

Minutes of the Synod of the Diocese of the Central States

Meeting at St John's Anglican Church

Kings Home, Birmingham AL

October 22 and 23, 2015

First Day - Morning Session

- Having celebrated Holy Communion with The Rt Rev Peter Manto, Suffragan bishop of the Diocese of the Central States, as Celebrant and the Rev Canon Houser as homilist, the Synod of the Diocese of the Central States was called to order with prayer by the Bishop Manto on Thursday October 22, 2014.

- Bishop Manto informed the Synod that the Rt Rev Dan Morse, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese, had had to cancel his trip to synod due to Marianne's continued illness. Bishop Manto invited the Rev Davidson Morse to give an update on his mother, after which Fr Franklin was asked to lead the Synod in prayer which he did after a minute of silent prayer by all members of Synod.

- Bishop Manto then formally opened the Business meeting with a prayer.

- Fr Houser welcomed the Synod and introduced Mr. Lew Burdette, President of Kings Home, who also welcomed the Synod and offered a prayer.

- The Rev Canon Ian MacGregor, Secretary to the Synod, declared a quorum with 25 clergy, 31 lay delegates and 17 parishes and missions represented.

- Guests were introduced, including Postulants of St John's, all of whom are students at Beeson Divinity School's Anglican Studies program.

- Fr. McNamara reported that retired RE clergyman and member of our diocese Bob Neeb+ had passed away in October. Fr. Neeb assisted Fr. Mcnamara at Christ the King, Dayton, and will be missed by the parish.

- The Synod then moved to the Nominations Report and Election of Officers of the Synod. The Synod had previously asked both the Trustees and Standing Committee to institute a rotating class of members so that each year one new Lay and one new clergy member would be elected.
 - Prior to formal nominations and elections Fr Boettner explained a change in the proposed nominees for Trustee – originally Mr. Mark Malson was to cycle off in 2015; however, due to ill health and pressing family obligations, Mr. Chip Beyer asked that he retire from the Trustees in 2015; therefore his place was switched with Mr. Malson.
 - Fr MacGregor was nominated to the office of Secretary. With no additional nominations he was elected by voice vote.

- The Rev Franklin Sanders was nominated to the office of Treasurer. With no additional nominations he was elected by voice vote.
- The Rev Paul Edgerton was then introduced as Chair of the Nominations Committee to walk the Synod through the process of selection for nominations.
 - Fr Edgerton reviewed the nominations process and the slate of nominees (as amended in the previously noted switch where Mr. Mark Malson moved to the class of 2016 and Mr. Chip Beyers moved to the Class of 2015 position for the Trustees). A copy of the Diocesan Officers list and proposed slate are attached).
 - The Very Rev Scott Thompson took the floor to explain that the Nominations Committee had – with Fr Edgerton recusing himself – nominated Fr Edgerton to be elected to the Standing Committee.
 - Fr Edgerton offered a prayer for the nominees and election
 - There being no further nominations, Fr Thompson moved that the nominations be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote
- Bishop Manto read a letter of greeting from Archbishop Foley Beach of the Anglican Church in North America (attached).
- The Synod then moved to Reports of Officers and Elected Boards and Committees:
 - The minutes for the 2014 Synod, having been previously posted to the website and made available to the Diocese, were approved.
 - Bishop Manto read the bulk of Bishop Morse’s report (copy attached).
 - Bishop Manto read a letter from Presiding Bishop Grote (copy attached).
 - Bishop Manto interrupted reading Bishop Morse’s report to have parishes with new or consecrated churches in the past year give an update on their facilities (Trinity, Evansville Indiana; St Andrew’s, Appomattox Virginia; Covenant, Roanoke, Virginia; and All Saints, Raleigh North Carolina).
 - Fr Thompson invited the Synod to meet at St Jude’s, Richmond Virginia, in 2016. Bishop Manto also indicated that Trinity, Mason Ohio was willing to host Synod in 2017 and every alternate year afterwards.
 - Bishop Morse’s report was then received by voice vote.
- The Rev Canon Charlie Camlin of the Diocese of Mid-America was introduced to talk about Cranmer Theological House.
- The Synod was operating ahead of schedule and so it moved to the Trustees Report:

- Mr. Mark Malson, Assistant Treasurer, reviewed the Financial Report and proposed 2016 budget (copies attached).
- A question was asked about a discrepancy and potential typo in the Dissolved Parishes account – the amount showed as \$16,342 for 6/30/14 and should have been \$161,342 (this was researched and corrected after lunch).
- A motion was made, seconded and approved by voice vote to accept the Treasurer’s report and approve the proposed 2016 budget.
- Fr. Boettner gave a report on Minister’s Salaries (copy attached). Discussion followed, after which the report was accepted by voice vote.
 - A follow-up request was made from the floor that at the 2016 Synod the Minister’s Report also include information for part-time ministers.

At this point the Synod broke for lunch.

First Day – Afternoon Session

Business resumed for the afternoon session at 1 PM.

- Fr. Thompson delivered the Standing Committee Report (copy attached). The Report was accepted by the Synod by voice vote.
- Fr. Houser reported for the Constitution and Canons Committee, indicating that at this time no changes were being proposed, although he indicated that REC Constitutions and Canons were being reviewed for any changes that might be necessary or desirable as a result of the Supreme Court Obergefell Decision.
- The Rev Canon Bill Jerdan gave a report on Foreign Missions and on the Colvins missionary efforts (copy attached).
- The Rev Workowski, Mrs. Susan Sanders and Mrs. Mary Jane Thompson gave a report on the Women of the Church.
 - They gave a presentation to Mrs. Janice Manto for the 2015 Devotional she wrote which was distributed nationwide.
 - Clergy were reminded to be sure they pass along pertinent Women of the Church information to the women in their parishes.
 - Bishop Manto suggested that the diocese elect or appoint a Liaison Chair for the Women. Joan Workowski was put forth as the Liaison until the 2016 Synod.
- Bishop Manto gave his report (copy attached).

After a brief recess the Synod resumed

- The Rev Deacon Robert Sexton, an attorney in Kentucky, and Mr. Brian Milner

- of Holy Trinity Church, also an attorney, gave a detailed presentation on the Obergefell decision, how the law developed to that point and some practical impacts the decision might have on REC parishes.
- The Rev Sparks made a presentation on the Anglican Bible and Book Society.
 - Fr. Houser taught on *The Theology of the Body: Man and Woman He Created Them* by Pope John Paul II

Day One concluded with Evening Prayer and was followed that evening with a banquet.

Second Day

The Synod resumed its business session after Morning Prayer led by the Fr. Boettner.

- Holy Trinity Fairfax gave a brief report on their efforts to obtain existing commercial property for a permanent worship home.
- It was asked and determined that there was no New Business for the Synod to address.
- Bishop Manto asked for any appointments to be made by Synod
 - Mrs. Joan Workowski was formerly appointed Liaison for the Women of the Church.
 - Mr. Mark Malson was formerly appointed as Assistant Treasurer.
- It was announced and confirmed that the 2016 Synod would be hosted by St Jude's Parish Richmond, Virginia.
- The Rev Greg Miller, Rector of Covenant Chapel, REC (New Jersey) and National Director of Church Army USA and Mr. Herb Bailey gave a presentation on the Church Army (www.churcharmyusa.org).

