—St. John’s, Chelsea, AL

BISHOP PETER MANTO

I want to give special thanks to my Coadjutor, Bishop Peter, for his assistance this past year, and also to all of you for your warm welcome to him when he has visited you in my place. I’m sure we all look forward to the great celebration of his installation tomorrow as Bishop Ordinary.

ATTENDANCE AT THE COUNCILS OF THE CHURCH

The General Council of the REC only occurs every three years and the diocesan synod only once a year. For the Church to function properly we need full participation by all our clergy and lay representatives. In response to email reminders I have sent out in the last 2 years I have gotten responses indicating that some of you don’t plan your schedules with these things in mind. Included in your responsibilities as churchmen when you took your ordination or membership vows is your participation in the councils of the church, and that requires a measure of planning on your part by putting those dates on your calendar and not planning vacations or other activities that would prevent your attendance. It also means that vestries need to include in the parish budget the expense of sending clergy and lay representatives to those council meetings.

DATE FOR THE 2020 DIOCESE MEETING

Trinity, Mason, OH October 21-23.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That until the heinous practice of Abortion on demand is abolished in this country that the Third Sunday in January, or the Sunday closest to Holy Innocents (Dec. 28, 2017), be designated Sanctity of Life Sunday and observed in all our Parishes. Furthermore, that our Clergy prepare and deliver a sermon on that theme at the Worship services on that day. Liturgical resources are available from the Diocesan Headquarters of the Diocese of Mid-America for use on that Sunday.
- 2) That this Council commend the support of Cranmer Theological House, Cummins Theological Seminary, and Reformed Episcopal Seminary to the parishes of our Diocese and that every effort be made to support these essential ministries both in terms of finances and personnel.
- 3) That the parishes of the Diocese support the work of the Women in the Church.

- 4) That the parishes of the Diocese support the REC mission in Cuba.
- 5) That Dss. Teresa Johnson be thanked for her work in producing a newsletter for the diocese and that all parishes be encouraged to cooperate fully and communicate with her (trjohnsn@gmail.com) any news items about their parishes so that we can improve communications in the diocese.
- 6) That this Council commend the ministry of Matt and Sora Colvin to the support of all REC parishes.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse Bishop Ordinary

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MORSE, The Rt. Rev. Daniel R. (Dan)
MANTO, The Rt. Rev. Peter, Coadjutor

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BASINGER, The Rev. James A.
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CHAVEZ, The Rev. Isaac
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JONES, The Rev. Josiah
LONGMIRE, Jr., The Rev. Rodney H.
MACGREGOR, The Rev. Canon Ian H., Canon Missioner
MARTIN, The Rev. Bart
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FINAL EPISCOPAL REPORT

This is my final report since my retirement as Ordinary of the Diocese was effective December 31, 2019. I am happy to say that God has blessed his Church by raising up the Rt. Rev. Peter Manto to be my successor as the Bishop of the Diocese. I will continue to pray that the Lord will bless you with growth and godliness through Bishop Peter's ministry together with you.

The Right Rev. Daniel R. Morse

**2020 Report of the Rt. Rev. Peter Manto Bishop Ordinary,
The Diocese of the Central States**

This is my first report as Bishop Ordinary of this Diocese. I assumed this office on January 1, 2020, upon the retirement of Rt. Rev. Daniel Morse. The diocese began as the Missionary Diocese of the Central States on January 1, 2008, with 12 parishes and with Rt. Rev. Morse as missionary bishop. The Diocese of the Central States is currently comprised of 21 parishes and missions. I am particularly appreciative for Bishop Morse's counsel, encouragement and friendship leading up to my installment as his successor. He has laid a sound foundation for the ongoing growth and well-being of this diocese. I am also grateful for the confidence the diocesan clergy and parishes have placed in me and for the support of the REC Bishops. I submit this summary of my activities during this past year in the work of the episcopate. I have also served as interim rector for Trinity REC, Mason, Ohio, during this period of time. The year 2020 was certainly an unusual year. Travel was limited, and Zoom meetings were frequent. I was particularly proud of and grateful for the efforts of our parish clergy in leading their parishes through the difficulties of 2020. They have proven to be capable and devoted under-shepherds of the Good Shepherd, genuinely concerned and ever working for the welfare of their flocks.

The Good Shepherd lays down his life, good under-shepherds do the same.

- 1) October-December 2019
 - a) 10/15-19, Leesburg, VA; Church of Our Saviour: DCS Synod
 - i) **Installation as Ordinary, retirement celebration, Bp. Dan Morse**
 - ii) Official duties as Ordinary began 1/1/20
 - b) 10/26-27, Evansville, IN; Trinity Anglican: Episcopal visit
 - c) 11/2, Mason, OH; Trinity REC: Dcn. Tanner Moore
 - d) 11/6, Miamisburg, OH: Ohio Valley Clergy
 - e) 11/15, Miamisburg, OH: Fr. McNamara

- f) 11/24, Dayton, OH; Christ the King: Duane Veley ordination to the diaconate
 - g) 11/25, Zoom meeting: REC Council of Bishops
 - h) 11/26, West Chester, OH: Dcn. Tanner Moore
 - i) 12/3, Zoom meeting: REC General Committee
 - j) 12/18, Mason, OH; Trinity REC: Fr. McNamara
- 2) January-February 2020
- a. Established diocesan office at Trinity REC, Mason, OH
1. Employed Ms. Karla Malson, Admin. Sec.
 - (1) Weekly call to Treasurer Mills+
 2. Files, computers, supplies
 3. Appointed Canon Scott Thompson as Archdeacon...regular phone contact
 4. Sent 2 diocesan update letters
 5. Contacted rectors by phone
 - b. 1/4, West Chester, OH: Dcn. and Mrs. Tanner Moore
 - c. 1/7-10, Melbourne, FL: ACNA Bishops' meeting
 - d. 1/11-12, Mason, OH; Trinity REC: Dcn. Jared Wensyl-BFM missionary
 - e. 1/18-19, Raleigh, NC; All Saints: Episcopal visit (4 confirmations)
 - f. 1/19, Asheboro, NC; St. Andrews: Episcopal visit
 - g. 1/23, Fairborn, OH; Christ Our Hope REC: met with vestry re rector resignation
 - h. 1/26, Fairborn, OH; Christ Our Hope: celebrate/preach
 - i. 2/8, Fairborn, OH; Christ Our Hope: met with vestry...re interim rector
 - j. 2/10, Conference call: DCS Trustees
 - k. 2/14, Middletown, OH: Ohio Valley Clergy meeting
 - l. 2/15-16, Roanoke, VA; Covenant REC: episcopal visit
 - m. 2/17, Roanoke, VA: Bp. Quigg Lawrence (ACNA)
 - n. 2/17, Conference call: REC Board of Foreign Mission
 - o. 2/19, Mason, OH: Fr. Wayne McNamara
 - p. 2/27, Mason, OH: Bp. Will Boyd ACC
 - q. 2/28, Conference call: Christ Our Hope, Fairborn, OH...interim proposal
- 3) March-April 2020
- a) 2/29-3/1, Lexington, VA; St. Paul's Anglican: episcopal visit (1 reception)
 - b) 3/6-8, Mason, OH: Hosted ADN & Mrs. Thompson, planning sessions
 - c) Coronavirus tumult begins**
 - i. Cancelled 4 Episcopal visits
 - ii. Reworked/rethought how to conduct church services
 - d) 3/13, 3/19, Zoom meetings: REC Bishops
 - e) 3/31, 4/29, Zoom meetings: ACNA Bishops
 - f) 3/26, Zoom meeting: REC General Committee
 - g) 4/2, two Zoom meetings: Ohio Valley and Piedmont convocations
 - h) 4/2, Zoom meeting: Christ Our Hope, Fairborn, rector search

- i) 4/6-7, Zoom meeting: REC Bishops
 - j) 4/12, Dayton, OH; Christ the King Anglican: preach/co-celebrate Easter
 - k) 4/16, Zoom: REC Liturgical, Doctrine/Worship, Theological committees
 - l) 4/17, Zoom meeting: REC General Committee
 - m) 4/28, Zoom meeting: REC Bishops
 - n) 4/29-30, two Zoom meetings: Piedmont and Ohio Valley Convocations
- 4) May-June 2020
- a. 5/4, Conference call: DCS Trustees
 - b. 5/19, Zoom meeting: REC Bishops
 - c. 5/27, 5/28, two Zoom meetings: Piedmont and Ohio Valley Convocations
 - d. 5/28, Zoom meeting: Christ Our Hope, Fairborn, OH, rector search
 - e. 6/2, Zoom meeting: ACNA Bishops
 - f. 6/17, West Chester, OH: Bp. Will Boyd ACC
 - g. 6/22, Zoom meeting: ACNA Bishops, pre-Provincial Council
 - h. 6/23-24, Zoom meetings: ACNA Provincial Council meetings
 - i. 6/30, two Zoom meetings: Ohio Valley and Piedmont Convocations
- 5) July-August
- a. 7/1, Zoom meeting: Fr. McNamara, Rev. Andrew Costa, clergy transfer inquiry
 - b. 7/11-12, Owensboro, KY; Christ Redeemer: Episcopal visit (4 confirmations)
 - c. 7/12, Evansville, IN; Holy Trinity: informal visit, on to Redeemer Owensboro
 - d. 7/13, Conference call: Trustees
 - e) 7/18-26, Vacation
 - o) 7/30, two Zoom meetings: Piedmont and Ohio Valley Convocations
 - p) 7/31-8/2, Mason, OH; Trinity REC: Rev. Jerry Kistler/family, candidate
 - q) 8/4, Zoom meeting: Trinity REC Mason search committee
 - r) 8/16, Fairborn, OH; Christ Our Hope REC: welcome Fr. Mike Fitzpatrick
 - s) 8/27-28, Roanoke, VA; Covenant REC: Parish Council
 - t) 8/29, Richmond, VA; St. Jude's Anglican: Piedmont Clericus
 - u) 8/29-31, Richmond, VA; St. Jude's: Episcopal visit (3 confirmations)
- 6) September-October 2, 2020
- a. 9/13, Fairborn, OH; Christ Our Hope: Institution of Fr. Mike Fitzpatrick
 - b. 9/14, Mason, OH; Trinity REC: Rev. Andrew Costa
 - c. 9/21, Zoom meeting: ACNA Bishops
 - d. 9/25-28, Leesburg, VA; Church of Our Saviour: Episcopal visit, Institution of Fr. Jonathan Kell (2 confirmations)
 - e. 10/2, Zoom meeting: REC Bishops, Hymnal discussion
 - f. 10/20, Zoom meeting: REC Bishops' meeting
 - g. 10/23, Zoom meeting: DCS Synod
 - h. 10/23, Zoom meeting: Dcn. Jared Wensyl, missionary changes/transfer

7) November-December 2020

- a. 11/10, Zoom meeting: REC 100 Committee
- b. 11/11, Zoom meeting: Fr. Workowski/ADN Thompson, retirement transition
- c. 11/12, Mason, OH, Trinity REC: Rev. Mike Fitzpatrick
- d. 11/17, Zoom meeting: REC Theological Unity Task Force
- e. 11/18, Mason, OH: Trinity Parish Council/Fr. Truax
- f. 12/2, Zoom meeting: REC General Committee
- g. 12/2, Zoom meeting: Ohio Valley Convocation clergy
- h. 12/2, Zoom meeting: Piedmont Convocation clergy
- i) 12/8, Zoom meeting: REC Committee on Women and Military Draft

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SPIETH, The Rev. Michael
STRAW, The Rev. David
TARANTO, The Rev. Dominic
THOMPSON, The Very Rev. W. Scott ADN
TRUAX, The Rev. David
USELTON, The Rev. Randy
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Respectfully Submitted,

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



May 13, 2021

**Diocese of the Central States of the Reformed Episcopal Church
Triennial Report of the Standing Committee to the General Council
of the Reformed Episcopal Church**

ORGANIZATION

In compliance with the REC and Diocesan Canons, the Standing Committee is organized into classes by year, such that each year one clergy and one lay member end a term of service and new members are elected by the Synod. The members of the Committee during the reporting term were:

Elected Clergy Members:

The Rev. Dr. Paul Edgerton, President (2018)
The Rev. Josiah Jones (2019)
The Rev. Josiah Jones (2022)

The Rev. Wayne McNamara (2020)
The Rev. Dr. Paul Edgerton, President (2021)
The Rev. Keith Boettner (2023)

Elected Lay Members:

Mr. Cullen Estes (2018)
Mr. Jim Stubblefield (2019)
Dss. Teresa Johnson (2022)

Mr. Tom McConnell (2020)
Mr. Andy McLean (2021)
Mr. Jon McGill (2023)

***Ex Officio* Members:**

The Rt. Rev. Dan Morse (2020)
The Rt. Rev. Peter Manto
The Rev. Cn. Scott Houser (2020)

The Rev. Cn. Ian MacGregor (2020)
The Rev. Ken Mills
The Ven. Scott Thompson

ACTIONS

- 1) Mr. James Chasteen - On October 28, 2017, the Committee took up the matter of Mr. James Chasteen's application for postulancy, which was left over from the previous reporting year. The majority of members felt that his application lacked sufficient information to warrant our consideration. On November 2, we requested that the Ordinary forward to Mr. Chasteen our request for more information about his calling and plan for ministerial formation. On November 16 the Ordinary forwarded to the President an email in which Mr. Chasteen retracted his application for postulancy.
- 2) On November 3, 2017, the Standing Committee sent to the Bishop Ordinary our canonically required consents to the ordination of The Rev. Barton Gingerich and The Rev. Ken Mills to the presbyterate and Mr. Bradley Winsler, Mr. Christopher Brown, and Mr. David Goodwin to the diaconate, having been given the report of the Board of Examining Chaplains confirming their fitness.
- 3) Mr. William Adams - On November 3, 2017, the Committee took up the matter of Lay Evangelist William Adams's application for postulancy, which had been held by the previous SC President for this class's consideration. On November 6 the Ordinary received our

advisement against postulancy. On November 11, the President spoke at length with the candidate on behalf of the Ordinary, explaining his and the Committee's mind.

- 4) On January 17, 2017, the Committee made a recommendation to the Ordinary that a form be used to solicit from the pastor of any applicant to postulancy both the canonically required certification from his parish's Vestry of the applicant's good standing and his own disposition towards the applicant's postulancy.
- 5) On February 18, 2018, the Bishop Ordinary forwarded to the Standing Committee documents related to the intention of Christ Our Hope, Dayton to call Fr. Isaac Chavez as rector. The Committee approved the call but raised objections to the inclusion in call documents of termination clauses in general and, in particular, clauses that permit termination of a rector without cause or notice.
- 6) On February 24 the Standing Committee received the first documents related to the postulancy application of Mr. Colton Allen, then of the Appomattox, Virginia parish. Procedural issues arose due to confidentiality concerns and questions concerning the candidate's pastoral endorsement which the President required to be resolved before putting the candidate to Committee vote. Upon the President and Committee's advisement, Mr. Allen, who is pursuing seminary education in Birmingham, transferred his membership to St. John's there. His character and suitability for postulancy was certified by their Vestry on April 15, 2018 and that certification given to the Committee on April 27. He received Committee approval and was received as a postulant by the Ordinary on May 1, 2018.
- 7) On March 20, 2018, the Standing Committee approved the reception of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Lexington, Virginia, originally a congregation of the Anglican Catholic Church, into the second phase of the reception process, Affiliate Status.
- 8) On April 9, 2018, the Standing Committee received a Call document from the Covenant parish in Roanoke, VA regarding the vicarship of Fr. Bartholomew Martin. The Committee extended its congratulations on the appointment.
- 9) On June 5, the Standing Committee received the required documents related to the postulancy application of Mr. William Barto of the Fairfax, Virginia parish. Mr. Barto received the unanimous recommendation of the Committee. On June 9 the President contacted Mr. Barto on behalf of the Ordinary to communicate his acceptance into the postulancy of this Diocese.
- 10) On June 4, 2018, Father Bill Smith, who was at this point no longer resident within the Diocese, communicated to the Bishop, and the Bishop communicated to the President the following on his behalf: "I hereby relinquish my credentials as a minister of the REC effective immediately."

The Canon to the Ordinary, on June 12, instructed the President as follows: "Please send out a note to the SC that Bill Smith has surrendered his license and that Bishop Morse has received and accepted that surrender." The President did so by email on that date. It was the Canon's and the SC's understanding that Fr. Smith's surrender was defined by Title III, Canon 31, Section d which states, "Upon acceptance of a voluntary renunciation of the ministry by a Clergyman, the Bishop shall immediately notify the Clergyman, the Standing Committee of the Diocese or Missionary Diocese and the Secretary of the General Committee of his action, and

the renouncing Minister shall be immediately deprived of the right to exercise and administer all Sacramental gifts and authorities as a Minister of God's Word and as conferred upon him at the time of ordination. He shall also surrender all certificates of ordination upon request."

On July 3, 2018 the Ordinary contacted the President to express that Father Smith was penitent and that "as a result of his repentance and my subsequent conversation with him I have restored his credentials as a minister in the REC so that he may preach and celebrate communion." Upon the raising of concern that Smith had renounced his ministry and was no longer canonically resident in the Diocese, the Ordinary responded concerning Smith as follows: "He did not leave the REC and he did not resign his orders. I only removed from him his license to preach and celebrate. That is an annual license that must be relinquished at the bishop's request as is stated on the clergy ID card I give to all clergy once a year."

On July 9, 2018 the President communicated to the SC at some length the Canon's and his misunderstanding of Father Smith's and the Ordinary's intent and notified them of Fr. Smith's reinstatement.

- 11) On the evening before the 2018 Synod, the Bishop Ordinary met with the Standing Committee in a session chaired by Presiding Bishop Ray Sutton. In light of his coming 75th birthday on November 22, 2019, the Ordinary made known to us his wishes regarding the continuance of his service to the Diocese. The Committee was asked to prayerfully consider the Ordinary's wishes and to report back to him by June 1, 2019 our disposition regarding them. On April 25, the President of the Standing Committee reported to the Ordinary the mind of the Committee and offered several recommendations for his consideration. The Ordinary at that time communicated to the President of the Committee his intention to resign his office effective December 31, 2019.
- 12). In October 2018, the Bishop Ordinary sent to the President the Diocesan Customary of the REC Diocese of Mid-America and requested that he begin work on a Customary for the Diocese of Central States. The President enlisted the help of Dss. Teresa Johnson and members of the Standing Committee in crafting a document for the Ordinary's approval. In late March, the Standing Committee sent to the Ordinary its draft for his review. It was approved and promulgated by the Committee President.
- 13) On 7 November 2019, the Standing Committee sent to the Bishop Ordinary our canonically required consents to the ordination of Dr. Duane Veley and Mr. William Barto to the diaconate, having been given the report of the Board of Examining Chaplains confirming their fitness.
- 14) On November 13, 2018 the Standing Committee sent to the Bishop Ordinary our canonically required consents to the ordination of The Rev. David Goodwin to the presbyterate and Mr. Tanner Moore to the diaconate, having been given the report of the Board of Examining Chaplains confirming their fitness.
- 15) On January 3, 2019 the Standing Committee approved the call of The Rev. Dr. Eric Parker by St. Paul's Anglican Church in Lexington, Virginia.

- 16) On March 22, 2019 the Standing Committee received materials related to the postulancy application of Joshua M. Bloom of the Church of Our Savior, Oatlands. The Dean of Virginia, Fr. Scott Thompson, apprised the President and the Ordinary of the relocation of the candidate to an area without an RE parish and recommended his application be tabled. The Ordinary agreed and the SC took no action.
- 17) On March 15, 2019 the Standing Committee President received the application for postulancy of Ralph Davis of the Church of Our Savior, Oatlands. The President got his wires crossed between this application and the one above, not seeing that they were separate cases. On July 5, the Ordinary followed up, the President realized he had made a mistake, and the Committee began reviewing the applicant's materials. They requested more complete information from the applicant and, having received that information, on August 29 approved his postulancy with recommendations as to his further preparation.
- 18) On April 30, 2019 the Bishop Ordinary raised to the President of the Standing Committee the possibility of disbanding a certain Parish and requested that the Committee discuss the matter and advise him. The Committee began its discussions by email, and the Ordinary requested that this discussion be tabled and reconvened by teleconference with the Bishops, the Standing Committee, and the Vicar in charge of the Parish in question all present. On April 30, the Committee received in teleconference a detailed reporting of the situation of the Parish and determined that the canonical threshold for disbandment had not been reached. We discussed possibilities for the continued support of the Parish. On May 1, the Bishop Ordinary received our determination that no episcopal action could be taken at that time.
- 19) On July 17, 2019 the Committee received the application for ordination to the diaconate of Postulant Bill Barto of Holy Trinity in Fairfax, Virginia.
- 20) On September 17, 2019 the Standing Committee approved the call of Fr. Damien Grout of the Diocese of MidAmerica by the St. Andrew's Parish in Appomattox, Virginia.
- 21) On 17 October 2019 the President read to the Synod a resolution of the Standing Committee thanking God for the ministry of Bishop Morse, thanking Bishop Morse for his care of our Diocese, and conferring upon him the title Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese.
- 22) On 12 November 2019 the Standing Committee gave its unanimous consent to the election of The Rt. Rev. Charles Gillin as Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid Atlantic.
- 23) In November 2019, the Standing Committee received a proposal from its President concerning the implementation of a policy to be included in the next year's edition of the Diocesan Customary requiring background checks and background referencing for applicants to postulancy and to the Order of Deaconesses. The Committee discussed and agreed to the new policy and commended it to the Bishop Ordinary.
- 24) In January 2020, the President initiated conversation with Diocesan staff concerning the call procedure that had been used for the Richmond Parish, the Rector having been called by the Parish without Standing Committee consent. On 18 January 2020, the Standing Committee unanimously approved the call of The Rev. Barton Gingerich to St. Jude's Anglican Church in Richmond Virginia.

- 25) On 5 March 2020 the Standing Committee received the report from the Ordinary of the renunciation of Holy Orders of Isaac Chavez, who had been rector of Christ Our Hope in Fairborn, Ohio.
- 26) On 31 March 2020, the Standing Committee made its recommendation to accept for postulancy Mr. Kenneth Kline of Christ the Redeemer in Owensboro, Kentucky and Mr. Aaron Perlot, a seminarian entering our Diocese at the recommendation of The Rt. Rev. David Hicks.
- 27) On 22 September 2020 the Standing Committee became aware that a Rector had been called and installed on 13 September 2020 at Christ Our Hope in Fairborn, Ohio. The President initiated conversation about the procedure used, and documents were requested by the Standing Committee so that we could give our consent and bring the call into better compliance with canonical requirements. That request is pending as of the date of this report's submission.
- 28) On 29 September 2020 the Bishop Ordinary called a meeting via Zoom with the Standing Committee to discuss policies for the upcoming Synod in light of Covid-19 concerns. On 12 October, the Committee was asked their opinions concerning the Ordinary's decision to take the Synod online rather than to meet in person.
- 29) On 16 October 2020, the Standing Committee made its recommendation to accept for postulancy Mr. Jameson Lowery of The Church of the Redeemer in Wilson, North Carolina.
- 30) On 27 October 2020, the Standing Committee sent to the Bishop Ordinary our canonically required consents to the ordination of Mr. Stuart Fitzpatrick to the permanent diaconate, having been given the report of the Board of Examining Chaplains confirming his fitness on the 23rd.
- 31) On 24 February 2021 The Standing Committee received a postulancy application and materials from Mr. Jameson Overton of Christ Our Hope in Westpoint Tennessee. On 1 March 2021, The Standing Committee recommended to the Bishop Ordinary he be accepted as a Postulant.

The Committee expresses its gratitude to God and to the Diocese of the Central States for the opportunity to serve in the current reporting period.

Respectfully submitted,



The Rev. Dr. Paul Edgerton, President

**Triennial Statistical Report of the Ordinary of the Diocese of Mid-America
to the 56th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church**

Since the last General Council held in June 2017, I had the following total number of meetings, visits, events, and services, including baptisms, confirmations, ordinations, installations, investitures, consecrations, marriages, and funerals.

