

REPORTS

For the

Nineteenth Synod

of the

Diocese of the Central States

of the

Reformed Episcopal Church



Meeting in Council

St. Jude's Anglican Church

Richmond, VA

June 9, 2026

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Organizational Business
 - a. Credentials Committee *Bishop Grote*
 - b. Declaration of Quorum *Fr. Keith Boettner*
 - c. Corresponding Membership *Bishop Grote*
 - d. Election of Officers
Canonically, the Bishop Ordinary serves as the President.
 - i. Vice-President (*Fr. Davidson Morse is willing to receive the nomination*)
 - ii. Secretary (*Fr. Richard Tarsitano is willing to receive the nomination*)
 - iii. Treasurer (*Fr. Ken Mills is willing to receive the nomination*)
 - e. Minutes of the 18th Synod *Fr. Keith Boettner*
 - f. Nominations Committee *Fr. Christopher Beckham*
2. Bishops' Reports
 - a. Bishop Ordinary *Bishop Manto*
 - b. Bishop Coadjutor *Bishop Grote*
3. Mission & Ministry Reports
 - a. REC100 Canon Missioner *Bishop Grote*
 - b. DCS Women of the Church
 - c. Clergy Development & Wellness *Fr. Damien Grout*
 - d. Society of St. Lazarus *Fr. Chris Herman*
 - e. Cranmer Extension Campus *Fr. Jonathan Kell*
4. Business Reports
 - a. Summary of the Standing Committee *Fr. Davidson Morse*
 - b. President of the Trustees *Fr. David Goodwin*
 - c. Treasurer of the Diocese *Fr. Ken Mills*
 - d. Clergy Wellness Fund/Grant *Fr. Ken Mills*
 - e. Examining Chaplains *Fr. Paul Edgerton*
 - f. Constitution & Canons *Fr. Bill Barto*
5. Old Business
6. New Business
 - a. Motion of thanks – Andy Figuero
7. Announcements
 - a. 20th DCS Synod 2027
8. Committee Appointments to serve until next Synod (*to be distributed after Synod*)
9. Episcopal Visit schedule (*to be distributed after Synod*)
10. Greetings from REC100-Europe!
11. Adjournment & Holy Communion

The Chair may alter the Order of Business at his discretion.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

This report may change based on late registrations and/or actual attendance. An updated report will be presented orally at Synod and will be given to the Secretary for inclusion in the Journal.

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The Certifications of duly elected representatives and statistics is based on the parish certification forms and registrations submitted online for the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church to be held tomorrow through Friday. I am happy to say that every parish in the Diocese completed the form. All certifications are in order.

There are a total of 45 voting members registered for this Synod, representing 19 of our 22 Diocesan parishes/missions.

- 2 - Bishops
- 27 - Presbyters
- 14 - duly elected parish delegates
- 0 - Diocesan Officer/Trustee/Standing Committee (*not otherwise elected as a lay delegate*)

Alternates Dss. Michelle Caldwell and Barry Hause are serving as voting members in the absence of their respective parish deputies.

In addition to the above voting members of the Synod, there are other individuals registered to attend General Council and may attend this Synod.

The Committee recommends that the list of clergy and lay representatives be given to the Secretary for inclusion in the minutes and that all representatives be seated.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rt. Rev. Jason R. Grote

ROSTER OF CERTIFIED VOTERS – DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL STATES

BISHOPS (2)

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| 1. Grote, Jason | Bishop Coadjutor |
| 2. Manto, Peter | Bishop Ordinary |

PRESBYTERS (27)

- | | |
|---------------------------|--|
| 1. Barto, William | Holy Trinity - Chantilly, VA |
| 2. Beckham, Christopher | St. Luke's - Maysville, KY |
| 3. Boettner, Keith | St. James - Memphis, TN |
| 4. Costa, Andrew | Christ the King - Dayton, OH |
| 5. Edgerton, Paul | Church of the Redeemer - Wilson, NC |
| 6. Gingerich, Barton | St. Jude's - Richmond, VA |
| 7. Goodwin, David | Christ the Redeemer - Owensboro, KY |
| 8. Grout, Damien | St. Paul's - Lexington, VA |
| 9. Heaton, John | All Saints - Lynchburg, VA |
| 10. Herman, Christopher | St. Lazarus Mission - Dayton, OH |
| 11. Hubbard, Jeffrey | Trinity - Mason, OH |
| 12. Jones, Josiah | Holy Trinity - Chantilly, VA |
| 13. Kell, Jonathan | Church of our Savior Oatlands - Leesburg, VA |
| 14. Kline, Tim | Christ the Redeemer - Owensboro, KY |
| 15. Lewis, Michael | Christ our Hope - Fairborn, OH |
| 16. Lowery, Jameson | Church of the Redeemer - Wilson, NC |
| 17. Marlowe, Alex | Johnson City Fellowship |
| 18. McNamara, Wayne | Christ the King - Dayton, OH |
| 19. Mills, Kenneth | Church of the Holy Cross - Amelia, VA |
| 20. Morse, Davidson | All Saints - Lynchburg, VA |
| 21. Parker, Eric | Church of our Savior Oatlands - Leesburg, VA |
| 22. Rowley, Aaron | All Saints - Raleigh, NC |
| 23. Spieth, Mike | Christ the Redeemer - Owensboro, KY |
| 24. Straw, David | Trinity - Evansville, IN |
| 25. Tarsitano, Richard | Trinity - Connersville, IN |
| 26. Veley, Duane | Covenant REC - Roanoke, VA |
| 27. Zigiranyirazo, Justin | Christ the King - Dayton, OH |

LAY DELEGATES (14)

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| 1. Baker, Alan | Trinity - Connersville, IN |
| 2. Brimmer, Ryan | St. Jude's - Richmond, VA |
| 3. Curtis, Elaine | All Saints - Lynchburg, VA |
| 4. Herman, Carol | St. Lazarus Mission - Dayton, OH |
| 5. Hisle, Zachariah | Christ the King - Dayton, OH |
| 6. Hopkins, Ken | Christ our Hope - Fairborn, OH |
| 7. Johnson, Dss. Teresa | St. James - Memphis, TN |
| 8. Kell, Ann | Church of our Saviour - Leesburg, VA |
| 9. Kelley, Mike | Church of the Holy Cross - Amelia, VA |
| 10. Ketcham, Jonathan | All Saints - Raleigh, NC |
| 11. Levine, Aaron | Covenant REC - Roanoke, VA |
| 12. Mansour, Joanne | Holy Trinity - Chantilly, VA |
| 13. Reeves, Rachel | Church of our Saviour - Leesburg, VA |
| 14. Wells, Brian | Christ the Redeemer - Owensboro, KY |

ALTERNATES (5)

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| 1. Caldwell, Dss. Michelle | Trinity – Mason, OH |
| 2. Curtis, Carl | All Saints – Lynchburg, VA |
| 3. Fleming, Dss. Shelley | Holy Trinity – Chantilly, VA |
| 4. Fleming, Zachariah | All Saints – Raleigh, VA |
| 5. Hause, Barry | St. Paul’s – Lexington, VA |

ROSTER OF NON-VOTING MEMBERS & GUESTS

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|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Caucett, The Rev. Thomas | Deacon | St. John’s – Chelsea, AL |
| 2. Goodwin, Joyce | Observer | Christ the Redeemer - Owensboro, KY |
| 3. Harris, Jacob | Postulant | Christ the King – Dayton, OH |
| 4. Hubbard, Jodi | Observer | Trinity – Mason, OH |
| 5. Ketcham, Braelyn | Observer | All Saints – Raleigh, NC |
| 6. Landstrom, Erik | Observer | Church of our Saviour – Leesburg, VA |
| 7. Manto, Janice | Observer | Trinity - Mason, OH |
| 8. Pearce, Carol | Observer | Holy Trinity – Chantilly, VA |
| 9. Pelot, The Rev. Aaron | Deacon | Christ the King – Dayton, OH |
| 10. Reeves, Sean | Postulant | Church of our Savior – Leesburg, VA |
| 11. Sawyer, Mason | Postulant | All Saints – Raleigh, NC |
| 12. Sawyer, Morgan | Observer | All Saints – Raleigh, NC |
| 13. Spieth, Mary Lou | Observer | Christ the Redeemer - Owensboro, KY |
| 14. Stock, The Rev. Lukas | Deacon | All Saints – Lynchburg, VA |
| 15. Ugirimari, Philomene | Observer | Christ the King – Dayton, OH |
| 16. Wells, Wendy | Observer | Christ the Redeemer - Owensboro, KY |

