

MINUTES  
of the  
PROCEEDINGS  
of the  
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST COUNCIL  
of the  
Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic  
of the  
Reformed Episcopal Church  
held at  
ST. STEPHEN'S REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Eldersburg, MD

November 3 and 4, 2011

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# One Hundred Thirty-First Council

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## **NOTICE**

The One Hundred Thirty-Second Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic will be held (D.V.) on the first Thursday and Friday, November 1 and 2, 2012, at Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

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  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
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NOTE: The President may determine when such reports be made, if necessary, for conducting the Council's business.

- A. Spiritual Growth and Nurture
- B. Ministers' Salaries
- C. A History of the Diocese
- D. Ministry to Men
- E. Foreign Missions
- F. Short-term Missions
- G. Committee on Women's Ministry

- V. Appointment of Committees--Non-elective
- VI. New Business

Unfinished Business, New Business, and matters of importance may be presented, at the discretion of the Chair, one-half hour after the convening of the business session on Friday morning.

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

The business of every meeting shall be introduced with prayer.

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.

The President shall appoint the several committees, unless the canons of the church shall otherwise specify.

When the President takes the chair, no member of the house shall continue standing, or shall afterward stand up, except to address the Chair.

No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the house unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

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.

No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without specific leave, by vote of the house.

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.

While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

No motion shall be considered as before the house unless it be seconded.

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.

When any question is before the house, it shall be decided upon before any new subject is introduced, except for the question of adjournment.

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.

The question on motion of adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

When the house is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat, until the President shall leave the Chair.

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.

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 and adopted by the General Committee of the General Council, April 18, 1998)*

# One Hundred Thirty-First Council

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## **OFFICERS OF THE DIOCESE 2011-2012**

### **PRESIDENT**

The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, MA, STM, PhD Candidate  
*Bishop Ordinary*  
117 Redford Road  
Oreland, PA 19075

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### **TREASURER**

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, M. Div, D. Min.  
116 Marple Road  
Haverford, PA 19041

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## STANDING COMMITTEES - NON-ELECTIVE Diocesan Year November 4, 2011-November 3, 2012 [\*First Person Named is Chairman]

### BOARD OF EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

\*The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches  
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The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller

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The Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick  
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The Very Rev. John Smith

### CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

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Mr. John Dykes  
Mrs. Emily Harmer  
Mr. Steven K. Hoopes

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Mrs. Jaime Mosher  
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Mrs. Rebecca Jenkins  
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Mr. George Lutz

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The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote

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### **A HISTORY OF THE DIOCESE**

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The Rev. Dr. David A. Crum  
The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller

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\*The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller  
The Rev. Gregory P. Carr  
The Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr.  
The Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen  
The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn  
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Mrs. Peggy Carr  
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## **FOREIGN MISSIONS**

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Mrs. Jill Crum  
Mrs. Shelia Hawkins  
Mrs. Lisa A. Hicks  
Mrs. Kimberley Jenkins

Mrs. Ginger McLynn  
Mrs. Lori Miller  
Mrs. Dawn Mitchell  
Mrs. Elisabeth P. Riches  
Mrs. Joy Thompson  
Mrs. Edith Wegner  
Mrs. Diane Wright

## **COMMITTEE ON ASSISTANCE FOR PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY**

The Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick  
The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn  
The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller

Mr. William A. Jenkins, Jr.  
Mr. Steven Hoopes  
Mr. Arthur Jenssen  
Mr. Lawrence Spears

## **DEANS OF CONVOCATIONS**

The Very Rev. Eduardo A. Andrade - New England  
The Very Rev. Walter L. Hawkins – Pennsylvania  
The Very Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. - Maryland & Delaware  
The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller - New Jersey  
The Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle - New York  
The Very Rev. John Smith - Central & Eastern Canada

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## MINUTES November 3, 2011 MORNING SESSION

*The One Hundred Thirty-first Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church convened on Thursday, November 3, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Stephen's Reformed Episcopal Church, Eldersburg, MD. The service of Holy Communion was presided over by the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks. The homily was delivered by the Very Rev. Walter L. Hawkins, Dean of the Convocation of Pennsylvania and Vicar of Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, PA.*

*Upon preliminary proceedings to organize the Council the secretary confirmed 76 in attendance, a sufficient number present to constitute a quorum, the Roll having been taken as the Clergy, Delegates, and Alternates arrived. The morning offering in the amount of \$714 was designated for the Anglican Relief and Development Fund.*

*After the scheduled Reading Period, Bishop Hicks declared the Council in session at 2:10 p.m. The Rev. Barton L. Craig led in prayer.*

*The Very Rev. William Jenkins, Sr. presented the Report on Credentials and moved the report be accepted adopting the two recommendations therein. The motion was seconded and passed.*

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Octave of All Saints, November 3, 2011

To the 131<sup>st</sup> Council of the Diocese of the North East and Mid- Atlantic:

Dear Fathers and Brethren,

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

Out of the 30 Parishes, Missions and Extension Works of the Diocese, only 16 (barely more than ½) reported in a timely manner. Thank you to all who complied with the requested deadline.

Sadly, of the 16 that reported, only 10 were in compliance with the requirements of the Constitutions and Canons.

Two errors seem to plague our parishes:

1. That annual congregational meetings refuse to elect 2 delegates and 2 alternates to be seated at the council. Rectors and Vicars, please note that this is a requirement of C&C. It is not a question of whether they can attend. In order for the certificate to be valid, it must contain 4 electees.
2. Our rectors or parish secretaries fail to fill in the current addresses of the electees. Again, this is fairly standard procedure for all corporations at their annual meetings. And it is expressly stated as required for ours. It is certainly not the responsibility of the Diocesan Office or of this Committee to annually track down the missing addresses of diocesan delegates.

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

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| All Saints REC                 | Grace (Scranton)            |
| Bishop Cummins Memorial Church | Jesus The Good Shepherd     |
| Church of the Messiah          | St. Luke's REC              |
| Emmanuel (Somerville)          | St. Paul's REC              |
| Grace (Collingdale)            | St. Peter's Anglican Church |

By the submission of this report, we had received lay Delegate Certificates from:

|                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Bishop Cummins        | Emmanuel (Somerville) |
| Church of the Messiah | Grace (Scranton)      |

Those parishes whose certificates were submitted late or with irregularities were either corrected prior to the start of Council or have been approved by the Ordinary. But in light of the significant deficiencies of nearly half our parishes' certificates, the committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That all delegates and alternates properly certified should be seated for the business purposes of this Council, and,
2. That the Delegate Registration Form contains the following rejoinder: Parishes who do not submit properly filed forms by the deadline stipulated by the Diocesan Office will forfeit their right to lay delegate votes on the floor of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Very Reverend William A. Jenkins, Sr.  
Chairman, Credentials Committee

*Upon completion of the report, discussion followed.*

*The Very Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. made the following motion: That all delegates and alternates properly certified should be seated for the business purpose of this Council, and that the delegate registration form contain the following rejoinder: Parishes who do not submit properly filed forms by the deadline stipulated by the Diocesan Office will forfeit their right to lay delegate votes on the floor of Council. The motion was seconded and passed.*

*The Secretary presented the Report of the Committee on Program. It was moved and seconded the Report be accepted adopting the four motions therein. The motion carried. It was noted the 132<sup>nd</sup> Diocesan Council will be held at Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, Scranton, PA, November 1-2, 2012.*

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## REPORT OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

To the One Hundred Thirty-first Council  
of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic  
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

The Committee's gratitude is extended to St. Stephen's Church and her members for hosting this Council.

Organizational details will be contained in the published journal of the proceedings of the 131<sup>st</sup> Council.

It should be noted the distribution of literature or printed materials and the setting up of displays are limited to canonical agencies of the Reformed Episcopal Church. All other materials and displays must be approved by the Program Committee.

Unfinished Business, New Business, and matters of importance may be presented, at the discretion of the Chair, one half-hour following the convening of the business session on Friday morning.

*The Program Committee makes the following motions: 1) that the participating bishops of other dioceses be awarded full privileges of the house; that all official postulants be awarded corresponding membership of this Council; that the clerical and lay representation from the Canadian parishes and all licensed clergy of the Diocese be granted voice and vote in this Council; 2) that the Order of Business and Schedule, as distributed to the Council's delegates/alternates, be adopted; 3) that the Rules of Order distributed to the delegates/alternates of this Council be adopted; 4) that the Council 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,  
Bonnie C. Abboud (Mrs.), Chairman

## ROLL CALL

(\*indicates attendance at one or more sessions)

November 4, 2010

## OFFICERS OF THE DIOCESE

\* The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks  
\* The Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin  
\*The Very Rev. Eduardo A. Andrade  
\* The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud

\*Mrs. Bonnie C. Abboud  
\*Mrs. Tonya M. Forsberg

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

The Rev. Todd H. Wetzel  
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Mrs. C. Joyce Keller  
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\*Mr. William Kozma  
Mrs. Diana J. Lopez  
\*Mr. George Lutz  
Mr. Edward Meharg  
The Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches  
Mr. Ronald E. Riches  
\*Mrs. Elaine Simmons  
Richard W. Stevens, Esq.  
Dr. Guy F. Webster

**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*

\*Mr. John Jenkins

Mr. Charlie Bohlen

\*Mrs. Rebecca Jenkins

Mrs. Megan Bohlen

#### BASKING RIDGE, NJ

*Covenant Chapel - The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller, Rector*

Mr. Paul Smith

Mrs. Susan Smith

Mrs. Carol Riches

\*Mrs. Lori Miller

#### BROCKTON, MA

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

\*Mrs. Judy Pardon

\*Mrs. Linda Schmuck

Mr. Kent Eckhart

Mr. Brian Connolly

#### BROOKLYN, NY

*Jesus the Good Shepherd - The Rev. Eugene Phipps, Rector*

**No Report Submitted**

#### BRONX, NY

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

Ms. Vere Farrell

Mr. Rupert Jeremy

Ms. Helen Scott

#### CATONSVILLE, MD

*Bishop Cummins Reformed Episcopal Church - The Rev. Dr. David A. Crum, Rector*

\*Mr. Ronald Lepson

Mr. Donald Shipley

\*Mrs. Alice Lepson

Mrs. Joyce Shipley

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\*Mr. William Dunn  
\*Mrs. Sandra Dunn

Mr. Charles Mundroff  
Mrs. Cheryl Mundroff

## **CHESAPEAKE CITY, MD**

*Saint Peter's Anglican Church MISSION*

**No Report Submitted**

## **COLLINGDALE, PA**

*Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, MISSION - The Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick, Vicar*

\*Ms. Sue Moore

## **ELDERSBURG, MD**

*St. Stephen's Reformed Episcopal Church - The Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen, Rector*

\*Mr. Austin Foreman  
\*Mrs. Karen Foreman  
\*Mr. Bill Moores  
\*Mrs. Betty Moores

Mr. Jack Watkins  
Mrs. Shirley Watkins  
\*Mrs. Bobbi Lynn Jorgensen  
Mrs. Jayme Bohn

## **ENOLA, PA**

*St. Michael's Reformed Episcopal Church - The Rev. Donald L. March, Rector*

\*Mrs. Virginia Noble

\*Mrs. Donna March

## **HAMILTON, ON**

*St. Georges Reformed Episcopal Church - The Very Rev. John Smith, Rector*

\*Mrs. Judy Smith  
Mr. Gillian Ferns

## **HAVERTOWN, PA**

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

\* Mrs. Tonya Forsberg  
\*Mr. Gregory Wright

\* Mrs. Jan Gillin  
Mr. Farrell Lawrence

## **HAVRE-DE-GRACE, MD**

*Grace Reformed Episcopal Church - The Rev. Mark A. Specht, Rector*

\*Mr. George Lutz  
\*Mr. Wayne Patterson

Mr. Ralph Ahrens, III  
Mrs. Christine Specht

## **JERSEY CITY, NJ**

*Church of Our Redeemer Reformed Episcopal Church - The Rev. John Milligan, Rector*

\*Mrs. Lena Jackson  
\*Mr. Norris Gadsden

Ms. Denis Deen  
Mr. Richard Chandler

## **MT. LAUREL, NJ**

*St. Timothy's Reformed Episcopal Church, MISSION - The Rev. Frank M. Spadafora, Vicar*

\*Mr. John Ross

Ms. Dorothy Ott

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### **NEW PROVIDENCE, NJ**

*St. Luke's Reformed Episcopal Church - The Rev. Robert Hackendorf, Rector*

**No Report Submitted**

### **NEW YORK, NY**

*First Reformed Episcopal Church - The Rev. Dr. Matthew P. Harrington, Rector*

Mr. Timothy Meadows

Mrs. Susan Harrington

Ms. Lesley Watson

\*Mr. James Davis

### **NEWARK, NJ**

*All Saints Anglican Church - The Rev. Dr. Paul Ekezie, Rector*

**No Report Submitted**

### **ORELAND, PA**

*St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church - The Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Headman, Interim*

**No Report Submitted**

### **PASADENA, MD**

*Christ the King - The Rev. Gregory P. Carr, Rector*

\*Mr. Norman Gosselin

Mr. Joshua Carr

\*Mr. Barry Hite

### **PHILADELPHIA, PA**

*Church of the Atonement, MISSION - The Very Rev. Walter L. Hawkins, Vicar*

\*Mrs. Ebony Holloway

Mr. Millage Holloway, Jr.

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

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\*Ms. Elaine Simmons

Mr. Terrance Reid

Mr. Carleton Finney

*St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman Memorial Church – No Rector*

\*Mr. Ronald Reese

\*Mrs. Beverly Reese

### **PIPERSVILLE, PA**

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

\*Mr. David France

Mrs. Sandra Garrison

\*Mrs. Susan France

Mrs. Barbara Riches

### **RYDAL, PA**

*St. Mark's/Memorial Church of Our Redeemer - The Rev. Jason S. Patterson, Rector*

**No Report Submitted**



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## **SCRANTON, PA**

*Grace Reformed Episcopal Church - The Rev. Paul S. Howden, Rector*

\*Mrs. Beth Howden

Mr. Scott Pineau

Mrs. Jeane Mehne

Mrs. Kcaavin Pineau

## **SOMERVILLE, NJ**

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

\*Mr. Arthur Jenssen

Mrs. Susan Tiner

\*Mr. Gordon Tiner

Mrs. Virginia McLynn

## **VENTNOR, NJ**

*Church of St. John's by-the-Sea - The Rev. Ronald D. Bretherick, Rector*

Mr. Richard Gruhler

Ms. Diane Speciale

Mrs. Corinne Gruhler

Mr. Thomas Sockolosky

*The Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin assumed the Chair in order for the Bishop Hicks to present his report.*

*It was moved and seconded Bishop Hicks' report be accepted as highlighted regarding the Youth Advisory Committee and the recommendations adopted therein. The motion passed with a rising vote of thanks. Bishop Hicks delivered his Exhortation to the Council.*

## **REPORT OF BISHOP DAVID L. HICKS**

### **The One Hundred Thirty-first Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic**

Report of the Bishop Ordinary  
November 3, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The following report is submitted as a summary of my principal activities as Bishop Ordinary, since the One Hundred Thirtieth Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic.

#### **I. Regular Episcopal Visits** (68 Confirmations, 1 Baptism)

Trinity XXIII, November 7, 2010 – Messiah Church, Philadelphia, PA

No confirmations

Trinity XXIV, November 14, 2010 – Grace Church, Scranton, PA

1 baptism

1 confirmation

Sunday before Advent, November 21, 2010 – Redeemer Church, Jersey City, NJ

2 confirmations

Advent I – Atonement Church, Philadelphia, PA

No confirmations

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- Advent II, December 5, 2010 – Emmanuel Church, Somerville, NJ  
No confirmations  
2 new members received
- Epiphany III, January 23, 2011 – St. Michael's Church, Enola, PA  
No confirmations
- Lent III, March 27, 2011 – Good Shepherd Church, Brockton, MA  
1 confirmation
- Lent IV, April 3, 2011 – Emmanuel Church, Pipersville, PA  
1 confirmation
- Lent V, April 10, 2011 – St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Church, Philadelphia, PA  
No confirmations
- Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011 – St. Peter's Church, Chesapeake City, MD  
No confirmations
- Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011, St. Matthew's Church, Havertown, PA  
5 confirmations
- Easter I, May 1, 2011, St. George's Church, Hamilton, ON, Canada  
3 confirmations
- Easter III, May 15, 2011 – Bishop Cummins Church, Catonsville, MD  
2 confirmations
- Easter IV, May 22, 2011 – First Church, New York, NY  
1 confirmation
- Sun. after Ascension, June 5, 2011 – St. Mark's Church, Rydal, PA  
2 confirmations
- Whitsunday, June 12, 2011 – St. Stephen's Church, Eldersburg, MD  
9 confirmations
- Trinity I, June 26, 2011 – St. Mary's Church, Bronx, NY  
10 confirmations
- Trinity III, July 10, 2011 – Jesus, the Good Shepherd Church, Brooklyn, NY  
1 confirmation
- Trinity IV, July 17, 2011 – Grace Church, Scranton, PA  
7 confirmations
- Trinity V, July 24, 2011 – St. Timothy's Church, Mt. Laurel, NJ  
No confirmations
- Trinity VI, July 31, 2011 – St. David's Church, Montreal, QC  
No confirmations
- Trinity VIII, August 14, 2011 – Igbo Anglican Church, Bronx, NY  
No confirmations
- Trinity XII, September 11, 2011 – Grace Church, Collingdale, PA  
10 confirmations
- Trinity XIII, September 18, 2011 – St. George's Church, Hamilton, ON  
No confirmations.
- Trinity XV, October 2, 2011 – St. John's by-the-sea, Ventnor, NJ  
7 confirmations
- Trinity XVI, October 9, 2011 – Atonement Church, Philadelphia, PA  
1 confirmation

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Trinity XVII, October 16, 2011 – St. Paul’s, Oreland, PA.

1 confirmation

Feast of St. Luke (transferred), October 19, 2011 – St. Michael’s, Enola, PA

1 confirmation

Trinity XVIII, October 23, 2011 – Christ the King, Pasadena, MD

3 confirmations

Trinity XIX, October 30, 2011 – St. Luke’s Church, New Providence, NJ

No confirmations

My thanks and appreciation are extended to the Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches and the Rt. Rev. Daniel Cox, who made episcopal visits in my stead.

