



## 144<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Council Schedule

*Reformed Episcopal Church*  
*Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic*  
meeting at

**St. Marks's R.E. Church in Rydal, PA**  
for Opening Communion and  
**St. Paul's R.E. Church in Oreland, PA**  
for Thursday Lunch and All Business Sessions

### *Thursday, November 7, 2024*

9:00am	Registration at St. Mark's
10:00am	<b>Opening Communion Service</b> at St. Mark's
12:00pm	Council recesses to travel to St. Paul's
1:00pm	<b>Catered Lunch</b> & Registration at St. Paul's
2:00pm	<b>First Business Session</b> at St. Paul's
4:00pm	Afternoon Break
4:30pm	<b>Teaching Session</b> at St. Paul's – REC-NEMA Bishop Charles Gillin Topic: Episcopal Expectations
5:30pm	R.E. Seminary Dedication/Open House
6:00pm	Council recess for dinner – on your own

### *Friday, November 8, 2024*

	Breakfast (on your own)
9:00am	<b>Choral Matins</b> at St. Paul's
9:45am	<b>Second Teaching Session</b> at St. Paul's Deaconess Susan Regisford Topic: Deaconesses
10:45am	Morning Break
11:00am	<b>Second Business Session</b> at St. Paul's
12-1:00pm	Council Adjourns

**Unfinished Business, New Business and matters of importance may be presented at the discretion of the Chair, one half hour following the convening of the second business session on Friday morning. Please warn the Chair if significant time may be needed.**

**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 144th DIOCESAN COUNCIL of the NORTHEAST & MID-ATLANTIC to be held on November 7th and 8th, 2024, at St. Mark's & St. Paul's RE Churches in Rydal & Oreland, PA.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Sr. Warden)                      Date

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Signature (Rector or Vicar)                      Date

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(Sr. Warden) Print Name and Email Address

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(Rector/Vicar) Print Name and Email Address

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Signature (Jr. Warden)                      Date

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(Jr Warden) Print Name and Email Address

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**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.*

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**Completed forms due no later than October 20, 2024. Please return to:  
Bp. William Jenkins, Sr at 1314 Harkins Road, Pylesville, MD 21132.  
Or email digital scan to BpWmJenkins@gmail.com**

# 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*

## 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

*Committee lists will be posted on the Diocesan website: [www.REC-NEMA.org](http://www.REC-NEMA.org)*
  
- 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.

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

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

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

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

November 7, 2024

To the 144th 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, 22 reported (matching the last two years' record high) in total. That leaves 1 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:

Atonement, Bishop Cummins, Covenant Chapel, Emmanuel-Pipersville, Emmanuel-Somerville, Faith, Good Shepherd-Easton, Good Shepherd-Harrisburg, Grace-Collingdale, Grace-Havre de Grace, Grace Scranton, Redeemer, At. Albans', St. Georges', St. John's BTS, St. Lukes', St. Lukes' Bishop Hoffman, St. Marks', St. Matthews', St. Stephens', St. Pauls', St. Peters', St. Stephens'.

The Committee received no certificates from the following Parishes or Missions:  
Jesus the Good Shepherd, St. Timothy'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 PROGRAM COMMITTEE

To the One Hundred Forty Fourth 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. Mark's R.E. Church for hosting our Opening Communion Service, and St. Paul's R.E. Church for hosting our lunch and business sessions on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning.

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 second 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

**REPORT OF THE BISHOP ORDINARY**  
**To the 144<sup>th</sup> Council of the**  
**Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic**  
**of the Reformed Episcopal Church**  
**November 7, 2024**

The following is a listing of my activities serving as Diocesan Bishop from October 19, 2023 to October 6, 2024.

Regular Episcopal Visits to Churches

10/29/23	St. Luke's Church – New Providence, NJ No confirmations
11/5/23	Faith Church – Baltimore, MD No confirmations
11/12/23	St. George's Anglican – Hamilton, ON One confirmation (Bishop Jenkins)
1/21/24	St. Mark's Church – Rydal, PA Forty-two confirmations
4/28/24	Good Shepherd Anglican – Harrisburg, PA Six confirmations
5/5/24	Grace Church – Havre-de-Grace, MD No confirmations
5/19/24	Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ No Confirmations & Vestry
6/9/24	Church of Our Redeemer – Jersey City, NJ Two confirmations
6/30/24	St. Alban's – New York, NY Two confirmations
9/8/24	Grace Anglican Church – Scranton, PA Six confirmations and one Baptism
9/22/24	Good Shepherd Church – South Easton, MA No confirmations
10/6/24	St. Matthew's Church – Havertown, PA No confirmations

Other Church Visits

11/26/23	Good Shepherd Anglican – Harrisburg, PA
1/27/24	Faith Church – Baltimore, MD (William A. Jenkins, Jr. – Ordination)
2/4/24	Good Shepherd Anglican – Harrisburg, PA
4/7/24	St. Matthew's Church – Havertown, PA
4/14/24	New Redeemer Church – Jersey City, NJ (Norris O. Gadsden – Ordination)
4/20/24	St. Mark's Church – Rydal, PA (Benjamin P. Pearce – Ordination)
5/12/24	St. Matthew's Church – Havertown, PA
7/7/24	St. Mark's Church – Rydal, PA



- 7/13/24 Church of Our Redeemer – Jersey City, NJ (Ordination of Rev. Chester Banks)
- 7/13/24 Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ (Ordination of Thomas Davison)

Vestry Meetings (All by Zoom)

- 11/28/23 New Redeemer Church – Jersey City, NJ
- 1/16/24 Emmanuel Church – Pipersville, PA
- 1/22/24 Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ
- 2/7/24 Grace Church – Scranton, PA
- 2/8/24 St. Luke’s & Bishop Hoffman Church – Philadelphia, PA
- 4/9/24 New Redeemer Church – Jersey City, NJ
- 4/16/24 St. Alban’s Church – New York, NY (Rector & Wardens)
- 5/10/24 St. Alban’s Church – New York, NY (Rector & Wardens)
- 6/4/24 Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ
- 7/16/24 St. Alban’s Church – New York, NY
- 7/30/24 Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ
- 9/11/24 Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ
- 9/18/24 Grace Anglican – Scranton, PA

Other Diocesan Meetings & Functions (All by Zoom)

- 11/2-3/23 Diocesan Council – Eldersburg, MD
- 1/22/24 Good Shepherd Anglican – Harrisburg, PA/Peace Church
- 2/1-2/24 Clergy & Wives Retreat – Lancaster, PA
- 3/19/24 Good Shepherd Anglican – Harrisburg, PA/Peace Church
- 5/4/24 Women’s Day – St. Stephen’s Church – Eldersburg, MD
- 5/10/24 Clergy Meeting
- 5/14/24 Standing Committee
- 5/16/24 Examining Chaplains – Dr. Susan Regisford
- 5/29/24 Trustees
- 6/17/24 Examining Chaplains – Mr. Thomas Davison
- 7/11/24 Examining Chaplains – Potential clerical reception – Rev. Jacob Dell
- 8/2/24 Diocesan Leadership – Jesus the Good Shepherd Church
- 10/8/24 Trustees

Reformed Episcopal Seminary Meetings

- 12/18/23 Board of Directors (Zoom)
- 1/17/24 Charter & By-Laws Committee (Zoom)
- 1/23/24 Kuehner Seminar – Oreland, PA
- 1/26/24 Board of Directors (Zoom)
- 2/29-30/24 ATS – Dr. Stephen Graham – Pittsburgh, PA
- 3/14/24 Charter & By-Laws Committee (Zoom)
- 3/15/24 Board of Directors (Zoom)
- 4/4/24 Chaplaincy Discussion – Rev. Greg Miller (Zoom)
- 4/22/24 Charter & By-Laws Committee (Zoom)
- 4/26/24 Board of Directors (Zoom)

5/15/24 Rebranding (Zoom)  
5/24/24 Board of Directors  
6/1/24 Commencement – Oreland, PA  
9/20/24 Board of Directors

#### Reformed Episcopal Church Meetings

12/15/23 General Committee (Zoom)  
1/23/24 Council of Bishops (Zoom)  
2/9/24 Council of Bishops (Zoom)  
2/15-16/24 Consecration of Bishop John Boonzaaijer – Dallas, TX  
3/21-22/24 Consecration of Bishop Charles Camlin – Dallas, TX  
4/16/24 Standing Liturgical Commission (Zoom)  
4/17/24 Council of Bishops (Zoom)  
4/19/24 General Committee  
6/3/24 Board of Foreign Missions  
9/16/24 BFM – Cuban Mission Society  
9/17/24 Council of Bishops  
9/26/24 Publication Society and the Board of Pensions & Relief

#### ACNA Meetings

12/7/23 College of Bishops (Zoom)  
5/9/24 College of Bishops (Zoom)  
6/20-22/24 College of Bishops – Latrobe, PA

#### New Clerical Calls

On January 14, 2024, the vestry of St. Matthew's Church, Havertown, PA voted to call the **Rev. Justin M. Forsberg** as Assistant Rector of the Parish. The call was unanimously adopted at their congregational meeting on Sunday February 11, 2024. In early February of this year, the **Rev. Matthew G. Maule** was named Assistant Rector of St. Mark's Church in Rydal, PA. I have **approved** both of these calls.

#### Ordination Examinations

**The Rev. Deacon William A. Jenkins, Jr.** was examined by the Examining Chaplains for Presbyters orders on November 14, 2023. The examination was held by Zoom. Bishop William A. Jenkins, Sr. recused himself from the meeting. Rev. Jenkins sustained the examination and was recommended to the bishop for ordination.

**Mr. Norris O. Gadsden** was examined by the Examining Chaplains for Deacons orders on January 12, 2024. The examination was held by Zoom. Bishop William Jenkins was also on the examination call. Candidate Gadsden sustained the examination and was recommended to the bishop for ordination upon completing several follow-up items.

**Mr. Benjamin P. Pearce** was examined by the Examining Chaplains for Deacons orders on January 12, 2024. The examination was held by Zoom. Bishop William Jenkins and the Very

Rev. Jason S. Patterson were also on the examination call. Candidate Pearce sustained the examination and was recommended to the bishop for ordination.

**The Rev. Chester Banks** was examined by the Examining Chaplains on May 8, 2024. The examination was held by Zoom. Bishop William Jenkins and the Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn were also on the examination call. Candidate Banks sustained the examination and was recommended to the bishop for reception as a Deacon and ordination to the Presbyterate. I intended to do this as permitted in Title I - Canon 10, Section 5 (a) *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.* I recommended to the Standing Committee that the Rev. Chester Banks be received on our clergy rolls as a Deacon and ordained Presbyter as per the recommendation of the Examining Chaplains.

**Mr. Thomas J. Davison** was examined by the Examining Chaplains to be ordained Deacon on June 17, 2024. He is a member of Covenant Chapel in Basking Ridge, NJ. The examination was held by Zoom. Bishop William Jenkins and the Very Rev. Gerald McLynn were also on the examination call. Candidate Davison sustained the examination and was recommended to the bishops for ordination to the diaconate.

#### Deaconess Examination

**Dr. Susan H. D. Regisford** was examined by the Examining Chaplains to be set apart as a Deaconess on May 16, 2024. She is a member of St. Alban's Church, New York, NY. The examination was held by Zoom. Bishop William Jenkins and the Rev. Canon Matthew P. Harrington were also on the examination call. Candidate Regisford sustained the examination and was recommended to the bishops to be set apart as a Deaconess.

#### Clerical Reception Request

**The Rev. Jacob W. Dell** – On July 11, 2024, the Rev. Jacob W. Dell was interviewed by the Examining Chaplains. Bishop Jenkins and I were also present on the Zoom call. Rev. Dell had made application to be received onto our clergy roles. He had submitted the necessary documentation, including a Declaration of Release from the Episcopal Church. Following the interview, I requested that the Chaplains take time to pray and consider Rev. Dell's request prior to rendering their decision on his reception. On August 2, 2024, the Rev. Justin M. Forsberg, Chairman, responded in writing that the Chaplains were not willing to recommend Rev. Dell's reception as a clergyman nor to license him to minister in our Diocese. Bishop Jenkins and I informed Rev. Dell of the Examining Chaplain's decision by telephone shortly thereafter.

#### Ordinations

**Rev. Fr. William A. Jenkins, Jr.** – On January 27, 2024 the Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. and I ordained the Rev. Deacon William A. Jenkins, Jr., Presbyter, at Faith Reformed Episcopal Church, Baltimore, MD. The ordinand was presented by the Very Rev. Dr. Eric W. Jorgensen. The Rev.

Justin M. Forsberg read the Litany. The Old Testament scripture was read by the Rev. Ricky McCarl. The Gospel was read by the Rev. Cedric R. Benner. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Shawn Riley, who also read the Epistle.

**Rev. Deacon Norris O. Gadsden** – On April 14, 2024 I ordained Mr. Norris O. Gadsden, Deacon, at the Church of our Redeemer in Jersey City, NJ. The ordinand was presented by the Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn who also read the Holy Scriptures. The Rev. Chester R. Banks and the Rev. Justin M. Forsberg served as Litanists. I preached the homily.

**Rev. Deacon Benjamin P. Pearce** – On April 20, 2024 I ordained Mr. Benjamin P. Pearce, Deacon, at St. Mark’s Church in Rydal, PA. The ordinand was presented by the Very Rev. Jason S. Patterson who also preached the homily. The Rev. Matthew G. Maule served as Litanist. The Holy Scriptures were read by Mr. Gregory Hoyt and Mr. David Szomor, both of whom serve as Postulants at St. Mark’s Church.

**Rev. Chester R. Banks** - On July 13, 2024 at 1:00pm I ordained the Rev. Chester R. Banks, Presbyterian, at the Church of Our Redeemer in Jersey City, NJ. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Justin M. Forsberg. The homilist was the Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn. Rev. Norris O. Gadsden read the Litany and the Gospel. The Epistle was read by Mr. Christopher Komline. The service of Holy Communion was read by the Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr.

**Mr. Thomas J. Davison** - On July 13, 2024 at 6:00pm I ordained Mr. Thomas J. Davison, Deacon, at Covenant Chapel Reformed Episcopal Church in Basking Ridge, NJ. The candidate was presented by the Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn who also read the Service of Holy Communion. The homilist was the Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. Mr. Christopher Komline read the Litany. The Epistle was read by Mr. Brian Ayres and the Gospel by Rev. Davison.

#### Clerical Transfers

**Rev. Dcn. Vic Broberg** - On November 7, 2023 I issued, at his request, a Letter Dimissory on behalf of the Rev. Deacon Vic Broberg to the Anglican Province of America overseen by the Rt. Rev. Chandler H. Jones.

#### Deaconess

**Dr. Susan H. D. Regisford** - On June 30, 2024 I set apart Dr. Susan H. D. Regisford as a Deaconess at St. Alban’s Church in New York, NY. She was presented by the Rev. Canon Matthew P. Harrington who also assisted in the service. Other participants were the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick and Dr. Dennis Wermert.

#### Postulants

Joshua Devers (St. Stephen’s Church – Eldersburg, MD)  
Rick Wilson (Grace Church - Havre-de-Grace, MD) - pending  
Timothy Meadows (St. Alban’s Church – New York, NY)  
David Szomor (St. Mark’s Church – Rydal, PA) - transferred  
Gregory Hoyt (St. Mark’s Church – Rydal, PA)

Matthew Trail (St. Stephen's Church – Eldersburg, MD)  
Joshua Arp (Grace Church – Scranton, PA)  
Keith Beardsworth (St. Matthew's Church – Havertown, PA)  
Eric Landstrom (Grace Church – Collingdale, PA)

#### Licensed Lay Readers

I issued Lay Reader licenses to the following:

Mr. Charles Andrews - St. Mark's Church – Rydal, PA  
Mr. Alex Ramirez - Faith Church – Baltimore, MD  
Mr. Gordon Tiner – Emmanuel Church – Somerville, NJ  
Mr. Juan Almodovar - Emmanuel Church – Somerville, NJ

#### Pastoral Vacancies

**Emmanuel Church – Pipersville, PA** – The Rev. Canon Dr. Jonathan Riches continues to serve as Interim Vicar and he has scheduled a number of visiting ministers to assist with services. We appreciate his continuing ministry to the people of this small, rural church located in Upper Buck County, PA.

**Emmanuel Church – Somerville, NJ** – On September 22, 2024, the Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn announced his retirement to the congregation, effective December 31, 2024. Dean McLynn has served as rector of this parish for 16 years. The continuing debilitating effects of long Covid contributed to his decision. He and his wife Ginger are planning to retire to Smyrna, DE.

**Grace Anglican Church (Mission) – Scranton, PA** – This mission continues under the Bishop's oversight. Minister-in-Charge 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. The mission continues to grow by God's grace.

Both indoor and outdoor repair projects are planned. The church has scheduled another fall outreach conference titled "Shattering the Iron Crown: Recovering Humanity and Exercising Dominion in the Darkened World" on October 11-12, 2024.

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 under consideration for purchase. This site was under consideration as a church plant. The Grace Church vestry determined that the mission was unable to reasonably afford the property at this time.

**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. 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 handicapped ramp and made significant façade changes. Rev. Spadafora has experienced significant medical and personal issues over the past year and Rev. Campbell has been shouldering more of the pastoral duties assisted at times in services by the Rev. Dcn. Steven Atchison who is assigned to St. Matthew's Church, Havertown, PA.

**Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ** – Following the resignation and departure of the Rev. David N. Greenwood I have been meeting with the vestry on a regular basis by Zoom or in person. 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. The Search Committee, headed by Mr. David Meharg, composed mission and vision statements for the church and completed the congregational self-study and census analysis. They have posted the notice of the pastoral vacancy on the NEMA, REC and ACNA websites and have received several responses. They have had several Zoom interviews with candidates and continue to evaluate these possibilities in light of their current financial situation. The Rev. Thomas J. Davison has recently been leading the worship services and shouldering most of the teaching responsibilities at the church. Rev. Davison and the vestry have come to an agreement on ministerial responsibilities and a financial package for the next six months and I appointed him as Minister-in-Charge on October 1, 2024 and asked the Standing Committee for its concurrence.

**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.

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". Dean 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 and necessary renovations at St. Paul's Church rectory which are being done.

The Rev. Dcn. Steven Atchison, assigned to St. Matthew's Church, Havertown, PA has been recently engaged to assist Dean Harrington and the Rev. Dr. Dale H. Crouthamel. Dr. Crouthamel preaches and administers Holy Communion in Dean Harrington's absence when at St. Alban's Church or on R.E. Seminary business.

The next provisional vestry meeting is scheduled for mid-October.

## Church Reports

**Church of the Atonement – Philadelphia, PA** – The vestry of this mission has voted to sell the property of the Church of the Messiah, also in Germantown. The sale is in process. The Trustees have provided financial assistance in the interim. The mission has agreed to reimburse the Trustees once the Church of the Messiah property has been sold.

**St. Alban’s Church – New York, NY** – This parish has been meeting in a property located at 45 Tudor City Place in New York City. It sits between 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenues above E. 42<sup>nd</sup> 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 final renovations. The former church property has been leased to a school that caters to autistic children.

