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DECLARATION of PRINCIPLES  
Of the  
REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Adopted, December 2, 1873  

I.  
The Reformed Episcopal Church, holding “the faith once delivered unto the saints,” declares its belief in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God, and the sole Rule of Faith and Practice; in the Creed “Commonly called the Apostles’ Creed;” in the Divine institution of the Sacraments of Baptism and the LORD’S Supper; and in the doctrines of grace substantially as they are set forth in the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion.  

II.  
This Church recognizes and adheres to Episcopacy, not as of Divine right, but as a very ancient and desirable form of Church policy.  

III.  
This Church, retaining a Liturgy which shall not be imperative or repressive of freedom in prayer, accepts The Book of Common Prayer, as it was revised, proposed, and recommended for use by the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, A.D. 1785, reserving full liberty to alter, abridge, enlarge, and amend the same, as may seem most conducive to the edification of the people, “provided that the substance of the faith be kept entire.”  

IV.  
This Church condemns and rejects the following erroneous and strange doctrines as contrary to God’s Word:  
First, That the Church of Christ exists only in one order or form of ecclesiastical polity;  
Second, That Christian Ministers are “Priests” in another sense than that in which all believers are “a royal priesthood;”  
Third, That the LORD’S Table is an altar on which the oblation of the Body and Blood of Christ is offered anew to the Father:  
Fourth, That the Presence of Christ in the LORD’s Supper is a presence in the elements of Bread and Wine:  
Fifth, That Regeneration is inseparably connected with Baptism.
MISSION STATEMENT

of the

REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Built upon the foundation of the authoritative Word of God, the Holy Scriptures, the Reformed Episcopal Church sets her highest priority on biblical worship and declares her commitment to the work of evangelism, the bold and unadulterated proclamation of salvation by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 8:4). In keeping the faith once delivered to the saints, the Reformed Episcopal Church, however, does not believe evangelism to be the end, but rather the beginning of her divinely given vocation.

In addition to being evangelical, she is deeply committed to discipleship, the work of training evangelized men and women in Christian living (St. Matthew 28:20). When the Gospel is truly proclaimed and the mercies of God are made known, redeemed men and women must be led to offer their bodies as a living sacrifice, which is their spiritual service (Romans 12:1). Thus, the Reformed Episcopal Church understands the Christian life to be necessarily corporate. The Gospel call of salvation is not only to a savior, but also to a visible communion (I Cor.12:27) which, being indwelt by Christ's Spirit, transcends both temporal and geographic bounds.

Therefore, the Reformed Episcopal Church is creedal, following the historic catholic faith as it was confessed by the early undivided Church in the Apostles' (A.D. 150), Nicene (A.D. 325) and Athanasian Creeds (circa. A.D. 401); sacramental, practicing the divinely ordained sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper as outward and visible signs of His inward and spiritual grace; liturgical, using the historic Book of Common Prayer; and Episcopal, finding unity with the Church of the earliest Christian eras through submission to the government of godly bishops.

In this fashion, by embracing the broad base of doctrine and practice inherent in apostolic Christianity received by the Church of the English Reformation and expressed in the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, the Reformed Episcopal Church has a foundation for effective ministry in the name of Christ to a world which is lost and dying without Him.

Approved, General Committee, October 5, 2003
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2011

The FIFTY-THIRD GENERAL COUNCIL of the Reformed Episcopal Church convened at the Church of the Holy Communion in Dallas, Texas, on June 8, 2011.

The Council began at 9:00 AM with the service of Holy Communion at the Church of the Holy Communion, Diocese of Mid-America, Dallas, Texas. The processional hymn was, See the Conqueror. A welcome to the 53rd General Council was extended by the Rt. Rev. Ray Sutton, Rector of the Church of the Holy Communion. The sermon for this opening service was delivered by the Rt. Rev. John Fenwick.
The service concluded with the congregation singing the closing hymn “Not by the Wisdom of This World.”

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

The FIRST BUSINESS SESSION of the FIFTY-THIRD GENERAL COUNCIL convened at the Church of the Holy Communion, Texas, on Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at 11:21 AM, with Bishop Leonard W. Riches presiding. The session opened with a prayer led by the Rt. Rev. William White followed by the submission of the Attendance and Member Roll for the 53rd General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

The Report of the Committee on Credentials was presented by the Very Rev. Jason Grote. The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches moved to receive the report and adopt the recommendations therein; it was seconded by the Ven. Dr. Jim Payne. Motion carried.

The REPORT of the COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the 53rd General Council,

The Credentials Committee reviewed the Statistical and Lay Deputy Certification Forms submitted online for this General Council. The following are the results of our review.

100 parishes completed parish certification forms and 39 parishes did not. The names of the parishes which did not complete a certification form are attached to this report.

The following exceptions are noted as having lay representation present without completing a certification form:

- St. Luke’s - Tucson, AZ
- St. Luke’s - New Providence, NJ
- St. Paul’s - Pasadena, TX

It is also reported that 79 parishes of the Reformed Episcopal Church are represented at the 53rd General Council by at least one voting member of the Clergy or the Laity with the following breakdowns:

Bishops: 11
Presbyters: 75
Deputies: 73
Alternates: 13
General Committee Members: 5
In addition there are 12 Deacons, 5 Deaconesses, 2 Postulants and 32 Observers in attendance.

It is the recommendation of this Committee that:

1. Annie Maud be seated as a lay deputy for St. Luke’s, Tucson, AZ.

2. Diane Wright be seated as a lay deputy and Alan Wright be seated as lay alternate for St. Luke’s, New Providence, NJ.

3. Orville Austin be seated as a lay deputy for St. Paul’s, Pasadena, TX.

4. That all other certified deputies be seated with full voting privileges.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote
Committee Chairman

Having examined the credentials report, the Secretary declared the presence of a quorum.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM

To the 53rd General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

Welcome to Dallas, Texas the home of the Church of the Holy Communion in the Diocese of Mid-America. We are praying that your presence and participation in this 53rd General Council will prove to be a blessing to each one of you and that the mission of the Reformed Episcopal Church will be a testimony to the Glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom.

The Order of Business and the Program Schedule embodied in this report, have been developed in conjunction with communication from the Presiding Bishop, the bishops of the church, and the review of the General Committee to whom this report was presented at several of the General Committee meetings.

The Order of Business follows the accustomed format, with only such minor modifications as were deemed necessary to organize the 53rd General Council.

Accordingly, the attached Order of Business, Program Schedule and Rules of Order for the Conduct of Business are recommended for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

Program Committee Chairman
PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- Tuesday Diocese of Mid-America and Diocese of the West activities will be held at Church of the Holy Communion. Early Registration table for General Council will be in the hotel lobby.

- Wednesday General Council worship, lunch and business sessions will be at Church of the Holy Communion. Wednesday dinner will be at the North Dallas Hyatt Regency.

- Thursday & Friday worship, meals and business sessions will be at the North Dallas Hyatt Regency

* Tuesday, June 7th

* Only for Diocese of Mid-America (DMA) & Diocese of the West (DOW)

9:30a-11:30a  Diocese of the West Business Session #1 in Miller Hall CHC
11:30a-12:30p  Check-in table open for DMA and DOW Representatives in Lunt Hall.
12:30p -1:30p  Holy Communion Service for DMA and DOW Representatives at CHC
1:45p - 3:00p  Diocese of the West Business Session #2 – if needed
1:45p -5:00p  Diocese of Mid-America 105th Synod Business Session
               Dinner on your own

Tuesday 7:00p -9:30p  Early General Council check-in table will be open in Hotel Lobby for all Dioceses

Wednesday, June 8th

7:15a  Buses leave Hotel for Church of the Holy Communion
8:00a  General Council check-in table will be open in Lunt Hall
8:30a  All Clergy should be at Holy Communion to vest and prepare for procession
9:00a  Opening Communion Service
       Preaching: Rt. Rev. John Fenwick (FCE)
       All Clergy will process
       Bishops: Rochet & Chimere & Celebration stole (or white stole)
       Clergy: Cassock, Surplice & WHITE stole
11:00a  First Business Session – Organizational Business in Nave of Holy Communion
12:00p  Noonday Prayers
12:30p  Lunch - Texas Barbecue Lunch in Lunt Hall
1:30p  Second Business Session in Nave of Holy Communion
4:30p  Choral Evensong
5:15p  Buses leave Church of the Holy Communion for Hotel
6:30p  Dinner Buffet at Hyatt Regency Hotel in Ballroom
Thursday, June 9th

Breakfast on your own

7:00a  Holy Communion Service in Conference Room for those who desire to attend
9:00a  Morning Prayer Service at Conference Room for all attendees

Preaching: The Rev. Russell Ellisor – Vicar of Church of the Resurrection, Crosby, TX

Only Participating Clergy will process

10:30a  Third Business Session in Conference Room
12:00p  Noonday Prayers
12:30p  Lunch at Hotel
1:30p   Fourth Business Session
3:00p   Break
3:30p   Fifth Business Session
5:00p   Evening Prayer (immediately follows fifth business session if ended early)
6:30p   Plated Dinner at Hotel-

Special Music provided by The Routh Street Swing Band

Friday, June 10th

Breakfast on your own

8:00a  Morning Prayer in Conference Room

Preaching: The Rt. Rev. Paul Hunt - Bishop of the Southern Diocese (FCE)

Choir: The Diocese of the Southeast

9:45a  Sixth Business Session
12:00p  Noonday Prayers
12:30p  Lunch at Hyatt Regency Hotel
2:00p  Final Business Session (if needed)
5:00p  Adjournment

Dinner on your own

Note: Adjournment will occur after all business has been completed. This may be earlier or later than scheduled depending on the Business Sessions.
ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. ORGANIZATION
   Committee on Credentials (orally presented at General Council)
   Declaration by the Secretary of a Quorum
   Report of the Committee on Program
   Corresponding Members
   Election of Officers
   Greetings from Sister Churches throughout the World
   Report of the General Committee

2. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND ELECTED BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
   The Presiding Bishop
   Trustees of the Sustentation Fund
   Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund/General Council
   The Budget
   Board of Pensions and Relief & Publication Society
   Treasurer of the Board of Pensions and Relief/Publication Society
   Committee on Doctrine and Worship
   Committee on Constitution and Canons
   Standing Liturgical Commission

3. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
   President’s Report
   Treasurer’s Report

4. ELECTION OF BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES
   Report of the Committee on Nominations
   Election

5. REPORTS OF DIOCESAN BISHOPS & STANDING COMMITTEES
   (these reports are usually filed with the Secretary and not read)
   Diocese of Western Canada
   Diocese of Mid-America
   Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic & Eastern Canada
   Diocese of the Southeast
   Diocese of the West
   Missionary Diocese of the Central States
6. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES NON-ELECTIVE
   Committee on Interchurch Relations
   Report of the Unity Committee
   Committee on the State of the Church
   Committee on Liturgical Music
   Committee on Women’s Work
   Treasurer of the Committee on Women’s Work
   Committee on Young People’s Work
   Committee on Memorials
   Committee on Christian Education
   Committee on Press Relations
   Committee on Materials for Reformed Episcopal History
   Committee on Resolutions
   Committee to Examine and Certify the Journal
   Committee on Stewardship
   Committee on Prayer
   Commission on Theological Education

7. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES NON-ELECTIVE

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. ADJOURNMENT

[NOTE:
   1. The Chair may alter the schedule of Business at his discretion.
   2. Unfinished business, new business, and matters of importance may be presented at the discretion of the Chair beginning with the second day and regularly thereafter.]

The Report of the Committee on Program was presented by the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote. The motion was made and seconded by the Rev. Willie Hill and the Very Rev. Gregory Miller that the Report of the Committee on Program be adopted as well as the copy of the RULES OF ORDER to be observed in Council. Motion carried.
RULES OF ORDER
FOR GENERAL COUNCILS AND DIOCESAN SYNODS OF THE
REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Adapted from the Journal of the Twenty-sixth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church
REPORT ON CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Dear Brethren,

The Committee on Corresponding Members recommends the following individuals be given Corresponding Membership:

The Rt. Rev. John Fenwick, Bishop, Northern Diocese, Free Church of England
The Rt. Rev. Paul Hunt, Bishop, Southern Diocese, Free Church of England
The Rt. Rev. Martyn Minns, Bishop, Convocation of Anglicans in North America, ACNA
The Rev. Jasmin Milic, Superintendent, Protestant Reformed Christian Church of Croatia
The Rev. Larry Vogel, Ecumenical Representative, Missouri Synod Lutherans

Additions to this report may be submitted to the Chairman from the floor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chairman

The Report of the Committee on Corresponding Members was given by Bishop Royal U. Grote, Jr. The motion was made by the Rev. John Wiggins and seconded by the Rev. Cedric Benner to receive the report and adopt the recommendation for extending corresponding membership to individuals named therein. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accord with the order of business, Bishop Riches yielded the Chair to the Vice President, Bishop Grote, who called for the nominations for the office of PRESIDENT and PRESIDING BISHOP for the next triennium. Bishop Hicks moved and Bishop Gadsden seconded the re-election of the Most Rev. Leonard Riches. The Rev. Canon Ron Moock moved and it was seconded that the nominations come to a close and that the secretary cast one vote for the election of the nominee. The motion carried.

The Vice President yielded the Chair to the re-elected President, Bishop Riches who then called for the nomination of VICE PRESIDENT, the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., which was moved by the Ven. Dr. Jim Payne and seconded by Bishop Dorrington. The Rev. Willie Hill moved and it was seconded that the nominations for Vice President come to a close and that the secretary cast one vote for the election of the nominee. The motion carried.

Bishop Royal U. Grote, Jr., nominated Mrs. Tonya M. Forsberg for the office of SECRETARY, the nomination was moved by the Rev. Willie Hill and seconded by the Rev. Dcn. Mark Woosley. Bishop Dorrington moved and it was seconded that the nominations be closed and that the Vice President be directed to cast one vote in favor of the nominee. The motion carried.
Bishop Riches stated that Treasurership of the General Council is placed in the hands of the TREASURER of the Sustentation Fund, in accord with the existing canons, and as such is not elected by the General Council.

The motion was made and seconded by the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches and Mrs. Barbara Riches to keep the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud as Treasurer. The motion carried.


REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

Dear Brethren:

The General Committee of the Reformed Episcopal Church met five times in the last triennium: April 18, 2009; October 10, 2009; April 17, 2010; October 2, 2010; and April 10, 2011. The Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches presided over each meeting and I recorded the minutes for all but the October 2 meeting which was recorded by Dss. Annette Johnson. Detailed minutes are on file in the denominational headquarters in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania.

The following is a summary of important actions taken by the General Committee during the past three years:

On April 18, 2009 the General Committee:

Decided any delegates sent to the Provincial Assembly will be the financial responsibility of each individual diocese and not the General Council

Suggested the emerging diocese of Nepal in Southeast Asia as the recipient of the 2010 Women’s Day Offering

Accepted the delegates for representation at the ACNA meetings in June and allowed the Rt. Rev. Richard Boyce to elect the 2 delegates for the Diocese of the West at a later date

Voted to accept the Rt. Rev. Jesus Huertas into the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic and the Rt. Rev. Wesley Nolden into the Missionary Diocese of the Central States as bishops

On October 10, 2009 the General Committee:

Agreed to provide a tithe to the ACNA for the next three years
Ratified the Rt. Rev. Richard J. Boyce as Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the West and the Rt. Rev. Winfield E. Mott as Bishop Co-Adjutor of the Diocese of the West

Accepted the Rt. Rev. H. Samuel Seamans as a bishop in the Diocese of Mid-America

Approved the expense of restoring Bishop Cummins’ Consecration Certificate

Agreed to set aside funds for a fall seminar for our seminary staffs to learn about accreditation practices

Ratified the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks as Bishop Ordinary to the Diocese of Central and Eastern Canada

**On April 17, 2010 the General Committee:**

Voted to approve travel expense for up to four bishops to England to participate in interchurch relation discussions with the Church of England and to interact with our Sister Church, the Free Church of England.

**On October 2, 2010 the General Committee:**

Approved special financial support for the Board of Foreign Missions for the two year period of 2011, 2012.

**On April 10, 2011 the General Committee:**

Adopted the budget to be presented at the 2011 General Council

Accepted the invitation of the Rt. Rev. David Hicks to hold the 2014 General Council at the Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Tonya Forsberg
Secretary

*The report was moved and seconded by the Rev. Dr. Riches and the Ven. Dr. Jim Payne to receive the report. The motion carried.*

*Bishop Riches called for an adjournment for lunch at 12:15 PM. The Rev. Canon Gillin read Mid-Day Prayer and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches said grace for the meal.*

THE REPORT of THE RIGHT REVEREND LEONARD W. RICHES
President and Presiding Bishop

To the Fifty-third General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

It has been my continuing privilege, in accordance with the will of the 52nd General Council and by the grace of Almighty God, to serve a fifth term in office as your Presiding Bishop throughout the past triennium. The report which follows offers a summary of my activities in that capacity since the meeting of the 52nd Council in Victoria, British Columbia, in October, 2008.

1. General Oversight and Administration

During the past three years we have continued to maintain the objective, initiated in 1996, of providing both the structure and direction necessary for the church to effectively implement the goals of our Mission Statement, adopted eighteen years ago by the Forty-seventh General Council. Unified episcopal leadership continues to be provided for that effort by having the Council of Bishops meet at least semi-annually in order to assess the current work of the church, as well as to engage in strategy and planning for its future efforts. In fulfillment of that purpose, I have called five meetings of the Council of Bishops during the past triennium, presiding over each series of sessions. The dates of those gatherings are as follows: April 15-18, 2009; October 7-10, 2009; April 14-17, 2010; September 29-October 2, 2010; and April 6-9, 2011. Each of these sessions met at Cummins Theological Seminary in Summerville, SC.

The General Committee is entrusted with carrying forward the work of the General Council during the course of the triennium, and is empowered to act in the General Council’s behalf. Its organization continues to include presidents, chairpersons, and key representatives of the various elected agencies of the General Council, thus providing essential communication and effective interface among the bishops, leadership personnel, and agencies vital to sustaining the church’s mission and to promoting her growth and development. In order to facilitate this function, I have called five meetings of the General Committee during the preceding triennium. Each of those meetings was scheduled in conjunction with the sessions of the Council of Bishops, in the early spring and fall of each year. Provision is made in the prepared agenda for each regular meeting for every elected agency of the church to report on the progress of its
efforts since the last meeting, to outline strategies and needs to meet continuing objectives, and
to request counsel, direction, and resources where needed. This procedure continues to provide a
fruitful and effective means of furthering the church’s ministry and mission.

Title III, Canon IX, Section 7(g) of the Canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church
stipulates that the Presiding Bishop is “...a member ex officio of all Committees, whether elective
or appointive.” I have made it my effort to encourage and support each facet of the church’s
work and effort, as well as to offer assistance and leadership to her many endeavors, by
participating in the following meetings of General Council agencies during the past triennium:
Standing Liturgical Commission – four meetings; Committee on Constitution and Canons – three
meetings; Committee on Doctrine and Worship – two meetings; Commission on Theological
Education – two meetings; Board of Foreign Missions – two meetings; Board of Pensions and
Relief – five meetings; Trustees of the Sustentation Fund – five meetings; Committee on
Nominations – one meeting.

2. Official Functions

A. Confirmations

During the course of the past triennium I administered the rite of Confirmation to
eleven persons on the occasion of three parish visitations. The number of those confirmed in
each instance, together with the parish and the date of the visitation, are as follows: October 18,
2009, in the Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, TX – seven; December 13, 2009, in Emmanuel Church,
Pipersville, PA – two; and November 14, 2010, in St. Matthew’s Church, Havertown, PA – two.

B. Wedding

On Saturday, June 20, 2009, at 2:30 P.M. in the Church of Our Savior
(Episcopal), Denville, NJ, it was my singular joy to preside at the marriage of my niece, Alice
Kathleen Riches, to George F. Snow, III, in the presence of a large congregation.

C. Episcopal Consecrations

On January 17, 2009, at 2:00 P.M., in New Israel Reformed Episcopal Church,
Charleston, South Carolina, I presided at the consecration of the Rev. William J. White as a
bishop in the church of God, he having been elected to serve as Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese
of the Southeast of the Reformed Episcopal Church. The candidate was presented by the Rt.
Rev. Sanco K. Rembert and the Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden, Sr. Testimonials from the Diocese
of the Southeast were presented by the Rev. Canon J. Ronald Moock, Sr., Secretary of the
Standing Committee. Testimonials from the General Council were offered by the Ven. Dr. Jon
W. Abboud, Treasurer of the General Council. The homily was delivered by the Rt. Rev. Royal
U. Grote, Jr., Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of Mid-America and Vice-President of the General Council. Other consecrators were the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic; the Rt. Rev. Ray R. Sutton, Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Mid-America; and the Rt. Rev. C. FitzSimons Allison, retired Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. Other presbyters participating were the Very Rev. Julius Barnes, the Rev. Fred Barnett, the Rev. Willie J. Hill, Jr., the Rev. Edmond B. Mazyck, and the Rev. Cornelius White. A delightful reception dinner was held following the service in the Parish Hall of New Bethel Reformed Episcopal Church, North Charleston, South Carolina. Bishop White serves New Bethel Church as rector.


On November 13, 2009, in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, I participated in the consecration of the Rev. Stephen Leung, the Rev. Charles Masters, and the Rev. Trevor Walters as bishops in the church of God, each of them having been elected to serve as bishop for the Anglican Network in Canada, a Diocese of the Province of the Anglican Church in North America. The chief consecrator was the Most Rev. Robert William Duncan, Archbishop of the Province, who also delivered the homily. The Candidates were presented by the Rt. Rev. Ronald Ferris, the Rt. Rev. Malcolm Harding, and the Rt. Rev. Donald F. Harvey. Bishop Harvey, who serves as Dean of the Province of the Anglican Church in North America, also served as chief Celebrant for the Eucharist. Numerous bishops of the ACNA in both the United States and Canada participated in the consecration, which was held in conjunction with the 2009 Annual Synod of the Anglican Network in Canada, hosted in the facilities of Bethany Community Church, St. Catharines, Ontario.