## Bishop Riches

Trinity XXIV, November 14, 2010 – St. Matthew’s Church, Havertown, PA

2 confirmations

Easter IV, May 23, 2011 – All Saints Church, Newark, NJ

No confirmations

Trinity XVII, October 16, 2011 – Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, NJ

No confirmations

## Bishop Cox

Advent II, December 5, 2010 – Faith Church, Baltimore, MD

1 confirmation

## **II. Special Services and Events**

**A. Memorial Service for LaVerne Callender** – On November 13, 2010, I attended the memorial service for LaVerne Callender, mother of Mrs. Kimberly Jenkins and mother-in-law of the Very Rev. William Jenkins. The service was held at Faith Church, Baltimore, MD. The Bishop gave the benediction.

**B. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Grace Church, Havre de Grace, MD** – On December 11, 2010, I attended a banquet, held at the Bayou Restaurant, Havre de Grace, MD, in honor Grace Church's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The following day, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent, he preached and celebrated Holy Communion at Grace Church.

**C. Messiah Church Anniversary Service** – On Sunday, December 12, 2010, I attended the annual anniversary service held at Messiah Church, Philadelphia, PA.

**D. Funeral Service for Evelyn Spadafora** – On December 22, 2010, I attended the funeral service for Evelyn Spadafora, mother of the Rev. Frank M. Spadafora. The service was held at the Third Reformed Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, PA

**E. Annual Clergy Retreat** – My wife and I attended the annual clergy retreat, sponsored by the Spiritual Growth & Nurture Committee, on January 28-29, 2011. The retreat was held at the Best Western Eden Resort, Lancaster, PA.

**F. Christ Academy, Collingdale, PA** – On Wednesday, March 23, 2011, I joined in the chapel service with the students of Christ Academy, Collingdale, PA. Afterward, he spoke to the students about considering ordained ministry as a future vocation.

**G. Women's Day** - The annual Women's Day gathering was held at St. Mark's Church, Rydal, PA on Friday, April 29, 2011. Mrs. Kathy Moock was the speaker and, I gave the benediction.

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**H. Farewell Gathering for David Ayres** – On Friday, May 20, 2011, my wife and I attended a farewell dinner for the Rev. David Ayres at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Jason Holloway. The Rev. Mr. Ayres moved to Germany in June 2011.

**I. Installation of the Rev. Robert Hackendorf** – On Saturday, May 21, 2011, I presided at a service of installation for the Rev. Robert Hackendorf, the newly elected rector of St. Luke's Church, New Providence, NJ. Assisting in the service were the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, the Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller, the Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle and the Rev. Canon William Jerdan.

**J. Diocesan Youth Camp** – After my annual Episcopal visit to Grace Church, Scranton, PA, I spent Sunday and Monday July 17-18, 2011, with the Diocesan Youth Camp, located not far from Grace Church. I am greatly encouraged by the important work being done among our young people through the camping ministry. The camping experience for our young people is not simply a time of fun and activity; it also affords an opportunity for Christian education and spiritual formation. Mr. Billy Jenkins deserves our thanks and appreciation for doing the challenging work related to the organization and implementation of the youth camps.

**K. Installation of the Rev. Jason S. Patterson** – The Rev. Jason S. Patterson was installed as rector of St. Mark's Church, Rydal, Pennsylvania on Saturday, October 15, 2011. I served as celebrant and preacher. Assisting in the service were the Rev. Kenneth Cook, the Rev. Barton Craig, the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick, the Rev. R. Charles Gillin, the Rev. Jonathan Kell, the Rev. David Ousley, the Rev. Edward Rix

### **III. Reformed Episcopal Seminary**

I continue to serve as Chancellor of the seminary and Associate Professor of Biblical Languages and Literature. As Chancellor, I serve as chairman of the Board of Directors of RES. The board met on Thursday, April 28, 2011 and October 13, 2011. Through the course of the year I teach Greek Elements, Acts & Paul, Hermeneutics and New Testament Exegesis. Last spring the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches and I taught a course on the *Book of Common Prayer*.

In addition to the regular teaching responsibilities mentioned above, I have presented papers and lectures at various events in the life of the seminary community. On December 13, 2010, I presented a paper on the history of the *Veni Creator Spiritus* at the monthly faculty convocation; and at the same venue, I presented a paper on the episcopate of the Reformed Episcopal Church, on September 18, 2011. On May 12-13, 2011, the Seminary hosted the ecumenical talks being held between the Anglican Church in North America and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches and I presented papers on Anglican theology to the participants.

On November 29, 2010, I attended the annual Kuehner Lecture and Founders' Day celebration at St. Paul's Church, Oreland, PA. The speaker was the noted author and lecturer, Mr. William Murchison.

I attended the quarterly Philadelphia Clergy Convocations on December 18, 2010, March 19, 2011, and September 24, 2011. In addition to celebrating Holy Communion, I also delivered the Ember Day lectures on those days for the students in the Licentiate for Diaconal Ministry (LDM) program for those anticipating ordination to the vocational diaconate.

On June 4, 2011, I presided at the 121<sup>st</sup> Commencement service held at St. Paul's Church, Oreland, PA. The Rt. Rev. John Fenwick, bishop of the Free Church of England, gave the commencement address. Three graduates received the MDiv degree, one received a three-year diploma and one received a certificate.

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The first day of classes for Trinity Quarter began on Monday August 29, 2011. Convocation and orientation were held on Tuesday, August 30th. The Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches was the preacher for convocation, and I served as celebrant for the service of Holy Communion.

The seminary is continuing with self-study process in connection with the anticipated site visit by representatives from the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), sometime next year. The self-study is the last major requirement toward accreditation with ATS.

### **IV. Parochial Matters**

**A. Provisional Vestry for Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, PA and Grace Church, Collingdale, PA** – For the past several years, the combined vestry for Church of the Atonement and Grace Church have conducted the business for both parishes. The vestry was called the "Provisional Vestry," because the understanding has been that this provisional arrangement will no longer be necessary at a future point, and each parish will be able to elect separate vestries. I am thankful to report that each of the parishes has grown to the point that the Provisional Vestry is no longer necessary. The last meeting of the Provisional Vestry was held on Monday, March 28, 2011 at the Church of the Atonement. A special joint service of thanksgiving for the growth and mission of the parishes was held at Grace Church on October 29, 2011.

**B. St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Church, Philadelphia, PA** – The Very Rev. David S. Ayres resigned his position as rector of St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Church, effective the end of May, 2011. On Sunday, July 3 and August 7, 2011, I visited St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Church and subsequent to the morning worship services, met with members of the parish and vestry to discuss the future of the parish. At the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Vestry voted to request that the Standing Committee designate St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Church a "mission parish" under the provisions outlined in the canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church and the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. I have linked the vestries of St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman and St. Timothy's, Mt. Laurel, NJ in a similar fashion to the Provisional Vestry that was created for Atonement, Grace and Christ Memorial churches in the past. The first meeting of the combined vestry was held on October 12, 2011 at St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Church.

**C. St. Mark's & the Memorial Church of Our Redeemer, Rydal, PA** – While the parish was in the midst of the pastoral search process, I met with the vestry and search committee on Sunday, January 16, 2011, in order to answer questions and to be apprised of the parish's progress in the pastoral search process. As noted above, the parish subsequently called the Rev. Jason Patterson to serve as rector. The parish and I are most grateful to the Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin for serving as interim rector of St. Mark's Church, during the past year.

**D. St. Paul's, Oreland, PA** – The parish continues the process of searching for a new rector. I met with the congregation on Sunday, January 30, 2011, in order to answer any questions related to the pastoral search process and to provide a recent history of the ecumenical efforts of the Reformed Episcopal Church. The Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Headman continues to serve as interim rector.

**E. St. Stephen's, Queens, NY** – The Rev. Samuel Orimogunje has begun an extension work in Queens, New York. The first service was held on May 15, 2011. The Rev. Mr. Orimogunje informed me that there are approximately 20 people involved in the formation of the work.

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A. **St. Peter's Church, Chesapeake City, MD** – As is mentioned elsewhere in this report, the pastoral vacancy at St. Peter's has been filled by the Rev. Jack Clark.

### **V. Postulants for Holy Orders**

Robert Appleton (Grace, Havre-de-Grace, MD)  
M. Russell Buchanan (St. Paul's, Oreland, PA)  
Timothy Craig (St. Stephen's, Eldersburg, MD)  
Paul Luth (St. George's, Hamilton, ON)  
Lawrence Spears (St. Timothy's, Mt. Laurel, NJ)  
James Tyne (Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, NJ)  
Carl Wegner (Atonement, Philadelphia, PA)

### **VI. Ordinations/Receptions/Transfers**

A. **Michael Carr** – On January 19, 2011, Michael Carr sustained the examination for reception to the diaconate. The examiners were the Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick, the Very Rev. Walter L. Hawkins, the Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller, the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches.

B. **Jack Clark** – On Friday, March 11, 2011 the Rev. Jack Clark sustained the examination for reception as a deacon from the Anglican Mission in America. The examiners were the Rev. Cedric R. Benner, the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches and the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks. I have appointed him to serve as minister in charge of St. Peter's, Chesapeake City, Maryland.

C. **Stephen D. Cox** – In a letter, dated September 12, 2011, the Rev. Stephen D. Cox informed the Bishop and Standing Committee that he has resigned his position as curate at Christ the King Church, Pasadena, MD, and he requested to be dismissed from the ministry of the Reformed Episcopal Church, effective September 15, 2011. The Rev. Mr. Cox expressed his thanks to the Diocese for the pastoral care and fellowship he has received over his years of ministry and indicated that his resignation arises from his own personal sense of direction related to where he should exercise his gifts for ministry.

D. **Robert Hackendorf** – On Friday, March 18, 2011, the Rev. Robert Hackendorf sustained the examination for reception as a presbyter from the Anglican Mission in America. He was installed as rector of St. Luke's, New Providence, New Jersey on May 21, 2011.

E. **Jason Holloway** – On December 1, 2010, Jason A. Holloway sustained the examination for the diaconate. The examiners were the Rev. Cedric R. Benner, the Very Rev. Walter L. Hawkins, the Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller, the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches and the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks. On Saturday, March 5, 2011, I ordained him to the diaconate in a service held at Atonement Church, Philadelphia, PA. The Very Rev. Walter L. Hawkins presented the ordinand; the Rev. Willie J. Hill was the preacher and epistoler; and the Very Rev. William Jenkins was the litanist.

F. **Samuel Orimogunje** – On Saturday, November 20, 2010, I ordained the Rev. Samuel Orimogunje at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, South Orange, NJ. The Ven. Dr. Paul U. Ekezie presented him and preached the homily.

G. **Jason S. Patterson** – As noted above, the Rev. Jason Patterson transferred to the Diocese from the Anglican Mission in America to serve as rector of St. Mark's, Rydal, Pennsylvania.



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## **VII. Canonical Reports.**

In conformity with the requirements of Title I, Canon 1, Section 2 of the Canons of the Diocese, the following clergy, not retired by reason of age or disability, and not in charge of a parish, or otherwise engaged in the ministry of a parish or mission, or in service to the diocese, have reported to me and are listed as “in Good Standing”:

**Presbyters:** George J. Bundt, Raymond E. Feeck, Gary C. Hajek, William J. Holiman, Jr., James P. Raun, Wayne E. West, Rodney A. Whitacre.

The following men, having failed to report from two or more consecutive years, or as a result of action taken by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, are listed as “not in Good Standing”:

**Presbyters:** Edward Allatt, III, Wayne S. Arndt, Alan D. Baur, David S. Babikow, Harry G. Dews, Thomas R. May, Joseph H. McBratney, Robert O. Schmid, Richard F. Thompson.

## **VIII. General Council Activities**

I attended the semi-annual General Council committee meetings held at Cummins Theological Seminary, Summerville, SC, on April 6-9, 2011. Prior to those meetings, on April 5, 2011, I participated in the meeting of the Federation of Anglican Churches, also held in Summerville.

I was present for the sessions of the General Council held on June 8-10, 2011 at the Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX and presented the report of the Standing Liturgical Commission of which I am the chairman.

On September 28, 2011, I attended the meeting of the Reformed Episcopal Church Conference of Bishops in Sumas, Washington.

## **IX. Anglican Church in North America (ACNA).**

**A. Prayer Book Task Force.** I attended the meeting of the ACNA Prayer Book Task Force held in Dallas, Texas, February 27- March 1, 2011 as well as a meeting by teleconference on Monday, October 3, 2011. The Task Force has completed a working draft of the ordinal and has begun discussion of liturgies for baptism, confirmation and Holy Communion. The liturgies produced by the Task Force are for voluntary use within the ACNA.

**B. Provincial Council.** The Provincial Council of the ACNA was held in Long Beach, CA on June 21-22, 2011. I attended part of the sessions of the Council and then attended the subsequent College of Bishops meeting at the same location on June 23-24, 2011. The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, Mrs. Diana Lopez and Mrs. Barbara Riches served as representatives of our Diocese to the Council.

**C. Other Events.** On Saturday, September 10, 2011, I attended the investiture of the Rt. Rev. John Guernsey as bishop of the ACNA Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic. The service was held at Truro Church, Fairfax, Virginia.

I attended the meeting of the ACNA College of Bishops, September 26-30, 2011, at a retreat center in Sumas, Washington. At the conclusion of the meeting, I accompanied a number of bishops to Seattle for the consecration of Kevin Bond Allen as bishop of the Missionary Diocese of Cascadia.

## **X. Other Matters**

**A. Youth Advisory Committee.** I have appointed a group of several clergy and laymen in the Diocese to serve as an advisory committee for the purpose of addressing the weakness of

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our youth programs in some local parishes. The committee is putting together a program of assistance, whereby we may offer help to parishes who are looking for help in this area. The first "test case" is being conducted with the cooperation of Jesus the Good Shepherd Church, Brooklyn, NY. Several activities took place this summer, and there are plans for outreach into the community over the next several months. Members of the committee are the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick, Mr. Steven Hoopes, Mr. Billy Jenkins, Mr. Arthur Jensen, the Rev. Gerald McLynn and the Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller.

**B. Youth Camp Scholarships.** Two camp scholarships will be awarded in 2012 from the Bishop's Youth Fund. Applicants must be eligible campers under the provisions established by the Committee on Young People's Work and must submit an essay (250 word minimum) to my office in electronic form by March 1, 2012. The essayist should write about a verse of Holy Scripture that is especially meaningful to him or her. Applications must include a cover letter of recommendation from the applicant's parish rector. Award determinations will be made by March 31, 2012. The 2011 scholarship was awarded to **Flid Harmattan** of Grace Church, Collingdale, Pennsylvania.

**C. Diocesan Leadership Meeting.** On Friday, August 12, 2011, I convened a meeting of the Canon, Archdeacon and Deans of the Diocese to discuss ways in which the Diocese may exercise its ministry to the parishes in a more effective manner. The meeting provided some initial observations and suggestions, which will provide the basis for further discussion at a future meeting of the Diocesan leadership, sometime after the first of the New Year.

**D. Lay Reader Licenses.** All licenses for Lay Readers will be issued February 1<sup>st</sup> and will be valid for one year from the date of issue. Before I consider licensing someone as a Lay Reader, I must receive a written request from his rector or vicar, indicating the need for this ministry and demonstrating that such licensure will meet the requirements of Canon 24 of the Canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

**E. Election of a Suffragan Bishop.** I am pleased that the Standing Committee has concurred with my belief that it is time to elect and consecrate a suffragan bishop for the Diocese. I am equally pleased that the Standing Committee has agreed with me that best person for that position is the Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin. Canon Gillin and I have worked well together from the beginning of my time in the episcopate, and I firmly believe that he brings gifts of ministry and experience that compliment my own. I unreservedly commend him to this Council for election.

### **XI. Recommendations.**

- 1. That the offering of the service of Holy Communion on the first day of Council be alms, designated for the Anglican Relief and Development Fund.*
- 2. That the offering of the service of Morning Prayer on the second day of Council be assigned to the Reformed Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions to assist with the work of the Anglican Church in Nepal.*

In thanksgiving to God,

The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks  
Bishop Ordinary

*Bishop Hicks resumed the Chair.*



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## REPORT OF BISHOP LEONARD W. RICHES

To the One Hundred Thirty-first Council  
of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic  
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

The occasion of this One Hundred Thirty-first Council marks the conclusion of my third full year of retirement as Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese. I am pleased to offer the following summary of my activities in the episcopal office during the past year. Inasmuch as the majority of these activities relate to my service as Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and to my position as a member of the Archbishop's Cabinet for the Province of the Anglican Church in North America, I will report in detail only on those activities which relate directly to the Diocese. A more comprehensive record of my service in the wider church has been offered in my report to the 53<sup>rd</sup> General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church in June, 2011. Further details will be presented, Lord willing, to the 54<sup>th</sup> General Council in 2014.

**CONSECRATIONS:** On Friday, September 30, 2011, at 7:00 P.M., in the First Lutheran Church of West Seattle, Washington, I participated in the consecration of the Rev. Kevin Bond Allen as a bishop in the church of God, he having been elected to serve as Bishop Ordinary of the Anglican Diocese of Cascadia in the Anglican Church in North America. The chief consecrator was the Most Rev. Robert William Duncan, Archbishop of the Province. Co-consecrators were the Rt. Rev. Richard Boyce, Bishop of the Diocese of the West of the Reformed Episcopal Church and Vicar General of the Diocese of Cascadia throughout its years of formation; The Rt. Rev. John Guernsey, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic, who also served as the homilist for the occasion; the Rt. Rev. William Murdoch, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of New England; and the Rt. Rev. Trevor Walters, Area Bishop of the Anglican Network in Canada. Also participating in the consecration were the following bishops: the Rt. Rev. Messrs. Roger Ames, Robinson Cavalcanti, Charles Dorrington, Ronald Ferris, Alphonza Gadsden, Royal U. Grote, Jr., Donald Harvey, David L. Hicks, William Ilgenfritz, Stephen Leung, Neil Lebhar, Richard Lipka, Charles Masters, Eric Menees, Winfield Mott, Harry S. Seamans, William Thompson, and William White, in addition to myself. A large congregation joined in the worship and celebration of this joyful occasion, marking the beginning of a new phase in the life of this growing diocese in the Pacific Northwest.

