



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

**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. Davidson Morse and Mr. Mark Malson.

The remaining elected Trustees are Mr. Brad Burke (2021), The Rev. David Straw (2022), and Mr. Jonathan McHugh (2022).

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. Wayne McNamara and Mr. Tom McConnell.

The remaining elected members are The Rev. Dr. Paul Edgerton (2021), Mr. Andy McLean (2021), The Rev. Josiah Jones (2022), and Dss. Teresa Johnson (2022).

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 21 September 2020, 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 2023 Class**

**For Lay Trustee: Mrs. Marta Matthews**

Mrs. Marta Matthews has served the All Saints' parish in Raleigh, North Carolina as a Treasurer. She is warmly commended to us by the diocesan Treasurer and by her Rector.

**For Clergy Trustee: The Rev. Dcn. William Barto**

Deacon Barto has served the Holy Trinity parish in Fairfax, Virginia in various capacities and works in his secular profession as an attorney. He has advised the custodian of the Diocesan Customary and contributed to the section on diaconal ministry. He was ordained a Deacon in 2020.

**For Clergy Trustee to finish the 2021 term: The Rev. David Truax**

Father Truax is a veteran of the Board of Trustees, having served as its President in the past. He was recommended by the Treasurer to fill in the last year of the term vacated by Isaac Chavez. We are glad to have someone to step in who already knows the ropes. Father Truax recused himself from the portions of Committee business in which his name was considered.

**For Lay Member of the Standing Committee: Jon McGill**

Mr. McGill has served in various capacities including as a Lay Reader at the Christ the King parish in Dayton, Ohio. He is a layman of some theological learning and is commended to us by Father Wayne McNamara.

**For Clergy Member of the Standing Committee: The Rev. Keith Boettner**

Father Boettner is one of our most respected pastors. He serves as an Examining Chaplain for the Diocese and is a veteran of the Board of Trustees. He was recommended by several members of the Standing Committee to serve that body.

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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