REPORTS

For the

One Hundred Fifteenth Synod

of the

Diocese of Mid-America

of the

Reformed Episcopal Church



Meeting in Council
Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral
Dallas, TX

October 5-7, 2022

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REFORMED EPISCOPAL VALUES

TRADITIONAL ANGLICANISM

- Ancient & Historic Model of the Church as expressed through the Formularies of the English Reformation regarding Faith & Order
- Doctrinal Standards of the Reformed Episcopal Church:
 - The Holy Scripture as God's inerrant, infallible & unchangeable Word
 - Book of Common Prayer (REC2003)
 - 39 Articles of Religion
 - Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral
 - Declaration of Principles
 - Jerusalem Declaration

A BIBLICAL WORLD & LIFE VIEW

- Testing all things by Scripture
- Biblical & Traditional views on:
 - Marriage & Family
 - Gender & Sexuality
 - Sanctity of Human Life
 - Morality based on the 10 Commandments and teachings of Jesus

REVERENT & LITURGICAL WORSHIP WITH COMPREHENSIVE CHURCHMANSHIP

- Historic Book of Common Prayer in Elizabethan or Contemporary Language as approved by the Reformed Episcopal Church
- Sacramental Worship with Biblical Preaching
- Customs reflective of varying cultures (African American, Anglo, Latino, etc)
- Comprehensive Churchmanship (low, high, etc)
- Music expressing the beauty and character of God, and the hymnody of the historic church most especially as contained in the 1940 Hymnal and REC Book of Common Praise 2017

BEING AN ALWAYS MISSION-AL COMMUNITY

- Seeking to provide ways for unbelievers to 'belong' before they 'believe'
- Willing to care for the least, the last, the lost, and the lonely
- Committed to the support of both domestic and foreign mission
- Raising up and equipping Missionaries and Church planters

DISCIPLESHIP & PERSONAL COMMITMENTS OF ALL MEMBERS

- Ministry that equips laity to be active in all aspects of the work of the Church
- Ministry that develops future leadership both lay & clergy
- Establishing Christian schools and Christian education at all levels
- Providing Biblical and faithful seminaries
- Encourages the Tithe (10%) as the normative model of giving

SYNOD PLANNING COMMITTEE

Bishop Sutton and the staff of Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral are excited to welcome everyone back again to the Cathedral for the 115th Synod of the Diocese of Mid-America. Synod will be hosted at the Cathedral parish beginning on Wednesday evening, October 5th and adjourning on Friday, October 7th.

The private Clergy meeting and the Women's Day meeting will begin at 4:30pm on WEDNESDAY evening. The Clergy will meet in the White chapel on the Cathedral campus, and the Women will meet in Lunt Hall. The Women of the Church will be blessed with the attendance of Mrs. Gale Hill, President of the denominational Committee on Women's Ministry. In addition, Mrs. Jackie Erlandson from Good Shepherd REC (Tyler, TX) will be the special women's meeting speaker. The program is entitled, "Ascending to the Heavenly Places", which compliments Dss. Canon Annette Johnson's devotional for 2022/2023.

Following these meetings, the Cathedral will host an Evensong service in the Sanctuary at 6:00pm followed by a hot BBQ dinner in Lunt Hall at 6:30pm.

Thursday morning, October 6th, will begin with the service of Holy Communion at 8:30am. The Rt. Rev. Willie Hill, newly installed Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southeast, will be our guest preacher. Clergy are invited to vest and process. Clergy should arrive by 8am to vest in Miller Hall with Cassock/Surplice and red stole.

Thursday will be our 'teaching day'. This year, we welcome the Rev. Dr. Greg Peters as our keynote speaker. Dr. Peters is Professor of Medieval and Spiritual Theology in the Torrey Honors College of Biola University and the Servants of Christ Research Professor of Monastic Studies and Ascetical Theology at Nashotah House Theological Seminary. He is also the rector of our own Anglican Church of the Epiphany in La Mirada, CA. Dr. Peter's teachings will focus on the Book of Common Prayer's threefold vision of Anglican spirituality: Daily Office, Holy Eucharist and private devotion (including private prayer), and what each of these can teach us about a unique Anglican spirituality in the 21st century. We will also hear updates from the Church Army USA and our REC Board of Foreign Missions during our Thursday program.

Thursday evening will feature a Banquet dinner at *VenueForty*|50 (www.VenueForty50.com). This is the same private event venue that we enjoyed so much last year. It is conveniently located in the same parking lot entrance area as the Synod hotel. Those registering for the full Synod will have the banquet included in their cost. Additional guests who desire to attend just the banquet may do so for a cost of \$80.00 (but must be registered in advance). At the end of supper, we will hear updates from two of our newest Diocesan REC100 church planters, the Rev. Jesse Barkalow (Colorado Springs, CO) and the Rev. Steven McCarthy (Lansing, MI).

Friday morning will begin with Morning Prayer and the commissioning of the Rev. Steven Jenkins as an Evangelist in the Church Army USA. Canon John Boonzaaijer, President of the Board of Foreign Missions, will be the preacher. Following the worship service, we will conduct the business of the Diocese. We plan to be done all business and to adjourn by 12:30pm, although it may be earlier or later. A box lunch will be provided, and you are free to eat and fellowship in Lunt Hall at your leisure, stay for the post-Synod music seminar in the sanctuary, or take your lunch and beat the traffic.

The Very Rev. Canon Jason R. Grote Chairman, Synod Program Committee

REGISTRATION CHECK-IN

Canon Grote will be available in the hotel lobby from 3:00pm – 4:00pm on Wednesday afternoon for early check-in. Those staying at the hotel may check in to receive their badge. If you are not able to check-in on Wednesday afternoon, the check-in desk will be open from 7:00am to 8:00am on Thursday morning in Lunt Hall on the CHC Campus.

CLERGY VESTING ON THURSDAY MORNING

All clergy and deaconesses are requested to vest and process for the Thursday morning opening Eucharist service. Appropriate vestments will be **Cassock & Surplice with RED stole**. Clergy should arrive to the church campus by 8:00am on Thursday to get situated and vested. Vesting is scheduled to be in Miller Hall.

Once vested, you are asked to return and remain in Lunt Hall. The Rev. Kasey Gage will coordinate the procession and provide further instruction prior to the start of the processional hymn. A group photograph will follow the service. **Please remain vested for the photograph.**

For all other worship services during Synod, only the participating clergy will vest and process.

ADDRESSES & VENUE INFORMATION

CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION CATHEDRAL

17405 Muirfield Dr. Dallas, TX 75287

(972) 248-6505

https://www.holycommuniondallas.org/

SYNOD HOTEL

Hilton Garden Inn Dallas / Addison 4090 Belt Line Rd. Addison, TX 75001

(866) 237-4285

https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/dalahgi-hilton-garden-inn-dallas-addison/

BANQUET VENUE (Thursday 6:30pm)

Venue Forty|50 4050 Belt Line Rd Addison, TX 75001

(972) 715-3232

https://www.venueforty50.com/

SYNOD SCHEDULE

Please be aware that students of the Cathedral school will be arriving and departing the CCHC campus at the same time you arrive and depart. Please be extra careful of children, moving vehicles, and do not block the half-circular drive at the entrance to Miller Hall. Finally, no one is to enter the Edman Educational Building during school hours without approval from the school/church staff.

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 5TH

Clergy & Women should arrive on time for their 4:30pm meetings. All others are welcome to wait until 6:00p to arrive for Evensong and supper following.

3:00p	Hotel check in starts
3:00p	Early Synod check in at hotel lobby (until 4pm).
4:30p	Women's Day meeting in Lunt Hall & Clergy meeting in old white church
6:00p	Evensong in Sanctuary
6:30p	Spring Creek BBQ dinner in Lunt Hall

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 6TH

Clergy will vest in Cassock & Surplice with <u>RED</u> stole for the Holy Communion procession. Clergy should arrive at the Church campus by 8am to begin vesting. Vesting racks will be available in Miller Hall.

7:00a	Check-in – Lunt Hall
8:00a	Clergy vesting – Miller Hall
8:30a	Holy Communion service. Bishop Ordinary Willie Hill (Diocese of Southeast) – preaching
10:00a	Synod Group Photo
10:15a	Introduction & Teaching Session #1 - Rev. Dr. Greg Peters
11:30a	Church Army USA Presentation – The Rev. Herb Bailey & The Rev. Steven Jenkins
11:55a	Noonday prayers
Noon	Lunch – Lunt Hall - McAlister's Soup & Spud bar
1:00p	Teaching Session #2 - Rev. Dr. Greg Peters
2:15p	Board of Foreign Missions
3:00p	Teaching Session #3 – Rev. Dr. Greg Peters
4:15p	Other Updates/Information
5:00p	Evensong
6:30p	Banquet dinner at VenueForty 50. Happy hour is 6:30p and Dinner is served at 7pm.
	Welcome & Updates from REC100

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 7TH

8:30a	Morning Prayer & Commissioning of an Evangelist in the Church Army, USA
9:45a	Business Session in Lunt Hall
12:30p	Adjourn
	Box Lunch following adjournment
1:00p	Special Cathedral sponsored music seminar (start time is subject to adjournment time)

We will adjourn once business is completed. We anticipate that it will be no later than 12:30pm but may be before or after 12:30pm.

RULES OF ORDER

For General Councils and Diocesan Synods Of the Reformed Episcopal Church

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

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

Adapted from the Journal of the Twenty-sixth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Organizational Business
 - a. Credentials Committee

Canon Grote

- b. Declaration of Quorum
- c. Corresponding Membership

Canon Grote

d. Election of Officers

Canonically, the Bishop Ordinary will serve as President. The Suffragan Bishop will serve as Vice-President.

i. Secretary

The current Secretary is Cathy Heissenhuber. She is willing to accept a nomination if the Synod desires.

ii. Treasurer

The current Treasurer is Canon Jason Grote. He is willing to accept a nomination if the Synod desires.

e. Minutes of the 114th Synod

Mrs. Cathy Heissenhuber (filed)

- 2. Reports of Boards and Elected Committees
 - a. Bishop Ordinary Statistical & Official Acts
 - b. Bishop Ordinary Report & Exhortation
 - c. Suffragan Bishop
 - d. Summary of the Standing Committee
 - e. Summary of the Trustees of the Diocese
 - f. Treasurer of the Diocese

Bishop Sutton (filed)

Bishop Sutton

Bishop Banek (filed)

Mrs. Cathy Heissenhuber (filed)

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Canon Grote

- 3. Reports of Committees Appointed
 - a. Nominations Committee
 - b. Constitution & Canons
 - c. Cranmer House Deans
 - d. Trustees of Cranmer House
 - e. Diocesan Canon Missioner
 - f. Women of the Diocese
 - g. Minister's Salaries
 - h. State of the Diocese
 - i. Diocesan Policies
 - i. Other

- Canon Grote
- Fr. Carl Lund

Archdeacon Payne

Dean Camlin

Canon Grote Canon Grote

Mrs. Beth Mills

Canon Grote

Canon Grote (filed)

Bishop Banek

- 4. Old Business
- 5. New Business
- 6. General Council 2023 & Synod 2023 Information
- 7. Committee Appointments to serve until next Synod (may be distributed after Synod)
- 8. Episcopal Visit schedule (may be distributed after Synod)

The Chair may alter the Order of Business at his discretion.

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

- The Committee on Credentials report and Roster of Voting Members (and non-voting members) will be delivered orally at Synod and provided to the Secretary for inclusion in the Journal of this Synod.
- Upon hearing and receiving the Credentials report, the Secretary will declare a quorum.
- The Committee on Corresponding Membership will be delivered orally and a copy will be provided to the Secretary for inclusion the Journal of this Synod.
- Election of the Diocesan officers.
- Minutes of the 114th Synod of the Diocese of Mid-America (2021) are provided as a separate document from this report packet. *The chair will entertain a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes.*

The Journal for the 114th Synod (2021) is available for download at:

http://recdma.org/synod.html

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Canon Grote will present this report orally at Synod. It will be finalized after registration check-in is complete. It will be provided to the Secretary for inclusion in the Journal with an accompanying listing of the Synod roster.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERSHIP

The following individuals are recommended to this Synod to be granted corresponding membership, if they be present for these business proceedings. Corresponding membership includes voice but no vote.

- The Rt. Rev. Willie & Mrs. Gale Hill Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southeast (REC), and guest preacher at the Eucharist service of this Synod. Mrs. Gale Hill serves as the President of the Reformed Episcopal Church's Committee on Women's Ministry.
- **The Rev. Mitchell (Mike) Keppler** Missionary Diocese of All Saints. Licensed in the Diocese and serving at St. Barnabas, Bellville.
- **The Rev. Garrin Dickinson** Transfer into the Diocese in process. Serving at Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, TX.
- The Rev. Steven & Mary Jenkins Church Army USA representatives.
- The Rev. Herb & Angel Bailey Church Army USA representatives.
- **Mr. Jeffrey Hurt, Esq.** –Registered as an Observer but is a member of Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral. Mr. Hurt serves as the Chancellor for the Diocese and serves on our special committee for Diocesan Policies.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Very Rev. Canon Jason R. Grote Chairman, Corresponding Members

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Bishop Ordinary serves as the President and the Suffragan Bishop serves as the Vice-President. Nominations for each of the following officers will come from the floor.

The President will open the floor for nominations to fill each of the following. Upon receiving a nomination and a second for such nomination, the chair would then entertain a motion that nominations cease, and the appropriate officer cast one ballot in favor of the nominee. If more than one nomination is received and seconded for a particular office, the President will call for a vote by ballot and the nominee receiving the most votes will be elected.

i. Secretary Election

The current Secretary is Cathy Heissenhuber. She is willing to accept a nomination for another term if the Synod desires.

ii. Treasurer Election

The current Treasurer is Canon Jason Grote. He is willing to accept a nomination for another term if the Synod desires.

The Report of the Bishop Ordinary

The Bishop Ordinary's report is divided into two portions. The first portion is included in this report packet and is a record of his official acts and activities since the previous Synod. This is not read aloud but is considered to be a part of his report when received. The second portion will be his report and exhortation. It is not yet included in this packet. It will be delivered to you at Synod when Bishop Sutton orally presents it. It will be provided to the secretary for inclusion in the Journal.

• The Report of the Suffragan Bishop

A report of Bishop Banek's official acts and activities is included since the previous Synod. The Bishop usually requests that the report be filed with the Secretary and not read aloud.

• The Report of the Standing Committee

A summary report of the meetings and actions taken by the Standing Committee since the previous Synod. This is usually filed with the Secretary during the meeting and not read aloud.

The Report of the Board of Trustees

The Trustees Report includes a summary report of the meetings and actions taken by the Board of Trustees is since the previous Synod. This is usually filed with the Secretary during the meeting and not read aloud.