June 2017 – February 2018

Diocesan Meetings and Events	29
Parish & Episcopal Visits	13
Confirmations	32
Ordination	1
Consecration	1
Other	11

DIOCESAN MEETINGS AND EVENTS

June 21 – Diocesan Staff Meeting
 July 11 – Diocesan Officers Meeting
 July 11 – Cranmer Theological House Trustees Meeting
 July 12 – Diocesan Staff Meeting
 August 16 – Diocesan Staff Meeting
 August 30 – Diocesan Staff Meeting
 September 13 – Diocesan Staff Meeting
 September 20 – Diocesan Staff Meeting
 September 26 – DMA Standing Committee Meeting
 September 27 – Diocesan Staff Meeting
 October 11 – Diocesan Staff Meeting
 October 18 – Diocesan Staff Meeting
 October 25 – Diocesan Staff Meeting
 October 29 – Keynote Speaker- Mission in formation, Rockwall, Texas
 November 1 – Diocesan Staff Meeting
 November 8 – Diocesan Staff Meeting
 November 22 – Diocesan Staff Meeting
 November 29 – Diocesan Staff Meeting
 December 13 – Diocesan Staff Meeting
 December 15 – Cranmer Theological House Deans Meeting
 December 20 – Diocesan Staff Meeting
 January 3, 2018 – Diocesan Staff Meeting
 January 15 – DMA Trustees Meeting
 January 16 – Diocesan Staff Meeting
 January 23 – DMA Standing Committee Meeting
 January 24 – Diocesan Staff Meeting
 January 26 – Cranmer House Trustees Meeting
 January 31 – Diocesan Staff Meeting
 February 14 – Diocesan Staff Meeting

PARISH & EPISCOPAL VISITS / CONFIRMATIONS

July 16 Episcopal Visit-St. Michael's and All Angels, Broken Arrow, OK
 August 13 Episcopal Visit-St. Paul's Anglican Church, Baton Rouge, LA
 2 Confirmations

- September 24 Episcopal Visit-St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Bellville, TX
3 Confirmations
- October 1 Episcopal Visit-Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Webster Groves, MO
- October 22 Episcopal Visit-St. Matthias Anglican Church, Katy, TX
4 Confirmations
- November 5 Episcopal Visit-Church of the Holy Trinity, Houston, TX
7 Confirmations
- November 12 Episcopal Visit-St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Flowood, MS
5 Confirmations
- November 19 Episcopal Visit-Covenant REC, Heber Springs, AR
6 Confirmations
- December 3 Episcopal Visit-St. Paul's Anglican Church, Houston, TX
1 Confirmation
- December 10 Episcopal Visit-Christ's Chapel, Riverside, CA
2 Confirmations
- January 7, 2018 Episcopal Visit-Providence REC, Weatherford, TX
- February 4 Episcopal Visit-Holy Cross Anglican Church, Alpine, TX
2 Confirmations
- February 11 - Episcopal Visit-Christ Church, Hot Springs, AR

ORDINATIONS

June 24 - Marcus Bell - Ordained to the Diaconate Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX

CONSECRATIONS

August 23 - Consecration of Walter Banek as Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Mid-America

OTHER

- July 5-10 - Anglican Way Institute Summer Conference, Lecturer, Preacher & Presenter
- August 18-20 - Taught Anglicanism Course - Cranmer Theological House
- September 1 - Clericus (Dallas Area)
- September 22 - Clericus (Houston Area)
- September 29-30 - Clericus (Incarnation Convocation, St. Louis Area)
- October 13 - Clericus (Dallas Area)
- October 23 - Clericus (Houston Area)
- November 6 - Clericus (Houston Area)
- November 10 - Clericus (Dallas Area)
- December 4 - Clericus (Houston Area)
- January 17-20 - Clericus (Deanery of the West)

March 2018 - February 2019

Diocesan Meetings and Events	44
Episcopal & Parish Visits	24
Confirmations	42
Ordinations/Regularizations	3
Installations	2
Other	6

DIOCESAN MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- March 7 Diocesan Staff Meeting
- March 14 Diocesan Staff Meeting

April 6	Diocesan Staff Meeting
April 27	Clericus (Dallas area)
April 30	Clericus (Houston area)
May 2	Diocesan Staff Meeting
May 9	Diocesan Staff Meeting
May 16	Diocesan Staff Meeting
May 18	Clericus (Dallas area)
May 21	Clericus (Houston area)
May 23	Diocesan Staff Meeting
May 30	Diocesan Staff Meeting
May 30	DMA Clergy Officers Meeting
June 5	DMA Standing Committee Meeting
June 6	Diocesan Staff Meeting
June 13	Diocesan Staff
June 27	Diocesan Staff
July 11	Diocesan Staff
August 8	Diocesan Staff
August 15	Diocesan Staff
August 22	Diocesan Staff
September 12	Diocesan Staff
September 18	DMA Standing Committee
September 19	Diocesan Staff
September 28-29	Clericus at St. Andrew's, Tinley Park, Illinois
October 2	DMA Clergy Officers
October 3	Diocesan Staff
October 17	Diocesan Staff
November 19	Clericus (Houston)
November 21	Diocesan Staff
November 26	Synod Planning
November 27	DMA Committee on Risk Management
November 28	Diocesan Staff
November 30	Clericus (Dallas)
January 14, 2019	Synod Planning
January 16	Diocesan Staff
January 22-25	Convocation of the West Retreat, Santa Barbara, California
February 5	DMA Trustees
February 5	DMA Standing Committee
February 6	Diocesan Staff
February 8	Clericus (Dallas)
February 11	Clericus (Houston)
February 13	Diocesan Staff
February 20	Diocesan Staff

PARISH VISITS / EPISCOPAL VISITS / CONFIRMATIONS

February 25	Parish Visit to The Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, Texas
April 29	Episcopal Visit to Resurrection Anglican Church, Crosby, Texas
May 6	Episcopal Visit to Providence REC, Corpus Christi, Texas 4 Confirmations
May 20	Episcopal Visit to St. Francis Anglican Church, Spring, Texas
May 27	Episcopal Visit to Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas 11 Confirmations

June 3	Episcopal Visit to Good Shepherd, Tyler, Texas 7 Confirmations
July 9	Parish Visit to St. Benedict's, Rockwall, Texas
August 12	Episcopal Visit to Christ Chapel, Riverside, California 3 Confirmations
September 9	Parish Visit to St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Phoenix, Arizona
September 21	Parish Visit to Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, Texas
September 30	Episcopal Visit to St. Andrew's Anglican Church of Tinley Park, Illinois 4 Confirmations
October 7	Episcopal Visit to Trinity Anglican Church, Pagosa Springs, Colorado
October 14	Episcopal Visit to St. Timothy's Anglican Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas 6 Confirmations
October 21	Episcopal Visit to Covenant Anglican Church, Heber Springs, Arkansas
November 4	Episcopal Visit to St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Montrose, Colorado
November 11	Parish Visit to Covenant Christian Church, Greenville, Michigan
November 18	Episcopal Visit to St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Bellville, Texas
December 16	Episcopal Visit to Holy Trinity, Webster Groves, Missouri 6 Confirmations
December 16	Parish Visit to Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, Texas
January 4, 2019	Parish Visit to Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, Texas
January 20	Episcopal Visit to St. Michael's Anglican Church, Broken Arrow, OK 1 Confirmation
February 3	Episcopal Visit to St. Paul's Anglican Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
February 10	Episcopal Visit to St. Thomas of Canterbury, Houston, Texas
February 17	Episcopal Visit to St. Paul's Anglican Church, Houston, Texas

OTHER

April 13-15	Diocese of Fort Worth Clergy Wives Retreat
May 14-16	Church of the Holy Communion Clergy Retreat, Camp Crucis, Granbury
July 5-8	Anglican Way Institute Conference, Lecturer, Preacher & Presenter, Dallas, Texas
August 17-19	Taught Seminary Course at Cranmer Theological House
November 14-17	Holy Trinity's Men's Retreat, Concan, Texas
December 6	Speaker at RE Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

ORDINATIONS

April 8	Calvin Basil Ordained to the Diaconate St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Flowood, Mississippi
September 8	Mark Shields Ordained to the Presbyterate Christ Anglican Church, Cave Creek, Arizona
February 24, 2019	Eric Parker Ordained to the Presbyterate St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Flowood, Mississippi

INSTALLATIONS

December 2	Installation of Fr. Jeffrey Hubbard, Mariners' Church of Detroit, MI
January 20, 2019	Installation of Fr. Michael Templin, St. Michael's Anglican Church, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

March 2019 – October 2020

Diocesan Meetings and Events	46
Episcopal & Parish Visits	40
Seminary and Other	17
Baptisms	5
Confirmations	72
Setting Apart	2
Ordinations/Regularizations	11
Installations	6
Investiture	1
Funeral	1

DIOCESAN MEETINGS & EVENTS

April 12, 2019	Clericus (Deanery-North Texas, Northern Louisiana, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Arkansas)
April 15	Clericus (Deanery-South and West Texas, Southern Louisiana)
June 6	DMA Standing Committee
August 23	Diocesan Clergy Officers
August 27	DMA Standing Committee
October 11	Clericus (Deanery-North Texas, Northern Louisiana, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Arkansas)
October 14	Clericus (Deanery-South and West Texas/Southern Louisiana)
December 10-11	Clericus (Deanery-Missouri, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin)
December 12	DMA Standing Committee
January 23, 2020	DMA Trustees
January 29-February 1	DMA Convocation of the West Retreat
February 7	Solemn Choral Evensong, 20 Year Anniversary
February 26	Qualifying Clergy Examination
March 6	Qualifying Clergy Examination
March 10	Qualifying Clergy Examination
March 20	Clericus (Deanery-North Texas, North Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi)
March 24	New Mission (Waxahachie, Texas)
March 25	Clericus (Deanery-South and West Texas, Southern Louisiana)
March 27	Clericus (Deanery-California, Oregon, Colorado, Arizona, Washington, British Columbia)
March 31	Clericus (Deanery-Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, Michigan)
April 3	DMA Clergy Officers
May 8	Qualifying Clergy Examination
May 26	New Mission (Waxahachie, Texas)
June 1	Clericus (Deanery-North Texas, Northern Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi)
June 2	Clericus (Deanery-South & West Texas, Southern Louisiana)
June 3	Clericus (Deanery-California, Arizona, Oregon, Colorado, Washington, British Columbia)
June 5	Clericus (Deanery-Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, Michigan)
June 9	Vestry of St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Flowood, Mississippi
June 10	DMA Standing Committee
June 12	Qualifying Clergy Examination
June 18	St. Stephen's Anglican Church Search Committee, Flowood, Mississippi
June 23	DMA Synod Planning
June 25	New Mission (Waxahachie, Texas)

June 25	St. Stephen's Anglican Church Search Committee, Flowood, Mississippi
June 27	St. Barnabas Anglican Church Bishops Council, Bellville, Texas
June 30	Vestry All Saints Anglican Church, Shreveport, Louisiana
July 16	Qualifying Clergy Examination
August 7	New Mission (Waxahachie, Texas)
August 18	DMA Standing Committee
August 25	Clericus (Deanery-North Texas, Northern Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi)
August 31	Clericus (Deanery-South & West Texas, Southern Louisiana)
August 31	DMA Clergy Officers
September 1	Clericus (Deanery-Missouri, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin)
September 4	Clericus (Deanery-Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia)
September 8	DMA Standing Committee
September 11	Vestry Christ the King, Grover Beach, California

EPISCOPAL VISITS / CONFIRMATIONS / PARISH VISITS

March 1, 2019	Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas 1 Confirmation
March 3	Episcopal Visit, Christ Anglican Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas 3 Confirmations
March 20	Parish Visit, St. Benedict's Bishop's Council-Rockwall, Texas
March 28	Parish Visit, St. Francis Anglican Church Vestry, Spring, Texas
March 30	Parish Visit, Church of the Holy Communion Vestry Retreat
April 11	Parish Visit, St. Francis Anglican Church Vestry, Spring, Texas
April 14	Episcopal Visit, Church of the Holy Trinity, Houston, Texas 4 Confirmations
April 14	Parish Visit, St. Francis Anglican Church, Spring, Texas
April 23	Parish Visit, Holy Trinity Anglican Church Search Committee, Webster Groves, Missouri
April 25	Parish Visit, St. Benedict's Bishop's Council, Rockwall, Texas
April 28	Episcopal Visit, Holy Cross Anglican Church, Alpine, Texas
May 5	Episcopal Visit, The Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, Texas 5 Confirmations
May 8	Parish Visit, Church of the Holy Communion, Cathedral Designation
June 2	Episcopal Visit, St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Chester, California
June 9	Episcopal Visit, Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, Texas
June 23	Episcopal Visit, St. Benedict's Anglican Church, Rockwall, Texas 2 Confirmations
June 30	Episcopal Visit, St. Matthias Anglican Church, Katy, Texas 8 Confirmations
June 30	Episcopal Visit, St. Mattias Anglican Church, Katy, TX (Spanish service) 1 Confirmation
September 8	Episcopal Visit, St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Montrose, Colorado 4 Confirmations
October 9	Parish Visit, Holy Cross Anglican Church Vestry, Alpine, Texas
October 13	Episcopal Visit, Church of the Resurrection, Crosby, Texas 7 Confirmations
October 20	Episcopal Visit, Good Shepherd REC, Tyler, Texas 12 Confirmations
November 10	Episcopal Visit, St. Mark's Anglican Church, Rydal, Pennsylvania 1 Confirmation
November 17	Episcopal Visit, Mariners Church of Detroit, Michigan 6 Confirmations

November 18	Parish Visit, The Chapel of the Cross Vestry, Dallas, Texas
December 8	Episcopal Visit, Covenant Church, Heber Springs, Arkansas
January 12, 2020	Episcopal Visit, St. Matthias Anglican Church, Katy, Texas 6 Confirmations
February 9	Episcopal Visit, All Saints Anglican Church, Shreveport, Louisiana
February 23	Episcopal Visit, Church of the Blessed Trinity, El Cajon, California
March 1	Episcopal Visit, Living Word REC, Courtenay, British Columbia
May 31	Episcopal Visit, The Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, Texas 1 Confirmation
June 7	Episcopal Visit, Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas 7 Confirmations
June 21	Episcopal Visit, St. Benedict's Anglican Church, Rockwall, Texas 3 Confirmations
June 28	Episcopal Visit, St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Bellville, Texas
July 12	Parish Visit-St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Flowood, Mississippi
August 4	Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas 1 Confirmation
August 6	All Saints Anglican Church Parish Informational, Shreveport, Louisiana
August 9	Episcopal Visit, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Houston, Texas
August 23	Episcopal Visit, Providence REC, Corpus Christi, Texas
August 30	Parish Visit, Covenant Christian Church, Greenville, Michigan

SEMINARY AND OTHER

March 5-17, 2019	Meeting w/German Bishop / Israel Trip
April 5-7	Taught Seminary Course at Cranmer Theological House
June 12	Pastoral Visit, Denver, Colorado
June 23-25	Church of the Holy Communion, Clergy Retreat
July 11-14	Anglican Way Institute Summer Conference, Lecturer, Preacher & Presenter, Dallas, Texas
August 9-11	Taught Seminary Course at Cranmer Theological House
November 20-23	Church of the Holy Trinity Men's Retreat, Concan, Texas
January 17-19, 2020	Taught Seminary Course at Cranmer Theological House
February 8	Cranmer Theological House Commencement
February 26	Cranmer Theological House Trustees
March 24	Reformed Episcopal Seminary Faculty
April 1	Lenten Speaker, Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas
April 4	Vestry Retreat, Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas
May 4	Forward in Faith / Anglican Way Institute
May 11-13	Church of the Holy Communion Clergy Retreat, Camp Crucis, Granbury
May 29	Cranmer Theological House Faculty
June 9	Forward in Faith Bishops

SETTING APART

May 12, 2019	Jill Nowell Set Apart as Deaconess Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas
September 8	Gay Flack Set Apart as Deaconess St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Montrose, Colorado

ORDINATIONS & REGULARIZATIONS

March 1, 2019	Paul Cook Ordained to the Diaconate Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas
	Paul Cook Ordained to the Presbyterate Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas

March 8	Greg Mattson Ordained to the Diaconate Christ Anglican Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas
January 12, 2020	Victor Odinye, Ordained to the Diaconate St. Matthias Anglican Church, Katy, Texas
February 8	Wyatt Boutwell, Ordained to the Presbyterate Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas
June 6	Jason VanBorssum, Ordained to the Diaconate Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas
June 6	Joshua Farris, Ordained to the Diaconate Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas
August 4	Nevada DeLapp, Ordained to the Diaconate Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas
August 4	Nevada DeLapp, Ordained to the Presbyterate Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas
August 8	John Clay, Ordained to the Presbyterate St. Thomas of Canterbury, Houston, Texas
August 23	Andrew Hurt, Ordained to the Presbyterate Providence REC, Corpus Christi, Texas

INSTALLATIONS/ INVESTITURES

March 23, 2019	Installation of Rev. Philip Tjoelker, St. Andrew's of Tinley Park, Illinois
July 7	Installation of Rev. Thomas McGee, St. Timothy's Anglican Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas
December 1	Installation of Rev. Caleb Hummel, Holy Trinity, Webster Groves, Missouri
March 8, 2020	Installation of Rev. Wyatt Boutwell, Church of the Holy Cross, Alpine, Texas
May 31	Investiture of Rev. Canon John Boonzaaijer, Canon Board of Foreign Missions, The Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, Texas
September 20	Installation of Rev. Tony Welty, All Saints Anglican Church, Shreveport, Louisiana
September 27	Installation of Rev. Nevada DeLapp, St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Flowood, Mississippi

BAPTISMS

March 31, 2019	Zachary Nwabunwanne, Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas
April 20	Ambrose Gage, Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas
April 20	Sophia Olson, Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas
August 25	John Lipham, Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas
July 5, 2020	Aleena Rose Sutton, Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas

FUNERALS

September 26, 2020	The Rev. Samuel A. Steere, III, Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas
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October 11, 2020 – June 9, 2021

Diocesan Meetings & Events	53
Episcopal & Parish Visits	22
Seminary and Other	15
Confirmations	64
Ordinations/Regularizations	5
Setting Apart	1
Weddings	1
Funerals	2

DIOCESAN MEETINGS / EVENTS

October 14	Diocesan Staff Meeting
October 15	The Saint Timothy School Benefactor Banquet
October 19	Church Revitalization Meeting-St. Paul's Anglican Church, Houston, TX
October 21	Qualifying Clergy Exam
October 21	Diocesan Staff Meeting
November 4	Diocesan Staff Meeting
November 11	Diocesan Staff Meeting
November 19-21	Holy Trinity Men's Retreat, Concan, TX
November 25	Diocesan Staff Meeting
December 3	DMA Board of Trustees Meeting
December 7	DMA Standing Committee Meeting
December 8	Clericus – Deanery of North Texas & Oklahoma
December 8	Clericus – Deanery of South & West Texas & South Louisiana
December 9	Diocesan Staff Meeting
December 9	Clericus – Deanery of the Upper Midwest
December 9	Clericus – Convocation of the West
December 14	Cathedral Chapter Webinar Planning Meeting
December 15	Clericus – Deanery of the Southeast
December 23	Diocesan Staff Meeting
January 11, 2021	Qualifying Clergy Exam
January 13	Diocesan Staff Meeting
January 19	Church Revitalization-St. Paul's Anglican Church, Houston, TX
January 20	Diocesan Staff Meeting
January 29	St. Barnabas Clergy Meeting
February 3	Diocesan Staff Meeting
February 3	Qualifying Clergy Exam
February 5	Qualifying Clergy Exam
February 10	Diocesan Staff Meeting
February 15-19	Arizona Christian University-Taught classes
February 24	Diocesan Staff Meeting
March 3	Diocesan Staff Meeting
March 4	Cathedral Chapter Webinar Planning Meeting
March 9	Qualifying Clergy Exam
March 10	Diocesan Staff Meeting
March 15	Clericus – Deanery of North Texas & Oklahoma
March 16	Clericus – Deanery of South & West Texas & South Louisiana
March 17	Diocesan Staff Meeting
March 20	Cathedral Chapter Webinar on "Wardens, Parish Councils, and Vestries"
March 22	Clericus – Convocation of the West
March 23	Clericus – Deaneries of the Southeast and Upper Midwest
March 24	Diocesan Staff Meeting
March 30	Chrism Mass Celebrant for DMA Clergy
April 7	Diocesan Staff Meeting
April 14	Diocesan Staff Meeting
April 21	Diocesan Staff Meeting
April 27	DMA Standing Committee Meeting
April 28	Diocesan Staff Meeting
May 5	Diocesan Staff Meeting
May 10-12	Clergy Retreat-Deanery of North Texas & Oklahoma at Camp Crucis
May 18	Clericus – Deanery of North Texas & Oklahoma and Convocation of the West
May 19	Diocesan Staff Meeting

May 19	Clericus – Deaneries of the Upper Midwest, Southeast, South & West Texas and South Louisiana
May 26	Diocesan Staff Meeting

EPISCOPAL VISITS / PARISH VISITS & MEETINGS / CONFIRMATIONS

October 11	Christ the King Anglican Church, Atlanta, GA 2 Confirmations
November 1	Christ the King Anglican Church, Grover Beach, CA 2 Confirmations
December 6	Episcopal Visit – Covenant Church, Heber Springs, AR
January 17, 2021	Episcopal Visit – Christ Anglican Church, Hot Springs, AR
January 24	Episcopal Visit – Good Shepherd REC, Tyler, TX 8 Confirmations
January 27	Bishop’s Council – St. Mark the Evangelist, Waxahachie, TX
February 12	Bishop’s Council – St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Bellville, TX
February 21	St. Andrew’s Anglican Church – Glendale, AZ 4 Confirmations
February 28	Episcopal Visit - Church of the Resurrection, Crosby, TX 4 Confirmations
March 1	Vestry Meeting - Church of the Epiphany, La Mirada, CA
March 8	Vestry Meeting – Holy Cross Anglican Church, Alpine, TX
March 14	Episcopal Visit – Holy Cross Anglican Church, Alpine, TX 3 Confirmations
March 21	Episcopal Visit – St. Matthias Anglican Church, Katy, TX
March 27	Vestry Retreat – Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, TX
April 7	Bishop’s Council – St. Mark the Evangelist, Waxahachie, TX
April 11	Episcopal Visit – Covenant Christian Church, Greenville, MI 18 Confirmations
April 18	Episcopal Visit - St. Andrew’s Anglican Church, Lake Almanor, CA 12 Confirmations
April 25	Episcopal Visit – St. Mark the Evangelist, Waxahachie, TX
May 9	Episcopal Visit – The Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, TX 2 Confirmations
May 10	Staff Retreat – Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, TX
May 16	Episcopal Visit – St. Paul’s Anglican Church, Los Altos, CA 3 Confirmations
May 23	Episcopal Visit – Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, TX 6 Confirmations

SEMINARY AND OTHER

October 16	Reformed Episcopal Seminary Board Meeting
November 17	Sub-Committee for Unifying Theological Education (SCUTE) Meeting
December 11	Cranmer Theological House Trustees Meeting
January 22, 2021	Cummins Seminary Board Meeting
February 8	Sub-Committee for Unifying Theological Education (SCUTE) Executive Committee Meeting
February 9	Sub-Committee for Unifying Theological Education (SCUTE) Meeting
February 15	Sub-Committee for Unifying Theological Education (SCUTE) Executive Committee Meeting
March 5-7	Taught Cranmer Theological House Course – Liturgics

March 24	Speaker at Lenten Series at Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, TX
April 6	Cranmer Theological House Board of Trustees Meeting
April 12	Sub-Committee for Unifying Theological Education (SCUTE) Meeting
April 15	REC Theological Commission Meeting
May 7	Cranmer Theological House Faculty Meeting
May 8	Cranmer Theological House Commencement
May 26	Delivered Invocation to Dallas City Council, Dallas, TX

ORDINATIONS & REGULARIZATIONS

November 8	Ordination of David Norton to the Diaconate Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, TX
February 6, 2021	Ordination of Jason VanBorssum to the Presbyterate Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, TX
February 13	Regularization of Jason McInnis to the Diaconate Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, TX
April 11	Ordination of James Sullivan to the Diaconate Covenant Christian Church, Greenville, MI
April 11	Regularization of Timothy Gehrke to the Diaconate Covenant Christian Church, Greenville, MI

SETTING APART

February 7, 2021	Setting Apart of Cynthia Longueville as Deaconess Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, TX
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WEDDINGS

April 24, 2021	Marriage of Kent Bartel and Allison Steinberg Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, TX
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FUNERALS

November 6	Funeral of The Rev. James Cole
January 9, 2021	Funeral of Rudolph Schenken

Respectfully submitted,

The Most Rev. Ray R. Sutton
Ordinary, Diocese of Mid-America

**Triennial Report of the Standing Committee
of the REC Diocese of Mid-America
to the 56th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church
June 2021**

The following is a summary of the actions taken by the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Mid-America during the triennium of June 2017 to June 2021.

