

MINUTES
of the
PROCEEDINGS
of the
ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIRST COUNCIL
of the
Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic
of the
Reformed Episcopal Church
Held at
ST. STEPHENS REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH
in Eldersburg, MD
and
TURF VALLEY RESORT
in Ellicott City, MD
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4. Treasurer of the Trustees of the Diocese
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III. Election of Officers and Standing Committees

1. Report of the Committee on Nominations
2. Election

IV. Items Requiring Action from the Reports of Committees--Non-elective

1. Committee on Constitution and Canons
 2. Board of Examining Chaplains
 3. Committee on Memorials
 4. Committee on Christian Education
 5. Committee on Young People's Work
 6. Committee on Evangelism, Church Growth and Development
 7. Committee on the State of the Diocese
 8. Secretary/Treasurer of the Looney-Hoffman Fund
 9. Committee on Bassinger Home Fund
 10. Committee on Public Relations
 11. Official Auditor
 12. Special Committees appointed by the President
- NOTE: The President may determine when such reports be made, if necessary, for conducting the Council's business
- A. Spiritual Growth and Nurture
 - B. A History of the Diocese
 - C. Ministry to Men
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 - H. Bishop's Youth Advisory Group

V. Appointment of Committees--Non-Elective

Committee lists will be posted on the Diocesan website: www.REC-NEMA.org

ϷI. New Business

Unfinished Business, New Business, and matters of importance may be presented, at

the Chair's discretion, one-half hour after the convening of the business session on Friday morning.

**RULES OF ORDER
FOR GENERAL COUNCILS AND DIOCESAN SYNODS
OF THE
REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

1. The business of every meeting shall be introduced with prayer.
2. The Minutes of the sessions of the preceding day shall be read every morning at the opening of business, unless the house shall otherwise determine.
3. The President shall appoint the several committees, unless the canons of the church shall otherwise specify.
4. When the President takes the chair, no member of the house shall continue standing, or shall afterward stand up, except to address the chair.
5. No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the house unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall with due respect address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.
7. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without specific leave, by vote of the house.
8. A question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.
9. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.
10. No motion shall be considered as before the house unless it be seconded.
11. Reports made by the various Boards and Committees to any Council (or Synod) of the church are officially received upon presentation to the house, and are the subject of its action only insofar as they embody recommendations which require specific authorization or approval under the canons of this church.
12. When any question is before the house, it shall be decided upon before any new subject is introduced, except for the question of adjournment.
13. All questions of order shall be decided in the first instance by the Chair, without debate. An appeal, however, may be made from the decision of the Chair by any member of the house; said appeal requiring a two-thirds majority vote to be sustained.
14. The question on motion of adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.
15. When the house is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat, until the President shall leave the Chair.
16. A call to prayer shall always be in order, when made by a member entitled to the floor; and in such case the Chair shall designate the person(s) whom he desires to lead in that service.

17. These Rules of Order shall remain in force until altered or suspended by the Council, two-thirds of the members present voting for such alteration or suspension.

(Adapted from the journal of the Twenty-sixth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church)

OFFICERS OF THE DIOCESE

PRESIDENT

The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin, M. Div.
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Rev. Dcn. Tait Deems
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Mr. Ronald E. Riches
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Sparta, NJ 07871

NOMINATIONS

*The Rev. William Vowles	The Rev. Dr. Jon W. Abboud
The Very Rev. Eduardo Andrade	Mr. Mark Hammett
The Rev. Gerald McLynn	Mrs. Staci Greenwood
The Rev. Jason Patterson	

OFFICIAL AUDITOR

The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote

PROGRAM & RESOLUTIONS

*Mr. Gregory Wright
The Rev. Tait Deems
Mrs. Tonya Forsberg

PUBLIC RELATIONS

*Mr. Gregory Wright	Mr. Matthew Maule
The Rev. Ricky McCarl	Mrs. Jamie Riley
The Rev. Frank Spadafora	

STATE OF THE DIOCESE

*Mr. Ronald Riches
Mr. Ronald Reese
The Rev. Dcn. Vic Broberg

YOUNG PEOPLE’S WORK

*The Rev. William A. Jenkins, Jr.	Mr. John Jenkins The
Rev. Michael Carr	Miss Lauren Jenkins
The Rev. Ricky McCarl	Mrs. Alison Jenkins
Mrs. Ebony Holloway	Mr. Michael Laur
Mrs. Emily Harmer	Mr. Joshua Devers

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ASSISTANCE FOR PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY

(Bishop’s Youth Advisory Group)

The Rt. Rev. Charles Gillin	The Rev. Jason Patterson
The Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick	The Rev. Dcn. William A. Jenkins
The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn	Mr. Steven Hoopes

FOREIGN MISSIONS

* The Very Rev. Dr. Eric Jorgensen	Mr Gregory Wright
The Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrington	Mrs. Nancy Fleischer
The Rev. Paul Howden	Mrs. Susan Higham
The Rev. Paul Luth	Mrs. Diana Lopez
Dr. Cynthia Campbell	Mrs. Judy Smith
The Rev. Frank Spadafora	

HISTORY OF THE DIOCESE

*The Rev. Canon Jonathan Riches	The Rev. Russell Buchanan
The Rt. Rev. Leonard Riches	

MINISTRY TO MEN

* The Rev. Mark Specht	Mr. Scott Applebaum
The Very Rev. Eduardo Andrade	Mr. Gerald Higham
The Rev. Robert Appleton	Mr. Rupert Jeremy
The Rev. Andrew Brummett	Mr. Farrell Lawrence
The Rev. Howard Currie	Mr. Wayne Patterson
The Rev. Roderick Lee	

MINISTERS’ SALARIES

*The Very Rev. Eduardo Andrade	Mr. William Kozma
The Rev. Russell Buchanan	The Rev. Dr. Jon Abboud
The Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrington	

MINISTRY WIVES

*Mrs. Kimberly Jenkins
 Mrs. Elizabeth Currie
 Mrs. Susan France
 Mrs. Mary Andrade

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

*The Rev. Gregory Miller	Mrs. Lori Miller
The Rev. Michael Carr	Mrs. Kathy Muller
The Rev. Paul Luth	The Rev. Shawn Riley

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & NURTURE

*The Very Rev. Dr. Eric Jorgensen	Mrs. Diane Carr
The Rev. Howard Currie	Mrs. Kimberly Jenkins
The Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr.	Mrs. Bobbi Jorgensen
The Rev. Michael Blitz	Mrs. Virginia McLynn
The Rev. William Vowles	Mrs. Stephanie Blitz

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

* Mrs. Denise Snyder	Mrs. Virginia McLynn
Mrs. Beverly Reese	Mrs. Sue Higham
Alice "Bobbie" Lepson	Mrs. Elisabeth Riches
Mrs. Sarah Benner	Mrs. Christine Specht
Dss. Ruth Creswell	Mrs. Joy Thompson
Mrs. Jan Gillin	Mrs. Diane Wright
Mrs. Mary Andrade	Mrs. Kimberly Jenkins

ARCH DEACON

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud

CANONS

Canon Missioner – Vacant
 Canon to the Ordinary – The Rev. Canon William A. Jenkins, Sr. Canon
 Theologian – The Rev. Canon Dr. Jonathan S. Riches

DEANS OF CONVOCATIONS

Maryland & Delaware – The Very Rev. Dr. Eric Jorgensen
 New England – The Very Rev. Eduardo Andrade
 Pennsylvania – The Very Rev. Jason Patterson
 New Jersey – The Very Rev. Gerald McLynn
 New York – The Very Rev. Dr. Matthew P. Harrington

MINUTES

First Day November 4, 2021

The One Hundred Forty-First Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church convened at 10:00am on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at St. Stephen's REC in Eldersburg, Maryland with a service of Holy Communion. The Right Reverend R. Charles Gillin presided over Holy Communion and The Right Reverend Dr. Ray Sutton delivered the sermon.

Registration for the Council took place prior to the morning's Communion service at St. Stephen's, as well as at Turf Valley Conference Center. The offering from the service of Holy Communion was designated toward the Board of Foreign Missions.

After reconvening at Turf Valley Conference Center, Bishop Gillin called the council to order at 2:02pm and asked Reverend Carr to open the proceedings with prayer.

Bishop Gillin called Canon Bill Jenkins to present the Report of the Committee on Credentials. He noted those who reported, and that there were some reports received after the deadline. The report was received as given.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS TO THE DIOCESE OF THE NORTHEAST AND MID-ATLANTIC

November 4, 2021

To the 141st Council,

Dear Fathers and Brethren,

The Committee on Credentials is charged with the collection and validation of Lay Delegate Certificates for the annual Diocesan Council under our Constitutions & Canons, Title II, Canon IV, Section I.

Out of the 27 Parishes, Missions and Extension Works of the Diocese, 20 reported on time (exceeding last years' record high) in total. 1 reported after the deadline. That leaves 6 which did not report at all. Thank you to all who complied with the requested deadline.

The Committee received reports from the following Parishes and Missions:

Atonement Church, St. Alban's, Bishop Cummins, Covenant Chapel, Emmanuel-Pipersville, Emmanuel-Somerville, Faith, Grace-Collingdale, Grace-Havre de Grace, Grace Scranton, Good Shepherd, Good Shepherd Harrisburg, St. John's BTS, St. Luke's New Providence, St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman, St. George's, St. Mark's, Saint Matthew's, Saint Peter's, and Saint Stephen's.

The Committee received no certificates from the following Parishes or Missions:

Church of Our Redeemer, Jesus the Good Shepherd, St. Timothy's, St. Paul's, St. Patricks's, and St. Mary's.

The committee makes the following recommendation: That all Parishes and Missions who have submitted their Delegate forms to the Committee in accordance with the Constitutions and Canons of this Church be duly seated as voting members of this Council.

Respectfully submitted,

The Very Reverend Canon William A. Jenkins, Sr.

Chairman, Credentials Committee

ROLL CALL

(*indicates attendance at one or more sessions)

OFFICERS OF THE DIOCESE

- *The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks
- *The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin
- *The Very Rev. Eduardo A. Andrade
- *The Rev. Dcn. Tait Deems

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL BY VIRTUE OF POSITIONS ON COMMITTEES AND BOARDS OF THE DIOCESE

Zibusiso Chilele	Mr. Michael McTigue
Frederick K. Ganjon, Esq	*Mrs. Beverly Reese
*Mrs. Barbara A. Hamarich	*Mr. Ronald E. Riches
*Mr. William Kozma	Mr. Jack Ross
Ms. Gina Lloyd	*Mr. Gregory R. Wright

CLERGY (Refer to Directory of Clergy in APPENDIX)

LAY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

DELEGATES**ALTERNATES****BALTIMORE, MD***Faith Church – The Very Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr., Rector*

*Kimberly Jenkins

Allison Jenkins

Charlie Bohlen

Meagan Bohlen

BASKING RIDGE, NJ*Covenant Chapel – The Rev. Paul Howden, Interim*

*Christopher Komline

*Cheryl Komline

*Mrs. Carol Riches

BROOKLYN, NY*Jesus the Good Shepherd – The Rev. Eugene Phipps, Rector*

No credentials submitted

BRONX, NY*St. Mary's Reformed Episcopal Church – The Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle, Rector*

Rev. Ellis Ezenekwe

CATONSVILLE, MD*Bishop Cummins Reformed Episcopal Church – The Rev. Cedric Benner, Rector*

*William Dunn

Charles Mundroff

*Sandra Dunn

Cheryl Mundroff

COLLINGDALE, PA*Grace Reformed Episcopal Church – The Rev. Andrew Brummett*

*James Smith

Gloria Caine

*Joyce Spears

Nancy Thorne

ELDERSBURG, MD*St. Stephen's Reformed Episcopal Church – The Rev. Dr. Eric W. Jorgensen, Rector*

*The Rev. Ricky McCarl

Ellen Koontz

*Mrs. Lynnette McCarl

Lou Koontz

*William Vowles

Bob Weinrich

*Diana Vowles

Nancy Weinrich

ELKTON, MD – MISSION*Saint Peter's Anglican Church – The Rev. Jack W. Clark, Vicar*

*Esther Clark

Caroline Prickett

HAVERTOWN, PA*St. Matthew's Reformed Episcopal Church – The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, Rector*

*Rev. Justin Forsberg

Tonya Forsberg

*Farrell Lawrence

Greg Wright

HAVRE-DE-GRACE, MD*Grace Reformed Episcopal Church – The Rev. Mark A. Specht, Rector*

George Lutz
Frank Molali

Les Roane
Claiborne Stubbs

JERSEY CITY, NJ

Church of Our Redeemer Reformed Episcopal Church, Bishop's Oversight

MT. LAUREL, NJ – MISSION

St. Timothy's Reformed Episcopal Church – The Rev. Mike Carr, Vicar

No delegates

NEW PROVIDENCE, NJ

St. Luke's Reformed Episcopal Church – The Rev. Howard Currie, Rector

*Elizabeth Currie

NEW YORK, NY

St. Alban's Reformed Episcopal Church – The Rev. Dr. Matthew P. Harrington, Rector

Susan Harrington

Pamela Travis

Meghan Harrington

NORRISTOWN, PA

St. Patrick's (church plant) – The Rev. M. Russell Buchanan

No credentials

ONTARIO, CANADA

St. George's Reformed Episcopal Church – The Rev. Paul Luth, Minister-in-Charge

No delegates

ORELAND, PA

St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church – The Rev. John C. Medvick, Rector

*Charles Young

PHILADELPHIA, PA

Church of the Atonement – MISSION – The Rev. Jason Holloway, Curate

No delegates

Church of the Messiah – The Rev. Chiron P. Thompson, Rector

No credentials

St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman Memorial Church – MISSION, Bishop's Oversight

*Gerald Higham

*Susan Higham

PIPERSVILLE, PA

Emmanuel Church of Four Brooks – The Rev. William G. Garrison, Jr., Rector

*Barbara Riches

Alice Pillsbury

Paul Pillsbury

RYDAL, PA

St. Mark's Reformed Episcopal Church – The Rev. Jason S. Patterson, Rector

*Ray Cassidy

*Susan Cassidy

SCRANTON, PA

Grace Reformed Episcopal Church – The Rev. Michael Blitz, Vicar

*Stephanie Blitz Abigail Zieger

SOMERVILLE, NJ

Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal Church – The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn, Rector

*Gordon Tiner

*Susan Tiner

VENTNOR, NJ

Church of St. John's-by-the-Sea – The Rev. Frank Spadafora, Interim

Michelle McQuade William McQuade

Ray Hocker Larry Campbell

WEST BRIDGEWATER, MA

Church of the Good Shepherd – The Very Rev. Eduardo A. Andrade, Rector

Linda McGillicudy Linda Schmuck

Terrence McGillicudy Thomas Schmuck

Greg Wright presented the Report of Committee on Program. The motions included in the report were passed.

REPORT OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

To the One Hundred Forty First Council
of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

The Committee's gratitude is extended to The Very Rev. Eric Jorgensen, St. Stephen's Church and her members for hosting the Opening Convocation of the 141st Council on Thursday, November 4th.

It should be noted all materials and displays are limited to canonical agencies of the Reformed Episcopal Church. All others must be approved by the Bishop or the Program Committee.

Unfinished Business, New Business, and matters of importance may be presented, at the discretion of the Chair, during the Third Business Session on Friday morning. It would be appreciated if members would alert the Chair ahead of time as to their intent and likely time needed.

The Program Committee makes the following Motions:

- That any participating bishops of other dioceses of the REC be awarded full privileges of the House, and any visiting ACNA bishops be accorded corresponding membership;*
- That all Deacons and official postulants for Holy Orders in this Diocese be awarded corresponding membership to this Council;*
- That the Order of Business and Schedule, as distributed to the Council's members, be adopted;*
- That the Rules of Order distributed to the members of this Council be adopted;*
- That the House authorize expenses incurred from the proper and efficient conduct of this Council and its business be covered by the Treasurer of the Diocese.*

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Wright
Chairman, Program Committee

The minutes from the 140th council were received

The report of the Secretary of the Standing Committee was delivered by Reverend Benner. Mr. Farrell Lawrence asked for elaboration of the final paragraph in the report regarding the straw poll taken by the Standing Committee with regard to the Seminary's property purchase. Bishop Gillin clarified that the standing committee's straw poll was taken after the decision regarding the purchase of property. Chris Komline further noted that the straw poll was not directive with regard to the property purchase.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

TO THE ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIRST COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE OF THE NORTHEAST AND MID-ATLANTIC OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Dear Brethren:

During this year meetings of the Standing Committee were held virtually on May 20, 2021, and September 23, 2021.

The activities of the Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin, Bishop Ordinary, including Episcopal visits, confirmations and other functions can be found in detail in his report presented to this Council.

POSTULANTS FOR HOLY ORDERS

Joshua Devers (St. Stephen's Church – Eldersburg, MD)

Rick Wilson (Grace Church, Havre-de-Grace, MD)

Cody Moran (St. Mark's Church – Rydal, PA)

Jared Lovell (Grace Church – Scranton, PA)

Tom Davison (Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ) – PENDING

Clerical Memorial Service & Funeral

On 7/17/21 Bishop Gillin and his wife attended the Memorial Service for Cn. Willian Jerdan at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Warrenville, IL. Bishop Gillin spoke briefly and Canon John Boonzaaijer, President of the Board of Foreign Missions, and Bishop Gillin were privileged to present a Resolution of Appreciation to the Jerdan family.

The Rev. Bartram Craig was promoted to glory on August 27, 2021. His funeral service was held at St. Mark's Church, Rydal, PA on Wednesday, September 1. The Very Rev. Dr. Jason Patterson was the officiant. Bishop Gillin officiated at the interment which took place at Arlington Park Cemetery in Pennsauken, NJ. Rev. Craig held pastorates and served as Interim in the Diocese on several occasions. Memorial gifts are requested to be sent to the Seminary.

CANONICAL EXAMINATIONS/RECEPTIONS/TRANSFERS

PASTORAL CONNECTIONS AND VACANCIES

Clergy Examinations, Ordinations, Reception & Transfers

On 4/12/21 Bishop Gillin received a letter dimissory from the Rt. Rev. Peter Manto, Ordinary of the REC Diocese of the Central States, for the Rev. Bartholomew Martin. Rev. Martin is a 2007 graduate of the Reformed Episcopal Seminary currently serving as a U.S. Army Chaplain to a unit located in Richmond, VA.

