



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

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 recommended candidates and making nominations for the consideration and vote of the Synod of four class-of-2026 diocesan positions: Lay Trustee, Clergy Trustee, Lay Member of the Standing Committee, and Clergy Member of the Standing Committee.

The Nominations Committee comprises:

The Rev. Dr. Paul Edgerton, Chair
Mrs. Jennifer McConnell
Mr. Jon Miller
The Rev. David Truax

The current 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. Bill Barto and Mrs. Marta Matthews.

The remaining elected Trustees are The Rev. David Goodwin (2024); Mr. Tyler Crocker, President (2024); The Rev. Duane Velej (2025); and Mrs. Jennifer McConnell (2025).

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. Keith Boettner and Mr. Jonathan McGill.

The remaining elected members are The Rev. Jonathan Kell (2024); Mr. Jeff Brown (2024); The Rev. Josiah Jones, President (2025); and Mr. Tom McConnell (2025).

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 5 October 2023, the Committee Chair sent the slate of nominees and to the Archdeacon to be posted on the diocesan website for consideration ahead of Synod.

Nominees for the 2026 Class

For Lay Trustee: Mr. Jordan Rafferty

Mr. Rafferty is a parishioner at Church of Our Savior Oatlands in Leesburg, Virginia and serves as well in Finance for Prison Ministry Fellowship. He was commended to us by the diocesan Treasurer.

For Clergy Trustee: The Rev. Richard Tarsitano

Father Tarsitano pastors Trinity Anglican Church in Connersville, Indiana. He was commended to us by the Treasurer.

For Lay Member of the Standing Committee: Mr. Steve Mouton

Mr. Mouton is Senior Warden of Church of Our Savior Oatlands in Leesburg, Virginia. He was commended to us by his rector.

For Clergy Member of the Standing Committee: The Rev. Davidson Morse

Father Morse is known to us by his work at New Covenant Schools in Lynchburg, Virginia and serves as rector of their associated parish, All Saints Reformed Episcopal Church. He was highly commended to us by Bishop Manto.

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.*

Respectfully Submitted,



The Rev. Dr. Paul C. Edgerton, Chair