On September 9, 2023 I met with the church vestry at the rectory. The groundwork had been laid by the Rev. Canon Dr. Matthew 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. His official duties began on October 1, 2023. Canon Harrington has agreed to continue to represent the church’s interests and attend the Zoom meetings of the condominium association.

On July 7, 2024 the church held a farewell for the Rev. Mr. Fitzpatrick. He had agreed to move back to the Collingdale, PA area to assist the Rev. Shawn Riley in ministry at Grace Church. Rev. Fitzpatrick had served this parish for many years prior to moving to Ohio. 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. He visits the first Sunday of each month to preside at Holy Communion.

The church is seeking alternative funding so that their mortgage loan to the Diocese can be paid in full.

**Good Shepherd Church – Harrisburg, PA** – The church, which now meets in rented facilities in downtown Harrisburg, was working with the state of Pennsylvania to obtain an historical church property, called the Peace Church, in Hampden Township, Camp Hill, PA. The property would have been granted to Good Shepherd Church by the state of Pennsylvania. I joined Rev. McCarl, on a regular basis on Microsoft calls with state officials. This effort was progressing until opposition from the those associated with the church’s historical society raised opposition to the plan and the legislative effort was stalled. The state of Pennsylvania has decided to enter into a settlement with the church and will reimburse all of their expenses related to the Peace Church totaling approximately \$15,000. The mission is now considering another church property option in Carlisle, PA.

### **St. Luke’s & Bishop Hoffman – Philadelphia, PA**

St. Luke’s & Bishop Hoffman Church continues under the capable and sacrificial leadership of the Rev. David A. France, Vicar. An ESL program is being held regularly 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 averaging more than 30 weekly participants. In addition, a Chinese community outreach effort meets regularly at the church under the leadership of the Rev. John Liu. Significant repair projects have been completed at the church, many of them with the assistance of the Chinese congregation.

**New Redeemer Church – Jersey City, NJ** – The Search Committee recommended the call of the Rev. Chester Banks to the vestry. At a meeting held on October 4, 2023, the vestry voted to extend a call to Rev. Chester Banks to serve as the minister of New Redeemer Church. Following his examination and ordination to the presbyterate on July 13, 2024, he was licensed by me to serve the parish. It is anticipated that Rev. Banks will be Instituted as Rector in 2025.

**St. Mark’s Church – Rydal, PA**

As previously reported, the Chinese church plant is progressing under the leadership of Dean Jason Paterson and the Rev. John Liu. Dean Paterson continues to mentor Rev. Liu in the Anglican Way in preparation for his ordination in the Reformed Episcopal Church. On Saturday, January 20, Dean Patterson baptized eighteen candidates, most of whom were adults. On Sunday, January 21 forty-two candidates for confirmation were presented to me for the laying on of hands. Twelve of these candidates were from the congregation of St. Mark’s Church and thirty were from the Chinese congregation. The church has completed a capital project to construct a new entrance and welcome suite off of the parking lot. It is close to obtaining all the necessary clearances.

**St. Timothy’s Anglican Mission** - I received a communication from the Rev. Michael J. Carr and his wife Diane expressing concern about the lack of growth of St. Timothy’s Mission in Mt. Laurel, NJ. We shared in two telephone calls with Bishop Jenkins to discuss their concerns and request for a seminary student to assist in ministry. I followed up with calls to the Wardens and Bishop Jenkins and we continue to evaluate the mission’s ministry and the affordability of a student assistant.

**Grace Church – Havre-de-Grace, MD** – The Rev. Dr. Mark A. Specht requested that Bishop Jenkins and I join their vestry for a Zoom call to discuss the church and its ministry. Of particular interest was parish growth and outreach. Following discussion and counsel, the rector and vestry will continue to discuss and plan for the future.

**Jesus the Good Shepherd – Brooklyn, NY** – Bishop Jenkins and I received notification that due to health reasons; the Rev. Eugene Phipps is no longer able to conduct services at the church and has announced his retirement. The Rev. Dcn. Carl Wegner was contacted and at my request agreed to travel to the church on a weekly basis to conduct services. He conducted his first service on September 22, 2024.

Over the past four years I visited the church twice, Archdeacon Jon Abboud, once by my request, and this year by Bishop Bill Jenkins. Twenty-one persons were in attendance for the service for this year’s Episcopal visit. Bishop Jenkins met with Fr. Phipps and Michael Williams



following the service and was told that they were barely meeting their monthly financial obligations. They do not have a vestry (one member left in her 90s) and no one can recall when their last congregational meeting was held.

The church is facing financial difficulties due to a dwindling, older congregation and a significant mortgage on the church property. In September 2020, they took out a 20-year mortgage for \$400,000. With a monthly payment of close to \$3,000, they owe approximately \$256,000 on the note.

On August 2, following an exchange of ideas and prayer, Archdeacon Jon Abboud, Bishop Jenkins and I met by Zoom to discuss possible ways forward. Pastorally, we would like to see the church continue. Whether that can be accomplished or not, the following still needs to happen in the short term:

1. The first step is to advise the church they are in mission status. I requested the Standing Committee to concur.
2. I will appoint a provisional vestry.
3. Since the congregation can barely afford a mortgage, I will suggest the sale of the church property to the provisional vestry. Proceeds from that sale will be used for the rental of another meeting space and to pay a new rector or assigned clergy. In addition, I will request parish assistance money, from the Trustees for the short term, which will be paid back in full after the sale of the property.
4. Since I committed the church to Bishop Jenkin's oversight, we will issue a call for a time of committed prayer asking God to provide Fr. Phipps' replacement. It may be a local, bi-vocational or retired priest. It is noted that Rev. Phipps has not collected a salary while serving as the priest of this parish.

### **Reformed Episcopal Seminary**

Reformed Episcopal Seminary has gone through many changes in 2023-2024. It was previously reported that the Board had granted the Rev. Cn. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches, President and Dean, a sabbatical from August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024, with full salary and benefits at its meeting on February 27, 2023. Dean Riches has had a distinguished career at RES serving for 24 years, eleven of which were as Dean and of those eleven, four years as President and Dean. Significant progress was made under his leadership in areas of accreditation, the new Master of Arts in Theology degree and financial aid. The Rev. Canon Dr. Matthew P. Harrington was elected by the Board to serve as President and Dean on June 13, 2023. On July 5, 2024, Dr. Riches tendered his resignation to the Board, from all positions, effective August 5, 2024. Dean Harrington will present a Resolution, in honor of Dr. Riches, to the diocesan Council.

The Board of Directors voted to move the Seminary campus from Blue Bell, PA to the property of St. Paul's Church, Oreland, PA. Dean Harrington will provide further details in his report to the upcoming diocesan Council.

### Other Matters

#### **Committee on Young People's Work**

The Winter Camp for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders was held at Rock Mountain Bible Camp in Susquehanna, PA on March 15-17, 2024. The speaker was the Rev. Jason Holloway who spoke on "Following God's Call: Abraham, Jonah, Esther and Mary". The Summer Camp was held on July 21-27 at Rock Mountain Camp in Susquehanna, PA. This year's camp was judged to be very successful as many young people were impacted for Christ. Over 60 children and 15 staff members and counselors were in attendance. The camp theme was "Created in the Image of God". Our thanks to the Rev. William A. Jenkins, Jr., the Committee on Young People's Work and camp staff for their continued commitment to the spiritual encouragement of our young people.

#### **Risk Management**

Bishop Jenkins has been tasked with this effort by the Ordinary. Much has been already accomplished by the Task Force and by Standing Committee review. It is a significant effort that requires much careful planning. The ACNA has mandated that all churches have these policies in place by the end of 2025.

#### **Diocese of Central & Eastern Canada**

This Diocese was previously committed to the care of the NEMA Diocese. Unfortunately, there is but one church, St. George's Parish in Hamilton, ON, in the Diocese of Central & Eastern Canada. As such, an ecclesiastical diocese does not exist under Reformed Episcopal or ACNA canons. It was my intention to dissolve the Diocese, however, as a result of the Cuban Mission Fund being registered under the Diocese of Central & Eastern Canada, any attempt to dissolve it would endanger its non-profit status with the Canadian Revenue Agency. A Zoom meeting was held on September 16, 2024 with Bishops Walter Banek and John Boonzaaijer, Canon Barkley Mayo, Canon Jason Grote, Canon Matthew Harrington and me. In the interest of continued good and proper support of our Cuban churches we agreed that no action would be taken to dissolve the Canadian Diocese until a new non-profit registration, to replace the Cuban Mission Fund, was filed with and recognized by the Canadian Revenue Agency. It is expected to be issued soon.

### Memorial Service

**Gladys Crouthamel** – On March 13, 2024, at St. Paul's Church, Oreland, PA, I participated in the Memorial Service for Mrs. Gladys Crouthamel, long-time member of St. Paul's Church and beloved wife of the Rev. Dr. Dale H. Crouthamel. She was called home to be with the Savior on February 29, 2024. I was privileged to deliver the homily. The Rev. Canon Dr. Matthew P. Harrington served as officiant.

### Funeral

**Rachel Rosenberg** - On July 3, 2024 Jan and I, accompanied by Bishop and Mrs. Jenkins, attended the funeral service for Mrs. Rachel Rosenberg at Calvary Chapel in Philadelphia, PA. Rachel, daughter of the Rev. & Mrs. Frank Spadafora, was called home to be with the Lord on June 25, 2024 following a long and courageous battle with cancer.

*For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So, when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality; then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:53-57)*

### **Episcopal Transition**

The Standing Committee was notified that Episcopal visits were temporarily put on hold until Bishop Jenkin's medical prognosis was provided by his doctor in late February, 2024. He had been given clearance to resume a near normal schedule. Visitations to our 24 parishes and missions were evenly split between Bishops Gillin and Jenkins this year. In addition, Bishop Jenkins has been assigned episcopal oversight over the following eight churches, which are also on his visitation schedule as per General Council Canon 11, Section 3 (a) - *The duties assigned by the Bishop to the Bishop Coadjutor in any Diocese may be enlarged by mutual consent whenever the Bishop of the Diocese may desire to assign such additional duties to the Bishop Coadjutor.*

- St. George – Hamilton, ON
- Jesus the Good Shepherd – Brooklyn, NY
- St. Luke's – New Providence, NJ
- Church of the Atonement – Philadelphia, PA
- Emmanuel Church – Pipersville, PA
- St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman – Philadelphia, PA
- Faith Church – Baltimore, MD
- St. Peter's Church – Elkton, MD

The churches were notified that Bishop Jenkins is the first contact for any needs that may arise for these eight churches.

### **Sincere Appreciation**

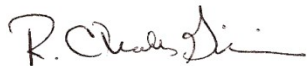
Once again, I would like to express appreciation to my dear wife **Jan** for her continued labor and commitment to me and the church. She has sacrificed so much for me and for all of us. Jan is a constant source of support and encouragement in every area of my life. In addition to her greeting card ministry, 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.

I also thank the **Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr.** for his willingness to join in the challenges of Episcopal ministry in the Diocese and shoulder more of the burden. He has been a willing and

helpful participant who has attended many meetings, scheduled one-half of the visitations at my request and been willing to receive counsel and instruction all the while continuing as Rector of Faith Church, Baltimore, MD.

On September 10, 2024 Bishop Jenkins underwent successful open-heart surgery at Johns-Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD to replace a heart valve and repair an aortic aneurism. He was recovering well at home until a complication required two more procedures on October 3 & 4, 2024 and another week-long hospital stay. As of the filing of this report, he has been released from the hospital to home to continue his recovery. We praise the Lord for His healing mercy. If possible, Bishop Jenkins is scheduled to be instituted as the next bishop of the Diocese at the opening service of Holy Communion at the next Council on November 7, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Charles Gillin".

Bishop R. Charles Gillin

## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

### TO THE ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOURTH 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 14, 2024, and October 10, 2024.

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) - pending  
Timothy Meadows (St. Alban's Church – New York, NY)  
David Szomor (St. Mark's Church – Rydal, PA) - transferred  
Gregory Hoyt (St. Mark's Church – Rydal, PA)  
Matthew Trail (St. Stephen's Church – Eldersburg, MD)  
Joshua Arp (Grace Church – Scranton, PA)  
Keith Beardsworth (St. Matthew's Church – Havertown, PA)  
Eric Landstrom (Grace Church – Collingdale, PA)

#### **CANONICAL EXAMINATIONS/RECEPTIONS/TRANSFERS**

##### Ordination Exams

**The Rev. Deacon William A. Jenkins, Jr.** was examined by the Examining Chaplains for Presbyters orders on November 14, 2023. The examination was held by Zoom. Bishop William Jenkins recused himself from the meeting. Rev. Jenkins sustained the examination and was recommended to the bishop for ordination.

**Mr. Norris O. Gadsden** was examined by the Examining Chaplains for Deacons orders on January 12, 2024. The examination was held by Zoom. Bishop William Jenkins was also on the examination call. Candidate Gadsden sustained the examination and was recommended to the bishop for ordination upon completing several follow-up items.

**Mr. Benjamin P. Pearce** was examined by the Examining Chaplains for Deacons orders on January 12, 2024. The examination was held by Zoom. Bishop William Jenkins and the Very Rev. Jason S. Patterson were also on the examination call. Candidate Pearce sustained the examination and was recommended to the bishop for ordination.

**The Rev. Chester Banks** was examined by the Examining Chaplains on May 8, 2024. The examination was held by Zoom. Bishop William Jenkins and the Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn were also on the examination call. Candidate Banks sustained the examination and was recommended to the bishop for reception as a Deacon and ordination to the Presbyterate. Bp. Gillin recommends that the Rev. Chester Banks be received on our clergy rolls as a Deacon and ordained Presbyter as per the recommendation of the Examining Chaplains.

**The Standing Committee approved this motion.**

**Mr. Thomas J. Davison** was examined by the Examining Chaplains to be ordained Deacon on June 17, 2024. He is a member of Covenant Chapel in Basking Ridge, NJ. The examination was held by Zoom. Bishop William Jenkins and the Very Rev. Gerald McLynn were also on the examination call. Candidate Davison sustained the examination and was recommended to the bishop for ordination to the diaconate.

### New Clerical Calls

On January 14, 2024, the vestry of St. Matthew's Church, Havertown, PA voted to call the Rev. Justin M. Forsberg as Associate Rector of the Parish. The call was unanimously adopted at their congregational meeting on Sunday February 11, 2024. In early February of this year, the Rev. Matthew G. Maule was named Assistant Rector of St. Mark's Church in Rydal, PA. Bp. Gillin has approved both of these calls.

**The Standing Committee concurred with these actions.**

### Ordinations

**Rev. Fr. William A. Jenkins, Jr.** – On January 27, 2024, the Bp. William A. Jenkins, Sr. and Bp. Gillin ordained the Rev. Deacon William A. Jenkins, Jr., Presbyter, at Faith Reformed Episcopal Church, Baltimore, MD. The ordinand was presented by the Very Rev. Dr. Eric W. Jorgensen. The Rev. Justin M. Forsberg read the Litany. The Old Testament scripture was read by the Rev. Ricky McCarl. The Gospel was read by the Rev. Cedric R. Benner. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Shawn Riley, who also read the Epistle.

**Rev. Deacon Norris O. Gadsden** – On April 14, 2024, Bp. Gillin ordained Mr. Norris O. Gadsden, Deacon, at the Church of our Redeemer in Jersey City, NJ. The ordinand was presented by the Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn who also read the Holy Scriptures. The Rev. Chester R. Banks and the Rev. Justin M. Forsberg served as Litanists. Bp. Gillin preached the homily.

**Rev. Deacon Benjamin P. Pearce** – On April 20, 2024, Bp. Gillin ordained Mr. Benjamin P. Pearce, Deacon, at St. Mark's Church in Rydal, PA. The ordinand was presented by the Very Rev. Jason S. Patterson who also preached the homily. The Rev. Matthew G. Maule served as Litanist. The Holy Scriptures were read by Mr. Gregory Hoyt and Mr. David Szomor, both of whom serve as Postulants at St. Mark's Church.

**Rev. Chester R. Banks** - On July 13, 2024, at 1:00 pm. Bp. Gillin ordained the Rev. Chester R. Banks, Presbyterian, at the Church of Our Redeemer in Jersey City, NJ. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Justin M. Forsberg. The homilist was the Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn. Rev. Norris O. Gadsden read the Litany and the Gospel. The Epistle was read by Mr. Christopher Komline. The service of Holy Communion was read by the Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr.

**Mr. Thomas J. Davison** - On July 13, 2024, at 6:00pm Bp. Gillin ordained Mr. Thomas J. Davison, Deacon, at Covenant Chapel Reformed Episcopal Church in Basking Ridge, NJ. The candidate was presented by the Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn who also read the Service of Holy Communion. The homilist was the Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. Mr. Christopher Komline read the Litany. The Epistle was read by Mr. Brian Ayres and the Gospel by Rev. Davison.

#### Clerical Transfers

**Rev. Dcn. Vic Broberg** - On November 7, 2023, Bp. Gillin issued, at his request, a Letter Dimissory on behalf of the Rev. Deacon Vic Broberg to the Anglican Province of America overseen by the Rt. Rev. Chandler H. Jones.

#### Pastoral Vacancies

**Emmanuel Church – Pipersville, PA** – The Rev. Canon Dr. Jonathan Riches continues to serve as Interim Vicar and he has scheduled a number of visiting ministers to assist with services. We appreciate his ministry to the people of this parish in Upper Bucks County, PA.

**Emmanuel Church – Somerville, NJ** – On September 22, 2024, the Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn announced his retirement to the congregation, effective December 31, 2024. Dean McLynn has served as rector of this parish for 16 years.

**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. At this point, Rev. Spadafora is willing to continue his Interim responsibilities at the church and the congregation is thankful to receive his ministry. Rev. Spadafora has experience significant medical issues over the past year and Rev. Campbell has been shouldering more of the pastoral duties assisted in services by the Rev. Dcn. Steven Atchison who is assigned to St. Matthew's Church, Havertown, PA.

**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.

**Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ** – Following the resignation and departure of the Rev. David N. Greenwood Bp. Gillin has been meeting with the vestry on a regular basis by Zoom or in person. The Very Rev. Jerry McLynn contacted Bp. Gillin 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. The Search Committee, headed by Mr. David Meharg, composed mission and vision statements for the church and completed the congregational self-study and census analysis. They have posted the notice of the pastoral vacancy on the NEMA, REC and ACNA websites and have received several responses. They have had several Zoom interviews with candidates and continue to evaluate these possibilities in light of their current financial situation. The Rev. Thomas J. Davison has recently been leading the worship services and shouldering most of the teaching responsibilities at the church. Rev. Davison and the vestry have come to an agreement on ministerial responsibilities and a financial package for the next six months and Bp. Gillin appointed him as Minister-in-Charge on October 1, 2024 and asks the Committee for its concurrence. **The Standing Committee concurs with this action.**

**Jesus the Good Shepherd Church- Brooklyn, NY-** Bishop Gillin and Bishop Jenkins received notification that due to health reasons; the Rev. Eugene Phipps is no longer able to conduct services at the church and has announced his retirement. The Rev. Dcn. Carl Wegner was contacted and at Bp. Gillin's request agreed to travel to the church on a weekly basis to conduct services. He conducted his first service on September 22, 2024. On August 2, 2024, following an exchange of ideas and prayer, Archdeacon Jon Abboud, Bishop Gillin and Bishop Jenkins met by Zoom to discuss possible ways forward. Pastorally, they would like to see the church continue. They discussed short-range goals to help sustain the life of this congregation. The first step in this process is that Jesus the Good Shepherd Church- Brooklyn, NY be designated as a mission parish. Bp. Gillin requests the Standing Committee to concur. **The Standing Committee concurs with this action.**

#### Deaconess Exam

**Dr. Susan H. D. Regisford** was examined by the Examining Chaplains to be set apart as a Deaconess on May 16, 2024. She is a member of St. Alban's Church, New York, NY. The examination was held by Zoom. Bishop William Jenkins and the Rev. Canon Matthew P. Harrington were also on the examination call. Candidate Regisford sustained the examination and was recommended to the bishops to be set apart as a Deaconess.