The Treasurer of the Board of Trustees

The Treasurer will present highlights from the financial reports for the Diocese and answer any questions.. These reports includes the financial position and activities for the entirety of calendar year 2021, with a separate report with year-end forecast for calendar year 2022 vs. 2022 budget. The 2023 budget will be formulated and approved by the Trustees of the Diocese at their December 2022 meeting and made available by request to the Treasurer.

STATISTICAL AND OFFICIAL ACTS

Since the last Synod held in October of 2021, I participated in the following meetings, conferences, classes, visits, events, and services, including confirmations, marriages, funerals, ordinations and consecrations. Also included are trips and meetings and/or visits dealing with Denominational, Ecumenical and Provincial matters.

October 9, 2021 - October 7, 2022

Diocesan Meetings & Events	51
Episcopal & Parish Visits & Meetings	29
Seminary and Other	8
Confirmations	130
Weddings	3
Funerals	1
Ordinations/Regularizations	3
Installations	2
Consecrations	1
Denominational	34
Provincial	45

DIOCESAN MEETINGS / EVENTS

In addition to weekly Diocesan Staff meetings, I participated in the following:

October 14	The St. Timothy School Benefactor Banquet
November 17-20	Holy Trinity Houston Men's Retreat, Concan, TX
January 18	DMA Trustees
January 19	DMA Deans
February 1	DMA Standing Committee
February 9-12	Convocation of the West Clergy Retreat, Cupertino, CA
March 22	DMA Cathedral Chapter
April 11	Deanery of South Texas Eucharist of Collegiality
April 12	Deanery of North Texas Eucharist of Collegiality
May 9-11	Deanery of North Texas Clergy Retreat
May 17	DMA Standing Committee
May 20	Clergy Exam
May 23	DMA Synod Planning
May 26-27	Deanery of the Upper Midwest Clericus, Webster Groves, MO
June 7-8	Deanery of the Southeast Clericus, Jonesboro, AR
July 5	Qualifying Exam
July 27	DMA Standing Committee
August 31	DMA Nominations Committee
September 2	Candidate for Holy Orders
September 7	Postulant
September 12	DMA Synod Planning
September 12	DMA Standing Committee
October 5-7	115 th DMA Synod

EPISCOPAL VISITS & CONFIRMATIONS / PARISH VISITS / PARISH MEETINGS

Number of Confirmations noted in parentheses.

October 8, 2021 Private Confirmation - Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX (1)

October 17 Mariners' Church of Detroit, MI (3)

October 24 Christ's Chapel, Riverside, CA (9)

October 31 Iglesia Holy Communion, Dallas, TX (20)
November 21 Church of the Holy Trinity, Houston, TX (3)

December 5 Anglican Church of the Epiphany, La Mirada, CA (9)

December 12 Covenant Church, Heber Springs, AR

January 2, 2022 Good Shepherd Anglican Fellowship Congregational Meeting, Co. Springs, CO

January 23 St. Michael's Anglican Church, Broken Arrow, OK

February 6 Good Shepherd REC, Tyler, TX (18)

February 6 Good Shepherd REC, Tyler, TX Groundbreaking Ceremony

February 11 Saint Paul's Anglican Church, Los Altos, CA

March 12 Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX, Vestry Retreat

March 16 Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX, Lenten Series Speaker

April 3 St. Mark the Evangelist, Waxahachie, TX (9) April 10 St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Bellville, TX

April 24 Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Webster Groves, MO (9)

May 1 Holy Cross Anglican Church, Alpine, TX (1)

May 9 Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX, Staff Retreat May 15 St. Benedict's Anglican Church, Rockwall, TX (14)

May 22 Good Shepherd Anglican Fellowship, Colorado Springs, CO (3)
May 31 Private Confirmation – Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX (1)

June 5 Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX (12)

June 5 Iglesia Holy Communion, Dallas, TX (7)

June 23 St. Mark the Evangelist, Waxahachie, TX, Bishop's Council

July 3 St. Paul's Anglican Church, Houston, TX (3)

August 7 Iglesia Santa Cruz, Dallas, TX (5)

August 18 St. Mark the Evangelist, Waxahachie, TX, Bishop's Council

August 21 St. Timothy's Anglican Church, Jonesboro, AR (3) September 11 All Saints Anglican Church, Shreveport, LA

SEMINARY AND OTHER

November 12-14, 2021 Professor – Cranmer Theological House Course

January 19, 2022 Cranmer Theological House Trustees

March 19-20 Pastoral Visit, Montrose, CO

March 25-27 Professor – Cranmer Theological House Course

April 29 Reformed Episcopal Seminary Board May 13 Cranmer Theological House Faculty

May 14 Cranmer Theological House Commencement

August 16 Cranmer Theological House Trustees

WEDDINGS

October 30, 2021 Marriage of Landry Dalton and Katie DeVolt

February 19, 2022 Marriage of Joseph Paul Fell and Ashley Elizabeth Holbrook

July 16 Marriage of Daniel Sutton and Caitlyn Good

FUNERALS

September 10, 2022 The Rev. Thomas Vestal, Shreveport, LA

ORDINATIONS & REGULARIZATIONS

October 8, 2021 Regularization of Jacob Skogen to the Diaconate

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Webster Groves, MO

March 5, 2022 Ordination of David Norton to the Presbyterate

Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, TX

May 26 Ordination of Jacob Skogen to the Presbyterate

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Webster Groves, MO

CONSECRATIONS

August 13 The Rt. Rev. Willie J. Hill, Jr., Grace REC, Moncks Corner, SC

INSTALLATIONS

January 23, 2022 The Rev. Richard Jones, Rector, St. Michael's Anglican Church, Broken

Arrow, OK

September 16 The Rt. Rev. Willie J. Hill, Jr., Ordinary DSE, Redeemer REC, Pineville, SC

DENOMINATIONAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

October 13, 2021 REC Council of Bishops

October 21-22 REC Diocese of the Central States Synod

November 2 REC Board of Foreign Missions

November 4-5 REC Diocese of the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic Synod

November 6 Germany Synod (video conference)
December 1 REC Sustentation Fund Committee

December 8 REC General Committee

December 21 Bishop Al Gadsden's Retirement

February 26, 2022 REC Diocese of the Southeast Special Synod

April 19 REC Council of Bishops

April 20 REC Standing Liturgical Commission
April 21 REC Theological Commission

April 22 REC General Committee

May 2 Anglican Way Institute 2023 Planning
June 3 Anglican Way Institute 2023 Planning

June 28 Bishop Willie Hill's Consecration Service Planning

July 7 Plenary Speaker, Anglican Way Institute

August 9Germany Review CommitteeAugust 30Germany Review CommitteeAugust 30REC Board of Foreign MissionsSeptember 9Anglican Way Institute 2023 Planning

September 16 REC Diocese of the Southeast Synod September 19 Anglican Way Institute 2023 Book Editors

PROVINCIAL & ECUMENICAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS

October 12, 2021 ACNA Deans

October 14 ACNA Christ Church Missionary District Speaker

October 14 ACNA College of Bishops

October 19 Anglican House Publishers Board
October 26-27 American Anglican Council

November 29-30 ACNA Ecumenical – North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

December 9 Forward in Faith North America Bishops
December 15 Forward in Faith North America Council

December 15 ACNA Deans

January 3, 2022 ACNA Ecumenical - Continuing Evangelical Episcopal Communion (CEEC)

January 5 ACNA Ecumenical – New Day Kingdom Assembly (NDKA)

January 10-15 ACNA College of Bishops

January 27-31 ACNA Ecumenical – Host for Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia (ELCL)

February 1 Anglican House Publishers Board

February 22 ACNA Ecumenical – Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS)

February 23 Forward in Faith North America Council

March 1 ACNA College of Bishops

March 8 ACNA Ecumenical – New Day Kingdom Assembly (NDKA)

March 8 ACNA Dean's

March 16 ACNA College of Bishops

April 8	ACNA Ecumenical – Continuing Evangelical Episcopal Communion (CEEC)
May 5	ACNA Bishops
May 24-25	ACNA Ecumenical – Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and Lutheran
	Church of Canada (LCMS/LCC)
June 1	ACNA Ecumenical – Continuing Evangelical Episcopal Communion (CEEC)
June 12-19	ACNA College of Bishops/Provincial Council
July 6	Presenter, Forward in Faith North America Assembly
July 28-30	ACNA Missionary Diocese of All Saints Synod Speaker
August 16	ACNA Ecumenical – Continuing Evangelical Episcopal Communion (CEEC)
August 25	ACNA Ecumenical – Philippine Independent Catholic Church (PICC)
August 26	ACNA Counsel
August 31	ACNA Ecumenical – Continuing Evangelical Episcopal Communion (CEEC)
September 22-24	New Wineskins Missions Conference
September 26-30	ACNA College of Bishops

Respectfully Submitted,

The Most Rev. Ray R. Sutton, Ph.D.

Presiding Bishop, Ordinary of the Diocese of Mid-America

REPORT & EXHORTATION OF THE BISHOP ORDINARY

 $To \ be \ handed \ out \ at \ Synod \ when \ Bishop \ Sutton \ or ally \ presents \ his \ report. \ A \ copy \ will \ be \ included \ in \ the \ Journal \ of \ the \ Synod.$

REPORT OF THE SUFFRAGAN BISHOP

To the 115th Synod of the Diocese of Mid-America, REC/ACNA

I give thanks for God's continued blessing upon the parishes in our Diocese and in the Reformed Episcopal Church. I am particularly grateful to work with and under our Diocesan Ordinary and Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev'd Ray R. Sutton. In each year of my episcopal service I have had the distinct privilege of witnessing his wisdom and experience in pastoral care and ecclesial vision applied not only in our diocese but also over the larger REC, and particularly his weighty contributions and insights in the ministry of the ACNA. May the ministry and outreach of our Diocese, Church, and Province continue to enjoy the Lord's favor in the face of the growing challenges of ministry in our day. The following is a summary of my activities during the past year.

EPISCOPAL VISITS/CONFIRMATIONS/RECEPTIONS

Date	Church	Confirmation	Reception	Baptism
Sept. 19, 2021	Christ Our Savior, Joplin, MO			
Sept. 26, 2021	All Saints Anglican, Shreveport, LA		10	
Oct. 3, 2021	St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Bellville, TX	6	2	2
Oct. 31, 2021	Providence REC, Corpus Christi, TX	3		3
Nov. 7, 2021	Christ the King, Grover Beach, CA			
Nov. 14, 2021	St. Stephen's, Flowood, MS	8		
Jan. 23, 2022	Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, TX	10	7	
Feb. 27, 2022	Christ Anglican, Hot Springs, AR			
Mar. 6, 2022	Covenant Church, Greenville, MI	5		
Apr. 3, 2022	Christ Our Savior, Joplin, MO			
Apr. 24, 2022	Good Shepherd Anglican Fellowship &			
	Holy Cross Oratory, Colorado Springs, CO			
May 5, 2022	St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Chester, CA	3		
May 22, 2022	Blessed Trinity, El Cajon		3	
May 29, 2022	St. Thomas of Canterbury, Houston, TX			
July 17, 2022	Church of the Resurrection, Crosby, TX	1	3	
July 24, 2022	Good Shepherd Anglican Fellowship &			
	Holy Cross Oratory, Colorado Springs, CO			

ORDINATIONS/ SETTING APART

Mar. 6, 2022	Ordination to the Priesthood of James Sullivan, and installation as Rector of
	Covenant Church, Greenville, Michigan
May 22, 2022	Ordination to the Diaconate of Sunil C. Rajah, to serve at Blessed Trinity,
	Alpine, CA with the Rev. Keith Acker
Aug. 13, 2022	Co-consecration of the Rt. Rev. Willie Hill, Diocese of Southeast, REC

<u>FUNERAL</u>

Feb. 12, 2022 The Funeral of the Rev. Blaine Kemendo at St. Matthias Anglican Church, Katy, TX

ZOOM MEETINGS BESIDES REC GENERAL COUNCIL 2021

- 17 REC Committee/Officer meetings
- 10 Cuba Mission Society/subcommittee meetings
- 6 Forward in Faith North America Council
- 5 ACNA College of Bishops
- 9 Zoom meetings involving Episcopal oversight

OTHER

- 6 Postulant/Qualifying exams
- 5 Visits/meetings regarding parish schools and the Anglican School Association Lenten Series Speaker, Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral North Texas Deanery Clergy Retreat Speaker

Not listed are the meetings and tasks that are my responsibility as Rector of Good Shepherd REC, Tyler, TX.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rt. Rev. Walter R. Banek Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Mid America, REC

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

Dear Brethren.

The DMA Standing Committee met four times by video conference and conducted two electronic votes since the last Synod. The following is a summary of actions taken.

Standing Committee Meeting

February 1, 2022

Action taken:

- A.) Approval of Candidacy for Holy Orders
 - 1. Randy Randall, Good Shepherd REC, Tyler, TX
 - 2. Derek DeMars, St. Benedict's Anglican Church, Rockwall, TX
- B.) Approval of Candidacy for Deaconess
 - 1. Renee Boutwell, Holy Cross Anglican Church, Alpine, TX
- C.) Examination and Regularization of Orders to the Diaconate
 - 1. The Rev. Jacob Skogen, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Webster Groves, MO
- D.) Approval for Ordination to the Presbyterate
 - 1. The Rev. Deacon David Norton, Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, TX
 - 2. The Rev. Deacon Jacob Skogen, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Webster Groves, MO
 - 3. The Rev. Deacon James Sullivan, Covenant Church, Greenville, MI
- E.) Reception as Presbyter
 - 1. The Rev. Richard Jones, Tulsa, OK from the Reformed Anglican Church
 - 2. The Rev. Jesse Barkalow, Colorado Springs, CO from the Church of Nigeria North American Mission (CONNAM)
- F.) Installation as Rector
 - 1. The Rev. Richard Jones, St. Michael's Anglican Church, Broken Arrow, OK
 - 2. The Rev. James Sullivan, Covenant Church, Greenville, MI
- G.) Status Changes
 - 1. The Rev. Paul Cook, Rector Emeritus, Covenant Church, Greenville, MI, (retired)
 - 2. The Rev. Deacon Joshua Farris, resigned from REC ministry
- H.) Clergy Transfers

In -

- 1. The Rev. Omar Bravo, Iglesia Santa Cruz, Dallas, TX transfer from the ACNA Diocese of Quincy
- I.) Parish Transfers

In -

- 1. Approval of St. Mark's Anglican Church, Amarillo, TX transfer from ACNA Diocese of the Southwest
- 2. Approval of Iglesia Santa Cruz, Dallas, TX transfer from ACNA Diocese of Quincy
- J.) In Memoriam
 - 1. The Rev. Blaine Kemendo, St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Bellville, TX

Standing Committee E-Mail Vote

February 28, 2022

Action taken:

A.) Approval by unanimous consent by the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Mid-America to consecrate the Rev. Willie J. Hill, Jr., Rector of St. John's REC in Charleston, SC, as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of the Southeast.