D. Installation and Investiture:

On June 24, 2009, at 7:30 P.M., in Christ Church, Plano, Texas, it was my great joy and honor to preside at the Installation and Investiture of the Rt. Rev. Robert William Duncan as Archbishop of the Province of the Anglican Church in North America. The candidate
was presented by the Most Rev. Benjamin Nzimbi, Archbishop of Kenya; the Rt. Rev. Keith Ackerman, representing Forward in Faith, North America; the Rt. Rev. David Anderson, representing the American Anglican Council; the Rt. Rev. Bill Atwood, representing the Missionary Convocation of Kenya; the Rt. Rev. Sandy Greene, representing the Anglican Coalition in Canada; the Rt. Rev. John Guernsey, representing the Missionary Convocation of Uganda; the Rt. Rev. Donald Harvey, representing the Anglican Network in Canada; the Rt. Rev. Jack Iker, representing the Missionary Convocation of the Southern Cone; the Rt. Rev. Martyn Minns, representing the Convocation of Anglicans in North America; the Rt. Rev. Chuck Murphy, Chairman of the Anglican Mission in the Americas; Mrs. Gladys Hunt-Mason and the Rev. Karen Stephenson, representing the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pittsburgh; and the Most Rev. David Zubig, Roman Catholic Bishop of Pittsburgh. Altogether some sixty bishops were in procession, representing the ACNA and her ecumenical partners. In addition, more than three hundred twenty-five other clergy were in procession, representing the ACNA, the Anglican Communion, and her ecumenical partners. Archbishop Duncan served as Celebrant and Homilist for this glorious Eucharist and Investiture which came as part of the Inaugural Assembly of the Anglican Church in North America, hosted by St. Vincent’s Cathedral, Bedford, Texas, June 22-25, 2009.

E. Memorial Services

On December 16, 2008, in the Church of the Messiah, Philadelphia, PA, I attended memorial services for Doretha Davis. A long-time member of the Church of the Messiah, Mrs. Davis was also active in the work of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, and in the ministries and agencies of the Reformed Episcopal Church at large. Her enduring faithfulness and persevering dedication leave an enduring legacy of steadfast commitment and loyal service to Christ and His church.

On January 23, 2009, in St. Paul’s Church, Oreland, PA, I attended memorial services for Mary Ann Ludwig. A member of St. Philip’s Church, Warminster, PA before coming to St. Paul’s Church, Mrs. Ludwig served the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic as a member of the Board of Trustees for several years. Her daughter, Patricia, is the wife of the Very Rev. Rodney H. Longmire, who serves in Appomattox, VA. Mary Ann was a faithful and devoted wife, mother, and servant of Christ until the Lord called her to Himself.

On January 23, 2010, in Johnsville Reformed Church, my wife and I attended the memorial service for the Rev. Lester O. Sharp, a graduate of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, and one-time pastor of the Beechwood Reformed Presbyterian Church in Delaware County, PA. This was the parish of my wife’s girlhood membership, and Lester Sharp was the pastor who recommended that she attend Reformed Episcopal Seminary in preparation for Christian service. It was as students together at RES that Barbara and I met, became engaged, and were married following our graduation together, in
Christ Memorial Church, Philadelphia, PA on June 6, 1964. The Rev. Lester Sharp was one of two clergymen who officiated at our marriage service. His faithful preaching and teaching of the Word of God, and his devoted ministry of pastoral care and nurture leave a lasting imprint on the lives and souls of many.

F. Service as Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic

The 128th Annual Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church, meeting at St. Paul’s Church, Oreland, PA on November 6 and 7, 2008, marked the conclusion of thirty-three years of my service as a bishop in the Diocese, twenty-four of those years having been served as Bishop Ordinary. I was honored to serve as homilist for the opening Eucharist, and to commit ongoing responsibility for oversight of the Diocese to the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, who had previously been elected Bishop Coadjutor. The Diocese hosted a memorable retirement banquet on Thursday evening, November 6th, at a nearby country club. The Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., who had served with me as Assistant Bishop in the Diocese before his election as Missionary Bishop in 1990, served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Among the gifts presented to me was an exquisite stained glass window depicting St. Francis of Assisi, designed and produced by the Rev. Mark Bleakley. My retirement from diocesan service took final and full effect on December 31, 2008.

3. Diocesan Visits, Roles and Functions

On September 19, 2009, together with the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, I participated in sessions of the annual synod of the Diocese of Central and Eastern Canada hosted by St. George’s Church, Hamilton, Ontario. Meeting in expectation of the intended retirement of the Rt. Rev. Michael Fedechko as Bishop Ordinary, the synod took action to bring the Diocese of Central and Eastern Canada under the oversight of Bishop Hicks and the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic.


4. Theological Education

I continue to serve as Professor of Theology and Liturgics at the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church, which is a ministry of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. In that connection, I taught courses in Liturgics, and in the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, during the academic years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. This teaching responsibility engages me two days each week throughout the ten-week Trinity Quarter, from late August
through mid-November. I also continue my service as a member of the Board of Directors of the seminary, attending each of its called meetings during the course of the year, in keeping with the requirements of my travel schedule.

5. Special Occasions and Preaching Engagements

From November 14-16, 2008 I accompanied my wife to a retreat hosted by the Rt. Rev. and Mrs. Ray R. Sutton at their home in Dallas, Texas, for wives of bishops of the Common Cause Partnership. Such opportunities serve a vital purpose in the building of new relationships among those coming together in a new expression of faithful Anglicanism. On Sunday, November 16, we worshiped together in the Church of the Holy Communion. On that occasion it was my privilege to address the Adult Bible Study Class on matters related to the progress of Anglican realignment in North America.

On December 11, 2008, at 11:00 A.M., I participated in a service in the chapel of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church, Blue Bell, PA, in which the newly-placed Stations of the Cross were dedicated. The Stations were given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. A. Wayne Riches by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E. Riches, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Jonathan S. Riches, and the Most Rev. and Mrs. Leonard W. Riches.

In keeping with long-standing custom, it was my privilege to participate in the service of Nine Lessons and Carols at Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, NJ, on the evening of December 24, 2008.

On January 15, 2009, I attended sessions of the “Mere Anglicanism” conference held at the Cathedral Church of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina in Charleston. I had been invited to share in the program as a member of a panel, but was prevented from doing so by illness.

From January 29 through 31, 2009, my wife and I shared in the annual retreat in Lancaster, PA, sponsored by the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic for members of the clergy and their wives, together with others involved in various capacities of Christian service in the Diocese.

As is my custom, it was my privilege to attend the annual Women’s Day program, sponsored by the Committee on Women’s Ministry of the Reformed Episcopal Church, held on May 1, 2009, at the National Christian Conference Center in Valley Forge, PA. Our churchwomen continue to support and strengthen our objectives in ministry and service through their faithful fund-raising projects from year to year.
It was a special privilege for my wife and me to participate in the special Spiritual Enrichment Conference planned by the Committee on Women’s Ministry, and hosted by the Cathedral Church of St. Matthias, Katy, TX, from June 26 through 28, 2009.

On Sunday, September 20, 2009, I visited St. Augustine’s Reformed Episcopal Church in Toronto, Ontario, where the Rev. Ivan Chan was then rector. I delivered the morning homily and shared in an open forum of questions and answers following the conclusion of morning worship.

The evening of September 24, 2009 was the occasion of a banquet and program at the Penn Oaks Country Club, sponsored by the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church, to mark the retirement of the Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Headman as President, and of Mrs. Danae L. Smith as Registrar of the institution. My wife and I were privileged to participate in this wonderful evening honoring two faithful servants of Christ for the contribution which they have made to the life and ministry of our church.

On October 15 and 16, 2009, I participated in sessions of the 103rd annual Synod of the Diocese of Mid-America, hosted by the Cathedral Church of St. Matthias, Katy, TX. At the invitation of the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese, it was my privilege to deliver the homily at the Synod Eucharist. Together with members and friends of the Diocese, and of the Grote family, it was my special joy to be a guest at the banquet held in conjunction with the Synod to honor the 25th anniversary of Bishop Grote’s consecration to the episcopate. A delightful evening of food, fellowship, instrumental music, and special presentations highlighted this evening of recognition rendered to a loyal and devoted servant of Christ and His church, for his twenty-five years of faithful and effective service in the episcopate, exercised first in the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic as Assistant Bishop, then in the Special Jurisdiction or North America as Missionary Bishop, and currently as Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of Mid-America.

On October 17 and 18, 2009, in the Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, TX, I was honored to deliver the 13th Annual Philip Edgcumbe Hughes lecture series on the subject “Foundational Issues for 21st Century Anglicanism”. In the three sessions of the lecture series I dealt with the subjects of “Anglicanism and Authority”, “Anglicanism and the Gospel”, and “Anglicanism, Mission and Ministry”. In conjunction with this visit to the Chapel of the Cross I also celebrated the Holy Eucharist at two services on Sunday, October 18 (the Feast of St. Luke), delivering the homily at each service, and confirming seven persons at the main service of the day.

On Sunday, November 1, 2009, the Feast of All Saints, at 12:15 P.M., I dedicated the newly renovated facilities of St. Alban’s School, an educational ministry conducted under the auspices of the First Reformed Episcopal Church, New York, New York, where the Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrington serves as rector. At the Rev. Dr. Harrington’s kind invitation, I also was privileged to serve as celebrant and homilist for the morning service which preceded the service
of dedication. A delightful luncheon reception was held in the Common Room of the church following the dedication of the school facilities.

From January 28 through 30, 2010, my wife and I were privileged to participate in the annual retreat, sponsored by the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, for clergy and their wives, as well as others engaged in Christian service in the Diocese, held at the Eden Resort and Conference Center in Lancaster, PA.

On February 10, 2010, in the Metropolitan Club, Washington, D.C., it was my great honor to join with others in expressing words of tribute and appreciation as a participant in a program honoring the Most Rev. Peter Jasper Akinola on his retirement as Archbishop of the Church of Nigeria, Anglican Communion. This date in February was the occasion of the great blizzard of the winter of 2010, which brought virtually all of the nation’s capital to a standstill. As a result, some aspects of the planned program, including a Festival Eucharist to be held at Truro Church, Fairfax, VA, had to be canceled. Providentially I was enabled to arrive before the brunt of the storm hit. A number of others were similarly blessed, and a program which was more limited than originally intended went forward under the leadership of the Rt. Rev. Martyn Minns. The Reformed Episcopal Church has enjoyed a special relationship with Archbishop Akinola, and with the Church of Nigeria, which he served with such stalwart fidelity and courageous leadership. I am grateful to have been granted opportunity to share in honoring this choice servant of Christ.

On April 30, 2010, my wife and I attended the annual Women’s Day, sponsored by the Committee on Women’s Ministry, and held at St. Mark’s Church in Rydal, PA.

May 6, 2010 marked a special and joyous occasion at the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church in Blue Bell, PA, with the visit of the Most Rev. Robert William Duncan, Archbishop of the Province of the Anglican Church in North America. Archbishop Duncan was the celebrant and homilist for the morning Eucharist on that day – a service in which I was privileged to participate. Following a luncheon reception in the refectory, Archbishop Duncan hosted an informal session of questions and answers with the seminarians and guests who were present for his visit.

From June 16 through 18, 2010, I attended the annual conference of Forward in Faith, North America, held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois. At the kind invitation of the Rt. Rev. Keith L. Ackerman I brought greetings to the gathering and spoke briefly on behalf of the Reformed Episcopal Seminary, which is one of the agencies for ministerial training and formation endorsed by the Anglican Church in North America.

On Sunday, September 12, 2010, at 10:30 A.M., in Grace Church, Havre de Grace, Maryland, it was my privilege to serve as Celebrant for the Holy Eucharist and to the deliver the
homily to inaugurate the observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the parish. The Rev. Mark Specht, rector of the church, participated with me in the service. A large congregation shared in the joyous service of worship, and in a delightful luncheon reception which was held outdoors following the service. The Rt. Rev. and Mrs. Daniel G. Cox were present for the inaugural anniversary occasion, and Bishop Cox brought greetings and expressed hearty congratulations to the rector, wardens, vestry and congregation. On a personal note, I was both delighted and overwhelmed to be presented with a genuine locally-carved duck decoy as an expression of the congregation’s affection and appreciation for the relationship which we have shared over many years.

On Sunday, October 24, 2010, at 10:30 A.M. in Emmanuel Church, Morecambe, Lancashire, United Kingdom, it was my privilege to share with the Rt. Rev. John R. M. McLean, Bishop Primus of the Free Church of England (otherwise called the Reformed Episcopal Church) in the conduct of morning worship, and to deliver the sermon. My wife, together with my brother and his wife, who had accompanied me on my journey to the United Kingdom, were in the congregation. On the days immediately preceding, I had participated with the Rt. Rev. John D. K. Fenwick, Bishop of the Northern Diocese of the Free Church of England, in their clergy conference and in the sessions of the Synod of the Northern Diocese. The Holy Eucharist which was celebrated on October 23, 2010, in Emmanuel Church, in conjunction with the 211th Synod of the Northern Diocese, was an occasion of historic moment. Insofar as anyone is aware, it marked the first occasion on which the bishop of the Northern Diocese of the Free Church of England had celebrated the Holy Eucharist in the presence of both the Bishop Primus of the Free Church of England and the Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church. It was my distinct honor and privilege to read to the gathered assembly of clergy and laity a personal letter of greeting which I had carried by hand from the Most Rev. Robert William Duncan, Archbishop of the Province of the Anglican Church in North America.

The Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., Vice-President of the General Council, and the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, participated with me in making this visit to the United Kingdom, which also included meetings in London with evangelical bishops of the Church of England; discussions with members of the Anglican Association; and a meeting with the Rt. Rev. Christopher Hill, Bishop of Guildford, and Chairman of the Faith and Order Commission of the Church of England. We participated in these meetings both in our capacity as bishops of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and as members of the College of Bishops of the Province of the Anglican Church in North America.

From January 27 through 29, 2011, at the Eden Resort and Conference Center in Lancaster, PA, my wife and I again shared in the annual retreat for clergy and their wives, together with others involved in various forms of ministry and service, sponsored by the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic.
6. Anglican Convergence and Realignment

In my report as Presiding Bishop to the 52nd General Council meeting in Victoria, British Columbia in October, 2008, I outlined the path which we as Reformed Episcopalians have followed for over a decade in working with other faithful Anglican Christians of similar vision, dedication and commitment to reestablish a biblically faithful, mission-driven, united and vital Anglican presence and witness in North America and throughout the world. Here I draw attention to three aspects of those objectives as we have continued to pursue them throughout the past triennium.

A. The Reformed Episcopal Church and the Anglican Province of America

Formalization of a relationship between our two jurisdictions began on June 12, 1998, when representatives of both branches of Christ’s Church met together at St. Paul’s Church, Oreland, PA, and joined in signing Articles of Intercommunion in which both bodies pledged mutual participation, cooperation, and support in the cause of the Gospel, based on a declared commitment to common standards of authority and faith. Throughout the years that have intervened the relationship between our two jurisdictions has developed along a number of vital lines, which will be referenced in the report of the Unity Committee to be presented and acted upon later in the sessions of this Council. The achievements of collegiality, mutual cooperation, and shared participation in various aspects of the church’s life and mission represent a significant milestone for both jurisdictions as we have moved along a path to greater unity in our shared experience and witness as Anglican Christians. The Unity Committee, together with all those in both jurisdictions who have devoted their untiring efforts to the achievement of the significant gains which have been realized are worthy of our most hearty commendation.

B. The Federation of Anglican Churches in the Americas

Organized on February 17, 2006, the Federation of Anglican Churches in the Americas continues to provide a context in which mutual understanding, common objectives in witness and mission, and supportive fellowship are shared among representatives of several jurisdictions of faithful Anglicans. The Reformed Episcopal Church continues to maintain its place in the Federation, which generally convenes once or twice each year. Additionally, the Federation of Anglican Churches in the Americas has been received into affiliation with the Province of the Anglican Church in North America as a Ministry Partner. During the past triennium I have participated in the following meetings of FACA, called by the present Moderator, the Rt. Rev. Paul Hewett: April 14, 2009, at Cummins Theological Seminary, Summerville, SC; May 4, 2010, in Christ Church, Columbus, OH; and April 5, 2011, again at Cummins Theological Seminary, Summerville, SC.
C. Anglican Church in North America

In my report to the 52nd General Council in October, 2008, I traced under this heading the successive steps which we as Reformed Episcopalians had followed with other faithful Anglicans for over a decade in moving toward the objective of establishing “...a momentous, unprecedented, and glorious reconfiguration and rebuilding of the church in the Anglican tradition to carry out the Great Commission in a new, vibrant, effective way in this twenty-first century...[linking] our hands, our hearts, and our spirits with all those who share the same commitment to our Lord and to the commission which He gave His disciples to go forward under His authority, and in the power of His Spirit, to build His church.”

As the past triennium began, we continued our pursuit of that objective. To that end, I continued to serve as a member of the Lead Bishops Executive Committee of the Common Cause Partnership, which met in West Chicago, Illinois, from December 1 through 3, 2008. These historic sessions saw the adoption of an initial Constitution and Canons to serve the intended Province of the Anglican Church in North America. The sessions were brought to a close in an historic festival Eucharist, broadcast over Anglican-TV, as part of which every member of the Lead Bishops Executive Committee ceremonially affixed his signature to the Jerusalem Declaration. A new Anglican Province was on the threshold of being born.

Further steps toward that nearing objective were taken when the Lead Bishops Executive Committee met again in Dallas, TX, from April 23 through 25, 2009. Once more I was privileged, on behalf of the Reformed Episcopal Church, to participate in those sessions.

At long last, and with great rejoicing, the prayerful labors and diligent efforts of many years were brought to glorious fruition when the inaugural Assembly of the Province of the Anglican Church in North America convened in Bedford, Texas, from June 22 through 25, 2009. Following my return home at the conclusion of those sessions, I informed the church at large of the events which had taken place in Bedford. A copy of my letter to the church follows, both to reiterate its message, and so that the text of that communication may become part of the official record of the General Council.
Trinity V
July 15, 2009

TO THE CLERGY AND PARISHES OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The inaugural Assembly of the Province of the Anglican Church in North America met in St. Vincent’s Cathedral, Bedford, Texas from June 22 through 25, 2009. Over eight hundred attendees, including more than two hundred elected delegates, participated together in worship and fellowship, in receiving instruction, and in the sharing of insight and vision. The principal business of the Assembly was that of ratifying the Constitution and Canons of the new Province. This objective was achieved in half the time allotted in the schedule, displaying the oneness of mind and spirit which prevailed throughout the sessions of the Assembly. On the evening of Wednesday, June 24, 2009, in the context of a Festival Eucharist held at Christ Church, Plano, Texas, the Most Rev. Robert William Duncan was invested and installed as Archbishop of the Province of the Anglican Church in North America.

The Reformed Episcopal Church is a constituent and founding member of this new Province which, at its establishment, is comprised of twenty-eight dioceses in the United States and Canada, representing over seven hundred congregations with a combined average Sunday attendance of more than one hundred thousand persons. The Province has already received official recognition by the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), and by the Church of Uganda. Recognition by other faithful Anglican provinces is anticipated as the appropriate agencies of these jurisdictions meet in council.

Every diocese of the Reformed Episcopal Church in North America was represented in the Provincial Assembly by their bishops, as well as by clerical and lay delegates. In addition, Reformed Episcopalians have exercised important roles as members of the task forces and commissions which prepared for the inauguration of the new Province. It is expected that our people will continue to serve in key positions as the mission of the Province moves forward.

The paramount aspect of the new Province is its focus on the mission of the church. Committed to the ultimate authority of the Holy Scriptures, to the proclamation of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ, to the catholic creeds and to the formularies of historic Anglican Christianity, the Province is imbued with a
determination to build the Kingdom of God. Archbishop Duncan laid before the Assembly the challenge to plant one thousand new churches in the next five years. As Reformed Episcopalians we have a new vast and vital partnership of Anglican Christians with whom to participate in fulfilling that objective.

In this new provincial relationship the Reformed Episcopal Church retains its identity as a sub-jurisdiction. Our Constitution and Canons remain in place, and our liturgical uses and practices are unchanged. We recognize that as partners in a larger Anglican body, whose members represent differing backgrounds and customs within a common tradition, we have important matters of understanding and practice to discuss and resolve throughout the months and years which lie ahead. Certainly those who acknowledge a common authority, profess a common faith, adhere to a common tradition, and share a common mission and goal can prayerfully expect, in faith, that the Lord of the church will bring about such resolution in His appointed time. The basis for such confidence is founded in His own expressed prayer and desire that His people “…be brought to complete unity, that the world may know….” of Him and of His salvation. (St. John 17:23)

It is important to recognize that the establishment of this new Anglican Province does not merely represent a realignment of faithful Anglicans in North America. What has taken place here is part of a global movement to re-order and mobilize faithful Anglicans for evangelism and mission. The Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans sponsored a gathering just days ago in the United Kingdom under the theme “Be Faithful” in order to advance the same post-GAFCON objectives in their part of the world as have given birth to a new Province in North America. What God has privileged us to be part of here in the United States and Canada is nothing less than a new reformation of the church which is taking shape around the world.

A whole new era of opportunity is opened up before us in carrying out our mission to proclaim the Gospel, to make disciples of all people, and to build the church. “Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required.” (St. Luke 12:48) May God, in His grace and by His Spirit, grant us the wisdom, the enablement, and the zeal to fulfill our calling to the glory of His name.

Faithfully yours, in Christ,
(The Most Rev.) Leonard W. Riches
Presiding Bishop

The formation of the Anglican Church in North America is now nearly two years in the past, and the intervening time has seen heartening progress and development in our life and
growth together. New dioceses continue to be formed, and the addition of new parishes has brought the current total to approximately 1,000. Archbishop Robert W. Duncan’s stated goal of establishing one thousand new churches over the first five years of the life of the province has become the predominant driving force in the life and mission of the ACNA. Annual gatherings, held under the banner of ‘Anglican 1,000’, spearhead and energize that continuing effort.

Reformed Episcopalians continue to play a vital role in the developing life of the province, serving on numerous crucial task forces and commissions. Among those who actively serve are the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., who sits as a member of the Executive Committee and of the Governance Task Force; the Rt. Rev. Ray R. Sutton, who serves as chair of the Ecumenical Relations Task Force; the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, who is a member of the Liturgical Task Force; the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, who serves on the Theological Education Task Force, as well as on commissions that deal with matters of finance and benefit provisions; the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches who also serves as a member of the Theological Education Task Force; and Mrs. Diana Lopez, who sits as a lay member of the Executive Committee. It continues to be my privilege to serve as a member of the Archbishop’s Cabinet, the council of advice which now functions in the place formerly held by the Lead Bishops Executive Committee of the Common Cause Partnership.