**Dr. Susan H. D. Regisford** - On June 30, 2024, Bp. Gillin set apart Dr. Susan H. D. Regisford as a Deaconess at St. Alban's Church in New York, NY. She was presented by the Rev. Canon Matthew P. Harrington who also assisted in the service. Other participants were the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick and Dr. Dennis Wermert.

#### Funerals/Memorial Services

**William Kozma** – On October 6, 2023, at Grace Church, Collingdale, PA, Bp. Gillin participated in the Memorial Service for Mr. William Kozma, longtime member of Grace Church, diocesan Trustee and frequent delegate to diocesan Councils. He was also a 1978



graduate of Reformed Episcopal Seminary. Bill was called home to be with the Savior on September 7, 2023. The Rev. Shawn Riley served as officiant and delivered the homily.

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

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

To the One Hundred Forty-fourth Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church  
October 14, 2024

Dear Fathers and Brethren,

The Board of Trustees met three times since our last report at the 143rd Council of the Diocese. Trustee meetings are held via Zoom, with the exception of the November meeting which is held at the site of our annual Diocesan Council.

Bishop Gillin presided over these meetings.

Trustees Meeting NOVEMBER 3, 2023:

Election of Officers:

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

## **Minutes of the Trustees of the Diocese, NEMA, May 29, 2024 (via Zoom)**

1. Meeting was opened by Bishop Gillin with a reading St. John 3 (Trinity Lesson), 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. Bishop Gillin made one recommendation that the Trustees approve a stipend for Rev. Mike Fitzpatrick at Grace Collingdale. He requested \$10,000, half to be paid in 2024 and half to be paid in 2025.
  - c. St. Albans: Rev. Matt Harrington remains Rector and will do Communion one Sunday per month. Tim Meadows, a postulant and seminarian, and Dennis Wemert will fill in the remaining Sundays each month. Their stipend will come out of the Parish Development Fund. Rev. Blitz made a motion to approve the stipend, Mr. Lawrence seconded. Approved unanimously.

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

4. The Bishop Coadjutor's Report was submitted in writing. A question was raised asking if the current budget for the bishop coadjutor is working as planned? Is the \$2300/month sufficient? Does it need to be adjusted? Bishop Jenkins recommended that we stay the

course for now and review the budget at the Fall Trustee's Meeting. There was a motion moved and seconded to accept Bishop Jenkins recommendation and his report. It was accepted unanimously.

5. The Treasurer's Report:

- a. Mr. Riches noted that stock market fluctuations had affected our account balances.
- b. He noted that we are operating very close to budget
- c. The stipend for Grace Collingdale was added to the Program and Ministry expense line.
- d. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

6. Old Business:

a. Messiah Church

- i. There was a discussion of the status of the Messiah Church property
- ii. Mr. Holloway reported that the Diocese of the Living Word is no longer renting the building and that they want to sell the building.
- iii. The building is a financial burden to Atonement and they are meeting with a realtor.

b. Church of the Atonement

- i. Their after-school program is doing well, but there is concern about affording staff for next year.
- ii. It was suggested that the Trustees hold a Zoom meeting to discuss and review documentation of Atonement/Messiah/After-School Program in preparation for the Fall Trustee's meeting. Bishop Jenkins will call the meeting.

c. The trustees were encouraged to pray for a quick sale.

7. New Business: There was no New Business.

8. Next Meeting will be determined.

9. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm.

10. Bishop Jenkins offered the closing prayer. Bishop Chuck pronounced the Benediction.

## Minutes of the Trustees of the Diocese, NEMA, October 8, 2024 (via Zoom)

1. Meeting was opened by Bishop Gillin with a reading Psalm 4, the Lord's Prayer, the Collect for Trinity 19, and a prayer for the night's meeting.
2. Bishop Gillin began by giving us an update on Bishop Jenkins. Bishop Bill is well, he is off oxygen, and is resting comfortably. If all continues well, he will be discharged at the end of the week.
3. The Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.
4. There was a question about the financial status of Church of the Atonement. It was called by Bishop Jenkins to help sustain Atonement by documenting their financial position in anticipation of the Fall Trustee meeting.

Before moving into his report, Bishop Gillin asked Mr. Holloway for a status report on the sale of The Messiah Church building. Mr. Holloway reported that the building was under contract, but the buyers determined that the building required more repairs than they were able to undertake and so withdrew their offer. He reported that there have been several additional showings of the building in the last two weeks. They are waiting and praying for another offer.

5. The President's Report:
  - a. The report was presented in written form prior to the meeting
  - b. The Bishop made one recommendation in regard to Jesus the Good Shepherd Church in Brooklyn. The Bishops received notification that due to health reasons, the Rev. Eugene Phipps is no longer able to conduct services at the church and has announced his retirement. The Rev. Dcn. Carl Wegner has agreed to travel to the church on a weekly basis to conduct services.

Because the church is experiencing financial difficulties and a dwindling congregation, upon agreement of the Standing Committee, the Bishop will declare them a missionary parish, appoint a provisional vestry, and recommend that the provisional vestry sell the building. The proceeds of the sale will be used to rent another meeting place and to pay a new rector or assigned clergy.

In the meantime, the Bishop is requesting that the Trustees authorize payment of \$500 per service to Rev. Wegner. This payment includes the standard amount for pulpit supply as well as the cost of travel to Brooklyn. These costs will be reimbursed to the Diocese from the proceeds of the sale of the building.

This recommendation will be handled as part of the 2025 Budget.

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

6. The Bishop Coadjutor's Report was deferred until a later date.
7. The Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Mr. Riches noted the effect of the current arrangements with St. Alban's and how they affect the budget. These arrangements are in effect until June of 2026. St. Alban's is in the process of restructuring their debt which when implemented will payoff their loans from and obligations to the Diocese.
  - b. The 2025 budget was adjusted to include the projected support for Rev. Wegner.
  - c. The line item for Bishop Jenkins' will remain open until his needs are clear.
  - d. The Diocesan contribution to the Reformed Episcopal Seminary was set at \$130,000

Acceptance of the Treasurer's report was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.

8. Old Business:

Church of the Atonement was updated at the beginning of the meeting.

9. New Business:

- a. Bishop Gillin reported that the Very Rev. Gerald McLynn is retiring effective December 31, 2024. The Bishop is now looking for interims to cover Emmanuel Church.
  - b. St. Alban's has already been discussed.
10. Next Meeting will be a brief organizational meeting during Council. The next regular meeting will be on a date to be determined in May 2025.
11. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.
12. Bishop Gillin offered the closing prayer and pronounced the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. David A. France, Secretary

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

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Dear Brethren,

NEMA's financial activity during the period January 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 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. Over the past three years, record inflation and high interest rates on borrowing have contributed to economic uncertainty among businesses, investors and consumers. While the rate of inflation has lessened, current inflation is piling cost on top of the 21% average cost increase on just about everything that resulted from record inflation during 2021 through 2023. All of this has driven market swings in bonds as well as equities and continues to pressure personal and parish budgets. Resultant negative effects on parish tithes and operating expenses are apparent.

Financial markets continued to be turbulent with high volatility, especially during the last three years. The Raymond James Diocesan Investment account, the key element of NEMA's investment portfolio, began 2023 at \$1.43MM and closed that year at \$1.48MM yielding a very low gain of \$50K, or 3.5%. But it finished through September 30, 2024 at \$1.55MM, yielding a respectable gain of \$117K, or 8.2%. Investment assets in total realized a gain of \$164K, also 8.2%.

Mortgage receivables declined \$43K during the period as mortgagors made scheduled payments. All mortgages are current as of September 30, 2024 with the exception of St. Albans. However, St. Albans (First RE Church), in October, began payment of its deferred 2023–2024 monthly mortgage payments, due to begin in July 2024, as approved by the Trustees in October 2023.

Parish Tithes decreased from \$277K in 2022 to \$248K in 2023, or down 10%. Declines in world economic and political stability and the effect of record inflation in the United States during the last two years is likely the primary contribution. Real income is universally down. Parish Tithes of \$176K year-to-date September 30, 2024 remains virtually flat with \$173K year-to-date through September 30, 2023.

Similarly, the operating expense side of NEMA's finances has been negatively impacted. Total Expenditures was \$813K through the period against total revenue of \$646K, resulting in a \$167K decrease in unrestricted assets.

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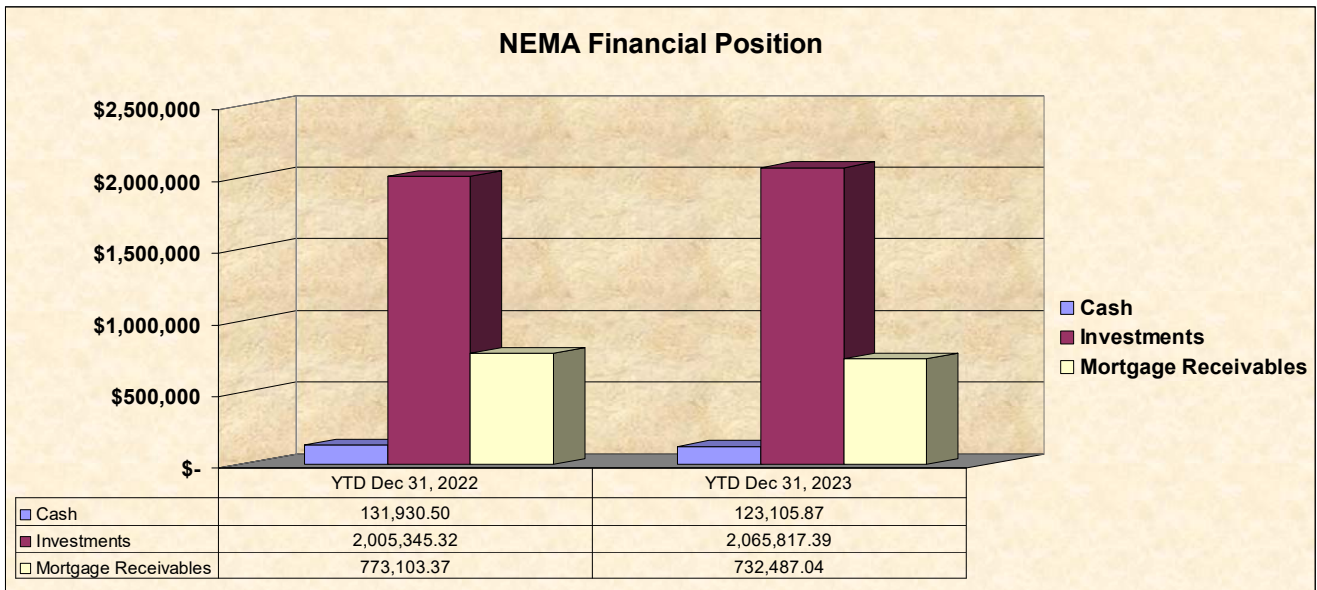
Since January 1, 2022, our revenue has been subject to wide variations, many of which happened without any indication that they would. Accordingly, during their meeting on October 8, 2024, the NEMA Trustees approved an operating budget for 2025 that increases 2024 budget expenditures by only 2% and completely eliminates transfers from investments to operating cash accounts. Effects and remedies of major items in this summary and the details that follow are discussed in the **NEMA Operating Plan & Budget for 2025** 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**

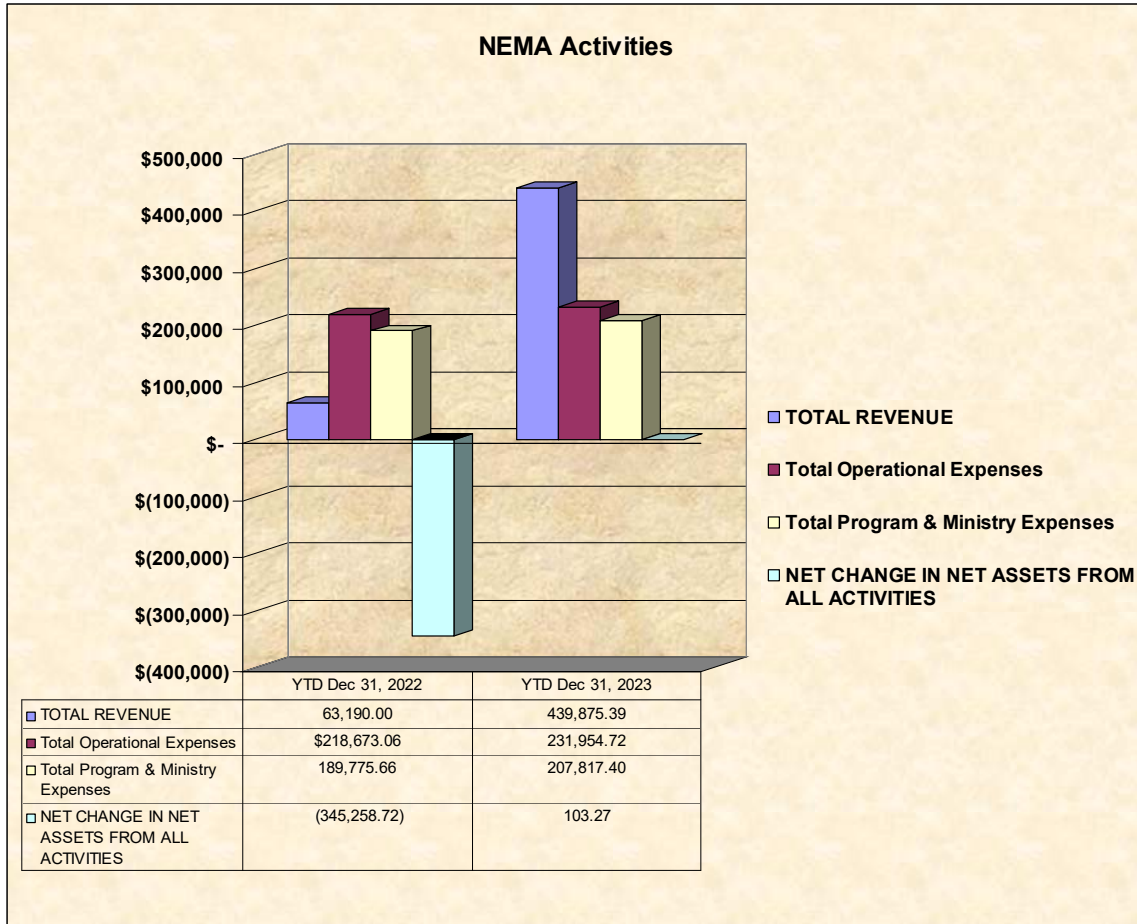
**Items of Significance – Year 2022 vs. Year 2023** *(Referencing the Statement of Financial Position & Statement of Activities in Appendix II of this report)*  
Financial Position



- † The cash position decreased 6.7% in 2023. Most of the decrease occurred in January when donations and parish tithes actually received in December 2022 would normally have been expected in January;
- † Investments gained just 3% or \$60,472 in 2023 largely due to the effect of negative market performance (especially equities) on NEMA investment accounts;
- † Mortgage receivables were down 5.3% or \$40,616 in 2023 as mortgagors made regularly scheduled payments. While this is mostly a natural consequence of mortgages being kept current, a major contributor to the unusually low decrease this year is St. Albans being nine months in arrears as of December 31, 2023.

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Activities



For unrestricted assets:

- † Total revenue was up 596% or \$376,685 in 2023 with sharp increase in the value of NEMA investment accounts due to a market rebound caused by a gradual decline in the record high inflation rates of 2021 – 2023. Net change in assets from all activities in 2023 was \$103.27 versus (\$345,258.72) in 2022 due to the sharp increase in the value of NEMA’s investment accounts during 2023;
- † Operational expenses were up 6.1% or \$13,282, a major contributor being the lasting higher cost of almost everything after record inflation. There was an increase in program and ministry expenses of 9.5% or \$18,041 due largely to expanded parish support requirements for Grace Collingdale, Atonement and Faith. Overall expenditures increased by 7.7% or \$31,323;

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



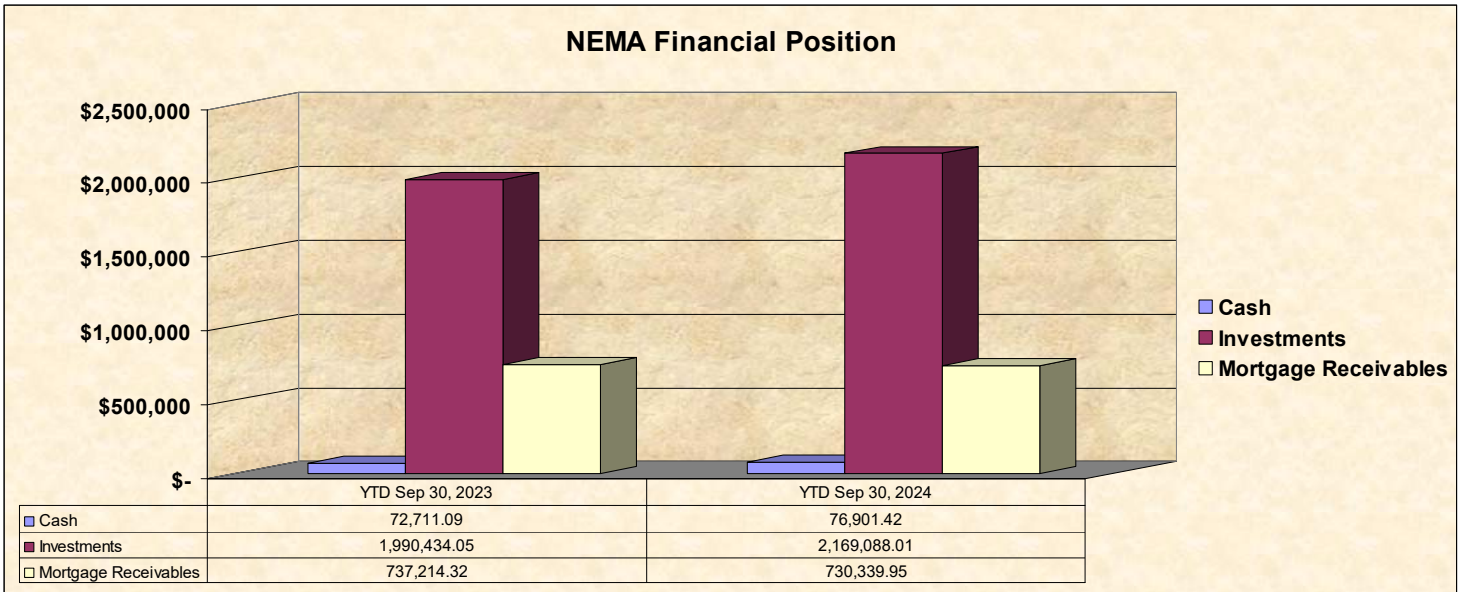
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To prepare financial strategy and budgets for 2025 and beyond, it is necessary to consider the changes in financial performance that have occurred during the first three quarters of 2024 compared to what occurred during the same period in 2023.

