

Minutes of the Synod of the Diocese of the Central States

Meeting at Trinity Church, Mason Ohio

October 23 and 24, 2014

First Day - Morning Session

- Having celebrated Holy Communion with Presiding Bishop Grote as the celebrant and homilist, the Synod of the Diocese of the Central States was called to order with prayer by the Rt Rev Dan Morse on Thursday October 23, 2014.
- The Rev Ian MacGregor was moved, seconded and elected as Secretary of the Synod.
- The Credentials Committee report was given and accepted (copy attached).
- Guests were introduced:
 - o The Rev Richard Palmer from the Anglican Province in America read greetings from Bishop Grundorf.
 - o The Rev Canon William Jerdan of the REC Board of Foreign Missions.
- Nominations to Synod offices: There were no nominations from the Nominations committee, so nominations for Synod offices were opened to the Floor
 - o The Rev Franklin Sanders was nominated, seconded and elected as Treasurer.
 - o The existing members of the Standing Committee were accepted as a group, with the exception of the Rev Camlin who will be leaving the Diocese of the Central States – the Rev Scott Thompson was moved, seconded and approved to fill that vacant chair.
 - o The existing Trustees were nominated as a group, seconded and approved.
- It was noted the minutes for the 2013 Synod as listed on the Diocese's website were incomplete; as a result the 2013 minutes were read by the secretary and approved.
- Bishop Manto assumed the Chair while Bishop Morse read his report (attached).
 - o During his report the Bishop asked Trinity Anglican (Evansville, Indiana), St Jude's Anglican (Richmond Virginia) and All Saints Anglican Parish (Raleigh NC) to give the Synod an update on their on-going Building Plans.
 - o The Bishop's Report was accepted by the Synod.

- Being ahead of schedule the Synod moved to the Treasurer's Report:
 - The Rev Sanders presented his reports (copies attached).
 - Given the continuing deficit, discussion was had about elimination of Missions Funding for 2015 as a means to help close the gap.
 - Fr Sanders reminded the parishes they can give designated funds for Missions. He also noted the Clergy Relief Fund has not been well funded in recent years.
 - The Treasurer's report was approved. The synod also thanked Mark Malson for his work and efforts in assisting Fr Sanders.
- The Report from the ACNA on Ministers Salaries was presented (copy attached).
- The Standing Committee gave its report (copy attached).
- The Rev John Heaton gave the Diocese an update on All Saints Lynchburg. Bruce Boone gave an update on the Appomattox parish and school.
- The Rev Scott Houser, representing the Constitutions and Canons Committee indicated there were no changes proposed this year.
- Joan Workowski offered the Women of the Church Report.

The Synod then broke for lunch.

First Day – Afternoon Session

- Bishop Grote presented updated information on the legal dispute involving churches in the city of Houston, Texas, which has subpoenaed sermons and other materials from a number of (non-REC) churches.
- The Rev Jerdan introduced Sora Colvin who made a presentation on her missionary efforts in the Philippines (copy attached).
 - Fr Jerdan then discussed REC missions work.
- The Rev Brad Cunningham, APA priest in Jacksonville Fl gave a presentation on his experiences with the Roman Catholic Church and its Anglican Ordinariate.
- The Rev Christopher Beckham gave a presentation on NT Wright's "Paul in Fresh Perspective".

Day One concluded that evening with a banquet.

Day Two

- The session was opened with Morning Prayer.
- New Business:
 - Bishop Morse led a discussion on possible changes to the synod, such as having it over one day instead of two. General discussion followed with final information for 2015 to come from the host parish.
- Committee Appointments
 - It was noted that Tom McConnell had been left off the list for the Standing Committee
 - Given the lack of prepared nominations, Fr Scott recommended the Standing Committee and Trustees designate classes for retiring members to be assigned and presented at the 2015 synod.
 - Bishop Morse indicated he would appoint a Nominating Committee and relay that to the Diocese in the next few weeks or month.
- Fr Jerdan made a presentation for the Missions Board.
- Fr Cunningham concluded his presentation of the Ordinariate and his return to Anglicanism.

There being no further business, the synod was concluded with the Synod Eucharist.

DCS Synod 2014

Wednesday

- 12-6 PM** Check-in to hotel
- 4-7 PM** Hospitality Room: Registration packets, name tags, banquet tickets issued. Collection of yet unpaid fees. Snacks, sodas, cash wine & beer bar in hospitality room
- 7 PM** Dinner on own

Thursday

- 7:30 AM** Late registration: parish hall, Trinity Church
- 8:30 AM** Holy Communion: Celebrant/Sermon: Most Reverend Royal Grote, Presiding Bishop, REC
- 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 2013 Synod of the Diocese of Central States
2. Report from the Bishop Ordinary

- Noon** Buffet Lunch at hotel restaurant

- 1:30 PM** Second business session

Reports Continued:

1. Trustees (Fr. Sanders, Mr. Malson)
 - Committee on Ministers' Salaries (Fr. Boettner)
2. Standing Committee (Fr. Camlin)
3. Committee on Constitutions and Canons (Rev. Canon Houser)
4. Board of Foreign Missions (Canon Jerdan)
5. Women of the Church (Mrs. Workowski)

- 2:30 PM** Break
- 2:45 PM** Anglicans and the Ordinariate...Fr. Brad Cunningham
- 3:30 PM** Break
- 3:45 PM** Anglicans and the Ordinariate ...Fr. Brad Cunningham
- 4:30 PM** Evening Prayer (said) ...Fr. Wayne McNamara
- 6:00 PM** Reception
- 7:00 PM** Banquet and "The Blue Wisp Big Band"

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Friday

8 AM	Morning Prayer (said)...Fr. Chris Herman
8:30 AM	Third Business Session 1. New Business 2. Committee Appointments for 2014-2015 3. Next Year's Synod (2015) 4. Adjournment of business sessions
9:15 AM	Break
9:30 AM	"NT Wright"... Fr. Christopher Beckham
10:15 AM	Break
10:30 AM	Closing Eucharist. (Celebrant/sermon, Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse, Bishop Ordinary)

Delegates & Clergy

Use on Thursday 10/23 only.

