

MINUTES
of the
PROCEEDINGS
of the
ONE HUNDRED FORTY-THIRD COUNCIL
of the
Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the
Reformed Episcopal Church
Held at
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NOTICE

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RULES OF ORDER

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

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. Organization
 1. Report of the Committee on Credentials
 2. Report of the Committee on Program

- II. Items Requiring Action from the Reports of Officers and Elective Boards and Committees
 1. The Bishops
 2. Standing Committee
 3. Secretary of the Trustees of the Diocese
 4. Treasurer of the Trustees of the Diocese
 5. The Theological Seminary of the R.E. Church (Northeast & Mid-Atlantic)

- III. Election of Officers and Standing Committees
 1. Report of the Committee on Nominations
 2. Election

- IV. Items Requiring Action from the Reports of Committees--Non-elective
 1. Committee on Constitution and Canons
 2. Board of Examining Chaplains
 3. Committee on Memorials
 4. Committee on Christian Education
 5. Committee on Young People's Work
 6. Committee on Evangelism, Church Growth and Development
 7. Committee on the State of the Diocese
 8. Secretary/Treasurer of the Looney-Hoffman Fund
 9. Committee on Bassinger Home Fund
 10. Committee on Public Relations
 11. Official Auditor
 12. Special Committees appointed by the President

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

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

G. Ministry Wives
H. Bishop's Youth Advisory Group

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

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

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The Rev. Cedric R. Benner
The Very Rev. Dr. Jason S. Patterson
Mr. Mark Hammett
Mr. Robert Miller
Mrs. Linda Schmuck
The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin, Bishop Ordinary - *Ex-officio*

The Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr., Bishop Coadjutor - *Ex-officio*
The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, Archdeacon - *Ex-officio*

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The Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. – *ex-officio*

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Mr. Mark Oranchak
The Rev. William Vowles
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Mr. Farrell Lawence
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Mr. Millage Holloway
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The Very Rev. Dr. Jason S. Patterson
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Ex-officio

The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin
The Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr.
The Rev. Cn. Mathew P. Harrington

PAROCHIAL APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE

The Rev. Cn. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches, *Chairman*
 Mr. Ronald Riches
 The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller
 Mr. Millage Holloway
 Mr. Farrell Lawrence

COMMITTEES

Standing Committees – Nonelective

Diocesan Year: November 2023 – October 2024

[*The first person named is the chair for the re-organizational meeting. The committee may elect another chair at that meeting.]

Bassinger Home Fund

*The Rev. Jason Holloway
 The Rev. David France
 Mr. Ronald Riches

Rev. Paul Luth
 Mr. Juan Almodovar

Board of Examining Chaplains

The Rev. Justin Forsberg*
 The Very Rev. Eduardo A. Andrade

The Very Rev. Dr. Eric Jorgensen

Constitution and Canons

*The Very Rev. Cn. Matthew Harrington, Esq.
 The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud

John Hendershot, Esq.

Credentials

*The Rt. Rev. William Jenkins, Sr.
 Mrs. Kimberly Jenkins

The Rev. Cedric R. Benner

Christian Education

*The Rev. William A. Jenkins, Jr.
 The Very Rev. Dr. Eric Jorgensen
 The Very Rev. Dr. Jason Patterson

The Rev. Jared Lovell
 The Rev. Shawn Riley

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*The Very Rev. Dr. Jason S. Patterson
 The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin – *ex-officio*
 The Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. – *ex-officio*
 Mr. Ron Riches – *ex officio*

Mrs. Linda Schmuck
 The Rev. David France
 Mr. Farrell Lawrence
 The Very Rev. Dr. Eric Jorgensen

Memorials

*The Rev. David France
Mrs. Denise Snyder

Mr. William Dunn

Nominations

*The Rev. William Vowles
The Very Rev. Eduardo Andrade
The Very Rev. Gerald McLynn
Mrs. Bonnie Abboud

The Rev. Ricky McCarl
Mr. Mark Hammett
Mrs. Stephanie Blitz

Official Auditor

The Very Rev. Canon Jason R. Grote

Program & Resolutions

*Mr. Gregory Wright
Mrs. Sara Patterson

Mrs. Tonya Forsberg

Public Relations

*Mr. Gregory Wright
The Rev. Ricky McCarl
The Rev. Frank Spadafora

The Rev. Matthew Maule
Mrs. Jamie Riley

State of the Diocese

*Mr. Ronald Riches
Mr. Ronald Reese

Mr. Greg Wright

Young People's Work

*The Rev. William A. Jenkins, Jr.
The Rev. Michael Carr
The Rev. Ricky Mc Carl
Mrs. Ebony Holloway
Mrs. Edith Wegner

Mrs. Alison Jenkins
Mr. John Jenkins
Miss Lauren Jenkins
Mrs. Emily Harmer
Mr. Joshua Devers

Special Committees**Foreign Missions**

* The Very Rev. Dr. Eric Jorgensen
The Rev. Mark Specht
Mrs. Judy Smith
Mr. Chris Komline
Mrs. Virginia McLynn
The Rev. Frank Spadafora

Mr. Gregory Wright
Mrs. Sandra Dunn
The Rev. Paul Luth
Mrs. Susan Higham
Mrs. Diane Carr

History of the Diocese

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

The Rt. Rev. Leonard Riches

Ministry to Men

* The Rev. Mark Specht
 The Very Rev. Eduardo Andrade
 Mr. John Kartee
 The Rev. Cn. Robert Harrold

Mr. Evan Hughes
 Mr. Eric Landstrom
 The Rev. Howard Currie
 Mr. Farrell Lawrence

Ministers' Salaries

*The Very Rev. Eduardo Andrade
 The Very Rev. Canon Dr. Matthew Harrington

The Rev. Russell Buchanan

Ministry Wives

*Mrs. Kimberly Jenkins
 Mrs. Susan France
 Mrs. Jan Gillin

Mrs. Elizabeth Currie
 Mrs. Mary Andrade

Short-Term Missions

*The Rev. Gregory Miller
 The Rev. Michael Carr
 The Rev. Paul Luth

The Rev. Michael Blitz
 Mrs. Ebony Holloway
 The Rev. Shawn Riley

Spiritual Growth & Nurture

*The Very Rev. Dr. Eric Jorgensen
 Mrs. Kimberly Jenkins
 Mrs. Bobbi-Lynn Jorgensen
 Mrs. Virginia McLynn

Mrs. Diane Carr
 The Rev. Carl Wegner
 The Rev. William Vowles
 Mrs. Stephanie Blitz

Women's Ministries

*Mrs. Denise Snyder
 Mrs. Edith Wegner
 Alice "Bobbie" Lepson
 Mrs. Sarah Benner
 Mrs. Jan Gillin
 Mrs. Mary Andrade

Mrs. Bonnie Abboud
 Mrs. Sue Higham
 Mrs. Elisabeth Riches
 Mrs. Christine Specht
 Mrs. Diane Wright
 Mrs. Kimberly Jenkins

DIOCESAN OFFICERS**Archdeacon**

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud

Canons

Canon to the Ordinary – *Vacant*
 Canon Theologian – The Rev. Canon Dr. Jonathan S. Riches
 Canon Lawyer (Chancellor) – The Rev. Canon Matthew P. Harrington
 Canon Missioner – *Vacant*

Deans of Convocations

Maryland & Delaware – The Very Rev. Dr. Eric W. Jorgensen

New England – The Very Rev. Eduardo A. Andrade

Pennsylvania – The Very Rev. Dr. Jason S. Patterson

New Jersey – The Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn

New York – The Very Rev. Canon Dr. Matthew P. Harrington

MINUTES**DAY ONE – November 2, 2023**

The One Hundred Forty-Third Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church convened at 10:00am on Thursday, November 2, 2023, at St. Stephens Reformed Episcopal Church (Eldersburg, MD) with a service of Holy Communion. The Right Reverend R. Charles Gillin presided over Holy Communion and The Reverend Jason S. S. Patterson delivered the sermon. The offering was designated toward the Board of Foreign Missions.

Registration for the Council took place prior to the morning's Communion service.

After lunch, Council reconvened in the auditorium of St. Stephen's Church and Bishop Gillin called the council to order at 11:45am. Bishop Gillin invited The Reverend Shawn Riley to open the session with prayer.

Bishop Gillin called Canon Jenkins to present the Report of the Committee on Credentials. Canon Jenkins noted those who reported, and that there were a number of reports received after the deadline. 20 out of 24 parishes reported and were credentialed. The report was received as given.

Bishop Gillin declared that a quorum was present.

Report of the Committee on Credentials

The report was received, as filed.

To the 143rd Council,
Dear Fathers and Brethren,

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

Out of the 24 Parishes, Missions and Extension Works of the Diocese, 16 reported in total. That leaves 8 which did not report at all. Thank you to all who complied with the requested deadline.

The Committee received Credential Forms from the following Parishes and Missions:

Bishop Cummins, Covenant Chapel, Emmanuel-Somerville, Faith, Grace-Collingdale, Grace-Havre de Grace, Good Shepherd-Easton, Good Shepherd-Harrisburg, St. George's, St. John's BTS, St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman, St. Mark's, Saint Matthew's, Saint Stephen's, St. Luke's, Atonement.

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

Church of Our Redeemer, Jesus the Good Shepherd, St. Albans, Emmanuel-Pipersville, Grace-Scranton, St. Timothy's, St. Paul's, St Peter's.

The committee makes the following recommendation: That all Parishes and Missions who have submitted their Delegate Credential Forms to the Committee in accordance with the Constitutions and Canons of this Church be duly seated as voting members of this Council and that any irregularities be sanctioned by the Bishop Ordinary for the purposes of seating at this council.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr.
Chairman, Credentials Committee

Report of the Committee on Program

Greg Wright presented the Report of the Program Committee. The report was received, and the motions contained within the report were passed.

To the One Hundred Third Second Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church

The Committee's gratitude is extended to the leadership and members of St. Stephen's R.E. Church for hosting ALL of the meetings of the 143rd Council on Thursday and Friday.

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

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

The Program Committee makes the following Motions:

- That any participating bishops of other dioceses of the REC be awarded full privileges of the House, and any visiting ACNA bishops be accorded corresponding membership;
- That all Deacons and official postulants for Holy Orders in this Diocese be awarded corresponding membership to this Council;

- That the Order of Business and Schedule, as distributed to the Council's members, be adopted;
- That the Rules of Order distributed to the members of this Council be adopted;
- That the House authorize expenses incurred from the proper and efficient conduct of this Council and its business be covered by the Treasurer of the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Wright
Chairman, Program Committee

The Program Committee's report and recommended motions were accepted, with one change to the order of business requested by Bp. Gillin – that the Report from Constitution and Canons be moved up such that it come just before the Report from the Nominations Committee.

Report of the Bishop Ordinary

The Rt. Rev'd R. Charles Gillin, Bishop Ordinary began his remarks by recognizing the attendance of the Rev'd Banks and his wife of New Redeemer RE Church and gave thanks to God for the good progress being made in that search process. He also thanks Dean McLynn for all the time he has invested in New Redeemer and also in helping with Rev'd Banks to be prepared to enter the REC.

The Bishop also recognized John Liu, who is working with St. Mark's REC to plant a Chinese-language mission. The Bishop noted that there are approximately 50 people currently attending weekly services and Bible Studies. He noted that Fr. Patterson is catechizing the group and working with John to prepare him for postulancy.

The Bishop then offered thanks that Fr. Michael Fitzpatrick is back in the diocese, now serving at St. Albans in NYC.

The Bishop then noted that a few people sent their regrets for being unable to attend: Rev. Lovel (Grace Anglican, Scranton), Sara Patterson (Diocesan Secretary, and noted that Fr. Patterson is filling in for her).

The Bishop then asked Bishop Jenkins to assume the chair. Bp. Jenkins called for a motion to receive the report of the Ordinary. The report was received unanimously. Bp. Gillin then read his Exhortation to Council.

To the 143rd Council of the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church

The following is a listing of my activities serving as Bishop Ordinary from October 10, 2022 through October 18, 2023.

Regular Episcopal Visits to Churches

10/16/22 Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ

	One confirmation
10/23/22	Emmanuel Church – Pipersville, PA Four confirmations and two receptions
11/20/22	St. Stephen’s Church – Eldersburg, MD Five confirmations
1/22/23	St. Mark’s Church – Rydal, PA Three confirmations and three receptions
4/16/23	Good Shepherd Church – Harrisburg, PA Two confirmations and one reception
4/23/23	New Redeemer Church – Jersey City, NJ No confirmations – Congregational Meeting
4/30/23	Bishop Cummins Church – Catonsville, MD No confirmations
5/7/23	St. Luke’s & Bishop Hoffman Church – Philadelphia, PA No confirmations
5/21/23	St. Matthew’s Church – Havertown, PA (Jointly with Bishop Jenkins) Twelve confirmations
6/4/23	St. Peter’s Church – Elkton, MD Two confirmations
6/11/23	Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ (Jointly with Bishop Jenkins) Three confirmations
6/25/23	Emmanuel Church – Somerville, NJ Two confirmations
9/10/23	St. Alban’s Church – New York, NY No confirmations
9/17/23	St. Timothy’s – Mt. Laurel, NJ One confirmation
9/24/23	Jesus the Good Shepherd – Brooklyn, NY No confirmations – Two receptions
10/1/23	Good Shepherd – South Easton, MA (Jointly with Bishop Jenkins)

One confirmation
Church Building Consecration (9/30/23)

10/8/23 St. Paul's Church – Oreland, PA
No confirmations

Other Church Visits

1/8/23 St. Paul's Church – Oreland, PA
2/12/23 St. Paul's Church – Oreland, PA
7/16/23 St. Paul's Church – Oreland, PA
7/23/23 Good Shepherd Church – Harrisburg, PA
8/27/23 St. Matthew's Church – Havertown, PA

Vestry Meetings

10/11/22 Atonement Church – Philadelphia, PA
1/17/23 Emmanuel Church – Pipersville, PA
1/31/23 St. Paul's Church – Oreland, PA
3/28/23 Emmanuel Church – Pipersville, PA
3/30/23 New Redeemer Church – Jersey City, NJ
4/20/23 St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Church – Philadelphia, PA
4/24/23 Atonement Church – Philadelphia, PA
5/2/23 Grace Church – Scranton, PA
5/31/23 New Redeemer Church – Jersey City, NJ
6/13/23 Emmanuel Church – Pipersville, PA
6/14/23 Church of the Atonement – Philadelphia, PA
9/19/23 Emmanuel Church – Pipersville, PA
9/21/23 Grace Church – Scranton, PA
10/3/23 Atonement Church – Philadelphia, PA
10/4/23 New Redeemer Church – Jersey City, NJ
10/5/23 St. Paul's Church – Oreland, PA
10/10/23 Grace Church – Havre-de-Grace, MD
10/17/23 St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Church – Philadelphia, PA
10/18/23 Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ

Diocesan Meetings

11/3-4/22 142nd Diocesan Council – Scranton, PA
4/29/23 Consecration of the Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. – Catonsville, MD
5/2/23 Good Shepherd Anglican – Harrisburg, PA/Peace Church (Zoom)
5/16/23 Trustees (Zoom)
5/25/23 Good Shepherd Anglican – Harrisburg, PA/Peace Church (Zoom)
6/12/23 Good Shepherd Anglican – Harrisburg, PA/Peace Church Visit
7/11/23 Good Shepherd Anglican – Harrisburg, PA/Peace Church (Zoom)
9/25/23 St. Alban's Financials – New York, NY (Zoom)
10/9/23 Trustees – Blue Bell, PA
10/12/23 Standing Committee (Zoom)
10/10/23 Good Shepherd Anglican – Harrisburg, PA/Peace Church (Zoom)

10/18/23 St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman / ESL Ministry – Philadelphia, PA (Zoom)

Other Diocesan Functions

1/15/23 Attended Memorial Service for Eileen Turnbull – Havertown, PA
 1/24/23 Ordination Exam for Steven Atchison – Haverford, PA
 2/2-4/23 Clergy & Wives Retreat – Lancaster, PA
 2/11/23 Attended Funeral Service for Beverly Reese – Philadelphia, PA
 4/15/23 Attended Funeral Service for Steven Hoopes – Parkesburg, PA
 5/6/23 Women's Day Luncheon – Faith Church - Baltimore, MD
 10/6/23 Attended Memorial Service for William Kozma – Collingdale, PA

Reformed Episcopal Seminary Meetings

2/10/23 Board of Director's (Zoom)
 2/15/23 Clergy Lunch – Blue Bell, PA
 2/24/23 Board of Director's (Zoom)
 5/12/23 Board of Director's (Zoom)
 5/20/23 Commencement – St. Paul's Church – Oreland, PA
 6/1/23 Greystone Theological Institute (Zoom)

Reformed Episcopal Church Meetings

2/24/23 REC100
 4/25/23 Council of Bishops
 4/26/23 Committee Meetings
 4/27/23 General Committee
 6/6-8/23 General Council – Charleston, SC
 7/11/23 Council of Bishops (Zoom)
 7/11/23 Board of Foreign Missions (Zoom)
 8/29/23 Council of Bishops (Zoom)
 9/13/23 Council of Bishops
 9/20/23 Council of Bishops
 10/13-15/23 Spiritual Enrichment Conference – Williamsburg, VA

ACNA Meetings

9/26-28/22 College of Bishops – Asheville, NC
 1/9-13/23 College of Bishops – Melbourne, FL
 1/18/23 Attended consecration of the Rt. Rev. Christopher Warner – Falls Church, VA
 6/19-21/23 College of Bishops – Plano, TX

Clerical Transfers

On April 13, 2023 I issued a Letter Dimissory, upon request, on behalf of the Rev. Tait Deems to the Reformed Episcopal Diocese of Mid-America.

On May 25, 2023 I issued, at his request, a Letter Dimissory on behalf of the Rev. Aaron T. Cappucci to the Diocese of Ft. Worth overseen by the Rt. Rev. Ryan Reed.

On August 15, 2023 I issued a Letter Dimissory, at his request, on behalf of the Rev. Dr. David N. Greenwood to the Anglican Diocese of the South overseen by the Most Rev. Foley Beach.

Ordination Exams

Mr. **Stephen Atchison** was examined for Deacons orders on January 24, 2023 in Havertown, PA. His rector, Archdeacon Jon Abboud, hosted the meeting in his home and was present with the Examining Chaplains and Bishop-Coadjutor Elect William Jenkins for the meeting. Candidate Atchison was approved for ordination pending successful report backs. His responsibilities were fulfilled.

Mr. **Kevin Murphy** was examined for Deacons orders on July 16, 2023 in Rydal, PA. Bishop William Jenkins joined the Examining Chaplains for the meeting. Candidate Murphy was approved for ordination pending successful report backs. His responsibilities were fulfilled.

Ordinations

Jared Lovell – On November 2, 2022 at 7:30pm I ordained Mr. Jared Lovell, Deacon, at Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, Scranton, PA. The ordinand was presented by the Rev. Ricky McCarl who also served as a Litanist in addition to the Rev. Michael D.Blitz. The homily was delivered by the Rev. William G. Garrison, Jr.

Stephen Atchison – On May 20, 2023 at 3:00pm I ordained Mr. Stephen Atchison, Deacon, at St. Matthew’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Havertown, PA. The ordinand was presented by the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud. The Rev. Rod Lee served as Litanist. The homily was delivered by the Rev. Justin M. Forsberg.

Kevin Murphy – On October 7, 2023 at 1:00pm I ordained Mr. Kevin Murphy, Deacon, at Good Shepherd Anglican Church, Harrisburg, PA. The service was held in the beautiful sanctuary of the historic Zion Lutheran Church. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Ricky McCarl. The Rev. Shawn Riley served as Litanist. The Epistle was read by Pastor Karin Pejack. Rev. Deacon Murphy read the Gospel and the ante- and post-Holy Communion readers were Rev. Justin M. Forsberg and the Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. The homily was delivered by the Rev. Cn. Jonathan S. Riches.

Postulants

Joshua Devers (St. Stephen’s Church – Eldersburg, MD)
Rick Wilson (Grace Church - Havre-de-Grace, MD)
Tom Davison (Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ)
Timothy Meadows (St. Alban’s Church – New York, NY)
Norris Gadsden (New Redeemer Church – Jersey City, NJ)
David Szomor (St. Mark’s Church – Rydal, PA)
Benjamin Pearce (St. Mark’s Church – Rydal, PA)
Matthew Trail (St. Stephen’s Church – Eldersburg, MD)

Deaconess Retirement

On January 3, 2023 **Deaconess Ruth Creswell** wrote a letter addressed to me announcing her

retirement. I acknowledged her letter with one of my own and followed up with a telephone call to pray with and thank her for her ministry.

Clerical Necrology

The Rev. Cn. Jack W. Clark was called home to be with the Lord on June 4, 2022. He succumbed to pancreatic cancer at age 74 while living in retirement in Florida. On July 14, 2023, his remains were laid to rest at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear, DE. The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks was asked by his widow, Esther, to serve as officiant. Bishop Hicks asked Bishop Jenkins and me to participate in the short military service by reading Holy Scripture.

Lay Reader Licensures

St. Matthew's Church – Havertown, PA - Mr. Jon Auer, Mr. Keith Beardsworth, Mr. Charles Hadden and Mr. Caleb Madison

St. Mark's Church – Rydal, PA – Mr. Thornton Carpenter and Mr. Daniel Mainieri

Pastoral Vacancies

Emmanuel Church (Mission) – Pipersville, PA – Canon Jonathan Riches continues to serve as Interim Vicar. He has scheduled a number of visiting ministers and Seminary students to assist with services.

New Redeemer Church – Jersey City, NJ – This parish continues under the Bishop's oversight. I have been assisted by the Dean Jerry McLynn who has agreed to schedule presbyters to serve the Eucharist once-a-month at the church. The Rev. Justin Forsberg has been making these visits. Mr. Norris Gadsden and the Rev. Chester Banks have been alternating reading Morning Prayer and preaching.

I recommended to the Standing Committee, and it was approved, that the Rev. Chester Banks, following the receipt of his seminary transcript and diploma and a successful interview and examination by the Examining Chaplains and Dean Jerry McLynn be received on our clergy rolls as a Deacon. As such Title 1, Canon 10, Section 5 (a) (3) shall apply:

Thereafter the Bishop, being satisfied of such Minister's theological attainments and soundness in faith, may (3) Receive him as a Minister of the Gospel and conditionally regularize his status as a Deacon or a Presbyter by laying on of hands and by use of the proper form as found in the Ordinal of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Search Committee recommended the call of the Rev. Chester Banks to the vestry. At a vestry meeting held on October 4, 2023, it unanimously voted to extend a call to Rev. Chester Banks to serve as the minister of New Redeemer Church. Since Rev. Banks is from an independent church background the vestry understands that the call depends upon the completion of a study program I have put into place, Standing Committee approval (Title 1, Canon 10, Section 5 (a) (3)) and Rev. Bank's submission of his seminary transcript and diploma.

Grace Church (Mission) – Scranton, PA – This mission continues under the Bishop's oversight. Deacon Jared Lovell, Sr. Warden, Dr. Joshua Arp, Jr. Warden and Mr. Evan Hughes continue to provide local lay leadership in the absence of a vicar along with other local vestry

members. Mr. Lovell was hired by the church to perform intern-related activities. The Rev. William Garrison has been engaged by the vestry to visit the church twice each month to preside at the Lord's Table and to preach.

I participated in a Vestry Zoom meeting on May 2, 2023. Various property matters were discussed, including outdoor projects. The church held a fall conference titled "Developing the Moral Imagination" on October 13-14, 2023. Also, it was reported that the church will not be requesting diocesan parish assistance from the Trustees for 2024. The vestry has requested that the Standing Committee approve the renaming of Grace Reformed Episcopal Church to Grace Anglican Church, subtitled a Reformed Episcopal Congregation. The Committee approved this name change.

I recommended to the Standing Committee that Deacon Jared Lovell be appointed Minister in Charge of Grace Church, Scranton, PA according to Title 1, Canon 9, Section 3(c): *A deacon ordained under the provisions of this Canon shall not be appointed Minister in Charge except under special circumstances by recommendation of the Bishop Ordinary with the concurrence of a majority of the clerical members of the Standing Committee and The Ordinary and Standing Committee may appoint a Deacon to serve as Minister-in-charge of any Parish without*

Pastoral care. A Deacon serving as Minister-in-charge shall be under the sole authority and direction of the Ordinary and Standing Committee in the exercise of all of his ministerial functions. (NEMA Title III, Canon 1, Sec. 8). The Committee approved this recommendation.

On September 7, 2023, Bishop Bill Jenkins, Archdeacon Jon Abboud and I traveled to Tunkhannock Presbyterian Church in Tunkhannock, PA to meet with Deacon Jared Lovell and Evan Hughes and to tour this church property. We were met by Mr. John Davenport, a lifetime member of the church. The congregation of this church has dwindled and the property is up for sale for \$200,000. Several newly confirmed members of Grace Church, Scranton, who live in the Tunkhannock area, alerted Deacon Lovell about the church sale. A group of people, including the new Grace Church members, have been regularly meeting for a Bible study on Friday evenings and their homes have outgrown the capacity to host the studies. This church can provide a more spacious meeting place for the study and worship services. The Looney-Hoffman Fund has already approved enough loan money to purchase the building and provide for necessary repairs. In the meantime, the Tunkhannock church has provided year-end financial reports for the past three years which show expenses for maintenance, utilities and insurance to help determine if this acquisition is feasible. Another concern is the cost of required governmental regulations that may be required upon the transfer of the deed. The building purchase is still under consideration by the vestry.

