

Minutes of the Synod of the Diocese of the Central States

Meeting at Resurrection Anglican Church, Shalimar FL

October 25 and 26, 2012

- Having celebrated Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, the Synod of the Diocese of the Central States was called to order with prayer by Canon Scott Houser on Thursday October 25th, 2012.
- The Credentials Report was given (Registrations attached)
- Clergy were asked to introduce themselves
- The Rev Ian MacGregor was nominated and elected as Secretary to the Synod.
- Bishop Morse asked The Rev Archdeacon Peter Manto to assume the Chair while he presented his report. A copy of the Bishop's report is attached.
- The Bishop's report included 9 recommendations for Synod Action as follows:
 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, be designated Sanctity of Life Sunday and observed in all our Parishes. Furthermore, that our Clergy be instructed to 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 this Sunday.
 2. That this Council commends the support of Cranmer Theological house to the parishes of our Diocese and that every effort be made to support this essential ministry 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. From the REC General Council in Oct. 2008.

Forasmuch as the Reformed Episcopal Church has affirmed the teaching of God's Word that abortion is the taking of an unborn human life, and inasmuch as we have recognized the duty of all faithful Christians to work to protect the unborn and restrain the sin of abortion on demand, we hereby move that the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church direct the clergy and laity of the Reformed Episcopal Church to make a political candidate's position on the Sanctity of Human Life the highest priority in discerning for whom to vote regardless of political party represented or office being sought.

6. 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.
7. That the Diocese of Central States join in the resolution of the Diocese of Mid-America.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Mid-America of the Reformed Episcopal Church, Anglican Church in North America, hereby endorses and supports the resolution unanimously passed by the Assembly of Forward in Faith North America (FiFNA) on July 11, 2012, as stated below:

Resolution in reference to Ordination Moratorium

Be it resolved that FIFNA, in Assembly at Belleville, IL, on July 11, 2012, does hereby call the ACNA College of Bishops for a voluntary moratorium on any further ordinations of women to the Priesthood until a comprehensive theological inquiry is undertaken and completed on the question of the ordination of women as it relates to the wider question of the nature of faith and order of the church (ecclesiology).

FURTHERMORE, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Mid-America recommends to the General Committee of the Reformed Episcopal Church that they endorse the same.

8. That this Council commend the ministry of Matt and Sora Colvin in the Philippines to the support of all REC parishes.
 9. That this Council proceed immediately to the election of the Rev. Archdeacon Peter F. Manto as Bishop Suffragan.
- A motion to receive the Episcopal Report was made and seconded.
 - A Friendly Amendment was offered and accepted to include the Ordination of Fr Chris Hermann
 - General discussion then followed on the need to obtain copies of the proposed canons
 - A Friendly Amendment was offered and accepted to separate the recommendations made by the Bishop from the report.
 - The report was then approved and received by voice vote.

The Synod then broke for lunch.

- The Business session resumed with the Bishop's Report section
 - Bishop Morse recommended the Synod defer voting on new Diocesan Canons since they had not been seen and reviewed by many of the delegates. He

recommended a committee to work over the coming year and proposed the following members:

Rev Scott Houser (as chair)
Rev Ian MacGregor
Wyatt Boutwell
Martha Berger

The Bishop's recommendation to defer action and to appoint committee members were approved. It was further suggested by a Delegate that all items requiring a vote in future synods be posted on the diocesan website well in advance of the meeting.

- Bishop Morse next moved to address the Recommendations in his Episcopal Report.
 - It was moved and seconded to approve Recommendations 1-8. During discussion it was suggested Cranmer be contacted to provide boxes or other appropriate means to provide to parishes for collections. Fr Peter Manto agreed to handle this issue.

The motion to approve the Recommendations (1-8) was approved by voice vote.

- Fr Heaton then made a presentation on New Covenant School, Lynchburg VA.
- Fr Matt and Sora Colvin made a presentation on their upcoming ministry to the Philippines. Fr Jerdan (REC Board of Foreign Missions) briefly discussed following and supporting REC missions and then offered prayer for the Colvin's missionary journey.
- Bishop Morse then moved the business of the Synod to the election of the Rev Manto as Suffragan Bishop for the diocese. A copy of Fr Manto's curriculum vitae was shared and is attached. After brief discussion about expenses associated with a Suffragan ballots were distributed by orders.
- While the ballots were being counted the Bishop requested approval of the minutes from the previous synod. The motion to approve without a reading was moved, seconded and approved.
- Discussion regarding the filling of constitutional offices was held. The Bishop pointed out that until new canons were approved the elections could not be held. He requested affirmation of the current appointed officer holders. The motion was moved, seconded and approved.
- The vote for Fr Manto's election was announced:
 - 16 Lay votes for election
 - 16 clergy votes for election

- 1 lay abstention.

The delegates were reminded by the bishop to sign the Certificate of Election before the end of the synod.

- Fr Franklin offered the Treasurer's Report (copy attached) and there followed questions and discussion.
 - A motion was made, seconded and discussed that 'The Treasurer deposit diocesan precious metals investments in a safe deposit box or bonded vault to the satisfaction of the Trustees of the Diocese'. The motion was approved by voice vote.
 - A motion was made, seconded and discussed that "the Trustees establish a system of annual accountability (audit or review) in accordance with the canons of the REC'. The motion was approved by voice vote.
 - A motion was made and seconded that 'The Trustees establish within six months an Investment Policy setting appropriate diversification guidelines based on accepted Fiduciary standards'.
 - After extended discussion the question was called. The motion to call the question was defeated.
 - A friendly amendment was offered and accepted to change the motion to recommend an Investment Policy to the Diocese in the 2013 Synod.
 - A friendly amendment was made by a delegate and rejected by the maker of the original motion to remove the words 'appropriate diversification' and everything after the word 'Policy' so that the motion would read 'The Trustees recommend to the 2013 Synod an Investment Policy'. The Amendment was second, discussed and the question called. The motion amending the original motion carried.
 - The motion was then called. The motion voted upon was 'The Trustees recommend to the 2013 Synod an Investment Policy'. The voice vote was divided so a vote by hand was taken with the motion being approved 18-6.
 - A motion was then made to accept and approve as presented the Treasurer's Report. The motion was approved by voice vote.
- A verbal report of the Trustees was offered.
- The Standing Committee report was offered by Fr Camlin (copy attached). A motion to accept the report was moved, seconded and approved.
- The 2013 Synod was discussed.
 - A motion to make the date of the 2013 Synod October 24th and 25th (4th Thursday in October) was made, seconded and approved.
 - A motion to hold the 2013 Synod in Richmond VA was moved, seconded and approved.
- At this point the Synod adjourned for the day.

2012 Synod Minutes

Day 2

- The Synod of day two began with a statement by Bishop Morse in support and appreciation for the work of Fr Sanders as Treasurer of the Diocese.
- The Synod concluded with a Panel Discussion and then the closing Eucharist.

**2012 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 the Annual report is the current list. All Deacons and Presbyters on that list are current.