There being no further business, it was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn the Synod.

Following the close of the final business session of Synod Bishop Manto led the congregation in the closing Synod Eucharist.



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The Sunday after Trinity
October 21, 2015

The Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse
Bishop Ordinary
Diocese of the Central States
The Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Bishop Morse, Bishop Manto, Clergy and Delegates of the Diocese of the Southeast assembled in Synod;

Greeting in the matchless name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I regret that I am unable to be with you at your Synod this year. Participating in your Annual Synods has always been a particular joy and blessing to me. However, this year I must attend to certain pastoral needs in the Diocese of Mid-America.

I want to convey to you the official greetings of the rest of the Reformed Episcopal Church and to assure you of the love and prayers of your brothers and sisters in Reformed Episcopal Church around the world. Your Diocese has been and is a blessing to us all.

As you meet to conduct the necessary business of your Diocese, I am praying that the Lord will direct you by His Holy Spirit to make the necessary decisions that will further the work of His Kingdom and glorify His Name. Our Lord promised His disciples that the Holy Spirit would lead them into all truth, so, I pray that this would be your portion as well.

Brothers and Sisters, Let all things be done decently and in order. "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness". When you do, blessings will abound.

Affectionately in the Bonds of Christ,

The Most Rev. Royal U Grote, Jr.
Presiding Bishop

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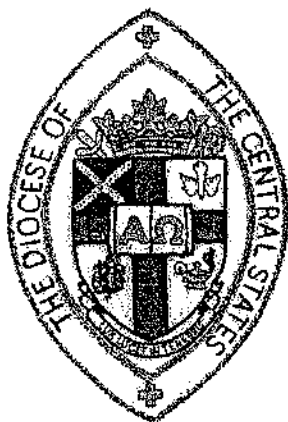
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Diocesan Synod
Birmingham, AL
October 22-23, 2015



AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 10/21/15

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| 12:00-6:00 pm | Check-in to hotel |
| 4:00-7:00 pm | Synod registration in Hospitality Room. Registration packets, name tags, banquet tickets issued. Collection of yet unpaid fees |
| 4:00-7:00 pm | Hospitality Room - snacks, sodas, cash wine & beer bar |
| 7:00 pm | Dinner on own |

THURSDAY, 10/22/15

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| 7:30 am | Late registration at meeting room |
| 8:30 am | Holy Communion, Celebrant, Bishop Manto
Homilist, Rev. Canon J. Scott Houser |
| 9:45 am | Break |
| 10:00 am | First Business Session |

Organization:

1. Report of the Committee on Credentials
2. Declaration by the Secretary of a Quorum
3. Enabling motions regarding Corresponding Members
4. The Nominations Report and Election of Officers of the Synod
 - a. ✓Secretary of Synod
 - b. ✓Treasurer of Synod
 - c. Standing Committee Members
 - d. Trustee Members

Reports of Officers and Elected Boards and Committees:

1. Minutes of the 2014 Synod of the Diocese of Central States
2. Report from the Bishop Ordinary

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12:00 Noon Lunch - Hot lunch in meeting area

1:00 pm Second Business Session

Reports Continued:

1. Trustees
2. Standing Committee (Fr. Thompson)
3. Committee on Constitutions and Canons (Rev. Canon Houser)
4. Committee on Ministers' Salaries (Fr. Sanders)
5. Board of Foreign Missions
6. Women of the Church

2:00 pm Break

2:15 pm Church/State Committee Report: Obergefell and Beyond

3:15 pm Break

3:30 pm Theology of the Body: Man and Woman He Created Them
Rev. Canon J. Scott Houser

4:30 pm Evening Prayer (said)

6:00 pm Reception at Papadeux's

7:00 pm Banquet

FRIDAY, 10/23/15

8:00 am Morning Prayer (said)

8:30 am Third Business Session

1. New Business
2. Committee Appointments for 2015
3. Next Year's Synod (2016)
4. Adjournment of Business Sessions

9:15 am Break

9:30 am Missions: Canon Bill Jerdan

10:15 am Break

10:30 am Closing Eucharist (Sermon and Celebrant, Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse, Bishop Ordinary)

Officers

Rt. Rev. Daniel Morse, Ordinary
Rt. Rev. Peter Manto, Suffragan
Rev. Canon Scott Houser
Rev. Canon Ian MacGregor, Secretary
Rev. Franklin Sanders, Treasurer

Standing Committee

Class of 2015 Rev. Canon Scott Houser
Class of 2015 Mr. Thomas McConnell

Class of 2016 Rev. Wayne McNamara
Class of 2016 Mr. Ron Blount

Class of 2017 Rev. W. Scott Thompson
Class of 2017 Dr. Sam Mansour

Ex Officio Members

Rt. Rev. Daniel Morse
Rt. Rev. Peter Manto
Rev. Canon Scott Houser
Rev. Franklin Sanders, Diocesan Treasurer
Rev. Canon Ian MacGregor, Diocesan Secretary

Board of Trustees

Class of 2015 Rev. Franklin Sanders
Class of 2015 Mr. Mark Malson

Class of 2016 Rev. R. Keith Boettner
Class of 2016 Mr. Chip Beyers

Class of 2017 Rev. David Straw
Class of 2017 Mr. Perry Hayes

Ex Officio Members

Rt. Rev. Daniel Morse
Rt. Rev. Peter Manto
Rev. Franklin Sanders, Diocesan Treasurer
Rev. Canon Ian MacGregor, Diocesan Secretary
Mr. Mark Malson, Assistant Treasurer

Board of Examining Chaplains

Rev. Scott Thompson (Chairman)
Rev. Keith Boettner
Rev. Dr. Paul Edgerton
Rev. Canon Scott Houser
Rev. Wayne McNamara

Nominations Committee (2015)

Rev. Dr. Paul Edgerton (Chairman)
Rev. David Truax
Mrs. Jennifer McConnell
Mr. Jon Miller

Women of the Church



October 22, 2015

Synod of the Diocese of Central States of the Reformed Episcopal Church
Report of the Nominations Committee

Our Task

The Nominations Committee was tasked with vetting candidates and making selections for the consideration and vote of the Synod of four class-of-2018 diocesan positions: Lay Trustee, Clergy Trustee, Lay Member of the Standing Committee, and Clergy Member of the Standing Committee.

The Compositions of the Board of Trustees and the Standing Committee are as follows:

Board of Trustees – The Trustees slated to leave office are The Reverend Franklin Sanders and Mr. Mark Malson.

The remaining Trustees are The Reverend Keith Boettner (2016), Mr. Chip Beyers (2016), The Reverend David Straw (2017), and Mr. Perry Hayes (2017).

The *ex officio* Trustees are The Right Reverend Dan Morse, The Right Reverend Peter Manto, The Reverend Franklin Sanders, The Reverend Canon Ian MacGregor, and Mr. Mark Malson.

Standing Committee - The members slated to leave office are The Reverend Canon J. Scott Houser and Mr. Thomas McConnell.

The remaining members are The Reverend Wayne MacNamara (2016), Mr. Ron Blount (2016), The Very Reverend W. Scott Thompson (2017), and Dr. Sam Mansour (2017).

