



**Synod of the Diocese of the Central States
of the Reformed Episcopal Church
20 October 2022**

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 Scholarship Fund.

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 confirmed 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

On 22 July 2022, we examined Andrew Costa for reception and ordination as a Deacon of this church. We recommended his reception and ordination pending suggestions as to his continued formation and support.

Examinations of Candidates for the Diaconate:

On 25 October 2021, we recommended the ordination of Jameson Lowery, of the Wilson, North Carolina parish, to the transitional diaconate (examination previously reported).

On 18 August 2022, we examined Tim Kline, of the Owensboro, Kentucky parish. The candidate passed with noteworthy distinction, and we recommended his ordination and encouraged continued discernment toward priesthood.

On 1 September 2022, we examined Andrew Pelot, a theological student just finishing work at Trinity School for Ministry. We recommended his ordination.

On 19 October 2022, we examined Jameson Overton of the Westpoint, Tennessee parish.

Examinations of Candidates for the Presbyterate:

On 25 October 2021, we recommended the ordination of The Rev. Duane Velez, then of the St. Lazarus parish, to the presbyterate (examination previously reported).

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Dr. Paul C. Edgerton, Chair