



**Synod of the Diocese of the Central States
of the Reformed Episcopal Church
21 October 2021**

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

In compliance with the national and diocesan canons, members of the Board of Examining Chaplains are appointed by the Bishop Ordinary and serve at his pleasure. The Board is tasked with examining by written and oral means candidates for the diaconate, presbyterate, and the Order of Deaconesses. The Board as well examines ministers in the process of reception from other churches and selects the annual recipient of the Holy Nativity Scholarship Fund.

The Board conducts in-person oral examinations the day before each annual Synod. Interim in-person oral examinations may be considered in situations of unusual urgency confirmed by the Ordinary.

The curricula and examinations used by the Board are found in the Appendix to the Diocesan Customary.

The Board of Examining Chaplains comprises:

The Rev. Keith Boettner
The Rev. Dr. Paul Edgerton, Chair
The Rev. Josiah Jones
The Rev. Canon Scott Houser
The Rev. Wayne McNamara

Examinations of Ministers of Other Churches for Reception

On August 3 the Examining chaplains, having previously reviewed his theological questionnaire, conducted an oral interview of Fr. Matthew Joyner, then of the Orthodox Church in America, and recommended his reception into the ministry of this diocese.

On August 24 the Examining chaplains, having previously reviewed his theological questionnaire, conducted an oral interview of Fr. Richard Tarsitano, then of the Anglican Catholic Church, and recommended his reception into the ministry of this diocese.

Examinations of Candidates for the Diaconate:

The examination of Mr. Jameson Lowery, a seminarian of the Reformed Episcopal Seminary and member of The Church of the Redeemer in Wilson, North Carolina, for the diaconate was conducted October 20, 2021.

Examinations of Candidates for the Presbyterate:

The examination of The Reverend Duane Veley, a deacon of this diocese serving at the St. Lazarus mission, for the presbyterate was conducted October 20, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Dr. Paul C. Edgerton, Chair