As the life of the new province has continued to unfold I have participated in the following aspects of its activity and program: August 21, 2009, in Pittsburgh, PA – sessions of the ACNA Executive Committee; November 11-13, 2009, in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada – the 2nd Annual Synod of the Anglican Network in Canada; June 7 through 11, 2010, in Amesbury, MA – meetings of the ACNA Executive Committee, Provincial Council, and College of Bishops; and February 8-10, 2011, in Phoenix, AZ – sessions of the Archbishop’s Cabinet and of the Executive Committee, which are now distinct entities, each with its own defined sphere of activity and responsibility.

It is to be acknowledged that the new province faces significant challenges as together we seek to move forward in the fulfillment of our calling and mission. In that regard I restate the observation offered in my letter to the church following the inauguration of the province.

“In this new provincial relationship the Reformed Episcopal Church retains its identity as a sub-jurisdiction. Our Constitution and Canons remain in place, and our liturgical uses and practices are unchanged. We recognize that as partners in a larger Anglican body, whose members represent differing backgrounds and customs within a common tradition, we have important matters of understanding and practice to discuss and resolve throughout the months and years which lie ahead. Certainly those who acknowledge a common authority, profess a common faith, adhere to a common tradition, and share a common mission and goal can prayerfully expect, in faith, that the Lord of the church will
bring about such resolution in His appointed time. The basis for such confidence is founded in His own expressed prayer and desire that His people ‘...be brought to complete unity, that the world may know....’ of Him and of His salvation. (St. John 17:23)’

There can be little doubt that in the world of our day stand-alone jurisdictions, in particular those that lay claim to being Anglican, stand increasingly diminished prospect of both credibility and viability. A future in which we labor to good effect, both for fulfillment both of our Lord’s commission to make disciples of all people, and of His heart’s desire for the unity of His people, will find achievement only in our striving together to do His will, as expressed by the Apostle Paul, namely by “…contending as one man for the faith of the Gospel…being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.” (Philippians 1:27; 2:2)

7. Recommendations: Council Offerings

1. That the offering of the opening service of Holy Eucharist on Wednesday, June 8th, be alms, and forwarded together with an expression of our deep affection and prayerful support to the Church of Our Savior (Reformed Episcopal) in Joplin, Missouri, to assist them in the rebuilding of their church building which was devastated by the massive tornado which struck that city this past month.

2. That the offering of Thursday morning, June 9th, be assigned to the Christian Mission to the Jews, to further their historic work and witness; and, further, that our gift be presented with an expression of our tribute, together with our sincere appreciation for the untiring labor and service rendered to the Anglican Church in North America by the Rev. Canon Daryl Fenton, who leaves his post as Canon for Provincial and Global Mission this summer in order to undertake leadership of the work of CMJ.

3. That the offering of Friday morning, June 10th, be assigned to the work of repair and refurbishment of the 400-year old edifice, now owned by one of our newest parishes – the Church of the Good Shepherd in Osijek, Croatia – and sent with our love and prayers by the good offices of the Very Rev. Jasmin Milic, Archdeacon of the Croatian Church, whom we are pleased to welcome as our guest at this General Council.

8. Evaluation and Exhortation

This 53rd General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church marks the conclusion of the fifteen year of our sustained effort to develop and implement the resources and structures necessary for the church to carry forward the goals of our Mission Statement, adopted by the Forty-seventh General Council. That statement bears repeating as we review the achievements of the past two decades in our life together.
THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

Adopted by the Bishops of this Church
December 3, 1992

Built upon the foundation of the authoritative Word of God, the Holy Scriptures, the Reformed Episcopal Church sets her highest priority on biblical worship and declares her commitment to the work of evangelism, the bold and unadulterated proclamation of salvation by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 8:4). In keeping the faith once delivered to the saints, the Reformed Episcopal Church, however, does not believe evangelism to be the end, but rather the beginning of her divinely given vocation.

In addition to being evangelical, she is deeply committed to discipleship, the work of training evangelized men and women in Christian living (St. Matthew 28:20). When the Gospel is truly proclaimed and the mercies of God are made known, redeemed men and women must be led to offer their bodies as a living sacrifice, which is their spiritual service (Romans 12:1). Thus, the Reformed Episcopal Church understands the Christian life to be necessarily corporate. The Gospel call of salvation is not only to a Savior, but also to a visible communion (I Corinthians 12:27), which being indwelt by Christ’s Spirit, transcends both temporal and geographic bounds.

Therefore, the Reformed Episcopal Church is creedal, following the historic catholic faith as it was confessed by the early undivided Church in the Apostles’ (A.D. 150), Nicene (A.D. 325) and Athanasian (c. A.D. 430) Creeds; sacramental, practicing the divinely ordained sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper as outward and visible signs of His inward and spiritual grace; liturgical, using the historic Book of Common Prayer; and episcopal, finding unity within the Church of the earliest Christian eras through submission to the government of godly bishops.

In this fashion, by embracing the broad base of doctrine and practice inherent in apostolic Christianity, received by the Church of the English Reformation and expressed in the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, the Reformed Episcopal Church has a foundation for effective ministry in the name of Christ to a world which is lost and dying without Him.

Revised by the Council of Bishops, October 2, 2003
Adopted by the General Committee, October 4, 2003
Among the objectives identified and achieved in our effort faithfully to live out the principles and goals set forward in that statement of purpose are those that follow.

- The preparation and publication of a complete revision of the *Book of Common Prayer*, based upon the Book of Common Prayer 1662, and incorporating selected aspects of subsequent liturgical revisions, including the American Book of Common Prayer of 1928, as well as the 1963 edition of the Book of Common Prayer according to the use of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

- In keeping with our commitment that the highest of our priorities belongs to worship, the Standing Liturgical Commission has also undertaken to prepare for publication a *Book of Occasional Services*, to be presented to this 53rd General Council for action. The Liturgical Music Commission, a subcommittee of the Standing Liturgical Commission, is nearing completion of a supplement to the *Hymnal 1940*, which will provide an expanded resource of hymns and other service music for the enrichment of our worship.

- Because the effective carrying-out of our mission requires a statutory framework within which to maintain the good order of the church’s life, as well as to facilitate her growth and development, the Committee on Constitution and Canons undertook and brought to completion a thorough revision of the *Constitution and Canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church*, which have gone through the necessary process for approval and adoption by the General Council.

- During the past two decades the Reformed Episcopal Church has expanded her presence throughout North America, in every direction of the compass, with the result that over the course of these past twenty years the number of Reformed Episcopal parishes has more than doubled; new dioceses have been formed; and a mentality of growth and development has imbued the church with an enlivened, expectant spirit as the powerful Gospel of Jesus Christ is going forward and new churches are being added.

- At the same time, the church has expanded her global horizons, with the Reformed Episcopal Church now well established in Germany, having her own resident bishop, and in recent weeks extended even further through the establishment of a new deanery of the German Reformed Episcopal Church in Croatia. We remain in a Covenant of Union with the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), a relationship established in 2005. Most recently, we have entered into partnership, through the Anglican Diocese of Singapore, with the Deanery of Nepal, sharing with them in the effort to plant new churches and build a new diocese in Nepal. To that end, the Rev. and Mrs. William S. Jerdan, representing the Reformed Episcopal Church and the Board of Foreign Missions, spent nearly two months in Southeast Asia earlier this year.

- In a similar connection, the Board of Foreign Missions has undertaken the process of a thorough redirection and restructuring under the leadership of the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., as
President; and with the engagement of the Rev. William S. Jerdan as Executive Secretary. As this process continues to unfold, develop and mature, the church will be led by increasing degrees to understand, embrace, and implement the vision of her mission, not as peripheral enterprise, but as the core and essence of everything which the church is and does.

• The Gospel priority of going forward into the world and making disciples, baptizing them, teaching them, and nurturing them in the faith of Christ and in the sacramental life of His church, requires a well-trained ministry. In pursuit of the highest quality theological education and ministerial formation, the church’s theological seminaries – Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Blue Bell, PA; Cummins Theological Seminary in South Carolina; and Cranmer Theological House, Houston, TX, have undergone evaluation by the General Council’s Commission on Theological Education, and have taken new steps toward the coordination and enrichment of their programs. In testimony to the effectiveness of these efforts, our Reformed Episcopal institutions represent three of the total of seven seminaries officially recognized and endorsed by the Province of the Anglican Church in North America. Furthermore, the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church in Blue Bell, PA, has now entered into the final phase of the process of full accreditation by the Association of Theological Schools.

• The Reformed Episcopal Church, much of whose life was for so long insular and independent of substantive contact with other jurisdictions, has now fully entered into the life of the Province of the Anglican Church in North America and, through that association, into fruitful and growing connection with the global fellowship of faithful Anglicans worldwide. We have entered into a new and deepened realization and experience of the church as corporate and of the church as catholic. The defining characteristic of the Anglican Church in North America, and one which we gladly claim in partnership with them, is this: “Reaching North America with the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ.” And indeed, in our growing global associations, we can affirm our solemn goal and purpose to be partners in extending the reach of Christ’s transforming love “…to the uttermost parts of the earth.”

“The Lord has done great things for us; whereof we are glad.” (Psalm 126:3) The blessings of the past two decades have laid a foundation for meeting the opportunities and challenges of the future. Our objective has been to set in place those things which are essential to providing a church, faithful to the Anglican way of being Christian, that can be handed on to our children and to our children’s children. It is to that necessity of transmitting what God, by His grace, has given us, and what we have been enabled to learn in the process, to the ensuing generation of leadership that I believe we must now devote our attention and effort.

It is impossible to read the New Testament without being impressed with the degree to which both our Lord Himself and the Apostles after Him were concerned about the matter of succession.
Jesus was concerned about it; and thus He selected twelve men, whom He kept in company with Him for three years of preparation, in order that they might carry forward the work with which He commissioned them. St. Paul’s exhortation to Timothy was that the things which his young son in the faith had learned from him were, in turn, to be entrusted by him to faithful men, who would then be able to transmit those same things to others, also. And so it is throughout the Scriptures. Indeed, God has been concerned since the beginning of redemptive history that every generation should pass on to the next, and they in turn to the generations succeeding them, the benefits of His grace and goodness: – not only by verbal witness, but in those tangible gains which God had bestowed on the people whom He calls by His name.

For decades the Reformed Episcopal Church has fulfilled that stewardship largely through the leadership and service of dedicated individuals, and has built upon the legacy of preceding generations through reliance upon institutional memory. God has graciously allowed those means to serve us with general adequacy in the past. But we dare not continue to rely on them as we enter upon the second decade of this twenty-first century.

Earlier this year the bishops of the church undertook initial consideration of a plan to examine, evaluate, and define all of the structures and procedures by which the Reformed Episcopal Church carries out its work. Organizational structures, operational policies, as well as business and financial procedures all would come under review and potential redefinition, because all are involved in the effective fulfillment of the church’s spiritual and missional objectives. Decency and order are characteristics of the Holy Spirit’s true working, and thus they must be hallmarks of the way the church conducts her mission and thus honors her Lord. Therefore, with the unanimous endorsement of the bishops of the church, I have appointed a committee which will undertake, during the next triennium, to define and implement such organizational structures, policies, and procedures as will enable us more effectively to fulfill our mission as a church, and more faithfully to transmit to succeeding generations those things which we have learned, which we have gained, and which we have effectively accomplished. I will expand the membership of this special committee as may prove necessary and desirable, to the end that the fruit of each generation’s labor in the Reformed Episcopal Church can be offered as a legacy and a blessing to the next, to be increasingly built upon to the up-building of the Kingdom of Christ, and to the eternal glory of His Name.

The Apostle Paul praised his readers for remembering and holding onto the teachings and traditions which he had passed on to them. And his exhortation was that all who are part of Christ’s church do likewise. May we heed the apostolic exhortation as a word to us in our own day. During the coming triennium, may we give ourselves faithfully as a church to the fulfillment of this mandate, so to transmit the blessings and benefits which God has bestowed upon us to the generation which follows, that the fruit of that rich heritage may increase, by God’s mercy and grace, to the blessing of generations yet to come.
“Finally, brethren...aim for perfection...be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.” (II Corinthians 13:11)

Respectfully submitted,

✠ (The Most Rev.) Leonard W. Riches, D.D.
Presiding Bishop

The Rev. Canon Ron Moock moved the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted. The motion was seconded by the Rev. Willie Hill and the Ven. Dr. Jim Payne to receive the Presiding Bishop’s report with enclosed recommendations. The Council floor gave a round of applause to the Bishop for all his work and dedication to the Church. The motion carried.

The Presiding Bishop’s report being received, the Vice President yielded back the Chair to the Presiding Bishop.

THE REPORT of BISHOP CHARLES W. DORRINGTON
Bishop Ordinary to the Diocese of Western Canada and Alaska
and The Missionary District of Cuba

To the 53rd General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church
Meeting in Dallas, Texas, June 8 - 10, 2011

Dear Fellow Bishops, Clergy and Lay Delegates of the Reformed Episcopal Church:-

It is with great pleasure and increasing excitement in the things of the Lord Jesus Christ, that I submit this Triennial Report of the Diocese of Western Canada, Alaska and Cuba to the General Council Meeting in Session in Dallas, Texas. June 23rd marks the 15th Anniversary of my consecration to the episcopate and my election as Bishop of this Diocese. If I had thought that the years 2005 to 2007 were exciting leading up to the 52nd General Council, they pale in comparison to what the Lord has been doing through these past three years. Three years ago I was privileged to welcome and host all of the Delegates to the General Council Meetings held in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. It was the first time that the Meetings had been held outside the continental USA, and I felt that it was especially meaningful that they were held in the oldest remaining original RE Church building. The Church of Our Lord was constructed in 1875 and dedicated to the Lord in January, 1876. It is my hope and expectation that our meeting this year, in one of the denominations newest Church buildings, will indicate that we, as a denomination, have a great history of witness to Jesus Christ, spanning 137 years, in places of worship that show forth both liturgical and architectural beauty to His glory. I congratulate the Rt. Revd. Ray Sutton for the beauty and dignity of Holy Communion Church and its buildings. May we be blessed as we begin our Meetings there, and may we, by our presence and prayers, be a blessing.
to his Parish. With the great happening within the Anglican Church of North America, we move into the future full of hope and trust that we will be led by the Holy Spirit in all that we do and think.

There has been significant growth within the Diocese during these past three years, both in British Columbia and in Cuba. The Three existing churches on Vancouver Island have been joined by a new Church Plant in the City of Duncan under the guidance of Missioners Rob and Shelley Pacchiano. The Church of Our Lord in Victoria, under the Revd. Dr. Rod Ellis, Living Word Church in Courtenay under the Revd. Bill Klock, and Holy Trinity Church in Colwood under my own Rectorship continue to grow and be blessed by the Lord. On December 30th, 2010, the Revd. Bill Hedges, the founding Rector of Living Word Church passed from this life into the arms of the Lord. He will be missed by his people, and by all of the Diocese. The Revd. Richard Weber in Camrose, Alberta, resigned from the Denomination and has taken the Diocese to the Alberta Human Rights Commission. Please pray for us that the truth will prevail and that the Diocese will be vindicated in all matters. The Mission District of Cuba, which began in the fall of 2003, continues to grow under the careful hand of Archdeacon Ramon Torrente Batista. There are now six Churches in Cuba, in five cities, with a further 14 Preaching Stations attached to these churches. There are now three Presbyters and three Deacons in place conducting weekly services to an average weekly attendance of over 612 people. The Revd. Raul William Suarez, the Rector of San Marcos in Moa, is also the Dean of Theological Education for the Country, with 39 students in various stages of their studies. It is our hope, through a generous donation from the St. Athanasias Society of Vancouver Island, to be able to purchase a suitable building in Ciego de Avila, to house the growing church there, as well as the Pastor and his family. Our churches have not yet been recognised as "Legal Churches" in Cuba, a long and drawn out process, so that we must maintain our church building as both a church and a residence for the clergy. We have applied to the Cuban Government to have the Denomination recognised as a Legal Denomination in Cuba. No denomination has been so designated since the Revolution that brought Fidel Castro to power.

My regular work includes, as well as being Bishop of the Diocese, being Lead Counsellor and Executive Director for Victoria Prayer Counselling Centre, and Rector of Holy Trinity Church in Colwood. As one can imagine, this presents a very busy schedule for me. I am thankful that the Lord continues to keep me healthy and enables an absolutely impossible back to still be able to function. These Meetings of General Council fit right into the middle of my 2011 Three Week Mission Trip to Cuba, and the Meetings in Los Angeles of the Anglican Church of North America. I ask all delegates to pray for the Bishops of this Church, as they have taken on the very heavy additional work-load of being in the College of Bishops for both the REC and ACNA. I commend those Bishops who have taken on special tasks to do with this new enterprise.
It has been a great joy on my part to have completed a new rendition of the Book of Common Prayer in words more closely associated with present-day speech in Canada and the United States without compromising the beauty of the Cranmerian language that has existed and been loved for so long. I have been asked why I took on this task, when there have already been a number of other modern renditions made available. I have looked at these other renditions, and commend the authors for the work that they have done. However, I felt, as both a musician and clergyman, that the phraseology and language used in these other renditions, did not fit with sung liturgy as we have known it. It has been my attempt therefore, to produce a BCP that is both Cranmerian, modern and singable to the ancient chants and music used for so long. I commend it to you.

As of the end of 2010, the Diocese had nine churches, 14 preaching stations, and three church plants (one in Canada and two in Cuba). We have three bishops (two retired), 7 presbyters, four deacons, and two men preparing for active ministry. Our total active weekly membership exceeds 850 souls. At present, our identity in ACNA is tied with the Diocese of the West, in order to obtain sufficient numbers for qualification. I fully expect that by the end of this year, both Dioceses will have sufficient churches and members to qualify separately. I thank Bishop Richard Boyce and his Diocese for joining with us in this way. May the Lord bless us all in the REC as we march forward under His Banner of love.

In closing, I ask you to hold in your prayers the churches, clergy and people of our Diocese. They are:-

**BISHOPS**
Rt. Revd. Dr. Charles Wm. Dorrington, Bishop Ordinary  
Rt. Revd. E. A. Follows, Retired, Church of Our Lord, Victoria  
Rt. Revd. Dr. Robert Badham, Retired, Church of Our Lord, Victoria

**CHURCHES**
The Church of Our Lord, Victoria, B.C.  
Revd. Dr. Rod Ellis, Rector  
Revd. Peter Umland  
Revd. Richard Montgomery  
Living Word Episcopal Church, Courtenay, B.C.  
Revd. Bill Klock, Rector  
The Church of the Holy Trinity, Colwood, B.C.  
Rt. Revd. Charles Dorrington, Rector  
Iglesia Reformada Episcopal del Aposento Alto, Havana, Cuba  
The Ven. Ramon D. Torrente Batista, Rector and Archdeacon of the Missionary District of Cuba  
Iglesia Reformada Episcopal San Marcos, Moa, Holguin, Cuba  
Revd. R. William Mendez Suarez, Rector, Dean of Theological Education  
Iglesia Reformada Episcopal San Juan Evangelista, Ciego de Avila, Cuba
Revd. Reinaldo E. Planche Garlobo, Rector
Iglesia Reformada Episcopal San Pablo, Holguin, Cuba
Revd. Dcn. Walter F. Serrano Gonzalez, Minister in Charge
Revd. Dcn. Ramiro Godales Mendoza,
Iglesia Reformada Episcopal San Juan Apostol, Las Margaritas, Florida, Cuba
Revd. Dcn. Juan Ezequiel Gonzalez Ortega,
Iglesia Reformada Episcopal San Pablo de Florida, Florida, Cuba
Revd. Dcn. Juan Ezequiel Gonzalez Ortega,
The Church of the Rock Mission Church, Duncan, B.C.
Rob and Shelly Pacchiano, Missioners

Respectfully submitted in the Name of Jesus Christ

The Rt. Revd. Charles W. Dorrington
Ordinary, The Diocese of Western Canada, Alaska and Cuba

THE REPORT of BISHOP ROYAL U. GROTE, JR.
Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of Mid-America
To: The Fifty-Third General Council
Dear Brethren,

June 6, 2011 marked the 27th anniversary of my consecration to the Episcopate. This report is given in my Twenty-first year as Bishop of the Diocese of Mid-America. During those 21 years, we have grown as a Diocese from 5 Missions and one parish to now, 38 Parishes and Missions. We have divided this Diocese twice and seen the advancement of our Church from 67 parishes to nearly 150 parishes. For this we give praise to Almighty God and rejoice in what he is doing in our midst.

In addition to being the Ordinary of the Diocese of Mid-America, I continued to serve throughout the past three years as Vice President of the General Council, Endorsing Officer for Military Chaplains, President of the Board of Foreign Missions and President of the Board of Pensions and Relief for the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Through these many years, I have been grateful to God for the strength and ability to serve Him in these capacities. I further wish to express my thanks for the support and encouragement given by Bishops Sutton, Fincke and Seamans as we labored together in the Episcopate.

I submit this summary of my activities during this past triennium in the work of the Episcopate. The details of those labors are recorded in full in the Annual Journals of the DMA Synod.

Summary: 91 Episcopal Visits; 157 Confirmations; 63 Other visits; Diaconal Ordinations - 4; Presbyterial Ordinations - 2; Episcopal Consecrations - 1
Excerpts of Episcopal Reports to the DMA by year

2008
On the occasion of some 27 Episcopal visits to the Parishes and Missions of this Jurisdiction, 50 persons were presented to me for the laying on of hands in the ancient rite of confirmation. One person was consecrated to the Episcopate, one person was ordained to the Presbyterate and three were ordained to the Diaconate. I presided also at 3 baptisms. In addition to those Episcopal visits, 23 additional preaching engagements, visits or business meetings were made to parishes and/or denominational conferences.

2009
On the occasion of some 27 Episcopal visits to the Parishes and Missions of this Jurisdiction, 55 persons were presented to me for the laying on of hands in the ancient rite of confirmation. One person was consecrated to the Episcopate, one person was ordained to the Diaconate. I presided also at 2 baptisms. In addition to those Episcopal visits, 15 additional preaching engagements, visits or business meetings were made to parishes and/or denominational conferences.

