

# **The Standing Committee of the Diocese of the Central States**

## **Reformed Episcopal Church (ACNA)**



Dear Diocese of the Central States,

Attached to this message, you should find links to information regarding our Episcopal candidates—introduction videos, some questionnaire questions, and resumes. We hope you will make use of this information to help inform your prayers, and so that you can be better acquainted with the three candidates.

Prior to the registration deadline, we also wanted to clarify the voting rules, as well as who is eligible to vote at Synod. Please be sure to register yourselves and your lay delegates by Monday September 16.

### Voting Rules

(Incidentally—look at Canon 11 of the REC's Canons (found [here](#)) to learn about the process we used to arrive at our candidates)

Canon 11.1.i of the REC's canons state that voting takes place by orders. In the first two votes, a two-thirds majority among both the clergy and laity is required. After two ballots, the candidate with the lowest number of votes is removed, and a simple majority of each order is required in subsequent ballots for an election.

### Voting Eligibility

Among clergy, all active (non-retired) presbyters in good standing are eligible to vote. Deacons who are not in charge of a parish are not eligible to vote.

Among the laity, full and mission parishes may send a lay delegate. Alternates are not eligible to vote unless they take the place of a lay delegate. Extension Works in the Diocese do not send a lay delegate.

All Lay Delegates should be registered with the Secretary of the Synod (Fr. Keith Boettner) using the language found in the Diocese of Central States' Title II Canon 5.3, which says this:

*The election of Lay Delegates shall be certified by the Secretary of the Vestry, or some other officer of the parish, in the form following, to-wit,*

*At a parish meeting of \_\_\_\_\_ Church having  
\_\_\_\_\_ communicants, held on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ the following named  
communicants of said Church were appointed Lay Delegates to the Synod of the  
Diocese of Central States.*

*This certificate shall be returned to the Secretary of the Synod prior to the meeting of the  
Synod to which the delegates are appointed...*

In addition, lay members of the Standing Committee and lay members of the Board of Trustees will receive a vote with the laity. Members who are “cycling off” may vote in the election. Members who were voted onto the boards the morning of the Synod may not vote in this election but may vote in future Synods.

We look forward to a wonderful Synod together! Please earnestly pray for our Diocese, and for the Bishop Coadjutor candidates. Pray that God would give us wisdom, and lead us guide us according to His good pleasure!

In Christ,

The Standing Committee of the Diocese

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