MINUTES OF THE 18TH SYNOD

Of The Diocese of the Central States Trinity REC, Mason, OH October 15-17, 2025

Wednesday, October 15

5-7 pm+ - Arrival, Check-in and Registration at AC Hotel in Liberty Center (Mason, OH)

Thursday, October 16

8 am - Remaining check-ins at Trinity Church

9 am - Holy Communion service - Bishop Sutton, preacher

10:45 am - Organization Business and Bishop Ordinary Report

Business items:

1. Credential report was confirmed by Bp. Grote. Each parish and mission of the Diocese was represented. (Report on file on Diocesan Website)
2. Welcome was extended to all by Bp. Peter Manto and also Fr. Jeff Hubbard, Rector of Trinity Church, Mason.
3. Quorum was declared by Fr. Keith Boettner, Secretary of the Synod
4. Bp. Manto presented and welcomed our corresponding members of the Synod: Presiding Bishop of the REC, The Most Rev'd. Ray R. Sutton and also the Rev. Justin and his wife from the Anglican Church of Rwanda. He is currently working in Dayton, OH and is attending and serving at Christ the King Church there.
5. Officers of the Synod. Motion made to accept all the recommended officers. Seconded and approved by the Synod:
 - Bp. Peter Manto - President
 - Bp. Jason Grote - Vice-president
 - Treasurer - Fr. Ken Mills
 - Secretary - Fr. Keith Boettner
6. Minutes from the 2024 Synod were approved by motion, second, and passing vote without reading since they were posted before Synod to be read by all.
7. Fr. Christopher Beckham presented the Nominations Committee Report and Recommendations for Nominees. A motion was made to accept the entire slate of nominees by acclamation. The motion was seconded and approved by passing vote by the Synod.(Report on file)
8. Bp. Grote was given the chair of the Synod while Bp. Manto prepared for his Bp. Ordinary's Report.

9. Bp. Manto then presented his annual report. A motion was made to accept, seconded, and approved by the Synod. (Report on file) Bp. Manto then took back the chair of the Synod at the conclusion of his report.
10. A written message of encouragement from Retiring Archdeacon Scott Thompson was read by the secretary. (On file)
11. A written message of encouragement and support from Bishop Emeritus, Daniel R. Morse was also read to the assembly by the secretary. (On file)
12. The opening organizational session was closed in prayer and participants dismissed for lunch at the AC Hotel.

Thursday afternoon session at AC Hotel - beginning at 1:15 pm

1. Bishop Sutton made his report on the REC's life in the greater Anglican world. We continue to be a much needed traditional, orthodox Anglican influence with/to other groups including the ACNA at-large. It's a time for growth and development worldwide for the orthodox Anglican movement. In addition, Bp Sutton answered questions from Synod attendees on a range of issues.
2. The Rev. Bob Gresser gave the report for the REC Board of Foreign Missions for Bp. John Boonzaaijer who was unable to attend the Synod. He brought greetings from Bp. John to our assembly.
Rev. Gresser reminded us that our God is a missionary God. His first born was sent into a country of prodigals. He also reminded us that our BFM is an important part of our church and serves the church. It is not a parachurch organization. We build REC Dioceses and we send Reformed Episcopalians on missions around the world. He spoke about the success of the Advent offerings this past year in helping to bring cohorts to General Council. The work in Cuba continues to flourish. Rev. Gresser updated us on growing ministries in Croatia and Serbia, Germany, and initial efforts now in Columbia. The BFM is establishing ministers and ministries that are altar centered, community focused, politically astute, and biblically trained and literate. He encouraged parishes to support the BFM in general and also to choose a particular missionary to support if possible.
3. Update on REC 100. Fr. Scott Thompson, Canon Missioner is now officially retired. The work of REC 100 continues successfully. with church planting and revitalization around the world. Offerings are taken in each parish yearly during Advent and Lent to help fund the efforts of these missional-mindset ministries. We are always looking for opportunities to grow the kingdom through church planting and discipleship. All of us are involved and called to support REC 100 with our prayers, participation, and financial support.
4. Fr. John Longcamp from St. Luke's, Florence, KY was welcomed into the Diocese of the Central States. He shared that it was a long road from another jurisdiction to the REC be he's so glad they took it!
5. The ministries of St. Lazarus' Mission was given by Fr. Chris Herman and his wife Carol. They plant churches within Nursing Homes. Fr, Chris becomes a pastor in residence to the people and promises to be their pastor until the pass on. He is present weekly to lead worship in Word and Sacrament, present the love of Christ, and to offer encouragement to a segment of our population that is often forgotten. Liturgy is his catechesis and he

establishes worshipping communities in each facility. He wants to export this ministry into the whole REC and ACNA and is developing a how-to manual to help. (The Society of St. Lazarus.)

With the aging of Boomers, more and more senior adults are living longer and more are entering into assisted living and nursing care facilities. The need is great for this ministry. In fact, he is working on a Doctorate at Fuller Seminary at their initiative and call to help educate and equip the Church as a whole to meet the pastoral needs of our seniors in long-term and nursing care more effectively.

6. Fr. Jonathan Kell announced a Cranmer Extension program developing from his parish in Loudon County, VA. (Church of Our Saviour, Oatlands). To help people within our diocese to be trained and equipped for ministry, they will be offering weekend intensive classes at the parish. He extended an invitation for anyone in the Diocese to contact him to be able to participate.
7. Fr. Brian Foos gave a presentation on the new St. Andrews Anglican micro-college that has developed from his parish and school in Northern California (Lake Almanor). Pamphlets, information, and some merchandise were made available. His daughter Emma was their first graduate. Emma gave an inspiring testimonial of her experiences and shared her confidence and hope in the great work that God is doing in their midst.

Friday Morning - 10/17/25 - Concluding Business - 9 am at Trinity Church, Mason, OH

1. Bishop Jason Grote gave his Co-adjutor report. Motion, second, report accepted. (Report on file)
2. Fr. Josiah Jones (President of SC) gave the Standing Committee Report for the year. Motion, second, report accepted. (Report on file)
3. Fr. David Goodwin and Fr. Ken Mills gave the Trustees Report. Motion, second, report accepted. Fr. Ken shared a quick overview of the Lilly matching funds program for Clergy Wellness. At that time, we were the only diocese to receive disbursement. The grant is given to the ACNA in general, not directly to the REC. Motion, second, report accepted. (Report on file.)
4. Examining Chaplains Report - Fr. Paul Edgerton. Fr. Paul reminded us to be praying for the chaplains regularly. Motion, second, report accepted. (Report on file)
5. Constitution and Canons Committee Report - Fr. Bill Barto.
Resolution One: To codify the process of receiving clergy from jurisdictions in communion with the Reformed Episcopal Church by adding Section 5 to Title I.
Resolution Two: To codify the position and duties of Chancellor of the Diocese by adding Canon IX to Title I.
Resolution Three: To codify the duty of confidentiality in ministry by adding Section 5 to Title IV, Canon 1.
Motions, seconds, acceptance for all three resolutions on file as presented. (Report on file.)
6. Setting date of next Synod to coincide with General Council in June 2025. General Council is set for June 10-12, 2026 in Richmond, VA. We propose having a brief Synod on June 9 at St. Jude in the afternoon. Motion, second, approved by the Synod.
7. Motion to adjourn. Seconded and approved.

8. Synod was closed with a service of Holy Communion. Bishop Manto, preacher. All participants were dismissed around 12 Noon.