Standing Committee Resolution March 30, 2022

The following Resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, DoMA operates Cranmer House Theological Seminary as a formally registered assumed name of DoMA, rather than through a separate corporate entity; and

WHEREAS, DoMA desires to obtain exemption from oversight of the seminary by the Texas Workforce Commission and by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, which exemption is available to approved entities that are exempt under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) as amended upon application for such exemption; and

WHEREAS, entities exempt under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) as amended are now required to provide in their organizational and governing documents, that in the event of the dissolution of the entity, all assets of that entity shall be transferred to another educational, religious, charitable, or other similar organization that is qualified for exemption under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) as amended; and

WHEREAS, DoMA is an entity exempt under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) as amended pursuant to its May 1, 1964 Group ruling from the Internal Revenue Service, but DoMA does not reflect the aforementioned required language in its organizational and governing documents;

WHEREAS, the Corporation is, in fact, managed by the Standing Committee and by the Board of Trustees constituted and provided for in the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Mid-America, as amended in 2019, though this management structure is not reflected in the corporate documents filed with the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the 1888 Articles of Incorporation refer to a Board of at least five Directors, and not a Board of Trustees, and the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation reflect the existence of Directors and Officers, since corporations are managed by their Boards of Directors and Officers, but these corporate documents do not mention the actual management structure;

NOW THEREFORE, the Members of the Standing Committee of DoMA hereby approve the amending of the Articles of Incorporation to include the required language for 501(c)(3) corporations and to clarify the management of the Corporation as follows:

1. RESOLVED, that recognizing that the Diocese of Mid-America is exempt under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) as amended, pursuant to its May 1, 1964 group ruling from the Internal Revenue Service, the Corporation shall amend its Articles of Incorporation filed May 16, 1888, as amended May 14, 1912 and August 12, 1998, to fully amend and restate its object and purpose in order to incorporate the following language applicable to and now required of non-profit corporations exempt under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) as amended, as follows:

"The object and purpose for which this corporation is formed is to establish and maintain churches of the Reformed Episcopal Church, supervise and govern churches within the jurisdiction of The Diocese of Mid-America, aid needy clergymen and their families, and promote the general charitable work of such churches within the limits of The Diocese of Mid-America and to fulfill these purposes as an exempt organization in accordance with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) as amended. Accordingly, upon the discontinuance of the Non-Profit Corporation known as The Diocese of Mid-America, the assets of the Corporation are to be transferred to an educational, religious, charitable or other similar organization that is qualified for exemption under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) as amended."

- 2. RESOLVED, that the Articles of Incorporation as amended be further amended to clarify that the management of the Corporation is vested in a Board of Directors, which Board is the Board of Trustees constituted and provided for in the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Mid-America, as amended, and which Board shall be no fewer than five; this amendment shall also clarify that the Corporation shall also have corporate officers as provided for in the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Mid-America, as amended, including a President, at least one Vice-President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary and such other officers as the Diocese of Mid-America may decide upon from time to time.
- 3. RESOLVED, that the Directors of The Diocese of Mid-America and the President and Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all acts as are necessary to effectuate the foregoing resolutions.

Standing Committee Meeting

May 17, 2022

Action taken:

- A.) Approval of Candidacy for Holy Orders
 - 1. Brett Lemke, Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, TX
- B.) Approval of Candidacy for Deaconess
 - 1. Melinda Brown, Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, TX
- C.) Reception as Postulant
 - 1. Sunil Clarence Rajah, Blessed Trinity Church, El Cajon, CA
- D.) Approval for Ordination to the Diaconate, pending successful completion of canonical exam
 - 1. Sunil Clarence Rajah, Blessed Trinity Church, El Cajon, CA
- E.) Approval for Setting Apart as a Deaconess, pending successful completion of canonical exam
 - 1. Cheryl Ivers, Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, TX
- F.) Status Changes
 - 1. The Rev. Robert Ahrens, Church of Our Savior, Joplin, MO, retired from active ministry
- G.) Clergy Transfer

In -

- 1. The Rev. Andrew Brummett, transfer from REC Diocese of the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic
- 2. The Rev. Deacon Derek Harmon, transfer from ACNA Diocese of the South

Standing Committee Meeting

July 27, 2022

Action taken:

- A.) Approval of report from the Board of Inquiry which resulted in an agreed inhibition
- **B.)** Status Changes
 - 1. The Rev. Jason VanBorssum status changed to "not in good-standing"

Standing Committee Meeting

September 12, 2022

Actions taken:

- A.) Approval of Candidacy for Holy Orders
 - 1. Rex Bradshaw St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Flowood, MS
 - 2. James Allen St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Glendale, AZ (conditional approval pending clear background check, receipt of certifications from the vestry and rector, and being confirmed).

- 3. Michael Nader All Saints Anglican Church, Shreveport, LA
- 4. Chad McIntyre Christ's Chapel, Riverside, CA (conditional approval pending clear background check).
- B.) Approval of Reception as Presbyter:
 - 1. The Rt. Rev. Frank W. Brulc St. Michael's Anglican Church, Broken Arrow, OK resigned from Anglican Province of Christ the King, will retain Episcopal orders but serve as Curate and Presbyter.
 - 2. The Rev. Garrin Dickinson The Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, TX released from the Episcopal Church (conditional approval pending successful qualifying exam and clear background check)
- C.) Reception as Presbyter
 - 1. The Rev. Steven McCarthy St. Barnabas Anglican Fellowship, Lansing, MI received by Letter Dimissory from the Anglican Diocese of the Living Word (ACNA)
- D.) Approval for Examination and Ordination to Presbyterate:
 - 1. The Rev. Deacon Derek Harmon, Church of Our Savior, Joplin, MO (pending successful completion of exam).
- E.) Approval for Ordination to Presbyterate:
 - 1. The Rev. Deacon Edward Fruin, The Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, TX
- F.) Clergy/Deaconess Transfers

Out -

- 1. The Rev. Lawrence Jones, St. Thomas of Canterbury, Houston, TX transferred to the United Episcopal Church by Letter Dimissory on August 8, 2022
- 2. Deaconess Nancy Jones, St. Thomas of Canterbury, Houston, TX transferred to the United Episcopal Church by Letter Dimissory on August 8, 2022
- G.) Approval of the Creation of a Provisional Response Team
 - 1. The current members of the team are: Chancellor, Jeff Hurt, The Very Rev. Canon Dr. Charles Camlin and Deaconess Jill Nowell.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Heissenhuber Diocesan Secretary

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees met once by video conference, conducted three electronic votes and was approved for exemption status since the last Synod. The actions taken are recorded below.

January 18, 2022

Summary of actions taken:

- 1. The 2021 Financial Reports were reviewed and received
- 2. The 2022 Budget was reviewed and approved
- 3. The DMA Trustees voted to approve the recommendations below:
 - a. Approved the transfer of \$9,295 from the self-designated Cranmer Theological House Fund to the Cathedral for the purpose of upgrading the Cathedral Library with a new conference table and chairs. The Cathedral Library serves as the instructional room and Zoom room for Cranmer Theological House courses.
 - b. Approved that beginning with calendar year 2021, fifty (50) percent of any given year's surplus resulting from ordinary activity (not considering any market performance or other special activities or approvals by the Trustees) be placed into the Parish Development Fund. While intended to support parish development, such funds would still be considered self-designated and could be redesignated and utilized for other purposes, if needed, with approval of the Board of Trustees. The amount which would be placed into the Parish Development Fund for 2021 would be \$22,862.00.

February 28, 2022 – Email Vote

Action taken:

Approved up to \$8,500 from the DMA emergency relief and parish/pastoral care funds to assist the Grote family with medical expenses for both their son and daughter's corrective surgeries for scoliosis. This amount is estimated to be half of Canon Grote's out-of-pocket expense. Disbursement of Diocesan funds will be made to the Cathedral's benevolence fund and not directly to Canon Grote. Administrative oversight and disbursement funds to Canon Grote or to health care providers will be handled through the Cathedral's benevolence fund with appropriate substantiation of expenses to the Business Manager of the Cathedral.

March 23, 2022 – Email Vote

Action taken:

Approved receiving and disbursing benevolence from the Emergency Relief Fund for the aid of Fr. Jerry Kistler and his family during his health situation after being diagnosed with Stage 4 metastatic lung cancer. As the balance of the Emergency Relief Fund permits, the Trustees authorized the Bishop Ordinary to direct the Treasurer to make such disbursements, as needed and substantiated, up to \$15,000 before further approval is needed by the Trustees.

March 30, 2022 - Email Vote

Action taken:

The Resolution regarding the amendment of the Articles of Incorporation of the Diocese and Cranmer Theological House (as included in the Report of the Standing Committee to this Synod) was adopted by the Trustees.

Exemption Status

On May 6, 2022, the Collin County Appraisal District advised the Diocese of Mid-America REC that their exempt application was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Heissenhuber Diocesan Secretary

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Statement of Financial Position (aka Balance Sheet) As of September 30, 2022

- In total we have \$743,711.36 in total assets (line 20). \$547,406.60 (73.6%) of those assets are held in our Edward Jones investments (Line 4) and \$132,804.38 in the operating checking accounts (lines 5 & 6). The Edward Jones account does fluctuate based on market performance. To date, we've had a total DECREASE in the investment portfolio year-to-date of \$54,304.77. However, the overall return on the investments since inception in 2019 has been a total increased value of \$22,177.51. Since we do not operate on the principle of the investment account, we can 'wait out' this current downturn.
- In addition to our Cash and Cash Equivalents (checking & investments), we hold a mortgage receivable. The current mortgage with a remaining balance is to St. Matthias (line 17) and is a 30-year mortgage at 6.5% with approximately 14 more years remaining. The second note (line 16) was added in 2021 by action of the Trustees. It was to the Anglican Church in North America. It was an \$85,000 mortgage with a 20-year amortization schedule at 6.25%, with a balloon payment due after 10 years. This was funded to the ACNA in January 2021. The ACNA then decided to pay the note in full during November 2021. In total the interest earned from that particular note over 9 months was \$3,950.47.
- Of the \$743,711.36 in total assets, there is a total of \$172,861.64 in liabilities (lines 25-28: \$677.69 total) and temporary restricted funds (lines 29-36: \$172,183.95). The majority of the restricted funds pertain to the Mission & Parish Development Fund (line 34). A separate "Fund Report" is included at the end of this report detailing the activity and purpose of each temporary restricted fund.
- The remaining assets are known as "Unrestricted Net Assets" (*This is what most parishes refer to as their "General Fund"*. *In a 'for-profit' business, this would be known as 'Equity'*). This amount increases or decreases each year based on the current year shortfall or surplus. The balance as of September 30, 2022 is \$570,849.72 (line 42). This means that 76.7% of our total assets are considered unrestricted.
- Our Unrestricted Net Assets (line 41) increased by \$64,577.35 in year 2020 and \$52,139.14 in 2021. It has <u>decreased</u> year-to-date 2022 by \$10,140.74. This is directly attributable to the market performance of the current year. Had the market remained at a net zero performance (neither increase nor decrease year-to-date) the surplus of the Diocese year-to-date would actually be \$44,164.03 (see ordinary income on the Statement of Activities).

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

		DEC. 31, 2020	DEC 31, 2021	SEPT 30, 2022
	SSETS			
2	Current Assets			
3	Cash or Cash Equivalents			
4	Edward Jones Investment Account	\$408,170.91	\$601,711.37	\$547,406.6
5	Comerica Operating Checking	\$219,695.83	\$4,087.91	\$4,046.21
6	Inwood National Bank Operating Checking	\$0.00	\$96,249.04	<u>\$128,758.17</u>
7	Total Cash or Cash Equivalents	\$627,866.74	\$702,048.32	\$680,210.98
8				
9	Undeposited Funds at year-end	\$20,425.97	\$3,300.59	\$0.00
10	Pre-payment of Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11	Reimbursements Expected	\$7,476.83	<u>\$6,427.16</u>	\$8,078.83
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13	Total Current Assets	\$655,769.54	\$711,776.07	\$688,289.81
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15	Mortgage Receivables			
16	ACNA Mortgage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
17	St. Matthias Mortgage	\$59,211.15	\$56,985.37	\$55,421.55
18	Total Mortgage Receivables	\$59,211.15	\$56,985.37	\$55,421.55
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	TOTAL ASSETS	\$714,980.69	\$768,761.44	\$743,711.36
21				
22	LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS			
23				
24	Liabilities & Temporary Restricted Funds			
25	Accounts Payable (Current year expenses not yet paid out)	\$1,780.89	\$8,338.28	\$550.00
26	General Council Triennium (nets to Sustentation after Council)		(\$127.31)	(\$127.31)
27	Synod Registrations to be refunded (2020 in-person cancel)	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00
28	Pass Throughs (funds rec'd that 'pass on' to another entity)	\$1,120.00	\$255.00	\$255.00
29	Cranmer Theological House Support Fund (self-designated)	\$11,602.90	\$11,602.90	\$2,307.90
30	Parish and Pastoral Care Fund (self-designated)	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
31	Emergency Relief Fund (restricted)	\$25,306.69	\$24,871.69	\$44,945.63
32	Houston Anglicans Fund (restricted)	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
33	Memorial Fund (restricted)	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
34	Mission & Parish Development Fund (self-designated)	\$80,160.79	\$138,630.42	\$123,130.42
35	St. Francis Spring – Replant Fund (restricted)	\$53,107.04	\$0.00	\$0.00
36	Women of the Diocese (restricted)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
37	Total Liabilities & Temporary Restricted Funds	\$186,129.37	\$187,770.98	\$172,861.64
38	Total Liabilities & Temporary Restricted Funds	ψ100,123.37	Ψ107,770.30	Ψ172,001.04
39	Unrestricted Net Assets (Equity aka 'General Fund')			
40	Previous Balance	\$464,273.97	\$528,851.32	\$580,990.46
41	Change due to Current year Ordinary activities	\$64,577.35	\$52,139.14	(\$10,140.74)
42	Total Unrestricted Net Assets (Ending Balance)	\$528,851.32	\$580,990.46	\$570,849.72
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-	TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$714,980.69	\$768,761.44	\$743,711.36
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A Summary of Temporary Restricted Funds is included on a separate report

