



**Synod of the Diocese of the Central States
of the Reformed Episcopal Church
17 October 2024
Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church, Mason, Ohio**

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 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:

None to report for this period.

Examination of Candidates for the Presbyterate:

On 8 December 2024, we examined in person the Rev. Dcn. Jameson Overton of Christ Our Hope (Westpoint, TN) at St. Jude's (Richmond, VA); we recommended his ordination to the presbyterate.

On 18 April 2024, we examined via Zoom the Rev. Dcn. William Barto of Holy Trinity (Chantilly, VA); we recommended his ordination to the presbyterate.

On 25 July 2024, we examined via Zoom the Rev. Dcn. Tim Kline of Christ the Redeemer (Owensboro, KY); we recommended his ordination to the presbyterate.

On 16 October 2024, we examined in person the Rev. Dcn. Jameson Lowery of Redeemer (Wilson, NC).

On 16 October 2024, we examined in person Mr. Lukas Stock of All Saints (Lynchburg, VA).

Examination of Candidates for the Order of Deaconesses:

On 7 March 2024, we, with Dss. Teresa Johnson, examined via Zoom Mrs. Shelley Fleming and recommended her setting apart as a deaconess.

Review of Candidates for the Holy Nativity Seminary Scholarship:

No awards made during this period.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul C. Edgerton", followed by a small cross-like flourish.

The Rev. Dr. Paul C. Edgerton, Chair