Respectfully submitted,
R. Keith Boettner+
Secretary

REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Nominations Committee is a body that serves by appointment of the Bishop Ordinary and is tasked with vetting recommended candidates and making nominations for the consideration and vote of the Synod of four class-of-2029 diocesan positions: Lay Trustee, Clergy Trustee, Lay Member of the Standing Committee, and Clergy Member of the Standing Committee.

The Nominations Committee includes the Rev. Christopher Beckham, Ph.D., Chair, Mrs. Melanie Boettner, the Rev. Barton Gingerich, and Dr. Sam Mansour.

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

Board of Trustees – The Trustees are the Rev. Richard Tarsitano and Mr. Jordan Rafferty (class of 2026); the Rev. David Goodwin and Mr. Wesley Mullins (class of 2027); and Dr. James S. Moose and the Rev. Damien Grout (class of 2028).

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

Standing Committee - The members are the Rev. Davidson Morse and Mr. Steve Mouton (class of 2026); the Rev. Dr. Paul Edgerton and Mr. Paul Harris (class of 2027); and Deaconess Shelley Fleming and the Rev. Wayne McNamara (class of 2028).

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

Actions

Due to the shortened timeframe between synods, the Nominating Committee, in counsel with the Bishop Ordinary, Bishop Co-Adjutor, the Trustees and the Standing Committee, hereby unanimously recommends adding one more year to each term of the currently serving trustees and standing committee members. We pray God's blessings on each committee and the work through which they will serve, and all the parishes of the Diocese of the Central States as we seek to honor and serve our gracious and loving God.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Dr. Christopher Beckham,
Chair, Nominating Committee, and Vicar, St. Luke's Anglican Church (Maysville, KY)

BISHOP ORDINARY ACTIVITIES & OFFICIAL ACTS

This report reflects the activities of the Bishop Ordinary from October 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026. This was an abbreviated term due to the Synod being held earlier in conjunction with the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

I. October-December 2025

- A. 10/2, Mason, OH: Dinner with J. Hubbard+ and spouses
- B. 10/5, Evansville, IN: Trinity, Evisit, 8 confirmations
- C. 10/6, Montgomery, OH: visit Mary Kozel pre-surgery along with Nick K.
- D. 10/12, Florence, KY: Christ Church, formal reception of parish, 15 new members
- E. 10/15-17, Mason, OH: DCS Synod
- F. 10/19, Dayton, OH: Christ the King, Grote+ preside, 8 confirmations
- G. 10/21, Zoom REC Board of Pensions and Relief
- H. 10/22, Zoom ACNA Bishops
- I. 10/25-26, Mason, OH: Trinity REC, Vestry, Evisit, 11 confirmations
- J. 10/29, Zoom REC General Committee, REC Bishops
- K. 10/30, Zoom REC Bishops, International Bishops
- L. 10/30-11/1, Lynchburg, VA: All Saints Anglican vestry, Morse+
- M. 11/2-3, Lynchburg, VA: All Saints Evisit, 3 confirmations
- N. 11/3, Zoom ACNA Bishops
- O. 11/3, Zoom REC BFM
- P. 11/4, Zoom REC Trustees and Standing Committee
- Q. 11/7-9, Raleigh, NC: All Saints Evisit, 6 confirmations
- R. 11/8, Raleigh, NC: Rev. Dan Hardin, discuss transfer
- S. 11/10, Zoom REC Bishops
- T. 11/11, Zoom REC Trustees
- U. 11/15, Zoom ACNA Bishops
- V. 11/14-16, Amelia, VA: Holy Cross, Evisit 1 confirmation, 10 receptions
- W. 11/22, Eaton, OH: A. And H. Costa, follow-up re closure of Ansonia plant
- X. 11/23, Connersville, IN: Trinity, Evisit, 4 confirmations
- Y. 11/24, Zoom +Grote, Morse+, Barto+, re ACNA issues
- Z. 11/25, Zoom Standing Committee
- AA. 12/5-6, St. Meinrad, IN, DCS Ohio Valley clericus
- BB. 12/7, Dayton, OH: Christ the King, worship, meet with McNamara+ CC. 12/8, Zoom Standing Liturgical Committee
- DD. 12/10, Zoom BFM
- EE. 12/12, Zoom REC Bishops, REC General Committee
- FF. 12/12, Zoom ACNA Bishops
- GG. 12/26, Mason, OH: Trinity Church. HC St. Stephen, preacher, celebrant
- HH. 12/27, Mason, OH: Trinity Church, HC St. John, preacher, celebrant
- II. 12/28, Mason, HO: Trinity Church, HC Holy Innocents, preacher, celebrant

II. January-March 2026

- A. 1/4, Florence, KY: Christ Church, preacher
- B. 1/8, Zoom, ACNA Court for trial of bishop introductory session
- C. 1/12-16, Melbourne, FL: ACNA Bishops

- D. 1/23, Mason, OH: D. Truax+ ministry update
- E. 1/26, Zoom, DCS Standing Committee
- F. 1/28, Zoom, REC Council of Bishops
- G. 1/28, Zoom, ACNA Court for trial of bishop orientation
- H. 1/31, Zoom St. Lazarus workshop
- I. 2/1, Dayton, OH: Christ the King, Evisit, 4 confirmations
- J. 2/2, Mason, OH: Trinity REC, Candlemas preacher
- K. 2/3, Zoom, DCS Trustees
- L. 2/11, Easton, MA: lunch with Very Rev. and Mrs. E. Andrade
- M. 2/16, Zoom, REC Constitution and Canons Committee
- N. 2/16, Zoom, DCS Standing Committee
- O. 2/18, Mason, OH: Trinity Church Ash Wednesday service
- P. 2/23, Zoom, ACNA Bishops
- Q. 3/3, Zoom DCS Trustees
- R. 3/15, Florence, KY: Christ Church, 4 Confirmations, 1 reception
- S. 3/22, Fairborn, OH: Christ Our Hope, 1 reception
- T. 3/22, Fairborn, OH: meet with 4 Ohio DCS clergy
- U. 3/27, Zoom, ACNA Bishops regional
- V. 3/28-29, West Chester, OH, W. Chester Presbyterian, Scheie wedding
- W. 3/29, Dayton, OH: Christ the King, Palm Sunday preacher
- X. 3/30-31, Mason, OH: Trinity REC Holy Week, Holy Communion services

III. April-May 2026

- A. 4/1, Mason, OH: Trinity attend Spy Wednesday/Tenebrae
- B. 4/2, Florence, KY, Christ's Church Holy attend Thursday Eucharist
- C. 4/4, Mason, OH: Trinity REC, cooked lamb for Easter Evening service/feast
- D. 4/5, Mason, OH: Trinity REC, preacher for Easter Sunday
- E. 4/6, Zoom REC General Committee
- F. 4/9, West Chester, OH: Dinner with +Jason, Liz and Aiden Grote
- G. 4/12, Connersville, IN: Trinity Anglican, Sunday worship
- H. 4/14, Mason, OH: lunch with Connor Ham, Christian Med/Dent Associations
- I. 4/14 & 21, Zoom, Dcn. Aaron Pelot
- J. 4/15, Zoom ACNA Bishops
- K. 4/16, Zoom Pensions and Relief
- L. 4/17-20, Leesburg, VA: Church of our Saviour, Evisit, 14 confirm, 3 reception
- M. 4/22-24, Zoom REC Bishops, General Committee, Theological Comm.
- N. 4/25-26, Maysville, KY: St. Luke's Anglican Evisit
- O. 4/28, Zoom DCS Trustees
- P. 5/1-4, Chelsea, AL: St. John's, Evisit 3 confirmations
- Q. 5/3, Chelsea, AL: St. John's T. Caucutt ordination to diaconate
- R. 5/4, Zoom Standing Committee
- S. 5/6, West Chester, OH: Dinner at Home of Fr. J. Hubbard
- T. 5/7, Zoom, Juror for ACNA Court for trial of Bishop, pre-trial meeting
- U. 5/8, Zoom General Committee planning followed by REC Bishops
- V. 5/14, Dayton, OH: Christ the King, Ascension Day service, Ohio Valley parishes
- W. 5/15-18, John City, TN: Johnson City Mission, Evisit, 5 confirmations
- X. 5/30-31, Evansville, IN: Trinity Anglican, Evisit 2 confirmations