On this occasion of my Fifth 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, but those are much less expensive than car or plane travel.

I made 28 Episcopal visits to the Parishes and Missions of this Diocese, and 27 persons were presented to me for the laying on of hands in the ancient rite of confirmation since I reported to you in 2011. In addition to those Episcopal visits, I had preaching engagements and meetings with clergy as enumerated below.

EPISCOPAL VISITS

Location	Date	Special Purpose	Confirmations
Owensboro, KY,	Feb. 5	New Mission	
Houston, TX	Feb. 16, 17	Church Growth Seminar	
Loganville, Georgia	Feb. 26	Bp. Foley Beach, Holy Cross Anglican Church	
Roanoke, VA	Mar. 4	Covenant	
Chattanooga, TN	Mar. 18	St. Andrew's	
Richmond, VA	Mar. 25	St. Jude	
Dayton, OH	Mar. 26	Christ Our Hope Vestry	
Westpoint, TN	April 8	Christ Our Hope	
Birmingham, AL	April 22	St. John's	4
Summerville, SC	April 24-28	Conference of Bishops	
Westpoint, TN	May 2	Vestry meeting	
Raleigh, NC	May 6	All Saints	1
Asheboro, NC 6:00 pm	May 6	St. Andrew's	4
Fairfax, VA	June 3	Holy Trinity	7
Ridgecrest, NC	June 4-10	ACNA	
Asheboro, NC	Aug. 1	Bp's. Comm. Meeting	
Lynchburg, VA	Aug. 2	Pastoral need	
Wilson, NC	Aug. 5	Redeemer	5
Grand Rapids, MI	Aug. 23	Holy Communion in hospital	
Dayton, OH	Aug. 24	Christ the King Vestry	
Mason, OH	Aug. 25	Matt Colvin Ordination	
Dayton, OH	Aug. 26	Reception of Dorino Cozzini	

Location	Date	Special Purpose	Confirmations
Lynchburg, VA	Sept. 9	St. Timothy	3
Birmingham, AL	Sept. 12, 13	Visit bereaved	
Memphis, TN	Sept. 23	St. James	2
Philadelphia, PA	Sept. 29	Consecration of Bp. Chuck Gillen	
Summerville, SC	Oct. 10-12	Conference of Bishops	
Westpoint, TN	Oct. 13	Seminar leader	
Shalimar, FL	Oct. 25, 26	Synod	
Shalimar, FL	Oct. 27, 28		
Mason, OH	Nov. 4		
Dayton, OH	Nov. 18		

It has certainly been a great blessing to me to visit all of you and your parishes, and my prayer is that God will bless the communities around us by the ministry of the Gospel.

With great delight I report to you that due to your efforts, contributions, and prayers we are no longer a missionary diocese, though I certainly hope we will continue to be missionaries of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are now a full diocese in the REC. We no longer receive a subsidy from the General Council for which we have been and are very grateful.

I have a case of anointing oil—a very nice olive oil with a slight frankincense and myrrh fragrance. I have blessed the bottles for your use in anointing the sick. They are 2 oz. bottles that should last you the whole year unless you bathe in it.

I remind you to download the packet of Episcopal visit report forms from the diocese web site so that when I make Episcopal visits I will have the information I need to be a more effective pastor to this diocese.

You should also remember that the diocese depends on your tithes for its operation, and we also depend on your monthly reports to the Treasurer for an accurate view of the state of the diocese. The General Council depends on tithes coming from all the dioceses to fund its functions, so that if the parishes do not tithe to the diocese, then the diocese cannot contribute as much to the General Council. Even if your parish only had \$10 contributed in a month, your \$1 contribution to the diocese along with the written report helps to maintain our connection to each other. Most of our churches are lonely islands whose primary connection to the REC may be my occasional visit. For all intents and purposes we may as well be independent evangelical churches doing a liturgy that nobody cares about in a sea of independent mega-churches that are raking in the dough. We must make every effort to stay connected to each other. God has established our oneness in Jesus Christ, but we must do all that we can to maintain that oneness.

Women's ordination continues to be a troublesome matter with respect to our continued partnership in ACNA. When people ask me if the REC is in danger of accepting the ordination of women, I say when hell freezes over, not to put too fine a point on it. At the recent ACNA meeting at Ridgecrest, NC a large number of women in clerical collars were present, many more than usual at those meetings, apparently because the word had gone out that the ordination of women was in jeopardy, and so the troops were marshaled. The REC bishops have been trying to get the discus-

sion of this on the agenda at previous ACNA bishops meetings, but it has been delayed and delayed. It occurred to me that the leadership of ACNA is following the same procedure used in the Episcopal Church—just put the debate off long enough until so many women are ordained that it becomes the accepted practice. From what I have been told the ACNA bishops are finally going to have the discussion at our meeting in January, 2013.

SUFFRAGAN BISHOP

At the Anglican Church in North America meeting in Ridgecrest, NC our request to be made a full diocese was granted, and I notified them that we were going to begin the process of electing a suffragan bishop.

Canon 13, section 1 of the REC Constitution and Canons states

A Suffragan Bishop shall be elected in accordance with the Canons enacted in each Diocese for the election of a Bishop. However the initiative shall in every case be taken by the Bishop of the Diocese asking for the assistance of a Suffragan.

Canon 13, Section 6b says:

(b) If the said election has taken place more than six months before a meeting of the General Council, the above process may be adopted, or the following instead thereof, viz: The Standing Committee of the Diocese electing, or the Secretary of the Council of Bishops, as the case may be, shall give duly certified evidence of the election to every Bishop of this Church in the United States and Canada who has seat and vote in the Council of Bishops, and to the Standing Committee of every Diocese, and to the General Committee.

On receiving notice of the concurrence of a majority of the Bishops and of the Standing Committees, and of the General Committee in the election, and their express consent thereto, the Standing Committee of the Diocese concerned or the Secretary of the Council of Bishops, as the case may be, shall transmit notice thereof to the Ecclesiastical Authority of every Diocese and Missionary Diocese within the United States or the Dominion of Canada; which notice shall state what Bishops and what Standing Committees have consented to the election. On receiving this notice the Presiding Bishop shall certify to the Secretary of the Council of Bishops the altered status and style of the Bishop concerned.

According to Canon II section 2 of our diocesan canons to be proposed later in this meeting

At least thirty days before the Council at which a Bishop is to be elected notice in writing of such election shall be sent by the Secretary of the Standing Committee to every clergyman and vestry in the Diocese. A majority of the parishes must be represented at a Council in which a Bishop is to be elected. The vote shall be by orders and a majority of those present of both orders shall be necessary to a choice.

But we are still operating under the Canons of the Missionary Diocese that do not have that provision, and therefore I am hereby nominating with the concurrence of the Standing Committee the Archdeacon, Peter Manto, as Bishop Suffragan. If there is objection to proceeding with the vote at this meeting, I will defer the election until our next synod.