**Items of Significance – Year-to-Date (YTD) September 30, 2023 vs. YTD September 30, 2024** *(Referencing the Statement of Financial Position & Statement of Activities in Appendix III of this report)*

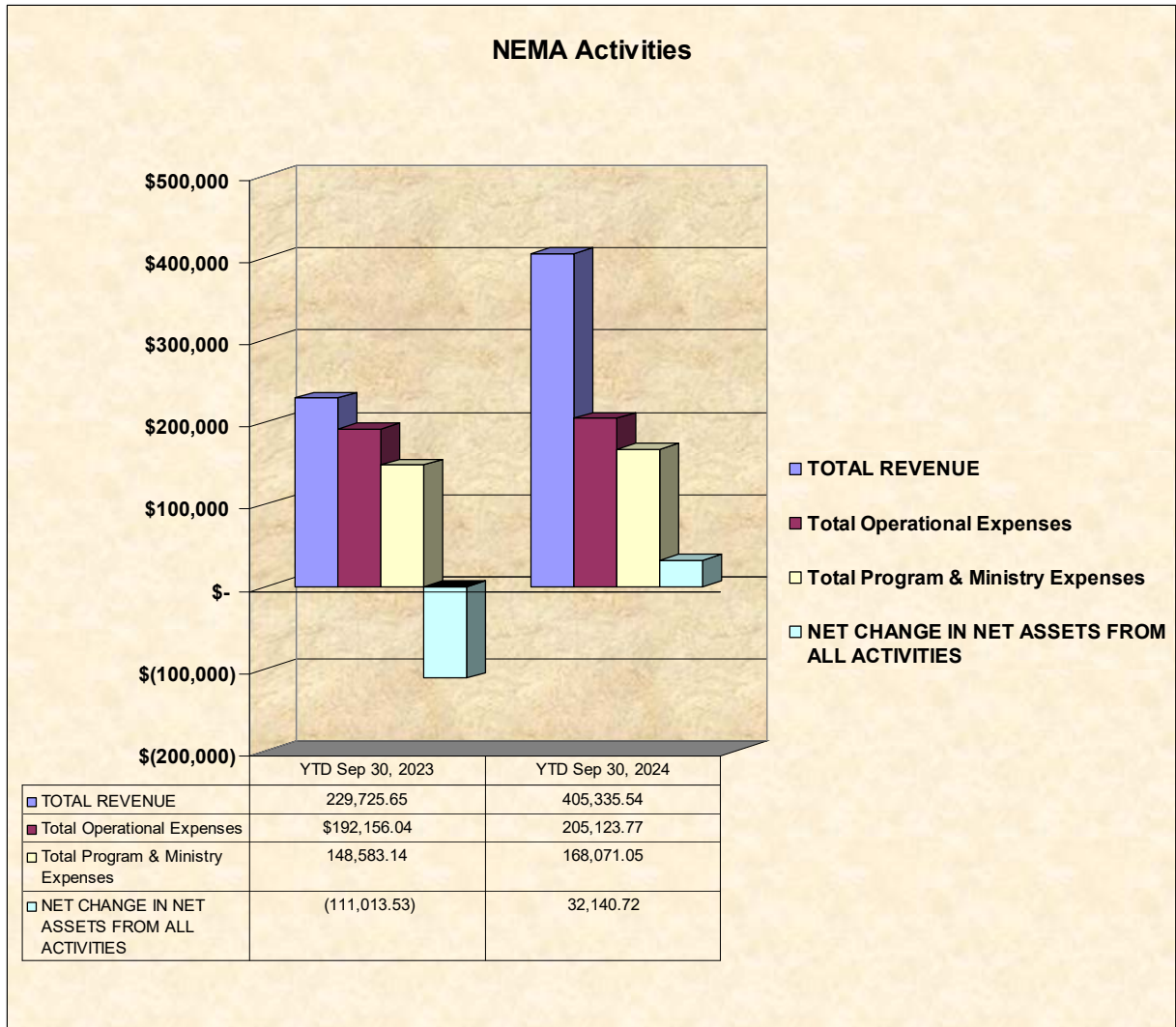
Financial Position



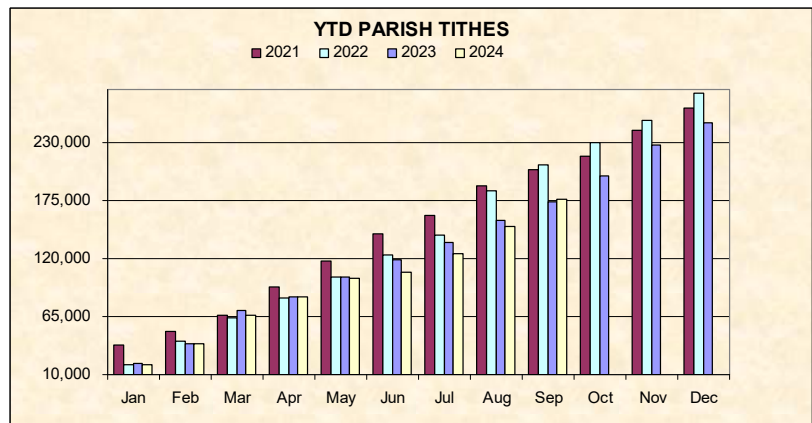
- † The cash position increased slightly by \$4,190 or 5.8% due to periodic transfers from investment accounts to the operating cash account;
- † Investments increased by a net amount of \$178,654 or 9%, higher than expected as markets rebounded from losses caused by inflation pressures;
- † Mortgage receivables dropped 1% or \$6,784, less than expected, because receivables increased in September 2024 when unpaid interest of \$19,575 was assessed to the St. Albans mortgage account to be paid as part of deferred payments that were to have begun in July 2024.

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Activities



† Total revenue increased \$175,610 including: a \$166,013 increase in net investment activity due to market performance rebounding from the negative economic effect of record inflation; a \$14,037 increase in mortgage interest on the St. Albans mortgage according to the deferred payment agreement; a \$7,498 decrease in other income; and a \$3,057, or 1.8% increase in parish tithes. Here is a graph of parish tithes for the period 2021 through YTD



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September 30, 2024. The overall decline in the three-year growth trend for parish tithes is of some concern;

- † Overall expenditures were up 9.5% or \$32,456;
- † As a result of these factors in revenue and expenditures during 2024, net change in assets from all activities YTD September 30, 2024 improved sharply to \$32,141 versus (\$111,014) for YTD September 30, 2023, an increase of \$143,155.

### **Actual vs. Budget – YE 2023**

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 2023 actual vs. budget performance, which are: actual revenue was \$12,387 above budget; operational expenses were held at \$32,393 below budget; program and ministry expenses were \$9,383 below budget; transfers from investment to operating cash accounts totaled \$101,958. Transfers totaling \$26,000 from NEMA's Parish Development investment account funded parish support for Covenant Chapel and Grace Scranton.

### **NEMA Operating Plan & Budget for 2025**

The 2025 operating budget is available for reference in Appendix V of this report.

### **2025 Operating Plan Revenues**

NEMA's 2025 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, 2024 amounted to \$176,250, \$41,502 below what was expected according to the 2024 NEMA Operating Budget. Parish Tithes 2024 year-end total is estimated to be \$295,336, slightly above the budget of \$290,337. The 2025 operating revenue budget sets Parish Tithes at \$355,808, well above the \$295,336 expected through December 31, 2024. Please see the section below, “*Extraordinary Items*”, for the way in which these exceptions are being managed. A *NEMA Parish Tithe*

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*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 will possibly change before March 2025 if negotiations presently underway to have the St. Albans mortgage paid off by a loan from the Looney-Hoffman Fund are successful. 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, 2024 amounted to \$34,589, \$10,000 above what was expected according to the 2023 NEMA Operating Budget. The positive variance is due to a direct principal payment by Christ Covenant Presbyterian against its mortgage. Mortgage Payments 2024 year-end total is estimated to be on budget at \$101,802. This 2024 operating revenue budget is well below the \$124,080 annual total of the three established mortgage contracts. Please see the section below, “*Extraordinary Items*”, for the way in which these exceptions are being 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 2025 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*

In 2023, St. Albans parish 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 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.

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To fund the request from St. Albans, the Diocese periodically withdrew cash from our investment accounts to cover the lost payments from St. Albans during 2023 and YTD September 30, 2024:

Mortgage Payments – The 2024 NEMA Operating Budget allocated a \$59,408 withdrawal in 2023 to apply against the St. Albans mortgage payment shortfall in 2023, and a \$22,278 withdrawal in 2024 to apply against the St. Albans mortgage payment shortfall in 2024 for a total of \$81,686;

Parish Tithes – The 2024 NEMA Operating Budget allocated a \$11,293 withdrawal in 2023 to apply against the St. Albans parish tithe shortfall in 2023;

A total amount of \$92,979 was planned for these withdrawals in 2023/YTD 2024 September 30. Withdrawals from investment accounts to operating cash accounts during that period actually totaled \$137,500, which included the planned amount of \$92,979.

The 2025 NEMA Operating Budget for parish tithes includes the \$120,808 committed by St. Albans for 2025. The 2025 parish tithe budget amount for all other parishes is \$235,000 (equal to the estimated YE 2024 amount), 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 might 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 2025 of ordinary expenditures at \$480,956 which is \$9,650 or 2% below the same budget for 2024. It is also \$8,184 or 1.7% higher than the estimated 2024 year-end total operational expenditure of \$472,772. Of the 2025 budgeted total, \$447,956 is budgeted to be funded from budgeted operational revenue and \$33,000 to be funded for parish support from the Raymond James Parish Development investment account. There is no amount budgeted to be withdrawn from any investment account to fund operational cash accounts.

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General operational expenditures include a 3% increase in compensation for our staff (Bishop Ordinary, Secretary and Information Technology). As in 2024, there will continue to be stipends paid to the men who assist the bishop with episcopal visits and other duties as needed. These payments are included in the Diocesan Administrative Expense category of the budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Riches, Treasurer

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

# REPORT OF THE NEMA TREASURER – Appendix I

## November 7, 2024

### Summary of Accounts

The diocesan financial accounts referenced in this report consist of two (2) checking accounts and three (3) 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 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

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**Diocese of the Northeast & MidAtlantic**  
**Statement of Financial Position**

	<b>Year-End 2022</b>	<b>Year-End 2023</b>
<b>Cash</b>		
Diocese Checking	75,017.47	66,166.94
St. Philip's Checking	56,913.03	56,938.93
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>131,930.50</b>	<b>123,105.87</b>
<b>Investments</b>		
Raymond James Diocesan Investment	1,427,984.47	1,477,893.23
Raymond James Parish Development	417,376.78	417,271.25
Raymond James Benson Fund	159,984.07	170,652.91
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>2,005,345.32</b>	<b>2,065,817.39</b>
<b>Mortgage Receivables</b>		
All Saints	142,804.18	136,225.34
Christ Covenant Presbyterian - PA	270,073.72	261,062.19
St. Albans - NY	360,225.47	335,199.51
<b>Total Mortgage Receivables</b>	<b>773,103.37</b>	<b>732,487.04</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2,910,379.19</b>	<b>2,921,410.30</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Restricted Assets</b>		
Bassinger Home Fund	23,935.00	24,194.00
Benson Fund - Raymond James + Fidelity	159,984.07	170,652.91
<b>Total Restricted Assets</b>	<b>183,919.07</b>	<b>194,846.91</b>
<b>Unrestricted Net Assets Prior Balance</b>	3,071,718.84	2,726,460.12
Net Change in Unrestricted Assets	(345,258.72)	103.27
<b>Total Unrestricted Net Assets (ending)</b>	<b>2,726,460.12</b>	<b>2,726,563.39</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>2,910,379.19</b>	<b>2,921,410.30</b>



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

			<b>BENSON FUND</b>			
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>						
Investment Activity (Net)	(263,089.48)	151,761.56	(16,357.50)	10,668.84		
Mortgage Interest	35,354.83	24,055.95				
Parish Tithes	276,612.49	248,091.55				
Other Income	14,312.16	15,966.33				
Temp. Restricted Asset Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>63,190.00</b>	<b>439,875.39</b>	<b>(16,357.50)</b>	<b>10,668.84</b>	-	-
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
Operational Expenses						
Accounting & Auditing	-	2,000.00				
Diocesan Admin Expense	20,000.04	17,083.35				
Council Expense (net after registration fees)	(2,553.41)	(273.05)				
Episcopal Expense (Ordinary & Suffragan)						
Ordinary (Housing & Utility Allowance)	103,000.00	103,000.00				
Ordinary (Pension)	12,360.00	12,360.00				
Ordinary (Life & LTD)	-	1,120.00				
Coadjutor	(10,000.00)	4,801.65				
Coadjutor (Housing & Utility Allowance)	-	-				
Coadjutor (Pension)	-	-				
Coadjutor (Life & LTD)	-	-				
Total Episcopal Expense	105,360.00	121,281.65				
Insurance - General	4,521.00	3,715.00				
Legal & Professional	1,415.00	-				
Meetings & Retreats Expense (net after registration fees)	53.36	1,413.15				
Miscellaneous	-	-				
Office & Administrative Expense	56,906.61	47,223.98				
Retired Bishop Expense	20,664.00	20,256.00				
Travel Expenses	12,306.46	19,254.64				
Total Operational Expenses	218,673.06	231,954.72				
Program & Ministry Expenses						
Bassinger Home Fund Distributions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Benson Fund Distributions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Camping Program	2,500.00	2,500.00				

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			<b>BENSON FUND</b>			
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Church Planting	419.00	-				
Designated Offerings Distributed	-	-				
Diaconal Training Support	-	-				
General Funds donated to Temp. Restricted Assets	-	-				
Gifts	-	-				
Mission Project (s)	1,500.00	2,278.73				
Parish & Salary Support	8,500.00	26,000.00				
Seminary Support	144,000.00	144,000.00				
Tithe to National Church	32,856.66	33,038.67				
Total Program & Ministry Expenses	189,775.66	207,817.40	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>408,448.72</b>	<b>439,772.12</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>NET CHANGE IN ASSETS FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(345,258.72)</b>	<b>103.27</b>	<b>(16,357.50)</b>	<b>10,668.84</b>	-	-
<b>NET CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM ALL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(345,258.72)</b>	<b>103.27</b>	<b>(16,357.50)</b>	<b>10,668.84</b>	-	-
Balance Beginning of Period	3,071,718.84	2,726,460.12	176,341.57	159,984.07	26,935.00	26,935.00
Change during period	(345,258.72)	103.27	(16,357.50)	10,668.84	-	-
<b>Balance End of Period</b>	<b>2,726,460.12</b>	<b>2,726,563.39</b>	<b>159,984.07</b>	<b>170,652.91</b>	<b>26,935.00</b>	<b>26,935.00</b>

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Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS	Prev. Year	Prev. Quarter	Current Quarter	Variance, Current Period vs.	
	YTD Sep 30, 2023	YTD Jun 30, 2024	YTD Sep 30, 2024	YTD Sep 30, 2023	YTD Jun 30, 2024
<b>Cash</b>					
Diocesan Checking	15,776.62	10,636.23	19,958.52	4,181.90	9,322.29
St. Philip's Checking	56,934.47	41,941.63	56,942.90	8.43	15,001.27
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>72,711.09</b>	<b>52,577.86</b>	<b>76,901.42</b>	<b>4,190.33</b>	<b>24,323.56</b>
<b>Investments</b>					
Raymond James Diocesan Investment	1,429,509.97	1,498,965.98	1,545,083.50	115,573.53	46,117.52
Raymond James Parish Development	400,205.21	422,507.29	430,573.24	30,368.03	8,065.95
Raymond James Benson Fund	160,718.87	178,848.62	193,431.27	32,712.40	14,582.65
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>1,990,434.05</b>	<b>2,100,321.89</b>	<b>2,169,088.01</b>	<b>178,653.96</b>	<b>68,766.12</b>
<b>Mortgage Receivables</b>					
All Saints	137,908.70	132,775.87	131,014.98	(6,893.72)	(1,760.89)
Christ Covenant Presbyterian - PA	264,106.11	246,251.88	244,615.76	(19,490.35)	(1,636.12)
St. Alban's - NY	335,199.51	335,199.51	354,709.21	19,509.70	19,509.70
<b>Total Mortgage Receivables</b>	<b>737,214.32</b>	<b>714,227.26</b>	<b>730,339.95</b>	<b>(6,874.37)</b>	<b>16,112.69</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2,800,359.46</b>	<b>2,867,127.01</b>	<b>2,976,329.38</b>	<b>175,969.92</b>	<b>109,202.37</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>					
<b>Restricted Assets</b>					
Bassinger Home Fund	24,194.00	24,194.00	24,194.00	-	-
Benson Fund	160,718.87	178,848.62	193,431.27	32,712.40	14,582.65
<b>Total Restricted Assets</b>	<b>184,912.87</b>	<b>203,042.62</b>	<b>217,625.27</b>	<b>32,712.40</b>	<b>14,582.65</b>
<b>Unrestricted Net Assets Prior Balance</b>	2,726,460.12	2,726,563.39	2,726,563.39	103.27	-
Net Change in Unrestricted Assets	(111,013.53)	(62,479.00)	32,140.72	143,154.25	94,619.72
<b>Total Unrestricted Net Assets (ending)</b>	<b>2,615,446.59</b>	<b>2,664,084.39</b>	<b>2,758,704.11</b>	<b>143,257.52</b>	<b>94,619.72</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>2,800,359.46</b>	<b>2,867,127.01</b>	<b>2,976,329.38</b>	<b>175,969.92</b>	<b>109,202.37</b>

## REPORT OF THE NEMA TREASURER - Appendix III, Page 2

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Diocese of Northeast & MidAtlantic