CONFIRMATIONS

Trinity Evansville, IN 10/5/25

1. Daniel McMurtry
2. Amanda McMurtry
3. Noah Pritchett
4. John Neese
5. Jordynn Neese
6. Brian McMurtry
7. Benjamin Boyer
8. Susan Boyer

Christ the King, Dayton 10/19/25 +JG

9. Leann Hanf
10. Noah Praske
11. Justice Wolf
12. Michael McCoy
13. Jonathan Herrick
14. Zach Stout
15. Lydai Stout
16. Morgan Michalski

Trinity, Mason, OH 10/26/25

17. Eric Ward
18. Kyle Chasteen
19. Juniper Hubbard
20. Marcus French
21. Bethany French
22. John French
23. Jeremiah French
24. Paul French
25. Naomi French
26. Jani Drake
27. Robert Drake

All Saints, Lynchburg, VA 11/2/25

28. Brandy Clements
29. Randall Clements
30. Scott Speakes

All Saints, Raleigh, NC 11/9/25

31. Kyle Hector
32. Kylah Hector
33. Jackson Requa
34. Jack Rickard
35. Eric zurLippe
36. Justin Graham

Church of the Holy Cross 11/16/25

37. Eston Mann

Trinity Connersville, IN 11/23/25

38. Raymond Campbell
39. Hugh Tarsitano
40. Clark Adams
41. Craig Jones

Christ the King, Dayton, OH 12/7/25

42. Adelaide Brauchler
43. Savannah Morello
44. Lydia Stout
45. Zachary Stout

Christ Church Florence, KY 3/15/26

46. Michaela Garcia
47. Dominic Garcia
48. Ronin Sorrell
49. Jack Lawson

Our Saviour, Leesburg, VA 4/19/26

50. Luke Buck
51. Mark DeVoss
52. Anna Devos
53. Jackson Fenton
54. Sarah Fox
55. Ian Kernodle
56. William Littlejohn
57. Philippa Littlejohn
58. Oliver Littlejohn
59. Soren Littlejohn
60. Camille Rowley
61. Abigail Spivey
62. Inge VanBelle
63. Ethan Davies

St. Jude's, Richmond, VA 4/19/26 +JG

64. David Myers
65. Brenda Myers
66. Brenda Bates

St. John's, Chelsea, AL 5/3/26

67. Shane Shoemaker
68. James Caucutt
69. Benjamin Hudgins
70. Selena Yarlot

Johnson City Mission, J. City, TN 5/17/26

71. Benjamin Campbell
72. Hannah Campbell
73. Amelia Brown
74. Henry Heinrich
75. Annika Heinrich

Trinity Anglican, Evansville, IN 5/31/26

76. John Neese
77. Jordyn Neese

RECEPTION NEW MEMBERS

Christ Church, Florence, KY 10/12/25

1. Erik Jackson
2. Bridget Jackson
3. Tim Grothaus
4. Heather Grothaus
5. Jackson Grothaus
6. Lilian Grothaus
7. Emmelia Grothaus
8. Jack Belcher
9. Terry Centers
10. Jean Centers
11. Bryan Sorrell
12. Amanda Sorrell

All Saints Raleigh, NC 11/9/25

13. Anna Graham
14. Hawes Callier

Holy Cross Amelia, VA 11/16/25

15. Michael Mann
16. Shannon Mann
17. Everly Mann
18. Norah Mann
19. Indie Mann
20. Aaron Mann
21. Kasey Lambert
22. Andrew Lambert
23. Roger Ogle
24. Cathy Ogle

Christ Church, Florence, KY 3/15/26

25. Angel Garcia

Christ Our Hope, Fairlawn, OH 3/22/26

26. Susie Nunez

Our Saviour, Leesburg, VA 4/19/26

27. Rachel Littlejohn
28. Cyrus Robi
29. Patricia Robi

Johnson City Mission, J. City, TN 5/17/26

30. Daniel Waters
31. Olivia Marlowe
32. Ada McKinney
33. Matthew Heinrich

ORDINATIONS

St. John's, Chelsea, AL 5/3/26

1. Thomas Caucutt Deacon

TRANSFERS

Clergy Transfers In

1. John Longcamp
2. Daniel Hardin

Clergy Transfers Out

SETTING APART DEACONESS NEW

POSTULANTS

1. Tyler MacDowall 5/4/26

CONSECRATIONS/INSTITUTIONS

(*preside/assist)

RECEPTION PARISH

1. Christ Church, Florence, KY 10/12/25

CONSECRATION BUILDINGS

WEDDINGS (*preside/assist)

1. West Chester, OH: *Scheie/Sandford

FUNERALS (*preside/assist)

Respectfully submitted,

+Peter Manto

May 31, 2026

BISHOP COADJUTOR REPORT

Dear Brethren,

At this abbreviated Synod, I offer this brief report as a summary of key diocesan developments in which I have participated, as well as my trips, activities and official acts since our last synod in October 2025. Some of these are reported by others as well.

Clergy Wellness Ministry

I reported last October that I would like our diocese to continue developing a robust way of providing wellness, health, and development for our clergy and their families. There is much work to be done, but initial steps and planning have taken place. Fr. Damien Grout, Fr. Davidson Morse, and I have been working together, and the Standing Committee has voiced their support, for this endeavor. Fr. Damien will speak more directly about this.

Cranmer House Extension – Leesburg, VA

Our diocese has expressed a desire to provide in-person seminary classes within our own geographic regions. I am proud to report that our initial plans are coming to fruition. Under the direction and leadership of Fr. Jonathan Kell the first class was offered just a few weeks ago in May with a second already scheduled. Fr. Kell will speak more directly about this. I would like to see us duplicate this model in the Ohio-Valley Deanery in future years. Here's a couple of pictures from the most recent class.



DCS Website

I am pleased to announce that the diocese is getting a new website. After many gracious and faithful years of Mr. Andy Figuero donating his time and service, the Trustees approved Garden City Media as the new webmaster for the DCS. I had an initial meeting with GCM in May, and they should have the

project completed by the end of August. If you would like to see an example of their work, you can look at the new REC website which was published a few weeks ago. I am also working with GCM to coordinate free non-profit resources with Google that will allow the DCS to have a centralized “server” for file-storage, document sharing, diocesan teams, and other tools that will help with communication and administration within the diocese.

Incorporation of the Diocese & Exemption Status Declaration

With the input of our Chancellor and the approval of the Standing Committee and the Trustees, I worked with Fr. Ken Mills to officially incorporate the Diocese. Fr. Ken officially filed and received the corporation certificate from the Commonwealth of Virginia. Fr. Ken is now working on the IRS submission for official recognition as an exempt organization. While we currently fall under the exemption of the national church, it is important that we seek our own exemption status as a diocese.

Investments

At the direction of the Trustees, I worked alongside Bishop Manto, James Moose, and Fr. Ken in researching an opportunity for the diocese to open an investment account with Ms. Kim Winans, financial advisor with Edward Jones. Ms. Winans serves as a financial advisor for many of our denominational entities. This opportunity was discussed and presented to the Trustees, who approved opening an account.

General Council

This year’s General Council is a special one for the Diocese of the Central States. It is the first time the DCS is hosting a General Council!! Additionally, Bishop Peter will transition his office of Diocesan Ordinary to me as I am installed at the opening eucharist service. As Program Committee chairman, I oversee the planning and coordination of this council. I give special thanks to those from the DCS who have labored with me to coordinate this council – especially Bp. Peter, Archdeacon Scott Thompson, Fr. Bart Gingerich, Fr. Ken Mills, the volunteers of St. Jude’s and Holy Cross, and the residents of Chesterfield Heights.