The *ex officio* members are The Right Reverend Dan Morse, the Right Reverend Peter Manto, the Reverend Canon J. Scott Houser, The Reverend Franklin Sanders, and The Reverend Canon Ian MacGregor.

Our Method

The Committee began its work with a period of prayer and fasting as we sought to discern appropriate candidates. In our first deliberations we determined that we wanted the diocese to take a greater role in spotlighting potential candidates, particularly lay persons who might have escaped our notice. Several pastors from around the diocese were helpful to us in this regard. We are grateful for your assistance. We also determined that we wanted to publish to the diocese the names and some information about our nominees well ahead of Synod so that clergy and delegates could pray for and about the nominees before they cast their votes. On September 26 our chairman sent the names of the candidates to those listed in the diocesan directory and requested that the information be forwarded as well to parish delegates. We are confident that, with the help of our diocese's clergy and within the Divine providence, we have selected candidates who will prove valuable to the furthering of our church's vocation.

The Nominees

For Lay Trustee: Mr. Brad Burke, Richmond VA

Mr. Burke was commended to us by Fr. Scott Thompson, of whose parish (St. Jude's) he is a member. He is returning to Richmond after extensive service within the federal government in the area of finance. We are assured of his outstanding Christian character and faithfulness and his desire to serve the diocese in the area of his expertise. Mr. Burke has served as a CFO and executive within bureaus of the federal government for over a decade and as an executive in the field of financial services and manufacturing within the private sector for over twenty years before that. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from the Virginia Commonwealth University.

For Clergy Trustee: The Reverend Ken Mills, Richmond VA

The Reverend Mills is a recently ordained deacon who comes to us with a successful career in banking and finance and management in his background. He is known by us as an intelligent, disciplined man with much practical wisdom. He has proven himself hard-working and humble and possessing of a zeal for the Lord and desire to work for the Kingdom across denominational lines. He is a true deacon. His was the first slot we filled, even before a commendation of him was offered by the diocesan Treasurer.

For Lay Member of the Standing Committee: Mr. Cullen Estes, Memphis TN

Mr. Estes was brought to our attention by The Reverend Keith Boettner, as he is a faithful worshiper and member of the St. James parish. He has served as a vestryman and in other capacities within the church and has proven wise and faithful. We were particularly glad to receive Fr. Boettner's commendation as this position was difficult to fill as few recommendations were offered and candidates willing to serve quite few. We are blessed by Mr. Estes's competence and willingness.

For Clergy Member of the Standing Committee: Announcement to be made by The Very Reverend Scott Thompson, Chair, DCS Standing Committee.

We thank our Bishop Ordinary, the Right Reverend Dan Morse, 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 very beginning of our work, let us now pray:

Our God and Father, who dost order the affairs of thy 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 Central States, that with thine anointing and under thy watchful care they may lead with the mind of Christ, through the same our Savior, who with thee and thy consubstantial Spirit reigns for evermore. Amen.

The Nominations Committee

The Rev. Dr. Paul Edgerton, chair

The Rev. David Truax

Mrs. Jennifer McConnell

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The Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach, Archbishop

22 September 2015

TO ALL THE FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL STATES:

Beloved in the Lord,

It is my personal joy to be able to write you this word of greeting as you gather for your Synod as the Diocese of the Central States. I am thinking of you and praying for Bishops Dan Morse and Peter Manto and for all the clergy and lay leaders of the diocese as you take counsel together.

My prayer for you is that you will be blessed with unity during your time of Synod as you take up diocesan business and are in worship and fellowship together.

I am encouraged by what the Lord is doing throughout the Anglican Church in North America. And I am blessed that you are a part of our work together as a Province. May the Lord continue to bless your work in the Diocese of Central States as we work together to reach North America with the transforming love of Jesus Christ! Finally, I ask that you keep me and my wife, Allison, in your prayers as we serve where the Lord has called us.

Faithfully in Christ,

+ *Foley Beach*

The Most Rev. Dr.
Foley Beach
Archbishop and
Primate
Anglican Church in North America

**2015 Report of the Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse
Bishop, The Diocese of the Central States**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In accordance with the Canons of this Church, I hereby present you with a list of all active clergy in the Diocese of the Central States. Attached to the end of this report is the current list. All Deacons and Presbyters on that list are current.

On this occasion of my Eighth report as Bishop of this Diocese, I submit this summary of my activities during this past year in the work of the episcopate. Due to the great distances that most REC bishops have to cover, some of our work is done on the telephone, and I certainly have had my share of very long telephone conversations. Those are much less expensive than car or plane travel, but I hope you know for sure that if you need me to visit you I will drop everything and come, so do not hesitate to ask.

I made 16 Episcopal visits to the Parishes and Missions of this Diocese, and 47 persons were presented to me for the laying on of hands in the ancient rite of confirmation since I reported to you in 2014. In addition to those Episcopal visits, I had preaching engagements and meetings with clergy as enumerated below.

EPISCOPAL MEETINGS

Date and Location	Special Purpose	Confirmations
March		
12—Westpoint, TN 11:30		
April		
14-18—General Comm. and Bishops, Katy, TX		
23-26—St. Jude's, Richmond and grandparents' day at New Covenant School		
May		
17—Covenant, Roanoke, VA—Institution of the Rev. William H. Smith,		3
31—Christ the King, Dayton—ordination of Isaac Chavez and reception of Chris Harner. Graduation address at 3:00 pm.,		6
June		
7—Holy Trinity, Fairfax, VA—Institution of the Rev. Josiah Jones,		3
14—St. Paul, RPCGA, Knoxville, TN—discussion of coming into the REC		
22-26—ACNA Bishops and Provincial Council, Vancouver, BC		
July		
18, 19—Trinity, Evansville, consecration of church		
26—Christ Our Hope, Westpoint, TN, Lawrence County Jail		4 20
August		
2—St. Nicholas, Owensboro—1 confirmation		
23—St. Andrew's, Appomattox—consecration of building		
30—St. Paul's, Greenfields—institution of Dan Sparks		6

September

- 6—St. James, Memphis, 1
11-13—Covenant, Roanoke, consecration of building
19, 20—All Saints, Raleigh, 3
St. Andrew's, Asheboro

October

- 22, 23—Synod, St. John's, Chelsea, AL
25—St. John's, Chelsea, AL, ordination of Steven Lancios.

November

- 1—All Saints—All Saints, Lynchburg 1
22—Next Before Advent

EXHORTATION

Bishop Thomas Church Brownell served as the third bishop of Connecticut and was the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church from 1852 until his death in 1865. This sermon was given as a charge to the clergy of Connecticut in 1832. +Brownell was encouraging the Church to persist in the Anglican way despite the upheavals created by the Second (so called) Great Awakening.

MY REVEREND BRETHREN:

IT is now eleven years since I delivered my primary charge to the clergy of this diocese. In the intervening period, many events have occurred to chequer the aspect of the church. Still we have abundant reason to bless God for the mercies he has vouchsafed to us, and for the general prosperity that prevails within our borders. Though some few parishes, yet in the great body of the church there has been a steadily increasing current of outward prosperity, and, I trust, of vital godliness. Brethren, if we have been graciously permitted by God to co-operate in the building up of his church, let us constantly bear in mind that it is as his instruments and servants, and that all the increase is the result of his blessing on our labors.