He and his family have relocated to Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania to help care for aging parents. The Bishop recommends his reception onto our diocesan clergy rolls as of the date of transfer pending the Rev. Martin's recommendation from Bishop Gresser, our endorsing chaplain. This motion was approved.

The Rev. Dcn. Matthew Maule has served the parish of St. Mark's and their parish school for several years. The rector and vestry have requested his elevation to the presbyterate. The Bishop recommends his advancement contingent upon his passing the required canonical examination. This motion was approved.

Church Reception

On June 6, 2021, Bishop Gillin visited and received **Good Shephard Anglican Church** into our Diocese. They were transferred from the ACNA Diocese of Pittsburgh. On the occasion of that visit, Bishop Gillin also confirmed seven new members. The church meets in the chapel of Zion Lutheran Church in Harrisburg, PA. A reception was held following services. This Mission is served by the Rev. Ricky McCarl.

Pastoral Connections & Vacancies

Grace Church – Collingdale, PA – The church issued a call, which was accepted by the Rev. Shawn Riley, on August 10, 2021. Rev. Riley will serve the parish and continue to work at Reformed Episcopal Seminary. Our thanks to the Rev. Andrew Brummett who had been serving the parish as Interim. A service of Installation will be held in the future for Rev. Riley.

Emmanuel Church – Pipersville, PA – On May 22, 2020, the Rev. William G. Garrison tendered his resignation as vicar of this mission. Canon Jonathan Riches has agreed to serve as Interim Vicar. He has scheduled a number of visiting ministers and Seminary students to assist with services.

St. Peter's Church – Elkton, MD – Following the service and reception, to recognize the faithful ministry of Canon Jack Clark on September 13, 2020, Bishop Gillin met with the vestry to discuss future steps. The Rev. Frank Spadafora has agreed to serve as Interim Vicar. A Search Committee has been formed and the Committee has issued a letter to prospective pastoral candidates.

Grace Church (Mission) – Scranton, PA – This mission continues under the Bishop's oversight. Mr. Jared Lovell, Sr. Warden and Dr. Joshua Arp, Jr. Warden continue to provide local lay leadership in the absence of a vicar along with other local vestry members. Mr. Lovell was hired by the church to perform intern-related activities. He has also filed his Postulant's application.

New Redeemer Church – Jersey City, NJ – This parish continues under the Bishop's oversight. Bishop Gillin has been assisted by the Dean Jerry Mc Lynn who has agreed to schedule presbyters to serve the Eucharist once-a-month at the church. Mr. Norris Gadsden, Jr. Warden and Mr. Tyrell Brinson have been alternating reading Morning Prayer and preaching. The future rector's position requirements and church description have been sent to the diocesan, REC and ACNA websites for posting by the Search Committee.

Other Matters

St. Mary's Church – New York, NY – On June 27, 2019, the Rev. Belgrave Pelle advised Bishop Gillin that the parish was considering another jurisdictional affiliation. Bishop Gillin was notified that the vestry has voted to pursue this on March 11, 2020. On January 7, 2021, Bishop Gillin received notice that the congregation voted to disassociate from our Diocese. The petitions contained 139 names of members. I continue to be in communication with Rev. Pelle about possible alternative arrangements.

A motion was approved that Bishop Gillin and the Standing Committee President, the Very Rev. Dr. Eric Jorgensen, draft a statement that would be communicated to the Reformed Episcopal Council of Bishops expressing our disappointment and great concern related to the recent action of the Anglican Church in Kenya in consecrating a woman to the episcopate.

In July 2021, the Chairman of the Board of Reformed Episcopal Seminary Board of Directors asked for a straw poll to be taken among the Standing Committee members with respect to the possible purchase of a property. The Board of Directors had voted to purchase the property. The email was sent to the Standing Committee members and they were unanimous in their vote recommending that the Reformed Episcopal Seminary not purchase this property. The Seminary purchased the property. At the September 23, 2021, meeting of the Standing Committee, a motion was approved that we communicate the consensus of the straw poll to the Trustees of the Diocese and the diocesan Council.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Cedric R. Benner

Secretary

Reverend Eduardo Andrade took the chair in order for Bishop Gillin to present his report. He called for the report of the Bishop Ordinary. The Bishop presented his report and noted that he visited every parish in the diocese this last year, with the exception of St. Mary's, St. Paul's and St. Alban's. He thanked his wife for her longsuffering with all of their travels. The bishop then presented his exhortation.

Jerry McLynn modeled a shirt with the quote, "Get busy livin' or get busy dyin'"

In the course of the exhortation Bishop Gillin gave three directives.

1. Each parish should set aside a Sunday each quarter in order to Ask for God's forgiveness for self-focus. 2. Ask God for a willingness to let go of everything that stands in the way of building the church. 3. Ask God to open our eyes to how we can be growing.

Bishop also directed that this exhortation be in a Sunday morning service sometime this month of November.

The report was received with a rising vote of thanks.

**REPORT OF THE BISHOP ORDINARY
To the 141st Council of the
Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic
of the Reformed Episcopal Church**

The following is a listing of my activities serving as Bishop Ordinary from through October 31, 2021.

Regular Episcopal Visits to Churches (52 Confirmations)

11/1/20	St. Mark's Church – Rydal, PA Seventeen confirmations and two communicant recep
11/15/20	St. Alban's Church – New York, NY No confirmations
3/28/21	St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Church – Philadelphia, PA No confirmations
4/11/21	Church of Our Redeemer – Jersey City, NJ No confirmations
4/18/21	St. Luke's Church – New Providence, NJ No confirmations
4/25/21	Emmanuel Church – Pipersville, PA Two confirmations and four communicant receptions
5/2/21	Grace Church – Scranton, PA No confirmations
5/16/21	Faith Church – Baltimore, MD Two confirmations
5/23/21	St. Matthew's Church – Havertown, PA Three Confirmations
6/1/21	St. Mark's Church – Rydal, PA Five Confirmations
6/6/21	Good Shepherd Anglican – Harrisburg, PA Seven Confirmations
6/13/21	St. Mark's Church – Rydal, PA Five Confirmations and three Receptions by Letter

10/10/21 Four confirmations and three Receptions
Church of the Atonement – Philadelphia, PA
One confirmation

10/17/21 Emmanuel Church – Somerville, NJ
Two confirmations

10/31/21 Bishop Cummins – Catonsville, MD
Two confirmations

Other Church Visits

11/8/20 Church of Our Redeemer – Jersey City, NJ

10/24/21 St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman – Philadelphia, PA
One communicant reception

Vestry Meetings (All virtual, except as indicted)

10/29/20 Emmanuel Church – Pipersville, PA

11/8/20 Church of Our Redeemer – Jersey City, NJ (In person)

12/17/20 Grace Church – Scranton, PA

1/5/21 Emmanuel Church – Pipersville, PA

1/11/21 St. Luke's – New Providence, NJ – Facetime (i.e. Day Ca

1/27/21 St. Timothy's Anglican – Mt. Laurel, NJ

1/28/21 St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman – Philadelphia, PA

2/2/21 Church of Our Redeemer – Jersey City, NJ

2/15/21 Church of the Atonement – Philadelphia, PA

3/9/21 Emmanuel Church – Pipersville, PA

3/24/21 St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman – Philadelphia, PA

4/11/21 Church of Our Redeemer – Jersey City, NJ (In person)

4/15/21 Grace Church – Scranton, PA

5/2/21 Grace Church – Scranton, PA (In person congregational)

5/11/21 Emmanuel Church – Pipersville, PA

5/26/21 St. Timothy's Anglican - Mt. Laurel, NJ

6/2/21 Church of the Atonement – Philadelphia, PA

8/2/21 St. Paul's Church – Oreland, PA (In person)

9/28/21 St. Paul's Church – Oreland, PA (Provisional Vestry)

3/18/21	ACNA Diocese of New England (Re: St. Mary's Church,
4/8/21	Maryland Clergy Deanery
4/13/21	New Jersey & New York Clergy Deanery
4/20/21	Pennsylvania Clergy Deanery
4/27/21	New England & Canada Clergy Deanery
5/17/21	Trustee's Meeting
5/20/21	Standing Committee
5/13/21	Church Revitalization – Cn. Mark Eldridge
5/27/21	NJ Deanery
6/24/21	Church Revitalization – Cn. Mark Eldridge
9/20/21	Diocesan Trustees (In person)
9/23/21	Standing Committee
10/8-9/21	J.R. Tolkien Conference – Grace Church – Scranton, PA

Reformed Episcopal Seminary (All virtually)

2/5/21	Board of Director's Meeting
4/30/21	Board of Director's Meeting
5/22/21	Commencement
7/15/21	Board of Director's Meeting
10/1/21	Board of Director's Meeting

Reformed Episcopal Church (All virtually)

11/10/20	REC100
11/17/20	Sub-Commission for the Unity of Theological Education
12/2/20	General Committee
1/13/21	Standing Liturgical Commission
1/27/21	General Committee
2/9/21	Sub-Commission for the Unity of Theological Education
2/10/21	Church Army / REC Partnership
3/2/21	Board of Foreign Missions
4/14/21	Council of Bishops
4/15/21	Sub-Commission for the Unity of Theological Education
4/16/21	General Committee

Clergy Examinations, Ordinations, Reception, Transfers & Removals

On 12/28/20 I transferred, by request, the Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick to the Episcopal Diocese of the Central States under the oversight of the Rt.

On 1/28/21 I transferred, by request, the Rev. Obaid George to the Diocese of Mid-America under the oversight of the Most Rev. Dr. Ray R. Sutton

On 3/30/21 I transferred, by request, the Rev. Paul S. Howden to the Diocese of Mid-America under the oversight of the Most Rev. Dr. Ray

On 3/30/21 I transferred, by request, the Rev. Dcn. Theodore R. Powell to the Anglican Network in Canada under the oversight of the Rt. Rev. Charlie Master

On 4/12/21 I received a letter dimissory from the Rt. Rev. Peter Mantel to the Diocese of the Central States, for the Rev. Bartholomew Martin. Rev. Martin is currently serving as a U.S. Army Chaplain in Richmond, VA. He and his family have relocated to Lancaster Co., PA for aging parents. The Standing Committee approved the Bishop's reception onto our diocesan clergy rolls as of the date of transfer.

The Rev. Dcn. Matthew Maule has served the parish of St. Mark's and several years. The rector and vestry have requested his elevation to the rank of Priest. The Standing Committee approved the Bishop's recommendation for his elevation upon his passing the required canonical examination.

Postulants

Aaron Andrade (Good Shepherd Church – South Easton, MA) - REMOVED

Joshua Devers (St. Stephen's Church – Eldersburg, MD)

Rick Wilson (Grace Church, Havre-de-Grace, MD)

Cody Moran (St. Mark's Church – Rydal, PA)

Jared Lovell (Grace Church – Scranton, PA)

Tom Davison (Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ) – PENDING

Lay Readers

I issued Lay Reader licenses to Mr. Christopher Komline (renewal) and both of whom are members at Covenant Chapel in Basking Ridge, NJ. licenses to Mr. Jack Ross (renewal) and Mr. Joseph Stephens at St. Tir Mt. Laurel, NJ and to Mr. Steven Hoopes (renewal) and Mr. Erik Land Collingdale PA.

Pastoral Connections & Vacancies

Emmanuel Church (Mission) – Pipersville, PA – Canon Jonathan Rich Interim Vicar and I appointed him in February of this year. He has sch visiting ministers and Seminary students to assist with services. Wee and regular attendance at the church has increased. Currently the ch voting members and nine child members. New Wardens and an addi been appointed. I thank Cn. Bill Jenkins for sacrificially serving on the many years. The church has hired a part-time administrative assistar Hynd, to assist Dr. Riches.

New Redeemer Church – Jersey City, NJ – This parish continues unde following the dissolution of their pastoral relationship with Mr. Charli 2020. I have been assisted by the Dean Jerry McLynn who has agreed serve the Eucharist once-a-month at the church. A search committee had been forwarding sermons, provided primarily by the Ven. Dr. Jon Mr. Norris Gadsden, the Jr. Warden and R.E. Seminary student. I am ministry. Mr. Gadsden also reads Morning Prayer on Sunday and tea occasion I have asked Mr. Gadsden and Mr. Tyrell Brinson to preach s construction. This is now the regular practice for Morning Prayer ser Deans Jerry McLynn and Matt Harrington and others for assisting in t affairs that have impacted this church. I visited the church on April 1 the Eucharist and conduct the vestry meeting. On that occasion we a ministry given by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Chandler (Joyce). Mr. Chandler due to the family's relocation to the Atlanta, GA area. I appointed M temporary Sr. Warden. She was subsequently elected to this position

Evan Hughes, recently appointed to the provisional vestry, following Burdick. I thank the Rev. Dr. Dale H. Crouthamel and the Rev. Jason A serving on the provisional vestry for many years. Prior to the viral ou orders I sent a presbyter to the church on the first Sunday of each mc preach and serve the Eucharist. Since the church had begun regather presided at the Lord's Table the first Sunday of each month. On the t month, the Rev. Obaid George, a licensed presbyter, preached and se On the other Sundays, Mr. Lovell and Mr. Arp lead Morning Prayer ar encouraged by the participation of several younger families and ever visiting clergy has been positive. In January 2021 both the Rev. Mr. H George accepted calls and relocated outside the Diocese. Rev. Howd Reformed Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, Webster Groves, MO called to a Pakistani congregation in the Dallas, TX area. I met with lc by Zoom at the end of last year to assess ongoing ministry needs and visited the church on Sunday, May 2, 2021 and presided at the Lord's congregational meeting, reviewed the parish register with the Senior future plans for the Mission. The Rev. William Garrison has been eng; the church twice each month to preside at the Lord's Table and to pr outreach effort, the church held another fall conference on October 1 *Worth Fighting For – Understanding Reality Through Tolkien's Middle* their 9/20/21 meeting, voted to provide parish assistance to the Miss \$6,000 for the next diocesan year.

St. Peter's Church – Elkton, MD – I appointed the Rev. Frank Spadafo November 1, 2020 following the retirement of the Rev. Cn. Jack Clark A Search Committee has been formed and the Committee has issued pastoral candidates. They are seeking a part-time rector and have co package. The rector's position needs and church description have be REC and ACNA websites for posting.

Church Reports

Grace Church – Collingdale, PA – The church issued a call, which was Shawn Riley, on August 10, 2021. Rev. Riley will serve the parish and

have a professional commercial appraisal done on the Church of the Immaculate Conception on February 15, 2021.

St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Church (Mission) - Philadelphia, PA – The church continues to provide pastoral oversight, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Thomas J. O'Connell. The provisional vestry approved a rental agreement with the Open Door Ministries. The renters paid six months' rent in advance which has been placed into a trust fund earmarked for property repairs. The renters have expressed interest in purchasing the property as well as the owner of the funeral home next to the church. The church is currently in a contract will be taken at this time in order to further evaluate the property sale. The church has the opportunity to explore outreach possibilities. A 130th Anniversary Service of thanksgiving to God was held on Sunday, October 24, 2021. I presided and the Rev. David A. Farnsworth gave the homily. The luncheon was held at the Cottage Green, also in Philadelphia.

St. Mary's Church – New York, NY – On June 27, 2019 the Rev. Belgrave J. O'Connell advised the parish was considering another jurisdictional affiliation. I was notified of this on March 11, 2020. On January 7, 2021 I received a letter from the congregation voted to disassociate from our Diocese. The petitions contained 139 members. Rev. Pelle contacted the Rt. Rev. Andrew Williams and Canon Kimble of the Anglican Diocese of New England (ADNE) without my prior notice of this contact, after the fact, by Rev. Pelle. Subsequently I received a letter from Rev. Williams requesting a meeting concerning St. Mary's Church. On May 11, 2021, via Zoom, accompanied by Dean Eric Jorgensen, with Bishop Williams and Canon Kimble had forwarded to all participants, a timeline and recommendations for the transfer. They promised to take these recommendations under advisement and if they had further questions or were ready to take the process one step at a time. Canon Kimble advised Rev. Pelle that they did not believe that St. Mary's Church "fit" for the ADNE. I approached another ACNA bishop about the possibility of transfer. His response was similar to that of Bishop Williams. I continue to be in contact with Rev. Pelle about possible alternative arrangements.

St. Paul's Church – Oreland, PA – For the past two years the church has been in a process of

Church Reception

Good Shephard Anglican Church

On June 6, 2021 I visited and received Good Shephard Anglican Church. The church members were transferred from the ACNA Diocese of Pittsburgh. On the occasion, I confirmed seven new members. The church meets in the chapel of Zion Lutheran Church in Harrisburg, PA. A reception was held following services. This Mission was led by Missionary Ricky McCarl.

Wedding

On Friday, October 15, 2021, Jan and I were privileged to attend the wedding of Mr. & Mrs. Rice to Ms. Lauren Jenkins, daughter of the Rev. Canon & Mrs. William Jenkins, St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Baltimore, MD. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the Delta-Marriott Hotel in Hunt Valley, MD.

Funerals and Memorial Services

Frederick R. Van Istendal, Jr., DDS

On Saturday, May 15, 2021 I officiated at the Memorial Service for Frederick R. Van Istendal, Jr., DDS at the Bradley & Stow Funeral Home in Medford, NJ. I was assisted by Rev. Carr, Vicar of St. Timothy's Church, Mt. Laurel, NJ, where 'Dr. Fred' served for many years. Rev. Carr delivered the homily. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Van Istendal.

The Rev. Canon William S. Jerdan

On July 17, 2021 Jan and I attended the Memorial Service for the Rev. Canon William S. Jerdan at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Warrenville, IL. I spoke briefly and presented a letter of appreciation to the Board of Foreign Missions, and I were privileged to present a letter of appreciation to the Jerdan family.

The Rev. Barton L. Craig

On Wednesday, September 1, 2021 Jan and I attended the funeral service for Rev. Barton L. Craig held at St. Mark's Reformed Episcopal Church in Rydal, PA. The Rev. Jason S. Patterson, who had been pastorally ministering to Rev. Craig, conducted the Interment at Arlington Park Cemetery in Pennsauken, NJ. Rev. Craig served the Diocese as Rector and Interim Rector in several charges over many years.