Trip & Activities

Since the previous Synod, I have made the following trips and activities:

- Oct 19th – Christ the King – Dayton, OH (*8 confirmations*)
- Nov 10-15 – Germany (on behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions)
- Dec 3-4 – ACNA Bishops – Plano, TX
- Dec 5-7 – Ohio Valley Clericus, CTR Retreat, & Preach at Christ the Redeemer, Owensboro, KY
- Jan 11-16 – ACNA Bishops – Melbourne, FL
- Jan 18-20 – Piedmont Clericus – Lynchburg, VA
- Apr 9-12 – Relocation Trip – Ohio - attend Christ the King, Dayton OH
- Apr 18-20 – St. Jude’s visitation & General Council planning trip – Richmond, VA (*3 confirmations*)
- June 5-13 – St. Jude’s, DCS Synod, General Council – (*3 additional confirmations*)

My upcoming trips and visitations known at this time will be:

- June 15-18 – ACNA Bishops & Provincial Synod – Tulsa, OK
- July 31-Aug 1 - Ohio Valley Clericus & CTR Men’s Retreat
- Aug 2 – Christ the Redeemer – Owensboro, KY
- Sep 13 – Holy Cross – Amelia, VA
- Sep 18-19 – Diocese of the Southeast Synod – Marietta, GA

- Sep 21 – 25 – ACNA College of Bishops
- Sep 27 – Holy Trinity – Chantilly, VA
- Oct 25 – Church of the Redeemer – Wilson, NC

In addition to these trips & activities, I attended multiple DCS Standing Committee & Trustee meetings, as well as several other Diocese of Mid-America, Denominational, and Provincial meetings.

During this year, I also served in the following capacities, apart from my responsibilities with the Diocese of the Central States:

- Rector of St. Matthias – Katy, TX (*ending June 28*)
- National Canon Missioner for REC100 (*continuing*)
- Treasurer of the Diocese of Mid-America (*transitioned already*)
- Treasurer of Cranmer Theological House (*transitioning now*)
- Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions (*continuing*)
- Webmaster for the Denomination (*transitioned already*)
- Webmaster for the Diocese of Mid-America (*transitioned already*)

Family & Moving Update

I offer a brief family & moving update. My daughter, Avery, just graduated high school in May. She will remain in Texas to attend Texas A&M. My son, Aidan, is relocating with Liz and I to Ohio. He has been accepted to Cedarville University and will commute from our new home. We have a contract on my house in Texas and we are scheduled to close just prior to this Synod. We will remain in Texas until my last Sunday at my current parish (June 28). We will drive to Ohio and reside in temporary housing until our new home in Xenia, OH is completed. We are expected to close on August 3rd (but hopefully sooner). I will take the month of August to get myself fully settled and will then resume travels and visitations in the Fall.

Closing

In closing, I wish to thank Bishop Peter for his support from the time of my election and leading up to the installation service tomorrow. Bishop Peter and Janice have been incredibly welcoming and supportive throughout this whole process of transition and moving. He shares the responsibilities of leading the diocese with me, includes me in important decisions, and provides wisdom and understanding as I make various decisions. I was most amazed when he and Janice, unprompted by me, drove an hour out of their way to the area where my family is purchasing a home and where my son will be attending college. They did this so they could talk to our future neighbors and assess what things we might need to consider. Thank you Bishop Peter and Janice for such love. I only hope I can emulate that kind of care as I minister to those the Lord is entrusting to me. I know you are not going anywhere and will still walk with me during this transition and beyond, but I do pray that you and Janice can relax and enjoy a little bit more time in retirement.

Finally beloved, I will always end my report by asking of you the same prayer that I asked when I was elected - "Pray for my wisdom". Pray that I will be faithful in my oversight and that I will always lead you according to His blessed will and ordinance.

In His Name,
The Rt. Rev. Jason R. Grote

CANON MISSIONER

Beloved,

This report is very limited due to the shortened time between our Synods. Furthermore, the General Council report for REC100 will include some of the things which I would normally report herein. As such, I will only mention these brief items.

Future Plant Being Planned

Fr. Jonathan Kell is leading Church of our Savior at Oatlands in Leesburg, VA through a planning phase for a new church plant. This daughter congregation will be planted in the surrounding area of Washington DC. REC100 is already committed to providing an initial \$10,000 grant towards this effort. This is your Lenten Offerings at work. Please pray for Church of our Savior, Fr. Jonathan, and all those involved who are working towards this next great parish!

Canon Missioner

I will be actively looking to appoint a new Canon Missioner within the Diocese before our next Synod (Oct 2027). This individual (lay or clergy) will be one who has a vision and strategic mind for establishing plans. Yet they must not simply be a glorified business administrator or entrepreneur. They must be committed to the true purpose of planting churches, be attentive to the needs of church planters, and be sensitive enough to embrace differences between geographic cultures, as well as understanding that not everything in ministry is black and white or always has to follow the same checklist of do's and don'ts. It really takes a little bit of everything. If you have suggestions of individuals (again – lay or clergy) that you think might excel in this role, please let me know so I can consider them. Most importantly - please be in prayer as I discern the Lord's will for this over the next year.

Lenten Offering

A full report and analysis on the Lenten Offering are contained in the General Council reports, but I still include the historical giving of the offering for the records of the Diocese of the Central States.

2018 - \$22,205.00
2019 - \$16,361.50
2020 - \$10,662.85
2021 - \$19,515.00
2022 - \$17,354.58
2023 - \$24,695.10
2024 - \$27,856.51
2025 - \$32,168.89
2026 - \$30,906.52 (*still more coming in*)

God bless,

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

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

ORGANIZATION

2025-2026 Composition

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

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

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

ACTIONS

Meetings:

Meetings were held by ZOOM.

1. 11/4/2025, at 7 pm ET – regularly scheduled, quarterly meeting
2. Special called meeting on November 25, 2025, 7 ET. Re. the Rev. Dan Hardin
3. 2/16/26 at 7 pm ET - regularly scheduled, quarterly meeting
4. 5/4/26 at 7 pm ET - regularly scheduled, quarterly meeting

Postulancy:

1. On 4 May 2026, Mr. Tyler MacDowell from St. Jude’s, Richmond, VA was approved as a postulant.

Holy Orders:

1. On 25 November 2025, the Committee voted to receive Fr. Dan Hardin from the Jurisdiction of the Armed Forces and Chaplains.

Duties as Assigned:

1. On 16 February 2026, the Committee voted to Incorporate the Diocese of the Central States.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Davidson R. Morse, President

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Diocesan Synod, June 2026

Submitted by Fr. David Goodwin, President

The Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 11, 2025, February 3, 2026, and April 28, 2026. All meetings were conducted via Zoom. Bishops Manto and Grote were present at each meeting, along with Fr. Ken Mills (Treasurer), Fr. Keith Boettner (Secretary), and the Trustees.

Fr. Ken will give the financial report. The Diocese continues to enjoy sound financial health.

Diocesan Incorporation

Following a recommendation reviewed and approved by both the Chancellor and the Standing Committee, the Trustees voted unanimously to incorporate the Diocese. We have now incorporated the Diocese in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Fr. Ken is working on the corporation's own 501(c)(3) nonprofit designation. We are already a nonprofit organization because we are a church and are under the umbrella of the REC; however, having our own designation makes certain matters easier, particularly when anyone wishes to make a donation directly to the Diocese.

Clergy Wellness Fund

The Trustees approved the revised Clergy Support Handbook. The Board has also acted on two requests for assistance from the Clergy Wellness Fund during this period, approving support for clergy and their families facing a significant financial need. The Trustees are committed to exercising prayerful care and appropriate confidentiality in administering this fund. You can find the appropriate procedures on the Diocesan website; if you prefer, you can contact Fr. Ken or me, and we'll help you with the forms.

New Financial Adviser.

Because we have exceeded our FDIC insurance limit at our bank and now oversee a large portfolio of Diocesan funds, the Trustees decided it is appropriate to seek the assistance of professional money managers. The Trustees approved the opening of an account with Edward Jones and will begin moving funds to them soon.