Peter's resumé is included in this report. Ever since Peter came into the REC I have worked with him on various projects, observed his family and pastoral work, and discussed with him his views. On previous occasions I have encouraged all of you to help in starting more churches so that eventually we can have more and smaller dioceses, and in nominating Peter I have in mind the eventual creation of a diocese centered in Ohio that would include Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia. I hope to have Fr. Peter elected and consecrated at some convenient time next year. He will continue to be Rector at Trinity and only occasionally make Episcopal visits.

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EDUCATION

Master of Arts, Practical Ministries, 1996
Cincinnati Christian Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, Psychology minor, 1972
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Rector, Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church, Mason, Ohio, 1990 to present

- Founding rector. Church planter responsible for all aspects of pastoral ministry including worship, teaching, counseling, outreach, and administration. Guided the transition of this congregation from nondenominational church status to membership in the Reformed Episcopal Church (formally received in 2002).

Adjunct Professor of Sociology, Hondros College, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2001-2002

- Taught introductory level classes.

Headmaster, Bowling Green Covenant Academy, Bowling Green, Ohio, 1985-1989

- Founded and directed private elementary school. Responsible for developing all aspects of private school functions.

Associate Pastor, Bowling Green Covenant Church, Bowling Green, Ohio, 1977-1989

- Assisted in the establishment and leadership of local parish (from college prayer group to 300+ member congregation) and three church plants.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Archdeacon, Missionary Diocese of the Central States: Reformed Episcopal Church, 2009–present

- Assist bishop in the pastoral oversight of the diocese.

Board of Trustees (Director), Missionary Diocese of the Central States: Reformed Episcopal Church, 2007 – present

- Diocesan financial management and oversight.

Board Member, Children’s Hunger Relief Fund, Santa Rosa, California, 1998 – 2008

- Financial and administrative oversight of international relief organization.
\$40 million of aid distributed worldwide in 2007.

Board of Trustees (Clergy Director), Diocese of Mid-America: Reformed Episcopal Church, 2003 – 2007

- Diocesan financial management and oversight.

ORDINATIONS/RECEPTIONS

I ordained the Rev. Dcn. Chris Herman to the sacred office of presbyter on Nov. 19, 2011 at Christ Our Hope, Dayton, OH. I ordained Matt Colvin to the office of Deacon on Aug. 25 at Trinity Church, Mason, OH. God willing, I will ordain the Rev. Dcn. Scott Thompson to the sacred office of presbyter on Dec. 8 in Richmond, VA.

On Aug. 26 at Christ the King Church in Dayton, OH I received the Rev. Dorino Cozzini from the Roman Catholic Church.

THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY OF WOMEN

Mrs. Gail Hill, the wife of the Rev. Willie Hill, is the president of the REC ministry to women. The women of the REC have a project every year that is approved by the bishops. The 2012 Women’s Day Project goal is to raise \$7,500 to support the Protestant Reformed Christian Church/Reformed Episcopal Church mission churches in Croatia. Presently there are seven new Reformed Episcopal mission churches in Croatia. The total amount received to date is \$5,120. Jolie Grout, a member of “Team Croatia”—the Reformed Episcopal Church’s Board of Foreign Missions’ 2011 Short-Term Mission Team, was the featured speaker. Jolie inspired all in attendance by her moving description of her trip to Croatia and concern for the growth of the gospel in Croatia. The Committee reports that \$6,536 has been raised for Croatia. **\$1,000 short of the \$7,500 goal!** If you’ve been following the missionary news on Croatia, you should be able to see how God is working in this part of the world. Visit the Board of Foreign Missions’ website at: www.recbfm.org. Please see what you can do to assist in the realization of the 2012 goal and please keep our brothers and sisters in Croatia in your prayers. **Ask your church to participate in this worthy project.** Send contributions to: **Mrs. Diane Wright, 65 Harrison Drive, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922.**

THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CUBA

Bishop Charles Dorrington of the Diocese of Western Canada and Alaska and of the Missionary District of Cuba reports that the work he and his wife, Claudia, began in 2003 with only 8 people and one church has grown to 19 churches and about 1,000 people. They have been given the opportunity to purchase a 20 acre farm outside the town of Moa on the NE end of the island. The asking price is \$10,000. If you would like to contribute to this need send your check to The Rt. Rev. Dr. Charles Dorrington, 70-7570 Tetayut Rd., Saanichton, B. C., Canada, V8M 2H4. I am sure Bp. Charles would be happy to send you a copy of Cuban Chronicles 2012 if you write to him at that address or email him at recwcan@islandnet.com.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

How God Became King by N. T. Wright
Simply Jesus by N. T. Wright
The Mormonizing of America by Stephen Mansfield

Also, I remind you that for a number of years I scanned books that were mostly long out of print Anglican works. The Rev. Curtis Crenshaw (cicrenshaw@gmail.com) has all of the books along with a complete list of the scanned books. There are over 200 books in the archive. He has built a search engine into the entire archive so that with a few key strokes one is able to access a huge amount of information.

DATE FOR THE 2013 DIOCESE MEETING

At our initial meeting we settled on the third week in September for the annual diocese meeting, but we changed to October this year. We have not yet received an invitation for 2013.

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 couple of years. She has had some surgery, radiation, and BCG treatment for bladder cancer. According to her doctors, she is free of cancer, but we ask that you continue to uphold her in your prayers that there will be no reoccurrence of any of the cancers.

Again I commend for your prayers Mike and Pat Sampson in Cleveland, OH, who continue to work and pray for the re-establishment of Church of the Epiphany.

CLERGY TRANSFER

The Rev. Dcn. David Abshear was transferred at his request to the Orthodox Church, and the Rev. Ed Hopkins was transferred at his request to the Roman Catholic Church. The Rev. Fr. Gregory Mashburn was transferred at his request to the Diocese of Quincy of ACNA. The Rev. Dr. Lawrence Adams was transferred at his request to the Anglican Province in America.

COVENANTAL EVANGELISM

We hear a great deal about New Testament evangelism, visitation evangelism, crusade evangelism, revivals, etc. I sometimes get the feeling that evangelism is something one does instead of who one is. That is, evangelism is an activity that is viewed as separate from the other activities in your life, and it is done at certain specified times in a weekly schedule when you aren't busy with something else.

I have chosen the title covenant evangelism, not because it is original, creative, or because I see it as another type of evangelism among equally valid options. Rather it expresses what the biblical doctrine of salvation, the gospel of saving grace in Jesus Christ, is all about. The covenant speaks of who we are in our whole life. It speaks of the totality of our being, of our privilege in belonging to God, and of our responsibility to please him in everything. God tells us in the covenant that he will be our God and we will be his people, and we find out from the Bible that this does not simply mean that we as individuals belong to God, but also that our families, churches and culture belong to him. Neither does it mean that only certain individual activities of our lives belong to him, but rather that every activity and endeavor of our lives is his and for his glory.