Congregation	First Name	Middle I	Last Name	Status
✓ Christ the King Anglican, Dayton	James		Hoffman	Lay Delegate
✓ Christ the King Anglican, Dayton	Robert		Neeb	Presbyter
✓ Covenant REC - Roanoke, VA	Patricia		Smith	Alt. Delegate
✓ Covenant REC - Roanoke, VA	Aaron		Levine	Lay Delegate
✓ Covenant REC - Roanoke, VA	Richard	W	Workowski	Presbyter
✓ Covenant REC - Roanoke, VA	William	H.	Smith	Presbyter
✓ ~~Holy Trinity Fairfax~~	~~James~~	~~E~~	~~Byers~~	~~Diocesan Trustee~~
✓ Holy Trinity Fairfax	Kent		Williams	Lay Delegate
✓ Holy Trinity Fairfax	Rebecca		Wood	Lay Delegate
✓ Holy Trinity Fairfax	Charles	F.	Camlin	Presbyter
✓ REC Board of Foreign Missions	William		Jerdan	Mission Representative
✓ Redeemer, Wilson	Tyler	M.	Crocker	Lay Delegate
✓ Redeemer, Wilson	Paul	C.	Edgerton	Presbyter
✓ St Paul's Anglican REC	Philp	Grant	Ford	Sr Warden
✓ St. Andrews, Appomattox	Bruce	S	Boone	Jr Warden
✓ St. James Anglican Church	Jennifer		McConnell	Lay Delegate
✓ St. James Anglican Church	Keith		Boettner	Presbyter
✓ St. James Anglican Church	Thomas		McConnell	Standing Committee
✓ St. James Anglican Church	Perry		Hayes	Trustee
✓ St. John's Anglican Church	Jon	Scott	Houser	Presbyter
✓ St. Jude's Anglican Church	Kenneth	D	Mills	Postulant
✓ St. Jude's Anglican Church	W.	Scott	Thompson	Presbyter
✓ St. Jude's Anglican Church	E.	Tom	Newbill	Sr Warden / Delegate
✓ St. Lazarus Mission	Carol	J.	Herman	~~Lay Delegate~~
✓ St. Lazarus Mission	Christopher	S.	Herman	Presbyter
✓ St. Nicholas	Robert		Sexton	Deacon

Christ Our Hope
Christ Our Hope, Dayton

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Lay Delegate
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✓ St. Nicholas	David		Goodwin	lay Delegate
✓ Trinity Anglican Church	Michael		Spieth	Deacon
✓ Trinity Anglican Church	Nancy		Chaney	lay Delegate
✓ Trinity Anglican Church	Raymond		Chaney	lay Delegate
✓ Trinity Anglican Church	David	S	Straw	Presbyter
✓ Trinity Mason	Peter		Manto	Bishop
✓ Trinity Mason	Michelle		Caldwell	Deaconess
✓ Trinity Mason	Mark		Malsen	lay Delegate
✓ Trinity Mason	David		Truax	Presbyter
	Dan	R	Morse	Bishop
	Royal	U	Grote	Bishop
	Christopher		Beckham	Presbyter
✓ St. Andrews Appomattox	Clemmitt		Sigler	A.H. Delegate
✓ Christ the King, Dayton	Dorinda		Corzini	Presbyter
✓ Christ the King	Martha		Bergs	lay Delegate
✓ All Saints Church	John		Horton	Presbyter
✓ Christ the King	Wayne		McNamara	Presbyter

Yes No Delegate

✓ All Saints Parish Ian McEregor Presbyter

✓ Christ the King Donna Cosini Presbyter

✓ Christ the King Franklin Sanders Presbyter

✓ Christ the King Daniel Freeman Delegate

✓ Christ the King James

**2014 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 Seventh 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 16 persons were presented to me for the laying on of hands in the ancient rite of confirmation since I reported to you in 2013. 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
January		
6—Orlando, FL	ACNA Bishops	
February		
2—Shalimar, FL	Resurrection	
23—Birmingham, AL	St. John's	5
March		
11—Trustees 7:30		
April		
3-6—Dayton, OH, Christ Our Hope	Installation of Fr. Harry Mathis and his retirement from the AF	
28-May 3—Summerville, SC	REC Bishops	
May		
4—Raleigh, NC, All Saints		
Asheboro, NC, St. Andrew's		
25—Westpoint, TN, Christ Our Hope		

Date and Location	Special Purpose	Confirmations
June		
1—Roanoke, VA, Covenant		
10-13—Blue Bell, PA	General Council	
15—Fairfax, VA, Holy Trinity	Ordination of Wyatt Boutwell	
July		
27—Wilson, NC, Redeemer		1
August		
13—Evansville, IN	Trinity new building	
September		
7— Memphis, TN, St. James		9
14—Richmond, VA, St. Jude	New building consecration	
19-21—Dayton, OH, Christ the King		
28—Chelsea, AL, St. John's		1
October		
9-10—Investiture of the New Archbishop on October 9 in Atlanta, and a Meeting of the College of ACNA Bishops on October 10 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.		
23-24—Mason, OH	Synod	
26—Mason, OH, Trinity		
November		
1—Lynchburg, VA, All Saints		
Appomattox, VA, St. Andrew's		

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. Trinity, Evansville, IN, St. John's, Chelsea, AL, St. Jude's, Richmond, VA, All Saints, Raleigh, NC have been singularly blessed.

ORDINATIONS

I ordained Wyatt Boutwell to the diaconate in Holy Trinity Church, Fairfax, VA, and on November 16 I will ordain Josiah Jones to the presbyterate in Holy Trinity Church, Fairfax, VA to be the Rector, the Lord willing.

CLERGY TRANSFER

The Rev. Dr. Christopher Beckham transferred from the ACNA Diocese of the South.
The Rev. William H. (Bill) Smith transferred from the PCA.

The Rev. Richard Workowski transferred from the Diocese of the Northeast.

I transferred the Rev. Jonathan Kell to the Diocese of the Northeast.

On September 29 I received word from the Rev. Canon Charlie Camlin that he had accepted the call from Church of the Holy Communion in Dallas, TX as Assistant Rector to the Rt. Rev. Ray Sutton. We thank God for the long and fruitful ministry of Fr. Charlie and Brett and will miss them greatly. We pray God's blessings on his new ministry.

CHURCH TRANSFER

I transferred Resurrection Church, Shalimar, FL, the Rev. Messrs. Frank Gough and Chris Flynn to the Rt. Rev. Neil Lebhar and the ACNA Diocese of the Gulf Atlantic Coast. Bp. Lebhar informed me that it takes action of the diocese to receive a parish, and I have not yet received word that they have been received.

