



**Synod of the Diocese of the Central States
of the Reformed Episcopal Church
22 October 2020**

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

Organization:

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.

On 14 May 2020, The Ven. Scott Thompson, the then Chair of the Board, resigned in order to focus on his new duties as diocesan Archdeacon. Examining Chaplain Fr. Paul Edgerton was nominated by the outgoing Chair and appointed by the Ordinary as the new Chair. Fr. Edgerton then nominated and the Ordinary appointed Fr. Josiah Jones to the Board as an Examining Chaplain.

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 Candidates for the Diaconate:

On 21 October 2020, the Examining Chaplains, having previously reviewed his written examination, conducted the oral examination of Postulant Stuart Fitzpatrick for ordination to the permanent diaconate.

The result of this examination will be submitted in writing to the Bishop Ordinary and to the Standing Committee as required by the Canons of the Diocese and of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Selection of The Holy Nativity Scholarship Recipient

On 2 September 2020, the Examining Chaplains communicated their choice of Mr. Matthew Hind, a seminarian at Reformed Episcopal Seminary and member of Christ Our Hope, Westpoint, Tennessee, as the 2020 recipient of the Holy Nativity Scholarship.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul C. Edgerton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the end.

The Rev. Dr. Paul C. Edgerton, Chair