The Rev. Ronald D. Bretherick, 71, of Ventnor, NJ passed into the presence of the Lord from complications of Covid-19 on Thursday, October 14, 2021 in Drexel Hill, PA and is a graduate of St. Joseph's University and the Reformed Episcopal Church. Ron was the Rector of St. John's By-The-Sea Reformed Episcopal Church in Ocean City, NJ for 25 years until his retirement in 2016. He also served the Lord on various committees including the Atlantic Christian School and Hope Pregnancy Center at St. John's By-The-Sea Reformed Bible Institute. The funeral service was held on October 21, 2021 at St. John's By-The-Sea Reformed Episcopal Church in Ocean City, NJ. A private family burial is scheduled for October 22, 2021 at St. John's By-The-Sea Reformed Episcopal Cemetery in Drexel Hill, PA. Rev. Bretherick is survived by his wife, St.

The Rt. Rev. Daniel G. Cox

Bishop Daniel Gilbert Cox, a retired bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church and former pastor of Bishop Cummins Church in Catonsville, MD, departed this life in the presence of his Lord on October 16, 2021, a month short of his 90th birthday.

Bishop Cox was born on November 15, 1931 in Abington Township, PA. He entered the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church in 1950, from which he graduated in 1952. That same year he moved to Baltimore, MD, and began ministering at Koontz Memorial Chapel (now Faith Church) in the community of East Baltimore. In 1954 he married Patricia Stiemly an Episcopalian presbyter. Throughout the 1950s he continued to serve at Koontz Chapel and Johns Hopkins Evening School, from which he received a Bachelor of Divinity degree.

In 1960, Bishop Dan accepted a call to pastor Bishop Cummins Memorial Church in the process of relocating from West Baltimore to Catonsville. In 1984 he was elected bishop in the Reformed Episcopal Church. He served as an assistant bishop of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, while continuing as Rector of Bishop Cummins Memorial Church. Bishop Cox retired from active ministry in 1996. He came out of retirement in 2000, later, to serve as Interim Pastor of St. Stephen's Reformed Episcopal Church in Ocean City, NJ, which he had helped to found in the early 1980s as a mission of Bishop Cummins Memorial Church. Bishop Cox was active in service, making occasional episcopal visits to parishes throughout the Diocese. Bishop Cox is survived by his wife Patricia of 67 years.

to this Council. We appreciate their ministry on our behalf. These same members will serve again in the same capacity for the ACNA Provincial Council to be held in Asheville, NC. As a result of the cost of virtual attendance, I advised the members by judgement they need not attend. Dr. Riches and the Gillins registered.

The Diocese of Central & Eastern Canada – As a result of the U.S. – Canada border being closed, this Diocese, under the oversight of the NEMA bishop, held its 2020 diocesan Council by videoconference on Thursday, September 17, 2020. I chaired the meeting. In 2021 another diocesan Council was held by videoconference. The Synodical Conference voted to change the Canadian canons to designate the third week of January as the date of the Council. This change was made in order to accommodate changing travel restrictions with the REC-Cuba Mission Society and Canadian revenue reporting. A member of the Diocese, is the Treasurer for the Cuban Mission Society. I resigned from the ministry of the Ven. Dr. John Ferns who tendered his resignation effective the date of the Council. I appointed the Rev. Canon Robert to meet the requirements of the Canadian canons. The Rev. Paul Luttrell is the pastor of a congregation of St. George's parish. I was scheduled to visit the church in Toronto however, Canadian travel restrictions have delayed that visit.

Youth Camp – The winter diocesan Youth Camp, scheduled for earlier in the year, was cancelled due to Covid virus concerns. The Committee proposed a spring camp Bible Camp in Susquehanna, PA. It was scheduled to be held on April 22-26, 2021 but was unfortunately cancelled due to too few registrations. Summer Camp was successfully held on July 25-31, 2021. We thank God for those who came to camp and for the young people.

REC100

I recently received a financial report from the REC100 Committee. They have deposited \$26,000 in the NEMA REC100 account for church planting and/or revitalization. Thank you for your continued support of church planting and revitalization.

Website

Dean Jason Patterson and Mrs. Holly Howden developed the diocesan website.

which I edited and subsequently forwarded to Dr. & Mrs. Wayne Hea then forwarded to Dean Matthew Harrington for chancellery review ;

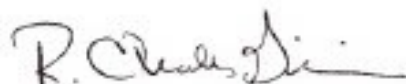
Thanksgiving

I would like to thank Mr. Greg Wright for his assistance to me and the Director of IT. He has been an invaluable help with NEMA News e-let announcements and with electronic communications, like Zoom mee Committee Chairman he will oversee the details of our diocesan Cou correspond several times monthly. I would also like to thank Rev. Tai Secretary and administrating the diocesan office, which has been mo Seminary property and relocated to Rydal, PA. All of us are also indel who selflessly continues to administer the diocesan finances and prep reports. I could not do what I do without the wonderful, sacrificial as others who serve in diocesan leadership as the Archdeacon, Canons a Matthew Harrington stood with me on several difficult issues to prov counsel.

Last, but certainly not least I have been blessed with an amazing wife not only through this time as your Ordinary, but as my dear wife for t patience and understanding have been a consistent encouragement. ministry by sending birthday and anniversary cards to clergymen and sends get well greetings, sympathy cards and other messages of encc could not do what I do without her help and I thank God continuously

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Respectfully submitted,



Bishop Gillin’s Exhortation to the 141st Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

The Church Militant is:

- always being promoted away to the Church Triumphant,
- always relocating and moving away due to employment, school or retirement,
- always moving from one church to another, and
- sadly, always falling away, being choked by the cares of this world.

Two key words consistently appear in the above statements – ‘always’ and ‘away’.

The local church, because of these and other reasons is always in the process of leaving or dying.

So, the goal, according to our Lord’s Great Commission, is for every church to make disciples who will reproduce themselves in the lives of others so that churches will grow, in spite of the losses noted above. This happens organically through procreation, conversions and strategically as churches mother their daughter churches. Like the common experience of humanity, the church is both simultaneously dying and birthing. If the local church is to survive, then birthing must be the priority and the predominant characteristic.

This is the strategic vision of REC100, the revitalization of existing works and the planting of new ones.

Our dear brother, Dean Eduardo Andrade has been sending his “Our Daily Scoop” to his parishioners and others since the beginning of the pandemic in order to keep in touch with people by introducing them to the daily lectionary. One, in particular, recently caught my attention. It quoted the prophet Haggai. Please hear the words of the prophet from Chapter 1, verses 1-6:

In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest: “Thus says the LORD of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD.” Then the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, “Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? Now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no

one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes. (ESV)

Most of us have heard these words at one time or another. It's clear that this post-exilic prophet is admonishing God's people for their procrastination. They had been resettled in the land, following their exile, and had grown happy with how things were. They were no longer captives and were enjoying their freedom. Unfortunately, they had neglected the priority of worship and the requirement that they worship in the place of God's designation under the Old Covenant. So, the prophet chastises them for their selfishness and neglect. They had taken care of themselves, but had neglected the building of God's Temple.

Please understand what I'm about to say and receive it gracefully. As we receive the various reports today, the financials from our Treasurer, Mr. Ron Riches that indicate a healthy balance sheet this year as a result of positive market returns and wonderful, sacrificial parish tithing, an increased enrollment at our Seminary and the Board's willingness to work with the Diocese to lessen their dependence on diocesan support, 52 persons confirmed and twelve more received by transfer or the laying on of hands in reception, and my sincere appreciation of your continued supportive spirit, that in spite of all of these positive things if God's house is built by local growth and beginning new works, we have principally failed in our mission.

Here is a graphic recently provided by the Rev. Canon Jason Grote, Canon Missioner of the Reformed Episcopal Church...

1. What do you see?
2. What don't you see?

This past summer, Jan and I took a road trip to western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio. One of our stops was the former Ohio Reformatory School in Mansfield, Ohio. This is the site of the filming of the movie, *Shawshank Redemption*. I understand that the film was not Christian friendly, but I had to visit. I asked Jan to watch the movie before we went and she did.

I have asked someone to model a shirt I bought. "Get busy living or get busy dying". This statement was made by the character Andy Dufresne, played by Tim Robbins to this close friend, Ellis Redding, or Red, played by Morgan Freeman, in the movie just prior to Dufresne's prison break.

My dear friends we need to refocus our concerted efforts on church planting. It is God's plan for the evangelization of the world. There is no other formula for diocesan expansion. We've made a start. Dean Jason Patterson has been meeting with the pastors of various churches in the Diocese as a follow-up to the presentations of the Rev. Canon Mark Eldridge to the General Council meetings about church planting and revitalization.

The first priority is to repent of our inaction. So many of us, not all, have been content to

maintain the status quo. We've set the vehicle on cruise control and if we can pay our bills, provide pastoral care and maintain the 'program' then we are satisfied. Contentedness led to inaction in Haggai's day and I'm afraid has largely impacted us in our day. Revival begins with repentance and prayer. *Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.* (Ps.127:1)

Therefore, I direct all of our churches to set aside one Sunday per quarter in the diocesan year ahead to do the following:

- Ask for God's forgiveness for our focus upon ourselves rather than upon a hurting and dying world that desperately needs the Gospel with which we've been entrusted.
- Ask God for a willingness to let go of everything that stands in the way of building His holy temple – The Church.
- Then, ask God to open our eyes to opportunities for ministry to our communities and lovingly respond.

I will be holding a series of meetings with the diocesan leadership to strategize and develop an action plan for church revitalization and planting in the Diocese. We will draw upon the available resources from REC100 and tailor the effort to this Diocese.

This plan will be communicated to the regional Deans, who in turn will meet with the rectors and vicars in their deaneries to develop individual church plans for internal growth and outreach.

I challenge each of our rectors, vicars and churches to make church revitalization and planting a priority in your teaching and preaching responsibilities and pray that God will interweave this priority into your ministries. I also direct that this Exhortation be read in our churches in a Morning Worship service this month. It will be available for download from the Diocesan Council link on the new website.

This Reformed Episcopal Church has so much to offer. As the Psalmist has written in Psalm 16:6, *The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have beautiful inheritance* (or in the KJV – goodly heritage). If we truly believe the words of our Savior, "...greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4), then nothing can stand in the way of Kingdom building. I dare not write that the time for action is now, because it has always been so. However, this is a defining moment in the life of our Diocese. If the Lord carries and the delegates to the 150th Council of this Diocese in 2030 look back at this decade, what will be said of us? Will it be that we got busy living or got busy dying? My vision, which I trust you share, is that this Diocese will plant so many churches from Maine to Maryland that everyone will know of the faithful witness of the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church to the glory of God.

We began with Haggai's prophetic admonition to the resettled exiles to, *Consider their ways*. Knowing that the Lord is with us, may our response be as theirs,

Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him. And the people feared the LORD. Then Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, spoke to the people with the LORD's message, "I am with you, declares the LORD." (Haggai 1:12-13)

Let us pray.

FOR THE CHURCH

O GRACIOUS Father, we humbly beseech thee for thy holy Catholic Church; that thou wouldest be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of him who died and rose again, and ever liveth to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Report of the Secretary of the Trustees of the Diocese was presented and received as filed.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE DIOCESE OF THE NORTHEAST AND MID-ATLANTIC

To the One Hundred Forty-first Council of the Diocese of the Northeast
Reformed Episcopal Church
November 4, 2021

Dear Fathers and Brethren,

The Board of Trustees met two times since our last report at the 140th
Trustee meetings are held at St. Mark's Reformed Episcopal Church, with
exception of the November meeting which is held at the site of our annual

Bishop Gillin presided over these meetings.

MAY 17, 2021 (via Zoom):

1. Meeting was opened by Bishop Gillin with a reading of the Gospel of Luke 24:49-53, the Collects for the First Sunday after Ascension, the Lord's Prayer, a prayer for the Church, and a prayer for the world.
2. Bishop Chuck welcomed new members to the Trustees: Rev. I. Holloway, and Rev. Mike Blitz.

Election of new officers:

Vice President: Rev. Canon Bill Jenkins

Secretary: Rev. David France

Treasurer: Mr. Ron Riches

3. The Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved unanimously.

- d. **Covenant Chapel:** The Bishop will appoint a committee to review the Covenant Aid. We need to have a firm policy in place to handle it.

The Diocesan Website is being worked on

Bishop Chuck will visit all NEMA Parishes this year.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Riches began with the "high spots:"
 - a. Financial performance of investments has been very good, exceeding the budgeted amount.
 - b. Parish tithes are also up over budgeted amounts, current time last year.
 - c. The diocese has not yet needed to withdraw from savings due to realized savings over budgeted amounts. Expected due to COVID restrictions and better money management.
 - d. Questions were raised about how our money is invested:
 - d.i. Investments are chosen by Wells Fargo
 - d.ii. They are making standard investments for account
 - d.iii. It is a mixed portfolio
 - d.iv. Our risk tolerance is 60% stock/40% bonds

A motion was made to accept the report with Thanks.

Motion carried.

6. **Atonement Academy** is doing well as it nears the end of the school year well with COVID protocols. They currently have 6 new applications and hope to have 14-20 students next year. Fr. Andrew Brumm is starting another school in Delaware County.
7. The 2023 Committee has been retitled the 2025 Committee and given more time to complete its work due to the COVID restrictions.
8. Diocesan Council will be face-to-face at Turf Valley in the Fall.

15. The Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed, and approved.
16. Report of the President of the Trustees: The report was presented at the meeting. The President began with a clergy report and updates:
 - a. The Church of the Good Shepherd in Harrisburg, PA has been approved by the Diocese.
 - b. St. Mary's Church, New York has voted to disaffiliate from the Diocese.
 - c. Although Bishop Gillin planned to visit all parishes in the Diocese, he will not visit St. George's in Canada due to COVID restrictions.

The Diocesan Website is being worked on.

The Bishop's Report was received as given.

17. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. We had a guest from Wells Fargo Advisors. Mr. Jesse [Name] explained Wells Fargo's projections and strategies for the future.
 - b. Financial performance of investments has been very good, producing more than \$291,207.44 in value so far this year.
 - c. The Executive Committee/2022 Budget
 - c.i. discussed budgetary planning for a Bishop Coale Center in the near future.
 - c.ii. discussed that there will likely be additional travel expenses in the next year.
 - c.iii. Bishop Gillin proposed \$6000 in assistance to Covenant Chapel to help supplement the housing allowance they are providing.
 - c.iv. There was a request from Covenant Chapel for additional support for broader outreach to the community and in recognition that needs have increased.
 - c.v. A motion was made to receive the proposed operating budget and the recommendations. The motion was unanimously approved.

Next Meeting will be at Council. The May 2022 meeting will be some
likely be via Zoom.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. David A. France, Secretary

Mr. Ron Riches presented the report of the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Diocese. He drew the council's attention to the first appendix of his report. In spite of the economic downturn, the diocesan investment account grew somewhat. In the second appendix he demonstrated that the parish tithes increased this year, as well. Additionally, the Seminary began to pay its own insurance which reduced the diocesan expenses by about 10,000 dollars. The seminary also received 15,000 dollars less in the year from the Diocese. Appendix 3 investments grew. The parish tithes also increased 36,000 dollars. Finally, he drew attention to the budget for the coming year. The budget was increased a small amount in light of the fact that expenses will return after the pandemic slump. Also, there is a new tithe form for parishes which can be turned in with the parish tithe.

The report was received as filed.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF

To the One Hundred Forty-First Council
Of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic
Of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren,

NEMA's financial activity during the period January 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 is the subject of this report. Following is a summary of the key events (referencing Appendix II through VI) and the effect of each.

Summary

NEMA's revenue continues through three major streams; investment income, mortgage receivables (both discussed above) and parish tithes. Changes in the financial position during the period were, in many ways, a carbon copy of the previous period.

Financial markets continued to be turbulent but with less volatility than in previous years. An element of NEMA's investment portfolio has continued its positive performance. The Fargo Diocesan Investment account began 2020 at \$1.30MM and finished through September 30, 2021 at \$1.58MM, a gain of \$278K, or 21%. Investment assets in total realized a gain of \$278K. Assets increased \$78K during the period from \$3.1MM to \$3.18MM.

Mortgage receivables declined \$141K during the period as mortgage payments, with two mortgagors making payments in advance. One mortgagor made their final scheduled payment on September 4, 2020, satisfying the mortgage.

Parish Tithes increased from \$208K in 2019 to \$222K in 2020, or 6.7%. This has reversed the very concerning trend of decline in recent years previously reported. This has been a source of encouragement, which has been extended through 2021. Parish Tithes of \$204K on September 30, 2021 was up \$36K from September 30, 2020, which was \$168K.

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that increases expenditures by just 3% and transfers from invest accounts by 39%.