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 2021

Statement of Activities (aka Income Statement) Calendar Year 2021

- **Parish Tithes** (line 4) We try to operate the Diocese based on revenue apart from our Edward Jones investment income. The primary source of our ordinary revenue are parish tithes. We received \$386,629.00 in parish tithes in 2021. This was better than what we had budgeted by \$50,689.00. A separate parish tithes report is included.
- **Total revenue** (line 5) was \$402,217.13, which exceeded the budget by \$54,639.47.
- **Expenses** Most expenses were in line with the budget with a couple variances. One such notable variance was that of Legal & Professional fees (line 23). These were unanticipated fees when we established the 2021 budget. These are filing and legal fees (at a discounted rate) associated with investigating the historical filing of the Diocese in the state of Texas, re-filing additional documents, and establishing a DBA for our Illinois corporation as "The Diocese of Mid-America of the Reformed Episcopal Church" in the state of Texas. **In total (line 43), we spent \$355,755.86 which was more than budget by \$9,045.86** (the legal fees account for \$7,080.98 of that overage).
- **Ordinary Activity Total** (line 45) This is the surplus/shortfall of normal revenue minus normal expenses. It does NOT include our investment performance. This is the line that we try to use as the basis for a balanced budget (which means we are operating primarily on just our parish tithes regardless of what our investments do, and does not require us to go to our investments for cash flow). In total, we budgeted for a \$867.66 surplus. We ended the year with a surplus of \$46,461.27, which is \$45,593.61 better than anticipated.
- **Investment Activity** (line 47) The primary source of other revenue is the Investment Activity with Edward Jones. This total includes realized & unrealized gains, and fluctuates with the market. During calendar year 2021, the market performed very well and the market value of the portfolio grew by \$28,540.46, representing an approximate 6.9% return.
- **50% Ordinary Surplus to Parish Dev. Fund** (line 48) by action of the Trustees, the recommendation was approved that each year one-half of the surplus (if there be a surplus) from ordinary activity (line 45) be placed into the Mission & Parish Development fund for future growth and aid in the Diocese. These are considered self-designated funds.
- Bottom Line (line 50) In total, we had a year-end surplus of \$52,139.14 which exceeded our budget by \$43,271.48. We continue to operate each year with a surplus.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YTD 2021 January 1 – December 31, 2021

GENERAL FUND ONLY (Restricted Funds have their own report)

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		2021 Actual	2021 Budget	Variance
1	Revenue			
2	Individual Offerings & Tithes	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
3	Interest Income - Mortgages	\$7,588.13	\$3,637.66	\$3,950.47
4	Parish Tithes	\$386,629.00	\$335,940.00	\$50,689.00
5	Total Revenue	\$402,217.13	\$347,577.66	\$54,639.47
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7	Expenditures			
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9	Administrative & Operational Expenses			
10	Accounting & Bank/Investment Charges	\$752.66	\$500.00	\$252.66
11	Administrative & Office Supplement:Dallas	\$33,000.00	\$33,000.00	\$0.00
12	Administrative Wages:Other	\$24,400.00	\$24,400.00	\$0.00
13	Cathedral Sponsored Events	\$311.40	\$1,000.00	(\$688.60)
14	Dues & Subscriptions	\$1,362.72	\$550.00	\$812.72
15	Entertainment & Meals	\$108.74	\$750.00	(\$641.26)
16	Episcopal Fund (Supplies & Gifts)	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
17	Episcopal Pension Contributions	\$15,360.00	\$15,360.00	\$0.00
18	Episcopal Salary - Ordinary	\$130,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$0.00
19	Episcopal Honorariums - Suffragan	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
20	Honorariums	\$1,714.85	\$1,800.00	(\$85.15)
21	Insurances	\$4,475.89	\$4,500.00	(\$24.11)
22	Interest Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
23	Legal & Professional Fees	\$7,080.98	\$0.00	\$7,080.98
24	Meeting & Events Expense: Synod (Net)	\$1,347.58	\$3,500.00	(\$2,152.42)
25	Meetings & Events Expense: Conv. of West (Net)	\$1,061.60	\$2,500.00	(\$1,438.40)
26	Meetings & Events Expense: Other Special Svcs	\$1,048.98	\$1,000.00	\$48.98
27	Miscellaneous	\$121.24	\$100.00	\$21.24
28	Office Expenses (Net)	\$13,010.80	\$8,500.00	\$4,510.80
29	Travel & Travel Meals	\$26,140.61	\$28,000.00	(\$1,859.39)
30	Website	\$660.20	\$750.00	(\$89.80)
31	Total Administrative & Operational Expenses	\$281,958.25	\$276,210.00	\$5,748.25
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33	Ministry, Mission, & Pastoral Care			
34	Armed Forces Chaplaincy Support	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
35	Board of Foreign Missions	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
36	Cranmer Theological House	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
37	Ecumenical (ACNA) Expenses	\$5,297.61	\$7,000.00	(\$1,702.39)
38	Parish & Pastoral Care/Support	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
39	Retired Bishop Care / Widow's Support Gift	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$0.00
40	Tithes to National Church	\$40,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$5,000.00
41	Total Ministry, Mission, & Pastoral Care	\$73,797.61	\$70,500.00	\$3,297.61
42				
43	Total Expenditures	\$355,755.86	\$346,710.00	\$9,045.86
44	·			
45	Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets - Ordinary Activity	\$46,461.27	\$867.66	\$45,593.61
46				
47	Investment Activity (net)	\$28,540.46	\$8,000.00	\$20,540.46
48	50% Ordinary Surplus to Parish Dev. Fund	(\$22,862.59)	\$0.00	(\$22,862.59)
49				
50	Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$52,139.14	\$8,867.66	\$43,271.48

PARISH TITHES SUMMARY 2021

2021 Actual and 2021 Budget

		2021 Actual	2021 Budget	Difference
1	Parish Tithes			
2	All Saints - Shreveport, LA	\$1,100.00	\$1,200.00	(\$100.00)
3	Blessed Trinity - Alpine, CA	\$0.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)
4	Chapel of the Cross - Dallas, TX	\$28,962.89	\$26,000.00	\$2,962.89
5	Christ Anglican - Hot Springs, AR	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	(\$3,500.00)
6	Christ Chapel - Riverside, CA	\$7,679.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,679.00
7	Christ the King – Covington, LA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8	Christ the King – Grover Beach, CA	\$4,374.00	\$2,040.00	\$2,334.00
9	Church of our Savior - Joplin, MO	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10	Covenant – Greenville, MI	\$750.00	\$500.00	\$250.00
11	Covenant - Heber Springs, AR	\$13,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$4,000.00
12	Epiphany – La Mirada, CA	\$1,341.91	\$0.00	\$1,341.91
13	Good Shepherd – Colorado Springs, CO	\$1,745.07	\$0.00	\$1,745.07
14	Good Shepherd - Tyler, TX	\$40,005.00	\$27,000.00	\$13,005.00
15	Holy Communion - Dallas, TX	\$82,766.46	\$80,000.00	\$2,766.46
16	Holy Cross - Alpine, TX	\$13,411.00	\$12,000.00	\$1,411.00
17	Holy Trinity - Houston, TX	\$19,584.10	\$18,000.00	\$1,584.10
18	Holy Trinity - St. Louis, MO	\$15,946.65	\$13,000.00	\$2,946.65
19	Mariner's Church - Detroit, MI	\$6,832.36	\$7,500.00	(\$667.64)
20	Providence - Corpus Christi, TX	\$400.00	\$1,200.00	(\$800.00)
21	Resurrection - Crosby, TX	\$16,811.88	\$12,000.00	\$4,811.88
22	St. Andrew's - Chester, CA	\$3.196.70	\$3,600.00	(\$403.30)
23	St. Andrew's - Phoenix, AZ	\$1,011.77	\$1,200.00	(\$188.23)
24	St. Andrew's - Tinley Park, IL	\$8,964.10	\$5,000.00	\$3,964.10
25	St. Barnabas - Bellville, TX	\$5,910.00	\$4,500.00	\$1,410.00
26	St. Benedict's – Rockwall, TX	\$9,183.92	\$3,600.00	\$5,583.92
27	St. Mark's – Waxahachie, TX	\$0.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)
28	St. Matthias - Katy, TX	\$12,076.13	\$13,000.00	(\$923.87)
29	St. Michael's - Broken Arrow, OK	\$6,392.89	\$5,000.00	\$1,392.89
30	St. Paul's - Baton Rouge, LA	\$17,295.00	\$16,000.00	\$1,295.00
31	St. Paul's - Clear Lake, TX	\$5,950.00	\$2,400.00	\$3,550.00
32	St. Stephen's - Flowood, MS	\$21,314.18	\$20,400.00	\$914.18
33	St. Stephen's - Montrose, CO	\$15,008.29	\$9,500.00	\$5,508.29
34	St. Thomas - Houston, TX	\$18,115.70	\$16,500.00	\$1,615.70
35	St. Timothy's - Jonesboro, AR	\$6,000.00	\$7,200.00	(\$1,200.00)
36	Trinity Anglican - Pagosa Springs, CO	\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00	(\$1,000.00)
37	Western Canada Parishes	\$0.00	\$3,600.00	(\$3,600.00)
38	New Parishes & Unexpected Tithes	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	(\$2,000.00)
39				
40	Total Parish Tithes	\$386,629.00	\$335,940.00	\$50,689.00

Posting Date - Some Tithes received for 2021 were received after the closing date and will be reflected in the 2022 report.

Western Canada (line 37) - due to some issues of processing checks from Canada, Western Canada tithes for 2021 were posted in 2022.

Parishes and Unexpected Tithes - This is a general budgeting "placeholder" for parishes that we don't know about at the time of our budgeting process. If funds are received they will always be posted under the Church name and not in this category. So the actual will always be zero here.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - YEAR-TO-DATE 2022

Statement of Activities (aka Income Statement) YTD2022 Jan 1 - Sept 30, 2022 w/ Year-end Forecast

This report contains an additional column. Since we are in the middle of the year and the budget is set for the entire year, a 'Forecast' is provided. The forecast is a best estimation of where we expect to end the year based on what has happened already and what we still expect to happen by the end of the year. This amount is then compared to the total budget.

- **Parish Tithes** (line 4) We anticipate parish tithes to be \$416,621 on the year. This will exceed our budget by \$42,871. A separate parish tithes report is included.
- **Total revenue** (line 5) We forecast total revenue to be \$428,121, which will exceeded the budget by \$42,871. This is due to the increased parish tithes.
- **Expenses** Most expenses will be right in line with the budget with no considerable variances. In more cases than not, we are actually projecting to spend less than budgeted. The one exception is the tithe to the National Church (line 40). Since our tithe to the national church is 10% of our total parish tithes received, it means that as our parish tithes received increase so will our tithe to the National church. **In total (line 43), we forecast to spend \$379,129.48 which is slightly above budget by \$3,304.48.**
- **Synod Costs** (line 24) in the first column you may note a negative expense amount. This is because we collect registration income for Synod in advance of Synod, but the majority of expenses are not paid until after Synod. After all is reconciled, we are forecasting that expenses for Synod will exceed our registration income by approximately \$3,000.
- **Ordinary Activity Total** (line 44) This is the surplus/shortfall of normal revenue minus normal expenses. It does NOT include our investment performance. In total, we budgeted for a \$9,425.00 surplus. We forecast to end the year with a surplus of \$48,991.52, which is \$39,566.52 better than anticipated.
- **Investment Activity** (line 47) Our Investment portfolio through August 31 has decreased by \$54,304.77 year-to-date. We are optimistic that the investments will return to their previous levels in the future. Thankfully, we do not use our investment principle for operations which means we can wait until that return happens.
- **50% Ordinary Surplus to Parish Dev. Fund** (line 48) by action of the Trustees, the recommendation was approved that each year one-half of the surplus (if there be a surplus) from <u>ordinary activity</u> (line 45) be placed into the Parish Development fund for future growth and aid in the Diocese. We forecast putting \$24,500 into this fund at year-end 2022.
- Bottom Line (line 50) In total, including market performance and the placement of surplus into the Parish development fund, we forecast a year-end decrease of assets by \$25,508.48.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YTD 2022 Year-to-Date September 30, 2022 Forecast 2022 vs. Budget 2022

GENERAL FUND ONLY (Restricted Funds have their own report)

		2022 YTD Actual	2022 Year-end Forecast	2022 Budget	Forecasted Variance
1	Revenue				
2	Individual Offerings & Tithes	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
3	Interest Income - Mortgages	\$2,345.14	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
4	Parish Tithes	\$310,276.84	\$416,621.00	\$373,750.00	\$42,871.00
5	Total Revenue	\$312,621.98	\$428,121.00	\$385,250.00	\$42,871.00
6					
7 8	Expenditures				
9	Administrative & Operational Expenses				
10	Accounting & Bank/Investment Charges	\$137.25	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	(\$1,000.00)
11	Administrative & Office Supplement:Dallas	\$25,650.00	\$34,200.00	\$34,200.00	\$0.00
12	Administrative Wages:Other	\$19,949.96	\$26,600.00	\$26,600.00	\$0.00
13	Cathedral Sponsored Events	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	(\$500.00)
14	Dues & Subscriptions	\$582.33	\$750.00	\$1,500.00	(\$750.00)
15	Entertainment & Meals	\$140.00	\$250.00	\$750.00	(\$500.00)
16	Episcopal Fund (Supplies & Gifts)	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
17	Episcopal Pension Contributions	\$15,600.00	\$15,600.00	\$15,600.00	\$0.00
18	Episcopal Salary - Ordinary	\$101,250.00	\$135,000.00	\$135,000.00	\$0.00
19	Episcopal Honorariums - Suffragan	\$13,500.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00
20	Honorariums	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00
21	Insurances	\$4,252.93	\$5,500.00	\$6,000.00	(\$500.00)
22	Interest Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
23	Legal & Professional Fees	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	(\$1,500.00)
24	Meeting & Events Expense: Synod (Net)	(\$8,879.66)	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
25	Meetings & Events Expense: Conv. of West (Net)	\$1,835.24	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
26	Meetings & Events Expense: Other Special Svcs	\$1,178.35	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
27	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
28	Office Expenses (Net)	\$9,161.22	\$10,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$1,000.00
29	Travel & Travel Meals	\$21,932.15	\$33,000.00	\$31,000.00	\$2,000.00
30	Website	\$629.48	\$629.48	\$750.00	(\$120.52)
31 32	Total Administrative & Operational Expenses	\$195,320.78	\$295,829.48	\$297,800.00	(\$1,970.52)
33	Ministry, Mission, & Pastoral Care				
34	Armed Forces Chaplaincy Support	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
35	Board of Foreign Missions	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
36	Cranmer Theological House	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
37	Ecumenical (ACNA) Expenses	\$5,038.73	\$11,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00
38	Parish & Pastoral Care/Support	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
39	Retired Bishop Care / Widow's Support Gift	\$11,999.97	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$0.00
40	Tithes to National Church	\$31,000.00	\$42,800.00	\$38,525.00	\$4,275.00
41	Total Ministry, Mission, & Pastoral Care	\$52,850.63	\$83,300.00	\$78,025.00	\$5,275.00
42					
43 44	Total Expenditures	\$248,171.41	\$379,129.48	\$375,825.00	\$3,304.48
45 46	Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets - Ordinary Activity	\$38,340.86	\$48,991.52	\$9,425.00	\$39,566.52
46 47	Investment Activity (net) (thru Aug 31)	(\$54,304.77)	(\$50,000.00)	\$9,000.00	(\$59,000.00)
	50% Ordinary Surplus to Parish Dev. Fund	\$0.00	, ,		
48 49	50% Ordinary Surpius to Paristi Dev. Fulid	φυ.υυ	(\$24,500.00)	(\$4,712.50)	(\$19,787.50)
50	Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets	(\$10,140.74)	(\$25,508.48)	\$13,712.50	(\$39,220.98)

