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BLUE BELL, PA**



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# **NOTICE**

The FIFTY-FIFTH GENERAL COUNCIL of the Reformed  
Episcopal Church will be held in Dallas, Texas.

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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-FOURTH GENERAL COUNCIL  
of the  
REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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The Very Rev. Gregory Miller

The Rev. Willie Hill  
Ms. Virginia Bowers

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The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin  
Mr. John Mulvey

Ms. Elizabeth See  
Mr. Harry Johnson, III

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**ELECTED by this 54<sup>th</sup> GENERAL COUNCIL for 2014-2017**  
*Appointed by the President*

*(The first named individual of each Committee is to convene the organizational meeting, serving as the chairperson until an election of a permanent chairperson.)*

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Very Rev. Jason R. Grote

**DIOCESES AND MISSIONARY JURISDICTIONS – 2015**

**THE DIOCESE OF THE SOUTHEAST**

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

**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; Dss. Annette Johnson, Secretary.

**THE DIOCESE OF THE WEST**

Comprising all the churches in Arizona, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, parts of California, Texas, New Mexico and Colorado. The Rt. Rev. Winfield S. Mott, Ordinary.

**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. David L. Hicks, Ordinary; the Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin, Suffragan.

**THE DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL STATES**

Comprising all the churches in the states of Alabama, Florida, 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. Daniel Morse, Ordinary; the Rt. Rev. Peter Manto, Suffragan; the Rev. Franklin Sanders, Secretary.

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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, Ordinary.

**THE FREE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**, otherwise called the Reformed Episcopal Church in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, holding the identical position of doctrine and principles, is in full correspondence with the Reformed Episcopal Church in the United States. The Rt. Rev. John Fenwick, Bishop Primus; The Rt. Rev. Paul Hunt, General Secretary.

# The 54th General Council | 2014

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**JOURNAL  
BLUE BELL, PENNSYLVANIA  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2014**

*The FIFTY-FOURTH GENERAL COUNCIL of the Reformed Episcopal Church began at 9:00 AM with the service of Holy Communion at the Normandy Farms Conference Center in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania on June 11, 2014. The Homilist was the Rt. Rev. Keith L. Ackerman. Today's offering of \$2,000 was designated to the Reformed Episcopal Seminary in particular its "Building for the Future" program.*

**FIRST BUSINESS SESSION**

*The FIRST BUSINESS SESSION of the FIFTY-FOURTH GENERAL COUNCIL convened at Normandy Farms Conference Center, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, at 11:32 AM, with Bishop Leonard Riches presiding. The session opened with a prayer led by the Rt. Rev. Ray Sutton followed by the submission of the Attendance and Member Roll for the 54<sup>th</sup> General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church.*

*THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS was presented by The Very Rev. Jason Grote. The Very Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches moved to receive the report and adopt the recommendations therein; it was seconded by the Ven. Dr. Jim Payne. Motion carried.*

**The REPORT of the COMMITTEE on CREDENTIALS**

To the 54<sup>th</sup> General Council:

The Committee on Credentials reviewed the online registrations for General Council and the Parish Certifications submitted online. In some cases, the selections chosen for individual registrations did not correspond with the official Parish Certifications. In such cases, the registrant's role at General Council was changed to match that of the Parish Certification. In four cases, we changed the registrant's role to reflect their voting privilege as current members of the General Committee.

The following reflects the list of our changes for which no action on the part of the council is necessary:

- 1) Margaret Boone - Changed to Alternate
- 2) Christine Boonzaaijer - Changed to Alternate
- 3) Lecklyer (Lee) Gaillard - Changed to General Committee Member
- 4) Susan Higham - Changed to Alternate
- 5) Ruth Hughes - Changed to Deputy
- 6) Seaward Middleton - Changed to General Committee Member
- 7) Marguerite Middleton - Changed to Deputy
- 8) Nancy Norton - Changed to Deputy
- 9) Judy Palmer - Changed to Alternate
- 10) Karen Pierpoint - Changed to Deputy
- 11) Debra Shaw - Changed to Deputy
- 12) Vivian Sumpter - Changed to Deputy
- 13) Bettyna Toms - Changed to Deputy
- 14) Vivian White - Changed to Observer

- 15) Bruce Woodcock - Changed to General Committee Member
- 16) Elizabeth See - Changed to General Committee Member

In addition to the above corrections, the committee reports that the following parishes did not complete a parish certification form:

- 1) Anglican Church of the Resurrection - Shalimar, FL - *Diocese of the Central States*
- 2) St. Andrew's - Greensboro, NC - *Diocese of the Central States*
- 3) St. Andrew's - Signal Mountain, TN - *Diocese of the Central States*
- 4) All Saints - Lynchburg, VA - *Diocese of the Central States*
- 5) Mariners Church - Detroit, MI - *Diocese of Mid-America*
- 6) Church of our Savior - Joplin, MO - *Diocese of Mid-America*
- 7) St. Michael's - Tulsa, OK - *Diocese of Mid-America*
- 8) Anglican Uka Ndi Igbo Church - Bronx, NY - *Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic*
- 9) Holy Trinity - Bronx, NY - *Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic*
- 10) Jesus the Good Shepherd - Brooklyn, NY - *Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic*
- 11) Good Shepherd - West Bridgewater, MA - *Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic*
- 12) Holy Rock - Willington, SC - *Diocese of the Southeast*
- 13) Messiah - Pineville, SC - *Diocese of the Southeast*
- 14) Mt. Carmel- Goose Creek, SC - *Diocese of the Southeast*
- 15) New St. Thomas - Columbia, SC - *Diocese of the Southeast*
- 16) Promiseland - Johns Island, SC - *Diocese of the Southeast*
- 17) St. James - Cordesville, SC - *Diocese of the Southeast*
- 18) St. Paul's - Moncks Corner, SC - *Diocese of the Southeast*
- 19) St. Thomas - Moncks Corner, SC - *Diocese of the Southeast*
- 20) Zion - Edisto Island, SC - *Diocese of the Southeast*
- 21) St. Augustine - Deming, NM - *Diocese of the Southeast*
- 22) Church of our Lord - Albuquerque, NM - *Diocese of the Southeast*
- 23) Blessed Trinity - Alpine, CA - *Diocese of the Southeast*
- 24) Christ the Kingd - Arroyo Grande, CA - *Diocese of the Southeast*
- 25) St. Ursula - Sultan, WA - *Diocese of the Southeast*
- 26) Holy Trinity, Colwood, CANADA - *Diocese of Western Canada & Alaska*
- 27) Living Word, Courtenay, BC CANADA - *Diocese of Western Canada & Alaska*

The following exceptions are also noted.

- 1) *Holy Trinity - Colwood, Canada* - Claudia Dorrington registered as Deputy but a Parish Certification was not received.
- 2) *Zion - Edisto Island, SC* - Birdie Wiggins registered as a Deputy but a Parish Certification was not received.
- 3) *Grace Church - Moncks Corner, SC* -The parish certified Ernestine Porter as a Deputy and Deloris Duncan as an Alternate. Both representatives are present at this Council and both are registered as Deputies. It is reported that parish does have sufficient membership for 2 deputies.
- 4) *St. Stephen's - Eldersburg, MD* -The parish certified 2 delegates and 2 alternates. Mrs. Bobbi Jorgensen was certified as an Alternate but registered as a Deputy. It is reported that parish does have sufficient membership for 3 deputies.
- 5) *St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills - Los Altos Hills, CA* - The parish certified the Rev. Mr. Peter Vogel as a Deputy. Members of the clergy cannot be certified as a Lay Representative. There is



no one present from the parish and no action is required.

The committee recommends the following actions to the President of the Council:

- 1) That Claudia Dorrington and Birdie Wiggins be seated as Deputies in the absence of a certification.
- 2) That Deloris Duncan and Bobbi Jorgenson be changed from Alternates and be seated as Deputies since their respective parish memberships entitle them to such representation.
- 3) That the official roll of clergy, lay deputies and alternates present at this Council now be given to the Secretary and that all representatives be seated.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote  
Committee on Credentials, Chair

*Having examined the Credentials Report, the Secretary Tonya Forsberg declared the presence of a quorum. The Very Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches presented THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM. The following report is automatically received; no motions needed.*

### **The REPORT of the COMMITTEE on PROGRAM**

To the 54th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

Welcome to Blue Bell, Pennsylvania the home of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church and the headquarters of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. We hope that you had safe travels and pray that your presence and participation in this 54th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church would be edifying to yourself and others and bring glory to our Lord and Saviour. May our work here, by God's grace further the mission of both the Reformed Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church in North America and be a testimony to God's work among us.

The Program Schedule embodied in this report and the theme of this Council, "Equipping the Saints for the Work of the Ministry" have been developed in conjunction with communication from the Presiding Bishop, the Vice President, the other Bishops of this church, and the General Committee. The Order of Business was developed by the Rt. Rev. Royal Grote following the accustomed format based on the same inputs.

The attached Program Schedule, Order of Business, and Rules of Order for the Conduct of Council are recommended for adoption.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Very Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches  
Program Committee Chairman

### **PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

*"Equipping the Saints for the Work of Ministry"*

All worship, meals, and business sessions of the General Council will be held in the Normandy Farm Hotel and Conference Center. Those who are registered for the full sessions of Council are invited to

partake of the breaks prepared by the hotel as well as breakfast and lunch each day. Breakfast is served during the scheduled hours. Other meals are corporate as scheduled. The dinner banquets required separate registration unless you registered for the Full Council package.

The Diocese of the West will be meeting at Reformed Episcopal Seminary after the General Council adjourns on Friday afternoon. See Bishop Winn Mott for details.

Optional tours of Reformed Episcopal Seminary are scheduled. Please sign up for a tour at the Registration table or Reformed Episcopal Seminary's exhibit table. The main Seminary building will be open throughout Council and students are prepared to welcome you should you desire to visit at another time.

All are welcome to the Commencement Exercises of Reformed Episcopal Seminary on Saturday June 14 at 10:00 AM at St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church in Oreland, Pennsylvania.

Clergy and Deaconesses are requested to vest and process at the OPENING EUCHARIST service on Wednesday. Clergy should wear cassock / surplice with RED STOLE. Bishops should wear rochet / chemere with CELEBRATION STOLE.

*Tuesday, June 10, 2014*

2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Council Registration	Hotel Lobby
6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.	Women's Banquet	

*Wednesday, June 11, 2014*

6:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.	Breakfast in the Hotel	
7:30 A.M.	Council Registration	Hotel Lobby
8:00 A.M.	Morning Prayer	
9:00 A.M.	Opening Eucharist (NOTE: SEE ABOVE)	
	<i>The Rt. Rev. Keith L. Ackerman, Homilist</i>	
	<i>Special Event: Awarding of Doctor of Divinity Degree by R.E.S.</i>	

11:00 A.M.	Organizational Business	
11:15 A.M.	Teaching Session: The Rt. Rev. Keith L. Ackerman	
12:30 P.M.	Lunch	
2:00 P.M.	Business Session	
5:00 P.M.	Banquet	

*Seminaries of the Reformed Episcopal Church:  
The Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church  
Cummins Theological Seminary  
Cranmer House Theological Seminary*

7:00 -9:00 P.M.	Optional Tour of Reformed Episcopal Seminary	
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*Thursday, June 12, 2014*

6:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M	Breakfast in the Hotel	
8:00 A.M.	Eucharist	
9:00 A.M.	Morning Prayer, <i>The Rev. Dr. Jack Gabig, Homilist</i>	
10:00 A.M.	Business Session	
11:00 A.M.	Teaching Session: <i>The Rev. Dr. Jack Gabig</i>	

12:30 P.M.	Lunch
2:00 P.M.	Business Session
5:00 P.M.	Choral Evensong <i>Combined Reformed Episcopal School Choirs</i>
6:00 P.M.	Retirement Banquet <i>The Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches</i> Bishop in the Reformed Episcopal Church (1975-Present) Ordinary of the Diocese of the NEMA (1984-2008) Presiding Bishop of the REC (1996-2014)
8:00 –10:00 P.M.	Optional Tour of Reformed Episcopal Seminary

*Friday, June 13, 2014*

6:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.	Breakfast in the Hotel
8:00 A.M.	Morning Prayer
8:30 A.M.	Business Session
10:00 A.M.	Closing Eucharist and Installation of Presiding Bishop <i>The Rt. Rev. Keith L. Ackerman, Homilist</i>
12:30 P.M.	Lunch
1:30 P.M.	Business Session (if necessary)
3:00 P.M.	Adjournment

Diocese of the West will meet at Reformed Episcopal Seminary

Note: Adjournment will occur after all business is completed. This may be earlier than scheduled depending on Business Sessions. Contractual arrangements with the hotel require us to be finished no later than 3:00 P.M.

*Saturday, June 14, 2014*

10:00 A.M.	Reformed Episcopal Seminary 124th Commencement St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Oreland, PA Commencement Address: The Rt. Rev. John Guernsey
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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### 1. ORGANIZATION

Committee on Credentials (orally presented at General Council)  
Declaration by the Secretary of a Quorum  
Report of the Committee on Program  
Corresponding Members  
Election of Officers  
*The election of the new Presiding Bishop will be by ballot*  
Greetings from Sister Churches throughout the World  
Report of the General Committee

### 2. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND ELECTED BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Presiding Bishop – Triennial Report 2011-2013  
Trustees/ Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund  
The Budget  
Board of Pensions and Relief & Publication Society

Treasurer of the Board of Pensions and Relief  
Committee on Doctrine and Worship  
Committee on Constitution and Canons  
Standing Liturgical Commission

**3. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS**

President's Report (& *Executive Secretary*)  
*Presentations by Anglican Relief & Development Fund, SAMS*  
Treasurer's Report

**4. ELECTION OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

Report of the Committee on Nominations & Election

**5. REPORTS OF DIOCESAN BISHOPS & STANDING COMMITTEES**

*These reports are usually filed with the Secretary and not read*  
Diocese of Western Canada  
Diocese of Mid-America  
Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic & Eastern Canada  
Diocese of the Southeast  
Diocese of the West  
Diocese of the Central States

**6. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES NON-ELECTIVE**

Committee on Interchurch Relations  
Committee on the State of the Church  
Committee on Liturgical Music  
Committee on Women's Work  
Treasurer of the Committee on Women's Work  
Committee on Young People's Work  
Committee on Memorials  
Committee on Christian Education  
Committee on Press Relations  
Committee on Materials for Reformed Episcopal History  
Committee on Resolutions  
Committee to Examine and Certify the Journal  
Committee on Stewardship  
Committee on Prayer  
Commission on Theological Education

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

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

NOTE:

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

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

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

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

**The REPORT on CORRESPONDING MEMBERS**

Dear Brethren,

The Committee on Corresponding Members recommends the following individuals be given Corresponding Membership:

The Rt. Rev. Keith Ackerman, Ms. Denise Cox, The Rev. David Craven, The Most Rev. Craig de Paulo, Canon William Deiss, Archbishop Robert Duncan, The Rt. Rev. John Fenwick, The Rev. Dr. Jack Gabig, The Rt. Rev. Walter Grundorf, The Rt. Rev. John Guernsey, The Rt. Rev. Paul Hunt, Mrs. Diane Jerdan, Deaconess Teresa Johnson, The Rt. Rev. Gehrard Meyer, The Rt. Rev. Jasmin Milic, Canon Nancy Norton, and Mr. Stewart Wicker.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks  
Chairman

*With no additions proposed from the floor the motion was made by the Archdeacon Payne and seconded by the Rev. Willie Hill to receive the report and adopt the recommendation for extending corresponding membership to individuals named therein. Motion carried.*

**The ELECTION of OFFICERS**

*Archdeacon Payne nominated the Rt. Rev. Royal Grote to be the new President and Presiding Bishop. Rev. Hill moved and the Rev. Canon Mook seconded that the nominations come to a close and that the Secretary cast one vote for the election of the nominee. The motion carried.*

*Bp. Riches turned the chair over to the Presiding Bishop-elect, The Rt. Rev. Royal Grote.*

*Archdeacon Payne nominated the Rt. Rev. Ray Sutton to be the new Vice President. Rev. Hill moved and Mr. Bruce Woodcock seconded that the nominations come to a close and that the Secretary cast one vote for the election of the nominee. The motion carried.*

*Rev. Hill nominated Mrs. Tonya M. Forsberg for re-election to the office of Secretary. Rev. Canon Mook moved and the Rev. John Milligan seconded that the nominations be closed and that the Vice President be directed to cast one vote in favor of the nominee. The motion carried.*

*The Rt. Rev. Sutton nominated Mr. James Longueville for election to the office of Treasurer. Archdeacon Payne moved and the Rev. Julius Barnes seconded that the nominations be closed and that the Secretary be directed to cast one vote in favor of the nominee. The motion carried.*

*The floor entertained greetings from the Rt. Rev. John Fenwick and the Rt. Rev. Paul Hunt. The Rt. Rev. Meyer celebrated his 40<sup>th</sup> year as a German Missionary. The Rt. Rev. Robert Duncan and the Rt. Rev. Jasmin Milic both addressed the Council.*

*The Report of the General Committee was received and Council adjourned for Mid-day Prayers led by the Rev. John Smith.*

## The REPORT of the GENERAL COMMITTEE

Dear Brethren:

The General Committee of the Reformed Episcopal Church met four times in the last triennium: April 28, 2012; October 13, 2012; April 13, 2013; October 12, 2013. The Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches presided over each meeting and I recorded the minutes for all. Detailed minutes are on file in the denominational headquarters in Media, Pennsylvania.

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

**On April 28<sup>th</sup> the General Committee:**

- Removed the missionary status from the Missionary Diocese of the Central States and named the Rt. Rev. Daniel Morse as Bishop Ordinary to the Diocese of the Central States

**On October 13<sup>th</sup> the General Committee:**

- Voted to receive the Protestant Reformed Christian Church of Croatia and to consecrate the Rev. Jasmin Milic as Assistant Bishop to Croatia
- Elected the Rt. Rev. Ray Sutton as Missionary Bishop for Chaplains and Military Personnel
- Assembled a preliminary budget for the Operations Process Improvement Committee

**On April 13<sup>th</sup> the General Committee:**

- Dissolved the Operations Process Improvement Committee
- Instituted a Job Description Task Force and a Missions (i.e., Mission Statement) Task Force
- Adopted Generally Accepted Accounting Practices

**On October 12<sup>th</sup> the General Committee:**

- Approved \$10,000 to relocate the General Council offices from Reformed Episcopal Seminary
- Approved \$20,000 to the Missionary Outreach of the Diocese of Western Canada
- Elected James (Bud) Longueville as Assistant Treasurer to the General Committee
- Approved the election of The Ven. William Suarez to be an assistant Bishop in Cuba under the Rt. Rev. Charles Dorrington
- Nominated the Rt. Rev. Royal Grote as Presiding Bishop for the next triennium and the Rt. Rev. Ray Sutton as Vice-President

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Tonya Forsberg  
Secretary

*The second business session of the day began at 3:02 PM. The Most Rev. Leonard Riches presented his report.*

**THE REPORT of THE RIGHT REVEREND LEONARD W. RICHES  
President and Presiding Bishop**

To the Fifty-fourth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

With deep gratitude to God for His grace and goodness in enabling me to fulfill the stewardship of this office, and with heartfelt thanks to you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, for entrusting me with this responsibility throughout the past eighteen years, I offer this my sixth and final triennial report as your Presiding Bishop. The summary which follows offers an account of my activities in that capacity since the meeting of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Council in Dallas, Texas, in June, 2011.

**1. General Oversight and Administration**

During the past three years we have continued to maintain the objective, initiated in 1996, of providing both the structure and direction necessary for the church to effectively implement the goals of our Mission Statement, adopted twenty-one years ago by the Forty-seventh General Council. Unified episcopal leadership continues to be provided for that effort by having the Council of Bishops meet at least semi-annually in order to assess the current work of the church, as well as to engage in strategy and planning for its future efforts. In fulfillment of that purpose, I have called five meetings of the Council of Bishops during the past triennium, presiding over each series of sessions. The dates of those gatherings are as follows: April 24-28, 2012; October 9-13, 2012; April 9-13, 2013; October 8-12, 2013; and April 29-May 3, 2014. Each of these sessions met at Cummins Theological Seminary in Summerville, SC.

The General Committee is entrusted with carrying forward the work of the General Council during the course of the triennium, and is empowered to act in the General Council's behalf. Its organization continues to include presidents, chairpersons, and key representatives of the various elected agencies of the General Council, thus providing essential communication and effective interface among the bishops, leadership personnel, and agencies vital to sustaining the church's mission and to promoting her growth and development. In order to facilitate this function, I have called five meetings of the General Committee during the preceding triennium. Each of those meetings was scheduled in conjunction with the sessions of the Council of Bishops, in the early spring and fall of each year. Provision is made in the prepared agenda for each regular meeting for every elected agency of the church to report on the progress of its efforts since the last meeting, to outline strategies and needs to meet continuing objectives, and to request counsel, direction, and resources where needed. This procedure continues to provide a fruitful and effective means of furthering the church's ministry and mission.

Title III, Canon IX, Section 7(g) of the Canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church stipulates that the Presiding Bishop is "... a member *ex officio* of all Committees, whether elective or appointive." I have made it my effort to encourage and support each facet of the church's work and effort, as well as to offer assistance and leadership to her many endeavors, by participating in as many scheduled meetings of the following General Council agencies during the past triennium as was possible: the Standing Liturgical Commission; the Committee on Constitution and Canons; the Commission on Theological Education; the Board of Foreign Missions; the Board of Pensions and Relief; the Trustees of the Sustentation Fund; and the Committee on Nominations.



## 2. Official Functions

### A. Episcopal Consecrations

On Saturday, September 29, 2012, at 2:00 P.M., in the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, I officiated at the consecration of the Rev. Raymond Charles Gillin as a bishop in the church of God, he having been elected to serve as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church. Co-consecrators were the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of Mid-America and Vice-President of the General Council, and the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. Other bishops participating were the Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Central States; the Rt. Rev. Oommen Samuel, Missionary Bishop to India (retired); and the Rt. Rev. Richard W. Lipka, Bishop Suffragan of the Missionary Diocese of All Saints of the Anglican Church in North America. The candidate was presented by the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks and the Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse. Testimonials were presented by the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud on behalf of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, and by the Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller on behalf of the General Council. The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn served as Lector. The Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle read the Psalter. The Epistoler was the Very Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. The Rev. Den, Jason A. Holloway served as Gospeler. The Litanist was the Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Headman. The homily was delivered by the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr. Presbyters participating in the laying-on of hands were the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, the Rev. Ronald D. Bretherick, the Rev. Barton L. Craig, the Rev. Dr. David A. Crum, the Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Headman, the Rev. Paul S. Howden, the Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen, the Rev. Donald L. March, the Rev. Gerald S. McLynn, the Rev. John Milligan, the Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle, and the Rev. Richard W. Workowski. The Rev. Mr. Workowski also served as Master of Ceremonies. A delightful reception was hosted in the undercroft of the church following the service of consecration.

On Saturday, December 7, 2013, at 10:30 A.M., in Trinity Church, Mason, Ohio, it was my privilege to join in consecrating the Venerable Peter F. Manto as a bishop in the church of God, he having been elected to serve as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of the Central States of the Reformed Episcopal Church. The Most Rev. Robert W. Duncan, Archbishop of the Province of the Anglican Church in North America, served as the Chief Consecrator. Co-consecrators with Archbishop Duncan and myself were the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of Mid-America; the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic; the Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Central States; and the Rt. Rev. Roger C. Ames, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Great Lakes of the Anglican Church in North America. Archbishop Duncan served as the homilist for the service. Participating presbyters included the Rev. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, the Rev. Canon Charles F. Camlin, the Rev. Dorino Cozzini, the Rev. Dr. Paul Edgerton, the Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick, the Very Rev. Christopher S. Herman, the Rev. Canon J. Scott Houser, the Rev. Rodney H. Longmire, Jr., the Rev. Wayne McNamara, the Rev. Harry Mathis, the Rev. Robert V. Neeb, and the Rev. Franklin Sanders. A large congregation was in attendance, despite a widespread heavy snowfall on the previous day. Joyous fellowship was shared by all in a wonderful reception held in the parish hall following the service.

It was also my great privilege to join with a number of other bishops in the Anglican Church in North America in consecrating the Rev. Kevin Bond Allen a bishop in the church of God, on September 30, 2011, in Seattle, Washington. Bishop Allen had been elected to serve as Ordinary of the Diocese of Cascadia. His consecration followed upon a meeting of the College of Bishops of the Anglican Church in North America from September 26 through 30, 2011, at the Cedar Springs Retreat Center in Sumas, Washington.

## **B. Episcopal Institutions**

On June 20, 2012, in conjunction with my participation in the annual synod of the Diocese of the West of the Reformed Episcopal Church near San Jose, California, I presided at the institution of the Rt. Rev. Winfield Mott as Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the West.

On September 10, 2011, in Truro Church, Fairfax, Virginia, it was my honor to participate in the installation of the Rt. Rev. John Guernsey as Bishop of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic of the Anglican Church in North America.

## **C. Holy Baptism**

On April 16, 2014, in Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal Church, Pipersville, Pennsylvania, I administered the sacrament of Holy Baptism to Franz Heinrich Claus von Dyck, and Dane Winston von Dyck, children of Martin C. and Nancy Baker von Dyck.

## **D. Holy Matrimony**

On Saturday, June 1, 2012, at 5: 00 P.M. in Canadensis, Pennsylvania, I solemnized the bonds of Holy Matrimony between Robert C. Graham and Jenna F. Jones, in the presence of a large congregation of family and friends.

## **3. Diocesan Visits, Roles and Functions**

From September 15-17, 2011, I participated in the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of the Southeast, which met in Redeemer Church, Pineville, South Carolina. At the invitation of the Bishop Ordinary, the Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden, I served as homilist for the closing Eucharist, and delivered the charge to the clergy and lay-leaders of the Diocese.

It was my privilege to participate in the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of the Southeast from September 12 through 14, 2013, in St. John's Church, Charleston, South Carolina. Once again, through the kind invitation of the Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden, Bishop Ordinary, I was privileged to serve as homilist for the concluding Eucharist, and to offer the charge to the clergy and others in ministry and leadership in the Diocese. My brother, Mr. Ronald E. Riches, who serves as President of the Trustees of the Sustentation Fund, accompanied me on this trip to South Carolina, and in attendance at the sessions of the 41<sup>st</sup> Diocesan Council.

On November 7 and 8, 2013, together with my wife, Barbara, I attended sessions of the 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church, hosted by St. Mark's Church, Rydal, Pennsylvania. Business sessions were held at the Radisson Hotel in Bensalem, Pennsylvania. At the invitation of the Bishop Ordinary, the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, I brought greetings on behalf of the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and of the Province of the Anglican Church in North America.

## **4. Theological Education**

I continue to serve as Professor of Theology and Liturgics at the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church, which is a ministry of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. In that connection, I taught the course in the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, during the academic years 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014. This teaching responsibility engages me one day each week throughout the ten-week Trinity Quarter, from late August through mid-November. I am

scheduled to teach this same course again during the academic year 2014-2015. If the Lord enables me to fulfill that responsibility it will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> year of my teaching at Reformed Episcopal Seminary -- a ministry which began in September, 1965. I also continue my service as a member of the Board of Directors of the seminary, attending each of its called meetings during the course of the year, in keeping with the requirements of my travel schedule.

## **5. Special Occasions and Preaching Engagements**

On July 3, 2011, I celebrated the Holy Eucharist at Emmanuel Church, Pipersville, Pennsylvania. I was assisted in the service by the Rev. Russell Buchanan, who also served as homilist.

On July 5, 2011, at the First Reformed Episcopal Church of New York, NY, together with the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks and the Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrington, I met with the Rt. Rev. Festus Yeboah Asuamah, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Sunyani in the Province of West Africa. Such face-to-face meetings form an important part of our developing relationship with other faithful Anglicans in provinces throughout the world.

On July 24, 2011, my wife and I were privileged to attend a service and reception in northern New Jersey, held in honor of the Most Rev. Nicholas D. Okoh, Archbishop of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). Archbishop Okoh has succeeded the Most Rev. Peter J. Akinola, under whose leadership as Primate, the Reformed Episcopal Church entered into a concordat with the Church of Nigeria - a relationship which now spans nearly ten years.

On February 7, 2012, I joined with many others in welcoming the Rev. Tit Hieng of the Anglican Church in Cambodia to the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. The Rev. Mr. Hieng spoke powerfully and with deep emotion about his own experiences and those of the suffering church in meeting the challenges and opportunities of Christian witness and ministry in Southeast Asia.

It was a special joy and privilege to share in the morning worship service at Emmanuel Church, Pipersville, Pennsylvania, on May 6, 2012, at which my wife, Barbara, took her vows and was admitted into membership in the Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross. The Rev. William G. Garrison, Jr., rector of the parish, officiated at the service of admission. Mrs. Diana Lopez, a member of St. Peter's Church, Newark, Delaware, and a Daughter of the Holy Cross, presented Barbara for reception into the Order.

On May 8, 2012, I participated in welcoming the Rt. Rev. A. B. Lamido, Bishop of the Diocese of Wusasa of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) to the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania.

On Sunday evening, March 17, 2013, in the Cathedral Church of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, I attended a special Mass in Celebration and Thanksgiving for the election of Pope Francis. Together with the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, and the Very Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches, we were vested, seated in the front of the Cathedral, and welcomed as ecumenical guests by Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M., Archbishop of Philadelphia, who was celebrant and homilist for the occasion.

On Sunday, April 28, 2013, in St. Patrick's Anglican Church, Ardmore, Pennsylvania, it was my privilege to serve as homilist for the Holy Eucharist at which my wife's cousin, Mrs. Sally Hamilton, was admitted into the Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross. My wife, Barbara,

presented her for admission. The rector of the parish, the Rev. Thomas L. Monnat, was the Celebrant. St. Patrick's Church is a member of the Anglican Diocese of the Holy Cross, which is a constituent of the Federation of Anglican Churches in the Americas, a Ministry Partner of the Anglican Church in North America.

On June 8, 2013, I was privileged to participate on the first annual luncheon of the Friends of Reformed Episcopal Seminary (FORES), held in the Blue Bell Country Club, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. At the invitation of the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, Chancellor of the Seminary, and of the Very Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches, Dean, I was honored to deliver the address for the occasion, entitled "*Reformed, and Still Reforming*".

On Sunday, September 15, 2013, it was my special joy to participate in the celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Holy Trinity Church, Fairfax, Virginia, where the Rev. Canon Charles F. Camlin serves as rector. At his kind invitation, I was privileged to deliver the homily for this anniversary occasion. Holy Trinity Church, which is now in the Diocese of the Central States, was planted when the Commonwealth of Virginia was part of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, and was under my oversight as Bishop Ordinary. It was greatly encouraging to see the tremendous growth which has taken place in the congregation over ten years time, as well to experience the vitality which now characterizes parish life and ministry.

## **6. Operations Process Improvement - An Initiative Presented to the 53<sup>rd</sup> General Council**

On June 8, 2011, in delivering my triennial report to the 53<sup>rd</sup> General Council meeting in the Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas, I offered the following evaluation and exhortation.

This 53<sup>rd</sup> General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church marks the conclusion of the fifteenth year of our sustained effort to develop and implement the resources and structures necessary for the church to carry forward the goals of our Mission Statement, adopted by the Forty-seventh General Council...

The Reformed Episcopal Church, much of whose life was for so long insular and independent of substantive contact with other jurisdictions, has now fully entered into the life of the Province of the Anglican Church in North America and, through that association, into fruitful and growing connection with the global fellowship of faithful Anglicans worldwide. We have entered into a new and deepened realization and experience of the church as *corporate* and of the church as *catholic*. The defining characteristic of the Anglican Church in North America, and one which we gladly claim in partnership with them, is this: "*Reaching North America with the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ.*" And indeed, in our growing global associations, we can affirm our solemn goal and purpose to be partners in extending the reach of Christ's transforming love " ... to the uttermost parts of the earth. "

*"The Lord has done great things for us; whereof we are glad."* (Psalm 126:3)  
The blessings of the past two decades have laid a foundation for meeting the opportunities and challenges of the future. Our objective has been to set in place those things which are essential to providing a church, faithful to the Anglican way of being Christian, that can be handed on to our children and to our children's children. It is to that necessity of transmitting what God, by His grace, has given us, and what we have been enabled to learn in the process, to the ensuing generation of leadership that I believe we must now devote our attention and effort.

It is impossible to read the New Testament without being impressed with the degree to which both our Lord Himself and the Apostles after Him were concerned about the matter of *succession*. Jesus was concerned about it; and thus He selected twelve men, whom He kept in company with Him for three years of preparation, in order that they might carry forward the work with which He commissioned them. St. Paul's exhortation to Timothy was that the things which his young son in the faith had learned from him were, in turn, to be entrusted by him to faithful men, who would then be able to transmit those same things to others, also. And so it is throughout the Scriptures. Indeed, God has been concerned since the beginning of redemptive history that every generation should pass on to the next, and they in turn to the generations succeeding them, the benefits of His grace and goodness: - not only by verbal witness, but in those tangible gains which God had bestowed on the people whom He calls by His name.

For decades the Reformed Episcopal Church has fulfilled that stewardship largely through the leadership and service of dedicated individuals, and has built upon the legacy of preceding generations through reliance upon institutional memory. God has graciously allowed those means to serve us with general adequacy in the past. But we dare not continue to rely on them as we enter upon the second decade of this twenty-first century.

[In early 2013] the bishops of the church undertook initial consideration of a plan to examine, evaluate, and define all of the structures and procedures by which the Reformed Episcopal Church carries out its work. Organizational structures, operational policies, as well as business and financial procedures all would come under review and potential redefinition, because all are involved in the effective fulfillment of the church's spiritual and missional objectives. *Decency* and *order* are characteristics of the Holy Spirit's true working, and thus they must be hallmarks of the way the church conducts her mission and thus honors her Lord

Therefore, with the unanimous endorsement of the bishops of the church, I have appointed a committee which will undertake, during the next triennium, to define and implement such organizational structures, policies, and procedures as will enable us more effectively to fulfill our mission as a church, and more faithfully to transmit to succeeding generations those things which we have learned, which we have gained, and which we have effectively accomplished. I will expand the membership of this special committee as may prove necessary and desirable, to the end that the fruit of each generation's labor in the Reformed Episcopal Church can be offered as a legacy and a blessing to the next, to be increasingly built upon to the up-building of the Kingdom of Christ, and to the eternal glory of His Name.

In order to carry forward this initiative, the committee appointed to undertake the task of examining, evaluating, and improving our structures and processes was comprised of Mr. Ronald E. Riches, Program Manager, the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., Vice-President of General Council and Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of Mid-America, the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, and myself as an *ex officio* member. This *Operations Process Improvement Committee* met on twelve occasions throughout the years 2011, 2012, and 2013. Almost all of these meetings occupied sessions held on multiple days. The dates and places of these meetings were as follows: October 5-6, 2011, at Reformed Episcopal Seminary, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania; November 16-17, 2011, and December 12-13, 2011, in Pipersville, Pennsylvania; January 10-11, 2012, and February 21-22, 2012, at St. Matthias Church, Katy, Texas;



March 27-28, 2012, May 10-11, 2012, July 18-19, 2012, and August 22-23, 2012, in Pipersville, Pennsylvania; October 1, 2012, at Reformed Episcopal Seminary, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania; January 15 -16, 2013, in Pipersville, Pennsylvania; and March 25-27, 2013, both in Pipersville, Pennsylvania, and at Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania.

The activities and outcomes of this committee's endeavors will be reported elsewhere. For the purposes my report as your Presiding Bishop I would note the following. Under the leadership of the Program Manager, the Executive Committee worked diligently and effectively toward the following objectives: 1) to bring effective focus of available resources, both in terms of personnel and finance, in order better to fulfill the Reformed Episcopal Church's efforts in mission, spiritual development, and church growth; and, 2) to enable a seamless transition of the church's organization and operations to subsequent generations of leadership and personnel. A detailed structure for both missional and operational aspects of the church's mission and ministry was defined, and approved by both the Council of Bishops and the General Committee in April, 2012. A plan was devised to carry forward the further development and implementation of the *Operations Process Improvement* plan through the year 2016. This program was initiated and pursued based on the conviction that the future effectiveness of the Reformed Episcopal Church's witness and mission required the careful examination, evaluation, and redefinition of the structures and processes by which we function as a branch of Christ's one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. Great progress has been achieved toward that end, but much still remains to be accomplished. It now lies beyond my province to exercise the leadership which will be required to bring that about. It will rest with the incoming administration to build upon the achievements of this significant effort, and by God's grace, to bring it to further fruition. I here record my profound sense of gratitude to the Program Manager, Mr. Ronald E. Riches, and to those who worked with him, both as members of the Program Executive Committee, and as adjunct consultants, for the monumental contribution which their efforts have offered for the future benefit of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

## 7. Provincial Relationship

In my report to the 53<sup>rd</sup> General Council I offered the following observation:

There can be little doubt that in the world of our day stand-alone jurisdictions, in particular those that lay claim to being Anglican, stand increasingly diminished prospect of both credibility and viability. A future in which we labor to good effect, both for fulfillment both of our Lord's commission to make disciples of all people, and of His heart's desire for the unity of His people, will find achievement only in our striving together to do His will, as expressed by the Apostle Paul, namely by "*... contending as one man for the faith of the Gospel. .. being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.*" (Philippians 1:27; 2:2)

Borne of that conviction, we continue to increase and strengthen our participation in the life and work of the Province of the Anglican Church in North America. All of our bishops in active episcopal ministry sit as members of the College of Bishops, and participate faithfully in its vital work.

Many of our bishops, other clergy, and lay people are actively involved at numerous levels of provincial ministry and service. It has been my high honor and privilege to continue during the past triennium to serve as a member of the Archbishop's Cabinet. In connection with my own provincial involvements I have participated in related gatherings in the following locations on the dates indicated: June 20-24, 2011, Cabinet and Provincial Council in Long Beach, California; September 26-30, 2011, College of Bishops, at the Cedar Springs Retreat Center in Sumas, Washington;

December 20, 2011, with representatives of the Anglican Mission in the Americas and the Province of the Anglican Church in North America, at the call of the Archbishop, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; January 30-31, 2012, Cabinet and Executive Committee at St. Peter's Church, Tallahassee, Florida; February 13, 2012, representatives of the AMiA and the ACNA at Reformed Episcopal Seminary, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania; June 4-9, 2012, Cabinet, Provincial Council and Assembly, at Ridgecrest Conference Center, North Carolina; September 14, 2012, representatives of the AMiA and the ACNA, together with the Archbishop, at the Philadelphia International Airport; January 7 -11, 2013, College of Bishops, Orlando, Florida; February 6-8, 2013, Cabinet and Executive Committee, at St. Clement's Church, El Paso, Texas; June 17-21, 2013, Cabinet, Provincial Council, and College of Bishops, at Nashotah House, Nashotah, Wisconsin; July 23-24, 2013, Cabinet and Executive Committee, at Trinity School for Ministry, Ambridge, Pennsylvania; January 6-10, 2014, College of Bishops, in Orlando, Florida; and February 5-6, 2014, Cabinet and Executive Committee, at St. Timothy's Church, Spring, Texas.

