



**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 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

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. David Goodwin and Mr. Tyler Crocker.

The remaining elected Trustees are The Rev. Duane Velez (2025); Mrs. Jennifer McConnell (2025); The Rev. Richard Tarsitano (2026); and Mr. Jordan Rafferty (2026).

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. Jonathan Kell and Mr. Jeff Brown.

The remaining elected members are The Rev. Josiah Jones, President (2025); Mr. Tom McConnell (2025); The Rev. Davidson Morse (2026); and Mr. Steve Mouton (2026).

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.

On 16 September 2024, 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 2027 Class

### **For Lay Trustee: Mr. Wesley (Wes) Mullins**

Mr. Mullins is a parishioner at St. Jude's (Richmond VA). He has served that parish in various capacities and has corporate business experience at the executive level. He was commended to us by clergymen and a former Trustee.

### **For Clergy Trustee: The Rev. David Goodwin**

Father Goodwin is the vicar of Christ Our Redeemer (Owensboro, KY) and became president of the Board of Trustees during his current term. The Trustees would like him to continue his service for another term.

### **For Lay Member of the Standing Committee: Paul C. Harris**

Mr. Harris is a parishioner of St. Jude's (Richmond VA). He is Executive Vice President and Chief Sustainability and Compliance Officer for Huntington Ingalls Industries, a major engineering and defense tech provider and operator of the shipyard in Newport News. He has served in the Virginia House of Delegates. He was highly commended by clergymen, including his rector.

### **For Clergy Member of the Standing Committee: The Rev. Paul C. Edgerton**

Father Edgerton is vicar of Redeemer (Wilson NC) and has served two previous terms on the Standing Committee and four years as president. He was recommended to Jennifer McConnell by clergy, recused himself from the deliberations and vote concerning this position, and was chosen by the Committee.

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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. We will keep this year's additional recommendations in mind for future classes.

As we prayed at the beginning of our work, let us again pray:

**O**UR 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