PARISH TITHES - YEAR-TO-DATE 2022

		Actual Sept. 30, 2022	2022 Forecast	2022 Budget	Difference
1	Parish Tithes				
2	All Saints - Shreveport, LA	\$2,150.00	\$3,350.00	\$2,400.00	\$950.00
3	Blessed Trinity - Alpine, CA	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
4	Chapel of the Cross - Dallas, TX	\$21,417.60	\$35,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$7,000.00
5	Christ Anglican - Hot Springs, AR	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	(\$3,500.00)
6	Christ Chapel - Riverside, CA	\$6,395.61	\$7,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$1,000.00
7	Christ the King – Covington, LA	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
8	Christ the King – Grover Beach, CA	\$5,628.00	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00
9	Church of our Savior - Joplin, MO	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10	Covenant – Greenville, MI	\$2,967.00	\$3,600.00	\$750.00	\$2,850.00
11	Covenant - Heber Springs, AR	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$1,000.00
12	Epiphany – La Mirada, CA	\$4,373.53	\$5,500.00	\$4,800.00	\$700.00
13	Good Shepherd – Colorado Springs, CO	\$2,216.73	\$3,200.00	\$2,400.00	\$800.00
14	Good Shepherd - Tyler, TX	\$25,704.00	\$37,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$1,000.00
15	Holy Communion - Dallas, TX	\$75,495.95	\$87,000.00	\$81,000.00	\$6,000.00
16	Holy Cross - Alpine, TX	\$10,170.00	\$13,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$1,000.00
17	Holy Trinity - Houston, TX	\$12,764.90	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
18	Holy Trinity - St. Louis, MO	\$3,750.00	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$0.00
19	Iglesia Holy Communion – Dallas, TX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
20	Iglesia San Matias – Katy, TX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
21	Iglesia Trinidad – Dallas, TX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)
22	Mariner's Church - Detroit, MI	\$5,317.57	\$7,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$1000.00
23	Providence - Corpus Christi, TX	\$1,800.00	\$2,100.00	\$500.00	\$1,600.00
24	Resurrection - Crosby, TX	\$14,729.00	\$19,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$5,000.00
25	St. Andrew's - Chester, CA	\$1,360.10	\$3,600.00	\$3,000.00	\$600.00
26	St. Andrew's – Phoenix, AZ	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$1,200.00	(\$700.00)
27	St. Andrew's - Tinley Park, IL	\$3,276.16	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
28	St. Barnabas - Bellville, TX	\$5,275.00	\$7,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00
29	St. Benedict's – Rockwall, TX	\$4,641.43	\$8,500.00	\$8,000.00	\$500.00
30	St. Mark's – Canyon, TX	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	(\$500.00)
31	St. Mark's – Waxahachie, TX	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
32	St. Matthias - Katy, TX	\$6,757.02	\$10,500.00	\$12,500.00	(\$2,000.00)
33	St. Michael's - Broken Arrow, OK	\$5,416.66	\$6,500.00	\$3,600.00	\$2,900.00
34	St. Paul's - Baton Rouge, LA	\$20,612.00	\$20,612.00	\$16,000.00	\$4,612.00
35	St. Paul's - Clear Lake, TX	\$3,350.00	\$4,500.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,100.00
36	St. Stephen's - Flowood, MS	\$16,963.63	\$21,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$3,000.00
37	St. Stephen's - Montrose, CO	\$12,411.35	\$15,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$3,000.00
38	St. Thomas - Houston, TX	\$10,874.60	\$16,000.00	\$18,000.00	(\$2,000.00)
39	St. Timothy's - Jonesboro, AR	\$3,000.00	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$0.00
40	Trinity Anglican - Pagosa Springs, CO	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
41	Western Canada Parishes	\$6,459.00	\$6,459.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,459.00
42	New Parishes & Unexpected Tithes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	(\$2,000.00)
43					
44	Total Parish Tithes	\$310,276.84	\$416,621.00	\$373,750.00	\$42,871.00

Western Canada (line 41) - due to some issues of processing checks from Canada, Western Canada has tithes posted for 2020 & 2021 in 2022. We will now receive their tithe on a yearly basis through an electronic transfer with 2022 tithes posted in 2023.

FUND ACCOUNTING SUMMARY 2021-2022

January 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022

	Beginning Balance			Ending Balance
Fund	Jan. 1, 2021	Increases	Disbursements	Sept. 30, 2022
Cranmer Theological House Support Fund	\$11,602.90	\$0.00	\$9,295.00	\$2,307.90
Emergency Relief Fund	\$25,306.69	\$23,638.94	\$4,000.00	\$44,945.63
Parish & Pastoral Care Fund	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Houston Anglicans Fund	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Memorial Fund (Bishop Grote)	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Mission & Parish Development Fund	\$80,160.79	\$75,969.63	\$33,000.00	\$123,130.42
St. Francis Replant Fund	\$53,107.04	\$0.00	\$53,107.04	\$0.00
Women of the Diocese	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Total	\$170,977.42	\$102,608.57	\$101,402.04	\$172,183.95

Fund Activity

Cranmer Support Fund Disbursement \$9,295.00

As per Trustee approval, Monies provided to CHCC for Library furniture/office support for Cranmer classes.

Emergency Relief Fund Increase \$565.00

Monies originally received in 2019 for burned churches in LA could not be forwarded. Placed into Emergency Relief Fund instead.

Emergency Relief Fund Increase \$2,000.00

Donation received from a parish for the specific benefit of Aidan Grote surgery. Monies forwarded to CHCC Benevolence Fund for oversight as per Trustees.

Emergency Relief Fund Increase \$21,073.94

As per Trustee approval, Donations received on behalf of medical support of Fr. Jerry Kistler. Awaiting requests for distribution.

Emergency Relief Fund Disbursement \$1,000.00

As per Bishop Sutton, support sent to ARDF for Midwest Tornado Relief.

Emergency Relief Fund Disbursement \$3,000.00

As per Trustee Approval, monies forwarded to CHCC Benevolence Fund for oversight of distribution on behalf of Aidan Grote surgery. \$1,000 of the total approved amount came from the Emergency Relief Fund balance. \$2,000 came from a parish donation to the Emergency Relief as listed above.

Parish & Pastoral Care Increase \$2,000.00

Unused budgeted monies from 2021 placed into fund to be used in 2022.

Parish & Pastoral Care Disbursement \$2,000.00

As per Trustee approval, monies forwarded to CHCC Benevolence Fund for oversight of distribution on behalf of Aidan Grote surgery.

Parish Development Increase \$53,107.04

Shift St. Francis Replant Fund into the Parish Development Fund, as per the original agreement when the parish closed.

Parish Development Increase \$22,862.59

As per the Trustees, place 50% of the 2021 year-end surplus from Ordinary Activities into the Parish Development Fund.

Parish Development Decrease \$30,500.00

Grants to parishes for parish planting and revitalization.

Parish Development Decrease \$2,500.00

Canon Missioner Honorarium for 2021

Women of the Diocese Increase \$1,000.00

Donation from a parish for the Women of the Diocese Ministry

Description of Funds

Cranmer Theological House Support Fund - 100% of these funds are self-designated by the Trustees. The Trustees designated funds from the 2014 & 2015 surplus with the understanding that the funds would be paid if there was a need by the Seminary and as the Diocesan cash balance could permit it.

Emergency Relief Fund - Contributions initially received towards the Flood Relief efforts in the Houston-area during the Fall of 2017. By action of the Trustees, the remaining balance is maintained as a Fund to help provide support and relief needs in emergent situations. We received further donations in 2022, by solicitation of the Trustees, for the purpose of providing aid to the Very Rev. Jerry Kistler during his medical need. The Bishop Ordinary, by approval of the Trustees, can authorize distributions of up to \$5,000. Disbursements beyond \$5,000 require Trustee approval in advance of distribution.

Parish & Pastoral Care Fund – The Diocese budgets a certain amount each year in the budget for the purposes of providing for various Parish & Pastoral care needs. If the current budget year does not disburse the full budgeted amount, the remaining balance is carried forward for use at a future time.

Houston Anglicans Fund - These were funds received many years ago for the purpose of establishing the network of parishes in Houston.

Memorial Fund - Donations received in memory of Bishop Grote. These funds were not given with any specific restriction. The Trustees can determine how these funds should be disbursed.

Mission & Parish Development Fund - These are funds to be used for the planning, planting, and support of parishes within the Diocese. These funds are self-designated from prior year surpluses and/or the proceeds of the closing of previous parishes. They may be used for other purposes by action of the Trustees.

St. Francis Re-Plant Fund - These funds were the remaining assets of St. Francis Spring, TX when it closed in 2019. The Diocese reserved them to be used, if possible, for the future replanting of a new parish in that same geographic area. It was agreed that if the parish was not re-planted within two years, the funds would be placed in the general balance of the Mission and Parish Development Fund. This was done during 2022.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES NON-ELECTED

- Report of the Committee on Nominations
- Report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons
- Report of the Deans of Cranmer Theological House
- Report of the Trustees of Cranmer Theological House
- Report of the Diocesan Canon Missioner
- Report of the Women of the Diocese
- Report of the Committee on Ministers' Salaries
- Report of the State of the Diocese (Statistical Report Filed)
- Report of the Special Committee on Diocesan Policies

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Dear Brethren:

The Committee on Nominations is pleased to present the following nominations for election at Synod, 2022, Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, Texas:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DIOCESE (Names in Bold for Election)

Class of 2022 (term expiring)

The Very Rev. Frank Levi - Dean of the Convocation of the Midwest

Mr. Bruce Bagby - Church of the Holy Trinity, Houston, TX

Mr. Bob Dobson - St. Timothy's Jonesboro, AR

Class of 2023

Mr. James Dalton - Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, TX

Mrs. Beth Russell - All Saints, Shreveport, LA

The Very Rev. Thomas McGee - St. Timothy's, Jonesboro, AR

Class of 2024

The Very Rev. Jerry Kistler - St. Stephen's, Montrose, CO

Mr. James P. ("Bud") Longueville - Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, TX

Mr. Morgan Geoghagan - St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Flowood, MS

Class of 2025 (for election)

The Rev. Tony Welty - All Saints, Shreveport, LA

Harry K. Johnson, III - St. Matthias, Katy, TX

Bruce Bagby - Holy Trinity, Houston, TX

STANDING COMMITTEE (Names in bold for election)

Class of 2022 (term expiring)

The Rev. Dr. Steven Rutt - St. Andrew's, Phoenix, AZ

Mr. Philip Prier - St. Stephens, Montrose, CO

Class of 2023

Mrs. Cathy Shep - Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, TX

The Rev. Carl Lund - Church of the Holy Trinity, Houston, TX

Class of 2024

The Rev. Dr. Robert Bowman - Christ's Chapel, Riverside, CA

Mrs. Petie Lebanowski - St. Paul's Anglican Church, Houston, TX

Class of 2025 (for election)

The Very Rev. Canon Charlie Camlin – Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral, Dallas, TX Dss. Canon Annette Johnson – St. Matthias, Katy, TX

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Carl Lund

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION & CANONS

The Committee on Constitution and Canons proposes no changes or amendments for 2021-22 and received no requests to do so since the last Synod.

The committee was consulted several times for clarification or proper application of the canons and was consulted regarding interpretation and/or changes in parish by-laws.

A reminder that all proposed changes to the by-laws of a parish should be submitted the committee for review and that every parish should furnish the diocesan office, in Dallas, with a copy of its most current by-laws for its records.

Sincerely,

James T. Payne Chairman Taymet

REPORT OF THE DEANS OF CRANMER THEOLOGICAL HOUSE

Cranmer Theological House (Cranmer House) is committed to training orthodox clergy, deaconesses, and laypeople in the service of Christ's Church. Cranmer House continues to grow in both its residential and distance studies programs. Currently, we have 54 students engaged in our eight programs of study with the following breakdown:

Master of Divinity (MDiv) – 8 students
Master of Arts in Religion (MAR) – 7
Master of Theology (ThM) – 7
Master of Theological Studies (MTS) – 2
Master of Arts in Religion: Deaconess Studies (MAR) – 3
Diaconal Certificate – 8
Deaconess Certificate – 8
Anglican Certificate – 11

(We also have 6 other applications currently in process)

Cranmer House continues to offer three different platforms through which students can pursue their theological education. First, weekend intensive courses are offered in a modular format once a month in Dallas at Church of the Holy Communion. Second, we also offer courses three nights per week in a virtual classroom online by Zoom. Third, several our courses are available via distance learning through our External Studies Program.

The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Bernier continues to develop and grow the Hispanic Studies program in Cuba. This important ministry provides much needed training for clergy and laypeople.

This past year, Cranmer House partnered with Dr. Julius Barnes and welcomed students from Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary, the REC seminary in South Carolina, to participate in out two deaconess courses. We hope that this partnership will continue into the future.

Finally, the Deans of Cranmer House began working with Bishop Sutton and the Deans of the other two seminaries of the Reformed Episcopal Church to further Bishop Sutton's vision of unifying theological education within the Reformed Episcopal Church (SCUTE). The work continues forward under the direction of the Very Rev. Canon Dr. Jonathan Riches, Dean of Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Pennsylvania.

The Lord continues to bless the ministry of Cranmer House. In 2021 we graduated six students. Likewise, the student body continues to attract men and women not only from the Reformed Episcopal Church, but also other Anglican jurisdictions such as the APA, the ACC, and the ACNA. We also occasionally get students from the Lutheran, Methodist and Baptist traditions.

