

**Synod 2022 Minutes - Diocese of the Central States
All Saints Reformed Episcopal Church
Lynchburg, VA
October 20-21, 2022**

Thursday, October 20, 11 am - Business Session

1. The Synod was called to order by our Bishop Ordinary, the Rt. Rev. Peter Manto.
2. Greetings to the Synod were offered from the Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse, Bishop Emeritus, who expressed his desire and prayer that we would grow in our love for Jesus, for each other, and that together we would advance the work of the gospel in our diocese, and throughout the entire REC.
3. Fr. John Heaton, Headmaster of New Covenant Schools welcomed the Synod and announced that a tour of the school would be given during the lunch break.
4. A warm welcome was also given by Fr. Davidson Morse, Rector of All Saints Church, Lynchburg, our host for Synod 2022. All Saints Church shares the campus with New Covenant Schools. Fr. Morse thanked administrative assistant Cathy Moser for all her efforts in planning and preparing for the Synod.
5. Fr. Davidson Morse announced that Cathy Moser had tallied the registered delegates and clergy and a quorum was declared by the secretary of the Synod.
6. Enabling motions were made regarding corresponding members to have voice, but no vote, seconded, and approved by the Synod.
7. The Nominations Committee Report was presented by Fr. Paul Edgerton, Chair. A motion was made to accept the entire slate of nominees by group acclamation. The motion,, second, and approved. Report on file
<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2022/NominationsCommitteeReport2022.pdf>
8. Election of Officers and Elected Committee Members
 - A. President (Bp. Manto), Vice President (Archdeacon Scott Thompson), Secretary (Fr. Keith Boettner), and Treasurer of Synod (Fr. Ken Mills) to continue the same as last year. Motion made, seconded, and approved.
 - B. A motion was made to accept the slate of nominees for new Standing Committee and Trustee members from the Nominations Committee Report. Seconded, and approved.
9. Reports of Officers:

A. Minutes from 2021 which were posted on the Diocesan website to be read in advance. A motion was made to dispense with reading of the minutes aloud to the Synod, seconded, and approved.

B. Report from Bishop Ordinary (Bp Manto) - Report on file

<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2022/OrdinaryReport2022.pdf>

<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2022/OrdinaryActivities2022.pdf>

C. Treasurer's Report - Fr Ken. Mills. In light of the Diocese being in sound financial condition, before his report, Fr. Mills had the Synod sing the Doxology together in thanksgiving for God's blessings. Report on file.

<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2022/Dashboard2021.pdf>

<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2022/SOP2021.pdf>

<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2022/SOA2021.pdf>

<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2022/SOADetail2021.pdf>

<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2022/GivingByParish2021.pdf>

<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2022/SOP2022.pdf>

<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2022/SOAQuarterly2022.pdf>

<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2022/GivingByParish2022.pdf>

D. Canon Missioner's Report (Archdeacon Scott Thompson)

Report on file.

<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2022/CanonMissionerReport2022.pdf>

E. Reports of Elected Committees

1. Trustees Report (Fr. Ken Mills)

Report on file. Proposed budget for 2023 presented. Motion made to approve. Seconded and approved.

<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2022/ProposedBudget2023.pdf>

2. Standing Committee Report (Fr. Josiah Jones)

Report on file.

<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2022/StandingCommitteeReport2022.pdf>

F. Reports of Appointed Committees

1. Board of Examining Chaplains Report (Fr. Paul Edgerton)

<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2022/BoardOfExaminingChaplainsReport2022.pdf>

2. Committee on Constitutions and Canon Report (Fr Paul Edgerton)
Report on file.
Changes to canon on retirement of ministers presented.
Motion made from committee to accept, seconded, motion approved.
<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2022/ConstitutionAndCanonsCommitteeReport2022.pdf>
3. Committee for the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults (Fr. Paul Edgerton)
Report on file.
<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2022/ProtectionOfMinorsAndVulnerableAdultsReport2022.pdf>
<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2022/PolicyProtectionOfMinorsAndVulnerableAdults.pdf>

12:00 - Lunch

1 pm - Business continued.

G. Other Reports

- 1.) Board of Foreign Missions. Canon John Boonzaaijer shared various pertinent topics related to the work of the BFM and also Anglican School Association: BFM serves the church. Two things - build the church, we send missionaries to other churches. BFM may be older than REC itself. For Council. Don't build competing churches. We serve the bishop on the ground. Trip to Malawi. Advent offering. Focused on new church plants. Theological education. Sending Robert Gressor. (Partner with the Diocese of Fort Worth.)

Advent offering this year - be looking for mailing and promote in the parish. This year they will move the Gressors. Pastoral letter 2004. Each parish should be a mission station. Must infuse everything about our self understanding as Christians. Building, restoring, and planting the Church. The baptized life is hospitable. To be healthy abroad we should be healthy at home. Who needs to organize and mobilize our home churches - you! Tobit - If you have much, give much; if you have little, give of that too.. Global Anglican Partnership - we're part of it. Circles of Three. Don't quit.

Keep at it. Reach out to friends in other dioceses. Missions advocate. General Fund support. Adopt a missionary. Bp Grote - It's time for the church re-evangelize the West!

2.) Women of the Church - A summary of activities for past year was given by Mary Jane Thompson.

H. Old Business - none

I. New Business - Affirmation of the 2023 Synod (Oct 18-20, Mason, OH) (It was decided later in the year that because of the extra burden placed on parishes for travel expenses to General Council in Charleston, SC in June that Synod for 2023 would be held via Zoom in October.

Synod business adjourned and followed by Evening Prayer led by Fr. Jonathan Kell.

7 pm - Reception and Banquet (Virginian Hotel Grand Ballroom)

Friday 10/21

9:30 am - Closing Holy Communion - Bp Manto, Celebrant. Fr. Davidson Morse, Preacher.

11 am - Dismissal and departure

Respectfully submitted,
Fr. Keith Boettner, Secretary