**EPISCOPAL INVESTITURE:** On Saturday, September 10, 2011, at 11:00 A.M., in Truro Church, Fairfax, Virginia, I was privileged to participate in the investiture of the Rt. Rev. John A. M. Guernsey as the first Bishop of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic of the Anglican Church in North America. Presiding was the Most Rev. Robert William Duncan, Archbishop of the Province, who also served as the homilist. Other bishops participating included the Rt. Rev. Donald Harvey, Dean of the Province, together with the Rt. Rev. Messrs. Will G. Atwood, III, David Bena, David L. Hicks, William Ilgenfritz, Martyn Minns, William Murdoch, and myself. It was a great honor for me to serve as one of the bishops leading in the renewal of vows. Over 2,000 people attended the service of investiture, which was followed by a delightful reception held outdoors on the grounds of this great and historic parish church in Fairfax.

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**CONFIRMATIONS:** On the occasion of three episcopal visits to the parishes of this diocese I administered the rite of Confirmation to two persons. The details of these visits are as follows:

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|-------------------|--|------|
| November 14, 2010 | St. Matthew's Church, Havertown, PA    | Two  |
| May 22, 2011      | All Saints Anglican Church, Newark, NJ | None |
| October 16, 2011  | Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, NJ     | None |

I am grateful to the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese, for offering me the opportunity to share in this aspect of diocesan ministry.

**THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION:** I continue to serve as Professor of Theology and Liturgics at the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church. In that connection, I taught courses in Liturgics, and in the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, during the academic year 2010-2011. On Tuesday, August 30, 2011, at 10:00 A.M., it was my privilege to serve as the homilist for the service of Convocation which marked the beginning of the new academic year. I am currently teaching the course in the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion during the Trinity Quarter of the academic year 2011-2012. I also continue my service as a member of the Board of Directors of the seminary, attending each of its called meetings during the course of the year, in keeping with the requirements of my travel schedule.

**EXHORTATION:** *"Be like-minded – have the same love – be one in spirit and purpose."*  
(cf. Philippians 2:2)

Respectfully submitted,  
(The Most Rev.) Leonard W. Riches  
Bishop Ordinary (Retired)  
Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church

### **REPORT OF BISHOP DANIEL G. COX (retired) - no report submitted**

*At the Standing Committee meeting held on May 25, 2011 the Committee unanimously voted to nominate the Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin as Suffragan Bishop for election at the 131<sup>st</sup> Diocesan Council.*

*The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud moved that the Standing Committee's recommendation be accepted. After numerous seconds to the motion, Bishop Hicks asked the Gillins to leave the room in order for the election to proceed. Ballots were distributed to the Council delegates by the Rev. Roderick S. Lee and Mr. Randall Young. John Hendershot, Esq. and the Rev. Chiron P. Thompson were designated as official counters of the ballots.*

*Upon the report from the appointed officials of the election, Bishop Hicks announced that Canon Gillin was unanimously elected to the position of Suffragan Bishop of the diocese, adopting the motion. After a brief explanation of the next procedures that follow, the Rev. Frank Spadafora was called upon to pray in thanksgiving for the newly elected Suffragan Bishop. Bishop-elect Gillin addressed the Council asking for prayer and the Lord's blessing upon his newly appointed leadership role.*

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## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

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

Dear Brethren:

The Committee held two meetings this past diocesan year by conference call on May 25, 2011 and September 21, 2011. The Rt. David L. Hicks, Bishop Ordinary, chaired the May 25th meeting and Mr. Frederick K. Ganjon, President, chaired the September 21st meeting. Bishop Hicks, through the secretary, also conducted email polls of Committee members on February 2 and August 3, 2011.

The activities of the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, including Episcopal visits, confirmations and other functions can be found in detail in his report presented to this Council.

### POSTULANTS FOR HOLY ORDERS

Robert Appleton (Grace Church, Havre-de-Grace, MD)  
M. Russell Buchanan (St. Paul's Church, Oreland, PA)  
Timothy Craig (St. Stephen's, Eldersburg, MD)  
Paul Luth (St. George's Anglican, Hamilton, ON)  
Lawrence Spears (St. Timothy's Anglican, Mt. Laurel, NJ)  
James J. Tyne (Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, NJ)  
Carl F. Wegner (Atonement Church, Philadelphia, PA)

### CANONICAL EXAMINATIONS

A. **Jason Holloway** - On December 1, 2010, Jason A. Holloway sustained the examination for the diaconate. The examiners were the Rev. Cedric R. Benner, the Very Rev. Walter L. Hawkins, the Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller, the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches and the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks. The Committee adopted the Bishop's recommendation to receive Mr. Holloway as a deacon.

B. **Michael Carr** - On January 19, 2011, Michael Carr sustained the examination for reception to the diaconate. The examiners were the Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick, the Very Rev. Walter L. Hawkins, the Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller, and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches. The Committee adopted the Bishop's recommendation to receive Mr. Carr as a deacon.

C. **The Rev. Jack Clark** - On Friday, March 11, 2011 the Rev. Jack Clark sustained the examination for reception as a deacon from the Anglican Mission in America. The examiners were the Rev. Cedric R. Benner, the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches and the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks. The Committee adopted the Bishop's recommendation to receive Rev. Clark as a deacon.

D. **The Rev. Robert Hackendorf** - On Friday, March 18, 2011, the Rev. Robert Hackendorf sustained the examination for reception as a presbyter from the Anglican Mission in America. The Rev. Mr. Hackendorf was previously a clergyman in the REC before transferring to the Anglican Mission. The Committee adopted the Bishop's recommendation to receive Rev. Hackendorf as a presbyter.

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## ORDINATIONS TO THE DIACONATE

A. **Robert Lyon** - On Saturday, September 18, 2010, Bishop Hicks ordained Mr. Robert Lyon to the diaconate at a service held at St. George's Church, Hamilton, ON. The Very Rev. John Smith presented the candidate for ordination, and the Rev. James MacNamara served as litanist. The Bishop delivered the sermon.

B. **Jason A. Holloway** - On Saturday, March 5, 2011, Bishop Hicks ordained Jason A. Holloway to the diaconate in a service held at Atonement Church, Philadelphia, PA. The Very Rev. Walter L. Hawkins presented the ordinand; the Rev. Willie J. Hill was the preacher and epistoller; and the Very Rev. William Jenkins was the litanist.

## ORDINATIONS TO THE PRESBYTERATE

A. **John Ferns** - On Sunday, September 19, 2010, Bishop Hicks ordained the Rev. John Ferns to the presbyterate at a service held at St. George's Church, Hamilton, ON. The Very Rev. John Smith presented the candidate; the Rev. James MacNamara served as litanist; the Rev. Robert Lyon read the Gospel, and the Bishop delivered the sermon.

B. **Samuel Orimogunje** - On Saturday, November 20, 2010, Bishop Hicks ordained the Rev. Samuel Orimogunje to the presbyterate at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, South Orange, NJ. The Ven. Dr. Paul U. Ekezie presented him and preached the homily.

## RECEPTION AND RESIGNATION

A. **Jason S. Patterson** - Approval for the transfer of the Rev. Jason Patterson was granted by the Standing Committee through email correspondence, pending the reception of the appropriate documents. The Rev. Mr. Patterson has been called to serve as rector of St. Mark's Church, Rydal, PA. He is a graduate of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and Westminster Theological Seminary. He previously served as curate at St. John's Episcopal Church, Huntingdon Valley, PA and more recently as rector of St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Asheboro, NC (AMiA). He also serves as the U.S. Executive Director of the Prayer Book Society. The Bishop has yet to receive letters dimissory from his previous bishop. The Committee confirmed its previous email action on September 21, 2011.

B. **Stephen D. Cox** - In a letter, dated September 12, 2011, the Rev. Stephen D. Cox informed the Bishop that he has resigned his position as curate at Christ the King Church, Pasadena, MD, and that he will be entering the Roman Catholic Church, sometime the end of September 2011. He enclosed his license to function as a presbyter in the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic and requested to be dismissed from the ministry of the Reformed Episcopal Church, effective September 15, 2011. It should be noted that Stephen expressed his thanks to the bishops of the Diocese for their pastoral care over the years. The Committee concurred with the Bishop's recommendation that the Rev. Stephen D. Cox be removed from the clergy roll of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, per his request, under the provision of Title II Canon 31(d) of the Canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church, effective September 15, 2011.

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## PASTORAL CONNECTIONS AND VACANCIES

**A. Installation of the Rev. Robert Hackendorf** - On Saturday, May 21, 2011, the Bishop presided at a service of installation for the Rev. Robert Hackendorf, the newly elected rector of St. Luke's Church, New Providence, NJ. Assisting in the service were the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, the Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller, the Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle and the Rev. Canon William Jerdan.

**B. St. Mark's & the Memorial Church of Our Redeemer, Rydal, PA** - The parish has called the Rev. Jason S. Patterson, who was installed by Bishop Hicks as the new rector of St. Mark's Church on Saturday, October 15, 2011.

On Monday, August 22, 2011, Archdeacon Abboud, the Rev. Mr. Patterson and Bishop Hicks met with the Rev. Canon Daryl Fenton, executive director of Christian Mission to the Jews (CMJ), in order to assist St. Mark's in finding ways to effectively minister to the large Jewish population surrounding St. Mark's parish. It is the hope that projects and plans developed through St. Mark's Church may be applied to other parochial contexts in the Diocese.

**C. St. Paul's, Oreland, PA** - The parish continues the process of searching for a new rector. Bishop Hicks met with the congregation on Sunday, January 30, 2011, in order to answer any questions related to the pastoral search process and to provide a recent history of the ecumenical efforts of the Reformed Episcopal Church. The Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Headman continues to serve as interim rector.

**D. St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Church, Philadelphia, PA** - The Very Rev. David S. Ayres informed Bishop Hicks of his resignation as rector of St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Church, effective the end of May 2011. The Rev. Mr. Ayres is engaged to be married and moved to Berlin, Germany in June. On Sunday, August 7, 2011, the Bishop visited the parish. Subsequent to the morning worship service, the Vestry met to discuss the future of the parish. At that meeting the Vestry voted to request that the Standing Committee designate St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Church a "mission parish" under the provisions outlined in the canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church and the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. Confirmation of that meeting and its decision were communicated to Bishop Hicks by an email from Mr. Gerald Higham, senior warden, dated August 13, 2011. It is the Bishop's intention to link the vestries of St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman and St. Timothy's, Mt. Laurel, NJ in a similar fashion to the Provisional Vestry that was created for Atonement, Grace and Christ Memorial churches. The Committee concurred with the Bishop's recommendation that St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Church be designated a "mission parish" as provided for by the canons of the church.

## OTHER PAROCHIAL MATTERS

**A. Provisional Vestry for Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, PA and Grace Church, Collingdale, PA** - For the past several years, the combined vestry for the Church of the Atonement and Grace Church have conducted the business for both parishes. The vestry was called the "Provisional Vestry," because the understanding has been that this provisional arrangement will no longer be necessary at a future point, and each parish will be able to elect

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separate vestries. Bishop Hicks was thankful to report that each of the parishes has grown to the point that the Provisional Vestry is no longer necessary. The last meeting of the Provisional Vestry was held on Monday, March 28, 2011 at the Church of the Atonement.

**B. St. Stephen's, Queens, NY** - The Rev. Samuel Orimogunje received the Bishop's permission to begin an extension work in Queens, New York. The first service was held on May 15, 2011. The Rev. Mr. Orimogunje informed the Bishop that he already has approximately 20 people involved. Bishop Hicks anticipates that an application will be coming before the Standing Committee to receive the work as a mission parish within the year.

**C. St. Michael's Church, Enola, PA** - In a letter, dated July 29, 2011, the Rev. Donald L. March, rector of St. Michael's Church informed Bishop Hicks of the vestry's unanimous decision to request that St. Michael's be designated a "mission parish" under the provisions of the canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church and the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic. The letter states that the membership has fallen below 40 members for more than a year, and the parish welcomes the guidance of the Diocese in planning for future growth and development. The Committee concurred with the Bishop's recommendation that St. Michael's Church be designated a "mission parish" as provided for by the canons of the church.

### OTHER ITEMS

**A. Nomination of a Suffragan Bishop** - At the meeting held on May 25, 2011 the Committee unanimously voted to nominate the Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin as suffragan bishop to the One Hundred and Thirty-first Diocesan Council.

**B. Diocesan Leadership Meeting** - On Friday, August 12, 2011, Bishop Hicks convened a meeting of the Canon, Archdeacon and Deans of the Diocese to discuss ways in which the Diocese may exercise its ministry to the parishes in a more effective manner. The meeting provided some initial observations and suggestions, which will provide the basis for further discussion at a future meeting of the Diocesan leadership, sometime after the first of the New Year.

**C. Election of a Standing Committee President** - At a previous meeting of the Standing Committee held in 2009, Bishop Hicks suggested that it may be wise to elect a president for the Standing Committee, other than the Ordinary, as the canons of the church permit. The name of Mr. Frederick K. Ganjon, Esq. was placed into nomination. The nomination was seconded. The committee voted to close the nominations and the Secretary cast one ballot to elect Mr. Ganjon as president of the Standing Committee at its meeting held on May 25, 2011.

### ANGLICAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA (ACNA)

The Provincial Assembly of the ACNA was held in Long Beach, CA on June 21-22, 2011. Bishop Hicks attended part of the sessions of the Council and then attended the subsequent College of Bishops meeting at the same location on June 23-24, 2011. The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, Mrs. Diana Lopez and Mrs. Barbara Riches served as representatives of our Diocese to



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the Assembly having been elected by the Committee in an email poll conducted on February 2, 2011.

### **PARISH BY-LAW APPROVALS & NOTIFICATION OF DISAPPROVALS**

The Committee on Constitution & Canons recommended the approval of the following parish By-laws:

- First Church - New York, NY
- Jesus the Good Shepherd Church - Brooklyn, NY
- St. George's Anglican Church - Hamilton, ON
- St. Luke's Church - New Providence, NJ

The Committee voted to approve these By-laws.

The Committee on Constitution & Canons recommended the following amended By-laws be approved:

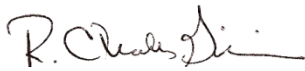
- St. Mark's Church - Rydal, PA

The Committee voted to approve these amended By-laws.

The Committee on Constitution & Canons advised the Standing Committee that the following parish By-laws were not approved. Each parish was notified of problem areas and was requested to make changes to their existing By-laws for resubmission and review:

- All Saints Anglican Church - Newark, NJ
- Bishop Cummins Church - Catonsville, MD
- Church of Our Redeemer - Jersey City, NJ
- Messiah Church - Philadelphia, PA
- St. Mary's Church - Bronx, NY
- St. Paul's Church - Oreland, PA

Respectfully submitted,



R. Charles Gillin  
Secretary

*The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller filed the Report of the Secretary of the Diocese with the Secretary.*

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

To the One Hundred Thirty-first Council of the  
Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren,

The Board of Trustees met three times during the past year. Trustee meetings are held at the Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Blue Bell, PA with the exception of the November meeting which is held at the site of our annual Diocesan Council. Bishop Hicks presided over all meetings in the preceding year. Regular reports were received from the President, the Treasurer, and the Provost of the Reformed Episcopal Seminary.

### NOVEMBER 4, 2010:

- **Election of Officers:** At the annual organizational meeting of the Trustees held at Diocesan Council the following officers were elected: The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, President; the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches, Vice President; the Ven. Jon W. Abboud, Treasurer, the Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller, Secretary.
- **St. Peter's Anglican Church:** St. Peter's in Chesapeake City, MD has requested a mortgage of \$175,000 to purchase a building. The Trustees authorized the Ven. Dr. Jon Abboud to approve such a mortgage subject to details of the purchase being worked out
- **First Church, NY:** First Church NY requested a mortgage of \$250,000 to finance their operations for the next 1-2 years. First Church is hopeful that their new Academy will increase revenue, thus putting them in a more stable financial position. The mortgage will be paid off in 3-5 years regardless of the cash flow position at that time. If necessary the existing church facility can be sold to pay off the mortgage. The existing facility is worth approximately \$10M and is debt free. The Trustees authorized the Ven. Dr. Jon Abboud to set up a \$250,000 mortgage, the funds from which will be drawn on an "as needed" basis with interest paid only on the portion of the principle mortgage amount drawn.

### MAY 23, 2011:

- **Short term summer mission:** The Rev. David Crum requested \$4000 to be used for the short term mission project at Church of the Good Shepherd in Brooklyn, NY in the summer. The Trustees approved the request.
- **First Church, NY:** It was noted that \$125,000 had been lent to First Church NY in accordance with the Trustees' action of November 4, 2010.