BISHOP MANTO'S SINGAPORE TRIP

Presiding Bishop Grote asked Bp. Manto to travel to Singapore Nov. 11-14 in his place to attend the Mission Consultation Roundtable at St. Andrew's Cathedral. The theme of the Roundtable is "That They May Know and Confess Jesus as Saviour and Lord". Bp. Manto will be traveling with the Rev. Canon Bill Jerdan.

KNOWLEDGE OF THE BIBLE

One of the most important measures of true spirituality is knowledge of the Bible. I have heard many comments about Episcopalians who only know what the lectionary reading is from the prayer book but have no idea where the reading comes in biblical history and revelation, or what the meaning is in relation to the rest of the Bible. I would encourage you to have very simple Bible introduction classes to help your people become biblically literate. There are many good Bible survey text books that can be used, or I would be glad to send you summaries and outlines that I have used in years past. One of the greatest strengths of the REC through the years has been that the lay people know the Bible, and I encourage you to keep that a strength of our churches.

As I'm sure you know, people outside the Church are not only totally ignorant of the Bible, but they sometimes ridicule the idea that anything in an old musty book could possibly have anything to say that would be relevant in our modern, digitally-driven world. Churches sometimes try to make up for this deficiency by getting their members to meditate on what a verse of the Bible means to them. There certainly is a place for subjective application, but first we must be careful to know the objective truth of the Bible.

Some who have never studied the Bible deride anyone who quotes the Bible by saying that the Bible is a wax nose that can be made to say anything to suit a person's viewpoint. While it is certainly true that a text quoted out of context is simply a pretext for one's own private opinion, that only serves to establish the need for us to teach our people what

the Bible really says in its own time and place so that we can then make appropriate application in the present circumstances.

In this connection I mention to you the Rev. Charles Erlandson's project to produce materials for catechesis, and the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Banek's work on Bible stories for children. Both projects should be available to our churches in the near future.

EVANGELISM

In past episcopal reports I have encouraged you to engage in evangelism and have suggested books to help in your thinking and prayers on this very important matter. The Rev. Mssrs. Franklin Sanders, Wayne McNamara, and Chris Herman are doing good things in jail, homeless, and nursing home ministries that you should look into. Following is Fr. Chris's report on the nursing home ministry.

Outreach Update for Christ our Hope Anglican Church's Vestry Meeting 4 January 2014

Fr. Chris Herman

Since the last report on 13 December:

Livingston Care Center

1. Please keep the residents in your prayers. Winter is hard on the residents.
2. The scale of ministry continues to grow. The team is growing with the addition of Gwynn and Jane Jones, and several of the resident's family members attend each week and have become essentially members of this non-traditional church community. Also, Isaac Chavez, who is a postulant for the Diaconate has become very active. He brings one of his two young daughters regularly as well. Lorain Sapient has also become a welcome part of the team. (Total communicants in the year 2013 were 1472. (Whole year in 2012 was 699)). The ministry team includes at least 18 people from the two parishes and the facility itself (one is a LEM from an RC parish. We have a terrific relationship with the staff. The nurses trust Carol and me, and those for whom we vouch.

There are quite a few new people in the congregation there. Attendance jumped in November, practically doubling historic numbers. I don't know if the high attendance will continue, but I think it might. One of the reasons is that family members of residents have made worshiping with us on Sundays part of their lives. It is a delight to see them. I expect some more confirmations in the future.

Bishop Dan Morse suggested that I form a Board, and so I submitted to him my recommendations and my reasons for each initial member, and He formally appointed a Board for the ministry at Livingston. It is comprised of people from both Dayton REC parishes, including four from CoH: Fr. Harry Mathis, Rich Zepernick, Carol Herman, and me. This ministry and thus its new Board is always a work in progress, as you can imagine. There are many details to work through and much work to be done, so we trust the Lord will!

give us His grace and reveal to us His will as we work through the nuts and bolts. Please pray for the residents, the new Board, and the whole ministry team.

3. Carol Herman continues to take lessons from Rosanne Brown for playing music at services.
4. Gwynn and Jane Jones have stepped in and become the consistent music team each Sunday afternoon. The residents particularly enjoy music. They bring a banjo, keyboard, and guitar. They played on Christmas morning.
5. The Roberts boys continue to help each week. Stanley Rodrigues has helped quite a bit with the implementation of risk management policy and has attended often. Stanley is a stalwart and extraordinarily faithful servant. Joe McNamara is almost always present in the afternoon. Beginning a couple months ago, so is Isaac Chavez. One week he brought his eldest daughter, Pricilla, and she is like a rock star. Children brighten the place quite a bit. Tim Parker (CKAC) is finally well enough to visit occasionally. Rosanne Brown continues to visit her adopted "grandparents." She's terrific! Rich Zepernick is also remarkable in his love and dedication for the residents. He has faithfully executed practical leadership role in the ministry. When I add up the people who are there regularly, there are 17 from both parishes, and yet there are more, I am sure who contribute in ways I haven't seen or remembered.
6. I enacted a special risk avoidance policy which I would rather not be in these minutes. I am sure you are aware of what I speak. If not, I am glad to discuss it with you at another occasion or context. Many thanks to Fr. Harry for making this easy to enact.

I want to keep working forward on the risk management with regard to the youth from any parish or context for that matter, and anyone who might be frail and/or helpless in my pastoral care. I want to make sure the whole team has the requisite training.
7. The Christmas play on the 22nd of December was very well appreciated. 84 people attended, and we actually ran out of wine for Holy Communion. It is my fault I didn't plan ahead for that many! 37 people were at the Christmas morning service.
8. The luncheon each afternoon at Christ our Hope has been a great help and blessing. Thanks be to God (and the Mathis family).

Other Activities:

1. Transportation for the Nicholas Group is still a challenge. Many thanks to Fr. Harry Mathis for taking on transportation in the afternoon. It has made a huge difference at Livingston, already.
2. The Sunday morning Bible study at McDonalds has six to eight regular attendees, plus Carol and me. Part of this includes a meal.