I recommended to the Standing Committee that we approve this church planting effort in Tunkhannock, PA and receive it as Extension Work of Grace Church, Scranton, PA. I also recommended that if the church building is purchased, that the Standing Committee approve a church name of their choosing for this effort, according to the directives of Title IV, Canon 48, Section 5 of the national canons. This was also approved by the Committee.

St. Peter's Church – Elkton, MD – The Rev. Frank Spadafora continues to serve as Interim Vicar. A Search Committee has been formed and the Committee has issued a letter to prospective pastoral candidates. They are seeking a part-time rector and have constructed a financial package. The rector's position needs and church description have been sent to the diocesan, REC and ACNA websites for posting. Rev. Spadafora is often assisted by the Rev. John Campbell who has been a great blessing to the congregation, especially during Fr. Spadafora's lengthy hospitalization and recovery. At this point, Rev. Spadafora is willing to continue his Interim responsibilities at the church and the congregation is thankful to receive his ministry. Recently, the church built a new handicap ramp and is considering façade changes.

Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ – On April 22, 2023 I received an email from the Rev. Dr. David N. Greenwood advising me of his intended resignation from Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, NJ. I called and spoke with him at length. He felt called to “move to a new clergy model.” In addition, there were “

He advised the vestry of his resignation on May 6, 2023. On June 11, 2023 Bishop Jenkins and I visited the church and met with the vestry. The vestry was already aware of many of the procedures required of vacant parishes. We discussed an initial congregational evaluation I previously emailed to them. In addition, they possessed a copy of the Diocesan Policies for the Pastoral Search as well as the twenty-page parish self-study that was completed in 2018 following the resignation of the Rev. Gregory J. Miller. The self-study was distributed to vestry members for updating. The Very Rev. Jerry McLynn contacted me for permission to arrange for a regular preaching rotation involving Mr. Tom Davison, Mr. Chris Komline, Mr. Jonathan Martin and Dean McLynn who also serves the Eucharist on the Sunday he visits. A vestry meeting was held on October 18, 2023.

St. Paul's Church – Oreland, PA – This ministry continues under the capable and sacrificial leadership of the Rev. Canon Dr. Matthew P. Harrington who serves as Interim Vicar. Dr. Dennis Wermert and Mr. Timothy Meadows have been serving at St. Alban's Church by reading Morning Prayer and preaching in Canon Harrington's absence. The Rev. Aaron Cappucci assisted and Deacon Stephen Atchison assists Dean Harrington at St. Paul's Church. We thank the Rev. Matthew Maule who traveled to New York City several times a month to conduct services there when Canon Harrington was engaged at St. Paul's Church.

On May 8, 2023 I received a telephone call and email from Fr. Cappucci advising me that he had visited and accepted a subsequent call to St. Francis Church in the Diocese of Ft. Worth, TX in Austin, TX.

Following prayer and discussion, a plan was developed that would relieve Canon Harrington of his pastoral responsibilities at St. Alban's Church, New York, NY and allow him more time to attend to the needs of St. Paul's Church and the Reformed Episcopal Seminary. This plan is described below under “Church Reports – St. Alban's Church – New York, NY”. Canon and Mrs. Harrington have moved into the St. Paul's rectory.

A meeting of the provisional vestry was held on October 5, 2023. Two of the items discussed were the approval of a lease agreement in anticipation of the move of the Reformed Episcopal Seminary scheduled for July 1, 2024 and necessary renovations at St. Paul's Church rectory.

I made my episcopal visit to St. Paul's Church on Sunday, October 8, 2023 and met with the congregation following the service to advise them that the Seminary will be moving to the church in 2024 and that the provisional vestry has approved a lease. That meeting went well and the members of the congregation made helpful suggestions.

Church Reports

St. Alban's Church – New York, NY – This parish is in the process of renovating and meeting in a property located at 45 Tudor City Place in New York City. It sits between 1st & 2nd Avenues above E. 42nd Street across from a public park and in the shadow of the United Nations. The church negotiated a long-term lease and is meeting at the property during renovations.

On September 9, 2023 I met with the church vestry at the rectory. The groundwork had been laid by Canon Harrington to help prepare the vestry members for his departure as the resident rector. The vestry voted unanimously to call the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick as Associate Rector. A gift has been provided to provide his salary and pension benefits through March 31, 2024. Rev. Fitzpatrick had been present in the Philadelphia area over this past summer and I contacted him to encourage him to take the position if offered and he accepted. His official duties began on October 1, 2023. Canon Harrington has agreed to represent the church's interests and attend the Zoom meetings of the condominium association. I made my episcopal visit to the church the following day. I recommended the approval of the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick to serve as Associate Rector at St. Alban's Church to the Standing Committee and it was approved.

Good Shepherd Church – Harrisburg, PA – The church, which now meets in rented facilities in downtown Harrisburg, is working with the state of Pennsylvania to obtain an historical church property, called the Peace Church, in Hampden Township, Camp Hill, PA. I was invited to participate in a Zoom call on May 2, 2023 with Rev. McCarl, state officials and church representatives and have since made a site visit to the property.

Church of the Atonement – Philadelphia, PA – At a vestry meeting held on October 3, 2023 it was reported by the Rev. Jason Holloway that the church had received a \$38,000 Pennsylvania food infrastructure grant to be used to refurbish the church kitchen facilities. The church was also approved for a matching grant of \$10,000 from the Matthew 25 program to be used to outfit a mobile ministry kit for community outreach. The Sunday School program has been restarted and worship services have seen increased attendance, including new people. The church is planning a Hallelujah Party for the end of October as well as a Christmas Breakfast. These efforts are part of the church's community outreach. There is a significant budget shortfall in the After School Program that ministers to 25 students. Atonement Church has requested parish assistance in the amount of \$7,500 to sustain and expand this program which was approved by the Trustees. I received notification, at a vestry meeting on April 24, 2023, that Atonement Academy School will unfortunately be closed at the end of the school year due to enrollment and financial issues.

St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman – Philadelphia, PA (ESL Ministry)

An ESL program is being held regularly at St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Church, Philadelphia, PA as a Front Porch ministry outreach. The classes are being taught by Chris and Naomi Morris, members of St. Mark's Church, Rydal, PA. They had previously taught these classes in China. The classes have continued to grow and are now comprised of many different ethnicities. The Rev. David France, Dean Jason Patterson and I met by Zoom on October 18, 2023 to discuss how this effort can be moved to the next level of a church plant.

Faith Church – Baltimore, MD

The vestry of Faith Church has extended a call to the Rev. Deacon Billy Jenkins to serve as Assistant Rector. His call is contingent upon successfully sustaining the examination for presbyter's orders and will begin following his ordination to the priesthood and was previously approved by the Standing Committee in an email poll dated June 14, 2023. The parish has made a request to the Trustees to receive parish support in the amount of \$5,000 to assist with Deacon Jenkin's salary as he assumes more of the parish work which will allow Bishop Jenkins to devote more time to episcopal ministry. I recommended the approval of this request for parish assistance and it was approved by the Trustees.

The City of Baltimore is preparing to do sewer repairs that will benefit the church. The deed to Faith Church lists the NY & Philadelphia Synod as the property owner and is no longer recognized as a legal entity. Upon recommendation of the City, the Trustees voted to sell the property to the church for \$1 to accommodate the City's request so the needed work can be done.

Grace Church – Havre-de-Grace, MD

The Rev. Mark Specht emailed me, at the request of the vestry, to seek diocesan review of the church's finances and to make suggestions related to mission status and possible programs to help the church grow as the congregation ages. I requested an individual to review their financials and provide a report. He did so and concluded that the church is financially viable. The vestry held a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, October 10. I asked Dean Jason Patterson, who has experience with church revitalization at St. Mark's Church and elsewhere, to join the call. I have also invited Dean Jorgensen to join the call.

St. Mark's Church – Rydal, PA

On August 14 I enjoyed lunch with Dean & Mrs. Patterson and the Rev. & Mrs. John Liu in King of Prussia, PA. We met to discuss the possibility of beginning a church plant of Chinese Christians in the Abington/Jenkintown area. Rev. Liu expressed a willingness to be mentored by Dean Patterson, anticipating ordination in the Reformed Episcopal Church. We also discussed the possibility of beginning this new work at St. Mark's Church. Rev. Liu and his wife Lillian both speak English and have degrees from Westminster Theological Seminary. A first service was held at St. Mark's and 40 persons were present. In addition, several Chinese persons have attended the ESL classes at St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Church in Philadelphia. We trust that God will continue to bless these efforts. Also, in mid-August, Dean Patterson and Mr. Ben Pierce visited a family in Collegetown, PA expressing interest in our church.

St. George's – Hamilton, ON

Bishop Jenkins and I are scheduled to make a joint visit to this Canadian church on November

12, 2023. The Rev. Paul Luth received his MDiv. degree from Concordia Lutheran Seminary on October 13, 2013 and is also scheduled to be Instituted at the time of the episcopal visitation. Bishop Jenkins and I are also scheduled to meet with the vestry when we visit.

Good Shepherd Church – South Easton, MA

On Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 6:00pm I consecrated the church building of this congregation. The Rev. Deacon Thomas Schmuck, the Very Rev. Eduardo A. Andrade and Bishop William Jenkins also read in the service. Archdeacon Jon W. Abboud delivered the homily. A lovely reception followed in the renovated downstairs. On the following day, I presided at the Eucharist and Bishop Jenkins confirmed Evalina Cortese, granddaughter of Dean & Mary Andrade. The Rt. Rev. Peter Manto, longtime friend of the Andrade family, was in attendance and I had previously asked him to deliver the homily at the Sunday service.

St. Patrick's Church – Norristown, PA

Services at the St. Patrick's Church have been temporarily suspended due to the illness of the Rev. Russell M. Buchanan.

Other Matters

Election of a Co-adjutor

At a meeting held on October 3, 2022, this Committee voted to put forward the following for election as Coadjutor to the 142nd Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church to be held on November 3-4, 2022 in Scranton, PA:

- The Rev. Canon William A. Jenkins, Sr.
- The Very Rev. Dr. Eric W. Jorgensen

I concurred with this action of the Standing Committee.

On November 3, 2022 the diocesan Council elected the Rev. Canon William A. Jenkins, Sr. Bishop-Coadjutor Elect. He was approved by the ACNA College of Bishops, meeting in Melbourne, FL on January 12, 2023. His Service of Consecration was held at 11:00am on April 29, 2023 at Bishop Cummins Memorial Church in Catonsville, MD. The Most Rev. Foley Beach and the Most Rev. Ray R. Sutton were Co-consecrators. The service bulletin will be officially included in the Standing Committee Secretary's records.

Diocese of Central & Eastern Canada

On February 9, 2023 I chaired the 31st diocesan Council of the Diocese of Central & Eastern Canada held by Zoom. The Rt. Rev. Walter Banek was invited to attend the beginning of the meeting that dealt with the Cuban Mission Fund. The participants had been previously advised that the Diocese, continuing as a diocese, was uncanonical by Reformed Episcopal and ACNA canons due to the fact that there has been only one church in the Diocese for many years, St. George's Anglican Church in Hamilton, Ontario. Therefore, a motion was introduced and passed to dissolve the Diocese and to change the name to the REC-ANiC Mission with the Canadian Revenue Agency to maintain the tax-exempt status of the Cuban Mission Fund which is administered in Canada. The dissolution would become effective once the legal arrangements

have been approved by the Canadian Revenue Agency. The Treasurer, Mr. Nelson Buffett, made the inquiries and arrangements to accomplish this with Canadian government. Subsequently, several legal issues have arisen and I engaged Canon Harrington to help resolve any governmental impasses. Dean Robert Harrold also agreed to make inquiry to the government about the status of clerical orders once the Diocese is dissolved. He emailed me on April 1, 2023 and has received positive feedback that the dissolution will not negatively affect clerical credentials.

Reformed Episcopal Seminary

The Board of Directors meeting was held February 24, 2023 and three important decisions were made which affect theological education in the Diocese.

First, the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches, following consultation with me and others, requested a paid year-long sabbatical from his teaching and administrative duties as President and Dean of the Seminary. He has served at the Seminary for 24 years, 11 of which were as Dean and four of which as President and Dean. In addition, he has assumed many other duties that are normally performed by several others in other seminaries and teaching an abnormally heavy course load, that have added to the burden of his responsibilities. He remained as President and Dean until June 12, 2023. He plans to return at the beginning of the 2024-2025 academic year as the chair of the Bishop Riches Chair of Anglican Theology.

Second, the Board unanimously voted to appoint the Rev. Dr. Matthew P. Harrington as Dean and President of the institution officially beginning on June 13, 2023. During the time of transition, Dr. Riches agreed to work alongside and support the new Administration and Bishop and submit to their judgment in the decision-making process.

Third, the Board established a committee to undertake a feasibility study to physically move the Seminary from its current location in Blue Bell, PA to the facilities of St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church in Oreland, PA. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, Dr. Guy Webster, was empowered to chair and appoint the members of this Committee.

The Seminary Board of Director's met on May 12, 2023. The following was adopted: 11

- The 2023 degree graduates were approved.
- The official auditors were invited to attend the meeting to present their draft audit. It was noted that the report shows losses, much of which is due to negative market performance and governmental relief programs no longer available. Final approval of the audit was approved by the Board.
- The Relocation Task Force presented its feasibility report to the Board for adoption. It was recommended that the Seminary be relocated from its current location in Blue Bell, PA to the property of St. Paul's R. E. Church in Oreland, PA. Criteria need to be satisfied prior to the move. The recommendation was passed.

German Ordinands

The Rev. Canon John Boonzaaijer, the President of the Reformed Episcopal Board of Foreign

Missions had made the request that the Standing Committee of our Diocese certify the clerical credentials of clergy in the Reformed Episcopal Church in Germany. The former AKD is no longer a diocese and needs a diocese to perform this task on their behalf. All examinations will be done by the Rt. Rev. Gerhard Meyer and his presbyters. Upon acknowledgment of the examination being sustained by the candidate and with the submission of our diocesan informational and doctrinal form titled, *NEMA Application for Postulancy, Ordination and Transfer*, I agreed to Canon Boonzaaijer's request. I have received two completed NEMA forms from Mr. Gregor Janik and Mr. Branislav Tot, found them to be in good order and recommended to the Standing Committee that these men be ordained to the diaconate and it was approved.

Risk Management

Bishop William Jenkins has been tasked with this effort by the Ordinary and is working with others to find a workable solution.

NEMA Youth Camps

The Committee on Young People's Work, under the chairmanship of the Rev. Dcn. Billy Jenkins, hosted the winter camp weekend for those in 6th-12th grades on February 17-29, 2023 at Rock Mountain Bible Camp in Susquehanna, PA. The theme was "Lessons in the Parable of the Good Samaritan". The summer camp, also at the Rock Mountain for grades 2-12, was held on July 23- 29. The theme of the summer camp was, "Joy in the Journey: Knowing the Way of Christ by Walking in the Way of Christ". Approximately 130 campers and staff were in attendance. We are thankful for the dedicated ministry of the teachers, counselors and other staff to the young people. Pray that the seeds that were planted in the hearts of young lives will bear fruit unto everlasting life.

Summer Mission Project

The NEMA Summer Team Mission program, scheduled for July 30-August 5, 2023 at the Church of the Atonement in Philadelphia, was unfortunately canceled due to a lack of registrations. It is our hope that this program will be rescheduled for the summer of 2024.

Funerals & Memorial Services

Jan and I attended the Memorial Service for **Mrs. Eileen Turnbull** held on January 15, 2023 at St. Matthew's R. E. Church in Havertown, PA. She was called Home to her heavenly rest on November 29, 2022. "Aunt Eileen", as she was affectionately known, was the aunt of Archdeacon Jon W. Abboud and longtime, faithful member of St. Matthew's Church. I was invited to pronounce the Benediction.

Mrs. Beverly Jean Reese, beloved wife of Mr. Ron Reese for 51 years, was called home to be the Savior on February 5, 2023 at the age of 70. Beverly was raised in Philadelphia and was a retired nurse. She was a longtime, active member of St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Reformed Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, PA and was also a 40-year member of the community choir, the Hallelujah Singers. Jan and I attended her funeral on February 11, 2023 at the Lambie Funeral Home in Philadelphia, PA. The Rev. David A. France was the Officiant.

I attended the funeral for **Mr. Steven K. Hoopes** at the Wilde Funeral Home in Parkesburg, PA on Saturday, April 15, 2023. Steve was a longtime member of Grace R. E. Church in Collingdale, PA where he formerly served as Youth Director and the Principal at Christ Academy.

I requested that the Rev. Michael Blitz attend the Memorial Service for **Mrs. Fern Wilson** and represent our Diocese and the Board of Foreign Missions. He and his wife Stephanie graciously agreed to do this and were present at the service on May 8, 2023 in Linwood, NJ.

Jan and I attended the Memorial Service for **Mr. William F. Kozma** on October 6, 2023 at Grace Church, Collingdale, PA. Bill was born in Ridley Park, PA on February 6, 1953 was welcomed into the church triumphant on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at Christiana Hospital in Wilmington, DE. He was a 1978 graduate of the Reformed Episcopal Seminary, a longtime member of Grace Church in Collingdale, PA and faithfully served in the church and as a trustee of the Diocese.

The **Rev. Daniel Olsen III**, 95, of Minneola, FL and formerly of Linwood, NJ, went home to be with his Lord on September 14, 2023. Rev. Olsen's early years were spent in the Atlantic City, NJ, area. He married Jean Molyneaux in 1951. Together, they served in Sudan, Zaire and Kenya with Africa Inland Mission International, 1953-1985. After overseas service, the Olsens settled in the Atlantic City area of New Jersey, where Rev. Olsen served as an accountant and pastor. The Olsens moved to the AIM Retirement Center in Minneola, FL in 2005, where he enjoyed a discipling ministry. Rev. Olsen is survived by his wife of 72 years, Jean, and other family members. A memorial service is scheduled to be held at **3 pm on Friday, November 10** at [Scott Manor](#), 1000 Media Road in Minneola, FL.

He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. (St. John 5:24)

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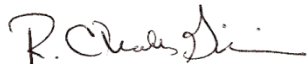
I would like to express appreciation to my dear wife **Jan** for her continued labor and commitment to me and the church. She has sacrificed so much for me and for all of us. Jan is a constant source of support and encouragement in every area of my life. In addition to her greeting card ministry, she continues a regular confidential ministry wives' prayer email to provide comfort for those in need and to keep the wives of clergy updated in their prayer lives. *An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life (Proverbs 31:10-12).*

I also thank the **Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr.** for his willingness to join in the challenges of Episcopal ministry in the Diocese. He has been a willing and helpful participant who has attended many meetings, performed visitations at my request and been willing to receive counsel and instruction all the while continuing as Rector of Faith Church, Baltimore, MD. Like Epaphras, *He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf (Colossians 1:7).*

Retirement

I notified the Standing Committee at their October 12, 2023 meeting that Lord willing, I plan to retire as the Ordinary of the Diocese on December 31, 2024. Lord willing, Bishop William A. Jenkins, Sr., the Coadjutor, will automatically succeed to the position of Ordinary on January 1, 2025 and be instituted in that office by our Presiding Bishop as his schedule will allow.

Respectfully submitted,



Bishop R. Charles Gillin, *Ordinary*

Bishop Gillin's Exhortation to the 143rd Diocesan Council

Some in the room today may remember the church growth movement of the 1970s through the 1990s. It was primarily a North American church movement that began with an emphasis on growing Sunday Schools and morphed into church growth. Well-known proponents were Donald McGavran, Peter Wagner, Win Arn and Lyle Schaller. Hundreds of books were written, seminars abounded and so-called Christian novelties were marketed through Christian book stores that sprung up like weeds across this country. At the heart of the movement was an emphasis on the utilization of technical analysis to determine programs that would produce increased church attendance. This marketing approach helped produce mega churches like Saddleback in California and Willow Creek in Illinois. If Rick Warren, the pastor of Saddleback wore a Hawaiian shirt to preach, then hundreds of Hawaiian shirts were purchased and worn by pastors across the country. If Bill Hybels, the head pastor at Willow Creek developed a new seeker model, thousands flocked to his seminars to learn the latest and greatest so they too could pastor a mega church. Hybels was purported to have a poster outside his office with these questions:

- What is our business?
- Who is our customer?
- What does the customer consider value?

So, church ministries were radically revised and traditionalism gave way to contemporary services, Christian rock bands and drive-in church services.

But then the church growth movement died out. What happened? Simply stated, when methods and techniques are used to replace essential principles in the church, failure is the inevitable result.

Some, using hindsight analysis have determined that the movement was perhaps over-hyped because the growth in the general population was greater than the growth in church attendance and transfer growth was a dominant factor as members left their smaller churches for the larger, program-driven ones.

A book entitled, “Reveal: Where Are You?” was published by a Willow Creek staff member. It provided an analysis of attendees and determined that a disappointing number of attendees experienced a disconnect between participation in church activities and spiritual growth.

Townhall.com’s Bob Burney reported, on the multi-year study of the programs and “seeker sensitive” philosophy of ministry of Willow Creek Community Church, for churches that replaced “sin, salvation and sanctification” with “Starbucks, strategy and that results aren’t good sensitivity.”

This past summer I reread a book entitled, Signs of the Apostles: Observations on Pentecostalism Old and New by the Rev. Walter J. Chantry. I enjoyed reading it again and was struck by a portion of the book that appears on pages 65-68 having to do with revival in the church. Here is a selected compilation from those pages and I quote:

Certainly, the modern church should long for and pray for revival. She should petition God for a wider spread of his truth. She should ask for a restoration of a generally higher level of righteousness in his people and in society at large. God’s people should request that greater numbers be brought to know his gracious salvation. Nevertheless, they must realize that there is no necessity of having men of super-sanctification as a means to revival.

God uses rather ordinary Christians who are engaged in a desperate struggle against their own flesh and against the devil to magnify his greatness in revival. Instruments greatly used of God must be actively fighting temptation and praying for the removal of sin from their hearts...

In Luke 5 Peter saw the fish miraculously brought to his net by our Lord. At that moment he fell down at Jesus’ knees saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” He knew that he was unworthy to stand in the presence of the Savior; he was too unclean to be associated with him. Our Master immediately responded, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.’ It is as if Christ had said, ‘Now that you are fully aware of your moral impurity, you are prepared to serve me, Peter.’

When the prophets of the Old Testament were called to a mighty work, their calls usually began with a conscious awareness of their personal impurity and impotence.

Just so, God would rather keep Paul harassed with some Satanic temptation stirring up his flesh, than allow his servant to think himself exalted above others...

God did not spread the Gospel of Christ through the worldly means of extrovert personalities. Christ did not choose apostles for their native strength of character. The church was not begun by twelve emperors but by twelve political slaves of Rome. Our Lord had no special use for scholars. Most of the apostles were far from learned. His choice of evangelists included no warriors, nor ‘Madison Avenue’ publicity men. As a group, the apostles had no outstanding personal strength which can explain their impact on the world.

In various ways Christians reveal their suspicion that only extraordinary men can be used for great works of God. Some place a great emphasis on academic skills. They think, 'If we send men with respected academic honors through the world, the nations will recognize genius and come to Christ.' Others advertise football players, theater stars and politicians, expecting that the world will run to their meetings. Unfortunately, though the crowds come, they are not changed. Why should they not remain worldly after this appeal to human greatness?

Some of the most profound acts of witnessing and successful evangelism have been performed by the most unlikely and unprepossessing individuals. Great numbers believed on Christ through the immoral Samaritan woman on the day she first met the Savior. God did not wait until she established a super-holy reputation among them. The blind man of John 9 was called upon to witness before the greatest Bible scholars in the world during the week of his conversion.

God does not need your talents, wisdom, holiness and strength. But rather you, in weakness, definitely needing the power of his Spirit in your labors.

Revival depends upon the sovereign blessing of God...God revives his church through humble people who have real flaws, but who rely upon his grace alone as they diligently labor according to his Word.

The people in the church at Corinth fell into the trap of believing that in order to be successful, they needed to have super-apostle leadership. They compared the Apostle Paul to these individuals. In doing so, he appeared almost laughable. It was true that he could write, for his letters were 'weighty and strong', but his bodily presence was 'weak and his speech of no account.' He had no appealing personality or impressive appearance. In fact, much like our own Diocese, many of his churches were small, experienced difficulty, and struggled to keep afloat. So, what was his inspired counsel to this Corinthian church?

But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. (1 Corinthians 1:27-29)

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. (2 Corinthians 4:7)

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

People have asked me, 'Bishop, what is your vision for our Diocese and what's the plan to accomplish it?' I assure you it's not gimmicks, programs or analytics. Spiritual strength and progress have always been the result of humility and confession of sin acknowledging one's complete dependence upon Almighty God. So, what is the answer to the question about vision? Are you sure you want to hear my answer? Put your head on a swivel and look around. The answer is quite simple. It's you, and those around you, and here's the reason. Our Prayer Book sets the tone for humility and repentance in the words of the General Confession in the Daily Office:

Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us.

As you confess your sins in the Daily Office, please remember that revival begins with you and ask the Lord to use you in his process. It begins with humble prayer. Daily ask him to bring an unsaved person into your orbit of influence whose heart he has prepared to respond to the Gospel, and then share it. Daily, ask him to bring to mind a member of your congregation, family member, friend or neighbor who needs help, and tangibly assist with that need. Daily ask him how you can better serve the Lord through your local church to help make it more impactful in your community. Why must this be done? Because jars of clay, like you and me, with all of our faults, are the hope of the world in and through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Please listen carefully to this oft quoted portion of Holy Scripture from 2 Chronicles 7:11-16:

Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD and the king's house. All that Solomon had planned to do in the house of the LORD and in his own house he successfully accomplished. Then the LORD appeared to Solomon in the night and said to him: "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice. When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place. For now I have chosen and consecrated this house that my name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will be there for all time.