## **8. Recommendations: Council Offerings**

A. I recommend that the offering of the morning of June 11, 2014, be assigned to the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church, in thanksgiving to God for their achievement of fully accredited status with the Association of Theological Schools, and in sincere gratitude for their gracious hosting of these sessions of the 54<sup>th</sup> General Council. I further recommend that this offering be designated for the "*Building for the Future*" campaign, the long-range objective of which is to raise five million dollars for the support and development of both the Seminary's program and campus. (\$2,000.00)

B. I recommend that the offering of the morning of June 12, 2014, be devoted to the Anglican Relief and Development Fund, for assignment to that project or need which they may determine to be of highest priority. I further recommend that this offering be designated in honor of Canon Nancy Norton, retiring Director of ARDF, and a member of the Reformed Episcopal Church, whose skilled and dedicated leadership has guided this agency in achieving truly extraordinary results in responding to emergencies, in the meeting of significant needs, and in supporting efforts to spread the Gospel throughout the globe. (\$1,402.47)

C. I recommend that the offering of the morning of June 13, 2014, be designated for the Emergency Relief Fund of the Reformed Episcopal Church, to be drawn upon at the discretion of the Presiding Bishop, together with the Council of Bishops of the church, to respond to emergent needs as they may arise. (\$2,213.00)

## **9. Reflection and Encouragement**

At this point, in the presentation of my triennial report, it has been my practice throughout the successive terms of my service, to offer an examination of our current status as a jurisdiction, and to present an exhortation focused on some relevant need and defined objective. In this, my final report to you as your Presiding Bishop, that long-standing procedure does not commend itself to me as appropriate. It is neither my province or prerogative, as I leave this office, to set the agenda for the future life and direction of the church which it has been my privilege to serve for a season. But the length of my tenure does, of necessity, give rise to certain reflections on what the Lord has done among us, and on what I believe He has taught us. This is the branch of Christ's church into whose life and fellowship I first entered, together with my parents and my brother, in 1946, when I was seven years of age. This is the church in which I have fulfilled my calling to ordained ministry, beginning with my ordination as a deacon on February 29, 1964, and continuing to the present day. This ministry of service has been my life - the only vocational life I have ever known. In one way

or another, my life has been intertwined with that of the Reformed Episcopal Church for nearly seventy years, which is nearly one-half of the life span of the jurisdiction itself. When my young footsteps first took me into the Memorial Church of Our Redeemer at 10<sup>th</sup> and Rockland Streets in Philadelphia, I certainly could not have foreseen that the successive footsteps to follow, over the course of nearly seven decades, would lead me to the place where I stand today. Yet, as I now am brought to reflect on that long and unanticipated experience of life and service, there are a number of things which present themselves to my mind as lessons which the Lord has at least been trying to teach me - lessons which I hope that, in some measure I have learned - lessons which might prove to be of benefit to each of us as we continue our journey together in the fellowship of this portion of Christ's church.

The first of those lessons is simply this: that keeping Christ central, and the proclamation of His Gospel paramount, is the essence of what we are called to do and to be as a people of God. It sounds elemental enough, but it is ever so easy to lose sight of and to be diverted from. One hundred forty years of Reformed Episcopal history yields up a dizzying array of quirks and idiosyncrasies, of distortions and irregularities, of sidetracks and diversions. Through it all, the thing that prevented the train from fatefully leaving the rails was this: an unswerving commitment to the centrality of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and an undeviating dedication to proclaiming His saving Gospel to a lost and dying world. I encourage you all to commit yourselves afresh to remaining faithful to that which has sustained and preserved us as a branch of Christ's church throughout all these many decades, regardless of the obstacles and choices of the changing world through which we continue our Journey. The church must ever and always be about Jesus Christ, and His Gospel.

A second, and related lesson is this: submission to the ultimate authority of the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God written, both in precept and in practice, is the rudder that maintains the ark of the church on a steady course, and presents it from foundering on some reef of cultural relativism, pseudo science, or some fashionable philosophy *du jour*. Our Lord repelled the onslaughts of the adversary with His categorical affirmation, "*It is written...*", and so also must we. As the hymn writer said of Scriptures hallowed page, "*It is the chart and compass which o'er life's surging sea, Mid mists and rocks and quicksands still leads, O Christ, to Thee.*" I encourage you to maintain your faithful stand upon the firm foundation of scriptural truth. To take that continuing commitment for granted is to stand in great jeopardy. The landscape of church history is strewn with the wreckage of jurisdictions that at one time contended earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints, only to let that commitment slip as a consequence of pressure or complacency. If we stand, by God's grace and by His grace alone, let us ever and always take heed lest we fall.

As I have reflected on these years shared in the life of the Reformed Episcopal Church I have been profoundly impressed with this further realization: it is stultifying - yea, it is lethal - for a church to define herself in terms of what she opposes; it is energizing and galvanizing for her to declare what she affirms, and what she is committed to *be* and to *do*. Granted, to affirm Gospel truth will engender opposition. Faithful commitment to carry out the Great Commission will, as Jesus said, result in undergoing tribulation. But the potential of negative outcome is a consequence of faithful commitment to positive mission; it can never be a defining characteristic of ecclesiastical identity. I believe that we, as a branch of Christ's church, learned at a dear price that life does not issue from beating a dead horse. We learned that battling a phantom enemy, maintaining a moribund polemic on life support out of a mistaken sense of respect for ones forebears, and thereby giving oneself over to a protectionist, suspicious, negative mentality impedes any church from fulfilling its calling to grow, extend, and strengthen the Kingdom of God on earth. I encourage you always to see yourselves in the positive - yes, in the glowingly exalted terms of Holy Scripture: "*You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare*



*the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."* (I St. Peter 2:9) I encourage you never to see yourselves as anything other, or to define yourselves as anything less.

Finally, my reflections on these years spent in the life and service of the Reformed Episcopal Church have taught me the lesson that parochialism, sectarianism, and provincialism, in whatever form, constitute a distortion of what Christ calls His church to do and to be. If we truly mean in our creedal affirmation when we profess to believe in "*one, holy, catholic and apostolic church*", then we can never be allowed to see ourselves as some sort of *sui generis* enterprise which somehow is the only fellowship that has truly maintained the purity of the faith, and which somehow has uniquely managed to get everything right. Our faith is the catholic faith. We affirm as our Christian belief "that which has been believed by everyone, in every place, throughout all time". We understand, as St. Paul teaches us, that the Spirit of God is given to each one *severally* for the good of the church *corporately*. We do not, we *cannot* stand alone. We need each other in the Body of Christ. It is in that realization that has brought me to rejoice more and more throughout my years of service as your Presiding Bishop in the growing associations into which we have entered with "our fellow Christians of other branches of Christ's church" and, in particular, with our brothers and sisters in the Anglican tradition. Beginning with the Concordat into which we entered with the Anglican Province of America, to our involvement in the U. S. Anglican Congress gatherings at the turn of the twenty-first century, to our membership in the Common Cause Partnership, and eventually to our place as a founding jurisdiction of the Province of the Anglican Church in North America, God has led us into increasingly fruitful and blessed partnerships with those who love Jesus Christ, submit to His Word of truth, proclaim His saving Gospel, and labor to see the continent of North America, and indeed, to see the entire world transformed by the grace and love of Jesus Christ. As an affirmation of that expanding partnership, the 52<sup>nd</sup> General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church unanimously affirmed the "*Jerusalem Declaration*" in 2008, taking our stand with tens of thousands of faithful Anglican Christians worldwide. My prayer is that the Reformed Episcopal Church will continue to strengthen the bonds of fellowship and partnership that have brought us into the Province of the Anglican Church in North America, and into the *Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans*. To that end I have appended to this report the *Nairobi Communique and Commitment* issued by the second Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON) on October 26, 2013. I encourage the church to engage in a serious study of this powerful affirmation, and to join in the commitment which it embodies. I can only reiterate my heart's desire, in this regard, as expressed by the Apostle Paul, that "*I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind, striving side by side for the faith of the Gospel. ... having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind*" (Philippians 1:27, 2:2)

I draw this report to a conclusion with a sincere expression of thanksgiving to God, and to you, His people, for allowing me the privilege of serving in this office since 1996. All the work in which we have engaged has been carried out in partnership with countless persons, sincerely devoted to Christ and to the work of His Kingdom. I have valued beyond measure the collegial participation and support of my brethren, Fathers in God, who are members of the Council of Bishops. Our vision and proposals have been thoughtfully considered and constructively implemented by the members of the General Committee who have served the bishops and the church with wisdom and dedicated commitment. Throughout the entire eighteen years of my service the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr. has served as Vice-President of General Council, and as the person always dependable to offer me assistance, counsel, and support. Most of all, not only during these eighteen years of my tenure in this office, but throughout my fifty years of ordained ministry, my wife, Barbara has stood with me, assisted me, prayed for me, borne with me, and loved me, sharing at the deepest level the greatest challenges and the highest joys of all that it means to be in service to Christ and His church. To her, and to all who have partnered with me during these years of service, I extend my deepest and most sincere gratitude.

In bringing this report to a close I note that today, June 11<sup>th</sup> is St. Barnabas Day. And in the conviction which has always been mine that the Prayer Book liturgy offers a singularly apt vehicle through which the Holy Spirit can speak to us in power on any occasion, I offer the following from the propers for the day. This account is given to us in the pro-epistle, from the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Book of the Acts, telling us that Barnabas, " ... when he came and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord" I join my voice with Barnabas, making his counsel my fervent exhortation to you, as well. From the Gospel lesson for today, I offer afresh this word of promise and assurance from the Lord Jesus Himself: "You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain." Lay hold of that promise, and by His grace, fulfill that calling, and bear much fruit that shall abide for all eternity. And finally, let the collect appointed for this day give voice to the prayer that is in my heart for all of you.

*"O LORD God Almighty, who didst endue thy holy Apostle Barnabas with singular gifts of the Holy Ghost; leave us not, we beseech thee, destitute of thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them alway to thine honor and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord"*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with you all evermore. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,  
✠ (The Most Rev.) Leonard W. Riches  
Presiding Bishop

### **GAFCON 2013: THE NAIROBI COMMUNIQUE**

*You are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.*

(Ephesians 2: 19-20)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we, the participants in the second Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON) - 1358 delegates, including 331 bishops, 482 other clergy and 545 laity from 38 countries representing tens of millions of faithful Anglicans worldwide - send you greetings from East Africa, a place of revival in the last century and of growth in the Anglican Church today.

### **Introduction**

We met with great joy in Nairobi from 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> October 2013. We gathered each day for prayer and praise, studied Paul's letter to the Ephesians and shared in the Holy Communion at the beginning and end of our conference.

It was very poignant that our meeting took place only a month after the violent terrorist attack in Nairobi at the Westgate Shopping Mall in which so many innocent men, women and children lost their lives. Our hearts go out to those families who have lost loved ones and to all of those who still suffer. We continue to remember them in prayer. In meeting here we have been able to express publicly the hope that Jesus Christ brings to a world in which brokenness and suffering find frequent expression.

In our gathering, we reaffirmed our view that we are a global fellowship of confessing Anglicans, engaged in a movement of the Holy Spirit which is both personal and ecclesial. We appreciated that the Archbishop of Canterbury sent personal greetings via video and gave us the assurance of his prayers, and we likewise pray for him. We believe we have acted as an important and effective instrument of Communion during a period in which other instruments of Communion have failed both to uphold gospel priorities in the Church, and to heal the divisions among us.

### **The Formation of the Global fellowship of Confessing Anglicans**

In 2008, the first GAFCON was convened in order to counter a false gospel which was spreading throughout the Communion. This false gospel questioned the uniqueness of Christ and his substitutionary death, despite the Bible's

clear revelation that he is the only way to the Father (John 14:6). It undermined the authority of God's Word written. It sought to mask sinful behaviour with the language of human rights. It promoted homosexual practice as consistent with holiness, despite the fact that the Bible clearly identifies it as sinful. A crisis point was reached in 2003 when a man in an active same-sex relationship was consecrated bishop in the USA. In the years that followed, there were repeated attempts to resolve the crisis within the Communion, none of which succeeded. To the contrary, the situation worsened with further defiance. As a response to the crisis, we adopted The Jerusalem Statement and Declaration which commits us to biblical faithfulness, and has since provided the framework for renewed Anglican orthodoxy to which we, in all our different traditions - Evangelicals, Anglo-Catholics and Charismatics - are committed. We also formed the Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans (GFC).

Since then, we have become a movement for unity among faithful Anglicans. Where, in taking a stand for biblical faithfulness, Anglicans have been marginalised or excluded from provincial or diocesan structures, the Primates' Council has recognised and authenticated them as faithful Anglicans. The GFC has been instrumental in the emergence of the new Province of the Anglican Church in North America, giving formal recognition to its orders and welcoming it as a full partner province, with its Archbishop having a seat on the Primates' Council. The GFC has also prevented the original Diocese of Recife from being isolated from the Anglican Communion. At the same time, local fellowships have been set up across many provinces. These have been a vital support to ministers and congregations alike, as the pressures on faithful gospel witness have increased.

### **The GFC and the Future of the Anglican Communion**

The fellowship we enjoy as Christians is distinguished from all other associations by the fact that it is at its heart a common 'fellowship with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ' (1 John 1:3). For this reason it has a particular character. It involves repentance and 'walking in the light, as he is in the light' (1 John 1:7-9). The character and boundaries of our fellowship are not determined by institutions but by the Word of God. The church is a place where the truth matters, where it is guarded and promoted and where alternatives are exposed for what they are - an exchange of the truth of God for a lie (Romans 1:25). Our willingness to submit to the written Word of God and our unwillingness to be in Christian fellowship with those who will not, is clearly expressed in The Jerusalem Statement and Declaration. This means that the divisions in the Anglican Communion will not be healed without a change of heart from those promoting the false gospel, and to that end we pray.

There is much we can learn from the East African Revival about having a change of heart. Beginning in the last century, the Revival has touched millions of lives across many countries as the Holy Spirit has moved lay men and women, as well as clergy, to share the gospel with others. Two significant features of great relevance to our situation are -

- Real repentance for sin demonstrated both in confession of guilt and a desire to make amends
- A confidence that the gospel has the power both to save the lost in all the world and to transform the church, rather than seeing the church conformed to the world.

We urge those who have promoted the false gospel to repent of their unfaithfulness and have a renewed confidence in the gospel. We repent of indifference, prayerlessness and inactivity in the face of false teaching. We remind them - as we remind ourselves - that the sins from which we must repent are not simply those which the world also believes are wrong; they are those that God himself abhors and which are made clear in his Word.

The 1998 Lambeth Resolution I.10 on Human Sexuality states that sexual activity is to be exclusive to marriage and that abstinence is right for those who are single. We still hold to that authoritative statement. Sexual temptation affects us all, and we pray therefore for faithfulness to God's Word in marriage and singleness.

We grieve that several national governments, aided by some church leaders, have claimed to redefine marriage and have turned same-sex marriage into a human rights issue. Human rights, we believe, are founded on a true understanding of human nature, which is that we are created in God's image, male and female such that a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife (Matthew 19:6; Ephesians 5:31). We want to make clear that any civil partnership of a sexual nature does not receive the blessing of God. We continue to pray for and offer pastoral support to Christians struggling with same-sex temptation who remain celibate in obedience to Christ and affirm them in their faithfulness.

The gospel alone has the power to transform lives. As the gospel is heard, the Holy Spirit challenges and convicts of sin, and points to the love of God expressed in his Son, Jesus Christ. The sheer grace of God in setting us free from sin through the cross of Christ leads us into the enjoyment of our forgiveness and the desire to lead a holy life. This enables the relationship with God that Jesus makes possible to flourish. Moreover, just as individual lives can be transformed, so can the life of churches. We therefore commit ourselves and call on our brothers and sisters throughout the Communion to join in rediscovering the power of the gospel and seeking boldness from the Holy Spirit to proclaim it with renewed vigour.

## **Strengthening the GFCA**

We are committed to the future of the GFCA and to that end have decided to take steps to strengthen our fellowship.

First, we have resolved to be more than a network. We are an effective expression of faithful Anglicanism and therefore, recognising our responsibilities, we must organise ourselves in a way that demonstrates the seriousness of our objectives. These are threefold.

- Proclaiming and contending for the gospel of Jesus Christ. Examples of work we wish to resource are the preparation of convincing theological rebuttals of any false gospel; supporting a network of theological colleges whose students are better oriented to ministry, whose faculties are well-trained, and whose curricula are built on the faithful reading of Scripture.
- Building the fellowship. We need to find new ways of supporting each other in mission and discipleship.
- Authorising and affirming faithful Anglicans who have been excluded by their diocese or province. The main thrust of work here would be devoted to discerning the need for new provinces, dioceses and churches - and then authenticating their ministries and orders as Anglican.

Second, pursuing these objectives will require GFCA to operate on a more systematic basis and to that end we shall organise around a Primates' Council, a Board of Trustees, an Executive Committee and regional liaison officers, who will be involved in fostering communication among FCAs.

Third, we recognise that moving the GFCA on to a new footing will involve making substantial new resources available. We must, therefore, invite provinces, dioceses, mission agencies, local congregations and individuals formally to become contributing members of the GFCA. In particular, we ask provinces to reconsider their support for those Anglican structures that are used to undermine biblical faithfulness and contribute instead, or additionally, to the financing of the GFCA's on-going needs.

## **Our Priorities**

Our Lord's command is 'to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you' (Matthew 28:19-20). We believe therefore that our first priority must be to make disciples. This means that our movement must be committed to –

- Evangelising areas of our world where clear gospel witness has become obscured or lost and bringing the gospel to unreached peoples. Much of our energy must be devoted to bringing the gospel to children and young people and developing the leaders of the future. We also recognise the need to pray for, love and witness to Muslims with the gospel of Jesus. We call upon churches to train their members in such outreach.
- Supporting genuine gospel initiatives, recognising that there are times when the maintenance of structures can constrain the proclamation of the gospel. In line with The Jerusalem Statement's expectation that the Primates' Council would intervene to provide 'orthodox oversight to churches under false leadership', the Primates' Council will carefully consider working beyond existing structures as an obedient response to Jesus' commission to take the gospel to all nations.
- Guarding the gospel. We shall continue publicly to expose any false gospel that is not consistent with apostolic teaching and clearly to articulate the gospel in the church and in the world.

Our second priority must be to deepen discipleship. We must keep stressing that our identity is primarily found in Christ rather than in national, ethnic or tribal attachments. In addition, there are many pressures on Christians today which require a degree of maturity in order to withstand them. These include aggressive secularism, where

increasingly Christians are being told that their faith must only find expression in private, and not in public life, and where the contribution of Christianity to the public good is denied; militant Islamism which continues to threaten the existence and ministry of the church in some places; and seductive syncretism which introduces supposedly alternative approaches to God and thereby denies the uniqueness of Christ.

Countering these pressures and promoting the gospel in difficult circumstances requires Christians to accept that their witness involves suffering for Christ (2 Timothy 3: 12); to stand with those who are suffering for Christ; to be alert to the ways in which the Scriptures are being falsely undermined by opponents; to engage graciously in the public square; and to refuse to be intimidated when subjected to persecution.

As a third priority, we must witness to the transforming effect of the gospel in working for the transformation of society, so that the values of the eternal Kingdom can be seen here and now. We therefore believe that it is right to engage in the public arena with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15-16), but without allowing our priorities to be shaped by the world's agenda; that our churches should work for the protection of the environment and the economic empowerment of those who are deprived of resources; and that we should not ignore the cries of the marginalized and oppressed who need immediate aid.

We affirm the ministries of women and their vital contribution to the life of the church: their call to the task of evangelism, discipling, and building strong marriages, families, churches and communities. GAFCON 2013 upholds the Bible's teaching that men and women are equally made in the image of God, called to be his people in the body of Christ, exercising different gifts. We recognize that we have differing views over the roles of men and women in church leadership.

It grieves us that in many communities women and children are marginalized through poverty, lack of education, HIV/AIDS, the mistreatment of widows and orphans, and polygamy. Furthermore, they suffer domestic violence, sexual abuse, trafficking and abortion. We repudiate all such violence against women and children and call on the church to demonstrate respect for women, care for marginalized women and children around the world, and uphold the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

We are conscious of the growing number of attacks on Christians in Nigeria and Pakistan, Syria and Egypt, Sudan and many other countries. Where our brothers and sisters are experiencing persecution, we must all call on governments and leaders of other religions to respect human rights, protect Christians from violent attack and take effective action to provide for freedom of religious expression for all.

## **Conclusion**

We are conscious of many pressures on faithful gospel witness within the church, but equally conscious of the great need the world has to hear the gospel. The need for the GFCA is greater now than when we first met in Jerusalem in 2008. We believe the Holy Spirit is challenging us and the rest of the Anglican Communion to remain faithful to our biblical heritage; to support those who suffer as a result of obedience to Christ; to deepen the spiritual life of our churches; and to respond to anti-Christian pressures with a renewed determination to spread the gospel. The seriousness with which we take our mission and our fellowship will be reflected in the way individual churches make the GAFCON vision their own, and in how we resource the work the GFCA seeks to initiate. We invite all faithful Anglicans to join the GFCA.

Finally, we make the following commitment to strengthen our fellowship and promote the gospel.

### **The Nairobi Commitment**

We are committed to Jesus Christ as the head of the Church, the authority of his Word and the power of his gospel. The Son perfectly reveals God to us, he is the sole ground of our salvation, and he is our hope for the future. We seek to honour him, walk in faith and obedience to his teaching, and glorify him through our proclamation of his name.

Therefore, in the power of the Holy Spirit –

1. We commit ourselves anew to The Jerusalem Statement and Declaration.



2. We commit ourselves to supporting mission, both locally and globally, including outreach to Muslims. We also commit to encouraging lay training in obedience to the Great Commission to make and mature disciples, with particular attention to recruiting and mobilizing young people for ministry and leadership.
3. We commit ourselves to give greater priority to theological education and to helping each other find the necessary resources. The purposes of theological education need clarifying so that students are better oriented to ministry, faculty are well-trained, and curricula are built on the faithful reading of Scripture.
4. We commit ourselves to defend essential truths of the biblical faith even when this defence threatens existing structures of human authority (Acts 5:29). For this reason, the bishops at GAFCON 2013 resolved 'to affirm and endorse the position of the Primates' Council in providing oversight in cases where provinces and dioceses compromise biblical faith, including the affirmation of a duly discerned call to ministry. This may involve ordination and consecration if the situation requires. '
5. We commit ourselves to the support and defence of those who in standing for apostolic truth are marginalized or excluded from formal communion with other Anglicans in their dioceses. We have therefore recognized the Anglican Mission in England (AMiE) as an expression of authentic Anglicanism both for those within and outside the Church of England, and welcomed their intention to appoint a General Secretary of AMiE.
6. We commit ourselves to teach about God's good purposes in marriage and in singleness. Marriage is a life-long exclusive union between a man and a woman. We exhort all people to work and pray for the building and strengthening of healthy marriages and families. For this reason, we oppose the secular tide running in favour of cohabitation and same-sex marriage.
7. We commit ourselves to work for the transformation of society through the gospel. We repudiate all violence, especially against women and children; we shall work for the economic empowerment of those who are deprived; and we shall be a voice for persecuted Christians
8. We commit ourselves to the continuation of the Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans, putting membership, staffing and financing onto a new basis. We shall continue to work within the Anglican Communion for its renewal and reform.
9. We commit ourselves to meet again at the next GAFCON.

*Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

(Ephesians 3:20-21)

26 October 2013

*The Rev. John T. Wiggins requested a rising vote of thanks for all the years of service by Bishop Riches and moved the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted. It was seconded and the motion carried.*

**THE REPORT of BISHOP CHARLES W. DORRINGTON**  
**Bishop Ordinary to the Diocese of Western Canada and Alaska**  
**and The Missionary District of Cuba**

As I report to-day on the District of Cuba, there are a few things that I have to bring to this meeting to be discussed. They are all component parts of the Five Year Plan for the District.

They are:-

- 1 - The Election of a Bishop for Cuba
- 2 - The Present State of the Cuban Church
- 3 - The acquisition of farms.

## 1 - The Election of a Bishop for Cuba

A) - As I stand before you to-day, I can report that much has happened with regards to the District of Cuba. After discussions last year with our Presiding Bishop, Leonard Riches, Bishop Royal Grote, Archbishop Bob Duncan and the Cuba Task Force of ACNA, the Mission District of Cuba has been released from the care of the Diocese of Western Canada and Alaska, and is now a separate entity, known as a special Mission District of the REC, under my supervision as the appointed Supervising Bishop for the District. This has allowed us the elect and consecrate a Cuban Bishop to work under my direction. The consecration of Bishop William Mendez Suarez took place, with all of the District clergy, the District Chancellor, the Rev'd Barclay Mayo and lay members of ANiC present, last Saturday evening, in the City of Holguin, on May 24th. Assisting me in that consecration were Bishop Trevor Walters of the Anglican Network in Canada, and Bishop Miguel Uchoa of the Diocese of Recife in Brazil. Cuban immigration laws are in a constant state of flux, and it is my hope and expectation, that Bishop Suarez will be able to be with us, at the Meeting of our next General Council in 2017, and even at some of the House of Bishops Meetings.

Bishop William Suarez joined us in the REC in 2008, after having been introduced to me by Archdeacon Ramon Torrente Batista. Before he joined the REC, Bishop William had served as the Assistant to the President of the Baptist Church of Cuba, and is presently the vice-president of the Clergy Association of Eastern Cuba. Before his consecration, William served as the Archdeacon of the Cuban District, and had been in that office since Archdeacon Ramon Torrente Batista's death two years ago. He has also been the Dean of the correspondence Theology School of the District for three years, and travels regularly throughout Cuba teaching all of the students, both the Clergy and the Laity. He has been the Rector of Iglesia de San Marcos in Moa, our original Cuban REC Church, since 2009, and has gained the respect of all the clergy of the District. Because of difficulty with my Religious Visa this past year, Bishop Suarez had to conduct the District Council Meetings held in Holguin in May, and he did an excellent job. These Meetings included all of the Clergy and the Lay Delegates throughout the country.

## 2 - The Present State of the Cuban Church

When I consider the State of the Cuban Church, I see that there is great growth taking place within the churches, from one end of the country to the other. During my visit there in May, 2013, I made seven new Deacons, who will hold this office for two or more years before they are ordained a Presbyter, depending upon their work in building up their church. Most of them are already creating a new church plant, while satisfactorily completing their theological studies. Five of these seven Deacons are the Pastors of their own churches. Three of them, to-gether with their wives, are graduates of the Nazarene Seminary in Havana. As usual, I visited each one of them in their parishes on this trip. During my visit in Cuba this past month, I ordained two more Deacons. The Cuban Mission District now numbers 23 churches, missions churches, and mission extension stations, with an average weekly attendance of over 850 souls. This past year there were 48 students training through our Theological School using the approved Concordia Lutheran Seminary Course DVD's in Spanish, with each student being responsible to teach those students following behind them. In May, during the District Council Meeting, we held our first Graduation Ceremony, with 3 graduates, Rev. Walter Gonzalez, Rev. Juan Ezequiel Ortega and Rev. Alexei Gonzalez. Claudia and I were in Cuba for 30 days this past May, some of which was in the company of Bishop Trevor Walters of ANiC, another ANiC clergyman named the Rev'd. Barclay Mayo, and five lay members of the ANiC. We have a plan started whereby one ANiC parish signs on to financially assist one church in Cuba, at a donation level of \$100 per month. This donation basically

covers the monthly salary of the Cuban clergyman involved, while our own REC Diocese covers all other costs. One church in Canada has taken on the responsibility for the books and supplies for the Theological Training School. I want to thank the members of the REC in the United States for their support of the District. It is very important and greatly appreciated. Last year, the District became a Fraternal Member of the Cuban Council of Churches, and at the time of this writing, is poised to become a "Legal Church", one of the first newly recognised religious denominations in Cuba in 50 years. This recognition was hoped to take place before the end of 2013, but some things take a little longer when you are in Cuba. There has been a Cuban appendix attached to our Diocesan C&C in place, that had been fully approved at both the our Diocesan Synod and the Cuban Auxiliary Council. This had been done in order to give them Canonical procedures and protection during the process of their development. Now that the District has become a separate Missionary District of the REC, this document has been removed from our C&C, and a new C & C will be submitted to Archdeacon Jim Payne for his Committee to review. I will soon be giving them both the original Spanish document, and an English translation of the original Spanish document. At present, the Appendix, as such, is the document before the Cuban Ministry of Religious Affairs, for their approval. I believe that this approval step should not be interfered with in any way, if at all.

### 3 - The Acquisition of Farms

Part of our Five Year Plan for the Church in Cuba, begun last year, entails the purchase and equipping of at least three or more viable farms. These farms will supply food for our own people in the District, have marketable produce, and become farming training centres for our people. The farms will also be a supply of food for the Cuban Government, for both their own workers and for tourists. During our 2013 trip we found and began completion of a purchase agreement of a suitable farm for our use. The government had already indicated to the previous owner of the farm, that we have now since acquired, that they are prepared to purchase up to 60 of what is produced on the farm, and will pay either market price, or better, for what they receive. Having now completed the purchase of this 20 acre farm, we have replaced the decrepit wooden house structure that was on the site with one of concrete blocks, installed both electricity and plumbing, refurbished the well, and are either in the process of buying or have already bought:- one boar with five sows; two roosters with five laying hens; 13 fowl; fencing for the perimeter of the property; a yoke of oxen with plow; and a farm wagon. To date, over 50 percent of the farm has been fertilized and planted. The total cost so far, for all of this that we have done, has not yet reached \$10,000. For those who choose to look at the pictures that we have brought, they will see that the farm presently produces cashews, coconuts, pineapples, avocado, mangoes, coffee, corn, tomatoes Yucca, sweet potatoes, beans, hay and peppers. This year, in the newly prepared ground, we planted the following number of plants:- 1500 plantain; 2700 Yucca; 500 pepper; 9000 tomatoes. We have three cows that produce milk for the elderly, shut-in and sick. The land is proving to be quite fertile, (and a river runs through it). We are presently looking for the right person to live on the farm as a caretaker. We also have a second farm promised to us, plus a donor in Canada who has indicated that he wishes to help us financially to be able to acquire more farms. I don't know as yet what the amount of his contribution will be and therefore how much of this part of our Five Year Plan that we can accomplish. But, we are well on our way. But, we are well on our way. As a further important note, the General Committee provided a \$20,000.00 grant, through the Board of Foreign Missions of the REC, to the Diocese of Western Canada for the acquisition of two more farms in the Missionary District. Bishop Suarez has been informed of this grant, and is on the look-out for suitable acquisitions in two different areas of the country.

So, as you can see, the Mission District has come a long way from when it first began in the fall of 2003. It could never have been done without the powerful hand of God overseeing everything



there, and desiring a new Church to be birthed in that country. I feel extremely humbled, in that He chose me to do it, with the very able assistance of my wife, Claudia. I know that I could not have done it without her help. Cuba has clearly shown me that anyone, or any couple, including every person that either hears or reads this Report, anyone, who willingly puts their life and ministry into God's hands, can and will do great things. I humbly thank Him for the opportunity that He has given to me at this point in my life. To where this will lead Claudia and I in the years to come, I do not know. But what I do know, is that He is faithful. No matter what a certain day might look like, God is there, in the midst of it. Trust Him. Have faith in Him. Walk with Him without fear. He will take you and carry you through.

I joyfully submit this Report to you for your acceptance,  
Rt. Rev'd. Dr. Charles Dorrington, Bishop Ordinary  
The Diocese of Western Canada and Alaska  
The Mission District of Cuba.

**The REPORT of BISHOP ROYAL U. GROTE, JR.  
Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of Mid-America**

Dear Brethren,

June 6, 2014 marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my consecration to the Episcopate. This report is given in my Twenty-Fourth year as Bishop of the Diocese of Mid-America. During those 24 years, we have grown as a Diocese from 5 Missions and one parish to a total of 35 Parishes, Missions and Mission Works which are overseen by Bishop Sutton and myself in the Diocese of Mid-America. The statistics are as follows: 22 Parishes, 8 Missions, and 5 Mission Works. We have divided this Diocese twice. For this we give praise to Almighty God and rejoice in what he is doing in our midst.

In addition to being the Ordinary of the Diocese of Mid-America, I continued to serve throughout the past three years as Vice President of the General Council, Missionary Bishop for Military Chaplains (until January 1, 2013), President of the Board of Foreign Missions and President of the Board of Pensions and Relief for the Reformed Episcopal Church. In addition, I serve as Bishop of Croatia and served as Bishop of Germany (until March 22, 2014). I also serve on the Governance Task Force and the Provincial Executive Committee for the ACNA.

Through these past three years, I have been grateful to God for the strength and ability to serve Him in these capacities. I further wish to express my thanks for the support and encouragement given by Bishops Sutton, Fincke and Seamans as we labored together in the Episcopate.

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

This Report records my Activities from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2013. On the occasion of some 78 Episcopal visits to the Parishes and Missions of this Diocese, 139 persons were presented to me for the laying on of hands in the ancient rite of Confirmation. Apart from those Episcopal visits, some 46 additional preaching/teaching engagements, visits or business meetings were made to parishes, denominational, and provincial conferences.

**ORDINATIONS, CONSECRATIONS, DEDICATIONS**

**The following highlights from my Episcopal Reports are included in this Report.**

- On Dec 18, 2011, I presided at a service of dedication and thanksgiving to God of the new facility for St. Francis Church in The Woodlands, Texas. For a number of years, this parish had no long term location and was forced to move from one location to another. They finally were able to acquire a long term facility and renovate it. We give thanks to Almighty God for His gracious provision.
- On January 2, 2012, I dedicated the new building at St. Barnabas Church in Bellville, Texas. St. Barnabas had met for a number of years in the Junior High School Cafeteria in Bellville prior to constructing their new Chapel. They now own their own property and working hard to fill it.
- On August 5, 2012 I dedicated the new addition to the Nave and the stained glass windows of St. Stephen's Church in Flowood, Mississippi. It is a very beautiful addition that seamlessly doubled the seating capacity and enhanced the property of St. Stephen's. The parish is under the very capable leadership of the Rev. Canon Fred Basil and has seen some remarkable growth in recent years.
- On September 18, 2012, I ordained the Rev. Jasmin Koso to the Presbyterate in Zagreb, Croatia. Joining in the Laying on of Hands were the Venerable Dr. Jasmin Milic and the Rev. Petar Petrovic.
- On September 29, 2012, it was my distinct joy to be the Preacher and Co-Consecrator of the Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin to the Episcopate. Bishop Gillin was a classmate at Reformed Episcopal Seminary and longtime friend. He is serving as Bishop Suffragan in the Diocese of the North East and Mid-Atlantic under Bishop David Hicks.
- On December 9, 2012, it was my privilege to ordain to the Presbyterate, the Rev. Ed Fowler at St. Francis Church, The Woodlands, Texas. Joining me in the laying on of hands was the Very Rev. Curtis I Crenshaw and the Rev. Jonathan Trebilco.
- On Friday evening, May 3, 2013, it was my distinct joy to be the Preacher and Chief-Consecrator of the Ven. Jasmin Milic to the Episcopate in The Reformed Episcopal Church, Tordinci. Croatia. Joining me in the laying on of hands were the Rt. Rev. Paul Hunt, Bishop Ordinary of the Southern Diocese of the Free Church of England, and the Rt. Rev. Gerhard Meyer, Bishop Coadjutor of the Reformed Episcopal Church of Germany. Bishop Milic now serves as the Assistant Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church in Croatia.
- On Saturday, December 6, 2013, I participated in the Consecration of the Ven. Peter Manto to the Episcopate at Trinity Church, Mason OH. Participating in the laying on of hands were the Most Rev. Robert Duncan, Archbishop of the Anglican Church of North America, the Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches, Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church, The Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse, Ordinary of the Diocese of Central States, the Rt. Rev. David Hicks, Ordinary of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, and the Rt. Rev. Roger Ames, of the ACNA.

The summary of actions taken by the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Mid-America are provided by the Secretary of the Diocese as a separate report.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr.  
Ordinary  
Diocese of Mid-America

**Standing Committee of the  
Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic and Central & Eastern Canada  
from the 105<sup>th</sup> Synod of the Diocese of Mid-America**

DEAR BRETHREN,

THE STANDING COMMITTEE MET ONCE SINCE THE 104<sup>TH</sup> SYNOD. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN:

**Standing Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, March 15, 2011**

Actions taken:

- A.) The following man was approved for Regularization/Ordination to the Diaconate upon successful completion of examination:
  - 1.) Mr. Aaron Ott – Church of the Holy Trinity, Houston, TX
- B.) The following Deacon was approved to be ordained to the Presbyterate:
  - 1.) Rev. Damien Grout – St. Stephen’s, Jackson, MS
- C.) Clergy Transfers into the Diocese of Mid-America:
  - 1.) Rev. Philip Tjoelker – St. Andrew’s, Tinley Park, IL  
Approved for Regularization/Ordination to the Presbyterate from the URCNA
  - 2.) Rev. James Dallman – Madison, WI  
Approved for the Diaconate from the ACA
- D.) Clergy Transfers to other Dioceses:
  - 1.) Rev. Joshua Grote – transferred to the DNE-MA
  - 2.) Rev. Jeff Baker – transferred to the DSE
  - 3.) Rev. Gregory Mashburn – transferred to the MDCS

**The 106th Synod of the Diocese of Mid-America**

DEAR BRETHREN,

THE STANDING COMMITTEE MET FOUR TIMES SINCE THE 105<sup>TH</sup> SYNOD WITH THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

**Standing Committee Meeting  
Monday, November 14, 2011**

Actions taken:

- A.) Approved as Postulants:
  - 1.) Mr. James Casper - St. Thomas, Mountain Home, Arkansas
  - 2.) Mr. Craig Rosenbeck - Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas
  - 3.) Mr. Karl Webb - Holy Trinity, St. Louis, Missouri  
- Transferred as Postulant from AMiA
- B.) Approved to be ordained to the Diaconate, pending successful completion of exams:
  - 1.) Mr. Chris Linebarger - Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, Texas
- C.) Clergy Transfers:
  - 1.) Rev. Olushola Falodun - All Saints Anglican Church, Chicago Heights, Illinois  
- Approved as Presbyter from Church of Nigeria
- D.) Removed as a Candidate without prejudice:
  - 1.) Mr. Leslie Biffel - St. Thomas of Canterbury, Houston, Texas
- E.) Mission closure:
  - 1.) Holy Trinity Mission - Denton, Texas

- Rev. Thomas McGee assigned to Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas

**Standing Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, May 1, 2012**

Actions taken:

- A.) Approved for Ordination to the Diaconate:
  - 1.) Mr. Karl Webb - Holy Trinity, St. Louis, Missouri
- B.) Approved for Ordination to the Presbyterate:
  - 1.) Rev. Thomas Nathan Smith - Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, Texas  
(*regularization of Orders from PCA*)
- C.) Clergy transfers:
  - 1.) Rev. Dr. J. Clayton "Clay" Shadeck - transfer from Diocese of the West
  - 2.) Rev. Br. Joseph Bernard Blanchard - transfer from Diocese of the West
  - 3.) Rev. John C. Medvick - transfer to the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic
- D.) Position changes:
  - 1.) Rev. Mark Bleakley - Vicar of All Saints Anglican Church, Monroe Louisiana  
- (*church is under Bishop Jack L. Iker, Diocese of Ft. Worth*)
  - 2.) Rev. Damien Grout - Rector of Holy Cross, Alpine, TX
- E.) Change in Clerical Status:
  - 1.) Rev. Ryan Lozano -  
Removed from Clergy Rolls for abandonment of Communion
- F.) New Churches:
  - 1.) St. Paul's, Pasadena, Texas - received from Diocese of the West
- G.) New Buildings Dedicated:
  - 1.) St. Francis / Cranmer Theological House, Spring, Texas
  - 2.) St. Barnabas, Bellville, Texas
- H.) Church closures:
  - 1.) Holy Cross, Vicksburg, Mississippi (as of December 31, 2011)
  - 2.) St. Luke's, Santa Ana, California (as of April 28, 2012)

**Standing Committee Meeting  
Thursday, September 6, 2012**

Actions taken:

- A.) The following Resolutions were approved: \* (*full text attached*)
  - 1.) Endorsement of the Forward in Faith North America resolution requesting the ACNA College of Bishops to enact a voluntary moratorium on any further ordinations of women pending a comprehensive theological inquiry
  - 2.) Grant of institutional membership to St. Nicholas School, Houston, Texas, in the Diocese of Mid-America; and, establishment of the "Diocese of Mid-America Association of Anglican Schools"
- B.) Pro-Cathedral designation confirmed:
  - 1.) Designation of Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas, as a Pro-Cathedral for the Diocese of Mid-America by Bishop Grote
- C.) Approved name change:
  - 1.) Request from the Bishop's Committee of King of Glory, Fargo, North Dakota to change the name of the church to "Good Samaritan Mission" was approved
- D.) Approved for Ordination to the Presbyterate pending successful completion of exam:
  - 1.) Rev. Mr. Ed Fowler – St. Francis, Spring, Texas

**Standing Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, January 22, 2013**

Actions taken:

- A.) Unanimous consent by the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Mid-America to consecrate the Rev. Peter Manto, Rector of Trinity Church, Mason, Ohio, as Suffragan Bishop for the Diocese of the Central States.
- B.) Clergy transfers:
  - 1.) The Rev. Thomas McGee transferred to the Diocese of the West
  - 2.) The Rev. Joshua A. Grote transferred to the DMA from the DNEMA
- C.) Changes in Clerical Status:
  - 1.) The Rev. Brad Cunningham re-activated as Clergy in Good Standing
  - 2.) Ratified the prior re-activation of The Rev. Michael Mobley as Clergy in Good Standing
- D.) Approved for Ordination to the Diaconate pending successful completion of exams:
  - 1.) Mr. Jim Casper – St. Thomas, Mountain Home, Arkansas
  - 2.) Mr. Tony Melton – Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, Texas
  - 3.) Mr. Kevin Harris – Chaplaincy Program, Corpus Christi, Texas (member of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Houston)

**[Addendum to the Report of the Standing Committee]**

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
DIOCESE OF MID-AMERICA  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2012**

**RESOLUTION 1:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Mid-America of the Reformed Episcopal Church, Anglican Church in North America, hereby endorses and supports the resolution unanimously passed by the Assembly of Forward in Faith North America (FIFNA) on July 11, 2012, as stated below:

Resolution in reference to Ordination Moratorium

*Be it resolved that FIFNA, in Assembly at Belleville, IL, on July 11, 2012, does hereby call the ACNA College of Bishops for a voluntary moratorium on any further ordinations of women to the Priesthood until a comprehensive theological inquiry is undertaken and completed on the question of the ordination of women as it relates to the wider question of the nature of faith and order of the church (ecclesiology).*

FURTHERMORE, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Mid-America recommends to the General Committee of the Reformed Episcopal Church that they endorse the same.