We might ask if there is any place in the Bible where a list of activities that belong to God is given. Deuteronomy 6:5-9 says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart; you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the door posts of your house and on your gates." That is, if you can think of something you do that does not involve your heart, soul and strength, and that can be done without sitting, walking, lying down or standing up, then that is an activity that does not belong to God and it has nothing to do with the gospel. But you will not be able to find one. God is inescapable; he claims every part of our lives, and the good news is that in Jesus Christ all of life is redeemed. Therefore, covenant evangelism is nothing less than glorifying God and enjoying him in all that we say, think and do, and God promises that when we exalt Christ in that way in our lives he will honor that to the salvation of sinners and the reformation of society.

If this really is the meaning of evangelism, then let us briefly consider some aspects of non-covenantal evangelism, children and evangelism, and finally neighbors and evangelism.

Non-Covenantal Evangelism

Though there may be serious objections to some evangelistic methods, this does not mean that people who are converted by those methods are not Christians. God is able to use and overrule even the weakest means for the salvation of sinners, and we ought to praise him that he is such a gracious and sovereign God. We also need to remind ourselves that sometimes those Christians who have a long heritage of covenant theology do not apply that theology to evangelistic practice, but instead adopt methods that contradict their heritage because those methods are popular and seem to be successful.

The first problem with non-covenantal evangelism is that it does not approach people in the context of their lives, but rather abstracts them from life and reduces them to targets for conversion. God has created everyone of us as physical beings with feelings, desires, pains, problems, goals, questions, fears, needs, etc. Besides all those things, we have all lost communion with God

through the sin of Adam and have further alienated ourselves from God by our own sinful deeds, and thus we are all under the greatest of all miseries—a sin-cursed life that is under the wrath of God. To be sure, any evangelistic method that claims to be Christian offers relief from sin through Jesus Christ, but those that do not approach people on the basis of the covenant neglect very important parts of their lives. Instead, everyone is approached in exactly the same way with the same memorized outline or presentation. Not only is the person not treated as a significant individual, but the fullness of the gospel is not set forth. The good news of Jesus Christ is much broader than getting the individual to heaven. It includes setting a person free from the ravages of sin in every part of a person's life.

The second problem with non-covenantal evangelism is that it does not have as its goal the obedience of faith in every area of life. Another way to put it is the goal seems to be to get the sinner saved from the fires of hell and on his way to heaven, and of course that's good, but without making the demands of discipleship clear, and that's bad. All the benefits of salvation are emphasized, and there are many, but very little is said about the responsibilities of salvation.

I would go so far as to say that the deceit involved is as bad as a recruiter telling a young man about all the glories of military life without also telling him about the deadly possibilities. Jesus said that one cannot be his disciple without taking up the cross of discipleship daily and forsaking all to follow him.

The third problem with non-covenantal evangelism is that it doesn't teach people to observe the whole counsel of God. When Jesus gave his disciples the Great Commission he told them to go into all the world, preaching the gospel and teaching all nations to observe all things that he had commanded them. The Apostle Paul said to the Ephesian elders at the conclusion of his ministry among them that he had withheld nothing that was helpful to them, and that he was innocent of the blood of all men because he had not avoided declaring the whole counsel of God to them. In contrast to this, non-covenantal evangelism conveys just enough information to get the person "saved" and regards anything else as peripheral, since it is information supposedly not necessary to get a person to heaven. This kind of evangelistic minimalism actually is not the gospel, but in fact is against the gospel. To be saved means to bring **every thought** captive to Jesus Christ, and to think God's thoughts after him. A person is not saved unless he understands that he can know nothing correctly unless he sees it in God's light, according to God's Word.

Children and Evangelism

It may seem strange to begin a discussion of evangelism by talking about children since most people think that getting the worst sinners (adults) and the most influential sinners (adults) saved is what evangelism is all about. But that is just another mistake of non-covenantal evangelism. Rather than seeing the gospel as the **major formative influence** in the life and culture of the person from childhood, evangelism is viewed as trying to salvage a few pieces of a life and culture that have been formed primarily by non-Christian influences.

If we view evangelism from this non-covenantal perspective then our children will be, at best, step-children, and worst, orphans. Like Cinderella, they don't get the goodies reserved for the truly important people.

But according to the Bible, covenantal evangelizing of children should be the main evangelistic activity of the church while the conversion of adults should be the blessed by-product. There is certainly nothing wrong with adult conversions. We all pray that God would be pleased to convert the nations, but the normal, ordinary means of extending the kingdom of God is through cove-

nantal, or generational, or child evangelism. This is the import of such passages as Gen. 18:19, Ex. 12:26, 13:8, Deut. 6 and Prov. 23:13,14.

These passages show us that the continuation of gospel blessings—we might call them covenantal blessings—is not automatic, not without exception, and not independent of the means of grace. If it were, then there would be no need for instruction of our children. In light of this it is surprising when evangelical Christians emphasize **foreign missions** to the neglect of true home missions. A great deal of time and money is spent to send missionaries to foreign countries while very little effort may be made to teach our children to love Jesus and walk in his ways. We may lament the millions in foreign countries who are still in the darkness of sin, but pay little attention to our own children who may be going blind before our very eyes. If so we fail to appreciate the fact that the foundation stone upon which all world evangelism is built is godly children raised up to be a mighty army by which the world is conquered for Christ.

Now this means that our definition of evangelism will have to be broader than simply getting the soul saved from the fires of hell and put on the road to heaven. Evangelism from the point of view of the covenant includes training children and others to apply the whole Word of God to the whole of life. It means taking people where they are, showing them how sin has affected every part of their being, thinking and doing, and helping them to appreciate how redemption in Jesus Christ restores all of life to its proper role of glorifying and enjoying God. It also means that the Christian school is one of the most important tools for evangelizing the world, one we should give our best efforts to, and one that will be greatly opposed by the unconverted.

Neighbors and Evangelism

It is only after we have a proper perspective on children in evangelism that we can discuss evangelizing adults who may be our near or distant neighbors. And we will never be very successful in adult evangelism if we fail to train our children in the gospel. That is, the proof of the pudding is in the tasting. Unconverted sinners around us will evaluate our words in light of what they see in our families. Since our neighbors are inescapably covenantal, by virtue of being creatures of the covenant-making God, they will undoubtedly judge what they hear from our mouths by what they see in our homes. St. Paul says of the nation Israel in Romans 2:24 “the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,” quoting several Old Testament passages where God is speaking. There is, then, a direct connection between the affect our words have on non-Christians and the validation of those words given by our lives.

It is possible, then, and a very understandable tendency to be zealous about evangelizing those at a distance from us, but unwilling or lazy about teaching the gospel in all its fullness and applications to those who are near to us, in our own homes and neighborhoods. Our mouths may even be slammed shut by the well-known reputation we and our children may have for being undisciplined, even ungodly.

The questions you must ask yourself are, “Why has God placed me in the neighborhood where I am? If God wants me to take seriously the whole make-up and history of those to whom I witness, what am I doing to build relationships with my neighbors and others with whom God has put me in contact? Do my relationships with my children support or contradict what I hope and pray my neighbors will believe about the Christian life? Would I rather send a check to pay for someone else to evangelize far away from me than to glorify God by my words and deeds right where I am?”