We may not have famine due to lack of rain, but we have a famine of holiness resulting in godlessness in our land. We see it daily over the communication airways, in wanton violence in

our streets and in the worship of mammon. We may not be overrun with ravenous locusts, but our Judeo-Christian heritage is being devoured bite by bite. We may not have pestilence, but the fruitful crops of righteousness are shriveling on the stalk and vine before our eyes.

Where is this house of the Lord today? It no longer stands in Jerusalem. Then, where is it? Hear the testimony of God's Word:

For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (2 Corinthians 6:16)

Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope. (Hebrews 3:5-6)


...you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:5).

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:19-22)

Dear people, do you realize that you are the key to revival? We are the house in which the Spirit of the living God dwells. And, *if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. May God forgive us for our complacency and neglect, for 'those things we have left undone those things which we ought not to have done'. May he have mercy upon us and bless us as we continue to serve him in the spirit of Zechariah 7:6 - 'Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.'*

You will hear, in my presentation later today, about the good heritage we enjoy in the Anglican tradition. Share this exhortation with your congregations and may God's 'eyes and heart' be with us forever.

In Christ Jesus our Lord,



Bishop R. Charles Gillin, *Ordinary*

After having read his Exhortation, Council went on break. It was noted that the Second Business Session was scheduled to begin at 1:30pm later that day.

It being time for lunch, the Bishop called upon the Rev'd Michael Carr to offer thanks to God for the provision of food we were about to enjoy. Fr. Carr also prayed for the swift recovery of Rev'd Jason Holloway and Rev'd Frank Spadafora.

Report of the Standing Committee

The Council meeting resumed at 1:34pm. Bishop Gillin asked for the volunteers from St. Stephens who prepared and served lunch to join us, and thanked them.

Bishop Gillin asked that Fr. Michael Blitz open the session in prayer.

Report of the Bishop Coadjutor

A motion to receive the report with thanks was passed.

The following is a listing of my activities serving as Diocesan Coadjutor since I was elected Nov. 3, 2022.

Regular Episcopal Visits to Churches

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| 4/23/23 | New Redeemer – Jersey City, NJ
Accompanied Bp Gillin to preach. No confirmations. |
| 4/29/23 | Consecration – Bishop Cummins Church, Balto. MD |
| 5/20/23 | St. Matthew's Church – Havertown, PA
Assisted Bp. Gillin by performing 6 of 12 Confirmations |
| 6/11/23 | Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, PA
Two confirmations (Bp. Gillin), Preached Morning Homily |
| 7/23/23 | Grace Church – Scranton, PA
Seven confirmations. |
| 9/3/23 | Atonement Church – Philadelphia, PA
One confirmation. |
| 9/17/23 | St. John's-by-the-Sea – Ventnor, NJ
Five confirmations. |
| 10/1/23 | Good Shepherd – East Bridgewater, MA
One Confirmation |
| 10/29/23 | Grace Church – Collingdale, PA
No Confirmands, 1 new member received |

Vestry Meetings

- 6/11/23 Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ (In Person)
 9/21/23 Grace Church – Scranton, PA (Zoom)

Congregational Meetings

- 4/23/23 New Redeemer – Jersey City, NJ

Diocesan Meetings

- 5/16/23 Trustees
 5/18/23 Standing Committee (Zoom)
 10/9/23 Trustees (In Person) 10/12/23 Standing Committee (Zoom)

Other Diocesan Functions

- 5/6/23 Women's' Day – Faith Church – Balto., MD
 5/20/23 Ordination Service – Steve Atchison -St. Matthew's Church – Havertown, PA
 6/14/23 Atonement/Messiah (ZOOM)
 7/6/23 Kevin Murphy Diaconal Exam
 7/14/23 Memorial Service - Fr. Jack Clark – Bear, DE
 7/25/23 NEMA Summer Camp – Susquehanna, PA
 9/30/23 Church Consecration – Good Shepherd – East Bridgewater, MA
 10/6/23 Bill Kozma Memorial Service – Grace Church - Collingdale PA
 10/7/23 Ordination Service – Kevin Murphy – Good Shepherd – Harrisburg, PA
 10/13-15 Spiritual Enrichment Conference – Williamsburg, VA

Reformed Episcopal Seminary Meetings

- 4/12/23 Seminary Board – (ZOOM)
 5/20/23 Graduation – St. Paul's Church, Oreland, PA

Reformed Episcopal Church Meetings

- 4/25/23 Council of Bishops, REC (Zoom)
 4/27/23 General Committee (Zoom)
 6/6-9/23 General Council – Council of Bishops, REC – Charleston, SC
 7/11/23 Council of Bishops – (ZOOM)
 7/11/23 BFM – (ZOOM)
 9/13/23 Council of Bishops, REC (ZOOM)
 9/20/23 Council of Bishops, REC (ZOOM)

REC-100 Meetings

- 9/27/23 Exploration of Church Extension Work – Tunkhannock, PA

ACNA Meetings

- 6/19-23/23 College of Bishops, Provincial Council, New Bishop's Retreat – Plano, TX

Respectfully submitted,
 +William Jenkins, Sr.
 Bishop Coadjutor

The Rev'd Cedric Benner, Secretary, submitted a report on behalf of the Standing Committee. The report was received.

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

Dear Brethren:

During this year meetings of the Standing Committee were held on May 18, 2023, and October 12, 2023.

The activities of the Rt. Rev R. Charles Gillin, Bishop Ordinary, and the Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr., Bishop Co-Adjutor, including Episcopal visits, confirmations and other functions can be found in detail in their reports presented to this Council.

Postulants

Joshua Devers (St. Stephen's Church – Eldersburg, MD)
Rick Wilson (Grace Church, Havre-de-Grace, MD)
Tom Davison (Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ)
Timothy Meadows (St. Alban's Church – New York, NY)
Norris Gadsden (New Redeemer Church – Jersey City, NJ)
David Szomor (St. Mark's Church- Rydal, PA)
Benjamin Pearce (St. Mark's- Rydal, PA)
Matthew Trail (St. Stephen's Church- Eldersburg, MD)

CANONICAL EXAMINATIONS/RECEPTIONS/TRANSFERS

Ordinations

On November 2, 2022, at 7:30 p.m., Bishop Gillin ordained Mr. Jared Lovell, Deacon, at Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, Scranton, PA. The ordinand was presented by the Rev. Ricky McCarl who also served as a Litanist in addition to the Rev. Michael D. Blitz. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. William G. Garrison, Jr.

Ordination Exams

Mr. **Stephen Atchison** was examined for Deacons orders on January 24, 2023, in Havertown, PA. His rector, Archdeacon Jon Abboud, hosted the meeting in his home and was present with the Examining Chaplains and Bishop-Coadjutor Elect William Jenkins for the meeting. Candidate Atchison was approved for ordination pending successful report backs. His responsibilities were fulfilled and his ordination to the diaconate occurred on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 4:00pm at St. Matthew's R.E. Church in Havertown, PA. The ordinand was presented by the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud. The Rev. Rod Lee served as Litanist. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Justin M. Forsberg.

The Standing Committee concurred with the action of ordaining Mr. Stephen Atchison as deacon.

Mr. **Kevin Murphy** was examined for Deacons orders on July 16, 2023, in Rydal, PA. Bishop William Jenkins joined the Examining Chaplains for the meeting. Candidate Murphy was approved for ordination pending successful report backs. His responsibilities were fulfilled and his ordination to the diaconate occurred on Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 1:00pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Harrisburg, PA.

Transfers

On July 2, 2022, Bp. Gillin issued, at his request, a Letter Dimissory on behalf of the Rev. Dcn. Thomas V. Thomas to the Diocese of the Living Word overseen by the Rt. Rev. Julian Dobbs.

On April 13, 2023, Bp. Gillin issued a Letter Dimissory, upon request, on behalf of the Rev. Tait Deems to the Reformed Episcopal Diocese of Mid-America.

On May 25, 2023, Bp. Gillin issued, at his request, a Letter Dimissory on behalf of the Rev. Aaron T. Cappucci to the Diocese of Ft. Worth overseen by the Rt. Rev. Ryan Reed.

On August 15, 2023, Bp. Gillin issued a Letter Dimissory, at his request, on behalf of the Rev. Dr. David N. Greenwood to the Anglican Diocese of the South overseen by the Most Rev. Foley Beach.

On September 9, 2023, Bp. Gillin met with the church vestry of St. Alban's Church New York, NY at the rectory. The groundwork had been laid by Canon Harrington to help prepare the vestry members for his departure as the resident rector. At that same meeting, the vestry of St. Alban's Church, New York, NY voted unanimously to call the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick as Associate Rector. His official duties began on October 1, 2023. **The Standing Committee approved of the action of the Vestry of St. Alban's Church to call the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick to serve as Associate Rector.**

Pastoral Vacancies

On May 8, 2023, Bp. Gillin received a telephone call and email from Fr. Cappucci advising him that he had visited and accepted a subsequent call to St. Francis Church in the Diocese of Ft. Worth, TX in Austin, TX. He has also advised Dean Patterson and Canon Harrington of his decision. He plans to begin his ministry there on July 1, 2023.

Bp. Gillin received an email from the Rev. Dr. David N. Greenwood, Rector, on April 22, 2023, advising him that he had made the decision to resign from Covenant Chapel Basking Ridge, NJ and seek a position with an ACNA parish. Dr. Greenwood communicated his intentions to Dean Jerry McLynn who is working on a plan for service coverage once Dr. Greenwood departs. Bishop Jenkins and Bp. Gillin visited the parish and met with the vestry on June 11, 2023.

Faith Church – Baltimore, MD – The vestry of Faith Church unanimously voted to extend a call to the Rev. Dcn. William A. Jenkins, Jr. as Assistant Rector of the parish on May 7, 2023. This call is contingent upon Deacon Jenkins successfully sustaining his examination for Presbyter's orders by the Examining Chaplains.

Deaconess Retirement

On January 3, 2023, Deaconess Ruth Creswell wrote a letter addressed to Bp. Gillin announcing her retirement. He acknowledged her letter and followed up with a telephone call to pray with and thank her for her ministry.

Funerals & Memorial Services

The Rev. Jack W. Clark was called home to be with the Lord on June 4, 2022. He succumbed to pancreatic cancer at age 74 while living in retirement in Florida. On July 14, 2023, his remains were laid to rest at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear, DE. The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks was asked by his widow, Esther, to serve as officiant. Bishop Hicks asked Bishop Jenkins and Bishop Gillin to participate in the short military service by reading Holy Scripture.

Jan and Bp. Gillin attended the Memorial Service for **Mrs. Eileen Turnbull** held on January 15, 2023, at St. Matthew's R. E. Church in Havertown, PA. She was called Home to her heavenly rest on November 29, 2022. "Aunt Eileen", as she was affectionately known, was the aunt of Archdeacon Jon W. Abboud and longtime, faithful member of St. Matthew's Church. Bp. Gillin was invited to pronounce the Benediction.

Mrs. Beverly Jean Reese, beloved wife of Mr. Ron Reese for 51 years, was called home to be with the Savior on February 5, 2023, at the age of 70. Beverly was raised in Philadelphia and was a retired nurse. She was a longtime, active member of St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Reformed Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, PA and was also a 40-year member of the community choir, the Hallelujah Singers. Jan and Bp Gillin attended her funeral on February 11, 2023, at the Lambie Funeral Home in Philadelphia, PA. The Rev. David A. France was the Officiant.

Bp. Gillin attended the funeral for **Mr. Steven K. Hoopes** at the Wilde Funeral Home in Parkesburg, PA on Saturday, April 15, 2023. Steve was a longtime member of Grace R. E. Church in Collingdale, PA where he formerly served as Youth Director and the Principal at Christ Academy.

Bp. Gillin requested that the Rev. Michael Blitz attend the Memorial Service for **Mrs. Fern Wilson** and represent our Diocese and the Board of Foreign Missions. He and his wife Stephanie graciously agreed to do this and were present at the service on May 8, 2023, in Linwood, NJ.

He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. (St. John 5:24)

Other matters

Election of a Bishop Co-adjutor

On November 3, 2022, the diocesan Council elected the Rev. Canon William A. Jenkins, Sr. Bishop-Coadjutor Elect. He was approved by the ACNA College of Bishops, meeting in

Melbourne, FL on January 12, 2023. His Service of Consecration was held at 11:00am on April 29, 2023, at Bishop Cummins Memorial Church in Catonsville, MD. The Most Rev. Foley Beach and the Most Rev. Ray R. Sutton were Co-consecrators.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Cedric R. Benner, Secretary

Report of the Secretary of the Trustees of the Diocese

The Report of the Secretary of the Trustees was received.

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

October 19, 2023

Dear Fathers and Brethren,

The Board of Trustees met three times since our last report at the 142nd Council of the Diocese. Trustee. Bishop Gillin presided over these meetings.

Trustees Meeting NOVEMBER 3, 2022:

Election of Officers:

Bishop Gillin, President
Rev. Canon Bill Jenkins, Vice President
Mr. Ron Riches, Treasurer
Rev. David France, Secretary

Trustees Meeting MAY 16, 2022 (via Zoom):

1. The Meeting began with a reading from 2 Kings 6:14 and Prayer
2. The Minutes of the September 19, 2022 meeting were reviewed, no corrections were made, and approved unanimously.
3. Bishop Ordinary's report was presented.
 - a. A question was raised about the seminary moving to St. Paul's and it's effect on the trustees. Bishop Chuck said it should not have an immediate effect on the trustees, as the Seminary support has been reduced in recent years.
 - b. A question was raised about risk management. Bishop Chuck explained the need for monitoring for safety of church members, especially children. Bishop Chuck said that Bishop Bill will be in charge of restructuring the organization of risk management to make sure a workable plan is in place when he becomes Ordinary.

c. a question was asked about the church in Canada and dissolving its diocese, and Bishop Chuck made some explanation about why they have had a diocese, and their oversight of Cuba.

d. Report of the bishop was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

4. Ron Riches presented his financial Report for the Diocese for the first 4 months of 2023. Noted was the Coadjutor expense and increased travel expenses. Ron does not expect the spending to continue for the travel expenses at the same level, neither does Bishop Chuck, as he is not expecting many ACNA trips. Ron explained some of the new lines on the budget for the Co-adjutor. Bishop Chuck said our Fall Budget meeting will examine Co-adjutor salary and how we plan to handle compensation.

The Treasure's Report was accepted unanimously.

5. Old Business: Farrell asked about the Bishop's Discretionary fund. Ron Riches made a clarification about the fund saying that there is not an official fund, but that needs can be met. Bishop Chuck also noted that the Bassinger Home fund is available to help meet Emergency Clergy needs.
6. New Business. Three items were on the Agenda
 - a. Bishop Chuck explained a plan to support an ESL ministry at St. Luke's and Bishop Hoffman Mission. The request is for \$2000 to support this Front Porch Ministry, with an additional \$500 if needed. The motion was moved and seconded. A question was raised about the duration of the grant and the Bishop clarified that it will only be for this coming year. It was adjusted to prorating it for 2023 and then put it in the 2024 budget for the full year. St. Mark's had been supporting this ministry. Motion passed.
 - b. Line item in report for Diaconal Training Funds. Bishop Chuck recommends funds be given to Faith Church, as Billy Jenkins has been called to the position of Associate Rector pending passing his Presbyter's Exam and ordination in the amount of \$350 per month. Motion passed.
 - c. Bishop Chuck discussed meeting from Atonement Vestry, with a letter from Atonement requesting support for the church, requesting \$25,000. Property inspectors (License and Inspection) have advised that Messiah Church has a great deal of repair, and the property is under the care of Atonement. Bishop Chuck recommends instead that Atonement sell the property, and that the trustees pay for the appraisal and help prepare it for sale. Bishop Bill asked if this was a gift or to be repaid out of the sale of the building. Bishop Chuck noted that the building has Looney Hoffman money that would need to be repaid, and that it could be paid back after the sale. It was moved that the trustees support the appraisal with the

plan that it be repaid after the sale of the building. A question was raised about the idea floated that the property be rented as apartments which would make Atonement landlords instead of selling. Bishop Bill said the vestry was hoping a developer would come along with an eye to community-based development. Bishop Chuck stated he thinks it may be best to check first with Millage and Jason and Bishop Bill to kick the ideas around and see just how much work L&I says needs to be done. This will be discussed again in September. Motion made, seconded and approved.

- d. Bishop Bill suggested a gift of \$150 to St. Mark's for their work on the consecration programs along with \$50 in materials. Motion was moved, seconded and approved.
7. Motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded and approved
 8. The next meeting will be in September.

Trustees Meeting OCTOBER 9, 2023:

1. Meeting was opened by Bishop Gillin with a reading I Corinthians 1:4-8, the Lord's Prayer, a prayer for the Church, and a prayer for the night's meeting.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.
3. The President's Report:
 - a. The report was presented in written form prior to the meeting
 - b. A question was raised about the future of Messiah Church. Mr. Holloway responded that they are currently discerning a possible mission for the church. It has been professionally appraised as part of their discernment process. There is currently an ACNA Diocese of the Living Word congregation renting the building.
 - c. Bishop Gillin made a recommendation for parish assistance to The Church of the Atonement. Atonement has an afterschool program and have requested financial help to sustain and expand the program. Bishop Gillin suggested \$7500. A motion was made and seconded to approve this request.
 - d. Faith Church asked for salary assistance to pay an Assistant Pastor at Faith to help Bishop Jenkins with parish responsibilities freeing him up to handle his Episcopal duties. There was a motion made to approve this request. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
 - e. Faith Church also asked that title to their property be put in their name. At present the owner of record for the property is the New York and Philadelphia Synod.

Faith Church is in the process of allowing the City of Baltimore use some of the parish property as a staging area for a major project in the area. The property must be in the parish's name to enter into this arrangement. It was recommended that the title be transferred in consideration of \$1. This action was moved and seconded and passed unanimously.

- f. The Executive Committee considered a request for one year's forbearance on St. Alban's mortgage and payment of their diocesan tithes. They have been required to pay two substantial sums: one for renovation of the building façade and one for money that needs to be reimbursed to the current tenant. They proposed a repayment plan beginning in 2024. The Trustees agreed to this request and its effect on revenue is reflected in the 2024 Budget.
- g. Mr. Riches presented the Diocesan financial position followed by presentation of the budget. He noted that year-to-date parish tithes are down but that overall income is up \$18100.00.
- h. There was a motion to accept the proposed budget. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

There was a motion to receive the Bishop's Report. Unanimously approved.

- 4. The Bishop Coadjutor's Report was submitted in writing. There was a motion moved and seconded to accept the report. It was accepted unanimously.
- 5. The Treasurer's Report was included in the discussion of the President's Report. The Trustees offered Mr. Riches our sincere thanks for his hard work managing diocesan finances and preparing the budget.
- 6. Old Business: There was no Old Business
- 7. New Business: There was no New Business.
- 8. Next Meeting will be a brief organizational meeting at the end of Council.
- 9. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. David A. France, Secretary

Report of the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Diocese

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

November 2, 2023

Dear Brethren,

NEMA's financial activity during the period January 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 is the subject of this report. Following is a summary of the key events through the period (referencing Appendix II through VI) and the effect of each.

Summary

NEMA's revenue continues through three major streams; investment returns, mortgage receivables and parish tithes. Frequent big swings in financial markets make the value of and revenue from NEMA's investment portfolio follow suit. Various economic and political factors have caused uncertainty in the minds of businesses and consumers. Record inflation and high interest rates on borrowing have only added to uncertainty and have driven costs higher on just about everything. All of this has driven market swings in bonds as well as equities and has threatened personal and parish budgets. Real income is universally down. Resultant negative effects on parish tithes and operating expenses are quite apparent.

Financial markets continued to be turbulent with high volatility, especially during the last three years. The key element of NEMA's investment portfolio has followed this general market performance. The combined Raymond James/Wells Fargo/Fidelity Diocesan Investment account began 2022 at \$1.67MM, closed that year at \$1.43MM and finished through September 30, 2023 at \$1.43MM, with a decrease of \$240K, or 14.4%. Investment assets in total realized a loss of \$350K, or 15%. Total Assets decreased \$472K during the period from \$3.3MM to \$2.8MM, or 14.4%.

Mortgage receivables declined \$123K during the period as mortgagors made scheduled payments. All mortgages are current as of September 30, 2023 with exception of St. Albans.

Parish Tithes increased from \$262K in 2021 to \$277K in 2022, or 5.7%. However, declines in world economic and political stability and the effect of record inflation in the United States during the last two years likely contributed to Parish Tithes of \$173K year-to-date September 30, 2023 being down \$36K, or 17.2%, from Parish Tithes of \$209K year-to-date through September 30, 2022.

Similarly, the operating expense side of NEMA's finances has also been negatively impacted. Total expenditures was \$749K through the period against total revenue of \$293K, resulting in a \$456K decrease in unrestricted assets. The loss is largely due to investment market performance from January 2022 through September 30, 2023.

Since January 1, 2022, our asset values and revenue have been subject to wide variations, many of which happened without any indication that they would. During their meeting on October 9, 2023, the NEMA Trustees approved an operating budget for 2024 that increases 2023 budget expenditures by 1.9% and reduces 2023 budget transfers from investments to operating cash accounts by 9%. Effects and remedies of major items in this summary and the details that follow are discussed in the **NEMA Operating Plan & Budget for 2024** section of this report beginning on Report Page 6.

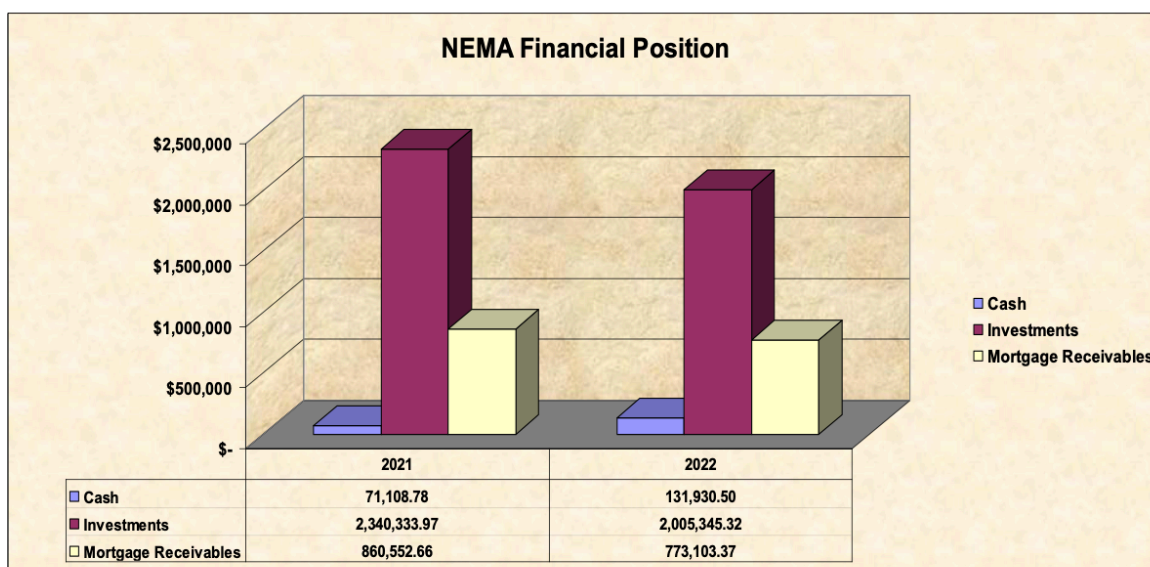
Account Summary

A summary description of the accounts whose status is presented herein is available in Appendix I of this report.