### SEPTEMBER 19, 2011:

- **Budget:** The proposed diocesan budget was reviewed and approved for adoption by the 131st Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church. Of particular note was \$10,000 allocated to establish a ministry to Jews through the Christian Mission to the Jews (CMJ) in the area surrounding the parish of St. Mark's, Jenkintown.
- **St. Philips, Warminster:** The renters of the building which was formerly St. Philip's parish requested permission to add sump pumps and a French drain in the church basement. The Trustees authorized the Rev. Jonathan Riches to oversee and grant necessary approvals for the installation of these items.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller, Secretary to the Trustees



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*The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud filed the Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese opening the floor for discussion and/or questions regarding the Treasurer's Report. Dr. Abboud then presented the Budget for 2012 to the Council. It was moved and seconded the Budget be adopted as presented. The motion carried.*

## THE REPORT OF THE TREASURER to the 131st Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic

| Asset Report  | to be audited                                  | 12/31/2010   | 6/30/2011    | 9/9/2011     |
|---|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Non Income Producing  |  | \$263,270.96 | \$263,270.96 | 263,270.96   |
| Mortgages   |  | 24,354.69    | 23,529.18    | 23,025.57    |
| Notes   | from Checking advanced to CMC against mortgage | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00         |
| Papalia Financial Services (acct. 4.0 - unified fund) (1)           |  | 745,660.53   | 751,786.22   | 685,913.56   |
| Cape St. Claire Fund  | (All Saints Mortgage)                          | 152,457.86   | 152,457.86   | 152,457.86   |
| Hicks Discretionary fund (in Checking)                              |  |              |              |              |
| St. Philip's Fund   | Discretionary (Bishop, AD, & Canon)            | 45,650.88    | 46,052.10    | 48,110.91    |
| Parish Development Fund -- Papalia (acct. 4.3)                      |  | 1,907,286.31 | 1,904,936.72 | 1,851,729.78 |
| Benson Fund – Distributes to Grace, Collingdale, PA (acct. 4.4)     |  | 181,993.21   | 176,656.91   | 153,161.24   |
| Phila. Church Fund (in checking acct.) – applied to IT and INS      |  | 175,887.40   | 150,771.80   | 143,426.26   |
| Bishop's Discretionary Youth Fund                                   |  | 2,500.00     | 9,500.00     | 9,500.00     |
| Escrow Account Balance  |  | 50,802.49    | 52,583.66    | 52,583.66    |
| Checking Account Balance  |  | 166,533.77   | 112,113.03   | 106,262.79   |
| St. Philip's Church Property (conservative estimate)- added in 2010 |  | 750,000.00   | 750,000.00   | 750,000.00   |
|   |  | 4,466,398.10 | 4,393,658.44 | 4,239,442.59 |
|   | Increase/Decrease                              |              | (72,739.66)  | (241,526.50) |
|   | Percentage                                     |              | (.02)        | (5.4)        |
| <b>Funds</b>  | <b>Unified Fund Shares</b>                     | 108.096      | 108.096      | 108.096      |
| <b>General Fund</b>   |  |              |              |              |
| <b>Church Extension Fund</b>  | Covenant Chapel                                | 24,354.69    | 23,529.18    | 23,025.57    |
|   | Income   |              |              |              |
|   | 7th Day Advent. (Trinity)                      | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00         |
|   | Berean Christ. (Recon.)                        | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00         |
|   | Unified Fund Shares                            | 13.936       | 13.936       | 13.936       |
|   | Non-Income                                     |              |              |              |
|   | Cov. Chapel, NJ (n)                            | \$29,500.00  | \$29,500.00  | \$29,500.00  |
|   | Cov. Chapel REC (n)                            | \$23,001.18  | \$23,001.18  | \$23,001.18  |
|   | Emmanuel Four Brooks (n)                       | \$49,837.43  | \$49,837.43  | \$49,837.43  |
|   | Providence Chapel (n)                          | \$5,928.00   | \$5,928.00   | \$5,928.00   |
|   | St. Philip's, PA (n)                           | \$24,000.00  | \$24,000.00  | \$24,000.00  |
| <b>Ann Kenny Fund</b>   | Valhalla Valley - NC (n)                       | \$1.00       | \$1.00       | \$1.00       |
|   | Unified Fund Shares                            | 33.61        | 33.61        | 33.61        |
|   | Unified Fund Shares                            | 2.272        | 2.272        | 2.272        |
| <b>Antioch Cemetery</b>   | Unified Fund Shares                            | 21.339       | 21.339       | 21.339       |
| <b>Arndt Mem. Fund</b>  | Unified Fund Shares                            | 14.278       | 14.278       | 14.278       |

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Bassinger Home Fund</b>         | St. Luke's, NJ (n)          | \$27,000.00 | \$27,000.00 | \$27,000.00 |
| <b>Bassinger Memorial Trust</b>    | Unified Fund Shares         | 0.3393      | 0.1338      | 0.1338      |
| <b>Bishop Rudolph Epis. Endow.</b> | Unified Fund Shares         | 75.853      | 75.853      | 75.853      |
| <b>Christian Education Fund</b>    | Unified Fund Shares         | 0.651       | 0.651       | 0.651       |
| <br>                               |                             |             |             |             |
| <b>Cumberland Church Fund</b>      | Faith Church, Baltimore (n) | \$7,144.25  | \$7,144.25  | \$7,144.25  |
| Non Income                         | Unified Fund Shares         | 0.636       | 0.636       | 0.636       |
| <br>                               |                             |             |             |             |
| <b>Dio. Church Extension Trust</b> | Unified Fund Shares         | 19.94       | 19.94       | 19.94       |
| <b>Hart Lodge Fund (5)</b>         | Unified Fund Shares         | 17.26       | 17.26       | 17.26       |

In addition to the value of the Papalia portfolio the UF includes:

|                             |                                     |            |            |            |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Covenant, VA Mortgage       |                                     | 5,183.17   | 4,593.49   | 4,492.21   |
| Portion of 826 2nd Ave. (n) |                                     | 96,859.10  | 96,859.10  | 96,859.10  |
| Covenant, VA Note           |                                     | 0.00       | 0.00       | 0.00       |
| Unified Fund Value          | 308.0048 total shares as of 9/09/11 | 847,702.80 | 853,238.81 | 787,264.87 |
| Share value                 |                                     | 2,748.57   | 2,766.52   | 2,556.01   |

(1) To arrive at this number use Papalia Reports to add Loan #1 to Acct. #4 and subtract Cape St. Clair Fund

(5) Hart Lodge Fund is designated for Youth Capital Projects

## 2010 Budget vs Actual

|                                | 2010<br>Budget | 2010<br>Actual    |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Income                         |                |                   |
| Mortgages/Notes                | 9,745          | 4,891.04          |
| Diocesan Tithe                 | 254,702        | 239,303.14        |
| Clergy Tithe                   | 0.00           | 0.00              |
| Investments and other income   | 205,419        | 139,930.60        |
| Disability & Life Income       | 0.00           | 0.00              |
| Offerings                      | 0.00           | 1,134.00          |
| Philadelphia Church Plant Fund | 31,493         | 30,570.30         |
| <b>Total income</b>            | <b>501,359</b> | <b>415,829.08</b> |
| Expenses                       |                |                   |
| Philadelphia Church Plant      | 31,493         | 0.00              |
| Episcopal Expenses             |                | \$0.00            |
| Bishop Ordinary                | 107,599        | 107,598.96        |
| Archdeacon                     | 5,000          | 5,000.00          |
| Information Technology         | 0.00           | 12,277.00         |
| LWR Retirement                 | 12,000         | 12,000.00         |
| Consecration/misc              | 0.00           | 0.00              |
| Office Equipment               | 1,125          | 600.00            |
| Medical LWR                    | 12,750         | 12,750.00         |
| Medical reimb. Hicks           | 6,200          | 6,068.00          |
| BYD Fund (2)                   | 4,000          | 6,000.00          |
| Travel/Misc                    | 13,500         | 9,856.04          |
| <b>Total Episcopal Expense</b> | <b>162,174</b> | <b>172,150.00</b> |
| Diocesan Secretary             | 11,794         | 11,793.96         |

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|---|----------------|-------------------|
| Administration                            | 1,500          | 1,329.35          |
| Audit                                     | 1,000          | 2,000.00          |
| Camping Program                           | 1,400          | 1,611.00          |
| Clergy Retreat                            | 600            | (167.71)          |
| Council Journal                           | 1,500          | 1,500.00          |
| Council Expense                           | 3,000          | 4,609.03          |
| Council Offering Dist.                    | 0.00           | 1,134.00          |
| General Council Tithe                     | 24,000         | 23,930.31         |
| Honoraria speakers                        | 1,750          | 1,000.00          |
| Insurance                                 | 11,000         | 11,482.95         |
| 2,400 in 2010 Misc. is CMC                |                |                   |
| Misc. storage                             | 750            | 476.77            |
| Publications                              | 3,000          | 0.00              |
| Bassinger Transfer                        | 555            | 555.00            |
| Church Ext. Parish Assist. Salary Support | 0.00           | 0.00              |
| Diaconal Training                         | 10,200         | 10,200.00         |
| Atonement                                 | 18,000         | 18,000.00         |
| 4225 Chestnut International Fell. CMC (3) | 16,800         | 17,258.62         |
| St. Michaels (Harrisburg)                 | 4,800          | 4,800.00          |
| Emmanuel Four Brooks Pipersville, PA      | 6,000          | 6,000.00          |
| Good Shepherd Brockton, MA                | 3,600          | 3,600.00          |
| Grace Scranton, PA                        | 12,000         | 12,000.00         |
| Grace Collingdale, PA                     | 6,000          | 6,000.00          |
| Reserve                                   | 21,763         | 608.00            |
| Theological Education/Leadership Training | 145,236        | 145,236.00        |
| <b>Totals</b>                             | <b>499,915</b> | <b>457,107.28</b> |
| Income in excess of expenditures          | 1,444          | (41,278.20)       |

**Subject to Audit**

(2) Bishop's Youth Fund Contribution to be disbursed \$500 per month in 2010 / 10,000 given with 2,000 disbursed in 2009

(3) All Parish Assistance & Diaconal Training comes from the Parish Development Fund

|                                 | 2011<br>Budget | 2011 thru July<br>Actual | should be<br>50% | thru<br>9/9/2011 | 2012<br>Proposed<br>Budget |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Income                          |                |                          |                  |                  |                            |
| Mortgages/Notes                 | 5,155          | 2,113.31                 | 41               | 3,171.36         | 4,757.04                   |
| Diocesan Tithe                  | 256,500        | 123,791.55               | 48.26            | 162,138.51       | 260,000.00                 |
| Clergy Tithe                    |                |                          |                  |                  |                            |
| Investments and other income    | 112,640        | 33,060.00                | 29.35            | 33,060.00        |                            |
| Draw Down Checkbook Balance (4) | 13,949         |                          |                  |                  | 145,083.00                 |
| Offerings HDF                   | 7,050          | 7,000.00                 | 99.29            | 7050.00          |                            |
| Parish Development Fund (3)     | 85,500         | 42,735                   | 49.98            | 67,530.00        | 99,180.00                  |
| <b>Total income</b>             | <b>480,794</b> | <b>208,699.86</b>        | <b>43.41</b>     | <b>272949.87</b> | <b>509,020.04</b>          |
| Expenses                        |                |                          |                  |                  |                            |
| Short-term DS Mission           | 4,000          |                          |                  | 2,591.36         | 4,000.00                   |
| Episcopal Expenses              |                |                          |                  |                  |                            |
| <b>Salaries</b>                 |                |                          |                  |                  |                            |
| Bishop, Ordinary                | 112,441        | 66,653.20                | 59.28            | 84,330.90        | 115,814.23                 |
| Bishop, Suffragan               |                |                          |                  |                  | 5,000.00                   |
| Archdeacon                      | 5,486          | 5,486.00                 | 100              | 5,486.00         | 5,486.00                   |

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|---|----------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Information Technology                      | 30,000         | 14,691.60         | 48.97        | 22,037.40         | 30,900.00         |
| LWR Retirement                              | 12,720         | 6,360.00          | 50           | 9,540.00          | 12,720.00         |
| Consecration/misc                           |                |                   |              |                   | 4,000.00          |
| Office Equipment                            | 1,500          |                   |              |                   | 1,000.00          |
| Medical LWR                                 | 12,750         | 6,375.00          | 50           | 9,562.50          | 12,750.00         |
| Medical reimb. Hicks                        | 6,500          | 1,890.00          | 29.08        | 3,108.00          | 6,000.00          |
| BYD Fund                                    |                |                   |              |                   |                   |
| Travel/Misc                                 | 12,000         | 5,602.22          | 46.69        | 7,641.29          | 12,000.00         |
| <b>Total Episcopal Expense</b>              | <b>193,397</b> | <b>107,058.09</b> | <b>55.36</b> | <b>141,706</b>    | <b>205,670.23</b> |
| Diocesan Secretary                          | 12,147         | 6073.50           | 50           | 9,110.25          | 12,511.41         |
| Administration                              | 1,500          | 25.36             | 1.69         | 25.36             | 1,000.00          |
| Audit                                       | 1,000          |                   |              |                   | 1,000.00          |
| Camping Program                             | 1,000          | 1,138.00          | 113.8        | 1,638.00          | 1,138.00          |
| Clergy Retreat                              | 600            | 190.00            | 31.67        | 190.00            | 300.00            |
| Council Journal                             | 1,500          |                   |              |                   | 1,500.00          |
| Council Expense                             | 3,000          |                   |              | 269.61            | 3,500.00          |
| Council Offering Dist.                      |                |                   |              |                   |                   |
| General Council Tithe                       | 25,500         | 5,229.14          | 20.51        | 5,229.14          | 26,000.00         |
| Honoraria speakers                          | 1,750          |                   |              |                   | 1,500.00          |
| Insurance                                   | 11,500         | 10,424.00         | 90.64        | 10,424.00         | 11,500.00         |
| Misc.                                       |                |                   |              |                   |                   |
| Publications                                |                |                   |              |                   |                   |
| Bassinger Transfer                          |                |                   |              |                   |                   |
| Church Ext. / Parish Assist. Salary Support |                |                   |              |                   |                   |
| Diaconal Training                           | 18,600         | 8,700.00          | 46.77        | 13,500.00         | 22,200.00         |
| Atonement                                   | 12,000         | 6,000.00          | 50           | 9,000.00          | 8,400.00          |
| St. Michael's Harrisburg, PA                | 2,400          | 1,200.00          | 50           | 1,800.00          |                   |
| St. Mark's Rydal, PA (CMJ Program)          |                |                   |              |                   | 10,000.00         |
| Emmanuel Four Brooks Pipersville, PA        |                |                   |              |                   |                   |
| Grace Collingdale, PA                       | 12,000         | 6,000.00          | 50           | 9,000.00          | 7,200.00          |
| Reserve                                     | 7,400          |                   |              |                   | 15,000.00         |
| Theological Education/Leadership Training   | 175,000        | 87,500.00         | 50           | 112,500.00        | 180,000.00        |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                       | <b>480,794</b> | <b>240,105.13</b> |              | <b>317,550.92</b> | <b>509,019.64</b> |
| Income in excess of expenditures            | -0-            | (31,405.27)       |              | (44,601.05)       | -0-               |

(4) leaves about 90K in checkbook at the end of 2012

*Dr. Abboud presented the Report of the Provost and Dean of the Reformed Episcopal Seminary. Parishes were asked to consider making their Seminary a part of their missions budgets. The following were called upon in support of the Seminary: David France, David Crum, Walter Hawkins, and Justin Forsberg.*

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## **THE REPORT OF THE PROVOST AND DEAN OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL SEMINARY**

To the 131<sup>st</sup> Council of the Diocese of the NE and Mid-Atlantic of the REC

Dear Brethren:

2010 and 2011 have been very active years for your Seminary.

Major achievements include:

1. Replacement and resetting of the windows to improve air circulation and insulation.
2. Upgrades to the Library Software and collection -- The library catalog can now be accessed online.
3. Approval of our candidate status for full accreditation and completion of the preliminary self-study to be presented to ATS. This process has involved virtually every member of the Seminary family. We are hopeful that by the time we meet in 2012 we will be able to report our full accreditation.
4. Participation in the Anglican Seminary Task Force for the ACNA. The purpose of the Task Force was to present the College of Bishops with standards Anglican Seminaries must meet in order to be approved by the ACNA. I was assisted in this process by the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches and am pleased to report that the standards developed were embraced by the College of Bishops of the ACNA, the Theological Commission of the REC and our own Seminary. In the process a new collegiality has been developed with other orthodox Anglican Seminaries and Seminaries offering Anglican Track programs.
5. In conjunction with the Diocese the Seminary hired Mr. Gregory Wright, our former Missionary with Arab World Ministries, to provide Information Technology services to the Seminary and the Diocese. The improvements and progress Greg has made on behalf of the Seminary are too numerous to mention.

I am also pleased to report that enrollment at RES is on the rise. In September of 2011 we enrolled the largest incoming class in recent memory. The student body now consists of 18 full-time students and 12 part-time students (including all programs).

The Seminary also works in cooperation with the Bishop and the Examining Chaplains to offer a program for Licentiate in Diaconal Ministry. This program is designed to help prepare those studying for the permanent diaconate with course work and classes meeting around the Ember days.

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Over the course of the 2010 and 2011, we have been pleased to bring on board as lecturers Mr. William Jenkins, Jr., the Very Rev. Walter Hawkins, the Rev. Charles Camlin, and the Rev. Dcn. Justin Forsberg is assisting in language studies.

On a sad note we report the full retirement of the Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Headman from the Seminary Faculty. Dr. Headman served as President of the Seminary during our years of crisis and was highly instrumental in seeing us through that time and into our current location. Following his retirement from the presidency of the Seminary, Dr. Headman continued to support RES by teaching classes in New Testament studies. We are truly thankful to our Lord for his many contributions. His presence is missed.

I would be remiss if I did not offer thanks for and to all those who serve RES in so many ways. Every member of the faculty and administration serves faithfully and at great personal sacrifice. None are compensated anywhere near the level their skills would demand elsewhere. Still they show up day after day and give their all because they love our Lord, they love the students and they love what RES stands for. I count myself highly blessed to be among their number. Many in our nation have made it a habit to thank those who serve in our military for their service. I would ask you to do the same for those who serve in your Seminary. They are part of the front line in our spiritual war.

If there is one area in which we have failed to make much progress, it is in our financial strength. The current economic conditions have affected all of us. Though we remain stronger than we were for many years, we have still not succeeded in generating the contribution support needed to meet the ongoing costs of training those studying for the ministry. To meet that goal we are praying for your support. You can help by making the Seminary an item of support in your parish budget. We are your missionaries to the world of pastoral training. You can help by making the Seminary a priority in your personal giving. You can help by encouraging others to give to RES. Every gift, large or small, is important to this vital work of our Diocese.