**RESOLUTION 2:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Mid-America of the Reformed Episcopal Church, Anglican Church in North America, does hereby recognize St. Nicholas School located in Houston, Texas, as being an academic Christian institution in the Anglican tradition, and, therefore, grants them institutional membership in the Diocese of Mid-America, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Standing Committee, believing it to be appropriate and beneficial for Anglican schools, parochial and private, within the diocese's jurisdiction, does hereby establish the "Diocese of Mid-America Association of Anglican Schools", and therefore

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Standing Committee does hereby request the Committee on Constitutions and Canons to develop the appropriate and necessary canons concerning said Association and to present them for consideration at the next meeting of Diocesan Synod pursuant to approval and inclusion in the Canons of the Diocese of Mid-America.

**The 107th Synod of the Diocese of Mid-America**

DEAR BRETHREN,

THE STANDING COMMITTEE MET ONE TIME SINCE OUR LAST SYNOD, ALONG WITH TWO WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR A RESPONSE TO MOTIONS OUTSIDE OF REGULAR MEETINGS. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN.

**Standing Committee  
Thursday, May 23, 2013**

Action taken: (*votes recorded with the Diocesan Secretary via email*)

- Approved the application of Mariners' Church, Detroit, Michigan to be received into Associate Parish Status (Level 1), and effective June 22, 2013.

**Standing Committee Meeting  
Thursday, September 12, 2013**

Actions taken:

- A.) Approved for Ordination to the Diaconate pending successful completion of canonical exam:
  - 1.) Mr. Richard Rankin – St. Stephen's, Flowood, Mississippi
- B.) Approved for Setting Apart as Deaconess pending successful completion of canonical exam:
  - 1.) Mrs. Nancy Jones – Church of the Holy Trinity, Houston, Texas
- C.) Approved for regularization of Orders to the Diaconate and Presbyterate:
  - 1.) The Rev. Alan Mezger - Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, Texas
- D.) Approved for Ordination to the Presbyterate pending successful completion of canonical exam:
  - 1.) The Rev. Karl Webb – Holy Trinity, St. Louis, Missouri
- D.) Approval of Candidacy:
  - 1.) Mrs. Karen Pierpoint – Christ Chapel, Riverside, California (*for Deaconess*)
  - 2.) Mr. Michael Templin – Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas
  - 3.) Mr. Timothy Reimer – Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas
  - 4.) Mr. Kyle Schlett – St. Stephen's, Flowood, Mississippi
  - 5.) Mr. William Nash – St. Andrew's Church, Tinley Park, Illinois
- E.) Clergy transfers:
  - In -*
    - 1.) The Rev. John Onstott - transfer from Diocese of the West
    - 2.) The Rev. John Lohmann - transfer from Diocese of Western Gulf Coast, ACNA
  - Out -*
    - 1.) Rev. Victor Novak - transferred to Western Rite Vicariate of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia as of March 24, 2013
    - 2.) Rev. Craig Smith - transferred to Western Rite Vicariate of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia as of March 24, 2013

- 3.) Rev. Bradley Cunningham - transferred to Anglican Province in America (APA) as of May 13, 2013; called as Rector of Holy Trinity, Fernandina Beach, Florida
- 4.) Rev. Dominic Taranto (on Inactive List) - transferred to Anglican Episcopal Church (St. Bede's, Tucson, Arizona) as of April 24, 2013
- 5.) Rev. Michael Mobley - transferred to Diocese of Ft. Worth/Bp. Iker as of June 14, 2013; called as Rector of St. John's, Brownwood, Texas

E.) Position changes:

- 1.) The Rev. Marvin Moncrief resigned as Vicar of All Saints Durango, Colorado effective May, 2013. He has moved temporarily to Canada to minister to family members for a period of about a year.
- 2.) The Rev. Ed Fowler – Installed as Vicar at All Saints, Durango, Colorado on August 18, 2013

F.) Churches:

*Closed:*

- 1.) Good Samaritan Mission, Fargo, ND - closed as of March 24, 2013

*Transferred OUT:*

- 1.) Holy Cross Anglican Church, Omaha, NE - transferred to Western Rite Vicariate of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia as of March 24, 2013

*Transferred IN:*

- 1.) Mariner's Church, Detroit, MI – Standing Committee action to receive as Associate Parish as of June 22, 2013; unanimous vote of parish took place on August 8, 2013.

**Standing Committee  
Wednesday, December 4, 2013**

Actions taken: (*votes recorded with the Diocesan Secretary*)

- A.) Approved the transfer of The Rev. Wayland Coe to the REC from The Episcopal Church
- B.) Approval and consent to consecrate The Ven. William Suarez as Bishop Suffragan for the Mission District of Cuba (*under the oversight of The Rt. Rev. Charles Dorrington, REC Diocese of Western Canada and Alaska*)

Respectfully submitted,  
Dss. Annette M. Johnson, Diocesan Secretary

**The REPORT of BISHOP DAVID L. HICKS  
Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic,  
Central & Eastern Canada**

Dear Brethren,

The following report summarizes my activity as Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic over the past triennium. Reports with more detailed information may be found in the published minutes of the 131<sup>st</sup>, 132<sup>nd</sup> and 133<sup>rd</sup> Councils of the Diocese. The Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic continues to be committed to church growth, through the revitalization of existing parishes, the development of mission parishes and the planting of extension works.

### **I. Episcopal Visits & Confirmations**

From the Easter Sunday 2011 through Easter Sunday 2014, I have made 71 episcopal visitations, during which time 125 persons were presented to me for Confirmation and 3 persons for Holy Baptism. My thanks are extended to the Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches and the Rt. Rev. Daniel G. Cox, who graciously made some episcopal visits to parishes on my behalf, during 2011. Additionally, I am thankful for the assistance of the Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin with episcopal oversight, since September 2012.

### **II. Ordinations/Receptions/Installations**

#### Presbyters

**John Ofori-Mensah** – February 1, 2012 (received, Anglican Church of Ghana).

**Jack Clark** – May 9, 2012.

**John (“Jack”) Simpson** – June 1, 2012.

**Justin Forsberg** – September 8, 2012.

**Robert Lyon** – September 16, 2012.

#### Deacons

**Carl Wegner** – July 21, 2012.

**Paul Luth** – September 15, 2012.

**M. Russell Buchanan** – October 17, 2012.

**Robert Appleton** – December 28, 2013.

#### Deaconess

**Ruth Creswell** – March 9, 2014.

#### Installation of Rectors

**Jason Patterson** – October 15, 2011, St. Mark’s, Rydal, PA.

**John Medvick** – May 6, 2012, St. Paul’s, Orelan, PA.

### **III. Reformed Episcopal Seminary**

I continue to serve as Chancellor & President of the seminary and Associate Professor of Biblical Languages and Literature.

During the past triennium, the Seminary was granted full-accreditation by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).

In November 2013, the Seminary purchased property adjacent to the present campus in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. After extensive discussion, the Board of Directors concluded that acquisition of the property is a necessary step in planning for the future of RES and the Diocese. The Board has committed to initiating a major capital fundraising effort for the expanded campus.

### **IV. Church Planting**

Discussion is taking place, concerning several areas, where church planting efforts are beginning to take shape. We currently have church planting activity taking place in Flemington, New Jersey, and Norristown, Pennsylvania (St. Patrick’s Fellowship), and a new parish is being organized in West Bridgewater, New Jersey (Emmanuel Anglican Church). We also are exploring the planting of a new parish in the city of Philadelphia.

### **V. Anglican Church in North America (ACNA).**

**Prayer Book & Common Liturgy Task Force.** The Task Force has completed a working draft of the Ordinal, the Daily Offices and Holy Communion. Work on the liturgies for baptism, confirmation and Holy Communion are well under way. The liturgies produced by the Task Force are for voluntary use within the ACNA.

**Theological Task Force on Holy Orders.** At the request of Archbishop Robert Duncan, I serve as chair the Theological Task Force on Holy Orders. The work of the Task Force is being completed in phases, and two out of five phases have been completed.



**Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON).** I attended GAFCON in Nairobi, Kenya, October 21-26, 2013. This is a global gathering of orthodox Anglicans jurisdictions, which are part of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans (FCA).

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks

**Standing Committee of the  
Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic and Central & Eastern Canada**

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-first, One Hundred Thirty-second, and One Hundred Thirty-third Councils. The membership of the Committee for each year of the triennium will be found listed in the same published records.

The Committee held seven meetings since last reporting to the Fifty-third General Council. One meeting was held in conjunction with the One Hundred Thirty-second Diocesan Council in Scranton, PA and all other meetings were held by conference call. Twelve email polls were conducted in the interim to transact necessary business. During the triennium the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks and Mr. Frederick K. Ganjon, Esq. served as President and the Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin and the Rev. Cedric R. Benner served as Secretary.

Postulants for Holy Orders

The following were enrolled as Postulants for Holy Orders as reported on November 7, 2013:

- Robert Appleton (Grace Church - Havre-de-Grace, MD)
- David France (Emmanuel Church - Pipersville, PA)
- Timothy Craig (St. Stephen's Church - Sykesville, MD)
- Shawn Riley (Grace Church - Collingdale, PA)
- Lawrence Spears (St. Timothy's Church - Mt. Laurel, NJ)

Deacons

During the last triennium, the following were ordained to the diaconate:

- **Paul Luth** at St. George's Church - Hamilton, ON on September 15, 2012  
(Examined July 30, 2012)
- **Carl F. Wegner** at Church of the Atonement - Philadelphia, PA on July 21, 2012  
(Examined May 23, 2012)
- **M. Russell Buchanan** at St. Paul's Church - Oreland, PA on December 8, 2012  
(Examined October 17, 2012)
- **Robert Appleton** at Grace Church - Havre-de-Grace, MD on December 28, 2013  
(Examined November 19, 2013)

Presbyters

During the last triennium, the following were ordained to the presbyterate:

- **Rev. Jack W. Clark** at St. Peter's Anglican Church – Chesapeake City, MD on June 16, 2012  
(Examined May 9, 2012)
- **Rev. Dr. John S. Simpson** at Good Shepherd Church – E. Bridgewater, MA on June 23, 2012  
(Examined June 1, 2012)
- **Rev. Justin M. Forsberg** at St. Matthew's Church – Havertown, PA on September 8, 2012  
(Examined July 25, 2012)

- **Rev. Robert Lyon** at St. George's Church – Hamilton, ON on September 16, 2012 (Examined August 9, 2012)

During the last triennium, the following presbyters were received:

- **Rev. Jason S. Patterson** - Approval for the transfer of the Rev. Jason S. Patterson was granted by the Standing Committee through email correspondence. The Rev. Mr. Patterson has been called to serve as rector of St. Mark's Church, Rydal, PA. He is a graduate of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and Westminster Theological Seminary. He previously served as curate at St. John's Episcopal Church, Huntingdon Valley, PA and more recently as rector of St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Asheboro, NC (AMiA). He also serves as the U.S. Executive Director of the Prayer Book Society. The Rev. Mr. Patterson was installed by Bishop Hicks as the new rector of St. Mark's Church on Saturday, October 15, 2011.

On Monday, August 22, 2011, the Ven. Jon W. Abboud, the Rev. Mr. Patterson and Bishop David L. Hicks met with the Rev. Canon Daryl Fenton, executive director of Christian Mission to the Jews (CMJ), in order to assist St. Mark's in finding ways to effectively minister to the large Jewish population surrounding St. Mark's parish. It is the hope that projects and plans developed through St. Mark's Church may be applied to other parochial contexts in the Diocese.

- **Rev. John Ofori-Mensah** - On February 1, 2012, Bishop Hicks examined the Rev. John Ofori-Mensah for reception as a presbyter, transferring from the Anglican Church of Ghana. The Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches assisted him. The examination was sustained. The Committee approved the reception of the Rev. Mr. Ofori-Mensah, by email poll, conducted on March 9, 2012.
- **Rev. John C. Medvick** - Approval for the transfer of the Rev. John C. Medvick was granted by the Standing Committee. He was transferred from the Diocese of Mid-America on May 6, 2012. The Rev. Mr. Medvick has been called by St. Paul's Church, Oreland, PA to serve as rector beginning May 6, 2012 and was installed on Sunday, July 29, 2012. The Committee expressed its appreciation to the Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Headman who had served as interim rector at St. Paul's Church.

During the last triennium the following presbyters were dismissed:

- **Rev. Samuel Orimogunje** - On December 4, 2012 the Committee, by email poll, approved the transfer of the Rev. Samuel Orimogunje, at his request, to the Convocation of Anglicans in North America.
- **Rev. Richard W. Workowski** - On October 17, 2013 the Committee, by email poll, approved the transfer of the Rev. Richard W. Workowski, at his request, to the Diocese of the Central States.
- **Rev. Philip J. Lambooy** - On October 17, 2013 the Committee, by email poll, approved the transfer of the Rev. Philip J. Lambooy, at his request, to the ACNA Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic.

During the last triennium the following presbyter resigned his orders:

- **Stephen D. Cox** - In a letter, dated September 12, 2011, the Rev. Stephen D. Cox informed Bishop Hicks that he has resigned his position as curate at Christ the King Church, Pasadena, MD, and that he will be entering the Roman Catholic Church, sometime near the end of September 2011. He enclosed his license to function as a presbyter in the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic and requested to be dismissed from the ministry of the Reformed Episcopal Church, effective September 15, 2011. It should be noted that Stephen expressed his

thanks to the bishops of the Diocese for their pastoral care over the years. The Committee concurred with the Bishop's recommendation that Stephen D. Cox be removed from the clergy roll of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, per his request, under the provision of Title II Canon 31(d) of the Canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church, effective September 15, 2011.

### Consecration of Suffragan Bishop

At the meeting held on May 25, 2011 the Standing Committee unanimously voted to nominate the Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin as suffragan bishop to the One Hundred and Thirty-first Diocesan Council.

On November 3, 2011, the One Hundred and Thirty-first Diocesan Council, meeting in session in Ellicott City, MD voted to elect the Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin as suffragan bishop of the Diocese. The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud moved that the Standing Committee's recommendation of May 25, 2011 be accepted. After numerous seconds to the motion, Bishop Hicks asked the Gillins to leave the room in order for the election to proceed. Ballots were distributed to the Council delegates by the Rev. Roderick S. Lee and Mr. Randall Young. John Hendershot, Esq. and the Rev. Chiron P. Thompson were designated as official counters of the ballots.

Upon the report from the appointed officials of the election, Bishop Hicks announced that Canon Gillin was unanimously elected to the position of Suffragan Bishop of the diocese, adopting the motion. After a brief explanation of the next procedures that follow, the Rev. Frank Spadafora was called upon to pray in thanksgiving for the newly elected Suffragan Bishop. Bishop-elect Gillin addressed the Council asking for prayer and the Lord's blessing upon his newly appointed leadership role.

On Saturday, September 29, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., in the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, PA, the Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches, Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church, consecrated Raymond Charles Gillin to the episcopate. The Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Mid-America and the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic, joined him as chief consecrators. The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks and the Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Central States, presented the candidate. Other bishops participating were the Rt. Rev. Richard W. Lipka, Suffragan Bishop, ACNA Missionary Diocese of All Saints and the Rt. Rev. Oommen Samuel, Missionary Bishop, India, (Retired). The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, Archdeacon, presented testimonials on behalf of the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic. The Rev. Gregory J. Miller, a member of the General Committee, presented testimonials on behalf of the General Council. The Rev. Richard W. Workowski served as Master of Ceremonies for the service. The Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Headman read the Litany. The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn, the Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle, and the Very Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. served as Lectors. The Rev. Dcn. Jason A. Holloway was the Gospeler. The Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote delivered the homily. Participating presbyters were the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, Rev. Ronald D. Bretherick, Rev. Barton L. Craig, Rev. Dr. David A. Crum, Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Headman, Rev. Paul S. Howden, Rev. Canon William Jerdan, Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen, Rev. Donald L. March, Rev. Gerald S. McLynn, Rev. John Milligan, the Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle and Rev. Richard W. Workowski. A large number of clergy representing the Reformed Episcopal Church and other jurisdictions were vested and in procession for the consecration. A large congregation of nearly 200 persons virtually filled the sanctuary. A lovely reception in the parish hall offered a time to share both joy and fellowship following the service.

On December 9, 2011 the Committee met by teleconference to provide to the Presiding Bishop, in accordance with Canon 11, Section 2(a) of the Constitution and Canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church, the consent of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic to the election of the Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin as Suffragan Bishop. A motion was made and seconded to this end and the Committee voted in favor of the motion. Since the meeting was held by conference call it was not possible for all of

the Committee members to sign the necessary Certificate of Consent. After discussion a motion was approved to send each Committee member a copy of the Certificate by email and that each Committee member would return the email with a respectful request that his email address serve as his official signature.

Changes in Pastoral Connection

- **St. Luke’s Church, New Providence, NJ** - On Saturday, May 21, 2011, Bishop Hicks presided at a service of installation for the Rev. Robert Hackendorf, the newly elected rector of St. Luke's Church, New Providence, NJ. Assisting in the service were the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, the Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller, the Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle and the Rev. Canon William Jerdan.
- **St. George’s Church, Hamilton, Ontario** - The Very Rev. John R. Smith tendered his resignation as rector of St. George’s Church, Hamilton, Ontario. He continues to serve as Archdeacon of the Diocese of Central & Eastern Canada and as Dean for the Canadian Convocation of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. The Rev. Dr. John Ferns has been called to serve as rector of the parish and was installed on Sunday, September 16, 2012.
- **St. Luke’s Church, New Providence, NJ** - The Rev. Robert J. Hackendorf resigned as rector of St. Luke’s Church, effective mid-December 2012. He responded to a call to a parish in North Carolina. The Rev. Scott Hoogerhyde has been appointed interim rector. Bishop Gillin and the Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller, Dean of the New Jersey Convocation, have been providing additional guidance to the parish, as they begin the search for a new rector. It was approved that we approve the transfer of the Rev. Robert J. Hackendorf to PEAR USA. The Rev. Scott Hoogerhyde requested to be removed as Interim Rector and the Rev. Dr. Dale H. Crouthamel was appointed in his place.

The Diocese is thankful to those who have served as Interim-Rectors during the last triennium:

- Rev. Richard Baird – St. Luke’s & Bishop Hoffman Church, Philadelphia, PA
- Rev. Barton L. Craig - St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Church, Philadelphia, PA
- Rev. Dale H. Crouthamel – St. Luke’s Church, New Providence, NJ
- Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Headman – St. Paul’s Church, Oreland, PA

Parishes & Missions

- **St. Luke’s & Bishop Hoffman Church, Philadelphia, PA** – The church requested to be designated a mission parish on August 13, 2011. The Committee concurred. Subsequently Bishop Hicks combined the two mission vestries of St. Luke’s & Bishop Hoffman Church and St. Timothy’s Anglican Church, Medford, NJ into a Provisional Vestry. This arrangement continued until January 16, 2013 and by mutual consent of both missions, it was determined that independent vestries be reestablished. Bishop Hicks and the Committee concurred.
- **St. Michael's Church, Enola, PA** - In a letter, dated July 29, 2011, the Rev. Donald L. March, rector of St. Michael’s Church informed Bishop Hicks of the vestry’s unanimous decision to request that St. Michael’s be designated a “mission parish” under the provisions of the canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church and the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic. The letter states that the membership has fallen below 40 members for more than a year, and the parish welcomes the guidance of the Diocese in planning for future growth and development. The Committee concurred with the Bishop's recommendation that St. Michael's Church be designated a “mission parish” as provided for by the canons of the church.

The treasurer of St. Michael's subsequently informed Bishop Hicks that the parish estimates that it has enough funds to continue operating under its current budget until the end of August 2012. Bishop Hicks will be working with Trustees of the Diocese and the Committee on Evangelism, Church Growth and Development in providing direction to the parish, in light of its current financial situation. The Trustees approved the disbursement of funds to assist the parish and further discussion will take place, regarding the possibility of assistance in some form thereafter.

## Reception of Parish

- **Holy Trinity Church, Bronx, NY** - On Sunday, October 30, 2011, Bishop Hicks visited Holy Trinity Church, Bronx, NY. This has been an independent Anglican parish, comprised primarily of immigrants from Ghana. The Rev. John Ofori-Mensah is the rector of the parish. The Bishop was invited to speak about the Reformed Episcopal Church to the congregation, and subsequently the parish voted to request reception into the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. The parish has adopted the model by-laws, and the Committee approved their request for reception, by email poll, on April 26, 2012.

## Parish & Mission Transfers

- **St. Stephen's Mission, Queens Village, NY** - On December 6, 2012 the Committee, by email poll, approved the transfer of St. Stephen's Mission in Queens Village, NY, led by the Rev. Samuel Orimogunje, to the Convocation of Anglicans in North America.
- **All Saints Church, Newark, NJ** - The Standing Committee transferred All Saints parish to the Convocation of Anglicans in North America (CANA), at the parish's own request. The Diocesan Trustees discussed this issue at its meeting in that same month, with special attention given to the mortgage on the parish building, which is held by the Diocese. The parish had requested that the mortgage continue after the parish's departure from the Diocese; however, the Trustees determined, in a telephone conference call meeting, that the Diocese does not want to continue holding the mortgage. The parish needs to follow the stipulations of the mortgage, which require full repayment, should the parish leave the Diocese. This was communicated to the Rev. Dr. Paul U. Ekezie, rector of All Saints Church, via email and registered mail. Bishop Hicks has not received any communication from Rev. Ekezie or the parish. The registered letter was returned, due to the lack of an acceptance signature. He has contacted the parish's bishop, the Rt. Rev. Julian Dobbs, and has requested his assistance.
- **Christ the King Church, Pasadena, MD** - In an email, dated August 30, 2013, Bishop Hicks received notice from the Rev. Gregory P. Carr that Christ the King parish has determined to leave the Reformed Episcopal Church. The Rev. Mr. Carr has requested that his clergy credentials be transferred to Elim Fellowship, Lima, NY. Bishop Hicks recommended the release of Christ the King Church, Pasadena, MD and the transfer of the Rev. Gregory Carr to the Elim Fellowship. The Committee concurred on both recommendations.

## Extension Work Closure

An extension work that was begun in Montreal Canada was closed.

## Anglican Church in North America (ACNA)

In an email poll conducted on March 9, 2012, the Committee approved the following diocesan representation to the ACNA Provincial Council & Assembly which met on June 6-9, 2012 in Ridgecrest, NC: Bishop-elect R. Charles Gillin, Mrs. Diana Lopez and Mrs. Barbara Riches.

In an email poll conducted on May 28, 2013 the Committee approved the following diocesan representation to the ACNA Provincial Council & Assembly that met on June 18 & 19 at Nashotah House

Seminary in Nashotah, WI: the Very Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches, Mrs. Diana Lopez and Mrs. Barbara Riches.

The following were approved as diocesan representatives to the ACNA Provincial Council scheduled for June 25-28, 2014 in Latrobe, PA: the Very Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches, Mrs. Diana Lopez and Mrs. Barbara Riches.

## Other

In 2011 Bishop Hicks began to convene regular leadership meetings of the Canon, Archdeacon and Deans of the Diocese to discuss ways in which the Diocese may exercise its ministry to the parishes in a more effective manner.

Bishop Hicks presented a copy of a letter from the Diocese of Fort Worth that had been distributed to all of the dioceses of the Anglican Church in North America. The letter concerns the Diocese of Fort Worth's endorsement of a resolution made by Forward and Faith North America, asking the ACNA College of Bishops for a voluntary moratorium on any further ordinations of women until a comprehensive theological inquiry is undertaken and completed on the question of the ordination of women. The Diocese of Fort Worth further commended this resolution to the Bishops and Dioceses of the Anglican Church in North America for their consideration. No action was taken at the September 19, 2012 meeting.

On January 15, 2013 a majority of the members of the Committee returned an email vote to consent to the election of the Rev. Peter Manto as Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of the Central States. The Secretary has maintained returned affirmative emails to serve as verification, in lieu of signatures, of the Committee votes.

On February 1 and April 5, 2014 the Diocese sponsored a two-part seminar by the Rev. Canon Phil Ashe, CEO of the American Anglican Council, on church revitalization. The seminars were hosted by St. Mark's Church, Rydal, PA.

Bishop Hicks announced his intention to set up a three-year rotation for future membership on the Standing Committee.

The Committee voted to approve these parish By-laws.

- First Church - New York, NY
- Jesus the Good Shepherd Church - Brooklyn, NY
- St. George's Anglican Church - Hamilton, ON
- St. Luke's Church - New Providence, NJ
- New Redeemer Church - Jersey City, NJ
- Holy Trinity Church - Bronx, NY
- Bishop Cummins Church - Catonsville, MD
- St. Mary's Church - Bronx, NY
- Messiah Church - Philadelphia, PA
- St. Paul's Church – Oreland, PA

The Committee voted to approve these amended parish By-laws.

- St. Mark's Church – Rydal, PA

Respectfully submitted,

(Rt. Rev.) R. Charles Gillin, Secretary Pro-tempore

**The REPORT of BISHOP ALPHONZA GADSDEN  
Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southeast**

Dear Brethren:

Greetings in the Name of God Almighty, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Complete reports of my Episcopal function during the Triennium are written in the minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Diocesan Councils of the Diocese of the Southeast. The following is a recapitulation of my Episcopal activities as Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southeast during the past Triennium:

EPISCOPAL VISITS/CONFIRMATIONS

During the past Triennium I made 77 Episcopal visitations at churches of the Diocese. While conducting these visits I had the honor of laying on of hand to welcome 107 persons to 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.

CONSECRATION/ ORDINATION

I was granted the honor and privilege of laying on of hands on the occasion of the ordination of Reverend Deacon Joseph Hamilton to the Presbyterate of the Reformed Episcopal Church, on February 10, 2013.

INSTITUTIONS

The services of Institution were as follows; February 26, 2012, Reverend Larry D. Liferidge was instituted as Rector at St. Stephen's/St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Summerville, SC; March 25, 2012, Reverend Benjamin Milligan was instituted as Rector at Redeemer Reformed Episcopal Church, Pineville, SC; April 29, 2012, Reverend Willie J. Hill, Jr. was instituted as Rector at St. John's Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC; February 24, 2013, Reverend George McCray was instituted as rector of Nazareth Reformed Episcopal Church, Moncks Corner, SC; and, August 4, 2013, Reverend Joseph Hamilton was instituted as Rector at New St. Thomas' Reformed Episcopal Church, Columbia, SC.

WEDDINGS

On Saturday September 22, 2012 I had the privilege of performing the marriage of the Rt. Rev. Fred H. Moore and Ms. Rosalind J. Joachim at Payne RMUE Church, Charleston, SC; Reverend Deacon Johnnie Wilson and Ms. Cecelia Simmons at New Ashley Baptist Church, Summerville, SC. On December 29, 2012 I performed the marriage ceremony of Mr. Demonta` Coleman, Sr. and Ms. Kenesha Belton at First Northeast Baptist Church, Columbia, SC. On November 30, 2013 I performed the marriage ceremony for the Rt. Rev Sanco K. Rembert and Ms. Patricia Simmons at New St. Thomas' Reformed Episcopal Church, Columbia, SC.

ECCUMENICAL ACTIVITIES

June 20-24, 2011, I attended the provincial council of the Anglican Church in North America in Long Beach, California.

September 25-October 1, 2011, I attended the College of Bishops meeting at Sumas, Washington.

October 1, 2011, I participated in the Consecration Service of the Reverend Kevin B. Allen, Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Cascadia, of the Anglican Church in North America, in Seattle, Washington.

June 5-9, 2012, I attended the ACNA Assembly and Provincial Council, held at Ridgecrest Conference Center, Ashville, North Carolina.

August 25, 2012, I participated as Co-Consecrator at the Consecration Service of the Reverend Steve Wood as Bishop-elect of the Diocese of the Carolinas, ACNA in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.

January 7-11, 2013, I attended the Anglican Church North America College of Bishops meeting held in Orlando, Florida.

I serve as a member of the Task Force on Overlapping Dioceses in the Anglican Church in North America from 2012 to present.

I also serve on the board of the South Carolina Christian Action Council which consists of numerous religious bodies in South Carolina.

October 21-26, 2013, I, with my wife, Mrs. Hester B. Gadsden, attended GAFCON2 in Nairobi, Kenya.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

*On February 11, 2012*, I officiated and preached the funeral services for the late Mrs. Carrie Mae Brooks Rembert, at New Israel Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC. Mrs. Rembert was the wife of the Rt. Rev. Sanco K. Rembert, former Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southeast, of the Reformed Episcopal Church. Mrs. Rembert was a graduate of Benedict College, Columbia, SC, receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English, and Columbia University, New York, receiving a Master's Degree in English. She was an educator in the schools of South Carolina and Director of Schools at the New Israel Child Development Center and Christian Schools, Charleston, SC.

Mrs. Rembert was an avid supporter of her husband, The Rt. Rev. Sanco K. Rembert during his ministry in the churches of the Diocese of the Southeast and as Bishop of the Diocese of the Southeast. Mrs. Rembert loved the Lord and demonstrated that love to those she had the privilege of teaching and those she encountered during her lifetime, even in her time of sickness.

*On November 14, 2012*, I attended the funeral services for Mr. Stepheny T. Sims, Jr., brother of the Rev. Eugene A. Sims, a clergy in the Diocese of the Southeast at Grace RE Church, Moncks Corner, SC. Mr. Sims served the Grace Reformed Episcopal Church for many years as an usher and in many other capacities. He also served as a member of the Diocesan Ushers at various functions throughout the Diocese.

*On November 17, 2012*, I presided at the funeral services for Mrs. Rebecca S. Lloyd, wife of the late Rev. Eugene Lloyd, a clergy in the Diocese of the Southeast, at Nazareth Reformed Episcopal Church, Moncks Corner, SC. Mrs. Lloyd was a life member of Nazareth RE Church and served faithfully with her husband during his ministry at numerous parishes and missions of the diocese. Mrs. Lloyd served as member of numerous boards and committees of the Diocese including the Ministers Wives' Alliance and Women of the Church.

*On February 2, 2013*, I preached the funeral service for the Reverend William Butler, Jr., at Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, Moncks Corner, SC. Rev. Butler was a clergy in the Diocese of the Southeast of the Reformed Episcopal Church. Rev. Butler was devoted to the work of the Church of God for more than 29 years, having been ordained to the Diaconate in 1984, subsequently to the Presbyterate in 1987, and serving faithfully until his death. Even through his illness he served as Rector of Holy Comforter RE Church, Cordesville, SC with a demonstration of total devotion.

*On February 23, 2013*, I assisted in the funeral service for Mrs. Audrey M. Ham, at New Bethel Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC. Mrs. Ham was an active member of New Bethel REC where she was involved in numerous ministries of the Church, as well as the Diocese of the Southeast where she was a member of the Synod's secretarial staff.

*On February 25, 2013*, I attended the funeral service for Mr. Luther B. Gadsden, 1<sup>st</sup>, my brother, at Redeemer Reformed Episcopal Church, Pineville, SC. Mr. Gadsden was a life member of Redeemer RE Church where he served faithfully as a Sunday School teacher, Class Leader and member of the Junior Vestry until his health failed.



*On September 7, 2013*, I preached the funeral service for Mr. David Watson, a member of New Israel Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC. Mr. Watson served in numerous capacities within the Church to include Sunday School teacher, usher and member of the vestry until his health failed. Mr. Watson was an avid supporter of the work at New Israel Church.

*On September 10, 2013*, I participated in the funeral services for Mrs. Eleanor Isabelle McCullough Jerdan, at the Chapel of Bowen-Donaldson Home for Funerals, in Tifton, GA. Mrs. Jerdan was the wife of the late Rt. Rev. William H. S. Jerdan, former Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church and Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southeast of the Reformed Episcopal Church and mother of the Rev. Canon William Stuart Jerdan. Mrs. Jerdan attended Philadelphia College of Bible in Philadelphia and worked alongside her husband in the founding of Calvary Reformed Episcopal Church, where she taught the Beginners Sunday School.

During the leadership of her husband as Bishop of the Diocese of the Southeast she traveled with him on his Episcopal visits, offering her gift of songs as a part of that ministry. She served as librarian at the Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary in Summerville, SC and taught sewing and crocheting during summer camps at the Bishop Jerdan Conference in Awendaw, SC.

*On September 27, 2013*, I preached the funeral service of the Rev. Bobby L. Taylor at the Old Ashley Baptist Center, Johns Island, SC. Rev. Taylor was a minister in the Diocese of the South for 24 years. He was a graduate of Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary, Summerville, SC. He was ordained to the Deaconate 1989 and subsequently to the Presbyterate March 1990.

In addition to those services listed above I attended funeral services for several members of the Reformed Episcopal Church, Diocese of the Southeast and family members of friends of the Diocese during the Triennium.

I give to God our Father, Jesus Christ our Saviour and the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, thanks and high praise for the opportunity to serve His Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden

**The REPORT of BISHOP DANIEL R. MORSE  
Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Central States**

Following is my report of the Episcopal visits I have made in the three years since the last General Council, as well as other activities.

**EPISCOPAL VISITS 2011**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Special Purpose</u>	<u>Confirmations</u>
Dayton, OH	1/21	Bishop's committee	
Christ Our Hope, Dayton, OH	1/23	Install Fr. Greg Mashburn	
Resurrection, Shalimar, FL	1/30	Install Fr. Frank Gough	
St. Patrick's CANA, Smyrna, TN	2/6	Preach	
St. John's, Birmingham, AL	2/13		
Covenant, Roanoke, VA	2/18-20		
Trustees	3/3	Telephone conference call	
Christ Covenant, Sevierville, TN	3/6		
Ash Wednesday	3/9	Cincinnati and Dayton	

Akin, SC	3/27	New REC Mission	
Summerville, SC	4/5-9	Bishops	
Cleveland, OH	4/9-10	Restart Church of the Epiphany	
Christ Our Hope, Westpoint, TN	4/24	Easter	
All Saints, Raleigh, NC	5/1		1
Dallas, TX	6/8-10	General Council	
Holy Trinity, Fairfax, VA	6/19	Patronal feast, Trinity Sunday	12
Long Beach, CA	6/20-24	Provincial Council ACNA,	
Redeemer, Wilson, NC	7/10		3
St. Mark's CREC, Brentwood, TN	7/24	Preach and celebrate Holy Communion	
Christ Our Hope, Westpoint, TN	8/14	Ordination of Johnny Bain	
St. Andrew's, Asheboro, NC	8/16-19	New REC Mission	
Greenville, SC	8/22	Ordination of Camden Simon	
Trustees	8/25	Telephone conference call	
Trinity, Evansville, IN	8/27		3
St. Timothy, Lynchburg, VA	9/11		
Synod	9/22-23	Memphis, TN	
St. James, Memphis, TN	9/25		5
ACNA, Sumas, WA	9/26-30		
Resurrection, Shalimar, FL	10/9		
Trinity, Mason, OH	11/4-6		
Christ the King, Dayton, OH	11/11-13		
Christ Our Hope, Dayton, OH	11/18-21	Ordain Chris Herman	
Christ Our Hope, Westpoint, TN	12/18		

In 2011 24 people were presented to me for confirmation. I also ordained Johnny Bain and Camden Simon to the diaconate, and Chris Herman to the presbyterate. I made 19 episcopal visits. I also met with a group of interested people to explore starting a new church in Akin, SC, but they decided to join the CREC (Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches), and I met with a few people in Cleveland, OH who had expressed interest in restarting Epiphany. They have since decided not to continue their efforts.