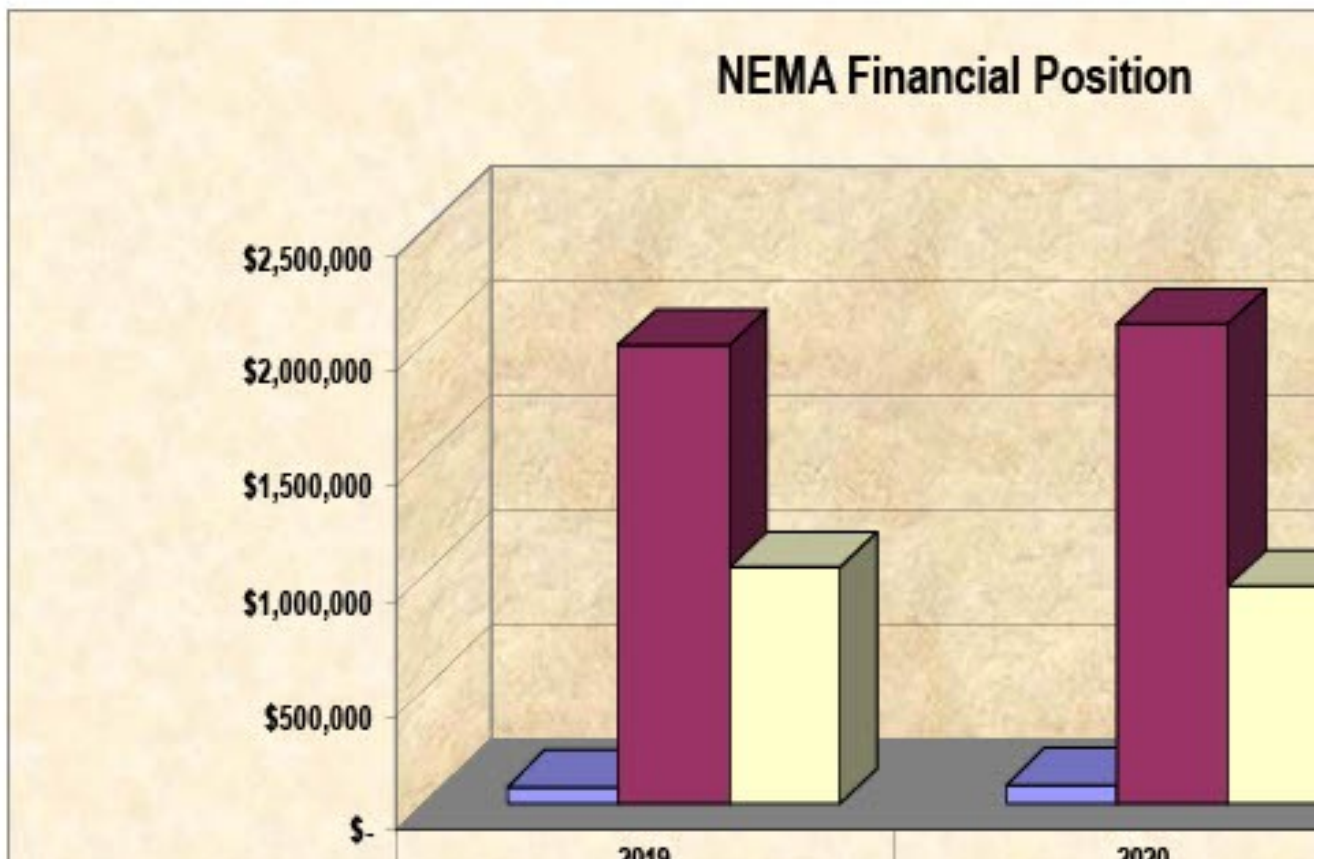
Account Summary

A summary description of the accounts whose status is present Appendix I of this report.

NEMA Financial Performance

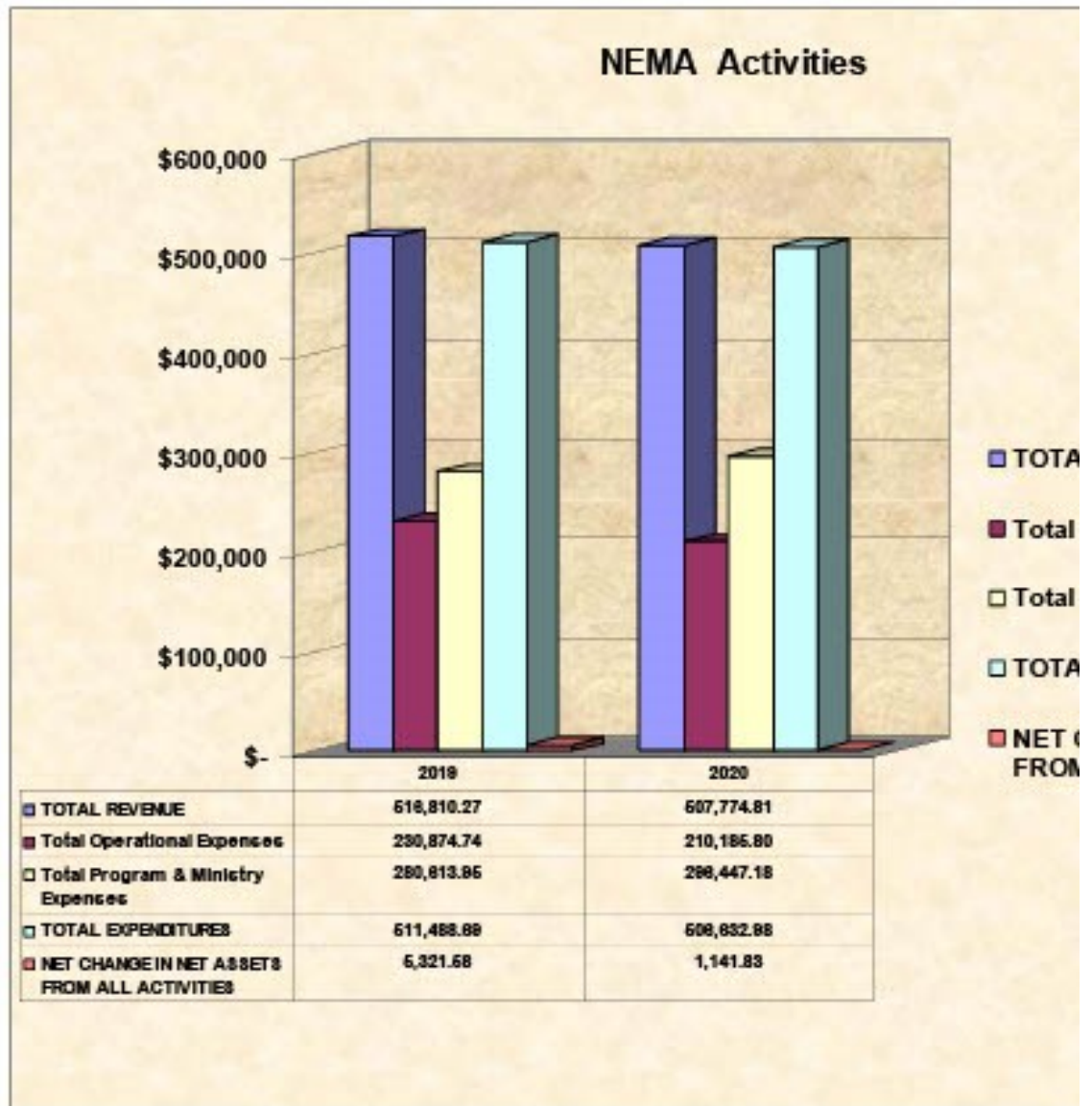
Items of Significance – Year 2019 through Year 2020 (Statement of Financial Position & Statement of Activities report)

Financial Position



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Activities



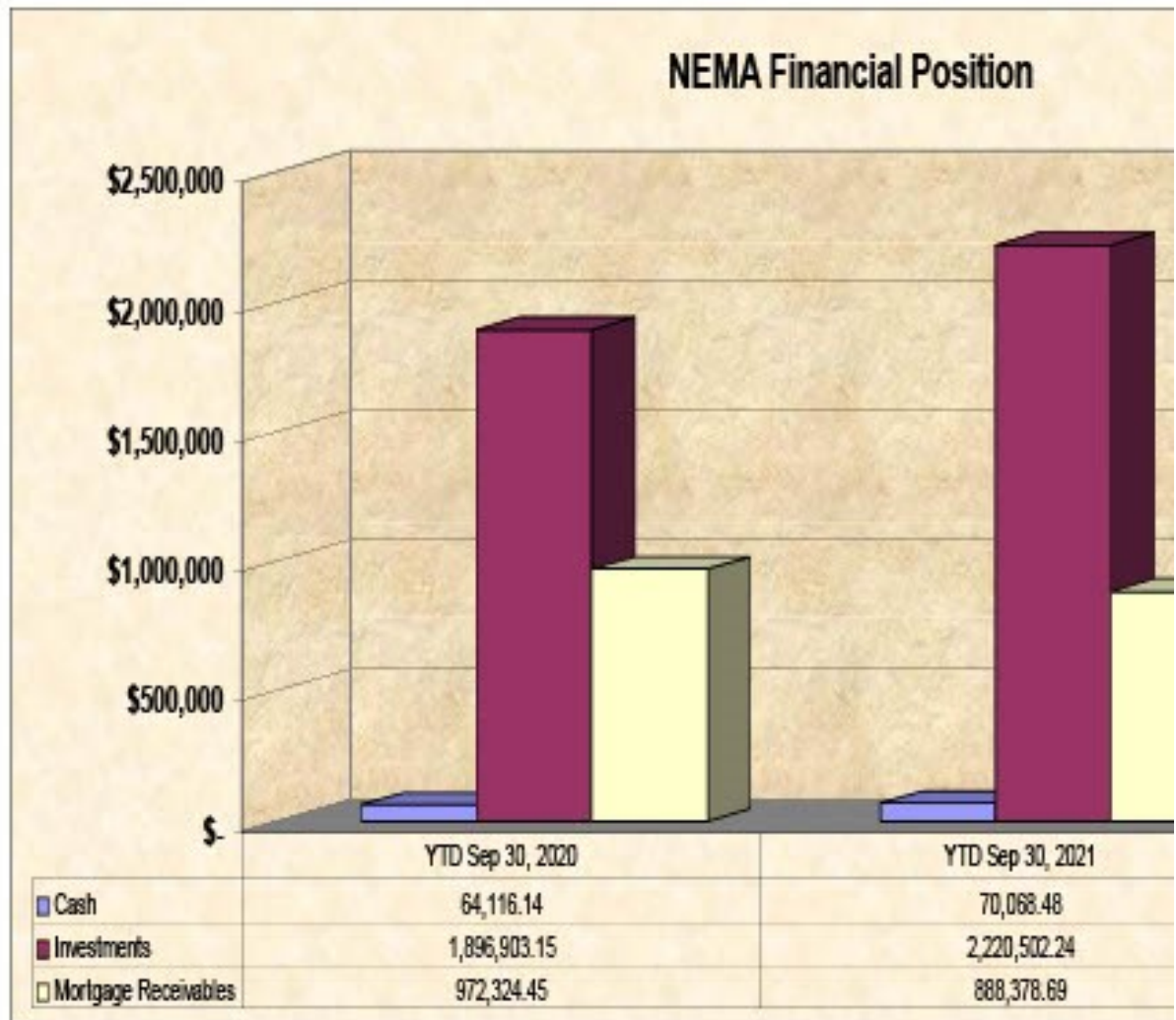
For unrestricted assets:

- † Total revenue was up 1.7% or \$9,035 in 2020 with sharp increase in Wells Fargo investment accounts due to negative market reaction to the COVID pandemic;
- † Expenditures for operation were down 9% or \$20,689. The Seminary (RES) contributed more than 50% of the decrease of its insurance that had previously been paid by NEMA.

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Items of Significance – Year-to-Date (YTD) September 30, 2021 *(Referencing the Statement of Statement of Activities in Appendix III of this report)*

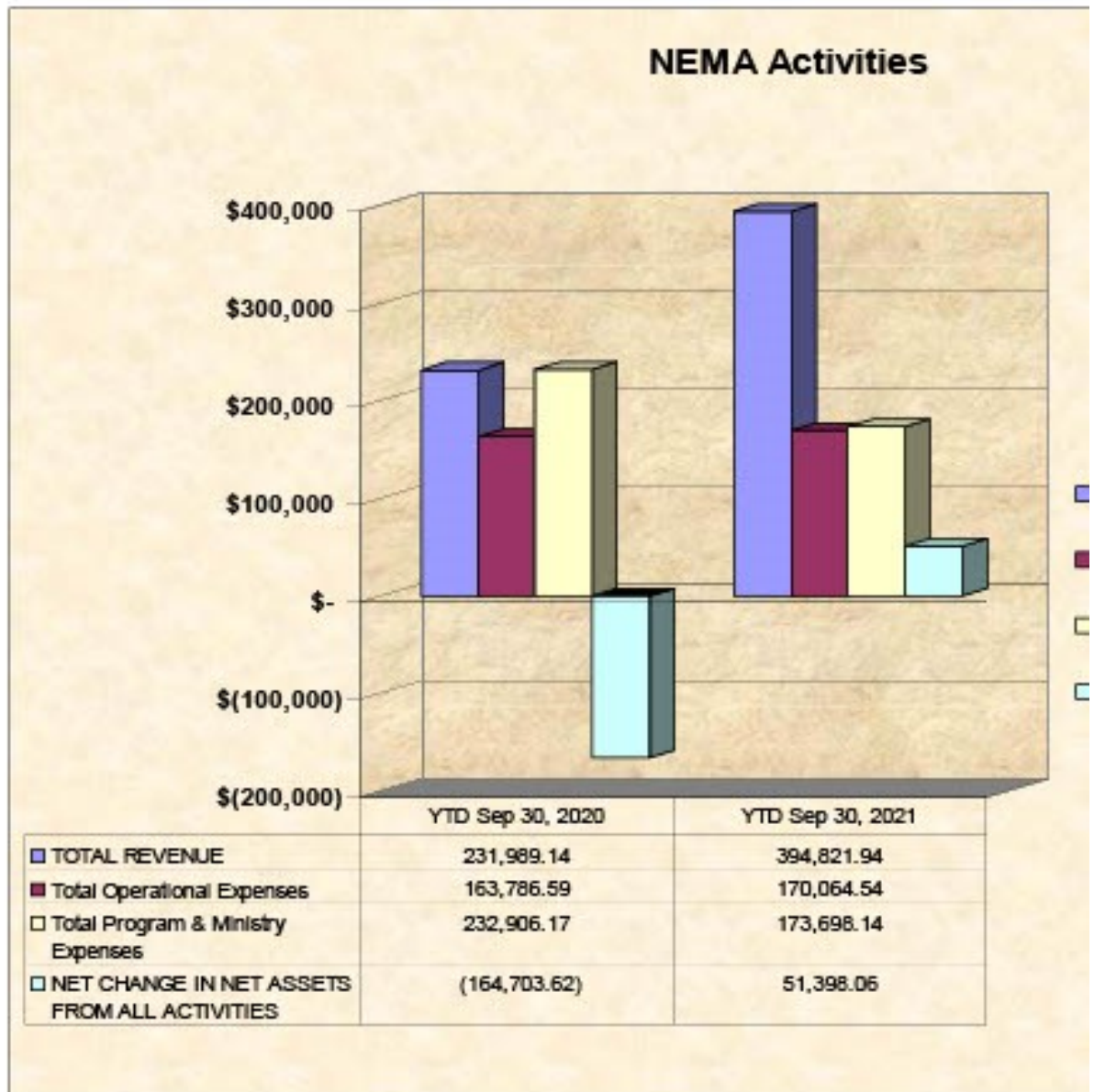
Financial Position



- † The cash position increased \$5,952 or 9.3% due to ordinary income and expenditures;
- † Investments increased by a net amount of \$323,599 or 17% due to a net withdrawal to fund ordinary expenses and \$33,358 in

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† Total revenue increased 70.2% or \$162,833 including: 55% increase in investment activity due to strong market recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; 2% decline or (\$612) in mortgage income; \$1,416 increase in other income; a 21.4% or \$35,963 increase in parish tithes. The fact that parish tithes through September 30, 2021 1 year is a major encouragement. Here is a graph of par

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† As a result of these factors in revenue and expenditures and in assets from all activities YTD Sep 30 2021 rose sharply (\$164,704) for YTD Sep 30 2020, an improvement of \$216,000.

Actual vs. Budget – YE 2020

A report of actual versus operational budget revenue and expenditures is available in Appendix IV of this report. The revenue category that had been "Mortgage Interest" prior to 2019 has been replaced by "Mortgage Payments" to accurately account for NEMA's practice of deducting mortgage payments (principal and interest) to cash accounts rather than payments in investment accounts. The expenditure category "TRANSFERS LESS TRANSFERS" replaced the practice of accounting as transfers in investment accounts to operating cash accounts.

All of the key factors noted above in the discussion of 2020 apply to actual performance vs. operating budget as well. The factors affecting operating budget performance as measured in the actual vs. budget performance, which are: actual revenue was \$1,000,000 above budget; operational expenses were held at \$77,607 below budget; program expenses were \$34,747 above budget; transfers from investment to operating accounts were \$48,548. Transfers totaling \$85,900 from the Wells Fargo investment account funded parish support for St. Luke's/Bishop's Chapel, Atonement and St. Timothy's. Details of the major line items and these effects can be found in Appendix IV of this report.

NEMA Operating Plan & Budget for 2022

The 2022 operating budget is available for reference in Appendix V.

2022 Operating Plan Revenues

NEMA's revenue derives from three major sources – tithes by par-

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NEMA receives a payment every month against the mortgage the of three properties – All Saints Anglican in Newark, NJ, Christ C Warminster, PA and St. Albans Church (First Church REC) in mortgagors are obligated to make these payments, so this revenue long as the mortgagor remains financial viable. Annual re payments is fixed at \$124,080.60, assuming that all mortgages r remain at that level until satisfaction of one or more of the mortga is not expected to change before 2027. All of the revenue (prin monthly mortgage payments is directly applied to NEMA's cash c than being reinvested (NEMA no longer writes mortgages).

NEMA periodically receives revenue from the two Wells Farg accounts described in Appendix I of this document. Returns dividends, interest and capital gains and are routinely reinvest amounts are dependent on market performance and are transfe accounts as needed to fund NEMA's operations. This operating b is set at \$10,000, is not assured by any means and is not likel predicable from year to year. An example of the uncertainty of re and the immediate impact of large excursions in revenue gains at the effect the market downturn of September 2021 had on N documented on the line "Total Investments" in Appendix III, Pag though this line increased by \$324K from September 30, 2020 2021, the line decreased \$33K from June 30, 2021 to Septemb September market downturn. Such a change has a direct effect apply to operating expenditures. Economic and political instabil for some time and it will be necessary to closely control expe manage the dynamic situation.

2022 Operating Plan Expenditures

Spending is always the first thing to be scrutinized when working seems that every year the operating budget is subject to cuts in

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expenditures can be expected to reach the budgeted level. Of the \$394,080 is budgeted to be funded from budgeted operational funds, \$18,500 to be funded from temporary restricted funds for special projects (E) and \$57,490 to be funded for parish support from the Wells Fargo investment account and \$37,201 from 2021's operational budget.

General ordinary operational expenditures include a 3% increase in staff (Bishop Ordinary, Secretary and Information Technology). Bishop Gillin has chosen to donate his budgeted increase to open a fund that will be used for the eventuality that he will be retired and that his successor will not be able to provide his own medical insurance as Bishop Gillin does. The Trustees have directed that a restricted fund in the initial budget be established in 2022 as a hedge against future medical insurance for the Bishop Ordinary.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Riches, Treasurer
Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic of The Reformed Episcopal Church

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Summary of Accounts

The diocesan financial accounts referenced in this report consist of two (2) checking accounts and (4) investment accounts.