Finally, and most importantly, we covet your prayers. Pray that in a world of increasingly liberal theology, we will remain true to the Word of God. Pray that our Lord will continue to raise up those who desire that faithful training. Pray that our graduates will all be *“ambitious to be well pleasing to our Lord.”*

RESpectfully submitted,

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud  
Provost and Dean

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## THE REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF REFORMED EPISCOPAL SEMINARY

Asset Report 12/31/2010 and 9/9/2011  
 The Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church  
 Reformed Episcopal Seminary – Northeast  
 Balance Sheet - As of 9/9/2011

| ASSETS                            | LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE |   |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Current Assets                    |                            |   |
| Checking Account                  | 5,626.18                   |   |
| Petty Cash                        | 100.00                     | Accounts Payable 0.00                   |
| Bequests Receivable               | 0.00                       |   |
| Accounts Receivable               | 31,844.66                  |   |
| Total Current Assets              | 37,570.84                  |   |
| Investments                       |                            |   |
| General Investment Fund           | 24,687.30                  |   |
| Advertising Fund                  | 7,165.29                   |   |
| Needy Student Fund                | 11,829.18                  | Looney Hoffman Fund Mortgage 435,758.33 |
| Papalia Fund                      | 1,490,230.93               |   |
| Total Investments                 | 1,533,912.71               |   |
| Building, Property & Equip.       |                            |   |
| 826 Second Ave.                   | 1,097,457.44               |   |
| 832 Second Ave.                   | 77,647.18                  |   |
| Buildings Contents                | 148,963.33                 | Fund Balance 2,459,793.17               |
| Total Building, Property & Equip. | 1,324,067.95               |   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>2,895,551.5</b>         | <b>2,895,551.50</b>                     |

At present there are 60,963 shares in the SB Portfolio – 10,000 in Advertising, 16,509 in Needy Student, and 34,454 in the General Fund

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The Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church  
 Reformed Episcopal Seminary – Northeast  
 Balance Sheet - As of 12/31/2010 as audited

| ASSETS           | LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE |  |
|------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Current Assets   |                            |  |
| Checking Account | 84,650.97                  |  |

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|                                   |              |                     |                     |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Petty Cash                        | 100.00       | Accounts Payable    | (10.21)             |
| Bequests Receivable               | 0.00         |                     |                     |
| Accounts Receivable               | 19,439.45    |                     |                     |
| Total Current Assets              | 104,190.42   |                     |                     |
| Investments                       |              |                     |                     |
| General Investment Fund           | 22,793.66    |                     |                     |
| Advertising Fund                  | 7,426.35     |                     |                     |
| Needy Student Fund                | 14,852.69    | Looney Hoffman Fund |                     |
| Papalia Fund                      | 1,595,244.63 | Mortgage            | 442,907.02          |
| Total Investments                 | 1,640,317.35 |                     |                     |
| Building, Property & Equip.       |              |                     |                     |
| 826 Second Ave.                   | 1,097,457.44 |                     |                     |
| 832 Second Ave.                   | 77,647.18    |                     |                     |
| Buildings Contents                | 148,963.33   |                     |                     |
| Total Building, Property & Equip. | 1,324,067.95 | Fund Balance        | 2,625,678.91        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      |              | <b>3,068,575.72</b> | <b>3,068,575.72</b> |

**NOTES:**

AR includes student tuitions, loans & dorm utilities

Build. Contents increase in 2010 - 7,069 books, 1,312 furniture, 1,598 computers

826 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave – 665,000 purchase price plus other costs related to purchase & renovations Less 70,000 for ranch house, 2010 new windows

*The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn presented the Report of the Nominating Committee. In that requests had been solicited from each parish prior the Council and that no nominations were made from the floor, it was moved and seconded the nominations be closed and the Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot in favor of the nominations made in the report. The motion carried.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Brethren: We received zero nominations this year. Your nominations are your voice in the workings of the Diocese. Please take this process seriously.

In Him Who Made All Things;  
Gerald S. McLynn

**Committee Members**

The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks— *ex-officio*  
The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn— *chairman*  
The Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick  
The Rev. Cedric R. Benner

Mrs. Christine Specht  
Mr. Timothy Craig  
Mr. Jason A. Holloway

**First Vice-President:** The Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin

**Second Vice-President:** The Very Rev. Eduardo A. Andrade



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**Secretary:** Mrs. Bonnie C. Abboud

**Assistant Secretary:** Mrs. Tonya M. Forsberg

## **Standing Committee**

The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks – *ex-officio*

The Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin – *ex-officio*

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud – *ex-officio*

The Rev. Cedric R. Benner

The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller

The Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle

Mr. Ronald E. Riches

Frederick K. Ganjon, Esq.

Mr. Edward Meharg

## **Trustees of the Diocese**

The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks – *ex-officio*

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud

The Rev. Joshua A. Grote

The Rev. William G. Garrison, Jr.

The Rev. Dr. Matthew P. Harrington

The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller

The Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches

John Hendershot, Esq.

Mr. David A. France

Mrs. Barbara A. Hamarich

Mr. James Kester

Mr. William Kozma

Mr. George Lutz

Mrs. Elaine Simmons

Richard W. Stevens, Esq.

Mr. Arthur Jenssen

## **Board of Directors for the Theological Seminary**

The Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches

The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks

The Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud

The Rev. Walter L. Hawkins

The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller

The Rev. Todd H. Wetzel

Mr. Christopher Komline

Mrs. Diane J. Lopez

Dr. Guy F. Webster

Mrs. C. Joyce Keller

## **Parochial Apportionment Committee**

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud

The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches

Mr. William Kozma

Mr. George Lutz

*Canon Gillin filed the Report of the Constitutions and Canons with the Secretary.*

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONS & CANONS**

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

Dear Brethren:

This past year the Committee certified the following parish By-laws that were subsequently recommended to the Standing Committee for approval:

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- First Church - New York, NY
- Jesus the Good Shepherd Church - Brooklyn, NY
- St. George's Anglican Church - Hamilton, ON
- St. Luke's Church - New Providence, NJ

This past year the Committee received and certified the following parish By-laws, which were amended, and were subsequently recommended to the Standing Committee for approval:

- St. Mark's Church - Rydal, PA

This past year the Committee did not approve the following parish By-laws. Each parish was notified of problem areas and was requested to make changes to their existing By-laws for resubmission and review:

- All Saints Anglican Church - Newark, NJ
- Bishop Cummins Church - Catonsville, MD
- Church of Our Redeemer - Jersey City, NJ
- Messiah Church - Philadelphia, PA
- St. Mary's Church - Bronx, NY
- St. Paul's Church - Oreland, PA

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. Charles Gillin  
Chairman

*The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches filed the Report of the Examining Chaplains with the Secretary. At this time Dr. Riches described the newly established LDM (Licentiate for Diaconal Ministry) Program offered by the Diocese at Reformed Episcopal Seminary.*

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINING CHAPLAINS**

To the One Hundred Thirty-first Council  
of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic  
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren,

The Board of Examining Chaplains this past year consisted of the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Very Rev. Cedric R. Benner, the Rev. Gregory J. Miller, and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches. Adjunct members include the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick, the Very Rev. Walter Hawkins, and the Very Rev. John Smith.

The Board serves as the advisor to the bishop with regards to the examination process for candidates for ordination or transfer to the offices of permanent deacon, transitional deacon, and

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presbyter, as well as for candidates for the lay office of deaconess. We continue to work closely with Reformed Episcopal Seminary to ensure that the academic requirements for the candidates for each of these offices are met in the Licentiate and Master of Divinity programs. Situations are discussed on a case by case basis based on the standard requirement for each office in accordance with the canons.

In general candidates are given a study guide, but rather than completing it all as a written exam as was done in the past, candidates schedule time for a proctored exam in which they would have access to nothing but a lap top and would write on examination questions assigned by the committee. The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches are the members of the committee that select these exam questions and make arrangements for the administration of the written exams. The written exam is read by a number of examining chaplains as determined by the bishop. An oral exam is then scheduled with at least three examining chaplains participating.

**Jason Holloway** - On December 1, 2010, Jason Holloway was examined for ordination to the diaconate. The examiners were the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Rev. Cedric Benner, the Very Rev. Walter Hawkins, the Very Rev. Greg Miller and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches. Mr. Holloway sustained the examination.

**Michael Carr** - On January 19, 2011, Michael Carr was examined in regard to transferring his orders. The examiners were the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick, the Very Rev. Walter Hawkins, the Very Rev. Greg Miller, and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches. Mr. Carr sustained the examination and was received as a deacon.

**Jack Clark** - On March 11, 2011, the Jack Clark was examined in regard to transferring his orders. . The examiners were the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Rev. Cedric Benner, and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches. Mr. Clark sustained the examination and was received as a deacon.

**Robert Hackendorf** - On March 18, 2011, Robert Hackendorf was examined in regard to transferring his orders. The examiners were the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Rev. Cedric Benner, the Very Rev. Greg Miller, and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches. Mr. Hackendorf sustained the examination and was received as a presbyter.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches  
Chairman

*The Rev. Gregory P. Carr presented the Report on Memorials. A verbal report was presented noting the names submitted to the committee: Mr. William John "Jack" Wilmot (born March 9, 1923), longtime member of Grace REC, Collingdale, PA, passed away on August 21, 2011. Paul W. Hahn (born June 6, 1939), longtime member of Faith REC, Baltimore, MD, passed away July 17, 2011. Blest Be the Tie That Binds was sung in remembrance of the faithful life represented by these two godly men.*

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS - no report submitted**

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*It was moved and seconded in that there were no recommendations within the following reports and all the reports were distributed to the delegates with ample time to digest the information that these reports be filed with the Secretary. Please note reference page numbers for the deferred reports not given in accordance to the Order of Business. The motion carried.*

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

To the One Hundred and Thirty-first Council  
of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic  
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

The primary aim of this group over the past year has been to examine and interact with other members of this committee about educational materials suitable for parishes of this Diocese. It has been a long time since training materials were produced for publication by this Diocese. For the present, the task of examining available teaching materials seemed most practical and feasible.

This past, however, we did not examine any existing materials. Instead, I mailed growth tools to committee members and others for comments, discussion, and feedback. The first tool I mailed was *The Sure Scorecard*. This tool was designed to help Christians focus on significant, understandable, realistic, and explicit aims that would enable personal development. The comments I received were positive, but, unfortunately, not specific.

*Covering All the Bases* was the second tool mailed out. The graphic for this tool was a baseball diamond. Each base dealt with an area of the believer's life: 1.) Accountability, 2.) Associations, 3.) Assembly, and 4.) Activities. The goal of this tool was to bring balance and stability. This received better feedback. The consensus was that this tool was more personal and practical. Copies of each tool will be available at our Diocesan Council.

A few individuals in my congregation thought it would be a good idea to have a devotional booklet based on the REC daily lectionary. I have not found anything available online. If anyone in this Diocese knows of any devotional materials in any Diocese of this Branch of Christ Church, in the USA or Canada, related to our **BCP** lectionary, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Very Rev. Eduardo A. Andrade  
Chairman

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK** -- see page 68

**REPORT COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM, CHURCH GROWTH AND  
DEVELOPMENT** -- see page 69

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| 2010 Statistical Report       |                 | previous membership | confirmations    | letter of transfer | sufficient evidence | letter of transfer | moved to I.A. status | death       | current membership |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Atonement Church              | Philadelphia    | 36                  | 1                | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -           | 37                 |
| All Saints Anglican Church    | Newark          | 282                 | NO REPORT        | -                  | -                   | -                  | NO REPORT            | -           |                    |
| Anglican Uka Ndi Igbo         | Bronx           |                     | WORK IN PROGRESS |                    |                     |                    | WORK IN PROGRESS     |             |                    |
| Bishop Cummins RE Church      | Catonsville     | 274                 | 5                | 2                  | 6                   | -8                 | -76                  | -1          | 202                |
| Christ the King               | Pasadena        | 44                  | -                | -                  | 4                   | -                  | -                    | -           | 48                 |
| Church of Our Redeemer        | Jersey City     | 85                  | 2                | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -           | 87                 |
| Church of the Messiah         | Philadelphia    | 33                  | -                | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -           | 32                 |
| Covenant Chapel               | Basking Ridge   | 61                  | 3                | -                  | -                   | -3                 | -                    | -1          | 60                 |
| Emmanuel RE Church            | Pipersville     | 44                  | 2                | -                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -           | 46                 |
| Emmanuel RE Church            | Somerville      | 47                  | -                | -                  | 2                   | -                  | -                    | -1          | 29                 |
| Faith RE Church               | Baltimore       | 56                  | 1                | -                  | 3                   | -                  | -19                  | -           | 29                 |
| First RE Church               | New York        | 62                  | -                | 1                  | 5                   | -1                 | -2                   | -1          | 57                 |
| Good Shepherd Church          | Brockton        | 63                  | -                | 9                  | 1                   | -3                 | -5                   | -1          | 59                 |
| Grace Church                  | Scranton        | 85                  | 1                | 3                  | 4                   | -                  | -2                   | -3          | 70                 |
| Grace RE Church               | Collingdale     | 78                  | 9                | 19                 | 2                   | -                  | -                    | -2          | 106                |
| Grace RE Church               | Havre-de-Grace  | 60                  | -                | 1                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -2          | 59                 |
| Jesus the Good Shepherd REC   | Brooklyn        | 98                  | -                | -                  | 5                   | -                  | -1                   | -1          | 101                |
| St. David's Anglican          | Montreal        |                     | WORK IN PROGRESS |                    |                     |                    | WORK IN PROGRESS     |             |                    |
| St. George's RE Church        | Ontario         | 124                 | 3                | 1                  | 5                   | -                  | -                    | -2          | 131                |
| St. John's by-the-Sea         | Ventnor City    | 53                  | -                | -                  | -                   | -                  | -6                   | -1          | 46                 |
| St. Luke's RE Church          | New Providence  | 18                  | -                | 2                  | 3                   | -                  | -                    | -           | 23                 |
| St. Luke's Bp. Hoffman Church | Philadelphia    | 22                  | -                | 2                  | -                   | -                  | -                    | -           | 24                 |
| St. Mark's RE Church          | Rydal           | 42                  | 3                | 1                  | -                   | -1                 | -                    | -2          | 43                 |
| St. Mary's RE Church          | Bronx           | 238                 | 19               | -                  | 19                  | -5                 | -35                  | -           | 236                |
| St. Matthew's RE Church       | Havertown       | 72                  | 2                | 2                  | -                   | -                  | -6                   | -2          | 68                 |
| St. Michael's RE Church       | Enola           | 44                  | 1                | 5                  | -                   | -6                 | -2                   | -2          | 40                 |
| St. Paul's RE Church          | Oreland         | 96                  | -                | -                  | -                   | -                  | -2                   | -3          | 91                 |
| St. Peter's Anglican Church   | Chesapeake City | 23                  | -                | -                  | 6                   | -                  | -                    | -           | 29                 |
| St. Timothy's Church          | Mount Laurel    | 15                  | -                | 1                  | 1                   | -                  | -                    | -           | 17                 |
| St. Stephen's Anglican        | Queen's Village |                     | WORK IN PROGRESS |                    |                     |                    | WORK IN PROGRESS     |             |                    |
| St. Stephen's RE Church       | Sykesville      | 180                 | 5                | 2                  | -                   | -                  | -1                   | -1          | 185                |
| <b>2010 TOTALS</b>            |                 | <b>2,335</b>        | <b>57</b>        | <b>51</b>          | <b>66</b>           | <b>(27)</b>        | <b>(158)</b>         | <b>(25)</b> | <b>2,017</b>       |

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## State of the Diocese Report

| 2010 Statistical Report       | baptized members | families   | baptisms  | marriages | burials   | Sunday School | youth fellowship | women's fellowship |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Atonement Church              | 11               | 11         | -         | -         | -         | 23            | 10               | 10                 |
| All Saints Anglican Church    |                  | NO REPORT  |           |           |           | NO REPORT     |                  |                    |
| Anglican Uka Ndi Igbo         | 14               | 121        | 1         | 1         | 6         | 86            | 25               | 47                 |
| Bishop Cummins RE Church      | 3                | 29         | 2         | -         | 2         | 32            | -                | 14                 |
| Christ the King               | -                | 23         | -         | -         | -         | 18            | -                | -                  |
| Church of Our Redeemer        | -                | 13         | -         | -         | -         | 16            | 21               | 10                 |
| Church of the Messiah         | 10               | 23         | -         | -         | 1         | 49            | 10               | 6                  |
| Covenant Chapel               | 4                | 19         | -         | -         | -         | 31            | -                | 13                 |
| Emmanuel RE Church            | -                | 21         | 1         | -         | 7         | -             | 11               | 6                  |
| Emmanuel RE Church            | 4                | 31         | 1         | 2         | 3         | 12            | -                | 8                  |
| Faith RE Church               | 12               | 39         | -         | -         | 1         | 12            | -                | -                  |
| First RE Church               | 11               | 34         | 2         | 1         | 3         | 13            | -                | -                  |
| Good Shepherd Church          | -                | 32         | 2         | 1         | -         | 42            | -                | 18                 |
| Grace Church                  | 17               | 43         | 6         | 1         | 4         | 37            | 37               | -                  |
| Grace RE Church               | -                | 29         | -         | -         | 2         | 26            | -                | 19                 |
| Grace RE Church               | 2                | 62         | 3         | 2         | 1         | 8             | -                | 23                 |
| Jesus the Good Shepherd REC   |                  |            |           |           |           |               |                  |                    |
| St. David's Anglican          |                  |            |           |           |           |               |                  |                    |
| St. George's RE Church        | -                | 90         | 5         | 2         | 1         | 29            | -                | 27                 |
| St. John's by-the-Sea         | 60               | 35         | 1         | 2         | 1         | 30            | 21               | -                  |
| St. Luke's RE Church          | 10               | 11         | 1         | 1         | -         | 32            | 7                | 7                  |
| St. Luke's Bp. Hoffman Church | -                | 10         | -         | -         | 1         | 14            | -                | 11                 |
| St. Mark's RE Church          | 6                | -          | -         | -         | -         | 11            | -                | -                  |
| St. Mary's RE Church          | 60               | 87         | 14        | 3         | -         | 65            | 22               | 23                 |
| St. Matthew's RE Church       | 10               | 30         | 3         | 1         | 1         | 35            | 39               | 35                 |
| St. Michael's RE Church       | 11               | 16         | 1         | -         | 2         | 17            | 12               | 8                  |
| St. Paul's RE Church          | 2                | 35         | -         | -         | -         | 11            | -                | 8                  |
| St. Peter's Anglican Church   | 2                | 17         | 1         | -         | -         | 4             | -                | -                  |
| St. Timothy's Church          | 2                | 15         | -         | -         | -         | 14            | -                | -                  |
| St. Stephen's Anglican        |                  |            |           |           |           |               |                  |                    |
| St. Stephen's RE Church       | 34               | 75         | 4         | 1         | 1         | 119           | 22               | 34                 |
| <b>2010 TOTALS</b>            | <b>285</b>       | <b>951</b> | <b>48</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>37</b> | <b>786</b>    | <b>237</b>       | <b>327</b>         |

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## State of the Diocese Report