Statement of Activities

	GENERAL FUND UNRESTRICTED		
	YTD Sep 30, 2023	YTD Sep 30, 2024	Variance (Unfavorable)
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Investment Activity (Net)	29,478.96	195,492.28	166,013.32
Mortgage Interest	18,403.67	32,441.47	14,037.80
Parish Tithes	173,193.38	176,249.61	3,056.23
Other Income	8,649.64	1,152.18	(7,497.46)
Temp. Restricted Asset Contributions	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>229,725.65</b>	<b>405,335.54</b>	<b>175,609.89</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Operational Expenses			
Accounting & Auditing	-	-	-
Diocesan Admin Expense	13,750.11	7,916.54	5,833.57
Council Expense (net after registration fees)	797.17	1,183.58	(386.41)
Episcopal Expense (Ordinary & Suffragan)			
Ordinary (Salary, Housing & Utility Allowance)	77,249.97	75,375.00	1,874.97
Ordinary (Pension)	12,360.00	12,360.00	-
Ordinary (Life & LTD)	1,120.00	560.00	560.00
Coadjutor	3,164.17	-	3,164.17
Coadjutor (Housing & Utility Allowance)	-	20,625.03	(20,625.03)
Coadjutor (Pension)	-	-	-
Coadjutor (Life & LTD)	-	560.00	(560.00)
Total Episcopal Expense	93,894.14	109,480.03	(15,585.89)
Insurance - General	3,715.00	3,670.00	45.00
Legal & Professional	-	-	-
Meetings & Retreats Expense (net after registration fees)	1,413.15	2,115.87	(702.72)
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
Office & Administrative Expense	46,113.13	47,976.74	(1,863.61)
Retired Bishop Expense	16,880.00	16,180.00	700.00
Travel Expenses	15,593.34	16,601.01	(1,007.67)
<b>Total Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$192,156.04</b>	<b>205,123.77</b>	<b>(12,967.73)</b>

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**November 7, 2024**

Diocese of Northeast & MidAtlantic  
Statement of Activities

	<b>GENERAL FUND UNRESTRICTED</b>		
	<b>YTD Sep 30, 2023</b>	<b>YTD Sep 30, 2024</b>	<b>Variance (Unfavorable)</b>
Program & Ministry Expenses			
Bassinger Home Fund Distributions	-	-	-
Benson Fund Distributions	-	-	-
Camping Program	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
Church Planting	-	-	-
Designated Offerings Distributed	-	-	-
Diaconal Training Support	-	-	-
General Funds donated to Temp. Restricted Assets	-	-	-
Gifts	-	-	-
Mission Project (s)	259.53	1,733.78	(1,474.25)
Parish & Salary Support	19,500.03	28,750.02	(9,249.99)
Seminary Support	108,000.00	108,000.00	-
Tithe to National Church	18,323.58	27,087.25	(8,763.67)
Total Program & Ministry Expenses	148,583.14	168,071.05	(19,487.91)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>340,739.18</b>	<b>373,194.82</b>	<b>(32,455.64)</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN ASSETS FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(111,013.53)</b>	<b>32,140.72</b>	<b>143,154.25</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM ALL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(111,013.53)</b>	<b>32,140.72</b>	<b>143,154.25</b>

# REPORT OF THE NEMA TREASURER - Appendix IV, Page 1

## November 7, 2024

Diocese of Northeast & MidAtlantic  
Statement of Operating Income  
YTD December 31, 2023

		YTD December 31, 2023		
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE (Unfavorable)
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Investment Activity				
	Dividends & Interest & Cap Gains		55,233.78	
	Realized Gains / (Losses)		37,584.37	[1]
	Unrealized Gains / (Losses)		74,023.98	[1]
	Advisor & Transaction Fees		(14,915.25)	
	Tax Withholdings & Other		(165.32)	
	<i>Total Investment Activity</i>		<i>151,761.56</i>	
	Less Unrealized Gains		74,023.98	
	<i>Net Investment Activity</i>	<i>10,000.00</i>	<i>77,737.58</i>	<i>67,737.58</i> [1]
	Total Mortgage Payments	124,080.60	64,672.28	(59,408.32) [2]
	Parish Tithes	250,000.00	248,091.55	(1,908.45) [3]
	Other			
	Contributions		15,320.00	
	Council Offerings Designated		-	
	Interest Earned		46.33	
	Other (Non-categorized)		600.00	
	<i>Total Other</i>	<i>10,000.00</i>	<i>15,966.33</i>	<i>5,966.33</i> [1]
	Temp Restricted Assets Contributions			
	General Fund NEMA	-	-	
	Individuals & Parishes	-	-	
	<i>Total Temp Restricted Assets Contributions</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	
	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>394,080.60</b>	<b>406,467.74</b>	<b>12,387.14</b>
	Less Revenue from Restricted Assets	-	-	-
	<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>394,080.60</b>	<b>406,467.74</b>	<b>12,387.14</b> [9]
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Operational Expenses				
	Accounting & Auditing	1,000.00	2,000.00	(1,000.00)
	Council Expense (net after registration fees)	-	(273.05)	273.05
	Deanery Expense	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
	Diocesan Admin Expense	29,000.00	17,083.35	11,916.65
	Episcopal Expense (Ordinary & Suffragan)			
	Ordinary (Housing & Utility Allowance)	103,000.00	103,000.00	-
	Ordinary (Pension)	12,360.00	12,360.00	-
	Ordinary (Life & LTD)	-	1,120.00	(1,120.00)
	Coadjutor	3,100.00	4,801.65	(1,701.65) [4]
	<i>Total Episcopal Expense</i>	<i>118,460.00</i>	<i>121,281.65</i>	<i>(2,821.65)</i>
	Insurance - General	4,600.00	3,715.00	885.00
	Legal & Professional	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
	Meetings & Retreats Expense (net after registration fees)	4,500.00	1,413.15	3,086.85 [5]
	Miscellaneous	-	-	-
	Office & Administrative Expense	62,168.00	47,223.98	14,944.02 [6]
	Retired Bishop Expense	21,120.00	20,256.00	864.00
	Travel Expenses	20,000.00	19,254.64	745.36 [7]
	<i>Total Operational Expenses</i>	<i>264,348.00</i>	<i>231,954.72</i>	<i>32,393.28</i>

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**Diocese of Northeast & MidAtlantic**  
**Statement of Operating Income**  
**YTD December 31, 2023**

	<b>YTD December 31, 2023</b>		
	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	-	5,000.00
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	2,278.73	(78.73)
Parish & Salary Support	15,000.00	26,000.00	(11,000.00) [8]
Seminary Support	144,000.00	144,000.00	-
Tithe to National Church	36,000.00	33,038.67	2,961.33
<i>Total Program &amp; Ministry Expenses</i>	<u>217,200.00</u>	<u>207,817.40</u>	<u>9,382.60</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>481,548.00</b>	<b>439,772.12</b>	<b>41,775.88</b>
Change from Prior Year Adjustments	-	-	-
Transfers from investment accounts to operating cash account	15,000.00	101,958.33	(86,958.33) [9]
<b>TOTAL NET OPERATING EXPENSE</b>	<b>466,548.00</b>	<b>337,813.79</b>	<b>128,734.21</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME/(LOSS)</b>	<b>(72,467.40)</b>	<b>68,653.95</b>	<b>141,121.35</b> [9]

**NOTES:**

- [1] Individual line items are not budgeted; realized gains are higher than expected
- [2] St. Albans mortgage payments 8 months in arrears, to be paid in 2024/2025; others are current
- [3] The rate of Parish Tithe receipts has slowed this year, down from \$277K in 2022
- [4] Spending for Coadjutor includes NEMA travel, ACNA travel, consecration expense; "ACTUAL" includes \$10,000 personal contribution
- [5] Additional expenses anticipated in 1Q2024
- [6] Includes a \$7,500 contribution
- [7] Exclusive of Coadjutor travel
- [8] Parish support to Covenant Chapel (\$20K) approved after Diocesan Council; Grace Scranton
- [9] Major contributors include:
  - Unusually high and unexpected realized gains across investments
  - NEMA Trustees agreed to St. Albans' request to defer mortgage payments and tithes until July 2024
  - Transfers from investments to cover loss of St. Albans mortgage and tithes
  - Covenant Chapel grant

**REPORT OF THE NEMA TREASURER, Appendix V, Page 1  
November 7, 2024**

	2024 Budget	2024		2025 Budget	2025 Increase (Decrease)
		9/30/24 YTD	12/31/24 YEE		
<b>REVENUE</b>					
Investment Activity (net)	10,000.00	27,723.73	36,964.97	10,000.00	-
Total Mortgage Payments	101,802.48	34,588.56	101,802.48	168,636.84	66,834.36
Parish Tithes	290,336.50	176,249.61	295,335.98	355,807.50	65,471.00
Other	10,000.00	1,152.18	1,536.24	2,500.00	(7,500.00)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>412,138.98</b>	<b>239,714.08</b>	<b>435,639.67</b>	<b>536,944.34</b>	<b>124,805.36</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Operational Expenses					
Accounting & Auditing	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Council Expense					
Registration Income Rec'd	(15,000.00)	(54.60)	(15,000.00)	(15,000.00)	-
Expense	15,000.00	1,238.18	15,000.00	15,000.00	-
<i>Total Council Expense (Net)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1,183.58</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
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	-
<i>Total Deanery Expense</i>	<i>1,500.00</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1,500.00</i>	<i>-</i>
Diocesan Administrative Expense					
Archdeacon Compensation	2,500.00	2,083.30	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
Canon Ordinary Compensation	-	-	-	-	-
Pres. of Standing Committee Compensation	2,500.00	1,874.97	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
PA Dean Compensation	2,500.00	1,874.97	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
NY Dean Compensation	2,500.00	2,083.30	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
Pulpit Supply	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00	-
<i>Total Diocesan Administrative Expense</i>	<i>12,000.00</i>	<i>7,916.54</i>	<i>10,000.00</i>	<i>12,000.00</i>	<i>-</i>
Episcopal Expense					
Ordinary Compensation	100,500.00	75,375.00	103,000.00	106,090.00	5,590.00
Ordinary Pension Contribution	12,360.00	12,360.00	12,360.00	12,060.00	(300.00)
Ordinary Life/Dis	560.00	560.00	560.00	560.00	-
Co-Adjutor Compensation	27,500.00	20,625.03	27,500.00	-	(27,500.00)
Co-Adjutor Pension	-	-	-	3,300.00	3,300.00
Co-Adjutor Medical	-	-	-	-	-
Co-Adjutor Life/Dis	560.00	560.00	560.00	-	(560.00)
<i>Total Episcopal Expense</i>	<i>141,480.00</i>	<i>109,480.03</i>	<i>143,980.00</i>	<i>122,010.00</i>	<i>(19,470.00)</i>
Insurance - General	4,600.00	3,670.00	3,670.00	4,600.00	-
Meetings & Retreat Expense					
Income/Registrations Rec'd	(10,700.00)	(3,862.00)	(3,862.00)	(10,700.00)	-
Clergy Retreat	8,000.00	5,942.87	5,942.87	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	35.00	35.00	1,000.00	-
<i>Total Meetings &amp; Retreat Expense (net)</i>	<i>4,500.00</i>	<i>2,115.87</i>	<i>2,115.87</i>	<i>4,500.00</i>	<i>-</i>



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	2024 Budget	2024		2025 Budget	2025 Increase (Decrease)
		9/30/24 YTD	12/31/24 YEE		
Legal & Professional Fees	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00	-
Office & Administrative Expense					
Background Checks & Other Dues	800.00	495.00	660.00	700.00	(100.00)
Bank Fees	500.00	285.00	380.00	500.00	-
Diocesan Planning	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00	-
Information Technology	39,324.00	32,770.00	39,324.00	40,512.00	1,188.00
Other (Non-Categorized)	1,500.00	-	-	1,500.00	-
Postage	400.00	114.45	152.60	200.00	(200.00)
Secretary Expense	16,176.00	12,132.00	16,176.00	16,668.00	492.00
Supplies & Expense	700.00	1,269.78	1,693.04	1,800.00	1,100.00
Telephone	260.00	174.61	232.81	275.00	15.00
Videoconferencing	150.00	159.90	159.90	175.00	25.00
Web Hosting	1,300.00	576.00	576.00	600.00	(700.00)
<i>Total Office &amp; Administrative Expense</i>	<i>64,110.00</i>	<i>47,976.74</i>	<i>59,354.35</i>	<i>65,930.00</i>	<i>1,820.00</i>
Retired Bishop Expense	19,416.00	16,180.00	19,416.00	19,416.00	-
Travel Expenses	25,000.00	16,601.01	22,134.68	25,000.00	-
<b>Total Operational Expenses</b>	<b>275,606.00</b>	<b>205,123.77</b>	<b>261,670.90</b>	<b>257,956.00</b>	<b>(17,650.00)</b>
Program & Ministry Expenses					
Bassingier Home Fund Distributions	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00	-
Camping Program	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	3,000.00	500.00
Church Planting	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00	-
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)	2,500.00	1,733.78	2,600.67	3,500.00	1,000.00
Parish & Salary Support	12,500.00	28,750.02	26,000.00	33,000.00	20,500.00
Seminary Support	144,000.00	108,000.00	144,000.00	130,000.00	(14,000.00)
Tithe to National Church	36,000.00	27,087.25	36,000.00	36,000.00	-
<i>Total Program &amp; Ministry Expenses</i>	<i>215,000.00</i>	<i>168,071.05</i>	<i>211,100.67</i>	<i>223,000.00</i>	<i>8,000.00</i>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>490,606.00</b>	<b>373,194.82</b>	<b>472,771.57</b>	<b>480,956.00</b>	<b>(9,650.00)</b>
<b>REVENUE LESS ORDINARY EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(78,467.02)</b>	<b>(133,480.74)</b>	<b>(37,131.90)</b>	<b>55,988.34</b>	134,455.36
Transfers for Parish & Salary Support	12,500.00	30,000.02	33,750.00	33,000.00	20,500.00
Transfers for Bassingier Home Fund distributions	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers for general expenditures	65,967.02	85,000.00	85,000.00	-	(65,967.02)
<b>NET EXPENDITURES LESS TRANSFERS</b>	<b>412,138.98</b>	<b>258,194.80</b>	<b>354,021.57</b>	<b>447,956.00</b>	<b>35,817.02</b>
<b>NET REVENUE LESS EXPENDITURES FROM ALL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(18,480.72)</b>	<b>81,618.10</b>	<b>88,988.34</b>	<b>88,988.34</b>

# REPORT OF THE NEMA TREASURER - Appendix VI, Page 1

The Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic  
of the Reformed Episcopal Church  
Report of the Treasurer for December 31, 2023 Year-to-Date (YTD)  
Statement of Parish Tithes

Parish	2023 YTD
Atonement	1,360.50
Bishop Cummins	30,990.81
Covenant Chapel	13,982.98
Emmanuel Four Brooks	4,018.37
Emmanuel NJ	15,211.00
Faith Baltimore	5,813.08
First Church	4,428.17
Good Shepherd, MA	21,698.00
Good Shepherd Anglican, PA	3,036.00
Grace Collingdale	23,640.52
Grace Havre De Grace	3,975.00
Grace Scranton	3,305.19
Jesus The Good Shepherd	1,389.22
New Redeemer	3,545.10
St. George's/Canada	6,585.00
St. John's By The Sea	1,000.00
St. Luke's	6,545.50
St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman	1,057.00
St. Mark's	33,514.20
St. Matthew's	29,267.91
St. Patrick's	-
St. Paul's	2,357.00
St. Peter's	1,200.00
St. Stephens	29,548.00
St. Timothy's	623.00
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>248,091.55</b>

# REPORT OF THE NEMA TREASURER - Appendix VI, Page 2

The Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic  
of the Reformed Episcopal Church  
Report of the Treasurer for September 30, 2024 Year-to-Date (YTD)  
Statement of Parish Tithes

Parish	2024 YTD
Atonement	-
Bishop Cummins	21,115.24
Covenant Chapel	8,533.25
Emmanuel Four Brooks	2,090.04
Emmanuel NJ	11,062.17
Faith Baltimore	4,631.84
First Church	-
Good Shepherd, MA	18,585.00
Good Shepherd Anglican, PA	2,166.60
Grace Collingdale	9,828.03
Grace Havre De Grace	3,811.00
Grace Scranton	2,620.00
Jesus The Good Shepherd	-
New Redeemer	3,645.10
St. George's/Canada	6,671.73
St. John's By The Sea	8,559.53
St. Luke's	4,399.00
St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman	660.00
St. Mark's	26,734.62
St. Matthew's	15,632.46
St. Patrick's	-
St. Paul's	900.00
St. Peter's	3,238.00
St. Stephens	21,366.00
St. Timothy's	-
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>176,249.61</b>

November 7, 2024

# 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)**

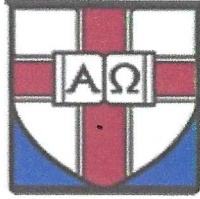
**TITHE AMOUNT OWED:**

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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 Reformed Episcopal Church

Report of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church  
to the 144th Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic  
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

October 15, 2024

## **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, liturgies, 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 is 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.

During the past year, the Seminary created a new diploma program for those interested in studying for ministry as a deacon or deaconess. The Licentiate in Theology (LTh) is a twelve-course sequence designed to provide both theoretical and practical training for ministry. The LTh may be completed in one year of full-time or two years of part-time study.

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

### **Move to Saint Paul's Church, Oreland**

As noted in our report to Council in 2023, the Seminary is in the process of moving to its new home at Saint Paul's REC in Oreland. The move will provide the Seminary with larger classrooms, more student spaces, and offices for all faculty. In addition, the larger library space at Saint Paul's will allow RES to move that part of the collection (estimated at one-third of the library's holding) out of storage and into the stacks. In addition, Saint Paul's is more centrally located for commuters and is located in an areas that has a wider range of housing options.

We also expect that the move to Saint Paul's will help stabilize the Seminary's finances in two ways. First, vacating the current facilities at Blue Bell will reduce operating costs by half. Secondly, the proceeds from the sale of the Blue Bell campus will allow the Seminary to increase its endowment.

### **Sale of the Blue Bell Campus**

The four buildings which make up the Blue Bell campus are currently listed for sale with a commercial real estate broker. These include two houses formerly used for student residences, the main classroom building, and the office building. One of the houses recently sold and the proceeds devoted to defraying the costs of the Seminary move. The other buildings have been viewed by buyers on a number of occasions. It is our hope that the three remaining properties will be sold prior to Summer 2025.

### **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 term are the Reverend Dr. Eric Parker (REC Diocese of the Central States), who will teach historical theology. Dr. Parker holds a PhD from McGill University and serves as Assistant Professor of Historical Theology. Joining him is the Reverend Dr. Kyles Hughes (REC Diocese of the Southeast), who holds a PhD from Radboud University in Nijmegen, The Netherlands. We are pleased to welcome the Reverend Dr. Aaron Pelot (REC Diocese of the Central States), who currently teaching at the University of Saint Andrews, and is leading two of our Saturday courses (online) for deacons. Finally, the Reverend Dr. David Compton (REC Diocese of the Central States), from Trinity College, Dublin, and an expert in Islam, will be teaching World Religions in the Spring term.

### **Enrollment**

Our student enrollment has remained small, but stable over time. At present, we have twenty-seven students enrolled in all degrees and certificates both for credit and audit. We currently have four MDiv and eight MA students. Another three students are enrolled in the LTh (deacon) and one in the LTh (deaconess).

Our students join classes both in person on the Blue Bell campus and online. Currently, we have students pursuing degrees and certificates from places as far away as Arizona, Venezuela, and Scotland.