In recurring to my primary charge, I have the satisfaction to find that the views of clerical duty, which I then contemplated for myself and commended to you, still approve themselves to my judgment and conscience. Taking them as our principles of action, we have been permitted to see the cause of our divine master prosper in our hands. The church has been strengthened and enlarged; we have been blessed with peace among ourselves, and have enjoyed a good degree of harmony with our Christian brethren of other communions. I trust the experience of the past will induce us to persevere in the same course of Christian duty.

Brethren, "we are ambassadors for Christ." As such, I cannot employ the present occasion more appropriately than by calling your attention to a consideration of the means by which we may best fulfill the ministries with which we are entrusted. In doing this, I shall have a special regard to the circumstances of the times in which we live.

The great objects of the Christian ministry are ever the same—to convert sinners to the faith and practice of Christianity, and, to build up the church of Christ in the most holy faith. The most efficacious means by which these objects are to be effected, have been prescribed to us by the Saviour himself, in his commission to preach his gospel and administer his sacraments. For subordinate means, we must look to the example of the apostles, and to the practice of the church in the purest ages.

Various new methods have been devised in our day, for the promotion of religion. One novelty gives place to another; and means of Christian edification, which are now deemed of the highest importance, may shortly be considered as utterly futile, or even regarded as devices of Satan. By the good providence of God, the church to which we belong is little subject to the fluctuations which we observe in the religious world around us. By the excellent provisions of her liturgy and discipline, her clergy are preserved in the “old paths” which were trodden by the apostles and primitive martyrs, and which were subsequently followed by the divines of the reformation. The celebration of public worship, the preaching of the word, the administration of the sacraments, the familiar instruction of the young, together with private admonition, advice and consolation, these are the means of promoting religious edification in the church, and these are the means which, by our vows of ordination, we bind ourselves to employ. These means have long been owned and blessed by the great head of the church, and through their instrumentality thousands, in every age, have been reclaimed from the dominion of sin, to a life of righteousness. In calling your attention to the best means of promoting the religious edification of your several flocks, I shall have occasion to urge upon you no measures but such as are of ordinary use in the communion to which we belong.

BISHOP PETER MANTO

I want to give special thanks to my Suffragan, Bishop Peter, for his assistance this past year, and also to all of you for your warm welcome to him when he has visited you in my place. He and Jan have been a great help and encouragement to Marianne and me during this time of uncertainty about her health.

NEW CHURCH BUILDINGS

I draw your attention in the list above to the churches that have been blessed with church buildings or new locations and ask that you continue to pray for those parishes that are meeting in rented facilities.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

On June 7 I instituted Josiah Jones as Rector of Holy Trinity, Fairfax, VA. On August 30 I instituted the Rev. Dan Sparks as Rector of St. Paul’s, Greenfields, IN, and on September 13 I instituted the Rev. Bill Smith as Rector of Covenant, Roanoke, VA. On April 26 I ordained Ken Mills Deacon at St. Jude’s, Richmond, VA. On May 31 I ordained Isaac Chavez Deacon at Christ the King, Dayton, OH. On October 25 I will ordain Steven Lanclos to the diaconate.

CLERGY TRANSFER

The Rev. Dr. Walter M. Ruby informed me on March 4, 2015 that due to the REC involvement in ACNA he and St. Andrew's, Signal Mountain, TN were abandoning the REC due to the issue of the ordination of women to holy orders. This was after numerous and lengthy conversations with him assuring him that the REC would never ordain women. To be clear, he and the church were not transferred to any other jurisdiction.

On May 31 I received the Rev. Chris Harner, Christ the King, Dayton, OH from the Greek Orthodox Church.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Atonement, Justice, and Peace: The message of the cross and the mission of the Church, by Darin Belousek.

The Temple and the Church's Mission: A biblical theology of the dwelling place of God, by G. K. Beale.

Heavenly Participation: the weaving of a sacramental tapestry, by Hans Boersma.
Called into Crisis: The Nine Greatest Challenges of Pastoral Care, by James D. Berkley.

Four Discourses of Chrysostom chiefly on the parable of The rich man and Lazarus, translated by F. Allen.

The Theology of the Christian Life in J. I. Packer's Thought: Theological Anthropology, Theological Method, and the Doctrine of Sanctification, by Don J. Payne.

Paul Schneider: The Witness of Buchenwald, by Rudolf Wentorf: English Translation by Franklin Sanders.

Praying the Lord's Prayer, by J. I. Packer.

Babette's Feast and Other Stories by Dinesen, Isak (also the movie on dvd).

Flesh of the Church, Flesh of Christ: at the source of the ecclesiology of communion, by J. M. R. Tillard.

The Meal He Gave us, by N. T. Wright (good for confirmation class).

Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert: An English Professor's Journey Into Christian Faith, by Rosaria Butterfield.

**RULES OF ORDER
FOR GENERAL COUNCILS AND DIOCESAN SYNODS
OF THE
REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

- The business of every meeting shall be introduced with prayer.
- The Minutes of the sessions of the preceding day shall be read every morning at the opening of business unless the house shall otherwise determine.
- The President shall appoint the several committees, unless the canons of the church shall otherwise specify.
- When the President takes the chair, no member of the house shall continue standing, or shall afterward stand up, except to address the Chair.
- No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the house unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
- When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall with due respect address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.
- No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without specific leave, by vote of the house.
- A question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.
- While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.
- No motion shall be considered as before the house unless it be seconded.
- Reports made by the various Boards and Committees to any Council (or Synod) of the church are officially received upon presentation to the house, and are the subject of its action only insofar as they embody recommendations which require specific authorization or approval under the canons of this church.
- When any question is before the house, it shall be decided upon before any new subject is introduced, except for the question of adjournment.
- All questions of order shall be decided in the first instance by the Chair, without debate. An appeal, however, may be made from the decision of the Chair by any member of the house; said appeal requiring a two-thirds majority vote to be sustained.
- The question on motion of adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.
- When the house is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat, until the President shall leave the Chair.
- A call to prayer shall always be in order, when made by a member entitled to the floor; and in such case the Chair shall designate the person(s) whom he desires to lead in that service.
- These Rules of Order shall remain in force until altered or suspended by the Council, two-thirds of the members present voting for such alteration or suspension.

(Adapted from the Journal of the Twenty-sixth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church and adopted by the General Committee of the General Council, April 18, 1998)

ATTENDANCE AT THE COUNCILS OF THE CHURCH

The General Council of the REC only occurs every three years and the diocesan synod only once a year. For the Church to function properly we need full participation by all our clergy and lay representatives. In response to email reminders I have sent out in the last 2 years I have gotten responses indicating that some of you don't plan your schedules with these things in mind. Included in your responsibilities as churchmen when you took your ordination or membership vows is your participation in the councils of the church, and that requires a measure of planning on your part by putting those dates on your calendar and not planning vacations or other activities that would prevent your attendance. It also means that vestries need to include in the parish budget the expense of sending clergy and lay representatives to those council meetings.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Marianne and I thank you for your prayers for both of us, but especially for her as we have battled her cancer together over the last few years. She has had some surgery, radiation, and chemo treatment for cancer. As you know, she was on a clinical trial of an experimental drug for a number of weeks, but when they determined that it was having no impact on the cancer they took her off the trial. We ask that you continue to uphold her in your prayers.