The faculty at Cranmer Theological House is dedicated to providing the highest level of education and training possible to the men and women whom God brings our way. Through the Cathedral model, the bishops, priests, deacons, and deaconesses who teach bring a depth of education, wisdom and experience that prepares students for ministry in the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

The administrative staff of Cranmer Theological House includes the Most Rev. Dr. Ray Sutton, our Chancellor; the Very Rev. Canon Dr. Charles Camlin, Dean; and the Rev. Dr. Wayland Coe, Assistant Dean; The Rev. Dr. Charles Erlandson, Director of Communication and External Studies; the Rev. Dr. Benjamin

Bernier, Director of Hispanic Studies; the Very Rev. Canon Jason Grote, Treasurer; and Dss. Nancy Jones, Registrar.

We exist for the good of the Church, to provide training for her leaders. We are dependent upon your prayers and your gifts. This year, Seminary Sunday will be on October 16. We would like to ask each of our parishes to pray for the seminary and to consider taking up a special offering. We will be sending some materials to each parish to assist in this endeavor. We thank you for helping us to promote this ministry which is so vital to the future of our diocese and the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Respectfully submitted, The Very Rev. Canon Dr. Charles Camlin The Rev. Dr. Wayland Coe

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRUSTEES

Diocesan Secretary, Mrs. Cathy Heissenhuber, records the following Summary of Actions taken by the Trustees of Cranmer Theological House.

The Trustees met twice since the last Synod by video conference. The actions taken are recorded below.

January 19, 2022

Action taken:

- 1. The 2021 Financial Report was reviewed and received.
- 2. The 2022 Budget was reviewed and approved.

August 16, 2022

Actions taken:

- 1. New Dean/President Named:
 - Approval of Bishop Sutton's recommendation that he relinquish his position as President of the Cranmer House Trustees, and move into the role of Chancellor, and that Dr. Camlin be elevated from Assistant Dean to President/Dean of the Trustees.
- 2. Legal Status State of Texas
 - Cranmer House was granted a religious exemption from the Texas Workforce Commission, and the submission sent to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board requesting a religious exemption from its oversight was also granted. Cranmer House has exemptions from every taxing authority and state regulatory body that is required.
- 3. Confirmed Seminary Sunday October 16, 2022 will be designated as Seminary Sunday
- 4. Confirmed Commencement CTH Commencement will be on May 20, 2023 at 10:00am

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Cranmer Theological House

		Dec. 31, 2020	Dec. 31, 2021	Sept 30, 2022
1	ASSETS			
2	Current Assets			
3	Checking/Savings	\$28,609.25	32,982.79	\$99,836.77
4	Edward Jones Investment	\$809,303.84	861,101.53	\$774,780.58
5	Undeposited Funds	\$550.00	100.00	\$625.00
6	Tuitions Receivable	(\$52.50)	(\$3,124.45)	\$4,355.00
7	Total Current Assets	\$838,410.59	\$891,059.87	\$879,597.35
8				
9	TOTAL ASSETS	\$838,410.59	\$891,059.87	\$879,597.35
10				
11				
12	LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS			
13				
14	Total Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
15	Advance Payments Received on behalf of Students	\$5,075.00	\$8,726.34	\$13,726.34
16	Scholarships Payable	\$6,475.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00
17				
18	Unrestricted Net Assets (Previous Balance)	\$133,259.20	\$826,860.59	\$880,033.53
19	Change in Unrestricted Net Assets from Activities	\$693,601.39	\$53,172.94	(\$16,462.52)
21	Total Unrestricted Net Assets (Ending Balance)	\$826,860.59	\$880,033.53	\$863,571.01
22				
23	TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$838,410.59	\$891,059.87	\$879,597.35

Line 9 – All of the Seminary assets are in cash or investments.

Line 14 - The Seminary has no debt

Line 16 – \$4,175 of the Scholarship payable balance were shifted in 2021 to the Tuitions Receivable account of the approved student. This is why line 16 decreased and line 6 reflects a negative asset in 2021 (i.e., the student had a credit balance until he took the courses).

Line 21– Total unrestricted net assets (aka 'General Fund') is \$863,571.01 as of September 30, 2022. The sole reason for this decreasing during 2022 is because of market performance on our investments. As seen on the statement of Activities for YTD 2022, the portfolio has decreased by \$86,320.95. Thankfully, we are not using our investments to operate. We can sit tight and weather the storm with the market until it returns.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES 2021

		2021 Actual	2021 Budget	Variance Actual vs. Budget
1	Ordinary Revenue			
2	Donations	\$17,645.00	\$20,000.00	(\$2,355.00)
3	Fees & Other	\$1,763.04	\$1,000.00	\$763.04
4	Total Scholarships Issued	\$0.00	(\$1,100.00)	\$1,100.00
5	Tuitions	\$74,975.00	\$69,625.00	\$5,350.00
6	Total Ordinary Revenue	\$94,383.04	\$89,525.00	\$4,858.04
7				
8	Ordinary Expenses			
9	Administrative Expense	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
10	Advertising & Website	\$995.39	\$500.00	\$495.39
11	Bank/CC Fees & Accounting	\$5,573.37	\$5,400.00	\$173.37
12	Course Expenses (non External Studies)			
13	Hospitality	\$673.34	\$1,500.00	(\$826.66)
14	Printing	\$2,448.33	\$1,500.00	\$948.33
15	Professor Honorariums	\$24,850.00	\$24,000.00	\$850.00
16	Professor Travel & Meals	\$1,406.55	\$5,000.00	(\$3,593.45)
17	Video Classroom	<i>\$1,395.42</i>	\$1,000.00	\$395.42
18	Total Course Expenses	\$30,773.64	\$33,000.00	\$2,678.87
19		,	7-5/	7-/
20	Dean Expenses (Assistant - Dallas)	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
21	Dean (Assistant - Houston)	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
22	Educational Degrees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
23	Episcopal Fund - Gifts	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
24	External Studies Program	, ,	, ,	,
25	Admin Honorariums	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
26	Computer & Office	\$211.74	\$500.00	(\$288.26)
27	Processing Fees	\$1,100.00	\$3,000.00	(\$1,900.00)
28	Professor Honorariums	<i>\$8,160.00</i>	\$6,600.00	\$1,560 00
29	Total External Studies Program	\$15,471.74	\$16,100.00	(\$628.26)
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31	Graduation Expenses	\$706.32	\$500.00	\$206.32
32	Hispanic Studies & Development	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$0.00
33	Legal & Professional Fees	\$3,800.00	\$6,100.00	(\$2,300.00)
34	Meetings & Travel (non-class related)	\$556.57	\$750.00	(\$193.43)
35	Office Expenses	\$1,419.26	\$750.00	\$669.26
36	Student Software System	\$4,411.50	\$4,800.00	(\$388.50)
37	Total Ordinary Expenses	\$93,007.79	\$91,100.00	\$1,907.79
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39	Change in Unrestricted Net Assets (Ordinary)	\$1,375.25	(\$1,575.00)	\$2,950.25
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	Investment Activity	\$51,797.69	\$16,000.00	\$35,797.69
41	(realized & unrealized)	+ 5-,,5,,05	¥ =0,000.00	Ų33,737.03
42	Bequest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	(net reconciliation at sale of equities)			
43	Total Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$53,172.94	\$14,425.00	\$38,747.94
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Line 37 – Without investment activity & bequests, we had budgeted for a shortfall of \$1,575. We realized a surplus of \$1,375.25.

Line 43 – After considering Investment activity, the total surplus was \$53,172.94 which exceeded our budget by \$35,797.69.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YTD 2022

Year-to-Date September 30, 2022 Forecast 2022 vs. Budget 2022

		2022 Actual 9/30/2022	2022 Year-End Forecast	2022 Budget	Variance Forecast vs. Budget
1	Ordinary Revenue	_			
2	Donations	\$18,635.00	\$23,000.00	\$17,500.00	\$5,500.00
3	Fees & Other	\$1,405.04	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
4	Total Scholarships Issued	(\$937.50)	(\$1,250.00)	\$0.00	(\$1,250.00)
5	Tuitions	\$66,800.00	\$77,000.00	\$72,625.00	\$4,375.00
6	Total Ordinary Revenue	\$85,902.54	\$100,250.00	\$91,625.00	\$8,625.00
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8	Ordinary Expenses				
9	Administrative Expense	\$2,250.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
10	Advertising & Website	\$352.48	\$1,750.00	\$1,000.00	\$750.00
11	Bank/CC Fees & Accounting	\$4,202.42	\$5,500.00	\$6,000.00	(\$500.00)
12	Course Expenses (non External Studies)				
13	Hospitality	\$390.46	\$1,000.00	\$750.00	\$250.00
14	Printing	\$40.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	(\$1,000.00)
15	Professor Honorariums	\$16,600.00	\$24,100.00	\$24,000.00	\$100.00
16	Professor Travel & Meals	\$1,209.70	\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
17	Video Classroom	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	<i>\$1,500.00</i>	<u>(\$250.00)</u>
18	Total Course Expenses	\$18,240.16	\$29,850.00	\$29,750.00	\$100.00
19					
20	Dean Expenses (Assistant - Dallas)	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
21	Dean (Assistant - Houston)	\$7,499.97	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
22	Educational Degrees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
23	Episcopal Fund - Gifts	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
24	External Studies Program				
25	Admin Honorariums	\$4,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
26	Computer & Office	\$69.00	\$500.00	\$750.00	(\$250.00)
27	Processing Fees	\$2,600.00	\$3,100.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,100.00
28	Professor Honorariums	<u>\$10,612.50</u>	\$ <u>12,500.00</u>	<u>\$7,812.50</u>	<u>\$4,687.50</u>
29	Total External Studies Program	\$17,781.50	\$14,400.00	\$15,562.50	\$6,537.50
30		,			
31	Graduation Expenses	\$1,388.34	\$1,388.34	\$500.00	\$888.34
32	Hispanic Studies & Development	\$3,600.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$0.00
33	Legal & Professional Fees	\$2,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$500.00
34	Meetings & Travel (non-class related)	\$733.50	\$733.50	\$1,000.00	(\$266.50)
35	Office Expenses	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
36	Student Software System	\$3,373.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,800.00	(\$300.00)
37	Total Ordinary Expenses	\$61,921.37	\$99,621.84	\$91,912.50	\$7,709.34
38					
39	Change in Unrestricted Net Assets (Ordinary)	\$23,981.17	\$628.16	(\$287.50)	\$915.66
40					
41	Investment Activity (thru Aug 31) (realized & unrealized)	(\$86,320.95)	(\$80,000.00)	\$17,222.03	(\$97,222.03)
42	Bequest	\$45,877.26	\$45,877.26	\$45,877.26	\$0.00
43					
44	Total Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	(\$16,462.52)	(\$33,494.58)	\$62,811.79	(\$96,306.37)

Notes on the following page.

Notes concerning the Statement of Activities YTD 2022

This report contains the actual through September 30th, along with a 2022 Year-end forecast of where we think we will end the year. This is the important column to look at. The third column is the 2022 budget as set by the Trustees, and the last column is the variance between the forecast and the budget. These notes will reference the 2022 year-end forecast column (2nd column) and the budget/variance columns.

- **Line 2 Donations**. Donations are being forecasted higher than budget by \$5,500. The primary reason for this is that a donation of \$10,000 from a parish was received. Seminary Sunday offerings are still to be taken in October and the forecast is based on what we received last year. Currently (pre-Seminary Sunday) 3 parishes and 7 individuals have donated to Cranmer House during 2022. The Diocese also donates \$5,000 annually (which is reflected already in YTD actual).
- **Line 6 Total Revenue**. We are projecting to have \$100,250 in total revenue which will exceed budget by \$8,625.00.
- **Lines 27 & 28 External Studies**. The overage of expenses forecasted for processing fees and honorariums is directly tied to the number of external classes taken and paid for. Since we had more external courses taken than originally budgeted, both expenses (lines 27 & 28) are higher. However, this also results in tuition revenue exceeding budget, as evidenced by line 5.
- **Line 33 Legal & Professional Fees**. These are filing and legal fees (at a discounted rate provided to us) related to the corporate, federal, and state registrations of Cranmer Theological House in the state of Texas. As reported in the Summary of the Cranmer House Trustees meetings, we did receive the required approvals from the state. These fees will be much less moving forward.
- **Line 39** Without consideration of investment performance and/or bequests, we are forecasting a surplus of \$628.16, whereas we had budgeted a loss of \$287.50. This is primarily due to line 2. **This means we are currently running our operations at a break-even level.**
- **Line 41 Investment activity** the investments are currently down about 10%, as is commensurate with the market. Since we are not pulling out any investments to operate our budget, we can 'weather the storm'.
- **Line 42 Bequests** We receive a sizable bequest in 2020. The remainder of the bequest, after final settlements by the executor, was issued in 2022. The final amount received was \$45,877.26.
- **Line 44 Bottom Line -** After consideration of Investment Activity, assuming we end the year down by \$80,000, and factoring in the bequest, we are forecasting a decrease of assets by \$33,494.58. Again, this variance to budget is directly attributable to the market performance, which we expect to recover in the future.

REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN CANON MISSIONER

Dear Brethren,

I continue to serve at the request and appointment of Bishop Sutton as both the National Canon Missioner for REC100 and the Canon Missioner for the Diocese of Mid-America. As such, it is sometimes difficult for me to partition the work of the Diocese from the overall work of REC100 in my report. So, while my report will primarily focus on the Diocese, it will also include portions of the report that I will be making next year to General Council.

It was asked of me recently, 'What exactly is REC100? How would you define it and what does it do?' Perhaps you have had that same question. Or, perhaps, you have only thought of one single aspect of REC100.

REC100 is often referred to as the 'church planting arm' of the Reformed Episcopal Church. It was and is the vision of Bishop Sutton to grow the Reformed Episcopal Church by at least 100 parishes. This goal was our tithe, if you will, of the broader and initial ACNA1000 vision of forming 1000 new churches in the Anglican Church in North America under Archbishop Robert Duncan (which has now become known as Always Forward). Our vision would also be funded, in part, by the annual Lenten offering where every adult in the Reformed Episcopal Church is asked to contribute \$100 towards this ministry. Hence, the name "REC100" applies to both the numeric growth of the REC as well as the Lenten offering amount of each person.

Yet, we also know that Bishop Sutton's vision for REC100 includes church revitalization – of strengthening the health and mission of our local parishes. A healthy church is one that sees continued worship and mission as central to its purpose. A healthy church is one that plants new churches. A healthy church is one that identifies and rears new planters and pastors. Thus, we need to strengthen that which we already have so that it will, in turn, lead to further church planting and mission. Church planting and Church revitalization are two sides of the same coin.

Thus, the shortest answer to that question of "what is REC100?" is that REC100 helps with anything having to do with the planting, growing, supporting, and strengthening of parishes in the Reformed Episcopal Church. While its primary purpose is church planting, it really extends beyond that.