Checking Account Summary

The cash (checking) accounts for the Diocese are as follows:

1. The Diocesan Checking account is effectively the general operating account of the Diocese. It is a Wells Fargo checking account used to process all transactions for ordinary financial activities of the Diocese.
2. The St. Philip's account is a Wells Fargo checking account formed from the proceeds of the subsequent sale of the former St. Philip's church. This account is a bishop's discretionary account from which disbursements are authorized by the bishop, the canon to the ordinary and the treasurer.

Investment Account Summary

The investment accounts for the Diocese are as follows:

1. Fidelity Diocesan Investment account was an unrestricted account established to provide income to help meet the obligations of the Diocese. The account balance as of May 31, 2020 and residual funds were transferred to the Payments against the mortgage for All Saints Anglican Church, which are now being received directly into this account. The Treasurer replaces Fidelity Investments as manager of the loan and all other mortgages.
2. The Fidelity Benson Fund is a temporary restricted account held at Grace Church, Collingdale. It is administered jointly by Grace Church and the Treasurer. Management of this account will be transferred to Wells Fargo by the end of 2021.

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Diocese of the Northeast & MidAtlantic Statement of Financial Position

	Year-End 2019
Cash	
Diocese Checking	12,441.3
St. Philip's Checking	63,830.0
Total Cash	76,271.3
 Investments	
Fidelity Diocesan Investment	50,887.1
Fidelity Benson Fund	139,535.8
Wells Fargo Diocesan Investment	1,300,822.3
Wells Fargo Parish Development	503,982.4
Total Investments	1,995,227.8
 Mortgage Receivables	
All Saints	160,249.8
Christ Covenant Presbyterian - PA	295,698.3
Covenant Chapel - NJ	2,081.1
St. Albans - NY	571,080.9
Total Mortgage Receivables	1,029,110.1
 TOTAL ASSETS	3,100,609.3

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Restricted Assets

Bassinger Home Fund	26,935.0
Benson Fund	139,535.8
Total Restricted Assets	166,470.8

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Diocese of Northeast & MidAtlantic
Statement of Activities (Condensed)

	GENERAL FUND UNRESTRICTED		
	2019	2020	2019
REVENUE			
Investment Activity (Net)	244,863.74	227,529.20	22,833.78
Mortgage Interest	52,155.22	42,384.70	
Parish Tithes	208,089.85	222,168.44	
Other Income	11,701.46	15,692.47	
Temp. Restricted Asset Contributions	-		-
TOTAL REVENUE	516,810.27	507,774.81	22,833.78
EXPENDITURES			
Operational Expenses			
Accounting & Auditing	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Diocesan Admin Expense	(3,083.02)	18,532.36	
Council Expense (net after registration fees)		1,620.13	
Episcopal Expense (Ordinary & Suffragan)			
Ordinary (Housing & Utility Allowance)	125,260.00	101,501.00	
Ordinary (Pension)	2,625.00	-	
Pension (Suffragan/Ordinary)	-	2,815.00	
Total Episcopal Expense	127,885.00	104,316.00	
Insurance - General	13,950.00	3,060.00	
Legal & Professional	2,161.00	-	
Meetings & Retreats Expense (net after registration fees)	5,281.91	(304.92)	
Miscellaneous	-	-	
Office & Administrative Expense	49,697.37	51,742.51	
Retired Bishop Expense	20,616.00	20,592.00	

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Statement of Activities (Condensed)

	GENERAL FUND UNRESTRICTED		
	2019	2020	2019
Program & Ministry Expenses			
Bassinger Home Fund Distributions	-	-	
Benson Fund Distributions	-	-	30,000.00
Camping Program	2,300.00	2,325.00	
Church Planting	-	-	
Designated Offerings Distributed	25.00	(25.00)	
Diaconal Training Support	-	-	
General Funds donated to Temp. Restricted Assets	-	-	
Gifts	5,000.00	836.20	
Mission Project (s)	-	50.00	
Parish & Salary Support	62,962.68	85,900.00	
Seminary Support	180,000.00	178,500.00	
Tithe to National Church	30,326.27	28,860.98	
Total Program & Ministry Expenses	280,613.95	296,447.18	30,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	511,488.69	506,632.98	30,000.00
NET CHANGE IN ASSETS FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	5,321.58	1,141.83	(7,166.22)
Net Change from restoring Bassinger Home Fund balance	-	-	
Net Change from Prior Year Adjustments	-	-	
Net Change from Property Interests Forfeited	-	-	
Net Change from rest of the General Fund	-	-	

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Statement of Financial Position**

	Prev. Year YTD Sep 30, 2020	Prev. Quarter YTD Jun 30, 2021	Current YTD Sep
ASSETS			
Cash			
Diocese Checking	3,281.35	19,324.31	
St. Philip's Checking	60,834.79	60,403.09	6
Total Cash	64,116.14	79,727.40	7
Investments			
Fidelity Benson Fund	139,970.59	169,160.43	16
Wells Fargo Diocesan Investment	1,338,677.80	1,599,156.04	1,57
Wells Fargo Parish Development	418,254.76	485,543.67	47
Total Investments	1,896,903.15	2,253,860.14	2,22
Mortgage Receivables			
All Saints	156,189.35	151,934.52	15
Christ Covenant Presbyterian - PA	289,752.55	282,931.64	28
Covenant Chapel - NJ	-	-	
St. Alban's - NY	526,382.55	474,653.76	45
Total Mortgage Receivables	972,324.45	909,519.92	88
TOTAL ASSETS	2,933,343.74	3,243,107.46	3,17

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

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**Diocese of Northeast & MidAtlantic
Statement of Activities**

	GENERAL FU	
	YTD Sep 30, 2020	YTD :
REVENUE		
Investment Activity (Net)	22,621.67	
Mortgage Interest	30,964.62	
Parish Tithes	168,137.22	
Other Income	10,265.63	
Temp. Restricted Asset Contributions	-	
TOTAL REVENUE	231,989.14	
 EXPENDITURES		
Operational Expenses		
Accounting & Auditing	-	
Diocesan Admin Expense	15,199.12	
Council Expense (net after registration fees)	1,620.13	
Episcopal Expense (Ordinary & Suffragan)		
Ordinary (Salary, Housing & Utility Allowance)	76,501.98	
Ordinary (Pension)	-	
Suffragan (Pension)	2,815.00	
Total Episcopal Expense	79,316.98	

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**Diocese of Northeast & MidAtlantic
Statement of Activities**

	GENERAL FU	
	YTD Sep 30, 2020	YTD :
Program & Ministry Expenses		
Bassingier Home Fund Distributions	-	
Benson Fund Distributions	-	
Camping Program	2,325.00	
Church Planting	-	
Designated Offerings Distributed	(25.00)	
Diaconal Training Support	-	
General Funds donated to Temp. Restricted Assets	-	
Gifts	(1,150.00)	
Mission Project (s)	50.00	
Parish & Salary Support	74,500.09	
Seminary Support	135,000.00	
Tithe to National Church	22,206.08	
Total Program & Ministry Expenses	232,906.17	
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	 396,692.76	

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**Diocese of Northeast & MidAtlantic
2020 Performance to Budget**

	GENERAL FUND UN 2020 YEAR-END OPER	
	Budget	Actual
REVENUE		
Investment Activity (Net)	16,809.00	49,244
Total Mortgage Payments	126,467.00	124,893
Parish Tithes	213,000.00	222,164
Other Income	10,000.00	15,693
TOTAL REVENUE	366,276.00	412,000
EXPENDITURES		
Operational Expenses		
Accounting & Auditing	1,000.00	1,000
Council Expense (net after registration fees)	-	1,620
Deanery Expense	1,500.00	
Diocesan Administrative Expense	24,000.00	18,533
Episcopal Expense (Ordinary & Suffragan)		
Ordinary (Salaries/Pensions/Ins/Medical)	130,500.00	101,500
Suffragan (Stipend/Expenses)	3,000.00	
Suffragan (Pension)	360.00	2,813
Total Episcopal Expense	133,860.00	104,313
Insurance - General	16,296.00	3,064
Legal & Professional	2,000.00	
Meetings & Retreats Expense (net after registration fees)	4,500.00	(304)
Office & Administrative Expense	62,145.00	51,743
Retired Bishop Expense	20,592.00	20,593
Travel Expenses	21,750.00	9,473
Video Conferencing	-	143
Total Operational Expenses	287,643.00	210,183
Program & Ministry Expenses		
Bassinger Home Fund Distributions	5,000.00	
Camping Program	2,500.00	2,323
Church Planting	5,000.00	
Designated Offerings Distributed	-	(23)
Diaconal Training Support	5,000.00	
Gifts	2,000.00	833
Mission Project (s)	2,200.00	53
Parish & Salary Support	30,000.00	85,903
Seminary Support	180,000.00	178,503
Tithe to National Church	30,000.00	28,863
Total Program & Ministry Expenses	261,700.00	296,443
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	549,343.00	506,633
REVENUE LESS ORDINARY EXPENDITURES	(183,067.00)	(94,633)

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NEMA 2022 OPERATING BUDGET

	2021 BUDGET	2021		20 BUD
		21.09.30	21.12.31 ESTIMATED	
REVENUE				
Investment Activity (net)	10,000.00	15,081.89	10,000.00	11
Total Mortgage Payments	124,080.00	88,548.42	119,207.52	12
Parish Tithes	218,000.00	204,100.23	250,000.00	25
Other	10,000.00	11,881.00	13,000.00	11
TOTAL REVENUE	362,080.00	319,411.54	392,207.52	39
EXPENDITURES				
Operational Expenses				
Accounting & Auditing	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	
Council Expense				
Registration Income Rec'd Expense	(15,000.00) 15,000.00	- -	(15,000.00) 15,000.00	(1) 1
<i>Total Council Expense (Net)</i>	-	-	-	
Deanery Expense				
New England	375.00	-	-	
New York & New Jersey	375.00	-	-	
Pennsylvania	375.00	-	-	
Maryland	375.00	-	-	
<i>Total Deanery Expense</i>	<i>1,500.00</i>	-	-	
Diocesan Administrative Expense				
Archdeacon Housing Allowance	5,000.00	4,166.70	5,000.00	
Canon Missioner Housing Allowance	5,000.00	-	-	
Canon Ordinary Housing Allowance	5,000.00	3,750.03	5,000.00	
Pres. of Standing Committee Housing Allowance	5,000.00	3,750.03	5,000.00	
Pulpit Supply	4,000.00	-	-	
<i>Total Diocesan Administrative Expense</i>	<i>24,000.00</i>	<i>11,666.76</i>	<i>15,000.00</i>	<i>7</i>

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NEMA 2022 OPERATING BUDGET

	2021 BUDGET	2021		20 BUD
		21.09.30	21.12.31 ESTIMATED	
Legal & Professional Fees	2,000.00	-	-	:
Office & Administrative Expense				
Background Checks & Other Dues	500.00	57.00	350.00	
Bank Fees	550.00	241.00	420.00	
Diocesan Planning	3,000.00	-	-	:
Information Technology	35,988.00	29,990.00	35,988.00	3
Other (Non-Categorized)	1,500.00	-	-	:
Postage	500.00	225.50	400.00	
Secretary Expense	14,808.00	11,106.00	14,808.00	11
Supplies & Expense	500.00	486.00	625.00	
Telephone	230.00	149.33	240.00	
Videoconferencing	200.00	149.90	149.90	
Web Hosting	6,500.00	1,522.00	1,750.00	1
<i>Total Office & Administrative Expense</i>	<i>64,276.00</i>	<i>43,926.73</i>	<i>54,730.90</i>	<i>6</i>
Retired Bishop Expense	22,320.00	17,200.00	20,616.00	21
Travel Expenses	10,000.00	6,027.08	10,000.00	1
Total Operational Expenses	248,271.00	170,064.54	218,340.90	25
Program & Ministry Expenses				
Bassinger Home Fund Distributions	5,000.00	-	-	:
Camping Program	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	:
Church Planting	5,000.00	-	-	:
Designated Offerings Distributed	-	-	500.00	
Diaconal Training Support	5,000.00	-	-	:
Gifts	2,000.00	-	-	:
Mission Project (s)	2,200.00	50.00	50.00	:
Parish & Salary Support	-	21,958.77	28,208.80	11
Seminary Support	162,000.00	121,500.00	162,000.00	14

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Statement of Parish Tithes

Parish	2020 YTD
Atonement	638.75
Bishop Cummins	23,792.98
Covenant Chapel	14,852.76
Emmanuel Four Brooks	5,139.85
Emmanuel NJ	14,157.43
Faith Baltimore	6,802.91
First Church	2,714.25
Good Shepherd	19,840.00
Grace Collingdale	27,296.56
Grace Havre De Grace	3,009.00
Grace Scranton	2,368.23
Jesus The Good Shepherd	2,476.18
New Redeemer	3,443.98
St. George's/Canada	1,000.00
St. John's By The Sea	2,589.20
St. Luke's	6,068.50
St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman	1,378.00
St. Mark's	31,249.80
St. Mary's	-
St. Matthew's	19,683.38
St. Paul's	4,264.08
St. Peter's	1,000.00
St. Stephens	26,949.00
St. Timothy's	1,453.60
OVERALL TOTAL	222,168.44

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Statement of Parish Tithes

Parish	2021 YTD
Atonement	591.00
Bishop Cummins	24,525.42
Covenant Chapel	10,452.29
Emmanuel Four Brooks	5,093.10
Emmanuel NJ	14,990.20
Faith Baltimore	6,022.56
First Church	3,169.51
Good Shepherd	16,800.00
Grace Collingdale	18,442.90
Grace Havre De Grace	4,407.00
Grace Scranton	1,211.56
Jesus The Good Shepherd	2,841.55
New Redeemer	2,035.50
St. George's/Canada	-
St. John's By The Sea	1,816.93
St. Luke's	8,317.70
St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman	1,272.00
St. Mark's	27,786.83
St. Mary's	-
St. Matthew's	17,902.61
St. Patrick's	200.00
St. Paul's	2,418.57
St. Peter's	1,850.00
St. Stephens	31,798.00
St. Timothy's	155.00
OVERALL TOTAL	204,100.23

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REC-NEMA PARISH TITHE CALCULATION

Parish Name:

Income received in the month of:

Total General Fund Receipts:

All amounts received into an operating fund for unrestricted use – e.g., pledged weekly offerings, gifts, undesignated gifts or bequests, undesignated contributions, receipts from parish school operations to a church operating, transfers or deposits into an unrestricted investment fund

General Fund Interest or Dividends:

Income to an operating account or an investment and/or savings account or whose purpose is to fund an operating account (unrestricted use) – e.g., account interest and dividends, interest or realized gains from investment accounts

Income to General Fund from Property Rentals or Sales:

Income from rental or sale of parish property – e.g., rental from non-sources

Transfers to General Fund:

Amounts transferred from unrestricted investment and savings accounts or to operating accounts when such amounts had not previously been included in tithe calculations – e.g., restricted accounts or funds that have newly been unrestricted

TOTAL MONTH INCOME: (add the above amounts)

The Report of the Dean of the Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church was presented by Canon Dr. Jonathan Riches. He thanked God for his grace and provision in several areas. The seminary has been approved by its accreditors to give Master of Arts degrees, Diaconal certifications and full online education. The seminary ended last year 300,000 dollars in the positive, in spite of many capital improvements. Dr. Riches concluded by reading the Seminary's Pledge of Fidelity to the Bishop. All faculty board members and staff also stood to indicate their assent to the pledge of fidelity. Some grammatical corrections were addressed by Farrell Lawrence. Rev. Ricky McCarl asked Dr. Riches to clarify what is the nature of the distance learning offering. Riches calls it distributed education because in-person formation remains necessary. The courses are currently offered synchronously. Dr. Cooper the director of distributed learning is working on making asynchronous learning possible. Also, books by faculty of the seminary and Rev. Charles E Earlandson are available for sale. The Report was Received.

**Report of the President and Dean of Reformed Episcopal Seminary
To the One Hundred Forty-first Council
of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic**

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. James 1:2-5

Dear Brethren:

This past year has been a challenging one. As Reformed Episcopal Seminary endeavors to train and equip people for further service to Christ and the church we find that our students, staff, faculty, and the institution itself face obstacles of various sorts. That is not unexpected. "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." Not only has the coronavirus pandemic presented challenges for worship, formation, and education, but the seminary community has suffered numerous losses and challenges. A senior, the Rev. Deacon David Brenton of the Episcopal Missionary Church, who was enrolled in his last three courses died of a heart attack this fall. Many of students, faculty, and staff have suffered serious illness or unusual hardships themselves or in their families. The usual challenges of financial and staff shortages remain in the background. God is always faithful and new challenges represent new opportunities. By the grace of God, we see the Seminary and its community being strengthened and continuing to work to further the work and mission of the church. I count it a great joy and honor to serve our students, Diocese, the denomination, and the wider church through the Seminary and am very grateful for the support and prayers of the Diocese, its members, and churches that facilitate the work that is done at RES. The seminary continues "to train Christ's people to serve the flock of the Lord Jesus Christ through Biblical Anglican Worship, Example, and Discipleship as defined in the official standards of the Reformed Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church in North America. Students are immersed in Scripture, the historical and ancient traditions of the church, worship, and doctrine.

Emphasis is placed on classical Anglicanism lived out in the world through worship, evangelism, and discipleship.” This report endeavors to show how the Seminary is living out this mission in several key areas.

Biblical and Doctrinal Fidelity

The Seminary, like the whole Reformed Episcopal Church, is grounded in the Holy Scripture - the ultimate rule of faith and practice - and the historic and apostolic creeds and confession of the Church. For well over 75 years the seminary faculty and administration has asked each prospective student if they believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and if they are willing to test every question by Scripture. The Board, faculty, and staff of the Seminary, pledge the Oath of Fidelity each year before the Bishop and the church promising Biblical and doctrinal fidelity in these words:

I pledge to teach that the Holy Scriptures are the infallible Word of God written, and I am determined to instruct nothing that is not in accordance with the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds, the Articles of Religion, and the historic Book of Common Prayer. I further promise faithfully to exercise myself in the Holy Scriptures, to call upon God by prayers for the understanding of the same, and to teach as necessary unto salvation nothing but that which may be proved by the same. I do hereby make my pledge to God before you and these witnesses by solemn oath, which is sealed by personal signature in the seminary's book of Fidelity.