DATE FOR THE 2016 DIOCESE MEETING

We have not yet received an invitation for synod 2016. If we follow the same schedule the dates will be October 20, 21.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That until the heinous practice of Abortion on demand is abolished in this country that the Third Sunday in January, or the Sunday closest to Holy Innocents (Dec. 28, 2015), be designated Sanctity of Life Sunday and observed in all our Parishes. Furthermore, that our Clergy prepare and deliver a sermon on that theme at the Worship services on that day. Liturgical resources are available from the Diocesan Headquarters of the Diocese of Mid-America for use on that Sunday.
2. That this Council commend the support of Cranmer Theological House, Cummins Theological Seminary, and Reformed Episcopal Seminary to the parishes of our Diocese and that every effort be made to support these essential ministries both in terms of finances and personnel.
3. That the parishes of the Diocese support the work of the Women in the Church.
4. That the parishes of the Diocese support the REC mission in Cuba.
5. That Dss. Teresa Johnson be thanked for her work in producing a newsletter for the diocese and that all parishes be encouraged to cooperate fully and communicate with her

(trjohnsn@gmail.com) any news items about their parishes so that we can improve communications in the diocese.

6. That this Council commend the ministry of Matt and Sora Colvin to the support of all REC parishes.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse
Bishop Ordinary

BISHOPS

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KUMP, The Rev. William T.

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FORD, Grant
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WOOD, Chris

PARISHES

ALABAMA

St. John's Anglican—Chelsea

INDIANA

Trinity—Evansville
St. Paul's—Greenfield

KENTUCKY

St. Nicholas—Owensboro

NORTH CAROLINA

Church of The Redeemer—Wilson
All Saints—Raleigh
St. Andrew's—Asheboro

OHIO

Christ Our Hope—Dayton
Christ The King—Dayton
Trinity—Mason

TENNESSEE

St. James—Memphis
Christ Our Hope—Westpoint

VIRGINIA

St. Andrew's—Appomattox
Covenant—Roanoke
Holy Trinity—Fairfax
All Saints—Lynchburg
St. Jude's—Richmond



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Actuals vs. Budget Calendar Year 2014

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Over/ (Under)</i>
Income			
Parish Tithes	\$ 132,590	\$ 139,883	\$ (7,293)
Other Contributions, Interest	\$ 70	\$ -	\$ 70
Savings/Investment Draws	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 132,660	\$ 139,883	\$ (7,223)
Expenses			
Bishop's Salary	\$ 51,302	\$ 51,302	\$ -
Bishop's Housing Allowance	\$ 31,000	\$ 31,000	\$ -
Bishop's Office Allowance	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -
Medical	\$ 3,132	\$ 10,770	\$ (7,638)
Bishop's Retirement	\$ 9,715	\$ 10,596	\$ (881)
Bishop Honorarium	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -
LTD/Life Insurance	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
Travel and Ministry Expenses	\$ 12,976	\$ 25,000	\$ (12,024)
Tithe (to REC)	\$ 13,688	\$ 15,427	\$ (1,739)
Missions	\$ (200)	\$ 4,800	\$ (5,000)
Parish Planting Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bishop's Discretionary	\$ 2,200	\$ 500	\$ 1,700
Dissolved Parish Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 136,313	\$ 161,895	\$ (25,582)
Excess/(Deficit)	\$ (3,653)	\$ (22,012)	\$ 18,359

Note: Projected Savings/Investment Draws are converted to budget deficits in this report for the purpose of showing the actual income/expense of the year.



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Investments

Initial value		\$ 99,389
Purchases		\$ -
Sales		\$ -
Unrealized gain (loss)		\$ (23,832)
Final Value		<u>\$ 75,557</u>

Bishop's Loan

Initial value		\$ 10,024
Payments		\$ (6,336)
Final Value		<u>\$ 3,688</u>

Clergy Relief

Beginning Balance		\$ 29,395
Income		\$ 3,106
Tithe Allocations		\$ 6,649
Disbursements		\$ 2,818
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 36,332</u>

Dissolved Parishes / Church Plants

Beginning Balance		\$ 16,342	
Income		\$ -	
Disbursements		\$ -	
Ending Balance		<u>\$ 16,342</u>	- 161,342

Account Balances

	12/31/13	12/31/14
Checking Account	\$ 20,268	\$ 18,247
Investments	\$ 99,389	\$ 75,557
Loans	\$ 10,024	\$ 3,688
Total	<u>\$ 129,681</u>	<u>\$ 97,492</u>



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Year-over-year 2012-2014

Income	2012	2013	2014
Parish Tithes	\$ 141,182	\$ 135,630	\$ 132,590
Other Contributions, Interest	\$ 378	\$ 100	\$ 70
REC Sustentation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 141,560	\$ 135,730	\$ 132,660
Expenses			
Bishop's Salary	\$ 46,133	\$ 49,824	\$ 51,302
Bishop's Housing Allowance	\$ 32,357	\$ 30,000	\$ 31,000
Office Expense	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Medical	\$ 9,707	\$ 8,696	\$ 3,132
Bishop's Retirement	\$ 7,937	\$ 9,419	\$ 9,715
Bishop Honorarium	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000
LTD/Life Insurance	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Travel and Ministry Expenses	\$ 25,981	\$ 43,194	\$ 12,976
Tithe to REC (arrears)	\$ 13,373	\$ 14,027	\$ 13,688
Missions	\$ -	\$ 3,007	\$ (200)
Parish Planting	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -
Bishop's Discretionary	\$ (100)	\$ (170)	\$ 2,200
Total Expenses	\$ 141,888	\$ 166,497	\$ 136,313
Excess/(Deficit)	\$ (328)	\$ (30,767)	\$ (3,653)

Investments

	2012	2013	2014
Initial value	\$ 50,636	\$ 133,831	\$ 99,389
Purchases	\$ 131,687	\$ -	\$ -
Sales	\$ (40,581)	\$ -	\$ -
Appreciation	\$ (7,911)	\$ (34,442)	\$ (23,832)
Final Value	\$ 133,831	\$ 99,389	\$ 75,557

Balances

	12/31/12	12/31/13	12/31/14
Checking Account	\$ 60,862	\$ 20,268	\$ 18,247
Investments	\$ 133,831	\$ 99,389	\$ 75,557
Loans	\$ 16,360	\$ 10,024	\$ 3,688
Total	\$ 211,053	\$ 129,681	\$ 97,492



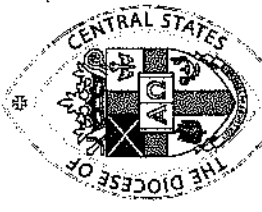
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Parish Tithes
Calendar Year 2014