That is a very large umbrella – or to use Bishop Sutton's imagery from General Council 2017 - it is a very large net. That net certainly catches a host of responsibilities, and it has been a 'learn as you go' type of situation for us. Just a few of the bullet points of things we have done and continue to do:

- Writing the initial REC church planting manual
- Composing values for the Reformed Episcopal Church
- Formulating the policies by which we can help support our parishes
- Formalizing and distributing the Veritas program established by Bishop Sutton & the Cathedral
- Working alongside Always Forward and the ACNA Canon Missioners group and training coaches
- Creating REC100 social media accounts and websites
- Creating the promotional materials for the annual Lenten offerings
- Determining and writing financial grants for plants, planters, and revitalization projects
- Evaluating planting opportunities and inquiries that spring up across the nation
- Writing, designing, and distributing the Front Porch newsletter
- Planning retreats and meetings for planters

- Helping to implement the process of moving plants to missions, and missions to parishes
- Coaching planters & revitalizing pastors, both informally and formally through cohorts
- Obtaining proper insurances for plants and planters
- Teaching and walking planters through financial planning and the budgeting process
- Providing financial and administrative oversight for nearly 10 plants/missions at the same time

As you can imagine, it is quite the plethora of activities, and we have now reached a point where we must consider our own structure and strategy to ensure that we are effectively providing the tools and support needed for the future work of planting and revitalization. We must become intentional and 'proactive in strategy' rather than 'reactionary to situation'.

One step I would like to mention now, is that we will deepen our relationship with Always Forward. This past August I took opportunity, with Fr. Michael Vinson and Fr. Tony Melton, to attend the Always Forward Canons for Church Planting retreat in Colorado Springs, CO. This three-day retreat was both refreshing and very fruitful. It was encouraging to spend time with roughly 25 other Canons from across the nation who are seeking to serve the Lord in the same way that we are in the REC. While we have some differences between us, we do share in many similarities as we seek to grow Christ's kingdom. There is much to share with them and much to learn from them. Of note, the processes that Always Forward has developed can be of great value and use for us. They currently have an established and active evaluation process for potential planters, as well as the system to move a potential planter to actual planter. Always Forward has also formed a coaching structure. Not only can our planters benefit from their coaching (and have already), but they have invited us to participate in providing coaching to them – especially to those who are planting more traditional parishes. This would benefit everyone and would also help to open a larger 'pipeline' for planters within the REC. It will benefit the Reformed Episcopal Church and our Diocese if we work together with Always Forward in these initial areas rather than duplicating the same work. We can then focus our efforts and attention on other aspects of development that are particular to us in the Reformed Episcopal Church.

I will speak more in depth to these things in my General Council report.

This Past Year

It is difficult, year after year, to update you on every single plant or parish that has joined the Diocese of Mid-America or the larger Reformed Episcopal Church since the inception of REC100 in June 2017. Last year, and the year preceding Covid-19 shutdowns, you were introduced to many of our planters and rectors of newer parishes and missions in this Diocese. You also heard of some of our newest pastors and ministries in Bishop Sutton's report. Most of them are now known to us and present with us this year. I encourage you to seek them out and hear their stories.

Last evening, you were able to hear directly from two of our newest planters since the last Synod. The first was Fr. Steven McCarthy, who recently transferred into the Reformed Episcopal Church from the Diocese of the Living Word (ACNA). Fr. Steven is planting St. Barnabas in Lansing, MI. They are currently in an initial gathering phase while seeking an opportunity to begin regular weekly worship. Fr. Steven is also considering ways, with the help of REC100 and other fundraising, to step away from full-time secular employment and to devote more time to the plant. It is your Lenten Offerings that help provide these kinds of opportunities.

Fr. Jesse Barkalow was the other planter introduced to you. Fr. Jesse transferred to our Diocese with the intent of planting a new work in Colorado Springs, CO. While Good Shepherd Anglican Fellowship was already an REC planting presence in Colorado Springs, the Lord opened the door for a second plant on the opposite side of the city. Fr. Jesse and his family temporarily moved to Marrietta, GA in January 2022 to

serve as a church planting curate under Fr. Tony Melton's leadership. When Fr. Jesse completed his curacy after Easter, he returned to Colorado Springs and his family welcomed their newest child into the world. He also birthed the newest REC church plant at the same time. Holy Cross Oratory, as it is currently known, has approximately 60 committed individuals and is now worshipping weekly, and meeting regularly in various venues. As Fr. Jesse reported, his model of *Cruciform Hospitality* has helped reap much fruit. Likewise, this was the first intentional curacy designed for the purpose of training a church planter. It has proved very valuable and will serve as a model that we can use in the future. It is even being implanted again right now, as Dcn. Spencer Amaral from the Chapel of the Cross has recently relocated to Marietta, GA as a church-planting curate for a new mission to be planted out of Christ the King in the greater Atlanta area.

Our efforts at planting Spanish-speaking parishes continues as well. The ministry of Fr. Sigfrido Morales at my home parish in Katy, TX has seen additional interest and growth post-Covid. The planting of Iglesia Holy Communion by Fr. Jesus Quintero at the Cathedral in Dallas continues to reach many of the Venezuelan community nearby. This year, Iglesia Santa Cruz, a Spanish mission plant in the Diocese of Quincy, officially transferred its ministry to the Diocese of Mid-America. Canon John Boonzaaijer and Chapel of the Cross are providing their sanctuary, and their oversight for this plant. Finally, the Rev. Enrique Melchor of Cuba, is discerning what opportunities may be available for him to plant a parish in the USA. This is now 3 Spanish speaking ministries with the potential of a 4th.

In May 2022, I had the great privilege of visiting Christ Chapel in Riverside, CA. As a long-tenured mission parish in the Diocese, the Rev. Dr. Robert Bowman invited me to come and worship with the congregation. I had the opportunity to preach, to share the REC100 ministry at a congregational meal, and to hear their Bishop's Committee share their recent growth and vision for calling a new rector. Christ Chapel also presented me their REC100 Lenten Offering wherein 100% of their adult members contributed to the offering. I believe that Christ Chapel will soon be submitting the paperwork necessary to move from mission parish status to full parish status.

Over the past year and a half, Fr. Michael Vinson and Fr. Tony Melton have started a Planter's Cohort, which has several traditional-minded church planters meeting monthly via Zoom. The cohort discusses different principles and challenges of church planting and leadership. Fr. Michael and Fr. Tony are proven and effective church planters who think like church planters and connect with other church planters in a different way. They also present ideas freely and openly with me as to how REC100 can be better equipped for supporting church planting. Even though they are both busy with their own parishes, Fr. Tony & Fr. Michael have evaluated several planting inquiries, coached planters, developed intentional strategies for planting, and joined me in working with Always Forward and the ACNA. Their work and ministry are invaluable to me as I serve as the Canon Missioner for the Diocese and for the Reformed Episcopal Church.

In addition, this past year, we implemented the Revitalization Cohort suggested by the Canon Mark Eldredge during General Council 2021. Fr. Tony Welty and Fr. Brad Sneed, of our own Diocese, have helped lead the way. Both Fr. Tony and Fr. Brad have successfully ministered in their parishes utilizing principles of revitalization. Fr. Tony's parish, All Saints in Shreveport, LA, recently moved back from mission parish status to full parish status. While we are still 'getting our feet wet', many of our pastors have asked to join this cohort. I encourage you to seek out Fr. Tony Welty to talk about these cohorts.

Again, for the sake of time and some semblance of partial brevity, I am skipping over a description of the many other great works and ministries other planters and rectors, as well as the plants and ministries of our other Dioceses in the REC. As a matter of record, I simply include the following listing of plants, missions, and transfers into the Diocese of Mid-America since 2017 which are currently active:

- Anglican Church of the Epiphany La Mirada, CA (Rev. Greg Peters)
- Christ the King Fellowship Covington, LA (Rev. Andrew Voelkel)
- Christ the King Grover Beach, CA (Rev. Kent Bartel)
- Covenant Church Greenville, MI (Rev. James Sullivan)
- Good Shepherd Anglican Fellowship Colorado Springs, CO (Lay led)
- Holy Cross Oratory Colorado Springs, CO (Rev. Jesse Barkalow)
- Iglesia Holy Communion Dallas, TX Latino mission (Rev. Jesus Quintero)
- Iglesia San Matias Katy, TX Latino mission (Rev. Sigfrido Morales)
- Iglesia Santa Cruz Dallas, TX Latino mission
- Klamath Falls, Oregon (Fr. Alan Mezger)
- St. Andrew's Glendale, AZ (Rev. Steven Rutt)
- St. Barnabas Lansing, MI (The Rev. Steven McCarthy)
- St. Benedict's Rockwall, TX (Rev. Michael Vinson)
- St. Mark's on the Plains Canyon/Amarillo, TX (Rev. Tom Johnson)
- St. Mark the Evangelist Waxahachie, TX (Rev. David Norton)

The planting effort previously undertaken in Grand Junction, CO has ceased.

Lenten Offering

Apart from generous and large gifts from individuals and other non-profit entities directly supporting the work of our church planters and REC100, the annual Lenten Offering continues to be the main financial support avenue for REC100. These Lenten Offerings are what we use to provide grants to new plants and revitalization efforts. While this has provided a significant amount for REC100, much more than at any time in the past, the reality is that the overall participation level in the Diocese is on the lower side.

In total, 18 parishes in our Diocese contributed to the 2022 Lenten Offering. This is nearly a 50% participation level with regards to the total parishes we have. This also says nothing of the amounts or percentage of adults participating within each parish.

Based on the statistical report, we have over 1600 adult communicants reported in the Diocese. This would equate to \$160,000 if each gave \$100. Yet the annual offering is approximately \$50,000. **This reflects about a 32% adult participation rate.** If we could have just a 65% participation rate, it would raise more than \$100,000 each year. I do not say this to be discouraging, but I would be remiss not to point out that we need to communicate to our parishioners the importance that their offering makes and encourage everyone to participate in missions by making their Lenten Offering.

The following is a report of the offerings by year since its inception:

<u>Year</u>	DMA Offering
2018:	\$65,580.94
2019:	\$59,842.12
2020:	\$50,019.12
2021:	\$51,163.38
2022:	\$47,553.63 (YTD Aug 31)

Total: \$268,594.27

Final Thought

I close with a reiteration of Bishop Sutton's exhortation. In his Ordinary Report, Bishop Sutton asked that our revitalizing cohorts, as well as our Vestries and small groups, consider using Canon Mark Eldredge's book titled, "Revive: Bringing Health, Vitality, and Growth Back into Your Church."

In the first chapter of this book, Canon Mark lays out a renewal cycle that every pastor and parish inevitably follows, either intentionally or non-intentionally. It is a natural progression through 5 stages of renewal – (1)personal renewal, (2)relational renewal, (3)missional renewal, (4)structural renewal, and (5)cultural renewal.

We often approach the system and say, "if we can just change the system, everything else will come together". We say, "if only we have a better system or program we could follow – then we could and would do missions." Or sadly, as Canon Mark points out, sometimes it is said, "if we just change our priest (or maybe our lay leaders), then it would fix all our problems."

But, as Canon Mark says in his book, "Structural Renewal is not the place to start. Rather, it's a natural result of the first three types of renewal. When a congregation develops a real love for God (personal renewal), a real love for one another (relational renewal), and a real love for the lost (missional renewal), then it will get back to the incline stage and grow again."

Many have asked me how some of our planters have done so well. How can Fr. Tony have over 200 people in 3 short years of planting? How can Fr. Michael already have a parish that is nearly 100 people, having 2 Sunday morning services, and in the middle of a building project in 4 short years? How can Fr. Jesse have an Oratory of 60 people, and they are just now starting to worship regularly?

The common element I hear in the answers they usually give are the same. It's not the specifics of the various ministries and activities but the principles they all embody and express. They encourage personal devotion to the Lord, build community with each other, and they simply invite everyone to experience and share in it. Personal – Relational – Missional.

I know that those I have mentioned are Church planters – and Canon Mark speaks of Church Revitalization. But might I suggest that the principles are one and the same for all of us – and those first three are of the utmost importance.

The change that is often needed is not 'out there' – it is here, in our own hearts. The change that is needed is the way we lift each other and build each other up in the Lord. The change that is needed is in the way we seek to bring outsiders in and to share with them this wonderful family of God.

- Personal Renewal
- Relational Renewal
- Missional Renewal

I encourage you to meditate on those principles.

Thanks

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge and thank certain individuals who help in the ministry of REC100. Besides those I have already mentioned elsewhere in this report, I must thank Mrs. Cathy Heissenhuber who helps proof everything I do and ensures our mailings and communications are sent out

in a timely fashion. I also thank Mrs. Connie O'Hara who helps with the artistic design our Front Porch newsletter and various Lenten material.

Lastly, I acknowledge and thank Mr. Bud Longueville, who serves as the Treasurer for REC100 alongside his many other responsibilities for the Cathedral, the Diocese, and the National Church. Bud helps with administrative aspects of REC100 and handles all the financial receipts and disbursements for REC100, the accounting and reporting of the Lenten Offering receipts, the disbursing of every grant, and essentially serves as the Treasurer for every mission that does not have its own bank account or online donation system. If were not for Bud, REC100 could not provide the administrative and financial support it does for our plants and missions.

Brethren, please continue in prayer for REC100, for our Church plants and planters, our parish revitalizations, and, most especially, that the Lord will raise up new planters that can fulfill His call to this ministry.

If you have any questions, suggestions, concerns, or would like to discuss opportunities, please contact me at I2Grote@rechurch.org.

In His service,

The Very Rev. Canon Jason R. Grote Canon Missioner

REPORT OF THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

The Committee on Women's Ministry for the REC continues to hold project luncheons throughout the dioceses. The DMA Women of the Church luncheon was held in Dallas, Texas during the 114th Synod. Mrs. Vandi Melton was our speaker, with the spiritual focus on Isaiah 41:10 – "Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous hand."

A reprint of the 1986-1987 "Fear Not" devotional study book written by ten wives of REC ministers was distributed throughout the dioceses. Each of these ten wives had years of rich spiritual experience and opened their hearts and minds to share personal experiences, lessons learned, and promises claimed. This special devotional specifically addresses our call as followers of Christ to "Fear Not."

The 2021 Women's Day Project Offering goal was to raise \$10,000 to be used to assist the Cuban clergy with purchasing five additional electric bikes. I am pleased to report that the offering was exceeded with a total of \$10,647.56 collected! This offering combined with the 2020 Project Offering totaled \$20,647.56!

The ladies also focused on Bible Study, evangelism, and community outreach. We encourage all our REC parishes to place a special emphasis on creating and sustaining a women's ministry.

Women need Women. No one understands a woman better than another woman. We may all be unique in our backgrounds and experiences, our talents and abilities, our weaknesses, and our strengths, but put us together and we can accomplish a lot.