The Church and Evangelism

By virtue of having a physical building and street address, the church is one of the neighbors in a neighborhood. It is to be hoped that the people living in the neighborhood will at least like the church, and at most become part of the church family. In your own neighborhood, however, you don't expect or require that your neighbors become members of your family before you agree to do acts of kindness on their behalf, and neither should the church. What a happy circumstance it is when a church is a blessing and benefit to the community, a stabilizing influence, and a haven in times of stress and disaster.

Of course the greatest blessing the church can bring to its community is the good news that God is in Christ reconciling the world to himself, but it is possible to pester people with the good news. The biblical model is to be such good servants that God finally exalts us to the place of leadership as we read of the master who said, "Well done, good and faithful servant," and exalted him to a place of even greater service.

God calls us to serve this community, and he has prepared us for that with many gifts and abilities. Let us be diligent in using those for the growth of God's kingdom.

REPORT FORMS

At the conclusion of this report I have included forms that you can use to report attendance at worship and the monthly tithes and contributions.

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, be designated Sanctity of Life Sunday and observed in all our Parishes. Furthermore, that our Clergy be instructed to 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 this Sunday.

2. That this Council commend the support of Cranmer Theological house to the parishes of our Diocese and that every effort be made to support this essential ministry 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. From the REC General Council in Oct. 2008.

Forasmuch as the Reformed Episcopal Church has affirmed the teaching of God's Word that abortion is the taking of an unborn human life, and inasmuch as we have recognized the duty of all faithful Christians to work to protect the unborn and restrain the sin of abortion on demand, we hereby move that the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church direct the clergy and laity of the Reformed Episcopal Church to make a political candidate's position on the Sanctity of Human Life the highest priority in discerning for whom to vote regardless of political party represented or office being sought.

6. 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.

7. That the Diocese of Central States join in the resolution of the Diocese of Mid-America.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Mid-America of the Reformed Episcopal Church, Anglican Church in North America, hereby endorses and supports the resolution unanimously passed by the Assembly of Forward in Faith North America (FiFNA) on July 11, 2012, as stated below:

Resolution in reference to Ordination Moratorium

Be it resolved that FIFNA, in Assembly at Belleville, IL, on July 11, 2012, does hereby call the ACNA College of Bishops for a voluntary moratorium on any further ordinations of women to the Priesthood until a comprehensive theological inquiry is undertaken and completed on the question of the ordination of women as it relates to the wider question of the nature of faith and order of the church (ecclesiology).

FURTHERMORE, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Mid-America recommends to the General Committee of the Reformed Episcopal Church that they endorse the same.

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

9. That this Council proceed immediately to the election of the Rev. Archdeacon Peter F. Manto as Bishop Suffragan.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse
Bishop Ordinary

BISHOP

MORSE, The Rt. Rev. Daniel R. (Dan)

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BOETTNER, The Rev. Roy K. (Keith)
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EDGERTON, The Rev. Paul
GOUGH, The Rev. Frank
HARKNESS, The Rev. Mike
HEATON, The Rev. John
HERMAN, The Rev. Christopher (Chris)
HOUSER, The Rev. Canon Jon S. (Scott)
JENKINS, The Rev. Kit R.
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LONGMIRE, Jr., The Rev. Rodney H., Canon Missioner
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STRAW, The Rev. David
USELTON, The Rev. Randy

DEACONS

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FLYNN, The Rev. Chris
HANNA, The Rev. Mark
KELL, The Rev. Jonathan
LITTLEJOHN, The Rev. Dr. Robert, Ph.D.,
MARTIN, The Rev. Bartholomew P. (Bart)
SIMON, The Rev. Camden
SPIETH, The Rev. Michael Spieth
THOMPSON, The Rev. W. Scott
TRUAX, The Rev. David

DEACONESSES

JACQUES, Ella Carol (Candy)
CALDWELL, Michelle

RETIRED CLERGY

JOSEPHSEN, Jr. The Rev. Dr. Hans E.
NEEB, The Rev. Robert
KUMP, The Rev. William T.

POSTLUANTS

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SEXTON, Rob

PARISHES

ALABAMA

St. John's Of Mt. Laurel—Birmingham

FLORIDA

Church of the Resurrection—Shalimar

KENTUCKY

St. Nicholas—Owensboro

NORTH CAROLINA

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

INDIANA

Trinity—Evansville

OHIO

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

TENNESSEE

St. James—Memphis
St. Andrew's—Chattanooga
Christ Our Hope—Westpoint

VIRGINIA

St. Andrew's—Appomattox
Covenant—Roanoke
Holy Trinity—Fairfax
St. Timothy—Lynchburg
New Mission Work—Lynchburg
St. Jude's—Richmond

DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL STATES MONTHLY REPORT FORM FOR MISSION WORKS AND PARISHES

NAME OF PARISH _____

MONTH _____

Date	Attendance	No. of Visitors	Offering	Name of Visitors	Address of Visitors
TOTALS FOR MONTH					

Please fill out this form each month and return to the Diocesan Office at 511 Rochelle Dr., Nashville, TN 37220

Reformed Episcopal Church

Monthly Income and Tithes

Year _____

Parish: _____ City/State: _____

<u>Date</u>	<u>Total Income</u>	<u>(-) Designated Gifts</u>	<u>(-) Net Income</u>	<u>Tithes</u>
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3 rd Sun. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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5 th Sun. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Wed. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Date of Tithe Check: _____

Amount of Tithe Check: _____

Check No. _____ Treasurer: _____

Explanation of designated gifts:

THE 2012 SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL STATES
OCTOBER 24-26, 2012
RESURRECTION ANGLICAN CHURCH, SHALIMAR, FLORIDA

SYNOD SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 24

For those arriving early, the following suggested activities are made available. Dinner is on your own this evening. A list of recommended restaurants is provided.

START	FINISH	
12:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	18 hole Golf Outing, Eglin AFB "Eagle" course (\$30)
1:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	2-hour Dolphin Cruise, Glass-bottom sightseeing boat (\$25 for Seniors, \$29 for Adults)
5:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Registration and Synod early Check-in

Thursday, October 25

Breakfast is on your own. Lunch is provided at nearby Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Dinner this evening is the banquet held at the Coach & Four Restaurant.

START	FINISH	
7:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	Registration and Synod Check-in
8:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer – Rev. Frank D. Gough II, Officiant & Homilist
8:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	Registration and Synod Check-in
9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	Holy Communion - Bp. Dan Morse, Celebrant; Fr. Jerry Smith, Preacher
10:00 a.m.	10:10 a.m.	Group Photograph – Mr. Cecil DeMonbrun
10:10 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	Business Session #1 – Bp. Morse
11:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	Business Session #2 – Bp. Morse
1:30 p.m.	1:45 p.m.	Break
1:45 p.m.	2:45 p.m.	Presentation Session #1 – "The Christian School and Growth", Fr. John Heaton
2:45 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	Presentation Session #2 – "Nursing Home Ministry", Fr. Chris Herman
4:00 p.m.	4:15 p.m.	Announcements & "Housekeeping"
4:15 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	Break
6:30 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	Banquet

Friday, October 26

All meals are on your own today. It is recommended that you check out of your hotel early if you are departing this day.