All Saints' Anglican, Raliegh, NC	\$	10,412
All Saints', Lynchburg, VA	\$	1,299
Christ our Hope, Dayton, OH	\$	15,573
Christ our Hope, Westpoint, TN	\$	4,512
Christ the King, Dayton, OH	\$	10,822
Church of the Redeemer, Wilson, NC	\$	3,335
Covenant REC, Roanoke, VA	\$	3,102
Holy Trinity, Fairfax, VA	\$	21,430
Resurrection Anglican, Shalimar, FL	\$	4,248
St. Andrew's, Asheboro, NC	\$	1,270
St. James, Memphis, TN	\$	21,323
St. John's, Mt. Laurel, AL	\$	1,740
St. Jude, Richmond, VA	\$	10,667
St. Lazarus, Dayton, OH	\$	325
St. Nicholas, Owensboro, KY	\$	712
St. Paul's, Indianapolis, IN	\$	1,482
Trinity Anglican, Evansville, IN	\$	2,213
Trinity REC, Mason, OH	\$	16,001
Other	\$	1,925
Total	\$	132,391

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Actuals vs. Budget
Jan-Jun 2015

	Actual	Budget	Over/ (Under)	Projected FY15	FY15 Budget	Over/ (Under)
Income						
Parish Tithes	\$ 67,787	\$ 65,208	\$ 2,579	\$ 135,574	\$ 130,416	\$ 5,158
Other Contributions, Interest	\$ 46	\$ -	\$ 46	\$ 55	\$ -	\$ 55
Savings/Investment Draws	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 67,833	\$ 65,208	\$ 2,625	\$ 135,629	\$ 130,416	\$ 5,213
Expenses						
Bishop's Salary	\$ 25,651	\$ 25,651	\$ -	\$ 51,302	\$ 51,302	\$ -
Bishop's Housing Allowance	\$ 15,500	\$ 15,500	\$ -	\$ 31,000	\$ 31,000	\$ -
Bishop's Office Allowance	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -
Medical	\$ 5,592	\$ 5,385	\$ 207	\$ 11,184	\$ 10,770	\$ 414
Bishop's Retirement	\$ 10,596	\$ 9,715	\$ 881	\$ 10,596	\$ 9,715	\$ 881
Bishop's Honorarium	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -
LTD/Life Insurance	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
Travel and Ministry Expenses	\$ 7,342	\$ 9,000	\$ (1,658)	\$ 14,684	\$ 18,000	\$ (3,316)
Tithe (to REC)	\$ 13,115	\$ 14,000	\$ (885)	\$ 13,115	\$ 14,000	\$ (885)
Missions/Plants	\$ (400)	\$ -	\$ (400)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bishop's Discretionary	\$ 200	\$ 250	\$ (50)	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 84,096	\$ 86,001	\$ (1,905)	\$ 144,881	\$ 147,787	\$ (2,906)
Excess/(Deficit)	\$ (16,263)	\$ (20,793)	\$ 4,530	\$ (9,252)	\$ (17,371)	\$ 8,119



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Balance Sheet Entries
June 30, 2015

Investments

Initial value	\$ 75,557
Purchases	\$ -
Sales	\$ -
Unrealized gain (loss)	\$ (125)
Final Value	<u>\$ 75,432</u>

Bishop's Loan

Initial value	\$ 3,688
Payments	\$ (2,112)
Final Value	<u>\$ 1,576</u>

Clergy Relief

Beginning Balance	\$ 36,332
Income	\$ 1,200
Tithe Allocations	\$ 2,751
Disbursements	\$ -
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 40,283</u>

Dissolved Parishes / Church Plants

Beginning Balance	\$ 161,342
Income	\$ -
Disbursements	\$ -
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 161,342</u>

Account Balances

Checking Account	\$ 7,639
Investments	\$ 75,432
Loans from DCS	\$ 1,576
Loans to DCS	\$ 2,000
Total	<u>\$ 86,647</u>



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Parish Tithes Jan-Jun 2015

All Saints' Anglican, Raliegh, NC	\$	5,102
All Saints', Lynchburg, VA	\$	1,134
Christ our Hope, Dayton, OH	\$	8,876
Christ our Hope, Westpoint, TN	\$	1,685
Christ the King, Dayton, OH	\$	5,824
Church of the Redeemer, Wilson, NC	\$	1,674
Covenant REC, Roanoke, VA	\$	2,341
Holy Trinity, Fairfax, VA	\$	11,146
St. Andrew's, Asheboro, NC	\$	632
St. James, Memphis, TN	\$	11,057
St. John's, Mt. Laurel, AL	\$	1,700
St. Jude, Richmond, VA	\$	5,916
St. Lazarus, Dayton, OH	\$	318
St. Nicholas, Owensboro, KY	\$	383
St. Paul's, Indianapolis, IN	\$	430
Trinity Anglican, Evansville, IN	\$	1,021
Trinity REC, Mason, OH	\$	8,398
Other	\$	150
Total	\$	67,787



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Proposed Budget
Calendar Year 2016

Income	2015	2016	Increase/ (Decrease)
Parish Tithes	\$ 130,416	\$ 133,206	\$ 2,790
Expenses			
Bishop's Salary	\$ 51,302	\$ 54,594	\$ 3,292
Bishop's Housing Allowance	\$ 31,000	\$ 31,000	\$ -
Bishop's Office Allowance	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -
Medical	\$ 10,770	\$ 10,770	\$ -
Bishop's Retirement	\$ 9,715	\$ 11,020	\$ 1,305
Bishop's Honorarium	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,240	\$ 240
LTD/Life Insurance	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
Travel and Ministry Expenses	\$ 18,000	\$ 16,000	\$ (2,000)
Tithe (to REC)	\$ 14,000	\$ 13,321	\$ (679)
Missions	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Bishop's Discretionary	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 147,787	\$ 150,945	\$ 3,158
Excess/(Deficit)	\$ (17,371)	\$ (17,739)	
Savings/Investment Draws	\$ 17,371	\$ 17,739	
Difference	\$ -	\$ -	

TRUSTEES' REPORT ON
MINISTERS' SALARIES

Diocese of Central States (REC)

Dear Brethren:

This report is limited to providing a yearly adjusted guideline concerning Minister's Salaries. For others matters pertaining to Parish Administration and salary guidelines, please consult the Diocesan office.

While recognizing that individual parish capabilities and budgets differ, we still believe it is important to set minimum standards for which our congregations should strive concerning the salaries paid to ministers. The following chart is offered and is based on the 2013 standards and guidelines of the Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh (ACNA) with an inflation increase for 2015 equal to the percentage determined by the Social Security Administration and Consumer Price Index.

This chart represents **minimum** guidelines for full-time clergy. The cash compensations represented in the chart do include the value of the rectory, rectory allowances and utilities paid if a rectory is provided by the parish. These figures **do not include** fringe benefits, such as health insurance, disability, and life insurance. Nor does it include the Disability policy and defined Pension Contribution mandated by the General Council. **In no circumstance should a pastor's cash compensation be reduced to cover the cost of the General Council mandated pension program (12%) as this violates the terms of the Pension Program.**

Cash Compensation for Clergy (Both Stipend and Housing Allowance combined)

Average Sunday Attendance	0-5 Yrs. Experience	5-10 Yrs. Experience	>10 Yrs. Experience	Maximum Suggested
< 50	\$42,578	\$47,524	\$52,454	\$67,399
< 90	\$50,242	\$56,078	\$61,896	\$79,531
< 150	\$59,377	\$67,891	\$76,811	\$96,013
< 350	\$68,519	\$80,030	\$91,542	\$114,425
> 350	\$94,438	\$106,667	\$120,732	\$150,914

We recommend that clergy be given a minimum of **four weeks paid vacation (including 4 Sundays) and one week of study leave**. It is also recommended that pastors be remembered at Christmas time. The Vestry of each parish should determine to present a Christmas gift to the pastor. A special appeal should be made to the parishioners and a special offering taken. This gift should be over and above any approved salary.