Edward Jones is a long-established financial services and investment firm founded in 1922 and headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri. The company is known for its conservative, relationship-based approach to investing, emphasizing long-term stewardship, personalized financial guidance, and adviser service rather than speculative trading. Edward Jones also serves as an adviser to the REC and the Diocese of Mid-America.

The firm will serve as custodian and adviser for diocesan funds, offering investment management, CD laddering, cash management, and diversified portfolio strategies designed to balance preservation of capital, liquidity, and prudent long-term growth.

New Trustees

The Board welcomed two new members: Fr. Damien Grout (St. Paul's, Lexington, VA) and Mr. James Moose (St. Luke's Anglican Church, Maysville, KY).

THE DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL STATES OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Statement of Financial Position

For the Year Ending December 31, 2025

Category		Account	Amount	Notes
ASSETS				
	Type			
Current Assets	G	Operating Checking Account	\$ 65,958.26	
Current Assets	D	Bishop's Fund	4,933.34	
Current Assets	R	Clergy Wellness Fund	6,220.25	
Noncurrent Assets	G	Operating Certificates of Deposit	60,450.95	
Noncurrent Assets	G	Operating Money Market Savings	41,470.56	
Noncurrent Assets	G	Operating Investments	142,501.65	
Noncurrent Assets	R	Clergy WellNess Certificate of Deposit	8,413.67	
Noncurrent Assets	R	Scholarship Money Market Savings	25,967.64	
Noncurrent Assets	R	Scholarship Certificate of Deposit	83,889.51	
Noncurrent Assets	D	Pension Money Market Savings	22,256.88	
Noncurrent Assets	G	Physical Silver Holdings: Operations	272,731.84	3809.636 oz @ Spot 71.59
Noncurrent Assets	R	Physical Silver Holdings: Clergy Wellness	42,022.54	586.989 oz @ Spot 71.59
Noncurrent Assets		Property & Equipment	12,000.00	2017 Toyota Camry
TOTAL ASSETS			788,817.09	
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities		Credit Card Balances	3,171.09	American Express due Jan 2026
Current Liabilities		Accounts Payable	6,191.17	To be paid Jan 2026
Current Liabilities		Payroll Liabilities	13,609.71	To be paid Jan 2026
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES			22,971.97	
NET ASSETS				
	G	Operating Net Assets	572,141.29	Freely used to pay - current liabilities
	R	Restricted Net Assets	166,513.61	Funds restricted by donors
	D	Designated Net Assets	27,190.22	Trustees designated/internal reserves
TOTAL NET ASSETS			765,845.12	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS			\$ 788,817.09	

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THE DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL STATES OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Statement of Financial Activity

For the Year Ending December 31, 2025

Category	Account	Amount	Notes
SUPPORT AND REVENUE			
Support	Parish Tithes	\$ 307,157.49	
Support	General Donations	3,052.50	
Support	Mission Contributions	1,294.00	
Revenue	Reimbursements	5,328.20	
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE		316,832.19	
EXPENSES			
Expense	Liability Insurance	\$ 3,470.00	Brotherhood (incl D&O)
Expense	REC Sustentation	30,334.76	12/24 Gifts - 11/25 Gifts
Expense	Payroll & Compensation	148,929.16	Bishop, Coadjutor, Emeritus, Admin
Expense	Pension & Life Contributions	15,811.90	Bishop only
Expense	Consecration of New Bishop	8,186.22	Coajutor
Expense	Conferences & Workshops	4,735.50	
Expense	Synod Expenses	2,170.65	
Expense	Administrative Expenses	8,222.15	
Expense	Technology & Software	370.74	
Expense	Accounting Fees	730.00	
Expense	Bank & Investment Fees	110.00	
Expense	Travel Expenses	29,299.21	Bishop, Coadjutor
Expense	Auto Expenses	4,805.40	2007 Toyota Corolla
Expense	Ministry Support	2,931.94	Bishop's Fund
Expense	Clergy Wellness Distributions	1,000.00	
Expense	Mission Support	1,294.00	St. Lazarus
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 262,401.63	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS			
Change in Net Assets (Surplus)		\$ 54,430.56	

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Gifts by Parish 2025

The Diocese of the Central States, PO Box 8, Moseley, VA 23120

Giving Funds: Givings by Parishes, Missions & Works, Reimbursement; Events: Other Gift, Parish Tithes, Reimbursement; All Payment Types

Contribution Date: Jan 1 2025 to Dec 31 2025

Parish	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
1 ALBHM St John's	\$ 2,400.00	-	-	-	-	-	3,600.00	-	-	3,600.00	-	-	\$ 9,600.00
2 IN CEVTrinity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	685.00	-	-	-	-	685.00
3 IN EVWTrinity	-	286.46	398.36	435.52	200.00	-	830.08	238.50	302.65	-	574.41	-	3,265.98
4 KY FGX St Lukes	170.40	1,462.50	-	-	595.20	592.61	249.80	838.16	229.30	922.30	635.00	301.00	5,996.27
5 KY OWB Christ the Redeemer	1,082.97	834.41	838.51	2,116.77	931.71	814.97	893.08	914.01	956.89	706.59	882.15	1,283.62	12,255.68
6 NC RDU All Saints	1,227.54	9,559.51	1,367.81	-	1,237.55	1,687.30	2,281.63	-	4,334.31	1,674.58	1,719.51	2,832.90	27,922.64
7 NC W03 Ch Redeemer	1,074.00	199.00	419.00	723.00	481.00	319.00	762.00	397.00	432.00	303.00	441.00	600.00	6,150.00
8 OH DAY3 St Lazarus	607.85	257.20	254.87	212.27	357.27	260.19	267.02	331.52	247.27	282.27	327.27	456.60	3,861.60
9 OH DAY1 Christ the King	4,926.90	1,216.30	1,344.64	9,231.75	1,925.27	1,844.89	1,771.07	-	4,427.82	1,996.29	-	4,082.45	32,767.38
10 OH DAY2 Christ Our Hope	-	-	-	9,000.00	8,345.09	-	-	1,679.68	-	-	2,000.00	800.00	21,824.77
11 OH VES Darke Co	200.00	200.00	400.00	-	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	-	2,200.00
12 OH CVG Trinity	1,516.00	717.00	2,115.00	1,608.00	1,569.00	1,454.00	1,979.00	1,278.00	1,438.00	1,396.00	1,498.00	1,986.00	18,554.00
13 TN MEM St James	2,606.00	680.00	1,610.00	1,123.00	1,149.00	1,163.00	950.00	840.00	996.00	2,115.00	775.00	1,844.00	15,851.00
14 TN MSL Christ Our Hope	285.00	-	940.00	610.00	943.16	-	467.00	390.00	830.00	410.00	725.00	670.00	6,270.16
15 VA IAD1 Holy Trinity	5,352.04	1,282.16	1,627.05	2,756.91	3,205.36	1,790.99	2,051.35	-	2,427.03	2,849.73	1,567.99	1,897.10	26,807.71
16 VA IAD2 Ch Our Savior	15,405.20	-	6,715.00	-	8,091.01	2,649.13	-	8,771.73	-	8,131.12	3,727.47	3,978.09	57,468.75
17 VA LEX St Paul's	1,309.95	-	268.59	-	-	1,045.82	234.18	322.56	229.38	149.28	-	400.24	3,960.00
18 VA LYH All Saints	2,373.60	1,848.70	1,186.30	4,026.60	1,710.26	2,028.00	1,759.50	2,035.75	-	1,250.33	1,816.70	2,417.10	22,452.84
19 VA RIC2 Holy Cross	590.63	534.23	506.40	608.70	528.70	556.90	605.90	522.00	526.35	565.40	579.43	-	6,124.64
20 VA RIC1 St Jude's	2,272.00	-	775.00	2,098.00	2,559.00	1,255.00	1,646.00	2,947.00	1,618.00	-	3,162.00	2,851.00	21,183.00
21 VA ROA Covenant Church	-	314.70	101.10	184.40	99.45	134.00	-	339.35	174.92	296.55	-	311.60	1,956.07
TOTAL PARISH GIFTS	43,400.08	19,392.17	20,867.63	34,734.92	34,128.03	17,795.80	20,547.61	22,730.26	19,369.92	26,848.44	20,630.93	26,711.70	307,157.49