Standing Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

Action taken:

- A. Approved Candidacy for Holy Orders
 - a. Karl Boonzaaijer – The Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, Texas
- B. Approved for Examination and Ordination to the Diaconate:
 - a. Calvin Basil – St. Stephen’s, Flowood, Mississippi
- C. Approved for Examination and to be Set Apart as a Deaconess
 - a. Jill Nowell
- D. Approved for Examination and Ordination to the Presbyterate
 - a. Mark Shields
- E. Approved Clergy Transfers into the Diocese of Mid-America
 - a. The Rev. Donald Richmond of Loomis, California will remain in the REC and transfer into the DMA Convocation of the West
- F. Approved Clergy/Deaconess transfers out of the Diocese of Mid-America
 - a. Dss. Theresa Johnson from the Diocese of Mid-America to the Diocese of the Central States
 - b. The Rev. Andrew Brummett from the Diocese of Mid-America to the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic
- G. Approved Status changes:
 - a. The Rev. Marvin Moncrief to become new Rector at Trinity Anglican Church, Pagosa Springs, Colorado
 - b. The Rev. Samuel Steere now serving over Pastoral Care at Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas (previously in North Carolina at an APA parish, but had remained in the Diocese of Mid-America.)
 - c. Suspension of Postulancy for Justin Donathan, Holy Trinity, St. Louis, Missouri

Standing Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Action taken

- A. Approved Candidacy for Holy Orders
 - a. Christopher Birkby – Blessed Trinity, El Cajon, California

- B. Approved Status Changes and Closures
 - a. The Rev. Ed Fowler has retired and is now living in Hot Springs, Arkansas
 - b. Closure of Providence REC in Weatherford, Texas
- C. In Memoriam:
 - a. The Rev. Robert F. Novak Date of Death 4/28/2016
 - b. The Rev. Bertram J. Card Date of Death 6/15/2016

Standing Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Action taken:

- A. Approved Candidacy for Holy Orders and Diaconess
 - a. Eric Parker – St. Stephen’s Anglican Church, Flowood, Mississippi
 - b. Laura Bogard (Diaconess) – St. Thomas of Canterbury, Houston, Texas
 - c. Gordon Borden – St. Francis Anglican Church, Spring, Texas

Standing Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

Action taken

- A. Approved Candidacy for Holy Orders and Diaconess
 - a. Becky Elliston (Diaconess) – St. Benedict’s Anglican Oratory, Rockwall, Texas
 - b. Barbara West (Diaconess) – St. Stephen’s Anglican Church, Flowood, Mississippi
 - c. Kent Bartel – St. Andrew’s Anglican Church, Chester, California
 - d. John Rowland – Good Shepherd REC, Tyler, Texas
- B. Approved Status Changes
 - a. Rev. Philip Tjoelker – New rector of St. Andrew’s Anglican Church, Tinley Park, Illinois upon Rev. Frank Levi’s retirement
 - b. Bishop Charles Dorrington – retirement plans announced for January 2019
- C. Approved Transfers of Clergy & Parishes
 - a. Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Colwood, British Columbia transferred from the REC into the Anglican Network in Canada (ANiC)
 - b. Rev. Jeffrey Hubbard – New rector of Mariners Church of Detroit transferring from the Charismatic Episcopal Church to the DMA REC
 - c. Deacon Nicholas Ziegenhagen transferring from the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic to the Diocese of Mid-America serving at Good Shepherd in Tyler, Texas as a curate
- D. Approved of Appointment of Diocesan Chancellor
 - a. Bishop Sutton recommended Mr. Jeffrey Hurt, a parishioner at Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas to be approved as the Chancellor.

Standing Committee Email Vote

Monday, November 5, 2018

Action Taken

- A. Approved New Diocesan Seal/Logo
- B. Approved new seals made for clergy and deaconesses to be distributed at Synod
- C. Approved replenishment of the stock of previous seals for St. Thomas of Canterbury, Houston, Texas

Standing Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Action Taken

- A. Approved for Examination and Ordination to the Diaconate
 - a. Postulant Greg Mattson – Christ Anglican Church, Hot Springs
- B. Approved for Examination and Ordination to the Presbyterate
 - a. Deacon Nicholas Ziegenhagen – Good Shepherd REC, Tyler, Texas
- C. Approved for Examination and Regularization
 - a. Pastor Paul Cook – Covenant Christian Church, Greenville, Michigan
- D. Approved Status Changes
 - a. Rev. Michael Templin – Rector of St. Michael’s Anglican Church, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
- E. Approved Clergy Transfers
 - a. Victor Odinye transfer into the DMA from CANA as a postulant serving at St. Matthias, Katy, Texas
 - b. Deacon Andrew Voelkel transfer into the DMA from the ACNA Diocese of Western Anglicans serving at St. Paul’s, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 - c. Deacon Joshua Harper transfer into the DMA from the ACNA Anglican Diocese in New England serving at Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas
- F. Approved the Resolutions for the Cathedral of the Diocese to be re-designated from St. Matthias, Katy, Texas to Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas

Standing Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Action taken:

- A. Approved Candidacy for Holy Orders
 - a. Robinson Ikechi Nwosu – St. Andrew’s Anglican Church of Tinley Park, Illinois

- b. Spencer Amaral – The Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, Texas
- c. David Norton – Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas
- B. Approved for Examination and Regularization as Deacon
 - a. Andrew Hurt – Providence REC, Corpus Christi, Texas
- C. Approved for Examination and Setting Apart of a Deaconess
 - a. Barbara West – St. Stephen’s Anglican Church, Flowood, Mississippi
- D. Approved Status Change
 - a. Rev. Thomas McGee – Installed as Rector of St. Timothy’s Anglican Church in Jonesboro, Arkansas

Standing Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Action taken:

- A. Approved Candidacy for Holy Orders
 - a. William Nash reinstated as a postulant – St. Andrew’s Anglican Church of Tinley Park, Illinois
- B. Approved for Examination and Ordination to the Diaconate
 - a. Victor Odinye – St. Matthias Anglican Church, Katy, Texas
- C. Approved for Examination and Setting Apart of a Deaconess
 - a. Gay Flack – St. Stephen’s Anglican Church, Montrose, Colorado
- D. Approved Status Change
 - a. Donald P. Richmond resignation from ordained ministry
- E. Approved Clergy Transfers:
 - a. The Rev. Caleb Hummel transferred from the ACNA Diocese of Western Anglicans into the Diocese of Mid-America, and called as Rector of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Webster Groves, Missouri
 - b. The Rev. Tony Melton transferred out of the Diocese of Mid-America into the Diocese of the Southeast to plant a new church (Christ the King) in Atlanta, Georgia.

Standing Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Action taken:

- A.) Approved Candidacy for Holy Orders and Deaconess
 - a. Garrett Agajanian – St. Stephen’s Anglican Church, Montrose, Colorado
 - b. James Sullivan – Covenant Christian Church, Greenville, Michigan
 - c. Edward Fruin – The Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, Texas
 - d. Robert Bryant – St. Stephen’s Anglican Church, Flowood, Mississippi
 - e. Jocelyn Perkins – Church of the Holy Trinity, Houston, Texas

- B.) Approved for Examination and Regularization to the Diaconate
 - a. Joshua Farris – Church of the Holy Trinity, Houston, Texas
 - b. Jason VanBorssum – St. Benedict’s Anglican Church, Rockwall, Texas
- C.) Approved for Examination and Regularization to the Presbyterate
 - a. Rev, Robert Izzett – Traditional Anglican Church of America
- D.) Approved for Examination and Ordination to the Diaconate
 - a. Kent Bartel – St. Andrew’s Anglican Church, Chester, California
- E.) Approved for Examination and Ordination to the Presbyterate
 - a. Rev. Deacon Wyatt Boutwell – St. Matthias Anglican Church, Katy, Texas
- F.) Approved Clergy Transfer
 - a. Rev. Olushola Falodun transferred from Diocese of Mid-America to CANA West

Standing Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Action taken:

- A.) Approved Candidacy for Holy Orders and Diaconess
 - a. William Newman – Holy Cross Anglican Church, Alpine, Texas
 - b. Dawn Ontiveros – Church of the Holy Trinity, Houston, Texas
- B.) Approved for Examination and Regularization to the Diaconate
 - a. Steven Jenkins – Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, Texas
- C.) Approved for Examination and Setting Apart as Diaconess
 - a. Cynthia Longueville – Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, Texas
- D.) Approved for Examination and Ordination to the Diaconate
 - a. David Norton – Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, Texas
 - b. Mark Butler – Diocese of the Central States
- E.) Approved for Examination and Regularization to the Presbyterate
 - a. The Rev. Deacon Andrew Hurt – Providence REC, Corpus Christi, Texas
- F.) Approved for Examination and Ordination to the Presbyterate
 - a. The Rev. Deacon John Clay – St. Thomas of Canterbury, Houston, Texas
- G.) Approved Receptions as Deacons
 - a. The Rev. Deacon Jesus Quintero – Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas
 - b. The Rev. Deacon William Johnston – Christ the King Anglican Church (Mission)
 - c. The Rev. Deacon James Gadomski – ACNA Diocese of the South
- H.) Approved Receptions as Priests
 - a. The Rev. Jeffrey Steel – Chaplain in Melbourne, Florida
 - b. The Rev. Steve Macias – St. Paul’s Anglican Church, Los Altos, California

I.) Approved Status Changes:

- a. The Rev. Wyatt Boutwell – Installed as Rector, Holy Cross Anglican Church, Alpine, Texas
- b. The Rev. Tony Welty – Called as Rector, All Saints Anglican Church, Shreveport, Louisiana
- c. The Rev. Doug Mills – Called as Interim Rector at St. Stephen’s Anglican Church, Flowood, Mississippi

J.) Approved Clergy Transfer

- a. The Rev. Jonathan Kell – transferred from the Diocese of Mid-America to the Diocese of the Central States to become Rector of Church of Our Saviour in Leesburg, Virginia

K.) In Memoriam

- a. The Rev. Deacon Joseph Blanchard (April 23, 1946 – February 24, 2020)

Standing Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Action taken: Approved the Cancellation of In-Person DMA Synod

Standing Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Action taken:

A.) Approved Candidacy for Holy Orders and Diaconess

- a. Timothy Kucera – St. Benedict’s Anglican Church, Rockwall, Texas
- b. Cheryl Ivers – Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, Texas

B.) Approved for Examination and Regularization to the Diaconate

- a. Dr. Nevada DeLapp - St. Stephen’s Anglican Church, Flowood, Mississippi

C.) Approved for Examination and Regularization to the Presbyterate

- a. Dr. Nevada DeLapp – St. Stephen’s Anglican Church, Flowood, Mississippi

D.) Approved Reception as Priest

- a. The Rev. Jerry Young – St. Athanasius Anglican Church, Waxahachie, Texas
(now St. Mark the Evangelist)

E.) Approved Status Changes:

- a. The Rev. Tony Welty - Installed as Rector, All Saints Anglican Church, Shreveport, Louisiana
- b. The Rev. Nevada DeLapp – Installed as Rector, St. Stephen’s Anglican Church, Flowood, Mississippi

F.) Approved Reception of a Parish

- a. St. Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church, Waxahachie, Texas (formerly St. Athanasius Anglican Church)

G.) In Memoriam

- a. The Rev. Canon William S. Jerdan, November 24, 1944 – June 27, 2020
- b. The Rev. Samuel A. Steere, III, September 26, 1944 – July 22, 2020

Standing Committee Meeting
Monday, December 7, 2020

Action taken:

A.) Approved Candidacy for Holy Orders and Diaconess:

- a. Mr. David Shepson, St. Benedict's Anglican Church, Rockwall, TX
- b. Mrs. Kimberly Hiles, St. Benedict's Anglican Church, Rockwall, TX

B.) Approved for Examination and Ordination to the Diaconate

- a. Mr. James Sullivan, Covenant Christian Church, Greenville, MI
- b. Mr. Neill Bryant, St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Flowood, MS

C.) Approved for Examination and Ordination to the Presbyterate

- a. The Rev. Deacon Andrew Voelkel, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Baton Rouge, LA and Christ the King Anglican Fellowship, Covington, LA

D.) Approved Ordination to the Presbyterate

- a. The Rev. Deacon Jason VanBorssum, St. Benedict's Anglican Church, Rockwall, TX and St. Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church, Waxahachie, TX
- b. The Rev. Deacon Kent Bartel, ACNA Parish in California, and Christ the King Anglican Church, Grover Beach, CA

E.) Approved Examination and Regularization to the Diaconate

- a. The Rev. Tim Gehrke Covenant Christian Church, Greenville, MI
- b. The Rev. Jason McInnis, All Saints Anglican Church, Shreveport, LA

F.) Approved Reception as Deacon

- a. The Rev. Deacon Kyle Hughes

G.) Approved Installation as Rector

- a. The Rev. Paul Howden, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Webster Groves, MO

H.) Approved Status Changes

- a. The Rev. Caleb Hummel, Resignation as Rector of Holy Trinity, Webster Groves, MO
- b. The Rev. Boyd Sylvester, Resignation from Ministry, effective September, 2020

I.) Approved Clergy Transfers

- a. The Rev. Paul Howden transfer into DMA from DNE/MA
- b. The Rev. Tony Melton transfer out of DMA into DSE
- c. The Rev. Josh Grote transfer out of DMA into DSE
- d. The Rev. Deacon Bill Johnston transfer out of DMA into DSE
- e. The Rev. Deacon Kyle Hughes transfer out of DMA into DSE

J.) In Memoriam

- a. The Rev. James G. Cole, January 9, 1946 – October 30, 2020

Standing Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Action taken:

- A.) Approved Candidacy for Deaconess
 - a. Melinda Skelton – Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas Texas

- B.) Approved for Examination and Ordination to the Diaconate
 - a. Garrett Agajanian – St. Stephen’s Anglican Church, Montrose, Colorado
 - b. Spencer Amaral – The Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, Texas
 - c. Edward Fruin – The Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, Texas

- C.) Approved Reception as Priest
 - a. The Rev. Tom Johnson – Amarillo, Texas

- D.) Approved Status Changes:
 - a. All Saints Anglican Church – Shreveport, Louisiana Restored from Mission Status to Parish Status
 - b. Covenant Christian Church – Greenville, Michigan
Moved from Level 1 Status to Mission Status

- E.) Approved Clergy Transfers:
 - a. The Rev. Obaid George – Transfer from the Diocese of the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic REC to the Diocese of Mid-America REC
 - b. The Rev. Deacon Aaron Ott – Transfer from Diocese of Mid-America REC to the Anglican Province in America

- F.) Approved Reception of a Parish
 - a. Church of the Epiphany – La Mirada, California
Pending Parish Vote to leave ACNA Diocese and join the REC Diocese of Mid-America

- G.) Approved Name Change for Cranmer Theological House – Registration of Assumed Names, also known as ‘DBAs’
 - a. Cranmer Theological House Seminary
 - b. Cranmer Theological House: A Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church

- H.) Approved Harry Johnson as Head Verger of the Diocese of Mid-America

Standing Committee Email Vote

May 22, 2021

Action taken:

- A.) Approved Examination and Ordination to the Presbyterate
 - a. The Rev. Deacon Jesus Quintero – Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, TX

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Heissenhuber
Diocesan Secretary

**Report of the Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin to the
56th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church**

Dear Brethren:

This report summarizes the episcopal activities of the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks and the Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin from the years 2017-2020. Bishop Hicks resigned as the Bishop of the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic (NEMA) on July 31, 2019. He announced his resignation to the Standing Committee on April 16, 2019. He faithfully served as Ordinary of the Diocese for 14 years. Following his resignation, the Canons of the Diocese designates that the Presiding Bishop of the Church assumes the duties of Interim Bishop. That responsibility was fulfilled by the Most Rev. Ray R. Sutton until March 28, 2020. I was elected Ordinary of the NEMA Diocese on November 7, 2019 and confirmed by the ACNA College of Bishops on January 6, 2020. I was licensed by Bishop Sutton and the Most Rev. Foley Beach to serve as the Ordinary of the NEMA Diocese on March 28, 2020. A service of Installation was postponed due to the world pandemic.

The episcopal activities of Bishops Hicks and Gillin can be found in detail in the published Minutes of the NEMA Diocese for the 137th, 138th, 139th and 140th diocesan Councils.

Bishop David L. Hicks

<u>Year</u>	<u>Episcopal Visitations</u>	<u>Confirmations</u>
2017	Fifteen	Nine
2018	Eighteen	Twenty-one
2019	Fifteen	Fifteen

<u>Year</u>	<u>Deaconess Reception</u>	<u>Parish</u>
2017	Martha Menya	Church of the Atonement – Philadelphia, PA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ordained Deacon</u>	<u>Parish</u>
10/21/17	Nicholas Ziegenhagen	St. Mark's – Rydal, PA
5/26/18	Tait Deems	St. Mark's – Rydal, PA
6/1/18	John Vic Broberg	R.E. Seminary – McCausland Chapel
11/7/17	Matthew Maule	St. Mark's – Rydal, PA
12/23/18	Dr. Thomas V. Thomas	St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman – Philadelphia, PA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ordained Presbyter</u>	<u>Parish</u>
2/11/18	Rev. Paul Luth	St. George's – Hamilton, Ontario, CANADA
5/27/18	Rev. Ricky McCarl	St. Stephen's – Eldersburg, MD
6/29/19	Rev. Tait Deems	St. Mark's – Rydal, PA

<u>Year</u>	<u>Clerical Licensures</u>
2017	The Rev. Bukola Adenuga - Nigeria
2018	The Rev. Obaid George – Pakistan The Ven. Ebenezer Olubajo – Nigeria The Ven. Dr. Gideon Uzomechina – Nigeria

<u>Date</u>	<u>Received Presbyter</u>	<u>Parish</u>
2/18/19	Rev. Charles Mitchell	Church of Our Redeemer – Jersey City, NJ
6/12/19	Rev. Derek Cooper	R.E. Seminary – McCausland Chapel

<u>Date</u>	<u>Clerical Transfers In/Out</u>	<u>From/To</u>
2017	Out: Rev. E. Robert Lyon	To: Anglican Network in Canada
2018	In: Rev. Shawn Riley	From: REC Diocese of Mid-America

<u>Date</u>	<u>Clerical Retirements</u>
12/31/16	Rev. Ronald Bretherick
1/31/17	Rev. John Milligan

<u>Date</u>	<u>Clerical Necrology</u>
12/14/16	Rev. Walter Hawkins

The Rev. John Ofori-Mensah was removed from the clerical roles and the Church of the Holy Trinity in Bronx, NY ceased to meet and was closed in 2017.

The Rev. David Greenwood was installed as Rector of Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, NJ on 3/2/19.

Bishop R. Charles Gillin

<u>Year</u>	<u>Episcopal Visitations</u>	<u>Confirmations</u>
2017	Eight*	Seventeen
2018	Seven*	Four
2019	Eleven*	Ten
2020	Eight	Twenty-one

*Made at the request and by appointment of Bishop David Hicks

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ordained Deacon</u>	<u>Parish</u>
11/1/19	Aaron Cappucci	St. Mark's – Rydal, PA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ordained Presbyter</u>	<u>Parish</u>
9/15/19	Shawn Riley	St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman – Philadelphia
(by the Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches at the request of Bishop Gillin)		

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ordained Presbyter</u>	<u>Parish</u>
12/14/19	David A. France	St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman – Philadelphia, PA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Clerical Transfers In/Out</u>	<u>From/To</u>
12/28/20	Out: Michael Fitzpatrick	To: REC Diocese of the Central States
1/28/21	Out: Rev. Obaid George	To: REC Diocese of Mid-America

3/30/21	Out: Rev. Paul Howden	To: REC Diocese of Mid-America
3/30/21	Out: Rev. Ted Powell	To: Anglican Network in Canada
4/12/21	In: Rev. Bartholomew Martin	From: REC Diocese of the Central States

Date Clerical Retirements

3/20/20	Rev. CDR William Holiman	Chaplain - U.S. Navy
4/24/20	Rev. Dcn. Robert Appleton	Grace Church, Havre-de-Grace, MD
9/13/20	Canon Jack Clark	Rector – St. Peter’s Church, Elkton, MD
9/17/20	Ven. John Ferns	Archdeacon – Diocese of Central & Eastern Canada

Date Clerical Dismissals and Removals Reason

12/15/19	Rev. Dcn. Larry Spears	Renunciation of Ministry
3/30/20	Rev. Charles Mitchell	Inhibition/Board of Inquiry/Invalid Orders
4/21/20	Rev. John Simpson	Letter of Release
9/30/20	Rev. Philip Lambooy	Renunciation of Ministry
10/9/20	Rev. Dr. William Holiman	Letter of Release

Date Clerical Necrology

4/11/20	Rt. Rev. Robert H. Booth
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Approval of the merger of the Church of the Atonement and Church of the Messiah, both located in Philadelphia, PA, was given by the Standing Committee on August 17, 2019.

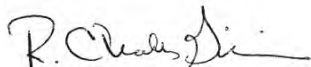
The Rev. Michael Blitz was installed as Rector of St. John’s Church, Ventnor, NJ on October 6, 2019.

St. Andrew’s extension work in Westminster, MD was closed on December 29, 2019 by the agreement of Bishop Gillin, the Rev. Eric Jorgensen, rector of St. Steven’s Church, Eldersburg, MD and the Rev. Ricky McCarl.

I served as President of the Board of Foreign Missions from 1/1/17 until 12/31/19. In that capacity I visited, by request of Presiding Bishop Sutton, the Synods held in the Reformed Episcopal Church in Germany and in the Missionary Diocese of Croatia from 4/26-5/7/20. I was accompanied by the Rev. Doug Mills, a fellow Board member.

I have served as a member of the General Committee over the past triennium. I serve on the Board of the Reformed Episcopal Seminary as Chancellor.

Respectfully Submitted,



R. Charles Gillin, Bishop Ordinary
Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE OF THE NORTHEAST & MID-ATLANTIC AND CENTRAL & EASTERN CANADA

To the Fifty-sixth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

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 in the minutes of the One Hundred Thirty-seventh, One Hundred Thirty-eighth, One Hundred Thirty-ninth, and One Hundred Fortieth Councils. The membership of the Committee for each year of the triennium will be found listed in the same published records.

The Committee held meetings since last reporting to the Fifty-fifth General Council. During the triennium, the Very Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen served as President and the Rev. Cedric R. Benner served as Secretary.

Postulants for Holy Orders

- A. Mr. Aaron Andrade (Good Shepherd Church – South Easton, MA)
- B. Mr. Joshua Devers (St. Stephen’s Church – Eldersburg, MD)
- C. Mr. Rick Wilson (Grace Church – Havre-de-Grace, MD)

Deacons

During the last triennium, the following were ordained to the diaconate:

- A. Mr. Nicholas Ziegenhagen was a postulant, serving at St. Mark’s, Rydal, and finished his last year at Reformed Episcopal Seminary. On September 15, 2017, he sustained the examination for ordination to the diaconate. An ordination service was held on Saturday, October 21, 2017, at St. Mark’s, Rydal.
- B. Mr. Tait Deems was examined for ordination to the diaconate on May 23, 2018. The examination was sustained. An ordination was held on Saturday, May 26, 2018, at St. Mark’s, Rydal.
- C. Mr. Matthew Maule was examined for the diaconate on October 26, 2018. Matthew Maule is a member of St Mark’s Reformed Episcopal Church in Rydal, PA. He sustained the examination. He was ordained deacon on November 14, 2018.
- D. Mr. Aaron Capucci was ordained Deacon by Bishop Gillin at St. Mark’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Rydal, PA, on November 11, 2019. The Rev. Capucci serves at St. Mark’s Church and anticipates a church-planting ministry.

Presbyters

During the last triennium, the following were ordained to the presbyterate:

- A. Deacon Ricky McCarl was ordained a presbyter at an ordination service held on Trinity Sunday, May 27, 2018, at St. Stephen’s, Eldersburg.

- B. Deacon Paul Luth was examined on Monday, November 13, 2017, for ordination to the presbyterate. The examination was sustained. An ordination service was held on February 11, 2018, at St. George's, Hamilton.
- C. Deacon Tait Deems was examined for the presbyterate on May 29, 2019. The examination was sustained. Tait has been assisting at St. Mark's, Rydal, and at RE Seminary. A service of ordination took place at St. Mark's Church on June 29, 2019.
- D. Deacon Shawn Riley was examined Wednesday, September 4, 2019, for ordination to the presbyterate. The examination was sustained. The ordination service of the Rev. Shawn Riley into the presbyterate took place on September 15, 2019, at St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Reformed Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, PA.
- E. The Rev. David A. France was ordained Presbyter by Bishop Gillin at St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Church, Philadelphia, PA on December 14, 2019. The Rev. France assists at St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Church in Philadelphia, PA.

Changes in Pastoral Connection

- A. New Redeemer Church, Jersey City, NJ. The Rev. John Milligan retired as rector of New Redeemer Church, effective January 31, 2017. On Monday, January 16, 2017, Bishop Hicks met with the Vestry of New Redeemer Church to discuss the pastoral search process and answer any questions they had.
- B. Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, NJ. The Rev. Gregory J. Miller resigned as rector of Covenant Chapel, effective the end of February 2017. Rev. Miller is devoting more of his time to serving as executive director of Church Army, based near Pittsburgh, PA. The Rev. Paul Howden served as interim rector.
- C. Grace Church, Collingdale, PA. This parish is continuing its pastoral search. The Search Committee is chaired by Mr. John Hendershot. Bishop Gillin met with the Search Committee on the occasion of his episcopal visit to the parish on December 1, 2019, and has maintained regular contact with Mr. Hendershot. The parish is under the care of the Rev. Andrew Brummett, Interim, assisted by the Rev. Michael Carr.
- D. Grace Church, Scranton, PA. This mission continues under the Bishop's oversight. Services continue and regular vestry meetings have been held. Mr. Jared Lovell, Sr. Warden and Mr. Joshua Arp, Jr. Warden continue to provide local leadership in the absence of a vicar. Prior to the viral outbreak in 2020 and shutdown orders the Bishop sent a presbyter to the church on the first Sunday of each month to conduct services, preach and serve the Eucharist. On the third Sunday of each month, the Rev. Obaid George, a licensed presbyter, conducts the service and serves the Lord's Supper. On the other Sundays, Mr. Lovell and Mr. Arp lead Morning Prayer and preach.
- E. New Redeemer Church, Jersey City, NJ. On May 11, 2020, the vestry of the church met by teleconference and unanimously voted to defeat a confidence motion concerning Rev. Charles Mitchell. This was followed by a unanimous vestry vote to terminate the pastoral relationship of Rev. Mitchell. Bishop Gillin chaired this meeting and concurs with these vestry actions according to Title II, Canon 33, Sec. 2 of the General Council canons. Bishop

Gillin will work with the vestry and congregation, with the assistance of Dean Gerald McLynn, to provide pastoral care, service coverage and assistance in finding a new rector.