Core theology, liturgy, and Anglican classes are taught by ordained Reformed Episcopal Clergymen. Students are immersed in Scripture, the apostolic faith, and the historic prayer book in classes and chapel each day they are at school. In this way the seminary strives to support the diocese and the church by forming orthodox, biblical lay and ordained leaders that have been immersed in the classical Anglican tradition. The hymn *May the Grace of Christ our Savior* has been sung been at the conclusion of each chapel service and major ceremony of Reformed Episcopal Seminary for most of its history. In the past few years, our Assistant Professor of Church History, the Rev. Deacon William A. Jenkins, Jr., penned four additional verses for this hymn. The faculty and the Board of Directors adopted the whole hymn as the Alma Mater of Reformed Episcopal Seminary. This hymn communicates the ethos and deep commitment of RES.

May the grace of Christ our Savior
and the Father's boundless love
with the Holy Spirit's favor
Rest upon us from above.

As we strive to serve our Master
and the flock for which he died.
Make us able, learned pastors,
Rich in knowledge, poor in pride

Formed in sacred Scripture's teaching
that we might God's Word declare.
Through the foolishness of preaching
and with deeds of love, most fair.

Apostolic witness learning,
Wisdom of the fathers, too.
That by reason's light discerning
We might know your doctrine true.

Worshipping the glorious majesty
of the Father and the Son.
And the Spirit, ever holy
who from both with both is one.

Thus may we abide in union
with each other and the Lord.
And possess in sweet communion
Joys which earth cannot afford. Amen.

Programs

The seminary continues to seek to develop and gain approval for various programs that help us equip more students for the work of the ministry and meet the needs of our students. The curriculum leading to the Master of Divinity degree has been the main option available to learners at RES. We have added an accredited Master of Arts in Theological Studies with concentrations in both Anglican Theology and Christian Education. There are also over 15 certificate options including Diaconal Ministry, Deaconess Ministry, Anglican Theology, Biblical Languages, Church Planting, and Pastoral Theology.

The seminary has also received approval for providing programs through comprehensive distance education. Almost our courses are offered synchronously via zoom. We are working to deliver our courses asynchronously as well. We continue to offer courses residentially weekly on the quarter system and though intensive courses in the spring and summer. Courses will be offered in an intensive weekend format as well when there is sufficient interest. We are exploring offering courses in different locations as well, especially in conjunction with the work of the Sub-Committee for Unity in Theological Education (SCUTE) of the Theological Commission of the Reformed Episcopal Church. Please reach out to the seminary if a certain program, course, or format would benefit you or your parish. We exist to serve and equip the church.

While the Seminary Education For Youth (SEFY) has been inactive lately, we are committed to providing this program in conjunction with the Committee on Young People's Work in order to help equip the next generation of church leaders and help people better understand the resources available through our seminary.

In additions to these programs of learning, the seminary has received approval to participate in a variety of programs that help and enable more students access and/or pay for their education including Title IV, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program, the G5 Bill, and other Department of Defense programs.

Finance

Making RE Seminary education available to more students and collecting more tuition and fees will improve the seminary's financial position; however higher education programs are historically only sustainable through a combination of tuition, donations, and investment income. Donations have been almost the exclusive funding source for the seminary for decades with significant finding coming from the diocese for over fifteen years. As the Diocese balances its budget and puts more money into evangelism, church planting, and support, it has been important for the seminary to take steps that help the diocese as well as its own budget. As of 2022, the seminary will have reduced its dependence on the the Dicoese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic by over \$50,000 per annum compared with 2020. We have significantly reduced scholarships, while continuing to prioritize Reformed Episcopal students, especially ones that come from this diocese. Tuition levels are increasing to \$250/credit effective August 2022 and are expected to be raised \$25/credit per year after that. These efforts have already resulted in increased tuition and fee revenue.

The seminary endowments have been increased in recent years due to an estate gift, a pledge, and designated gifts. Seminary endowments remain small in comparison to other institution and are growing. Our efforts in publicity sand development have led to increased giving from other sources. In addition to the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, RES receives regular support directly from these denominations, Dioceses, their bishops, and/or parishes: the Anglican Province of America, the Diocese of Central and Eastern Canada, Diocese of the Central States, Diocese of Mid-

America, the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic, the Diocese of San-Joaquin, the Episcopal Missionary Church, and the Missionary Diocese of All Saints. In addition, the seminary receives many contributions from non-Anglican churches and supporters.

During the last two years, the seminary was able to receive various government funding and a grant which enabled it to finish with a positive cash flow in 2020 and very likely in 2021 as well. Rental income has also been an important factor in supporting the seminary programs. NEMA Diocesan parish support for the seminary in has increased YTD 2021 over 2020. We are very thankful for the support and prayers of the Diocese and especially your sending, supporting, and helping us form students. Please let us know how we can better serve you.

It is our goal and hope that every church in this Diocese would partner with us and support this essential mission and ministry, through prayer, referrals, and when possible financial gifts. Every gift and each referral are much appreciated.

I want to personally thank the Rt. Rev. Chuck Gillin, our Chancellor and Diocesan Bishop, and the Most Rev. Ray Sutton, Presiding Bishop, for their support and guidance. The seminary also has a great Board of Directors, staff, and faculty that are dedicated to the Reformed Episcopal Church and the formation of leaders for the kingdom of God I am grateful to each and every one of them.

We know it is through the help and grace of God alone that we can go forth and complete this work that stands before us. Please pray about how you can better help and serve the Seminary and the future leaders of the church. Please pray fervently for the mission of the church and the Seminary. The administration, faculty, and staff continue to strive to serve the Reformed Episcopal Church and the wider church by equipping leaders for God's kingdom here. By God's grace we remain "Ambitious to be well-pleasing unto Him."

If anyone would like to meet with me to discuss the ministry and mission of our Seminary or have me or another member of our faculty visit your church in-person or online, please let us know. Please also be sure to check out our updated website: www.reseminary.edu We are delighted to serve the Diocese and the church as best as we can, by the grace and help of God.

Your fellow servant in Christ Jesus,

The Very Rev. Canon Jonathan S. Riches, D.Min., Ph.D.

President & Dean

**To the One Hundred Forty-first Council of the
Diocese of the Northeast and Mid Atlantic**

From: Board of Directors, The Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church
Re: Annual Report 2021

The Board of Directors is very pleased to share this annual report with the Council on the condition of the

Seminary, and its own stewardship of the institution.

This past year has been an exciting year, as the Seminary has expanded its programs, officially launching a Master of Arts program in Theological Studies, additional certificate programs, an expanded distance educational program, and a new website. Evidence available to the Board of Directors indicates the educational programs of the seminary continue to achieve the goals established by the Theological Commission of the Reformed Episcopal Church and the Preparation Standards for Seminaries of the Anglican Church in North America. As these expectations form the core of the seminary's mission, the Board of Directors are pleased to report the seminary continues to faithfully and effectively prepare men and women for Christian ministry, particularly ministry in the Reformed Episcopal Church and other Anglican churches. In fact in the past ten years, the Seminary has produced thirty-two graduates through its Master of Divinity and Diploma program. Eleven of these graduates have been ordained and have served in the Reformed Episcopal Church. Seven are currently serving in this Diocese. Two more of these graduates are serving as lay people in our diocese and an additional is lay person is serving at RES. Five more graduates have been ordained and have served in other Anglican jurisdictions. In the last three years, there have been five graduates from the Master of Divinity program, two of whom have been ordained and served in an Anglican jurisdiction. Of the twenty-seven students enrolled in or auditing a class at RE Seminary this quarter twenty-one are Anglican, including nine Reformed Episcopalians.

The Board of Directors expresses its appreciation to the Diocesan Council, the entire diocese, and the many churches and individuals in the Diocese for their steadfast support for the seminary and its increased recommendation and sponsoring of students. With the 2021 Seminary budget the Seminary will have reduced its dependency on the Diocese \$18,000/year from last year and by over \$50,000/year since 2019. The continued support, prayer, and recruitment of students by the Diocese is essential to the health and maintenance of the Seminary and the continued mission to equip leaders for ministry and mission and for the Reformed Episcopal Church and Anglican context in particular. While the seminary is a distinct organization, it is a ministry of the diocese. It is together, through the grace of God, that we can go forward and do a grand work!

Prepared on behalf of the Board of Directors

Dr. Guy F. Webster

Chairman

Arch-Deacon Dr. Jon Abboud presented the Report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons. He presented two items which were approved for first reading at the 140th council.

The first item: The term limits on the Standing Committee is being stricken. Jerry McLynn asked if there was a written copy of the proposed changes.

Mr. Farrell Lawrence asked what the reason was for the Canon in the first place. Bishop Gillin explained that in the past the bishop was more hesitant to ask Standing Committee members to step down. However, Bishop Gillin has no such qualms. Dr. Jon noted that in the past there may have been an entitlement attitude toward Standing Committee membership. The canon had limited that attitude. This was not seen as a current problem.

The canon change was received unanimously.

The second item: The number of active members necessary to be accounted as a parish was changed to 40. Dean Patterson noted the canonical change which occurred at general council making our episcopal process subject to the ACNA's process. Patterson asked if the reduction in parishes and influx of missions consequent to this change would affect the ability of NEMA to elect a new bishop. Particularly, with regard to a requirement of a minimum number of parishes.

Bishop Gillin clarified that the ACNA interest is more about financial feasibility rather than number of parishes in a diocese

Mr. Chris Komline asked if this would change the tithe income as some parishes would become missions which drops the tithe from 10 to 5 percent.

Bishop Gillin noted that the Standing Committee can designate a parish a mission, but is not required to do so. Both Dr. Jon and Bp. Gillin noted that the canon has not at any time been used to force a parish into mission status. It is in the diocese's interest to leave parishes not as missions. Though the canon states "will" not "may", Bishop Riches noted that there is a discretionary aspect to the verbiage - "If so determined". Dr. Riches noted that this is a tool to allow the diocesan leadership to help and support parishes. Dean Andrade noted that the language does permit a church to be designated, even if it has not been used in the past to force a parish into mission status. Dr. Jon explained that there have been parishes who have claimed full status though their membership was in single digits, and they were not compelled to change their status.

Rev. Currie recommended passing the canon

Dr. Jon noted that the canon has always been a warning to dying parishes.

Bp Gillin noted that there have been times in which the diocese has been left financially responsible for a parish which dies. Legally it becomes the diocese's problem.

Canon Jenkins noted the Bp Sutton is now in the room to be addressed with Dean Patterson's question with regard to the ACNA. Bp. Gillin restated the question to Bp Sutton for his comment. Bp. Sutton noted the ACNA does want to verify that a diocese is financially sustainable, also that there are enough congregations to meet the canonical minimum. Bp. Sutton noted that the ACNA would want a healthy diocese. Dr. Jon noted that the diocese of the West was down to near 5 parishes when it folded.

Jerry McLynn noted that our canons should match the denominational canons.

Rev. Riley noted that the REC has been skeptical of bishops, and that time is past. Unless a grain of wheat falls and dies, it may be that a parish needs to close and reinvest in a plant. The numbers also are not always determinative of financial viability.

Dr. Jon also agreed to take back to the committee the discussion of the objections of Komline and Patterson. The second item change was received for first reading.

The Council took a short break, then reconvened at 3:59pm with a couple of jokes.

Canon John Boonzaijer presented the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions. He made note of the Circles of Three initiative from 2 years ago. Last year he encouraged the deliberate formation of "sending parishes" which involved three qualifications: Lay Missions Advocate, General Fund Support (\$500 a year to BFM), Adopt a Missionary/project/diocese. "It is time for the church to reevangelize the west." Canon Boonzaijer

went on to present a survey of the missions work of the Reformed Episcopal church. The Ayers family is planting a church in Berlin. Croatia planted two churches during Covid. The Gresser family is ready to be sent back to Malawi. He will provide the Phd that the Seminary there needs in order to grant degrees. In Cuba there is one seminary 3 deaneries and about 50 missions and home groups. Fr. Melchor has been appointed as missionary to Cuba. Cubans are required to meet in homes for church. On the 500th anniversary of reformation in Croatia the Reformation heritage museum was completed. Advent 2021 will focus on church plants and Seminary work.

Howard and Ruth Moser were translators for Fr. Melchor. Fr. Melchor showed a slideshow of photographs tracking the growth of his church in Cuba. If Fr. Melchor is naturalized then progress can be made in bringing his family to the United States. Homeschooling is illegal in Cuba and Fr. Melchor's children have been removed from school.



Dear REC Brothers and Sisters:

For 148 years Reformed Episcopalians have pursued our Lord's command to make disciples for Him. The REC continues to support missionaries at home and abroad, through the joint work of REC100 and the Board of Foreign Missions.

Last year's BFM Advent Offering completed the purchase of the "Seminary House" in Moa, Cuba, and provided much-needed relief. Your regular monthly parish support now continues to sustain these faithful witnesses to the Gospel.

This year's Advent Offering focuses on church plants, ministerial training, and sending more missionaries. Please give to these strategic commitments. **A healthy church is a sending church!** Thank you and bless you,

In Christ,
 ++Ray
 The Most Rev. Dr. Ray R. Sutton
 Presiding Bishop



Who Makes a Great Giver?

- Parishes
- Children
- Individuals
- Sunday Schools



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- ...generous Reformed Episcopalians nearly doubled the Advent Offering goal last year?
- ...you can apply with the BFM for a *Short Term Assignment*, bringing hope, medicine, supplies, skills, teaching, and friendship?
- ...even the smallest mission or parish can become a BFM Sending Parish?
- ...you can support REC missionaries and churches on a monthly basis?

SENDING PARISH

- 1) Lay Parish Missions Advocate
- 2) Annual General Fund Ministry (\$500+ annually)
- 3) Adopt-a-Missionary (Choose a Project, Short Term Mission, or missionary for budgeted monthly support.)

All SENDING PARISHES will be mailed a tabletop BFM missions banner and a new missions *Cycle of Prayer* booklet for every family.

CROATIA: During COVID, REC Croatia planted a mission in Split and expanded its work in Zagreb—the two largest cities of the country. This gift provides initial building rental assistance to both for one year. \$5,000

CUBA: The Cuban Church continues to suffer from privation and food shortages. This gift supplements the REC partnership with ANiC (Canada) to fund its annual diocesan budget with a gift directly toward seminary operations. \$10,000

GERMANY: Christ Church Berlin has enjoyed sufficient growth to begin renting its first church building. This gift provides electronics and rent assistance as it moves into its new location. \$5,000

FREE CHURCH OF ENGLAND: Seed money for FCE to begin ministerial training in coordination with RES and the German and Croatian seminaries. \$5,000

MALAWI: Seed money to initiate annual support to return Cn. and Mrs. Gresser and their family to Malawi to lead degreeed, ministerial training (in partnership with the Diocese of Fort Worth). \$5,000



REC Seminary in Moa, Cuba



New Mission in Split, Croatia



Leonard Kamungu
Theological College, Zomba,
Malawi



Cn. Bob Gresser (Ph.D.
candidate) for Malawi



David+ and Patricia Ayres,
church planters, Christ
Church, Berlin



The Free Church of
England, coordinated
ministerial training

Rev. Bill Vowles presented the Report of the Committee on Nominations which was received unanimously.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS 2021-2022

Committee Members

The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin – *ex-officio*
The Rev. William Vowles-*chairman*
The Very Rev. Jason Patterson
The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn
The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud
The Very Rev. Eduardo Andrade
Mr. Mark Hammett

Special invitees:

Mrs. Christine Specht
Mrs. Meagan Bohlen

The following nominations are submitted by the Committee on Nominations for election at the One Hundred Forty First Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic.

Officers

***Ex-officio* President:** The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin
First Vice-President: The Very Rev. Eduardo A. Andrade
Secretary: The Rev. Tait Deems

Standing Committee

Class of 2022

The Very Rev. Dr. Eric Jorgensen
Mrs. Linda Schmuck

Class of 2023

The Rev. Jason Patterson
Mr. Robert Miller

Class of 2024

The Rev. Cedric R. Benner
Mr. Mark Hammett

Ex-officio

The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin
The Rev. Cn. William Jenkins
The Ven. Dr. John W. Abboud

Trustees of the Diocese (entire slate up for election)

The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin – *ex-officio*
Rev. Cn. William Jenkins
Mrs. Barbara N. Hamarich
The Rev. Michael Blitz
Mr. William Kozma
The Rev. William Vowles
The Rev. David France
Mr. Michael McTigue
Mr. Farrell Lawence
Mr. Ronald Riches
Mr. Millage Holloway
Mr. Gregory Wright
Zibusiso “Zie” Chilele
The Rev. Aaron Cappucci

Board of Directors for the Theological Seminary

Class of 2022

The Rev. Jason Holloway
*The Very Rev. Jason Patterson
*The Most Rev. Dr. Ray Sutton

Class of 2023

The Very Rev. Dr. Julius Barnes
Mrs. Diana Lopez
Mr. Walter Laforet

Class of 2024

*The Very Rev. Eric Jorgensen
*The Rev. Brian Oldfield
*Mrs. Sarah Benner
*up for election

Ex-officio

The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin
The Rev. Cn. Dr. Jonathan Riches

Parochial Apportionment Committee (entire slate up for election)

The Rev. Cn. Dr. Jonathan Riches
Mr. Ronald Riches
The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller
Mr. William Kozma

Changes from 2020-2021

Standing Committee

(Mrs. Gina Lloyd off)

Mrs. Linda Schmuck

Trustees Nominated Replacements

(Mrs. Beverly Reese off)

The Rev. Aaron Cappucci

Seminary Board

(The Very Rev. Eduardo Andrade off)

(The Rev. Robert Emberger off)

The Very Rev. Eric Jorgensen

The Rev. Brian Oldfield

Respectfully Submitted,

William Vowles

The Rev. William Vowles Chairman

Dean Jason Patterson presented the report of the Board of Examining Chaplains with an encouragement to rectors to familiarize themselves with the documents clarifying the postulancy process.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

To the One Hundred Forty-First Council
of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic

Dear Brethren,

The Board of Examining Chaplains currently consists of the Very Rev. Eric Jorgensen (S.T.D), The Rev. Tait Deems, and the Very Rev. Jason Patterson (D.Min), with the Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin, *ex officio*.

This Board serves in an advisory capacity to the Bishop Ordinary, assisting him by guiding candidates and postulants through the canonical process of discerning gifting, calling, and competency for service in holy orders within the Reformed Episcopal Church.