NEMA Financial Performance

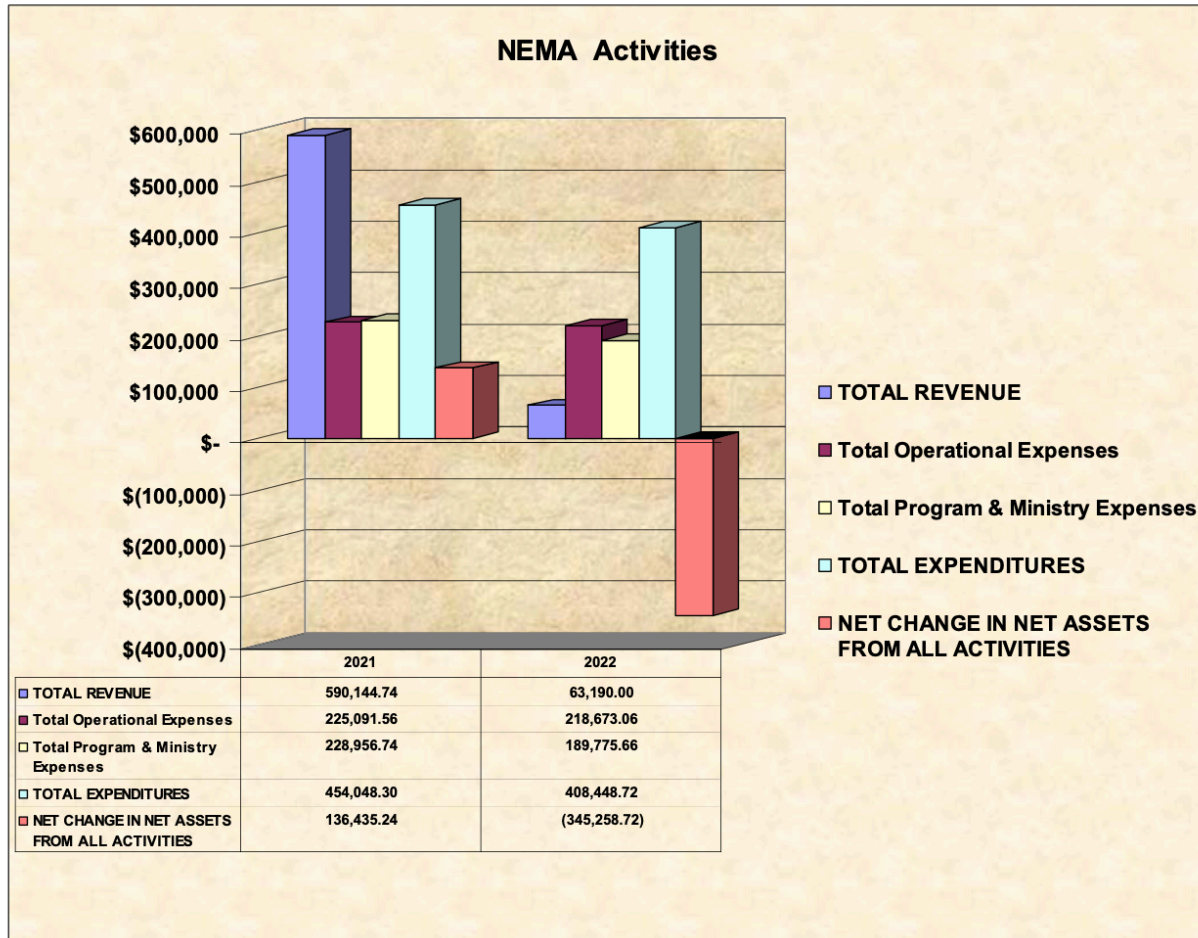
Items of Significance – Year 2021 through Year 2022 (Referencing the Statement of Financial Position & Statement of Activities in Appendix II of this report)

Financial Position



- † The cash position increased 86% in 2022. A large amount of the increase occurred in December when large donations and “catch-up” parish tithes were received;
- † Investments fell 14.3% or \$334,989 in 2022 largely due to the effect of negative market performance on NEMA investment accounts, especially equities;
- † Mortgage receivables were down 10.2% or \$87,449 in 2022 as mortgagors made regularly scheduled payments. While this is mostly a natural consequence of mortgages being kept current, a major contributor this year is St. Albans being five months in arrears as of September 30, 2023.

Activities



For unrestricted assets:

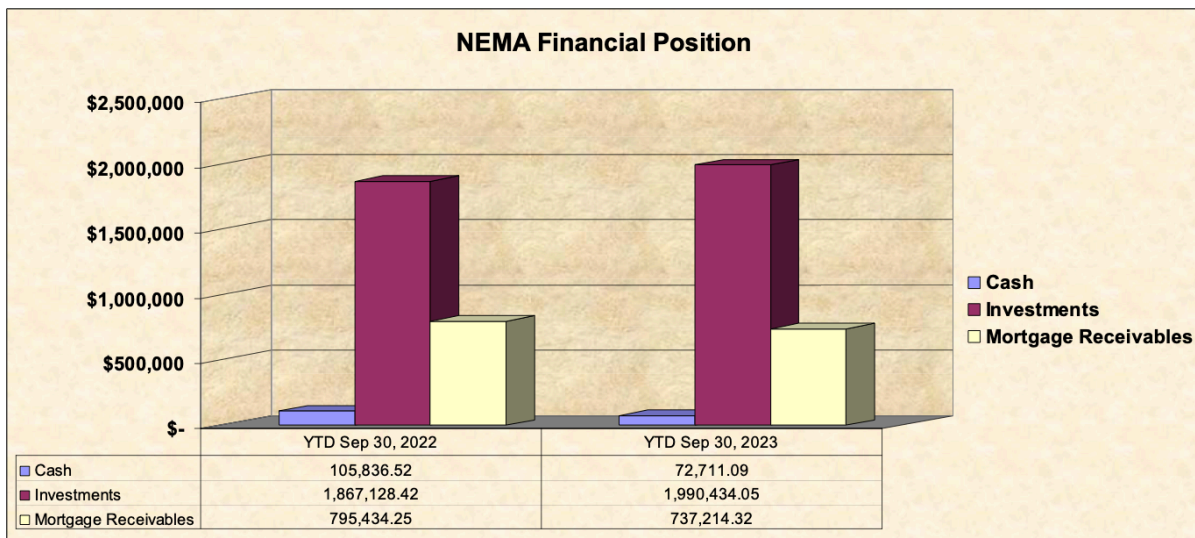
- † Total revenue was down 89.3% or \$526,955 in 2022 with sharp decrease in the value of NEMA investment accounts due to negative market performance resulting from the economic effects of record high inflation and resultant increase of interest rates by the Federal Reserve;
- † Operational expenses were down 2.9% or \$6,419. There was a decrease in program and ministry expenses of 17.1% or \$39,181 due largely to Reformed Episcopal Seminary (RES) requesting a reduction of \$1,500 per month in direct support coupled with a reduction in parish support. Overall expenditures decreased by 10% or \$45,600;
- † Net change in assets from all activities in 2022 was (\$345,258.72) versus \$136,096.44 in 2021 due to the sharp decrease in the value of NEMA’s investment accounts during 2022.

Details of Benson Fund performance are available in Appendix III of this report.

To prepare financial strategy and budgets for 2024 and beyond, it is necessary to consider the changes in financial performance that have occurred during the first three quarters of 2023 compared to what occurred during the same period in 2022.

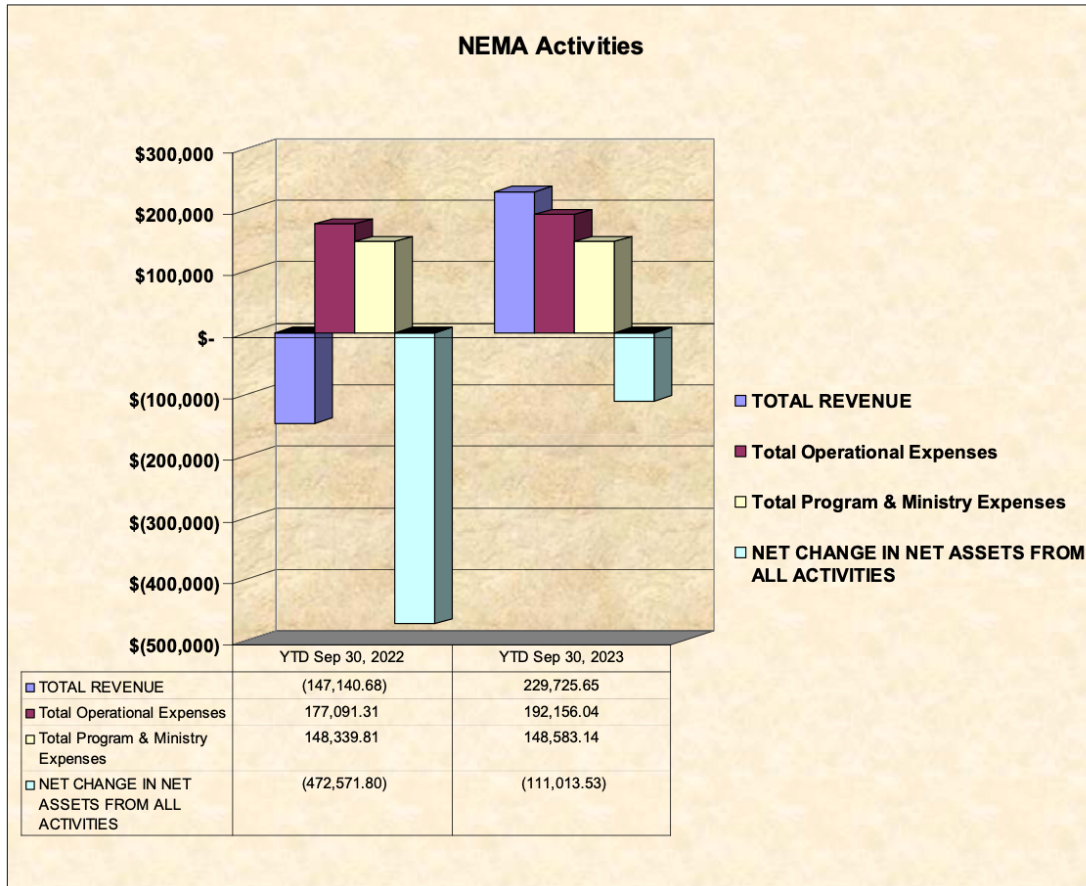
Items of Significance – Year-to-Date (YTD) September 30, 2022 vs. YTD September 30, 2023 *(Referencing the Statement of Financial Position & Statement of Activities in Appendix III of this report)*

Financial Position

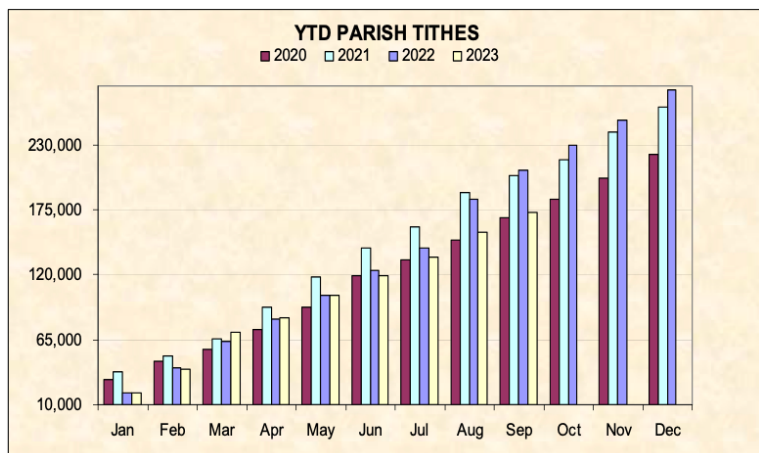


- † The cash position decreased \$33,125 or 31.3% due to expenses in the first half of 2023 significantly cutting into the spike in revenues received late in 2022;
- † Investments increased by a net amount of \$123,306 or 6.6%. However, the increase might have been \$81,833 higher had market performance not taken a sharp decline in September 2023, caused by largely negative volatile market fluctuations;
- † Mortgage receivables dropped 7.3% or \$58,220 due to the natural effect of scheduled payments by mortgagors but fell less than expected as the St. Albans mortgage is five months in arrears as of September 30, 2023.

Activities



† Total revenue increased \$376,866 including: a \$419,702 increase in net investment activity due to market performance rebounding from the economic effect of COVID-19; a \$8,262 decline in mortgage interest due to the St. Albans mortgage being five months in arrears; a \$1,368 increase in other income; and a \$35,942, or 17.2% decrease in parish tithes from the previous year. Here is a graph of parish tithes for the period 2020 through YTD September 30, 2023. This year's decline reverses the three-year growth trend for parish tithes and is of some concern;



- † Overall expenditures were up 4.7% or \$15,308;
- † As a result of these factors in revenue and expenditures during 2023, net change in assets from all activities YTD September 30, 2023 increased sharply to (\$111,014) versus (\$472,572) for YTD September 30, 2022, an increase of \$361,558.

Actual vs. Budget – YE 2022

All of the key factors noted above in the discussion of 2022 and 2023 YTD financials apply to actual performance vs. operating budget as well. Details of the major line items that contributed to these effects can be found in Appendix IV of this report. The manner in which those factors affected operating budget performance is measured in the key totals for 2022 actual vs. budget performance, which are: actual revenue was \$51,858 above budget; operational expenses were held at \$35,697 below budget; program and ministry expenses were \$30,924 below budget; transfers from investment to operating cash accounts totaled \$55,542. Transfers totaling \$18,500 from NEMA's Parish Development investment account funded parish support for Covenant Chapel and Grace Scranton. The latter transfers were offset \$10,000 by a contribution from an individual.

NEMA Operating Plan & Budget for 2024

The 2024 operating budget is available for reference in Appendix V of this report.

2024 Operating Plan Revenues

NEMA's 2024 revenue will derive from three major sources – tithes by parishes to the Diocese, mortgage payments from mortgagors and return on investments.

Parish Tithes – NEMA expects to receive a tithe every month from each parish in the Diocese. Tithe amount by each parish is calculated at 10% of the parish's revenue (5% for a parish in "mission" status). Parish tithes are the only source of revenue that can be increased or decreased from within the Diocese itself. If parishes grow in size and number, parish tithe revenue to the Diocese should accordingly grow. It is the revenue class of the highest value because it suggests results from progress toward satisfaction of the charge by Christ to grow His Kingdom. It is also the revenue class that provides the highest amount of operating revenue.

Parish Tithes YTD September 30, 2023 amounted to \$173,193, \$14,307 below what was expected according to the 2023 NEMA Operating Budget. Parish Tithes 2023 year-end total is estimated to be \$230,925, substantially below the budget of \$250,000. The 2024 operating revenue budget sets Parish Tithes at \$290,337, well above the \$230,925 expected through December 31, 2023. Please see the section below, "**Extraordinary Items**", for the way in which these exceptions will be managed. A *NEMA Parish Tithe Calculation Form* is available on the NEMA website for parishes to use when submitting tithes to NEMA. An example of the form is available in Appendix VII of this report.

Mortgage Payments – NEMA receives a payment every month against the mortgage the Diocese holds for each of three properties – All Saints Anglican in Newark, NJ; Christ Covenant Presbyterian in Warminster, PA and; St. Albans Church (First Church REC) in New York, NY. The mortgagors are obligated to make these payments, so this revenue is virtually assured so long as the mortgagor remains financially viable. Annual revenue from mortgage payments is fixed at \$124,080.60, assuming that all mortgages remain current, and will remain at that level until satisfaction of one or more of the mortgages. This current level is not expected to change before 2027. All of the revenue (principal and interest) from monthly mortgage payments is directly applied to NEMA's cash operating account rather than being reinvested. NEMA no longer writes mortgages.

Mortgage Payments YTD September 30, 2023 amounted to \$52,493, \$38,768 below what was expected according to the 2023 NEMA Operating Budget. Mortgage Payments 2023 year-end total is estimated to be \$64,672, substantially below the budget of \$124,080. The 2024 operating revenue budget sets Mortgage Payments at \$101,802, well below the \$124,080 total of the three established mortgage contracts. Please see the section below, “*Extraordinary Items*”, for the way in which these exceptions will be managed.

Return on Investments – NEMA periodically receives revenue now from two Raymond James investment accounts described in Appendix I of this document; Diocesan Investment and Parish Development. Returns are accumulated from dividends, interest and capital gains and are routinely reinvested. Any such revenue amounts are dependent on market performance and are transferred to operating cash accounts if and when needed to fund NEMA's operations. This operating budget revenue for 2024 is set at \$10,000, is not assured by any means and is not likely to be anywhere near predictable from year to year. Economic and political instability are likely to continue for some time and it will be necessary to closely control expenditures as a means to manage the dynamic situation.

Extraordinary Items – St. Albans

St. Albans parish has recently negotiated settlement of some critical financial obligations, resulting in its inability to pay its mortgage or tithes to the Diocese for its fiscal year 2024 (FY24 – July 2023 through June 2024). Consequently, St. Albans’ Vestry has requested that the NEMA Trustees permit St. Albans to defer its FY24 mortgage and tithe payments to occur in their FY25 & FY26 (July 2024 through June 2026). They further proposed a schedule by which St. Albans would pay these deferred amounts in addition to the then normally due amounts. The formal request by St. Albans to the NEMA Trustees is attached at the end of this report. The NEMA Trustees approved St. Albans’ request during their October 9, 2023 meeting.

To accommodate the request from St. Albans, the Diocese will periodically withdraw cash from our investment accounts to cover the lost payments from St. Albans:

Mortgage Payments – The 2024 NEMA Operating Budget requires that a \$59,408 withdrawal be made in 2023 to apply against the St. Albans mortgage payment shortfall in 2023, allowing the Diocese to enter 2024 without a loss due to that shortfall.

Similarly, the 2024 NEMA Operating Budget requires that a \$22,278 withdrawal be made in 2024 to apply against the St. Albans mortgage payment shortfall in 2024;

Parish Tithes – The 2024 NEMA Operating Budget requires that a \$11,293 withdrawal be made in 2023 to apply against the St. Albans parish tithe shortfall in 2023. The 2024 NEMA Operating Budget includes the \$60,337 committed by St. Albans for 2024. The 2024 parish tithe budget amount for all other parishes is \$230,000, a decrease of \$20,000 from the 2023 budget. This 2024 amount is equal to the estimated YE 2023 amount, which is \$20,000 below the 2023 budget, and which has reversed the growth trend in parish tithes that has endured from 2019 until now. Economic pressures of inflation and high interest rates may very well be the cause and could last for some time.

2024 Operating Plan Expenditures

Spending is always the first thing to be scrutinized when working to balance a budget. It seems that every year the operating budget is subject to cuts in expense as the way to achieve balance. But the large savings needed to produce a balanced operating budget for NEMA are not available through cutting only small line items. Cutting large line items would paralyze or suffocate ministries. Instead of a focus on cuts, the focus needs to be on growth, and growth is not a one-year thing. Growth requires years of steady increase in revenue accompanied by level or decreasing expenses. Long-term (strategic) thinking is the key.

Consequently, the NEMA Trustees have set an operational expenditure budget for 2024 of ordinary expenditures at \$490,606 which is \$9,058 or 1.9% above the same budget for 2023. It is also \$28,204 higher than the estimated 2023 year-end total operational expenditure of \$462,202. Of the 2024 budgeted total, \$412,139 is budgeted to be funded from budgeted operational revenue, \$12,500 to be funded for parish support from the Raymond James Parish Development investment account and \$65,967 to be funded from withdrawals from general investment accounts, the latter of which is down \$6,501 from 2023's operational budget.

General operational expenditures include a 3% increase in compensation for our staff (Secretary and Information Technology). As in 2023, there will continue to be stipends paid to the men who assist the bishops with episcopal visits and other duties as needed. These payments are included in the Diocesan Administrative Expense category of the budget. A \$2,500 decrease in compensation has been applied to each of four stipend line items along with a decrease of \$5,000 for the Canon Ordinary. Similarly, a \$2,500 decrease has been applied to the Bishop Ordinary's compensation. These decreases total \$17,500. A gift of \$10,000 from an individual has been added to these to establish \$27,500 in compensation for the Bishop Coadjutor in 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Riches, Treasurer

Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic of The Reformed Episcopal Church

Report of the Treasurer – Appendix 1**Summary of Accounts**

The diocesan financial accounts referenced in this report consist of two (2) checking accounts and six (6) investment accounts.

Checking Account Summary

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

1. The Diocesan Checking account is effectively the general operating cash account for the Diocese. It is a Wells Fargo checking account used to process revenue and expense transactions for ordinary financial activities of the Diocese.
2. The St. Philip's account is a Wells Fargo checking account formed as a result of the rental and subsequent sale of the former St. Philip's church. This account is now designated as the Bishop's Discretionary Account from which disbursements are authorized jointly by the Bishop Ordinary, the Bishop Coadjutor and the treasurer.

Investment Account Summary

The investment accounts for the Diocese are as follows:

1. Raymond James Benson Fund is a temporary restricted account held at Raymond James for Grace Church, Collingdale. It is administered jointly by Grace Collingdale and the NEMA Treasurer. Management of the Benson Fund was transferred from Fidelity to Raymond James in May 2022.
2. Fidelity Benson Fund was a temporary restricted account held at Fidelity Investments for Grace Church, Collingdale. The account was transferred to Raymond James in May 2022.
3. Raymond James Diocesan Investment account is an unrestricted account held at Raymond James Associates. The NEMA Trustees financial strategy established the policy that the return on this investment (capital gains, interest, dividends) be used as the primary source of investment revenue to help meet the financial obligations of the Diocese with the principal being the secondary source if needed. The account was transferred to Raymond James from Wells Fargo Advisors in March 2022.
4. Raymond James Parish Development account is a temporary restricted account held at Raymond James Associates. The NEMA Trustees financial strategy established the policy that funds in this account be used for the development needs of local parishes. The account was transferred to Raymond James from Wells Fargo Advisors in March 2022.
5. Wells Fargo Diocesan Investment account was an unrestricted account. The account was transferred to Raymond James from Wells Fargo Advisors in March 2022.
6. Wells Fargo Parish Development account was a temporary restricted account. The account was transferred to Raymond James from Wells Fargo Advisors in March 2022.

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Diocese of the Northeast & MidAtlantic
Statement of Financial Position

	Year-End 2021	Year-End 2022
Cash		
Diocese Checking	12,702.70	75,017.47
St. Philip's Checking	58,406.08	56,913.03
Total Cash	71,108.78	131,930.50
Investments		
Raymond James Benson Fund	-	159,984.07
Fidelity Benson Fund	176,341.57	-
Raymond James Diocesan Investment	-	1,427,984.47
Raymond James Parish Development	-	417,376.78
Wells Fargo Diocesan Investment	1,668,187.40	-
Wells Fargo Parish Development	495,805.00	-
Total Investments	2,340,333.97	2,005,345.32
Mortgage Receivables		
All Saints	148,484.92	142,804.18
Christ Covenant Presbyterian - PA	278,732.48	270,073.72
St. Albans - NY	433,335.26	360,225.47
Total Mortgage Receivables	860,552.66	773,103.37
TOTAL ASSETS	3,271,995.41	2,910,379.19
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Restricted Assets		
Bassingier Home Fund	23,935.00	23,935.00
Benson Fund - Raymond James + Fidelity	176,341.57	159,984.07
Total Restricted Assets	200,276.57	183,919.07
Unrestricted Net Assets Prior Balance	2,935,283.60	3,071,718.84
Net Change in Unrestricted Assets	136,435.24	(345,258.72)
Total Unrestricted Net Assets (ending)	3,071,718.84	2,726,460.12
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	3,271,995.41	2,910,379.19

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

	GENERAL FUND UNRESTRICTED		TEMPORARY RESTRICTED ASSETS	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
			BENSON FUND	BASSINGER HOME FUND
			2021	2021
			2022	2022
REVENUE				
Investment Activity (Net)	266,761.11	(263,089.48)	14,716.42	22,089.30
Mortgage Interest	42,248.93	35,354.83		
Parish Tithes	262,276.59	276,612.49		
Other Income	18,858.11	14,312.16		
Temp. Restricted Asset Contributions			-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	590,144.74	63,190.00	14,716.42	22,089.30
EXPENDITURES				
Operational Expenses				
Accounting & Auditing	1,000.00	-		
Diocesan Admin Expense	15,000.00	20,000.04		
Council Expense (net after registration fees)	1,585.42	(2,553.41)		
Episcopal Expense (Ordinary & Suffragan)				
Ordinary (Housing & Utility Allowance)	103,000.00	103,000.00		
Ordinary (Pension)	10,500.00	12,360.00		
Coadjutor	-	(10,000.00)		
Pension (Suffragan/Ordinary)	-	-		
Total Episcopal Expense	113,500.00	105,360.00		
Insurance - General	3,494.00	4,521.00		
Legal & Professional	-	1,415.00		
Meetings & Retreats Expense (net after registration fees)	1,900.00	53.36		
Miscellaneous	-	-		
Office & Administrative Expense	55,298.51	56,906.61		
Retired Bishop Expense	20,640.00	20,664.00		
Travel Expenses	12,673.63	12,306.46		
Total Operational Expenses	225,091.56	218,673.06		

ASSETS	Prev. Year	Prev. Quarter	Current Quarter	Variance, Current Quarter vs.	
	YTD Sep 30, 2022	YTD Jun 30, 2023	YTD Sep 30, 2023	YTD Sep 30, 2022	YTD Jun 30, 2023
Cash					
Diocesan Checking	48,926.08	15,331.16	15,776.62	(33,149.46)	445.46
St. Phillip's Checking	56,910.44	56,927.22	56,934.47	24.03	7.25
Total Cash	105,836.52	72,258.38	72,711.09	(33,125.43)	452.71
Investments					
Raymond James Diocesan Investment	1,329,711.15	1,494,163.12	1,429,509.97	99,798.82	(64,653.15)
Raymond James Parish Development	392,100.12	413,741.69	400,205.21	8,105.09	(13,536.48)
Raymond James Benson Fund	145,317.15	164,362.44	160,718.87	15,401.72	(3,643.57)
Wells Fargo Diocesan Investment	-	-	-	-	-
Wells Fargo Parish Development	-	-	-	-	-
Fidelity Benson Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total Investments	1,867,128.42	2,072,267.25	1,990,434.05	123,305.63	(81,833.20)
Mortgage Receivables					
All Saints	144,385.80	139,566.02	137,908.70	(6,477.10)	(1,657.32)
Christ Covenant Presbyterian - PA	272,270.93	266,362.60	264,106.11	(8,164.82)	(2,256.49)
St. Alban's - NY	378,777.52	335,199.53	335,199.51	(43,578.01)	(0.02)
Total Mortgage Receivables	795,434.25	741,128.15	737,214.32	(58,219.93)	(3,913.83)
TOTAL ASSETS	2,768,399.19	2,885,653.78	2,800,359.46	31,960.27	(85,294.32)
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS					
Restricted Assets					
Bassinger Home Fund	23,935.00	23,935.00	24,194.00	259.00	259.00
Benson Fund	145,317.15	164,362.44	160,718.87	15,401.72	(3,643.57)
Total Restricted Assets	169,252.15	188,297.44	184,912.87	15,660.72	(3,384.57)
Unrestricted Net Assets Prior Balance	3,071,718.84	2,726,460.12	2,726,460.12	(345,258.72)	-
Net Change in Unrestricted Assets	(472,571.80)	(29,103.78)	(111,013.53)	361,558.27	(81,909.75)
Total Unrestricted Net Assets (ending)	2,599,147.04	2,697,356.34	2,615,446.59	16,299.55	(81,909.75)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	2,768,399.19	2,885,653.78	2,800,359.46	31,960.27	(85,294.32)