- F. Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal Church, Pipersville, PA. On May 22, 2020, Bishop Gillin received the resignation of the Rev. William Garrison as vicar. His resignation is effective June 22, 2020. Canon Jonathan Riches has agreed to oversee the work and had already been supplying regular communications, with Rev. Garrison's permission, to parishioners. Dr. Riches has scheduled service participants through November. With his already busy R.E. Seminary schedule, he is unable to serve as vicar, but has been fulfilling many of the clerical functions. He has scheduled local clergymen and Seminary students to provide ministry. The Finance Committee has provided an approximate salary figure for a new vicar.
- G. G. St. Peter's Church, Elkton, MD. Following the service and reception to recognize the faithful ministry of Canon Jack Clark on September 13, 2020, Bishop Gillin met with the vestry to discuss future steps. He had previously sent an electronic packet of information concerning the parish assessment and search committee obligations. Following their review of this material, he will schedule a vestry Zoom meeting to answer further questions. Services have been filled by diocesan presbyters through October 25, 2020. He hoped to have an Interim Rector in place by November 1, 2020. Subsequently, Bishop Gillin appointed the Rev. Frank Spadafora as Interim Rector of St. Peter's Church.

During the last triennium, the following presbyters were received:

- A. The Rev. Bukola Adenuga (Diocese Lagos West, Anglican Church of Nigeria). The Rev. Mr. Adenuga has been licensed to minister in our diocese. The Rev. Mr. Adenuga is a presbyter in the Anglican Church of Nigeria. He is studying at our Seminary and assisting at Church of the Atonement in Philadelphia.
- B. The Rev. Marc Andy Donnay (Diocese of Austro, Anglican Church of Ecuador). The Rev. Mr. Donnay has been licensed to minister in our Diocese. The Rev. Mr. Donnay is a presbyter in the Anglican Church of Ecuador and now resides in New York.
- C. On Saturday, September 22, 2018, at the meeting of the Philadelphia Clergy Convocation, Bishop Hicks presented licenses to two clergy from parts of the Anglican Communion overseas, who desired to be received into our diocese. Bishop Hicks communicated with the bishops of each person and received their recommendations for transfer.
 - 1. The Rev. Obaid George (Presbyter, Anglican Church of Pakistan). He is presently worshipping at Grace Church, Scranton.
 - 2. The Ven. Ebenezer Olubajo (Presbyter, Anglican Church of Nigeria). He is presently worshipping at Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.

- D. The Rev. David Greenwood was installed as Rector of Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, NJ, on March 2, 2019.
- E. The Reception and Installation of the Rt. Rev. Charles Mitchell. On Monday, February 18, 2019, Charles Mitchell was examined for reception as a presbyter to serve as rector of New Redeemer Church, Jersey City, NJ. Charles Mitchell was installed by Bishop Hicks at a service of reception at New Redeemer Church on Saturday, May 18, 2019.
- F. The Reception/regularization of the Rev. Dr. Derek Cooper to the Presbyterate. Dr. Cooper was examined for reception as a presbyter on June 5, 2019. The examination was sustained. A service of reception/regularization was held at the RES chapel on Wednesday, June 12, 2019.
- G. The Rev. Michael Blitz was installed as Rector of St. John’s Church, Ventnor, NJ, on October 6, 2019.

Reception of a Deaconess

Mrs. Martha Menya was received as a deaconess on Saturday, September 22, 2018, at the meeting of the Philadelphia Clergy Convocation, (Deaconess, Anglican Church of Kenya). She is presently worshipping at Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.

Bishop Hicks’ resignation as Bishop Ordinary

Bishop Hicks called a special meeting of the Standing Committee on Tuesday, April 16, 2019. At this meeting he announced his intention to resign as the Bishop Ordinary of this diocese effective July 31, 2019. Having received the resignation of the Rt. Rev. David Hicks, the Standing Committee became active in the process for calling our next bishop. The Standing Committee met on June 27, 2019, and agreed on a timeline regarding an Episcopal Search Process. This process began with a letter being sent to all churches in the diocese to request recommendations of clergymen for consideration as the next Bishop Ordinary of our diocese. An Episcopal Survey was also sent to churches. The Standing Committee used summaries of the Episcopal Surveys to formulate a diocesan profile to guide the search committee in the Episcopal search process. Once the profile was approved, it was sent to the Episcopal Search Committee and all Bishops in the Reformed Episcopal Church. On August 17, 2019, the Episcopal Search Committee interviewed the Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin and the Very Rev. William Jenkins. The Episcopal Search Committee recommended that both men should stand as candidates for the election of our Bishop Ordinary at our diocesan council. The Standing Committee concurred with this recommendation. At the 139th Diocesan Council of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church meetings on November 7-8, 2019, the council elected the Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin to be our Bishop Ordinary. On March 28, 2020, the Most Rev. Ray Sutton instituted the Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin to be the Bishop Ordinary of the diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Other Actions of the Standing Committee

The following people were approved for election by the Standing Committee to represent our diocese at the ACNA Provincial Council and Provincial Assembly of the ACNA on June 27-30, 2017: Provincial Council: The Rev. Canon Jack Clark, Mrs. Esther Clark, Mrs. Caroline Prickett. Provincial

Assembly: The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches, The Rev. Canon Jack Clark, Mrs. Esther Clark, Mrs. Caroline Prickett.

Bishop and Mrs. David Hicks attended the GAFCON meeting in Jerusalem, Israel, June 17-23, 2018. They were accompanied by the Rev. Jack Clark, Mrs. Esther Clark, Mrs. Caroline Prickett, representing the Diocese, and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches, representing Reformed Episcopal Seminary.

The following people were approved for election by the Standing Committee to represent our diocese at the ACNA Provincial Council on June 23-24, 2020: The Rev. Cn. Dr. Jonathan Riches served as the diocesan clerical representative and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Wright served as lay representatives to this Council.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Cedric R. Benner
Secretary

**THE REPORT OF BISHOP ALPHONZA GADSDEN, SR.
Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southeast of the Reformed Episcopal Church**

To the Fifty-sixth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

Greetings in the Name of God Almighty, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Complete reports of my Episcopal function during the Quadrennium are written in the minutes of the 45th, 46th, 47th and 48th Annual Diocesan Synods of the Diocese of the Southeast. Note that the 56th General Council was delayed due to the Covid Pandemic. The activities of the Diocese of the Southeast were greatly curtailed by the pandemic as well. As of April 2020, we ceased indoor services in all of our churches. A few gradually returned to limited services when the guidelines by the Center for Disease Control were met allowing for specified numbers of congregants attending a single service. Bishops and clergy provided worship for their congregants via electronic media, with some conducting outdoor services to meet the spiritual needs of their members. It is by God's good grace that we can now look forward to in person worship as the pandemic is being brought under control.

The following is a recapitulation of my Episcopal activities as Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southeast during afore mentioned period through 2020.

EPISCOPAL FUNCTIONS AS DIOCESAN

I made 80 Episcopal visitations at churches of the Diocese. While conducting these visits I had the honor of laying on of hand admitting 68 persons into the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ through the Rites of Confirmation. I delivered the morning sermons during visits to parishes and missions. I was also celebrant at each of these visits. In addition to my personal visitations, Bishop White conducted 15 Episcopal visits confirming 15 new members into the Church of Christ.

January 21, 2017, I Ordained the Rev. Deacon Arthur Cameron Robinson to the Holy Order of Presbyterian in the Reformed Episcopal Church/ACNA, Diocese of the Southeast, at Mt. Carmel Reformed Episcopal Church, Goose Creek, SC.

June 10, 2017, I received the Rev. Robert Magoola a Presbyterian in the Reformed Episcopal Church/ACNA, Diocese of the Southeast.

June 14-16, 2017, I participated in the 55th General Council meetings of the Reformed Episcopal Church, Embassy Suite, Dallas, TX.

June 16, 2017, I preached the closing service of the 55th General Council, Embassy Suite, Dallas, TX.

September 7, 2017, I received the Rev. Dr. Glenvil Gregory a Presbyterian in the Reformed Episcopal Church/ACNA, Diocese of the Southeast.

January 27, 2018, I Ordained Mr. Donald Brookshire to the Holy Order of Deacon in the Reformed Episcopal Church/ACNA, Diocese of the Southeast, at All Saints Reformed Episcopal Church, Greenville, SC.

March 24, 2018, preached at the Annual Dad's Club celebration at J.K. Gourdin Elementary School, Russellville, SC.

March 14, 2020, I Ordained the Rev. Deacon Donald E. Brookshire to the Holy Order of Presbyterian in the Reformed Episcopal Church/ACNA, Diocese of the Southeast, at All Saints Reformed Episcopal Church, Greenville, SC.

December 6, 2020, I Ordained Mr. Steven Canfield Blackburn to the Holy Order of Deacon in the Reformed Episcopal Church/ACNA, Diocese of the Southeast, at All Saints RE Church, Greenville, SC.

In addition to the above functions, I presided at 4 Diocesan Synods, chaired all meetings of the Standing Committee and Board of Trustees and participated in numerous Diocesan functions. I attended numerous meetings of the Reformed Episcopal Church at the national level and serve as Vice-president of the General Council.

INSTITUTIONS

March 8, 2020, I Instituted the Rev. Johnnie L. Wilson as Rector of Holy Comforter RE Church, Cordesville, SC.

ECCUMENICAL ACTIVITIES

January 9-13, 2017, I attended ACNA College of Bishops meeting, Melbourne, FL.

February 13, 2017, I preached the Absalom, Jones Commemorative Service, at St. John's Chapel Episcopal Church, Diocese of South Carolina, Charleston, SC.

March 10, 2017, preached the opening service of the Annual Synod of the Diocese of South Carolina, at St. Paul's of Summerville Episcopal Church, Summerville, SC.

September 5-8, 2017, I attended the ACNA Council of Bishops meeting on Holy Orders, at Victoria, BC. Canada; preached in one service during meeting.

November 6-8, 2017, I attended annual board meeting of Beeson Divinity School's Anglican Tract.

January 8-12, 2018, I attended the ACNA College of Bishops meeting in Melbourne, FL.

March 2-3, 2018, I attended the Annual Synod of the Diocese of the Carolinas at Church of the Apostles, Columbia, SC.

March 7-9, 2018, I attended the Anglican Global Ministry Partners meeting at Camp St. Christopher, Johns Island, SC.

August 20-21, 2018, I attended the Executive Committee meeting of the ACNA, Sewickley, PA.

September 4-7, 2018, I attended the ACNA College of Bishops meeting in Long Beach, CA.

September 9, 2018, I attended Morning Worship at Citadel Square Baptist Church, Charleston, SC.

October 18-21, 2018, I served as Chaplain and preacher at the Annual Synod of the Diocese of Quincy, Peoria, IL

February 24, 2019, I preached at the Black History program at Mitten Lane Holiness Church, Moncks Corner, SC.

May 23, 2019, I attended Citadel Square Baptist Church for the commissioning of the Peninsula Biblical Counseling Board, Charleston, SC.

June 13-19, 2019, I attended the Anglican Church in North America Provincial Assembly and Council, Dallas TX.

July 13, 2019, I attended the Ordination Service for Rev. Deacon Drew Miller to the Holy Order of Presbyter in the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina.

August 18, 2019, attended Home Coming service at Mt. Carmel Universal Methodist Church, Hemingway, SC.

August 21, 2019, attended ACNA Executive Committee meeting, Greensboro, SC.

September 24-29, 2019, attended the New Wineskin Conference, Ridgecrest, Asheville, NC.

October 17-20, 2019, served as Preacher and Chaplain at the Annual Synod of the Diocese of Quincy, Peoria, IL.

January 6-10, 2020, attended ACNA College of Bishops meeting, Melbourne, FL.

January 17, 2020, preached at the Martin Luther King service, Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church, St. Stephen, SC.

February 18-19, 2020, attended ACNA Executive Committee meeting, El Paso, TX and visited refugee shelter in Juarez, Mexico.

June 22-24, 2020, participated in ACNA College of Bishops meeting and Provincial Council Via Zoom.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

September 26, 2017, I preached the funeral services for Mrs. Tiffany Milligan-Bright at Redeemer RE Church, Pineville, SC. Mrs. Milligan-Bright was the daughter of the Rev. Benjamin and Mrs. Christine Milligan, Rector of Redeemer RE Church.

June 29, 2018, I presided at the funeral service for Mrs. Vivian J. White, at Redeemer RE Church, Pineville, SC. Mrs. White was the wife of the Rt. Rev. William J. White, Bishop Ordinary, Diocese of the Southeast/REC. Mrs. White served admirably with Bishop White during his ministry at various missions and parishes throughout the Diocese of the Southeast in various capacities, Sunday School teacher, women ministry, counselor, missionary society and etc. Mrs. White served as President of the Ministers Wives and Widows Alliance and as Delegate to the ACNA Provincial Council and Assembly. More importantly, Mrs. White was a Christian, which she demonstrated through her dedication to the work of the upbuilding of the kingdom of God and her concern for the children of God.

September 23, 2018, preached the service for Mrs. Ella K. Liferidge, Nazareth RE Church, Moncks Corner, SC. Mrs. Liferidge was the widow of the Rev. Marcus Liferidge, clergy in the diocese of the Southeast and mother of the Rev. Larry D. Liferidge, a clergy in the Diocese of the Southeast. Mrs. Liferidge served in various capacities alongside her husband in various missions and parishes to which he was called. She was a member of the Ministers Wives and Widows Alliance of the Diocese.

November 17, 2019, attended funeral service for Mrs. Rachel Major, Grace RE Church, Moncks Corner, SC. Mrs. major was the mother of the Rev. Eugene Sims, a clergy in the Diocese of the Southeast.

March 11, 2019, attended funeral service for Mrs. Mabel Thompson, New Israel RE Church, Charleston, SC. Mrs. Thompson was the mother of the Rev. Anthony Thompson, a clergy in the Diocese of the Southeast.

March 23, 2019, attended the funeral service for Mr. John Buncum, New Israel RE Church, Charleston, SC. Mr. Buncum was the Senior Warden of Atonement RE Church, Mt. Pleasant, SC.

July 22, 2019, attended the funeral service for Mr. Francis Guest, New Bethel RE Church, North Charleston, SC. Mr. Guest served as warden and was a member of New Bethel Male Choir that represented the Diocese as the Camp in France, he was a member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of the Southeast and caretaker for many years at the Bishop Jerdan Conference Center in Awendaw SC.

September 23, 2019, attended the funeral service for Mrs. Emily England Clyburn, Morris Brown African Methodist Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC. Mrs. Clyburn was the wife of the Honorable James E. Clyburn, United States Representative, South Carolina Sixth District.

October 18, 2019, services were held for the Rev. John T. Wiggins, at New Bethel Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC; Bishop William White Presided and preached. Rev. Wiggins was Ordained a clergy in the Diocese of the Southeast, August 25, 1991. Rev. Wiggins served as student minister at Atonement RE Church, Mt. Pleasant, SC, assistant to the Rector at New Israel RE Church, Charleston, SC, Vicar at Zion RE Church Edisto Island, SC, Rector at Holy Rock RE Church, Mt. Carmel, SC. Rev Wiggins served on the Board of Foreign Missions and was a short-term missionary to Nigeria for the Reformed Episcopal Church.

February 4, 2020, preached the funeral for the Rev. Theodore Young, New Israel RE Church, Charleston, SC. Rev. Young was Ordained a clergy in the Diocese of the Southeast, August 23, 1995. He served as Vicar at St. Matthew's and St. Peter's RE Churches, in the Diocese until his retirement due to declining health.

February 21, 2020, preached the funeral for the Rev. Thomas J. Handy at Nazareth RE Church, Moncks Corner, SC. Rev Handy was Ordained a Presbyter in the Diocese of the Southeast,

November 15, 1989. Rev. Handy served as Vicar at Christ, Johns Island, SC, St. Peter's, Johns Island, SC, Alpha, Charleston, SC, Intercession, Wando, SC, Atonement, Mt. Pleasant, SC, St. Stephen's, Summerville, SC and Rector at St. Thomas', Moncks Corner, SC, RE Churches in the Diocese of the Southeast. Rev. Handy served as Dean of the Lower Berkeley Convocation; he also served as head of several other organizations within the diocese.

March 16, 2020, attended funeral service for Mr. Rufus Brown, Wesley United Methodist/Promiseland RE Churches, Johns Island, SC. Mr. Brown was Lay Reader/Minister at Promiseland RE Church, Johns Island RE Church, Johns Island, SC.

April 5, 2020, presided at the grave side service for Mrs. Avis Riley, Sunset Memorial Cemetery, Pineville, SC. Mrs. Riley was a member of Redeemer RE Church where she served as a member of the Vestry and various boards and organizations. She was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Diocese where she served as secretary, as well as an active member of the Women of the Church and other boards and organizations.

May 25, 2020, attended graveside service for Mr. James Wilson, Good Shepherd Cemetery, Bonneau, SC. Mr. Wilson was the brother of the Rev. Johnnie Wilson and Lay Reader of Good Shepherd RE Church, Bonneau, SC.

May 29, 2020, preached the funeral service for the Rev. Shedrick E. Barrow, Henryhand Funeral Home Chapel, Kingstree, SC. Rev. Barrow was Ordained a clergy, September 13, 1996, in the Diocese of the Southeast. Rev. Barrow served as Vicar at St. Peter's, Johns Island, SC, Alpha, Charleston, SC and planted Chapel of the Cross, Kingstree, SC. RE Churches. Rev. Barrow also served as Dean of the Upper Berkeley Convocation.

June 26, 2020, assisted at the funeral service for Mrs. Mary A. Wright at Mt. Olivet RE Church, Ravenel, SC. Mrs. Wright was a member of Mt. Olivet RE Church, where she served on numerous boards and committees. She was a founding member of the Committee on Women's Work in the Diocese of the Southeast where she also served as President.

July 18, 2020, attended graveside service for Atty. Russell Brown, Xmas Cemetery, Ravenel, SC. Atty. Brown was a member of New Israel RE Church where he served on the Vestry as Secretary and as Deputy to the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church; he served as legal advisor for the Diocese of the Southeast and on the Board of Manager's for the Bishop Jerdan Conference Center.

September 16, 2020, assisted in the service for Chief Master Sgt. (Ret) Edward J. Wright, Mt. Olivet RE Church, Ravenel, SC. CMSgt. Wright was a member of Mt. Olivet RE Church where he served as Senior Warden, Treasurer and vestryman. He served as member of the Board of Trustees and Treasurer of the Diocese of the Southeast for thirty-four years, Standing Committee for thirty-two years, Chairman of the Board of Managers for the Bishop Jerdan Conference Center and President of the men of the Church. He also served on the Sustentation Fund Committee/Board of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

In addition to the above listed memorials, I also attended and/or participated in 32 services for members of the Diocese and the immediate community.

Effective December 13, 2020, I officially retired as Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southeast. I have been blessed of God to have had the opportunity to serve this part of Christ's Church. Know that I sincerely appreciate the wonderful experience that was afforded me as we shared together in the ministry of Christ's Church; I have been greatly encouraged by the wisdom and camaraderie

experienced on all fronts as I sought to lead God’s people. May God’s richest blessings be your as you go forth in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden, Sr.
Ordinary, Diocese of the Southeast

Canon for Military Chaplains in the Reformed Episcopal Church Annual Report for the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Summary

The duties of endorser encompass the following general categories: Pastor to our Military haplains, Liaison to the Armed Forces, and Liaison to other organizations. The past three years has seen a significant decline in the number of REC military chaplains from twelve to three.

Note: two chaplains are endorsed for the Civil Air Patrol. Fr. Dunlap is the only active-duty chaplain. There are currently no (zero) REC seminarians in the Chaplain Candidate program.

I. Pastor to Military Chaplains Report

The following are REC military chaplains currently endorsed by the REC:

Dunlap, Dwight P.	Navy
Gough, Frank D. III*	Civil Air Patrol
Martin, Bartholomew P.	Army
Ortiz, Carlos B.	Civil Air Patrol
Robinson, Arthur	Air Force

The following are chaplains from other organizations endorsed through the REC:

Danford, James F.	(Anglican Province of America)	Air Force
Lormand, Lance M.	(Diocese of Fort Worth)	Air Force
Mohler, Jonathan	(Diocese of Fort Worth)	Army

The following are priests we currently endorsed for Veterans’ Administration Hospital or the Federal Bureau of Prisons:

Glenvil, Gregory	VA
Goodlin, Gary	VA
Simpson, John	VA
Ortiz, Carlos	Federal Bureau of Prisons

Endorsers are encouraged by the Services’ Chiefs of Chaplains, the Armed Forces Chaplains Board (AFCB) and the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces (NCMAF) to serve as pastors to their chaplains. Military chaplaincy can be a lonely job. Chaplains serve in a pluralistic environment. Nevertheless, chaplains are encouraged to maintain their denominational distinctiveness. This is an extremely important characteristic of a successful chaplain. Chaplains cannot do this without regular contact with their bishops, “sending churches,” and endorsers. Therefore, it is extremely important that this office maintain contact with our chaplains.

Part of the pastoral ministry of the endorser is to visit our chaplains. Endorsers are encouraged to visit their chaplains at least once every three-year tour of duty. Regular visits afford our chaplains the opportunity to share joys and concerns “face to face” with a pastoral representative of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Recommendation: Unlike the Anglican Church in North America whose Jurisdiction of the Armed Forces has three bishops who regularly contact and visit their chaplains. I recommend that each REC bishop with a chaplain under his episcopal oversight contact and/or visit their priests on a regular basis.

II. Liaison to the Armed Forces Report

Each faith-groups endorser serves as a liaison to the Armed Forces, the Armed Forces Chaplains Board (AFCB), and the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces (NCMAF). In this capacity, the Canon for Military Chaplains represents the REC to each Service Chief of Chaplains (either a two-star general or admiral). The endorser provides the office of each Service Chief of Chaplains and the AFCB the necessary documentation allowing our priests to serve as chaplains. Any questions regarding the ecclesiastical status of our priests are directed to the Canon for Military Chaplains of the REC.

Occasionally, a chaplain will encounter an issue relating to his specific faith requirements and duties that cannot be resolved at his level. When this happens, the endorser has the authority to communicate directly with the Office of the Chief of Chaplain and the AFCB. In the past three years one of our former chaplains unexpectedly decided to become Roman Catholic. This action resulted in the sudden loss of a Protestant Chaplain filling a critical post.

Recommendation: Attend NCMAF meeting in January. Again, regular episcopal contact or visits may have mitigated the sudden loss of a chaplain to another faith organization.

III. Liaison to other Organizations Report

Endorsers are encouraged to maintain contact with other endorsers. By attending the annual meeting of NCMAF, the Canon for Military Chaplains meets other endorsers as well as representatives of the various services recruiting commands, and the Services’ Chiefs of Chaplains. Attending these meetings afford the Reformed Episcopal Church the opportunity to influence the Armed Forces on matters related to religious liberty and other concerns of the church *vis-à-vis* military service.

In addition to meeting with other endorsers and military (both uniformed and civilian) representatives, the Canon for Military Chaplains maintains contact with organizations interested in influencing the policies of both the military and churches regarding service in the military and issues of religious liberty. The Canon for Military Chaplains has spent considerable time these past three years with Robert Miller of “Hope for America.” Hope for America’s main concern is the role of women in the military and its supposed negative impact on military readiness and ethics, as well as the moral decay the introduction of women in combat roles will have upon men in the military. As a result of Mr. Miller’s hard work, a REC committee chaired by Bishop Manto has drafted a proposed “Resolution On Selective Service Registration and Potential Conscription of Women to Military Service.”

Recommendation: The Canon for Military Chaplains should continue to attend the annual meeting of NCMAF.

The Reverend Canon Robert C. Gresser

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The Reformed Episcopal Church
State of the Church Report

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State of the Church Report
As of December 31, 2020

Diocese	Total Parishes & Missions/Extensions & Ministries		Parishes that did NOT report	Baptized Members	All Communicant Members		Adult Communicants Members	Average Sunday Attendance	OFFICIAL ACTS			
					Baptisms 2017-2020	Confirmations 2017-2020			Marriages 2017-2020	Burials 2017-2020		
Central States	20		0	1120	879	775	-	180	102	32	225	
Mid-America	38		3	2205	1702	1593	-	176	203	40	127	
Northeast & Mid-Atlantic	25		8	1439	1332	1017	-	159	104	30	102	
Southeast	33		15	1196	1002	928	-	61	44	20	65	
Totals	116		26	5960	4915	4313	-	576	453	122	519	

This report was compiled on June 8, 2020. Submissions after that date are not reflected.

The Statistical Information was obtained from Parish Certification forms for the 56th General Council. The committee notes that 26 parishes did not complete the certification form. In some cases, the Diocese of the Northeast provided additional statistics when available for those parishes which did not report. As such, the total membership reported in this report is not completely accurate.

It is noted that statistical form includes official acts from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020, which is four years instead of three. It includes the additional year of 2020 due to the postponement of General Council from June 2020 to June 2021.