3. I am so very glad to know there is now a fellowship meal time after the Sunday service. I sincerely appreciate having no key role in it. Carol and I have found it to have solved the cross-ministry issues we were facing. Even more importantly, I am convinced God is blessed by it!
4. Cooking Club is also being discussed – Jon Miller, Duane Veley, Carol Herman, Paul Burns, Dss Candy all sort of came up with the idea separately and it might have some legs, but it needs a head and some hands. I think the cooking club is not as critically needed because of the fellowship meal, but it remains a good idea, I think.
5. Four families provided some food for Jason Ray, particularly when his foot was broken when a car hit him. We also have been giving him a monthly bus pass as he heals. Normally Jason walks everywhere. I expect him to need one more (a third), probably, and none after that. Jason has never asked me for anything else. He is not taking advantage of us, nor trying to do so. His foot is healing well, but it is quite painful to walk as much as he used to. His bicycle is gone since the accident. He could use one if you have one to spare.
6. Carol and I are endeavoring to create a pattern where those who smoke frequently and get up often during the service sit in the same section of the Church building each Sunday morning, especially the second and third from the last rows close to the restrooms. I recommend the vestry consider adding two or three more rows of chairs on that side.
7. I continue to work on the food and drink etiquette with the recent visitors as I have good opportunities. I addressed the issue with everyone who drove with me two weeks ago, and I think we are making some progress, albeit slow. Thank you for being patient with them. I will keep working with them.
8. Terri Sebree indicated to Carol Herman her desire to help with the ministry and I will connect with her. Paul Burns has handled the whole morning transportation ministry three times now in my stead. Stanley Rodrigues, Jon Miller, and Tom and Martha Berger have driven in the afternoon as well. Fr. Harry is often the main driver on Sunday afternoons.
9. Bishop Dan asked me to help Fr. Wayne McNamara mentor several Deaconate candidates from CKAC especially by giving several of them experience alongside me in practical ministry and by helping them understand better the calling (or non-calling) they are experiencing. I am not directly or primarily responsible for their formation but I serve as an advisor, teacher and example to them. Fr. Wayne McNamara is handling all of the studies with them. I have taken Isaac Chavez under my wing and am teaching him about ministry to the sick and dying.

Isaac now helps out at Livingston with the rotation in the morning (with three VERY young children). Also, he has been active in the meal served to the visitors from the group homes who attend Christ the King each Sunday, along with Joe McNamara. He is also one of the primary drivers in the morning for those from the group homes who attend Christ the King. Other members of Christ the King, including some families are now deliberately attending the luncheon as well, and helping out with it. After the luncheon, he helps out at Livingston most Sunday afternoons.

Two postulants are plugging into other ministries that have tugged at their hearts: prison and refugee ministry. The fourth postulant, Jeff Baugham, is heavily involved already in ministry through Samaritan Outreach.

Thus, there is no bandwidth with the four postulants to pull help into that of Christ our Hope's fledgling ministry to the people "coming in from the cold," the Nicholas Group.

10. Regarding budget, I am trying to reduce expenses so as to stay within budget for the year. I will coordinate with Pat Prenger to make sure I don't exceed the budget.
11. I celebrated Holy Communion last week, the 29th of December, at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Greenfield, IN. The parish there sends their warmest greeting. They welcomed Carol and me as though we were royalty. We had a terrific lunch with the majority of the parish. They asked a lot of questions about the REC and other topics. We actually had lunch for over three hours together!

News:

1. The Sunday Bible Study group is likely to continue to grow. I am wondering what I am going to do when I can't fit everyone in the van. That day is rapidly coming, I think.
2. I was accepted into Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University. I plan to begin an MA in Ministry Leadership as part of a cohort of 20 other active ministers. All but the first three days of the courses will be online. The program is designed with already-engaged, time-pressed pastors in mind. The first course is Leadership 540, Non-Profit Management. I will be on campus on the 15th, 16th and 17th of January.
3. I am scheduled to fill in for Fr. Wayne McNamara at Christ the King on January 5th. I will update the parish on what is going on at Livingston as well.

Pressing Outreach Decisions:

1. Back to School Bash – to plan to do it or not to plan to do it. Please ask the Lord to tell us what He wants us to do about it. I don't have clarity. Right now, I have data

that indicates to me that I don't have the budget for it. The long pole in the tent would be donations...would we have little or no expense? Last time I remember spending something around \$1500 for the whole thing, even with thousands of dollars worth of supplies from Mead. Also, is there a champion?

2. Music at the Gazebo – is there a champion? I think it would be a good thing to continue, but I don't know who would champion it. I don't think it would be a big portion of the outreach budget if we did it. I would like to keep this outreach going.
3. What are we missing if anything? I hope for some clarity at the upcoming retreat.
4. Outreach Committee....

Submitted Respectfully,
Fr. Chris Herman

EPISCOPAL VISITS OF BP. MANTO

Since Bp. Manto's consecration I have limited his episcopal visits to parishes close to Mason so that he and Trinity Church could adjust to the new reality. I had assured them from the time I first proposed to nominate him as my suffragan that I would not expect him to be away from the parish a great deal, and to further mitigate the disruption for Trinity church I ordained the Rev. Dcn. David Truax to the presbyterate. Bp. Manto has made a few visits for me in Ohio and Indiana, and I think now he should be able to venture further to other churches in the diocese. If you would like to have him come to your parish you can make the arrangements with him. The episcopal report forms should still be sent to me so that I can keep all the records of the diocese together.

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. According to her doctors, the tumor is reduced for

which we praise God who is Lord over sickness and death, and we also ask that you continue to uphold her in your prayers.

DATE FOR THE 2015 DIOCESE MEETING

We have received an invitation for October 22, 23, 2015 from St. John's Anglican Church, Chelsea, AL (formerly St. John's of Mt. Laurel). They now worship in the chapel of a large retreat center built by the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama southeast of Birmingham off Hwy. 280. If you are flying you should go into Birmingham and then rent a car. More specific directions will be given next year as we get closer to the date.

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, 2014), 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 in the Philippines to the support of all REC parishes.