### 2010 Statistical Report

|                               | men's fellowship | VBS        | general fund     | building fund  | designated gifts/income | savings/port. income | total receipts   | per capita giving |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Atonement Church              | 9                | 42         | 128,080          | 2,760          | 12,247                  | -                    | 143,087          | 2,323             |
| All Saints Anglican Church    |                  |            |                  |                |                         |                      |                  |                   |
| Anglican Uka Ndi Igbo         |                  |            |                  |                |                         |                      |                  |                   |
| Bishop Cummins RE Church      |                  |            |                  |                |                         |                      |                  |                   |
| Christ the King               | 25               | 61         | 397,811          | -              | 496,140                 | 19,929               | 913,880          | 4,368             |
| Church of Our Redeemer        | 10               | -          | 176,947          | 7,200          | 25,978                  | 19,890               | 230,015          | 4,378             |
| Church of the Messiah         | -                | -          | 94,939           | 8,915          | 771                     | 1,750                | 106,375          | 1,203             |
| Covenant Chapel               | 6                | -          | 33,147           | 3,253          | 200                     | -                    | 36,600           | 1,144             |
| Emmanuel RE Church            | 6                | -          | 168,638          | -              | 38,759                  | -                    | 207,397          | 3,343             |
| Emmanuel RE Church            | -                | 34         | 54,776           | -              | 904                     | 1,987                | 57,667           | 1,210             |
| Faith RE Church               | 6                | 29         | 103,148          | 59,992         | 6,910                   | 7,500                | 177,550          | 3,663             |
| First RE Church               | -                | 34         | 86,252           | -              | 4,302                   | 775                  | 91,329           | 1,589             |
| Good Shepherd Church          | -                | -          | 27,803           | -              | -                       | 638,373              | 666,176          | 471               |
| Grace Church                  | 13               | -          | 159,867          | 9,223          | 14,926                  | -                    | 184,016          | 2,583             |
| Grace RE Church               | 8                | -          | 107,103          | 250            | 2,165                   | -                    | 109,518          | 850               |
| Grace RE Church               | -                | -          | 143,398          | 6,370          | 52,820                  | 8,204                | 210,792          | 1,386             |
| Jesus the Good Shepherd REC   | 11               | 33         | 96,901           | 9,225          | 2,000                   | 16,634               | 124,760          | 1,833             |
| St. David's Anglican          | 12               | -          | 45,681           | 22,030         | 2,910                   | 3,480                | 74,101           | 646               |
| St. George's RE Church        |                  |            |                  |                |                         |                      |                  |                   |
| St. John's by-the-Sea         |                  |            |                  |                |                         |                      |                  |                   |
| St. Luke's RE Church          |                  |            |                  |                |                         |                      |                  |                   |
| St. Luke's Bp. Hoffman Church |                  |            |                  |                |                         |                      |                  |                   |
| St. Mark's RE Church          | 5                | 90         | 115,285          | -              | 6,316                   | 3,304                | 124,905          | 1,274             |
| St. Mary's RE Church          | 16               | -          | 172,985          | 7,072          | 235                     | 4,051                | 184,343          | 691               |
| St. Matthew's RE Church       | 11               | 42         | 177,146          | 145            | 77,405                  | -                    | 254,696          | 3,745             |
| St. Michael's RE Church       | 9                | 16         | 51,919           | -              | 6,134                   | 245                  | 58,297           | 1,451             |
| St. Paul's RE Church          | -                | -          | 67,252           | -              | 1,125                   | 22,144               | 90,521           | 751               |
| St. Peter's Anglican Church   | -                | -          | 34,754           | 17,837         | -                       | 17,837               | 70,428           | 1,797             |
| St. Timothy's Church          | -                | -          | 104,053          | -              | -                       | 3,165                | 107,218          | 2,481             |
| St. Stephen's Anglican        |                  |            |                  |                |                         |                      |                  |                   |
| St. Stephen's RE Church       | 22               | 110        | 320,165          | 2,950          | 4,034                   | 80                   | 327,229          | 1,419             |
| <b>2010 TOTALS</b>            | <b>178</b>       | <b>659</b> | <b>3,055,044</b> | <b>269,518</b> | <b>782,507</b>          | <b>857,942</b>       | <b>4,965,011</b> | <b>49,428</b>     |



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| 2010 Statistical Report | personnel/<br>benefits | local ministry<br>expense | diocesan<br>apport/fithe | capital<br>improvements | RE<br>missions | non-RE<br>missions | general fund<br>to savings |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Philadelphia            |                        |                           |                          |                         |                |                    |                            |
| Newark                  |                        |                           | 3,945                    |                         |                |                    |                            |
| Bronx                   |                        |                           |                          |                         |                |                    |                            |
| Catonsville             | 261,317                | 109,831                   | 41,195                   |                         | 63,933         | 42,602             | -                          |
| Pasadena                | 120,710                | 9,879                     | 5,749                    | 47,180                  | 1,545          | 340                | 18,033                     |
| Jersey City             | 61,623                 | 34,648                    | 6,941                    |                         |                |                    |                            |
| Philadelphia            | 20,200                 | 9,546                     | 2,242                    |                         | 3,630          | 459                |                            |
| Basking Ridge           | 99,796                 | 56,439                    | 17,214                   |                         |                |                    | 4,351                      |
| Pipersville             | 28,828                 | 26,683                    | 5,050                    |                         | 1,881          |                    |                            |
| Somerville              | 82,756                 | 17,462                    | 10,991                   | 15,983                  |                | 3,995              |                            |
| Baltimore               | 59,965                 | 15,187                    | 8,420                    | 1,460                   | 55             | 344                |                            |
| New York                | 239,280                | 191,053                   | 6,929                    | 226,554                 | 2,358          |                    |                            |
| Brockton                | 100,345                | 39,445                    | 15,308                   |                         | 2,400          | 2,807              |                            |
| Scranton                | 75,875                 | 16,258                    | 10,673                   | 2,919                   |                |                    |                            |
| Collingdale             | 66,949                 | 49,832                    | 6,473                    | 5,990                   |                |                    | 57,261                     |
| Havre-de-Grace          | 55,326                 | 10,180                    | 12,072                   | 51,342                  | 1,400          | 14,467             |                            |
| Brooklyn                | 500                    | 8,091                     | 4,568                    | 80,125                  |                |                    |                            |
| Montreal                |                        |                           |                          |                         |                |                    |                            |
| Ontario                 | 22,961                 | 42,629                    | 7,829                    |                         | 704            | 4,470              |                            |
| Ventnor City            | 39,641                 | 27,688                    | 3,676                    |                         |                |                    |                            |
| New Providence          | 40,347                 | 12,307                    | 4,230                    |                         |                |                    |                            |
| Philadelphia            | 25,429                 | 315                       | 5,300                    |                         |                |                    |                            |
| Rydal                   | 85,435                 | 39,560                    | 5,131                    | 509                     | 7,600          | 100                |                            |
| Bronx                   | 139,700                | 1,000                     | 3,000                    | 2,500                   | 600            |                    |                            |
| Havertown               | 96,134                 | 13,634                    | 17,506                   | 5,664                   | 200            | 100                | 9,456                      |
| Enola                   | 32,480                 | 18,471                    | 5,206                    | 9,546                   | 18,600         |                    | 20,000                     |
| Oreland                 | 87,501                 | 73,850                    | 6,399                    |                         | 527            |                    |                            |
| Chesapeake City         | 8,840                  | 2,568                     | 1,343                    |                         |                | 16,420             |                            |
| Mount Laurel            | 90,051                 | 1,701                     | 2,554                    |                         |                |                    |                            |
| Queen's Village         |                        |                           |                          |                         | 1,300          | 900                |                            |
| Sykesville              |                        |                           |                          |                         |                |                    |                            |
| <b>2010 TOTALS</b>      | <b>112,092</b>         | <b>18,895</b>             | <b>24,342</b>            | <b>449,772</b>          | <b>10,275</b>  | <b>7,065</b>       | <b>108,067</b>             |
|                         | <b>2,100,447</b>       | <b>893,694</b>            | <b>244,286</b>           | <b>449,772</b>          | <b>117,008</b> | <b>94,069</b>      | <b>217,168</b>             |



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| 2010 Statistical Report | total gen. fund exp.    | total bldg. fund exp.   | tot. designated disbursement | income excess disbursements |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Philadelphia Newark     | 96,853                  | 11,074                  | 6,964                        | 28,196                      |
| <b>NO REPORT</b>        | <b>NO REPORT</b>        | <b>NO REPORT</b>        | <b>NO REPORT</b>             | <b>NO REPORT</b>            |
| <b>WORK IN PROGRESS</b> | <b>WORK IN PROGRESS</b> | <b>WORK IN PROGRESS</b> | <b>WORK IN PROGRESS</b>      | <b>WORK IN PROGRESS</b>     |
| Bronx                   | 518,878                 | -                       | 9,448                        | 385,554                     |
| Catonsville             | 203,436                 | -                       | 18,620                       | 7,959                       |
| Pasadena                | 103,212                 | 648                     | 1,930                        | 585                         |
| Jersey City             | 36,077                  | 3,253                   | 1,065                        | -3,795                      |
| Philadelphia            | 177,800                 | -                       | 56,525                       | -26,928                     |
| Basking Ridge           | 62,442                  | -                       | 1,481                        | -6,256                      |
| Pipersville             | 131,187                 | 37,673                  | 7,913                        | 777                         |
| Somerville              | 85,431                  | -                       | -                            | 5,898                       |
| Baltimore               | 666,174                 | -                       | -                            | 2                           |
| New York                | 160,305                 | -                       | 15,306                       | 8,405                       |
| Brooklyn                | 105,725                 | 100                     | 2,646                        | 1,047                       |
| Scranton                | 186,505                 | 1,311                   | 7,766                        | 15,210                      |
| Collingdale             | 144,787                 | -                       | -                            | -20,027                     |
| Havre-de-Grace          | 93,284                  | 16,621                  | 2,910                        | -38,714                     |
| Brooklyn                | <b>WORK IN PROGRESS</b> | <b>WORK IN PROGRESS</b> | <b>WORK IN PROGRESS</b>      | <b>WORK IN PROGRESS</b>     |
| Montreal                | 78,593                  | 654                     | -                            | 755                         |
| Ontario                 | 71,005                  | 103,382                 | 8,560                        | 2,326                       |
| Ventnor City            | 56,884                  | -                       | 7,886                        | 38,884                      |
| New Providence          | 38,744                  | 17,523                  | 1,760                        | -12,845                     |
| Philadelphia            | 131,235                 | -                       | 3,922                        | -10,252                     |
| Rydal                   | 155,956                 | -                       | -                            | 28,387                      |
| Bronx                   | 171,538                 | 25,129                  | 40,321                       | 17,708                      |
| Havertown               | 66,230                  | -                       | 1,775                        | -9,708                      |
| Enola                   | 184,170                 | -                       | -                            | -93,649                     |
| Oreland                 | 12,751                  | 4,912                   | -                            | 52,765                      |
| Chesapeake City         | 96,506                  | 10,712                  | -                            | 0                           |
| Mount Laurel            | <b>WORK IN PROGRESS</b> | <b>WORK IN PROGRESS</b> | <b>WORK IN PROGRESS</b>      | <b>WORK IN PROGRESS</b>     |
| Queen's Village         | 280,736                 | 45,386                  | 326                          | 781                         |
| Sykesville              | 4,116,444               | 278,378                 | 197,124                      | 373,065                     |
| <b>2010 TOTALS</b>      |                         |                         |                              |                             |

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches

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## REPORT OF THE LOONEY-HOFFMAN FUND

To the One Hundred Thirty-First Council  
of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic  
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, 2010 to May 31, 2011.

The Board held four regular meetings during the year, on June 17, September 23, December 23, 2010 and March 17, 2011.

The Trustees of the Fund during the year were:

Rev. Jon W. Abboud, Vice-President  
Karen Baird  
Rev. Wayne. A. Headman, President  
Stephen H. Feairheller  
Ronald C. Reese  
Danae Smith  
Richard W. Stevens, Secretary-Treasurer  
Charles R. Young, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

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 total of those church loans outstanding at May 31, 2011 was \$1,930,639.55.

The Fund manages its principal and accumulated income in a variety of investments. At year end, \$1,032,398.34 of that was in interest bearing loans to Reformed Episcopal organizations. The rest (\$2,137,822.51) is invested conventionally, in other mortgages, mutual funds and bank deposits.

During the year an additional \$275,000. church loan was made to St. Matthews Reformed Episcopal Church, an additional \$255,000. church loan was made to Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, Scranton and \$49,562. additional church loan was made to Reformed Episcopal Church of the Atonement. Emmanuel R.E. Church, Four Brooks, voluntarily repaid \$85. of its prior church loan, and Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, Scranton voluntarily repaid \$16.20 of its prior church loan.

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The Fund paid \$100 to the Diocese to cover the cost of printing its report in the minutes of council.

A summary of the financial report of the Looney-Hoffman Fund for its fiscal year June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011 is attached.

Respectfully submitted,  
RICHARD W. STEVENS  
Secretary-Treasurer

## Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2011

### Balance Sheet

#### Assets

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Mutual Funds                 | 599,768.71       |
| Commercial Mortgages         | 2,533,249.74     |
| Church Mortgages             | 21.00            |
| PNC Bank, checking acc't     | 26,101.78        |
| PNC Bank, money market acc't | <u>11,079.62</u> |
|                              | 3,170,220.85     |

#### Funds

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Looney-Hoffman Fund Principal      | 1,237,501.82 |
| Nisky Hill Cemetery Fund Principal | 1,200.00     |
| Looney-Hoffman Fund Income         | 1,931,463.83 |
| Nisky Hill Cemetery Fund Income    | <u>55.20</u> |
|                                    | 3,170,220.85 |

### Summary of Principal Receipts and Disbursements

|  |              |                     |
|--|--------------|---------------------|
| Balance June 1, 2010   | 1,233,771.97 |                     |
| Capital gain distributions from<br>Vanguard GNMA Fund Admiral Shares | 4,929.85     |                     |
| Balance May 31, 2011   |              | <u>1,238,701.82</u> |
| Composed of:   |              |                     |
| Principal Fund   | 1,237,501.82 |                     |
| Nisky Hill Cemetery Fund   | 1,200.00     | <u>1,238,701.82</u> |

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE BASSINGER HOME FUND**

To the One Hundred Thirty-first Council  
of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic  
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

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Dear Brethren:

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.

**The following information is provided for your benefit:**

The life insurance and disability program has now been transferred to the General Council Board of Pensions and Relief. The new plan has increased levels of coverage and is very affordable. All full-time clergy are required to participate.

Our own history has clearly demonstrated minimum levels of disability protection necessary for our full-time clergymen. As a result, the Committee has established certain policies and repeats its suggestions to our clergy for coverage. They are as follows:

That prior to or in conjunction with joining the group program, they establish individual disability insurance. The Committee has adopted the following guidelines for financial assistance of disabled clergymen:

The Committee will not be able to provide financial assistance in the event of disability if:

1. The clergyman has opted out of Social Security and in addition to membership in the General Council Group plan, has not purchased private disability insurance in benefit amounts of no less than \$1,100 a month with a rider adjusting the benefit for inflation, and a benefit period of "for life." *This minimum figure is necessary to replace Social Security and Medicare benefits that are lost to the clergy by filing of Form 4361.*
2. The clergyman is still in Social Security but has not joined the group plan and has not purchased individual disability insurance, unless unqualified for health reasons.

The new General Council plan provides \$75,000.00 in Life Insurance Coverage and up to \$1800.00 per month of Disability Insurance. The annual premium for the plan is \$500.00 and will be due January 1, 2012. The portion of the premium for the additional \$25,000 of life insurance is taxable to the employee. If you are enrolled in the plan, you will be receiving a 1099 form reflecting the taxable portion. If you are new to the REC or have not yet enrolled, please contact Tonya Forsberg at the Diocesan Headquarters.

**B. A Retirement Plan:** The Retirement Plan for our clergy is administered by the General Council Board of Pensions and Relief. This pension program requires churches to make contributions on behalf of their pastors amounting to 10% of the total of the pastor's base salary (less all benefits), his housing allowance and/or fair rental value of the Rectory, and the Rectory

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utilities. **Please note, the pension contribution for 2011 with supporting form is due no later than January 15, 2012. For 2012, due January 15, 2013, the contribution is raised to 12% by action of the General Council of the REC.** A recent change in the plan document allows Churches to make additional contributions to an employee's account in excess of the stipulated 10% amount. This contribution may not be funded by a salary reduction. It must be made directly from Church funds. Checks should be made payable to the Board of Pensions and Relief of the REC and sent to the Board at 826 Second Ave., Blue Bell, PA 19422.

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.

Thank you for your faithfulness and support.

Respectfully submitted,

*The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud*, Chairman

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS**

To the One Hundredth and Thirty First Council  
of the Diocese of the North-East and Mid-Atlantic  
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

Our emphasis in the past year has been on improving the "web presence" of the Diocese, both through our own website at <http://www.rec-nema.org> and by encouraging our parishes to create or develop their own websites. Greg Wright, the Diocesan IT Administrator, has assumed full-time responsibilities for updating the Diocesan website and has been posting or updating items weekly as available. A special Easter page was created to highlight special events in our parishes, with links to parish websites. We hope to do this again as the Advent/Christmas season approaches later in November. As the activity level and number of links increases, our Google rankings will also increase, making search for our churches and activities appear more prominently to those interested in finding out about us.

Of our thirty parishes, twenty started the year with some kind of self-managed website. Of those, three have been refreshed and one has dropped off the net in the last year. Two new ones have been added, so we still have nine parishes without websites. A template has been developed based on the WordPress content management system, and we will be helping parishes without sites to set up a basic site in the next few months. As always, updating content is the primary means of keeping a site interesting to visitors, so we encourage all parishes to post news and updates regularly as well as sending updates

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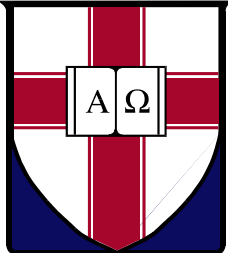
(especially photos!) to the Diocese Office for inclusion in the diocese website. If we receive enough news we may also be able to revive the Diocesan Newsletter.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for this committee please advise us via an email to: [greg.wright@reseminary.edu](mailto:greg.wright@reseminary.edu), or write or call the Diocesan Office at the Seminary in Blue Bell, PA.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gregory Wright, Chairman

## REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL AUDITOR

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The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote, M.Div.

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February 28, 2011

### Official Auditors' Report

The Board of Trustees & The Board of Directors of  
The Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Sirs:

By appointment of the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church and in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the same, I have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of the Diocese of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church as of December 31, 2008, 2009, 2010 and the related statements of the activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these statements based upon my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with the generally accepted audit standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church as of December 31, 2008, 2009, 2010 and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote  
Official Auditor

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## **REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND NURTURE**

To the One Hundred Thirty First Council  
of the Dioceses of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic  
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren,

The primary function of the committee has been to sponsor a retreat for pastors, their wives and other Reformed Episcopalians involved in the ministry of our church. This year's speaker was the Rev. Kevin D. Skogen who walked us through various themes from the Narnia series by C.S. Lewis. It was a wonderful time of devotion and jocularity.