## **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.



# Reformed Episcopal Seminary

## Report of the Treasurer of Reformed Episcopal Seminary To the 144th Council of the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic Of the Reformed Episcopal Church

The last year has been a period of significant changes at R.E. Seminary, including the functions of accounting and finance. With the move of the Seminary to St. Paul's, we look forward to greater space with smaller operating costs, but it is taking some extra investment to achieve this vision. The change in the fiscal year to mid-year necessitated the postponement of the audit to the fall, which is underway now but not complete. We did accomplish a restructuring of our accounting system during the summer, so the financial statements included below should be significantly clearer. This has brought into focus the financial issues of the Seminary, which we intend to address both with lower operating costs as well as a renewed emphasis on fundraising. Our proposed budget for 2024-2025 anticipates a significant decrease in operating loss, with the completion of the move, sale of the accumulated properties, and investment of the proceeds in an operational endowment.

The unaudited statements below are the Statement of Financial Position, which is a balance sheet, the Statement of Activity, which is a profit & loss statement, or in non-profit terms an income and expense statement, and a Statement of Activity-Budget, which covers the new fiscal year of July 2024 to June 2025.

**THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
As of June 30, 2024

<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
1000 Cash	0.00
1010 Wells Fargo (Bus. Checking)	48,381.09
1020 Chase (Bus. Checking)	2,500.00
1021 M&T 1917 - Security Deposit	0.00
1022 M&T 1867 - Security Deposit	0.00
1023 Wells Fargo (Savings)	0.00
1024 Wells Fargo (Checking)	47,153.55
1025 M&T Bank (Checking)	318.74
1030 M&T Bank (MMkt/Savings)	4,532.58
<b>Total 1000 Cash</b>	<b>\$102,885.96</b>
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$102,885.96</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
1200 Accounts Receivable	
1211 Allowance for Doubtful Tuition	7,905.00
1250 Pledge Receivable	25,484.73
1255 Accounts Rec. - Bp Riches Chair	104,300.00
<b>Total 1200 Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>\$137,689.73</b>
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>\$137,689.73</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
1040 Undeposited Funds	6,321.50
1252 PV Adjustment-Endowment Pledge	-36,111.39
1300 Prepaid Expenses	17,568.59
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	-17,905.00
Interest Receivable	-1,062.66
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>-\$31,188.96</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$209,386.73</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
1500 Property & Equipment, Net	
1510 Land 826 Second Ave - (main)	135,077.09
1511 Land 831 DeKalb Pike - (office complex)	169,660.24
1520 Buildings	
1521 Building 826 Second Ave - (main)	540,308.34
1522 Building 831 DeKalb Pike - (office complex)	678,640.98
1524 Building 854 Second - (Dorm Dplx)	461,332.68
<b>Total 1520 Buildings</b>	<b>\$1,680,282.00</b>
1530 Accumulated depreciation - Buildings	
1531 A/D 826 Second Ave - (main)	-312,963.50
1532 A/D 831 DeKalb Pike - (office complex)	-171,074.01
1533 A/D 832 Second Ave - (Fisher)	-958.00
1534 A/D 854 Second - (Dorm Dplx)	-25,918.40
<b>Total 1530 Accumulated depreciation - Buildings</b>	<b>-\$510,913.91</b>

1540 Leasehold Improvements	
1541 LHI 826 Second Ave - (main)	553,017.09
1542 LHI 831 DeKalb Pike - (office complex)	125,127.25
1543 LHI - 832 Fisher House	4,788.00
1544 LHI 854 Second - (Dorm Dplx)	17,420.00
<b>Total 1540 Leasehold Improvements</b>	<b>\$700,352.34</b>
1550 Accumulated depreciation - Leasehold	
1551 A/D LHI 826 Second Ave - (main)	-342,283.06
1552 A/D LHI 831 DeKalb Pike - (office complex)	-52,341.95
1553 A/D LHI 832 Second Ave - (Fisher)	-958.00
1554 A/D LHI 854 Second - (Dorm Dplx)	-1,959.75
<b>Total 1550 Accumulated depreciation - Leasehold</b>	<b>-\$397,542.76</b>
1560 Furniture & Equipment	39,938.56
1570 A/D -Furniture & Equipment	-29,837.33
1580 Software	68,400.00
1590 Accumulated depreciation - software	-68,400.00
CIP	0.00
<b>Total 1500 Property &amp; Equipment, Net</b>	<b>\$1,787,016.23</b>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$1,787,016.23</b>
Other Assets	
1600 Investment Accounts	
1610 Raymond James 632xxxxx	-5,775.18
1620 Raymond James 824xxxxx	629,138.30
1630 Investment Account-Pfizer Stock	20,003.32
1640 M&T Riches Prof Endowment	61,319.45
Investments-Fidelity	0.00
Wells Fargo	0.00
Wells Fargo Mohrfeld	0.00
<b>Total 1600 Investment Accounts</b>	<b>\$704,685.89</b>
Loan Receivable-First Church	0.00
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>\$704,685.89</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$2,701,088.85</b>
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<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
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Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2100 Accounts Payable	2,194.00
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>\$2,194.00</b>
Credit Cards	
2150 Credit Card Payable	
2151 Chase - Business CC (Ink Cash)	-6,998.09
2152 Chase 0563-Riley, Shawn	-690.99
2153 Chase 0589- Brinkman, Paul	-1,666.10
2154 Chase 0655- Hoyt, Greg	210.00
2155 Chase 2676 - Castor, Meredith	19.27
2157 Chase 4145 - Harrington,Matthew	587.13
<b>Total 2151 Chase - Business CC (Ink Cash)</b>	<b>-\$8,538.78</b>
<b>Total 2150 Credit Card Payable</b>	<b>-\$8,538.78</b>
<b>Total Credit Cards</b>	<b>-\$8,538.78</b>

<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
2250 Accrued payroll liability	0.00
2300 Security Deposits Held	3,550.00
2350 Deferred Revenue	9,368.00
Accrued Payroll	0.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$12,918.00</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$6,573.22</b>
<b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>	
2500 Long Term Liability	
2550 Mortg. Pay - M&T 854 Dorm #026	280,334.73
2560 Mortg. Pay - M&T 826 2nd #018	286,596.38
2700 Other L/T Liabilities	0.00
<b>Total 2500 Long Term Liability</b>	<b>\$566,931.11</b>
<b>Total Long-Term Liabilities</b>	<b>\$566,931.11</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$573,504.33</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
3000 Opening Bal Equity	2,357.09
3200 Fund Balance	3,276,873.21
3900 Retained Earnings	-902,368.43
Net Revenue	-249,277.35
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$2,127,584.52</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$2,701,088.85</b>

**THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL**  
**Statement of Activity**  
 July 2023 - June 2024

<b>Revenue</b>	
<b>4000 Contributions and Grants</b>	
4100 Contribution from Churches	17,420.48
4300 Government Grants	881.00
4400 Contribution from Individuals	
4440 Contribution from Other Individuals	261,452.09
<b>Total 4400 Contribution from Individuals</b>	<b>\$261,452.09</b>
4500 Institutional Contributions (Corp, Foundations, etc.)	5,000.00
<b>Total 4000 Contributions and Grants</b>	<b>\$284,753.57</b>
<b>5000 Tuition, Rental Income, Other Revenue</b>	
5100 Tuition Income - degrees & cert.	112,235.00
5120 Funded Scholarships - Contra. Rev	-43,412.13
5140 Unfunded scholarships	-15,283.05
5200 Tuition Income - Fees	17,133.58
5300 Library / Bookstore Income	7,084.74
5400 Rental Income	
5401 826 Second Ave - Main	6,600.00
5402 831 DeKalb - Professional Bldg	12,000.00
5403 832 Dorm House - Fisher	11,400.00
5404 854 Dorm Duplex	35,950.00
<b>Total 5400 Rental Income</b>	<b>\$65,950.00</b>
5600 Other Revenue	586.00
<b>Total 5000 Tuition, Rental Income, Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$144,294.14</b>
<b>Contributions (deleted)</b>	
Alumni (deleted)	
General (deleted)	100.00
<b>Total Alumni (deleted)</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Total Contributions (deleted)</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$429,147.71</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$429,147.71</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
<b>6000 Payroll and Benefits</b>	
6100 Payroll expense (gross)	422,995.34
6200 Payroll Taxes	102,575.01
6310 Employee benefits - disability & life insurance	7,882.17
6330 Employee benefits - pension & retirement	35,945.85
6400 Insurance - workers comp	581.00
6500 Payroll service fees	15,028.39
<b>Total 6000 Payroll and Benefits</b>	<b>\$585,007.76</b>
<b>7000 Academic Expenses</b>	
7100 Accreditation (including travel, meals)	
7110 Accreditation	2,118.00
7120 ATS Meetings & Travel	2,995.21
<b>Total 7100 Accreditation (including travel, meals)</b>	<b>\$5,113.21</b>

7200 Books and library	1,028.21
7300 Chapel, Convocations, Commencement	4,145.36
7400 Faculty books, training (including travel, meals)	357.81
7420 Faculty Events & Appreciation	7,623.63
7600 Postage	2,636.84
7700 Subscriptions (Alibris, ATLA, OPAC, Populi, journals)	7,932.46
7800 Guest/Part Time Faculty	174.92
<b>Total 7000 Academic Expenses</b>	<b>\$29,012.44</b>
8000 Other Operating Expenses	
8100 Bad Debt Expense	12,914.20
8150 Bank and credit card fees	287.98
8200 Depreciation Expense	110,012.58
8300 Insurance - general, liability, property	
8301 Insurance -- Commercial Propert	21,458.00
<b>Total 8300 Insurance - general, liability, property</b>	<b>\$21,458.00</b>
8350 Interest Expense	
8351 Interest Expense Loan payable M&T 854	12,979.12
8352 Interest Expense Loan Payable M&T 826	17,440.50
<b>Total 8350 Interest Expense</b>	<b>\$30,419.62</b>
8400 Miscellaneous expense	
8401 Reconciliation Discrepancies	3,937.58
8402 Vending/Concess./Coffee Expense	215.83
<b>Total 8400 Miscellaneous expense</b>	<b>\$4,153.41</b>
8500 Occupancy Cost	
8510 Occupancy cost - real estate tax	
8511 RE Tax 826 Second Ave - (main)	3,774.55
8512 RE Tax 831 DeKalb Pike - (office complex)	16,395.81
8514 RE Tax 854 Second - (Dorm Dplx)	6,598.70
<b>Total 8510 Occupancy cost - real estate tax</b>	<b>\$26,769.06</b>
8520 Occupancy cost - repairs & maintenance	
8521 Maintenance 826 Second Ave - (main)	9,100.47
Furnishings (deleted)	39.99
<b>Total 8521 Maintenance 826 Second Ave - (main)</b>	<b>\$9,140.46</b>
8522 Maintenance 831 DeKalb Pike - (office complex)	-24,200.00
8525 Maintenance 800 Church Rd. (St Paul's)	41,619.00
<b>Total 8520 Occupancy cost - repairs &amp; maintenance</b>	<b>\$26,559.46</b>
8530 Occupancy cost - utilities	
8531 Utilities 826 Second Ave - (main)	17,641.40
8532 Utilites 831 DeKalb Pike - (office complex)	12,460.66
8533 Utilities 832 Second Ave - (Firsher)	3,045.95
8534 Utilities 854 Second - (Dorm Dplx)	-154.61
<b>Total 8530 Occupancy cost - utilities</b>	<b>\$32,993.40</b>
<b>Total 8500 Occupancy Cost</b>	<b>\$86,321.92</b>
8550 Office Expense	
8551 Office expense - computers and copiers	3,393.10
8552 Office expense - other	1,901.65
8553 Office expense - postage	135.87
8554 Office expense - supplies	1,647.32
<b>Total 8550 Office Expense</b>	<b>\$7,077.94</b>

<b>8600 Professional Services</b>	
8601 Professional services - accounting	55.00
8604 Professional services - academic & compliance	22,770.60
8605 Professional services - other	80.00
<b>Total 8600 Professional Services</b>	<b>\$22,905.60</b>
8700 Recruiting	12,228.26
8800 Meetings & General Travel	4,035.99
<b>Total 8000 Other Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$311,815.50</b>
Academic Expense - old (deleted)	250.00
Board of Directors (deleted)	
Meeting Expense (deleted)	
<b>Total Board of Directors (deleted)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$926,085.70</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>-\$496,937.99</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>	
9000 Non-Operating Income and Expenses	
9110 Interest and Dividends Income	699.61
<b>Total 9000 Non-Operating Income and Expenses</b>	<b>\$699.61</b>
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$699.61</b>
<b>Net Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$699.61</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>-\$496,238.38</b>



# THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE R.E. CHURCH

## Statement of Activity - Budget

July 2024 - June 2025

Revenue	Total Actual 24	Budget 24-25
<b>4000 Contributions and Grants</b>		
4100 Contribution from Churches	17,420.48	20,000.00
4300 Government Grants	881.00	1,000.00
4400 Contribution from Individuals		
4440 Contribution from Other Individuals	261,452.09	300,000.00
<b>Total 4400 Contribution from Individuals</b>	<b>\$261,452.09</b>	<b>\$300,000.00</b>
4500 Institutional Contributions (Corp, Fnd, etc.)	5,000.00	10,000.00
<b>Total 4000 Contributions and Grants</b>	<b>\$284,753.57</b>	<b>\$331,000.00</b>
<b>5000 Tuition, Rental Income, Other Revenue</b>		
5100 Tuition Income - degrees & cert.	112,235.00	115,000.00
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5200 Tuition Income - Fees	17,133.58	20,000.00
5300 Library / Bookstore Income	7,084.74	10,000.00
5400 Rental Income		
5401 826 Second Ave - Main	6,600.00	6,000.00
5402 831 DeKalb - Professional Bldg	12,000.00	12,000.00
5403 832 Dorm House - Fisher	11,400.00	5,000.00
5404 854 Dorm Duplex	35,950.00	1,000.00
<b>Total 5400 Rental Income</b>	<b>\$65,950.00</b>	<b>\$24,000.00</b>
5600 Other Revenue	586.00	1,000.00
<b>Total 5000 Tuition, Rental Income, Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$144,294.14</b>	<b>\$115,000.00</b>
<b>** Income From Investments</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	60,000.00
<b>Contributions (deleted)</b>		
<b>Alumni (deleted)</b>		
General (deleted)	100.00	.00
<b>Total Alumni (deleted)</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	.00
<b>Total Contributions (deleted)</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$429,147.71</b>	<b>\$506,000.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$429,147.71</b>	<b>\$506,000.00</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
<b>6000 Payroll and Benefits</b>		
6100 Payroll expense (gross)	422,995.34	420,000.00
6200 Payroll Taxes	102,575.01	100,000.00
6310 Employee benefits - disab. & insur.	7,882.17	7,500.00
6330 Employee benefits - pension & retirement	35,945.85	35,000.00
6400 Insurance - workers comp	581.00	500.00
6500 Payroll service fees	15,028.39	15,000.00
<b>Total 6000 Payroll and Benefits</b>	<b>\$585,007.76</b>	<b>\$578,000.00</b>
<b>7000 Academic Expenses</b>		
7100 Accreditation (including travel, meals)		
7110 Accreditation	2,118.00	2,000.00
7120 ATS Meetings & Travel	2,995.21	1,000.00
<b>Total 7100 Accreditation (including travel, meals)</b>	<b>\$5,113.21</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>

7200 Books and library	1,028.21	1,000.00
7300 Chapel, Convocations, Commencement	4,145.36	2,000.00
7400 Faculty books, training (incl travel, meals)	357.81	500.00
7420 Faculty Events & Appreciation	7,623.63	4,000.00
7600 Postage	2,636.84	2,000.00
7700 Subscriptions (Alibris, ATLA, OPAC, Populi)	7,932.46	7,000.00
7800 Guest/Part Time Faculty	174.92	100.00
<b>Total 7000 Academic Expenses</b>	<b>\$29,012.44</b>	<b>\$19,600.00</b>
<b>8000 Other Operating Expenses</b>		
8100 Bad Debt Expense	12,914.20	.00
8150 Bank and credit card fees	287.98	.00
8200 Depreciation Expense	110,012.58	.00
8300 Insurance - general, liability, property		
8301 Insurance -- Commercial Propert	21,458.00	20,000.00
<b>Total 8300 Insurance - general, liability, property</b>	<b>\$21,458.00</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
8350 Interest Expense		
8351 Interest Expense Loan payable M&T 854	12,979.12	.00
8352 Interest Expense Loan Payable M&T 826	17,440.50	.00
<b>Total 8350 Interest Expense</b>	<b>\$30,419.62</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
8400 Miscellaneous expense		
8401 Reconciliation Discrepancies	3,937.58	.00
8402 Vending/Concess./Coffee Expense	215.83	.00
<b>Total 8400 Miscellaneous expense</b>	<b>\$4,153.41</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
8500 Occupancy Cost		
8510 Occupancy cost - real estate tax		
8511 RE Tax 826 Second Ave - (main)	3,774.55	.00
8512 RE Tax 831 DeKalb Pike - (office)	16,395.81	5,000.00
8514 RE Tax 854 Second - (Dorm Dplx)	6,598.70	.00
<b>Total 8510 Occupancy cost - real estate tax</b>	<b>\$26,769.06</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
8520 Occupancy cost - repairs & maintenance		
8521 Maintenance 826 Second Ave - (main)	9,100.47	5,000.00
Furnishings (deleted)	39.99	.00
<b>Total 8521 Maintenance 826 Second Ave - (main)</b>	<b>\$9,140.46</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
8522 Maintenance 831 DeKalb Pike - (office)	-24,200.00	.00
8525 Maintenance 800 Church Rd. (St Paul's)	41,619.00	20,000.00
<b>Total 8520 Occupancy cost - repairs &amp; maint</b>	<b>\$26,559.46</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>
8530 Occupancy cost - utilities		
8531 Utilities 826 Second Ave - (main)	17,641.40	5,000.00
8532 Utilites 831 DeKalb Pike - (office)	12,460.66	5,000.00
8533 Utilities 832 Second Ave - (Firsher)	3,045.95	.00
8534 Utilities 854 Second - (Dorm Dplx)	-154.61	.00
<b>Total 8530 Occupancy cost - utilities</b>	<b>\$32,993.40</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>Total 8500 Occupancy Cost</b>	<b>\$86,321.92</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>
8550 Office Expense		
8551 Office expense - computers and copiers	3,393.10	3,000.00
8552 Office expense - other	1,901.65	1,500.00
8553 Office expense - postage	135.87	100.00
8554 Office expense - supplies	1,647.32	1,500.00
<b>Total 8550 Office Expense</b>	<b>\$7,077.94</b>	<b>\$6,100.00</b>

<b>8600 Professional Services</b>		
8601 Professional services - accounting	55.00	50.00
8604 Professional svcs - academic & compliance	22,770.60	10,000.00
8605 Professional services - other	80.00	100.00
<b>Total 8600 Professional Services</b>	<b>\$22,905.60</b>	<b>\$10,150.00</b>
8700 Recruiting	12,228.26	5,000.00
8800 Meetings & General Travel	4,035.99	2,500.00
<b>Total 8000 Other Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$311,815.50</b>	<b>\$83,750.00</b>
Academic Expense - old (deleted)	250.00	.00
Board of Directors (deleted)		
Meeting Expense (deleted)		
<b>Total Board of Directors (deleted)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$926,085.70</b>	<b>\$681,350.00</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>-\$496,937.99</b>	<b>-\$175,350.00</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>		
9000 Non-Operating Income and Expenses		
9110 Interest and Dividends Income	699.61	700.00
<b>Total 9000 Non-Operating Income and Expenses</b>	<b>\$699.61</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$699.61</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
<b>Net Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$699.61</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>-\$496,238.38</b>	<b>-\$174,650.00</b>

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS 2024-2025

### Committee Members

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 Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud

The Rev. Ricky McCarl

Mr. Mark Hammett

The Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn

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

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Mr. Farrell Lawrence

Respectfully Submitted,

**William Vowles**

The Rev. William Vowles, Chairman



**REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
DIOCESE OF THE NORTHEAST AND MID-ATLANTIC  
COMMITTEE ON CANONS**

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CANONS TO THE 144<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL  
OF THE DIOCESE OF THE NORTHEAST AND MID-ATLANTIC**

**OCTOBER 15, 2024**

The Committee on Canons reports as follows:

No business came before the Committee during the calendar year 2023, 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

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
BOARD OF EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

To the Bishops and Diocesan Council of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic (NEMA):

Greetings in our Lord, Christ Jesus!