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

BISHOPS

MORSE, The Rt. Rev. Daniel R. (Dan)
MANTO, The Rt. Rev. Peter, Suffragan

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BOETTNER, The Rev. Roy K. (Keith)
CAMLIN, The Rev. Charles F., Canon Missioner
CLAUSON, The Rev. Dr. Marc A.
COLVIN, The Rev. Dr. Matthew
COZZINI, The Rev. Dorino
EDGERTON, The Rev. Dr. Paul
HEATON, The Rev. John
HERMAN, The Rev. Christopher (Chris)
HOUSER, The Rev. Canon Jon S. (Scott)
LONGMIRE, Jr., The Rev. Rodney H.
MACGREGOR, The Rev. Ian H.
MATHIS, The Rev. Harry Mathis (on loan from CANA)
MCNAMARA, The Rev. Wayne M.
MORSE, The Rev. Davidson R.
ROGERS, The Rev. Burlyn
RUBY Jr., The Rev. Dr. Walter M.
SANDERS, The Rev. Franklin
SMITH, The Rev. William H. Smith
STEERE III, The Rev. Samuel A. (Sam)
STRAW, The Rev. David
THOMPSON, The Rev. W. Scott
TRUAX, The Rev. David
USELTON, The Rev. Randy
WORKOWSKI, The Rev. Richard

DEACONS

BAIN, The Rev. Johnny Ray
BOUTWELL, The Rev. Wyatt
HANNA, The Rev. Mark
JONES, The Rev. Josiah
LITTLEJOHN, The Rev. Dr. Robert, Ph.D.,
SEXTON, The Rev. Rob
SPIETH, The Rev. Michael

DEACONESSSES

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

CHAVEZ, Isaac

FITZPATRICK, Stuart

FORD, Grant

GINGERICH, Barton

LANCLOS, Steven

MILLS, Ken

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

VIRGINIA

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

Reports of Episcopal Duties 2014

+Peter Manto

- I. February 24: Regional Clergy Meeting, Dayton, OH, McNamara+ home
 - A. McNamara+, Mathis+, Truax+, Cozzini+, Neeb+, Dcn. Smith
 - 1. Set schedule to assist St. Paul's, Greenfield, IN
 - 2. Began planning pulpit exchange schedule
 - 3. Discussed: church plant, clerics
 - B. Other regional presbyters: Herman+, Straw+, Beckham+
 - C. Other Deacons: Sexton, Speith
- II. March 18: met with Chris Beckham+ now living in KY. He will be a part of our regional clergy group. We discussed the possibility of developing some university ministry (Chris+ is a professor at Moorehead State U.) and will pursue this idea.
- III. March 21-23: E. visit to Trinity, Evansville and St. Nicholas Mission, Owensboro
 - A. 3/21: Discernment Retreat, Owensboro- Straw+, Dcn. Sexton, Dcn. Speith, Ray Chaney, Dave Goodwin from Owensboro
 - B. 3/22: Evansville-Toured building and grounds purchased by Trinity, discussed plans.
 - 1. Expressed concerns that seating capacity was inadequate. Planning for 80, I thought 120 would be better and possible.
 - 2. 3/22: Celebrant, Service of Holy Communion-Trinity Anglican
 - a) 35 in attendance. Celtic music service.
 - C. 3/22: All-parish meeting, addressed the parish, affirmed their work, rejoiced in their recent building purchase.
 - D. 3/23: Celebrant/preacher, Service of Holy Communion-St. Nicholas Mission.
 - 1. 15 in attendance. Promising mission work.
- IV. April 26-27: E. visit to St. Paul's Mission, Greenfield, IN.
 - A. 4/26: Parish meeting and dinner. Q/A from parishioners (5 in attendance)
 - B. 4/27: Celebrant/Preacher service of Holy Communion (their Easter service)
 - 1. 15 in attendance including 2 visiting clergy (bishop and priest) from the Communion of Evangelical Episcopal Churches
 - 2. Bishop's Warden Grant Ford currently studying for diaconate.
 - 3. Regional clergy providing monthly celebrant for Holy Communion...much appreciated by mission.
 - 4. Members signed another one-year rental agreement...hopeful signs for future of mission...2014 a pivotal year regarding their future.
- V. May 13: Regional Clergy Meeting, Dayton, OH. McNamara home
 - A. Present: McNamara+, Cozzini+, Neeb+, Truax+, Herman+, +Manto
 - 1. Herman+ recovering from leg injury gave encouraging update regarding his physical improvement and also regarding St. Lazarus Mission, the new nontraditional parish within our diocese and region.
 - 2. Assigned monthly celebrants for St. Paul's through September
 - 3. Made travel plans for General Council

Reports of Episcopal Duties 2014

+Peter Manto

- VI. June 10-12: General Council in Blue Bell, PA
 - A. Travelled with David Straw+, and Dcn. Mike Speith
 - B. Matt Colvin+ visiting, enjoyed some time with him...met with Matt+, +Morse, +Grote, SAMS reps to discuss the Colvin mission.
- VII. June 19-22: ACNA Conclave, Pittsburgh, PA
 - A. House of Bishops elected +Foley Beach as archbishop
- VIII. July 29-31: Visit Bp. and Marianne Morse, Nashville, TN
 - A. Time of fellowship and strategizing regarding Diocese, synod, future
- IX. September 12-14: Richmond, VA, Consecration of St. Jude's building
 - A. Preached at consecration service...+Morse celebrant
 - 1. Met with Scott+ and parish.
- X. General
 - A. Synod preparations...Trinity, Mason is hosting Synod
 - B. Trustees meetings: 3 so far this year
 - C. Pastoral interaction with clergy from Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky
 - D. Bp. Grote requested I represent him and accompany Canon Bill Jerdan to the Missions Consultation Roundtable in Singapore in November 2014. From Singapore we will travel to the Philippines to visit Matt+ and Sora Colvin.



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Diocese of the Central States

Actuals vs. Budget

Calendar Year 2013



Income	Actual	Budget	Over/ (Under)
Parish Tithes	\$ 135,630	\$ 139,906	\$ (4,276)
Other Contributions, Interest	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100
Savings/Investment Draws	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 135,730	\$ 139,906	\$ (4,176)
Expenses			
Bishop's Salary	\$ 49,824	\$ 49,808	\$ 16
Bishop's Housing Allowance	\$ 30,000	\$ 31,000	\$ (1,000)
Bishop's Office Allowance	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -
Medical	\$ 8,696	\$ 10,770	\$ (2,074)
Bishop's Retirement	\$ 9,419	\$ 7,841	\$ 1,578
Bishop Honorarium	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
LTD/Life Insurance	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
Travel and Ministry Expenses	\$ 43,194	\$ 25,000	\$ 18,194
Tithe (to REC)	\$ 14,027	\$ 14,204	\$ (177)
Missions	\$ 3,007	\$ 4,800	\$ (1,793)
Parish Planting Expenses	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Bishop's Discretionary	\$ (170)	\$ 500	\$ (670)
Dissolved Parish Expenses	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ (2,500)
Total Expenses	\$ 166,497	\$ 152,923	\$ 13,574
Excess/(Deficit)	\$ (30,767)	\$ (13,017)	\$ (17,750)