The parish vestry should provide, at the minimum, an annual review of the pastor's compensation and, at the very least, provide a cost of living adjustment commensurate with the rate of inflation. In such cases when the pastor's compensation is below the above minimum guidelines, it would be most appropriate for the parish vestry to review the financial position of the parish more frequently and determine if increases can be provided to the pastor throughout the year.

Parishes should also be mindful of other expenses associated with the ministry of the pastor. Regular reimbursements for hospital parking, mileage at the 2014 IRS rate of \$0.575/mile, meals with parishioners, and other expenses should be made with accompanying receipts.

Lastly, this committee does not provide any advice concerning the legalities of the Affordable Care Act adopted by Congress. We do, however, advise you that a group health insurance policy is available to our parish employees through the ACNA Health Benefits office. If interested, you may visit their website and contact them directly: <http://www.anglicanchurch.net/?/main/page/benefits>

Most pastors will not initiate a conversation or direct the Vestry to consider their own compensation. **It should be the regular and normal duty of the Senior Warden to direct the Vestry in these matters.** To help with this, we ask that you please provide this report to the Vestry of your parishes when you return home.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. R. Keith Boettner
Board of Trustees, Chair

2014-2015 Report of the Standing Committee
of the
Diocese of Central States
2015 Synod
October 22, 2015

Matters Regarding Clergy:

Postulants:

During the reporting period from the 2014 Synod to present, the Standing Committee received the applications of approved postulants Stephen Lanclos and Mark Butler for information.

The Standing Committee received and reviewed the applications for postulancy of Mr. John R. Bacon, and Mr. Christopher H. Brown, both from St. John's Anglican Church, sponsored by Rev. Canon Houser. The Standing Committee unanimously approved both applications, and a recommendation for approval was forwarded to the Bishop Ordinary, subject to his interview and final approval of each candidate.

Deacons:

The Standing Committee received written Diaconate examinations from Postulants Ken Mills and Barton Gingerich. Examining chaplains were appointed for the review of written examinations and subsequent oral examination of each of these candidates. In both cases the Examining Chaplains unanimously recommended these Postulants for ordination to the Diaconate.

Presbyters:

There were no Presbyters examined for ordination during the reporting period. The Standing Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the following calls to Presbyters:

- Fr. Josiah Jones, called by Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Fairfax, VA, as Rector
- Fr. Bill Smith, called by Covenant Church, Roanoke, VA, as Rector
- Fr. Daniel Sparks, called by St. Paul's Anglican Church, Greenfield, IN, as Rector

In addition, the Rev. Chris Harner was received by the Bishop Ordinary, having been examined by the previous Standing Committee prior to the 2014 Synod.

Organizational & Canonical Matters:

In order to comply with the REC and Diocesan Canons, the Standing Committee organized its elected membership into classes by year, such that each year one clergy and one lay member will rotate off, and the Nominating Committee of the Diocese will nominate a replacement for each. The classes are as follows:

Clergy Members:

Class of 2015 – Rev. Canon J. Scott Houser (remaining as ex officio member)

Class of 2016 – Rev. Wayne M. McNamara

Class of 2017 – Rev. W. Scott Thompson

Class of 2018 – To be elected

With regard to the clergy nomination for the Standing Committee Class of 2018, the Nominating Committee members made it known that they desired to place their chairman, Rev. Dr. Paul Edgerton, among the candidates being considered. With the concurrence of the Bishop Ordinary, Fr. Edgerton recused himself from the Chairmanship of the Nominating Committee, and the Chairman of the Standing Committee, Rev. Scott Thompson, assumed the chair of the Nominating Committee to receive the vote. The Nominating Committee unanimously voted to nominate Fr. Edgerton. Fr. Thompson then informed Fr. Edgerton of the vote, and returned the chair of the Nominating Committee to him.

Lay Members:

Class of 2015 – Mr. Thomas McConnell (rolling off)

Class of 2016 – Mr. Ron Mount

Class of 2017 – Dr. Sam Mansour

Class of 2018 – To be elected

In further effort toward canonical compliance, it was noted that the practice in the Diocese of ad hoc appointments of examining chaplains for ordination candidates needed to be tightened. The Chairman of the Standing Committee, working with the Canon to the Ordinary, proposed to the Bishop Ordinary a list of designated Examining Chaplains. The Rt. Rev. Daniel Morse confirmed by telephone his approval of the following Examining Chaplains on August 26th, 2015:

Rev. Keith Boettner

Rev. Dr. Paul Edgerton

Rev. Canon Scott Houser

Rev. Wayne McNamara

Rev. Scott Thompson

The Diocese is now in compliance with REC Canon 4, and as interim Chairman of the Board of Examining Chaplains, the Board having no official activities of yet, I submit this portion of my report as fulfilling the requirements of Canon 4 for a report by the Board of Examining Chaplains at the annual Diocesan Synod.

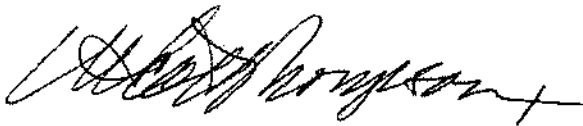
Other Matters:

The Bishop Ordinary requested the Standing Committee review and make recommendations regarding a proposal to the Diocese for strategic planning consulting services. Upon review of the proposal, the Standing Committee unanimously recommended that the proposal not be accepted.

The Chairman of the Standing Committee also examined the feasibility and desirability of receiving a Parish in Charlottesville, VA, which had voted to leave the ACC and wished to have the REC among its alternatives for affiliation. After considerable due diligence, the Chairman advised the Bishop Ordinary against receiving the subject Parish, and, with the permission of the Bishop Ordinary, informed them that they should pursue their other affiliation alternatives.

This concludes the report of the Standing Committee for the 2014-2015 reporting period.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Scott Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Very Rev. W. Scott Thompson
Chairman

Dear Canon Jerdan, Bp. Morse, Bp. Manto, and the clergy of DCS,

Greetings from the Philippines! Our family is nearing the end of our three year term and preparing for home ministry assignment. We will fly to Canada on December 7, spend two weeks there and visit the two RE parishes on Vancouver Island, and then return to Cincinnati arriving on Christmas Eve. We have already scheduled visits to many of our supporting churches in the diocese in the new year.

The Lord has confirmed us in our calling as long-term missionaries and we have accepted a new placement in Indonesia in 2016. We feel the time in the Philippines has helped prepare our family for this new venture and we are excited about the opportunities.