START	FINISH	
8:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer – Rev. Paul Edgerton, Officiant & Homilist
8:30 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	Break
9:15 a.m.	10:15 a.m.	Panel Discussion – Fr. John Heaton, Fr. Chris Herman, Sandra McNamara, Fr. Jerry Smith
10:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Break, prepare for closing Eucharist
10:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	Closing Eucharist – Bp. Daniel Morse, Celebrant
11:30 a.m.		Dismissal to Mission

LEGEND:

Instructions & Information
Worship
Administrative
Rest, Recreation, and Fellowship
Business & Presentations

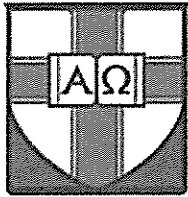
2012 SYNOD REGISTRATIONS

#	NAME	NAME TAG	Church	STATUS	CONTACT #
1	Franklin Sanders	Rev. Franklin Sanders, Treas.	Christ our Hope - Westpoint TN	Presbyter	931-201-0715
2	Susan Sanders	Susan Sanders	Christ our Hope - Westpoint TN	Rector's Wife	

3	Paul Edgerton	Rev. Paul Edgerton	Church of the Redeemer - Asheboro NC	Presbyter	252-230-8754
4	Tyler Crocker	Tyler Crocker	Church of the Redeemer - Asheboro NC	Delegate	
5	Dan Morse	Bishop Dan Morse		Bishop	615-947-6703
6	Marianne Morse	Marianne Morse		Bishop's Wife	
8	Ellie DellaCamera	Ellie DellaCamera	Resurrection Anglican - FL	Sr. Warden	850-376-6215
9	Harry Mathis	Rev. Harry Mathis	Christ Our Hope Anglican - Dayton OH	Interim Rector	937-999-8364
10	Candy Jacques	Candy Jacques	Christ Our Hope Anglican - Dayton OH	Deaconess	937-572-6682
11	Greg Herman	Greg Herman	Christ Our Hope Anglican - Dayton OH	Sr. Warden	937-604-5550
12	Chris Herman	Rev. Chris Herman	Christ Our Hope Anglican - Dayton OH	Presbyter	937-604-4949
13	Martha Berger	Martha Berger	Christ Our Hope Anglican - Dayton OH	Delegate	937-546-7428
14	Richard Workowski	Rev. Richard Workowski	Covenant REC - Roanoke VA	Presbyter	215-622-5532
15	Karen March	Karen March	Covenant REC - Roanoke VA	Delegate	540-314-2745
16	Norman Jasper	Norman Jasper	Covenant REC - Roanoke VA	Delegate	540-890-3333
17	Gypsie Van Antwerp	Gypsie Van Antwerp		Standing Com	251-580-8073
18	Ian MacGregor	Rev. Ian MacGregor	All Saints Anglican - Raleigh NC	Presbyter	919-606-4223
19	Tom Arrington	Tom Arrington	All Saints Anglican - Raleigh NC	Delegate /Trustee	919-272-3227
20	Katherine Hegyi	Katherine Hegyi	All Saints Anglican - Raleigh NC	Delegate	919-264-3994
21	Rodney Longmire, Jr	Rev. Cn. Rodney Longmire	St. Andrews - Appomattox VA	Presbyter	540-400-3419

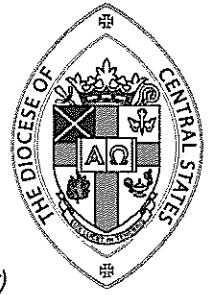
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22	David Straw	Rev. David Straw	Trinity Anglican-Evansville IN	Presbyter	812-550-2467	
23	Michael Spieth	Rev. Dcn. Michael Spieth	Trinity Anglican-Evansville IN	Deacon	618-204-6337	
24	Robert Sexton	Rob Sexton	Trinity Anglican-Evansville IN	Delegate	270-686-7338	
25	Ashley Parker	Ashley Parker	Holy Trinity REC - Fairfax VA	Delegate	703-217-8846	
26	Charles Camlin	Rev. Charles Camlin	Holy Trinity REC - Fairfax VA	Presbyter	703-579-1069	
27	James Byers	Chip Byers	Holy Trinity REC - Fairfax VA	Delegate	703-256-2276	
28	Sandra McNamara	Sandy McNamara	Christ the King Anglican - Dayton OH	Delegate	937-470-4977	
29	Wayne McNamara	Rev. Wayne McNamara	Christ the King Anglican - Dayton OH	Presbyter	937-604-6295	
30	Keith Boettner	Rev. Keith Boettner	St. James REC - Memphis - TN	Presbyter	901-484-5681	
31	Connie Adcock	Connie Adcock	St. James REC - Memphis - TN	Delegate	901-767-5448	
32	Robert Logan	Robert Logan	St. James REC - Memphis - TN	Delegate	662-280-4782	
33	Adriene Logan	Adriene Logan	St. James REC - Memphis - TN	Guest	662-280-4782	
34	Peter Manto	Venerable Peter Manto	Trinity REC - Mason OH	Presbyter	513-368-6934	
35	David Truax	Dcn. David Truax	Trinity REC - Mason OH	Deacon	513-207-2334	
36	Mark Malson	Mark Malson	Trinity REC - Mason OH	Sr. Warden	513-470-0821	
37	Michelle Caldwell	Michelle Caldwell	Trinity REC - Mason OH	Deaconess	513-602-0499	
38	Matt Colvin	Dcn. Matt Colvin	Trinity REC - Mason OH	Deacon	513-204-5623	
39	Scott Houser	Canon Scott Houser	St. Johns - Mt. Laurel AL	Canon	205-862-5188	
	NO REGISTRATIONS		St. Phillip the Apostle			
	NO REGISTRATIONS		St. Andrews Anglican			

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Actuals vs. Budget Calendar Year 2011



	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Over/ (Under)</i>
Income			
Parish Tithes	\$ 139,126	\$ 110,260	\$ 28,866
Other Contributions, Interest	\$ 1,210	\$ -	\$ 1,210
Realized Investment Gain	\$ 10,309	\$ -	\$ 10,309
Dissolved Parish Income	\$ 18,760	\$ -	\$ 18,760
Synod Registrations	\$ 797	\$ -	\$ 797
REC Sustentation	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 186,202	\$ 126,260	\$ 59,942
Expenses			
Bishop's Salary	\$ 48,373	\$ 47,408	\$ 965
Bishop's Housing Allowance	\$ 31,000	\$ 31,000	\$ -
Medical	\$ 16,737	\$ 14,223	\$ 2,514
Bishop's Retirement	\$ 7,128	\$ 7,841	\$ (713)
Bishop Honorarium	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000
LTD/Life Insurance	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500
Travel and Ministry Expenses	\$ 25,029	\$ 22,000	\$ 3,029
Tithe (to REC)	\$ 11,362	\$ 12,076	\$ (714)
Missions	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Bishop's Discretionary	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
Dissolved Parish Expenses	\$ 5,553	\$ -	\$ 5,553
Total Expenses	\$ 153,182	\$ 135,048	\$ 18,134
Excess/(Deficit)	\$ 33,020	\$ (8,788)	\$ 41,808