2010
On the occasion of some 37 Episcopal visits to the Parishes and Missions of this Jurisdiction, 52 persons were presented to me for the laying on of hands in the ancient rite of Confirmation. One person was ordained to the Presbyterate. I presided also at 1 baptism. Apart from those Episcopal visits, some 25 additional preaching engagements, visits or business meetings were made to parishes, denominational and Provincial conferences.

OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Retirement Dinner for the Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches: On November 6-7, 2008, it was my particular joy to attend the sessions of the 128th Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic held at St. Paul’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Oreland, Pennsylvania. The 128th Council marked the conclusion of Bishop Riches tenure as Ordinary of the Diocese. His retirement as Ordinary was celebrated by a special banquet in his honor that evening at North Hills Country Club, North Hills, Pennsylvania. It was a special privilege to be asked by Bishop Hicks, who was installed that morning as Bishop Ordinary for the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, to act as Master of Ceremonies at that Banquet where many gave tribute to Bishop Riches’ long and faithful ministry to the Diocese. As one who has served the Church alongside of Bishop Riches for much of his time as Ordinary of that Diocese and Presiding Bishop of this Church, it was particularly meaningful to be able to participate in this manner. Bishop Riches has ministered in my life in many special ways, I give praise to Almighty God for the ministry of this faithful and choice servant of Christ and His Church.

Consecration of William White: On Saturday, January 17, 2009, it was my joy and privilege to preach and participate in the consecration of my longtime friend, the Rev. William White as Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of the Southeast. The service was held at New Israel Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, South Carolina.

GAFCON
I was pleased to represent the Reformed Episcopal Church along with Bishops Riches, Sutton, Dorrington and Boyce at the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON), held in Jerusalem June of 2008. This
Conference marked the beginning of an extraordinary movement calling Anglicans throughout the world to a return to biblical faithfulness.

**ANGLICAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA (ACNA).**
The first Provincial Assembly of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) was held at St. Vincent’s Cathedral, Bedford, TX on June 22-25, 2009. At that assembly we organized as a Province, and approved the proposed Constitution and Canons of the ACNA. I have attended all the meetings of the College of Bishops and Provincial Councils held in Bedford, TX, Toronto, Ontario and Amesbury, Massachusetts. I also served on the Governance Task Force, as a member of the Provincial Council and the Provincial Executive Committee for the ACNA and the Personnel Sub-Committee for the Executive Committee.

**FCE**
I accompanied the Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches and the Rt. Rev. David Hicks on a visit to England, in response to an invitation extended to the Reformed Episcopal Church from the bishops of the FCE. The purpose of the trip was to strengthen the bonds of fellowship between the REC and FCE, as well as to foster closer ties between the FCE and other partners in the global realignment that is taking place among churches in the Anglican tradition. On Thursday and Friday, October 21, 22, 2010, I participated with Bishops Riches and Hicks in the Northern Diocese Clergy Conference in Morecambe. On Sunday October 24, 2010, I preached at St. Jude’s Church, Wassall, at the Morning Prayer Worship Service and that evening I preached at St. Andrew’s Church in Wolverhampton. Later that week, on Monday the 25th and Tuesday the 26th, I participated with Bishops Riches, Fenwick, and Hicks in meetings held in London with some orthodox bishops and clergy of the Church of England and in a meeting with the Rt. Rev. Christopher Hill, Bishop of Guildford and chairman of the Council for Christian Unity for the Church of England.

The following pages of this report are the summary of actions taken by the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Mid-America as provided by the Secretary of the Diocese.

Respectfully Submitted

Ordinary
Diocese of Mid-America
The following is a Summary of actions taken by the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Mid-America at its Several Meetings from May 2008 to March 2011.

2008-2009

CANDIDATES Approved

6. William W. Prewett – St. Timothy’s, Jonesboro, AR; applied May 2008
   (Perpetual Diaconate)
8. Scott Davis – Moberly, MO
9. Scott Bennion – Phoenix, AZ
10. Daryl R. Smith – Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX
11. Kevin Harris – St. Thomas of Canterbury, Houston, TX; applied April 1, 2008.

ORDINATION TO DIACONATE Approved


RECEPTION OF PRESBYTER Approved


SETTING APART OF DEACONESS Approved

14. Mary Jane Mathieu – Church of the Holy Communion in Dallas, TX.

NEW MISSION WORKS Approved

15. Church of the Good Shepherd, Mena, AR

TRANSFER OF CLERGY INTO DMA


TRANSFER OF PARISHES/CLERGY TO NEW MISSIONARY DIOCESE

17. The following parishes and clergy were transferred to the Missionary Diocese of the Central States:
b. Christ Our Hope, Westpoint, TN – The Rev. Franklin Sanders


d. St. John’s, Mt Laurel, AL – The Rev. Scott Houser

e. St. Simon’s, Fairhope, AL – The Rev. Daniel Thomas

f. Trinity, Mason, OH – The Rev. Peter Manto

g. Christ the King, Dayton, OH – The Rev. Wayne McNamara

**Nomination of Bishop Coadjutor**


**Reception of Parishes – Diocese of the West from APA**

19. Approved the following recommendations concerning the reception of parishes, missions, and clergy from the Diocese of the West of the Anglican Province in America subject to meeting all canonical requirements:

a.) Receive the listed parishes and clergy contained in the Letter Dimissory from The Rt. Rev. Richard Boyce pending written confirmation from each parish and clergyman to complete transfer.

b.) Agree to release the following ten states to the DOW/REC upon its organization and approval from the General Committee. States include: NM, WY, MT, AZ, UT, ID, NV, CA, OR, WA.

c.) Grandfather the parishes in any of those states which are currently in the DMA that they may remain.

d.) Petition the General Committee to create the Diocese of the West of the REC.

*(A copy of Bishop Boyce’s Letter Dimissory is filed with the Secretary)*

**2009-2010**

**Postulants Approved**

1.) Mr. Bill Wann – St. Stephen’s, Flowood, MS

2.) Mr. Ed Fowler – St. Francis, The Woodlands, TX

**Ordination to the Diaconate Approved**

3.) Allan Gillidette – St. Stephen’s, Montrose, CO (Permanent Deacon)

4.) Jonathan Tribelco – St. Francis, The Woodlands, TX

**Ordination to the Presbyterate Approved**

5.) Rev. Randolph Constantine – Trinity Church, Pagosa Springs, CO

6.) Rev. Chris Woodall – Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX

**Clergy Transfers Approved**
7.) Rev. Damien Grout – St. Stephen’s, Flowood, MS
   Approved for regularization to the Diaconate

**Clergy Transfers into the REC from the UEC Approved**

8.) The Rt. Rev. Sam Seamans – Mountain Home, AR
   Functions as Rector of parish
9.) Rev. Dcn. Brian Mooney – Mountain Home, AR
10.) Rev. Philip Schaffner – Cedar Grove, WI

**To be transferred to the MDCS:**

11.) The Rt. Rev. Wesley Nolden – Evansville, IN
    General Committee has taken action to receive
12.) Rev. David Straw – Evansville, IN
13.) Rev. Gregory Mashburn – Shalimar, FL
14.) Rev. Dcn. Mark Brown – Shalimar, FL
15.) Mr. Jason Schneider as Postulant – Shalimar, FL

**Parish Transfers into REC from UEC Approved**

16.) St. Thomas – Mountain Home, AR
17.) St. Stephen’s (Mission) – Cedar Grove, WI

**To be transferred to the MDCS:**

18.) Church of the Resurrection (Level 2) – Shalimar, FL
19.) Trinity Anglican Church – Evansville, IN

**Oversight of New Parish Approved**

20.) Holy Trinity (Level 2) – Fernadina Beach, FL
    The Rev. Michael Bowhay, Rector

**Parish Name Change Approved:**

21.) St. Chrysostom’s, Hot Springs, AR, name changed to Christ Anglican Church

**Clergy Transfers to Other Jurisdictions**

22.) Rev. Dr. Charles Erlandson transferred to the Diocese of Ft. Worth

**Delegates to the Inaugural Assembly of the Anglican Church in North America for the DMA (Approved by the General Committee)**

23.) Venerable Dr. James T. Payne
24.) Rev. Robert Bowman (replaced by Dss. Annette M. Johnson)
25.) Mr. Rudy Schenken
26.) Ms. Virginia Bowers
2010-2011

POSTULANTS Approved

1.) Mr. David Byer – under Bp. Wes Nolden in St. Louis, MO area
2.) Mr. Werner Heissenhuber – Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX
3.) Mr. Blaine Kemendo – St. Thomas of Canterbury, Houston, TX
4.) Mr. Chris Linebarger – Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, TX
5.) Mr. Jay Hershberger – King of Glory, Fargo, ND
6.) Mr. Tony Melton – Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, TX
7.) Mr. Bryan Raille – St. Stephen’s, Montrose, CO

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE Approved

8.) Mr. Ed Fowler – St. Francis, The Woodlands, TX

ORDINATION TO THE PRESBYTERATE Approved

9.) Rev. Randolph Constantine – Trinity Church, Pagosa Springs, Colorado
10.) Rev. Brian Mooney – St. Thomas, Mountain Home, AR
11.) Rev. Eric Harvey – St. Francis, The Woodlands, TX
12.) Rev. Jonathan Trebilco – St. Francis, The Woodlands, TX
13.) Rev. Lawrence Jones – Church of the Holy Trinity, Houston, TX
14.) Rev. Randall Pierpoint – Christ Chapel, Riverside, CA

CLERGY TRANSFERS INTO THE DMA

15.) Rev. Michael Spieth – Christ Anglican Church, O’Fallon, IL
    Approved for the Diaconate from the ACA
16.) Rev. Jon Hunter – Church of Our Saviour, Joplin, MO
    Approved for the Presbyterate from the UECNA
17.) Rev. Thomas McGee – Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX
    Approved for the Presbyterate from AMiA
18.) Rev. Marcus Emmons – Christ Church, Hot Springs, AR
    Approved for the Presbyterate from AMiA
19.) The Rev. Vance McGee – St. Stephen’s, Flowood, MS
    Re-activation as REC Presbyter from AMiA

CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF DEACONESS Approved

20.) Mrs. Nancy Jones – Church of the Holy Trinity, Houston, TX

APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF EXAMINING CHAPLAINS Approved

21.) Dss. Annette Johnson – Cathedral of St. Matthias, Katy, TX
    Limited to examination of Candidates for the Office of Deaconess
APPROVAL OF CONTRACT

22.) Oxford Document Service will be employed to conduct background checks on all applicants to ministerial positions in the Diocese of Mid-America.

March 2011

REGULARIZATION/ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE Approved

1.) Mr. Aaron Ott – Church of the Holy Trinity, Houston, TX

ORDINATION TO THE PRESBYTERATE Approved

2.) Rev. Damien Grout – St. Stephen’s, Jackson, MS

CLERGY TRANSFERS INTO THE DMA

3.) Rev. Philip Tjoelker – St. Andrew’s, Tinley Park, IL
   Approved for Regularization/Ordination to the Presbyterate from the URCNA
4.) Rev. James Dallman – Madison, WI
   Approved for the Diaconate from the ACA
5.) Rev. Bill Mouser – Rector, St. Athanasius UAC, Waxahatchie, TX
   Approved for the Presbyterate from UAC
6.) Rev. Jerry Edward Young – Deacon, St. Athanasius UAC, Waxahatchie, TX
   Approved for the Diaconate from UAC, pending completion of paper work

CLERGY TRANSFERS TO OTHER DIOCESES

7.) Rev. Joshua Grote – transferred to the DNEMA
8.) Rev. Jeff Baker – transferred to the DSE
9.) Rev. Gregory Mashburn – transferred to the MDCS

THE REPORT of BISHOP DAVID L. HICKS
Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic

To the 53rd General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren,

The following report summarizes my activity as Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic over the past triennium. Reports with more detailed information may be found in the published minutes of the 128th, 129th and 130th Councils of the Diocese. The Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic continues to be committed to church growth, through the revitalization of existing parishes, the development of mission parishes and the planting of extension works.
I. Confirmations
From the 52nd General Council through Easter Sunday, 2011, I have made 51 episcopal visitations, during which time 141 persons were presented to me for confirmation. My thanks are extended to the Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches and the Rt. Rev. Daniel G. Cox, who graciously have made some episcopal visits to parishes on my behalf. Additionally, I am thankful for the assistance of the Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin, who has visited several parishes where no one was to be presented for confirmation.

II. Ordinations/Receptions
Presbyterate.
Erin Vowles – October 26, 2008, Grace Church, Havre de Grace, MD.
Robert Pardon – August 15, 2009, Good Shepherd Church, Brockton, MA.
John Ferns – September 19, 2010, St. George’s Church, Hamilton, ON.
Samuel Orimogunje – November 20, 2010, All Saint’s Church, Newark, NJ.

Diaconate.
Justin Forsberg – November 1, 2008, St. Matthew’s, Havertown, PA.
Robert Lyon – September 18, 2010, St. George’s Church, Hamilton, ON.

Regularization of Orders.
Philip Lambooy – August 9, 2009, St. Stephen’s Church, Eldersburg, MD.
David Howard – September 13, 2009, St. Luke’s, New Providence, NJ.

III. Reformed Episcopal Seminary
I continue to serve as Chancellor of Reformed Episcopal Seminary (RES) and Associate Professor of Biblical Languages and Literature. Effective May 31, 2009, the Board of Directors elected me to serve also as president, upon the Rev. Dr. Wayne Headman.

On April 12, 2010, Dr. William Miller, representing the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), made a site visit to the seminary to determine whether the seminary is ready to make the next step toward full accreditation with ATS. Dr. Miller met with administration, faculty, staff, students and alumni during the day. Upon Dr. Miller's favorable recommendation, the board of ATS granted candidacy status to the seminary. We are hopeful that after a two year period of "self-study," conducted under the guidance of ATS, the seminary will enjoy full membership with the accrediting association.

The RES community was honored by Archbishop Robert Duncan when he visited the seminary campus on May 6, 2010. He was the celebrant at Holy Communion in the chapel service and spent several hours speaking with students, faculty and guests about the issues related to Anglican realignment in North America and abroad. In the evening, the Archbishop met with the deans of the seminaries and theological colleges associated with the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA). Those same deans met the next day on the seminary campus for the purpose of establishing educational standards for Anglican seminaries and theological schools in North America. The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches were participants in the meetings.

IV. Special Services and Events
marked the conclusion of Bishop Riches tenure as Ordinary of the Diocese. The service of Holy Communion on November 6th was preceded by a service of recognition and investiture, during which I was installed as Ordinary of the Diocese. The Council held a special banquet in honor of Bishop Riches that evening at North Hills Country Club, North Hills, Pennsylvania. The banquet was very well attended, and many gave testimony to Bishop Riches’ faithful and sacrificial service to the Diocese, which has spanned over thirty years.

Consecration of William White: On Saturday, January 17, 2009, I participated in the consecration of the Rev. William White as Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of the Southeast. The service was held at New Israel Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, South Carolina.

V. Diocese of Central & Eastern Canada

On Saturday, September 19, 2009, Presiding Bishop Leonard W. Riches and I attended the annual Synodical Council of the Diocese of Central and Eastern Canada (DC&EC) held at St. George's Church, Hamilton, Ontario. The bishop ordinary of the Diocese, the Rt. Rev. Michael Fedechko announced his retirement, effective September 30, 2009. The council voted in favor of coming under the guidance and oversight of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, due to the small number of parishes and communicants in the DC&EC.

Subsequent to those events, Bishop Fedechko organized the so-called "Reformed Episcopal Church of Canada" and has disassociated himself with the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church. A small number of laity and clergy have associated with Bishop Fedechko; however, the larger portion of the Diocese, represented by St. George’s Church, Hamilton, has remained with the REC. The effectiveness of the Reformed Episcopal Church has not diminished in Eastern Canada. St. George’s Church continues to prosper and grow and is assisting with our new extension work in Montreal.

VI. Free Church of England

At the invitation of Bishop John Fenwick of the Free Church of England (FCE), I visited the Northern Diocese of the FCE from July 4-13, 2009. I delivered a lecture at St. David's Church, Preston, on July 11th, regarding the recent developments in the REC and its association with the Anglican Church in North America. I also preached at St. George's, Blackburn, and Holy Trinity, Oswaldtwistle, on the Sundays during my visit. Bishop Fenwick and I attended the 'Be Faithful' conference in London, Monday July 6. The conference was sponsored by the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans, which is the organization of orthodox Anglicans who were associated with the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON), held in Jerusalem in 2008.

At the appointment of the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches, I accompanied him and the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote on a visit to England, in response to an invitation extended to the Reformed Episcopal Church from the bishops of the FCE. The purpose of the trip was to strengthen the bonds of fellowship between the REC and FCE, as well as to foster closer ties between the FCE and other partners in the global realignment that is taking place among churches in the Anglican tradition. On Friday, October 22, 2010, I attended the Northern Diocese Clergy Conference in Morecambe; on Saturday, October 23, 2010, I delivered the homily at the service of Holy Communion for the Northern Diocese Synod, also held in Morecambe; and on Sunday, October 24, 2010 I delivered the sermon at Christ Church, Liscard. Later that week, I participated with Bishops Riches, Fenwick, and Grote in meetings held in London with some orthodox bishops and clergy of the Church of England and in a meeting with the Rt. Rev. Christopher Hill, Bishop of Guildford and chairman of the Council for Christian Unity for the Church of England.
We were pleased to reciprocate the hospitality shown to us by Bishop Fenwick and invited him to visit the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, most recently. In connection with this trip, we specially were honored to have him speak to the graduating class of 2011 at the Reformed Episcopal Seminary commencement ceremony held on June 4th.

VII. Anglican Church in North America (ACNA).

The first Provincial Assembly of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) took place in Bedford, Texas, at St. Vincent’s Cathedral, June 22-25, 2009. The purpose of the assembly is to organize as a Province and approve the proposed constitution and canons. I attended with the delegation from the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, as well as the meeting of the College of Bishops which was held prior to the Provincial Assembly. I have continued to attend subsequent meetings of the College of Bishops and Provincial Councils held in Toronto, Ontario and Amesbury, Massachusetts. I also serve on the ACNA Prayer Book Task Force and have attended meetings in Tallahassee, Florida (February 22-24, 2010), Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina (September 27-28, 2010), and Dallas, Texas (March 1-2, 2011).

Respectfully submitted,

The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks

THE REPORT OF BISHOP ALPHONZA GADSDEN
Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southeast

Dear Brethren,

Greetings in the Name of God Almighty, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Complete reports of my Episcopal function during the Triennium are written in the minutes of the 36th, 37th and 38th Annual Diocesan Councils of the Diocese of the Southeast. The following is a recapitulation of my Episcopal activities as Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southeast during the past Triennium:

EPISCOPAL VISITS/CONFIRMATIONS
During the past Triennium I made 89 Episcopal visitations at churches of the Diocese. While conducting these visits I had the honor of laying on of hand to welcome 93 persons to the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ through the Rite of Confirmation. I delivered the morning sermons during visits to parishes and missions. I was celebrant at each of these visits.

CONSECRATION/ ORDINATION
I was granted the honor and privilege of laying on of hands on the occasion of the Consecration to the Episcopate of the Reverend William J. White, who would now serves as Bishop, Suffragan, of the Diocese of the Southeast. The service for this occasion was held at New Israel Reformed Episcopal Church, 69 Simmons Street, Charleston, SC. At the opening service, September 16, 2010, of the 38th Annual Diocesan Synod of the Diocese of the Southeast, at St. John’s Reformed Episcopal Church, 90 Anson Street, Charleston, SC, I had the distinct honor of
ordaining three men to the office of Deacon in the Church of our Lord, Joseph Hamilton, David Mayo and Johnny Wilson.

INSTITUTIONS

BAPTISM
On April 12, 2009, I baptized Trenton Nigel Middleton, son of Kevin and Ratasha Middleton in Liberty Reformed Episcopal Church, Jamestown, SC. At my Episcopal visit to Christ’s Church, Johns Island, SC, May 17, 2009, five (5) persons were presented for Holy Baptism, Teleya Benson, Tonazia Benson, Tylazia Benson, Pierce Oree and Savion Witrell.

WEDDINGS
On Saturday May 23, 2009, I was privileged to perform the marriage of Sheila Denise Perkins-Miller, daughter of Susan and Isaac Perkins, and Robert Timothy Darley son of Sarah and Arthur Darley, at Wright Small Fellowship Building in Goose Creek, SC.

ECCUMENICAL ACTIVITIES
RESIGNATION AND RENUNCIATION OF MINISTERIAL ORDERS

On December 9, 2010 the Rev. Ron Satterfield, former rector of St. John’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC, renounced his ordination and ministry in the Reformed Episcopal Church.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

On February 2, 2008, I attended the funeral services for Mr. B. C. Houston, at Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, Moncks Corner, SC. Mr. Houston was the brother of the Reverend Willie J. Hill.

On April 12, 2008, I officiated and preach at the funeral services for Mrs. Anna Taylor, the mother of the Reverend Bobby Taylor, Vicar of Promiseland Reformed Episcopal Church, on Johns Island SC.

On May 17, 2008, I preached at the home going service for Mr. Alton Hawkins at Liberty Reformed Episcopal Church, Jamestown, SC. Mr. Hawkins was a life member of Liberty Church and avid supporter having, served on the Vestry and other leadership roles for a number of years. Mr. Hawkins was an active member of Liberty Church during my seventeen years as Rector.

On July 7, 2008, I preached at the funeral service for Reverend Deacon Fred Pope, at St. Johns Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC. Deacon Pope was ordained to the Diaconate of the Reformed Episcopal Church and served as Vicar of the Awendaw Mission, Awendaw, SC and Assisting Minister at St. John’s Church, Charleston.

September 16, 2008, I attended the funeral services for Mr. Willie B. Rembert, at Redeemer Reformed Episcopal Church, Pineville, SC. Mr. Rembert was the brother of the Right Reverend Sanco K. Rembert, a life member of Redeemer RE Church and was Senior Warden for many years, under the leadership of several presbyters of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

On September 21, 2008, I preached at the funeral service for Mr. Royal Smith. Mr. Smith, a life member of Liberty Reformed Episcopal Church, Jamestown, SC., served Liberty as Treasurer of the Church and was an active member of the vestry during my ministry.