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THE DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL STATES OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Statement of Financial Position
Through March 31, 2026 (Estimated)

Category	Type	Account	Amount	Notes
ASSETS				
Current Assets	G	Operating Checking Account	\$ 69,729.81	
Current Assets	D	Bishop's Fund	4,934.57	
Current Assets	R	Clergy Wellness Fund	15,351.69	
Noncurrent Assets	G	Operating Certificates of Deposit	61,085.85	
Noncurrent Assets	G	Operating Money Market Savings	41,707.17	
Noncurrent Assets	G	Operating Investments	152,217.63	
Noncurrent Assets	R	Clergy WellNess Certificate of Deposit	8,487.86	
Noncurrent Assets	R	Scholarship Money Market Savings	26,163.68	
Noncurrent Assets	R	Scholarship Certificate of Deposit	84,623.83	
Noncurrent Assets	D	Pension Money Market Savings	14,647.60	
Noncurrent Assets	G	Physical Silver Holdings: Operations	286,244.62	3809.636 oz @ Spot 75.137 ^
Noncurrent Assets	R	Physical Silver Holdings: Clergy Wellness	44,104.59	586.989 oz @ Spot 75.137^
Noncurrent Assets		Property & Equipment	12,000.00	2017 Toyota Camry
TOTAL ASSETS			821,298.90	
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities		Credit Card Balances	1,421.57	American Express due April 2026
Current Liabilities		Accounts Payable	5,034.52	To be paid April 2026
Current Liabilities		Payroll Liabilities	13,597.72	To be paid April 2026
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES			20,053.81	
NET ASSETS				
	G	Operating Net Assets	602,931.27	Freely used to pay - current liabilities
	R	Restricted Net Assets	178,731.65	Funds restricted by donors
	D	Designated Net Assets	19,582.17	Trustees designated/interal reserves
TOTAL NET ASSETS			801,245.09	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS			\$ 821,298.90	

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THE DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL STATES OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Statement of Financial Activity

For the Quarter Ending March 31, 2026

Category	Account	Amount	Notes
SUPPORT AND REVENUE			
Support	Parish Tithes	\$ 84,698.24	
Support	General Donations	594.84	
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE		85,293.08	
EXPENSES			
Expense	Liability Insurance	\$ 3,470.00	Brotherhood (incl D&O)
Expense	REC Sustentation	8,997.62	1/26 Gifts - 3/26 Gifts
Expense	Payroll & Compensation	53,175.12	Bishop, Coadjutor, Emeritus, Admin
Expense	Pension & Life Contributions	6,493.78	Bishop, Coadjutor
Expense	Conferences & Workshops	1,450.00	
Expense	Administrative Expenses	1,879.26	
Expense	Accounting Fees	200.00	
Expense	Bank & Investment Fees	75.00	
Expense	Travel Expenses	6,756.27	Bishop, Coadjutor
Expense	Auto Expenses	1,394.37	2007 Toyota Corolla
Expense	Ministry Support	(23.75)	Bishop's Fund
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 83,867.67	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS			
Change in Net Assets (Surplus)		\$ 1,425.41	

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THE DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL STATES OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Statement of Financial Position
Through March 31, 2026 (Estimated)

Category	Type	Account	Amount	Notes
ASSETS				
Current Assets	G	Operating Checking Account	\$ 69,729.81	
Current Assets	D	Bishop's Fund	4,934.57	
Current Assets	R	Clergy Wellness Fund	15,351.69	
Noncurrent Assets	G	Operating Certificates of Deposit	61,085.85	
Noncurrent Assets	G	Operating Money Market Savings	41,707.17	
Noncurrent Assets	G	Operating Investments	152,217.63	
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Noncurrent Assets		Property & Equipment	12,000.00	2017 Toyota Camry
TOTAL ASSETS			821,298.90	
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities		Credit Card Balances	1,421.57	American Express due April 2026
Current Liabilities		Accounts Payable	5,034.52	To be paid April 2026
Current Liabilities		Payroll Liabilities	13,597.72	To be paid April 2026
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES			20,053.81	
NET ASSETS				
	G	Operating Net Assets	602,931.27	Freely used to pay - current liabilities
	R	Restricted Net Assets	178,731.65	Funds restricted by donors
	D	Designated Net Assets	19,582.17	Trustees designated/interal reserves
TOTAL NET ASSETS			801,245.09	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS			\$ 821,298.90	

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**The Diocese of the Central States
Contributions Detail**

Transactions: Jan 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026

ST	City	Parish	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	QTR1 Total
AL	BHM	St Johns	\$ 3,000.00			\$ 3,000.00
IN	EVV	Trintiy	311.27			311.27
KY	OWB	Christ the Redeemer	956.29	766.83	1,060.84	2,783.96
KY	FGX	St Lukes	262.80	913.30	367.40	1,543.50
NC	RDU	All Saints	7,075.21	2,913.80	5,133.16	15,122.17
NC	W03	Church of the Redeemer	1,086.00	365.00	393.00	1,844.00
OH	CVG	Trinity	1,338.00	2,393.00	1,226.00	4,957.00
OH	DAY1	Christ the King	3,093.25	1,948.94	2,213.10	7,255.29
OH	DAY2	Christ Our Hope	800.00	800.00	800.00	2,400.00
OH	DAY3	St Lazarus	414.20	262.74	367.46	1,044.40
TN	MEM	St James	2,019.00	3,062.00	940.00	6,021.00
TN	MSL	Christ Our Hope	1,020.00	430.60	1,460.00	2,910.60
VA	IAD1	Holy Trinity	3,561.08	1,011.61	1,632.75	6,205.44
VA	IAD2	Church of Our Savior Oatlands		12,333.00	3,587.51	15,920.51
VA	LYH	All Saints	2,228.10	1,007.50	1,007.50	4,243.10
VA	LEX	St Pauls	1,423.44	153.88	138.58	1,715.90
VA	ROA	Covenant	166.25		177.45	343.70
VA	RIC1	St Judes	2,491.00	1,025.00	1,929.00	5,445.00
VA	RIC2	Holy Cross	1,169.40	462.00		1,631.40
TOTALS			\$ 32,415.29	\$ 29,849.20	\$ 22,433.75	\$ 84,698.24

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The Diocese of the Central States
Clergy Wellness Fund #2794
 Transactions: Jan 1, 2025 through Dec 31, 2025

SUMMARY	Beginning Bal		Distributions	Gifts	Match & Int	Year Ending
	2,726.97		\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,990.00	\$ 3,003.28	\$ 6,220.25