Investments

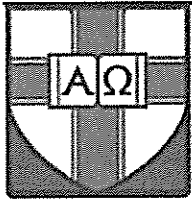
	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>
Initial value	\$ 29,568	\$ 57,438
Net Purchases (Sales)	\$ 8,123	\$ (10,309)
Appreciation	\$ 19,747	\$ 3,512
Final Value	\$ 57,438	\$ 50,641

Balances

	<i>12/31/10</i>	<i>12/31/11</i>
Checking Account	\$ 12,022	\$ 43,697
Investments	\$ 57,438	\$ 50,641
Total	\$ 69,460	\$ 94,338

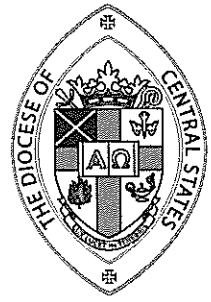
Off-budget Expenses

Inflows	
Clergy Relief	\$ 3,450
Bishop Gifts	\$ 436
Outflows	
Clergy Relief	\$ 4,100
Bishop Gifts	\$ 436



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Year-over-year
2009 - 2011



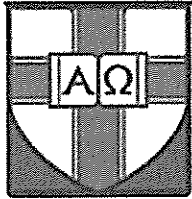
Income	2009	2010	2011
Parish Tithes	\$ 103,685	\$ 113,823	\$ 139,126
Other Contributions, Interest	\$ 505	\$ 561	\$ 1,210
Realized Investment Gain			\$ 10,309
Dissolved Parish Income			\$ 18,760
Synod Registrations			\$ 797
REC Sustentation	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000
Total Income	\$ 120,190	\$ 130,384	\$ 186,202
Expenses			
Bishop's Salary	\$ 41,340	\$ 47,280	\$ 48,373
Bishop's Housing Allowance	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 31,000
Medical	\$ 14,179	\$ 15,900	\$ 16,737
Bishop's Retirement	\$ 6,480	\$ 6,480	\$ 7,128
Bishop Honorarium	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,000
LTD/Life Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
Travel and Ministry Expenses	\$ 19,849	\$ 22,335	\$ 25,029
Tithe to REC (arrears)	\$ 8,386	\$ 11,941	\$ 11,362
Missions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Bishop's Discretionary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
Dissolved Parish Expenses	\$ 3,754	\$ -	\$ 5,553
Total Expenses	\$ 117,988	\$ 133,936	\$ 153,182
Excess/(Deficit)	\$ 2,202	\$ (3,552)	\$ 33,020

Investments

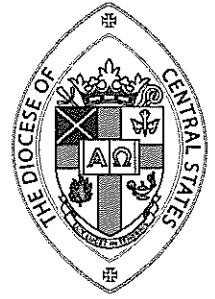
	2009	2010	2011
Initial value	\$ 18,653	\$ 29,568	\$ 57,438
Net Purchases (Sales)	\$ 5,417	\$ 8,123	\$ (10,309)
Appreciation	\$ 5,498	\$ 19,747	\$ 3,512
Final Value	\$ 29,568	\$ 57,438	\$ 50,641

Balances

	12/31/09	12/31/10	12/31/11
Checking Account	\$ 20,609	\$ 12,022	\$ 43,697
Investments	\$ 29,568	\$ 57,438	\$ 50,641
Total	\$ 50,177	\$ 69,460	\$ 94,338

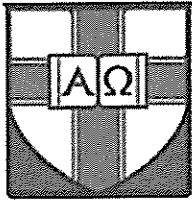


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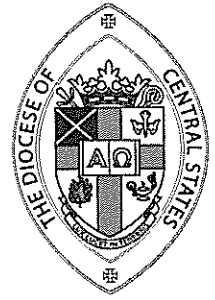


Parish Tithes
Calendar Year 2011

All Saints' Anglican, Raliegh, NC	\$	12,604
Ang.Ch. Of the Resurrection, Shalimar, FL	\$	4,482
Christ Covenant, Sevierville, TN	\$	488
Christ our Hope, Dayton, OH	\$	18,135
Christ our Hope, Westpoint, TN	\$	19,109
Christ the King, Dayton, OH	\$	13,869
Church of the Good Shepherd, N Augusta	\$	263
Church of the Redeemer, Wilson, NC	\$	1,051
Covenant REC, Roanoke, VA	\$	3,284
Holy Trinity, Fairfax, VA	\$	21,851
St. Andrew's, Appomattox, TN	\$	1,200
St. James, Memphis, TN	\$	14,377
St. John's, Mt. Laurel, AL	\$	432
St. Jude, Richmond, VA	\$	3,908
St. Peter's, Norge, VA	\$	1,140
St. Philip the Apostle, Fairhope, AL	\$	154
St. Timothy, Lynchburg, VA	\$	4,738
Trinity Anglican, Evansville, IN	\$	2,251
Trinity REC, Mason, OH	\$	12,602
Other	\$	3,189
Total	\$	139,127



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Actuals vs. Budget Jan-Jun 2012

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Over/ (Under)</i>	<i>Projected FY12</i>
Income				
Parish Tithes	\$ 71,019	\$ 59,256	\$ 11,763	\$ 23,526
Other Contributions, Interest	\$ 204	\$ -	\$ 204	\$ 408
Dissolved Parish Residuals	\$ 149,649	\$ -	\$ 149,649	\$ 149,649
Realized Investment Gains	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Savings/Investment Draws	\$ -	\$ 10,904	\$ (10,904)	\$ (10,904)
REC Sustentation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 220,872	\$ 70,160	\$ 150,712	\$ 162,679
Expenses				
Bishop's Salary	\$ 27,586	\$ 23,704	\$ 3,882	\$ -
Bishop's Housing Allowance	\$ 18,000	\$ 15,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -
Bishop's Office Allowance	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 500	\$ -
Medical	\$ 7,735	\$ 4,985	\$ 2,750	\$ 4,125
Bishop's Retirement	\$ 7,937	\$ 7,841	\$ 96	\$ 96
Bishop's Honorarium	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
LTD/Life Insurance	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
Travel and Ministry Expenses	\$ 11,664	\$ 12,500	\$ (836)	\$ -
Tithe (to REC)	\$ 13,373	\$ 12,500	\$ 873	\$ 873
Missions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bishop's Discretionary	\$ (100)	\$ 300	\$ (400)	\$ -
Dissolved Parish Expenses	\$ 983	\$ -	\$ 983	\$ 983
Total Expenses	\$ 91,178	\$ 80,330	\$ 10,848	\$ 6,577
Excess/(Deficit)	\$ 129,694	\$ (10,170)	\$ 139,864	\$ 156,102