On March 13, 2009, I preached at the home going service for Mrs. Louise West, wife of the late Rev. Peter West and mother of the late Bishop James C. West, at Good Shepherd Reformed Episcopal Church, Bonneau, SC. Mrs. West was a dedicated member of Good Shepherd and served as Junior Warden for several years, was a Past President of the Ministers Wives’ Alliance. Mrs. West served on numerous boards and committees in the Diocese of the Southeast.
May 27, 2009, I attended the funeral services for Mr. Nehemiah White, at Calvary Reformed Episcopal Church, St. Stephen, SC. Mr. White was the brother of the Right Reverend William J. White, Bishop, Suffragan of the Diocese of the Southeast. Mr. White was a life member of Calvary RE Church.

On October 27, 2010, I attended the Home Going Service for Mr. Michael E. Murray, Jr., at St. John’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC. Mr. Murray was a former student at Cummins Memorial Seminary, a dedicated member of St. John’s Church where he served as lay reader of the Church for many years.

Additionally, I attended 18 funeral services of friends and families of the Diocese of the Southeast.

I thank God Almighty for the privilege of serving His Church.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden
Ordinary, Diocese of the Southeast of

THE REPORT of BISHOP DANIEL R. MORSE
Bishop Ordinary of the Missionary Diocese of the Central States

2008 SUMMARY

At the General Committee Meeting on Saturday, 13 October 2007 the Committee received from the Bishops’ conference the following recommendation.

1. Formation of the Missionary Diocese of the Central States. Bishop Grote distributed two documents (see attachments) in which the recommendation for and the procedure to follow for the re-organization of the current three Dioceses in the USA to add a new Diocese to be called the Missionary Diocese of the Central States (MDCS).

On January 24, 25 the Diocese of the Central States held its organizational meeting in Sevierville, TN with the Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse, Missionary Bishop presiding.

Marianne and I moved to Nashville, TN in the middle of February, 2008 so that I could begin the work in the new diocese. We signed a six month lease on a small house in order to give us time to find a house to buy that would serve as both a residence and an office for the diocese. We
spent most of that time driving all over middle Tennessee by ourselves or with a realtor. We finally found a suitable house in southeast Nashville and moved at the end of July.

I made the following Episcopal visits in 2008.

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<td>February 13</td>
<td>(not my diocese)</td>
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<td>St. Simon’s, Fairhope, AL</td>
<td>March 16</td>
<td>One of the main reasons for this visit was to help the Parish handle some very difficult problems and also to prepare for the arrival of the Rev. Dan Thomas as Vicar.</td>
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<td>April 7-12 Christ Our Hope, Westpoint, TN</td>
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<td>Bishops meeting, Summerville, SC</td>
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<td>St. Simon’s, Fairhope, AL</td>
<td>May 4</td>
<td>Congregational meeting</td>
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<td>With the assistance of the Rev. Franklin Sanders and the Rev. Doug Mills I examined and ordained Randy Uselton to the presbyterate for the purpose of starting a new mission work in the Nashville area.</td>
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<td>May 7-16 Travel in Virginia to visit all the churches and clergy Since this is the new part of the diocese I wanted to get to know all the clergy and churches and to give them the opportunity to meet their new Bishop.</td>
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<td>Trinity Church, Mason, OH</td>
<td>May 23-25</td>
<td>Carolyn Manto Wedding and Episcopal visit</td>
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<td>St. Andrew’s by the Lake, Hendersonville, TN</td>
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<td>(This is not an REC parish. In fact it is so far unaffiliated, but they have asked me to lead the worship for them.)</td>
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<td>July 9—Meet with VA clergy at New Covenant School, Lynchburg</td>
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<td>Consecration of the new Church building</td>
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St. James, Memphis, TN  August 10
Raleigh, NC  August 17  Meet with interested non-REC clergy and churches
Christ the King, Dayton, OH  August 24
Christ the King, Dayton, OH  September 25-26  Diocese meeting, Sevierville, TN
Christ the King, Dayton, OH  October 5
St. John’s, Mt. Laurel, AL  October 21

**PARISH CLOSING**

In 2008 I had to close Christchurch, our parish in Abingdon, VA. Their assets were transferred to the diocese for use in establishing other churches, or for the work of the diocese.

**2009 SUMMARY**

On the occasion of some 17 Episcopal visits to the Parishes and Missions of this Jurisdiction, 32 persons were presented to me for the laying on of hands in the ancient rite of confirmation and 1 person was ordained to the Diaconate and 1 person to the Presbyterate. In addition to those Episcopal visits, I had preaching engagements and meetings with clergy as enumerated below:

**VISITS AND ACTIVITIES**

**January**
20-22—Meeting with the Ohio clergy in Dayton with Bp. George Fincke to discuss possibilities of his involvement in the growth of that part of the diocese.
29—The examination in Nashville of the Rev. Deacon Walter Ruby for ordination to the presbyterate and Conference call with the clergy in Virginia and North Carolina.

**February**
15—The ordination of Walter Ruby
18—Clergy Conference call—Ohio clergy
22—New Covenant, Lynchburg, VA
26—Clergy Conference call—TN & AL clergy

**March**
1—All Saints, Raleigh, NC
18—Clergy Conference call—Ohio clergy
25—Lenten preaching at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Ft. Worth, TX

**April**
2—Meeting with Bp. W. Nolden, Rev. D. Straw, Rev. G. Mashburn, and Rev. Dcn. M. Brown who had been previously examined and received into the REC from the UECNA.
13-18—Bishops, Summerville—I was unable to attend due to my broken shoulder blade received while in TX.
26—Epiphany Anglican Church, Williamsburg, VA
May
3—Raleigh, NC—All Saints REC—confirmations
10—Covenant, Roanoke, VA
13—Clergy Conference call Ohio
17—Trinity, Evansville, IN
19—Clergy Conference call VA, NC, WV
26—Clergy Conference call TN, AL, FL
31—St. John’s, Birmingham, AL

June
3—travel to Fairfax, VA
   Examination and reception of the
   Rev. Job Serebrov from the Russian
   Orthodox Church
7—Trinity Sunday—Holy Trinity, Fairfax, VA, confirmations
8—return from Fairfax
13—Resurrection, Shalimar, FL
14—St. Simon’s, Fairhope, AL
19-25—ACNA Provincial Assembly, Ft. Worth
28—St. Michael and All Angels, Nashville

July
5—St. Michael and All Angels, Nashville
12—Lynchburg, VA—installation of Mike Harkness
20—Meeting with Fr. Greg Mashburn and Chris Flynn in Nashville
25—Vestry meeting, Christ Covenant, Sevierville, TN
26—Christ Covenant, Sevierville, TN, parish meeting

September
6—St. James, Memphis, TN
12—Standing Committee conference call
18—Flight to Cincinnati—examination of
   Michelle Caldwell as a deaconess
   and David Abshear as a Deacon
20—Christ the King, Dayton, OH—ordination Abshear
24—Synod meeting—Lynchburg, VA

November
1—Christ Covenant, Sevierville
15—Resurrection, Shalimar, FL
20-21—Men’s OH conference—missions and evangelism
22—Trinity, Mason, OH

ORDINATIONS
On February 15, 2009, it was my pleasure to ordain to the Presbyterate The Rev. Dr. Walter Ruby to serve at St. Andrew’s Church in Signal Mountain, TN. Participating with me in that service was the Rev. Canon Scott Houser, and the Rev. Franklin Sanders. When everyone else is past retirement at his age, Walter is just getting started.

On September 20, 2009 it was my privilege to ordain to the Diaconate David Abshear at Christ the King Church in Dayton, OH. He was presented by the Rev. Wayne McNamara.

CLERGY RECEPTION
On March 1, 2009 the Rev. Ian MacGregor, Rector of All Saints, Raleigh, NC was received from the Anglican Church in America.

On June 3, 2009 I was assisted by the Rev. Charlie Camlin and the Rev. Dr. Larry Adams in the examination and reception of the Rev. Joseph Serebrov from the Russian Orthodox Church.
ARCHDEACON APPOINTMENT
With the departure from the diocese of Archdeacon Doug Mills, who has accepted a call to be the pastor of a parish in St. Louis, MO I have appointed the Rev. Peter Manto Archdeacon of the diocese.

In 2009 we welcomed 4 new parishes:
1. All Saints, Raleigh, NC—transfer from the ACA
2. St. Peter, Norge, VA—new mission work
3. Anglican Church of the Resurrection, Shalimar, FL—transfer from the UECNA
4. Trinity Anglican Church, Evansville, IN—transfer from the UECNA

EPISCOPAL VISITS
I made the following Episcopal visits in 2009.

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PARISH DEPARTURE
Epiphany Anglican Church, Williamsburg, VA, which was not yet a parish in the Reformed Episcopal Church but level one affiliate status decided to join CANA.

CLERGY TRANSFERS
The Rev. Chori Jonathin Seraiah transferred to the Traditional Anglican Communion. The Rev. Canon Ralph Frye, who had officially retired from active ministry transferred to CANA.

2010 SUMMARY
I made 22 Episcopal visits to the Parishes and Missions of this Jurisdiction, and 9 persons were presented to me for the laying on of hands in the ancient rite of confirmation. In addition to those Episcopal visits, I had preaching engagements and meetings with clergy as enumerated below:

EPISCOPAL VISITS
Following is my report of the Episcopal visits I made since our last meeting, as well other activities.

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<td>ACNA Provincial Council</td>
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<td>Appomattox, VA</td>
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The 53rd General Council | 2011

Raleigh, NC  May 5  Chapel at Trinity Academy
Fairfax, VA  May 30  
Norge, VA  June 6  
Boston, MA  June 7-11  ACNA Provincial Council
Evansville, IN  June 19  
Mobile, AL  July 11  
    Aug. 5  Trustees
Aiken, SC  Aug. 6-8  Receive Church of the Good Shepherd
Memphis, TN  Aug. 15  Dedicate new altar
Dayton, OH  Aug. 27-29  Receive Christ Our Hope
    Sept. 28-Oct. 2  Bishops’ meeting
Summerville, SC  

CLERGY TRANSFER

I transferred the Rev. Douglas Mills to the Diocese of Mid-America, and the Rev. Job Serebrov to the Anglican Church of South Africa.

EPISCOPAL VISITS

January
21-Dayton, OH, Christ Our Hope
    Bishop’s Committee
23-Christ Our Hope, Dayton—install Greg Mashburn as Vicar
30-Shalimar, FL—install Frank Gough as Rector

February
6-St. Patrick’s ACNA, Smyrna, TN
7-10-Wichita, KS to meet with people interested in a new REC
13-Birmingham, AL, St. John’s
18-20-Covenant, Roanoke, VA

March
3-Trustees, 7 pm conference call
6-Christ Covenant, Sevierville, TN
9-Ash Wednesday—Cincinnati and Dayton
27-Akin, SC

April
5-9-Bishops, Summerville
9-11-Cleveland, OH
24-Easter—Christ Our Hope, Westpoint, TN

May
8-All Saints, Raleigh

June
8-10-General Council, Dallas, TX

The schedule for the rest of 2011 is not yet firm at the time of this writing.

Respectfully submitted,
Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse

The ensuing reports were distributed in the packets for Council. According to the rules of order, the reports so submitted are considered received, unless something additional is presented or called attention to by the Chairman of the Board or Committee, or if a question is raised by the house in regard to the contents of a particular report.
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Katy, TX 77494

Phone 281-463-2304 Fax 281-463-9575
J2Grote@aol.com

May 17, 2011

Official Auditors' Report

The General Council
of the Reformed Episcopal Church
826 Second Ave.
Blue Bell, PA 19422

Dear Sirs:

By appointment of the General Committee of the Reformed Episcopal Church and in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the same, I have audited the statements of financial position of the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Episcopal Church and Episcopal Recorder Inc. for the Triennium ended December 31, 2010 and the related statements of the activities and cash flows for the years reported. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization’s management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these statements based upon my audit.

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

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above represent fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Sustentation Fund and Episcopal Recorder Inc.

The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote
Official Auditor.

Mr. Ron Riches took the floor to discuss the purpose of the Sustentation Fund and how its main function is to manage the Reformed Episcopal Church’s funds. He then informed everyone of the Budget Committee formed in September 2010 consisting of himself, Bishop Riches, Bishop Grote, the Ven. Dr. Jon Abboud, and the Very Rev. Jason Grote.
Revised and Audited 8/18/2010 and 1/18/2011
Asset Report for years 2008-2010

Sustentation Fund General Checking Account and Episcopal Recorder Balances

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| **Total All Assets** | **$1,388,821.82** | **$1,411,314.71** | **$1,366,701.91** |

*125K was transferred from GC checking to fund ACNA mortgage in 2010.
Eleanor Stroud Fund reverts to the Sustentation Fund in the event the Church of the Atonement sells its rectory. Half of the income to the Southern Missionary Fund is disbursed to the Diocese of the Southeast in the first year of the triennium. Half of the income to the Rebecca H. Stroud Fund is disbursed to the Church of the Atonement in the first year of the new triennium. Needy Student Fund is directed to the Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. Income from the Dean Fund is currently being used to supplement Bishop Booth’s Pension.
Portfolio transfers include $13,738.92/year from the Dean Fund to support BoFM Supplemental.

As audited 1/20/2011.
# Report of the Treasurer of Episcopal Recorder Inc.  
**January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2010**

**Beginning Balance**

| Checking Account | $7,019.46 |

## INFLOWS

- **Uncategorized** $0.00
- **Ep. Sales**
- **ER Other Sales** $651.20
- **Other ER Sales** $89,134.12
- **TOTAL ER Sales** $89,785.32
- **Support from Sust. Fund** $87,709.32

**TOTAL INFLOWS** $177,494.64

## OUTFLOWS

- **Audit** $800.35
- **Bank Chrg** $0.00
- **ER Office Expense** $235.77
- **Staff Expense** $96,673.64
- **ER Income Allocation** $12,000.00
- **Meeting Expense** $362.52
- **Meetings & Travel** $604.38
- **Misc** -$73.31
- **Office Equipment** $150.23
- **TOTAL Office Exp** $3,073.55
- **TOTAL Printed Books** $40,031.34
- **RE Logo Pins** $574.50
- **Other Printing** $1,400.79
- **TOTAL Printing Other** $1,975.29
- **Shipping** $994.02
- **Supplies, Bus** $543.89

**TOTAL OUTFLOWS** $157,371.67

## OVERALL TOTAL

| $20,122.97 |

**Ending Balance 12/31/2010** $27,142.46

This report does not reflect ending Merchant Account (Credit Card) balances.  
This report was audited 1/18/2011.

*This report was audited 1/18/2011.*

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_A motion was made and seconded by the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches and the Rev. Dr. Jim Payne to receive the reports with thanks. The motion carried._
# THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE SUB COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET FOR 2011-2014

## Projected Income

### Diocesan Tithes

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**Projected income & draws in excess of expenses**

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The Rev. John Hunter thanked all the churches for their support after Church of Our Saviour in Joplin, Missouri sustained substantial damage from a recent tornado.

Bishop Grote returned us to business with the Board of Pensions and Relief Report.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RELIEF

Dear Brethren,

Immediately following the 52nd General Council at Church of our Lord in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, the members of the Board met for a brief organizational meeting. The following officers were elected:

Secretary         Mrs. Tonya Forsberg
Treasurer/Administrator The Venerable Dr. Jon Abboud

During the triennium, five Board meetings were held in Summerville, South Carolina.

The denominational pension plan is administered by this Board along with responsibilities for meeting the needs of widows and orphans. A statement of funds held for use by this Board was approved at the 49th General Council and the fund balances are reported in the Treasurer’s Report.

PENSION PLAN PERFORMANCE

One of the primary responsibilities of this Board is to administer and oversee the denominational pension portfolio. This is done by employing the management services of Papalia Financial Services. They are charged with providing proper management and timely reporting of the individual pension accounts. The funds are invested through Fidelity Financial Services. We have all seen the volatility of our economy in 2008 and 2009. Our Pension plan saw a market drop of nearly 25% in the pension accounts in 2008 (much less than the S&P drop of 48%). Those accounts did recover throughout 2009 and 2010. This was partially due to the Board restructuring the investment strategy at the end of 2009 to better accommodate the current market situation. We were pleased that the performance for 2010 was 10.79%. Over the life of the plan, we have experienced a growth rate slightly in excess of 6% in the Pension Fund.

NOTE: We once again remind the participants that this Pension Plan is a long term investment strategy. Those who are near retirement and wish to preserve their capital have the one time option at age 59 ½ or older of withdrawing their funds without penalties and placing them in more secure retirement vehicles. The staff at Papalia Financial Services is more than willing to meet with qualifying participants and discuss alternative investment strategies for those who are in this category.

During this past triennium the Board has spent a great deal of time examining and exploring our management of the pension accounts. As we met with different financial managers and looked at our own processes, we felt that it was important to conduct a survey of the participants in the plan to insure that we are providing those financial and retirement vehicles which are needed and useful. We have communicated with all our participants by letter asking them to complete the survey online so that we can review the data and make sure that we are functioning adequately.
MANDATORY PARTICIPATION

The Board would remind our Parishes that our plan mandates the participation of all Presbyters serving in a parish to participate in the plan. While we are not officially designated as a federally approved plan, we do endeavor to conform to federal guidelines concerning pension plan administration. Since, however, there were some isolated instances where there was no need for the pension program, the Board made a provision that Presbyters requesting exemption from participation be so permitted subject to the parish served by that presbyter making a $500.00 per year contribution to the Pension Fund. Those requesting exemption must be able to demonstrate adequate alternative provisions and have appropriate spousal permission forms completed. In every case, written permission from the Board of Pensions must be received.

It should be noted that in order to insure an adequate funding at retirement for our Clergy and Missionaries, the 49th Council approved that Churches or agencies of the REC being served by a presbyter be required to make a minimum contribution of $500.00 per annum to that presbyter’s pension account, or 10% of that presbyters defined income from that agency, whichever is greater. This percentage is currently in effect. The Board notes that no recommended increases have been made for the past 9 years. In order to keep pace with inflation and the effects of a shrinking dollar, the Board now makes the recommendation that the increase of the pension contribution be raised to 12% beginning in the year 2012.

FATHER’S DAY OFFERING

The Annual Father’s Day Offering is a worthy and proper method of helping to acknowledge and support those retired servants of Christ who gave the best years of their lives to His Service. We encourage our parishes to generously support the annual Father’s Day Offering project. The proceeds of this Offering are distributed to our retired Missionaries and Clergy at Christmas each year.

HOUSING ALLOWANCE OPTION - ANNUITY

The Board is always exploring new ways to improve the Pension Benefits for its participants. In 1995, the Board approved the authorizing of a housing allowance option for those who are going to retire utilizing a minimum 10-year certain and life annuity. The annuity would be based upon the retired clergyman’s underwriting, but the proceeds would be payable to the Board of Pensions and Relief. The Board then approves a stipulated Rectory Allowance for that individual and distributes the allowance as the proceeds from the annuity allow. This is an option which may be elected by any clergy who retire. It is a means of tax sheltering a certain portion of their retirement income. Further details may be received from the Plan Administrator, the Venerable Jon Abboud.

NEW LONG TERM DISABILITY PLAN

At our April, 2008 Board meeting in Summerville, South Carolina, the Board considered and has implemented a new Long Term Disability plan for our Clergy and Missionaries. The details of this plan were presented at the 52nd General Council by the Plan Administrator. It was approved by that council for all parishes to provide this benefit for their pastors. In reviewing the current plan during this triennium, we have been able to increase the benefits while maintaining the $500.00 annual premium. The Plan Administrator will be sharing the increased benefits of this plan with the 53rd General Council.
TRUST FUNDS

The Board also administrates and invests certain designated Trust Funds. In each case, any distributions from the proceeds of those funds were in accordance with the designated use, and those funds are accounted in the Report by the Treasurer.

ANNA KEARNEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

It is our joy to report that the Board of Pensions is, once again, financially able to offer Scholarships for the children of clergy and missionaries who are attending their first level of College. Each year, the Board awards one (1) one four year Scholarship of $1500.00 per year. Applications must be received in Bishop Grote’s office by June 30th of each calendar year in order to be considered. Awards are based on need and scholarship and are independent of any other grants or scholarships a student may receive. Information and application forms are available from Bishop Grote’s office.

PUBLICATION SOCIETY

Members of the Council should note that The Officers of the Board of Pensions and Relief also served as the Officers of the Board of the Publication Society during the last triennium. The Publication Society provides printed materials for men preparing for the ministry at our seminaries along with other written materials for use in the Church.

The Publication Society is located on the lower floor of Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. The Rev. Jonathan Riches is the distribution manager. Orders may be placed by calling 610-292-9852. All orders are now processed within 10-14 days.

All financial reporting for the Publication Society is now made by the General Council Treasurer in the Report of the Treasurer of the Sustentation Fund. During the last Triennium, any proceeds of this Board above costs were distributed to the Sustentation Fund accounts according to the requirements set by the General Committee. This corporation has produced a number of volumes in recent years. A Catalogue is available on the Pub-Soc table at this Council.

Recommendations

1. That this Council approves the increase of the Minister’s pension contribution to 12% per year starting in the year 2012.

2. That this Council commends the continuation of the Father’s Day offering project to the parishes of this Church, and that this appeal is given appropriate emphasis and priority in the parishes of this Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

President

The Rev. Dr. Riches moved and the Ven. Dr. Payne seconded to receive the report with the enclosed recommendations. The motion passed.
The Ven. Dr. Abboud passed out packets for the new Long-term Disability Plan discussed in the Bishop Grote’s Report. All participants were instructed to complete a current application and return it to the Secretary.

**January 1, 2008 Through December 31, 2010**

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**Income in Excess of Expense**

**(43,517.85)**

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**Investment Fund Balances #1**

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*3458.04 is drawn quarterly from Kearney to pay supplemental pensions

There were no actions contained in the Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Pensions and Relief.
The COMMITTEE on CONSTITUTIONS and CANONS

To: The Clergy & Lay Deputies of the Reformed Episcopal Church

The Committee met twice, in Summerville, South Carolina, during the triennium since the 52nd General Council.