Lyla Wildermuth
Past chairman of the Committee on Women's Work (now named Women of the Church)

Respectfully Submitted, Beth Mills, Chair

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTER'S SALARIES

This report is limited to providing a yearly guideline concerning Minister's Salaries. For other matters pertaining to Parish Administration and salary guidelines, please consult the Diocesan Customary, the Diocesan Forms of Call, and/or contact the Diocesan office.

I also recommend that parish treasurers consult IRS publication 517 regarding the unique situation of clergy taxation and the filing of proper tax documents. Clergy on staff should be receiving a W-2 for their salaries and not a 1099, especially if they are receiving a housing allowance.

While recognizing that individual parish capabilities and budgets differ, we still believe it is important to provide standards which our congregations should strive concerning the salaries paid to ministers. The source of these figures is www.churchsalary.com and it reports a range of actual salaries being paid based on church size and church budget. In some cases, there is not enough data for a particular category. This survey may also "lag behind" increases received due to inflation.

These tables are based on an ordained pastor serving with a Master's Degree with only 0-3 years of experience. Additional consideration should be made for the pastor's experience, number of years he has served the parish, his degree level, and the job complexity (size of staff, oversight of preschool or day school, etc).

The cash compensation represented includes compensation of ONLY Stipend AND Housing Allowance (or the value of the rectory, rectory allowances and utilities paid if a rectory is provided by the parish). These figures **do not** include fringe benefits, such as health insurance, disability, and life insurance. Nor does it include the Disability policy and defined Pension Contribution mandated by the General Council (12% of salary & housing combined). In no circumstance should a pastor's cash compensation be reduced to cover the cost of the General Council mandated pension program as this violates the terms of the Pension Program.

We recommend that clergy be given four weeks paid vacation (including 4 Sundays) annually. An extended paid sabbatical leave should also be considered. The length of sabbatical leave is usually calculated as one week for each year of service since the last sabbatical leave, and is taken every four to six years. These items should be determined and enumerated as a part of the minister's contract. It is also recommended that the Vestry of each parish should determine to present a Christmas gift to the pastor. A special appeal should be made to the parishioners and a special offering taken. This gift should be over and above any approved salary.

The parish vestry should provide **an annual review of the pastor's compensation PACKAGE.** At the very least, a cost of living adjustment (COLA) commensurate with the rate of inflation should be provided. If a COLA is not provided, the pastor is, in effect, receiving a reduction in salary. *Example:* If a pastor earns \$10,000 and inflation is 1%, then a \$100 COLA would be needed to keep the effective salary the same. If there is no COLA, then the pastor, in essence, took at \$100 pay reduction.

Current economic situations are seeing extreme levels of inflation. Historically, over the past decade, inflation has averaged only 1.6% each year. 2021 saw an inflationary rate of 7%. That has only gotten worse and, as of August 2022, the current 12-month average rate of inflation (from Aug 2021 to Aug 2022) was an unprecedented 8.26%. In particular, the sectors of inflation which impact everyone the most are more significant with food increasing 11.4% and energy 23.8%. This says nothing of increases in rents and/or new mortgage interest increases.

For full report and source: https://www.bls.gov/charts/consumer-price-index

One source said, "Based on the Rule of 72, if inflation is 7.2% it will take roughly 10 years for prices to double. But with an 8.26% inflation, prices will double in roughly 8.7 years".

While it is uncertain when inflation will begin to decrease and how long it will take for it to return to normal levels, a more significant cost of living adjustment is recommended to help account for this increase.

It may be impossible to provide a COLA adjustment commensurate with the current inflation levels, but if parishes do not seek to provide some level of adjustment during these times, they will discover that their current salaries are well below where they should be five years from now.

Each parish is reminded that the total Housing Allowance for a pastor must be approved by the Vestry of the parish prior to the allowances being paid.

In such cases when the pastor's compensation is below the guidelines or an increase could not be given at the beginning of the year, it would be most appropriate for the parish vestry to review the financial position of the parish more frequently and determine if increases can be provided to the pastor throughout the year. In some cases, a lump-sum addition can be provided at the end of the year if the parish realizes a year-end surplus.

Parishes should also be mindful of other expenses associated with the ministry of the pastor. Regular reimbursements for hospital parking, personal vehicle mileage (the 2022 IRS rate for employees was adjusted for the second half of the year and is now \$0.625/mile), meals with parishioners, and other expenses should be made with accompanying receipts. Please note that mileage cannot be reimbursed on a per mile basis if the actual gas charges are submitted for reimbursement.

In closing, please know that **most pastors will not initiate a conversation or direct the Vestry to consider their own compensation.** If anything, pastors will simply live with 'whatever the parish can do for them', including taking decreases in pay if it helps to balance the church budget. This is often done despite the impact to their own personal and family financial well-being. It should be the regular and normal duty of the Senior Warden to direct the Vestry in these matters and to help care for the pastor and his family. To help with this, we ask that you please provide a copy of this report to your parish Vestry.

Respectfully submitted,

The Very Rev. Canon Jason R. Grote

The range provided in each table reflects the 25 percentile to 75 percentile of all salaries surveyed within that criteria. Example: If you earn \$42,650 in a parish that has a budget of \$100k-\$250k, then you are at 25% percentile which means 75% of all other pastors with that same criteria are earning more. If you earn \$69,000 in the same situation, it means that you are earning more than 75% of other pastors in that category. The Part-Time tables reflects an average hourly rate that can be used in calculation with total work hours expected.

Rector (0-3 years Experience)

Parish Membership Parish Budget	Under 50 members	50 - 100 members		200-300 members
Less than \$50,000	* \$15,000 - \$38,000			-
\$50,000 - \$100,000	\$29,900 - \$49,000		-	-
\$100,000-\$250,000		\$46,350 - \$69,000		-
\$250,000-\$500,000	-	\$59,000 - \$84,750		

^{*} A budget of less than \$50,000 and membership under 50 reflects a situation where the minister is most-likely bi-vocational and receiving a part-time salary rather than a full-time salary.

Full-Time Associate (0-3 years Experience)

Parish Membership Parish Budget	Under 50 members	50 - 100 members 100-200 members		200-300 members
Less than \$50,000	-	-		-
\$50,000 - \$100,000	-	-		-
\$100,000-\$250,000	-	\$32,500 - \$48,000		-
\$250,000-\$500,000	-	- \$44,608 - \$60,260		- \$60,260

^{*} A budget with less than \$100,000 and less than 50 members did not return survey results. Usually, only larger member and larger budget parishes have full-time associates.

Part Time Rector, Associate, Church Planter

Based on the 25th and 75th percentiles of the Rector's table

Parish Membership Parish Budget	Under 50 members	50 - 100 members	100-200 members	200-300 members
Less than \$50,000	\$14.42/ hr - \$23.55 / hr Yearly based on 20 hrs per wk would be:		-	-
\$50,000 - \$100,000		00 – \$24,500	-	-
\$100,000-\$250,000	\$22.28 / hr - \$33.17 / hr Yearly based on 20 hrs /wk would be: \$23,175 - \$34,500			
\$250,000-\$500,000	\$28.36 / hr - \$40.75 / hr Yearly based on 20 hrs /wk would be: \$29,500 - \$42,375			

REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE DIOCESE (STATISTICAL REPORT)

The following reflects the basic membership information of the Diocese of Mid-America. The statistical information was provided as of December 31, 2021 and obtained from the online Parish Certification forms for this Synod. *This report may change prior to Synod. A final copy will be given to the secretary.*

	Parish	City, State	Baptized Membership	Adult Communicant Membership	Average Sunday Attendance
1	St. Andrew's	Glendale, AZ	26	11	16
2	Covenant Church	Heber Springs, AR	54	38	35
3	Christ Anglican Church	Hot Springs, AR	30	24	18
4	St. Timothy's	Jonesboro, AR	41	35	28
5	St. Andrew's	Chester, CA	31	23	22
6	Blessed Trinity	El Cajon, CA	21	14	5
7	Christ the King Anglican	Grover Beach, CA	27	18	20
8	Anglican Church of the Epiphany	La Mirada, CA	37	28	34
9	Christ's Chapel	Riverside, CA	52	30	40
10	Good Shepherd Anglican	Colorado Springs, CO	Extension Work		
11	Holy Cross Oratory	Colorado Springs, CO	Extension Work		40
12	St. Stephen's	Montrose, CO	87	58	42
13	Trinity Anglican	Pagosa Springs, CO	27	27	15
14	St. Andrew's	Tinley Park, IL	113	79	65
15	St. Paul's	Baton Rouge, LA	39	31	30
16	Christ the King	Covington, LA	Extension Work		
17	All Saints	Shreveport, LA	48	42	42
18	Mariners Church	Detroit, MI	No Report		
19	Covenant Church	Greenville, MI	59	15	50
20	St. Barnabas	Lansing, MI	Extension Work		
21	St. Stephen's	Flowood, MS	135	88	74
22	Church of our Savior	Joplin, MO	6	4	9
23	Holy Trinity	Webster Groves, MO	66	56	35
24	St. Michael's	Broken Arrow, OK	28	27	20
25	Holy Cross	Alpine, TX	35	32	33
26	St. Barnabas	Bellville, TX	26	25	19
27	St. Mark's on the Plain	Canyon, TX	25	22	14
28	Providence	Corpus Christi, TX	56	27	30
29	Resurrection	Crosby, TX	68	40	45
30	Chapel of the Cross	Dallas, TX	139	83	116
31	Holy Communion	Dallas, TX	419	338	185
32	Iglesia Holy Communion	Dallas, TX	Extension Work		
33	Iglesia Santa Cruz	Dallas, TX	Extension Work		
34	Holy Trinity	Houston, TX	112	68	52
35	St. Paul's	Houston, TX	60	54	51
36	St. Thomas of Canterbury	Houston, TX	139	117	65
37	St. Matthias	Katy, TX	66	51	48
38	Iglesia San Matias	Katy, TX	Extension Work		
39	St. Benedict's	Rockwall, TX	76	44	80
40	Good Shepherd	Tyler, TX	202	130	179
41	St. Mark the Evangelist	Waxahachie, TX	30	27	26
42	Living Word	Courtenay, BC CANADA	49	28	25
Notable	Changes since Synod 2021	Totals	2430	1735	1608

Notable Changes since Synod 2021

Holy Cross Oratory - Colorado Springs, CO - New Plant

Iglesia Santa Cruz - Dallas, TX - New Latino work transferred into DMA

St. Barnabas – Lansing, MI – New Plant

St. Mark's on the Plains - Canyon, TX - New Mission

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DIOCESAN POLICIES

Clergy, Wardens, Vestry Members, Parish School Administrators, and People of the Diocese of Mid-America,

There have been no changes over this past year to the Ethics and Integrity Policy of the Diocese of Mid-America and its augmented section devoted especially to the Protection of Children and Youth. The committee did not meet this year to consider reviewing or augmenting this policy, However, in the past year the College of Bishops in the ACNA have had to appoint special investigative teams and hire independent legal firms to review allegations involving parish personnel in other ACNA dioceses. Some of these are still open investigations after one year. In view of this, the Special Committee on Diocesan Policies will meet in this next year to review our Diocesan Ethics and Integrity Policies with particular focus on protocols of investigation of misconduct allegations within parishes. In the meantime, a Board of Inquiry has been appointed by the Standing Committee to serve as a Response Team should any allegations arise against DMA clergy in the course of this next year.

All of our parishes in the DMA have submitted documentation of adopting for their parish, the Diocesan Children and Youth Protection Policy, and completed the *MinistrySafe* training program, which *MinistrySafe* updates about every two or three years. NOTE, there is a bi-annual requirement to review the parish policy and go through the training that *MinistrySafe* provides as a refresher of what to be watchful for ongoing as well as new staff. Daily vigilance in the application of a parish policy is necessary for it to be effective in the care of our younger members, especially in parishes with schools or child-care ministries.

New parishes in the Diocese will need to review, adapt, and adopt a version of the Diocesan policy available from the central office of the Diocese listed below, noting on a separate dated sheet any changes that have made from the Diocesan template. While mission works and new REC100 plants are not required to adopt the policy at this time, awareness of the details of the Diocesan policy and taking the appropriate precautionary measures and *MinistrySafe* training are advised. When an annual review is done and changes to the parish policy have been made, please report these updates to the diocesan office. The review should include a refresh viewing of the updated *MinistrySafe* training which takes about 90 minutes.

If you have questions, please contact either me, Bishop Banek or our Chancellor, Jeff Hurt, through the Diocesan central office at

Diocese of Mid-America, REC/ACNA 18170 Dallas Pkwy #103• Dallas, TX 75287 (972) 427-2410 Diocesan Office

Faithfully yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev'd Walter R. Banek

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Suffragan Bishop, Diocese of Mid-America

Chairman, Special Committee on Diocesan Policies

Committee Members

Mr. Jeffrey W. Hurt, Chancellor The Venerable Dr. James T. Payne

The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote

Mr. Bud Longueville

Mr. Bruce Woodcock

Mrs. Susan Sutton

Mrs. Monica Dalton

COMMITTEES APPOINTED FOR 2022-2023

The Committee Appointments will be made and distributed following Synod. They will also be posted on the diocesan website – $\underline{www.recdma.org}$ A copy of the appointments will be given to the Secretary for inclusion in the Journal.

Bishop Sutton

Mariner's Church of Detroit

St. Matthias, Katy

Iglesia San Matias, Katy

Christ the King, Grover Beach

St. Stephen's, Flowood

Covenant, Heber Springs

St. Paul's, Baton Rouge

Christ the King Anglican Fellowship, Covington

Church of Our Savior, Joplin

Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas

Iglesia Holy Communion, Dallas

St. Paul's, Los Altos

St. Benedicts, Rockwall

Good Shepherd, Tyler

St. Marks the Evangelist, Waxahachie

Chapel of the Cross, Dallas

Iglesia Santa Cruz, Dallas

Covenant Church, Greenville

St. Andrew's, Lake Almanor

St. Thomas of Canterbury, Houston

Church of the Resurrection, Crosby

St. Stephen's, Montrose

Christ Chapel, Riverside

Anglican Church of the Epiphany, La Mirada

Holy Trinity, Houston

St. Marks on the Plains, Canyon

Providence, Corpus Christi

St. Barnabas, Bellville

All Saints, Shreveport

St. Andrew's, Glendale

Bishop Banek

St. Michael's, Broken Arrow

Good Shepherd Anglican Fellowship, Colorado

Springs

Holy Cross Oratory, Colorado Springs

Living Word, Courtney, Canada

Christ Anglican Church, Hot Springs

Klamath Falls, OR

Trinity, Pagosa Springs

St. Andrews, Tinley Park

Holy Trinity, Webster Groves

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