GENERAL FUND UNRESTRICTED			
	YTD Sep 30, 2022	YTD Sep 30, 2023	Variance (Unfavorable)
REVENUE			
Investment Activity (Net)	(390,222.76)	29,478.96	419,701.72
Mortgage Interest	26,665.56	18,403.67	(8,261.89)
Parish Tithes	209,135.08	173,193.38	(35,941.70)
Other Income	7,281.44	8,649.64	1,368.20
Temp. Restricted Asset Contributions		-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	(147,140.68)	229,725.65	376,866.33
EXPENDITURES			
Operational Expenses			
Accounting & Auditing	-	-	-
Diocesan Admin Expense	15,416.79	13,750.11	1,666.68
Council Expense (net after registration fees)	(614.73)	797.17	(1,411.90)
Episcopal Expense (Ordinary & Suffragan)			
Ordinary (Salary, Housing & Utility Allowance)	77,249.97	77,249.97	-
Ordinary (Pension)	12,360.00	12,360.00	-
Ordinary (Life & LTD)	-	1,120.00	(1,120.00)
Coadjutor	-	3,164.17	(3,164.17)
Total Episcopal Expense	89,609.97	93,894.14	(4,284.17)
Insurance - General	4,521.00	3,715.00	806.00
Legal & Professional	-	-	-
Meetings & Retreats Expense (net after registration fees)	53.36	1,413.15	(1,359.79)
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
Office & Administrative Expense	44,091.01	46,113.13	(2,022.12)
Retired Bishop Expense	17,220.00	16,880.00	340.00
Travel Expenses	6,793.91	15,593.34	(8,799.43)
Total Operational Expenses	177,091.31	192,156.04	(15,064.73)

	GENERAL FUND UNRESTRICTED		
	YTD Sep 30, 2022	YTD Sep 30, 2023	Variance (Unfavorable)
Program & Ministry Expenses			
Bassinger Home Fund Distributions	-	-	-
Benson Fund Distributions	-	-	-
Camping Program	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
Church Planting	419.00	-	419.00
Designated Offerings Distributed	-	-	-
Diaconal Training Support	-	-	-
General Funds donated to Temp. Restricted Assets	-	-	-
Gifts	-	-	-
Mission Project (s)	1,500.00	259.53	1,240.47
Parish & Salary Support	13,875.03	19,500.03	(5,625.00)
Seminary Support	108,000.00	108,000.00	-
Tithe to National Church	22,045.78	18,323.58	3,722.20
Total Program & Ministry Expenses	148,339.81	148,583.14	(243.33)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	325,431.12	340,739.18	(15,308.06)
NET CHANGE IN ASSETS FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	(472,571.80)	(111,013.53)	361,558.27
NET CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM ALL ACTIVITIES	(472,571.80)	(111,013.53)	361,558.27

**Diocese of Northeast & MidAtlantic
2022 Performance to Budget**

	YTD December 31, 2022		
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE (Unfavorable)
REVENUE			
Investment Activity			
Dividends & Interest & Cap Gains		43,751.32	
Realized Gains / (Losses)		-	
Unrealized Gains / (Losses)		(294,022.41)	[1]
Advisor & Transaction Fees		(12,685.71)	
Tax Withholdings & Other		(132.68)	
<i>Total Investment Activity</i>		(263,089.48)	
Less Unrealized Gains		(294,022.41)	
<i>Net Investment Activity</i>	10,000.00	30,932.93	20,932.93 [1]
Total Mortgage Payments	124,080.00	124,080.15	0.15 [2]
Parish Tithes	250,000.00	276,612.49	26,612.49 [3]
Other			
Contributions		14,300.00	
Council Offerings Designated		-	
Interest Earned		12.16	
Other (Non-categorized)		-	
<i>Total Other</i>	10,000.00	14,312.16	4,312.16 [1]
Temp Restricted Assets Contributions			
General Fund NEMA	-	-	
Individuals & Parishes	-	-	
<i>Total Temp Restricted Assets Contributions</i>	-	-	
TOTAL REVENUE	394,080.00	445,937.73	51,857.73
Less Revenue from Restricted Assets	-	-	-
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	394,080.00	445,937.73	51,857.73 [9]
EXPENDITURES			
Operational Expenses			
Accounting & Auditing	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Council Expense (net after registration fees)	-	(2,553.41)	2,553.41
Deanery Expense	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
Diocesan Admin Expense	19,000.00	20,000.04	(1,000.04)
Episcopal Expense (Ordinary & Suffragan)			
Ordinary (Housing & Utility Allowance)	106,100.00	103,000.00	3,100.00
Ordinary (Pension)	12,360.00	12,360.00	-
Coadjutor	-	(10,000.00)	10,000.00 [4]
Total Episcopal Expense	118,460.00	105,360.00	13,100.00
Insurance - General	3,800.00	4,521.00	(721.00)
Legal & Professional	2,000.00	1,415.00	585.00
Meetings & Retreats Expense (net after registration fees)	4,500.00	53.36	4,446.64 [5]
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
Office & Administrative Expense	65,730.00	56,906.61	8,823.39 [6]
Retired Bishop Expense	20,880.00	20,664.00	216.00
Travel Expenses	17,500.00	12,306.46	5,193.54 [7]
<i>Total Operational Expenses</i>	254,370.00	218,673.06	35,696.94

**Diocese of Northeast & MidAtlantic
2022 Performance to Budget**

	YTD December 31, 2022		
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE (Unfavorable)
Program & Ministry Expenses			
Bassinger Home Fund Distributions	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Camping Program	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
Church Planting	5,000.00	419.00	4,581.00
Designated Offerings Distributed	500.00	-	500.00
Diaconal Training Support	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Gifts	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
Mission Project (s)	2,200.00	1,500.00	700.00
Parish & Salary Support	18,500.00	8,500.00	10,000.00 [8]
Seminary Support	144,000.00	144,000.00	-
Tithe to National Church	36,000.00	32,856.66	3,143.34
<i>Total Program & Ministry Expenses</i>	<u>220,700.00</u>	<u>189,775.66</u>	<u>30,924.34</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>475,070.00</u>	<u>408,448.72</u>	<u>66,621.28</u>
Change from Prior Year Adjustments	-	-	-
Transfers from investment accounts to operating cash account	80,990.00	55,541.67	25,448.33
TOTAL NET OPERATING EXPENSE	<u>394,080.00</u>	<u>352,907.05</u>	<u>41,172.95</u>
NET OPERATING INCOME/(LOSS)	<u>-</u>	<u>93,030.68</u>	<u>93,030.68 [9]</u>

NOTES:

- [1] Individual line items are not budgeted; overall market performance down significantly through year-end 2022
- [2] All mortgages were current at year-end
- [3] Total Parish Tithe receipts are 11% better than budget and the best annual total in 8 years
- [4] A contribution of \$10,000 was received to be applied to the Bishop Coadjutor's stipend
- [5] Nearly all activity self-funded
- [6] Lower than expected activity in website development/maintenance and NEMA strategic planning
- [7] Fewer long distance travel thrips than expected
- [8] A contribution of \$10,000 was received to be applied to parish clergy support at the discretion of the Ordinary
- [9] Major contributors include:
 - Total Operating Revenue exceeded budgeted amount by \$52K
 - Total Operational Expenses \$36K below budget
 - One-time contributions totaling \$20K

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	2023 Budget	9/30/23 YTD	2023 12/31/23 YEE	2024 Budget	2024 vs. 2023 BUDGET Amount	%
REVENUE						
Investment Activity (net)	10,000.00	23,328.17	31,104.23	10,000.00	-	-
Total Mortgage Payments	124,080.00	54,292.72	64,672.28	101,802.48	(22,277.52)	(18.0)
Parish Tithes	250,000.00	173,193.38	230,924.51	290,336.50	40,336.50	16.1
Other	10,000.00	8,648.37	14,000.00	10,000.00	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	394,080.00	259,462.64	340,701.01	412,138.98	18,058.98	4.6
EXPENDITURES						
Operational Expenses						
Accounting & Auditing	1,000.00	-	2,000.00	1,000.00	-	-
Council Expense						
Registration Income Rec'd	(15,000.00)	(104.73)	(15,000.00)	(15,000.00)	-	-
Expense	15,000.00	901.90	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	-
Total Council Expense (Net)	-	797.17	-	-	-	-
Deanery Expense						
New England	375.00	-	-	375.00	-	-
New York & New Jersey	375.00	-	-	375.00	-	-
Pennsylvania	375.00	-	-	375.00	-	-
Maryland	375.00	-	-	375.00	-	-
Total Deanery Expense	1,500.00	-	-	1,500.00	-	-
Diocesan Administrative Expense						
Archdeacon Compensation	5,000.00	4,166.70	5,000.00	2,500.00	(2,500.00)	(50.0)
Canon Ordinary Compensation	5,000.00	2,083.35	5,000.00	-	(5,000.00)	(100.0)
Pres. of Standing Committee Compensation	5,000.00	3,750.03	5,000.00	2,500.00	(2,500.00)	(50.0)
PA Dean Compensation	5,000.00	3,750.03	5,000.00	2,500.00	(2,500.00)	(50.0)
NY Dean Compensation	5,000.00	-	-	2,500.00	(2,500.00)	(50.0)
Pulpit Supply	4,000.00	-	-	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	(50.0)
Total Diocesan Administrative Expense	29,000.00	13,750.11	20,000.00	12,000.00	(17,000.00)	(58.6)
Episcopal Expense						
Ordinary Compensation	103,000.00	77,249.97	103,000.00	100,500.00	(2,500.00)	(2.4)
Ordinary Pension Contribution	12,360.00	12,360.00	12,360.00	12,360.00	-	-
Ordinary Life/Dis	-	1,120.00	1,120.00	560.00	(560.00)	-
Co-Adjutor Compensation	3,100.00	3,164.17	6,500.00	27,500.00	24,400.00	787.1
Co-Adjutor Pension	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co-Adjutor Medical	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co-Adjutor Life/Dis	-	-	-	560.00	560.00	-
Total Episcopal Expense	118,460.00	93,894.14	122,980.00	141,480.00	23,020.00	19.4
Insurance - General	4,600.00	3,715.00	3,715.00	4,600.00	-	-
Meetings & Retreat Expense						
Income/Registrations Rec'd	(10,700.00)	(3,880.00)	(3,880.00)	(10,700.00)	-	-
Clergy Retreat	8,000.00	-	-	8,000.00	-	-
Ministry Wives	1,200.00	-	-	1,200.00	-	-
Seminars	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00	-	-
Quarterly Clergy Meeting/Other	1,000.00	5,293.15	5,293.15	1,000.00	-	-
Total Meetings & Retreat Expense (net)	4,500.00	1,413.15	1,413.15	4,500.00	-	-

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	2023 Budget		2023		2024 Budget		2024 vs. 2023	
	YTD	9/30/23	YTD	12/31/23	YTD	YTD	Amount	%
Legal & Professional Fees	2,000.00	-	-	-	2,000.00	-	-	-
Office & Administrative Expense	550.00	497.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	250.00	45.5	
Background Checks & Other Dues	450.00	314.00	460.00	460.00	500.00	50.00	11.1	
Bank Fees	3,000.00	-	-	-	3,000.00	-	-	-
Diocesan Planning	38,200.00	31,833.30	38,200.00	38,200.00	39,324.00	1,124.00	2.9	
Information Technology	1,500.00	-	-	-	1,500.00	-	-	-
Other (Non-Categorized)	400.00	96.80	400.00	400.00	400.00	468.00	3.0	
Postage	15,708.00	11,781.00	15,708.00	15,708.00	16,176.00	-	-	
Secretary Expense	700.00	407.41	700.00	700.00	700.00	-	-	
Supplies & Expense	260.00	180.11	260.00	260.00	260.00	-	-	
Telephone	200.00	(32.32)	149.90	149.90	150.00	(50.00)	(25.0)	
Videoconferencing	1,200.00	1,035.83	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	100.00	8.3	
Web Hosting	62,168.00	46,113.13	57,977.90	57,977.90	64,170.00	1,942.00	3.1	
Total Office & Administrative Expense								
Retired Bishop Expense	21,120.00	16,880.00	20,616.00	20,616.00	19,416.00	(1,704.00)	(8.1)	
Travel Expenses	20,000.00	15,593.34	24,000.00	24,000.00	25,000.00	5,000.00	25.0	
Total Operational Expenses	264,348.00	192,156.04	252,702.05	252,702.05	275,606.00	11,258.00	4.3	
Program & Ministry Expenses	5,000.00	-	-	-	5,000.00	-	-	-
Bassinger Home Fund Distributions	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	-	
Camping Program	5,000.00	-	-	-	5,000.00	-	-	
Church Planting	500.00	-	-	-	500.00	-	-	
Designated Offerings Distributed	5,000.00	-	-	-	5,000.00	-	-	
Diaconal Training Support	2,200.00	259.53	1,200.00	1,200.00	2,500.00	300.00	13.6	
Gifts	2,200.00	-	-	-	2,000.00	-	-	
Mission Project (s)	15,000.00	19,500.03	26,000.00	26,000.00	12,500.00	(2,500.00)	(16.7)	
Parish & Salary Support	144,000.00	108,000.00	144,000.00	144,000.00	144,000.00	-	-	
Seminary Support	36,000.00	18,323.58	36,000.00	36,000.00	36,000.00	-	-	
Title to National Church	217,200.00	148,583.14	209,700.00	209,700.00	215,000.00	(2,200.00)	(1.0)	
Total Program & Ministry Expenses	481,548.00	340,739.18	462,402.05	462,402.05	490,606.00	9,058.00	1.9	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	481,548.00	340,739.18	462,402.05	462,402.05	490,606.00	9,058.00	1.9	
REVENUE LESS ORDINARY EXPENDITURES	(87,468.00)	(81,276.54)	(121,701.04)	(121,701.04)	(78,467.02)	9,000.98	(10.3)	
Transfers for Parish & Salary Support	15,000.00	20,125.03	26,000.00	26,000.00	12,500.00	(2,500.00)	(16.7)	
Transfers for Bassinger Home Fund distributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers for general expenditures	72,468.00	25,000.00	95,701.04	95,701.04	65,967.02	(6,500.98)	(9.0)	
NET EXPENDITURES LESS TRANSFERS	394,080.00	295,614.15	340,701.01	340,701.01	412,138.98	18,058.98	4.6	
NET REVENUE LESS EXPENDITURES FROM ALL ACTIVITIES	-	(36,151.51)	0.00	0.00	-	-	-	

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**The Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic
of the Reformed Episcopal Church
Report of the Treasurer for December 31, 2022 Year-to-Date (YTD)
Statement of Parish Tithes**

Parish	2022 YTD
Atonement	817.45
Bishop Cummins	30,503.22
Covenant Chapel	15,489.03
Emmanuel Four Brooks	4,801.63
Emmanuel NJ	14,910.13
Faith Baltimore	7,570.14
First Church	32,309.70
Good Shepherd, MA	20,155.00
Good Shepherd Anglican, PA	2,669.79
Grace Collingdale	23,154.55
Grace Havre De Grace	11,883.00
Grace Scranton	1,881.40
Jesus The Good Shepherd	5,573.34
New Redeemer	1,950.42
St. George's/Canada	2,800.00
St. John's By The Sea	1,500.00
St. Luke's	7,305.50
St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman	697.00
St. Mark's	23,480.03
St. Matthew's	32,133.16
St. Patrick's	-
St. Paul's	-
St. Peter's	3,450.00
St. Stephens	30,984.00
St. Timothy's	594.00
OVERALL TOTAL	276,612.49

**The Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic
of the Reformed Episcopal Church
Report of the Treasurer for September 22, 2023 Year-to-Date (YTD)
Statement of Parish Tithes**

Parish	2023 YTD
Atonement	1,360.50
Bishop Cummins	23,527.17
Covenant Chapel	9,557.19
Emmanuel Four Brooks	3,252.31
Emmanuel NJ	11,520.42
Faith Baltimore	3,569.16
First Church	4,428.17
Good Shepherd, MA	16,498.00
Good Shepherd Anglican, PA	2,236.00
Grace Collingdale	12,740.87
Grace Havre De Grace	495.00
Grace Scranton	2,455.19
Jesus The Good Shepherd	1,189.22
New Redeemer	3,307.90
St. George's/Canada	-
St. John's By The Sea	1,000.00
St. Luke's	4,892.50
St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman	840.00
St. Mark's	24,506.38
St. Matthew's	19,786.40
St. Patrick's	-
St. Paul's	2,057.00
St. Peter's	1,200.00
St. Stephens	22,774.00
St. Timothy's	-
OVERALL TOTAL	173,193.38

REC-NEMA PARISH TITHE CALCULATION FORM

Parish Name:

Income received in the month of:

Total General Fund Receipts:

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

General Fund Interest or Dividends:

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

Income to General Fund from Property Rentals or Sales:

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

Transfers to General Fund:

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

TOTAL MONTH INCOME: (add the above amounts)

Multiply Total by 10% (5% for mission parishes)

TITHE AMOUNT OWED:

Please mail your Tithe Form with check payable to **Diocese of NE&MA** to:

**Reformed Episcopal Church
NEMA Treasurer
PO Box 88
Jenkintown, PA 19046**



“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.” Malachi 3:10



THE FIRST REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH

September 30, 2023

The Trustees of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic
PO Box 88
Jenkintown, PA 19046

Dear Trustees:

I am writing in reference to the outstanding loan made to The First Reformed Episcopal Church. We very much appreciate the support of the Trustees over the years and your patience in allowing us a great deal of leeway in repayment.

I am writing at this point to request a forbearance in repayment. The reasons for this request are due to the fact that we have recently been subject to substantial demands for compensation by (1) the board of the condominium in which the 317 East 50th Street church building is housed and (2) the Children's Academy, our tenant at 317.

To be specific, First Church has been engaged in a long-standing dispute with the condominium about the cost-sharing of a facade project that has now exceeded more than \$1.5 million. After years of negotiation, the amount has been settled at \$100,000. Unfortunately, the condominium has demanded immediate payment and has threatened to foreclose on the church's unit. Our lawyers negotiated a further settlement of the \$100,000 which allows First Church to pay the settlement amount in ten installments. This means that our expenses for the 2023-2024 year increased by \$10,000 per month.

At nearly the same time, the Children's Academy made a claim for overpayments of rent in the amount of \$180,000. After some negotiation, our lawyers agreed to allow Children's Academy a credit of \$15,000 per month over the next twelve months.

Put together, the result of these negotiations meant that our expenses increased by \$10,000 at the same time that our income decreased by \$15,000, meaning that we experienced an immediate \$25,000 monthly hole in our budget.

This state of affairs will continue throughout the 2023-2024 budget year. At the same time, the situation will be ameliorated in the 2024-2025 budget year, when the condominium will be paid and the Children's Academy will resume full payments.

Consequently, we request a forbearance in payments for the 2023-2024 year. Specifically, we propose that First Church be permitted to make no payments on the loan held by the trustees as well as the tithes that are due for the same year. We then propose to repay the amounts forborne over the

two successive budget years. Put more simply, we propose to make no payments on the mortgage in the 2023-2024 year. We would then pay those amounts over the next two years along with the normal monthly payments. In this way, the 2023-2024 payments would be fully repaid in the 2025-2026 budget year. We would then continue to make normal payments until the end date of the loan in 2027. The payments would look as follows:

Loan payment due each month: \$7426
Monthly payment in 2023-2024 : \$0
Monthly payment in 2024-2025 : \$11,139 (\$7426 +
Monthly payment in 2025-2026 : \$11,139
Monthly payments thereafter : \$7426

We propose the same with respect to the tithes. Thus payments would be as follows:

Tithe due in 2023-2024 : \$64,834
Monthly tithe paid in 2023-2024 : \$0
Tithe due for 2024-2025 : \$88,256
Tithe to be paid in 2024-2025: \$88,256 + \$32,417 (½ of 2023-2024 tithe)
Tithe due for 2025-2026 : \$88,525
Tithe to be paid in 2025-2026 : \$88,525 + \$32,417 (½ of 2023-2024 tithe)

We hope that this plan is acceptable to you and we hope that if you have any questions you will not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



Timothy Meadows
Senior Warden

The Theological Seminary of the R. E. Church (NEMA)

The report was received, as filed.

RES President's Report

Report of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church to the 143rd Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church

MISSION. The mission and ministry of the Reformed Episcopal Seminary (RES) are integrally related to the work of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic (NEMA) and the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA). We strive “to train Christ’s people to serve the flock of the Lord Jesus Christ through Biblical Anglican Worship, Example, and Discipleship as defined in the official standards of the Reformed Episcopal Church (REC) and the ACNA. Students are immersed in Scripture, the historical and ancient traditions of the church, worship, and doctrine, and an emphasis is placed on classical Anglicanism lived out in the world through worship, evangelism, and discipleship.” The Seminary accepts students who desire to learn more about the truth of God’s Word, the historic apostolic faith, and to be equipped to serve God in their communities and the world. Thus, we train and equip leaders for other orthodox Anglican jurisdictions and the wider Christian church, teaching our students to learn from and work together with students of different backgrounds and ecclesiastical traditions, but to always stand firm for the truth of the Gospel and God’s inspired Word.

To that end, the Seminary offers two graduate degrees.

The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) is designed to provide comprehensive training in all aspects of Christian ministry, including Biblical studies and languages, theology, church history, preaching and teaching, pastoral counseling and administration, liturgics, and practical theology. The M.Div. is a rigorous program that is designed to be completed in three years of full-time study. It prepares graduates for many forms of ordained and lay ministry, including parish ministry, military or hospital chaplaincy, and Christian education or discipleship.

The Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS) is a degree designed for those whose vocations lie more in the realms of teaching, research, and writing, or those who want to begin theological training but are discerning how they will put that training to use. The MATS program can be completed in approximately two years.

In addition to the two graduate degrees, the Seminary offers fifteen certificates, ranging from Biblical languages, to pastoral theology, and Anglican Studies.

RENEWAL. The post-Covid era has presented a number of challenges for all seminaries, including RES. The changes wrought by the pandemic required the Seminary to make a substantial number of changes in the way in which it delivers the academic program. Every facet of our operations has been re-tooled to adapt to an environment in which many students seek a more flexible educational experience. Consequently, RES has developed its distance learning opportunities to allow students from around the world to enroll in our programs. At present, in

addition to the students in residence, we have students from New England, to Indiana, to Georgia, and Venezuela.

Several other changes have occurred as well. These include:

Administration

The most significant administrative change has been the retirement of the Reverend Dr. Jonathan Riches from Seminary administration. Dr. Riches has served the Seminary for many years in a variety of functions, including library director, registrar, faculty member, and most recently, Dean and President. After such a long period of service, Dr. Riches will now be serving the Seminary in teaching, writing, and other related pursuits. He is currently on sabbatical during the 2023-2024 year and is scheduled to return in Fall 2024.

The Reverend Dr. Matthew P Harrington has been appointed as the new Seminary Dean and President effective in June 2023. Dr. Harrington comes to RES after nearly 30 years in university teaching and administration.

Other administrative changes include the appointment of new department heads and other personnel. Mr. Greg Hoyt has assumed the position of Associate Dean for Administration and Finance. The Reverend Shawn Riley is now Dean of Students and Director of Financial Aid. Mr. Paul Brinkman joined RES as our new Director of Technology, and Ms. Meredith Castor has become our library technician.

Finally, the Reverend Jason Patterson joins the Seminary faculty as the Department of Pastoral Theology Chair and Seminary Chaplain.

Move to Saint Paul's Church, Oreland

The new educational environment has altered the way in which the Seminary operates. More and more of our students attend online and a significant number are pursuing certificates in addition to traditional master's degrees. In addition, our financial situation continues to be a challenge. As with all charitable entities, the Seminary needs to reconfigure its finances to provide for long-term stability.

Consequently, the RES board has decided to move the Seminary to a new location at Saint Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, in Oreland. This move will provide a more attractive and functional space for all the academic programs. In addition, Saint Paul's is more centrally located for commuters with access to a wider range of housing options. Finally, the move will allow the Seminary to sell its Blue Bell campus. The proceeds of this sale will be deposited in the Seminary's investment funds to provide a more stable source of revenue.

FACULTY. RES is privileged to have an accomplished and experienced faculty. At present, our core faculty consists of seven holders of doctoral degrees from universities in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom. More importantly, we have striven to ensure that our faculty remains firmly in the Anglican tradition and have recently welcomed several new members committed to this ethos to ensure that RES remains a bulwark of orthodox Anglican doctrine and

practice. Among the newcomers this year are Professor Gerald McDermott, who joins us as Distinguished Professor of Anglican Theology. Dr. McDermott was formerly Anglican chair of divinity at Beeson Divinity School and is the author of numerous books and articles on Anglican theology.