The work of the Constitution and Canons Committee since the last General Council has primarily focused on examining the governing documents of the Reformed Episcopal Church in light of our continued alliance with other jurisdictions through our membership in the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA). Our gratitude for the opportunity to be in communion and Christian fellowship with other Anglicans has been accompanied by a sense of responsibility to identify those areas in our Constitutions and Canons in which our stance on various matters of ecclesiastical order must be clearly articulated. In addition, a few matters of internal governance required attention, and amendments were written accordingly. Our goal in all of these proceedings has been to ensure that the Reformed Episcopal Church remains true to those distinctives that have allowed us to maintain the Faith in constancy, despite the heretical climate of this age.

As a result of our deliberations over the past three years, the Committee is proposing one additional article for the Constitution and amendments to nine Canons. In addition, the Committee is presenting for second reading two amendments that were accepted by a majority of the delegates to General Council in 2008.

The following is a summary of the amendments being presented for second reading:

- To Canon 12, “Of Missionary Bishops,” a proposed additional section to provide for a Missionary Bishop to Chaplains and Military Personnel
- To Canon 19, “Of Ministers and Their Duties,” provisions for releasing clergy from the REC to serve in other jurisdictions in situations that do not require discipline

The following is a summary of the proposed amendments for first reading:

- A new article for the Constitution to clarify the nature of our relationship within the ACNA governance structure
- To Canon 7, addition of language to prohibit the reception by transfer of women as postulants or candidates for Holy Orders
- To Canons 11 and 14, amendments recognizing the ecclesiastical authority of the ACNA in the election or reception of Bishops in the REC
- To Canon 12, a provision for the Missionary Bishop to Chaplains and Military Personnel to oversee non-military chaplaincies (e.g., prison chaplains)
- To Canon 19, an amendment to the retirement age of clergy
- To Canon 21, additional boundaries for participation of clergy from other jurisdictions within REC parishes
- To Canon 25 and Canon 27, related amendments delineating how the appellate process of ACNA affects clergy and laity in the REC
- An amendment to Canon 44 requires transparency in the management of parish trust funds
The full text of the proposed amendments is provided as an enclosure. The Committee recommends that the REC General Council approve these amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

The Venerable James T. Payne, D.D.
Chairman

Deaconess Teresa Johnson,
Secretary

Amendments Adopted on First Reading at General Council 2008

Canon 12
Of Missionary Bishops

Add the following text as Section 2(b), and renumber existing b to c and c to d.

Section 2 [(b) The Presiding Bishop, in consultation with the Council of Bishops, may appoint a Missionary Bishop to Chaplains and Military Personnel, either from among the Bishops of this Church or by the choosing of a suitable Presbyter, such choice to be subject to confirmation of the General Council during its triennial sessions, and at other times by a majority of the Standing Committees of the various dioceses and a majority of the General Committee.

The Missionary Bishop to Chaplains and Military Personnel shall be the endorsing agent for all Chaplains of the Reformed Episcopal Church and shall exercise pastoral and administrative oversight over Military Chaplains. Due to the unique nature of this ministry, the Missionary Bishop to Chaplains and Military Personnel is exempt from those portions of Canon 12 and Canon 17 that pertain to the oversight of a Missionary Diocese.

The Missionary Bishop to Chaplains and Military Personnel shall report on a quarterly basis to the Presiding Bishop, who shall establish policies and provide general oversight. The appointment may be withdrawn by the Presiding Bishop at his discretion in consultation with the Council of Bishops. This Canon shall be interpreted in such a manner as to allow the endorsement of Chaplains to the Canadian Armed Forces by a Bishop of this Church designated by the Missionary Bishop to Chaplains and Military Personnel so as to conform to the laws of Canada.]

Canon 19
Of Ministers and Their Duties

Add the following text in Section 6.

Section 6 [(h) A Minister of this Church desirous to be received into a Jurisdiction which is in full communion with the Reformed Episcopal Church shall request, in writing, a testimonial letter from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or Missionary Diocese in which he is presently canonically resident to the appropriate authority of the jurisdiction to which he seeks
admission. This testimonial shall be in the following, or similar form, as the situation warrants and shall be addressed to the jurisdiction to which the Minister desires to transfer:

I hereby certify that the Reverend A. B., who has signified to me his desire to be transferred to the Ecclesiastical Authority of _________ is a Presbyter [or Deacon] in Good Standing, in the Diocese (or Missionary Diocese) of _____________ of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and is transferred to the authority and jurisdiction of _____________ effective on this date; and upon receipt of notice of his acceptance will be permanently removed from the Clergy Roll of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Signed, ______________ Bishop Ordinary (or Coadjutor)

(i) Such testimonial shall be called Letters Testimonial. The Canonical residence of the Minister so transferred shall date from the acceptance of his Letters Testimonial which prompt notice shall be given both to the applicant and to the Ecclesiastical Authority from which it came. Said Minister shall be removed from the clergy roll of the former Diocese with the notation “Transferred to_______ on ___date, without prejudice.”

(j) A Minister of this Church desirous to be received into a Christian body not in communion with the Reformed Episcopal Church shall contact the Bishop Ordinary and lay before him his reasons for said request, and shall request a release from the vows of obedience taken at his ordination(s). The bishop shall take into consideration the reason(s) for said request, the nature and doctrinal orthodoxy or lack thereof of the body to which the Minister seeks to join himself, and either provide a letter of release or decline to do so in writing, stating his reason(s). The letter of release should be in the following, or similar form:

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby certify that the Reverend A.B., a Minister of the Gospel, has satisfied to me his desire to be released from his obligations to me and to the Reformed Episcopal Church for the purpose of transferring his labors to another part of Christ’s Church.

This letter certifies that the above named individual is not under Church discipline and has agreed as of this date to voluntarily abandon the ministry of this church, be removed from the clergy roll of the Diocese of ______________ of the Reformed Episcopal Church and is no longer licensed to preach, or perform any sacramental act under its authority.

Such individual shall be stricken from the clergy roll with the notation that he has “voluntarily been released from the Reformed Episcopal Church.”

Failure to comply with Section 6 of this Canon shall constitute an actual event of Abandonment of Ministry under Canon 31.]
Amendments Proposed for First Reading

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution

Insert Article XIII & re-number existing Article XIII to XIV

[Article XIII

Of Membership in the Anglican Church of North America

Section 1
The Reformed Episcopal Church hereby affirms and ratifies its membership as a founding jurisdiction of the Anglican Church of North America (ACNA); and declares that in accordance with Article IV Section 4, of the ACNA Constitution, it is a Sub Province of the same, and that while maintaining its own Constitution and Canons, recognizes the office and authority of the Archbishop and College of Bishops of the ACNA in all aspects of our common life, and accedes to its Constitution.

Section 2
The Reformed Episcopal Church, through its Dioceses and Bishops, shall be represented in the Provincial Council and College of Bishops of the Anglican Church in North America as provided in its Constitution and Canons and in such manner as shall be agreeable between the parties.

Section 3
The Reformed Episcopal Church retains the right to re-define its relationship with the ACNA through the action of its General Council, and in accordance with Article VIII of the ACNA Constitution retains all powers not granted to the Province by its own consent.

Proposed Amendments to the Canons

Canon 7

Of General Provisions Respecting Ordination

Proposed addition:

Section 9

Existing language, provided for context, becomes Section 9 (a) (In accordance with the plain teaching of Holy Scripture, and the historic practice of the One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, only males may be admitted as Postulants for Holy Orders in this Church.)

Insert:

[(b) No person who would be ineligible for Postulancy or Candidacy for any reason under the Canons of this Church may be received as a Deacon, Presbyter, or Bishop or licensed to function]
in any capacity reserved for those in Holy Orders by any Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority of this Church.]  

**Canon 11**

*Of the Ordination and Consecration and Reception of Bishops*

Proposed additions in brackets:

**Section 2**

[(c) Upon completion of the certification of any bishop-elect in accordance with Canon 11, 12, or 13, the Presiding Bishop shall submit the name of the presbyter so elected to the appropriate ecclesiastical authority of any National or Provincial Church with which the Reformed Episcopal Church has constitutionally aligned itself for its approval of said election. No consecration shall take place until such approval is obtained and filed for record with the Presiding Bishop of this Church.]

**Section 5 (b)** The Council of Bishops may, with the concurrence of the General Committee [and the appropriate ecclesiastical authority of any National or Provincial Church with which the Reformed Episcopal Church has constitutionally aligned itself], receive into this Church a Bishop of a Church which is not in communion with this Church, provided that the provisions of Canon 10 be observed as to his Diaconate and Presbyterate, and provided further that no temporary license shall extend further than permission of the Council of Bishops for such Bishop to function as a Presbyter. No one shall receive conditional ordination and consecration as a Bishop without the consent of the General Council or if it be not in session, by the Council of Bishops and the General Committee. Such a Bishop so received, whether in his Order or with conditional ordination and consecration, shall become a member of the Council of Bishops of this Church.

[(c) No person received as a Bishop under this Canon shall be elected as Bishop Ordinary, Coadjutor, or Suffragan in any diocese unless he has been a member of this Church for three years before his date of election.]

**Canon 12**

*Of Missionary Bishops*

Add the following text to Section 2 (b).

[The Missionary Bishop to Chaplains and Military Personnel may be assigned oversight of such other non-military chaplaincies as may be appropriate, with the advice and consent of the Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese in which the chaplaincy is located.]
Canon 14
Of the Consecration of Bishops for Foreign Lands

Proposed additions:

Section 2

*Existing language, provided for context, becomes Section 2 (a)* (If after consideration of the statement and evidence so presented, and of any other evidence of which they may be cognizant, a majority of the Bishops of this Church entitled to vote in the Council of Bishops of this Church shall consent to the proposed consecration, the Presiding Bishop shall present the matter to the General Council for its concurrence, or to the General Committee if Council be not in session. Upon approval by majority vote of either General Council or General Committee, the Presiding Bishop may take order therefore in the same manner as order is prescribed to be taken by him in the consecration of Bishops in this Church, the Order of Consecration being conformed, as nearly as may be in the judgment of the Bishops consecrating, to that used in this Church.)

Insert:

[(b) No one shall be consecrated in accordance with this Canon without compliance with all requirements of a National or Provincial Church with which the Reformed Episcopal Church may be constitutionally aligned.]

Canon 19
Of Ministers and Their Duties

Proposed deletions are in *strike-through*, and additions are in *[brackets]*

*Section 5 (a)* The usual age of retirement of a Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon in this Church shall be seventy[seventy-two] years of age, provided however that a Minister may continue to hold [canonical] office until his seventy-fifth birthday with the consent of a majority of his Vestry, or if he be a Bishop, of the Standing Committee, or if he be the Presiding Bishop, of the General Committee. Any Bishop who has not attained the age of seventy-five years of age shall be eligible to be elected to the office of Presiding Bishop and shall remain in office until the completion of his term.

(b) Upon attaining the age of seventy[-two years of age] a Minister shall be considered to have tendered his resignation each year on the anniversary of his birth, and such shall be deemed to have been accepted unless affirmatively rejected by a majority of the Vestry, Standing Committee, or General Committee to which the resignation must be offered. [The Presiding Bishop is exempt from the requirements of this Canon. However, if by reason of infirmity or illness he is unable to execute the duties of his office, he may be temporarily removed from said duties by a two-thirds vote of the members of the General Committee upon certification by three reputable physicians who have examined the case, concurring that he is incapable of performing said duties. In such case the Vice President of the General Council shall assume the duties of the
Presiding Bishop until, by a two-thirds vote of the General Committee, the Presiding Bishop is restored to his duties or until a new Presiding Bishop shall be elected at the next General Council.]

(c) In addition to the approval of the Presbyter and Vestry of the Parish to which he is assigned, if a man be a Deacon, he must also obtain the consent of the Bishop Ordinary or Missionary Bishop each year he asks to continue to hold office after his seventieth [seventy-second] birthday.

**Canon 21**

*Of Persons Not Ministers in This Church Officiating in Any Congregation Thereof*

Proposed additions are in [brackets]

Existing language, provided for context, becomes Section 1

No Minister in charge of any congregation of this Church, or, in case of vacancy or absence, no Churchwardens, Vestrymen, or Trustees of the Congregation, shall habitually permit any person to officiate therein, without sufficient evidence of his being duly licensed or ordained to Minister in this Church; provided that nothing herein shall be so construed as to forbid occasional ecumenical gatherings of Christian people in which Ministers not in communion with this Church participate, or for communicants of the Church to act as Lay Readers; or to prevent the Bishop of any Diocese or Missionary Diocese from giving permission to Christian men, who are not Ministers of this Church, to make addresses in the Church, on special occasions.

[Section 2 (a) No Minister of a Church in communion with this Church shall function in a parish of this Church without the permission of the Ordinary or ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese in which he is to function or minister.

(b) A Minister of a Church in communion with this church may preside at the Holy Communion not to exceed two weeks in a six-month period, provided such Minister meets the requirements of ordination under the Canons of this Church as defined in Canon 7.]

**Canon 25**

*Of Amenability, Citation, and Attendance*

Insert:

[Section 5 (a) Any and all charges originating within the Reformed Episcopal Church against any Bishop, Presbyter, Deacon, or Lay communicant shall be investigated and adjudicated under the Canons of this Church, and shall follow the appellate process of the same. However, if the Reformed Episcopal Church has constitutionally aligned itself with a National or Provincial Church, appeals related to the trial of a Bishop shall be conducted according to the canonical requirements of said National or Provincial Church.]
(b) Any charges originating against a Bishop of this Church at the level of a National or Provincial Church with which the Reformed Episcopal Church has constitutionally aligned itself shall be investigated, and adjudicated under the Canons of said National or Provincial Church, following the decision of the Board of Inquiry specified in Canon 29, Section 7 of the Canons of this Church.]

Canon 27
Of the Establishment of Courts and Their Jurisdiction

Insert:
[Section 8 If the Reformed Episcopal Church has constitutionally aligned itself with any National or Provincial Church, in the event a Bishop of this Church is found guilty of any offense by a lawfully constituted court, the appeal process shall follow the process as established by said National or Provincial Church.]

Canon 42
Of the General Council

 Correction – Change General Committee to General Council
Section 4 (a) At every triennial meeting of the General Council a Treasurer shall be chosen by the General Committee [Council], and shall remain in office until the next stated General Council, and until a successor be appointed. It shall be his duty to receive and disburse all moneys collected under the authority of the General Council, and of which the collection and disbursement shall not otherwise be prescribed; and to invest, from time to time, such surplus funds as he may have on hand. His account shall be rendered biennially to the General Council and shall be audited yearly at the direction of the General Council.

Canon 44
Of Business Methods in Church Affairs

Insert:
[Section 5 The Trustees or Directors of trust funds or similar entities established for the benefit of this Church or any Diocese, Parish, or other entity of the Reformed Episcopal Church shall conform to the terms of the charter or other document establishing such trust and shall comply with all applicable laws regarding such entities, including but not limited to the requirements of the United States Internal Revenue Code and all state and local laws pertaining to the proper exercise of their fiduciary role; and shall file such reports and provide such transparency and accountability to their beneficiaries as is required by law and consistent with a Christian understanding of stewardship. Such Trustees or Directors are strongly encouraged to provide annual reports and financial audits as are consistent with Sections 1 and 2 of this Canon.]

Ven. Dr. Payne explained a simple majority was needed to pass a second reading, but a unanimous decision was needed to accept a canon change.
The Ven. Dr. Abboud moved and the Canon Ron Moock seconded to approve Canon 12 and Canon 19 for a second reading. There was a majority vote and the motion passed. The Ven. Dr. Abboud moved to adopt the article change in Canon 14 Mr. Ron Riches seconded upon unanimous vote the action was accepted. The Rev. Dr. Riches requested acceptance of other Canon changes mentioned in this report and the Very Rev. Walter Banek seconded again upon unanimous vote the action passed.

Before the close of the first business session Bishop Grote asked some of our Chaplains to address the Council. The Rev. Bill Holiman (Navy) brought greetings and explained how the repeal of the Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell Bill wasn’t a huge problem we should be more concerned with the defending of marriage. The Rev. Daniel Sparks (Army) also talked to us about life in the Army and how soldiers are always in need of ministry and prayer. We closed with words from the Rev. Matthew Whitehead (Army). Council adjourned at 4:31 pm.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

The Second Business Session of the FIFTY-THIRD GENERAL COUNCIL convened at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, on Thursday, June 9, 2011, at 10:42 AM, with Bishop Leonard W. Riches presiding. The session opened with prayer led by the Rev. John Boonzaaijer and then a video of the 2010 Mission Trip of St. Stephen’s REC to Corbin, Kentucky.

The Rev. Dr. Riches moved to not have the previous day’s Minutes read and the Rev. Dcn. Forsberg seconded. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE STANDING LITURGICAL COMMISSION

Members of the Commission

To the 53rd General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church:

Dear Brethren,

The Standing Liturgical Commission (SLC) of the Reformed Episcopal Church met at various times throughout the past triennium. The principal focus of the SLC’s work has been three-fold: A Supplement to the 1940 Hymnal, A Book of Occasion Services, and A Modern Language Version of the Reformed Episcopal Book of Common Prayer.

The task of creating a supplement to the 1940 Hymnal was given to a sub-committee of the SLC, the Liturgical Music Commission (LMC). The LMC has been working at great length in the production of the hymnal supplement, and a detailed report of the LMC’s activity is given by the sub-committee chairman, Mr. Ronald E. Riches, and is attached to this report.

In regard to the second project, the SLC recognizes that there are many events and occasions commonly observed in the life of the church, for which the standard Book of Common
Prayer does not provide a form for liturgical expression. In some cases, the canons of the church imply or assume the existence of these services, such as the Admission of a Communicant or the Setting apart of a Deaconess. The result is that clergy have been left to borrow forms from other traditions, or worse yet, to improvise by developing unique liturgical creations of varying quality. It is our hope that this book will satisfy the aforementioned need and provide a means for establishing a common expression of these services among our parishes. The language and style are traditional, so the book works well in the context of the classical common prayer tradition as found in the books of 1662 and 1928 – usages which are foundational to the Anglican Church in North America and form the basis for the prayer book of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

The materials included in this project come from a variety of sources, but the book’s primary structure is based upon the Book of Offices (3rd edition, 1960) of the Episcopal Church. Prayer books from the wider Anglican family have been helpful for certain services that historically have not been part of American revisions, particularly the contribution of the Scottish Book of Common Prayer (1929) and the Canadian Book of Common Prayer (1962) in the development of Prayer at Mid-day and Compline.

The Book of Occasional Services is supplemental in purpose and is not be construed as a substitute for any portion of the Book of Common Prayer. There are no alternative services for those that are found in the prayer book, and its use is optional. Nevertheless, we believe that this book is sound, both in respect to doctrine and the canons, and we commended it as being beneficial for the edification and instruction of the church.

The book is attached to this report, however, SLC does not see it as a completely finished product. The Commission continues to receive additional material and suggestions, which are sure to increase now that the present book is being published and disseminated. It is expected that further revised editions will be forthcoming and will build upon what has been produced thus far.

The third project is a revision of the modern language liturgy, based upon the Reformed Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (2003), and is attached to this report also. It is the product of a sub-committee led by the Rt. Rev. Charles Dorrington; and it is an improvement upon the modern language liturgy previously authorized by the General Council, both in terms of style and content. In addition to being a conservative updating of English vocabulary, the revisers have aimed for a style that is metrically and euphonically improved. The content of the revision encompasses the whole Book of Common Prayer and is not limited to the service of Holy Communion and the Daily Offices, as was the case with the previous modern language liturgy. The SLC submits this liturgy to the General Council for first reading and trial use in locations where Ordinaries may permit, and encourages the church to use this modern language version in place of previous versions produced by the SLC.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, Chairman

The Rev. Dr. Riches moves to accept the Standing Liturgical Commission Report along with its recommendation to accept a first reading of the Modern Language Prayer Book. The Rev. Dr. Himes seconded and the motion carried.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

To the 53rd General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren,

The Committee on Nominations met in part on September 30, 2010 at Cummins Theological Seminary, Summerville, South Carolina and through subsequent email communications. The Committee makes the following nominations for elected committees of the Reformed Episcopal Church for the next triennium.

General Committee Class of 2020 - The Rev. Dr. Julius Barnes; The Rev. Willie J. Hill; The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller; Ms. Virginia Bowers.

Previously elected members of the General Committee:
Class of 2014 - The Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin; Mr. Harry K. Johnson; Mr. Bruce Woodcock; Ms. Elizabeth See. Class of 2017 – The Rev. Rondal D. Martin; The Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle; The Rt. Rev. William White; Mr. Leckyler Gaillard

Trustees of the Sustentation Fund
Mr. Ronald E. Riches; The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote; The Rev. Dr. Matthew P. Harrington; Mr. Seaward Middleton.

Committee on Doctrine and Worship
The Rt. Rev. Ray R. Sutton; The Rev. George McCray; The Rev. Dr. Stephen Randall Toms; Dss. Annette Johnson; Mrs. Burnie Barnes; Mr. Mark Talley

Committee on Constitution and Canons
The Ven. James T. Payne; The Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden; The Rev. Canon J. Ronald Moock; Dss. Teresa Johnson; Frederick J. Ganjon, Esq.; Mrs. Rebecca Pettigrew

Board of Pensions and Relief
The Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr.; The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud; The Rev. Canon J. Ronald Moock; The Ven. James T. Payne; Mr. Ronald E. Riches; Mr. John Erdody (APA representative); Mrs. Tonya Forsberg.

Trustees of the Publication Society

Board of Foreign Missions
Jorgensen; The Rev. Wayne McNamara; The Rev. Anthony Thompson; The Rev. Gregory Miller; Mrs. Nicole Dunmeyer; Mrs. Marguarite Middleton.

**Standing Liturgical Commission**

**Registrar**
The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches

**Official Auditor**
The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote

**Court of Review**
The Very Rev. J. Scott Houser; The Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin; Mr. Richard Faulks; Mr. Rudy Schenken

Bp. Hicks moved to accept the Report of the Nominations Committee the Rev. Dr. Riches seconded the motion carried. One ballot was cast to accept the nominations therein.

The Council received greeting from Nancy Norton of Anglican Relief and Development. Ms. Norton shared a very informative video on the work done by Anglican Relief and Development.