The Average Sunday Attendance is not being reported because of the varying/skewed attendance which has (and in some cases still is) occurring from the Coronavirus Pandemic measures put into place around the country between March 2020 and the date of this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Very Rev. Canon Jason R. Grote
Committee Chairman

Diocese of the Central States

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

Parish	City	State	Total Members as of 12/31/2020	ALL	ADULT	Average Sunday Attendance	Official Acts				
				Communicants as of 12/31/2020	Communicants as of 12/31/2020		Baptisms 2017-2020	Confirmations 2014-2020	Marriages 2017-2020	Burials 2017-2020	
1	All Saints	Lynchburg	VA	50	40	30	-	5	10	1	0
2	All Saints	Raleigh	NC	81	79	65	-	3	6	2	5
3	Christ our Hope	Fairborn	OH	49	29	27	-	7	8	0	1
4	Christ our Hope	Westpoint	TN	26	19	13	-	79	0	11	1
5	Christ the King	Dayton	OH	101	71	61	-	21	2	2	3
6	Christ the Redeemer	Owensboro	KY	11	9	7	-	1	7	0	0
7	Church of the Redeemer	Wilson	NC	18	11	10	-	3	5	0	0
8	Church of our Saviour	Leesburg	VA	90	69	63	-	10	14	2	8
9	Covenant	Roanoke	VA	19	19	18	-	0	1	0	0
10	Holy Cross	Amelia	VA	40	38	37	-	0	12	1	3
11	Holy Trinity	Fairfax	VA	61	53	50	-	4	11	4	1
12	St. Andrew's	Appomattox	VA	27	25	25	-	0	0	0	2
13	St. Andrew's	Asheboro	NC	20	6	6	-	0	0	2	0
14	St. James	Memphis	TN	160	142	136	-	8	8	4	10
15	St. John's	Chelsea	AL	62	62	39	-	7	0	0	0
16	St. Jude's	Richmond	VA	67	63	61	-	3	4	0	2
17	St. Lazarus Mission		OH	88	16	16	-	24	5	1	182
18	St. Paul's	Lexington	VA	25	24	22	-	0	0	0	0
19	Trinity Church	Evansville	IN	51	30	38	-	2	3	0	1
20	Trinity Church	Mason	OH	74	74	51	-	3	6	2	6
				1120	879	775	-	180	102	32	225

Average Sunday Attendance is not being reported due to varying pandemic restrictions and impacts at the time these statistics were requested.

DNR=Did Not Report

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Diocese of Mid-America

Diocese of Mid-America
The Rt. Rev. Ray Sutton, Ordinary
The Rt. Rev. Walter Baneke, Suffragan

	Parish	City	State	ALL		ADULT	Average Sunday Attendance	Official Acts			
				Total Members as of 12/31/2020	Communicants as of 12/31/2020	Communicants as of 12/31/2020		Baptisms 2017-2020	Confirmations 2014-2020	Marriages 2017-2020	Burials 2017-2020
1	All Saints	Shreveport	LA	50	46	40	-	2	6	0	3
2	Chapel of the Cross	Dallas	TX	114	79	75	-	15	15	1	10
3	Christ Anglican	Hot Springs	AR	43	43	26	-	9	5	1	4
4	Christ's Chapel	Riverside	CA	46	46	40	-	3	15	0	1
5	Christ the King	Grover Beach	CA	<i>Recent Transfer. No Statistics.</i>			-				
6	Christ the King Fellowship	Covington	LA	<i>Extension Work. No statistics.</i>			-				
7	Church of the Blessed Trinity	Alpine	CA	DNR			-				
8	Church of our Savior	Joplin	MO	DNR			-				
9	Covenant Church	Greenville	MI	55	14	14	-	6	11	2	0
10	Covenant Church	Heber Springs	AR	45	37	27	-	0	0	0	0
11	Good Shepherd	Tyler	TX	200	124	113	-	5	0	2	2
12	Good Shepherd Fellowship	Colorado Springs	CO	<i>Extension Work. No statistics.</i>			-				
13	Grand Junction Fellowship	Grand Junction	CO	<i>Extension work of St. Stephen's Montrose. No statistics.</i>			-				
14	Holy Communion	Dallas	TX	404	348	336	-	29	45	7	40
15	Holy Communion Latino	Dallas	TX	<i>Latino Extension of Holy Communion. No Statistics.</i>			-				
16	Holy Cross	Alpine	TX	39	32	31	-	0	2	0	0
17	Holy Trinity	Houston	TX	140	82	80	-	20	24	6	2
18	Holy Trinity	Webster Groves	MO	50	48	48	-	4	0	2	2
19	Living Word	Courtenay, BC	CANADA	52	31	29	-	1	0	0	2
20	Mariners Church	Detroit	MI	DNR			-				
21	Providence	Corpus Christi	TX	49	30	28	-	12	8	1	2
22	Resurrection	Crosby	TX	73	56	50	-	7	11	0	2
23	St. Andrew's	Tinley Park	IL	100	74	70	-	5	3	0	4
24	St. Andrew's	Chester	CA	27	23	21	-	4	6	3	1
25	St. Andrew's	Phoenix	AZ	15	8	8	-	1	0	2	2
26	St. Barnabas	Bellville	TX	21	18	17	-	0	0	0	0
27	St. Benedict	Rockwall	TX	54	30	24	-	0	4	0	0
28	St. Mark the Evangelist	Waxahachie	TX	<i>New Mission Replant. No statistics yet.</i>			-				
29	St. Matthias	Katy	TX	78	65	58	-	15	18	4	7
30	San Matias	Katy	TX	<i>Latino Extension of St. Matthias. Statistics in St. Matthias rep</i>			-				
31	St. Michael's	Tulsa	OK	31	28	28	-	2	1	0	5
32	St. Paul's	Baton Rouge	LA	41	35	34	-	2	4	0	1
33	St. Paul's	Houston	TX	47	41	40	-	8	6	0	5
34	St. Stephen's	Flowood	MS	149	126	126	-	9	5	0	13
35	St. Stephen's	Montrose	CO	60	51	46	-	1	9	0	4
36	St. Thomas of Canterbury	Houston	TX	143	120	119	-	13	5	8	13
37	St. Timothy's	Jonesboro	AR	46	38	38	-	1	0	1	1
38	Trinity	Pagosa Springs	CO	33	29	27	-	2	0	0	1
				2205	1702	1593	-	176	205	40	127

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The closures are noted activities during the past triennium:

St. Francis - Spring, TX - Closed
Christ the Redeemer Extension - Greeville, CA - Ceased
St. Stephen's - Cedar Grove, IL - Closed

Holy Trinity Colwood, BC, CANADA - Closed
Providence - Weatherford, TX - Closed

Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic

Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic
The Rt. Rev. Charles Gillin, Ordinary

Parish	City	State	Total Members as of 12/31/2020	Communicants as of 12/31/2020	ADULT		Official Acts				
					Communicants as of 12/31/2020	Average Sunday Attendance	Baptisms 2017-2020	Confirmations 2014-2020	Marriages 2017-2020	Burials 2017-2020	
1	Bishop Cummins	Catonsville	MD	130	126	126	-	2	0	2	23
2	Church of the Atonement	Philadelphia	PA	30	24	24	-	1	1	1	0
3	Church of Our Redeemer	Jersey City	NJ	DNR	40		-		8		2
4	Covenant Chapel	Basking Ridge	NJ	DNR	33		-				
5	Emmanuel	Pipersville	PA	46	42	40	-	3	3	3	1
6	Emmanuel	Somerville	NJ	38	32	32	-	3	0	2	7
7	Faith Church	Baltimore	MD	55	44	42	-	2	6	2	6
8	Good Shepherd	West Bridgewater	MA	84	72	65	-	4	0	0	2
9	Grace Church	Collingdale	PA	56	95	95	-	23	7	3	6
10	Grace Church	Havre-de-grace	MD	DNR	40		-				1
11	Grace Church	Scranton	PA	DNR	18		-		1		1
12	Jesus the Good Shepherd	Brooklyn	NY	DNR			-				
13	St. Alban's	New York	NY	DNR	39		-	1	9		
14	St. George's	Hamilton, Ontario	CANADA	75	65	60	-	3	1	0	14
15	St. John's by-the-sea	Ventnor	NJ	51	45	45	-	4	3	1	2
16	St. Luke's	New Providence	NJ	9	9	9	-	1	0	0	1
17	St. Luke's/Bishop Hoffman	Philadelphia	PA	18	14	18	-	4	0	2	2
18	St. Mark's	Rydal	PA	108	74	62	-	26	26	1	9
19	St. Mary's	Bronx	NY	160	157	137	-	57	6	2	10
20	St. Matthew's	Havertown	PA	71	56	56	-	3	3	2	3
21	St. Patrick's	Norristown	PA	4	4	4	-	0	0	0	0
22	St. Paul's	Oreland	PA	DNR	28		-	2	1	1	4
23	St. Peters	Chesapeake City	MD	DNR	54		-	1		1	2
24	St. Stephen's	Eldersburg	MD	239	209	189	-	19	29	7	3
25	St. Timothy's	Mt. Laurel	NJ	13	12	13	-	0	0	0	3
				1439	1332	1017	-	159	104	30	102

Average Sunday Attendance is not being reported due to varying pandemic restrictions and impacts at the time these statistics were requested.

DNR=Did Not Report

Those in yellow did not report but statistics were provided by the Diocesan office when available. In such cases, the total communicants was added to the total membership where "DNR" appears.

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Diocese of the Southeast

Diocese of the Southeast
The Rt. Rev. William White, Ordinary

	Parish	City	State	Total Members as of 12/31/2020	Communicants as of 12/31/2020	ADULT		Official Acts			
						Communicants as of 12/31/2020	Average Sunday Attendance	Baptisms 2017-2020	Confirmations 2014-2020	Marriages 2017-2020	Burials 2017-2020
1	All Saints	Greenville	SC	DNR			-				
2	Atonement	Mt. Pleasant	SC	18	18	18	-	0	0	0	3
3	Bethlehem	Moncks Corner	SC	37	37	37	-	3	0	0	0
4	Calvary	St. Stephen	SC	DNR			-				
5	Christ's Church	Johns Island	SC	34	34	34	-	0	2	1	3
6	Christ the King	Marietta	GA	106	24	21	-	7	0	0	0
7	Emmanuel	Alvin	SC	DNR			-				
8	Good Shepherd	Bonneau	SC	DNR			-				
9	Grace	Moncks Corner	SC	DNR			-				
10	Holy Comforter	Moncks Corner	SC	72	47	40	-	1	0	1	0
11	Holy Rock	Mt. Carmel	SC	DNR			-				
12	Holy Trinity	Charleston	SC	33	29	29	-	0	0	0	0
13	Immanuel	Cross	SC	DNR			-				
14	Intercession	Wando	SC	26	26	18	-	1	0	2	0
15	Liberty	Jamestown	SC	DNR			-				
16	Messiah	Pineville	SC	DNR			-				
17	Mt. Carmel	Goose Creek	SC	30	30	30	-	1	0	0	0
18	Mt. Olivet	Ravenel	SC	125	107	104	-	9	4	3	6
19	Nazareth	Moncks Corner	SC	185	165	135	-	5	8	0	18
20	New Bethel	North Charleston	SC	DNR			-				
21	New Israel	Charleston	SC	117	112	112	-	5	6	0	7
22	New St. Thomas	Columbia	SC	DNR			-				
23	Promiseland	Johns Island	SC	16	14	14	-	0	0	2	2
24	Redeemer	Pineville	SC	DNR			-				
25	St. Andrew's	Savannah	GA	50	47	45	-	8	3	0	2
26	St. James	Cordesville	SC	DNR			-				
27	St. John's	Charleston	SC	137	121	101	-	18	11	9	15
28	St. Luke's	Charleston	SC	110	95	95	-	2	0	2	3
29	St. Matthew's	North Charleston	SC	DNR			-				
30	St. Michael's	St. Stephen	SC	37	34	37	-	1	2	0	4
31	St. Paul's	Moncks Corner	SC	41	41	36	-	0	5	0	2
32	St. Thomas	Moncks Corner	SC	DNR			-				
33	Zion	Edisto Island	SC	22	21	22	-	0	3	0	0
				1196	1002	928	-	61	44	20	65

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DNR=Did Not Report

**Report on the Hymnal of
the Reformed Episcopal Church**

May 7, 2021

On October 26, 2020, the REC Bishops granted the ACNA Music Task Force conditional permission to use the hymns contained in our new hymnal, *Book of Common Praise 2017*, in the forthcoming hymnal, *Magnify the Lord: A 21st Century Anglican Hymnal*. This permission was given with the understanding that the ACNA Music Task Force will present the REC General Committee with a draft of *Magnify the Lord* (once it has been produced) for final approval.

This conditional permission allows the ACNA Music Task Force to make use of the typesetting and formatting work of *Book of Common Praise*, which is copyrighted by the REC. Provided that *Magnify the Lord* goes to print, the ACNA publisher (Anglican House Publishers) has agreed to pay the REC a royalty of \$1 for each copy to be printed or 3.75% of the retail price, whichever is greater. Any other royalties that are due to copyright holders thereafter (for individual hymns) remain the responsibility of the publisher of *Magnify the Lord*.

The ACNA Music Task Force does not plan to use the service music (Holy Communion service music settings, Anglican chants, simplified Anglican chants, etc.) from *Book of Common Praise*, only the hymns proper (1-639 in *Book of Common Praise*). They anticipate producing prefaces, service music, and appendices for *Magnify the Lord* which will be more suited to the particular needs of the ACNA.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Hoyt

**REPORT of the COMMITTEE
On MATERIALS for REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH HISTORY**

This committee continues to collect, archive, and study historical materials related to the Reformed Episcopal Church, its seminaries, parishes, and auxiliary organizations. Please send in any bulletins, letters, pictures, articles, minutes, and other archival materials relating to the history of the Reformed Episcopal Church in its broadest sense. A set of archival materials should be kept by each local diocese. Please also send materials to the denominational archives located at Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania:

Archives of the Reformed Episcopal Church
826 Second Ave.
Blue Bell, PA 19422

The committee searches for appropriate rare materials related to our history that are for sale as well. If you have leads on pertinent materials, please let us know. The committee hopes to more research into the dioceses, people, and institutions of the Reformed Episcopal Church and eventually hopes to create an exhibit related to our history. Please share with us materials, ideas, and leads you may have.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Canon Dr. Jonathan S. Riches

ORDER OF DEACONESSES
Report to the 56th General Council
of the Reformed Episcopal Church
June 9 - 11, 2021

First, I would like to express heartfelt appreciation on behalf of all of our deaconesses and prospective deaconesses for the support from our bishops, clergy, and laity to develop 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 in mainline denominations. However, through patience and confidence in our Lord's and his Apostles' recognition of faithful women to be assets to the Church and clergy, the steadfast witness of the REC in regard to women's ministry is making a significant impact on those both within and without our ranks.

Currently, we have a total of 12 active deaconesses, 2 retired deaconesses, and 9 candidates in the REC. The term "candidate" designates those who have been approved by the Bishop and Standing Committee of their diocese to begin training to become a deaconess and prepare to take the canonical exams for deaconesses. A list of all of 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.

In 2020, a newly revised *Handbook for Deaconesses in the Reformed Episcopal Church* was approved by the Council of Bishops and the Doctrine and Worship Committee. The original Handbook had been compiled for use by deaconesses in the REC and the APA (Anglican Province in America) together in 2005. The bishops of both jurisdictions had decided that each jurisdiction should have its own Handbook for Deaconesses. The REC Handbook also needed revision to update Canon 22, *Of Deaconesses*, to the new Canon approved by General Council in 2017, to reflect changes to *The Form for the Setting Apart of a Deaconess*, and to make it consistent with the current Canon 22, and to further define duties that had become common practice in the REC. The Handbook, along with the Application Form, is available on the Order of Deaconesses website at <https://recdss.org/application/>.

Our REC deaconesses are affiliated with the Anglican Deaconess Association (ADA) which was established as a professional organization for deaconesses under the Federation of Anglican Churches in the Americas (FACA) in 2008, of which the REC was one of the founding members. Several of the Continuing Churches affiliated with FACA also have deaconesses, specifically the Episcopal Missionary Church (EMC) and the Anglican Province in America (APA). In addition, the Missionary Diocese of All Saints and the Diocese of the Great Lakes of the ACNA each have at least one deaconess. At this time, the status of FACA is unknown, since several of the member jurisdictions have formed a new alliance. The ADA has maintained its own organization and presence on social media and the internet where we receive inquiries on a fairly regular basis. Because of our online presence, two recent dialogues have begun with a diocese and a missionary district within ACNA; and, Dss. Annette Johnson was asked to participate in a podcast for Anglican Audio's "Faith and Honor" series on deaconesses in June 2019. However, the situation with FACA raises the question as to whether the ADA should remain under the jurisdiction of FACA, or whether it would be better to become an independent organization, or to seek affiliation with another jurisdiction such as the REC or ACNA.

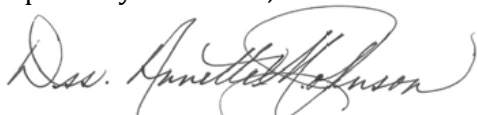
Also in 2020, our REC deaconesses along with the REC chapters of the Daughters of the Holy Cross were asked to become an integral part of the newly formed REC Intercessors, an intercessory prayer team for clergy and deaconesses in the REC. Dss. Annette Johnson and Dss. Teresa Johnson were asked to co-chair the Intercessors. Together with Bishop Sutton, they developed a set of protocols to manage how requests for prayer would be handled within the group.

Two of our deaconesses, Dss. 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 as well as a Master of Arts in Religion for Deaconess Studies. Dss. Annette and Dss. Teresa both teach specialized courses for deaconesses. We will be sharing our classes with students at Cummins Memorial Seminary in the Fall.

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/or 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 submitted to the General Council Secretary on the first of March each year.

Although it is not required, it is very helpful for the Deaconess Canon to have the names of approved Candidates for Deaconess in each diocese. She is the one who orders the Deaconess Cross for those who will be Set Apart. Since it takes at least six weeks lead time to have the crosses made, it is helpful to know how many crosses may be anticipated at any time. For the time being, the Deaconess Canon happens also to be the General Council Secretary, so that makes the task easier. The Deaconess Canon, as well as our other active senior deaconesses such as Dss. Teresa Johnson, is always available to answer questions from the clergy or prospective deaconesses when needed.

Respectfully submitted,



Dss. Canon Annette M. Johnson, M.A.R.
Canon for the Order of Deaconesses in the REC

Current Deaconesses and Candidates for Deaconess listed by diocese:

Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic:

Deaconesses:

Dss. Ruth Creswell (St. Stephen's, Eldersberg, MD - Set Apart 3/9/2014)
 Dss. Martha Menya (Parish affiliation unknown - Set Apart by Bp. Hicks)

Candidates:

Diana Lopez (Parish affiliation unknown - 2020)
 Dr. Susan Regisford (St. Alban's, NYC - 2021)

Diocese of Mid-America:

Deaconesses:

Dss. Canon Annette M. Johnson (St. Matthias, Katy, TX - Set Apart 1/31/1993)
 Dss. Barbara West, Ph.D. (St. Stephen's, Flowood, MS - Set Apart 10/27/2019)
 Dss. Cynthia Longueville (Holy Communion, Dallas, TX - Set Apart 2/7/2021)
 Dss. Gay Flack (St. Stephen's, Montrose, CO - Set Apart 9/8/2019)
 Dss. Jill Nowell (Holy Communion, Dallas, TX - Set Apart 8/12/2019)
 Dss. Karen Pierpoint (**Retired**, Bend, OR - Set Apart 2/25/2016)
 Dss. Nancy Jones (St. Thomas of Canterbury TX - Set Apart 10/15/2017)

Candidates:

Jane Keith (Holy Communion, Dallas, TX - 5/17)
 Becky Elliston (St. Benedict's, Rockwall, TX - 9/18)
 Jocelyn Perkins (Holy Trinity, Houston, TX - 12/19)
 Dawn Ontiveros, Ph.D. (St. Matthias, Katy, TX - 2/20)
 Melinda Skelton (Holy Communion, Dallas, TX - 5/21)

Diocese of the Southeast:

Deaconesses:

Dss. Cathy Clevenger (St. Andrew's, Savannah, GA - Set Apart 2/3/2018)

Candidates:

Alvalene G. Rogers (Nazareth REC, Monck's Corner, SC)

Diocese of the Central States:

Deaconesses:

Dss. Michelle R. Caldwell (Christ the King, Dayton, OH - Set Apart 11/22/2009)
 Dss. Teresa R. Johnson (St. James', Memphis, TN - Set Apart 1/26/2003)
 Dss. Ella "Candy" Jacques (**Retired** - Set Apart 10/5/2008)

Candidates:

Shelley Fleming (Holy Trinity, Fairfax, VA - 1/21)

Missionary District of Cuba (REC-Canada):

Deaconesses:

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

REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH INTERCESSORS
Report to the REC General Council
June 9-11, 2021

To the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church:

In late Spring 2020, Bishop Sutton expressed his desire to organize a prayer team to especially pray for REC clergy, deaconesses, and their families. The team was to be made up of our deaconesses, deaconess candidates, and members of the Daughters of the Holy Cross in the REC, since they are ones who are particularly called to prayer. He asked that Dss. Canon Annette Johnson and Dss. Teresa Johnson, as senior deaconesses, develop a set of protocols to organize the group and that would insure privacy for anyone requesting prayers.

In August, Bishop Sutton, Dss. Annette, and Dss. Teresa met via a Zoom meeting to discuss how best to organize the prayer team and answer questions concerning the best way to deal with privacy issues. As a result of this meeting, a formal document was prepared to present to the Council of Bishops at their meeting on October 20, 2020, and to ask their approval of the plan. The bishops overwhelmingly supported the creation of the intercessory team, which will be known as the REC Intercessors (RECI).

Deaconesses, Deaconess Candidates, and DHC Chapter Presidents were subsequently invited to an organizational meeting with Bishop Sutton on November 4, 2020, via Zoom. The team agreed to meet each quarter over the next year to assess the organization and make whatever improvements necessary. Bishop Sutton sent a letter to all REC clergy and deaconesses explaining how prayer requests are to be made, and how privacy protocols work. The Very Rev. Canon Jason R. Grote established a single email address for requests to the RECI, intercessors@rechurch.org, which will direct prayer requests to Dss. Teresa and Dss. Annette. These will be shared with the appropriate members of the intercessory team as directed by the one making the request in accordance with the protocols that were established. The approved "Protocols and Guidelines" are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dss. Canon Annette M. Johnson, M.A.R.
Dss. Teresa R. Johnson, M.A., M.A.R.,
Co-chairs of the REC Intercessors

REC INTERCESSORS Protocols and Guidelines

I. Name

An intercessory prayer group shall be established for the Reformed Episcopal Church to be known as the REC Intercessors.

II. Purpose

The REC Intercessors is an intercessory prayer group whose purpose is to pray for the Clergy and Deaconesses, including their families, within the Reformed Episcopal Church worldwide.

III. Membership

Members of the REC Intercessors shall include all Deaconesses and Deaconess Candidates, and members of the Daughters of the Holy Cross Chapters within the Reformed Episcopal Church.

IV. Administration

The Presiding Bishop shall appoint two Deaconesses in the Reformed Episcopal Church to serve as Chair and Co-chair for the REC Intercessors. They shall also keep a journal of any prayer requests received and how these are to be handled.

V. Communications

A designated email address, such as intercessors@rechurch.org, shall be established which may be used to send specific prayer requests to the REC Intercessors by any REC Clergyman or Deaconess. Emails sent through this address will initially go to the Deaconesses serving as Chair and Co-chair. The two of them together shall determine the level of dissemination of prayer requests received in accordance with the guidelines listed below and the desire of the one requesting prayer.

VI. Prayer Requests and Confidentiality

To ensure confidentiality, each member of the REC Intercessors must agree that what is heard and discussed within the group is private and should go no further than the group itself and the Lord. Otherwise, the group's purpose is defeated. Those who request prayer should be assured that they may approach a leader of the prayer team and request prayer that will not be shared with others in the group. Every prayer request should be addressed as a sacred trust to be brought before the Lord. Therefore, the following guidelines are set forth, and the person making a prayer request shall designate the level of confidentiality desired:

A. Levels of Confidentiality

Level 1: Total Confidentiality

The prayer request will remain strictly with the two Deaconesses, Chair and Co-chair, who receive the request.

Level 2: Limited Dissemination

In accordance with the instructions of the one making the prayer request, it

may be sent to all of the REC Deaconesses only, or may include the Daughters of the Holy Cross Chapter Presidents, and may or may not include all members of the DHC. Limitations may be such that the person making the request asks that it not be sent to anyone associated with his/her particular parish.

Level 3: Dissemination to all REC Intercessors

In accordance with the instructions of the one making the prayer request, it may be sent to all REC Intercessors, which includes all Deaconesses and all members of the Daughters of the Holy Cross in the REC.

B. Anonymity

At all levels, the person making the request may ask for anonymity (no names), first names or initials only, or that an alias be used. The Lord will know the need.

C. Time Period for Prayer

Prayers will continue until such time as the request has been answered, or the initial need resolved. The person asking for prayer must stay in communication with the REC Intercessors regarding the status of their request.

VI. Meetings

Meetings of the REC Intercessors shall take place via video conference. Following an initial organizational meeting with the Presiding Bishop, it is anticipated that the group should meet each quarter to assess organizational needs and concerns. Once those are established on an ongoing basis, meetings will be held annually in consultation with the Presiding Bishop.