**EPISCOPAL VISITS 2012**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Special Purpose</u>	<u>Confirmations</u>
St. Nicholas, Owensboro, KY,	Feb. 5	New Mission	
Houston, TX	Feb. 16, 17	Church Growth Seminar	
Loganville, Georgia	Feb. 26	Bp. Foley Beach, Holy Cross Anglican Church	
Roanoke, VA	Mar. 4	Covenant	
Chattanooga, TN	Mar. 18	St. Andrew's	
Richmond, VA	Mar. 25	St. Jude	
Dayton, OH	Mar. 26	Christ Our Hope Vestry	
Westpoint, TN	April 8	Christ Our Hope	
Birmingham, AL	April 22	St. John's	4
Summerville, SC	April 24-28	Conference of Bishops	
Westpoint, TN	May 2	Vestry meeting	
Raleigh, NC	May 6	All Saints	1
Asheboro, NC	May 6	St. Andrew's	4
Fairfax, VA	June 3	Holy Trinity	7
Ridgecrest, NC	June 4-10	ACNA	

Asheboro, NC	Aug. 1	Bp's. Comm. Meeting	
Lynchburg, VA	Aug. 2	Pastoral need	
Wilson, NC	Aug. 5	Redeemer	5
Grand Rapids, MI	Aug. 23	Holy Communion in hospital	
Dayton, OH	Aug. 24	Christ the King Vestry	
Mason, OH	Aug. 25	Matt Colvin Ordination	
Dayton, OH	Aug. 26	Reception of Dorino Cozzini	
Lynchburg, VA	Sept. 9	St. Timothy	3
Birmingham, AL	Sept. 12, 13	Visit bereaved	
Memphis, TN	Sept. 23	St. James	2
Philadelphia, PA	Sept. 29	Consecration of Bp. Chuck Gillin	
Summerville, SC	Oct. 10-12	Conference of Bishops	
Westpoint, TN	Oct. 13	Seminar leader	
Shalimar, FL	Oct. 25, 26	Synod	
Shalimar, FL	Oct. 27, 28		
Mason, OH	Nov. 4	Trinity	
Dayton, OH	Nov. 18	Christ the King	

In 2012 I made 22 episcopal visits to the parishes in the diocese and confirmed 26 people. We also started a new mission in Kentucky, St. Nicholas, in Owensboro with the help of Fr. David Straw in Evansville, IN. I ordained Matt Colvin to the diaconate in Trinity, Mason, OH, received Fr. Dorino Cozzini from the Roman Catholic Church, and participated in the consecration of Bp. Chuck Gillin.

**EPISCOPAL VISITS 2013**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Special Purpose</u>	<u>Confirmations</u>
Napa Valley	Jan. 16-19	Clericus	
Christ Our Hope, Dayton, OH	Feb. 3	Bp. George Fincke	12
All Saints, Lynchburg	Feb. 10		3
Christ Our Hope, Westpoint, TN	Mar. 31		
Summerville, SC	Apr. 9-13	Bishops meeting	
St. Jude's, Richmond	Apr. 21		
St. Andrew's, Appomattox	Apr. 21	Meet with Mr. Bruce Boone	
All Saints, Lynchburg	Apr. 28		
Raleigh and Asheboro, NC	May 5		2
Trinity, Mason	May 10-12		
Trinity, Evansville, IN,	May 17-19		2
St. Nicholas, Owensboro, KY	May 19		2
Holy Trinity, Fairfax, VA	May 24-26		3
Christ Our Hope, Westpoint, TN	June 2		
St. Andrew's, Chattanooga, TN	June 9		1
Covenant, Roanoke, VA	June 16		2
ACNA Nashotah, WI	June 18-21		
St. Paul's, Greenfield, IN	June 23		
Redeemer, Wilson, NC	Aug. 4		2
All Saints, Lynchburg, VA	Aug. 25		
Resurrection, Shalimar, FL	Sept. 1		
Holy Trinity, Fairfax, VA	Sept. 15	10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	
St. James, Memphis, TN	Sept. 22		6
St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, Nashville	Sept. 29	Teach class on Suffering	

St. Bartholomew Summerville, SC	Oct. 6 Oct. 7-9	Teach class on Suffering Bishops	
St. Bartholomew	Oct. 13	Teach class on Suffering	
St. Bartholomew	Oct. 20	Teach class on Suffering	
Richmond, VA	Oct. 24, 25	Synod	
St. Jude's, Richmond, VA	Oct. 26, 27		
All Saints, Lynchburg, VA	Nov. 1-3		
St. Nicholas, Owensboro, KY	Nov. 10	Robert Sexton ordination	
Christ the King, Dayton, Ohio	Nov. 24		8
Trinity, Mason, Ohio	Dec. 7	Peter Manto's Consecration	
Trinity, Mason, OH	Dec. 8	Ordination to the presbyterate of Matt Colvin and David Truax	

In 2013 I made 22 episcopal visits to the parishes in the diocese and confirmed 43 people. I was invited by the Rev. Dr. Jerry Smith, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Nashville to teach and adult Sunday School class on the topic of suffering. I ordained Robert Sexton to the diaconate in Owensboro, KY, and Deacons Matt Colvin and David Truax to the presbyterate in Mason, OH. My visit to Holy Trinity, Fairfax, VA coincided with their Tenth Anniversary Celebration.

**PARISH TRANSFER**

On April 29, 2013 I transferred St. Timothy's in Lynchburg, VA, and the Vicar, Fr. Mike Harkness to Bp. Donald Lerow of the Anglican Catholic Church. Bp. Lerow and his standing committee declined to receive them and returned them to my jurisdiction. Fr. Harkness and most of the members renounced their membership in the REC, and I removed them from the roll of parishes.

**EPISCOPAL VISITS 2014**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Special Purpose</u>	<u>Confirmations</u>
Orlando, FL	Jan. 6	ACNA Bishops	
Resurrection, Shalimar, FL	Feb. 2		
St. John's, Birmingham	Feb. 23		
BFM conf. call	April 4		
Christ Our Hope, Dayton, OH	April 3-6	Installation of Fr. Harry Mathis	
Bishops, Summerville, SC	April 28-May 3		
All Saints, Raleigh, NC	May 4		
Christ Our Hope, Westpoint, TN	May 25		
Covenant, Roanoke, VA	June 1		
Blue Bell, PA	June 10-13	General Council	
Holy Trinity, Fairfax, VA	June 15		

**PARISH TRANSFER**

Resurrection, Shalimar, FL and the Rector, Fr. Frank Gough, have asked to be transferred to the ACNA Gulf Coast Diocese. I communicated that to Bp. Neil Lebhar, and he has informed me that he is waiting on the vote of his diocesan synod in September to vote on the transfer. The reason seems to be that the parish has a deacon whose wife is an ordained priest in AMiA, and they want her to be able to function in the parish though the reason they gave for desiring to transfer was that the REC Constitution and Canons allow the bishop and diocese to seize parish property even though I assured them that was not the case.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse

**Report of the Standing Committee  
for The Diocese of the Central States 2011-2013  
made at the Diocesan Synod September 22-23, 2011 in Memphis, TN**

The Standing Committee of the Missionary Diocese of the Central States has had numerous correspondences with Bishop Morse over the last year in which we voted to approve the following:

- 1) In December of last year, the Standing Committee approved St. Jude's Anglican Mission of Richmond, VA as a mission parish in the diocese.
- 2) Also in December, the Standing Committee approved the call of Fr. Frank Gough as rector of the Anglican Church of the Resurrection in Shalimar, FL.
- 3) In March, the committee approved moving Christ Our Hope in Dayton, OH from mission status to full parish status.
- 4) In April, the Standing Committee approved the ordination of Mr. Camden Simon of Greenville, SC to the diaconate.
- 5) In June, the committee approved the ordination of Mr. Johnny Bain of Christ Our Hope in Westpoint, TN to the diaconate.
- 6) In August, the committee approved the reception of St. Andrew's Anglican Church of Asheboro, NC into the diocese.
- 7) Also in August, the committee approved changes to the constitution and bylaws of St. James Anglican Church in Memphis, TN.
  
- 8) Finally, last week, the Standing Committee approved Mr. Josiah Jones of Holy Trinity Church in Fairfax as a postulant seeking Holy Orders as a deacon.

Let us be diligent to pray for Bishop Morse and our diocese that we might continue to grow both spiritually and numerically.

**Made at the Diocesan Synod  
October 25-26, 2012 in Shalimar, FL**

It has been another busy year for the Standing Committee of the Diocese of the Central States. During the course of the year, in consultation with Bishop Morse, we voted to approve the following:

- 1) In November, we gave our consent for the Rev. Canon Charles R. Gillin to be ordained as the suffragan bishop of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic.
- 2) On May 12, Fr. Wayne McNamara, Fr. Chris Herman and Fr. Harry Mathis met with and examined Dr. Matt Colvin for his diaconal ordination. He was unanimously approved.
- 3) In August, Mr. Wyatt Boutwell of Holy Trinity Church in Fairfax, VA was approved as a postulant for Holy Orders.
- 4) In September, Canon Houser, Fr. Boettner and Fr. Camlin examined the Rev. Dcn. Scott Thompson for the priesthood. He was approved unanimously.
- 5) On October 16<sup>th</sup>, the Standing Committee met via conference call and unanimously approved a new mission work in Lynchburg, VA under the direction of Fr. John Heaton.
- 6) Also in October, the Standing Committee voted unanimously to approve the election of Fr. Peter Manto as Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of the Central States at this Synod.
- 7) Finally, Canon Houser and Fr. Camlin examined Fr. Davidson Morse and unanimously approved the transfer of his orders from the Diocese of Ft. Worth into the Reformed Episcopal Church.

**Made at the Diocesan Synod  
October 24-25, 2013 in Richmond, VA**

During the course of the past year, in consultation with Bishop Morse, the Standing Committee of the Diocese voted to approve the following:

- 1) On November 28, 2012, the Standing Committee met with the leaders of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Greenfield, IN and voted unanimously to receive them as a mission work in the diocese.
- 2) On April 15 of this year, we voted unanimously to receive St. Nicholas Anglican Church in Owensboro, KY as a mission work within the diocese.
- 3) In June, the Standing Committee accepted Mr. Chris Wood and Mr. Barton Gingerich from Holy Trinity Church in Fairfax, VA as postulants for Holy Orders.
- 4) In July, the Committee approved the call of Fr. David McMillan to Covenant Reformed Episcopal Church in Roanoke, VA.
- 5) On August 28, Frs. Keith Boettner, Chris Herman and Wayne McNamara examined and approved Mr. Josiah Jones of Fairfax, VA for ordination to the diaconate.
  
- 6) Also on August 28, Fr. McNamara, Fr. Scott Thompson and I examined and approved Mr. Rob Sexton of Trinity Anglican Church in Evansville, IN for ordination to the diaconate.
- 7) On September 4, Canon Houser, Fr. Boettner and I examined and approved the Rev. Dcn. Jonathan Kell of Fairfax for ordination to the priesthood.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Rev. Charles F. Camlin  
Chairman of the Standing Committee

**The REPORT of BISHOP WINFIELD MOTT  
Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the West**

1. The Diocese of the West entered the Reformed Episcopal Church in 2008. It presently consists of sixteen congregations in six western states.
2. The founding bishop of the Diocese, Bishop Richard Boyce, retired on November 30, 2011, on his eighty-third birthday. He was succeeded by the Coadjutor, Winfield Mott, who is the second, and current, bishop ordinary. Bishop Boyce also served for several years prior to his retirement as Vicar-General of the Diocese of Cascadia in the ACNA as it formed. Bishop Mott served as Vicar-General of the Diocese of the Southwest in the ACNA as it formed, from June, 2011 to March, 2014. Despite the significant additional workload this entailed, it is one example of the kind of leadership the REC has been able to provide for ACNA in its formative years.
3. The vision of the Diocese of the West from the beginning has always been to be a lean and missionary enterprise to promulgate the evangelical catholic Faith in the western United States. It continues to do so in the context of the Reformed Episcopal Church and ACNA.
4. As part of the Anglican Way, the Diocese has partnered with others within ACNA. Four parishes currently have dual membership status, and one has been part of a two-church parish, with the other congregation being in the Diocese of San Joaquin. We participate in Caminemos Juntos and Forward in Faith.

5. Two organizations are affiliated with the Diocese. St. Mary's Retreat and Conference Center in Silver City, New Mexico has newly opened as part of the ministry of Holy Trinity Parish. It is a former school and convent, and is now available for individual and group retreats, conferences, and meetings. Andrewes Hall in Phoenix presently has an online program for theological education and offers a few courses in Phoenix of interest to both lay and clergy.
6. The Diocese vigorously promotes the diaconal office as a separate and integral ministry within the local church. The proliferation of non-Biblical offices replacing the diaconal function is discouraged and the Diocesan goal of at least one deacon in each parish is close to fulfillment.
7. Diocesan structure includes an annual synod, an annual clericus, three deaneries, examining chaplains, and the standing committee, which conducts the business of the Diocese between synods.
8. At the moment there are three vacancies for presbyters; St. Luke's, Los Altos Hills, CA,(full-time), Christ the King, Arroyo Grande, CA (part-time) and Deming, NM. The latter needs someone who is serious about mission. If you are interested in these, or know of someone who might be, please contact Bishop Mott or the chair of the examining chaplains, Father Don Hughes. Both will be at General Council.

*The ensuing reports were distributed in the packets for Council. According to the rules of order, the reports so submitted are considered received, unless something additional is presented or called attention to by the Chairman of the Board or Committee, or if a question is raised by the house in regard to the contents of a particular report.*

*The Rev. Dr. Abboud presented the Treasurer's Report. Rev. Rondal Martin made a motion to receive the report with thanks for Rev. Abboud's work of the years. The Rev. Dr. Riches then moved to receive the budget with thanks. Both motions were seconded and carried.*

The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote, B.B.A, M.Div.  
*Official Auditor of the Reformed Episcopal Church  
Treasurer of the Diocese of Mid-America  
Treasurer of Cranmer Theological House  
Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions*

The Rev. Dr. Jon W. Abboud  
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RE: Audit

I have performed an audit to assist you with respect to the accounting records and reports of the Sustentation Fund, the Episcopal Recorder, and the Board of Pensions & Relief for the Triennial years of 2011-2013. The term "audit" is defined by the Constitution and Canons of the Church for internal use and is not equivalent to an audit as defined by Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS). However, some procedures recommended by GAAS were employed in this audit. Such procedures included, but were not limited to, reviewing the check register, reconciling bank and investment statements, sampling check & deposits, reviewing investment accounts and withdrawals, and reviewing the Treasurer's financial statements.

This audit did not include an examination of the policies and procedures adopted by the entities or the Treasurer.

Based upon my findings, I believe the financial reports provided by the Treasurer to the 54th General

Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church to be a reasonable reflection of the financial position and activities of these three entities.

The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote, B.B.A, M.Div

**The REPORT of the TREASURER of the TRUSTEES of the  
SUSTENTATION FUND of the REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
to the 54<sup>th</sup> General Council

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS**

	<u>12/31/2011</u>	<u>12/31/2012</u>	<u>12/31/2013</u>
<u>Sustentation Fund General Checking Account and Episcopal Recorder Balances</u>			
BNCE	20,961.46	22,508.18	23,397.02
Video Fund	5,214.50	5,214.50	214.50
General Fund	<u>38,031.29</u>	<u>36,810.62</u>	<u>35,950.49</u>
<b>Total Sustentation Checking</b>	<b>64,207.25</b>	<b>64,533.30</b>	<b>59,562.01</b>
 Ep. Recorder (sep. checking & CC)	 46,393.96	 29,310.39	 28,827.51
 <b>Total Checking Acc't Balances</b>	 <b>\$110,601.21</b>	 <b>\$93,843.69</b>	 <b>\$88,389.52</b>
 <u>Investment Portfolio</u>			
General Fund	193,560.33	196,534.04	201,960.06
Eliza A. Dean (Missions)	55,482.78	56,616.98	63,752.90
Rebecca H. Stroud	6,142.00	6,857.60	7,993.95
Southern Missionary Fund	7,940.00	11,201.28	13,057.43
Needy Student Fund	1,480.90	1,653.43	1,927.40
Prayer Book Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Fund acc't 3.2	<u>823,067.16</u>	<u>845,933.68</u>	<u>884,265.90</u>
<b>Total Investment Portfolio Balances</b>	<b>\$1,089,765.61</b>	<b>\$1,118,797.01</b>	<b>\$1,172,957.64</b>
 <u>Other Investments</u>			
271 W. Tulpehocken St. (Eleanor Stroud Fund Mort.)	5,300.00	5,300.00	5,300.00
 <b>Total All Assets</b>	 <b>\$1,205,666.82</b>	 <b>\$1,217,940.70</b>	 <b>\$1,266,647.16</b>

**Notes:**

- \$125K was transferred from GC checking to fund ACNA mortgage (balance as of 12/31/2013 = \$87,564.83).
- ACNA Mortgage is included in Account 3.2 balance
- Eleanor Stroud Fund reverts to the Sustentation Fund in the event the Church of the Atonement sells its rectory
- Half of the income to Southern Missionary Fund is disbursed to the Diocese of the Southeast in the first year of the new triennium - check sent in April 2014
- Half of the income to the Rebecca H. Stroud Fund is disbursed to the Church of the Atonement in the first year of the new triennium - check sent in April 2014
- Half of the income to the Needy Student Fund is disbursed to the Reformed Episcopal Seminary in the first year of the new triennium - check sent in April 2014
- Eliza Dean Fund is used for Missions.



**Sustentation Fund  
for the Triennium 2011-2013**

	2011	2012	2013	TOTAL
<b>Revenue</b>				
<b>Diocesan Tithes</b>				
Northeast	25,633.26	21,813.64	28,873.95	76,320.85
Southeast	20,000.00	16,500.00	16,500.00	53,000.00
Mid-America	24,364.70	21,451.64	30,059.37	75,875.71
Central States	11,362.25	13,373.38	14,026.65	38,762.28
West	5,676.11	2,295.75	3,685.97	11,657.83
Western Canada	953.71	4,252.21	633.00	5,838.92
<b>Total Diocesan Tithes</b>	<b>87,990.03</b>	<b>79,686.62</b>	<b>93,778.94</b>	<b>261,455.59</b>
Episcopal Recorder	0.00	25,000.00	12,000.00	37,000.00
* Investment Draws	98,224.75	83,113.25	120,669.00	302,007.00
Other	3,517.40	546.72	1,578.24	5,642.36
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>189,732.18</b>	<b>188,346.59</b>	<b>228,026.18</b>	<b>606,104.95</b>
<b>Ordinary Expenditures</b>				
<b>ACNA</b>				
<i>Presiding Bishop Travel</i>	12,654.06	2,647.75	8,969.31	24,271.12
<i>Other ACNA Travel</i>	7,642.33	5,077.59	7,798.83	20,518.75
<i>Tithe to ACNA</i>	0.00	8,867.00	16,280.00	25,147.00
<b>Total ACNA</b>	<b>20,296.39</b>	<b>16,592.34</b>	<b>33,048.14</b>	<b>69,936.87</b>
** Administrative Secretary	51,407.00	47,441.68	48,511.72	147,360.40
Auditor	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Board of Foreign Missions	30,240.60	512.59	427.59	31,180.78
BNCE	859.02	0.00	689.40	1,548.42
Chaplaincy Office	609.89	120.00	657.09	1,386.98
Episcopal Recorder	31,999.92	34,200.00	32,782.00	98,981.92
General Council (Triennial)	17,341.61	0.00	0.00	17,341.61
Membership & Dues	950.00	490.00	340.00	1,780.00
Office Expenses				
<i>Administrative Office</i>	999.06	1,601.02	8,206.52	10,806.60
<i>Presiding Bishop Office</i>	4,908.10	6,462.72	5,686.14	17,056.96
<b>Total Office Expenses</b>	<b>5,907.16</b>	<b>8,063.74</b>	<b>13,892.66</b>	<b>27,863.56</b>
** Presiding Bishop	32,100.00	33,249.60	34,399.92	99,749.52
Shisler Memorial	720.00	0.00	0.00	720.00
Travel (Meetings & Other)	18,665.16	40,776.43	38,647.11	98,088.70
Treasurer (Honorarium)	2,500.00	2,600.00	1,201.00	6,301.00
Website Administration	5,250.00	5,250.00	5,625.00	16,125.00
*** Women's Day Fund Distribution (Video)	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>Total Ordinary Expenditures</b>	<b>219,346.75</b>	<b>189,296.38</b>	<b>215,221.63</b>	<b>623,864.76</b>

**Other Expenditures (Special General Committee Decisions)**

<i>Canadian Mission Support</i>	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
<i>Central Canada Legal Action</i>	11,443.57	0.00	(3,500.00)	7,943.57
<i>Diocese of Central States</i>	16,000.00	0.00	0.00	16,000.00
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>27,443.57</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>16,500.00</b>	<b>43,943.57</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>246,790.32</b>	<b>189,296.38</b>	<b>231,721.63</b>	<b>667,808.33</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>(57,058.14)</b>	<b>(949.79)</b>	<b>(3,695.45)</b>	<b>(61,703.38)</b>

\*Investment Draws are total withdrawals and do not reflect interest, dividends, or gains (unrealized or realized).

\*\*Administrative Secretary & Presiding Bishop Expense reflect salary, taxes, workman's comp insurance, social security, disability, health insurance premiums, and pension contributions.

\*\*\*Women's Day Fund Distribution was distributed in accordance with funds received in previous years.

2014 Budget  
and 2015-2017 Triennium projections

	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>Revenue</b>				
<b>Diocesan Tithes</b>				
Northeast	26,875.00	27,815.00	28,789.00	29,796.00
Southeast	18,000.00	18,630.00	19,280.00	20,000.00
Mid-America	27,000.00	27,950.00	28,950.00	30,000.00
Central States	14,000.00	14,100.00	14,200.00	14,300.00
West	2,300.00	2,400.00	2,500.00	2,600.00
Western Canada	1,500.00	1,600.00	1,700.00	1,800.00
<b>Total Diocesan Tithes</b>	<b>89,675.00</b>	<b>92,495.00</b>	<b>95,419.00</b>	<b>99,496.00</b>
Dividends & Interest Income (General Fund)	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Dividends & Interest Income (Dean Fund)	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Episcopal Recorder	12,000.00	12,600.00	13,000.00	13,600.00
Other	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>132,675.00</b>	<b>136,095.00</b>	<b>139,419.00</b>	<b>143,096.00</b>
<b>Ordinary Expenditures</b>				
ACNA				
<i>Presiding Bishop Travel</i>	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
<i>Other Travel</i>	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
<i>Tithe to ACNA</i>	16,500.00	16,500.00	16,500.00	16,500.00
<b>Total ACNA</b>	<b>31,500.00</b>	<b>31,500.00</b>	<b>31,500.00</b>	<b>31,500.00</b>
* Administrative Secretary	50,800.00	52,600.00	54,400.00	56,300.00
Anglican Way Institute	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Auditor	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,750.00
BFM (Dean Fund)	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00

BFM (General Fund)	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Episcopal Recorder	36,600.00	37,880.00	39,200.00	40,600.00
FACA Travel	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
General Council Expenses	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	4,000.00
Membership & Dues (including chaplaincy)	1,600.00	1,700.00	1,800.00	1,900.00
Office Expenses				
<i>Administrative Office</i>	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
<i>Presiding Bishop Office</i>	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>Total Office Expenses</b>	<b>35,000.00</b>	<b>35,000.00</b>	<b>35,000.00</b>	<b>35,000.00</b>
* Presiding Bishop	35,600.00	36,900.00	38,100.00	39,500.00
Travel (Meetings & Other)	25,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Treasurer (Honorarium)	2,800.00	2,900.00	3,000.00	3,100.00
Website Administration	5,825.00	5,825.00	5,825.00	5,825.00
Total Expenditures	242,225.00	247,305.00	253,825.00	263,475.00
<b>Expenditures in Excess of Revenue</b>	<b>(109,550.00)</b>	<b>(111,210.00)</b>	<b>(114,406.00)</b>	<b>(120,379.00)</b>

These are the amounts that will have to be drawn from the Investment & Checking account balances. Any capita appreciation (growth) in the investment accounts (not reflected in this report) will help offset the deficit. Such growth in 2013 exceeded \$100,000.

\* Administrative Secretary & Presiding Bishop Expense reflect salary, taxes, workman's comp insurance, social security, disability, health insurance premiums, and pension contributions.

*Bishop Grote turns the chair over to Bp. Sutton so he can present the Pension Report.*

### REPORT of the BOARD of PENSIONS and RELIEF

Dear Brethren,

Immediately following the 53rd General Council at Church of the Holy Communion in Dallas, TX the members of the Board met for a brief organizational meeting. The following officers were elected:

President - The Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr.

Vice-President – The Venerable James T. Payne

Secretary - Mrs. Tonya Forsberg

Treasurer/ Plan Administrator – The Rev. Dr. Jon Abboud

During the triennium, three Board meetings were held in Summerville, South Carolina.

The Offices for the Board of Pensions and Relief are now located at the new denominational office:

25 West Second Street Media, Pennsylvania 19063

Telephone: (610) 566-3194

Email: [reccdenominationaloffice@gmail.com](mailto:reccdenominationaloffice@gmail.com)

The denominational pension plan is administered by this Board along with responsibilities for meeting the needs of widows and orphans. A statement of funds held for use by this Board was approved at the 49th General Council and the fund balances are reported in the Treasurer's Report.

## PENSION PLAN PERFORMANCE

One of the primary responsibilities of this Board is to administer and oversee the denominational pension portfolio. This is done by employing the management services of First Savings Financial Services (formerly known as Papalia). They are charged with providing proper management and timely reporting of the individual pension accounts. The funds are invested through Fidelity Financial. We were pleased that the performance for 2013 was 12.65%. The average growth from 2011-2013 has been 7.40%. Over the life of the plan, we have experienced an annual growth rate in excess of 6% in the Pension Fund.

NOTE: We once again remind the participants that this Pension Plan is a long term investment strategy. Those who are near retirement and wish to preserve their capital have the one time option at age 59 ½ or older of withdrawing their funds without penalties and placing them in more secure retirement vehicles. The staff at First Savings or Windsor Financial are more than willing to speak with qualifying participants and discuss alternative investment strategies for those who are in this category.

## MANDATORY PARTICIPATION

The Board would remind our Parishes that our plan mandates the participation of all Presbyters serving in a parish to participate in the plan. While we are not officially designated as a federally approved plan, we do endeavor to conform to federal guidelines concerning pension plan administration. Since, however, there were some isolated instances where there was no need for the pension program, the Board made a provision that Presbyters requesting exemption from participation be so permitted subject to the parish served by that presbyter making a \$500.00 per year contribution to the Pension Fund. Those requesting exemption must be able to demonstrate adequate alternative provisions and have appropriate spousal permission forms completed. In every case, written permission from the Board of Pensions must be received. It should be noted that in order to insure an adequate funding at retirement for our Clergy and Missionaries, the 53rd Council approved that Churches or agencies of the REC being served by a presbyter are now required to make a minimum contribution of \$500.00 per annum to that presbyter's pension account, or 12% of that presbyters defined income from that agency, **whichever is greater**. This percentage was put into effect in 2012. The Board makes no recommendation for further increases at this time.

## FATHER'S DAY OFFERING

The Annual Father's Day Offering is a worthy and proper method of helping to acknowledge and support those retired servants of Christ who gave the best years of their lives to His Service. We encourage our parishes to generously support the annual Father's Day Offering project. The proceeds of this Offering are distributed to our retired Missionaries and Clergy at Christmas each year.

## HOUSING ALLOWANCE OPTION - ANNUITY

In 1995, the Board approved the authorizing of a housing allowance option for those who are going to retire utilizing a minimum 10-year certain and life annuity. The annuity would be based upon the retired clergyman's underwriting, but the proceeds would be payable to the Board of Pensions and Relief. The Board then approves a stipulated Rectory Allowance for that individual and distributes the allowance as the proceeds from the annuity allow. This is an option which may be elected by any clergy who retire. It is a means of tax sheltering a certain portion of their retirement income. Further details may be received from the Plan Administrator, the Rev. Dr. Jon Abboud.

## NEW LONG TERM DISABILITY PLAN

The Long Term Disability Plan approved by the 52nd General Council came up for renewal in March of 2013. The Standard Insurance Company was seeking a 33% increase in premium in order to renew. After, seeking quotes from 15 different companies, The Board placed this Insurance with the Windsor Financial Group who is the representative for The Principal Insurance Co. The new coverage went into effect on April 1, 2014. The premium remains the same at \$500.00 per year. That premium is now guaranteed until 2017.

The coverage is as follows:

Group life insurance for the employee is now \$50,000 and provided the insured remains employed, continues at that level until age 70 at which point it will reduce by 33%. It will reduce again by an additional 20% at age 75. Our previous coverage was for \$75,000 which created a tax liability for the participants. (There is no annual tax liability for the new coverage.)

Group disability coverage has been increased from \$1800 per month to a maximum of \$2000 per month. The insured must be employed at the time of disability and the benefit will be approximately 60% of the insured's income based on a 2-yr average.

A new provision allows the insured to elect up to \$150,000 in voluntary (employee paid) guaranteed issue life insurance, as well as up to \$50,000 in critical illness coverage. Benefits are also available for spouse and dependent children. Representatives of The Principal will be contacting those who are enrolled in this coverage. They are also present at this General Council and available for consultation with your clergy. There is no obligation for this additional coverage, but it is an added benefit. Questions may be directed to the Plan Administrator, Dr. Abboud. He can be reached by cell phone at 610-246-4879 or email [stmatts@aol.com](mailto:stmatts@aol.com).

## TRUST FUNDS

The Board also administrates and invests certain designated Trust Funds. In each case, any distributions from the proceeds of those funds were in accordance with the designated use, and those funds are accounted in the Report by the Treasurer.

## ANNA KEARNEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

It is our joy to report that the Board of Pensions is, once again, financially able to offer Scholarships for the children of clergy and missionaries who are attending their first level of College. Each year, the Board awards one (1) one four year Scholarship of \$1500.00 per year. Applications must be received in Bishop Grote's office by June 30th of each calendar year in order to be considered. Awards are based on need and scholarship and are independent of any other grants or scholarships a student may receive. Information and application forms are available from the Pension office.

## PUBLICATION SOCIETY

Members of the Council should note that The Officers of the Board of Pensions and Relief also served as the Officers of the Board of the Publication Society during the last triennium. The Publication Society provides printed materials for men preparing for the ministry at our seminaries along with other written materials for use in the Church.

The Publication Society is now located at the new General Council Offices at 25 West Second Street, Media, PA 19063. Telephone: (610) 566-3194. Email: [recdenominationaloffice@gmail.com](mailto:recdenominationaloffice@gmail.com). The Rev.

Dr. Jon W. Abboud is the distribution manager. Orders may be placed by calling 610-566-3194. All orders are now processed within 7-10 days.

All financial reporting for the Publication Society is now made by the General Council Treasurer in the Report of the Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund. During the last Triennium, any proceeds of this Board above costs were distributed to the Sustentation Fund accounts according to the requirements set by the General Committee. This corporation has produced a number of volumes in recent years. A catalogue is available on the Publication Society table at this Council.

**List of New Publications produced this past Triennium:**

***REC Book of Common Prayer*** (2013/2014 Printing)

Hardbound Edition	Item No. 2099	Price \$17.00
Modern Language	Item No. 2099-MOD	Price \$11.00

***The Gospel According to Galatians***

The Very Rev. Dr. Justyn Terry, Dean of Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry		
	Item No. 2260	Price \$18.00

***Essential Truths***

The Rt. Rev. John Rodgers

Paperback Edition	Item No. 2104p	Price \$24.95
Hardcover Edition	Item No. 2104	Price \$49.95

**A Final Word**

It has been my privilege and joy to serve on this Board since 1981 (33 years). Over those years, we have seen many advancements and improvements to the benefits offered to those who serve our Church. This will be my last report since I am stepping down from this Board at this General Council. I am very pleased with the nominees presented by the Nominations Committee, and have every confidence in them continuing to provide for the needs of our Church.

**Recommendation**

1. That this Council commends the continuation of the Father's Day offering project to the parishes of this Church, and that this appeal is given appropriate emphasis and priority in the parishes of this Church.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr.  
President

*Rev. Hill moved and the Ven. Dr. Payne seconded to receive the report with the enclosed recommendation. The motion passed. Bp. Grote returned to the chair.*

*The Ven. Dr. Abboud passed out packets for the new Long-term Disability Plan discussed in Bishop Grote's Report. All participants were instructed to complete a current application and return it the Secretary.*

**Board of Pensions and Relief  
for the Triennium 2011-2013**

**Starting Cash Balances (Operating Account) as of 12/31/2010\*** **\$54,281.12**

**Increase to Cash Balance**

Disability Premiums	113,809.67	
In-Out (pass-throughs non-pension)	(1,138.82)	
Investment Account Withdrawals	135,711.65	
Pension Contributions Rec'd	1,668,714.03	
Retired Clergy Fund Contributions	<u>25,471.58</u>	
<b>Total Increase to Cash Balance</b>		<b>\$1,942,568.11</b>

**Decrease to Cash Balance**

Bond Renewal	450.00	
Administrative Expense	136,340.04	
Disability Premiums	111,957.23	
Miscellaneous Expense	.25	
Pension Contribution Forwarded	1,670,813.45	
Retired Clergy Fund Disbursements	23,842.93	
Scholarship Fund	<u>750.00</u>	
<b>Total Decrease to Cash Balance</b>		<b>\$1,944,153.90</b>

**Net Increase/Decrease to Cash Balance (Operating Account)** **(\$1,585.79)**

**Ending Cash Balance as of 12/31/2013** **\$52,695.33**

\*The starting account balance reflects a \$550 variance from the reported Dec. 31, 2010 balance as there was an adjustment made to 2010 after the prior report was produced.

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

	<u>12/31/2011</u>	<u>12/31/2012</u>	<u>12/31/2013</u>
<b>Investment Account #1</b>			
Rich Fund	2,074.95	2,304.32	2,650.77
Widows & Orphans	1,244.96	1,382.60	1,590.45
Ministerial Relief	4,979.89	5,530.45	6,361.86
Episcopal Relief	6,169.88	6,851.99	7,882.08
Kearney Fund	104,342.70	101,854.42	104,262.58
<b>Total Investment Account #1</b>	<b><u>\$118,812.38</u></b>	<b><u>\$117,923.81</u></b>	<b><u>\$122,747.74</u></b>
<b>MPPP Account #2</b>	<b><u>\$5,660,417.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,386,942.05</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,456,559.29</u></b>
Performance Percentage	-0.27%	9.76%	12.65%

Investment Accounts balances reflect all income (realized & unrealized gains), interest, pension account deposits and withdrawals.

**Episcopal Recorder  
for the Triennium 2011-2013**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Revenue</b>				
*Sales	13,418.18	41,834.25	27,824.15	83,076.58
Support from Sust. Fund	31,999.92	34,200.00	32,782.00	98,981.92
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$45,418.10</b>	<b>\$76,034.25</b>	<b>\$60,606.15</b>	<b>\$182,058.50</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Admin/Office	38,843.97	36,442.60	36,393.98	111,680.55
Dividend paid to Sust. Fund	0.00	25,000.00	12,000.00	37,000.00
Product Costs				
<i>Printed books</i>	14,621.86	11,235.00	5,490.06	31,346.92
<i>Other</i>	1,988.00	256.80	673.70	2,918.50
Total Product Costs	16,609.86	11,491.80	6,163.76	34,265.42
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$55,453.83</b>	<b>\$72,934.40</b>	<b>\$54,557.74</b>	<b>\$182,945.97</b>
<b>Revenue in excess of Expense</b>	<b>(\$10,035.73)</b>	<b>\$3,099.85</b>	<b>\$6,048.41</b>	<b>(\$887.47)</b>

\*2012 Sales include \$22,226.69 of 2011 credit card sales that were posted in 2012.

**Account Balances as of 12/31/2013 (as reported on Sustentation Asset Report)**

Operating Account	\$26,089.99
Credit Card Sales Account	\$2,737.52
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>	<b>(\$887.47)</b>

**The COMMITTEE on DOCTRINE and WORSHIP**

The Committee on Doctrine and worship met twice during the last triennium. The substance of these meetings had to do with evaluating the doctrinal content of the completed portions of the new Anglican Church in North America Book of Common Prayer. These services are Morning and Evening Prayer, and Holy Communion. The committee concluded there are no doctrinal errors and made recommendation to the Council of Bishops for trial use in the REC subject to the Bishops' approval. The members of this committee were Dss. Annette M. Johnson, the Rev. Dr. Randal Toms, Mrs. Burnie Barnes, and the chairman, the Rt. Rev. Ray R. Sutton.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Rt. Rev. Ray R. Sutton, Ph.D., Chairman

*Bp. Sutton moved to approve the trial liturgies of the ACNA for use in the Reformed Episcopal Church with Bishops' permission. The Rev. Dr. Riches seconded. The motion carried.*

*The Ven. Dr. Payne presented the Report of the Committee on Constitutions and Canons.*



## The COMMITTEE on CONSTITUTIONS and CANONS

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

During the triennium since the 53rd General Council, the Constitution and Canons Committee met three times in Summerville, South Carolina.

Part of the Committee's work this triennium has been to identify unclear or contradictory passages within the Constitution and Canons. Ambiguity was noted in descriptions of the method for choosing a General Council Treasurer and the scope of the Treasurer's duties. Passages conflicting with current practice were identified, and revisions are being proposed. Canon 42, which describes the structure of General Council and duties of its officers and members, was reorganized to group related topics. Also affecting Canon 42 is a proposal to dissolve the office of Registrar and transfer those duties to the Office of the Presiding Bishop, necessitating several changes that require the consideration of this Council.

In addition, some refinements in policy are being proposed in light of our relationship with the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA), such as the procedure for gaining provisional approval for the trial use of liturgies not yet officially approved by General Council.

The Committee is also proposing creation of the office of Canon to the Presiding Bishop to assist with administrative (non-episcopal) duties, as well as the office of Chancellor, to be filled by a person versed in canon and civil law who will serve as a legal advisor to the Presiding Bishop.

As a result of our deliberations over the past three years, the Committee is proposing amendments to three Articles of the Constitution and amendments to eleven Canons. All proposed changes are summarized below, and the full text of the proposed amendments within their context is provided in enclosures.

The following is a summary of the proposed amendments to the Constitution (See Appendix A):

- Language in Article VIII was updated to indicate that the Treasurer of General Council is elected by General Council rather than appointed by General Committee.
- A section was added to Article X to provide for filling vacancies on the General Committee between meetings of General Council. Minor wording changes are also proposed for conciseness and clarity.
- A section was added to Article XI to cover provisional approval of ACNA liturgies and another section added to specify that the Ordinal of the Reformed Episcopal Church is the norm for ordinations and consecrations within this Church.

The following is a summary of the proposed amendments to the Canons (See Appendix B):

- To Canon 15, provisions for creation of the office of Chancellor and the office of Canon to the Presiding Bishop, and for the establishment of a permanent location for the Office of the Presiding Bishop
- To Canon 22, identification of the liturgy to be used for the Setting Apart of Deaconesses
- To Canon 27, a minor change in the method for selecting members for the Court of Diocesan Authority
- To Canons 52 and 53, removal of the requirement for the members of the Board of Pensions and Relief to serve as the Board of Trustees of the Reformed Episcopal Publication Society
- To Canon 55, additional specifications for ecclesiastical titles
- Complete reorganization and update of Canon 42 to clarify responsibilities, and proposed changes for the duties of the Registrar to be assumed by the Office of the Presiding Bishop.
- Minor changes to Canons 14, 31, 32, and 48 to remove references to the Registrar

The Committee recommends that the REC General Council approve these amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Deaconess Teresa R. Johnson Secretary

Enclosures:

Appendix A, Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

Appendix B, Proposed Amendments to the Canons

## Appendix A

### Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### *Officers of the General Council*

**Section 1** The Officers of the General Council shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The ~~President, Vice-President, and Secretary~~[Officers] shall be elected by ballot at each stated meeting, upon the organization of the Council, and shall hold their respective offices from and after their election, and until their successors have been elected. ~~The Treasurer of the General Committee shall be appointed by the General Committee at its first meeting following any stated meeting of Council, and he shall serve at the pleasure of the General Committee.~~

**Section 2** The President, also known as the Presiding Bishop, and Vice President of the General Council shall be chosen from the active Bishops of this Church. The Treasurer of the General Council shall also serve as Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund and may be chosen from among the clergy or lay members of this Church. The Secretary shall be from either the clergy or the laity of this Church.