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Balance Sheet Entries
Calendar Year 2013



Investments

	2013
Initial value	\$ 133,831
Purchases	\$ -
Sales	\$ -
Unrealized gain (loss)	\$ (34,442)
Final Value	\$ 99,389

Bishop's Loan

	2013
Initial value	\$ 16,360
Payments	\$ (6,336)
Final Value	\$ 10,024

Off-budget Expenses

	2013
Clergy Relief	
Beginning Balance	\$ 22,689
Income	\$ 2,925
Tithe Allocations	\$ 6,781
Disbursements	\$ 3,200
Ending Balance	\$ 29,195
Dissolved Parishes / Church Plants	
Beginning Balance	\$ 179,467
Income	\$ -
Disbursements	\$ 18,125
Ending Balance	\$ 161,342

Balances

	12/31/12	12/31/13
Checking Account	\$ 60,862	\$ 20,268
Investments	\$ 133,831	\$ 99,389
Loans	\$ 16,360	\$ 10,024
Total	\$ 170,275	\$ 129,681



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Year-over-year
2011-2013



Income	2011	2012	2013
Parish Tithes	\$ 139,126	\$ 141,182	\$ 135,630
Other Contributions, Interest	\$ 1,210	\$ 378	\$ 100
Synod Registrations	\$ 797	\$ -	\$ -
REC Sustentation	\$ 16,000	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 157,133	\$ 141,560	\$ 135,730
Expenses			
Bishop's Salary	\$ 48,373	\$ 46,133	\$ 49,824
Bishop's Housing Allowance	\$ 31,000	\$ 32,357	\$ 30,000
Office Expense	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Medical	\$ 16,737	\$ 9,707	\$ 8,696
Bishop's Retirement	\$ 7,128	\$ 7,937	\$ 9,419
Bishop Honorarium	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -
LTD/Life Insurance	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	\$ 500
Travel and Ministry Expenses	\$ 25,029	\$ 25,981	\$ 43,194
Tithe to REC (arrears)	\$ 11,362	\$ 13,373	\$ 14,027
Missions	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 3,007
Parish Planting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Bishop's Discretionary	\$ 500	\$ (100)	\$ (170)
Total Expenses	\$ 148,129	\$ 141,888	\$ 166,497
Excess/(Deficit)	\$ 9,004	\$ (328)	\$ (30,767)

Investments

	2011	2012	2013
Initial value	\$ 57,599	\$ 50,636	\$ 133,831
Purchases	\$ 21,459	\$ 131,687	\$ -
Sales	\$ (31,768)	\$ (40,581)	\$ -
Appreciation	\$ 3,346	\$ (7,911)	\$ (34,442)
Final Value	\$ 50,636	\$ 133,831	\$ 99,389

Balances

	12/31/11	12/31/12	12/31/13
Checking Account	\$ 46,253	\$ 60,862	\$ 20,268
Investments	\$ 133,831	\$ 133,831	\$ 99,389
Loans	\$ -	\$ 16,360	\$ 10,024
Total	\$ 180,084	\$ 211,053	\$ 129,681



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Parish Tithes
Calendar Year 2013

All Saints' Anglican, Raliegh, NC	\$	10,579
Christ our Hope, Dayton, OH	\$	20,312
Christ our Hope, Westpoint, TN	\$	6,588
Christ the King, Dayton, OH	\$	17,148
Church of the Redeemer, Wilson, NC	\$	3,007
Covenant REC, Roanoke, VA	\$	2,647
Holy Trinity, Fairfax, VA	\$	22,509
Resurrection Anglican, Shalimar, FL	\$	4,124
St. Andrew's, Appomattox, TN	\$	300
St. Andrew's, Asheboro, NC	\$	1,212
St. James, Memphis, TN	\$	15,435
St. John's, Mt. Laurel, AL	\$	1,205
St. Jude, Richmond, VA	\$	7,559
St. Paul's, Indianapolis, IN	\$	608
St. Timothy, Lynchburg, VA	\$	932
Trinity Anglican, Evansville, IN	\$	2,505
Trinity REC, Mason, OH	\$	17,492
Other	\$	1,468
Total	\$	135,630



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Actuals vs. Budget Jan-Jun 2014

Income	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Over/ (Under)</i>	<i>Projected FY14</i>	<i>Budget</i>
Parish Tithes	\$ 68,661	# \$ 69,941	\$ (1,280)	\$ 137,322	\$ 139,883
Other Contributions, Interest	\$ 23	\$ -	\$ 23	\$ 46	\$ -
Savings/Investment Draws	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 68,684	\$ 69,941	\$ (1,257)	\$ 137,368	\$ 139,883
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	\$ 3,476	\$ 5,385	\$ (1,909)	\$ 6,952	\$ 10,770
Bishop's Retirement	\$ 9,715	\$ 10,596	\$ (881)	\$ 9,715	\$ 10,596
Bishop's Honorarium	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
LTD/Life Insurance	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
Travel and Ministry Expenses	\$ 9,200	\$ 12,500	\$ (3,300)	\$ 21,700	\$ 25,000
Tithe (to REC)	\$ 13,688	\$ 15,427	\$ (1,739)	\$ 13,688	\$ 15,427
Missions/Plants	\$ -	\$ 2,400	\$ (2,400)	\$ -	\$ 4,800
Bishop's Discretionary	\$ 1,900	\$ 250	\$ 1,650	\$ 2,100	\$ 500
Total Expenses	\$ 85,630	\$ 94,209		\$ 148,957	\$ 161,895
Excess/(Deficit)	\$ (16,946)	\$ (24,268)		\$ (11,589)	\$ (22,012)



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Balance Sheet Entries
Jan-Jun 2014



Investments

	6/30/14
Initial value	\$ 99,389
Purchases	\$ -
Sales	\$ -
Unrealized gain (loss)	\$ (636)
Final Value	<u>\$ 98,753</u>

Bishop's Loan

	6/30/14
Initial value	\$ 10,024
Payments	\$ (3,168)
Final Value	<u>\$ 6,856</u>

Off-budget Expenses

Clergy Relief	6/30/14
Beginning Balance	\$ 29,196
Income	\$ 1,200
Tithe Allocations	\$ 3,433
Disbursements	<u>\$ (2,200)</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 31,629

Dissolved Parishes / Church Plants	6/30/14
Beginning Balance	\$ 161,342
Income	\$ -
Disbursements	<u>\$ -</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 161,342