In the past several months we have produced a number of documents which are designed to clarify and improve our process. These documents include:

- (1) Application for Postulancy, Ordination, or Transfer
- (2) An Explanation of our Process for Postulancy and Ordination
- (3) An Explanation of our Process for the Transfer or Regularization of Holy Orders
- (4) Reference Questionnaire

We have also modified the examination/theological testing process (for more information please see the documents referenced above).

Our intention is for the pathway to ordination in our diocese to be very similar to the process in other REC dioceses.

Since the last Council, no examinations have been administered by the Examining Chaplains.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fr. Patterson, *Chairman*

Reverend David France presented the Report of the Committee on Memorials with the correction that the report has the wrong heading. He also noted that Dr. Hans Eugene had passed on to his reward. The report was received. The council sang the first verse of For All The Saints. Rev. McCarl prayed for the departed and for comfort for their families.

**Report of the Committee on Memorials
To the One Hundred Fortieth Council
Of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic
Of the Reformed Episcopal Church**

November 3, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Committee on Memorials serves the Council and the Diocese by collecting memorials of notable saints departed since the last meeting of the Council. The memorials listed below have been submitted this year.

The Rev. Barton L. Craig, 85, of Bensalem, PA went home to be with His Lord on Friday, August 27, 2021.

Barton was the loving husband of Ronell Craig and the late Barbara A. Craig, and the loving father of Stephen Craig and his wife Shelly. He will also be sadly missed by his grandchildren, Douglas Craig, Corey Lord, Justine Cooper, stepchild Terry Cooper, sister-in-law Florie Craig, nephew Matt Craig, other relatives and dear friends.

Barton worked as a printer for many years and was an ordained minister. He enjoyed woodworking, gardening, working with his computer, watching old westerns, and traveling, especially in his camper with his wife Ronell.

His service was held on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at St. Mark's Reformed Episcopal Church, Jenkintown, PA. Barton was laid to rest in Arlington Cemetery, Pennsauken, NJ with his first wife Barbara.

Arthur H. Jenssen 7, passed away July 26, 2021.

Arthur was born in Brooklyn New York and lived in Hunterdon County for over 50 years before moving to Bridgewater in 2019. He was married to his wife, Kathleen, for over 74 years. He was employed as an engineer at Johns Manville for over 25 years, retiring in 1973. For the next 20 years Arthur worked in multiple businesses. Arthur was brought in because he had a keen mind for business organization and management. In 1993 Arthur retired to focus on serving God by service at Emmanuel Church, the diocese and by promoting the Work of the Whosoever Gospel Mission, and their Young Adult Programs. Well into his nineties, Arthur was still driving donations to the Whosoever Gospel Mission in Philadelphia regularly. Arthur was a veteran of the United States Navy during World War II. He was a member of the Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal Church in Somerville. In his spare time, Arthur enjoyed spending time with his family, going to his lake house, and talking about Jesus. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

He is predeceased by his wife Kathleen Jenssen who passed away in 2020 and brother Lloyd Jenssen, and his son in law David Hendry.

Surviving is his daughter Arleen Hendry; sons Thomas Jenssen and his wife Chris; Richard Jenssen

and his wife Lori; eight grandchildren, Christie Farmiga and her husband Stephan, John Jenssen and his wife Mary, Jennifer McManus, Blake Jenssen and his wife Laurel, Greg Jenssen, MaryBeth Jenssen and her husband Colin, Veronica Jenssen, and Kelly Jenssen; and six great-grandchildren, Cassidy, Emma, Simon, Thomas, Mazie and Alexander.

Funeral services were Saturday, August 14, 2021 at Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal Church in Somerville.

Danae L. Smith

October 4, 1938 – September 10, 2021

Danae was a long-time faithful member of St. Matthew's Church in Havertown, PA, having transferred her membership, along with her husband Rudy, from Christ Memorial Church in Philadelphia, PA, in November of 1977. Danae contributed richly to the life of the parish responding to any need that arose that would further extend the Gospel. She worked at the Reformed Episcopal Seminary from June of 1988 until her retirement in May of 2009. At RES, she served in many capacities including bookkeeper, assistant to the Librarian, Registrar, and various administrative assistant duties. She was also a faithful member of the Looney-Hoffman Board. She will be sorely missed. The legacy of her unwavering faith and trust in the Lord Jesus will live on to serve as an example for every life she touched. *"Well done, thou good and faithful servant!" – St. Matthew 25:21*

The Rev. Ronald Bretherick. Ronald D. Bretherick, 71, of Ventnor, passed into the presences of his Lord and Savior from complications of Covid-19 on Thursday, October 14, 2021. Ron grew up in Glenolden, PA and is a graduate of Interboro High School, St. Joseph's University, and The Reformed Episcopal Seminary. Ron was the Rector of St. John's By-The-Sea Reformed Episcopal Church where he served for 35 years until retiring in 2016. He also served the Lord on various boards of directors including The Atlantic Christian School & Hope Pregnancy Center and was an instructor for the Reformed Bible Institute. He was a former baseball/softball umpire for ACUA and was a school crossing guard for Ventnor City. Ron is survived by his wife, Sue; daughters, Rebekah Rudolph & Laura Bretherick along with the joys of his life, his grandchildren; Evelyn & Jonah; brothers: Jack (Marilyn), Alan (Hope), David (Dori) and sister Betty Ann Verity. Ron is predeceased by his parents John & Anna Bretherick and infant daughter Sarah Elizabeth.

He specifically requested NO FLOWERS. Therefore in lieu of flowers contributions can be made to The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) The Children's Fund: [Give2.chop.edu](https://www.give2chop.edu)

The Rt. Rev. Daniel Gilbert Cox. November 15, 1931-October 16, 2021.

Bishop Daniel Gilbert Cox, a retired bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and longtime pastor of Bishop Cummins Church in Catonsville, MD, departed this earthly life and entered the presence of his Lord on October 16, 2021, a month short of his 90th birthday.

Daniel was born to Newton and Irene Cox on November 15, 1931 in Abington Township, PA. He was raised in the Cox family home in Roslyn, PA, along with his older siblings Irene (Sis) and Newton, Jr. (Newt). Seven years later, younger brother Alfred (Al) arrived, completing the household.

Daniel, or “Danny”, as his family affectionately called him, attended the Abington Township School from grade 1 till his high school graduation in 1949. During his high school years, he sang bass in “The Four Flats”, a barbershop quartet that gained fame on campus and beyond. Daniel retained a life-long love of music, playing the cornet, singing in church choirs, and fostering excellent music programs throughout his parish ministry.

Raised in a devout home, Daniel felt called to Christian ministry early in life. After high school, he entered the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, from which he graduated in 1952. That same year he moved to Baltimore, was ordained a deacon, and began ministering at Koontz Memorial Chapel (now Faith Church) in the Armistead Gardens community of East Baltimore. 1954 was an eventful year for Daniel, as he married Patricia Stiemly and was ordained a presbyter.

Throughout the 1950s he continued to serve at Koontz Chapel, supplementing his modest income by working on a Brinks armored truck. He also attended the Johns Hopkins Evening School, from which he received a BS in social sciences.

In 1960, Daniel accepted a call to pastor Bishop Cummins Memorial Church, which was in the process of relocating from West Baltimore to Catonsville. During the early years at Cummins, he was assisted by the financial acumen of then Baltimore City Councilman William Donald Schaefer, who served as church treasurer and with whom he maintained a lifelong friendship. Governor Schaefer would later award Daniel the Governor’s Citation in 1990. Though Daniel did not engage in political activism, Schaefer was not the only well-known political figure with whom he had an association. In July of 1974, Daniel was the officiant at the wedding of Michael Ford, son of then Vice President Gerald Ford, who would assume the presidency within months.

In 1984, Daniel was consecrated a bishop in the Reformed Episcopal Church. He served as an assistant Bishop in the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, while continuing as Rector of Bishop Cummins Church. Both of these ecclesiastical roles enabled him to focus on one of his top priorities: the encouragement of young people in their Christian life, especially those who felt the call to enter the ministry, like he had so many years before. To this day, numerous men and women who were mentored by Bishop Cox remain active in various fields of Christian service, including Joni Eareckson

Tada, whose inspirational writings were among those he turned to the most, especially in the time of his failing health.

In the 1980s, Bishop Cummins Church began assisting in the relocation of Ethiopian and Eritrean refugees to the Baltimore area. During that period, Bishop Cox established deep friendships with members of the local Ethiopian and Eritrean communities. He supported the formation of the Tewahido Mekane Selam Eyesus Ethiopian Orthodox Church, which held services at Bishop Cummins before moving into their own church building in Gwynn Oak. Bishop Cox was also actively involved in the Billy Graham crusade held at Baltimore Memorial Stadium in 1981, delivering the invocation at one evening’s rally.

Bishop Cox retired from active ministry in 1996. He came out of retirement briefly two years later, to serve as Interim Pastor of St. Stephen's Reformed Episcopal Church in Eldersburg, which he had helped to found in the early 1980s as a mission of Bishop Cummins. Even after concluding his stint at St. Stephen's, he remained active in service, making occasional episcopal visits to parishes throughout the diocese, performing confirmations, and encouraging others in a multiplicity of ways. After he became physically limited in his later years, he spent countless hours on the telephone, advising younger clergy and offering spiritual support to those in need of it. To the surprise of all he took up texting, and enjoyed exchanging messages with his nieces and nephews scattered throughout the country, and especially his little brother Al, who now lives in Broken Arrow, OK.

Daniel enjoyed following sports, especially the Orioles. In the glory days of the Birds, he and his family were regulars at Memorial Stadium, where he had a clergy pass that allowed him free entrance to the bleachers at any home game. Later, he enjoyed sitting in the box seats owned by Glen Haven Memorial Park, whose Harford Road office his mother-in-law managed for many years. When he was in good health, Danny loved vacationing at the beach and mountains with Pat and their son Stephen, who was born in 1972. Annual jaunts to Myrtle Beach, SC, Ocean City, and Deep Creek Lake, as well as the occasional trip "out west" to visit family, provided many happy memories. He and Pat traveled to Europe in 1971 when Pat, unbeknownst to either of them, was pregnant with Stephen. In 1984, the three of them were joined by Pat's mother Madeline on a train trip across the county to visit big sister Irene (by then Peterson) and her family in California.

Daniel rejoiced at the expansion of the family in more recent years, with the marriage of Stephen to Stephanie Engel in 2005, and then the arrival of grandchildren: Audrey in 2007 and Petra in 2012. Receiving the name "Pop Pop", he took on this new role with gusto, and even with waning physical strength looked forward to the annual Thanksgiving trips to Deep Creek, the lunches after church on Sundays, and the visits from the grandkids to the Catonsville home that he and Pat shared for 60 years. More than anything else, Daniel Cox wanted to be remembered as a follower of Jesus Christ. The desire "to depart and be with Christ" took possession of him in his last days.

The Rev. Dr. Hans Eugene Josephsen, III, December 19, 1934 – October 1, 2021, was welcomed into the presence of the Lord on October 1, 2021. He had graduated from Reformed Episcopal Seminary with a diploma in 1957 and received the Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1976. He had served Reconciliation Reformed Episcopal Church in Philadelphia and later planted Prince of Peace RE Church in Midlothian Virginia while Virginia was still part of this Diocese. Hans retired in 2001. He is survived by his wife Charlotte, sons Eric and Leif, and daughter, Karen.

We thank God for these His children who have been a blessing to His Church for so many years.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. David A. France, Chairman

Fr. Andrew Brummett presented the Report of the Committee on Christian Education, and encouraged those present to read the article Canon Boonzaijer wrote to the denomination. ADF partnered with the committee and offers discount for their services for ASA members. If a parish is interested in school ministry, please reach out to the committee which would like to be an aid. The committee is also attempting to increase its knowledge of Anglican educators for networking purposes. The report was received.

Report of the Christian Education Committee

October 15, 2021

To the One Hundred Forty-First Diocesan Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church:

The Christian Education Committee was reorganized in 2017 and given the new task of assisting existing diocesan parochial K-12 schools to continue to grow towards maturity and of seeking opportunities to encourage and support rectors in the establishment of new schools.

The membership of the committee, and the schools they currently represent, consists of the Rev. Andrew Brummett (Chair; Atonement Academy), the Very Rev. Dr. Eric Jorgensen (St. Stephen's Christian Academy), the Very Rev. Jason Patterson (St. Mark's Classical Academy), Mr. Steven Hoopes (Christ Academy at Grace Collingdale), and the Rev. Justin Forsberg (St. Matthew's Day Care).

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the committee did not attempt to fulfill a previous plan to gather faculty from all our schools for mutual edification and fellowship. We believe one of our diocesan gifts is the cluster of parish schools in and around Southeastern Pennsylvania, including St. Stephen's in Maryland. We hope to better support and grow this network in the future.

Our newest parish school, Atonement Academy, continues to grow and develop, adding several new faculty and staff this year and serving more families. It plans to register as a full-time school for Fall 2022 while continuing to offer the two-day program for homeschool students. Both will be taught concurrently.

The Anglican School Association hosted an in-person Banquet of the Bedes (our annual meeting of our professional association for teachers, the Society of St. Bede) in Dallas, Texas, scheduled to coincide with the Association of Classical Christian Schools held the same week in June. Fr. Brummett represented our diocese at the event, at which a presentation was given by the Alliance Defending Freedom regarding its programs for schools and other ministries. Our ASA schools will receive a 20% discount to join ADF and receive its legal help, including a full review of founding documents to ensure maximum legal protection. Membership dues are

based on annual budgets and start at only \$500 per year (before the discount).

Faculty from Atonement Academy and Christ Academy visited Appomattox Christian Academy at St. Andrew’s Anglican Church (REC) in Appomattox, Virginia (Diocese of Central States), and led a three-day, in-service training for faculty in August. Video from this training will be made available to ASA schools and sent to the ASA list-serve. If you would like to be added to this email list-serve through Google Groups, please contact Fr. Brummett at the following email address.

As the Executive Secretary of the Anglican School Association, Fr. Andrew Brummett is available to talk to your parish if you are interested in exploring the establishment of a parish school. Feel free to contact him at [abrummett \(at\) atonementacademy \(dot\) org](mailto:abrummett@atonementacademy.org).

All parishes are encouraged to read the excellent article on parish schools by the Rev. Canon John P. Boonzaaijer, published as part of the [ASA report](#) to the General Council this past summer (password for the link is: asa).

Parish schools provide parishes with excellent opportunities to fulfill their baptismal vows, to evangelize, to catechize, to contribute to the growth of their congregations, and to offer gainful employment to qualified members of their parish. Please pray for our diocesan schools and support them in whatever ways you are able. Let us know how we can serve and assist you in exploring or starting a new school!

Respectfully Submitted,

<p>The Rev’d Andrew Brummett Chairman</p>	
	<p><i>Deacon Billy Jenkins presented the report of the Committee on Young People's noting the upcoming winter camp. He also offered to discuss the work of COYPW and introduce himself to any parishes who are interested. He expressed a desire to have greater representation from the diocese. The report was received.</i></p>

To the 141st Diocesan Council

Of the Diocese of the North East and Mid-Atlantic:

Report for the Committee on Young People's Work

The COYPW had a bit of an up and down year. In consultation with Bishop Gillin, we postponed our annual winter camp due to the surging Delta variant in January. This was re-scheduled for March pending improvement in case numbers and other metrics. Though given the green light, we did not have adequate participation. Thus, winter camp was cancelled. While this was certainly disappointing, it was the right thing to do.

However, summer camp was a resounding success. After the pandemic hampered much of what we could do in the summer of 2020, having a relatively normal summer in 2021 was a huge relief. We had over 100 people at summer camp and were blessed with teaching by the Reverends Michael Blitz and Jason Holloway. I know of at least one young man who began asking questions about pursuing ordained ministry after spending a week listening to Fr. Jason.

As always, I am extremely thankful for the support of the diocese, the Emmanuel Trust, and other generous donors around the diocese for making summer camp affordable to so many. We try to keep our costs very low and have succeeded because of the goodness of people in this diocese. Beyond that, I would be remiss if I did not give thanks to all of the adults who give their time to our camping program in so many capacities. I'm grateful for their faithfulness.

We look forward to a much more active year in 2022. Winter Camp has already been scheduled for President's Day weekend (Feb. 18-20) and Summer Camp for the last week in July (24th-30th). Please mark your parish calendars and encourage students to attend these great events. I would love the opportunity to come and speak at your parish if you think a presentation about what the COYPW does, and meeting someone associated with it, would be an encouragement to families. Please feel free to contact me at wjenkins@loyola.edu if you would like me to come visit!

Yours in the Divine Mercy,

Dcn. Billy Jenkins

Dean Patterson presented the report of the Committee on Evangelism, Church Growth and Development (Church Revitalization Report). He noted the encouragement and pleasure of the gatherings of the Church Revitalization committee. All are welcome to engage with this group. Report was received.

CHURCH REVITALIZATION – Partnering Together

And *the Lord* added to the church daily such as should be saved (Acts 2:47b).

At our last General Council, Canon Mark Eldredge (of the American Anglican Council) gave a series of presentations on the subject of Church Revitalization. Canon Eldredge’s seminar encouraged us to prioritize health over growth. He advised that the proper question for a Rector to ask is not: “How can my parish grow?” but “What makes for a healthy parish?”

In keeping with his affinity for acrostics, the Canon’s presentations elaborated upon five key categories which he said were “VITAL” for health and revitalization:

Vision for Evangelism/Mission
 Intentional Worship
 Transformation to Christlikeness
 Authentic Community
 Lay Mobilization

Canon Eldredge’s presentations were well received. Our bishops, having anticipated that this would likely be the case, had laid plans such that Rectors who were interested in using this material to further the health of their parishes might be helped to do. To that end one man from each diocese was appointed to serve as a coordinator/facilitator of cohorts (one per diocese) who would meet together for mutual encouragement and instruction in our common efforts to shepherd our parishes into greater and greater health. In our diocese, this cohort consists of the following, with me as the coordinator:

- The Very Reverend Jerry McLynn – Emmanuel REC, Rector
- The Reverend Paul Luth - St. George’s REC, Rector
- The Reverend David Greenwood - Covenant Chapel REC, Rector
- The Reverend Shawn Riley – Grace REC (Collingdale), Rector
- The Reverend Howard Currie – St. Luke's REC, Rector
- The Reverend Jason Holloway - Atonement REC, Vicar
- The Reverend and Mrs. Cedric Benner (Sarah) - Bishop Cummins REC, Rector and Director for Outreach (respectively)

Our cohort has met via Zoom on a number of occasions, with plans to continue these monthly meetings as we work through the material together. Our conversations have been encouraging and instructive – as we talk about the various challenges that we are each facing, and prayerfully strategize about tackling key areas in our ministries that are in need of strengthening.