**REPORT of the COMMITTEE on INTER-CHURCH RELATIONS**

During the last triennium our Interchurch Relations Committee has carried out its efforts primarily through the Ecumenical Relations Task Force of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA). This has worked out well for the Reformed Episcopal Church as well as ACNA. Since one of our Bishops is the chairperson of both committees we have been able to combine vision and economize the great expense of doing ecumenical work. Our committee has also been involved in ecumenical activity through the Federation of Anglican Churches in the Americas (FACA), of which we are also a founding-partner. This group of Anglicans was formed primarily to reach the Continuing Anglican Church movement. As is suggested in our Unity Committee Report by Bishop Royal Grote, FACA along with ACNA are ways we can continue our unity work with the APA. Presumably, this type of approach might apply to other Continuing Anglican jurisdictions. The important work of ecumenical relations, however, has and is being mainly directed through our involvement with the Anglican Church in North America, even with the APA as mentioned already.

Ecumenical work is important to us as Reformed Episcopalians. Although often overlooked in our history, the Rt. Rev. George David Cummins, founding Bishop of the REC, was concerned
with maintaining the catholicity of the Church for Gospel purposes. He was deeply committed to evangelism and baptizing anyone who believed in Jesus Christ. At the same time, he was strongly convinced that anyone who believed in Christ should be allowed to come to Holy Communion, which explains the long history of the REC’s leadership and involvement in ecumenical activities. Bishop Cummin’s dual vision converged in the extra invitation added to the service of Holy Communion, “Our fellow Christians of other branches of Christ’s Church and all who love our Divine Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in sincerity are affectionately invited to the Lord’s Table.” Gospel and catholicity powerfully bracketed everything about the ministry of Bishop George David Cummins.

As chairman of both the Interchurch Relations Committee (REC) and the Ecumenical Relations Task Force (ACNA) I have sought to use Cummin’s focal points in doing ecumenical work. Those who love our Divine Lord and Savior are sought and invited to Eucharistic intercommunion. The primary purpose of our ecumenical work is for the greater propagation of the Gospel and Eucharistic communion. The essential goal is not amalgamation of jurisdictions unless there could be confessional agreement. Of course we would gladly welcome fellow Christians into the Anglican Way and we have. Short of this achievement, there is much work to be done simply helping Christians to spread the Gospel together, and importantly, in communion with our Lord and each other. Indeed, it remains to be seen how effective the former can be done without the latter. It could be argued that until we acknowledge being in Eucharistic intercommunion with one another we won’t reach the nations for Christ.

Of course the sad reality is that economy of time and money comes into the strategy. We cannot deal with every group we’d like to engage. Priority of interest, other activities, and expense, require our attention. This explains why for the moment it has been quite effective and efficient to run our own Interchurch Relations work in terms of the Ecumenical Relations Task Force of ACNA. The advantage for us has been that many Reformed Episcopalians have been involved on the various ecumenical sub committees of the ERTF. Thus, through our involvement with ACNA I am pleased to report the following ecumenical efforts for the Reformed Episcopal Church.

First, ecumenical talks with the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) have begun at the invitation of Metropolitan Jonah, their presiding bishop. Two meetings have been held at Church of the Holy Communion (REC) in Dallas, Texas and at Nashotah House in Nashotah, Wisconsin. Future meetings are planned at St. Vladimir’s Seminary in New York City. The primary focus of these talks at this point has been to work in concert with the historic talks between the Anglican Communion and Orthodoxy. To this end, we have embraced the recommendations of two previous Lambeth Conferences to return to the original Nicene Creed in all future liturgical revisions. This would involve the removal of the Filioque clause (“And the Son”), which was the original confessional cause of what has been called the Great Schism, the first division of Christendom, East and West, in A.D. 1054. I have written in defense of this decision by the Anglican Bishops. Our committee has also produced a pamphlet further explaining the importance of returning to the original creed. To put all of this work in context, our subcommittee hopes to produce a book on the long history of interface, involvement, and influence between these two branches of Christendom.
Second, Archbishop Robert Duncan and I, along with other clergy of ACNA, have begun informal talks with the Roman Catholic Church. These meetings have been at Archbishop Wilton Gregory’s office in Atlanta, Georgia. We have entered discussions about having small conferences to produce statements on practical areas where we agree, such as the Christian family, pro-life and so forth.

Third, we have begun talks with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We are the first non-Lutheran, ecclesial body with whom the LCMS separate from any other Lutheran jurisdictions, has been willing to enter ecumenical discussion in their entire 173 year history! We have opened a series of four meetings at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, last fall. The plan is for three additional meetings at the various ACNA seminaries, including the Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Philadelphia, the latter of which hosted the second meeting only a few weeks ago in May, 2011. The topics discussed have been the history of involvement among German/Lutheran Christianity, Christianity in Briton and the Anglican Church. There is simply nothing liturgical, confessional, or ecclesiastical (60 % of world Lutheranism even has the Historic Episcopate) to prevent at some point full Eucharistic intercommunion with our brothers and sisters in LCMS. They are indeed closer to us than any another ecclesial jurisdiction outside of Anglicanism! The Rt. Rev. Wes Nolden (REC) and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches (REC) have done an excellent job coordinating the first two meetings. The Rt. Rev. David Hicks (REC) has also contributed.

Fourth, on behalf of Archbishop Duncan I attended and brought greetings from ACNA the first convention of the newly formed North American Lutheran Church, in Columbus, Ohio, August, 2010. I was accompanied from our own jurisdiction by the Rt. Rev. Wes Nolden and the Rt. Rev. Winfield Mott, Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of the West (REC). The Rt. Rev. Roger Ames of the Convocation of Anglicans in North America (ACNA) was also present. He is the chairman of this sub-committee. The NALC Lutherans primarily originate from within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) over liberalized views of Scripture, theology and morality. I have been invited back to their second convention in August, 2011, at Columbus, Ohio, to give a lecture on, “What’s At Stake with Gospel,” and to preach the sermon at their opening service. Their own ecumenical committee has been recently created. Official meetings between us are expected to begin in the fall.

Fifth, some ELCA Lutherans have approached the ERTF committee about the possibility of forming a non-geographic Augustana Diocese within ACNA. These Lutherans embrace both the historic Lutheran and our own Anglican confessional standards. They believe in the Historic Episcopate, and are even willing to have their orders regularized, for the purpose of forming a diocese within ACNA to reach other Lutherans who would like to worship, serve and practice their faith as Anglican Christians. Our first meeting was held at Trinity School for Ministry (ACNA) in Pittsburgh, October, 2010. Archbishop Robert Duncan, Dr. Theresa Newell and the Rev. Canon Mary Hayes were present to meet with six representatives of the Augustana group. The Rt. Rev. Winfield Mott (REC) is the chairman of this sub-committee.

Sixth, our ecumenical efforts have led us to talks with the Messianic Jewish Community. The basis for discussions between biblically orthodox Anglicans and completed Jews has an important history rooted in our Anglican heritage. One of the important effects of the 18th century revival in England through the preaching of the Wesleys and George Whitefiled (all
Anglican priests!) was the establishment of missionary societies. One of them to the Jews was created as the result of the conversion of Charles Simeon. He helped to establish in 1799 the precursor to the Christian Mission to the Jews (CMJ). For this reason, the Anglican Church has been at the forefront of Jewish evangelism. Among our associates in ACNA there are leaders in CMJ such as Dr. Theresa Newell and the Rev. Canon Daryl Fenton; Canon Fenton is the current Director of the North American part of CMJ. Dr. Newell also serves on the board and is the current chairperson of our own ERTF sub-committee for conversations with the Messianic Jewish Community. We have had two meetings with various representatives of several organizations within the Messianic Jewish community. The various representatives and ministries with whom we have initially opened conversation are: Dr. Gregg Hagg, Dean of Charles Feinburg Center, Chosen People Ministries; Rabbi Roy Schwarcz, Chosen People Ministries, Midwest Director and congregational leader in Chicago area; Rabbi Howard Silverman, president of the Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations (UMJC) and congregational leader of Beth Messiah Congregation, Columbus, OH; Rabbi Ted Simon, Congregational leader in Baltimore, MD and Board member of Tikvah International Ministries; Dr. Tuvya Zaretsky, Director of Education and Training, Jews for Jesus, San Francisco, CA, and Chairman of International Council of the Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism (LCJE). Steve Cohen, Director, Apple of His Eye Ministry, St. Louis, MO Rabbi Kirk Gliebe (Also a minister in the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church), vice- president of the Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations (UMJC) and Director of Devar Emet Ministry, Skokie, IL. Thus, through our ecumenical involvement with the aforementioned ministries we have sought to lay the foundation for communicating our support for their important ministries, Jewish evangelism, the Nation of Israel, and promote good rapport with the overall Jewish community. Beyond this important work, we will follow the lead of the Holy Spirit to see if any ecclesial structures emerge with whom we can have some sort of intercommunion relationship.

Seventh, ACNA was well represented at the recent Lausanne Conference on World Evangelism, October 2010, in Cape Town, South Africa. This important conference on evangelism was founded in the 1966 by the Rev. Billy Graham, Christianity Today, and with the help of the Rev. John Stott (Anglican). They have met only one other time in 1975, so the meeting last fall was extremely important for the cause of world evangelism. Our Archbishop Robert Duncan, other Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON) Archbishops and Bishops, ACNA Bishops John Guernsey and William Murdoch, along with Dr. Theresa Newell were all present. For the first time ever, the Roman Catholic Church sent a delegation as hundreds of Evangelicals gathered from around the world. Archbishop Duncan and other Anglican Archbishops were asked to lead an important seminar/panel on GAFCON and ACNA commitments to the spread of the Gospel.

Therefore, the Reformed Episcopal Church has been quite active in Interchurch relations through ACNA. A number of our own members have been dynamically involved. I particularly want to thank the members of this committee: the Most Rev. Leonard Riches, the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, the Rt. Rev. David Hicks, the Rt. Rev. William White, the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches, the Venerable James Payne, the Rev. Canon Ronald Moock, the Rev. Charles Erlandson. For the foreseeable future, ACNA affords us an opportunity to live out the vision of our own founding Bishop. Please continue to pray for us as we seek to heal the sad divisions in the Body of Christ. Let us join in the prayer of our Lord in Gethsemane that we may be one as the Triune God is one (John 17:21), thereby fulfilling the language of our own liturgy, to the end that all who love our
Divine Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in sincerity may indeed come together some day into one Eucharistic communion at the Holy Table of the Blessed Sacrament.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

REPORT of the UNITY COMMITTEE

After 13 years of discussion and effort between representatives of the Reformed Episcopal Church and the Anglican Province of America, we are now prepared to bring a resolution to the matter of Unity to this Council.

At the 52nd General Council, we reported that “we initiated our discussions with the recognition that true unity must be based on a common doctrinal foundation and not something which is artificially contrived. To that end, a Joint Theological Committee (See REC web site for a copy) from both jurisdictions produced a document which identified the Articles of Religion, the Creeds and Ecumenical Councils, and the Book of Common Prayer as the doctrinal standard and detailed those doctrines which both bodies hold in common. This approach enabled us to achieve a substantial measure of unity which includes: mutual recognition of ministry and orders; a full inter-communion between our two jurisdictions; a mutual sharing in common mission in the areas of the Board of Pensions and Relief and the Board of Foreign Missions. The relationship between the Bishops of the Anglican Province of America and the Reformed Episcopal Church remains warm and meaningful. In almost all ways except for jurisdictional union, we have achieved a sense of unity. Truly, we can report that we have been blessed in many ways by the involvement of our two churches together, and we are sure that those involvements will continue.

That said, there are some matters of difference that do affect the ability of our two jurisdictions to completely merge together at this point in time. We still do find that some matters of devotion and church practice are still at variance. These could still be talked about and worked on, but the practical reality is that we find ourselves unable to resolve these matters at the present time. Secondly, our membership as a self-governing sub-jurisdiction of the Anglican Church in North America presents a new and substantial difference of approach to the finalization of organic union. That approach requires that the union of jurisdictions should occur on the level of the Anglican Church in North America. At the present time, this is a step which the Anglican Province of America finds itself unable to take.

Consequently, we find it necessary to report that the degree of union we have achieved is the limit of what we can achieve at the present time.

Therefore, the recommendations of the Unity Committee are:

A. Resolved: The 53rd General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church
   1. Gives thanks to Almighty God for the level of inter-communion that has been achieved with our sister jurisdiction, the Anglican Province of America.
2. Recognizes that any further organic union should take place in the context of the larger expression of the Anglican Church in North America.
3. Expresses its desire to continue in perpetuity that degree of inter-communion and close relationship with the Anglican Province of America which has been achieved.

B. The Committee further recommends that this committee be dissolved having completed the purpose for which it was intended.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rt. Rev. Royal U Grote
REC Chairman
Unity Committee


REPORT of the STATE of the CHURCH

Dear Brethren,

The collection of statistical data for Reformed Episcopal parishes occurred through the Anglican Church in North America in the beginning portion of this year. That collection process is still underway and the data will be made available to us when it is completed. At such time, we will compile a statistical report and submit it to the Secretary of this Council for inclusion in the Journal.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote

REPORT of the LITURGICAL MUSIC COMMISSION

Dear Brethren,

In October 2005, the Standing Liturgical Committee (SLC) chartered the Liturgical Music Commission (LMC) to produce a supplement to the Reformed Episcopal Church’s standard hymnal, The Hymnal (1940) published by Church Publishing. The purpose of the supplement is to enhance the content of The Hymnal (1940) so that it is more complete for use in our worship. Four major areas were given to the LMC as the focus for its work: traditional hymns, especially for Advent and Lent, but also for other seasons of the liturgical year as well as sacraments and rites of the church; spirituals; contemporary hymns; chants and service music, especially Anglican or plainsong chants for the Psalter.

The LMC has completed a draft of the supplement and it has been accepted by the SLC. The supplement’s contents include 176 hymns, 15 Psalter tunes and 25 pieces of service music. A table at the end of this report provides greater detail of supplement contents. LMC members are currently finalizing other items to be published in the supplement, including:
Preface

History & tradition of the Spiritual

Notes on use: Principles of Chanting, How to use the Psalter, Hymns suitable as anthems

RECOMMENDATION & SURVEY

The LMC recommends that the draft supplement be published for use throughout the Reformed Episcopal Church. Accordingly, consultation with potential publishers is now ongoing to determine the cost of publishing and distributing the supplement. An important parameter during negotiations will be the anticipated volume of supplement distribution. Distribution volume is dependent on forecast of supplement use at the parish level. Please complete the survey found on the last page of this report and submit it to the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches before the adjournment of this General Council. If you are unable to complete the survey within that time, please complete and mail the survey to the Rev. Dr. Riches at the address on the survey form by July 31st, 2011.

The LMC team is a group of highly talented, energetic, enthusiastic and dedicated people who have remained highly committed to completing this work to the glory of God. Thanks and praise be to God for His provision of such people who have willingly served Him to produce an appropriate musical offering His people can use to worship Him.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald E. Riches,
LMC Chair

MEMBERS OF THE LITURGICAL MUSIC COMMISSION

Mrs. Nelda Banek                 Rev. Canon Dr. J. Ronald Moock
Mr. Shedrick H. Barrow III       Mr. Ronald E. Riches
Dr. Jay Hershberger              Mr. Mark Talley
Mrs. Beth Howden                 Ms. Donna Latella Taylor
Miss Bambie Maree

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SURVEY

Please indicate the quantity of hymnal supplements your organization would order according to the conditions stated by the question. Please answer BOTH questions.

1 – If the purchase price of the REC hymnal supplement were to be $0 (i.e., if it were FREE), we would order _____________ copies.

2 – If the purchase price of the REC hymnal supplement were to be more than $0 (not FREE) but less than $20, we would order _____________ copies.

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SUBMIT COMPLETED SURVEY TODAY TO REV. DR. JONATHAN S. RICHES OR MAIL THE COMPLETED SURVEY BY JULY 31St, 2011 TO:

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches
Episcopal Recorder, Inc.
826 Second Avenue
Blue Bell, PA 19422-1257
The Committee was encouraged to keep up the good work. Council broke for lunch at 11:55 am and returned at 1:39 pm to a video from the 2009 Mission Trip to Brazil. Judy King has worked for decades in Brazil with the Ipurina Indians. Bp. Sutton gave an ACNA presentation on the History of the REC followed by the Rev. Bill Jerdan’s presentation on Nepal and Singapore. The Council then took a short recess from 2:50 pm until 3:30 pm.

Bp. Grote gave a presentation on Croatia titled “The Protestant Reformed Christian Church of Croatia” and then introduced Archdeacon Jasmin Milic who gave a short speech about his work in Croatia. The Rev. Tony Copeland led us in prayer before the presenting of the Board of Foreign Missions Report.

REPORT of the BOARD of FOREIGN MISSIONS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The following is an excerpt from the Bishop’s Pastoral Letter on Mission delivered to the Church a few years ago.

“St. John also relates in his accounting of Jesus’ Great Commission that the missionary God who sent the missionary Son breathes His Spirit on the disciples, thereby sending them. The Spirit that Jesus breathes is the Holy Spirit whom He had promised would be sent to them (John 16), none other than the Spirit of Christ. This breathing activity takes us back to the original creation, when God breathed the breath of life into Adam. It also reminds us of Jesus’ own Incarnation, which resulted from the work of the Holy Spirit forming the God/Man in Mary’s womb. Imparting the Holy Spirit by breathing on the disciples, therefore, recreates and incarnates Himself in them. Who He is becomes characteristic of them. Just as He is the ultimate missionary, so the very redeemed nature of His disciples becomes essentially missionary.

At this moment in history, Reformed Episcopalians and all Christians in the West should recover this foundational teaching. Over a century ago, mission was the work of a committee or a department. It was something on the perimeter of the Church in the West. It shouldn’t have been this way, but centuries of spiritual capital resulting in the Christian atmosphere of North America and England allowed for this subtle and eventually insidious development. The result has been that Western Christians think and act like mission is optional, something to take or leave. In actuality, mission is not optional. Not to evangelize implies death, that the Spirit of Christ is not indwelt in the non-missionary church, because to have Him is to be a missionary.

It is our conviction therefore that mission should be at the center of everything we are and do in the Reformed Episcopal Church. Every Reformed Episcopal should be a missionary. Each parish should be a mission station. All committees at the parish, diocesan and national levels should factor mission into the center of their business first and foremost. Mission should be of the heart of every aspect of the Reformed Episcopal Church.”

Sometimes when you talk about mission, people think about those special people who go somewhere else in the world and do mission. Because we do have some specific and special individuals who travel to other countries and live and minister there in specific ways, we can easily assume that Mission is all about what they do as opposed to what we do, where we live and work and worship. The truth of this matter is that Mission is supposed to occur wherever the Lord places you. It can happen at home, at work, at school, at play, in another country or just down the street. Mission is about how the Lord uses each one of His Children to advance his kingdom here on earth. Not a one of us are exempt from this great high calling. We are all called to participate in a Life that is greater than our own.
For those of us here in the United States, of necessity, that involves participation in our local parish. It is there that we are nurtured in the Christian faith. It is there we are fed spiritual food and we learn to serve one another and to meet the needs of those less fortunate both near and far. The participation in this larger life, prepares us to see that the local parish also participates in a life greater than its own and so we are participants in our several Dioceses, fellowshipping and doing projects and ministries together, strengthening one another, advancing his kingdom. So also, we find ourselves participating in an even greater life, that of our General Council with its unique fellowship and various ministries. There is also participation in the Anglican Province of North America, and ultimately in the world wide, Anglican Communion. All of these are an expression of our participation in THE LIFE which is greater than our own – The life of Christ expressed in and through His Church.

That is what the ministry of the Board of Foreign Missions is all about - Participation in the Life of Christ expressed in and through His Church throughout the world. There is a sense that I wish we never used the term Board of Foreign Missions because Mission is all about people - Reformed Episcopalians doing Ministry and Service wherever the need arises. Some do it full time in other Countries. Some do it full time in this Country. But all of us need to recognize that every one of have been called to a life of ministry and service as a lifestyle. We are all of us to be – “Reformed Episcopalians in Ministry and Service”. It can have all kinds of expressions. It covers a multitude of tasks. It is supported by the whole of the Church. It occurs at every level of life in the Church. But at its core, it is a ministry of service in the cause of Christ. Mission is where you are. Mission occurs wherever on whatever level God puts you. This is how we need to think as the people of God – Reformed Episcopalians in Ministry and Service. This is who we are. This is what we do because we are the redeemed people of God and we are called to show forth His glory in the world.

This is what you will see at the beginning of the several business sessions at this General Council. Short video’s of Reformed Episcopalians in Ministry and Service on various levels in His Church.

Report of Past Activities during the Triennium
As you will see from the length of this Report, the past three years have been quite busy laying the groundwork for our Ministry into the future. At the same time we have seen a number of changes in regard to the Missionaries and Ministries we financially support. The following updates are digests of their activities and or changes in their lives and ministries.

Supported Missionaries and Ministries

- BRAZIL: - Judy King, and her Wycliffe translation partner Cathie Aberdour from Edinburgh, Scotland, have dedicated their lives to the Lord to serve him as translators of the written word of God into the language of the Apurina Indians, especially in the villages of Ita Boca and Lago Branco.

  Their accomplishments include writing a dictionary; writing and publishing school primers and health manuals; performing medical procedures and providing medicines, clothing, books, and food; instituting a clinic; erecting a school and a church building; completing a landing strip for light aircraft; translating the Old & New Testament into Apurina; exercising godly counsel and discipline; learning Portuguese (language of Brazil); continually living at a subsistence level; being a friend of the Apurina and accepting the rigors of jungle life and a different culture.

  Beset by various tropical illnesses and dangers, they demonstrate by their lips and lives that the grace of God is their portion and sufficiency. In particular, the last few years have seen a number of physical hurdles which they both had to overcome. For a season, they both had to return from the field in order to regain physical strength; But God has been gracious and they both returned to
Brazil and continue to accomplish amazing things. Through their faithful witness and obedience, many who once walked in darkness now know the One who is the Light of the World.

- **GERMANY:** Bishop Gerhard and Grace Meyer. The Reformed Episcopal Church in Germany continues in its ministry and church planting efforts and maintains its Christian Camping Ministry.

  1. A translation of the *Book of Common Prayer* into German is being typeset as we meet. It should be ready for printing before the end of the year. There is a need for $5000.00 to proceed with the printing of this book.