Balances

	6/30/13
Checking Account	\$ 8,660
Investments	\$ 98,753
Loans	<u>\$ 6,856</u>
Total	\$ 114,269



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Parish Tithes
Jan-Jun 2014

All Saints' Anglican, Raliegh, NC	\$	5,233
All Saints', Lynchburg, VA	\$	565
Christ our Hope, Dayton, OH	\$	6,846
Christ our Hope, Westpoint, TN	\$	2,379
Christ the King, Dayton, OH	\$	6,279
Church of the Redeemer, Wilson, NC	\$	1,310
Covenant REC, Roanoke, VA	\$	1,520
Holy Trinity, Fairfax, VA	\$	12,424
Resurrection Anglican, Shalimar, FL	\$	3,178
St. Andrew's, Asheboro, NC	\$	619
St. James, Memphis, TN	\$	11,911
St. John's, Mt. Laurel, AL	\$	540
St. Jude, Richmond, VA	\$	4,538
St. Nicholas, Owensboro, KY	\$	307
St. Paul's, Indianapolis, IN	\$	766
Trinity Anglican, Evansville, IN	\$	1,315
Trinity REC, Mason, OH	\$	7,631
Other	\$	1,300
Total	\$	68,661



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Proposed Budget
Calendar Year 2015

	2014	2015	Increase/ (Decrease)
Income			
Parish Tithes	\$ 139,883	\$ 130,416	\$ (9,467)
Savings/Investment Draws	\$ 22,012	\$ 17,371	\$ (4,641)
Total Income	\$ 161,895	\$ 147,787	\$ (14,108)
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	\$ 10,770	\$ 10,770	\$ -
Bishop's Retirement	\$ 10,596	\$ 9,715	\$ (881)
Bishop's Honorarium	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -
LTD/Life Insurance	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
Travel and Ministry Expenses	\$ 25,000	\$ 18,000	\$ (7,000)
Tithe (to REC)	\$ 15,427	\$ 14,000	\$ (1,427)
Missions	\$ 4,800	\$ -	\$ (4,800)
Bishop's Discretionary	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 161,895	\$ 147,787	\$ (14,108)
Excess/(Deficit)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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Accrual Basis

Missionary Diocese of the Central States
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2013

	Dec 31, 13
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Regular Checking	20,267.93
Total Checking/Savings	20,267.93
Total Current Assets	20,267.93
Other Assets	
50000 - Assets	
50100 - Gold	9,093.98
50200 - Silver	90,294.64
Total 50000 - Assets	99,388.62
51000 - Loans from DCS	
52001 - Bishop Remodeling Loan	10,024.00
Total 51000 - Loans from DCS	10,024.00
Total Other Assets	109,412.62
TOTAL ASSETS	129,680.55
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
American Express	2,395.56
Total Credit Cards	2,395.56
Other Current Liabilities	
40000 - Dissolved Parishes	
40100 - Income	
40110 - Residual funds	63,863.28
40120 - Property Sales	136,200.86
40130 - Rent Income	3,200.00
40140 - Utility reimbursements/refunds	3,376.17
40150 - Insurance refunds	777.51
Total 40100 - Income	207,417.82
40200 - Expenses	
40220 - Property Sale Expenses	-1,079.04
40230 - Rent	-5,700.00
40240 - Utilities	-3,047.10
40260 - Doug Mills Gift	-36,250.00
Total 40200 - Expenses	-46,076.14
Total 40000 - Dissolved Parishes	161,341.68
40999 - Clergy Relief Tithe Set-Aside	-35,865.57
41000 - Clergy Relief	
41100 - Clergy Relief Income	18,820.00
41101 - Clergy Relief Tithe Set-Aside	35,865.57
41200 - Clergy Relief Disbursed	-25,490.00
Total 41000 - Clergy Relief	29,195.57

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Missionary Diocese of the Central States
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2013

	Dec 31, 13
42000 - Miscellaneous Pass-throughs	
42001 - Reimbursements	544.69
42002 - Reimbursible Expenses	-297.50
42004 - Bishop Gifts	1,204.59
Total 42000 - Miscellaneous Pass-throughs	1,451.78
Total Other Current Liabilities	156,123.46
Total Current Liabilities	158,519.02
Total Liabilities	158,519.02
Equity	
92000 - Unrestricted Net Assets	36,370.45
Net Income	-65,208.92
Total Equity	-28,838.47
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	129,680.55

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Accrual Basis

Missionary Diocese of the Central States
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2014

	Jun 30, 14
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Regular Checking	8,660.20
Total Checking/Savings	8,660.20
Total Current Assets	8,660.20
Other Assets	
50000 - Assets	
50100 - Gold	9,047.20
50200 - Silver	89,705.77
Total 50000 - Assets	98,752.97
51000 - Loans from DCS	
52001 - Bishop Remodeling Loan	6,856.00
Total 51000 - Loans from DCS	6,856.00
Total Other Assets	105,608.97
TOTAL ASSETS	114,269.17
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
American Express	539.00
Total Credit Cards	539.00
Other Current Liabilities	
40000 - Dissolved Parishes	
40100 - Income	
40110 - Residual funds	63,863.28
40120 - Property Sales	136,200.86
40130 - Rent Income	3,200.00
40140 - Utility reimbursements/refunds	3,376.17
40150 - Insurance refunds	777.51
Total 40100 - Income	207,417.82
40200 - Expenses	
40220 - Property Sale Expenses	-1,079.04
40230 - Rent	-5,700.00
40240 - Utilities	-3,047.10
40260 - Doug Mills Gift	-36,250.00
Total 40200 - Expenses	-46,076.14
Total 40000 - Dissolved Parishes	161,341.68
40999 - Clergy Relief Tithe Set-Aside	-39,298.63
41000 - Clergy Relief	
41100 - Clergy Relief Income	20,020.00
41101 - Clergy Relief Tithe Set-Aside	39,298.63
41200 - Clergy Relief Disbursed	-27,690.00
Total 41000 - Clergy Relief	31,628.63
42000 - Miscellaneous Pass-throughs	
42001 - Reimbursements	3,071.81
42002 - Reimbursible Expenses	-297.50
42004 - Bishop Gifts	1,204.59
Total 42000 - Miscellaneous Pass-throughs	3,978.90
Total Other Current Liabilities	157,650.58
Total Current Liabilities	158,189.58

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Accrual Basis

Missionary Diocese of the Central States
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2014

	Jun 30, 14
Long Term Liabilities	
52000 - Loans to DCS	2,500.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	2,500.00
Total Liabilities	160,689.58
Equity	
92000 - Unrestricted Net Assets	-28,838.47
Net Income	-17,581.94
Total Equity	-46,420.41
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	114,269.17



September 2014

Joined and Knit Together

"... Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love." - Eph. 4:16



On September 2, I went down to the Land Transportation Office to try to get a driver's license, something that had been impossible prior to the arrival of our ACR i-Cards. Fresh in my mind was my experience at the Ohio BMV in June, where I had spent only 20 minutes in an air-conditioned office and walked out with a new license.