All Saints 2024

The Board of Examining Chaplains is tasked with evaluating the fitness of candidates for ordination to the Diaconate and/or the Presbyterate, for being set apart as Deaconess, or for transfer of orders into this Diocese. Upon completing evaluation of paperwork, written examination, and an interview, which most recently we have conducted exclusively via Zoom; we must discern either to 'recommend' the candidate at hand or to 'not recommend' that person to the Bishop(s). In 2024 we consisted of The Very Rev. Eric Jorgensen, The Very Rev. Eduardo Andrade, and myself, with both Bishops in attendance *ex officio*. I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked with these godly men, and I offer praise to the Lord for all the work we accomplished together this year!

Following is a list of examinations conducted, ordered chronologically:

Mr. William Jenkins Jr.	– Presbyterate :	November 14, 2024	– Recommended
Mr. Norris Gadsden	– Diaconate :	February 7, 2024	– Recommended
Mr. Benjamin Pearce	– Diaconate :	March 5, 2024	– Recommended
Mr. Chester Banks	– Transfer/Presbyterate :	May 8, 2024	– Recommended
Dr. Susan Regisford	– The Order of Deaconesses :	May 16, 2024	– Recommended
Mr. Thomas Davison	– Diaconate :	June 17, 2024	– Recommended
Mr. Jacob Dell	– Transfer	July 10, 2024	– Not Recommended

Following is a List of current Postulants, ordered alphabetically:

Mr. Joshua Arp	Grace, (Scranton),	PA
Mr. Keith Beardsworth	St. Matthew's,	PA
Mr. Greg Hoyt	St. Mark's,	PA
Mr. Timothy Meadows	St. Alban's,	NY
Mr. Calhoun (John) Parks	Emmanuel,	PA
Mr. Matthew Trail	St. Steven's,	MD

There are some additional names floating in the margins that will receive an update in status, Lord willing, when the air of recent events becomes clearer.

In closing, I would urge the council's fervent prayers for the Bishops and chaplains, all candidates, postulants, transfers, and those potential: that there would be faithful workers raised up, strong in Christ Jesus for the harvest of the Lord and the cure of souls! I would also like to commend all the candidates on their hard work, and often great patience in enduring the rigors of the process. In particular, I glorify God for all those who have now been ordered among us! Let His name be praised forever. Amen!

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev.  Justin M. Forsberg, Board of Examining Chaplains, Chair

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

October 11, 2024

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 memorial listed below has been submitted for this year.

**Gladys Moore (Delp) Crouthamel**, age 86, of Lansdale, passed away on Thursday, February 29, 2024. She was the beloved wife of the Rev. Dr. Dale H. Crouthamel, with whom she shared over 63 years of marriage.

Born March 9, 1937, in Norristown, she was the daughter of the late Willard and Elizabeth (Moore) Delp. Gladys's desire to serve the Lord and others started at an early age. She volunteered for mission work in New Hampshire and Appalachia before attending the Philadelphia College of the Bible. She worked alongside Dale as a committed pastor's wife at Covenant Chapel in [Basking Ridge, NJ](#) and Emmanuel Four Brooks in Pipersville, PA. She will long be remembered for how she opened her home for bible studies and fellowship, establishing lifelong friendships with the women of the church. She also had the gift of working with children, offering daycare services in her home in NJ and later working in preschool programs in PA.

Gladys was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She demonstrated everyday how to love unconditionally and live life as a woman of steadfast faith. She was also a loving sister to five brothers and sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews. She loved cooking meals for family gatherings, which often included her playing the organ for a hymn sing.

While she will be remembered by many for her love and compassion towards others, her greatest legacy was how she lived her life in service and for the glory of her savior, Jesus Christ.

In addition to her husband, Dale, Gladys is survived by her children, Katherine Forte and her husband, John, of Atlanta, GA, and Jonathan Crouthamel and his wife, Michelle, of [Jacksonville, FL](#); grandchildren, Jake, Ben, Sophie and Will Forte and Sarah Crouthamel; and brothers, Robert, William, Willard, and Timothy Delp. She was preceded in death by brother Kenneth Delp.

We thank God for this His child who has been a blessing to His Church for so many years.

Respectfully submitted,



The Rev. David A. France, Chairman

## **To the 144<sup>rd</sup> Diocesan Council**

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

#### **Report for the Committee on Young People's Work**

The COYPW sponsored two events in the past year: our diocesan summer camp for youth from grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> and our diocesan winter camp for grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. There was much to be grateful for at both events. At our winter retreat, held in February at Rock Mountain Bible Camp, Fr. Jason Holloway led the teens through a study of several great characters of Faith from the scriptures. Different facets of the lives and/or ministries of Abraham, Jonah, and Mary were considered. While not at all billed this way, the overwhelming majority of attendees were young men. Please pray for them all. Though you do not know them by name, God does. Young men face temptations unknown to previous generations of Christians and they live in a society where their masculinity is strongly challenged. Pray for them to be upheld by God's grace and that the Lord would graciously grant faithful fathers, and other men as needed, to train and discipline them.

Our summer campers studied what it means to be created in the Image of God. Fr. Justin Forsberg and Fr. Jason Holloway led our campers in great, age-appropriate talks and discussions on topics related to the Divine Image. Topics ranged from what the Image is, to its marring in the Fall, the relation of the Image to marriage and ordination, and its restoration in Christ. One of our long-time campers, Oliver, indicated that he thought the Rev. Forsberg was one of the best speakers he had ever heard. And all of the students enjoyed learning various Latin, Hebrew, and Greek terms (with Fr. Justin also utilizing his ample knowledge of languages even more ancient than those.)

It is a joy to host these events for diocesan youth and their friends from other churches and those who are unchurched. We would love to see more Reformed Episcopalians at our camps though. Last summer, over half of our camp attendees were from other traditions. Kingdom work is kingdom work. I never mind that. But if you would please urge the families in your parishes to consider attending, it would be appreciated. For those parents who might feel unsure of sending their children to sleep away camps, encourage them to come as counselors. That is perfectly fine and we would love to have them serve!

Lastly, for anyone who is interested, we can host daytime guests at our retreats. If you would like to come up and spend the day with us, please let me know. You can eat with us, pray the daily offices with us, worship through singing and hearing scripturally sound messages and teaching, and a host of other activities. You will not regret it! Our next retreat is Winter Camp and will be held from February 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> at Rock Mountain Bible Camp. Please advertise this event in your parish bulletins and place the flyer for it in a place where it can be easily seen. God bless you all for this!

Yours in the Divine Mercy,

Fr. Billy Jenkins

## Evangelism, Church Growth & Development (Revitalization and REC100)

To the 144th Council of the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church:

*Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.  
Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.  
It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil;  
for he gives to his beloved sleep (Ps 127:1-2).*

**1. Our Purpose.** The purpose of this committee is to offer assistance, advice, and encouragement to Rectors and Vicars who desire to see their parishes or missions grow, as well as to assist those who are called to the important work of church planting.

**2. A Sampling of Works-in-Progress.** Looking back over this past year, there are a few works-in-progress to report upon (and doubtless there are others of which I am not aware):

(2a) English as a Second Language Ministry at St. Luke's. This ministry began a year and a half ago as an effort to reach out to the neighborhood around St. Luke's. Chris and Naomi Morris (parishioners at nearby St. Mark's REC) lead this ministry, assisted by volunteers from St. Mark's and St. Luke's.

About 40 students attend each Saturday morning. There are 3 levels of instruction being offered: Beginners 1, Beginners 2, and Advanced. Of the students regularly in attendance, about 50% hail from a Spanish speaking country. (If God were to call a Spanish-speaking church planter to this work, it might be possible to establish a Spanish mission out of this group.) The other 50% come from a wide variety of places such as China, Haiti, and West Africa (Morocco, Algeria, and Seneca mainly).

This is an example of a front porch ministry whose objective is both to show God's love to a vulnerable segment of our population, and also to establish relationships for the sake of the Christ and his Kingdom. Each session begins in prayer, and ends with the reading of a Psalm, along with a short reflection/lesson. Invitations to worship at St. Lukes are distributed weekly in 8 languages.



This ministry is greatly in need of additional volunteers (if you speak English and have a heart for “the least of these” – you’re qualified!). Chris Morris sends out weekly updates (to receive them, write him: [cnmorris5@verizon.net](mailto:cnmorris5@verizon.net)).

(2b) Chinese Mission. This church-plant initiative began just over 1 year ago. About 40 people join us each Sunday for a worship service at 1:30pm. On the first Sunday of each month the 10am service at St. Mark's is in English and Chinese, following which there is a joint potluck lunch. In addition, we gather for a prayer meeting (with homily) on Tuesday evenings, choir practice on Wednesday evenings, and a Bible Study on Friday evenings (these all take place at St. Luke's).

The Lord be with you. 主與你同在。  
**And with thy spirit. 也與你的靈同在。**  
 Lift up your hearts. 敞開你們的心扉。  
**We lift them up unto the Lord. 我們向主敞開心扉。**

Some of the members of this group joined us from an Independent Chinese congregation, and others are joining us by way of evangelism and conversion. In January of this year 18 people were Baptized (mostly adults, though with a few youths – it was amazing to see entire multi-generational households being baptized, with ages ranging from 80 years old to 7 years old). The following day 30 were Confirmed. To provide for future leadership, we are currently in the early stages of preparing 2 aspirants for postulancy.



Adults & Children coming to the font

This ministry is being funded by the tithes and offerings of the group itself. In addition, we are grateful to Bp. Gillin for allowing some REC100 funds to be used to provide training and ongoing coaching for John Liu, who is the lead planter.

We suffered a serious setback this summer when John's trip to China, which was meant to be 1 month long, was (and is) unexpectedly lengthened. Please pray fervently that John is able to return to us soon. As a result of John's absence, I have taken over most of the pastoral responsibilities while simultaneously catechizing and training an assistant (Luke Wu, a PhD student (ABD) at Puritan Seminary who desires to enter the REC) to assist in an interim capacity.



Please pray for John, Lillian, and their children (Maggie and Aaron)

(2c) Good Shepherd RE Mission (Harrisburg, Pa) is a growing church plant under the leadership of Fr. R. McCarl (Vicar). Fr. McCarl writes: "In September of this year we made an offer to purchase St. Matthias Lutheran Church from the lower Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Negotiations followed and in October our offer was accepted. Closing on the building will take place on December 31, 2024 pending a building inspection. The members of Good Shepherd Anglican Mission hope to have their first worship service in the new building on the feast of the Epiphany 2025."

*(2d) Bishop Cummins RE Church* (Catonsville, Md) has been working towards revitalization, mainly utilizing the “REVIVE” strategy devised by the Director of Church Revitalization and Coaching for the American Anglican Council, Canon Eldridge. Bp. Cummins Church hosted a seminar led by Eldridge, and are in the process of devising and implementing new strategies for the greater health and growth of the church. (An example of a front porch ministry being planned for this Spring is “GriefShare”, which is a 13-week support group for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one.)

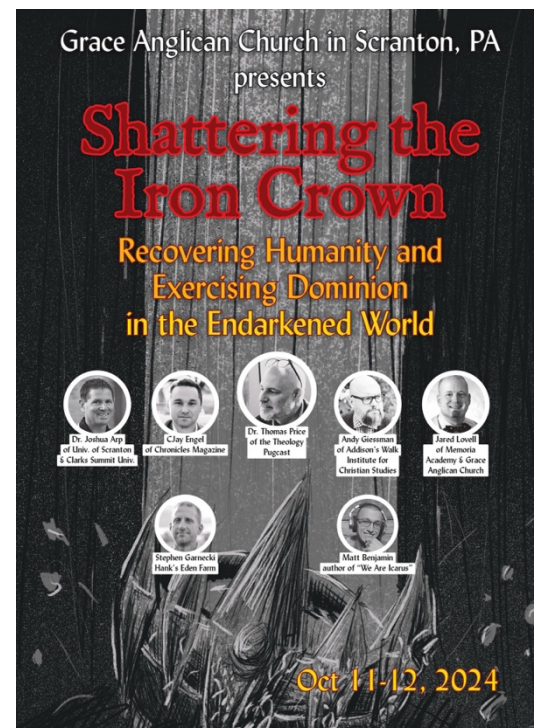
*(2e) Grace Anglican RE Mission* (Scranton, Pa) is a mission of the diocese that has been experiencing revitalization and steady growth. A number of new families with young children have been added to their number, making Grace Anglican a joyful and energetic congregation. Deacon Jared Lovell reports: “We are continuing to grow here in Scranton. We have had 13 confirmations in the past 2 years. We regularly see visitors even if they do not necessarily return every week or get involved. There was a good chunk of time a few years back that seeing a visitor seemed like a semi-annual event at best. It is now pretty common on any given Sunday to see a new face from someone either traveling through or looking for a new church.

We are also strengthening our identity as a church. We are a church that wants to promote families and be supportive of young men who will lead those families. Several of the families we have added over the past 2 years have (...) come to us looking for someone who will take a stronger stand on marriage and divorce and promote family life in the church. So this is where we have planted our flag, not to the exclusion of others, but as a recognition that this is a demographic that is underserved in our community.

We are also growing together as a congregation as well. We have had several events over the past few years that have allowed for more fellowship within the body. One of my primary objectives in leading this church is to foster friendships within the congregation that can keep us united ... and the fellowship opportunities and retreats have been a great means to that end.

We have completed our 4th fall conference. This has been our best conference yet. I have received overwhelming positive feedback from guests. We had guests who came from Indiana, Ohio, New York, Virginia and several hours of driving even within the state of Pennsylvania. With these results, we look to put on a conference once again next year.”

**3. The Means: Pray, Strategize, Work Hard, and Press On.** As we press on in this work, we are constantly being reminded that “*unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.*” Revitalization, Church Planting, or Fruitful Evangelism comes about not because of a well-executed plan or the winsome articulation of vision, but because God wills to accomplish his purposes through the continued ministry of a particular parish and people. Revitalizers or



planters need to strategize and work hard, while at the same time trusting in God's providence and timing. They also need to be prepared for opposition, and have a willingness to persevere through obstacles and discouragement, all in the confidence that ultimately the Lord will do whatever *he* wants to do – and that whatever that is, it will be good.

This work begins and is sustained by prayer. In the Ordinal the presbyter is admonished that:

forasmuch ... as your Office is of ... so great difficulty ... therefore ye ought, and have need, to [...] continually pray to God the Father, by the mediation of our only Saviour Jesus Christ, for the heavenly assistance of the Holy Ghost" (*BCP REC 2003, 545*).

Writing about prayer, Anglican scholar and pastor J. I. Packer reminds us that:

... real prayer – prayer, that is, that centers on the hallowing of God's name and the doing of his will – has, among its other effects, a reflex effect. It purifies the heart; it purges our attitudes and motives; it melts down all the self-centeredness, self-sufficiency, and self-reliance that as fallen creatures we bring to it, and programs us to work humbly, in a God-honoring, God-fearing, God-dependent way (*A Passion for Faithfulness, 79*).

Please pray for the revitalization of the parishes of our diocese, for fruitful evangelism, for the steady growth of missions, and for God to raise up church planters to establish new works here. Please also prayerfully consider how the Lord may be calling *you* to engage in this important and urgently needed work. Please do not hesitate to be in touch if there is anything that I or any committee member can do to encourage or support you. Let us press on, and not loose heart.

*For Perseverance.*

O Lord our God, whose promises are true, be gracious to the work of Thy hands, and grant to us Thy servants a steady perseverance in doing Thy will, that in our days the people which serveth Thee may grow both in number and in grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Gelasian Sacramentary*).

Respectfully submitted,  
J. Patterson, *Chairman*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE DIOCESE

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

November 7, 2024

Dear Brethren,

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

In an attempt to make the collection and reporting process more convenient and efficient, a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet and the instructions for its use were made available on the NEMA website in February 2024. 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 2024 – 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 2024 data will be scheduled to be coincident with the ACNA process during February/March 2025.

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 2023 raw data in the survey report:

- † Overall NEMA membership decreased by 24 souls during 2023;
- † Respondents reported total receipts of \$3,326,054 and a total tithe of \$232,457 for a raw percentage rate of 7%;
- † Fifty-three percent of respondents reported expenditures exceeded revenue. Performance for the total of all respondents was that expenditures exceeded revenues by \$69,531.