Please pray for the revitalization of all of the parishes of our diocese (to the glory of God), for: Except *the Lord* build the house, their labour is but lost that build it (Ps 127:1).

Respectfully submitted,
 Fr. Patterson

Bishop Gillin then invited several people to greet the council.

Bishop Sutton brought greetings from the denomination and noted each diocese has met in person and greets this diocese.

Bishop Riches greeted the council in the words of Henry VIII and St. Paul.

Reverend Bart Martin greeted the council from the chaplaincy of the US Army. He asked for prayers for wisdom in the challenging and pluralistic environment of the Army Chaplains, as well as for the military.

Reverend Frank Spadafora greeted the council with news about his daughter. 2 years ago his daughter was diagnosed with cancer. She is now cancer free. Diana Lopez has been fighting cancer, as well.

Dr. Abboud then addressed the council with respect the pension and relief program. So far the annual fund has received only 5,200 dollars. He encouraged contributions. Parishes are responsible to enroll their rectors and there are some who have failed to do so. Parishes must enroll their rectors in the pension program. Participants must fill out a beneficiary form. The pension program has gone down and up. He concluded by explaining that the parish must contribute to the pension program, but it is the rector's responsibility to ensure that the parish does contribute.

Greg Wright was asked to demonstrate the new diocesan website. The website is a template that can be adapted to particular parishes. The Website is your "road-sign". It is important to keep websites current. News on the diocesan site can be published to local parish sites. If a parish is interested there will be a form on the council page to indicate that interest. Bishop directed Greg to show some other pages on the website. Bishop Gillin exhorted the parishes to make sure their web presence is up to date and attractive. The missions advocate would be a good liaison for this work.

Patterson made it clear that the website is both easy and inexpensive to put together. St. Matthew's will provide an example of a parish version of the website within the next couple of weeks.

The Business session closed at 5:31pm.

SECOND DAY NOVEMBER 5, 2021

The second day began with Morning Prayer at 8:15 a.m. Deacon Billy Jenkins, Reverend Ricky McCarl and Michael Blitz each assisted in leading the service. The address was made by Dean Eduardo Andrade.

The Teaching session began at 9:20am with Bishop Gillin introducing Reverend Charles Erlandson.

Third business session began at 11:13am with a joke. Reverend Vowles opened the session in prayer.

The report of the Secretary/Treasurer of the Looney-Hoffman Fund was presented. The report indicates that the books have been audited. The fund is available to non-Pennsylvania churches for commercial loans. The report was received with thanks.

Report of the Looney-Hoffman Fund

To the One Hundred Forty-first Council
of the Diocese of the NEMA & Eastern Canada
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

Pursuant to the direction of the will of Bishop Herman S. Hoffman that the Board of Trustees of the Looney-Hoffman Fund “shall report their acts and proceedings and expenditures of funds to the New York and Philadelphia Synod”, the following report is submitted for the Fund’s fiscal year June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021.

The Board held four regular meetings during the year:

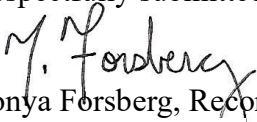
June 18, 2020	December 17, 2020
September 17, 2020	March 18, 2021

The Trustees of the Fund during the year were:

Rev. Jon Abboud, Treasurer	Rev. Dale Crouthamel
Tonya Forsberg, Recording Secretary	Farrell Lawrence
Rev. Wayne Headman, President	Ronald Reese
Charles Young, Asst. Secretary-Treasurer	Danae Smith
Rev. M. Russell Buchanan	Gregory Wright

The principal purpose of the Looney-Hoffman Fund is to make appropriations in the form of nominal interest loans for the establishment and expansion of Reformed Episcopal churches in Pennsylvania. Those “church loans”, which must be secured by first mortgages on real estate, are made from the Fund’s accumulated income. The Fund manages its principal and accumulated income in a variety of investments. At year end, \$962,000.00 of that was in interest bearing loans to Reformed Episcopal organizations. The rest is invested conventionally, in other mortgages, mutual funds and bank deposits.

Respectfully submitted,


Tonya Forsberg, Recording Secretary
Assets

Commercial Mortgages	962,000.00	
Church Mortgages	17.00	
PNC Bank, checking account	9,967.51	
PNC Bank, money market account	15,591.82	
Charles Schwab	5,476,666.90	
		\$6,464,243.23
 <u>Funds</u>		
Looney-Hoffman Fund Principal	5,475,466.90	
Nisky Hill Cemetery Fund Principal	1,200.00	
Looney-Hoffman Fund Income	<u>206,581.67</u>	
		<u>\$5,683,248.57</u>

The Report of the Committee on the State of the Diocese was received as filed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE DIOCESE

To the One Hundred Forty-First Council
of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren,

All but one of the total twenty-four NEMA parishes participated in the survey. This report is a compilation of the statistics submitted by those parishes.

In an attempt to make the collection and reporting process more convenient and efficient, a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet and the instructions for its use were made available on the NEMA website in February 2021. The spreadsheet is designed for ease of use by parishes in entering and submitting (via email) data, including automated calculations that are a regular part of the statistical report. This year, there was again a similar process executed by the ACNA during February/March 2021 – ACNA Congregational Reporting – in which NEMA parishes participated. The data requested by the ACNA is a subset of the statistics mandated by NEMA’s Canons. This NEMA survey for 2021 data will be scheduled to be coincident with the ACNA process.

The data submitted in this survey does not lend itself to even basic analysis as not all of the data submitted conforms to established definitions. However, here are a few basic observations derived from the 2020 raw data in the survey report:

Overall NEMA membership decreased by 14 souls during 2020;

Respondents reported total receipts of \$3,935,498 and a total tithe of \$224,821 for a raw percentage rate of 5.7%;

Fifty-eight percent of respondents reported expenditures exceeded revenue. Performance for the total of all respondents was that revenues exceeded expenditures by \$181,733.

Thanks to all those involved at each parish in gathering and reporting statistics for 2020, to Greg Wright for the work in setting up the website forms and instructions and publishing the reports, and Diocesan staff for help in all. All your efforts are much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Riches
Chairman

The Report of the Committee of the Bassinger Home Fund was presented with an exhortation to be sure to make sure the clergy are enrolled. The Bassinger Home Fund is in place to cover unusual expenses for the clergy that exceed the coverage of clerical pensions and insurance. The report was received as filed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE BASSINGER HOME FUND

To the One Hundred Forty First Council
Of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic
Of the Reformed Episcopal Church

In keeping with the charge of our Constitution and Canons, the Bassinger Home Fund continues to afford a certain amount of protection to the clergy of this Diocese against infirmity, age, and death.

By the grace of our God, we were not called upon to meet to answer any specific crisis in this fiscal year. We are thankful for our Lord's care and remain willing to assist when needed.

Christian charity and careful stewardship are both mandated by God's Word. The Committee administers the Bassinger Home Fund with an eye to both.

We, once again, encourage the delegates of this Council to advise their parishes regarding the fund and its work. We encourage you to assure that the needs of your pastor and his family are cared for in good health, in disability, in retirement, and in death.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Jason Holloway Sr., Chairman

The report of the Committee on Public Relations was presented by Greg Wright. He noted the report has a link to sign up to NEMA News. Bishop Gillin explained that between the quarterly NEMA News publications there are announcements etc. It is requested that the ministers distribute the news to their parishes. Reverend Riley mentioned there are services to make sending large emails very easy.

REPORT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

To the 141st Council
of the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

"(12). A Committee on Public Relations, consisting of five members, which shall endeavor to publicize by various news media all events and matters of interest occurring in the Diocese and its Parishes."

What are the means by which your church relates to the public? First off, there is the building and the sign out front. Secondly, there are your leaders, your rector or vicar or parish wardens. But most importantly, there are the members of your congregation. Each one of you is relating to the public in your interactions with friends, neighbors and co-workers. That interaction says a lot more to an outsider than a "Who We Are" pamphlet in your vestibule or on a webpage.

Yet in this day and age, your website is often the first thing a stranger will check when they hear about your church. And just as with a nice sign or your building, what they see tells them something about you in the first few seconds. The imagery you use, and the friendliness or helpfulness of the site, tells them what kind of people make up your church.

We have been in the process of refreshing our Diocesan website, both to make it more reflective of who we are and to upgrade it to work better with viewers using smart phones to visit. You can visit the pre-release version here:

<https://hollyhowden.wixsite.com/recdiocese>

We invite your reaction and suggestions about our site. Please contact us via email at: admin@rec-nema.org.

A number of our church websites are quite nice, but an equal number of them are either non-existent or getting old. One of the goals of our diocesan website refresh is to develop a "template" that individual churches can use to rebuild their own website in a way that it can draw updates from the Diocese as well. We will develop a demonstration site for you to consider later this fall, and hope to have some churches without websites back online by the end of the year.

We also hope you have been enjoying the increased flow of information and prayer requests from the Diocese via the more frequent NEMA News emails. If you are not getting this, you can click here:

<https://rec-nema.us3.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=f1d05132ba87cd09ed6ca3292&id=289270ee0e>

or send an email to: admin@rec-nema.org requesting a subscription. Contributions or suggestions are always welcome.

The season of Advent and Christmas is coming soon, and we have a tradition of posting special events in our churches on a Diocesan webpage in order to draw visitors. Please let us know how we can help your church expand your online appeal by featuring your upcoming events.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregory Wright, Chairman

The Report of the Committee on Spiritual Growth and Nurture was presented by Reverend Eric Jorgensen. He noted the upcoming pastors and wives retreat, and that there remained two presentations open which are accompanied by a reduction in cost. The report was received as filed.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND NURTURE

To the One Hundred Forty First Council
of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The primary function of this committee has been to sponsor a retreat for pastors, their wives and others involved in the ministry of the Church serving in this diocese. Once again we offer special “thanks” to Bishop Gillin and his wife Jan for encouraging and advertising this ministry along with the work of Mrs. Kim Jenkins.

Because we did not meet in 2021 we hope that there is an increased desire to fellowship with one another. The retreat for 2022 is scheduled for February 3 thru 5 at the Eden Resort in Lancaster, PA. The itinerary will include times of worship, games, meals and learning sessions as well as free time. During our teaching sessions we will have couples present biographies and lessons about Christian marriages from our Christian history. Possible married couples to be examined include but are not limited to Martin and Katie Luther, John and Sarah Edwards, Charles and Susannah Spurgeon, C.S. and Joy Lewis, and Billy and Ruth Graham. If you are a clergy couple and would like a discount for the retreat please choose a married couple to study and present and contact either Mrs. Kim Jenkins or Fr. Eric Jorgensen. We hope to see you in Lancaster.

Respectfully submitted,
The Very Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen

The Report of the Committee on the History of the Diocese was presented by Dr. Riches who reminded council to send any historically important documents or materials to the Seminary. Electronic materials can be sent to Library@reseminary.edu noted as for the archives and tapes are being digitized.

Report of the Committee on the History of the Diocese
To the One Hundred Forty-first Council of the
Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic

Dear Brethren:

The Committee on the History of the Diocese continues to collect and preserve materials related to the life of our churches. Please send materials that describe important events in the life of your parish, clergy, and lay leaders. These may include newsletters, bulletins, certificates, news clippings, pictures, and other mementos. If you have cassette tapes and other recordings of notable sermons or presentations in the life of you your parish or the diocese, please send those as well. Several sermons and presentations have already been converted into MP3 format and will be available through Reformed Episcopal Seminary library. We have collected hundreds of recordings of prominent leaders in our Diocese, Seminary, and denomination and are working on converting more to MP3 format.

We continue search the internet and other locations for items related to the history of the Diocese and the Reformed Episcopal Church and through Reformed Episcopal Seminary acquires such items for its library and archives. If you know of materials that should be acquired, please let us know.

Materials should be sent to:

Reformed Episcopal Seminary Kuehner Library-
Archives
826 Second Avenue
Blue Bell, PA 19422

When submitting materials please include a list indicating when and where they are from. Make sure pictures are appropriately labeled as well. It is important that whenever possible materials documenting the history and important events in the life of your parish and people be submitted for preservation. If in doubt of whether to send an item to us, please go ahead and send it!

It is still our long-term vision, working together with the Most Rev. Ray Sutton and the other Reformed Episcopal committees devoted to history, to eventually have an exhibit on Reformed Episcopal Church history. If you have ideas or items for such an exhibit, please share them with s.

Respectfully submitted,

The Very Rev. Canon Dr. Jonathan S. Riches Chairman

The Report of the Committee for Ministry to Men was received as filed along with the Board of Foreign Missions and Report of Short-Term Missions.

**Report of the Committee on Men's Ministry
To the One Hundred Forty-One Council**
of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren;

The Committee of the Ministry to Men did not plan any Denominational events for this year. The Committee desires to be available on request to provide support and resources for our parishes in their outreach to men.

Respectfully Submitted,
In Christ Service,

The Rev. Mark A. Specht, Chairman

The Rev. Mark A. Specht	Mr. Scott Applebaum
The Very Rev. Eduardo Andrade	Mr. Gerald Higham
The Rev. Andrew Brummett	Mr. Rupert Jeremy
The Rev. Robert Appleton	Mr. Farrell Lawrence
The Rev. Roderick Lee	Mr. Wayne Patterson
The Rev. Harold Currie	Mr. Jack Ross

**Report of the Special Committee on Foreign Missions
To the 141st Diocesan council of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic**

The Committee did not meet this past year. All that is necessary to know can be found on the denomination's website on foreign missions www.recbfm.org/default.html. The committee defers to their report.

Respectfully Submitted, The Very Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen

SHORT TERM MISSIONS REPORT 2021

In 2020 we faced the challenge of a missions trip run during COVID. By God's grace we were able to engage the community in evangelism and mission.

Unfortunately, in 2021 several of our regular attendees were not able to participate due to travel restrictions or new ministry opportunities within the diocese. As a result, we canceled the missions trip at the last minute.

Bishop Chuck remains committed to the short term missions program so we are beginning to make plans for 2022. Keep your ear to the ground for updates as plans begin to come together for another week of mission in Aliquippa, PA.

In Christ,

The Rev. Capt. Greg Miller

The report of the Committee on Women's Ministry was presented with gratitude to God and the diocese for the generous fund-raising in spite of the inability to meet. It was received with thanks.

The Women of the North East, Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Canada Diocese were not able to meet for our two annual events. These gatherings are the Women's Day Project Offering Luncheon and the Spiritual Enrichment Conference.

A Spiritual Enrichment Conference for 2022 is hoped for, with an undecided schedule. The 2022 Women's Day Project Offering Luncheon has been scheduled for our diocese and it will be held twice, in different locations. Women may attend one or both. It is hoped that the two separate luncheons, held in different states will encourage attendance and fellowship.

- Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal Church, New Jersey May 7th 2022
- Saint Stephen's Reformed Episcopal Church, Maryland May 14th 2022

Reformed Episcopal women throughout our country and Canada remained faithful and gave generously. A total of \$7,802.56 was donated during the spring and summer of this year. The money collected will be used to purchase electric bikes for the clergy in Cuba.

We encourage the women of our diocese to read the 2021-2022 Reformed Episcopal Devotional entitled, "Fear Not." They will be blessed.

In Christ,

Denise Snyder

Chairman, Committee on Women's Ministry

North East, Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Canada Diocese

The Report of the Committee for Ministry Wives was presented by Kim Jenkins who encouraged the ministry wives to get involved with the group. It was received with thanks.

Report of the Ministry Wives Committee

September 13, 2021

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

In an effort to continue developing stronger relationships and support for the wives of our clergy, the Ministry Wives Committee has continued with our FaceBook and email prayer and event page, a prayer partner group, and a Ministry Wives directory.

The Facebook group is called REC Ministry Wives. It is a place where we ladies can share with each other. Currently, we have sixteen members in that group. Each week we ask for prayer requests. We also share events and services that are going on at the Parishes. Some have shared live streamed and recorded services on the page. We have occasionally shared a recipe or two.

In an effort to not exclude anyone who may not be on Facebook, we developed an email group where those not on the other platform may share with the group as well. There are currently an additional thirteen members on the email list.

We created a prayer partner group where we can contact each other for prayer needs on an individual basis. Hopefully, in the process, friendships are being forged.

We have updated our Ministry Wives directory which has been distributed amongst the women who wished to participate. It contains information such as addresses, parish affiliations, phone numbers, birthdates and anniversaries. It is our hope that with this information our ladies can familiarize themselves with and interact with each other.

Our goal in this group is to build friendships, share cares and joys and to provide support for each other. We hope that as the Lord sees fit to ease the virus, we will be able to join together in person soon. This council will be the first time we are gathered together since the formation of the group. I encourage all of us to seek each other out and spend some time together.

If you are a ministry wife and are not a part of our group, please contact me to be included. Our aim is to provide the loving support for each other so that we can in turn provide the same for our husbands, families, and parishioners making us best suited for the service of our Lord.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Kimberley D. Jenkins
Chairwoman

Bishop Gillin noted that the Bishop's Youth Advisory Group has been folded into the COYPW

Reverend McLynn suggested that the Bishop's Youth Advisory Group be removed from the order of business.

Dr. Jon Abboud noted that the item of discussion under canons has been presented to the chair of the committee.

Canon Jenkins reminded council that the money for the pastor and wives retreat should be sent to Kim Jenkins. Bisop Gillin encouraged all vestries to budget in order to send clergy and wives to retreat.

Reverend Andrew Brummett acknowledged the lack of a Canon Missioner and asked what are the next steps for church-planting etc. on the diocesan level. Bishop Gillin intends to gather a group ordered to address this question. He asked for prayer for this group in its formulation of a plan. Forsberg prayed for this request and for the health and work of Reverend Greg Miller.

Ron Riches mentioned that he is looking for volunteers of parishes to submit tithes by electronic transfer.

Council was adjourned at 11:45am on November 5, 2021. Bishop Gillin acknowledged Bishop Cox's passing in gratitude for his service. Fr. Eric Jorgensen prayed in gratitude for Bishop Cox.

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