Investments

	<i>2011</i>	<i>6/30/11</i>
Initial value	\$ 57,438	\$ 50,641
Net Purchases (Sales)	\$ (10,309)	\$ 91,106
Appreciation	\$ 3,512	\$ 11,729
Final Value	\$ 50,641	\$ 153,476

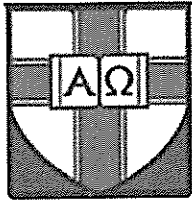
Balances

	<i>12/31/11</i>	<i>6/30/12</i>
Checking Account	\$ 43,697	\$ 78,956
Investments	\$ 50,641	\$ 153,476
Total	\$ 94,338	\$ 232,432

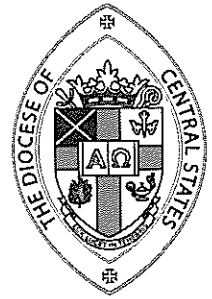
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Off-budget Expenses

Inflows	
Clergy Relief	\$1,775
Outflows	
Clergy Relief	\$3,600

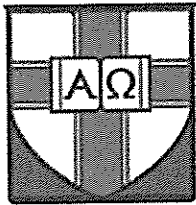


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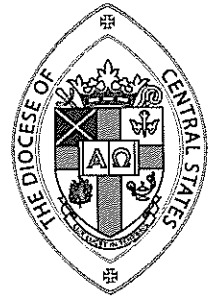


Parish Tithes
Jan-Jun 2012

All Saints' Anglican, Raliegh, NC	\$	5,352
Ang.Ch. Of the Resurrection, Shalimar, FL	\$	2,322
Christ Covenant, Sevierville, TN	\$	-
Christ our Hope, Dayton, OH	\$	4,595
Christ our Hope, Westpoint, TN	\$	8,981
Christ the King, Dayton, OH	\$	9,223
~~Church of the Good Shepherd, N Augusta~~	~~\$~~	~~-~~
Church of the Redeemer, Wilson, NC	\$	1,422
Covenant REC, Roanoke, VA	\$	1,173
Holy Trinity, Fairfax, VA	\$	12,163
St. Andrew's, Appomattox, TN	\$	2,240
St. James, Memphis, TN	\$	9,441
St. John's, Mt. Laurel, AL	\$	570
St. Jude, Richmond, VA	\$	2,332
St. Peter's, Norge, VA	\$	-
St. Philip the Apostle, Fairhope, AL	\$	-
St. Timothy, Lynchburg, VA	\$	2,021
Trinity Anglican, Evansville, IN	\$	913
Trinity REC, Mason, OH	\$	8,271
Other	\$	-
Total	\$	71,019



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Proposed Budget
Calendar Year 2013

	2012	2013	Increase/ (Decrease)
Income			
Parish Tithes	\$ 118,511	\$ 139,906	\$ 21,395
Savings/Investment Draws	\$ 21,708	\$ 13,017	\$ (8,691)
Total Income	\$ 140,219	\$ 152,923	\$ 12,704
Expenses			
Bishop's Salary	\$ 47,408	\$ 49,808	\$ 2,400
Bishop's Housing Allowance	\$ 31,000	\$ 31,000	\$ -
Bishop's Office Allowance	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -
Medical	\$ 9,970	\$ 10,770	\$ 800
Bishop's Retirement	\$ 7,841	\$ 7,841	\$ -
Bishop's Honorarium	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
LTD/Life Insurance	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
Travel and Ministry Expenses	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -
Tithe (to REC)	\$ 12,500	\$ 14,204	\$ 1,704
Missions	\$ -	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800
Bishop's Discretionary	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
Dissolved Parish Expenses	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Total Expenses	\$ 140,219	\$ 152,923	\$ 12,704
Excess/(Deficit)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**Report of the Standing Committee
Made at the Diocesan Synod
October 25-26, 2012
in Shalimar, FL**

It has been another busy year for the Standing Committee of the Diocese of the Central States. During the course of the year, in consultation with Bishop Morse, we voted to approve the following:

- 1) In November, we gave our consent for the Rev. Canon Charles R. Gillin to be ordained as the suffragan bishop of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic.
- 2) On May 12, Fr. Wayne McNamara, Fr. Chris Herman and Fr. Harry Mathis met with and examined Dr. Matt Colvin for his diaconal ordination. He was unanimously approved.
- 3) In August, Mr. Wyatt Boutwell of Holy Trinity Church in Fairfax, VA was approved as a postulant for Holy Orders.
- 4) In September, Canon Houser, Fr. Boettner and Fr. Camlin examined the Rev. Dcn. Scott Thompson for the priesthood. He was approved unanimously.
- 5) On October 16th, the Standing Committee met via conference call and unanimously approved a new mission work in Lynchburg, VA under the direction of Fr. John Heaton.
- 6) Also in October, the Standing Committee voted unanimously to approve the election of Fr. Peter Manto as suffragan bishop of the Diocese of the Central States at this Synod.
- 7) Finally, Canon Houser and Fr. Camlin examined Fr. Davidson Morse and unanimously approved the transfer of his orders from the Diocese of Ft. Worth into the Reformed Episcopal Church.

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EDUCATION

Master of Arts, Practical Ministries, 1996
Cincinnati Christian Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, Psychology minor, 1972
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Rector, Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church, Mason, Ohio, 1990 to present

- Founding rector. Church planter responsible for all aspects of pastoral ministry including worship, teaching, counseling, outreach, and administration. Guided the transition of this congregation from nondenominational church status to membership in the Reformed Episcopal Church (formally received in 2002).

Adjunct Professor of Sociology, Hondros College, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2001-2002

- Taught introductory level classes.

Headmaster, Bowling Green Covenant Academy, Bowling Green, Ohio, 1985-1989

- Founded and directed private elementary school. Responsible for developing all aspects of private school functions.

Associate Pastor, Bowling Green Covenant Church, Bowling Green, Ohio, 1977-1989

- Assisted in the establishment and leadership of local parish (from college prayer group to 300+ member congregation) and three church plants.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Archdeacon, Missionary Diocese of the Central States: Reformed Episcopal Church, 2009 –present

- Assist bishop in the pastoral oversight of the diocese.

Board of Trustees (Director), Missionary Diocese of the Central States: Reformed Episcopal Church, 2007 – present

- Diocesan financial management and oversight.

Board Member, Children's Hunger Relief Fund, Santa Rosa, California, 1998 – 2008

- Financial and administrative oversight of international relief organization.
\$40 million of aid distributed worldwide in 2007.

Board of Trustees (Clergy Director), Diocese of Mid-America: Reformed Episcopal Church, 2003 – 2007

- Diocesan financial management and oversight.