Thanks to all those involved at each parish in gathering and reporting statistics for 2023, 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  
2023 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	119			3		-2	-5	115	2	81	
Church of Our Redeemer	Jersey City, NJ				NO REPORT							
Church of the Atonement	Philadelphia, PA	25	1						26			
Covenant Chapel	Basking Ridge, NJ	30				-3	-2		25		12	
Emmanuel	Somerville, NJ	41	1	2					44	44	26	
Emmanuel/Four Brooks	Pipersville, PA				NO REPORT							
Faith	Baltimore, MD	49	2						51	4	33	1
First (St. Albans)	New York, NY				NO REPORT							
Good Shepherd Anglican	Harrisburg, PA	30	3		7	-4			36	36	14	1
Good Shepherd Church	South Easton, MA	73	1		3		-6		71	71	32	3
Grace	Scranton, PA	17	7				-1	-3	20	25	8	4
Grace	Collingdale, PA	95		1				-3	93	57	23	2
Grace	Havre-de-Grace, MD	38				-3	-10	-1	24	3	14	
Jesus the Good Shepherd	Brooklyn, NY				NO REPORT							
St. George's	Ontario, Canada	84	1		10		-16	-1	78	7	69	
St. John's by-the-Sea	Ventnor City, NJ	45	5			-4		-2	44	42	25	
St. Luke's	New Providence, NJ	8							8		5	
St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman	Philadelphia, PA	12						-1	11	10	6	
St. Mark's	Rydal, PA	137	3	3					143	21	57	4
St. Matthew's	Havertown, PA	71	12				-28		55	3	27	
St. Paul's	Oreland, PA				NO REPORT							
St. Peter's	Chesapeake City, MD	45	2	2				-1	48		22	
St. Stephen's	Sykesville, MD	174	3				-2	-2	173	15	70	9
St. Timothy's	Mt. Laurel, NJ	23		6		-1	-1		27	1	4	1
<b>TOTALS - 2023</b>		<b>1,116</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-68</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>25</b>



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<i>PARISH</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Weddings</i>	<i>Funerals</i>	<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>Youth Fellowship</i>	<i>Women's Fellowship</i>	<i>Men's Fellowship</i>	<i>Vacation Bible School</i>	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Dividends/Interest</i>	<i>Designated Gifts/Income</i>	<i>Property Sale/Rent</i>
<b>Bishop Cummins</b>	<b>Catonsville, MD</b>	1	5	10	12	16	16		291,214		76,243	12,174
Church of Our Redeemer	Jersey City, NJ					NO REPORT						
<b>Church of the Atonement</b>	<b>Philadelphia, PA</b>			8	12				48,229		45,400	500
Covenant Chapel	Basking Ridge, NJ			15		8	6		141,112		14,739	
<b>Emmanuel</b>	<b>Somerville, NJ</b>	2		3		6			149,648	4	31,721	2,575
Emmanuel/Four Brooks	Pipersville, PA					NO REPORT						
<b>Faith</b>	<b>Baltimore, MD</b>			27		8			95,300		2,900	
First (St. Albans)	New York, NY					NO REPORT						
<b>Good Shepherd Anglican</b>	<b>Harrisburg, PA</b>			3		1	1		44,162		20,000	
Good Shepherd Church	South Easton, MA								225,963	865	3,935	4,331
<b>Grace</b>	<b>Scranton, PA</b>		3	35					70,485	200	6,500	
Grace	Collingdale, PA		5	20		9	9		220,500		13,234	6,000
<b>Grace</b>	<b>Havre-de-Grace, MD</b>	1		8					60,638	5,131		7,650
Jesus the Good Shepherd	Brooklyn, NY					NO REPORT						
<b>St. George's</b>	<b>Ontario, Canada</b>		1						92,738			
St. John's by-the-Sea	Ventnor City, NJ	1	2	13					57,580	25,517	8,887	16,513
<b>St. Luke's</b>	<b>New Providence, NJ</b>			7		3			57,642	4,281	7,631	
St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman	Philadelphia, PA		2	9		6			15,025		44,735	
<b>St. Mark's</b>	<b>Rydal, PA</b>		4	5					347,456		136,667	
St. Matthew's	Havertown, PA		1	29	17	9	9		287,529	4,160	73,332	
<b>St. Paul's</b>	<b>Oreland, PA</b>					NO REPORT						
St. Peter's	Chesapeake City, MD		1	10					67,323			
<b>St. Stephen's</b>	<b>Sykesville, MD</b>		3	58	17	28	26	107	330,018	397	5,753	15,928
St. Timothy's	Mt. Laurel, NJ		2	6					10,416			
<b>TOTALS - 2023</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>2,612,978</b>	<b>40,555</b>	<b>491,677</b>	<b>65,671</b>

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<i>PARISH</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Savings/Portfolio Income</i>	<i>Total Receipts</i>	<i>Per Capita Giving</i>	<i>Personnel/Benefits</i>	<i>Local Ministry Expense</i>	<i>Diocesan Tithe</i>	<i>Capital Improvements</i>	<i>RE Missions</i>	<i>Non-RE Missions</i>	<i>General Fund to Savings</i>
<b>Bishop Cummins</b>	<b>Catonsville, MD</b>		<b>379,631</b>	<b>2,532</b>	<b>236,453</b>	<b>124,390</b>	<b>26,410</b>	<b>20,979</b>	<b>26,075</b>	<b>11,022</b>	
Church of Our Redeemer	Jersey City, NJ		-	-		<b>NO REPORT</b>					
<b>Church of the Atonement</b>	<b>Philadelphia, PA</b>	<b>82,220</b>	<b>176,349</b>	<b>1,855</b>	<b>26,095</b>	<b>57,895</b>	<b>1,334</b>			<b>35,810</b>	
Covenant Chapel	Basking Ridge, NJ	20,000	175,851	5,644	99,818	39,695	13,983		4,987	1,021	
<b>Emmanuel</b>	<b>Somerville, NJ</b>		<b>183,948</b>	<b>3,401</b>	<b>89,914</b>	<b>20,582</b>	<b>15,211</b>		<b>6,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>	
Emmanuel/Four Brooks	Pipersville, PA		-	-		<b>NO REPORT</b>					
<b>Faith</b>	<b>Baltimore, MD</b>		<b>98,200</b>	<b>1,869</b>	<b>77,453</b>	<b>5,725</b>	<b>6,455</b>	<b>2,963</b>	<b>600</b>		<b>1,500</b>
First (St. Albans)	New York, NY		-	-		<b>NO REPORT</b>					
<b>Good Shepherd Anglican</b>	<b>Harrisburg, PA</b>		<b>64,162</b>	<b>1,227</b>	<b>35,100</b>	<b>11,173</b>	<b>3,140</b>			<b>1,700</b>	
Good Shepherd Church	South Easton, MA		<b>235,094</b>	<b>3,183</b>	<b>134,585</b>	<b>53,720</b>	<b>21,698</b>	<b>35,080</b>	<b>2,988</b>		
<b>Grace</b>	<b>Scranton, PA</b>		<b>77,185</b>	<b>3,524</b>	<b>35,144</b>	<b>8,641</b>	<b>3,283</b>	<b>14,630</b>			
Grace	Collingdale, PA	2,470	242,204	2,371	147,363	41,775	20,102	13,780			
<b>Grace</b>	<b>Havre-de-Grace, MD</b>		<b>73,419</b>	<b>2,527</b>	<b>57,397</b>	<b>5,724</b>	<b>3,975</b>	<b>32,819</b>		<b>2,945</b>	
Jesus the Good Shepherd	Brooklyn, NY		-	-		<b>NO REPORT</b>					
<b>St. George's</b>	<b>Ontario, Canada</b>		<b>92,738</b>	<b>1,189</b>	<b>55,547</b>	<b>33,998</b>	<b>9,300</b>				
St. John's by-the-Sea	Ventnor City, NJ	4,483	112,980	1,309	61,669	15,129	1,000	3,465		1,383	
<b>St. Luke's</b>	<b>New Providence, NJ</b>		<b>69,554</b>	<b>7,205</b>	<b>12,277</b>		<b>6,193</b>	<b>46,810</b>			
St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman	Philadelphia, PA	6,000	65,760	1,366	17,435		1,120			2,000	
<b>St. Mark's</b>	<b>Rydal, PA</b>		<b>484,123</b>	<b>2,430</b>	<b>153,654</b>	<b>91,288</b>	<b>33,514</b>	<b>39,091</b>	<b>5,042</b>		
St. Matthew's	Havertown, PA		365,021	5,228	155,720	36,531	29,268		27,800	600	72
<b>St. Paul's</b>	<b>Oreland, PA</b>		-	-		<b>NO REPORT</b>					
St. Peter's	Chesapeake City, MD		67,323	1,403	23,252	525	6,300		1,700	2,200	
<b>St. Stephen's</b>	<b>Sykesville, MD</b>		<b>352,096</b>	<b>1,908</b>	<b>166,592</b>	<b>68,232</b>	<b>29,548</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>18,670</b>	<b>7,912</b>	
St. Timothy's	Mt. Laurel, NJ		10,416	386	12,600	1,800	623		250		
<b>TOTALS - 2023</b>		<b>115,173</b>	<b>3,326,054</b>	<b>2,393</b>	<b>1,598,068</b>	<b>616,823</b>	<b>232,457</b>	<b>259,617</b>	<b>94,112</b>	<b>69,593</b>	<b>1,572</b>

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<b>PARISH</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Total General Fund Expense</b>	<b>Total Building Fund Expense</b>	<b>Designated Gifts (Total)</b>	<b>Total Expenses/- Disbursements</b>	<b>Income in Excess of Disbursements</b>
<b>Bishop Cummins</b>	<b>Catonsville, MD</b>	<b>445,329</b>			<b>445,329</b>	<b>(65,698)</b>
Church of Our Redeemer	Jersey City, NJ	-		<b>NO REPORT</b>	-	-
<b>Church of the Atonement</b>	<b>Philadelphia, PA</b>	<b>121,134</b>	<b>54,224</b>	<b>6,890</b>	<b>182,248</b>	<b>(5,899)</b>
Covenant Chapel	Basking Ridge, NJ	159,504		12,563	172,067	3,784
<b>Emmanuel</b>	<b>Somerville, NJ</b>	<b>134,707</b>	<b>29,686</b>	<b>15,256</b>	<b>179,649</b>	<b>4,299</b>
Emmanuel/Four Brooks	Pipersville, PA	-		<b>NO REPORT</b>	-	-
<b>Faith</b>	<b>Baltimore, MD</b>	<b>94,696</b>	<b>2,207</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>99,703</b>	<b>(1,503)</b>
First (St. Albans)	New York, NY	-		<b>NO REPORT</b>	-	-
<b>Good Shepherd Anglican</b>	<b>Harrisburg, PA</b>	<b>51,113</b>	<b>20,001</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>72,814</b>	<b>(8,652)</b>
Good Shepherd Church	South Easton, MA	248,071		1,475	249,546	(14,452)
<b>Grace</b>	<b>Scranton, PA</b>	<b>61,698</b>			<b>61,698</b>	<b>15,487</b>
Grace	Collingdale, PA	223,020	6,000	13,184	242,204	-
<b>Grace</b>	<b>Havre-de-Grace, MD</b>	<b>102,860</b>			<b>102,860</b>	<b>(29,441)</b>
Jesus the Good Shepherd	Brooklyn, NY	-		<b>NO REPORT</b>	-	-
<b>St. George's</b>	<b>Ontario, Canada</b>	<b>98,845</b>	<b>12,767</b>		<b>111,612</b>	<b>(18,874)</b>
St. John's by-the-Sea	Ventnor City, NJ	82,646	26,010		108,656	4,324
<b>St. Luke's</b>	<b>New Providence, NJ</b>	<b>65,280</b>		<b>7,631</b>	<b>72,911</b>	<b>(3,357)</b>
St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman	Philadelphia, PA	20,555	43,922	2,020	66,497	(737)
<b>St. Mark's</b>	<b>Rydal, PA</b>	<b>322,589</b>	<b>133,855</b>		<b>456,444</b>	<b>27,679</b>
St. Matthew's	Havertown, PA	249,991	40,328	60,384	350,703	14,318
<b>St. Paul's</b>	<b>Oreland, PA</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>NO REPORT</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
St. Peter's	Chesapeake City, MD	33,977	29,740		63,717	3,606
<b>St. Stephen's</b>	<b>Sykesville, MD</b>	<b>340,954</b>			<b>340,954</b>	<b>11,142</b>
St. Timothy's	Mt. Laurel, NJ	15,273		700	15,973	(5,557)
<b>TOTALS - 2023</b>		<b>2,872,242</b>	<b>398,740</b>	<b>124,603</b>	<b>3,395,585</b>	<b>(69,531)</b>

## Report of the Looney-Hoffman Fund

To the One Hundred Forty-fourth 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, 2023 to May 31, 2024.

The Board held four regular meetings during the year:

June 22, 2023

December 28, 2023

September 28, 2023

March 28, 2024

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

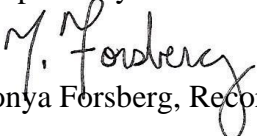
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The principal purpose of the Looney-Hoffman Fund is to make appropriations in the form of nominal interest loans for the establishment and expansion of Reformed Episcopal churches in Pennsylvania. Those “church loans”, which must be secured by first 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, \$1,992,560.81 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	1,992,539.81	
Church Mortgages	21.00	
PNC Bank, checking account	6,467.09	
PNC Bank, money market account	15,562.42	
Charles Schwab	<u>4,916,816.46</u>	
		\$6,931,406.78

### Funds

Looney-Hoffman Fund Principal	6,833,522.66	
Nisky Hill Cemetery Fund Principal	1,200.00	
Looney-Hoffman Fund Income	<u>96,684.12</u>	
		\$6,931,406.78

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

To the One Hundred Forty Fourth 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 PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

To the 144th 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](mailto: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 is available on the Diocesan Council page [HERE](#).

Respectfully submitted,  
Gregory Wright, Chairman

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

To the One Hundred Forty Fourth 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 2024 took place on February 1st thru the 3rd 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 watched well done videos on archeological discoveries in the Holy Land as well as receiving background information for each video and a discussion for each session. The sessions were well received and we at St. Stephen’s used the series for adult Sunday School. Those videos can be found at [expeditionbible.com](http://expeditionbible.com).

The next retreat will be held on **February 6th thru the 8th 2025** again at the Eden Resort in Lancaster, PA.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Very Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen

## SCHEDULE

### Thursday 2/6/2025

3:00 – 7:30 PM - Check in to the Hotel

Dinner on your own.

8:00 PM – Evening Prayer

9:00 PM - Session #1

#### Expecting Miracles Personally

10:00 PM – Social Hour

### Friday 2/7/2025

7:00-8:45 AM - Breakfast at Arthur's

9:00 AM – Morning Prayer

9:30 AM – Session #2

#### Expecting Miracles in Your Marriage

10:15 AM – Break

10:30 AM – Session #3

#### Expecting Miracles in the Family

12:00 PM – Lunch Provided

FREE AFTERNOON

Use the pool, hot tub, or work out room, shop, rest, golf, whatever you like.

Schedule continued:

5:30 PM – Evening Prayer

Please be prompt!

6:00 PM – Dinner on your own or with a group.

There are restaurants on the premises and nearby. Have a date night or form a group.

Enjoy!

### Saturday 2/8/2025

7:00 – 9:00 AM -Breakfast Provided

9:30 AM – Holy Communion

10:30 AM – Session #4

#### Expecting Miracles in the Church

11:30 AM Retreat Concludes



## Registration Form

Due by January 10, 2025

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Appropriate Line:

\_\_\_ Entire retreat for 2 -\$446

\_\_\_ Entire retreat for 1 (single occupancy) - \$395

\_\_\_ Entire retreat for 1 (Double occupancy) - \$223

\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed

Please keep in mind that this is non-refundable as per hotel policies.

Make checks payable to The Reformed Episcopal Church

Mail check and registration to:

Kim Jenkins

1314 Harkins Road

Pylesville, MD 21132



Come join us for a relaxing, reflective, and rejuvenating weekend, as we delve into a topic displayed by Christ himself on multiple occasions. Can we still expect miracles today? Adventure with us as we discover what God's Word has to say on this topic.

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February 6-8, 2025

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

Dear Brethren:

The Committee on the History of the Diocese strives 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 members. These may include newsletters, bulletins, certificates, news clippings, pictures, and other mementos. It is important for us to collect and preserve the history of our church for future generations. This past year we received very few materials.

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.

Materials should be sent to:

The Rev. Canon Jonathan S. Riches, Ph.D.  
Attention: Diocesan History Committee  
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

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

To the 144th 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.recbfm.org/default.html>

The committee defers to their report.

Respectfully Submitted, The Very Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen



*Dear REC Brothers and Sisters:*

*For over 150 years Reformed Episcopalians have pursued our Lord's command to make disciples for Him among all nations. The Board of Foreign Missions continues to support Reformed Episcopal missionaries abroad, and to strengthen its missionary dioceses and convocations around the world.*

*A generous Advent Offering allows our Church's Board of Foreign Missions to accomplish unique and effective annual projects. But it is your generous monthly gifts that keep our missionaries in the field, and enable our overseas churches to continue reaching souls for Christ while their infrastructures still rely on the "Mother Church" at home. Please remember them both while budgeting at home and in your parish.*

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



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...you can apply with the BFM for a *Short Term Assignment*, bringing hope, medicine, supplies, skills, teaching, and friendship?

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### **SENDING PARISH**

- 1) Lay Parish Missions Advocate
- 2) Annual General Fund Ministry
- 3) Adopt-a-Missionary or Project

All SENDING PARISHES may request a tabletop BFM missions banner and a new missions *Cycle of Prayer* booklet for every family.

# ADVENT OFFERING GOAL: \$26,500

This year's Advent Offering will fund the following projects:

## **RECI00-EUROPE!**

to cover property transfer fees at the Knüll Camp Retreat Center and new Director moving expenses, as well as funds for Church planting, youth development, adult catechesis, and clergy formation for all Reformed Episcopal European Dioceses  
**\$18,000**

## **DIOCESE OF CUBA**

toward a reliable diocesan vehicle for transportation to twenty parishes in three deaneries on the nearly 800-mile-long island  
**\$6,000**

## **MISSIONARY GIFTS**

to provide Christmas presents for our Reformed Episcopal missionaries serving around the world  
**\$2,500**



*The Second Annual Church Planter Intensive, hosted by the Missionary Diocese of Croatia and Serbia, trains for coordinated European church planting.*



*Archdeacon Alexei González visits with pastors, secretaries, and treasurers in each of the three deaneries across Cuba.*

**DIOCESE OF THE NORTHEAST AND MID-ATLANTIC**

**SHORT TERM MISSIONS REPORT**

**November 7-8, 2024**

Dear Brethren,

The 2024 Short Term Missions trip did not take place due to difficulty in finding an available week for the trip to occur at Church of the Atonement and Grace Church, Collingdale.

We are putting together a plan for the summer of 2025. We are again looking to do mission work locally in the Philadelphia area at Church of the Atonement and Grace Church, Collingdale. The dates that we have arrived at are June 8-14 2025. Please plan to participate in the short term mission trip this year!

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

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

The Rev. Greg Miller  
Short Term Missions Committee Chairman

**Report of the Committee on Men's Ministry  
To the One Hundred Forty-fourth 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 or was asked to provide any denominational men's events for this year. Upon request, the committee is available to support our parishes with men's ministry.

Respectfully Submitted,  
In Christ Service,

The Rev. Dr. Mark A. Specht, Chairman

* The Rev. Dr. Mark Specht	The Rev. Cn. Robert Harrold
The Very Rev. Eduardo Andrade	Mr. Eric Landstrom
Mr. John Kartee	Mr. Farrell Lawrence
Mr. Evan Hughes	The Rev. Howard Currie

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

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.

Forty women attended the May 2024 Women's Day Project Offering Luncheon that was held at Saint Stephen's RE Church in Eldersburg, MD. The speaker was Ebony Holloway. Her words were found to be touching, personal and inspirational.

Reformed Episcopal women throughout our country and Canada remained faithful and gave generously. The 2024 Women's Day Project Offering Luncheon Goal received donations to provide a retirement gift for Bishop Gerhard Meyer and his wife Grace.

The 66th Spiritual Enrichment Conference for 2024 was held on September 27-29th at Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center in Williamsburg, Virginia. There were 50 women and men who registered and attended. The heartwarming and soul searching key note speaker was Mrs. Jamey Akien.

We encourage the women of our diocese to read the 2024-2025 Reformed Episcopal Devotional entitled, "As a Little Child" written by Deaconess Barbara West. They will be blessed.

In Christ,

Denise Snyder  
Chairman, Committee on Women's Ministry  
North East, Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Canada Diocese



## Report of the Ministry Wives Committee

October 28, 2024

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

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, 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 several other members on the email list.

We developed a Ministry Wives directory which has been distributed amongst the women who wished to take part. It holds 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 in some social events too. 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 or Jan Gillin 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