This was a different business, and I was glad to have my friend Mario along. He lives next to one of the deputy directors of the LTO, and he knew where I ought to go and what I would have to do. First stop: a hole-in-the-wall medical office in a nearby building that would provide me with a medical certificate needed for my application. While keeping me company, Mario expertly moved from station to station in the process, ushering me into an office, presenting my paperwork to the right people, even checking with a traffic officer to make sure I was parked legally. We showed up at 8:30 AM. Three hours later, I was successful in obtaining a temporary license (to be exchanged for the regular one after 3 months), and was out of the hot LTO waiting room and on my way home to shower.

The difference in the two processes highlights one of the abiding realities of missionary life for us: we are strangers in a strange land, and sometimes, we just don't know how to get things done. That inability can

be frustrating, and it is a huge blessing to have a friend to help.

My visit to the LTO involved a great deal of ignorance and incompetence on my part. That is why I am boasting about it! It was a reminder that we are weak, that we are dependent on other members of the body of Christ to supply what we need. Missionary life is a life of dependence: we rely on donors for support; on our church for our commissioning; and above all, on our Filipino friends: without them, we would not be effective in our ministries – or rather, we would not even have ministries! The birth clinic operates under the licenses of Filipina midwives. Without them, Sora would not be able to practice here. I arrived with an assignment to teach at Faith Academy but I now spend more time on Bible studies, preaching, Latin, and Greek – all arranged by my Filipino friends.

In a small way, Mario's taking me in hand and shepherded me through the driver's licensing process, manifested the unity of the Church across national and ethnic boundaries. Friendships made across these boundaries are in themselves declarations that Christ is Lord of all. By working with, living with, and sharing with our Filipino brothers – and by connecting you, our senders, to them as well – we all display Jesus' victory to the principalities and powers.

- Matt+



Above: Sora gives a health teaching in Cebuano for prenatal patients at the clinic.

Sora continued to be busy at the birth center in August, helping to plan and implement orientation activities for the new trainee missionary midwives who arrived this month, supervising birth room shifts, and caring for patients. The clinic was short-staffed due to illness, but thankfully, our family remained healthy and Sora was able to work extra shifts to help cover for those midwives who were sick or had family members in the hospital. Sora attended 15 births in the month of August, bringing her "career total" to over 350 babies, and the 22,222nd "Mercy baby" was also born last month.

Praise God!

- All of Sora's students who took their board exams in August passed, and one has already attended her first birth as a Certified Professional Midwife!
- The newest group of midwife/missionary students have arrived at the clinic. They are a delightful group, enthusiastic for the work and eager to see where the Lord will lead them.
- Nerissa Cumpio's midwifery clinic in Dulag, Leyte, which was destroyed by typhoon Yolanda last November, is expected to reopen in September after months of construction work. (Sora became friends with Nerissa during her month of volunteering in a temporary clinic in Dulag.) Many thanks to our donors who helped us fund the construction — a grant from another organization covered the building supplies but was not sufficient to pay the laborers, and we were blessed to be able to fill in the gap to make this project possible.

If you would like to support our ministry in the Philippines, you can log on to SAMS' electronic system at www.samsusa.org and make a one-time or recurring donation. You can also send checks made out to SAMS,

with "Colvins" in the memo line to:
SAMS-USA, P.O. Box 399,
Ambridge, PA 15003



Prayer Requests:

- Pray for Matt as he preaches again on Sept. 25th in the church we attend. This will be the last Sunday before our friend Pastor Vic returns from San Carlos City to resume his pulpit.
- Pray that scheduling will work out for Sora to be able to travel to Tacloban again to celebrate the reopening of Nerissa Cumpio's clinic this month.
- Matt will be visiting Indonesia and Singapore from October 17-26. Pray for a productive visit that will help our family discern our future direction. Pray for God's clear leading and guidance as we explore possible options for ministry after our furlough in 2016.

Below : Nerissa Cumpio announces the reopening of her clinic in a parade through Tanauan for the harvest festival of Pasaka.



**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
MINISTERS' SALARIES
October, 2014**

Dear Brethren:

This report is limited to providing a yearly adjusted guideline concerning Minister's Salaries. 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 2014 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 compensation 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 \$0.56/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. Keith Boettner
Chairman
DCS Board of Trustees

**Report of the Standing Committee
Made at the Diocesan Synod
October 23-24, 2014
in Mason, OH**

During the course of the past year, in consultation with Bishop Morse, the Standing Committee of the Diocese voted to approve the following:

- 1) In November of last year, Frs. Wayne McNamara, Chris Herman, and Harry Mathis examined and approved the Rev. Dcn. David Truax of Mason, OH for ordination to the priesthood.
- 2) In February of this year, the Standing Committee approved the request of All Saints RE Mission in Lynchburg, VA that they be granted status in the diocese as a mission parish.
- 3) In March, the Committee approved the application of Mr. Ken Mills from St. Jude's in Richmond, VA to be received as a postulant for Holy Orders.
- 4) In May, Frs. Keith Boettner, Wayne McNamara and Scott Thompson examined and approved Mr. Wyatt Boutwell of Holy Trinity in Fairfax, VA for ordination to the diaconate.
- 5) In July, the Standing Committee approved the application of Mr. Steven Lanclos from St. John's in Mount Laurel, AL to be received as a postulant for Holy Orders.
- 6) Earlier this month, the Committee approved the application of Mr. Grant Ford of St. Paul's in Greenfield, IN to be received as a postulant for Holy Orders.
- 7) Also earlier this month, the Committee approved the application of Mr. David Goodwin of St. Nicholas in Owensboro, KY to be received as a postulant for Holy Orders.

Respectfully submitted, the Rev. Charles F. Camiin, chairman.