Thankfully the cost remains the same this year and we are continuing the theme of deep devotion with our sessions.

This year we will again be retreating to Lancaster, PA at the Eden Resort. The retreat will be January 26-28. This year's speakers will be several clergymen from our dioceses who will share insights and testimonies of how specific psalms have ministered to them.

The committee strongly encourages vestries to send their pastor and his wife and others who minister formally in their respective parishes to the retreat. When a pastor is fed and refreshed the congregation benefits. We will be making a concerted effort to contact all Senior Wardens to encourage them toward this end.

Finally, the committee would like to nudge parishes that are strong financially to consider sponsoring a pastor and his wife from another parish in the dioceses who may not otherwise be able to attend the retreat.

"Thank you" to all Committee members who gave their input and feedback.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen, Committee Chairman

## **REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS' SALARIES**

To the One Hundred Thirtieth-first Council of The Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic

Dear Brethren:

Constructing salary guidelines for clergy is a difficult task. In many cases compensation of clergy is determined by the income of the congregation rather than the experience or competency of the clergyman. Sources of income vary from parish to parish. Some parishes have endowments and investments that generate income over and above parishioner contributions. Others are dependent solely upon the contributions of the parishioners. Some



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parishes face large overhead expenses for buildings and maintenance, some have little or no expenses. Sometimes parishes with large endowments find themselves with less income than parishes with no endowments because the people see the wealth of the church as a reason not to give to the church.

The first step to honoring God in caring for our clergy begins with honoring God in the stewardship of our individual funds. The standard of giving established in the Bible is “sacrificial giving.” Sacrificial giving does not mean that we “give until it hurts.” Biblical sacrifices were not always bloody. Often they were gifts expressing joy, thanksgiving, praise and the celebration of God’s goodness. It is also important to understand that “sacrificial giving does not begin until the tithe is met. The tithe, or first ten percent, does not belong to us. It belongs to God. It is to be offered regardless of wealth or poverty. It is a percentage not a specific dollar amount. Thus in God’s eyes, the ten dollar offering of the man who earns a hundred dollars is the same as the ten thousand dollar offering of the man who earns a hundred thousand. God does not count the way we count. He blesses our faithfulness not the amount of our contribution. Thus while the fifty thousand dollar contribution of the man earning a million may seem a great blessing to the church it is still disobedience in God’s eyes.

Further, we are led to understand that God does not need our money. Rather He has established Biblical stewardship as an expression of faith that ultimately blesses the good steward. Too often we plead with people to give because the church needs the money when the simple fact is that if the people of the church were obedient in the tithe they would be better off and the church would be blessed.

The Scriptures encourage us to consider those who labor in the word and doctrine as worthy of double honor. It is the opinion of the chairman of this committee that double honor most likely refers to financial compensation and at the very least establishes the esteem and value a congregation should place upon its pastor. It appears that God desires His pastors to care for His people and His people to care for His pastors. When we do our parts, He is honored and all His people, including the clergy, are blessed.

How do we calculate double honor? One way is to establish the mean income of the congregation (That is the number in the middle between the wealthiest and the poorest of the congregation) and double it. This equation would produce a significant difference between clergy serving poor congregations and those serving more affluent parishes. While appearing inequitable at first it is not, for God does not count dollars, and this system is reflective of a pastor who lives in the same community as his congregation. Further, while few parishes use this Biblical model it is nevertheless a fact that clergy serving congregations in more affluent areas are paid more than those serving in less affluent communities. This situation reflects not only the wealth of the congregation, but also the cost of living in the area surrounding the parish.

Each year Christianity Today surveys a broad spectrum of Churches and publishes a compensation handbook. Parishes are encouraged to survey the information they publish.

Drawing the following figures from the sample of parishes that most closely parallels those in our diocese the following figures are provided as a point of reference and are not offered

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as a basis for establishing minimum or maximum salaries for clergy. The average attendance of the sample is between 0 and 250 on a Sunday morning. The compensation includes cash salary, rectory, housing, pension (**for 2012 the pension contribution for the REC Plan will be 12%**), employer paid life and health insurance (**\$500.00 per year for the REC Plan.**) and funds for continuing education. It reflects the number that most concerns our parishes when they establish a budget for a pastor's salary – How much will it cost the church to pay all the expenses related to having a pastor? The salary figure does not include reimbursable expenses such as auto or office expenses. The numbers adjusted for inflation and are broken down based upon the basic type of community where the church is located. They are based upon the salary of a full time Sr. Pastor with six years of experience and a Masters degree. The national average for all pastors in this group is \$89,500 with a range of approximately \$35,000 above or below that number.

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|-------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| Urban       | \$97,750 | Suburban   | \$103,250 |
| Medium City | \$92,865 | Small Town | \$ 81,100 |
| Rural       | \$82,250 |            |           |

The committee recommends our parishes examine their budgets, giving patterns and pastor's salaries in light of this report and requests every effort be made to honor God in establishing a compensation package for those who labor in the word and doctrine.

We would also like to recommend a minimum figure for pulpit supply of \$275.00 plus travel expenses and a minimum salary for a part time interim rector of \$2000 per month, plus pension contribution and expenses.

The committee would like to recommend the publications that may be found at:

<http://www.christianitytoday.com>

Among other things they publish Church Finance Today which is a wonderful resource for treasurers and vestries.

Vestries are reminded they must record their pastors 2012 rectory allowance in the minutes prior to the first payroll of 2012. We also continue to recommend that every parish adopt an accountable plan of reimbursement for ministry expenses.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, Chairman

### **REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE HISTORY OF THE DIOCESE**

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

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Dear Brethren:

The Committee on the History of the Diocese continues to collect materials that will help future students and researchers understand the life of our churches and diocese. Please send materials that describe important events in the life of your parish and clergy, these may include newsletters, bulletins, certificates, news clippings, pictures, and other mementos.

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches  
Diocesan 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. Mr. Russ Buchanan, the Assistant Librarian at the Reformed Episcopal Seminary and a fellow member of the committee, and I have begun to go through archived items to describe, catalog, and display them, so that they are more accessible now and for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches  
Chairman

### **REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY TO MEN**

To the One Hundred Thirty- first Council  
of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic  
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren;

This past year we have seen an increased interest by men of our Diocese as the Men's Committee continues to fulfill its mission. That mission is presently focused on hosting two weekend retreats per year in order to provide spiritual encouragement for men as they seek to be faithful followers of Christ. The format for the weekend retreats is to be a reflective and interactive community where men are spiritually renewed and strengthened in their faith. The theme that continues to guide our program is the vision from Proverbs 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

The Spring Retreat was held April 29-30 at Fellowship Deaconry in Liberty Corner, NJ. The Spiritual facilitator was Rev. Jerry Mc Lynn and he led a lively discussion on what it means to be a Christian. Even though attendance was fewer than anticipated, it was a blessing for those who attended. The Fall Retreat was held on October 14-15 at Grace RE Church in Havre de Grace, Md. The Rev. Willie Hill lead was the Spiritual facilitator who challenged us in regard to seeing life through the eyes of God and then when we come to the crossroad of decisions in life,

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we need to make the excellent choices. The study of God's Word and the interaction around the tables gave evidence to the power of Gods' Spirit at work that weekend.

As the committee looks back on this past year, we are still committed to continue our mission to provide for the whole Diocese a Men's retreat in two different locations. Therefore we have already scheduled and secured the facilities for 2012. The Spring retreat will be April 27-28, 2012 at Fellowship Deaconry in Liberty Corner, NJ and the Fall retreat will be October 12-13, 2012 at Grace RE Church, Havre de Grace, Md..

I would like to thank those who support and provide us feedback in our continued men's ministry. And I especially thank God for the Spring Retreat Director Rev. Greg Miller and our Spiritual Facilitators, Rev. Jerry McLynn and Rev. Willie Hill. We are blessed by their sacrificial dedication and their gifts they bring to our denomination and parishes.

Respectfully Submitted,  
In Christ's Service,

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| The Rev. Mark A. Specht         | Mr. Scott Applebaum |
| The Ven. Dr. Paul U. Ekezie     | Mr. Gerald Higham   |
| The Rev. Roderick S. Lee        | Mr. Rupert Jeremy   |
| The Rev. John Milligan          | Mr. Wayne Patterson |
| The Rev. Dcn. Samuel Orimogunje | Mr. Jack Ross       |

### Adjunct Members

The Very Rev. Eduardo A. Andrade  
The Rev. Dr. David A. Crum  
The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller

*The Rev. Paul S. Howden was called upon to give a report regarding the Board of Foreign Missions. The report follows. There were no recommendations.*

### **REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS**

**To the Diocesan Council of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic**  
November, 2011

Here is some of the latest information concerning R.E. missions:

By means of your gifts and offerings the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Episcopal Church has continued to support our missionaries: the Jerdans, Judy King, Bishop Gerhard Meyer and Grace. The BFM raises awareness of international and intercultural missions in parishes at home while partnering with a number of developing ministries around the world. Bishop Royal Grote is the President of the Board, and the Rev. William Jerdan is Executive Secretary.

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At the General Council in Texas in June 2010 it was urged that every parish contribute to the mission projects of the Reformed Episcopal Church. These projects are supported by the voluntary giving of parishes and individuals. Neither the budget nor the tithe system underwrites the BFM. Here are some current opportunities to give to missions:

- Support a Reformed Episcopal missionary in Brazil \$400.00 needed monthly
- Support a Reformed Episcopal missionary in Germany \$1100.00 needed monthly
- Support a national church planter in Croatia \$300.00 monthly
- Support a national church planter in Serbia \$300.00 monthly
- One-time training course for 50 catechists in Africa \$2000.00
- One-time training seminar for 40 national pastors in Nepal \$4000.00. The Rev. Jerry McLynn is scheduled to lead the first one to Nepal.

### *Executive Secretary.*

Bill and Diane have traveled extensively spreading awareness and support for our current R.E. ministries and commitments, and forging new ones. Bill and Dianne Jerdan are trying to give a greater mission mindset in our parishes. They put together the bulletin insert called, "Reformed Episcopal Missions" which has been helpful in getting out news and updating our parishes on the latest needs of our missionaries.

By being available to answer emails, phone calls, and respond to questions, communication between the BFM and the parishes has improved, and this will hopefully translate into more support for our missionaries and their projects. The Board of Foreign Missions requests that the parishes pray for Bill and Diane's work as executive secretary of the Board. His continued financial support is needed.

Moreover, communication and contact with Anglican missionaries and mission agencies of the A.C.N.A. has increased. Bill has been giving presentations of the mission work at the Diocesan synods. He facilitated the short term mission to Croatia last summer, helping with the organization, financing, and preparation.

### *Nepal/SE Asia.*

When Bill and Diane visited Southeast Asia, they made contact with Anglican leaders in Cambodia, Nepal, Singapore, etc. There are opportunities for English teachers to go and serve in these countries. Nepal has become a special partner for the Reformed Episcopal Church in terms of the orphanage there, and new churches springing up. This emerging diocese is currently called the Deanery of Nepal. The first 2 Nepalese to be ordained presbyters in the Anglican Church in Nepal (ACN) will be ordained Sunday November 6. The BFM encourages each pastor to pray for the spread of the Gospel this Sunday Nov. 6, and pray especially for God's blessing on the Mission Deanery of Nepal.

### *Jerry McLynn to Nepal.*

Bill Jerdan is organizing a teaching mission with Jerry McLynn to Nepal for June 2012. Bill and Jerry plan to meet most of the Nepalese lay pastors in this people movement, provide some training, and better see how to continue our REC-ACN partnership. It is hoped that the \$4000.00 needed for Jerry can be raised in the Diocese of the Northeast as a Diocesan mission project.

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### ***Symposium on Southeast Asia.***

Think about attending the Jan 26-27 "Symposium" on Southeast Asia to discover the outreach opportunities in 7 South and Southeast Asia countries. The Anglican Church is getting involved in this amazing mission movement, and we have an open door to assist the Province of Southeast Asia to reach out to the peoples of Indonesia, Nepal, Vietnam, Thailand, Laos and Cambodia and Myanmar. The event will be held Jan 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> at St. Vincent's Cathedral, Bedford, Texas. This symposium is being sponsored by Anglican Global Mission Partners. See the AGMP website for more information.

### **Egypt.**

Bill Jerdan, Greg Miller and Paul Howden met with Dr. Chris Taylor, an Anglican professor who grew up in the Arab world and leads university students on short-term missions to Egypt. Chris teaches at Drew University. God willing, Chris will lead a team this January. The team will work with the Anglican Church in Egypt on several worthwhile projects helping refugees and other charities. Anybody interested in serving on such a team should contact Chris at CTaylor@drew.edu. The changing situation in Egypt makes this opportunity a challenge.

### ***The Rt. Rev. Charles Dorrington and Cuba.***

Bishop Charles Dorrington has spearheaded a mission effort in Cuba. His diocese of Western Canada is able to do this owing to Canada's lack of travel restrictions. In the last ten years, Bishop Dorrington has led small teams to Cuba where the Anglican Church is growing dramatically. Bishop Charles has planted churches, ordained ministers, baptized new converts, done confirmations, preached, married couples, preached, taught, got thrown in jail for meeting illegally, delivered needed medications to poor Cuban believers, given away Spanish Prayer Books, etc. This is an exciting ministry for Canadians, and U.S. parishes may be able to get involved in as well in the future God willing.

### ***Sue Brodish.***

Sue has returned to U.S. and shifted her ministry to serving the elderly as she cares for her mother in Florida. We are grateful to Sue for 20+ years of service in Germany. She continues to send reports on her new US ministry and can be supported through Global Outreach Mission.

### ***Greg Wright.***

With the merging of Arab World Ministries into Pioneers Inc. and the closing of the national office in Pennsylvania, Greg has shifted to doing Information Technology work for the REC. Greg is now working with the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic and R.E. Seminary in Blue Bell, where he has reorganized computer systems and improved our web sites. Greg put together the online RE parish map in Google Maps and designed the online registration system for Council.

### ***Roger Converse.***

Roger is working with international students in the Philadelphia area. Roger is leading a Bible study at the Graduate Student Center of the University of Pennsylvania under the auspices of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and Drexel University. Roger has good ideas on how to reach out to internationals, something which some of the parishes of the diocese could get involved in.

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Roger has a newsletter with fascinating details of his teaching methods and activities with internationals. Please contact Roger to get on his newsletter list. Rogerw33@verizon.net

### ***Germany.***

Every summer Bishop Gerhard Meyer invites a team to assist him at the Knull Camp near Swartzberg, Germany. Bishop Seamans of the Diocese of Mid-America attended this last summer. As usual, this last summer (July/August 2011) the team prepared the camp, did general cleanup, then enjoyed a week of immersion with German young people on the English Camp. If you feel that the Lord is moving you to get involved, please contact Bishop Gerhard Meyer via email. Recently Bishop Meyer has helped establish contacts with Croatia/Serbia, and Sweden. After the work and ministry of the summer camp, the team typically does historical tours and travel.

### ***Nigeria Mission Cancelled.***

After the Board of Foreign Missions voted to sponsor a mission trip to Nigeria in the summer of 2011, the mission had to be cancelled due to the threat of violence. This was on the recommendation of the Archbishop of Nigeria. The money sacrificially raised by our parishes for the recovery ward of the hospital was sent, and hopefully the wing of the hospital planned is being built. Future summer missions to Nigeria will depend on the safety and the recommendation of the Archbishop.

### ***Brazil.***

Judy King was home for a short while for medical reason and is now back in Brazil. This year the Rev. Eric Jorgensen traveled to the Apurina village to dedicate the church facility built by the summer 2009 team. The Rev. Joe Fockler has posted Brazil team's activity on YouTube touching the building of the church in 2009. As Judy King returns to Brazil, your Board of Foreign Missions invites our parishes to include both Judy and her Wycliffe co-worker Cathie Aberdour in their intercessory prayers. Both Judy and Cathie have on-going health concerns that require continued diagnosis and treatment on the field. Joe Fockler's YouTube video can be viewed at: <http://youtu.be/5q36bXGepVU>. Joe has at least 4 videos on YouTube, but this one connects to the others.

### ***South America Mission Team.***

The BFM is allowing the Rev. Paul Howden organize a mission team to serve in South America for the summer of 2012. At the deadline for turning in this report, no concrete plans could be established, although a joint mission project with SAMS-USA is possible. SAMS stands for the "Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders" formerly known as the "South America Missionary Society." They have been working in South America for over a hundred years.

### ***Christian Formation.***

Mrs. Chris Fous has retired as Coordinator for this Catechist Training program that is used in various countries of Africa. It is called, "Following Christ: A Christian Formation Program." The Board of Foreign Missions seeks someone with experience in Anglican Churches in Africa to serve as a volunteer coordinator and promoter of this ministry. The Rev. Samuel Maduma organizes the ministry in East Africa.



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### *Summer Teams within Diocese.*

The summer outreach within our diocese took place in Brooklyn, NY this past June 2011. Such ministry harmonizes nicely with global outreach. The Rev. David Crum has a report on last summer's project.

### *2011 Summer Mission to Croatia.*

The Lord opened doors for the Board of Foreign Missions to sponsor a summer mission to Croatia. Here are my (Paul Howden) general impressions of the 2011 Summer Mission to Croatia. Perhaps some of this will inspire a parishioner of our diocese to join a future summer mission to Croatia.

The Croatia mission was one of the best short-term missions I have participated on. The team got along well, and by God's grace we accomplished good things for Christ's kingdom.

In terms of accomplishments I believe that the 2011 Summer Mission to Croatia strengthened bonds between Good Shepherd Church in Old Town, Osijek, the Tordinci parish and the Reformed Episcopal Church. I would like to believe that the parishioners of the deanery of Croatia that we had contact with think, "This church from the U.S.A. is one we want to be part of." There was mutual encouragement and perhaps this summer's team smoothed the way for future mission efforts.

The Good Shepherd facility in Osijek had a nice worship area, and the \$5,000.00 from the BFM had been used to hire professionals to fix up the entrance before we arrived, a huge project. Archdeacon Jasmin and other Good Shepherd church members from Old Town Osijek had fixed up the kitchen, bathroom and the two rooms where we stayed. The Croatian brethren did a lot of prep work so that we the team could stay comfortably there. The bathroom, kitchen, and bedroom situations were perhaps not up to American standards, but this is a summer mission, not a five-star hotel.