**Section 3** The duties of these several officers shall be those usually pertaining to their respective offices, and such others as may be prescribed by the Canons of this Church. The President of the Council shall be the Presiding Bishop of this Church; and, in the event that in the interval between stated meetings the President shall become unable to act, or his office become vacant, from any cause, the Vice-President shall discharge the duties of the office of President until the disability is removed, or the vacancy filled by a special or stated meeting of the Council. If both the President and Vice President be unable to act, the senior Bishop Ordinary, reckoning seniority from the date of consecration, shall forthwith become Acting Presiding Bishop, invested with all authority of the office of Presiding Bishop, and the authority hereby conferred shall be in force until the next meeting of the Council.

**Section 4** In the event of the death or permanent disability of either the Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer, the Presiding Bishop, with the concurrence of a majority of the General Committee, shall forthwith appoint some suitable person to fill the vacant office and execute the duties thereof until the meeting of the next Council.

#### ARTICLE X

##### *Of the General Committee*

**Section 1** Each Bishop Ordinary of this Church or his Coadjutor, together with the Secretary, Treasurer, the Trustees of the Sustentation Fund, and twelve members at large so elected by the Council—four to serve three years, four for six years, and four for nine years—shall constitute the General Committee; the term of each elective successor shall be nine years.

**Section 2** The General Committee, subject to the authority of the General Council, shall assume and discharge the following duties:

(1) Consider all matters referred to it by the Council or the Presiding Bishop, as well as other important matters concerning the welfare of this Church which may be brought to its attention or which it may itself discern, and make such recommendations to the Council, its Officers, or its Boards and Committees as each case shall demand;

(2) Prepare and submit to the Council a [Triennial] Budget covering the fiscal needs of this Church, and recommend plans for financing such needs;

(3) Consider between meetings of the Council cases of ~~serious embarrassment~~ or emergency concerning the Beneficent or Missionary work of this Church, and provide direct methods of relief;

(4) Correspond with and advise the Bishops, the Standing Committees, and other duly constituted authorities of Dioceses and Missionary Dioceses and Jurisdictions; and

(5) Submit to each Council, for its approval or reversal, detailed reports of all business transacted since the most recent previous meeting of the Council.

**Section 3** In the performance of its duties as prescribed in Section 2, this Committee shall have all the powers vested in the General Council; also in any other matters expressly referred to it by the Council.

**Section 4** This Committee shall meet at the call of the Presiding Bishop, or upon its own initiative, after fifteen days' notice by the Secretary of the General Council. Nine members present shall constitute a quorum.

[**Section 5** Between sessions of the General Council, the Committee may, by majority vote, fill vacancies on the Committee, with such persons serving until the next meeting of Council, when a successor shall be elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.]

## ARTICLE XI

### *Of the Book of Common Prayer*

**Section 1** The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments and Other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church According to the Use of the Reformed Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada (otherwise referred to as "The Book of Common Prayer") shall be the standard of Doctrine and Worship in this Church, and shall be used at such times, and with such liberty, as the Canon on this subject shall prescribe; but no Canon shall ever make its use imperative on all occasions, nor forbid the use of extempore or other prayer at suitable times.

**Section 2** No alterations or additions shall be made in the Book of Common Prayer of this Church unless the same shall be approved by a two-thirds vote in one General Council, and finally ratified by a two-thirds vote of the next succeeding Council; provided, however, that minor verbal or rubrical alterations, which affect neither doctrine nor polity, may be authorized by a two-thirds vote of any stated meeting of the Council.

**Section 3** Other liturgies and prayer books may be authorized for trial use in this Church by action of the General Council subject to the requirements of the Canons of this Church. [Section 4 Any liturgy approved by the Anglican Church in North America shall be reviewed by the Committee on Doctrine and Worship, and upon its certification may be provisionally approved by the Council of Bishops until the next General Council.]

**Section 4[5]** No Parish or Mission of this Church already using any edition of the Book of Common Prayer previously authorized for use in this Church, or accepted into this Church using said prayer book with the approval of the then Bishop Ordinary, shall ever be prohibited from using said book in public worship.

[Section 6 The Ordinal of the Book of Common Prayer of The Reformed Episcopal Church, or the Book of Occasional Services, or the Ordinal of another approved Prayer Book shall be used for all Ordinations and Consecrations within the Reformed Episcopal Church. Any deviation must be approved by the Council of Bishops on a case-by-case basis.]

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## Appendix B

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### Proposed Amendments to the Canons

#### 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 22

*Of Deaconesses*

**Section 1** A woman of devout character and aptitude may be set apart to the lay order of Deaconess by any Bishop of this Church, having jurisdiction in the Diocese or Missionary Diocese in which she shall serve.

**Section 2** The duty of a Deaconess is to assist the Minister in the care of the poor and sick, the religious training of the young and others, and the work of moral reformation, but shall not include the performance of any liturgical function which is reserved to those in Holy Orders.

**Section 3** No one shall be appointed Deaconess until she shall be at least twenty-three years of age; nor until she shall have laid before the Bishop testimonials certifying that she is a communicant of this Church in good standing, and that she possesses such characteristics as, in the judgment of the persons testifying, fit her for at least one of the duties above defined. The testimonial of fitness shall be signed by two Presbyters of this Church, and by twelve lay communicants of the same, six of whom shall be women. The Bishop shall also satisfy himself that the applicant has had an adequate preparation for her work, both technical and religious, which preparation shall cover the requirements as established by the Council of Bishops.

**Section 4** No Deaconess shall accept work in a Diocese without the express authority, in writing, of the Bishop of that Diocese; nor shall she undertake work in a Parish without the like authority from the Rector of the Parish.

**Section 5** When not connected with a Parish, the Deaconess shall be under the direct oversight of the Bishop of the Diocese in which she is Canonically resident. A Deaconess may be transferred from one Diocese to another by Letters Testimonial.

**Section 6** A Deaconess may at any time resign her office to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in which she is at the time Canonically resident, but she may not be suspended or removed from office except by the Bishop for cause, with the consent of the Standing Committee, and after a hearing before the Bishop and Standing Committee.

**Section 7** ~~No woman shall be recognized as a Deaconess until she has been Set Apart for that office, to be prescribed by the Diocesan Bishop.~~ [A woman shall be set apart as a Deaconess by use of the Form of the Setting Apart of a Deaconess in the Book of Occasional Services of the Reformed Episcopal Church.]

**CANON 27**

*Of the Establishment of Courts and Their Jurisdiction*

**Section 1** In order to insure the expeditious and just disposition of the presentment of charges regarding any member of Holy Orders, the following courts of inquiry, fact-finding, appeal and review are established:

**(1) Court of Bishops:** This court shall have sole jurisdiction of any presentment preferred against any Bishop of any Diocese or Missionary Diocese. It shall consist of the Presiding Bishop, or a Bishop chosen by him from the members of the Council of Bishops, who shall act as President of the Court; two other Bishops, and two Presbyters. One Bishop shall be chosen by the accused and one Bishop shall be chosen by the President of the Court. The two Presbyters shall be taken from six names chosen at random, but excluding Presbyters Canonically resident in the Diocese in which the Accused Bishop holds office. The Accused and the President of the court shall each, in turn, be allowed to strike two Presbyters names, without prejudice, from the list. The two remaining Presbyters shall be the remaining members of the Court.

**(2) Court of Diocesan Authority:** This court shall have sole jurisdiction of any presentment preferred against any Presbyter or Deacon. It shall consist of the Bishop of the Diocese, or another Bishop designated by him, and two Presbyters Canonically resident in the Diocese, to be selected from a list of ~~four~~ [six] names drawn at random. The Accused and the Bishop shall each, in turn, strike ~~one~~ [two] name[s] from the list, the remaining two Presbyters shall be members of the Court.

**(3) The Court of Laity:** This court shall have initial jurisdiction for any presentment preferred against any Communicant/Lay Person. It shall consist of the Rector or Vicar and Wardens of the Parish to which such Communicant belongs. The accused shall have the right to challenge one member of the Court in which case the Bishop shall appoint a substitute from among the communicant laity of the Parish or the Diocese, if such be challenged, or from among the Presbyterate of the Diocese if it be the Rector or Vicar who is challenged.

**Section 2** No Court shall have any jurisdiction to hear and decide upon any presentment preferred against any member of the Clergy in any place which is located geographically beyond the boundaries of the Diocese or Missionary Diocese in which he is Canonically resident at the time of the presentment; nor shall any member of the Clergy be required to respond to any Court convened outside of his Canonical residence; provided, however, any Court of inquiry or review or of appeal may convene its sessions at any place, or places, directed by the Presiding Bishop.

**Section 3** All decisions of any Court must be delivered, in written or typed form, to the subject of the presentment within fifteen days next following the date of the conclusion of the hearing.

**Section 4** The case of the trial of a Presbyter, Deacon, Candidate, or Lay Person, the initial right of appeal shall be to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or Missionary Diocese. The request for said review shall be made within fifteen days of the decision of the court having initial authority in the case. Upon request for appeal, the court shall deliver the records to the Standing Committee within thirty days, which shall review the written record of said trial and either uphold or overturn said decision or by granting a new trial. The Standing Committee shall not hear new witnesses as a part of this review, but shall solicit a brief from each side summarizing its position. The final appeal of the decision of such courts shall be to the Court of Review.

**Section 5 (a)** The General Council shall establish a Court of Review. It shall be a court of appeal and for the sole purpose of reviewing the written record as established by the Court in which the presentment is heard. No additional testimony shall be considered, either oral or written. It may, at its election, hear arguments and receive written briefs, delivered or prepared by individuals other than the charged Clergyman or members of the Court on the merits of the case or applicable Canon law.

**(b)** Appeals from the decisions of any trial Courts must be perfected within thirty days next following the receipt of the written decision of the trial Court by the subject of such hearing.

**(c)** Notice of appeal must be in written or typed form addressed to the Bishop to whom the Clergyman is amenable and all members of the Court of trial; provided, however, when the accused Clergyman is a Bishop, the notice of appeal shall be addressed to the Council of Bishops, who shall then appoint a member thereof to bring the appeal before the General Committee. The presiding member of the Court of trial shall notify the presiding member of the Court of Review that notice of appeal has been made.

**(d)** The Court of Review shall convene within thirty days of the date of the receipt of the notice of appeal or the written record of the Court of trial, whichever event occurs last. The Court of Review shall announce its decision within thirty days next following its consideration of such appeal.

**(e)** In rendering its decisions, the Court of Review may

- (1) Affirm the decision of the trial Court in whole or in part;
- (2) Return the presentment for a new trial;
- (3) Vacate the decision of the trial court and enjoin further prosecution; or
- (4) Dismiss the appeal for failure to properly prosecute or lack of merit.

**(f)** The membership of the Court of Review shall consist of

- (1) A member of the Council of Bishops, whether active or retired, who shall preside over the proceedings, to be appointed by the Presiding Bishop;
- (2) Two Presbyters to be elected by the House of Clergy at General Council; and
- (3) Two members of the Laity to be elected by the House of Laity at General Council. All members of the Court shall serve terms of three years and may succeed themselves in office.

**Section 6** All written decisions of the various Courts shall contain the following:

- (1) A proper heading for purpose of identification;
- (2) Name of the subject of the presentment;
- (3) Name or names and addresses of the presenters;
- (4) A concise statement of the nature of the charges with Canonical references;
- (5) Findings of fact;
- (6) Verdict; and
- (7) Sentence.

**Section 7** In their deliberation, all Courts shall have the prerogative of employing such stenographers and other recorders of its proceedings as shall be deemed necessary.

**Section 8** The objects of Christian discipline are the removal of offenses, the vindication of truth, and the promotion of purity and harmony in the Church, and the possibility of the restoration of the offender. In all cases of private offenses, the offender shall be dealt with in the manner prescribed in St. Matthew 18:15-17.

**Section 9** If the Reformed Episcopal Church has constitutionally aligned itself with any National or Provincial Church, in the event a Bishop of this Church is found guilty of any offense by a lawfully constituted court, the appeal process shall follow the process as established by said National or Provincial Church.

## **CANON 52**

### *Of the Reformed Episcopal Publication Society*

~~**Section 1** The members of the Board of Pensions and Relief shall also serve as the Board of Trustees of the Reformed Episcopal Publication Society.~~

**[Section 1** At each stated meeting of the General Council there shall be elected, by ballot, seven persons to constitute a Board of Trustees of the Reformed Episcopal Publication Society. The members of the Board shall elect their officers.]

**Section 2** To this Board of Trustees shall be referred by the General Council, or, in the interim between Councils, by the General Committee, the publishing of such books, pamphlets, and other printed matter as shall have been ordered by either the Council or the Committee; provided that this shall not apply to any publication which has its own incorporated trustees.

**Section 3** This Board of Trustees is also hereby authorized to publish over the imprint: "The Reformed Episcopal Publication Society," such books, pamphlets, and other printed matter as may be unanimously adopted by the said Board; provided that if doctrine be involved in any proposed

publication, it shall first have been submitted to, and approved by the Committee on Doctrine and Worship.

**Section 4** The Secretary of this Board shall give, in detail, to each stated meeting of the General Council a written report, covering all the acts and publications of the Board, together with samples of all publications, which latter shall be subject to approval or suppression by the Council.

**Section 5** The Treasurer of this Board shall give in detail, to each stated meeting of the Council, a written report of all moneys received and expended since his next preceding report, with subscribed certificate of audit.

[**Section 6** This Board shall have the authority to fill any vacancies in its membership occurring between sessions of the General Council.]

**CANON 53**

*Of the Board of Pensions and Relief*

**Section 1** At each stated meeting of the General Council there shall be elected, by ballot, seven persons to constitute a Board of Pensions and Relief. The members of the Board shall elect their officers.

**Section 2** To this Board shall be referred all matters pertaining to retirement benefit, death benefit, and other benefits and financial relief for the Clergy and other persons connected with the work of this Church. It shall be its duty

- (1) to submit triennially to the General Committee a budget estimate of the funds needed for such benefits and relief, together with the means of providing them;
- (2) to recommend to the General Council appropriations therefrom;
- (3) to act upon urgent needs arising between meetings of the General Council, and, if financial appropriations are necessary, to make such appropriations from the income of "The Widows and Orphans Fund";
- (4) to hold any funds which may lawfully be placed under its control, and to carry into effect the purpose for which such funds shall be given to it, so far as it lawfully may. And in no case shall this Board be permitted to draw upon the principal of such funds that have been so restricted by their donors.

**Section 3** This Board shall have the authority to fill any vacancies in its membership occurring between sessions of the General Council.

~~**Section 4** The members of the Board shall also serve as the Trustees of Reformed Episcopal Publication Society.~~

**CANON 55**

*Of a Standard of Uniformity in Ecclesiastical Titles*

**Section 1 (a) Presiding Bishop.** The Presiding Bishop of this Church, elected in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of this Church, shall bear the title of The Most Reverend A. B., Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church in the United States and Canada.

**(b) Diocesan Bishops.** All Diocesan Bishops of this Church, except the Presiding Bishop, shall bear the title of The Right Reverend A. B., Bishop of X.

All Bishops shall hold title of Right Reverend for life.

**(c) Bishops Coadjutor.** All Bishops Coadjutor shall bear the title of The Right Reverend A. B., Bishop Coadjutor of X.



(d) *Other Bishops.* All other Bishops shall bear the title of The Right Reverend A. B., (Missionary, Suffragan, Assistant) Bishop of X.

**Section 2 (a)** *Archdeacons.* The Bishop Ordinary of any Diocese may designate a Presbyter with at least five years of service to be the Archdeacon of said Diocese in recognition of his service and ministry; and may entrust to him such special responsibility as he shall deem fit within the limitations of applicable Canons. The Archdeacon shall bear the title of The Venerable A. B., Archdeacon of the Diocese of X. Archdeacons serve at the pleasure of the Ordinary, and may be replaced at the Bishop’s discretion. No Diocese shall have more than one Archdeacon in active ministry at one time. However, the honorary title of Archdeacon is given and held for the life of the individual unless he be deposed for cause under the Canons of this Church.

(b) In all such cases, the Archdeacon shall be a member, ex-officio, of the Standing Committee and a member of the Cathedral Chapter, if there be one.

~~(c) The title and office of Archdeacon may not be given in a Missionary Diocese without the consent of the General Committee, but may be held by an individual already in that office who is transferred from a Diocese to a Missionary Diocese with the consent of the Missionary Bishop of that Missionary Diocese. A retired Archdeacon retains and may continue to use the title “The Venerable.”~~

**Section 3(a)** The Bishop Ordinary of any Diocese may designate a Senior Presbyter to serve as Canon to the Ordinary, who shall bear the title of The Reverend Canon A. B. and perform such duties as the Ordinary shall assign. The Canon to the Ordinary shall be a member, ex-officio, of the Standing Committee. The Canon to the Ordinary serves at the pleasure of the Ordinary and may be replaced in office at any time. However, unless deposed for cause under the Canons of this Church, such a Canon retains the honorary title of “Canon” for life.

(b) The Bishop Ordinary may designate from among the Presbyters of the Diocese such other Canons as he shall see fit. Such Canons shall be designated for assisting the Bishop a specific ministry or area of responsibility, such as Canon Missioner, Canon Lawyer, Canon Theologian, Canon Advisor, etc. In all such cases, such Canons shall serve at the pleasure of the Ordinary, and shall be members the Cathedral Chapter, if there be one. Unless deposed for cause under the Canons of this Church, such Canons shall retain the honorary title of “Canon” for life.

(c) *Honorary or Lay Canons.* The Bishop Ordinary may designate from time to time such honorary Lay Canons as shall be deemed proper.

[(d) The Presiding Bishop may designate an individual to serve as his Canon. If such person be a Bishop of this Church he shall be styled The Rt. Reverend A. B., Canon to the Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

If he be a Presbyter or Deacon of this Church, he shall be styled The Reverend Canon A. B., Canon to the Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

If he or she be a member of the laity, the designee shall be styled Lay Canon A. B., Canon to the Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church.]

**Section 4 (a)** *Cathedral and Seminary Deans.* The Bishop Ordinary may designate and properly institute a senior Presbyter serving in a designated Cathedral or Seminary to be the Dean thereof and he shall bear the title of The Very Reverend A. B., Dean of X [usually the name of the Church or Seminary].

(b) Deans of Convocations or Rural Deans. Whenever a Diocese shall be subdivided into two or more regional or Rural Convocations or Deaneries, the Bishop of the Diocese may designate a senior Presbyterian to serve in each as the Dean, to be addressed as The Very Reverend A. B., and the Bishop may assign a suitable ecclesiastical, geographic or other name as in Dean of Convocation of Charleston or Dean of the Convocation of the Holy Trinity, etc.

(c) Deans shall be responsible to the Bishop, or to the Coadjutor, if so assigned and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. The title of Dean is one of office and shall be in effect only during the service of the individual unless specifically conferred permanently by the Bishop. The title of Dean shall not be given in a Missionary Diocese. A retired Dean may continue to use the title "The Very Rev'd."

**Section 5** Notwithstanding the above, the titles of Archdeacon, Dean, and Canon may be withdrawn by the Ordinary or ecclesiastical authority for disciplinary cause at any time.

[**Section 6** The titles and offices of Archdeacon, Canon, or Dean may not be given in a Missionary Diocese except by the consent of the General Committee, but may be held by an individual already in either office who is transferred from a Diocese to a Missionary Diocese with the consent of the Missionary Bishop of that Missionary Diocese.]

**Section 6[7]** Upon the resignation, death, or retirement of the Ordinary, every Archdeacon, Canon, and Dean of the Diocese shall be deemed to have tendered his resignation to the Standing Committee, subject to the acceptance or rejection of said resignations by the incoming Bishop Ordinary, who shall have the right to designate such officers.

*Note on the Reorganization of Canon 42*

Although the proposed Canon 42 appears much altered from its current form, the actual changes are few, and all are noted within the proposed text. The table below compares the previous structure with the new outline.

Current Canon	Proposed Revision
Section 1: Protocol for holding the triennial General Council (GC) meeting	Section 1: Structure of all elected and appointed GC committees, members of which are nominated or appointed before the meeting
Section 2: Protocol for special meetings of GC	Section 2: Selection/certification of delegates
Section 3: Selection and duties of Registrar. (A subsection discusses the election of GC Secretary.)	Section 3: Protocol for holding the triennial GC meeting
Section 4: Election of Treasurer	Section 4: Protocol for special meetings of GC
Section 5: Method for defraying GC expenses	Section 5: Election and duties of Treasurer; method for defraying GC expenses
Section 6: Election of Committee on Doctrine and Worship, Committee on Constitution and Canons, and Standing Liturgical Commission	Section 6: Election and duties of Secretary
Section 7: Duties of the Treasurer; structure of appointed and elected committees	Section 7: Duties of the Office of the Presiding Bishop (formerly Registrar)
Section 8: Selection/certification of delegates	

**CANON 42**  
*Of the General Council*

**Section 1** Committees responsible for specific areas of oversight and ministry on behalf of General Council shall be elected or appointed as follows:

(a) The Committee on Nominations shall meet before the convening of the next ensuing General Council, and prepare its list of nominees for the following elected committees and boards:

- (1) General Committee;
- (2) Four Trustees of the Sustentation Fund, in accordance with the Canons;
- (3) Seven members of the Board of Pensions and Relief;
- (4) Seven Trustees of the Reformed Episcopal Publication Society;
- (5) Not more than twenty-five members of the Board of Foreign Missions as provided in that Board's Charter;
- (6) Six members of the Committee on Doctrine and Worship, consisting of three Presbyters and three laymen, to whom shall be referred all proposed alterations of, or additions to, The Book of Common Prayer of this Church, or official statements of the Publication Society, before the same shall be considered by the General Council;
- (7) Six members of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, consisting of three Presbyters and three laymen, to whom shall be referred all proposed alterations of, or additions to, the Constitution and Canons of this Church before the same shall be considered by the General Council;
- (8) An Official Auditor, or of an Auditing Committee of three members, if authorized by any meeting of the Council; provided that the Council at any stated meeting, may refer other nominations to this Committee;
- (9) Up to twelve members of the Standing Liturgical Commission to study Prayer Book Revision, consisting of not more than twelve members, to whom shall be referred all proposed alterations of, additions to, or deletions from The Book of Common Prayer; and
- (10) Such other nominations as may be ordered by the General Council from time to time, or required by these Canons or by the Constitution.

(b) At each stated meeting of the General Council the aforementioned committees shall be elected to serve until the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Council succeeding, and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. It shall be the duty of the first-named person on each Committee to call an organizational meeting.

(c) At each stated meeting of the General Council the Presiding Bishop shall appoint the following Committees:

on Credentials – three members;

on the State of the Church – three members;

on Memorials – three members;

on Materials for Reformed Episcopal History – three members;

on Press Relations – three members;

on Christian Education – five members;

on Young People's Work – five members;

on Women's Ministry – five members;

on Program for General Council – five members, who shall plan the program of the next Council, subject to the Presiding Bishop's approval;

on Certifying the Official Journal – two members;

on Corresponding Members – three members;

and on Nominations – twelve members;

provided that this list of Committees may be abridged or enlarged or the number of members altered by majority vote of any General Council.

(d) Each Committee, whether elected or appointive, shall elect its own officers, keep a record of its proceedings, and shall report to each stated meeting of the Council. At any meeting of a Committee, a majority of its members shall constitute a quorum.

(e) All boards and committees elected or appointed by and deriving their powers and responsibilities from the General Council shall take no action to change their form or nature of organization, or their function without the prior approval of the General Council.

**Section 2 (a)** It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Synod or Council of every Diocese to forward to the Secretary of General Council, as soon as may be practicable, a copy of the latest Journal of the Diocesan Synod, together with a certified copy of the testimonials of members who are entitled to seats. He shall also forward a duplicate copy of such testimonials to the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which the General Council is next to meet.

(b) The Lay Deputies and their alternates to each General Council shall be elected at a regularly called Congregational Meeting in each Parish of the Dioceses of this Church. In all cases, they must be Communicant Members of the Church in the Parish they are chosen to represent.

(c) Each Parish in a Diocese of this Church shall be entitled to one Deputy for the first one hundred communicants on its membership rolls, and to one additional Deputy for every additional one hundred communicants or fraction thereof as reported to Council.

(d) Each Missionary Diocese shall be entitled to representation at General Council by one Lay Deputy, a Communicant of this Church, for every one hundred members reported to the Council. Each Missionary Diocese shall prescribe in its canons the manner in which its representatives are chosen.

(e) No Candidate for the Ministry shall be eligible to serve as a Lay Deputy or Alternate to General Council.

**Section 3 (a)** At the time and place appointed for the meeting of the General Council, the Secretary of the General Council shall call to order the members present, and record the names of those whose testimonials, in due form, shall have been presented to him, which record shall be *prima facie* evidence that the persons whose names are therein recorded are entitled to seats. If there be a quorum present, by the record, the Secretary shall so declare, and the Houses of Clergy and Laity shall proceed to organize by the election by ballot of the officers of the General Council, in accordance with the Constitution of this Church. The Presiding Bishop shall then assume the Presidency of the Council and shall declare the Council organized and open for proceeding to business.

(b) The Secretary of the General Council and the Treasurer of the General Council shall be entitled to seats upon the floor of the General Council, and, with the consent of the Presiding Bishop, they may speak on the subjects of their respective offices.

(c) At the meetings of the General Council, and also at the meetings of the separate Houses thereof, the Rules and Orders of the previous meeting shall be in force until they are amended or repealed by the Council or the respective Houses.

**Section 4 (a)** Either the Presiding Bishop, or the General Committee by a two-thirds vote, may issue the call for a special meeting of the General Council, designating the time and place thereof, and the nature of the emergency necessitating such special meeting.

(b) The Deputies elected to the preceding General Council shall be the Deputies at such special meetings of the General Council, except in those cases in which other Deputies shall have been chosen in the meantime by any of the Parishes, and then such other Deputies shall represent in the special meeting of the General Council the Church of the Diocese in which they have been chosen.

(c) Any vacancy in the representation of any Diocese caused by the death, absence, or inability of any Deputy, shall be supplied either temporarily or permanently in such manner as shall be prescribed by the Canons of the Diocese, or, in the absence of any such provision, by appointment by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. During such periods as shall be stated in the certificate issued to him by the appointing power, the Provisional Deputy so appointed shall possess and shall be entitled to exercise the power and authority of the Deputy in place of whom he shall have been designated.

**Section 5 (a)** At every triennial meeting of the General Council a Treasurer shall be elected as provided in Article VIII of the Constitution. His account shall be rendered triennially to the General Council and shall be audited yearly at the direction of the General Council. In case of a vacancy in the office, the Presiding Bishop, with the concurrence of a majority of the General Committee shall appoint a Treasurer, who shall hold office until his successor can be elected at the next General Council.

(b) The Treasurer shall have power to appoint, subject to the confirmation of the Presiding Bishop and General Council, such assistants as may be necessary, to hold office at his pleasure, and until their successors are appointed and confirmed.

(c) It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the General Council to receive and disburse all moneys collected under the authority of the Council, and of which the collection and disbursement shall not otherwise be prescribed or regulated; and to invest, from time to time, such surplus funds as he may have on hand. At the opening session of each stated meeting of the Council, he shall present a summarized report of his receipts and disbursements up to the next preceding first day of May, and as much later as he may find practicable. He shall then also deliver the following to the Official Auditor

- (1) his books of account,
- (2) his aforesaid report, with
- (3) another showing the details upon which the said summary was based, and
- (4) his vouchers, all for critical examination. He shall cause a sufficient number of copies of the said summarized report, bearing certificate of audit, to be printed, at the expense of the Council, and distributed to all the members at the opening session. He shall give bond in such amount as the Council may require. His books of accounts and vouchers shall at all times be open to the examination of the General Committee, or any member thereof.

(d) The entertainment and contingent expenses of the General Council shall be defrayed by the Treasurer thereof from funds obtained by assessments upon the several Parishes, in such amounts as may be ordered by the Council from time to time, or from such other sources as the General Council or General Committee shall decide. The Treasurers of Boards elected by the General Council shall be *ex-officio* members of the General Council.

**Section 6 (a)** At every triennial meeting of the General Council a Secretary shall be elected as provided in Article VIII of the Constitution. In case of a vacancy in the office, the Presiding Bishop, with the concurrence of a majority of the General Committee shall appoint a Secretary, who shall hold office until his successor can be elected at the next General Council.

(b) The Secretary shall have power to appoint, subject to the confirmation of the Presiding Bishop and General Council, such number of assistants as may be necessary, to hold office at his pleasure, and until their successors are appointed and confirmed.

(c) The Secretary shall keep full minutes of the proceedings of the General Council; record them, with all reports, in a book provided for that purpose; preserve the Journals and Records of the Council; deliver them to the Registrar [Office of the Presiding Bishop], as hereinafter provided, and perform such other duties as may be directed by the Council. ~~The Secretaries of the Houses of Clergy and Laity shall also keep full minutes of their separate proceedings, if any, and shall deliver them to the Secretary of the General Council for inclusion in the records of the Synod.~~

(d) The Secretary shall preserve and file [with the Office of the Presiding Bishop] all papers, documents, reports, and records relating to the business of the Council that may come into his possession. After Journals of Councils are printed, and a copy examined by one clergyman and one layman, appointed by the Presiding Bishop, and certified by them as correct, the Journals thus certified shall be the official and permanent records of this Church.

(e) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the General Council, whenever any alteration of the Book of Common Prayer or the Constitution is proposed, or any other subject submitted to the consideration of the several Diocesan Synods or Councils, to give notice thereof to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Church in every Diocese and Missionary Diocese, as well as to the Secretary of the Synod of every Diocese and every Missionary Diocese, and

written evidence that the foregoing requirement has been complied with shall be presented by him to the General Council at its next Session. All notices shall be sent by registered mail, return receipts being required. He shall notify each Diocesan Secretary that it is his duty to make known such proposed alterations of the Book of Common Prayer, and of the Constitution, and such other subjects, to the Synod of his Diocese at its next meeting, and to certify to the Secretary of the General Council that such action has been taken by him.

(f) The necessary expenses incurred by the Secretary shall be provided for by vote of the Council, and defrayed by the Treasurer of the same.

**Section 7 [(a)** The Office of the Presiding Bishop shall be established as a permanent location designated to preserve the historical records of the Church and to ensure continuity in enacting the responsibilities laid out in the Constitution and Canons.]

(b) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of every Diocese and Missionary Diocese to forward to the Registrar [Office of the Presiding Bishop] on or before the first day of March in each and every year a report giving the following information:

- (1) the names of the Clergy Canonically resident therein on the first day of January in that year with their several charges, etc.;
- (2) the names of the Clergy licensed by the Bishop to officiate, but not yet transferred;
- (3) the names of all persons connected with the Diocese or Missionary Diocese who have been ordered Deacons or Presbyters, or Set Apart as Deaconesses during the preceding year, with the date and place of Ordination or Setting Apart and the name of the Bishop Ordaining or Setting Apart;
- (4) the names of the Clergy of the Diocese or Missionary Diocese who have died during the year, with the date and place of death;
- (5) the names of the Clergy who have been received during the year, with the date of their reception and the name of the Diocese or Missionary Diocese from which received, and, in the case of Clergy not received from a Diocese or Missionary Diocese of this Church, the date and place of Ordination and the name of the Bishop Ordaining;
- (6) the names of the Clergy who have been transferred during the year, with the dates of the Letters Dimissory and of their acceptance, and the name of the Diocese or Missionary Diocese to which transferred;
- (7) the names of the Clergy who have been suspended during the year, with the date and ground of suspension;
- (8) the names of the Clergy who have been deposed during the year, with the date, place, and ground of deposition. The Office of the Presiding Bishop shall not give out for publication the grounds of suspension or deposition; and
- (9) the names of Deaconesses Canonically resident in the Diocese or Missionary Diocese.

(c) It shall also be the duty of the Secretary of every Diocese and Missionary Diocese to forward to the Secretary of General Council for filing with the Registrar [Office of the Presiding Bishop] a letter of certification of every Ordination and Consecration, listing time, place, and participants, as prepared by the Diocese in which said Ordination or Consecration shall occur, signed by the Ordaining or Consecrating Bishop.

~~(d) It shall also be the duty of the said Registrar to continue the List of Ordinations~~ [The Office of the Presiding Bishop] shall maintain the List of Ordinations and keep a list of the Clergy in regular standing, corrected to the first day of March in each year according to information received from the several Dioceses, and furnish a certified copy of the same to any applicant at the applicant's expense or to the Secretary of the General Council upon request.

~~(e) It shall also be the duty of the said Registrar to procure a suitable book, and to enter therein the record of the ordinations and consecrations of all the Bishops of this Church~~ [The Office of the Presiding Bishop] shall also maintain the List of Consecrations of all the Bishops of this Church; shall have the same authenticated in the fullest manner practicable; and shall take care for the similar record and authentication of all future Consecrations of Bishops in this Church.

(f) ~~The General Council shall elect a Presbyter, to be known as the Registrar of the General Council, whose duty it shall be to~~ [In addition to the aforementioned records, the Office of the Presiding Bishop] shall receive all Journals, files, papers, reports, and other documents or articles that are, or shall become, the property of any House of the General Council; and shall arrange, label, index, and put them in order, and provide for the safe-keeping of the same in some fireproof, accessible place of deposit, and hold the same under such regulations as the General Council may provide. [Similar provisions shall be made for safe-keeping of records stored in electronic form].

(g) ~~The Registrar shall also be Historiographer~~ [The Presiding Bishop shall appoint a Historiographer], unless in any case the Council of Bishops shall make a separate nomination; and in this event the General Council shall confirm the nomination.

(h) The necessary expenses incurred under this Section shall be paid by the Treasurer of the General Council.

(i) ~~In case of a vacancy in the office of Registrar, the Presiding Bishop shall appoint a Registrar, who shall hold office until the next General Council.~~

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### *Related Changes*

#### **CANON 14**

##### *Of the Consecration of Bishops for Foreign Lands*

**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 ~~Registrar~~ [Secretary] of the General Council [in the Office of the Presiding Bishop] for preservation among the Archives of this Church.

#### **CANON 31**

##### *Of Special Procedures for Presentments Charging Particular Acts*

**Section 2 (c)** Upon receipt of such certificate, the Presiding Bishop shall notify the Bishop who is the subject thereof within five days of receipt thereof, but shall take no action thereon for a period of thirty days, during which time the charged Bishop may demand a full hearing. Within thirty days of receipt of a request for hearing, the Presiding Bishop shall convene a Court having jurisdiction in the trial of a Bishop. If no request for a hearing be received, in proper form and within such time, a Certificate of Deposition from the Ministry shall be issued by the Presiding Bishop, forwarded to the Bishop who is the subject thereof and certified to all the Bishops of this Church, the ~~Registrar~~ [Secretary] of General Council [in the Office of the Presiding Bishop], and the Secretary of every Standing Committee and Council of Advice of this Church. If a trial of the matter be convened and the charge be substantiated, then, and in that event the sentence shall be the same as provided for the Abandonment of the Communion and shall be communicated to the Church in the manner herein provided.

#### **CANON 32**

##### *Of Sentences*

**Section 6** When sentence has been imposed by a trial Court, or the decision of the trial Court shall be affirmed by the Court of Review, the Bishop, to whom the Clergyman is amenable, shall immediately certify the same to all the Bishops of this Church, the ~~Registrar~~ [Secretary] of General Council [in the Office of the Presiding Bishop], and the Secretary of every Standing Committee and Council of Advice of this Church.

#### **CANON 48**

##### *Of Parishes and Congregations*

**Section 3 (f)** Such certificate, and the Constitution, Plan, or Articles of Organization, shall be submitted to the General Council, if it be in session, or to the Presiding Bishop at any other time; and in case the same are found satisfactory, the Secretary of the General Council, under written instruction from the Presiding Bishop, shall thereupon place the name of the Congregation on the list of Congregations in foreign lands under the direction of the General



Council; and a certificate of the said official action shall be forwarded to and filed by the Registrar of this Church [in the Office of the Presiding Bishop]. Such Congregations are placed under the government and jurisdiction of the Presiding Bishop.

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*Ven. Dr. Payne explained a simple majority was needed to pass a second reading, but a unanimous decision was needed to accept a change.*

*Ven Dr. Payne presented all Constitutional amendments and Mr. John Ross seconded. Upon unanimous vote the amendments were accepted and acted upon effect immediately.*

*Ven Dr. Payne presented all Canon changes and Rev. Dr. Riches seconded. Upon unanimous vote the amendments were accepted and acted upon effect immediately.*

*Bishop Hicks presented the Report of the Standing Liturgical Commission.*

## **REPORT of the STANDING LITURGICAL COMMISSION**

The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks; The Rt. Rev. Charles Dorrington; The Rt. Rev. George B. Fincke; The Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden; The Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote; The Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse; The Rt. Rev. Winfield Mott; The Rev. Canon J. Ronald Moock; The Rev. David Bland; The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches; Dss. Annette Johnson.

To the 54th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

The Standing Liturgical Commission (SLC) has focused primarily on three matters over the past triennium.

### 1. Liturgical Music Commission.

The task of creating a supplement to the 1940 Hymnal has been given to a sub-committee of the SLC, the Liturgical Music Commission (LMC). The LMC has been working diligently on its assigned task over the past triennium; however, in recent months discussion has turned to the wisdom of creating a full hymnal rather than a supplemental text. A more detailed report of the LMC's activity is given by the sub-committee's chairman, Mr. Ronald E. Riches, and is attached to this report.

### 2. The Visitation Prayer Book.

The SLC has reviewed and approved *The Visitation Prayer Book*, edited by the Rev. Robert Peterson from the REC Diocese of the West. The book is a compendium of prayers, which are appropriate for pastoral visitation to the sick and shut-in. The SLC commends the book for use, subject to permission from the Bishop Ordinary of each diocese.

### 3. Texts for Common Prayer.

The Liturgy and Common Worship Task Force of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) has produced liturgical texts, printed under the title of *Texts for Common Prayer*. The book contains forms for Daily Morning Prayer, Daily Evening Prayer and the Holy Communion, and is the first step of a larger project, which is to produce a full-fledged *Book of Common Prayer*. Having reviewed the texts, the SLC moves the following:

WHEREAS, the Liturgy and Common Worship Task Force of the Anglican Church in North America has produced forms for Daily Morning Prayer, Daily Evening Prayer and the Holy Communion, and  
WHEREAS, the Anglican Church in North America has published these forms under the title of *Texts for Common Prayer*, and

WHEREAS, the Reformed Episcopal Church is a founding member of the Anglican Church in North America, and  
WHEREAS, the Committee on Doctrine and Worship finds that the *Texts for Common Prayer* contain nothing contrary to the established doctrine and worship of this Church, therefore,  
BE IT RESOLVED that the 54th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church approves the said *Texts for Common Prayer* for use as a trial liturgy, under the provision of Article XI, section 3, of the constitution of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

The SLC notes that the list of trial liturgies approved for use in the church has grown to a degree that a review of their number is now warranted. The Constitution of the Reformed Episcopal Church (REC), Article XI, section 4, states that no parish or mission, already using any edition of the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP) previously authorized for use in this Church shall never be prohibited from using said book in public worship; therefore, the SLC recognizes that the General Council cannot withdraw approval for the use of those liturgies. Nevertheless, the SLC, with the concurrence of the Conference of Bishops, reminds the Church that the 2005 BCP is the standard expression of faith and worship of this Church. The SLC and bishops also recommend that use of other previously approved liturgies be limited voluntarily to the following: BCP 1928 (PEC); BCP 1962 (Canada); Modern Language BCP 2011 (REC); and, if approved by this Council, *Texts for Common Prayer* 2013 (ACNA).