Matt's ministry in Davao City has been focused on education, in six different areas:

- High school classes on Bible and literature for missionary kids at Faith International Academy.
- Latin for Filipino homeschoolers. One student from the first class placed into 3rd year Latin and Greek at Wheaton. Another class started this August, and our daughter Naomi is in it.
- Greek for a class of Filipino Protestant clergy and laity, mostly seminary graduates. They learned all of Greek grammar and have now read about 70% of the NT in Greek.
- Hebrew classes for the same group. They are still going through Weingreen's Hebrew, but they recently started reading 1 Samuel.
- Classes on church history, theology, and Biblical studies for adult learners at the Reformed Institute of Ministry, a sort of proto-seminary run by the church we attend here.
- Many sermons and lectures by invitation of the churches of students from the above classes.

Sora's ministry in Davao has been fruitful from the beginning. She has:

- Overseen her 250th birth as a supervisor at Mercy Maternity Center, and her 450th in her career as a midwife.
- Taught prenatal care, childbirth, and infant care classes for the patients at the clinic.
- Trained more than 30 student midwives – both Filipina and Western volunteers – with clinical skills. Some are now serving as missionary midwives in other countries.
- Served on the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council advocating for standards of midwifery education.
- Volunteered at an emergency field clinic in tents after Leyte was devastated by typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) in November 2013.
- Raised funds and contributed to the rebuilding of two birth clinics in Dulag, Leyte that had been destroyed by the typhoon, thereby restoring access to care and making lifelong friends with the midwives running those clinics. Taught neonatal resuscitation and other birth emergency trainings to Filipina midwives working in a remote clinic in the mountains.
- Gained expertise in operating an ultrasound imaging machine and provided ultrasounds for patients at Mercy Maternity Center.

With our new placement, Sora intends to shift her focus from direct patient care to midwifery education and public health, and will be looking for opportunities to use her skills and experience in service to the mothers and babies of Indonesia. Matt will be helping to meet the urgent need for clergy training, thus contributing to the growth and health of a fledgling Anglican Church in the world's 4th largest country by population. The Diocese of Singapore is part of the Province of SE Asia, and agrees with the REC on matters of sexual morality and male-only holy orders. Our family looks forward to being in an Anglican context and serving as a link between these two Anglican provinces.

We thank the parishes and clergy of the Diocese of the Central States for their generous support of our missionary work, and we make ourselves available to visit parishes during our home assignment in January-June 2016.

Yours in the Lord,
Matt and Sora Colvin

Greetings from The Committee on Women's Ministry of The Reformed Episcopal Church

There are three things the national committee would like to see encouraged in the churches in the Diocese of the Central States ---

1. Each year use the Bible Study Booklet printed for use in your women's circle groups.
2. Support of the project and attendance at Women's Day --- held the 1st Friday in May.
3. Encourage attendance at the Spiritual Enrichment Conference --- held the 1st weekend in October.

We understand distance is a major factor in keeping us apart on Women's Day and for the Spiritual Enrichment Conference, but what about arranging regional get togethers? It is imperative, as women of the church, we meet together for fellowship, encouragement, and Spiritual Enrichment.

A LOOK AT 2015

The theme for 2015 was Holy and Dearly Loved. Our Devotional Book was written by Janice Manto and has been well received by the women in our churches. We had three orders from churches in The Central States.

Women's Day was held May 1st at Saint Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Oreland, PA. Susan Sutton, from the Diocese of Mid-America was the speaker. The project was to raise \$7,500 to assist in adapting the church building at Saint John's Free Church of England Tottington, Bury UK, as a center for mission and outreach to include a kitchen, lavatories, and community facilities. Our goal has been realized! We received an offering from one church in The Central States.

Our 59th Spiritual Enrichment Conference was held October 2nd & 4th in Williamsburg, VA. Ebony Holloway from the Diocese of the Northeast Mid-Atlantic was our wonderful speaker. Of the 81 who registered, 2 were from the Diocese of the Central States.

WHAT'S AHEAD IN 2016

The theme for 2016 activities is Consoled by Grace.

The Devotional Book is being written by Teresa Johnson of the Diocese of Mid-America --- Consoled by Grace (a study of Thessalonians).

Women's Day will be held May 6th at Saint Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Oreland, PA. The project is to raise \$7,500 to assist in repairing and renovating the recently acquired Holy Trinity Anglican Church and a Retreat Center property in Silver Spring, New Mexico.

Spiritual Enrichment Conference will be held September 30 – October 2 in Williamsburg, VA. This will be the 60th Anniversary Conference. Look for "Save the Date" information to arrive at your church in early November. Plan to attend!

If your church is not receiving info on the activities of the Committee on Women's Ministry please notify our chairperson ---

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- November 2014
 - 11/8-13: Singapore-Diocese of Singapore Missions Conference with Cn. Jerdan for BFM
 - 11/13-20-Davao City, Philippines-visit Fr. Matt and Sora Colvin and observe their ministry.
- December 2014
 - Local parish work including travel to Los Angeles for Mary Giese's brain surgery
- January
 - 1/20: Conference call-elected to the Board of Foreign Missions (BFM)
- February
 - 2/4:Greenfield, IN-St. Paul's; met with Rev. Daniel Sparks and Warden Grant Ford to discuss possible ministerial call for Rev. Sparks.
 - Ongoing discussion and interaction leading to eventual call
 - 2/13-15: Nashville, TN-with Janice to visit Bp. Morse and Marianne. Met with Mark and Lara Butler to discuss Mark's postulancy. Met Rev. Tim Williams, Holy Cross Anglican (Episcopal Missionary Church), Franklin, TN. Mark and family will worship with this parish during his postulancy; Fr. Williams has agreed to assist in the process in cooperation with Bp. Morse.
- March
 - 3/2: Bishops' conference call: joint statement on Eucharist with ALC.
 - 3/5: Dayton-Regional Clergy meeting; 7 clergy in attendance including Fr. Dan Sparks, newly appointed as Vicar of St. Paul's, Greenfield.
 - 3/7: Dayton, OH-Christ the King; Deacon examination for Isaac Chavez,
- April
 - 4/15-17: Katy, TX-REC Bishops' meeting
 - 4/23-35: Woodbridge, VA-Anglican Global Mission Partners meetings
- May
 - 5/1-3: Raleigh, NC-All Saints, several meetings with parish, saw progress of new building, preach HC Sunday
 - 5/3: Asheboro, NC-St. Andrews- preach HC Sunday 5 pm, dinner with parish
 - 5/14: Mason, OH-Ascension Day service-Trinity, Christ the King, and Christ our Hope
 - 5/31: Dayton, OH-Christ the King-Chavez ordination
- June
 - 6/22-24: Vancouver, BC-ACNA Provincial Council
 - 6/25: Vancouver, BC-ACNA College of Bishops,
- July
 - 7/18-19: Evansville, IN-Trinity Anglican; church consecration
- August
 - 8/1-8/2: Mason, OH-Pulpit exchange: Fr. David and Sabrina Straw visit Manto home and Trinity
 - 8/14: Board of Foreign Missions conference call
- September
 - 9/26-28: Richmond, VA-St. Jude's, Gingerich ordination to diaconate, preach HC Sunday

Respectfully submitted,

Rt. Rev. Peter Manto