

Minutes to the Annual Synod
Diocese of the Central States (REC)
October 20-22, 2021
Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church
Mason, OH
Synod Theme: Revitalizing Our Churches

- 1) After a service of Holy Communion (Bp. Manto - Celebrant and Preacher), the Synod business meeting was opened by our Bishop Ordinary, the Rt. Rev. Peter Manto at 10:30 am on Thursday, October 21, 2021.
- 2) Synod attendees were officially welcomed to Trinity REC by host rector, the Fr. Matthew Joyner. A letter of greeting was then read from Bishop Emeritus, the Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse.
- 3) Dss. Michelle Caldwell reported to the assembly that we had 38 total participants, including 22 clergy and 16 delegates. Quorum was then declared by the Synod secretary, Fr. Keith Boettner.
- 4) Archdeacon Fr. Scott Thompson was nominated and approved as Synod Vice President. Fr. Keith Boettner was nominated and approved as Synod Secretary. Fr. Ken Mills was nominated and approved as Diocesan Treasurer.
- 5) Nominations Committee Report and Election of Officers - Fr. Paul Edgerton
 - a) Trustee terms ending for Fr. David Truax and Mr. Brad Burke.
 - b) Standing Committee terms ending for Fr. Paul Edgerton and Mr. Andy McClean.
 - c) Nominees for Trustees: Mr. Tyler Crocker, Fr. David Goodwin
 - d) Nominee for Standing Committee: Fr. Jonathan Kell, Mr. Jeff Brown
 - e) Motion made that the above slate of nominations be presented for all-inclusive vote. Seconded and approved by vote of the Synod.
<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2021/BishopOrdinaryActivities2021.pdf>
- 6) Reports of Officers
 - a) Minutes of the 2020 Zoom Synod had previously been posted on the DOTCS website. Motion was made and passed to dispense with the oral reading of the minutes to the assembly.
<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2020/SynodMinutes2020.pdf>

- b) Report from Bishop Ordinary (The Rt. Rev. Peter Manto) (Report on file-website). Motion made, seconded, report accepted as presented. A standing round of applause was made for our bishop's faithful ministry.
<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2021/BishopOrdinaryActivities2021.pdf>
- c) Report from Treasurer (Fr. Ken Mills) (on file-website). Motion made, seconded, reported accepted as presented. (detailed documents on file - website)
<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2021/FinancialReport2020.pdf>
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- d) Report from Canon Missioner (Archdeacon Fr. Scott Thompson) (on file-website) Motion made, seconded, report accepted.
<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2021/CanonMissionerReport2021.pdf>

7) Reports of Elected Committees

- a) Trustees (Fr. Ken Mills, Treasurer - standing in for President, Mr. Brad Burke) Proposed budget for 2022 presented. (on file-website) Motion made, seconded, budget approved.
<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2021/ProposedDCSBudget2022.pdf>
- b) Standing Committee (Fr. Josiah Jones) (Report on file-website) Motion made, seconded, report approved. Special thanks were given to Fr. Paul Edgerton for his years of faithful service as President of the Standing Committee.
<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2021/StandingCommitteeReport2021Final.pdf>

8) Reports of Appointed Committees

- a) Examining Chaplains (The Rev. Paul Edgerton) (on file-website) Motion made, seconded, and report accepted.
<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2021/BoardofExaminingChaplainsReport2021.pdf>
- b) Constitutions and Canons (Fr. Paul Edgerton) (Report on file-website) Motion made, seconded, report accepted.

<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2021/ConstitutionandCanonsCommitteeReport2021.pdf>

9) Other Reports

- a) Board of Foreign Missions (Fr. John Boonzaaijer) Fr. Boonzaaijer thanked us for continued faithful support and reminded us that missions is at the center of all we do. Every Reformed Episcopalian should be a missionary in some way.

He encouraged participation in Circles of Three, every parish becoming a Sending Parish - planting, building, and restoring is central to that work. Every parish should appoint if not already done a Lay Missions Advocate. Every parish should budget at a minimum \$500 to support the ministry of BFM. Further opportunities are available for parishes to Adopt a Missionary. Information available from BFM website and office. Scooters for Cuba have been purchased and are waiting to be delivered. We were also reminded to stay active with the Cycle of Prayer. Regular prayers are greatly needed and appreciated by missionaries. Looking outward, not focusing on ourselves, promotes health in the Body of Christ. Later, a stirring report was offered to the Synod by Fr. Enrique detailing his recent struggles and forced separation from his family and in-person ministry in Cuba.

- b) Women of the Church (Mrs. Gale Hill) Mrs. Mary Jane Thompson read a letter from Mrs. Gale Hill, President of the WOC. (on file on website)

<https://rec-dcs.org/documents/synod/synod2021/CWWreport2021.pdf>

9) No old or new business

10) Affirmation of 2022 Synod (October 19-21, 2022) to be held at All Saints Church in Lynchburg, VA.

Meeting adjourned and closed with prayer.

After lunch our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Ray Sutton addressed the Synod and also held a special extended meeting with clergy to offer encouragement, support, and direction at this time in history.

We closed the day with a service of Evening Prayer.

Banquet at 6 pm at Jag's Steak and Seafood.

Friday Morning 10/22 - 9:30 am - Closing Eucharist - The Most Rev. Dr. Ray Sutton,
Celebrant and Preacher.

Respectfully submitted by Synod Secretary, Fr. Keith Boettner