

# Synod of the Diocese of the Central States of the Reformed Episcopal Church October 17-18, 2024

## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

#### **ORGANIZATION**

## 2023-2024 Composition

Clergy Members - The Rev. Jonathan Kell (2024), The Rev. Josiah Jones (2025), The Rev. Davidson Morse (2026) Lay Members - Mr. Jeff Brown (2024), Mr. Tom McConnell (2025), Mr. Steve Mouton (2026) *Ex Officio* Members - Bishop Peter Manto, Archdeacon Scott Thompson, Treasurer The Rev. Ken Mills, Secretary The Rev. Keith Boettner

### **ACTIONS**

# **Postulancy:**

- 1. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Mr. Lukas Stock was approved as a postulant at All Saints Church in Lynchburg, VA.
- 2. On January 26<sup>th</sup> 2024, Mr. Noah Elkins was approved as a postulant at Christ the Redeemer in Owensboro, KY.
- 3. On April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Mr. Sean Reeves was approved as a postulant at Church of Our Saviour, Oatlands, VA.
- 4. On May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Mr. Andy Kuniholm was approved as a postulant at Church of Our Saviour, Oatlands, VA.
- 5. On June 18 2024, Mr. Thomas Caucutt was approved as a postulant at St. John's Church in Birmingham, AL.
- 6. On July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Mr. John Bush was approved as a postulant at Holy Trinity REC in Chantilly, VA, pending the completion of his background check.

# **Holy Orders:**

- 1. On November 30<sup>th</sup> 2023, Mr. David Heng was approved to be made a Deacon.
- 2. On May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Rev. Dcn. William Barto was approved for ordination to the presbyterate.
- 3. On July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Rev. Dcn. Tim Kline was approved for ordination to the presbyterate.

#### **Parish Matters:**

- 1. On November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Darke County Anglican Mission was approved as an Extension Work in our Diocese.
- 2. On December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023, the Standing Committee affirmed the closing of St. Andrews Anglican Church in Asheboro, NC, as the mission voted to merge with All Souls Anglican (APA) in Asheboro.
- 3. On September 23th, 2024, St. Luke's Church in Maysville, KY, was approved to be enrolled as a member mission parish of the Diocese.

#### Calls of Rectors:

- 1. On December 1st 2023, the Rev. Jeffrey Hubbard's call as Rector to Trinity Church in Mason, OH was approved.
- 2. On January 26<sup>th</sup> 2024, the Rev. Aaron Rowley's call as Rector to All Saints Church in Raleigh, NC was approved.

# **Affirmation of Episcopal Elections:**

1. On December 8<sup>th</sup> 2023, the Committee provided the canonically required affirmation of the election of the Very Rev. Charles Camlin as Bishop Suffragan in the Diocese of Mid-America.

## Duties as Assigned, and Advice for the Bishop:

- 1. On October 24<sup>th</sup> 2023, the Rev. Josiah Jones was voted as President.
- 2. On October 26<sup>th</sup> 2023, the Rev. Barton Gingerich was voted a board member of St. George's School.
- 3. On March 25<sup>th</sup> 2024, Mrs. Shelley Fleming was approved to be set apart as Deaconess.
- 4. The Standing Committee met via Zoom on February 8<sup>th</sup> 2024, April 25<sup>th</sup> 2024, June 25<sup>th</sup> 2024, and September 5<sup>th</sup> 2024, mainly to discuss issues related to the Episcopal Search and to fulfill canonically mandated duties related to the list of candidates for Bishop Coadjutor. On September 5<sup>th</sup>, the Committee certified the list of The Rev. Canon Jason Grote, The Rev. Dr. Gregory Peters, and the Rev. Gregory Miller.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fr. Josiah Jones, President of the Standing Committee, The Diocese of the Central States