Date	Description	Detail	Debit	Credit	Int + Match	EOP Balance	Note
12/31/25	Interest	Quarter 4:2025			1.52	6,220.25	
12/9/25	DEPOSIT	Memphis 100		100.00		6,218.73	
12/9/25		<i>Approved distribution</i>	8,000.00			6,118.73	6
11/14/25	DEPOSIT	Memphis 100		100.00		14,118.73	
10/9/25	DEPOSIT	Memphis 100		100.00		14,018.73	
10/6/25	DEPOSIT	MacGregor (9/30/25)		500.00		13,918.73	5
10/1/25	DEPOSIT	Transfer from 8279 (9/30/25)		100.00		13,418.73	4
9/30/25	Interest	Quarter 3:2025			1.08	13,318.73	
9/3/25	DEPOSIT	Transfer from 8279		20.00		13,317.65	3
8/22/25	DEPOSIT	Fairborn 1370		1,370.00		13,297.65	
8/22/25	DEPOSIT	Wilson 700		700.00		11,927.65	
8/19/25	DEPOSIT	Amelia 2500; Mason 600		3,100.00		11,227.65	
8/12/25	DEPOSIT	Chantilly 500		500.00		8,127.65	
8/11/25	DEPOSIT	Maysville 1000		1,000.00		7,627.65	
8/7/25	DEPOSIT	Memphis 100		100.00		6,627.65	
8/5/25	MATCH	LILLY FUND MATCH			3,000.00	6,527.65	2
7/15/25	DEPOSIT	Memphis 100; Maysville 300		400.00		3,527.65	
6/30/25	Interest	Quarter 2:2025			0.36	3,127.65	
6/20/25	DEPOSIT	Evansille 100		100.00		3,127.29	
6/13/25	DEPOSIT	Memphis 100		100.00		3,027.29	
5/9/25	DEPOSIT	Evansille 100		100.00		2,927.29	
5/5/25	DEPOSIT	Memphis 100		100.00		2,827.29	
4/15/25	DEPOSIT	Evansville 100; Memphis 100		200.00		2,727.29	
3/31/25	Interest	Quarter 1:2025			0.32	2,527.29	1
3/17/25	DEPOSIT	Memphis 100		100.00		2,526.97	
3/3/25		<i>Approved distribution</i>	250.00			2,426.97	
2/14/25	DEPOSIT	Memphis 100		100.00		2,676.97	
1/30/25		<i>Approved distribution</i>	250.00			2,576.97	
1/13/25	DEPOSIT	Memphis 100		100.00		2,826.97	
12/31/24	Interest	Quarter 4:2024			0.59	2,726.97	

Notes:

- 1 1st report made to Lilly Foundation 7/8/24-3/17/25 \$1000 given to CW
- 2 1st MATCH from Lilly Foundation
- 3 \$20 Gift to CW went to wrong acct; XFR to CW
- 4 \$100 Gift to CW went to wrong acct; XFR to CW
- 5 Gifts to the fund since 4/1/25 to 9/30/25----->: \$ 8,390
- 6 Distribution to aid clergyman with repairs to his residence

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The Diocese of the Central States
Clergy Wellness Fund #2794

Transactions: Jan 1, 2026 through May 5, 2026

SUMMARY	Beginning Bal		Distributions	Gifts	Match & Int	Year to Date
	6,220.25		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 840.00	\$ 8,391.44	\$ 13,451.69

Date	Description	Detail	Debit	Credit	Int + Match	EOP Balance	Note
5/5/26		<i>Approved distribution</i>	2,000.00			13,451.69	2
5/5/26	DEPOSIT	Memphis 100		100.00		15,451.69	
4/7/25	DEPOSIT	Memphis 100		100.00		15,351.69	
3/31/26	Interest				1.44	15,251.69	
3/13/26	DEPOSIT	Memphis 100		100.00		15,250.25	
2/26/26	DEPOSIT	Roanoke 340		340.00		15,150.25	
2/12/26	DEPOSIT	Memphis 100		100.00		14,810.25	
2/4/26	DEPOSIT	LILLY FUND MATCH			8,390.00	14,710.25	1
2/2/26	DEPOSIT	Memphis 100		100.00		6,320.25	
12/31/25	Interest	Quarter 4:2025			1.52	6,220.25	

Notes:

- 1 2nd MATCH from Lilly Foundation
- 2 Distribution to aid clergyman with financial hardship

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Date: 5/6/2026

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 Seminary Scholarship.

The Board typically conducts in-person oral examinations the day before each annual Synod. Interim in-person oral examinations and examinations via Zoom may be considered in situations of unusual urgency as requested 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. Dr. Paul Edgerton, Chair
The Rev. Canon Scott Houser
The Rev. Tim Kline

The Rev. Wayne McNamara
The Rev. Davidson Morse
The Rev. Dr. Eric Parker

Examinations of Ministers of Other Churches for Reception

None to report for this period.

Examinations of Candidates for the Diaconate:

Mr. Kevin Gottlieb applied for the Diaconate and submitted his written examination, which the chair received on September 1, 2025. We conducted the oral portion of the examination via Zoom on October 11. The chair reported our assessment of the candidate's preparation that evening.

Mr. Thomas Caucutt applied for the Diaconate and submitted his written examination, which the chair received on January 6, 2026. We conducted the oral portion of the examination via Zoom on January 27. The chair reported our favorable assessment of the candidate's preparation for Orders on January 29.

Examination of Candidates for the Presbyterate:

None to report for this period.

Examination of Candidates for the Order of Deaconesses:

None to report for this period.

Review of Candidates for the Holy Nativity Seminary Scholarship:

On March 24, 2026, we announced our vote to award the scholarship to Mr. Caleb Symons, a student at Church of Our Saviour Oatlands (Leesburg, VA), who is studying at Cranmer Theological House.

Other Matters:

This fall, attention was given to the reporting procedures the Board has used since the diocese's founding and ways that we can bring those procedures into better alignment with diocesan canons and better reflect the nature of our examination process.

We pray for the raising and forming of men and women who will serve well in the ordained and consecrated ministries of the diocese. And we thank our bishops for the privilege to serve in this manner.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul C. Edgerton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small cross-like mark at the end.

The Rev. Dr. Paul C. Edgerton, Chair

CONSTITUTION & CANONS

The following canonical changes are recommended to the Council for adoption.

Title I, Canon VIII, Section 1, currently reads as follows:

Section 1. The following organizations are recognized as authorized agencies of the Diocese of the Central States and are entitled to representation in the Synod of the Diocese of the Central States under Article V, Section 2, of the Constitution:

- (A) The Reapers
- (B) The Women of the Church
- (C) The Men of the Church
- (D) Cranmer Theological House

Title I, Canon VIII, Section 1, is revised to read as follows:

Section 1. Upon the recommendation of the Bishop Ordinary and the Standing Committee, the Synod of the Diocese of the Central States may designate organizations that further the mission of the Diocese as authorized agencies of the Synod, entitled to representation in the Synod under Article V, Section 2, of the Constitution.

Basis for the Proposed Change: Section 1 as currently written refers to organizations and agencies not active in the Diocese of the Central States. The provision may have been mistakenly included in the original canons, which were based upon the canons of the Diocese of Mid-America. The proposed revision clarifies the authority of the Synod to recognize such organizations and also provides for involvement of the Bishop Ordinary and the Standing Committee in any such recognition.

Title II, Canon IV, Section 3, currently reads as follows:

Section 3. The Communicant list shall be corrected annually by the Parish Council by removing from active membership, through notation, the names of all persons who have died, have been ordained to the Presbyterate, dismissed to another church, excommunicated, together with those who for a period of one year have not partaken of the Lord's Supper, disappeared, ceased to attend Divine Services, or to contribute to the support of the Parish; provided that all reasonable efforts to reclaim such members have been made.

Title II, Canon IV, Section 3, is revised as follows:

Section 3. The Communicant list shall be corrected annually by the Parish Council by removing from active membership, through notation, the names of all persons who have died, have been ordained to the Presbyterate, **made Deacon**, dismissed to another church, excommunicated, together with those who for a period of one year have not partaken of the Lord's Supper, disappeared, ceased to attend Divine Services, or to contribute to the support of the Parish; provided that all reasonable efforts to reclaim such members have been made.

Basis for the Proposed Change: Deacons are subject to the authority and direction of the Bishop Ordinary and are not members of any particular parish. The proposed change clarifies the responsibility of the Parish Council to remove those made Deacons from the parish Communicant list.

Title III, Canon I, Section 3.6, currently reads as follows:

Except in the case of an Interim Rector, the Letter of Call or Contract must be for a period of two years.

Title III, Canon I, Section 3.6, is revised to read as follows:

Except in the case of an Interim Rector, the Letter of Call or Contract must be for a period of **at least** two years.

Basis for Proposed Change: The current canon anticipates that the Letter of Call or other written contract for a Rector, the calling of a Presbyter, the appointment of a Vicar, and the assignment of a Deacon/Deaconess "must be for a period of two years." In practice, the provision is often omitted or ignored. The proposed change will allow parochial discretion to increase the term of call while retaining the current specified term as the minimum duration of a call, appointment, or assignment, except in the case of an interim Rector.

Submitted,
The Rev. William Barto
Chancellor