We also welcomed Dr. Seth Snyder, who joins the Department of Dogmatic and Historical Theology. Dr. Snyder recently completed his PhD at Cambridge. The Venerable Dr. Jon Abboud returns to RES to teach parish administration and the Reverend Dr. Eric Jorgensen will be joining the Pastoral Theology department.

ENROLLMENT. Our student enrollment has remained small, but stable over time. At present, we have fourteen students enrolled in all degrees and certificates. Over the past ten years, our retention rate has also remained consistent as we have tended to graduate, on average, five students per year. The majority of our graduates have remained in the REC or have gone on to serve in other Anglican bodies.

Specific enrollment and graduation figures over time may be found in the addendum to this report.

SUPPORT. We continue to be grateful for the support that the Diocese, its congregations, and members throughout the years have given. Your support of the mission of the Seminary is vital not only to the health and outreach of the REC, but to the many other churches and ministries where our students are able to serve because of the work of our Seminary. We hope that you will continue to remember the Seminary in your ongoing giving and estate planning. In addition, we ask that you actively encourage prospective students to consider RES for their theological education. Finally, we ask for your prayers. We know that it is only through God's grace that the Reformed Episcopal Seminary has endured thus far, and we hope that it is His will to preserve and strengthen the Seminary so that it may continue to serve the Diocese, the REC, and the wider Church for many years to come.

MOTION. Finally, the Dean of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church hereby makes the following motion for consideration by the Diocesan Council:

WHEREAS the Reverend Dr. Jonathan Riches has rendered many years of service to the Reformed Episcopal Seminary, and

WHEREAS Dr. Riches has retired from active service as the Dean and President of the Seminary,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 143rd Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic hereby offers its thanks and best wishes to the Reverend Dr. Jonathan Riches for his dedication to the work and mission of the Reformed Episcopal Seminary and this Diocese.

Addendum

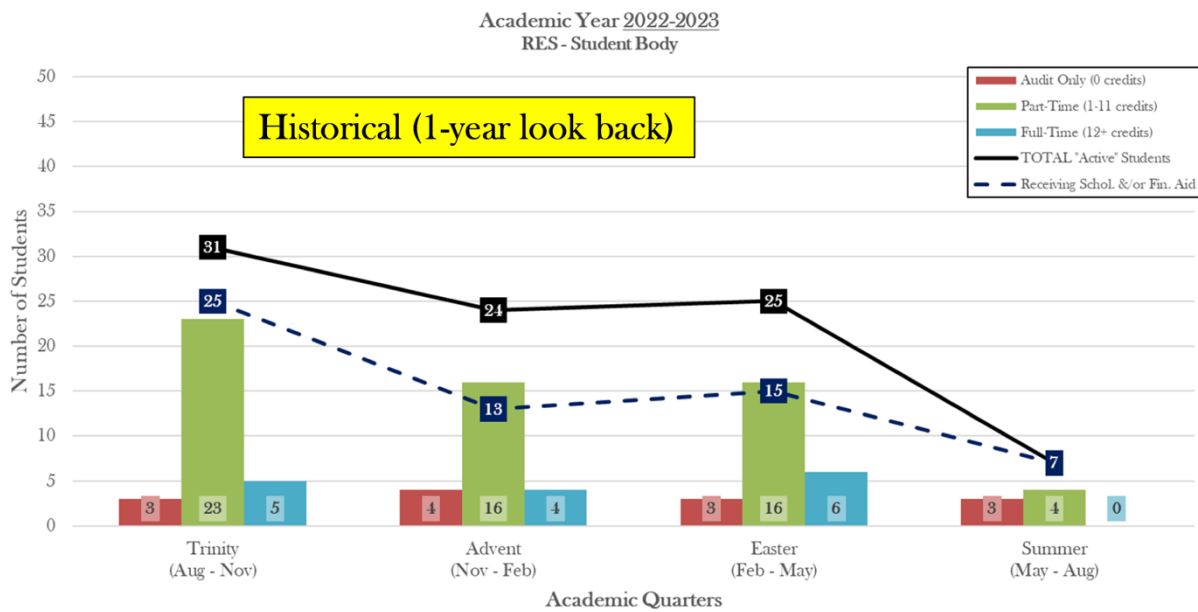
Enrollment Data: Academic Year 2023-24 (Current / In Progress)

$$\text{Student FTE} = \frac{\text{Tot. Atmp. Credits}}{\text{FT Student Credit Load}} \cdot \frac{113 \text{ Credits}}{12 \text{ Credits}} \approx 9.42 \text{ FTE}$$

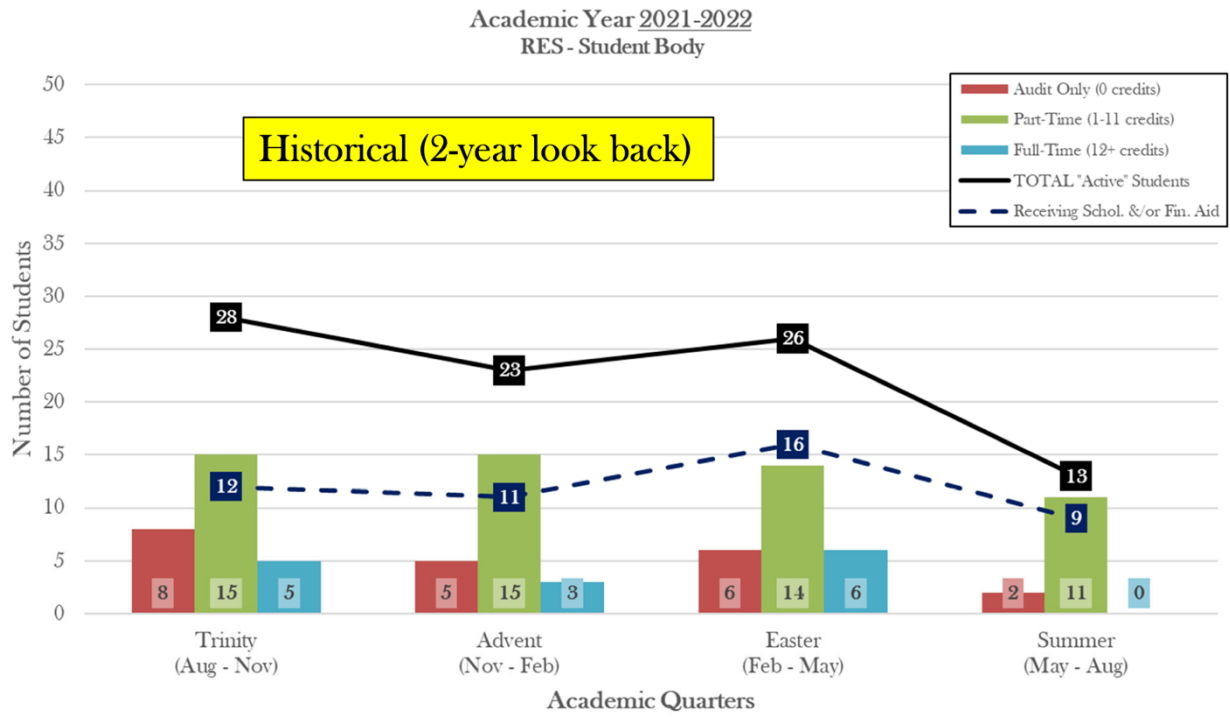
Student Type	Trinity (Aug - Nov)
TOTAL "Active" Students	14
Audit Only (0 credits)	2
Part-Time (1-11 credits)	7
Full-Time (12+ credits)	5
Receiving Schol. &/or Fin. Aid	9
Credits	
TOT. Atmp. Credits	113
AVG. Atmp. Credits	9
TOT. Atmp. Audit Credits	4
AVG. Atmp. Audit Credits	1
Program Type	
M.Div.	5
MA	5
Cert.	2
Special	2

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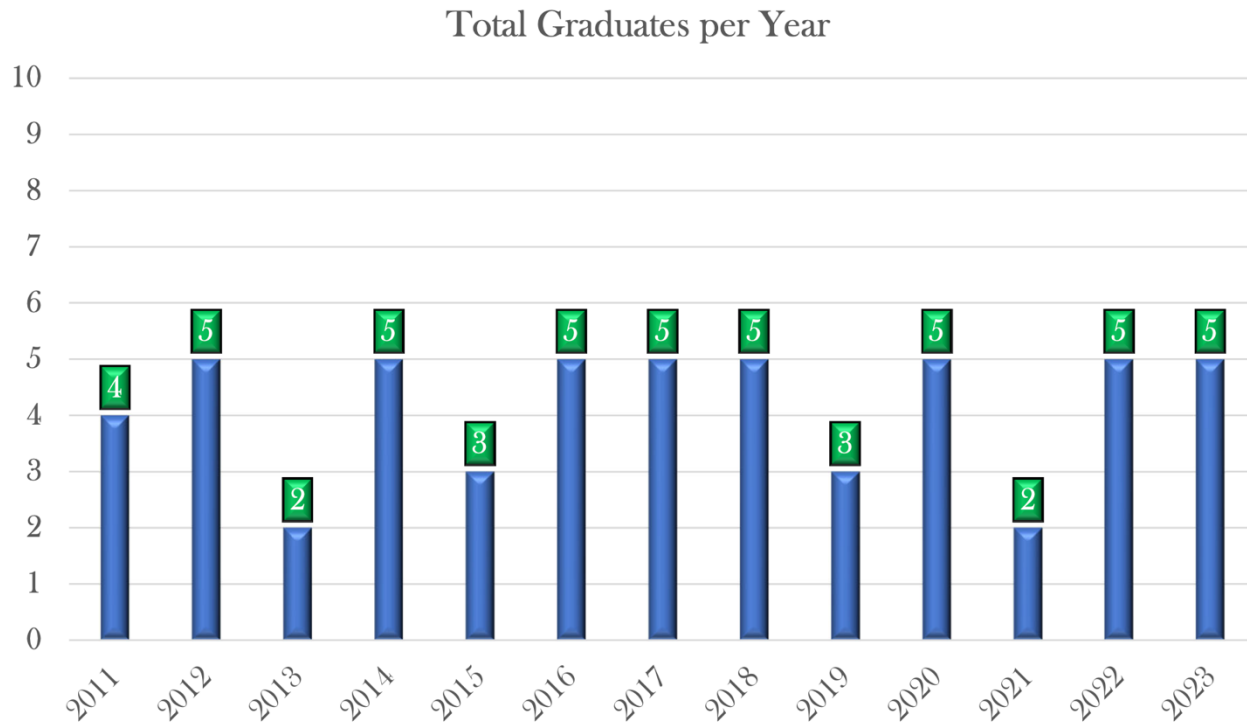
Enrollment Data: Academic Year 2022-2023



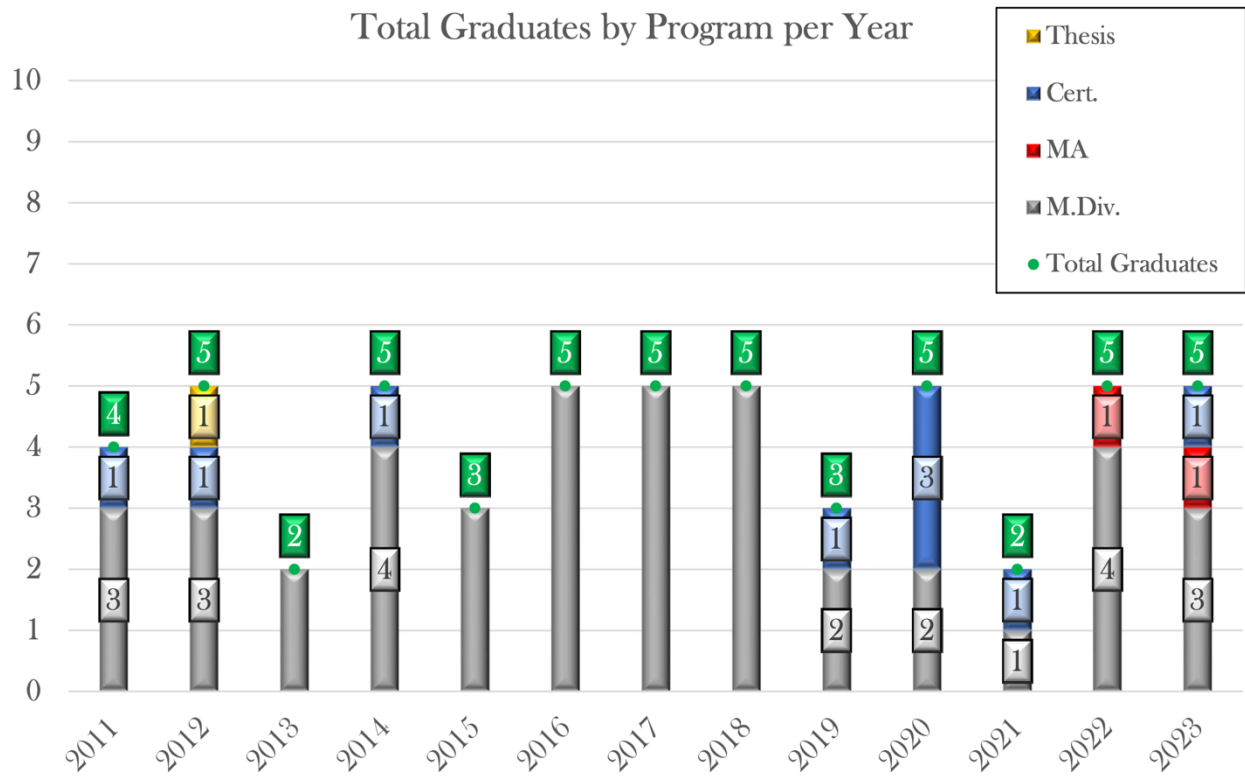
Enrollment Data: Academic Year 2021-2022



Graduation Data: Total Graduates: 2011-2023 (13 yrs.)



Graduation Data: Total Graduates by Program per Year: 2011-2023



RES Audit Report

The Theological Seminary of
the Reformed Episcopal Church

Financial Statements
Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**The Board of Directors
The Theological Seminary of
the Reformed Episcopal Church
Blue Bell, Pennsylvania**

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of The Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of The Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

BBD LLP

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
May 17, 2023

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION****December 31, 2022 and 2021**

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 160,529	\$ 86,955
Tuition receivable, net	20,518	30,398
Contributions receivable	9,800	3,000
Investments	256,247	741,230
Prepaid expenses	<u>17,569</u>	<u>13,357</u>
Total current assets	<u>464,663</u>	<u>874,940</u>
OTHER ASSETS		
Contributions receivable, net	69,989	52,308
Investments	987,645	987,645
Property and equipment, net	<u>1,897,029</u>	<u>2,002,218</u>
Total other assets	<u>2,954,663</u>	<u>3,042,171</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,419,326</u>	<u>\$ 3,917,111</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 21,055	\$ 20,004
Accounts payable and other liabilities	7,357	6,571
Deferred revenue	<u>12,868</u>	<u>14,575</u>
Total current liabilities	41,280	41,150
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES		
Long-term debt, net of current portion	<u>578,221</u>	<u>599,088</u>
Total liabilities	<u>619,501</u>	<u>640,238</u>
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions	1,724,174	1,995,266
With donor restrictions	<u>1,075,651</u>	<u>1,281,607</u>
Total net assets	<u>2,799,825</u>	<u>3,276,873</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 3,419,326</u>	<u>\$ 3,917,111</u>

See accompanying notes

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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

Years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

	2022			2021		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
REVENUE AND SUPPORT						
Contributions	\$ 238,095	\$ 36,168	\$ 274,263	\$ 395,567	\$ 56,315	\$ 451,882
Diocesan support	144,000	-	144,000	160,500	-	160,500
Government grants	8,512	-	8,512	153,736	-	153,736
Tuition and related fees, net	94,458	-	94,458	74,393	-	74,393
Rental income	89,250	-	89,250	56,606	-	56,606
Other revenue	20,382	-	20,382	17,886	-	17,886
Net assets released from restrictions	79,810	(79,810)	-	52,141	(52,141)	-
Total revenue and support	<u>674,507</u>	<u>(43,642)</u>	<u>630,865</u>	<u>910,829</u>	<u>4,174</u>	<u>915,003</u>
EXPENSES						
Program service						
Instructional	638,388	-	638,388	603,263	-	603,263
Support services						
Management and general	216,018	-	216,018	217,271	-	217,271
Development	52,171	-	52,171	38,493	-	38,493
Total expenses	<u>906,577</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>906,577</u>	<u>859,027</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>859,027</u>
Change in net assets before other changes	<u>(232,070)</u>	<u>(43,642)</u>	<u>(275,712)</u>	<u>51,802</u>	<u>4,174</u>	<u>55,976</u>
OTHER CHANGES						
Forgiveness of debt	-	-	-	74,837	-	74,837
Investment (loss) income	(39,022)	(162,314)	(201,336)	57,638	147,668	205,306
Total other changes	<u>(39,022)</u>	<u>(162,314)</u>	<u>(201,336)</u>	<u>132,475</u>	<u>147,668</u>	<u>280,143</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	<u>(271,092)</u>	<u>(205,956)</u>	<u>(477,048)</u>	<u>184,277</u>	<u>151,842</u>	<u>336,119</u>
NET ASSETS						
Beginning of year	1,995,266	1,281,607	3,276,873	1,810,989	1,129,765	2,940,754
End of year	<u>\$ 1,724,174</u>	<u>\$ 1,075,651</u>	<u>\$ 2,799,825</u>	<u>\$ 1,995,266</u>	<u>\$ 1,281,607</u>	<u>\$ 3,276,873</u>

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STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

	2022				2021			
	<u>Instructional</u>	<u>Management and General</u>	<u>Development</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Instructional</u>	<u>Management and General</u>	<u>Development</u>	<u>Total</u>
Salaries and benefits	\$ 405,135	\$ 62,888	\$ 49,217	\$ 517,240	\$ 421,562	\$ 75,894	\$ 36,396	\$ 533,852
Academic expenses	5,059	-	-	5,059	1,883	-	-	1,883
Accreditation	1,971	-	-	1,971	1,758	-	-	1,758
Advertising	-	1,725	-	1,725	-	3,384	-	3,384
Bad debt expense	2,431	-	-	2,431	2,150	-	-	2,150
Books	39,807	-	-	39,807	18,423	-	-	18,423
Depreciation	54,989	54,989	-	109,978	48,986	48,986	-	97,972
Dues and subscriptions	19,524	-	-	19,524	19,238	-	-	19,238
Insurance	12,750	2,031	1,615	16,396	9,515	1,811	882	12,208
Interest	16,955	13,730	-	30,685	11,020	10,205	-	21,225
Miscellaneous	11,586	7,479	-	19,065	9,124	2,866	-	11,990
Office expenses	7,269	2,548	618	10,435	5,078	1,807	373	7,258
Postage	9,057	500	397	9,954	8,518	942	459	9,919
Professional fees	-	17,534	-	17,534	-	17,705	-	17,705
Real estate taxes	10,805	15,010	-	25,815	9,474	12,708	-	22,182
Repairs and maintenance	19,049	19,032	-	38,081	17,797	23,857	-	41,654
Supplies	1,665	188	149	2,002	3,880	738	360	4,978
Travel	1,379	220	175	1,774	246	47	23	316
Utilities	18,957	18,144	-	37,101	14,611	16,321	-	30,932
End of year	<u>\$ 638,388</u>	<u>\$ 216,018</u>	<u>\$ 52,171</u>	<u>\$ 906,577</u>	<u>\$ 603,263</u>	<u>\$ 217,271</u>	<u>\$ 38,493</u>	<u>\$ 859,027</u>

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	\$ (477,048)	\$ 336,119
Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to net cash (used for) provided by operating activities		
Bad debt expense	2,431	2,150
Net realized and unrealized loss (gain) on investments	226,518	(149,166)
Forgiveness of debt	-	(74,837)
Depreciation	109,978	97,972
Contributions received for endowment	(26,168)	(6,595)
(Increase) decrease in		
Tuition receivable	7,449	(9,572)
Contributions receivable	(6,800)	2,090
Prepaid expenses	(4,212)	(100)
Increase (decrease) in		
Accounts payable and other liabilities	786	2,256
Deferred revenue	(1,707)	5,628
Net cash (used for) provided by operating activities	<u>(168,773)</u>	<u>205,945</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sale of investments	872,655	283,395
Purchase of investments	(614,190)	(375,010)
Purchase of property and equipment	(4,789)	(234,038)
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	<u>253,676</u>	<u>(325,653)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Repayment of long-term debt	(19,816)	(14,228)
Proceeds from contributions received for endowment	8,487	9,281
Net cash used for financing activities	<u>(11,329)</u>	<u>(4,947)</u>
Net change in cash	73,574	(124,655)
CASH		
Beginning of year	<u>86,955</u>	<u>211,610</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 160,529</u>	<u>\$ 86,955</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Interest paid	<u>\$ 30,685</u>	<u>\$ 21,225</u>
NONCASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of property and equipment under mortgage	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 298,500</u>

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(1) NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church ("**Seminary**"), located in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, was founded in 1887 by the Reformed Episcopal Church to educate and train Christians for lay and ordained ministries in the church of Jesus Christ. The Seminary is distinguished by its strong commitment to the inerrancy of God's Word, adherence to reformed theology and evangelical beliefs, worship and polity in the Anglican tradition, and an emphasis on pastoral ministry training. In 2013, the Seminary received its accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada. In 2016, the Seminary received approval to participate in those student financial assistance programs authorized by Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. The approval expires March 2025.

(2) SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the Seminary have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Basis of Presentation

The Seminary reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to the following classes of net assets:

Without donor restrictions

Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions.

With donor restrictions

Net assets that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions that will be satisfied by actions of the Seminary and/or the passage of time. When a restriction is satisfied, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statements of activities as "**net assets released from restrictions**". Contributions and investment income that are restricted by the donor are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions if the restrictions expire (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished) in the reporting period in which the revenue is recognized.

This category also includes net assets that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions that neither expire by passage of time nor can be satisfied by actions of the Seminary.

Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Tuition Receivable

Tuition receivable is stated at the amount management expects to collect from balances outstanding at year-end. Based on management's assessment of the credit history with the individuals having outstanding balances and current relationships with them, it has concluded that realization losses on balances outstanding at year-end will be immaterial. The Seminary does not charge interest on outstanding balances.

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Investments

Investments in equity securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are reported at fair value with gains and losses included in the statements of activities. Gain or loss on sale of securities is determined on the basis of specific identification. Dividend and interest income is recorded as earned. Restricted investment income whose restrictions are satisfied in the same period are reported as net assets without donor restrictions.

The portion of investments without donor restrictions is classified as a current asset in the accompanying statements of financial position. The portion of investments with donor restrictions is classified as a noncurrent asset in the accompanying statements of financial position.

The Seminary invests in a professionally-managed portfolio that contains various types of securities (**See Note 4**). Such investments are exposed to market and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with such investments, and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of such investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the near term would materially affect investment balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are carried at cost, if purchased, and at their fair value at the date of donation if donated. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

Library books and other religious items acquired either through purchase or donation are not capitalized. Accordingly, the cost of these items purchased is reported as a decrease in net assets and proceeds from the sale of these items are reported as an increase in net assets.

Fair Value Measurements

Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("**GAAP**") define fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. GAAP establishes a fair value hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that the most observable inputs be used when available. Observable inputs are those that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Seminary. Unobservable inputs reflect the Seminary's assumptions about the inputs market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on the best information available in the circumstances. The fair value hierarchy is categorized into three levels based on the inputs as follows:

Level 1 – Valuations based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Seminary has the ability to access. Since valuations are based on quoted prices that are readily and regularly available in an active market, valuation of these assets and liabilities does not require a significant degree of judgment.

Level 2 – Valuations based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 – Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable, that is, inputs that reflect the Seminary's own assumptions.

Contributions and Government Grants

Contributions and government grants received are recorded as net assets without donor restrictions or with donor restrictions depending on the absence or existence and nature of any donor restrictions. Donor-restricted contributions and government grants whose restrictions are satisfied in the same period are reported as net assets without donor restrictions.

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Unconditional contributions and government grants are recognized as revenue when the related promise to give is received. Conditional contributions and government grants are recognized as revenue when the conditions are satisfied.

For the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Seminary received grants of \$8,512 and \$153,736, respectively, from the U.S. Department of Education to provide emergency funding to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations and their studies; and to strengthen the information technology infrastructure and virtual education ability as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Revenue

Tuition for instructional and other educational services, net of scholarships, are substantially billed and collected prior to the end of each semester. Revenues are earned and recognized over the course of each semester as education services are delivered. Scholarships provided by the Seminary are reflected as a reduction of tuition revenue. For the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, scholarships awarded were \$63,950 and \$70,825, respectively.

Rental income is recognized in the year to which it relates.

Accordingly, tuition revenue and rental income received in advance of the applicable year are reflected as deferred revenue in the accompanying statements of financial position and are recognized as revenue in the immediate subsequent year.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing various program and supporting services have been presented on a functional basis in the statements of activities and functional expenses. Expenses directly attributable to a specific functional area are reported as expenses of that functional area. Expenses not directly attributable to a specific functional area are allocated, based upon either estimates of time and effort or relative square footage.

Income Tax Status

The Seminary qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code. However, income derived from certain rental activities is subject to taxation as unrelated business income.

The Seminary has adopted an accounting standard regarding uncertain tax positions. The standard prescribes a minimum threshold that a tax position is required to meet in order to be recognized in the financial statements. The Seminary believes that it had no uncertain tax positions as defined in the standard.