**GENERAL COUNCIL MEMORIAL COMMITTEE REPORT
2016- 2020**

DIOCESE of MID-AMERICA

The Rev. Robert F Novak

(1941) - APRIL 28, 2016

Robert Frank Novak, age 75, went to be with his Lord and Savior on April 28, 2016. Beloved wife of 44 years to Dorothy L., nee Pilditch. Loving father of Janet Novak, Deborah (Robert) Gilman and Cheryl Novak. Cherished grandfather of Zachary and Violet. Dearest brother-in-law of Walter (Joyce) Pilditch, Albert (Bonnie) Pilditch and Anita (late Paul) Kobierski. Dear uncle and cousin of many. A Service to Celebrate Roberts's Life was held at Palos Heights Christian Reformed Church, 7059 W. 127th St., Palos Heights, IL. Interment private, Orland Memorial Park Cemetery.

The Rev. Bertram J. Card

APRIL 4, 1926 – JUNE 15, 2016

Rev. Dr. Bertram James Card of Silver Lakes went home to be with the Lord on June 15, 2016. He was born on April 4, 1926, to Bertie George and Lilian Leticia Card in Newport, Mon, Great Britain. He served in the Royal Army From 1943 through 1948. He was conscripted to work in the coal mines as a Bevin Boy until he was released back to the army due to damage to his eyesight. It was

there that he met and married Betty Card. They came to America in 1958 on the Queen Elizabeth 2. He worked for Southern California Edison Company in Rosemead and San Bernardino until he retired in 1981. He was called to the ministry and served the Lord with his whole heart until his passing. He received his Doctorate in Theology from Laud Hall Seminary in 1999, after his wife of 48 years passed away the previous year. He found love again, marrying Polly Ann Carroll in 2003 and they enjoyed the arts and traveling together.

He is survived by his wife, Polly Ann, his 5 children David (June) Card, Tony Card, Peter Card, Kathy (Bill) Goodban and Barry (RaNea) Card. He is also survived by 17 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. He is also survived by step-sons Chris (Linda) Carroll, and Greg (Mary) Carroll. He is preceded in death by his wife, Betty Card, daughter-in-law Susan Card and step-son Jeff Carroll. Services were held Wednesday, June 22, 2016, at Evergreen Lutheran Church, 9526 Vinton Rd., Phelan, California.

The Rev. Deacon Joseph Blanchard

APRIL 23, 1946 – FEBRUARY 24, 2020

Deacon Joseph Blanchard passed away on February 24, 2020 after a long illness. He was 72. Deacon Joseph was ordained to the Diaconate in 2011 by the Rt. Rev. Winfield S. Mott. He served as a faithful deacon at St. Paul’s Anglican Church in Houston, Texas until his death. Deacon Blanchard was also an Oblate of the Franciscan Order of Divine Compassion (Third Order).

Due to the ongoing world health crisis of Covid-19, a memorial service was to be held at a later date.

The Rev. Canon William S. Jerdan

NOVEMBER 24, 1944 – JUNE 27, 2020

On June 27, 2020, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ called home a precious, dearly loved Reformed Episcopal servant, pastor and missionary, the Rev. Canon William S. Jerdan. After he and his dear wife Diane returned from the mission field serving the evangelical and reformed believers in France for thirty-seven-years, the Most Rev. Royal Grote appointed him Canon Missioner for the Board of Foreign Missions. Even though “retired,” he travelled endlessly. Together with Bishop Grote he helped to transform REC missions in cooperation with our Global South Partners through the Anglican Church in North America. This effort brought us into many significant Anglican relationships, specifically the Province of Southeast Asia. He also played a vital role in developing a new REC Missionary Diocese in Croatia with the leadership of the Rt. Rev. Jasmin Milic.

Canon Bill was a true “Gospel Man,” a descriptive phrase first used by the renowned, 18th century Anglican vicar, Charles Simeon. Our friend and co-laborer in Christ embodied a life committed to mission in every way. Even during his long battle with cancer, he still communicated and used all his last moments to promoting the spread of the Gospel. Below is the obituary prepared by his wife Diane. Our prayers are with her and all the family as they enter a time of mourning and rejoicing for the life of their husband, father, grandfather, brother and brother-in-law. We join with them in thanking God for the gift of this special member, brother in Christ, and missionary of the REC. May Canon Bill rest in peace in the presence of the Light Perpetual, Jesus Christ!

William S. Jerdan, age 75, a resident of Warrenville, IL, died June 27, 2020. He was born November 24, 1944, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to William H.S. & Eleanor Jerdan. Bill was a pastor to his core, and this was expressed in all he was and did. He first began teaching and preaching as a teenager in the Reformed Episcopal churches in South Carolina. He earned a BA in Bible at Wheaton College (IL) and an MDiv from the Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Philadelphia (PA). Following ordination, he first served at St Luke’s Reformed Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. In college he already felt called to serve the church overseas. In response to this calling, in 1972 he and Diane

moved to France where they ministered with the Eglise Reformée Evangélique for 37 years. During this time, they worked in parishes in the cities of Massy, Berre-Marignane, Montpellier, and St Martin de Londres. Upon their return to the U.S. in 2009, Bill was named Executive Secretary for the Reformed Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions. In this role his pastoral care and concern extended to churches in Germany and Cranoatia within Europe, Cambodia in Southeast Asia, and Nepal in South Asia. He sought to facilitate communication among churches from many backgrounds and cultures. At the same time, he and Diane were involved in numerous teaching missions in French-speaking Africa for pastors of developing churches in Senegal, Togo, and Cote d'Ivoire. He was looking forward to another of these missions at the time of his diagnosis. Bill's pastoral heart wanted most of all to see God's people equipped and strengthened to do God's work well. His wisdom and gentle spirit worked to enable others towards more effective service. He was a caring shepherd always seeking above all to honor the Great Shepherd of the sheep.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Diane; his children Stephanie (Gabriel) Weckesser, Daniel (Dulcia) Jerdan, Benjamin (Sarah) Jerdan and Jonathan (Sara) Jerdan; and his 14 grandchildren. Also survived by his siblings Bruce Jerdan, Barry (Nancy) Jerdan, Brian (Kathleen) Jerdan, Robert (Rhonda) Jerdan and Bonnie (Frank) Sayles. He was preceded in death by his grandson Josiah Weckesser.

Due to the ongoing world health crisis of Covid-19, a memorial service was to be held at a later date.

The Rev. Samuel A. Steere, III

SEPTEMBER 26, 1944 – JULY 22, 2020

On July 22, 2020, the Rev. Samuel Steere went to be with the Lord. He was ordained a deacon (March 25, 1998) and a priest (October 8, 2006) at Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral. He served as an assisting priest for many years before moving to Greensboro, North Carolina. While there, he was licensed by the Rt. Rev. Walter Grundorf to serve as an REC priest at an APA parish, St. John's Anglican Church. He and his wife Sandy later returned to Dallas. He worked at Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral as priest for pastoral care during this time. Fr. Sam is survived by his wife Sandy, his sons, Robert (Stacy), Christopher (Amy), and Scott (Burgundy) and four grandchildren. Services were held at the cathedral.

DIOCESE of the NORTHEAST & MID-ATLANTIC

Bishop Robert H. Booth

OCTOBER 12, 1929 - APRIL 11, 2020

The Rt. Rev. Robert H. Booth passed from this earthly life into the presence of His Lord and Savior on Holy Saturday, April 11, 2020. Bishop Booth graduated from Reformed Episcopal Seminary with his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1956. His wife Jean preceded him in death and died on Easter Sunday, 2013. Together they served as missionaries in Sudan and Uganda. Bishop Booth also served as rector of Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church in Philadelphia and was subsequently consecrated Bishop for world missions for the Reformed Episcopal Church.

The Rev. John Roxburgh Smith

NOVEMBER 10, 1936 – DECEMBER 6, 2018

John was born November 10, 1936 in London, Ontario to Mildred and Hector Smith. Predeceased by his brother Garnet (Betty Smith). He died at the Hamilton General Hospital on December 6, 2018. He attended Hillfield College, Hamilton Teacher's College, and McMaster University. He served as an

alderman for Hamilton during two different periods in his life, and from 1967-1977, he was the Conservative MPP for Hamilton Mountain. He was also Minister of Correctional Services and Minister of Government Services. For four years, he sat on the Immigration Refugee Board of Canada. His last quest in life was to convince the Provincial Government to replace the statue of Chief Tecumseh in the lobby of Queen's Park. During the exodus of refugees from Vietnam, he invited a small group of friends to form a federally registered charity known as The Mountain Fund To Help The Boat People. Over a period of fourteen years, the group brought hundreds of Vietnamese men, women, and children to Canada. In John's final days they came from everywhere to hold his hand. Late in life John was Ordained into the Reformed Episcopal Church (Anglican). He served as Rector of St. George's Hamilton for ten years and remained as Archdeacon. He lived his life according to a firm belief in the Gospel message. John leaves to mourn his wife of forty-two years, Judy (Pollard) Smith, their three children and four grandchildren: Hayley and Isaac Post and their children Edwina and Hamish of Alexandria, Virginia, Drew and Elizabeth Smith and their children Charlotte and Lucia of Burlington, John (Jock) Smith and his wife Ashley Robinson of Hamilton. He leaves behind many nieces and nephews, including Susan and Roy Smith of Kanata, and Murray and Maureen Smith of Constance Bay. Jan (Pollard) Rowe and Rob Rowe of Kingston will miss him, as will Brian and Gail Pollard of Spain. He is dearly missed by so many who were touched by his gentle spirit and humility. His love for St. George's Church and her people will never be forgotten.

DIOCESE of the SOUTHEAST

Rev. David Bruce Bland

JUNE 30, 1955 - FEBRUARY 25, 2017

Rev David B. Bland entered eternal rest on February 25, 2017, at his residence in Pineville, SC. He earned his Master of Divinity Degree in May 2003 from Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary. Rev. Bland received his Order of Deacons in 2004 under Bishop Sanco K. Rembert and his Order of Presbyters on October 19, 2005, under Bishop James C. West. He served as Lay Reader from October 1992- September 2001 at Redeemer R.E. Church; Minister Intern from September 2001-September 2003 at Calvary R.E. Church; Curate at Liberty R.E. Church from September 2003-October 2008; Rector's Assistant at Redeemer R.E. Church from September 2009 - December 2009; Vicar at St. Michael's R.E Church January 2010-September 2011; Vicar at Nazareth R.E Church March 2014-April 2016 and Atonement R.E. Church, Mt. Pleasant, SC until his death.

Rev. John Thomas (JT) Wiggin

AUGUST 16, 1948 - OCTOBER 18, 2019

Rev. John Thomas (JT) Wiggins entered eternal rest on October 18, 2019, after a brief illness. He graduated from Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary earning his Diploma in Theology Degree and did further study at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbia SC. Rev Wiggins was ordained under Bishop Sanco K. Rembert to the Order of Deacons in 1995 and to the Order of Presbyters in 1996. He served as the Vicar at Holy Rock R.E. Church McCormick, SC and later at Zion R.E. Church Edisto, SC until his death.

Rev Theodore Ernest Young

MARCH 27, 1938 - JANUARY 30, 2020

Rev Theodore Ernest Young entered the church triumphant on January 30, 2020. He graduated from Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary on May 13, 1995 earning his Diploma in Theology Degree. Rev. Young served as Student Minister at St. Peter's R.E. Church 1992-1994. He was

ordained to the Order of Deacons in 1995 and to the Order of Presbyters in 1996 under Bishop Sanco K. Rembert. Rev. Young served as the Vicar at St. Matthew's R. E. Church, North Charleston, SC from 1995 until his retirement in 2013. After his retirement he faithfully served as the Assistant to the Rector at New Israel R. E. Church Charleston, SC until his health failed.

Rev. Thomas Jerome Handy Sr.

MARCH 4, 1936 - FEBRUARY 15, 2020

Rev. Thomas Jerome Handy Sr. entered eternal rest on February 15, 2020. He attended and graduated from the Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Philadelphia with a Diploma in Theology Degree and further his education at Voorhees College, Denmark, SC where he earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree. Rev. Handy continue his theological training at Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary where he received his Master of Divinity Degree. He received his Order of Deacons and his Order of Presbyters under Bishop William H.S. Jerdan. Rev. Handy served as the Vicar of St. Thomas R.E. Church and later served as the Assistant to the Rector at Nazareth R.E. Church, Moncks Corner, SC until his health failed.

Rev. Dr. Shedrick E. Barrow, II

MARCH 17, 1938 - MAY 24, 2020

Rev. Dr. Shedrick E. Barrow, II entered the church triumphant on May 24, 2020. He earned his Master of Divinity Degree from Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary. Rev. Dr. Barrow received his Order of Deacons under Bishop Sanco K. Rembert and His Order of Presbyters under Bishop James C. West. He served as Vicar of the Chapel of the Cross Reformed Episcopal Church, Kingtree, SC.

Mrs. Vivian J. White

JUNE 10, 1949- JUNE24, 2018

Mrs. Vivian J. White entered eternal rest on June 24, 2018. The Wife of the Rt. Rev. William J. White, Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of the Southeast. Her funeral service was held at Redeemer Reformed Episcopal Church, Pineville, SC.

Mrs. Ella Kelly Liferidge

SEPTEMBER 27, 1927 - SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

Mrs. Ella Kelly Liferidge entered eternal rest on September 15, 2018. The widow of the late Marcus Liferidge and the mother of the Rev. Larry D. Liferidge, Rector of St. Paul Reformed Episcopal Church Summerville, SC.

(Chief Master Sargent Retired) Edward J. Wright

DECEMBER 09, 1927- AUGUST 10, 2020

Chief Master Sargent Retired Edward J. Wright entered eternal rest August 10, 2020. Sargent Wright served as the Senior Warden and treasurer of Mt. Olivet Reformed Episcopal Church Revenel, SC. He also served as a member of the General Council Sustentation fund of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Submitted May 15, 2021

Rev. Dr. Julius Barnes

Committee on Memorials

APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Bishop Sutton announced that Committee Appointments would be distributed after Council adjourns and made available on the REC website. In addition, an email will be sent to the members of each committee.

GENERAL COUNCIL 2023

Bishop Sutton announced that the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church will be held in Charleston, South Carolina on June 7-9, 2023. This will be a special Council as we will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the formation of the Reformed Episcopal Church. Archbishop Foley Beach (ACNA) has been invited to be the keynote speaker.

Bishop Sutton recommended that each Diocesan Ordinary appoint someone from their diocese to work with Canon Jason Grote on planning the program for the 150th Anniversary.

END OF BUSINESS

Bishop Sutton declared that the Business portion of the 56th General Council had concluded. He further declared that Council would recess for lunch at 12:30 pm and resume again at 1:30 pm for the final Teaching Session with Canon Mark Eldredge. That session will begin with the resolution for Bishop Dorrington.

SECOND TEACHING SESSION

The SECOND TEACHING SESSION was called to order by Bishop Sutton at 1:30 pm.

As The Rt. Rev. Charles Dorrington and his wife, Claudia, had joined the video conference from their home in Canada, Bishop Sutton invited Canon Boonzaaijer to read the Resolution from the Board of Foreign Missions. The Rev. Canon William Jenkins moved to accept the Resolution as presented. Bishop Banek seconded the motion. The motion carried with a round of applause. Bishop Sutton concluded by saying, “Your ministry in Cuba is the greatest achievement in the Reformed Episcopal Church’s Board of Foreign Missions history.” Claudia Dorrington expressed their gratefulness for the support from the REC and the BFM continuing their work in Cuba.

RESOLUTION of the BOARD of FOREIGN MISSIONS

In appreciation for the Episcopal Service and Missionary Work of THE RT. REV. CHARLES DORRINGTON

WHEREAS, The Right Reverend Charles Dorrington has been a lifelong Anglican, and accomplished chorister in his youth; and

WHEREAS, he was made Deacon November 12, 1978, and ordained Presbyterian July 15, 1979, by Bishop Gordon Stace, serving as Rector of the Church of our Lord in Victoria, British Columbia, from 1979 to 1993, and founded Victoria Prayer Counseling with his wife Claudia; and

WHEREAS, he was given the role of the “Head of the REC Convocation in Canada” in 1994, founding numerous church plants, and consecrated Bishop of Western Canada and Alaska in 1996, received an Honorary Doctorate from the Theological Commission of the REC in October 2008, and became a founding bishop of the ACNA in 2009; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 he was healed from his wheelchair to answer the call of missions and church planting in the land of Cuba and traveled repeatedly with his wife Claudia to care for the churches, to ordain clergy, and to organize the diocese; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 he was appointed as Bishop Ordinary of the newly formed Reformed Episcopal Missionary Diocese of Cuba; and

WHEREAS, since his retirement in 2019 he continues to labor for the health, provision, and future of the Cuban clergy, laity, and leadership;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that on this Tenth day of June, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-one, the Reformed Episcopal Church and its Board of Foreign Missions, gives thanks to Almighty God for the service and ministry of The Right Reverend Charles Dorrington.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Episcopal seal.

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The Most Rev. Dr. Ray R. Sutton
Presiding Bishop

Following the presentation of the Resolution, Rev. Canon Mark Eldridge began his second Teaching Session at 1:37 pm. He opened by expressing his appreciation for being included in the 56th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and his gladness that the REC was a part of the ACNA and AAC (American Anglican Council).

The main focus of his presentation was “Strategies for Revitalization: How to Make My Church Healthy?” He began by stating that the Church was a living organism, a body – not a business, and that God designed living things to grow if they are healthy. Similar to the human body, there are five VITAL systems in a church that must be functioning and balanced (i.e. not overemphasizing one aspect over others). Those systems are: 1) Vision for Evangelism/Mission; 2) Intentional Worship; 3) Transformation to Christlikeness (Discipleship); 4) Authentic Community (Fellowship); 5) Lay Mobilization (Ministry). After explaining the aspects belonging to each system, he stated that churches must work on all five systems at the same time in order to get strong and keep going. He suggested the development of a five-year strategic plan to begin.

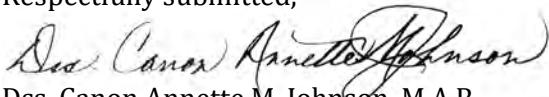
After a 10-minute break, Canon Eldridge concluded his presentation by discussing ways to lead a church through change. He stated that commitment to the VITALs Strategic Plan must be greater than the resistance to change. He also discussed how to assess whether a church should change. There should be a biblical basis for everything that is done in the church in conjunction with a traditional basis. Canon Eldridge reminded everyone that change takes time and offered advice concerning attitudes and strategies to effect the changes desired and avoid competing values.

Bishop Sutton requested a round of applause for Canon Eldridge at the end of his presentation. Canon Grote stated that the General Council web page would be kept live and videos of the teaching sessions would be posted there. Canon Eldridge stated that he would remain online after adjournment to answer questions.

Bishop White moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal of the 55th General Council and to set plans for the 56th General Council to meet in Charleston, South Carolina in June of 2023. The motion was seconded by Mei-li Sivigny and carried.

There being no further business, Archdeacon Payne moved to adjourn. The Rev. Canon Dr. Riches seconded. Members of the Council signified with the recitation of the Doxology. The 56th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church was adjourned, sine die, with prayer by the Rt. Rev. Peter Manto followed by a Blessing from The Most Rev. Ray R. Sutton.

Respectfully submitted,



Dss. Canon Annette M. Johnson, M.A.R.
Secretary to the 56th General Council
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE AND CERTIFY THE JOURNAL

To the 57th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church:

The Committee to Certify the Journal of the Proceedings of the Fifty-sixth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church has found the Journal to be essentially free of errors. Grammar errors in reports submitted and compiled were not addressed, though formatting modifications were made to bring consistency to the overall presentation and appearance of the Journal.

Noting the above, I, therefore, certify that the Journal for the 56th General Council is an accurate and faithful record of the reports and actions of the council.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Deborah Payne
(For the committee)

APPENDIX

- A. Consecration of Bishops**
- B. Necrology**
- C. Directory of Parishes**

CONSECRATIONS OF BISHOPS

BISHOP GEORGE DAVID CUMMINS, M.A., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. John H. Hopkins, the Rt. Rev. Benjamin B. Smith, the Rt. Rev. Henry W. Lee, the Rt. Rev. Joseph C. Talbot, the Rt. Rev. Chides T. Quintard, the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Clarkson, and the Rt. Rev. John B. Kerfoot, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville, Kentucky, on November 15, 1866. Died at Lutherville, Maryland, June 26, 1875, aged 54.

BISHOP CHARLES EDWARD CHENEY, B.A., S.T.D., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. George D. Cummins, assisted by five presbyters, in Christ Church, Chicago, Illinois, on December 14, 1873. Died at Chicago, Illinois, November 15, 1916, aged 80.

BISHOP RUFUS NICHOLSON, SR., M.A., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. George D. Cummins, the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Cheney, and the Rt. Rev. Matthew Simpson of the Methodist Episcopal Church, assisted by nine presbyters, in St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on February 24, 1876. Died at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 7, 1901, aged 79.

BISHOP EDWARD CRIDGE, B.A., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Cheney, the Rt. Rev. William R. Nicholson, and the Rt. Rev. Carman of the Methodist Episcopal Church, assisted by nine presbyters, in Emmanuel Church, Ottawa, Ontario, on July 17, 1876. Died at Victoria, British Columbia, May 5, 1913, aged 96.

BISHOP SAMUEL FALLOWS, M.A., LL.D., D.D., was consecrated at the same time and place as the Rt. Rev. Cridge, and by the same bishops and presbyters. Died at Chicago, Illinois, September 5, 1922, aged 87.

BISHOP BENJAMIN PRICE was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Edward Cridge, assisted by several presbyters, in Christ Church, Teddington, Middlesex, on August 15, 1876.

BISHOP JOHN SUGDEN, B.A., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Edward Cridge and the Rt. Rev. Benjamin Price, assisted by several presbyters, in Christ Church, Lambeth, Middlesex, on August 20, 1876. Died at Baumemouth, Hampshire, June 20, 1897.

BISHOP THOMAS HUBAND GREGG, M.A., M.D., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Samuel Fallows, the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Cheney, and the Rt. Rev. William R. Nicholson, assisted by eight presbyters, in First Church, New York, New York, on June 20, 1877. Died at London, Middlesex, April 1, 1896, aged 56.

BISHOP PETER FAYSSOUX STEVENS, B.A., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. William R. Nicholson and the Rt. Rev. Samuel Fallows, assisted by several presbyters, in St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 22, 1879. Died at Charleston, South Carolina, January 9, 1910, aged 80.

BISHOP JAMES ALLEN LATANE, B.A., D.D., was consecrated at the same time and place as the Rt. Rev. Stevens, and by the same bishops and presbyters. Died at Baltimore, Maryland, February 21, 1902, aged 71.

BISHOP ALFRED SPENCER RICHARDSON, D.D., was consecrated at the same time and place as the Rt. Rev. Stevens and the Rt. Rev. Latane, and by the same bishops and presbyters. Died in France, 1907.

BISHOP FREDERICK NEWMAN was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Benjamin Price and the Rt. Rev. John Sugden, assisted by several presbyters, in Christ Church, Teddington, Middlesex, on July 2, 1879.

BISHOP HUBERT BOWER was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. John Sugden and the Rt. Rev. Alfred S. Richardson, assisted by several presbyters, in St. Saviour's Church, Littlehampton, Sussex, on August 19, 1879.

BISHOP EDWARD WILSON, D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. William R. Nicholson and the Rt. Rev. James A. Latane, assisted by several presbyters, in St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on July 1, 1880. Died at Metuchen, New Jersey, June 5, 1908, aged 88.

BISHOP HENRY ORION MEYERS was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Frederick Newman and the Rt. Rev. John Sugden, assisted by several presbyters, in Emmanuel Church, Putney, Middlesex, on October 22, 1881.

BISHOP THOMAS GREENLAND, M.A., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Alfred S. Richardson, the Rt. Rev. Hubert Bower, the Rt. Rev. Henry O. Meyers, and the Rt. Rev. John Sugden, assisted by several presbyters, in Christ Church, London, Middlesex, on June 11, 1888. Later not connected with this Church.

BISHOP SAMUEL J. C. DICKSEE, D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Benjamin Price and the Rt. Rev. Henry O. Meyers, assisted by several presbyters, in Christ Church, Lambeth, Middlesex, on November 6, 1889.

BISHOP WILLIAM BAKER was consecrated at the same time and place as the Rt. Rev. Dicksee, and by the same bishops and presbyters.

BISHOP THOMAS W. CAMPBELL, S.T.B., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Samuel Fallows, the Rt. Rev. James A. Latane, and the Rt. Rev. William R. Nicholson, assisted by several presbyters, in Epiphany Church, Cleveland, Ohio, on May 31, 1891. Later not connected with this Church. Died in Brooklyn, New York, 1918, aged 67.

BISHOP PHILIP XENOPHON ELDRIDGE, D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. John Sugden, the Rt. Rev. William Baker, and the Rt. Rev. Thomas Greenland, assisted by several presbyters, in Emmanuel Church, Gunnersbury, Middlesex, on June 24, 1892. Died at sea, 1921.

BISHOP JAMES RENNEY, D.D., was consecrated at the same time and place as the Rt. Rev. Eldridge, and by the same bishops and presbyters. Died at London, Middlesex, July 26, 1894.

BISHOP WILLIAM TROUGHTON was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Henry O. Meyers, assisted by several presbyters, in Hounslow, Middlesex, on August 5, 1901.