During the next triennium, the SLC will continue to consider additions to the *Book of Occasional Services* (2011), and preparation has begun on a book of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, which will provide proper collects and lections for the minor feast days listed in the liturgical calendars of the Anglican tradition.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks

*Bp. Hicks moved to receive the Standing Liturgical Commission Report and the resolutions therein be adopted. Ven. Dr. Payne seconded and the motion carried.*

## **REPORT of the COMMITTEE on NOMINATIONS**

To the 54<sup>th</sup> General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren,

The Committee on Nominations met on October 30, 2013 in Summerville, South Carolina. The Committee makes the following nominations for elected committees of the Reformed Episcopal Church for the next triennium.

**General Committee Class of 2023** – The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin; Mr. Harry K. Johnson; Mr. John Mulvey; Ms. Elizabeth See.

*Previously elected member of the General Committee:*

*Class of 2017* – Mr. Lecklyer Gaillard; The Rev. Rondal D. Martin; The Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle; The Rt. Rev. William White. *Class of 2020* - The Rev. Dr. Julius Barnes; Ms. Virginia Bowers; The Rev. Willie J. Hill; The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller.

### **Trustees of the Sustentation Fund**

The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote; The Rev. Dr. Matthew P. Harrington; Mr. Craig Keller; Mr. Bud Longville; Ms. Joanne Owens.

**Committee on Doctrine and Worship**

The Rt. Rev. Ray R. Sutton; Mrs. Burnie Barnes; The Rev. Charles Erlandson; Dss. Annette Johnson; Ms. Nancy Jones; The Rev. George McCray.

**Committee on Constitution and Canons**

The Ven. James T. Payne; Ms. Linda Butler; The Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden; Mr. Thomas Guera; Dss. Teresa Johnson; The Rev. Canon J. Ronald Moock.

**Board of Pensions and Relief**

Mr. Bruce Woodcock; The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud; Mr. John Erdody (APA representative); Mrs. Tonya Forsberg; Mrs. Joyce Keller; The Rev. Canon J. Ronald Moock.

**Trustees of the Publication Society**

Mr. Bruce Woodcock; The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud; The Rev. Canon J. Ronald Moock; The Ven. James T. Payne; Mrs. Tonya Forsberg; Mrs. Joyce Keller; The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches.

**Board of Foreign Missions**

The Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote; The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud; The Rt. Rev. Charles Dorrington; The Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden; The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote; The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks; The Rev. Paul S. Howden; The Rev. Canon William S. Jerdan; Dss. Theresa Johnson; The Rev. Dr. Eric W. Jorgensen; The Rev. Douglas Mills; The Rt. Daniel Morse; The Rt. Rev. Winfield Mott; The Rev. Anthony Thompson; The Rt. Rev. William White; Mr. John Wiggins; Mr. Gregory Wright.

**Standing Liturgical Commission**

The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks; The Rev. David Bland; The Rt. Rev. Charles Dorrington; The Rt. Rev. George B. Fincke; The Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden; The Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote; Dss. Annette Johnson; The Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse; The Rt. Rev. Winfield Mott; The Rev. Canon J. Ronald Moock; The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches; The Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches.

**Registrar**

The Rev. Justin Forsberg

**Official Auditor**

The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote

**Court of Review**

The Rev. Canon J. Scott Houser; Mr. Percy Buford; John Hendershot, Esq.; The Rev. Willie J. Hill.

*Bp. Hicks moved to accept the Report of the Nominations Committee the Rev. Hill seconded the motion carried. One ballot was cast to accept the nominations therein.*

*Bp. Grote called for adjournment at 4:08 pm. Ven. Dr. Payne seconded.*

**SECOND BUSINESS SESSION**

*The Second Business Session of the FIFTY-FOURTH GENERAL COUNCIL convened at Normandy Farms Conference Center, on Thursday, June 12, 2014, at 10:20 AM, with Bishop Royal Grote presiding.*

*Rev. Dr. Abboud introduced the church's new Life and Long-term Disability carriers, the Principal Financial Group, who gave a presentation.*

*Bp. Grote introduced The Rt. Rev. Walter Grundorf who gave greetings.*

*Rev. Banek presented his wife's, Nelda Hoyt Banek, new children's book "Bible Storybook" to the Council.*

*Fr. Foos discussed the work being done at St. Andrew's Academy.*

*Rev. Dr. Jack Gabig lectured about the Evangelical Anglican perspective on equipping the saints for the work of ministry.*

*Adjournment was called at 12:25 for lunch. The Council continued at 2:02 pm with greetings from the Rt. Rev. John Guernsey followed by two movies about missions in Germany and Croatia.*

*Bp. Grote gave the chair to Bp. Sutton in order to present the Report of Foreign Missions.*

## **REPORT of the BOARD of FOREIGN MISSIONS**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The past three years have been some of the most challenging for the BFM because of transitions both in ministry and leadership. We began our triennium with our October 2011 organizational Meeting. The following persons were nominated and voted into their offices: President - Bishop Royal U Grote, Vice President - Bishop H. Samuel Seamans, Treasurer - The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote, Secretary - Dss. Teresa Johnson.

The Board of Foreign Missions has recognized that the principal function of the Board is to raise awareness for Worldwide Missions and to provide a basis for raising support for our Missionaries and Ministries which we support. Throughout this General Council you will have opportunities to view the videos related to the several missionaries and ministries supported through the Board. Consequently, this report will be a 'bare-bones' outline of the activity of the Board over this Triennium.

### **MISSIONARY UPDATES**

#### **• BRAZIL:**

Judy King, and her Wycliffe translation partner Cathie Aberdour from Edinburgh, Scotland, who dedicated their lives to the Lord to serve him as translators of the written Word of God into the language of the Apurina Indians, especially in the villages of Ita Boca and Lago Branco, retired from their labors at the end of May 2013.

Their accomplishments included writing a dictionary; writing and publishing school primers and health manuals; performing medical procedures and providing medicines, clothing, books, and food; instituting a clinic; erecting a school and a church building; completing a landing strip for light aircraft; translating a good portion of the Old & New Testament into Apurina; exercising godly counsel and discipline; learning Portuguese (language of Brazil); continually living at a subsistence level; being a friend of the Apurina and accepting the rigors of jungle life and a different culture.

Judy King ended her year of Furlough and officially retired as of May 31, 2013. She is currently living in Illinois (about an hour and a half from Chicago). Judy has visited some of the parishes and thanked them for their support. The thank-offering project sponsored by the Board resulted in nearly \$11,000.00 being

raised for Judy's retirement. From July 1, 2013 on, any monies received for Judy King are forwarded to her pension account.

## • GERMANY:

1. The Reformed Episcopal Church in Germany has made some real progress in the last three years. A translation of the Book of Common Prayer into German has been completed and was printed in March of 2014. The BFM provided \$5,000 toward the printing costs.
2. At the March 22, 2014 Synodical meeting of the German Church, Bishop Royal Grote stepped down as Bishop Ordinary and Bishop Meyer assumed the role of Bishop Ordinary.
3. A list of the German Churches and Missions from their Website:  
Die Kirchengemeinden der Ref. Episkopalkirche i.D.  
**Christus-Gemeinde**, Hessen  
**Matthäusgemeinde**, Nordrhein-Westfalen  
**Euskirchen**, Nordrhein-Westfalen  
**Ramstein**, Rheinland-Pfalz  
**St. Paulus Kirchengemeinde**, Hamburg  
**Werl**, Nordrhein-Westfalen  
**Gründungsarbeit in Berlin**  
**Gründungsarbeit in Buchen b. Heidelberg**, Baden-Württemberg
4. *Grace Meyer* continues as director of the Knull Conference Center which is an influence in many lives throughout Germany.
5. 2014 English Camp: The theme for the twenty-third English Camp, which is scheduled for **July 26-August 3, 2014**, is **Camp of the Great Commission**. *You will have much contact with German youth, worshipping, working, sharing meals and leisure time, sports, swimming, canoeing, music and drama. There are many opportunities to use whatever gifts God has given you to encourage and disciple German young people.* The teachers for 2014 will be the Rev. Doug Mills from Holy Trinity Church in Webster Groves, MO and Bishop Sam Seamans from St. Thomas Church in Mountain Home AR.
6. Bishop Meyer has been working very hard in finding new Mission Pastors and on adding new mission works in Germany. He has seen a number of new individuals added to the cadre of German Pastors and Deacons. He has people now positioned in Euskirchen, Schwarzenborn, Madeburg, Ramstein, Berlin, Frankfurt, and Hamburg. In each of these places, bible study groups are going on and in Bonn, Hamburg, and Schwarzenborn Mission parishes are now in existence. Christ Church in Schwarzenborn also has a number of international people (Macedonia, Italy, Somalia) attending worship services. Nearly 40 people attended service on Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Christ Chapel was packed to overflowing.

## • CROATIA

1. The Croatian Church has started another Mission just outside of the Capitol City of Zagreb and ordained a recent seminary graduate, Almir Pehlic, as the organizing Deacon. At the present time there are Mission works in Belgrade, Serbia, Kapelna, Croatia, Karlovac, Croatia and Zagreb Croatia. In addition, there are Parishes located in Tordinici and Osijek, Croatia.

2. On Friday evening, May 3, 2013, Bishop Grote was the Preacher and Chief-Consecrator of the Ven. Jasmin Milic to the Episcopate in The Reformed Episcopal Church, Tordinci. Croatia. Joining Bishop Grote in the laying on of hands were the Rt. Rev. Paul Hunt, Bishop Ordinary of the Southern Diocese of the Free Church of England, and the Rt. Rev. Gerhard Meyer, Bishop Coadjutor of the Reformed Episcopal Church of Germany. Bishop Milic now serves as the Assistant Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church in Croatia.

3. Bishop Jasmin Milic successfully defended his second Doctorate (Ph.D.) at Evangelical Theological Seminary in May of 2013. In September he began teaching and most recently functioning as the Interim Academic Dean at Evangelical Theological Seminary in Osijek. Some may know that ETS is reported to be the largest accredited residential seminary in Eastern Europe (over 300 students attend). Bishop Milic now teaches courses on the 39 Articles and Liturgy at this conservative ecumenical institution. This is a great opportunity for contact with potential clergy for the REC in Croatia.

4. We currently are supporting the Croatian Church with \$300.00 per month. (\$1800.00 every 6 months). The goal is to get our Parishes to help support the Croatian Pastors. Hopefully this will increase to \$15,000.00 per year for a period of 3 or 4 years in order to help the new church plants get started, at which time this amount would be revised. Of course, we can only send what we receive.

5. Support raised for short-term missions to Croatia would be in addition to this funding for direct support of church planting and development in Croatia and Serbia.

### **6. 2014 Croatia Short Term Mission Trip**

A significant part of our commitment to relationship with our overseas partners is to develop a meaningful partnership with them in helping to fulfill their mission of reaching their part of the world for Christ. For us in Croatia, this means helping to sponsor short-term evangelistic mission trips. The Rev. Damien Grout of Holy Cross Church in Alpine, Texas, along with his wife Jolie Grout, Nancy Mae Antrim, and Joan Johnson were commissioned as members of the Holy Cross Anglican (Alpine TX) parish team to Croatia. They left Monday, April 21, to minister in an evangelistic outreach project in Osijek with Bishop Jasmin Milić, the members of Good Shepherd Church, and students of the Osijek Evangelical Theological Seminary. They have raised their own funds and were conducting English Classes on the campus of Good Shepherd Church in Osijek. Their goal was to target students who attend the High Schools directly across the town Square from Good Shepherd Church. They discovered that many adults came for the classes. Four adults contacted through the English classes have since attended a Sunday Worship Service at Good Shepherd Church.

## **• PHILIPPINES**

The Rev. Matt and Sora Colvin moved in December 2012 to the Philippines and immediately got involved. Matt is teaching in a Missionary school, and Sora is teaching midwifery at the Christian Birthing Center in Davao City. They are on the field under our Mission Partner SAMS and any funds we receive are forwarded to SAMS. Their communication level is very high and constant information is being provided. In December, 2013, Matt was ordained by Bishop Daniel Morse to the Presbyterate. He is in serious conversation with the Province of Southeast Asia and SAMS about teaching and participating in the development of a new Theological Seminary. Essentially, this has been a good experience for the BFM in sending out a Missionary after many years of no such activity.

## • CUBA

The development of Reformed Episcopal Churches in Cuba over the past ten years has been a ministry outreach assigned by the Presiding Bishop to the Bishop of the Diocese of Western Canada and Alaska. The Rev. Rev. Charles Dorrington and his wife Claudia have given tirelessly of themselves in bringing this fledgling group of Christians to the present configuration as a Missionary Diocese of some 20 parishes and missions. The plan for the May 2014 trip was to consecrate an Assistant Bishop for the Missionary Diocese of Cuba. Any gifts and contributions made to this ministry must be given directly through the Diocese of Western Canada and not the Board of Foreign Missions.

## • NEPAL

Canon Bill Jerdan and The Rev. Jerry McLynn visited Nepal in June of 2012. Sufficient funds came in to make this trip possible. An evaluation of the trip was conducted in September 2012. The oversight of Nepal comes from the Diocese of Singapore. The Reformed Episcopal Church has been asked by the Bishop of Singapore to be a partner in helping to develop that area. The Bishop of Singapore recently sent an invitation to the Presiding Bishop to come to Singapore in November 2014 for further discussions about our involvement in Nepal and to participate in Round Table discussions with all their ministry partners.

A significant part of the labors of the BFM during the Triennium was focusing our efforts in regard to the greater Anglican World. All of our Missionaries are working in an Anglican context. The whole face of Global Missions is changing. The movement away from a colonialistic approach to mission to an indigenous one is now the norm. Empowering local Christians in another country to preach the gospel and plant churches is now a significant emphasis of the Board. Our involvement in the GAFCON movement and the Anglican Church of North America in this Country has enabled us to develop significant relationships with other Mission Agencies that are involved in Global Anglican Missions.

Two of those Agencies are with us at this General Council. They are our partners in ministry and mission in different ways. Each agency will be making a presentation to our Council. We are delighted to have with us Mrs. Nancy Norton from **Anglican Relief and Development Fund (ARDF)**. Nancy is a member of Christ Church Anglican Church, our Reformed Episcopal Parish in Hot Springs, AR. She is the Director of ARDF. ARDF is the official relief and development arm of the Anglican Church in North America. In addition to helping meet disaster relief both here at home and around the world, ARDF exists simply to facilitate genuine relationships that already exist between Anglicans here in North America and our brothers and sisters around the developing world. They sponsor many needed projects throughout the Anglican World and do so with a high degree of accountability and integrity.

We are also pleased to have with us Mr. Stewart Wicker from **The Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders (SAMS)**. SAMS is a missionary sending community. SAMS engages in building dynamic relationships with the worldwide church to experience the broken restored, the wounded healed, the hungry fed, and the lost found through sharing the love and power of Jesus Christ. SAMS serves the global Anglican Church by building faithful partnerships. Working with local dioceses, SAMS' missionaries plant new churches, equip church leaders, and provide hope and opportunity for improvement to the needy. SAMS encourages churches in the USA to extend their involvement in global missions and develop long-term relationships abroad. SAMS is the sending agency that oversees Rev. Matt and Sora Colvin in the Philippines.

All this to say that when you think of Missions, you need to think of the Board of Foreign Missions and her partners, ARDF and SAMS. So, be sure to visit the BFM, ARDF and SAMS tables in-between sessions.

**Web Site**

For the last 6 years the principal means of communication for the BFM has been through electronic means. The BFM Web Site (recbfm.org) is the primary means of communication. This is managed by Deaconess Teresa Johnson. On the website you will find updates on our missionaries, video clips of their labors, information on and pictures of Short-Term Mission Trips and a section on how you can support the BFM. We encourage you to visit the Website. We also use Facebook to communicate on-going News and Prayer requests.

**Requests**

We would make the following requests:

1. That each person here, and their churches, commits themselves to prayer for our missionaries, the REC churches worldwide, the Missionary Bishop and the BFM.
2. That every parish makes foreign missions a part of its budget, above and beyond their tithe to their respective Dioceses.
3. That each of the churches represented here “adopt” a church or a mission work in another country. Information can be obtained from the Executive Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,  
 The Rt. Rev. Royal U Grote, Jr.  
 President

*Presentations were given by the following: The Rev. Cn. Bill Jerdan, the Rev. Damien Grout, the Rev. Dr. Matt Colvin, Canon Nancy Norton (ARDF), Mr. Stewart Wicker (SAMS), and the Rt. Rev. Charles Dorrington.*

*The Very Rev. Jason Grote presented the Board of Foreign Missions Treasurer Report.*

**The Board of Foreign Missions  
 Triennial Report of the Treasurer  
 for 2011 - 2013**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$56,510.83	\$45,848.24	\$209,282.96
<i>(Includes Checking, Investment Cash Fund, Mission Home Fund)</i>			
Marketable Securities (Current Market Value)	\$123,040.43	\$117,323.82	\$122,972.62
Prepaid Expenses	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$4,300.00
Total Current Assets	\$181,351.26	\$163,172.06	\$336,555.58
Property & Equipment -Cost Value (Mission Homes)	\$207,169.69	\$219,169.69	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$388,520.95</b>	<b>\$382,341.75</b>	<b>\$336,555.58</b>



**Statement of Financial Position**

**LIABILITIES & NET**

Current Liabilities

<i>Accrued Expenses</i>	\$1,000.00	\$6,243.48	\$8,183.51
<i>Notes Payable (Looney-Hoffman)</i>	\$59,834.04	\$59,834.04	\$0.00

Total Current Liabilities	\$60,834.04	\$66,077.52	\$8,183.51
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Temporarily Restricted Assets

<i>Kazi Fund</i>	\$16,136.03	\$16,136.03	\$16,136.03
<i>Brazil Missions (includes Short- Term &amp; General Funds)</i>	\$10,615.91	\$2,312.56	\$3,177.56
<i>Germany Missions (includes Short-Term &amp; General Funds)</i>	\$7,931.86	\$9,600.91	\$13,675.54
<i>Nepal Missions (includes Short- Term &amp; General Funds)</i>	\$8,089.00	\$2,394.97	\$3,144.97
<i>Bradish Sue</i>	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$1,775.00
<i>Colvin, Matt</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,205.00
<i>Ierdan, William</i>	\$5,358.18	\$5,358.18	\$1,890.82
<i>Wright( Greg)</i>	\$1,501.91	\$0.00	\$2,500.00

Total Temporarily Restricted Assets	\$49,652.89	\$35,802.65	\$46,504.92
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Unrestricted Net Assets	\$278,034.02	\$280,461.58	\$281,867.15
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$388,520.95</b>	<b>\$382,341.75</b>	<b>\$336,555.58</b>
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**Statement of Activities**

	2011	2012	2013	Triennium Total
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Contributions				
<i>General Fund</i>	\$30,561.73	\$21,009.90	\$26,763.75	\$78,335.38
<i>Special General Fund from Nat'l Church</i>	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00
<i>Designated for Projects &amp; Missions</i>	\$154,137.97	\$128,223.53	\$169,622.78	\$451,984.28
Total Contributions	\$214,699.70	\$179,233.43	\$196,386.53	\$590,319.66
Tithes from Foreign Mission Dioceses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Investment Revenue				
<i>Dividends &amp; Interest</i>	\$3,109.38	\$3,284.75	\$5,745.43	\$12,139.56
<i>Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments</i>	(\$725.71)	\$3,234.84	\$4,633.58	\$7,142.71
<i>Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments</i>	(\$3,924.59)	\$8,853.89	\$9,991.56	\$14,920.86
Total Investment Revenue	(\$1,540.92)	\$15,373.48	\$20,370.57	\$34,203.13
Gain (Loss) on sale of Property	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$4,147.23)	(\$4,147.23)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$213,158.78</b>	<b>\$194,606.91</b>	<b>\$213,359.87</b>	<b>\$621,125.56</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Program & Fundraising Services <i>(see Additional Report)</i>				
<i>General Funds used for Program &amp; Fundraising Svcs</i>	\$37,156.82	\$37,634.20	\$22,661.32	\$97,452.34
<i>Designated Donations spent for Program &amp; Fundraising SVCS</i>	\$163,070.84	\$142,073.77	\$158,920.51	\$464,065.12
Total Program & Fundraising Services	\$200,227.66	\$179,707.97	\$181,581.83	\$561,517.46
Operational Expenses				

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<i>Accounting</i>	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,579.99	\$7,579.99
<i>Advertising &amp; Promotion</i>	\$216.88	\$714.38	\$0.00	\$931.26
<i>Bank &amp; Investment Fees</i>	\$1,073.00	\$1,657.78	\$1,404.97	\$4,135.75
<i>Dues &amp; Subscriptions</i>	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$0.00	(\$70.20)	\$0.00	(\$70.20)
<i>Office Supplies &amp; Expense</i>	\$1,020.12	\$1,000.00	\$1,102.98	\$3,123.10
<i>Postage &amp; Shipping</i>	\$176.37	\$545.21	\$348.27	\$1,069.85
<i>Property Expense</i>	\$15,494.86	\$17,341.64	\$9,480.50	\$42,317.00
<i>Travel &amp; Meeting Expense</i>	\$3,184.68	\$2,332.81	\$4,753.49	\$10,270.98
<b>Total Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$23,965.91</b>	<b>\$26,321.62</b>	<b>\$19,670.20</b>	<b>\$69,957.73</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$224,193.57</b>	<b>\$206,029.59</b>	<b>\$201,252.03</b>	<b>\$631,475.19</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets (Restricted &amp; Unrestricted)</b>	<b>(\$11,034.79)</b>	<b>(\$11,422.68)</b>	<b>\$12,107.84</b>	<b>(\$10,349.63)</b>
<b>Increase/ Decrease in Temporary Restricted Asset Balance</b>	<b>(\$8,932.87)</b>	<b>(\$13,850.24)</b>	<b>\$10,702.27</b>	<b>(\$12,080.84)</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>	<b>(\$2,101.92)</b>	<b>\$2,427.56</b>	<b>\$1,405.57</b>	<b>\$1,731.21</b>

*This total is essentially the "Net Profit/LOSS" in a for-profit business*

### Statement of Program Services

Fund Name	Donations 2011	Donations 2012	Donations 2013	Total Donations to Fund (2011-2013)	General Funds used for (2011-2013)	Redesignated Funds	Total Expenditures from Fund (2011-2013)	Change to Fund (2011-	Fund Dec. 31, 2012
Africa	\$0.00	\$208.47	\$0.00	\$208.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$208.47)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Brazil	\$38,210.22	\$18,713.27	\$25,826.49	\$82,749.98	\$10,247.41	\$0.00	(\$93,008.26)	(\$10.87)	\$2,865.00
Cuba	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$20,500.00	\$21,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$21,300.00)	(\$250.00)	\$0.00
Croatia	\$3,045.00	\$6,307.83	\$15,195.00	\$24,547.83	\$5,394.96	\$6,477.97	(\$36,420.76)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Germany	\$32,770.00	\$32,390.27	\$32,795.88	\$97,956.15	\$4,995.46	\$4,163.55	(\$94,561.07)	\$12,554.09	\$12,675.54
India	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$20.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Nepal	\$534.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$554.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$10,554.00)	(\$10,000.00)	\$0.00
Nigeria	\$7,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$7,600.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bradish, Sue	\$9,328.00	\$7,090.00	\$9,038.00	\$25,456.00	\$803.24	\$0.00	(\$28,455.29)	(\$2,196.05)	\$1,775.00
Colvin, Matt & Sara	\$0.00	\$3,562.00	\$23,910.41	\$27,472.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$23,267.41)	\$4,205.00	\$4,205.00
Jerdan, Bill	\$33,240.00	\$30,714.26	\$34,207.00	\$98,161.26	\$57,819.74	\$0.00	(\$160,242.45)	(\$4,261.45)	\$1,890.82
Wright, Greg	\$9,228.98	\$5,617.00	\$5,100.00	\$19,945.98	\$912.00	\$0.00	(\$23,911.60)	(\$3,053.62)	\$2,500.00
Short-Term: Brazil	\$2,025.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,025.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,310.82)	(\$285.82)	\$312.56
Short-Term: Croatia	\$10,624.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,624.00	\$0.00	\$2,285.57	(\$12,909.57)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Short-Term: Germany	\$4,662.77	\$13,040.00	\$1,000.00	\$18,702.77	\$3,003.60	\$0.00	(\$20,706.37)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Short-Term: Nepal	\$2,600.00	\$7,718.00	\$750.00	\$11,068.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$7,923.03)	\$3,144.97	\$3,144.97
Christian Formation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,300.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00
European Strategy Formation	\$0.00	\$2,542.43	\$0.00	\$2,542.43	\$3,276.22	\$0.00	(\$5,818.65)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Retired Missionary Supplements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,999.71	\$0.00	(\$10,999.71)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kazi Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,136.03
• Redesignated Funds						(\$12,927.09)		(\$12,927.09)	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$154,137.97</b>	<b>\$128,223.53</b>	<b>\$169,622.78</b>	<b>\$451,984.28</b>	<b>\$97,452.34</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$561,517.46)</b>	<b>(\$12,080.84)</b>	<b>\$46,504.92</b>

• Redesignated Funds were donations collected in the past for mission endeavors and could not be disbursed because the mission endeavor ceased or did not originate as intended (i.e., Nigeria Missions Trip). These funds were redesignated by the Board to other active Mission endeavors and 100% of the original donations went to these Mission endeavors.

*The Rev. Harry Loyd moved to receive the report as given. Rev. Damien Grout seconded. The motion carried.*

*Mrs. Gale Hill presented the Women's Ministry Report.*

**REPORT of the COMMITTEE on WOMEN’S MINISTRY**

The Committee on Women’s Ministry concluded the 2009-2011 Triennium with what has become our “Triennial Fellowship Luncheon” during the 53<sup>rd</sup> General Council at the North Dallas Hyatt Regency Hotel in Richardson, Texas. Approximately 50 ladies were in attendance and enjoyed a wonderful time of getting reacquainted and meeting new friends.



*Gale Hill*

The Committee on Women’s Ministry held its first meeting of triennium on August 1, 2011 via electronic media. The following diocesan representatives were in attendance: Karen Baird, Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic; Ruth Crenshaw, Diocese of Mid-America; Gale Hill, Diocese of the Southeast; Judy Smith, former Diocese of Eastern and Central Canada; and Claudia Dorrington, Diocese of Western Canada and Alaska. The purpose of the meeting was to elect a committee chairperson. Gale Hill was elected as chairperson for the triennium.

Other elected officers were Saralee Czajkowski, Secretary; Diane Wright, Treasurer; and Edelle Gaillard, Devotional Leader. Joan Workowski and Bonnie Abboud were named as advisors to the committee.

Adjunct committee members were appointed as follows. From the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic: Saralee Czajkowski, Dawn Mitchell, and Diane Wright. From the Diocese of the Southeast: Edelle Gaillard. From the Diocese of Mid-America: Annette Johnson, Janice Manto, and Karen Pierpoint. From the former Diocese of Eastern and Central Canada: Gillian Ferns. From the Diocese of Western Canada and Alaska: Lynn Ellis.

Appreciation is expressed to those concluding the 2009-2011 Triennium with their retirement: adjunct committee members Bonnie Abboud and Hester Gadsden, and committee member Ruth Crenshaw, who retired during 2011-2013 Triennium, and adjunct committee member Lynn Ellis, who “stepped aside” at the conclusion of 2011-2013 Triennium. Thank you, ladies for your many contributions to this ministry over the years.

During the triennium Teresa Johnson was appointed as representative to the committee from the Diocese of Mid-America. Other adjunct committee members were appointed as follows: from the Diocese of Central States, Amanda Roberts; from the Diocese of the Southeast, Deloris Duncan; and from the Diocese of the West, Jan Macauley. Having relocated and no longer able to continue serving on the committee, Amanda Roberts resigned and Candy Jacques joined the committee.

Five additional meetings were held in October and May during the triennium.

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.



Kathy Moock

**2011** – The project was to raise \$7,500 to aid in sponsoring a Short-Term Mission Team to Nigeria to assist with the work at the hospital and in the diocese. The luncheon was held Friday, April 29, 2011 at Saint Mark’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Jenkintown, PA. The program theme, which was taken from the 2011-2012 devotional book, was “Serve the Lord with Gladness!” The theme verse was Psalm 100:2a: “*Serve the LORD with gladness:*” The luncheon speaker was Kathy G. Moock of the Diocese of the Southeast of the Reformed Episcopal Church and 2007 Short Term Mission to

Nigeria team member. The offering was \$7,600. 94 persons representing 22 churches and one fellowship ministry registered for the luncheon.

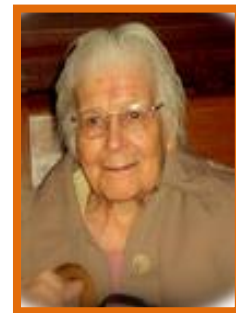
Because of civil unrest in Nigeria leading up to the scheduled time of departure for the Short-Term-Mission Team, the mission trip was redirected to Croatia, where five new churches had recently joined the Reformed Episcopal Church.



Jolie Grout

**2012** – The project was to raise \$7,500 to support the five new Reformed Episcopal Church mission works in Croatia. The luncheon was held Friday, May 4, 2012 at Saint Mark’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Jenkintown, PA. The program theme was “The God for all Seasons: The Gospel through the Church Year,” with the theme verses coming from Matthew 28:18-20: “*Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*” The luncheon

speaker was Jolie Grout of Saint Stephen’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Flowood, MS and a member of “Team Croatia,” the Reformed Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions’ 2011 Short-Term Mission Team. The offering was \$7,500. As issues of our economy continue, it is becoming increasingly more difficult to arrange affordable mass transportation; thus, the usual delegation of 20 to 30 luncheon attendees from the Diocese of the Southeast were not present at this year’s luncheon and were sorely missed. A total of 66 persons registered for the luncheon. The luncheon was dedicated to the memory of Anna “Nance” Nagel Hussar (97), a life-time supporter of Home and Foreign Missions. Mrs. Hussar’s daughter, Christine Taylor and niece, Virginia Bridgeman were also in attendance at the luncheon. Mrs. Bridgman shared memories of Mrs. Hussar and her love for missions.



Anna “Nance” Hussar  
1914-2011



Rebecca J. Pettigrew

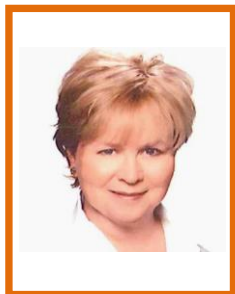
**2013** – The project was to raise \$7,500 to support the creation of the Convocation of Reformed Episcopal Churches in Europe to assist Reformed Episcopal parishes and missions now located in Saint Petersburg Russia, Germany, Croatia, and Sweden; and to provide Episcopal oversight in church planting endeavors. The luncheon was held Friday, May 3, 2013 at Saint

Mark’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Jenkintown, PA. The program theme, taken from the 2013-2014 devotional book, was “The Ten Commandments,” with the theme verses coming from Matthew 22:36-40: “*Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.*” The luncheon speaker was Mrs. Rebecca J. “Becky” Pettigrew, of Calvary Reformed Episcopal Church, Swamp Fox, SC, past president of the missionary convention of the Diocese of the Southeast, and short-term foreign mission team member to Germany and Kenya. The offering was \$5,505. 115 persons representing more than 29 churches, six states, and three dioceses registered for the luncheon. Mrs. Naomi P. Gadsden, Chairperson of the Women of the Church Organization of the Diocese of the Southeast (a different organization than the Committee on Women’s Ministry of that diocese) was, to her surprise, recognized by the International Committee on Women’s Ministry for her encouragement, support, and leadership of the women of that diocese in supporting and enhancing the work of the Committee on Women’s Ministry of the Reformed Episcopal Church. Again, Mrs. Gadsden – this committee salutes you and prays that God will bless you as you continue to be a blessing to us.



Naomi P. Gadsden

**UPCOMING ...**



Karen Pierpoint

**2014 – International Women’s Day Celebration Banquet** – While the Women’s Day Project Luncheon is typically held on the first Friday in May, with the 54<sup>th</sup> General Council coming to Pennsylvania an opportunity for the Committee on Women’s Ministry to host its first International Women’s Day Celebration Banquet was presented; thus, affording broader denominational presence and program participation. The project is to raise \$7,500 to assist in replacing the bridge connecting the properties at the Bishop Jerdan Conference Center (BJCC) in Awendaw, SC. The banquet will held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, the evening prior to the opening of the 54<sup>th</sup> General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, at Normandy Farm

Hotel and Conference Center, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. The program theme, taken from the 2014-2015 Devotional Book, will be “A Study in The Psalms.” The theme verse is Psalm 27:1 “*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*” The speaker for the occasion will be Karen Pierpoint of the Diocese of Mid-America’s Christ Chapel Reformed Episcopal Church, Riverside, CA and an adjunct member of the Committee on Women’s Ministry. The banquet will be dedicated to the memory of Lyla M. Wildermuth (94) who transitioned from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant on March 28, 2014. Mrs. Wildermuth was dedicated to women’s ministry and mentored many women throughout the denomination. She served as chairlady of the Committee on Women’s Work of the Reformed Episcopal Church for two decades, 1972-1992.



Lyla M. Wildermuth  
1920-2014



***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.



*Gale Hill*

**2011** – The 55<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Enrichment Conference hosted by the Committee on Women’s Ministry of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic led by Karen A. Baird and Dawn Mitchell, was held Friday, September 30 through Sunday, October 2, 2011 at The Williamsburg Hospitality House in Williamsburg, Virginia. The conference theme was “Serve The Lord With Gladness!”



*Karen Baird*

The conference speakers were Karen A. Baird of Saint Mark’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Jenkintown, PA and yours truly, Gale G. Hill of Saint John’s Reformed Episcopal and Greater Vision Ministry of

Charleston, Charleston, SC. The Rev. Richard W. Workowski of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic led in the Sunday Holy Communion Service and delivered the closing message. He was assisted by the Rev. Willie J. Hill, Jr., of the Diocese of the Southeast and the Rev. Deacon Jason A. Holloway of the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, PA. At our conference banquet, certificates of appreciation were presented to our devotional booklet writer, Karen A. Baird; our Women’s Day Project Luncheon Speaker, Kathy G. Moock; and our Spiritual Enrichment Conference Speakers, Karen A. Baird and Gale G. Hill. Genevieve “Genna” Mitchell of Saint Mark’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Jenkintown, PA was also recognized as being the youngest female registered for the conference. She was presented a T-shirt commemorating our 50<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Enrichment Conference. Following the banquet we enjoyed “Movie Night” with popcorn, soda pop, and the viewing of the movie, “Keeping It Real” starring Christian comedienne/singer, Anita Renfroe – a great time of fun and laughter for all. Though smaller in the number of attendees as compared to past conferences, this conference was one of the most “SPIRITUALLY ENRICHING” ones. While a number of usual conference attendees sent their regrets in advance because of economic issues, 49 persons representing 16 churches, one fellowship ministry and five states: Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Virginia, were in attendance at the conference.



*COWM Members present at the 55<sup>th</sup> SEC enjoy a rare group photo opportunity – from left to right are Saralee Czajkowski, Diane Wright, Gale Hill, Deloris Duncan, Dawn Mitchell, Karen Baird, Joan Workowski (advisor), and, above all, Edelle Gaillard.*



Diane Jerdan

**2012** – The 56<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Enrichment Conference hosted by the Committee on Women’s Ministry of the Diocese of the Southeast, was held Friday October 5 through Sunday, October 7, 2012 at The Williamsburg Hospitality House in Williamsburg, Virginia. The conference theme was “The God for all Seasons: The Gospel through the Church Year” (*“Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.” Psalm 29:2*). The conference speaker was former long-term Missionary to France,



William “Bill” Jerdan

author, Christian educator, and Bible teacher, Diane Jerdan of the Reformed Episcopal Church’s Board of Foreign Missions. The Rev. William “Bill” Jerdan, General Secretary of the Reformed Episcopal Church’s Board of Foreign Missions, led in the Sunday Morning’s Worship Service and delivered the message. He was assisted by the Rev. Willie J. Hill, Jr., Rector of Saint John’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC. In the absence of our conference musician, Karen Baird because of health issues, we were again blessed with the musical talents of “Ruby and Company”:



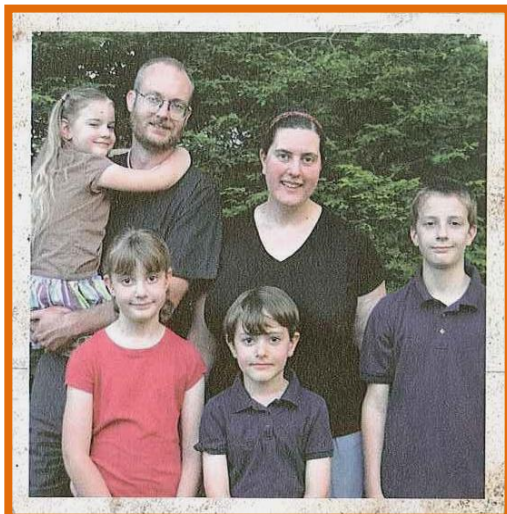
Edmond B. Mazyck

Rubystene Mazyck of the Diocese of the Southeast and the Rev. Richard W. Workowski of the Diocese of the Central States. A special treat was enjoyed as we listened to a soprano duet sung by Ruby and Diane; Ruby singing in English and Diane in French. This year’s conference was dedicated to the Rev. Edmond B. Mazyck of the Diocese of the Southeast in recognition of his faithfulness as pastoral counselor of the Women of the Church Organization of the Diocese of the Southeast for more than 40 years and the Committee on Women’s Ministry of this same diocese for more than eight years. During his tenure in the former position, Rev. Mazyck traveled with the women from the Diocese of the Southeast attending the Women’s Day Project Luncheons and Spiritual Enrichment Conferences in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, missing only two trips in recent years because of health issues.

At our conference banquet, certificates of appreciation were presented to our devotional book writers, The Women of Bishop Cummins Reformed Episcopal Church; our Women’s Day Project Luncheon Speaker, Jolie Grout; and our Spiritual Enrichment Conference Speaker, Diane Jerdan. 58 persons representing 17 churches, one fellowship ministry, the Board of Foreign Missions and five states registered for the conference. We were also delighted to have The Colvins (Sora and Matt) the first missionaries to be endorsed by the REC for some time, to join us and share their mission at this conference.



