



**Synod of the Diocese of the Central States  
of the Reformed Episcopal Church  
19 October 2023**

**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 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. 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**

None to report for this period.

**Examinations of Candidates for the Diaconate:**

On 25 October 2022, we recommended the ordination of Jameson Overton, of the Westpoint, Tennessee parish, to the transitional diaconate (examination previously reported).

On 1 October 2023 we examined Mr. David Heng in person for the permanent diaconate. On 4 October 2023 we recommended his ordination.

**Examination of Candidates for the Presbyterate:**

On 13 July 2023 we examined Deacon Andrew Costa via Zoom and recommended his ordination to the presbyterate.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Dr. Paul C. Edgerton, Chair