BISHOP WILLIAM TUFNELL SABINE, Sr., B.A., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Samuel Fallows and the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Cheney, assisted by the Rev. Dr. William A. Freemantle, the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Hendricks, the Rev. Dr. Herman S. Hoffinan, the Rev. Dr. William Tracy, the Rev. Dr.

Joseph D. Wilson, and the Rev. Dr. Ferdinand C. Englehart of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in First Church, New York, New York, on October 23, 1902. Died at New York, New York, August 11, 1913, aged 75.

BISHOP HERMAN S. HOFFMAN, B.A., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Samuel Fallows, the Rt. Rev. Peter F. Stevens, and the Rt. Rev. William T. Sabine, assisted by the Rev. Dr. W. Russell Collins, the Rev. Dr. Forrest E. Dager, the Rev. Dr. John Dennis, the Rev. Dr. John Edwards, the Rev. Dr. William A. Freemantle, the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Hendricks, the Rev. H. Medley Price, the Rev. Dr. William D. Stevens, the Rev. Dr. J. Milton Tweedale, and the Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Wilson, in Redeemer Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 3, 1903. Died at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 23, 1912, aged 72.

BISHOP RICHARD BROOK LANDER, D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. William Troughton, assisted by several presbyters, in Christ Church, Teddington, Middlesex, on October 18, 1904.

BISHOP ROBERT LIVINGSTON RUDOLPH, M.A., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Samuel Fallows, the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Cheney, and the Rt. Rev. William T. Sabine, assisted by the Rev. Dr. W. Russell Collins, the Rev. Dr. William A. Freemantle, the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Hendricks, the Rev. George W. Huntington, the Rev. Dr. R. Westly Peach, the Rev. Dr. William D. Stevens, the Rev. Dr. William Tracy, the Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Wilson, and the Rev. Dr. John H. Oerter of the Reformed Church in America, in First Church, New York, New York, on January 12, 1909. Died at Dose, Vermont, September 16, 1930, aged 65.

BISHOP MANUEL FERRANDO, D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Samuel Fallows, the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Cheney, and the Rt. Rev. Robert L. Rudolph, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Willard R. Brewing, the Rev. Dr. Frank V. C. Cloak, the Rev. Dr. W. Russell Collins, the Rev. John R. Furey, the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Hendricks, the Rev. Dr. D. Miner Steams, the Rev. Dr. William D. Stevens, the Rev. Dr. William Tracy, the Rev. Dr. William T. Way, the Rev. Duane Wevill, and the Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Wilson, in the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on November 12, 1912. Later not connected with this Church.

BISHOP FRANK VAUGHAN, D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Philip X. Eldridge and the Rt. Rev. R. Brook Lander, assisted by Rev. J. Dean, the Rev. I. P. Hodgkinson, the Rev. W. Houghton, the Rev. Dr. Samuel Naish, the Rev. Arnold O. Palmer, and Rev. Edward T. Reed, in Christ Church, Harlesden, Middlesex, on April 25, 1913. Died at London, Middlesex, September 30, 1962, aged 93.

BISHOP ARTHUR LORNE PENGELLEY, D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Samuel Fallows, the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Cheney, and the Rt. Rev. Robert L. Rudolph, assisted by Rev. Harry W. Behney, the Rev. Dr. Forrest E. Dager, the Rev. John W. Furey, the Rev. Dr. Samuel M. Gibson, the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Hendricks, the Rev. Dr. William P. Mackay, the Rev. Dr. Francis H. Reynolds, the Rev. George R. Swam, and Rev. George D. Worrell, in St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 24, 1914. Died at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 24, 1922, aged 43.

BISHOP WILLARD R. BREWING, D.D., was consecrated at the same time and place as the Rt. Rev. Pengelley, and by the same bishops and presbyters. Later not connected with this Church. Died at Toronto, Ontario, 1960, aged 79.

BISHOP JOSEPH LOUIS FENN, LL.D., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Frank Vaughan, the Rt. Rev. R. Brook Lander, and the Rt. Rev. H. Mumford of the Moravian Church, assisted by Rev. George W. Forbes-Smith, the Rev. F. L. Grosvenor, the Rev. P. T. Norris, the Rev. I. M. Pollock, the Rev. W. Welby Pryor, the Rev. P. D. Robinson, the Rev. J. T. Stevenson, and Rev. J. W. Baxter of the Presbyterian Church, in Christ Church, Harlesden, Middlesex, on September 21, 1921.

BISHOP ROBERT WESTLY PEACH, Ph.B., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Robert L. Rudolph, the Rt. Rev. Willard R. Brewing the Rt. Rev. Frank Vaughan, and the Rt. Rev. John T. Hamilton of the Moravian Church, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Frank V. C. Cloak, the Rev. Dr. W. Russell Collins, the Rev. Dr. Forrest E. Dager, the Rev. Dr. William A. Freemantle, the Rev. Dr. Alexander M. Hubly, the Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Mason, the Rev. Henry McCrea, the Rev. Dr. J. Eustace Purdie, the Rev. Dr. Francis H. Reynolds, the Rev. Dr. William Tracy, and the Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Wilson, in Redeemer Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 23, 1924. Died at Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, December 23, 1936, aged 73.

BISHOP WILLIAM EDWARD YOUNG, O.B.E., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. R. Brook Lander, assisted by several presbyters, in Emmanuel Church, Putney, Middlesex, on July 28, 1925.

BISHOP JOSEPH EDGAR KEARNEY, D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Robert L. Rudolph, the Rt. Rev. R. Westly Peach, and the Rt. Rev. Frank Vaughan, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Frank V. C. Cloak, the Rev. Dr. Forrest E. Dager, the Rev. Dr. William A. Freemantle, the Rev. Dr. Howard D. Higgins, the Rev. Dr. Alexander M. Hubly, the Rev. Richard A. Madison, the Rev. Dr. Francis H. Reynolds, the Rev. Dr. Henry H. Trotter, the Rev. Dr. William T. Way, and Rev. R. Milton Webster, in Redeemer Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 23, 1930. Died at Summerville, South Carolina, January 21, 1981, aged 89.

BISHOP FRANK VALENTINE CENTENNIAL CLOAK, D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. R. Westly Peach, the Rt. Rev. Joseph E. Kearney, and the Rt. Rev. John T. Hamilton of the Moravian Church, assisted by the Rev. Dr. William C. Culbertson, III, the Rev. Dr. Forrest E. Dager, the Rev. Dr. W. Milton Eareckson, the Rev. Dr. William A. Freemantle, the Rev. Dr. Howard D. Higgins, the Rev. Fred G. Mackenzie, the Rev. Joseph Robinson, the Rev. Dr. William T. Way, and Rev. R. Milton Webster, in Christ Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on November 9, 1931. Died at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 2, 1953, aged 77.

BISHOP JOHN CHRISTIE MAGEE, D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Frank Vaughan, the Rt. Rev. J. Louis Fenn, and the Rt. Rev. William E. Young, assisted by several presbyters, in Christ Church, Harlesden, Middlesex, on July 7, 1932. Died at London, Middlesex, August 6, 1955, aged 71.

BISHOP GEORGE MARSHALL, D.D., was consecrated at the same time and place as the Rt. Rev. Magee, and by the same bishops and presbyters. Died at Belleville, Ontario, July 5, 1945, aged 83.

BISHOP ALEXANDER MELBOURNE HUBLY, D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Frank V. C. Cloak and the Rt. Rev. George Marshall, assisted by Rev. George S. Buckingham, the Rev. W. G. Clarke, the Rev. Dr. R. S. Laidlaw, the Rev. Charles W. B. Scaife, the Rev. Dr. C. T. Scott, and the Rev. Dr. D. M. Solandt, in Christ Church, Toronto, Ontario, on May 11, 1933. Died at Vancouver, British Columbia, November 3, 1937, aged 91.

BISHOP HOWARD DAVID HIGGINS, M.A., Th.M., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Joseph E. Kearney, the Rt. Rev. Frank V. C. Cloak, and the Rt. Rev. George Marshall, assisted by Rev. Charles O. Bayard, the Rev. Howell S. Foster, the Rev. Thomas W. Fox, the Rev. Dr. Francis H. Reynolds, the Rev. Joseph Robinson, the Rev. Dr. Robert K. Rudolph, the Rev. Henry Short, the Rev. George R. Stout, and the Rev. Dr. Henry H. Trotter, in First Church, New York, New York, on January 19, 1937. Died at Southampton, Pennsylvania, April 6, 1980, aged 77.

BISHOP WILLIAM C. CULBERTSON, III, B.S., LL.D., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Frank V. C. Cloak, the Rt. Rev. Howard D. Higgins, and the Rt. Rev. Joseph E. Kearney, assisted by Rev. Chides O. Bayard, the Rev. Dr. Edwin A. Bustard, the Rev. Dr. W. Milton Eareckson, Jr., the Rev. Howell S. Foster, the Rev. Dr. Francis H. Reynolds, the Rev. J. Harry Robinson, the Rev. Joseph Robinson, the Rev. Dr. Robert K. Rudolph, the Rev. George R. Stout, and the Rev. Dr. Henry H. Trotter, in Atonement Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on April 30, 1937. Died at Chicago, Illinois, November 16, 1971, aged 66.

BISHOP GEORGE W. FORBES-SMITH, M.A., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Frank Vaughan, the Rt. Rev. John C. Magee, and the Rt. Rev. T. H. Shawe of the Moravian Church, assisted by several presbyters, in Christ Church, Harlesden, Middlesex, on September 29, 1938. Died in 1976, aged 92.

BISHOP DONALD ARGYLE THOMPSON was consecrated at the same time and place as the Rt. Rev. Forbes-Smith, and by the same bishops and presbyters. Later not connected with this Church.

BISHOP ARCHIBALD L. R. KEEVIL was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. George Marshall and the Rt. Rev. Frank V. C. Cloak, assisted by Rev. H. O. Eastman, the Rev. C. V. Freeman, and Rev. Telford S. Russell, in Emmanuel Church, Belleville, Ontario, on June 11, 1944. Died 1953.

BISHOP GEORGE A. VECK was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Archibald L. R. Keevil, assisted by Rev. Wilbur W. Lyle, the Rev. Dr. J. Eustace Purdie, and Rev. J. Bruce Ridland, in St. Paul's Church, New Westminster, British Columbia, on June 8, 1947.

BISHOP THOMAS CAMERON was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Frank Vaughan, the Rt. Rev. George W. Forbes-Smith, the Rt. Rev. John C. Magee, and the Rt. Rev. W. G. MacLeavey of the Moravian Church, assisted by several presbyters, in St. John's Church, Tottington, Lancashire, on September 21, 1950.

BISHOP DENYS A. G. RANKILOR, M.A., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. George A. Veck, assisted by Rev. Leonard B. McPherson and Rev. Cyril C. Ware, in St. Martin's Church, Toronto, Ontario, on December 12, 1954. Died at Victoria, British Columbia, 1972.

BISHOP WILLIAM RODGERS was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. George W. Forbes-Smith and the Rt. Rev. Thomas Cameron, assisted by Rev. F. P. Copeland-Simmons, Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, and several presbyters, in Christ Church, Liscard, Lancashire, on October 18, 1957.

BISHOP WILLIAM HENRY STUART JERDAN, JR., B.S., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Howard D. Higgins, the Rt. Rev. William C. Culbertson, III, and the Rt. Rev. Joseph E. Kearney, assisted by Rev. John H. Doiley, the Rev. Abraham Gadsden, the Rev. Dr. Theophilus J. Herter, the Rev. Dr. S. Thomas Percival, Jr., the Rev. Dr. D. Ellsworth Raudenbush, the Rev. Dr. Sanco K. Rembert, the Rev. Dr. Franklin H. Sellers, and the Rev. Dr. Henry H. Trotter, in St. Paul's Church, Oreland, Pennsylvania, on May 27, 1960. Died at Summerville, South Carolina, on March 29, 2001.

BISHOP AMBROSE MARTIN BODFISH was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Thomas Cameron, the Rt. Rev. George W. Forbes-Smith, and the Rt. Rev. Ernest W. Porter of the Moravian Church, assisted by several presbyters, in St. John's Church, Tottington, Lancashire, on September 4, 1963. Died 1973.

BISHOP JAMES DUDLEY BURRELL was consecrated at the same time and place as the Rt. Rev. Bodfish, and by the same bishops and presbyters. Died 1973, aged 70.

BISHOP SANCO KING REMBERT, B.S., S.T.M., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Howard D. Higgins, the Rt. Rev. William C. Culbertson, III, the Rt. Rev. William H. S. Jerdan, Jr., and the Rt. Rev. Joseph E. Kearney, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Daniel G. Cox, the Rev. John H. Doiley, the Rev. Abraham Gadsden, the Rev. Dr. James R. Galbreath, the Rev. Bartholomew A. James, the Rev. St. Julian Milligam, the Rev. Dr. D. Ellsworth Raudenbush, the Rev. Dr. Robert K. Rudolph, and the Rev. Dr. Henry H. Trotter, in Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Charleston, South Carolina, on May 26, 1966. Died at Willington, South Carolina on August 14, 2015, age 83.

BISHOP THEOPHILUS JOHN HERTER, M.A., Th.D., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Howard D. Higgins, the Rt. Rev. William C. Culbertson, III, the Rt. Rev. William H. S. Jerdan, Jr., the Rt. Rev. Joseph E. Kearney, and the Rt. Rev. Sanco K. Rembert, assisted by Rev. M. Nelson Buffler, the Rev. Dr. Edwin A. Bustard, the Rev. Dr. Fred C. Kuehner, the Rev. Howard J. Miekley, the Rev. Alton F. Olsen, the Rev. Dr. D. Ellsworth Raudenbush, the Rev. Karl R. Rudolph, the Rev. Dr. Robert K. Rudolph, and Rev. Edwin C. Shisler, in Christ Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 15, 1966. Died at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 2, 1987, aged 74.

BISHOP WILLIAM CHARLES WATKINS was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Thomas Cameron, the Rt. Rev. Ambrose M. Bodfish, the Rt. Rev. James D. Burrell, and the Rt. Rev. George W. Forbes-Smith, assisted by several presbyters, in St. Jude's Church, Balham, Middlesex, on October 8, 1969.

BISHOP CYRIL MILNER, F.Th., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Thomas Cameron, the Rt. Rev. James D. Burrell, and the Rt. Rev. William C. Watkins, assisted by several presbyters, in St. Paul's Church, Fleetwood, Lancashire, on August 29, 1973.

BISHOP FRANKLIN HENRY SELLERS, D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Howard D. Higgins, the Rt. Rev. Theophilus J. Herter, and the Rt. Rev. Joseph E. Kearney, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Daniel G. Cox, the Rev. Bartholomew A. James, the Rev. Robert N. McIntyre, the Rev. Robert F. Novak, the Rev. Dr. D. Ellsworth Raudenbush, the Rev. Clyde C. Scherz, and the Rev. Dr. Henry H. Trotter, in St. Andrew's-Cheney Memorial Church, Chicago, Illinois, on December 5, 1974. Died on January 17, 2016.

BISHOP LEONARD WAYNE RICHES, B.A., M.Div., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Theophilus J. Herter, the Rt. Rev. Howard D. Higgins, the Rt. Rev. William H. S. Jerdan, Jr., the Rt. Rev. Sanco K. Rembert, and the Rt. Rev. Franklin H. Sellers, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Daniel G. Cox, the Rev. Dale H. Crouthamel, the Rev. Dr. Harvey P. Davis, the Rev. Dr. Milton C. Fisher, the Rev. Robert N. McIntyre, the Rev. Dr. D. Ellsworth Raudenbush, the Rev. Dr. Robert K. Rudolph, the Rev. Edwin C. Shisler, and Rev. Walter G. Truesdell, in First Church, New York, New York, on June 14, 1975.

BISHOP ARTHUR WARD, Th.B., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Cyril Milner, the Rt. Rev. Thomas Cameron, the Rt. Rev. Theophilus J. Herter, and the Rt. Rev. Russell White of the Church of England, assisted by several presbyters, in Christ Church, Teddington, Middlesex, on September 11, 1976.

BISHOP DANIEL GILBERT COX, B.D., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Theophilus J. Herter, the Rt. Rev. William H. S. Jerdan, Jr., the Rt. Rev. Sanco K. Rembert, the Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, and the Rt. Rev. Franklin H. Sellers, assisted by Rev. Michael L. Coleman, the Rev. Dr. Royal U. Grote, Jr., the Rev. Douglas Hansen, the Rev. Ralph H. Kidwell, the Rev. H. Paul Matthews, III, the Rev. Frank C. Roppelt, and the Rev. Dr. James C. West, Sr., in the Rt. Rev. Cummins Memorial Church, Catonsville, Maryland, on June 6, 1984.

BISHOP ROYAL UPTON GROTE, JR., Th.B., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Theophilus J. Herter, the Rt. Rev. William H. S. Jerdan, Jr., the Rt. Rev. Sanco K. Rembert, the Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, and the Rt. Rev. Franklin H. Sellers, assisted by Rev. Dale H. Crouthamel, the Rev. Samuel M. Forster, the Rev. R. Charles Gillin, the Rev. Dr. Allen C. Guelzo, the Rev. Thomas R. May, the Rev. Robert N. McIntyre, the Rev. Dr. James C. West, Sr., and Rev. Richard W. Workowski, in Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, New Jersey, on June 7, 1984. Died November 24, 2016, in Katy, Texas, at age 70.

BISHOP JAMES CORTEZ WEST, SR., B.A., B.D., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Theophilus J. Herter, the Rt. Rev. Daniel G. Cox, the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., the Rt. Rev. William H. S. Jerdan, Jr., the Rt. Rev. Sanco K. Rembert, the Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, and the Rt. Rev. Franklin H. Sellers, assisted by Rev. Willie J. Hill, Jr., the Rev. William T. Jennings, the Rev. Edmond B. Mazyck, the Rev. Dr. J. Ronald Mook, Sr., the Rev. Paul Nesbit, the Rev. John A. Perkins, Sr., the Rev. Namon Perkins, Jr., and Rev. William J. White, in St. John's Church, Charleston, South Carolina, on June 24, 1984. Died May 28, 2006, in Summerville, South Carolina, at age 66.

BISHOP KENNETH JOHN WESLEY POWELL was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Cyril Milner and the Rt. Rev. Arthur Ward, assisted by Rev. Rowland Graves, President of the Wesleyan Reform Union, and several presbyters, in Christ Church, Teddington, Middlesex, United Kingdom on October 1, 1986.

BISHOP ROBERT HAROLD BOOTH, B.A., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., the Rt. Rev. Sanco K. Rembert, and the Rt. Rev. James C. West, Sr., assisted by Rev. Samuel M. Forster, the Rev. William J. Holiman, Jr., the Rev. Daniel Olsen, III, the Rev. Frank C. Roppelt, the Rev. Joseph H. Watson, and Rev. Roger R. Spence, in Trinity Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 14, 1990.

BISHOP MICHAEL FEDECHKO was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Wilbur Lyle, the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote Jr, the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Booth, the Rt. Rev. Kenneth W. Powell assisted by Rev. Charles Dorrington, and several Presbyters at Trinity Church, New Liskeard, Ontario, Canada, on August 29, 1993. Later not connected with this Church.

BISHOP E. A. "TED" FOLLOWS was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Wilbur Lyle, the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote Jr, the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Booth, the Rt. Rev. Michael Fedechko, assisted by Rev. Charles Dorrington, the Rev. Glen McLeod and the Rev. John Lindenour of the Episcopal Missionary Church in Church of our Lord, Victoria, British Columbia on September 12, 1993.

BISHOP GREGORY KEITH HOTCHKISS was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Booth, the Rt. Rev. Daniel G. Cox, the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., the Rt. Rev. Sanco K. Rembert, assisted by the Rev. Dale H. Crouthamel, the Rev. David L. Hicks, the Rev. Willie J. Hill, Jr., the Rev. Booker T. Lloyd, the Rev. H. Paul Matthews III, the Rev. Joseph H. Watson, the Rev. Jeffrey D. Welch, the Rev. Richard W. Workowski, and the Rev. Michael Blitz on June 8, 1996. Renounced his episcopal office November 30, 2003.

BISHOP GEORGE BRIAN FINCKE was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, the Rt. Rev. Sanco K. Rembert, the Rt. Rev. James C. West, the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., assisted by Bishop-elect Daniel R. Morse, the Very Rev. Ray R. Sutton, the Rev. Bertram Card, the Rev. Dennis Cagle, the Rev. Donald K. Dale, the Rev. Paul Howden, the Rev. G. Arthur Fryer, the Rev. Mark E. Rudolph, the Rev. David T. Stark, the Rev. Robert Bowman, and the Rev. Jerry Kistler at All Saint's Episcopal Church on June 21, 1996. Later served in the Anglican Province of America. Died December 2, 2016, in Prescott, Arizona, at age 63.

BISHOP CHARLES DORRINGTON was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., the Rt. Rev. Sanco K. Rembert, the Rt. Rev. James C. West, the Rt. Rev. E. A. "Ted" Follows, the Rt. Rev. Wilbur W. Lyle, the Rt. Rev. Robert J. Badham, assisted by the Rev. Glen McLeod, the Rev. Willie J. Hill, Jr., and the Rev. Maurice Myttenar on June 23, 1996.

BISHOP DANIEL ROGAN MORSE, Th.M., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, the Rt. Rev. Franklin Sellers, the Rt. Rev. Gregory Hotchkiss, the Rt. Rev. Sanco K. Rembert, the Rt. Rev. James C. West, Sr., the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., the Rt. Rev. Michael Fedechko, the Rt. Rev. Charles Dorrington, assisted by the Rev. Ray R. Sutton, the Rev. Curtis Crenshaw, the Rev. Frank M. Levi, the Rev. Walter R. Banek, the Rev. Willie J. Hill, Jr., the Rev. Thomas J. Handy, the Rev. Edmond B. Mazyck, the Rev. J. Ronald Moock, Sr., the Rev. Charles R. Coe, Jr., the Rev. Jorge Garcia, and the Rev. Michael A. Osborne at Kingsway Christian Church, Memphis, Tennessee, on August 23, 1996.

BISHOP OOMMEN SAMUEL was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, the Rt. Rev. Daniel G. Cox, the Rt. Rev. Michael Fedechko, the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Booth, the Rt. Rev. Gregory K. Hotchkiss, assisted by the Rev. Frank M. Spadafora, the Rev. Milton C. Fisher, the Rev. Frank C. Roppelt, the Rev. Joseph H. Watson, and the Rev. Willie J. Hill, Jr. on September 15, 1996.

BISHOP JOHN BARRY SHUCKSMITH was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Cyril Milner, the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Powell and the Most Rev. Leonard Riches in Christ Church, Teddington, United Kingdom on October 16, 1996.

BISHOP RAY RONNY SUTTON, Th.M., D.D., Ph.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Powell (Free Church of England), the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., the Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse, the Rt. Rev. James C. West, Sr., the Rt. Rev. Sanco K. Rembert, the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Booth, the Rt. Rev. George B. Fincke and the Rt. Rev. Walter Grundorf (Anglican Province of America) at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, on July 29, 1999. Praying over and blessing the consecration were the Rt. Rev. Samuel Ssekkadde (Uganda), the Rt. Rev. Evans Kisekka (Uganda), the Rt. Rev. George Sinabulya (Uganda), the Rt. Rev. Michael Sinabulya (Uganda), the Rt. Rev. Wilson Mutebi (Uganda), the Rt. Rev. John Kahigwa (Uganda).

BISHOP JOHN MCLEAN was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Kenneth J. W. Powell, the Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr. in Christ Church, Wallasey, Wirral, United Kingdom, on September 11, 1999.

BISHOP ARTHUR BENTLEY-TAYLOR was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Kenneth J. W. Powell, the Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, and the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr. in Christ Church, Wallasey, Wirral, United Kingdom, on September 11, 1999.

BISHOP DAVID LEE HICKS was consecrated by the Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches, the Most Rev. Walter H. Grundorf (Anglican Province of America), the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., the Rt. Rev. Ray R. Sutton, the Rt. Rev. James Cortez West, Sr., the Rt. Rev. Robert Harold Booth, The Rt. Rev. Daniel Gilbert Cox, the Rt. Rev. Oommen Samuel, the Rt. Rev. George Brian Fincke, the Rt. Rev. Richard J. Boyce (Anglican Province of America) at St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Oreland, Pennsylvania, on July 16, 2005.

BISHOP PAUL NIGEL HUNT was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Kenneth J. W. Powell, the Rt. Rev. John D. M. McLean, the Most Rev. Cyril Mar Basilios (of the Malabar Independent Syrian Church), the Most Rev. Joseph Mar Koorilose (of the Malabar Independent Syrian Church), the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., the Rt. Rev. Keith Sutton, the Rt. Rev. John McOwat (of the Moravian Church), assisted by the Very Rev. Yonan Yonil (of the Church of the East), the Very Rev. Peter Hawkins (of the Roman Catholic Church), the Very Rev. Richard Fenwick (of the Church in Wales), the Rev. Gerald Kirsch (of the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion) and several presbyters in Christ Church, Wallasey, Wirral, United Kingdom, on July 29, 2006.

