



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

REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Organization

The Nominations Committee is a body that serves by appointment of the Bishop Ordinary and is tasked with vetting candidates and making selections for the consideration and vote of the Synod of four class-of-2023 diocesan positions: Lay Trustee, Clergy Trustee, Lay Member of the Standing Committee, and Clergy Member of the Standing Committee. We also needed to fill a vacancy in the 2021 class of the Board of Trustees.

The Compositions of the Board of Trustees and the Standing Committee are as follows:

Board of Trustees – The Trustees slated to leave office are The Rev. David Truax and Mr. Brad Burke.

The remaining elected Trustees are The Rev. David Straw (2022), Mr. Jonathan McHugh (2022), The Rev. Dcn. Bill Barto (2023), and Mrs. Marta Matthews (2023).

The *ex officio* Trustees are The Bishop Ordinary, the Archdeacon, the Treasurer, and the Secretary.

Standing Committee - The members slated to leave office are The Rev. Dr. Paul Edgerton and Mr. Andy McLean.

The remaining elected members are The Rev. Josiah Jones (2022), Dss. Teresa Johnson (2022), The Rev. Keith Boettner (2023), and Mr. Jonathan McGill (2023).

The *ex officio* members are The Bishop Ordinary, the Archdeacon, the Treasurer, and the Secretary.

Actions

The Committee solicited recommendations from the Diocese for the available positions. Once these recommendations were collected, the Committee considered each in conference with their own recommendations and determined a slate of potential nominees, all of whom consented to serve if elected.

We were grateful for the recommendations we received. As all such recommendations this year, once again, were made by clergy, the Committee encourages the lay delegates to engage next year. Don't be bashful; qualified folks willing to serve can even recommend themselves!

On 22 September 2021, the Committee Chair sent the slate of nominees and their qualifications to the Archdeacon to be posted on the diocesan website for consideration ahead of Synod.

Nominees for the 2024 Class

For Lay Trustee: Mr. Tyler Crocker

Mr. Tyler Crocker has served the Church of the Redeemer in Wilson, North Carolina as a founding member, as pianist, and as Senior Warden. He is recommended to us by the diocesan Treasurer.

For Clergy Trustee: The Rev. David Goodwin

Father Goodwin is well known to us for his work with Christ the Redeemer parish in Owensboro, Kentucky. He is recommended to us by the diocesan Treasurer.

For Lay Member of the Standing Committee: Jeff Brown

Jeff Brown is a member of St. Jude's in Richmond Virginia. He is a veteran Navy aviator, a scholar, and a gentleman who serves as Headmaster at Hunter Classical Christian School in Richmond.

For Clergy Member of the Standing Committee: The Rev. Jonathan Kell

Father Kell was ordained in this diocese and has returned to pastor the Church of Our Savior Oatlands in Leesburg, Virginia. He has Standing Committee experience in the Diocese of MidAmerica.

We thank our Bishop Ordinary, the Right Reverend Peter Manto, for opportunity to serve the Diocese in this capacity.

We thank all who thought and prayed for us and offered advice.

As we prayed at the beginning of our work, let us now pray:

OUR God and Father, who dost order the affairs of the Church after the council of thy will; grant us, we beseech thee, the wisdom to recognize from among thy flock those of thine own choosing to serve with us within the leadership of the Diocese of the Central States; that under thine anointing and watchful care they may lead with the mind of Christ, through the same our Savior, who with thee and thy consubstantial Spirit reigneth for evermore. *Amen.*

The Nominations Committee

The Rev. Dr. Paul Edgerton, Chair

Mrs. Jennifer McConnell

Mr. Jon Miller

The Rev. David Truax