“Ruby and Company”  
Rubystene Mazyck  
and  
Richard Workowski



Matt and Soran Colvin with their children:  
Hosanna, Naomi, Isaiah, and Ezekiel

**2013** – Having lost access to our previous year’s conference site, The Williamsburg Hospitality House, because of its sale to the College of William and Mary, our 57th Spiritual Enrichment Conference hosted by the Committee on Women’s Ministry of the Diocese of the Northeast and



Mid-Atlantic, was held Friday, October 11 through Sunday, October 13, 2013 at The Doubletree by Hilton Williamsburg, VA. The conference theme was “The Ten Commandments”, and the theme verses were *Matthew 22:36-40* “*Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.*” The conference

Joanne Goonewardene

speaker was Joanne Goonewardene, of Living Hope Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Allentown, Pennsylvania. Joanne is the daughter of Reformed Episcopal Clergyman, the late Rev. Harold Mulvaney and Mrs. Jean Mulvaney.

At our conference banquet, certificates of appreciation were presented to our devotional booklet lesson writers: Dawn Mitchell (*Saint Mark’s Church, PA*), Judy Smith (*Saint George’s Church, ON, CANADA*), Deloris Duncan, Shela Butler, Karen Jenkins, Ernestine Porter, Keisha Taylor, Hester Rhames, and advisor the Rev. Tony Copeland (*Grace Church, SC*), Lynn Ellis (*Church of our Lord, BC, CANADA*), Gale Hill (*Saint John’s Church/Greater Vision Ministry, SC*), Saralee Czajkowski (*Bishop Cummins Church, MD*), Karen Baird (*Saint Mark’s Church PA*), Edelle Gaillard (*New Israel Church, SC*), Gillian Ferns, Beatrice Myers, Joyce Shanlin (*Saint George’s Church, ON, CANADA*), and Karen Perpoint (*Christ Chapel, CA*); our Women’s Day Project Luncheon Speaker, Rebecca Jefferson “Becky” Pettigrew; and our Spiritual Enrichment Conference Speaker, Joanne Goonewardene. Also, as well as items received in the conference registration gift bags in observance of the Breast Cancer Month, pink lapel ribbons were distributed to each person in attendance at the banquet.

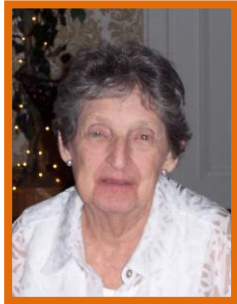


2013-2014 Devotional Book Lesson writers present at 57<sup>th</sup> SEC – from left to right are Deloris Duncan, Saralee Czajkowski, Karen Baird, Edelle Gaillard, Dawn Mitchell, Gale Hill, and Ernestine Porter.



During the Evening Prayer Service, prayers were made for those among us who were breast cancer survivors and one who had been informed of the death of a family member while at the conference.

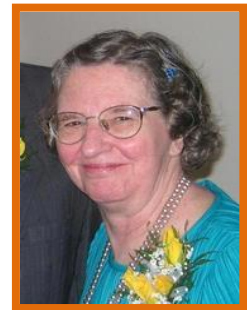
A time to remember four of our dear ladies who joined the Church Triumphant since our 56<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Enrichment Conference was observed. Mrs. Myrtle O. Wilmont (90), former Committee on Women's Ministry (Committee on Women's Work) treasurer; Mrs. Eleanor I. Jerdan (97), wife of the Late Bishop William H. S. Jerdan; Mrs. Jean Alice Booth (83), wife of Bishop Robert H. Booth, and Mrs. Florence E. "Flo" Mather (84), who faithfully attended and enjoyed our Spiritual Enrichment Conferences, always supporting and encouraging in whatever way she could. Shortly after enjoying our 56<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Enrichment Conference, Flo joined the Church Triumphant on January 20, 2013.



*Florence Mather  
1929-2013*

The Rev. Willie J. Hill, Jr. Rector of Saint John's Church Charleston, SC., assisted by the Rev. Richard W. Workowski, Vicar at Covenant Church, Roanoke, VA, led in the Sunday Morning Prayer Service and delivered the closing message.

44 persons representing three denominations and one non-denominational church, 21 churches and six states: Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Virginia, attended the conference.



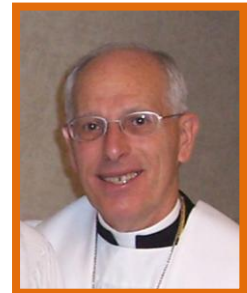
*Jean Alice Booth  
1930-2013*



*Willie J. Hill, Jr.*

Thanks to Karen Baird, the Rev. Richard W. Workowski, and Carolyn Boxmeyer of Saint Luke's and Bishop Hoffman Memorial Church for serving as Spiritual Enrichment Conference and Women's Day Project Luncheon musicians during the triennium.

Thanks to Dawn Mitchell of Saint Mark's Church, Jenkintown, PA 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 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.



*Richard Workowski*



*Eleanor I. Jerdan  
1916-2013*

Special thanks to the Rev. Jason Patterson and the members of Saint Mark's Reformed Episcopal Church, Jenkintown, PA for allowing the use of your facility for our Women's Day Project Luncheons.



*Myrtle O. Wilmont  
1922-2013*

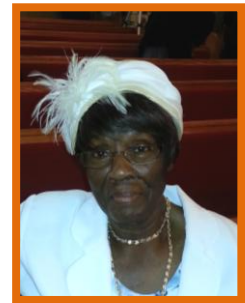
Having the opportunity to meet at Saint Mark's for the luncheons and a time of fellowship each year has been one of the highlights of our year.

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

The **2011-2012** Devotional Book entitled, Serve the Lord with Gladness! was written by Karen A. Baird of Saint Mark's Reformed Episcopal Church, Jenkintown, PA.

The **2012-2013** Devotional Book entitled, The Gospel Through the Church Year was written by the Women of Bishop Cummins Reformed Episcopal Church, Catonsville, MD.

The **2013-2014** Devotional Book entitled, The Ten Commandments! was written by the Women of the Committee on Women's Ministry of the Reformed Episcopal Church. Special Thanks to Mrs. E. Eunice Warren, formerly of Good Shepherd's Reformed Episcopal Church, Bonneau, SC, for allowing the women of the committee to complete the work she began. This collaboration was indeed a blessing to us and provided an opportunity for deeper study of God's Word, fellowshiping and bonding.




*E. Eunice Warren*

During the triennium, the Devotional Book Publishing Notes were revised to involve more input from clergy and a more practical publication schedule. This revised process was implemented during the triennium and proved to be most effective.

Special thanks to our devotional book writers for the sacrifices made in writing our devotionals, to the Rev. Richard W. Workowski for serving as initial clerical reviewer of our 2013-2014 devotional book, to the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks for his untiring assistance and guidance in the publishing process, to Francis Lenzo and Cynthia Campbell of Bishop Cummins Reformed Episcopal Church for serving as our devotional book editorial committee, 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,  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.

**Denominational Mailing List** – A copy can be obtained by contacting the committee.

**cowm-rec.org** – Proudly, under the leadership of committee members Teresa Johnson and Karen Baird, the committee launched its new and improved web site with links for each diocesan committee. We encourage you to visit us on the web. Much thanks Teresa and Karen.

**Communications** – Beginning in May 2012, the committee’s primary mode of disseminating information has been via electronic-mail. We have established electronic address books including addresses for all clergy and parish and diocesan key representatives. We solicit your support in maintaining accurate addresses. Please notify us of any changes, updates, or additions at [ghmrsmoses@yahoo.com](mailto:ghmrsmoses@yahoo.com)

**Other Activities ...**

**... in the Diocese of the Southeast**

Because of an eight-week convalescence mandated by a retina specialist, I was unable to attend the 34<sup>th</sup> (2012) Christian Life Enrichment Conference. I was blessed to be in attendance at the Diocese of the Southeast’s 35<sup>th</sup> Christian Life Enrichment Conference held in Myrtle Beach, SC. 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.



*Delaney K. Frierson*

**Myrtle Beach, South Carolina** – The 35<sup>th</sup> Christian Life Enrichment Conference was held **Friday, March 22 – Sunday, March 24, 2013** at Kingston Plantation Embassy Suites/The Brighton Hotel in Myrtle Beach, SC. The conference theme was Embracing the Light that Encompasses Mothers through the Ages. The scripture reference was 1 John 1:7 – *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*”

The Rev. Delaney Kay Frierson of Williamsburg County, SC was the conference speaker. The main themes of her talks were 1) Do You Know Who You Are?- *Genesis 1:26-31, 1 Peter 2:9, Psalm 139:14*; 2) We’re Family !!!-*Romans 8:15 and 23, Romans 9:4, Galatians 4:5, Ephesians 1:5-6, Psalm 119:73*; 3); and Be a Light-*John 8:12, Matthew 5:14, Philippians 2:15, Titus 2:3-5*.

Following Saturday morning’s session, the sibling team of Karen G. Pickering and Alice Gaillard of New Israel Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC, facilitated the interactive conference workshop. Focusing on what is needed in order to have a balanced Christian life, the team encouraged us through their pictorial presentation to look beyond ourselves, beyond the



*Karen Pickering and Alice Gaillard*

clutter in our lives, to “dig deep” and embrace The Light – Jesus Christ.

Unfortunately, the **2014 Christian Life Enrichment Conference** (which would have been the 36<sup>th</sup> conference), scheduled for Friday, March 14 – Sunday, March 16, 2014 was cancelled. While the conference was ultimately canceled because of low registrations, the women of the diocese are prayerful for a speedy resolution to organizational issues affecting this annual conference.

### ***About the Diocese of the Southeast’s Women of the Church Organization ...***

Led by Mrs. Naomi P. Gadsden, the Women of the Church Organization is a vital part of women’s ministry in the Diocese of the Southeast as well as the Reformed Episcopal Church’s international women’s ministry.

A brief description of the organization’s make-up and objectives follows:

The membership of the Diocese of the Southeast’s Women of the Church Organization (which is different from the diocese's Committee on Women’s Work (Ministry)) includes women from all Reformed Episcopal Churches in the diocese who are committed to the objectives of this organization, which are:

- To promote the work of the Reformed Episcopal Church
- To support the Committee on Women's Work (Ministry)
- On the diocesan level, to sponsor and support the Reformed Episcopal Church's Birthday Rally and Annual Princess Tea, and to support the Christian Life Enrichment Conference
- On the denominational level, to support the Annual Women’s Day Project Luncheon and Spiritual Enrichment Conference

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 “Princess and Prince 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.

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### ***... in the Diocese of Central States***

***Richmond, Virginia*** – At the invitation of the Rt. Rev. Daniel Morse, the committee was delighted and excited to have been afforded the opportunity to present this ministry to the ladies of the Diocese of Central States during the annual diocesan synod held in Richmond, VA, Thursday, October 24 through Friday, October 25, 2013. Joan Workowski, advisor to the

committee, presented an informative PowerPoint Presentation on the work of the committee. Thanks Joan. We also extend thanks to the Rev. W. Scott Thomas for working with us to ensure that this presentation was made.

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*... in the Diocese of Mid-America*

106TH SYNOD OF THE REC DIOCESE OF MID-AMERICA  
REPORT OF THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

by  
Nancy Jones, Chair  
Committee on Women's Ministry  
Diocese of Mid-America



The year 2012 kicked off with the announcement of the REC Women's Day Project for 2012: raise \$7,500 for the new mission work in Croatia. To date \$6,826 has been raised for the project. We are hopeful that the Women's Day Project for 2013 will be as well- received and supported as last year's project.

Throughout the rest of the year DMA women were involved in Bible studies, mission in-reach and outreach, and other work within each of their parishes. Following are but a few of their updates.

Christ's Chapel Mission, Riverside, CA

The year 2012 has had less in the way of official events for the women and much more in meeting the needs of the less fortunate. We have been helping individual homeless women and providing various needs for the unemployed and underemployed in our midst. Our Annual Women's Autumn Tea theme was "Abide in Him". It is an outreach to invite new women to meet us, so guests are always about half of the attendance. Each person received a gift, based on a drawing of numbered acorns. We counted our blessings and shared our sorrows, and after the devotional we had a special time of prayer. Each woman brought a plate of tea goodies, and one woman was a little breathless upon arrival because she had had to wait for her hen to lay an egg in order to complete the muffin recipe she had started. It was a wonderful illustration of the Lord's provision, sometimes "just in time". It was one we needed this year.

All Saints Anglican Mission, Durango CO

We continued a comprehensive study of Acts during our monthly women's study. This study is always combined with the monthly parish potluck, wherein the All Saints ladies provide a popular "feast of fellowship" for the rest of the congregation. Under the leadership of Father Moncrief, in his role as Chaplain at the county jail, we continue to run a women's Bible study for inmates once a week and visit individual inmates upon request. A number of inmates have given their lives to Christ through this ministry, and we were privileged this past year to assist Father Moncrief in two "in- house" baptisms of women with whom we had been working. In addition we have contributed time and materials to the Chaplain-instituted jail library. We now have over 2,500 books on the shelf (all donated!) and officially checked out our first books in February.



St. Stephen's, Montrose, CO

We began the year 2012 by completing our project to purchase and have installed a new garbage disposal for the church kitchen, and we continue to provide meals to those in need in our parish through a continuous supply of meals in the church kitchen freezer. The annual yard sale was held and a contribution was made to the DMA's mission work in Croatia. We collected recipes and published a cookbook for a preferred donation. School supplies were collected in time for the start of school and this year added supplies for St. Stephen's own Sunday school. The proceeds from the annual fall bake and craft sale were donated as a scholarship for a parish college student who needed extra funds during her time of student teaching. In the spring we held a Bible class of Beth Moore's study on the Book of Esther. The cost of devotionals was shared between the Committee on Women's Ministry and the Daughters of the Holy Cross Holy Comfort Chapter. Funds raised by the women of the church provide coffee at the fellowship hour after church each Sunday, all church kitchen supplies, and funds to pay an organist on special occasions, as St. Stephen's does not have a regular church organist. The women designate each 5th Sunday of the year as a day to collect change and checks to be sent to Cranmer Theological House. Many of the women also belong to the Altar Guild. Several others belong to the Prayer Shawl ministry. The women ended the year with the annual Silver Tea fundraiser to set aside some funds for the beginning of the next year.

All Saint's, Shreveport, LA

We have participated in Bible studies throughout the year. In addition, scarves made by one of the parishioners have also been purchased for gifts to support fundraising efforts to supply the church nursery and to raise funds for the orphans in Mbale, Uganda: Elgon Project. We have sent the pastor there a good study Bible and small Bibles for the church. We also sent some Children's Bible story books for the little ones in the Children's Ministry. Care packages have also been sent to the directors of the orphanage that include baby and women clothes, Bible story books, coloring books and toys for distribution, as needed. There are about 3,000 orphans in need of care, but the orphanage only has the finances to help 80! Their orphans need help with school fees, uniforms and scholastic materials.

Church of the Resurrection, Crosby, TX

We are a small group (DHC Chapter) of five. In 2012, we concentrated on food to give to the local food bank and supplying Thanksgiving dinner for a family that the husband had lost his job. We have an appointment at one of the area nursing homes to see what we can do to help there; also we are going to Churches United in Caring (CUIC) to volunteer. CUIC is a resale shop and food bank that we really like to support. They do a lot of good work, helping people get jobs, etc. Another thing we do is make prayer beads. We have given them to members of our Church and some of them take them to other people that aren't in our Church but want prayer beads.

Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, TX

The "Ladies of the Chapel" strongly support the Chapel's school, St. Timothy RE School, and in 2012 we helped with their rummage sale, arranged a field trip to Fort Worth to see the Dead Sea Scrolls, and provided a pizza lunch on their last day before the Christmas break. Several of our ladies also help by volunteering, teaching, and other support as needed at the school. Our community project is making knitted baby bonnets for the American Red Cross Sewing Room. These bonnets are given to newborns at the county hospital. There are over 10,000 births each

year. As a group we have sponsored our annual meeting luncheon and during our Lenten Series we provide the Wednesday night evening meals.

Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX

Holy Communion Women (HCW) is self-funded by proceeds from The Silver Chalice, our gift shop, as well as by our annual bake sale. We are active in the community through participation with the Collinwood Care Center, where we supply toiletries and clothing for residents, and Hope's Door, a shelter for abused women and their children, where we pay for monthly cleaning supplies and provide clothing and furniture. Our Prayer Shawl Ministry provides shawls during difficult times. In 2012, the Prayer Shawl ministry provided 82 prayer shawls, 7 Baptismal blankets and 2 knitted animals. Internally, HCW supports the annual Lenten Soup Suppers, Prayer Retreat, Habitat for Humanity, Holy Communion Christian Academy, special events, and Counterpain. We gather together as a group twice a year with outside speakers for a luncheon in September and a special tea in May. In addition, we hold an Annual Women's Retreat in the fall.

Church of the Holy Trinity, Houston, TX

In 2012 the women of Holy Trinity began a weekly Bible study on Wednesdays during the day, studying the Gospel of Mark. The annual Ladies Retreat was held in March that year, and nine women were able to attend. April began a monthly Friday night Bible study using Beth Moore's study on the Fruit of the Spirit. A ladies lounge has been set aside and is in the process of being remodeled mostly by the women of Holy Trinity, and the women have written passages of Scripture on the bottom of the tiles for the room as a symbol of the room being founded on Scripture.

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Following are two brief updates on activities of the Daughters of the Holy Cross (DHC) chapters located within the DMA:

All Saints Anglican Mission, Durango CO

We have just designated a parish liaison and hope to become more active in the coming year.

St. Stephen's, Montrose, CO

Just prior to each Sunday service, the members of the chapter gather to briefly pray for the parish and the Sunday service naming any special needs and including mention of the priest, deacon, acolytes, visitors, newcomers, etc. Additionally, our parish priest and chaplain of the chapter, Father Jerry Kistler, rotates the placement of the names of two REC priests and their parishes and an REC bishop and his parish/diocese or other clergy such as deacons, archdeacons, on the Sunday bulletin along with the listed prayer requests for our parish, and as a service and prayer needs project approved by the chaplain, the chapter contacts these clergy by e-mail and asks for any prayer requests they may have, all kept in confidence and all well-received. The chapter also has its own devotional/study time at their meetings or in a separate meeting, and the other women of the parish may attend. Events such as tea or lunch are occasionally held in fellowship with a chapter in another ACNA church in Montrose. During 2012, we collected mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and socks at holiday time and donated these items to Dolphin House, which is a community organization that aids children in child abuse situations.

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As Chair of the DMA WOC one of my focuses this year will be to revamp the WOC website (<http://dmawomen.org/>) to provide a "members only" area for DMA women to better keep in

touch with one another, exchange ministerial ideas (*e.g.*, Sunday school curriculum, activities for our youngsters and teens, Bible studies and devotionals), and exchange prayer requests and praises. A WOC Facebook page is already established, and I hope to expand the WOC's presence there during the coming year.

My prayer for each of us in the DMA WOC for 2013 is one of renewal in our covenant relationship with our Lord.

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## *... in the Diocese of Western Canada and Alaska*

### TRIENNIUM REPORT ON THE WOMEN'S WORK CHURCH OF OUR LORD, VICTORIA, CANADA 2011 – 2014

by

Lynne Ellis, President of Women's Ministry at Church of Our Lord  
Adjunct Member of REC Committee for Women's Work

I would like to take the time to thank all the ladies of the REC for their warm welcome and faithful inclusion of our Canadian contingent at Church of Our Lord, especially since we have not been able to participate in the joint activities organized for women in the U.S.A. I have personally attended a retreat at Williamsburg in 2004 and a Spiritual Enrichment weekend in Houston in 2009 as well as the meetings at three recent General Councils. They were undoubtedly blessed times of fellowship. My special thanks to Gale Hill and Joan Workowski for their leadership and friendship.



*Lynn Ellis*

Here at home, our ladies have continued to organize wonderful outreach events in our community. In June we have a Strawberry Tea and use the opportunity to direct tours round our heritage building, which allows us to speak about the Lord and the history of service in Victoria that began with Bishop Edward and his wife Mary Cridge in 1874. Annually, in early December we have a High Tea, typical of English Victorian times when this city was founded. Proceeds from these events are either given to the Sanctuary Youth Centre which has been run from the basement of our hall as an outreach to youth at risk, or it has been sent to a mission we support in Malawi or to the Cuban Church under Bishop Charles Dorrington's care. This past December the \$2,000 raised was sent to the A.R.D.F. for the Philippines Relief Fund.

Each Wednesday morning I lead a Bible study for 15 to 18 women. It has been a time of discipleship, of encouragement and of developing deep friendships. These ladies have become actively involved in the on-going ministry of serving, greeting, singing in the choir, praying for the sick, taking meals to those who return from hospital, and they often visit just because they've grown close to members of our church family. A group of women initiated a weekly lunchtime prayer group, which follows the Bible study.

When Gale Hill asked for ladies to contribute to the devotional booklet on the Ten Commandments, I felt pleased that I could represent our part of Canada in this endeavour. I have



to say that I was once again impressed by your thorough approach to presenting Biblical Truth accurately. I admire your professionalism.

Since September 2011 Church of Our Lord has gone through some major changes. Our Rector, the Rev. Dr. Rod Ellis and the Venerable Ron Corcoran, Rector of a local congregation which grew out of the recent stand for Biblical principles, explored the possibility of merging our two congregations. They were already members of the Anglican Network in Canada, which comes under the ACNA banner. Following a year of meetings with our elected merge committees, combined services from time-to-time, joint congregational meetings and many, many hours of prayer and seeking guidance from our bishops, the vote to merge was close to unanimous in July 2012. As one congregation we voted on the name for this new church and the majority decided to keep the name of Church of Our Lord. We are now a new Church of Our Lord. The major change is that we are no longer under Bishop Charles Dorrington's authority, but belong to the Anglican Network in Canada, under Bishop Trevor Walters in British Columbia, and the Moderator in Canada, Bishop Don Harvey, who will soon retire. Bishop Charlie Masters is already elected to succeed him.

Since we are no longer directly affiliated with the Reformed Episcopal Church, I believe it is time for me to officially step aside from the Committee on Women's Ministry. I don't want to use the term "resign", because I do not feel that I am breaking relationship with you altogether. It has been my privilege to have spent time with you and I pray that the Lord will continue to bless you and work through you. I hope that we shall meet again one day.



*Barbara J. Riches*

In closing, the committee recognizes Mrs. Barbara J. Riches with deep appreciation and sincere thanks. Barbara served as a member of the committee for 21 years (1978-1999), and followed Mrs. Ethel Higgins, wife of Bishop Howard D. Higgins, as production coordinator and distributor of the Dates-to-Remember Publication; a position in which she served for 31 years (1975-2006). Thank you Barbara, your contributions to this ministry are invaluable and your gentle demeanor and hard-working spirit has encouraged and inspired many over the years.



*The Most Reverend  
Leonard W. Riches*

Sincere thanks and gratitude is extended to the Most Reverend Leonard W. Riches, for the confidence expressed by affording us the opportunity to serve in this vineyard for the growth and development of women's ministry, the advancement of our beloved Reformed Episcopal Church, and the up-building of God's Kingdom.

As we reflect on this triennium, we remember our highs and lows, our ups and down, our gains and losses and are grateful to have had the opportunity to serve through it all. Personally, it has been an honor, a privilege, and a blessing of great measure to have served with such a body of women, who themselves have sacrificed much in order to fulfill their commitments to the work

of this ministry. Heartfelt thanks to each of you for your Christian love, encouragement, and indefatigable efforts.

Yours in Christ Jesus,



Gale G. Hill, Chairperson

Profit & Loss  
January 2011 through December 2013

**Balance Forward** **16,739.97**

**Income**

Restricted Contribution Income	8.00	
Devotional Receipts-09/11-06/12	1,234.68	
Devotional Receipts-09/12-06/13	1,501.00	
Devotional Receipts-09/13-06/14	1,340.75	
Interest Income	113.33	
<b>Spiritual Enrichment Conference Income</b>		
SEC COWM Offering – 2011	267.00	
SEC COWW Offering – 2012	318.00	
SEC COWW Offering – 2013	457.00	
SEC Reg., Food, Lodging	648.00	
SEC Registration	3,021.00	
SEC Other Income	<u>100.00</u>	
<b>Total Spiritual Enrichment Conf. Income</b>		<b>4,811.00</b>

**Women's Day Income**

W. Day COWM Offering	2,177.38	
W. Day Lunch Reservations	5,690.00	
W. Day Project – 2010	75.00	
W. Day Project – 2011	7,600.00	
W. Day Project – 2012	6,950.00	
W. Day Project – 2013	<u>5,500.00</u>	
<b>Total Women's Day Income</b>		<b><u>27,997.38</u></b>

**Total Income** **37,006.14**

**Expense**

Dates to Remember	203.61
Devotional Book Expenses	3,307.66
Postage and Delivery - Misc.	45.31
Professional Fees - Accounting	1,020.32

**Spiritual Enrichment Conference Expenses**

SEC Food & Lodging	1,268.50
SEC Honorarium	1,937.95
SEC Misc. Expenses	778.87

SEC Speaker/Musician Travel	1,252.80	
SEC Other Expenses	<u>225.00</u>	
<b>Total SEC Expenses</b>		<b>5,463.12</b>
<b>Women's Day Expense</b>		
W. Day Honorarium	1,540.00	
W. Day Misc.	1,384.32	
W. Day Project Disburs't '11	7,600.00	
W. Day Project Disburs't '12	6,900.00	
W. Day Restaurant	4,283.82	
W. Day Speaker Travel	<u>307.00</u>	
<b>Total Women's Day Expenses</b>		<b><u>22,015.14</u></b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b><u>32,055.16</u></b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b><u>4,950.98</u></b>
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2013</b>		<b>16,739.97</b>

Note: Women's Day 2013 Project Offering of \$5,505 has not yet been disbursed. An additional donation of \$100 came in early in 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Wright, Treasurer

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November 5, 2013

Reformed Episcopal Church  
Committee on Women's Ministry  
Diane E. Wright, Treasurer  
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To the Committee on Women's Ministry:

I have in accordance with the rules and procedures of the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles examined the books of your Committee for the purpose of verifying the reported balances for the year ending December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2012.

The audit consisted of the following:

1. A verification of the accounts balances as of December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2012;
2. A review of the Check Register with random sampling of checks with special attention paid to any checks payable to an individual for 2011 and 2012;
3. A review of the Cash Register for 2011 and 2012;
4. A review of Bank Statements for 2011 and 2012;
5. A review of Profit and loss Statements for January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 and

January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012;

6. A review of Balance Sheets for Year ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2012.

I verified balances and found the report to reflect an accurate financial state of the Committee on Women's Ministry based on information available to me. My reviews did not reveal any discrepancies.

I have signed off on all the bank statements for 2011 and 2012. These signed bank statements are in the possession of Ms. Wright.

In general, I found the books of the Committee on Women's Ministry to be in good order. Recording, summarizing and preparation of the financial records are in accordance with rules and procedures of the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

One recommendation I would make is to have a dual signature on checks establish since Ms. Wright handles all deposits and write all checks.

May God continue to bless the work of His Church!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alfredia D. Doiley, Accountant

The Committee on Women's Ministry of the Reformed Episcopal Church amends its report to the 54<sup>th</sup> General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church adding the following recommendation:

The Committee recommends that the bishops and clergy support the Committee on Women's Ministry by encouraging their congregations to pray for, participate in, and financially support the programs and projects of the Committee on Women's Ministry.

*The Rev. Harry Loyd moved to receive the report with the amended recommendation. The Rev. Dr. Riches seconded. The motion carried.*

*The Rev. Willie Hill moved to file all remaining reports not containing a recommendation. Mr. Bruce Woodcock seconded. The motion carried.*

## **REPORT of the COMMITTEE on INTERCHURCH RELATIONS**

During the last triennium the work of this committee has continued to be conducted in conjunction with the Ecumenical Relations Task Force of the Anglican Church In North America. In most cases ACNA has facilitated dialogue with many jurisdictions, with whom, we would not normally be in discussion. In one case, however, the REC dialogue has opened a conversation with a jurisdiction not engaged in ecumenical exchange with ACNA. The combined efforts have involved nine Interchurch Relations dialogues. The following is a summary.

### **The Orthodox Dialogue**

We have continued to meet with the Orthodox by way of the Orthodox Church in America. Two main developments occurred in the last triennium. One, the College of Bishops of ACNA concluded that the original Nicene Creed did not contain the filioque (and the Son) phrase meaning it is allowable for ACNA

congregations to use the original creed without the filioque. At the same time, the College of Bishops affirmed the western tradition of including the filioque. Thus, the ACNA liturgy will continue the traditional version of the Nicene Creed in the Book of Common Prayer adding a footnote calling attention to permission to say the original Constantinopolitan Nicene Creed.

Two, through our interchurch relations work with ACNA we have become part of a larger dialogue between the Russian Orthodox Church and Anglicanism. During the past triennium the Ecumenical Relations Task Force of ACNA met with Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev at the Anglican seminary Nashotah House. In these meetings Metropolitan Hilarion expressed the desire to direct ecumenical dialogue previously conducted with The Episcopal Church through the Anglican Church in North America. He outlined a threefold process of dialogue. The areas are moral theology, theology and ecclesiology. This process has begun and will continue into the next triennium. It is expected that a visit will be made to Moscow to meet the Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church, to report our ecumenical progress, and to seek the highest level of corporate unity. After personally chairing this sub committee, the Rt. Rev. Kevin Allen of ACNA has taken over this responsibility for which I'm thankful.

## **Roman Catholic Dialogue**

During the last triennium through the ERTF of ACNA we have continued to meet with the appointed ecumenical officers of the Roman Catholic Church. After a brief transition of representation on the Roman Catholic side Archbishop Robert Duncan and I have met with Bishop Madden and Fr. John Crossin of the Roman Catholic Church at the administrative offices of the USCCB in Washington D.C. The nature of our conversations have concerned developments in the founding years of ACNA as well as the continued formation of the Global Anglican Future Conference movement within the Anglican Communion.

Of further significance I have been invited to meet two Popes in the last triennium, Pope Benedict in 2012 and the Pope Francis in 2013. The purpose of these visits was to bring greetings on behalf of Archbishop Robert Duncan, the Anglican Church in North America, and the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON) now called the Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans (GFCA). On both occasions we were warmly received. I also had the opportunity to share the ecumenical opportunities with the Global South of Anglicanism.

## **The North American Lutheran Church**

Ecumenical talks with the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) were considerably productive during the last triennium. These Lutherans have primarily emerged from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). They officially formed in 2010 one year after ACNA. They have quickly grown to over two hundred congregations.

Importantly the NALC has decided not to create their own seminaries but to use orthodox Anglican ones. As a result of our ecumenical work NALC in particular has designated Trinity School of Ministry as their seminary. TSM has subsequently brought onto its faculty two Lutheran professors. The effect of this arrangement will also mean Lutheran students at other ACNA seminaries including the Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania.

In addition agreement was formed and approved by the ACNA College of Bishops and the Executive Committee of the NALC to allow Eucharistic hospitality. For North American Lutherans this means permission to receive Holy Communion in ACNA parishes and seminaries. For Anglicans, however, this is somewhat of a moot point since we already allow other Christians to receive the Eucharist based on their baptism. Nevertheless, the agreement of Eucharistic hospitality is significant in that it makes official

an important Biblical expression of true unity in Christ. The Rt. Rev. Win Mott, Ordinary of the Diocese of the West (REC) chairs this sub committee.

## **Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Dialogue**

Conversations with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) have progressed well with more direct involvement of the Reformed Episcopal Church. In May, 2013, representatives of both jurisdictions met at the Pro Cathedral Church of the Holy Communion (REC). The focus of these meetings was a joint statement on Christian marriage and family. For the first time as well, Lutheran and Anglican clergy and laity were invited to worship together at the pro cathedral in the service of Evensong from the Book of Common Prayer.

Also, The Very Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches, Academic Dean of the Reformed Episcopal Seminary, has taken over chairing these talks on Anglican side. Dr. Riches has done an excellent job guiding the talks through discussion in particular on the Thirty-Nine Articles and the doctrinal similarities between Lutheranism and Anglicanism. The fall, 2013 meetings were hosted at the Reformed Episcopal Seminary.

## **National Association of Evangelicals Dialogue**

We have been invited to participate, even join the National Association of Evangelicals. With the guidance of our bishops the wisdom that has prevailed is to attend NAE functions as observers. The Rev. Chris Schutte, chairman of this sub committee representing us, has gone to two board meetings - one in Salt Lake City and the other in Orlando. He has also attended two "Washington Briefings," which are meetings between Evangelical leaders and key politicians, staffers, and . . . other leaders for updates on issues of concern for Evangelicals - e.g. marriage, life issues, immigration, the environment, prison reform and others.

## **The Evangelical Ecumenical Council Dialogue**

The emergence of what is being called, the Ecumenical Coalition, has resulted from the good work of The Rev. Canon Phil Ashley of the American Anglican Council (AAC) associated with ACNA. Four groups of various jurisdictions have been brought into the formation of ecumenical dialogue. The groups are conservatives in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., the Good News Methodists, North American Lutherans out of ELCA, and ACNA. Already there is potential for sharing theological institutions, joint statements on Christian marriage and morality as salt and light in our culture, mission projects, and educational resources. The combined numbers of followers could be quite substantial. The first meeting occurred in October 22-24, 2012 in Dallas, Texas. Subsequent meetings and seminars have been convened to develop church growth and mutual support strategies. I have been pleased to be present at some of these meetings offering the encouragement of the Reformed Episcopal Church. Canon Ashley has also been involved presenting a number of Church Growth seminars for the dioceses of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

## **The Messianic Jewish Dialogue**

One of the truly remarkable ecumenical conversations to come into being over the last triennium has been our dialogue with the Messianic Jewish community. Initially opened by Bishop Keith Ackerman through one of his contacts, four meetings have been conducted around the country, including one at Wheaton College, with leaders from various Messianic organizations such as Jews for Jesus, Apple of His Eye Ministries, Lausanne Conference of Jewish Evangelism, Christian Ministry to the Jews, Devar Emet Ministry, Chosen People Ministries, Tikkun International Ministries, the Messianic Jewish Alliance of America, the Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations and so forth. This dialogue restores an important historic conversation between Anglicanism and the Jewish people. As our Messianic Jewish brothers and

sisters in the Lord continually remind us, Anglicans were the first of the historic churches to evangelize them not long after the Great Awakening revival of the 18th century led by two Anglican evangelists, John Wesley and George Whitefield. As Biblical Anglicans we are simply returning to what we were used by God in some small way to initiate centuries ago. Many thanks to Dr. Theresa Newell chair person of this dialogue, who has been assisted by Canon Daryl Fenton, and the Rt. Rev. Foley Beach (Ordinary of the Diocese of Atlanta) who has served as the episcopal representative for this sub committee.

## **The Polish National Catholic Church**

During the last triennium we began our ecumenical dialogue with the Polish National Catholic Church. These meetings, chaired by the Rt. Rev. Richard Lipka (ACNA Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of All Saints) who is fluent in Polish, have been historic since the PNCC was in full communion with the Episcopal Church (TEC) until the late 1970s. Some of our ACNA clergy even remember serving as young priests at the altars of the PNCC and vice versa. The PNCC would like to restore communion with the Anglican family. They have selected ACNA as the jurisdiction through whom they want to pursue this important relationship. Over several meetings we have focused on understanding our historic doctrinal statements (The Thirty-Nine Articles and Their own Articles), and our views of the Church and the Sacraments. We also begun to have candid talks about how we work alongside each other until there can be some kind of formal intercommunion. As a result of this exploration, the PNCC is considering Nashotah House as a place where they can send their theological students. We share so much in common as nonpapal Catholics.

## **The Presbyterian Church in America**

In the past three years our friends in the Presbyterian Church in North America have asked us to send an ecumenical representative to two of their General Assemblies. Last year, I was invited by their Stated Clerk and now Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Roy Taylor, to bring greetings. This year the Very Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches will represent the REC/ACNA at the PCA General Assembly. Over the history of the PCA the REC has a number of times been involved at various levels of dialogue. The hope is that we will once again be able to enter into fraternal relations to the greatest extent possible with our Reformation brothers and sisters in Christ.

## **Conclusion**

The Lord has been extremely good to the Reformed Episcopal Church through its ecumenical work over its long history. In the past triennium God has raised the witness of the REC to new levels in conjunction with its important relationship to the Anglican Church in North America not only among Anglicans, but other Christians. From Jerusalem to Moscow to Rome and around the United States and Canada, God's people have become more and more aware of the ministry of the REC and ACNA. In the final analysis, however, let us not forget that God has blessed us as we have attempted to live into our responsibilities to the universal (catholic) Church by seeking to fulfill our Lord's Prayer in Gethsemane, "That they may be one as we [the Holy Trinity] are one" (John 17:11). As we have given we have received. May we never lose sight of the ecumenical obligation of the REC by the important invitation our founders included in the Eucharistic liturgy, "Our fellow Christians of other branches of Christ's Church and all who love our Divine Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in sincerity, are affectionately invited to the Lord's Table." Amen.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rt. Rev. Ray R. Sutton, Ph.D.

**REPORT of the STATE of the CHURCH**  
as of December 31, 2013

Diocese	Total Parishes & Missions	Parishes that Reported	Parishes that did NOT report	Baptized Members	Communicant Members
Central States	19	15	4	916	844
Mid-America	33	30	3	2146	1843
Northeast & Mid-Atlantic	28	24	4	1865	1615
Southeast	32	23	9	1854	1694
West	18	13	5	475	443
Western Canada	2	0	2	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>7256</b>	<b>6439</b>

The Statistical Information was obtained from Parish Certification forms for the 54th General Council. The committee notes that 27 parishes did not complete the certification form. Therefore, the total membership reported in this report is not completely accurate.