BISHOP JOHN ROBERT KIPLING FENWICK was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. John D. M. McLean, the Right Rev. Kenneth J. W. Powell, the Rt. Rev. Paul N. Hunt, the Most Rev. Cyril Mar Basilios (of the Malabar Independent Syrian Church), the Most Rev. Joseph Mar Koorilose (of the Malabar Independent Syrian Church), the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., the Rt. Rev. Keith Sutton, the Rt. Rev. John McOwat (of the Moravian Church), assisted by the Very Rev. Yonan Yonil (of the Church of the East), the Very Rev. Peter Hawkins (of the Roman Catholic Church), the Very Rev. Richard Fenwick (of the Church in Wales), the Rev. Gerald Kirsch (of the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion) and several presbyters in Christ Church, Wallasey, Wirral, United Kingdom, on July 29, 2006.

BISHOP GERHARD MEYER was consecrated by the Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches, the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., and the Rt. Rev. Kenneth J. W. Powell in the "Evangelisch Reformierte Kirche" zu Schwarzenborn, Deutschland (Germany), on October 22, 2006.

BISHOP ALPHONZA GADSDEN, SR. was consecrated by the Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches, the Rt. Rev. Sanco K. Rembert, the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., and the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks in Redeemer Reformed Episcopal Church, Pineville, South Carolina, on November 17, 2007.

BISHOP WILLIAM JOSEPH WHITE was consecrated by the Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches, the Rt. Rev. Sanco K. Rembert, the Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden, Sr., the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, and the Rt. Rev. Ray R. Sutton in New Israel Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, South Carolina, on January 17, 2009.

BISHOP RAYMOND CHARLES GILLIN was consecrated by the Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches, the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse, and the Rt. Rev. Richard Lipka (of the ACNA) in the Reformed Episcopal Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 29, 2012.

BISHOP JASMIN MILIC was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., the Rt. Rev. Gerhard Meyer, and the Rt. Rev. Paul Hunt in Tordinci, Croatia on May 3, 2013.

BISHOP PETER F. MANTO was consecrated by the Most Rev. Robert Duncan (of the ACNA), the Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches, the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse, and the Rt. Rev. Roger Ames (of the ACNA) in Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church, Mason, Ohio on December 6, 2013.

BISHOP RAUL WILLIAM MENDEZ SUAREZ was consecrated for the Missionary District of Cuba by the Rt. Rev. Charles Dorrington, the Rt. Rev. Trevor Walters of the Anglican Network in Canada, and the Rt. Rev. Miguel Uchoa of the Diocese of Recife in Brazil, with all District clergy, the District Chancellor, the Rev. Barclay Mayo, and lay members of ANiC present, in the City of Holguin, Cuba on May 24, 2014.

BISHOP JOSEP MIQUEL ROSSELLO FERRER was consecrated (for Brazil) by the Rt. Rev. John Fenwick, the Rt. Rev. Paul Hunt and the Rt. Rev. Gerhard Meyer in St. Andrew's Church, Bentley, West Midlands, United Kingdom on September 28, 2014.

BISHOP WALTER RAYMOND BANEK was consecrated by the Most Rev. Foley Beach (from the Anglican Church in North America – ACNA), the Most Rev. Dr. Ray R. Sutton, the Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden, the Rt. Rev. Peter Manto, the Rt. Rev. William White, the Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse, the Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin, the Rt. Rev. John Guernsey (from ACNA), the Rt. Rev. Bill Atwood (from ACNA), the Rt. Rev. Eric Menees (from ACNA), the Rt. Rev. James Hobby (from ACNA), and the Rt. Rev. M. Keith Andrews (from ACNA) in the Pro-Cathedral Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas, on August 23, 2017.

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 NECROLOGY (continued from the 33rd General Council Journal)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Rev. Edward T. Munns, D.D.	--	Peoria, IL	07/29/49
Rev. Oliver J. Boone	--	St. Stephen, SC	08/09/49
Rev. Henry McKelvey	76	Pinopolis, SC	02/09/51
Rev. William A. Mack	58	Charleston, SC	04/25/51
Rt. Rev. Frank V. C. Cloak, D.D.	77	Philadelphia, PA	10/02/53
Rev. Walter E. Oakford.	79	Bryn Mawr, PA	06/13/55
Rt. Rev. John C. Magee, D.D.	71	London, England	08/06/55
Rev. Howard G. Hastings	72	Claremont CA	12/28/55
Rev. Samuel Rembert	73	Pineville, SC	06/06/60
Rev. W. Milton Eareckson, Jr., D.D.	62	Baltimore, MD	07/11/60
Rev. J. William Max	78	Philadelphia, PA	07/02/61
Rev. S. Thomas Percival, Jr., D.D.	52	New York, NY	09/26/61
Rev. Thomas W. Fox	75	New York, NY	12/22/61
Rt. Rev. Frank Vaughan, D.D.	93	London, England	09/30/62
Rev. Joseph Robinson	88	Philadelphia, PA	07/05/63
Rev. Telford S. Russell	55		02/24/64
Rev. William Lamming	84	Philadelphia, PA	08/29/64
Rev. George R. Stout	74	Philadelphia, PA	02/22/65
Rev. Edward J. S. Sonne, D. D.	76	Homewood, IL	04/09/66
Rev. Samuel A. Meier	--	Milwaukee, WI	07/27/68
Rev. M. Nelson Buffler	66	Philadelphia, PA	08/21/70
Rev. James Taylor	--	Jamestown, SC	09/30/70
Rt. Rev. William Culbertson, D.D.	66	Chicago, IL	11/16/71
Rev. Jackson A. McChesney	63	Washington, DC	01/23/72
Rev. Leslie W. Horrocks	68	Winter Haven, FL	01/08/74
Rev. William R. Campbell	95	Charleston, SC	10/06/74
Rev. S. Samuel Holman	73	Mt. Pleasant, SC	12/04/74
Rev. Fred C. Kuehner, D.D.	63	Philadelphia, PA	01/29/75
Rev. William A. Felder	91	Charleston, SC	05/14/75
Rev. Henry H. Trotter, D.D.	77	Philadelphia, PA	06/13/75
Rev. Elijah McCants	57	Charleston, SC	06/30/75
Rev. Howard T. Criswell	69	Philadelphia, PA	12/21/75
Rev. Wilbur M. Smith, D. D.	83	Pasadena, CA	05/20/76
Rev. J. Eustace Purdie, D.D.	96	Winnipeg, Man.	05/30/09
Rev. Robert G. Crump	46	Wilmington, DE	10/24/77
Rev. Theodore R. Yeadon, Sr.	78	Moncks Corner, SC	10/25/77
Rev. J. Harry Robinson	71	Eustis, FL	05/31/09
Rev. Edwin A. Bustard, D.D.	75	Newfield, NJ	05/16/78
Rt. Rev. Howard D. Higgins, D.D.	77	Southampton, PA	04/06/80
Rev. Abraham Gadsden	74	Pineville, SC	06/09/80
Rt. Rev. Joseph E. Kearney, D.D.	89	Summerville, SC	01/21/81
Rev. Harold R. Mulvaney	51	Mt. Laurel, NJ	05/23/81
Rev. Eldridge H. Taylor	69	Baltimore, MD	06/18/81

Rev. Edwin C. Shisler	74	Ocean City, NJ	07/13/81
Rev. Frank E. Gaebelein, D.D.	84	Rochester, MN	01/19/83
Rev. Nathaniel Brightman	57	Charleston Hgts., SC	03/24/83
Rev. John H. Doiley	75	Charleston, SC	08/20/84
Rev. James E. Harris	67	Moncks Corner, SC	10/12/84
Rev. Joseph H. K. Gadsden	86	Russelville, SC	11/15/84
Rev. D. Ellsworth Raudenbush	73	Havre-de-Grace, MD	03/26/86
Rev. Robert K. Rudolph, D.D.	80	Quarryville, PA	07/14/86
Rev. Chester S. Sasher	75	Philadelphia, PA	08/18/86
Rev. Harold Elliott	56	Clay, NY	06/15/86
Rev. John L. Aiken	73	Charleston, SC	01/16/87
Rev. Edward Wright	76	Charleston, SC	04/03/87
Rt. Rev. Theophilus J. Herter, D.D.	74	Philadelphia, PA	06/02/87
Rev. Guy Washington	92	Pineville, SC	11/25/87
Rev. George Jackson	--	Cordesville, SC	01/02/88
Rev. Lance Hal Wise	--	Doylestown, PA	10/18/90
Rev. Ronald S. Smith	52	Lynchburg, VA	04/27/92
Rev. William Beatty	69	Abington, PA	07/07/92
Rev. Howell S. Foster	93	Ocean City, NJ	07/20/92
Rev. Donald L. Reader	68	Somerville, NJ	01/30/94
Rev. Clyde C. Scherz	--	Cincinnati, OH	05/05/95
Rt. Rev. Arthur Ward	80	England	08/03/95
Rev. Robert Macnider Davis	--	Newport News, VA	12/14/98
Rt. Rev. Cyril Milner	82	England	11/29/98
Rev. Dr. Samuel J. Lloyd	--	New York, NY	05/03/99
Rev. Samuel M. Forster	84	Harleysville, PA	08/10/99
Rev. Eugene A. Lloyd, Sr.	--	Pineville, SC	03/08/00
Rt. Rev. Wilbur Lyle	--	British Columbia	03/19/00
Rev. Paul Nesbitt	--	Cross, SC	03/29/00
Rt. Rev. William H.S. Jerdan	85	Summerville, SC	03/29/01
Rev. Howard C. Bach	93	Carlisle, PA	10/05/01
Rev. Joseph H. Watson	88	Marlton, NJ	03/06/02
Rev. Howard J. Miekley	96	Southampton, PA	12/12/03
Rev. Charles Spillers	--	N. Stonington, CT	01/09/04
Rev. Booker T. Lloyd	72	Charleston, SC	03/15/05
Rt. Rev. James C. West	66	Summerville, SC	05/28/06
Rev. Walter G. Truesdell	86	New York, NY	07/22/06
Rev. Karl M. Heckert	72	Enola, PA	02/04/07
Rev. Thomas E. Couch	69	Ligonier, PA	08/08/07
Rev. Justus Humphreys	--	Dallas, TX	05/10/11
Rev. William L. Griffin	84	Canyon Lake, TX	06/01/11
Rev. William C. Butler	71	Moncks Corner, SC	01/28/13
Rt. Rev. Ted Follows	--	Western Canada	09/09/13
Rev. Bobby L. Taylor	59	Johns Island, SC	09/22/13
Rev. Frank C. Roppelt	93	Chalfont, PA	12/22/13
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St. John's Anglican Church	221 Kings Home Drive	Chelsea	AL	35043	205-862-5188	Rev. Cn. Jon S. Houser
Trinity Anglican Church	518 N. Eastern Avenue	Connersville	IN	47331	765-201-0398	Rev. Richard Tarsitano
Church of the Redeemer	3195-A Airport Blvd. /PO Box 2511	Wilson	NC	27896	252-230-8754 /27894	Rev. Dr. Paul Edgerton
All Saints Anglican	908 Deboy St.	Raleigh	NC	27606	919-754-1255	Rev. Cn. Ian H. MacGregor
St. Andrew's Anglican Church	170B Worth Street	Asheboro	NC	27203	336-706-3096	Rev. Dcn. Stuart Fitzpatrick
Trinity Anglican Church	620 Kimber Lane	Evansville	IN	47715	812-550-2467	Rev. David Straw
Christ the Redeemer	4151 Brookhill Dr.	Owensboro	KY	42303	270-925-1850	Rev. David Goodwin
Christ The King	925 N. Main St.	Dayton	OH	45405	937-224-8555	Rev. Wayne M. McNamara
Christ Our Hope	2709 Old Yellow Springs Rd.	Fairborn	OH	45324	937-985-2640	Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick
Trinity RE Church	5920 Butler-Warren Rd.	Mason	OH	45040	513-573-0509	Rev. Matthew R. Joyner
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Christ Our Hope Church	8391 Ella Gallaher Road /PO Box 195	Westpoint	TN	-	888-218-9226 38486	Rev. Franklin Sanders
Covenant RE Church	6429 Merriman Rd., SW	Roanoke	VA	24018	540-728-1526	Rev. Duane Veley
Holy Trinity RE Church	14700H Flint Lee Road	Chantilly	VA	20151		Rev. Josiah Jones
St. Andrew's Anglican Church	1916 Redfields Rd. /PO Box 517	Appomattox	VA	-	24522	Rev. Damien Grout
All Saints RE Church	122 Fleetwood Drive	Lynchburg	VA	24501		Rev. Davidson R. Morse
St. Jude's Anglican Church	8102 Ridge Road	Richmond	VA	23229	804-288-0829	Rev. Barton J. Gingerich
Church of Our Saviour, Oatlands	20340 James Monroe Hwy. /PO Box 1237	Leesburg	VA	-	20175-1237	Rev. Jonathan M. Kell
Holy Cross	13030 Mt. Olive Lane	Amelia	VA	23120		Rev. Ken Mills
St. Paul's Anglican Church	103 Davidson St. /PO Box 1273	Lexington	VA	24450	540-463-1597 /24450	Rev. Dr. Eric Parker

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St. Andrew's REC	2812 E. Blackhawk Dr.	Phoenix	AZ	85050	623-377-8698	Rev. Dr. Steve Rutt
Covenant Church	111 S Broadway St.	Heber Springs	AR	72543	501-206-5007	Rev. Brad Sneed
Christ Anglican Church	504 Trivista Left	Hot Springs	AR	71901	501-326-8621	Rev. Marcus Emmons
St. Timothy's Anglican Ch.	419 W. Highland	Jonesboro	AR	72401	870-932-8818	Very Rev. Thomas McGee
Church of the Blessed Trinity	239 E. Main St. /1120 Pepper Dr. Spc23	El Cajon /El Cajon	CA	92020	619-722-1772 92021-1317	Rev. Keith Acker
St. Andrew's Anglican Ch.	174 Melissa Ave. / PO Box 3050	Chester	CA	96020	530-596-3343	Rev. Brian Foes

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Christ's Chapel RE Church	2882 Arlington Ave. /1491 Moore Circle	Riverside /Corona	CA	92506 /92882	714-603-9256	Rev. Dr. Robert Bowman
Christ the King Anglican Church	555 S. 13 th Street Ste. G	Grover Beach	CA	93433	805-440-4116	Rev. Brian Foos (PiC)
Anglican Church of the Epiphany	15151 Cordova Rd.	La Mirada	CA	90638	562-204-6222	Rev. Dr. Greg Peters
St. Stephen's RE Church	2504 Sunnyside Rd.	Montrose	CO	81401	970-249-4868	Rev. Jerry Kistler
Trinity Anglican Church	246 Harmon Park Dr. / PO Box 3217	Pagosa Springs	CO	81147	970-585-4124	Rev. Marvin Moncrief
St. Andrew's Anglican Ch.	18001 - 94th Avenue	Tinley Park	IL	60487	708-614-7404	Rev. Philip Tjoelker
St. Paul's RE Church	333 East Chimes St. / PO Box 86866	Baton Rouge	LA	70802 /70879	225-372-2254	Rev. S. Randall (Randy) Toms
Christ the King Anglican Fellowship	203 N. Jefferson Ave. /45 Walnut Place	Covington	LA	70433	985-273-4786	Rev. Andrew Voelkel
All Saints RE Church	9051 Youree Drive	Shreveport	LA	71115	318-798-5226	Rev. Tony Welty
Mariner's Church	170 E. Jefferson	Detroit	MI	48226	313-259-2206	Rev. Jeffrey Hubbard
Covenant Church	8510 Nevins Rd.	Greenville	MI	48838	989-436-3816	Rev. James Sullivan (PiC)
St. Stephen's RE Church	5049 Lakeland Dr.	Flowood	MS	39232	601-992-4317	Rev. Nevada DeLapp
Church of Our Savior REC	2501 East 20th St	Joplin	MO	64804	417-850-0794	Rev. Robert Ahrens
Holy Trinity Anglican Ch.	1016 South Elm Ave.	Webster Groves	MO	63119	570-875-7034	Rev. Paul Howden
Saint Michael's RE Church	8837 South Garnett /PO Box 2888	Broken Arrow	OK	74012 /74013	918-252-1211	Rev. Michael Templin
Holy Cross Anglican Church	903 Fighting Buck Av / PO Box 136	Alpine	TX	79830 / 79831	432-837-7170	Rev. Wyatt Boutwell
St. Barnabas Anglican Church	237 W. Austin St.	Bellville	TX	77418	979-270-5067	Rev. Cn. Wayland Coe
Providence RE Church	1201 Morgan Avenue	Corpus Christi	TX	78404	361-728-3720	Rev. Benjamin Bernier
Church of the Resurrection	5202 1st Street / P.O. Box 185	Crosby	TX	77532	832-661-9693	Rev. Cn. Rusty Ellisor
Chapel of the Cross	4333 Cole Avenue	Dallas	TX	75205	214-521-6062	Rev. John P. Boonzaaijer
Cathedral Church of the Holy Communion	17405 Muirfield Dr.	Dallas	TX	75287	972-248-6505	Very Rev. Charles Camlin
Iglesia Holy Communion	17405 Muirfield Dr.	Dallas	TX	75287	469-563-3730	Rev. Jesus Quintero (PiC)
Church of the Holy Trinity	211 Byrne Ave.	Houston	TX	77009	713-862-5657	Rev. Carl Lund
St. Paul's Anglican Church	11456 Space Center Blvd.	Houston	TX	77059	281-479-7285	Rev. Stephen Stults
St. Thomas of Canterbury	14007 South Frwy. (Hwy 288)	Houston	TX	77047	713-434-1117	Ven. Dr. James T. Payne
Proto-Cathedral of St. Matthias	4142 Dayflower	Katy	TX	77449	281-463-2304	Very Rev. Cn. Jason R. Grote
Good Shepherd RE Church	2525 Old Jacksonville Road	Tyler	TX	75701	903-592-5152	Rt. Rev. Walter Banek
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Living Word Episcopal Ch.	4778 Island Highway North	Courtenay	B.C.	V9N-5Y7	250-334-9673	Rev. William (Bill) Klock

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Good Shepherd RE Ch.+	PO Box 447	W. Bridgewater	MA	02379	(508) 559-2284	Eduardo A. Andrade
Bishop Cummins RE Ch.	2001 Frederick Road	Catonsville	MD	21228	(410) 744-3383	Cedric Benner
Faith RE Church	5071 E. Federal Street	Baltimore	MD	21205	(410) 485-7527	William A. Jenkins, Sr.
Grace RE Church++	PO Box 92	Havre de Grace	MD	21078	(410) 939-2866	Mark A. Specht
St. Peter's Anglican Ch.+++	PO Box 507	Chesapeake City	MD	21915	(410) 392-5100	(I) Frank Spadafora
St. Stephen's RE Church	2275 Liberty Road	Eldersburg	MD	21784	(410) 795-1249	Eric W. Jorgensen
Church of Our Redeemer	734 Ocean Avenue	Jersey City	NJ	07305	(973) 399-2316	(Bishop's Oversight)
Covenant Chapel RE Ch.	127 W. Oak Street	Basking Ridge	NJ	07920	(908) 766-6174	David N. Greenwood
Emmanuel RE Church	100 Grant Avenue	Somerville	NJ	08876	(908) 725-2678	Gerald S. McLynn
St. John's-by-the-Sea RE	6 S. Sacramento Avenue	Ventnor	NJ	08406	(609) 822-3347	Michael D. Blitz
St. Luke's RE Church	260 South Street	New Providence	NJ	07974	(908) 464-1945	Howard Currie
St. Timothy's Anglican Ch.*	240 Creek Road	Mt. Laurel	NJ	08054	(609) 444-9879	Mike J. Carr
St. Alban's RE Church	114 E. 35th Street	New York	NY	10022	(917) 887-6106	Matthew P. Harrington
Jesus the Good Shepherd	599 Washington Avenue	Brooklyn	NY	11238	(718) 636-4378	Eugene Phipps
St. Mary's RE Church	411 E. 143rd Street	Bronx	NY	10454	(718) 665-9446	Belgrave Pelle
Church of the Atonement	6100 Greene Street	Philadelphia	PA	19144	(215) 843-7214	Jason Holloway, Curate
Church of the Messiah	198 E. Herman Street	Philadelphia	PA	19144	(215) 844-2431	(Merged – Atonement)
Emmanuel/Four Brooks	80 Smithtown Road	Pipersville	PA	18947	(610) 294-9290	(Bishop's Oversight)
Grace RE Church	104 Laurel Drive	Scranton	PA	18505	(570) 346.2762	(Bishop's Oversight)
Grace RE Church	523 Clifton Avenue	Collingdale	PA	19023	(610) 583-2770	(I) Andrew Brummett
St. Luke's/Bp. Hoffman RE	6701 Frankford Avenue	Philadelphia	PA	19135	(215) 333-4185	David France
St. Mark's/Redeemer RE Ch	1162 Beverly Road	Rydal	PA	19046	(215) 884-7660	Jason S. Patterson
St. Matthew's/St. Luke's RE	200 Glen Gary Drive	Havertown	PA	19083	(610) 449-6267	Jon W. Abboud
St. Paul's RE Church	800 Church Road	Oreland	PA	19075	(215) 836-5432	John C. Medvick
St. George's Anglican Ch.	134 Emerson Street	Hamilton ON	L8S 2X8	Canada	(905) 540-1420	Paul Luth (minister in charge)

Church Plants:

St. Patrick's Anglican Ch.**	1036 Green Street	Norristown	PA	19401	(610) 212-5965	M. Russell Buchanan
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+meets at 6 Meadowhill Court, South Easton, MA 02375 (New Hope Christian Chapel)

++located at 560 Fountain Street, Havre de Grace MD

+++meets at 1069 Frenchtown Rd., Elkton MD 21921 (Elkton Christian Fellowship)

*meets at 240 Creek Road, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054 (New Covenant Presbyterian Church)

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Atonement Church	324 Fifth Avenue	Mt. Pleasant	SC	29464	(843)608-1796	
Bethlehem Church	1731 Highway 52	Moncks Corner	SC	29461	(843) 761-8502	Cornelius A. White
Calvary Church	643 Sapphire Lane	St. Stephen	SC	29479	(843) 567-4617	Mikle Jenkins
Christ Church	3567 Doctor Whaley Dr.	John's Island	SC	29455	(843) 559-3630	Kenneth G. Shaw

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Emmanuel Church	Highway 45 East	Alvin	SC	29479	(843) 257-4002	Harry L. D. Loyd
Good Shepherd Church	2898 North Highway 52	Bonneau	SC	29431	(843) 825-4389	Don L. Shaw
Grace Church	401 Stony Landing Road	Moncks Corner	SC	29461	(843) 761-8774	Tory Liferidge
Holy Comforter Church	1685 Doctor Evans Road	Moncks Corner	SC	29461	(843) 899-4988	Johnnie Wilson
Holy Rock Church	Highway 81	Willington	SC	29840	(864) 391-2260	Arthur Robinson
Holy Trinity Church	51 Bull Street	Charleston	SC	29401	(843) 722-5642	Anthony B. Thompson
Immanuel Church	2513 Ranger Drive /Post Office Box 27	Cross	SC	29436	(843) 753-3877	James C. Breaux
Intercession Church	2810 Clements Ferry Rd.	Wando	SC	29492	(843) 216-7767	Roy H. Guild
Liberty Church	3822 North Highway 17-A	Jamestown	SC	29453	(843) 257-4343	John Prioleau
Messiah Church	3133 Highway 45 West	Pineville	SC	29468	(843) 351-2035	Lee F. Shaw
Mt. Carmel Church	119 Redbank Road /Post Office Box 1492	Goose Creek	SC	29445	(843) 569-6068	Chucky A. Lloyd
Mt. Olivet Church	4283 Savannah Highway	Ravenel	SC	29470	(843) 763-4145	Namon Perkins, Jr.
Nazareth Church	145 West End Drive	Moncks Corner	SC	29461	(843) 899-2458	George McCray
New Bethel Church	1941 Helm Avenue	North Charleston	SC	29418	(843) 744-3618	William J. White
New Israel Church	69-71 Simons Street	Charleston	SC	29403	(843) 723-5500	Julius Washington
New St. Thomas' Church	5709 Ames Road	Columbia	SC	29203	(803) 691-0611	Joseph Hamilton
Promiseland Church	3972 Betsy Kerrison Pkwy	John's Island	SC	29455	(843) 768-8664	Dcn. Harry Polite
Redeemer Church	2173 Highway 45 /Post Office Box 41	Pineville	SC	29468	(843) 351-4665	Benjamin Milligan
St. Andrew's Church	608 Hampton Street	Savannah	GA	31405	(912) 354-1534	Jeff Baker
St. John's Church	91 Anson Street	Charleston	SC	29401	(843) 722-4241	Willie J. Hill, Jr.
St. Luke's Church	60 Nassau Street	Charleston	SC	29403	(843) 723-4118	Julius Barnes
St. Michael's Church	275 Roosevelt Drive	St. Stephen	SC	29479	(843) 567-7643	Moses Rollison
St. Paul's Church	260 Farrell Road	Moncks Corner	SC	29461	(843) 761-2735	Larry D. Liferidge
St. Thomas' Church	668 Murraysville Road	Moncks Corner	SC	29461	(843) 761-4933	Alfred Addison
Zion Church	1560 Highway 174	Edisto Island	SC	29438	(843) 391~2260	Eugene A. Sims