Concentrations of Credit Risk

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Seminary to concentration of credit risk are cash, tuition receivable, and contributions receivable. The Seminary maintains cash deposits at various high-quality banks and financial institutions. At times, these deposits may exceed federally-insured limits. Tuition receivable at December 31, 2022 is expected to be collected in 2023. Contributions receivable are expected to be collected as described in Note 3.

Reclassifications

Certain items in the 2021 statements of activities have been reclassified to conform to the 2022 presentation.

(3) CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE

During 2014, the Seminary received a permanently restricted pledge of \$100,000 from the spouse of a related party of the Seminary to endow a Chair in Anglican Theology (**See Note 7**). The pledge is expected to be received at the rate of \$3,000 per year for nine years from 2015 through 2023 with the balance received in 2024. In 2022, the restricted pledge was increased to \$150,000. The pledge is expected to be received at the rate of \$4,800 per year for ten years from 2023 through 2033 with the balance received in 2034. This pledge has been recorded at its net present value of \$69,789 at December 31, 2022 and \$55,308 at December 31, 2021.

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Contributions receivable at December 31, 2022 and 2021, including the receivable described in the preceding paragraph, are expected to be collected as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
In less than one year	\$ 9,800	\$ 3,000
In one to five years	29,000	60,550
Thereafter	<u>77,100</u>	<u>-</u>
	115,900	63,550
Less discount to present value (5%)	<u>(36,111)</u>	<u>(8,242)</u>
	<u>\$ 79,789</u>	<u>\$55,308</u>

(4) INVESTMENTS

Investments consisted of the following at December 31, 2022 and 2021:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Money market funds	\$ 15,614	\$ 22,908
Common stocks	457,873	678,854
Preferred stocks	-	9,896
Corporate bonds	-	18,433
Exchange traded funds		
Equity	208,273	35,732
Fixed Income	178,920	357,939
Mutual funds		
Equity	346,600	528,557
Fixed income	<u>36,612</u>	<u>76,556</u>
	<u>\$1,243,892</u>	<u>\$1,728,875</u>

Investment (loss) income consisted of the following for 2022 and 2021:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ 37,255	\$ 70,150
Net realized and unrealized gain	(226,518)	149,166
Investment fees	<u>(12,073)</u>	<u>(14,010)</u>
	<u>\$ (201,336)</u>	<u>\$ 205,306</u>

(5) PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consisted of the following at December 31, 2022 and 2021:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Land	\$ 304,737	\$ 304,737
Buildings and improvements	2,380,634	2,375,846
Software	68,400	68,400
Furniture and equipment	<u>39,939</u>	<u>39,939</u>
	2,793,710	2,788,922
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(896,681)</u>	<u>(786,704)</u>
Total	<u>\$1,897,029</u>	<u>\$2,002,218</u>

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(6) LONG-TERM DEBT

Long term debt consisted of the following at December 31, 2022 and 2021:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Mortgage note payable - 826 Second Avenue	\$309,021	\$322,211
Mortgage note payable - 854 Second Avenue	<u>290,255</u>	<u>296,881</u>
	599,276	619,092
Less current portion	<u>(21,055)</u>	<u>(20,004)</u>
	<u>\$578,221</u>	<u>\$599,088</u>

In November 2017, the Seminary executed a mortgage note payable at 826 Second Avenue in Blue Bell, PA, pursuant to which it borrowed \$370,000 which was used to pay off existing debt. The note is payable in monthly installments of \$2,536 including interest at 5.38%, until October 2027 at which time the unpaid principal will be due in full. The note is secured by a mortgage on the property.

In September 2021, the Seminary executed a mortgage note payable at 854 Second Avenue in Blue Bell, PA pursuant to which it borrowed \$298,500. The note is payable in monthly installments of \$1,672 including interest at 4.51%, until September 2031 at which time the unpaid principal will be due in full. The note is secured by a mortgage on the property.

The notes payable mature as follows:

Year ending December 31,

2023	\$ 21,055
2024	22,117
2025	23,326
2026	24,553
2027	25,846
Thereafter	<u>482,379</u>
	<u>\$599,276</u>

(7) NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Net assets with donor restrictions consisted of the following at December 31, 2022 and 2021:

	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Releases</u>	<u>End of Year</u>
<u>2022</u>				
<u>With purpose restrictions</u>				
Assessment support and planning	\$ 43,835	\$ -	\$(41,221)	\$2,614
Library	-	10,000	-	10,000
<u>To be maintained in perpetuity</u>				
An endowment, the income from which is restricted to establish a Chair in Anglican Theology, of which \$69,789 and \$55,308 is receivable at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.	112,870	15,589	-	128,459
An endowment, the income from which is restricted for campus maintenance.	1,580	-	-	1,580
An endowment in honor of a former student, the income from which is unrestricted.	<u>1,123,322</u>	<u>(151,735)</u>	<u>(38,589)</u>	<u>932,998</u>
	<u>\$1,281,607</u>	<u>\$(126,146)</u>	<u>\$(79,810)</u>	<u>\$1,075,651</u>

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Scholarships	\$ 2,090	\$ -	\$ (2,090)	\$ -
Assessment support and planning	-	49,720	(5,885)	43,835

To be maintained in perpetuity

An endowment, the income from which is restricted to establish a Chair in Anglican Theology, of which \$55,308 and \$57,994 is receivable at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.	102,293	10,577	-	112,870
An endowment, the income from which is restricted for campus maintenance.	1,580	-	-	1,580
An endowment in honor of a former student, the income from which is unrestricted.	<u>1,023,802</u>	<u>143,686</u>	<u>(44,166)</u>	<u>1,123,322</u>
	<u>\$1,129,802</u>	<u>\$203,872</u>	<u>\$(52,141)</u>	<u>\$1,281,607</u>

An accounting standard exists which provides guidance on the net asset classification of donor-restricted endowment funds for a nonprofit organization that is subject to an enacted version of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act ("**UPMIFA**"). The Seminary is not subject to this guidance since Pennsylvania has not enacted a version of UPMIFA. The standard also requires additional disclosures about an organization's endowment funds (both donor-restricted endowment funds and board-designated endowment funds) whether or not the organization is subject to UPMIFA.

The Seminary has adopted investment and spending policies for its endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowments while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of these endowment assets over the long-term. The Seminary's spending and investment policies work together to achieve this objective. The investment policy establishes an achievable return objective through diversification of asset classes.

The spending policy determines the amount of the annual distribution from the endowment funds to support various programs. For the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Board designated draws not to exceed 4% of the total market value of the investment accounts.

The changes in endowment net assets for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 were as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$1,237,772	\$1,127,675
Contributions	26,168	6,595
Withdrawals	(38,589)	(44,166)
Investment (loss) income	<u>(162,314)</u>	<u>147,668</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$1,063,037</u>	<u>\$1,237,772</u>

The original gift amounts for donor restricted net assets that must be maintained in perpetuity were \$1,070,475 at December 31, 2022 and \$1,044,307 at December 31, 2021 such that the original gift amounts exceeded the fair market value of the endowments by \$7,439 at December 31, 2022. At December 31, 2021, the fair market value of the endowments exceeded the original gift amounts by \$193,464.

(8) RENTAL INCOME

The Seminary leases portions of its main facility to unrelated third parties on a month-to-month basis. Rental income was \$6,600 for 2022 and \$7,200 2021.

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The Seminary's real estate includes a residential facility adjacent to the Seminary's main facility that is used as a dormitory. Rental income for the dormitory was \$10,555 for 2022 and \$10,550 for 2021.

The Seminary leases portions of its second building to unrelated third parties under month-to-month and one-year leases. Rental income was \$40,180 for 2022 and \$29,700 for 2021.

The Seminary's real estate includes a second residential facility adjacent to the Seminary's main facility that is used as a dormitory. The Seminary leases space to a student and unrelated third party under month-to-month leases. Rental income was \$31,915 for 2022 and \$9,156 for 2021.

(9) PENSION PLAN

The Seminary participates in a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees. Under this plan the Seminary contributes an amount equal to 12% of each eligible employee's compensation. The Seminary's contributions were \$44,543 for 2022 and \$47,761 for 2021.

(10) ASSETS MEASURED AT FAIR VALUE

The following table presents information about the Seminary's assets that are measured at fair value and the valuation inputs used to value them:

Description	Total	Quoted Prices in	Significant Other	Significant
		Active Markets (Level 1)	Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
December 31, 2022				
Contributions receivable	\$ 79,789	\$ -	\$79,789	\$ -
Investments				
Money market funds	15,614	15,614	-	-
Common stocks	457,873	457,873	-	-
Exchange traded funds	387,194	387,194	-	-
Mutual funds	383,211	383,211	-	-
	<u>\$1,323,681</u>	<u>\$1,243,892</u>	<u>\$79,789</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Description	Total	Quoted Prices in	Significant Other	Significant
		Active Markets (Level 1)	Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
December 31, 2021				
Contributions receivable	\$ 55,308	\$ -	\$55,308	\$ -
Investments				
Money market funds	22,908	22,908	-	-
Common stocks	678,854	678,854	-	-
Preferred stocks	9,896	9,896	-	-
Corporate bonds	18,433	-	18,433	-
Exchange traded funds	393,671	393,671	-	-
Mutual funds	605,113	605,113	-	-
	<u>\$1,784,183</u>	<u>\$1,710,442</u>	<u>\$73,741</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****December 31, 2022 and 2021****(11) LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES**

The following table reflects the Seminary's financial assets as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 and the amounts available within one year.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cash	\$ 160,529	\$ 86,955
Tuition receivable	20,518	30,398
Contributions receivable	79,789	55,308
Investments	<u>1,243,892</u>	<u>1,728,875</u>
Total financial assets	1,504,728	1,901,536
Less amounts with donor restrictions	<u>(1,075,651)</u>	<u>(1,281,607)</u>
Financial assets available within one year	<u>\$ 429,077</u>	<u>\$ 619,929</u>

As part of the Seminary's liquidity management, it has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities and other obligations become due. The Seminary invests cash in excess of its requirements in a money market fund.

(12) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through May 17, 2023, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued. No material subsequent events have occurred since December 31, 2022 that required recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

Nominations Committee Report

The Report was received.

Committee Members

The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin - *Ex-officio*
The Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. - *Ex-officio*

The Rev. William Vowles - *Chairman*
The Very Rev. Eduardo A. Andrade
The Very Rev. Dr. Jason S. Patterson
The Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn
The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud
Mr. Mark Hammett

The following nominations are submitted by the Committee on Nomination for election at the One Hundred Forty-Third Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic:

Officers

Ex-officio President: The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin
First Vice-President: The Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr.
Second Vice-President: The Very Rev. Eduardo A. Andrade
Secretary: Mrs. Sara Patterson

Standing Committee

The Very Rev. Dr. Eric W. Jorgensen - *Chairman*
The Rev. Cedric R. Benner
The Very Rev. Dr. Jason S. Patterson
Mr. Mark Hammett
Mr. Robert Miller
Mrs. Linda Schmuck
The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin – *ex-officio*
The Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. – *ex-officio*
The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud – *ex-officio*

Trustees of the Diocese

The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin – *ex-officio*
The Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. – *ex-officio*
Mrs. Barbara N. Hamarich
The Rev. Michael D. Blitz
Mr. Mark Oranchak
The Rev. William Vowles
The Rev. David A. France

Mr. Michael McTigue
Mr. Farrell Lawrence
Mr. Ronald Riches
Mr. Millage Holloway
Mr. Gregory Wright
Zibusiso “Zie” Chilele
Mr. Ronald Reese

Board of Directors for the Theological Seminary

The Rev. Dr. Julius Barnes
Mrs. Sarah Benner
The Rev. Jason A. Holloway
Mr. Stephen W. Jenks
The Very Rev. Dr. Eric W. Jorgensen
Mr. Christopher Komline
Mr. Walter LaForet
Mrs. Diane McTigue
The Very Rev. Dr. Jason S. Patterson
The Most Rev. Dr. Ray R. Sutton
Dr. Guy Webster, MD
The Rt. Rev. Vince McLaughlin
The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin – *ex-officio*
The Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. – *ex-officio*
The Rev. Cn. Dr. Mathew P. Harrington – *ex-officio*

Parochial Apportionment Committee

The Rev. Cn. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches, *Chairman*
Mr. Ronald Riches
The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller
Mr. Millage Holloway
Mr. Farrell Lawrence

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. William Vowles, *Chairman*

Report of the Board of Examining Chaplains

The Report was received.

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

Dear Brethren,

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

This Board serves in an advisory capacity to the Bishop Ordinary, assisting him by guiding candidates and postulants through the canonical process of discerning gifting, calling, and competency for service in holy orders within the Reformed Episcopal Church. We also assist the search committees and Vestries of parishes in the REC as they work through the discernment process of calling a new Rector, helping to guide and advise them as to the Canonical process and requirements that are in place.

Since the last Council, written and/or oral examinations have been administered to: Jared Lovell (diaconate), Kevin Murphy (diaconate), and Stephen Atchison (diaconate).

All three men sustained their exams and the unanimous determination of the Chaplains was that they had met the Canonical requirements for ordination to the diaconate.

There are a number of men “in the pipeline” at the moment and we thank God for continuing to call good and godly men to serve in our diocese.

Respectfully Submitted,
Fr. Patterson, *Chairman*

Report on Memorials

The Report was received.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

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

Beverly Jean Reese (nee Leibrand), formerly of Philadelphia, PA went home to be with her Lord and Savior on February 5, 2023. Beverly, born February 26, 1952, was the beloved wife of Ronald for 51 years having married in September 1970 and together they raised four children. Beverly was loving mother of Kimberly, her late husband Scott Gallen; John, his wife Colleen; Karen, her husband David Arber, Jr. and the late Jeremy Michael. She was the daughter of Henry and Jean Leibrand and sister of Barbara Leibrand. She will also be sadly missed by her many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends.

Beverly grew up in Philadelphia, PA and attended Frankford High School where she met her husband. Beverly was a retired nurse, she graduated from Temple University with a BSN and worked as a Registered Nurse at Jeanes and Torresdale Hospitals for many years.

She attended Trinity REC in Kensington until 1965 when her family relocated and transferred to St. Luke's REC. She was an active member of St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman Reformed Episcopal Church serving in almost every facet of the life of the church. She was treasurer of the Sunday School, worked in DVBS, was active in Women's Ministry for over 50 years, she sang in the church choir and with the community choir the Hallelujah Singers. She represented the church and the congregation at both Diocesan and General Councils and served as a Diocesan Trustee for the NEMA Diocese.

She loved to travel, and visit lighthouses, she also enjoyed photography and hanging out with "the girls". Her favorite lighthouse to visit was Cape Hatteras and had visited almost every lighthouse on the East Coast. She enjoyed many family trips going up the mountains to Promised Land State Park and down the shore to Cape May, NJ. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family.

After a protracted illness, Beverly passed away quietly on the evening of February 5, 2023 surrounded by the members of her family.

Fern A Wilson Nov. 19, 1928 - Apr. 3, 2023, passed away peacefully in her home in Glen Mills, PA on April 3rd, 2023. She was surrounded by three of her daughters.

Fern was the 14th and last living child of 17 children born to Peter and Emma Rickert on a farm in Hilltown, PA. She is survived by her five children, 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Fern was a graduate of Philadelphia College of the Bible and Columbia Bible College. She and her husband felt called to serve as Christian Missionaries. They joined the North Africa Mission in 1950 and worked for them for 35 years first in Morocco and then in France. Fern learned to read and write French and Classical Arabic. While raising her three eldest children in Morocco, Fern taught sewing classes, reading classes, and was an intake clerk at the hospital where her husband worked as the Director. While raising her two youngest children in Marseilles, France she worked at the Radio School of the Bible in the correspondence department using her knowledge of French and Arabic. She was the hospitality host who helped with the logistics of getting new families situated in a foreign country.

Fern and Tom retired to the Bradenton Missionary Village in Bradenton, FL in 1987. Fern pursued her desire to help others by volunteering to care for patients on Hospice and by serving as an aid in an elementary school in an impoverished neighborhood. She won an award for her service to the Community. Wherever she was she was active in her church. To her family's surprise she was a writer. She self-published her memoirs as a volunteer for Hospice and the account of her adult life in "As I Remember".

Steven Keith Hoopes of Christiana, PA departed this life on Monday, April 10, 2023 at Kindred Hospital in Havertown, PA. Steve was born in Coatesville on December 30, 1970, and was the son of the late Arthur J. Hoopes, Jr. and Janice Townsend Hoopes.

Steve was a lifelong resident of Christiana, PA and a 1989 graduate of Octorara High School. He continued his education, graduating from Cairn University with a Bachelor's Degree in Biblical

Studies and Elementary Education, and then completed his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and Administration. He was most recently employed by Bethany Christian School of Oxford, PA, as a schoolteacher. He was formerly Principal of Christ Academy in Collingdale, PA. He also was employed by Grace Reformed Episcopal Church in Collingdale under Father Michael Fitzpatrick where he served as a Youth Director.

Susan Rodgers, of Abington, PA, a member of St. Mark's R.E. Church, went to be with the Lord on May 19 at the age of 66. courageous wife of Fred Rodgers, she was the beloved daughter of the late Eleanor and William Flynn. She is the loving mother of Justin (Brittany), the devoted Ashley, and Stephen. Dear sister of Diane Flynn (Tammy), James Flynn (Christina) and the late Robert Flynn. Devoted grandmother of Kenzie and Rylan. Susan grew up in Northeast Philadelphia and attended St. Bernard's elementary School and Abraham Lincoln High School. She earned her RN from the University of Penn Presbyterian School of Nursing and graduated from LaSalle University with a B.S.N. Susan was an outstanding nurse, having worked at Presbyterian, Abington and Einstein Hospitals. Her eagerness to learn advanced her career by returning to LaSalle to obtain a MSN and was a member of The Wound Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society. Her family, her patients and her dogs were her life. Known for love of nursing and her professionalism, she positively affected many people's lives during her life and career.

When Sue wasn't supporting her family on the side of an athletic field or ice rink, she could be found volunteering her time at free clinics and health fairs in under served neighborhoods. She held a strong desire to share her skills and joined a missionary team that served a village in Nicaragua.

She will be forever missed. She was an active communicant of St. Marks Reformed Episcopal Church.

Diana Johnstone Lopez, of Greenville, Delaware passed away peacefully at her home on May 22, 2023, at the age of 71 surrounded by her loving family and pets.

Diana was born in Wilmington, Delaware in July of 1951 to Virginia and Paul Johnstone. She attended Tatnell School and graduated from Oldfields School. While home on break from the University of Colorado, she met and fell in love with another native Wilmingtonian, John Lopez, a covert operative with the CIA. John proposed to Diana on their third date, and four months later they wed. Diana joined John in traveling the world, living in Brazil, Peru, and England. A polylinguist, Diana spoke Italian and French and learned Portuguese and Spanish so that she could develop connections with people in their native tongue, wherever she lived.

Diana was a devoted mother to John Paul ("JP"), who was born in Brazil, and Katharine, born in Wilmington in between Brazil and Peru tours. The family returned to Delaware when the children were in high school. Throughout her life, wherever she lived, one of Diana's hallmarks was love and she often expressed that love through cooking. She was a consummate host and could always be relied upon to have a jar full of homemade chocolate chip cookies if you stopped by to say hello. After her children had graduated from college, Diana and John fell in love with Durango, Colorado and built a home there, where they made many dear friends, and Diana embraced her inner cowgirl, volunteering with Bear Smart and hiking regularly.

In addition to filling her home with love, Diana was a perpetual student and that love of learning took her through several careers. Initially she got her BA in business administration and later joined John at the CIA working overtly in Financial Services. Throughout the years she got her real estate license, had her own Unishippers franchise run out of the home and was a convention planner for 20,000 person conventions for a large trade association. She was always successful at what she tried, but she was probably happiest in her last role working with philanthropist Foster Friess to communicate on his behalf.

Diana was an ardent Christian. A member of the Reformed Episcopal Church, she organized a congregation in Durango, Colorado. Diana attended the Blue Bell Seminary and earned a degree in Diaconal Studies. She was a longtime devoted member of the Bible Study Fellowship. She was a member of the Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross and on the Board of the Reformed Episcopal Seminary. She also leveraged her experience in large scale event planning to coordinate the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON) in Jerusalem. During the Pandemic she led morning prayer for the Stonegates community, and volunteered with the Stonegates annual gift fund. She was a founding member and devoted congregant at St Peter's Anglican Church in Elkton, Maryland.

Diana was a lifelong member of the Wilmington Country Club. While her knees allowed, she was a passionate tennis player. She supported the Bluebird Committee that her brother Leigh had launched, maintaining forty bluebird houses and five purple martin houses. She would often tend the bird houses while on early morning walks with Molly, her beloved Bernese Mountain Dog. She trained Molly to be a service dog and volunteered with PAWS taking him to the public library and the public schools. The local autism support classroom especially treasured her visits.

Diana was a cherished wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and sister-in-law. She was predeceased by her parents, her brother Leigh, her nephew Colt, and her niece, Robin. She is survived by her husband John, her sister Caroline, her sister-in-law Linda, her brother-in-law Tom (Margaret), her children JP (Mary) and Kate (Tim), four grandchildren Jack, Margo, Louisa and Oliver and nieces and nephews Lairsey, Ginny, Lainie, Kim, Jenny, Annie, David and Bruce.

Rodney Alan Whitacre, 73, of Sewickley, Pennsylvania, went to be with the Lord on May 22, 2023. He passed peacefully in his home from lymphoma, with his loving family by his side.

Rod was born on December 28, 1949, to Charles and Leah (Keller) Whitacre in Des Moines, Iowa. He grew up in Richland, Washington, on the banks of the Columbia River in southeastern Washington State. When a child, Rod was baptized in the Methodist Church and fell in love with the Bible. By the time he was in junior high school he was active in a small inter-denominational mission and headed towards full-time ministry in the future.

After graduating from Richland High School, Washington, in 1968, Rod went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Biblical and Theological Studies from Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts (1972), a Master of Theological Studies from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Hamilton, Massachusetts (1976), and a Ph.D. in New Testament from Cambridge

University, England (1980). He was later awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Cranmer Theological House, Dallas, Texas.

Rod was Director of the New Testament Greek program at Gordon-Conwell Seminary in Hamilton, MA, from 1981 to 1983 before moving to Pennsylvania to become New Testament professor at Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge. He authored a commentary on the Gospel of John along with several Greek text books, and was a well-loved teacher, counselor, and mentor from 1983 until his retirement in 2015. After retirement Rod continued to teach, sharing with students his love for the Word of God. Rod was an ordained priest in the Reformed Episcopal Church. For many years he served as part-time assisting priest at Grace Anglican Church, Edgeworth, where he also led a monthly acoustic music Roots Jam.

Rod is survived by Margaret, his wife of 50 years; son, Seth; son and daughter-in-law, Chad and Jessica; four grandchildren, Leah, Miriam, Samuel, and Ruth, all of Sewickley. He is also survived by two brothers, Timothy Whitacre and Thomas Whitacre, of Potlatch, Idaho. Rod's hobbies included playing ukulele, guitar, and chess.

William "Bill" Samuel McQuade Sr., of Brigantine, NJ, passed away on Saturday, May 27, at the age of 64. Bill was the loving husband of Michele, devoted father to Renee Kazarnowicz (Kevin), William Jr. (Jenna), and Michael. Grandfather to Meghan, Amelia "Millie", William III, and expected Remi. Son of the late Samuel and Mildred McQuade. Brother to Robert (Cheryl), and Gary (Nancy). Uncle to many nieces and nephews.

William F. Kozma, born in Ridley Park, PA on February 6, 1953 was welcomed into the church triumphant on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 5:20 am at Christiana Hospital in Wilmington, DE.

Bill graduated from Interboro High School class of '71, University of Scranton class of '75, and Reformed Episcopal Seminary class of '78, often using his seminary education in service of the kingdom.

After seminary Bill taught at a Christian school in the Great Lakes region before returning to Pennsylvania where he worked for PNC Bank and BNY Mellon as an IT professional. Bill was also a longtime member of Grace Reformed Episcopal Church in Collingdale, PA and faithfully served in the church and as a trustee of the diocese.

It was not unusual to see Bill at the church early in the morning and late at night. He was a 'first one in, last one out' kind of servant. He was church member, brother, godfather, and friend to many. Church members and colleagues have described him as a kindhearted, gentle soul with a generous heart. Bill will be deeply missed. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, and sister-in-law.

Daniel Olsen, 95, of Minneola, FL and formerly of Linwood, NJ, went home to be with his Lord on September 14, 2023.

Daniel's early years were spent in the Atlantic City, NJ, area with his parents, Daniel Olsen Jr. and Kathryn Abrams Olsen, and his sisters, Frances, Kathryn and Marion. Following his graduation from Atlantic City High School, he spent two years in the United States Navy, a year at University of Pennsylvania and three years at Bible Institute of Pennsylvania - now Cairn University.

Daniel married Jean Molyneaux in 1951. Together, they served in Sudan, Zaire and Kenya with Africa Inland Mission International, 1953-1985. After overseas service, the Olsens settled in the Atlantic City area of New Jersey, where Dan served as an accountant and pastor. The Olsens moved to the AIM Retirement Center in Minneola, FL in 2005, where he enjoyed a discipling ministry.

Daniel is survived by his wife of 72 years, Jean, and their precious daughters, their spouses and children: Karen and Wayne Brubaker: Daniel and Alaina Brubaker (Norah and Graham) Brianne and Michael Hornbaker (Aleah, Abram, Mae, Elsie, Elias and Simeon) Rachel Brubaker (Blake and Alexa Cirino) Erika and Mark Melhorn (Emma and Kathryn). Daniel is also survived by the children of his sisters, Frances Stepp and Kathryn Poloway.