Nevertheless, much of the rest of the 300-year-old facility was run down and dilapidated from years of disuse. One of the purposes of our summer mission was to clean it up and improve it. We converted two of the downstairs rooms into a second smaller chapel to be used in winter, and a sacristy. The walls where we put the sacristy and small chapel were marred by holes and cracks and required much plaster work to fill in.

We were able to improve the entry doors to the main sanctuary by sandpapering off the roughness, putting primer coats and finish coat of paint.

We pulled out tall weeds and landscaped a bit the garden area with flowers, mowed overgrown lawn and leveled a depression at one place in the grass.

We filled a dumpster with trash and debris, vacuumed and wiped down.

We spent a good amount of time and effort cleaning the windows of which there were many.

The floor was spattered with paint, and we cleaned that.

We, the members of the Croatia 2011 summer team, gained a love and admiration for Archdeacon Jasmin Milic and family. Jasmin is an indefatigable servant, a great intellect, a wise pastor, an inspiration to others, and natural leader. His wife Tamara is wonderful and fixed us a nice meal. We enjoyed her company. Son Mikael and daughter Ivana are good children; Mikael especially helpful with the filming and computer technology. Archdeacon Jasmin was a great host. He was at our service the entire time, willing to drive us places, do whatever we wanted, and answer questions. It seems that the deanery is in good hands with Archdeacon Jasmin.



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We also had the privilege of meeting the Rev. Jasmin Koso and his wife from Zagreb. We came to know the Rev. Nenad Adzic of Tordinci, and the Rev. Petar Petrovich of Serbia. Besides Archdeacon Jasmin, we spent the most time with Petar. I think that Damien and Jolie may not have met him since they needed to depart before Petar arrived. Fr. Petar worked with us, and got to know him well. We never did meet the presbyter from Shibenik, Fr. Jadran Jelovcic. It is my intention to keep these good people in prayer. These pastors work full-time jobs and do their ministry as they can. Your gift of \$300.00 would free them up for full-time ministry.

Outreach and evangelism was minimal due to amount of work we had before us. We worked every day up until the Friday afternoon before we left. We scarcely had time to carry out an English class, or evangelistic series. Perhaps next time? The team still had a high profile and visibility in the surrounding neighborhood of Good Shepherd. We made the acquaintance of the shop owners at several places, and others we met here and there.

Fr. Damien Grout and wife Jolie were an inspiration to me and others. Damien's expertise was extremely helpful in the work projects. I pray that this could be the start of more missionary activity for them. In my opinion the Lord God has made Damien of missionary material. He is well-read, educated, a hard worker, talented in construction, physically and spiritually strong, and other good traits. He is certainly capable of leading a mission team in the future, if that worked out.

Caleb Andrews, our 19-year-old champion wrestler, was the perfect team member – easy to get along with, flexible, hardworking, uses common sense when traveling and working, picks up foreign languages quickly, never complains and is cheerful. Being a top-level wrestler in high school and college meant that no job was too hard for him to do. I thank God that Caleb joined our team. He was a great room mate for me, and God willing will continue to be an asset for summer missions. St. Stephen's R.E. Church has a good missionary in Caleb.

The Rev. Canon Ron Moock did a splendid job behind the pulpit, preaching at both Tordinci and Good Shepherd. At key moments he helped in a big way, such as getting our departing flight reworked once it was cancelled. Kathy was unfortunately recovering from a severe illness most of the trip that left her with a cruel cough, and weakness of body meant she was unable to work for long stretches of time. Still, Kathy was a blessing with her posting of events, and cheerful encouragement and good spirit.

As this report is being submitted there is no confirmed plan for a summer mission to Croatia, but it is probable. As soon as the Board makes a decision, the news will go out, and I would challenge and encourage you (the gentle reader) to pray about serving the Lord in Croatia/Serbia this summer.

Also there are opportunities for individuals or couples who could raise their own support, to apply to stay in Osijek, Croatia teaching English. This could be one month or several months stay. More than likely, Archdeacon Jasmin would offer the same living quarters the summer team used. They are right in the Old Town center where there is much opportunity for outreach with college students.

### ***How do pray and what to do.***

The following are some practical ways for each parish to pray for and encourage mission activity:

1. Bill Jerdan sends out a bulletin insert on a regular basis. The half-page newsletter features updates about our missionaries and mission in general. Each parish should receive the half-page

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insert sent via email, make copies of it, and be sure it gets put in the bulletin or the hands of the parishioners.

2. For each parish to set aside one Sunday out of the year to focus on global mission, perhaps the first Sunday of October.
3. For each parish that is not yet giving to missionaries to begin to do so; and for parishes that are currently supporting missionaries to increase their giving by 2% annually.
4. To create banners with the names of missionaries the parish supports, pictures of the missionaries, the flag of the country in which they serve, etc. This could be hung in the parish hall, or put up on special mission Sundays.
5. To pray for the Anglican Church in Nepal this Nov. 6.

### **Web Site.**

Please visit the BFM web site for more information about mission work: RECBFM.org. The layout of our web site is attractive and easy to navigate. Go to this site to learn about past and future trips to Germany, Croatia, and South America. Thanks to Deaconess Theresa Johnson for her dedication as webmaster. As the Chair of the Committee on Foreign Missions for our Diocese please feel free to contact me about any question, recommendation, concern. paulhowden6@yahoo.com or (570) 346-2762.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Paul S. Howden

Rector of Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, Scranton, Pennsylvania

Chair of the Foreign Missions Committee of the Diocese, and member of the BFM of the REC

### **REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S MINISTRY- no report submitted**

### **SECOND DAY NOVEMBER 4, 2011**

*The second day opened with Morning Prayer at 8:30 am. The offering in the amount of \$534 was designated to the Board of Foreign Missions to assist with the work of the Anglican Church in Nepal. The Very Rev. Walter L. Hawkins was installed as Dean of the Convocation of Pennsylvania by Bishop Hicks during the service.*

*At 9:15 a.m. the Rev. Canon William S. Jerdan, Executive Secretary of the REC Board of Foreign Missions, led a panel discussion on Missions. Included on the panel were: the Very Rev. John Smith, the Rev. Dcn. Roger W. Converse and Mrs. Diana Carr. The topic of discussion was Missions: Local Parish/Global Parish. Testimonies, suggestions, and resources on some of the many ways a local parish can participate in the worldwide mission of our Savior were presented.*

*At 11:30 a.m. the Business Session was called.*

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*Bob and Judy Pardon were introduced to the Council delegates to share their work and ministry at Meadow Haven.*

*The Rev. Dr. David A. Crum was called upon to present the Report on Short-term Missions and to offer short-term mission ideas to introduce to our parishes. He presented a program called "Fasting for Missions" and then led the Council in prayer.*

### **REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SHORT-TERM MISSIONS**

To the One Hundred Thirty-first Council  
of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic  
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

This committee was formed at the 128<sup>th</sup> Council for the purpose of developing and implementing short-term mission work within the Diocese. It is the goal of this committee that churches throughout the Diocese would join together in this short-term work at one or more of our parish churches during the summer. For anyone who would like to organize a mission week the committee has prepared a booklet called *A Guide for Short-Term Mission Trips*. Copies of this guide have been given to Bishop Hicks and can be obtained either through his office or by contacting Pastor David Crum at Bishop Cummins Reformed Episcopal Church.

This past summer a one-week project took place at Jesus the Good Shepherd REC in Brooklyn, New York, from July 10<sup>th</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup>. Participants included members of Bishop Cummins, Catonsville, Maryland; Grace, Collingdale, Pennsylvania; Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, New Jersey; and St. George's, Hamilton, Ontario. In addition to manual labor, outreach teams went out to the streets to talk to people about their need to trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Adults and teens worked together in this effort to bring the gospel to the people of the surrounding community.

Forty-four people were on hand as either daytime or boarding volunteers. Work on the building included replacing the ceiling fans in the sanctuary and cleaning the sanctuary carpet; thoroughly cleaning all rest rooms; stripping and waxing the floor in the fellowship hall; placing new frames on the ceiling lights in the fellowship hall; repairing the sump pump; retiling a bathroom floor; and various other painting and cleaning tasks.

Those who needed a place to stay were able to board at the nearby Pratt Institute. Meals were prepared by our volunteers at the church. The people of Jesus the Good Shepherd provided a banquet on Wednesday night. Each morning time was set aside after breakfast for personal devotions. This was followed by a corporate time of morning devotions. We also had a time of evening worship Monday through Wednesday following the evening meal.

These short-term mission projects truly do provide a wonderful opportunity to complete some much-needed work. But even more they allow the participants to grow closer to one another, to get to know brothers and sisters from other churches in the Diocese, and to minister to the people in the community surrounding the host church. Please consider your own participation this coming summer and encourage the participation of other members of your churches.

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Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Dr. David A. Crum  
Committee Chairman

*Billy Jenkins presented the Report of the Committee on Young People's Work. There were no recommendations.*

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK**

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Since my last report to you, the Committee on Young People's work has hosted three events for the diocese. A fourth which had been scheduled for young adults in mid-January was cancelled due to lack of interest. The three events which were held are staples of our program: Winter Camp, Spring Fling, and Summer Camp. We were privileged to hear many stirring messages which all centered around the theme of the Holy Spirit's work. At Winter Camp, the Reverend Jerry Mclynn led us through some of the Holy Spirit's major work in the Church and her members. At Spring Fling, held the weekend after we celebrated in a heightened way our Savior's triumph over Death, Mr. Steven Hoopes and the Rev. Cedric Benner demonstrated how the power of the Resurrection is applied to us personally in the work of the Holy Spirit. At Summer Camp, the foundation that had been laid at the previous events was built upon as we discussed the implications of our Baptismal and Confirmation vows to "resist the world, the flesh, and the devil." Deacon Jason Holloway and the Very Reverend William Jenkins were our speakers at this event and they ably preached the necessity of using the grace given by the Spirit, both by sacramental and non-sacramental means, to deny self and daily take up our cross and follow Christ. (Lk. 9:23)

As always, the COYPW implores the prayers of all the faithful as we carry out the important work of aiding families and parishes in making disciples of our youth. It is a monumental struggle to attempt to counter the prevailing influences of our culture, yet it is a worthy fight. Aside from prayer, there are other concrete methods of contributing to the work of this committee. Chiefly, we are currently seeking two speakers for Winter Camp, March 2-4 2012. If you would be interested or know someone who would be, please contact Billy Jenkins at [wjenkins@loyola.edu](mailto:wjenkins@loyola.edu). Please also be sure to advertise events that this committee sponsors in your parish bulletin and in your youth group. Because of our steadily growing numbers, we have promised the camp we use for our Winter retreat at least 100 participants. We can reach that number but we need the help of all our parishes to do so. Besides, it is fun!

To all counselors and leaders, Bishop Hicks and Reverend Abboud, and any others who have sacrificed, financially or with their time and efforts, you have my gratitude. The Lord loves those who give of themselves liberally and I urge you to continue doing so.

Yours in the Divine Mercy,  
Billy Jenkins

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*Dr. Abboud presented the Evangelism, Church Growth and Development Report by introducing developments in various areas within the Diocese. The following men were introduced: the Rev. Jack W. Clark - St. Peter's Anglican Church, Chesapeake City, MD; the Rev. Robert J. Hackendorf – St. Luke's REC, New Providence, NJ; the Rev. Dr. Matt Harrington – First Church's outreach to St. David's in Montreal, Canada; the Very Rev. Eduardo Andrade – Good Shepherd REC, Brockton, MA. Bishop Hicks highlighted the pilot program for evangelism to Jewish people administered by the Rev. Jason S. Patterson – St. Mark's REC, Rydal, PA. Bishop Hicks also introduced the Rev. David Stratton whose church presently shares its facility with Good Shepherd in Massachusetts. The Council was asked to pray for St. Mary's need for a permanent facility.*

### **REPORT COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM, CHURCH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

To the One Hundred Thirty-first Council  
of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic  
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

*This committee is charged with the following: “to determine the sites of new Churches and to request the Trustees of the Synod to provide such funds as shall be necessary for the establishment of those new Churches. This Committee shall have power to make recommendations to the Synod Trustees regarding financial aid to Churches. The Committee shall furthermore seek to promote the evangelistic and missionary interest and activity of the parishes, and the upbuilding of our people in the Christian faith and life, that the lost may be saved, believers strengthened, and the church of Christ advanced.”*

Following a procedure established several years ago, the Chairman consulted with the bishop about new allocations and those parishes currently receiving aid and diaconal training funds. Recommendations were made to the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Trustees for funding. The results of those recommendations are included in the budget for the coming fiscal year.

For 2010, financial assistance was provided to: Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia; Emmanuel, Four Brooks; Good Shepherd, Brockton; Grace Church in Collingdale; Grace Church in Scranton; Saint Michael's in Enola, and a church planting effort at 4225 Chestnut Street. Diaconal training funds were provided for two parishes.

In 2011, we continued our support of: Church of the Atonement, Germantown; Saint Michael's in Enola; and Grace Church in Scranton. The church planting efforts West Philadelphia were suspended. We have extended Diaconal training to four parishes and five individuals. Grace Church in Collingdale, worked with the Trustees of the Diocese to adopt a plan that would remove them from the rolls of parish assistance.

Budget Recommendations for parish assistance were made to the Trustees for 2012 and are reflected in the Budget presented at this council

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We remain willing to advise and assist both our new and older congregations in advancing the work of Christ our Lord and implementing recommended policies for our Diocese.

Two other items are worthy of note. Late in the summer of 2011 the leadership of the Diocese met with the Deans of the convocations to discuss avenues of growth available to us. One of the outcomes of that meeting will involve changes to the make-up of this committee.

In addition, in late August, I met with Bishop Hick's, Jason Patterson, the new rector at St. Mark's and Daryl Fenton, the new director of CMJ, to discuss development of a pilot program for witnessing to Jewish people in the Jenkintown area. If successful, we hope to expand this program of outreach to other parishes located in or near strongly Jewish communities. Evidence seems to indicate that for every Jewish convert reached six gentiles are also reached for our Lord and Savior. Funding for this program is also reflected in the 2010 Budget.

We also remind the council that the One Hundred Twenty-Fourth Council adopted a policy with respect to sexual misconduct and criminal clearances. That policy is as follows:

This Diocese will not under any circumstances condone or participate in the cover-up of allegations of sexual misconduct.

This Diocese will observe the following procedure in the event of an allegation of sexual misconduct:

A. All allegations against a clergyman must be reported to the Bishop, who, along with the standing committee, will seriously investigate the allegations and report to the appropriate secular authorities when and where the evidence warrants.

B. All allegations leveled against a parishioner functioning as a volunteer on a parish level shall be investigated by the rector and parish council, who will then be responsible to report their findings, positive or negative to the Bishop who may at his discretion require further investigation. The appropriate secular authorities shall be notified when and where the evidence warrants.

C. All allegations leveled against a youth worker our counselor engaged by the Committee on Young People's Work shall be investigated by the committee and a report shall be submitted to the Bishop. The appropriate secular authorities shall be notified when and where the evidence warrants.

Churches are reminded that in some cases, clergy and child care workers are regarded as mandatory reporters who must report even the suspicion of abuse to secular authorities. Care must be taken to be familiar with the laws that apply to your particular situation. In all cases the state laws respecting mandatory reporting shall be observed.

Criminal Clearance policy:

1. That each parish and ministry of the Diocese recognize that Child Abuse does take place, even in Churches professing Biblical fidelity. The devil masquerades as an angel of light. The wolf does disguise himself as one of the sheep. Therefore the best protection against the abuse of children under our care is watchfulness and caution. **Wherever practical**, apart from normal worship service nursery duty (which is often shared among the members of the congregation) and normal Sunday school activities, **it is recommended** that two or more adults cooperate in the supervision of youth ministries and church sponsored youth activities. It is further recommended that situations involving unsupervised one-on-one interaction between **unscreened official representatives** of the parish and the children of the parish be discouraged. This will not only protect our children, it will also protect our adults from unfounded allegations.



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2. That all clergy, candidates for ministry or clergy transferees be subjected to appropriate criminal and sexual misconduct clearances prior to functioning in a youth ministry or retreat that might involve the solitary or unsupervised care of children. Said clearances are to be secured by the Committee on Young People's Work and filed with the Diocesan Office.

3. That all counselors and chaperones of official diocesan or parish youth camps or retreats be subjected to appropriate criminal and sexual misconduct clearances prior to functioning in a youth ministry or retreat that might involve the solitary or unsupervised care of children. Said clearances are to be secured by the Committee on Young People's Work and filed with the Diocesan Office.

4. That all salaried youth workers and volunteer youth group sponsors be subjected to appropriate criminal and sexual misconduct clearances. Clearances are to be secured by the vestry and held on file by the secretary of the vestry.

5. That all church schools, nursery schools and day care centers screen their employees and volunteers according to the state laws governing their operation. If no specific state guidelines exist, the parish shall screen staff according to a consistent standard of care adopted on a local level.

6. That all clergy and youth staff be provided with and encouraged to become familiar with education materials related to the prevention of sexual misconduct. Materials are available from your insurance agent.

7. Because sexual predators move so frequently and are often adept at appearing to be caring people with a burden for children, that a reasonable period of time be observed (six months) before new parishioners are given unsupervised access to the children of our parishes.

It should be noted that the diocese also screens all candidates for ministry and clergy transfers. Those records are held on file in the Bishop's office.

Respectfully submitted,  
*The Ven. Jon W. Abboud, Chairman*

*The Council was directed to participate in the Spiritual Growth and Nurture Retreat to be held in January 2012, at the Eden Resort in Lancaster, PA.*

*Bishop Hicks announced his Exhortation and the Committee Appointments will be posted on the website.*

*Bishop Hicks addressed the Council regarding the Reformed Episcopal Church's involvement with the Anglican Church in North America.*

*The Council entertained a motion by Grace REC, Scranton, PA, to host the 132<sup>nd</sup> Diocesan Council to be held November 1-2, 2012. The motion was seconded and carried with thanks to Grace for their invitation.*

*The Council entertained a motion by Emmanuel REC, Pipersville, PA, to host the 133<sup>rd</sup> Diocesan Council. The motion was seconded and carried with thanks to Emmanuel for their invitation.*

*Dr. Jonathan S. Riches moved to adjourn at 12:35 p.m. Bishop-elect Gillin dismissed the Council with prayer and Bishop Hicks pronounced the benediction.*

Respectfully submitted,  
*Bonnie C. Abboud, Secretary*