In an effort to streamline and comply with the reporting requirements of Canon 43 of the Reformed Episcopal Church, we ask that every Parish complete the Annual Report to the Anglican Church in North America. The Dioceses and and this Committee will be able to utilize that data to complete a more accurate report in the future

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote

**Diocese of the Central States**  
*The Rt. Rev. Daniel Morse, Ordinary*  
*The Rt. Rev. Peter Manto, Suffragan*

	Parish	City	State	Baptized	Communicant
1	St. John's	Mt. Laurel	AL	56	56
2	Resurrection	Shalimar	FL	*	*
3	Church of the Redeemer	Wilson	NC	22	15
4	All Saints	Raleigh	NC	62	52
5	St. Andrew's	Greensboro	NC	*	*
6	Trinity Church	Evansville	IN	53	53
7	St. Paul's	Greenfield	IN	7	7
8	St. Nicholas	Owensboro	KY	22	22
9	Christ the King	Dayton	OH	74	56
10	Christ our Hope	Dayton	OH	85	85
11	Trinity Church	Mason	OH	109	109
12	St. James	Memphis	TN	140	125
13	St. Andrew's	Signal Mtn	TN	*	*
14	Christ our Hope	Westpoint	TN	53	53
15	Covenant	Roanoke	VA	20	20
16	Holy Trinity	Fairfax	VA	134	134
17	St. Andrew's	Appomattox	VA	35	25
18	All Saints	Lynchburg	VA	*	*
19	St. Jude's Anglican	Richmond	VA	44	32
				916	844



**Diocese of the Mid-America**  
*The Rt. Rev. Royal Grote, Ordinary*  
*The Rt. Rev. Ray Sutton, Co-Adjutor*  
*The Rt. Rev. Sam Seamans, Assisting*  
*The Rt. Rev. George Fincke, Assisting*

	Parish	City	State	Baptized	Communicant
1	Christ Anglican	Hot Springs	AR	38	38
2	St. Timothy's	Jonesboro	AR	87	65
3	Good Shepherd Mission	Mena	AR	3	3
4	St. Thomas	Mt. Home	AR	53	35
5	Christ's Chapel	Riverside	CA	16	16
6	All Saint's	Durango	CO	13	13
7	St. Stephen's	Montrose	CO	65	51
8	Trinity	Pagosa Springs	CO	46	46
9	All Saints	Chicago Heights	IL	53	45
10	St. Andrew's	Tinley Park	IL	64	58
11	St. Pauls	Baton Rouge	LA	39	33
12	St. Alban's Mission	Ethel	LA	3	3
13	All Saints	Shreveport	LA	44	30
14	Mariners Church	Detroit	MI	*	*
15	St. Stephen's	Flowood	MS	185	169
16	Church of our Savior	Joplin	MO	*	*
17	Holy Trinity	Webster Groves	MO	76	76
18	St. Michael's	Tulsa	OK	*	*
19	Holy Cross	Alpine	TX	36	34
20	St. Barnabas	Bellville	TX	22	21
21	Providence	Corpus Christi	TX	50	39
22	Resurrection	Crosby	TX	57	57
23	Chapel of the Cross	Dallas	TX	157	121
24	Holy Communion	Dallas	TX	402	357
25	Christ Church	Ft. Worth	TX	7	7
26	Holy Trinity	Houston	TX	91	91
27	St. Thomas of Canterbury	Houston	TX	162	136
28	St. Paul's	Houston	TX	67	64
29	St. Matthias	Katy	TX	64	47
30	St. Francis	Spring	TX	58	57
31	Good Shepherd	Tyler	TX	156	99
32	Providence	Weatherford	TX	29	29
33	St. Stephen's	Cedar Grove	WI	3	3
				2146	1843

**Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic**  
*The Rt. Rev. David Hicks, Ordinary*  
*The Rt. Rev. Charles Gillin, Suffragan*

	Parish	City	State	Baptized	Communicant
1	Faith Church	Baltimore	MD	63	63
2	Covenant Chapel	Basking Ridge	NJ	59	58
3	Anglican Uka Ndi Igbo	Bronx	NY	*	*
4	Holy Trinity	Bronx	NY	*	*
5	St. Mary's	Bronx	NY	273	240
6	Jesus the Good Shepherd	Brooklyn	NY	*	*
7	Bishop Cummins	Catonsville	MD	188	177

8	Grace Church	Collingdale	PA	99	45
9	St. Stephen's	Eldersburg	MD	227	211
10	St. Peters	Elkton	MD	61	43
11	St. George's (CANADA)	Hamilton	ONTARIO	100	80
12	St. Michael's	Enola	PA	12	12
13	St. Matthew's	Havertown	PA	72	67
14	Grace Church	Havre-de-Grace	MD	58	46
15	Church of Our Redeemer	Jersey City	NJ	85	85
16	St. Timothy's	Mt. Laurel	NJ	18	17
17	St. Luke's	New Providence	NJ	34	23
18	First Church	New York	NY	59	34
19	St. Paul's	Oreland	PA	40	38
20	Church of the Atonement	Philadelphia	PA	24	19
21	Church of the Messiah	Philadelphia	PA	32	32
22	St. Luke's/Bishop Hoffman	Philadelphia	PA	20	20
23	Emmanuel	Pipersville	PA	55	51
24	St. Mark's	Rydal	PA	101	81
25	Grace Church	Scranton	PA	85	85
26	Emmanuel	Somerville	NJ	38	37
27	St. John's by-the-sea	Ventnor	NJ	62	51
28	Good Shepherd	W Bridgewater	MA	*	*
				<b>1865</b>	<b>1615</b>

**Diocese of the Southeast**

*The Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden, Ordinary*

*The Rt. Rev. William White, Suffragan*

	Parish	City	State	Baptized	Communicant
1	All Saints	Greenville	SC	80	70
2	Atonement	Mt. Pleasant	SC	39	37
3	Bethlehem	Moncks Corner	SC	42	42
4	Calvary	St. Stephen	SC	60	60
5	Christ's Church	Johns Island	SC	37	37
6	Emmanuel	Alvin	SC	40	40
7	Good Shepherd	Bonneau	SC	47	42
8	Grace	Moncks Corner	SC	128	112
9	Holy Comforter	Moncks Corner	SC	41	41
10	Holy Rock	Willington	SC	*	*
11	Holy Trinity	Charleston	SC	29	22
12	Immanuel	Cross	SC	65	65
13	Intercession	Wando	SC	23	23
14	Liberty	Jamestown	SC	86	62
15	Messiah	Pineville	SC	*	*
16	Mt. Carmel	Goose Creek	SC	*	*
17	Mt. Olivet	Ravenel	SC	142	123
18	Nazareth	Moncks Corner	SC	127	121
19	New Bethel	N. Charleston	SC	159	152
20	New Israel	Charleston	SC	129	111
21	New St. Thomas	Columbia	SC	*	*
22	Promiseland	Johns Island	SC	*	*
23	Redeemer	Pineville	SC	180	180

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24	St. Andrew's	Savannah	GA	80	65
25	St. James	Cordesville	SC	*	*
26	St. John's	Charleston	SC	118	118
27	St. Luke's	Charleston	SC	132	110
28	St. Matthew's	N. Charleston	SC	34	25
29	St. Michael's	St. Stephen	SC	36	36
30	St. Paul's	Moncks Corner	SC	*	*
31	St. Thomas	Moncks Corner	SC	*	*
32	Zion	Edisto Island	SC	*	*
				<b>1854</b>	<b>1694</b>

### Diocese of the West

*The Rt. Rev. Winfield Mott, Ordinary*

	Parish	City	State	Baptized	Communicant
1	St. Michael and All Angels	Kerrville	TX	37	35
2	St. John's	Boerne	TX	64	59
3	St. Augustine	Deming	NM	*	*
4	Holy Trinity	Silver City	NM	25	25
5	Church of our Lord	Albuquerque	NM	*	*
6	All Saints Anglican Mission	Truth or Consequences	NM	5	5
7	St. Andrew's	Phoenix	AZ	25	22
8	Blessed Trinity	Alpine (El Cajon)	CA	*	*
9	Christ the King	Arroyo Grande	CA	*	*
10	St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills	Los Altos Hills	CA	64	61
11	St. Andrew's	Chester	CA	25	23
12	Christ the Redeemer	Greenville	CA	13	13
13	St. Anselm	Pacific Grove	CA	30	27
14	Christ Church of the Sierra	Reno	NV	42	38
15	Messiah Mission of Mesquite	Mesquite	NV	17	15
16	St. Barnabas	Shoreline	WA	68	60
17	Trinity	Mt. Vernon	WA	60	60
18	St. Ursula	Sultan	WA	*	*
				<b>475</b>	<b>443</b>

### Diocese of Western Canada & Alaska

*The Rt. Rev. Charles Dorrington, Ordinary*

	Parish	City	State	Baptized	Communicant
1	Holy Trinity	Colwood	BC	*	*
2	Living Word	Courtenay	BC	*	*
				<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## REPORT of the LITURGICAL MUSIC COMMISSION

Dear Brethren,

At the end of the 2008 - 2011 Triennium, the Liturgical Music Commission (LMC) completed a draft of a supplement to The Hymnal (1940) that was then accepted by the Standing Liturgical Committee (SLC). The draft contains nearly 200 hymns, 15 Psalter tunes and 25 pieces of service music. The effort to produce the draft supplement was chartered by the SLC in 2005, the objective being enhancement of the content of The Hymnal (1940) so that it would be more complete for use in our worship. Four major areas were given to the LMC to be the focus for its work: traditional hymns, especially for Advent and Lent, but also for other seasons of the liturgical year as well as sacraments and rites of the church; spirituals; contemporary hymns; chants and service music, especially Anglican or plainsong chants for the Psalter.

During the 2011 – 2014 Triennium, we searched for a publisher that would be willing and able to design, print and distribute the supplement. In the process, many conversations took place with large publishing houses that regularly do this sort of work as well as with a highly-recommended independent publisher who had produced hymnals for several churches. Although those conversations were useful in confirming our approach to supplement publishing, none of these publishers were able to commit to our work beyond occasional help with specific tasks. Reasons given for the inability to take on the full publishing work ranged from economic conditions to staff availability.

During this same period of time the status of currently available volumes of The Hymnal (1940) changed significantly. Many of our parishes found the volumes not to be durable. Stock levels at major distributors have fallen to around a total of 2,000 volumes and Church Publishing intends to discontinue printing altogether. These limitations make the volume unsuitable, if not impossible, to depend on for future use, even for the at least three versions of a supplement that have already been produced.

Given this situation, the objective of the LMC's work has been changed from producing yet another supplement to creating a whole new hymnal. Contents of this hymnal would include 300 hymns gleaned from The Hymnal (1940), the nearly 200 hymns already approved for inclusion in our supplement and 100 hymns from additional sources. This new effort will provide the opportunity to use the best of The Hymnal (1940) while correcting its inherent weaknesses, resulting in a hymnal that would be free of formatting errors, would correspond to the propers in the REC's Book of Common Prayer and would represent the best of 21st century Anglican music for worship.

Christopher Hoyt, Music Director at the Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas, has joined us on the LMC and will lead the project for the new hymnal. Chris brings with him considerable talent and expertise plus a team of professionals who, together with LMC members, will complete design and development of a new hymnal ready for printing and distribution. In parallel with the design and development work, agencies of the REC will plan and execute tasks needed to negotiate royalties, ensure quality printing and binding, and provide marketing and distribution within and external to the REC. Expected availability of the new volume is June 2016.

This is a significant undertaking. Your prayers and support will be vital to success. Please join us as we labor to produce a work that will beautify our worship of Almighty God to His glory and the edification of His people.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald E. Riches, LMC Chair

## REPORT of the COMMITTEE on YOUNG PEOPLE’S WORK

Below is a summary of activities involving the youth of Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic and the Diocese of Southeast of the Reformed Episcopal Church during the 2011-2013 Triennium.

### Annual Princess Tea

A program held in the **Diocese of the Southeast** during the month of February. Initiated more than 50 years ago as a fund raiser to support the annual Women’s Day Project, the program is designed to provide an opportunity for youth of the diocese to showcase their talents through the performing arts: vocal music, instrumental music, oration, and dance. Young people from across the diocese gather on a Sunday afternoon for an exciting time of praise and fellowship.

During the triennium Princess Teas (which in recent years have become Princess and Prince Teas) were held as follows:

- 2011** Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Princess Tea, 4:30 P.M., New Israel’s Church, Charleston, SC
- 2012** Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Princess Tea, 4:30 P.M., Nazareth Church, Moncks Corner, SC
- 2013** Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Princess Tea, 4:30 P.M., Redeemer Church, Pineville, SC

### Camping Ministries

The Camping Ministry of the **Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic** currently sponsors two camping opportunities annually: a three day winter camp in March and a seven day summer camp in July. Attendance at summer camp range from 85 to 115, and attendance at winter camp range 60 to 95.

**2011** Winter Camp, Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>–Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, River Valley Ranch, Manchester, MD

**2011** Summer Camp, Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>–Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Rock Mountain Bible Camp, Scranton, PA

**2012** Winter Camp, Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>–Sunday, March 11, River Valley Ranch, Manchester, MD.

The camp theme was “Surrender,” and the speaker was the Rev. Jason Patterson.

**2012** Sumer Camp, Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>–Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, Rock Mountain Bible Camp, Scranton, PA

The camp theme was “Glorifying God with our Bodies,” and the speakers were the Revs. Cedric Benner and William Jenkins.

**2013** Winter Camp, Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>–Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, River Valley Ranch, Manchester, MD

The camp theme was “Faith, Hope, Love in the life of David,” and the Rev. Eric Jorgensen was the speaker.

**2013** Summer Camp, Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>–Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, Rock Mountain Bible Camp, Scranton, PA

The camp theme was “Money, Possessions, and Eternity,” and the Revs. Walter Hawkins and William Jenkins were the speakers.

The camping ministry of the **Diocese of the Southeast** evolved out of the Young People’s Leadership Conference, which was established by Bishop Joseph Kearney and The Rev. James Harris. In 1963, the first camp was held for one week at Bethel Bible Camp in Columbia, SC. In 1964, two weeks of camp were held at the present campsite, and in 1996, a third week of camping was added. During the triennium, an average of 56 campers, ages 8 – 18, attend camp each year, with the majority of the campers making a commitment to accept or re-dedicate their lives to the Lord.

**2011** Youth Camps – Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>–Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Jerdan Conference center (BJCC), Awendaw, SC. The camp theme was “Calling Disciples to Serve.” The theme verse was “*And Jesus said until them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.*”—St. Mark 1:17. A total of 54 young people attend camp.

**2012** Youth Camps – Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>–Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> Youth Camps, Bishop Jerdan

Conference center (BJCC), Awendaw, SC. The camp theme was “Our Incredible God, Deserves Incredible Praise.” The theme verse was “*For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.*” – Psalm 96:4. 62 young people attend camp.

**2013 Youth Camps** – Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>–Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> Youth Camps, Bishop Jerdan Conference center (BJCC), Awendaw, SC. The camp theme was “Called By God; Compelled To Serve.” The theme verses were “*Now the Lord came and stood and called us at other times, Samuel! Samuel! And Samuel answered, “Speak for your servant hears.”*” – I Samuel 3:10, and “*Then he called his twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases.*” – St. Luke 9:1. 54 young people attended camp.

Other occasions for Christian growth and development and fellowship for our youth during the triennium included:

### **Spring Fling – Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic**

**2011** Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>–Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

**2012** Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>–Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

**2013** Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>–Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

### **Bible Knowledge Quiz – Diocese of the Southeast**

**2011** Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday School Bible Knowledge Quiz based on the Old Testament Books of Ester and Ruth and the New Testament Book of St. Mark. The trophy for answering the most questions correctly was awarded to the team representing **Calvary** Church, Swamp Fox, SC.

**2012** Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday School Bible Knowledge Quiz based on the Old Testament Book of Exodus and the New Testament Book of Acts. The trophy for answering the most questions correctly was awarded to the team representing **Messiah** Church, Pineville, SC.

**2013** Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday School Bible Knowledge Quiz based on the Old Testament Book of I Samuel and the New Testament Book of St. Luke. The trophy for answering the most questions correctly was awarded to the team representing **Nazareth** Church, Moncks Corner, SC.

### **Octoberfest – Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic**

**2011** Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>–Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Grace Church Collingdale/Jesus the Good Shepherd. The theme was “The Father’s Love.” The speaker was Mr. Mike Carr.

**2012** Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>–Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup>, St. Mark’s Church, Jenkintown, PA. The theme was “Materialism.” The Rev. Justin Forsberg was the speaker.

**2013** Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>–Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup>, Faith Church, Baltimore, MD. Mr. Steven Hoopes was the speaker.

### **Debutante Showcase – Diocese of the Southeast**

An eight – twelve week mentoring program for young ladies ages 16-19, culminating in a formal affair showcasing their achievements and future focuses. The young ladies are mentored in the areas of daily Bible study, worship, social graces and etiquette, building relationships—especially with peers, and career building with emphasis on non-traditional careers. They experience activities such as worship and fellowship with diocesan leadership, a time of bonding and sharing with their mothers at mother-daughter brunches, and shopping trips where their economic decision making skills are exercised. Student achievement continues to be recognized and encouraged by local Reformed Episcopal parishes, dioceses, and on the denominational level by way of financial assistance and/or awards.

The Committee on Young People’s Work (COYPW) for the **Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic** expressed in their 2008 report that Spiritual growth was their desire and that desire is most exhibited through our mission:

“COYPW exists to build relationships with Christ and His children – new, old, better and forever. We are committed to worshipping God, evangelizing the community, making disciples through the word of God, communing with God’s people and ministering to those in the church and world!”

The Committee on Young People’s Work for the Reformed Episcopal Church embraced that mission statement in this triennium. As a result we have seen young people come to the Lord, then share Christ with family and friends and then invite them to their churches, camps and other youth centered activities. Many of our former campers have come back and now serve as counselors, music directors even spiritual directors at our camps. Many have taken leadership roles in their local parishes to advance the kingdom of God. We are encouraged by them in the continuance of our Church and pray for them that the Living Lord with will do even greater thing in and through them.

Sincere thanks to our diocesan and local parish youth committee members and leaders, our diocesan camp directors and their staff members, our bishops, senior and youth pastors and all those who have made the sacrifice of time and energy and graciously accepted our invitation to come and minister to our youth.

Respectfully submitted by,  
The Rev. Willie J. Hill, Jr.

Committee Members Appointed for the 2011-2013 Triennium:

Rev. Willie J. Hill, Jr.                      Mrs. Dawn Mitchell  
Rev. Gerald S. McLynn                      Mr. Johnny Wilson  
Rev. Mark Specht

## **REPORT of the COMMITTEE on MEMORIALS**

Dear Brethren,

Over the past triennium the following saints who have been instrumental in the life and work of the Reformed Episcopal Church have gone to be with the Lord in glory. We remember their departure from this world with great sadness but rejoice that being absent from the body they are now present with the Lord.

**Richard Storrer**, January 21, 1933 - May 27, 2011, Richard was a stalwart member of St. Michael's, Enola, PA and served many years on the vestry. He was particularly active in the time of transition when St. Michael's moved from Hershey to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He served as a deputy to General Councils and as a delegate to Diocesan Councils.

**William John "Jack" Wilmot**, long time member of Grace REC, Collingdale, PA, passed away on Sunday, August 21, 2011. He is survived by his beloved of 62 years Myrtle Ottey Wilmot, three children, 11 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and one sister.

**Anna “Nance” (Nagel) Hussar**, Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, PA  
April 24, 1914 – December 25, 2011

**Shareen Clark**, St. Peter’s Anglican Church, Chesapeake City, MD  
November 9, 1950 – January 27, 2012

**Reverend William Cullivan Butler, Jr.**, lovingly known as “Bunk”, was born on July 13, 1941 to the late William Butler, Sr. and the late Edna Garnett Butler of Moncks Corner, South Carolina. It was at Sedgfield Middle School that he met a special lady, Linda Gaddist, who became the love of his

life. William and Linda were joined in Holy Matrimony on April 11, 1981. Although Rev. William attended Sunday School and sang on the choir at Grace Reformed Episcopal Church at an early age, his spiritual walk really began when he was twenty-nine years old. Rev. William continued his spiritual growth while studying at Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary in Summerville, South Carolina, where he received his Master of Divinity Degree. He answered the call to the ministry and was ordained as a Presbyterian in the Reformed Episcopal Church. Rev. William received his charge as Pastor at: Mt. Carmel R.E. Church, Goose Creek, SC; Zion R.E. Church, Edisto Island, SC, and finally at Holy Comforter R.E. Church, Cordesville, SC to which he served faithfully until he was called home to be with the Lord. Rev. William loved preaching and teaching the word of God. His main focus was always "salvation". He wanted everyone to be saved. He would always say to the young people, "don't wait as long as I did to be saved." Early Monday morning, January 28, 2013, the Lord dispatched His angels to go to his bedside at Roper Saint Francis Hospital in Charleston, SC to take him to his eternal home.

**Myrtle Ottey Wilmot** age 90 a longtime resident of Aldan passed away on January 31, 2013 surrounded by her family. Myrtle graduated Bartram High School and attended Philadelphia Bible School. She was a longtime member of Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, having taught Vacation Bible School and Sunday School and was a member and leader of the Women's Circle. Myrtle was also a bookkeeper for the Phila/NY Synod of R.E. Denomination. She loved the Lord and studying his word. She was hospitable and loved to entertain.

**Jean Alice (Crowell) Booth**, beloved wife of Bishop Robert "Bob" Booth, passed away on March 31, 2013 -- Resurrection Sunday. She was the loving wife of Bishop Robert H. Booth for 57 years. Jean was born in Concord, New Hampshire to the late Ray Edward & Grace (Haskell) Crowell. She graduated Wheaton College, class of 1953, with a bachelor's degree in Education. Jean and her husband served as missionary teachers for the Africa Inland Mission in Uganda. Returning from the mission field in 1977, she taught at the Holmesburg Baptist Christian School in Philadelphia for approximately 10 years. Jean was a member of Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal Church in Pipersville, PA.

**Mrs. Eleanor M. Jerdan**, widow of the late Bishop William H. S. Jerdan, joined the Church Triumphant to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and all the saints in Paradise, about 5:30pm on the Saturday of Trinity XIV, September 7, 2013. She died peacefully at the Nursing Home in Tifton, Georgia, near her daughter, Bonnie and family. The Rev. Bill and Diane Jerdan were also with her. Bill was reading from Psalm 23 and Diane was softly singing "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot." Mrs. Jerdan was born on June 22, 1916, in Philadelphia, Pa., and was the daughter of John McCullough and Ida Mae Robinson McCullough Hartzag. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Bishop William Henry Stuart Jerdan. She attended Philadelphia College of Bible. She loved Jesus and joyously served the Lord all of her life, living 42 years in Philadelphia, where her husband founded Calvary Reformed Episcopal Church, and she taught the Beginners Sunday School. For 43 years she lived in Summerville, S.C., as wife of the bishop of the Diocese of the Southeast. She would sing solos during his Episcopal visits at the 33 churches in his jurisdiction and taught crocheting and sewing skills during summer camps at the Bishop Jerdan Conference Center in Awendaw. She was librarian for Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary in Summerville, S.C. After Bishop Jerdan retired from his post, he was elected Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Denomination in North America. They enjoyed trips to France to visit their missionary son and daughter-in-law for the births of their grandchildren, to Egypt and Israel to visit the Holy Land, and to Hawaii and California. After Bishop Jerdan's passing in 2001, she relocated to Tifton with her daughter's family and joined the Tiftonite Newcomers Club and Tifton First United Methodist Church.

**Bobby Taylor**, Johns Island - Entered into eternal rest on Sunday, September 22, 2013, Rev. Bobby L. Taylor, beloved husband of Mrs. Emma J. Taylor, brother of Willie Taylor Jr. (Martha), Helen Harris,



Francena Taylor, Louis Taylor, Julius Taylor (Sarah), Ellen Taylor (Ernest), Elise Kenner, Patricia Jenkins, David C. Taylor Sr. (Jestine), Kenneth Taylor. Late residence, 3322 Trumpet Road, Johns Island, SC.

**Lyla Wildermuth**, St. Mark's Reformed Episcopal Church, Rydal, PA  
April 29, 1919 – March 28, 2014

**Ruth Cope**, Ruth was a life-long member of St. Paul's, Oreland, PA beginning in her youth, when St. Paul's was located at Broad and Venango Streets, Philadelphia. She was involved in almost every aspect of parish life, particularly as a valued member of the church choir. She served as a delegate to several Church councils.

**Mrs. Carrie Mae Brooks Rembert**, New Israel Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC. -Mrs. Rembert was the wife of the Rt. Rev. Sanco K. Rembert, former Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southeast, of the Reformed Episcopal Church. Mrs. Rembert was an avid supporter of her husband, The Rt. Rev. Sanco K. Rembert during his ministry in the churches of the Diocese of the Southeast and as Bishop of the Diocese of the Southeast. Mrs. Rembert loved the Lord and demonstrated that love to those she had the privilege of teaching and those she encountered during her lifetime, even in her time of sickness.

**Mr. Stepheny T. Sims, Jr.**, brother of the Rev. Eugene A. Sims, a clergy in the Diocese of the Southeast at Grace RE Church, Moncks Corner, SC. - Mr. Sims served the Grace Reformed Episcopal Church for many years as an usher and in many other capacities. He also served as a member of the Diocesan Ushers at various functions throughout the Diocese.

**Mrs. Rebecca S. Lloyd**, wife of the late Rev. Eugene Lloyd, a clergy in the Diocese of the Southeast, at Nazareth Reformed Episcopal Church, Moncks Corner, SC.- Mrs. Lloyd was a life member of Nazareth RE Church and served faithfully with her husband during his ministry at numerous parishes and missions of the diocese. Mrs. Lloyd served as member of numerous boards and committees of the Diocese including the Ministers Wives' Alliance and Women of the Church.

**Audrey M. Ham**, February 23, 2013, New Bethel REC, Charleston SC. - Mrs. Ham died on February 17, 2013. She was a member of New Bethel Reformed Episcopal in Charleston, SC. She served on numerous committees and organizations with the Church, including as a Deputy to General Councils. She was a member of the Diocesan Secretarial staff where she served faithfully until her death.

**Canon Gary Turner**, Gary entered the glorious Kingdom with his Lord on Palm Sunday, 2014, from injuries related to a fall. Father Gary was born and grew up near Minneapolis, was a graduate of the University of Minnesota and Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary and was ordained into the Lutheran ministry. He served parishes in Duluth, MN, Edmonton, AB and Superior, WI, as well as in Tanzania. He became Episcopalian with Bishop William Wantland of Eau Claire and served parishes in Hayward, WI, Rock Springs, WY and Wind River, WY. In retirement, he affiliated with the Diocese of the West, lived in San Jacinto, CA and was a chaplain with the VA. Canon Turner was an eminent liturgical scholar.

May these faithful saints now enjoy rest from their labors in the presence of their Lord.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller

## **REPORT of the COMMISSION on THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION**

The Theological Education Commission oversees all theological education approved by the Reformed Episcopal Church. The members of this commission are the presidents and deans of the three theological institutions authorized by the REC to conduct theological education: The Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania; Cummins Theological Seminary in Charleston, South Carolina; and Cranmer Theological House in Houston/Dallas, Texas.

During the past triennium the TEC met annually to approve all Masters of Divinity and Doctor of Divinity degrees. Several Masters of Divinity degrees were approved for granting at the theological seminaries of the REC in the last triennium. One Doctor of Divinity Degree was approved to be issued by the Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Blue Bell.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Rt. Rev. Ray R. Sutton, Ph.D., Chairman

## **REPORT of the COMMITTEE on MATERIALS for the 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  
c/o The Rev. M. Russell Buchanan  
826 Second Ave.  
Blue Bell, PA 19422

During the past triennium the committee reviewed and proofed the pamphlet, *Race Matters: The Reformed Episcopal Church and the Civil Rights Movement*. This booklet was written by Dr. Jonathan Riches with an introduction by the Rev. Canon William Jerdan and has been endorsed by the Rt. Rev. Al Gadsden. The committee asked the author to write some additional material in a preface. The Rt. Rev. Royal Grote and Classical Anglican Press has approved its publication and we are hopeful that it will go to press very soon.

The committee has turned its attention to conducting research into other dioceses, people, and institutions of the Reformed Episcopal Church and hopes to produce a series of pamphlets to retain and preserve our history and learn from it.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Very Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches

**REPORT of the COMMITTEE on RESOLUTIONS**

To the 54th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church:

Dear Brethren,

In 1 Peter 4:8-9 we read these words, “*Above all things have fervent charity among yourselves... use hospitality one to another without grudging.*”

On behalf of the 54<sup>th</sup> General Council, the Committee on Resolutions wish to thank with deepest sincerity all those who put into practice these precepts during our stay in Blue Bell, PA.

To Bishop David Hicks, Dr. Jonathan Riches, the Reformed Episcopal Seminary staff, the Program Committee members, and the members of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic for their careful planning for this Council.

To the Clergy of the several Dioceses which led our worship services.

To Bishop Keith Ackerman and the Rev. Dr. Jack Gabig for their insightful sermons and teaching sessions.

To Mr. Billy Jenkins, the Organist for the Council.

To the Revs. Brian Foos, John Boonzaaijer, and the children of St. Andrew’s and St. Timothy’s Schools and Christ Academy for their music at several of our worship services.

To the Diocese of the Southeast choir for their music Morning Prayer.

The Committee also recommends that the Christian greetings of the Council be forwarded to the Free Church of England, the Reformed Episcopal Church in Germany, The Reformed Episcopal Church in Croatia, the Anglican Province of America, and the Archbishop Robert Duncan and the Anglican Church in North America.

The Committee further recommends that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the costs of this General Council and the printing of the 54<sup>th</sup> General Council Journal.

In addition, the Committee expresses thanks to the Rev. Dr. Jon Abboud for his faithful service as Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund for the past 18 years.

Finally, the Committee recommends that this Council authorize the General Committee to determine the place and meeting of the 2017 General Council.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote

*Rev. Hill moved to receive the report along with a standing ovation of thanks to the Rev. Dr. Jon Abboud for his service to the church. Rev. Loyd seconded, the motion carried. Rev. Birkinbine called for adjournment at 4:52 pm. Rev. Benner seconded.*

**THIRD BUSINESS SESSION**

*The THIRD BUSINESS SESSION of the FIFTY-FOURTH GENERAL COUNCIL convened at Normandy Farms Conference Center in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania on Friday, June 13, 2014, at 8:38 AM, with Bishop Royal Grote presiding.*

*The Rev. Kasey Gage gave a presentation about the Anglican Way Institute's summer program "The Inklings".*

*The Rev. Robert Pardon discussed his work with Mental Haven, a counseling ministry that rescues people from cults.*

*The Very Rev. Grote called for adjournment at 8:58 AM. Rev. Benner seconded, the motion carried.*

**REPORT of the COMMITTEE to EXAMINE and CERTIFY the JOURNAL**

To the 54th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church:

The Committee to Certify the Journal of the Proceedings of the Fifty-third 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 appearance in the Journal.

Noting the above, I therefore certify that the Journal for the 53<sup>rd</sup> General Council is an accurate and faithful record of the reports and actions of the council.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Deborah Payne

(For the committee)

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**W**HEREAS, the Most Reverend Leonard Wayne Riches faithfully has served the Reformed Episcopal Church as Deacon, Presbyter and Bishop for the past Fifty years; and

WHEREAS, he has provided sound and godly instruction at the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church for Forty-nine years; and

WHEREAS, in the year Two Thousand Eight, he retired from the office of Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic; and

WHEREAS, he has provided courageous and vital leadership in the formation of the Anglican Church in North America; and

WHEREAS, he is retiring from his duties as Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church, after effectively serving in that office for the past eighteen years;

**T**HEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this twelfth day of June, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen, that the Fifty-fourth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, assembled at the Normandy Farm Conference Center, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, expresses its deepest appreciation and sincere thanks to Bishop Riches for his many years of faithful and dedicated service to this Church; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a framed copy of this resolution be presented to Bishop Riches, as a token of the Church's gratitude; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bishops, Clergy and Deputies here assembled pray for Almighty God's continued blessing upon Bishop Riches and his family in the years to come, and do hereby affirm this resolution by a rising vote of thanks.**

**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, Apra 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 Doset, 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.

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.

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.

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 Moock, 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. Wilber 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.

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 Right Rev. Cyril Milner, the Right Rev. Kenneth Powell and the Most Rev. Leonard Riches in Christ Church, Teddington, United Kingdom on October 16, 1996.

BISHOP RAYMOND 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 Right Rev. Kenneth J.W. Powell, the Right 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 Right Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., the Right Rev. Keith Sutton, the Right 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 Right Rev. John D.M. McLean, the Right Rev. Kenneth J.W. Powell, the Right 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 Right Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., the Right Rev. Keith Sutton, the Right 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 JASMINE MILIC was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., the Rt. Rev. Gerhard Meyer, and the Rt. Rev. Paul Hunt in Tordinici, Croatia on May 3, 2013.

BISHOP PETER F. MANTO was consecrated by the Rt. 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 JOSEF MIQUEL ROSSELLO FERRER was consecrated (for Brazil) by the Right Rev. John Fenwick, the Right Rev. Paul Hunt and the Right Rev. Gerhard Meyer in St Andrew's Church, Bentley, West Midlands, United Kingdom on September 28, 2014.

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**NECROLOGY** (continued from the 33rd General Council Journal)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
Rev. Edward T. Munns, D.D.	--	Peoria, IL	July 29, 1949
Rev. Oliver J. Boone	--	St. Stephen, SC	August 9, 1949
Rev. Henry McKelvey	76	Pinopolis, SC	February 9, 1951
Rev. William A. Mack	58	Charleston, SC	April 25, 1951
Rt. Rev. Frank V. C. Cloak, D.D.	77	Philadelphia, PA	October 2, 1953
Rev. Walter E. Oakford.	79	Bryn Mawr, PA	June 13, 1955
Rt. Rev. John C. Magee, D.D.	71	London, England	August 6, 1955
Rev. Howard G. Hastings	72	Claremont CA	December 28, 1955
Rev. Samuel Rembert	73	Pineville, SC	June 6, 1960
Rev. W. Milton Eareckson, Jr., D.D.	62	Baltimore, MD	July 11, 1960
Rev. J. William Max	78	Philadelphia, PA	July 2, 1961
Rev. S. Thomas Percival, Jr., D.D.	52	New York, NY	September 26, 1961
Rev. Thomas W. Fox	75	New York, NY	December 22, 1961
Rt. Rev. Frank Vaughan, D.D.	93	London, England	September 30, 1962
Rev. Joseph Robinson	88	Philadelphia, PA	July 5, 1963
Rev. Telford S. Russell	55		February 24, 1964
Rev. William Lamming	84	Philadelphia, PA	August 29, 1964
Rev. George R. Stout	74	Philadelphia, PA	February 22, 1965
Rev. Edward J. S. Sonne, D. D.	76	Homewood, IL	April 9, 1966
Rev. Samuel A. Meier	--	Milwaukee, WI	July 27, 1968
Rev. M. Nelson Buffler	66	Philadelphia, PA	August 21, 1970
Rev. James Taylor	--	Jamestown, SC	September 30, 1970
Rt. Rev. William Culbertson, D.D.	66	Chicago, IL	November 16, 1971
Rev. Jackson A. McChesney	63	Washington, DC	January 23, 1972
Rev. Leslie W. Horrocks	68	Winter Haven, FL	January 8, 1974
Rev. William R. Campbell	95	Charleston, SC	October 6, 1974
Rev. S. Samuel Holman	73	Mt. Pleasant, SC	December 4, 1974
Rev. Fred C. Kuehner, D.D.	63	Philadelphia, PA	January 29, 1975
Rev. William A. Felder	91	Charleston, SC	May 14, 1975
Rev. Henry H. Trotter, D.D.	77	Philadelphia, PA	June 13, 1975
Rev. Elijah McCants	57	Charleston, SC	June 30, 1975
Rev. Howard T. Criswell	69	Philadelphia, PA	December 21, 1975
Rev. Wilbur M. Smith, D. D.	83	Pasadena, CA	May 20, 1976
Rev. J. Eustace Purdie, D.D.	96	Winnipeg, Man.	May 30, 1909
Rev. Robert G. Crump	46	Wilmington, DE	October 24, 1977
Rev. Theodore R. Yeadon, Sr.	78	Moncks Corner, SC	October 25, 1977
Rev. J. Harry Robinson	71	Eustis, FL	May 31, 1909
Rev. Edwin A. Bustard, D.D.	75	Newfield, NJ	May 16, 1978
Rt. Rev. Howard D. Higgins, D.D.	77	Southampton, PA	April 6, 1980



Rev. Abraham Gadsden	74	Pineville, SC	June 9, 1980
Rt. Rev. Joseph E. Kearney, D.D.	89	Summerville, SC	January 21, 1981
Rev. Harold R. Mulvaney	51	Mt. Laurel, NJ	May 23, 1981
Rev. Eldridge H. Taylor	69	Baltimore, MD	June 18, 1981
Rev. Edwin C. Shisler	74	Ocean City, NJ	July 13, 1981
Rev. Frank E. Gaebelein, D.D.	84	Rochester, MN	January 19, 1983
Rev. Nathaniel Brightman	57	Charleston Hgts., SC	March 24, 1983
Rev. John H. Doiley	75	Charleston, SC	August 20, 1984
Rev. James E. Harris	67	Moncks Corner, SC	October 12, 1984
Rev. Joseph H. K. Gadsden	86	Russelville, SC	November 15, 1984
Rev. D. Ellsworth Raudenbush	73	Havre-de-Grace, MD	March 26, 1986
Rev. Robert K. Rudolph, D.D.	80	Quarryville, PA	July 14, 1986
Rev. Chester S. Sasher	75	Philadelphia, PA	August 18, 1986
Rev. Harold Elliott	56	Clay, NY	June 15, 1986
Rev. John L. Aiken	73	Charleston, SC	January 16, 1987
Rev. Edward Wright	76	Charleston, SC	April 3, 1987
Rt. Rev. Theophilus J. Herter, D.D.	74	Philadelphia, PA	June 2, 1987
Rev. Guy Washington	92	Pineville, SC	November 25, 1987
Rev. George Jackson	--	Cordesville, SC	January 2, 1988
Rev. Lance Hal Wise	--	Doylestown, PA	October 18, 1990
Rev. Ronald S. Smith	52	Lynchburg, VA	April 27, 1992
Rev. William Beatty	69	Abington, PA	July 7, 1992
Rev. Howell S. Foster	93	Ocean City, NJ	July 20, 1992
Rev. Donald L. Reader	68	Somerville, NJ	January 30, 1994
Rev. Clyde C. Scherz	--	Cincinnati, OH	May 5, 1995
Rt. Rev. Arthur Ward	80	England	August 3, 1995
Rev. Robert Macnider Davis	--	Newport News, VA	December 14, 1998
Rt. Rev. Cyril Milner	82	England	November 29, 1998
Rev. Dr. Samuel J. Lloyd	--	New York, NY	May 3, 1999
Rev. Samuel M. Forster	84	Harleysville, PA	August 10, 1999
Rev. Eugene A. Lloyd, Sr.	--	Pineville, SC	March 8, 2000
Rt. Rev. Wilbur Lyle	--	British Columbia	March 19, 2000
Rev. Paul Nesbitt	--	Cross, SC	March 29, 2000
Rt. Rev. William H.S. Jerdan	85	Summerville, SC	March 29, 2001
Rev. Howard C. Bach	93	Carlisle, PA	October 5, 2001
Rev. Joseph H. Watson	88	Marlton, NJ	March 6, 2002
Rev. Howard J. Miekley	96	Southampton, PA	December 12, 2003
Rev. Charles Spillers	--	N. Stonington, CT	January 9, 2004
Rev. Booker T. Lloyd	72	Charleston, SC	March 15, 2005
Rt. Rev. James C. West	66	Summerville, SC	May 28, 2006
Rev. Walter G. Truesdell	86	New York, NY	July 22, 2006
Rev. Karl M. Heckert	72	Enola, PA	February 4, 2007
Rev. Thomas E. Couch	69	Ligonier, PA	August 8, 2007

Rev. Justus Humphreys	--	Dallas, TX	May 10, 2011
Rev. William L. Griffin	84	Canyon Lake, TX	June 1, 2011
Rev. William C. Butler	71	Moncks Corner, SC	January 28, 2013
Rt. Rev. Ted Follows	--	Western Canada	September 9, 2013
Rev. Bobby L. Taylor	59	Johns Island, SC	September 22, 2013
Rev. Frank C. Roppelt	93	Chalfont, PA	December 22, 2013
Rev. Robert N. McIntyre	89	Doylestown, PA	July 3, 2014
Rev. Dr. Milton Fisher	88	Quarryville, PA	November 11, 2014
Rev. Thomas R. Wilson	95	Bradenton, FL	November 17, 2014
Rev. Canon Fredrick L. Basil	60	Flowood, MS	June 12, 2015
Bp. Sanco Rembert	92	Charleston, SC	August 14, 2015
Rev. Jack Bradberry	71	Tulsa, OK	December 26, 2015
Bp. Franklin Sellers	90	Evergreen Park, IL	January 17, 2016
Rev. Raymond E. Feeck	74	Louisville, KY	June 1, 2016