A memorial will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, November 10 at [Scott Manor](#), 1000 Media Road in Minneola, FL.

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

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. David A. France, *Chairman*

Report of the Christian Education Committee

No report.

Report for the Committee on Young People's Work

The Report was received.

To the 143rd Diocesan Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic:

The COYPW sponsored two events in the past year: our diocesan summer camp for youth from grades 2nd-12th and our diocesan winter camp for grades 6th-12th. There was much to be grateful for at both events. At our winter retreat, held February 17th-19th at Rock Mountain Bible Camp, Fr. Jason Holloway led the teens in an exploration of the Parable of the Good Samaritan. We learned about the need for caring for others, especially those not exactly like us, and that Jesus is ultimately the Good Samaritan.

Our summer campers focused on the "walk" passages from St. Paul's letters to the Ephesians. Bishop Jenkins and Deacon Jared Lovell spoke at our two camps to the younger and older students respectively. To quote Dcn. Lovell, "five times in chapters 4 through 6 of Ephesians,

Paul speaks of how his readers are to walk, and in doing so, traces out the path to spiritual maturity. The Christian life is a journey. Transformation occurs as you walk.” We learned that this journeying is filled with joy, even if it is bumpy sometimes. I extend the gratitude of the entire committee to all three of these men!

Many thanks to all who continue to send youth to these events. We believe they are extremely profitable for all who attend and are actively aiding parishes and families in the formation of their sons and daughters. We encourage as many as are able to attend our upcoming camp events. An email will be sent out with dates information by the end of October.

As always, if you think there is anyone in your parish especially suited to youth work and might like to spend some time with some awesome kids, please let me know! I’m impressed with the crop of young counselors we have, but we could always use more! And please understand, that we run our youth camps as Anglican retreats. We pray the daily offices. We hear two sermons/lessons daily. I would love to have adults who model this way of living attend no matter their age. We need the energy and passion of young leaders. But we need the wisdom and guidance of older leaders. All that is really required are a love for children and a successful background check. Please support the work of molding children as young Christians in the Anglican way.

Yours in the Divine Mercy,
Dcn. Billy Jenkins

Report from the Committee on Constitution and Canons

The Report was received.

The Committee on Canons reports as follows:

No business came before the Committee during the calendar year 2022, and so there are no items for the consideration of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,
(The Very Reverend Dr.) Jon Abboud, Archdeacon
(The Reverend Dr.) M.P. Harrington

Report of the Committee on the State of the Diocese

The Report was received.

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

Dear Brethren,

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

In an attempt to make the collection and reporting process more convenient and efficient, a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet and the instructions for its use were made available on the NEMA website in February 2023. The spreadsheet is designed for ease of use by parishes in entering and submitting (via email) data, including automated calculations that are a regular part of the statistical report. This year, there was again a similar process executed by the ACNA during February/March 2023 – ACNA Congregational Reporting – in which NEMA parishes participated. The data requested by the ACNA is a subset of the statistics mandated by NEMA's Canons. The NEMA survey for 2023 data will be scheduled to be coincident with the ACNA process during February/March 2024.

The data submitted in this survey does not lend itself to even basic analysis as not all of the data submitted conforms to established definitions. However, here are a few basic observations derived from the 2022 raw data in the survey report:

- † Overall NEMA membership decreased by 7 souls during 2022;
- † Respondents reported total receipts of \$3,457,700 and a total tithe of \$254,974 for a raw percentage rate of 7.4%;
- † Thirty-eight percent of respondents reported expenditures exceeded revenue. Performance for the total of all respondents was that revenues exceeded expenditures by \$26,239.

Thanks to all those involved at each parish in gathering and reporting statistics for 2022, to Greg Wright for the work in setting up the website forms and instructions and publishing the reports, and Diocesan staff for help in all. All your efforts are much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Riches
Chairman

STATE OF THE DIOCESE REPORT
2022 Statistical Report

PARISH	Location	Previous Membership	Confirmations	Letter of Transfer	Sufficient Evidence	Letter of Transfer	Moved to Inactive Status	Death	Current Membership	Baptized Members	Families	Baptisms
Bishop Cummins	Catonsville, MD	127			5		-12	-1	119	2	79	2
Church of Our Redeemer	Jersey City, NJ	35					-3		32	1	4	
Church of the Atonement	Philadelphia, PA	25	1	2					28	1	16	1
Covenant Chapel	Basking Ridge, NJ	31	1			-2			30	9	13	
Emmanuel	Somerville, NJ	36					-5		31	31	25	
Emmanuel/Four Brooks	Pipersville, PA	44							48	20	18	1
Faith	Baltimore, MD	55	4				-6	-1	51	5	26	
First (St. Albans)	New York, NY											
Good Shepherd Anglican	Harrisburg, PA	32							32	15	15	
Good Shepherd Church	South Easton, MA	81	2		3		-4	-1	79	8	33	1
Grace	Scranton, PA	17				-2			17	14	9	1
Grace	Collingdale, PA	90	6					-1	95	55	22	1
Grace	Havre-de-Grace, MD	40						-2	38		15	
Jesus the Good Shepherd	Brooklyn, NY											
St. George's	Ontario, Canada	75	3					-1	84		73	
St. John's by-the-Sea	Ventnor City, NJ	48	2		7		-5		45	43	23	
St. Luke's	New Providence, NJ	8						-2	8		5	
St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman	Philadelphia, PA	13						-2	11	11	6	
St. Mark's	Rydal, PA	129	2	5		-2		-1	133	28	49	3
St. Matthew's	Havertown, PA	73						-2	71	13	34	1
St. Paul's	Oreland, PA											
St. Peter's	Chesapeake City, MD	45							45		22	
St. Stephen's	Sykesville, MD	166	5					-2	169	169	68	2
St. Timothy's	Mt. Laurel, NJ	12	1				-2	-2	9	2	8	
TOTALS - 2022		1,182	30	7	15	-6	-37	-16	1,175	426	563	13

STATE OF THE DIOCESE REPORT
2022 Statistical Report

PARISH	Location	Weddings	Funerals	Sunday School	Youth Fellowship	Women's Fellowship	Men's Fellowship	Vacation Bible School	General Fund	Dividends/Interest	Designated Gifts/Income	Property Sale/Rent
Bishop Cummins	Catonsville, MD	1	1	21	16	35	23		303,230		56,873	7,415
Church of Our Redeemer	Jersey City, NJ			4					37,242	1,892	80,618	
Church of the Atonement	Philadelphia, PA				8				94,523		88,946	
Covenant Chapel	Basking Ridge, NJ		1	12					174,255		11,493	
Emmanuel	Somerville, NJ			3	6	5			147,000	5	21,000	2,575
Emmanuel/Four Brooks	Pipersville, PA			20			7		44,718		21,254	
Faith	Baltimore, MD			21					96,730		6,600	250
First (St. Albans)	New York, NY					NO REPORT						
Good Shepherd Anglican	Harrisburg, PA			32	4	9	10		54,210	5	1,390	
Good Shepherd Church	South Easton, MA		1	30					201,174	55	66,670	4,000
Grace	Scranton, PA			27	7	14	8		48,790		14,000	
Grace	Collingdale, PA		1	8					244,157		9,700	2,700
Grace	Haare-de-Grace, MD		3			NO REPORT			65,328	2,445		
Jesus the Good Shepherd	Brooklyn, NY											
St. George's	Ontario, Canada		3			9	11		117,782		22,577	
St. John's by-the-Sea	Ventnor City, NJ			13		3			26,529	1	8,942	14,177
St. Luke's	New Providence, NJ			7		6			59,809	12,892	60,175	
St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman	Philadelphia, PA		1	9					19,303		99,087	
St. Mark's	Rydal, PA			30		13	7		283,601		43,028	
St. Matthew's	Havertown, PA				15				294,933			
St. Paul's	Oreland, PA					NO REPORT						
St. Peter's	Chesapeake City, MD			10					54,265		6,102	
St. Stephen's	Sykesville, MD	2		43	16	43	11	106	325,049			14,985
St. Timothy's	Mt. Laurel, NJ	3		6					23,568			
TOTALS - 2022		7	19	296	72	145	77	106	2,716,196	17,295	618,455	46,102

STATE OF THE DIOCESE REPORT
2022 Statistical Report

PARISH	Location	Savings/Port-folio Income	Total Receipts	Per Capita Giving	Personnel/Benefits	Local Ministry Expense	Diocesan Tithe	Capital Improvements	RE Missions	Non-RE Missions	General Fund to Savings
Bishop Cummins	Catonsville, MD		367,518	2,548	236,802	119,292	30,323		32,764	11,803	
Church of Our Redeemer	Jersey City, NJ		119,752	1,164	9,975	15,604	3,061		2,478		1,096
Church of the Atonement	Philadelphia, PA		183,469	3,376	30,997	56,775	2,285	86,278		4,243	5,171
Covenant Chapel	Basking Ridge, NJ	5,175	190,923	5,809	109,463	8,643	15,489	17,946	11,813	1,070	50,480
Emmanuel	Somerville, NJ		170,580	4,742	88,477	18,890	15,110	31,000	2,000	6,935	
Emmanuel/Four Brooks	Pipersville, PA		65,972	932	27,706	18,334	4,451	6,548			
Faith	Baltimore, MD		103,580	1,897	70,200	17,302	6,458	7,000			
First (St. Albans)	New York, NY		-	-	NO REPORT	NO REPORT					
Good Shepherd Anglican	Harrisburg, PA		55,605	1,694	23,400	7,521	2,670		2,656		2,570
Good Shepherd Church	South Easton, MA		271,899	2,547	134,210	50,647	20,155	2,000	3,423	350	
Grace	Scranton, PA		62,790	2,870	25,600	13,500	2,450				
Grace	Collingdale, PA		256,557	2,570	123,668	56,015	22,987	49,902			
Grace	Havre-de-Grace, MD		67,773	1,719	59,140	30,948	11,883			2,721	
Jesus the Good Shepherd	Brooklyn, NY		-	-	NO REPORT	NO REPORT					
St. George's	Ontario, Canada		117,782	1,402	56,210	26,808	9,400				
St. John's by-the-Sea	Ventnor City, NJ	51,477	114,761	590	57,110	3,731	1,500	1,035		6,093	34,999
St. Luke's	New Providence, NJ		81,643	7,476	32,538		7,270				
St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman	Philadelphia, PA	3,000	82,478	1,755	17,820		1,737	43,175	1,600		
St. Mark's	Rydal, PA		382,688	2,132	151,879	65,000	28,000	47,347	3,772	600	
St. Matthew's	Havertown, PA		337,961	4,154	142,352	33,178	32,133		22,400		
St. Paul's	Oreland, PA		-	-	NO REPORT	NO REPORT					
St. Peter's	Chesapeake City, MD		54,265	1,206	31,475	350	5,450		2,500	3,500	
St. Stephen's	Sykesville, MD		346,136	1,923	165,997	75,101	30,984	40,000	15,450	5,667	
St. Timothy's	Mt. Laurel, NJ		23,568	2,619	12,000	200	1,178		600	720	
TOTALS - 2022		59,652	3,457,700	2,312	1,607,019	617,839	254,974	332,231	101,456	43,702	94,316

STATE OF THE DIOCESE REPORT
2022 Statistical Report

PARISH	Location	Total General Fund Expense	Total Building Fund Expense	Designated Gifts (Total)	Total Expenses/- Disbursements	Income in Excess of Disbursements
Bishop Cummins	Catonsville, MD	430,984			430,984	(63,466)
Church of Our Redeemer	Jersey City, NJ	32,214			32,214	87,538
Church of the Atonement	Philadelphia, PA	185,749		45,515	231,264	(47,795)
Covenant Chapel	Basking Ridge, NJ	214,904		11,813	226,717	(35,794)
Emmanuel	Somerville, NJ	162,412			162,412	8,168
Emmanuel/Four Brooks	Pipersville, PA	57,039		7,927	64,966	1,006
Faith	Baltimore, MD	100,960		6,040	107,000	(3,420)
First (St. Albans)	New York, NY	-		NO REPORT	-	-
Good Shepherd Anglican	Harrisburg, PA	38,817	2,800		41,617	13,988
Good Shepherd Church	South Easton, MA	208,435	46,112	2,100	256,647	15,252
Grace	Scranton, PA	43,900	273		44,173	18,617
Grace	Collingdale, PA	252,572	15,000	3,950	271,522	(14,965)
Grace	Havre-de-Grace, MD	104,692	19,490		124,182	(56,409)
Jesus the Good Shepherd	Brooklyn, NY	-		NO REPORT	-	-
St. George's	Ontario, Canada	92,418	28,032		120,450	(2,668)
St. John's by-the-Sea	Ventnor City, NJ	104,468	8,831	8,942	113,299	1,462
St. Luke's	New Providence, NJ	39,808	33,097	8,942	81,847	(204)
St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman	Philadelphia, PA	64,332	15,879	2,582	82,793	(315)
St. Mark's	Rydal, PA	295,998	78,344		374,342	8,346
St. Matthew's	Havertown, PA	230,663	1,070	25,499	257,232	80,729
St. Paul's	Oreland, PA	-		NO REPORT	-	-
St. Peter's	Chesapeake City, MD	43,275	9,200		52,475	1,790
St. Stephen's	Sykesville, MD	333,199			333,199	12,937
St. Timothy's	Mt. Laurel, NJ	14,698	6,578	850	22,126	1,442
TOTALS - 2022		3,051,537	264,706	115,218	3,431,461	26,239

Report of the Looney-Hoffman Fund

The Report was received.

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

Dear Brethren:

Pursuant to the direction of the will of Bishop Herman S. Hoffman that the Board of Trustees of the Looney-Hoffman Fund “shall report their acts and proceedings and expenditures of funds to the New York and Philadelphia Synod”, the following report is submitted for the Fund’s fiscal year June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023.

The Board held four regular meetings during the year:

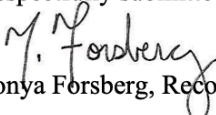
June 23, 2022	December 22, 2022
September 22, 2022	March 23, 2023

The Trustees of the Fund during the year were:

Rev. Jon Abboud, President & Treasurer	Rev. M. Russell Buchanan
Tonya Forsberg, Recording Secretary	Rev. Dale Crouthamel
Gregory Wright, Vice President	Farrell Lawrence
	Ronald Reese
	Jaime Riley

The principal purpose of the Looney-Hoffman Fund is to make appropriations in the form of nominal interest loans for the establishment and expansion of Reformed Episcopal churches in Pennsylvania. Those “church loans”, which must be secured by first mortgages on real estate, are made from the Fund’s accumulated income. The Fund manages its principal and accumulated income in a variety of investments. At year end, \$1,476,338.31 of that was in interest bearing loans to Reformed Episcopal organizations. The rest is invested conventionally, in other mortgages, mutual funds and bank deposits.

Respectfully submitted,


Tonya Forsberg, Recording Secretary

Assets

Commercial Mortgages	1,476,321.31	
Church Mortgages	17.00	
PNC Bank, checking account	5,348.35	
PNC Bank, money market account	15,560.86	
Charles Schwab	<u>4,097,008.42</u>	
		\$5,594,255.94

Funds

Looney-Hoffman Fund Principal	5,506,762.44	
Nisky Hill Cemetery Fund Principal	1,200.00	
Looney-Hoffman Fund Income	<u>86,293.50</u>	
		\$5,594,255.94

Report of the Committee of the Bassinger Home Fund

The Report was received.

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Jason Holloway Sr., *Chairman*

Report of the Public Relations Committee

The Report was received.

To the 143rd Council of the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church

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

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

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

More than half of all visits to websites are happening from smart phones these days, compared to desktops and laptops which have much larger screens. The interface is also different, as there is limited room on a smart phone screen for buttons or clickable lines of text. Does your church website look good and work well when visited on a smart phone? Try it yourself. Visit your own website, try to find a picture of your building, the address, the service times, and the Contact page. It's not easy.

We hope you have been enjoying the increased flow of information and prayer requests from the Diocese via the more frequent NEMA News emails. If you are not getting this, you can [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up or send an email to: admin@rec-nema.org requesting a subscription. Contributions or suggestions are always welcome.

The season of Advent and Christmas is coming soon, and we have a tradition of posting special events from our churches on a special Diocesan webpage in order to draw visitors. Please let us know how we can help your church expand your online appeal by featuring your upcoming events. Note also the REC-BFM Advent Appeal is coming up; a brochure should be available soon.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregory Wright, *Chairman*

A motion was made that the Secretary pass one ballot to receive all of the reports submitted to this point (which had not previously been received). The motion passed.

At this time, the business portion of the meeting concluded.

Bishop Gillin then proceeded to give the first teaching session, which was on the subject of Anglicanism and the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Council went into recess until the following day.

DAY TWO – November 3, 2023

Morning Prayer was said at 9:00, with Bishop Gillin as the homilist.

The Council meeting reconvened at 10:25 am.

The first agenda item was the second teaching session, led by Bp. Jenkins. His subject was the relationship between the REC and the ANCA. Dean McLynn opened the session in prayer.

After the teaching session, there were a few questions after which the council took a short break.

Bishop Gillin reconvened the meeting at 12:15pm and called for the following reports to be submitted, some of which were given with short comments.

Reports from Special Committees (Appointed)

Dean Jorgensen submitted his report and encouraged the clergy to attend the annual Clergy & Wives retreat.

Spiritual Growth and Nurture

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

The retreat for 2023 was scheduled for February 2nd thru 4th at the Eden Resort in Lancaster, PA. The itinerary included times of worship, games, meals and learning sessions as well as free time. During our teaching sessions we examined the journeys of Christian and Christiana from “A Pilgrim’s Progress”..

The next retreat will be held on February 1st thru 3rd 2024 again at the Eden Resort in Lancaster, PA.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Very Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen

History of the Diocese

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

Dear Brethren:

The Committee on the History of the Diocese continues to collect and preserve materials related to the life of our churches. Please do all that you can to preserve materials important to the history of our churches, institutions, and diocese. Please send at least one copy of any materials that describe important events in the life of our churches, institutions, and member. These may include newsletters, bulletins, certificates, news clippings, pictures, and other mementos. We found a lot of original material from our diocese from the 19th century for sale by a manuscript collector. Thanks to several donations we were able to acquire these records; however they had clearly been in the hands of Reformed Episcopalians previously and let go. It is important for us to collect and preserve the history of our church for future generations.

We continue search the internet and other locations for items related to the history of the Diocese and the Reformed Episcopal Church and acquire them as we are able. This year we acquired a very substantial manuscript collection containing many items and letters from the 19th century.

Materials should be sent to: The Rev. Canon Jonathan S. Riches, Ph.D. 213 Olive Avenue, Horsham, PA 19044

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

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Canon Dr. Jonathan S. Riches, *Chairman*

Foreign Missions

To the 143rd Diocesan council of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic

The Committee did not meet this past year. All that is necessary to know can be found on the denomination's website on foreign missions <https://www.rec-bfm.org/>. The committee defers to their report.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Very Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen

Short-term Missions

The Short-Term Missions trip was canceled this year due to lack of participants. We have decided to make the short-term missions trip to more of a local event by focusing our mission efforts in the Philadelphia area, primarily at Church of the Atonement and Grace Church–Collingdale.

We are putting together a plan for the summer of 2024 to work out of Grace Church, possibly taking side trips to Church of the Atonement and the Whosoever Gospel Mission. We are planning the trip for possibly the last week in June.

We will keep the Diocese informed as our plans take more shape.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Greg Miller

Ministry to Men

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

Dear Brethren,

The Committee of the Ministry to Men did not plan any Denominational events for this year. The Committee is available upon request to provide support and resources for our parishes.

Respectfully Submitted, In Christ Service,
The Rev. Mark A. Specht, *Chairman*

Women's Ministry

The Women of the North East, Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Canada Diocese were able to meet for our two annual events. These gatherings are the Women's Day Project Offering Luncheon and the Spiritual Enrichment Conference.

The 2023 Women's Day Project Offering Luncheon was held twice, in different locations. Women were encouraged to attend either one. Some women did travel to both. It was a blessing to see these Sisters in Christ twice within a month's time. The speaker at both events was Mrs. Jamie Riley of Grace RE Church of Collingdale PA. Her words were found to be touching and inspirational.

- Faith Reformed Episcopal Church, Baltimore, Maryland on May 6th 2023
- Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, Collingdale, PA on May 13th 2023

Reformed Episcopal women throughout our country and Canada remained faithful and gave generously. The 2023 Women's Day Project Offering Luncheon Goal received donations to assist in Deaconess training and materials.

It was hoped that offering two separate luncheons, held in different states would encourage a greater attendance and fellowship. While the attendance at both events was good (47 women in all) the overall increase of attendees did not change from past years where only one luncheon was held. Therefore, we will host one Project Luncheon in May of 2024 and are currently working on finding a host church that is located in a more central location of our diocese.

The 65th Spiritual Enrichment Conference for 2023 was held on October 13th to October 15th in Williamsburg, Virginia. There were 58 women and men who registered and this met our cut-off amount for attendance. This was an increase from last year's event. We hope to have a hotel with

a larger meeting room capacity for next year, so guests need not be turned away. The heartwarming and soul searching key note speaker was Mrs. Kimberley Jenkins.

We encourage the women of our diocese to read the 2023-2024 Reformed Episcopal Devotional entitled, "Finding Restoration In The Redeemer" written by Deaconess Teresa R. Johnson. They will be blessed.

In Christ, Denise Snyder, *Chairman*

Ministry Wives

In an effort to develop stronger relationships and support for the women who work side by side with our husband ministers, the Ministry Wives Committee has developed a FaceBook and email prayer and event page, a prayer partner group, and a Ministry Wives directory. The Facebook group is called REC Ministry Wives. It is a place where we ladies can share with each other. Currently, we have sixteen members in that group. The page is open to receive prayer requests and updates. We also share events and services that are going on at the Parishes.

In an effort to not exclude anyone who may not be on Facebook, Mrs. Jan Gillin developed an email group where those not on the other platform may share with the group as well. There are currently an additional eleven members on the email list. We developed a Ministry Wives directory which has been distributed amongst the women who wished to participate. It contains information such as addresses, parish affiliations, phone numbers, birthdates and anniversaries. It is our hope that with this information our ladies can familiarize themselves with and interact with each other. Be on the lookout for information to update your directory profile.

Our goal in this group is to build friendships, share cares and joys and to provide support for each other. We plan to meet in person at Diocesan events and hope that we will be able to join together in some social events too. Susan France has suggested meeting regionally so no one must travel far. If you have any ideas about gathering events, please post them on one of the platforms. If you are a Ministry wife and are not a part of our group, please contact me to be included. Our aim is to provide loving support for each other, so that we can in turn provide the same for our husbands, families, and parishioners making us best suited for the service of our Lord.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Kimberley D. Jenkins, *Chairwoman*

Bishop Gillin invited the clergy and delegates to present any matters of Old Business. There was none. He then invited the same regarding New Business. There was none.

A motion to adjourn was passed.

Bishop Gillin then thanked Mark Hammett, as well as the Rector, Vestry, and People of St. Stephens for hosting Council this year. Bishop Gillin then asked the Rev'd Ricky McCarl to close the session in prayer, following which Bishop Gillin gave the Benediction.

Additional Documents

Certificate of Lay Delegates

Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic
REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 Certificate of Lay Delegates

PARISH: _____ WEBSITE: _____
 MAILING ADDRESS _____
 PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ EMAIL: _____

Number of Communicants: _____ Date of Parish Roll Examination: _____

This certifies that at an election held on _____ the following were elected to represent this parish to the 143rd DIOCESAN COUNCIL of the NORTHEAST & MID-ATLANTIC to be held on November 2nd and 3rd, 2023, at St. Stephen's Reformed Episcopal Church, Eldersburg, MD.

DELEGATES [Name/Address/Zip/Email]	ALTERNATES [Name/Address/Zip/Email]
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.

Signature (Sr. Warden) _____ Date _____	Signature (Rector or Vicar) _____ Date _____
(Sr. Warden) Print Name and Email Address _____	(Rector/Vicar) Print Name and Email Address _____
Signature (Jr. Warden) _____ Date _____	(Jr Warden) Print Name and Email Address _____

PARISHES: Delegates to Council must be elected annually in each parish *in accord with Title II, Canon IV, Section 1 of the diocesan canons. There shall be chosen two delegates with two alternates when a parish has less than 100 communicants; four delegates with four alternates, 100-249; six delegates with six alternates, 250-399; eight delegates with eight alternates, 400-499 Delegates and alternates must be communicants of the parish, age of 21 or over. MISSION PARISHES: Mission Parishes are entitled to one delegate; one alternate.*

**Completed forms due no later than October 18, 2023. Please return to:
 Bp. William Jenkins, Sr at 1314 Harkins Road, Pylesville, MD 21132.
 Or email digital scan to BpWmJenkins@gmail.com**

Parish Tithes Calculation

Parish Name:

Income received in the month of:

Total General Fund Receipts:

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

General Fund Interest or Dividends:

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

Income to General Fund from Property Rentals or Sales:

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

Transfers to General Fund:

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

TOTAL MONTH INCOME: (add the above amounts)

Multiply Total by 10% (5% for mission parishes)

TITHE AMOUNT OWED:

Please mail your Tithe Form with check payable to **Diocese of NE&MA** to:

**Reformed Episcopal Church
NEMA Treasurer
PO Box 88
Jenkintown, PA 19046**



“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.” Malachi 3:10