  2. In the Fall of 2010, The Rt. Rev. Gerhard Meyer was contacted by the Superintendent of the Protestant Reformed Christian Church of Croatia, the Rev. Jasmin Milic. An interest was expressed by this small conservative Croatian Church to join the Reformed Episcopal Church in Germany. Bishop Meyer and the Rev. Canon William Jerdan journeyed to Croatia to meet with the leadership and to explore this possibility. On May 16-20, 2011, Bishop Royal Grote and Bishop Gerhard Meyer traveled to Croatia to receive, Clergy and Parishes from the Protestant Reformed Christian Church of Croatia and to organize them into a Deanery under the REK German Church. This is significant development in the life of the REK. A report of some of their Ministry is attached at the end of this report.

  3. *Grace Meyer* continues as director of the Knull Conference Center which is an influence in many lives throughout Germany. For many years the Reformed Episcopal Church has supported this Christian Camping Ministry. Most recently, the Women of the Church raised enough funds to enable the Camp to purchase a new Stove and Oven, which was desperately needed. The majority of the buildings and renovations have been financed by the REC over the years.

  4. In June of 2010, after 32 years, *Sue Brodish*, felt led by the Lord to close her Christian Kindergarten in Germany and to move to Florida to assist her mother, Lil Brodish. New government rules for kindergartens, that would have been difficult to put into place, were a factor in this decision.

- **FRANCE:** *Bill and Diane Jerdan* worked as church planters in France from 1972 to 2009 (37 years). Their ministry vision was refined during their years in France where they worked alongside committed national Christians to build up the indigenous French church as a strong witnessing force in the French culture. After a year of Furlough, in 2010, they completed their involvement with the Evangelical Reformed Protestant Church of France (which traces its heritage and its 1559 Confession of Faith to the 16th century Protestant Reformation in France).

Since that time, their ministry has been expanded to include other parts of the world. Having worked with churches doing outreach in a difficult area for many years, they are now using their experience to provide church development and pastoral training assistance to others, in both French and English-speaking contexts. In addition, Bill has assumed the role of Executive Secretary for the BFM on a half-time basis. Diane is also continuing to be involved in a number of ministry projects in France, Africa and other parts of the world. In the fall of 2010, they traveled to Germany to work with our Reformed Episcopal Pastors, then went on to France and finally to Africa, teaching Pastoral Theology and Christian Education Classes to Pastors. In the Spring of 2011, Bill and Diane traveled on behalf of the REC to the Anglican Province of South East Asia to interact with a request for partnership with the Nepal Deanery of the Province. For a time, Bill and Diane stayed in Cambodia preaching and teaching respectively. Bill then went to
Singapore for a Ministry Partners Conference at the Cathedral and then he spent time in Nepal assessing this fast growing ministry Deanery. It should be noted here that in 2010, the Women of the Church raised $10,000.00 for the support of ministries in Nepal. The BFM has received those funds and distribution is being made. A Short digest of the Jerdan’s South East Asia activity is appended to this report. All in all, they have been very busy in the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

- UNITED STATES: Greg Wright exercised his ministry for Arab World Ministries managing their information systems from Upper Darby, PA. With the merger of Arab World Ministry and Pioneer Missions, Greg’s ministry with that Mission ended last year. He now has focused his many technological skills to several ministries in the Reformed Episcopal Church, serving the Reformed Episcopal Seminary, the Board of Foreign Missions and the Diocese of the North East and Mid-Atlantic. Financial support for Greg can still be directed through the Board of Foreign Missions.

- CHRISTIAN FORMATION MINISTRIES (Following Christ)

CFM is a mission-oriented method of teaching that creates disciples who deeply understand the Christian Faith. Lay Canon Carolyn C. (Cris) Fouse was the lead participant in missions to Africa to bring the method and materials of Christian Formation to the different African Dioceses, at the request of the incumbent Bishops.

Imagine this: $2000.00 can sponsor a Seminar which produces these kinds of results.

DR Congo -2010

“During our spiritual ministry in Rutshuru, 90 people committed their lives to Christ, and a healing prayer followed. Pastors’ seminar was led by the Rev. Desire. 16 participants were empowered on Christian Formation ministry and for 4 days long. There was also a focus on the Mission and evangelism. This ministry is very inspiring and has led church leaders rethinking on their substantial calling. At the moment, there have been new CFM groups in some churches, and new churches have been created and this is the outcome of the intensive teaching received during the recent yearly empowerment in Goma.”

The Rev. Desire Mukanirwa Kadorho

Tanzania 2009 and 2010

Through the ministry of Christian Formation Ministries, now a part of the Reformed Episcopal Church Board of Foreign Missions, we have an opportunity to affect many lives from among the Maasai peoples of northern Tanzania. Most of these people are pagans, and another large number are Muslim.

The Rev. Samuel Maduma, the CFM representative in Tanzania, in his report of a recent seminar to the Maasai, (2009) speaks of the hunger that the Maasai people have for the word of God, and he states that the Maasai have requested him to return to teach again. He writes: “This Ministry is very important for the Church of God. I trust that if we can get funds for printing more Maasai books and funds for running seminars, many Maasai will become Christians.”

In other correspondence, he writes as follows:

We have so many Maasai in a place which is called Simanjiro and we have started a new work there but we do need to work hard for doing evangelism and I know CFM can help a lot in this work. Our aim is to open more Churches there because this place is a part of our Diocese. Also
our plan is to evangelize the people called Ndorobo that are living in the forest, Nguu. Many of them are Muslims, Rangi, etc.

The Reformed Episcopal Church through the Board of Foreign Missions has a unique opportunity to spread Christian Formation Ministries teachings into every corner of Tanzania. CFM is a wonderful program for helping people to see the light of God in their lives.

• **Each of these workshops costs just $2000.** This amount includes the CFM books, as well as food for the participants.

2010 – The BFM enabled “Lay Canon Cris Fouse to visit the Diocese of Kiteto, Tanzania from Feb 23-28. “We thank God because her visit was so blessed to the people of Tanzania, especially the people she met in the Diocese of Kiteto. When Canon Cris arrived in Tanzania on 2/23/2010, she traveled directly to Kiteto, and in Morogoro she joined the Bishop of Ruvuma, the Rt. Rev Bishop Martenus Kapinga, and traveled with him to Kiteto. On 24th Feb. 2010 Canon Cris conducted a seminar for the Pastor’s wives and Mother union leaders of the Diocese of Kiteto. More than 70 pastor’s wives and Mother Union leaders attended to this seminar. The participants were so blessed with the teachings from Cris. The lessons that Cris Fouse taught in this seminar were: Man’s condition, the Church, Jesus, Salvation history, the fullness of Time, Abram’s walk and The Holy Spirit. The teachings were so very helpful to the participants because they had a time to learn and understand about these teachings.

The Participants expressed the importance of Christian Formation course in their Christian life and in the Church in general. The participants learned a lot from Cris especially the teaching methodology that Cris used to teach them. These women were so very encouraged to see a woman teach them and they promised to go and teach others. So, in this seminar the Pastor’s wives and Mother Union leaders have been empowered by the Ministry of Christian Formation and are able now to bring the teachings to others”.

Revd Samuel Maduma
Country Coordinator
Christian Formation Ministries in Tanzania

**NEEDS:**

1. Workshop Funds - we have not sponsored any workshops since 2010. It is simply a matter of funding.

2. We also have a need for a volunteer to take over the supervising and organizing of Christian Formation. Cris has retired and has turned this ministry over to the BFM.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Over the past few years, the Board of Foreign Missions has endeavored to support our existing missionaries and to develop other areas of ministry endeavor throughout the world. To that end, it became increasing clear that a person with extensive missionary experience and a working knowledge of our Church was needed as an Executive Secretary to direct the endeavors of the Board and assist us in doing a better job of presenting Missions to our Church and the world. After many months of analysis and discussion the following description of responsibilities was established.

• To encourage and assist REC member churches in developing a mission mindset
• To help coordinate communication between the BFM and the parishes
- To encourage and solicit increased participation and support for the missionary projects of the Board of Foreign Missions
- To facilitate communication with current missionaries and the BFM and the supporting parishes.
- To increase the efficiency of operations for the BFM
- Create and manage a plan for participation and support of the BFM mission programs among REC member parishes.
- Coordinate and oversee the communication endeavors of the BFM (ie: web site, letters, and other media)
- Coordinate BFM partnerships with the ACNA, sister mission agencies and the Global South Provinces of the Anglican Communion
- Make annual presentations of the work of the BFM at the REC Diocesan Synods
- Seeking and developing future mission projects with our partner Anglican Provinces
- Administratively facilitate the short term mission projects of the BFM through coordination and communication with Mission Leaders and team members.
- Coordinate our current ministries and commitments (i.e. missionaries and ministries- Germany, Brazil, Christian Formation Ministry, Nepal Partnership and Global Outreach)
- Coordinate with the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions
- Working with the President of the BFM and assisting where needed

Effective January 1, 2011, the Board was very pleased and excited to announce the appointment of the Rev. Canon William Jerdan to the position of Executive Secretary for the Reformed Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions. Rev. Jerdan (Bill) brings over 37 years of practical missionary and church planting experience with him in occupying this new position.

Over the next few years, Bill will be helping to coordinate the expansion of the Board’s ministry on a half-time basis. The other half time he will be using his gifts and talents in special ways to help build up the kingdom of God in the French speaking corners of the world.

We are also grateful to Global Outreach Mission which approved the redirection of the Jerdan’s future ministry of building up and encouraging Christian ministries in various parts of the world. Our long term working relationship with Global Outreach has been a blessing for a number of our Missionaries over the years.

Please pray for Bill and the work of the Board of Foreign Missions. We are especially grateful to those individuals and parishes that continue their financial support for Bill into this New Year and beyond. Your support is enabling us to build toward the future in improving the ministry of this Board. Beginning in January 2011, contributions to the Board of Foreign Missions designated for the Jerdan’s will help cover the salary and administrative costs of this new and vital ministry. Through it, we endeavor to enlarge the vision of our North American parishes while better helping to build the Church abroad.

**SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS**

During the Summer of 2008,- 2010, we sponsored a few successful short-term mission trips. Adults and young people from the REC participated in visiting Germany, and Brazil. You will have opportunity to view short videos of these trips before each of the Business sessions.
GERMANY
Every summer teens and adults have an opportunity to participate in “English Camp”. It is coordinated each year by Bishop Meyer. The Annual Summer Mission Trips to Germany continue to bless hearts and lives. This past Summer, a number of our young people from Church of the Holy Communion along with the Rt. Rev. Ray R. Sutton were part of the team. This summer, young people from Ohio and other parts of the country will be attending. The Rt. Rev. Sam Seamans, now working in the Northern Diocese of the FCE, will be one of the Teachers. Details are found on the Foreign Board Web Site.

BRAZIL, 2009
In the summer of 2009, a R.E. team of twelve members lead by the Rev. Joe Fockler and the Rev. Eric Jorgenson traveled up the Monkey River to Visit the Apurina, Tribe. Their purpose was to” build the walls of the Church”.

Once they arrived, the team found a church building partially constructed. It had a floor and a surrounding wall about three feet tall. For the next eight days they labored like Nehemiah to raise the walls, which they did. Intensely hot temperatures made the work strenuous, and an absence of refrigeration meant there was no cold drink for refreshment. The local villagers finished off the roof, and a celebration was held after the construction and completion of the church building. A special blessing for team members was to spend time with Judy King and learn the highlights of her 35 years of faithful ministry there. Being present at the place with those people made her stories mesmerizing.
Congratulations to the team for a great job!

SPECIAL NOTE: Since our Team left, the villagers have been working on the finishing touches to the building. On May 13th 2011, the Rev. Eric Jorgensen returned to the village to participate in the formal dedication of the Church building. He will be reporting his experience at this General Council.

NIGERIA, 2011
This summer, the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Episcopal Church is sponsoring a project to build a hospital ward in Nigeria (July 19 – August 2). Bishop Nathan Kanu, the Ordinary of the Diocese of Aba Ngwa North, Province of Nigeria, has been able to build a hospital with the basics, but it lacks a ward for patient beds, and a laboratory for analyzing diseases. With the Lord’s help this year’s team is raising the needed funds to construct this hospital ward to care for sick patients. The plan is for the Team to go to Aba Ngwa North on July 19th and lend actual physical labor to that construction, provide nursing instruction to medical personnel, and to take some laptop computers and set up an Information Technology Lab. Twelve team members have been vigorously raising funds and awareness of this project in several of our Dioceses. In addition, the Women of the Church graciously took up support of this project as well, making it their 2011 Women’s Day Project Offering. We have been very blessed by the support throughout the Church for this needed project.

Update: As of May 10, 2011, we found ourselves faced with the situation of Team safety. Unrest and upheaval in Abia State and other parts of Nigeria produced travel warnings from the US State Department. In addition, the recent actions of the United States in the killing of Osama bin Laden have also produced travel warnings from the State Department about non-essential travel to certain countries for the balance of 2011. Because of these warnings, we have sought advice from the Arch-Bishop of Nigeria’s Office as to how to proceed with this project. As of the date of this report, we are awaiting that advice. If the Trip must be delayed, we will not delay the provision of funds for the hospital ward.
SPECIAL COMMENDATION

One of the most important jobs on the Board of Foreign Missions is the job of Treasurer. Since 1998 Mr. Charles Twining has tirelessly given of himself in fulfilling this role. Transferring funds to our missionaries, accounting for gifts, responding to contributors and preparing the necessary financials were cheerfully and selflessly accomplished by “Chuck”. On March 30, 2011, Mr. Twining found it necessary to resign as Treasurer due to a number of changes in his personal life. We wish to ask the Council to pass a resolution giving thanks to God and commending Mr. Charles Twining for his years of faithful service to Christ as the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Episcopal Church. His was a job well done by a good and faithful servant of Christ.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

A little known fact is that the BFM receives very little support apart from that which individuals and parishes designate for our Missionaries. There are, however, operational expenses which the Board must pay. These expenses are mostly for Pensions, Health Insurance, Mission Trips and Missionary support.

A review of our finances reveals that the Board of Foreign Missions has a short fall of nearly $25,000.00 per year. This has been largely due to the need for the BFM to supplement the support of some of our current Missionaries, to purchase Medical Insurance for retired BFM Missionaries who served exclusively under this Board in past years and to meet the expenses of maintain the Missionary Homes in Pipersville, PA. An additional $10,000.00 per year is needed to meet the ongoing expenses of the Board.

Specifically, both Judy King and Gerhard and Grace Meyer have a significant need for additional support. The devaluation of the US Dollar combined with inflationary costs has added to their short-fall. To deal with this critical need, the Board has supplemented the support of Judy King by $300.00 per month and Gerhard Meyer by $1000.00 during this past triennium.

To assist the Board in fulfilling its financial obligations and to insure the financial viability of the BFM in the short term, The General Committee provided a $30,000.00 per year supplement for two years to the BFM. Again, we are grateful for this much needed resource.

Those gifts and support, however, are not the long term solution for the viability of the BFM. We really do need every single parish in the REC to partner with us in doing mission.

Over the last few years we have been encouraged to see the number of parishes which make some kind of contribution to the work of Missions in the Reformed Episcopal Church through the Board of Foreign Missions grow to 35. This means that 23% of Reformed Episcopal Parishes support Reformed Episcopal Missions. We recognize that some of our parishes do support other mission endeavors, and the new and exciting Cuban Church Planting Mission sponsored by the Diocese of Western Canada is rapidly expanding, but, the agency which is sponsored by and directed by our Church, only has 23% support of the Church. We now need the other 115 parishes to follow their example.

What if every Reformed Episcopal Parish and mission which did not currently support the BFM committed themselves to raise and send $500.00 each year to Missions within the Reformed Episcopal Church? We would see an increase of nearly $65,000.00. That kind of support could allow us to send Mission Teams where needs arise. It would solve the support deficit of our current Missionaries and enable the Reformed Episcopal Church to become far more proactive in our approach to Missions. All that it takes is for Reformed Episcopal parishes that do not currently support Reformed Episcopal Missions to make it an emphasis. Please join the growing number of Reformed Episcopalians in Ministry and Service.
We would also note that at the April 8, 2011 meeting of the BFM, the Very Rev. Jason R. Grote was elected as Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions for the next triennium.

Please send your checks to:

**Board of Foreign Missions Treasurer**
The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote
The Reformed Episcopal Church
4142 Dayflower Drive
Katy, TX 77449

**LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE**

Our participation in the greater life of the Church is a two way street. Not only do we have opportunities for ministry and service, but we also are provided with opportunities to receive from those with whom we interact. Already, we have received new insights into what it means to live out a mission mindset from our brothers and sisters in Southeast Asia. They don’t simply do mission, they live mission. Every decision, every church plant, every ministry of compassion and mercy springs out of a missional heart that asks, “How can this help reach the 600 million lost souls in Southeast Asia”. To be involved and work with such minded people challenge our comfort zones and help us to explore new ways we can bring such a mindset into our Church.

- During the next three years we will be exploring how we can best fulfill our commitment of have a meaningful partnership with the Nepal Deanery. The means not merely directing money toward their needs but really partnering with them in a mutual exchange strengths for the advancement of the Gospel. Strategic contacts have already been made. Canon Bill Jerdan is already exploring projects and potential short term mission trips that can be made to this area.

- Initial plans are underway for a short term Mission trip in 2012 to Argentina. This is in the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone and in the Diocese of Bishop Nick Drayson of Northern Argentina. The preliminary plan is erecting a church for one of indigenous tribes in an under developed area. Rev. Paul Howden is involved in this planning.

- We are actively looking for support for the Christian Formation Workshops in Africa. Our goal is to sponsor at least two workshops per year over the next three years

- It is our intention to continue our ongoing relationship with the Province of Nigeria and to find meaningful projects in Dioceses with whom we can partner.

- The Rev. Canon Bill Jerdan will be focusing on visiting parishes and developing a network of local mission coordinators among our parishes to further enhance the vision and ministry of our church in this life which is greater than our own. He is available to come and visit your parish. You simply need to make the invitation. He is now in the process of relocating to the Chicago area where we will be centrally located to all of our Parishes throughout the United States.
• On the North American front, ministry to internationals in our Cities needs development. These are ideal opportunities for groups of Parishes in an area to partner together in creating a meaningful and necessary witness for Christ in cultural ways. The Diocese of the North East already has one such ministry in the work of Roger Converse in Philadelphia. St. George’s in Hamilton Ontario Canada, Grace REC (Collingdale PA) and Christ the King REC (Dayton OH), among others, have extensive outreaches to refugee communities in their neighborhoods. Because of our partnership with the Nepal Deanery, we will be exploring ways in which we can facilitate such ministries especially among the Nepali people living the USA.

• The new Deanery of the Protestant Reformed Christian Church in Croatia provides us with the opportunity assist in the re-evangelization of Europe. A part of our visit to Croatia in May will focus on what kind of Mission Trips and Ministry Projects will accomplish these kinds of goals.

As you can see, there is much that we are doing and there is even more than can be done as Reformed Episcopalians join together and become engaged in Ministry and Service.

Recommendations:

1. That every parish makes mission a part of its ministry focus and budget.

2. That each of the Parishes in the REC appoint a mission coordinator to help develop a mission mindset in the local parish and to work with the Executive Secretary of the BFM in disseminating information.

3. Resolved:
That whereas, Mr. Charles Twining has been the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions for the past 13 years;
And during that time has faithfully discharged his duties with a glad mind and heart thereby advancing the work of Missions in the Reformed Episcopal Church;
This 53rd General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church gives thanks to Almighty God and commends Mr. Twining for his selfless ministry to Christ and His Church.
The Council further directs the Secretary to record this Resolution in the Minutes of the 53rd General Council Journal and send a copy to Mr. Twining.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rt. Rev. Royal U Grote, Jr.
President
The Protestant Reformed Christian Church in Croatia and Serbia
Visit by church officials of the Reformed Episcopal Church in Germany

In Tordinci, we were visited by church officials from abroad. We are blessed that we had the opportunity to host The Rt. Rev. Gerhard Meyer, Bishop in the Reformed Episcopal Church in Germany, as well as The Rev. Canon Bill Jerdan.

Upon arrival in Tordinci our guests were made familiar with the history and present activities of the Protestant Reformed Christian Church in Croatia. Since our church several years ago began missionary work in Serbia, our guests had the opportunity to visit Belgrade and Novi Sad and meet officials of the Reformed Protestant Christian Churches in Serbia.

The Rev. Canon Bill Jerdan and Rev. Jasmin Milic, Superintendent of the PRCC in Croatia
Very solemn and blessed was the Sunday liturgy in Tordinci. Bishop Gerhard Meyer gave a wonderful sermon on the parable of the Good Samaritan, while the young Tordinčani used their singing in celebration of the Lord.
A Church Planting Pastor in Croatia and Serbia can be supported for $300.00 per month

**Discoveries and challenges From Southeast Asia**

- Bill and Diane Jerdan

April 25, 2011

We have returned from our 7 weeks in Southeast Asia with both our heads and our hearts full of new experiences and new relationships. We saw first-hand how national Christians are carrying out creative
outreaches that meet some of the desperate human needs of orphans, prisoners, victims of human trafficking, immigrants, and other needy people in Cambodia, Nepal, and Singapore. They are doing this in spite of few resources and living with the disadvantage, in Cambodia and Nepal, of being a minority religion where the overwhelming majority of the population follows another belief system.

We also saw how the Diocese of Singapore of the Anglican Church has transformed itself into a mission agency. This means that everything it does is driven by the underlying question: **“will this help bring the Gospel to the 600 million people in Southeast Asia that have not yet heard it?”** We were impressed to see how many local churches in Singapore are actively involved in the mission churches that they sponsor in other countries, often sending teams or members nearly every month to help with something. We witnessed this partnership in action while we were in Cambodia.

You can find a running commentary on our experiences during these 7 weeks, along with cultural notes, pictures and video clips by visiting the blog that we maintained during our time there: [http://travel-n-serve.blogspot.com/](http://travel-n-serve.blogspot.com/)

**Nepal:**

The middle of March Bill traveled around Nepal for one week in the company of a Singaporean missionary New Church in Nepal who speaks the language. **This visit was the underlying purpose of our presence in the area.**

The warmth and generous welcome offered by the Nepali Christians was a stark contrast to the grimy living conditions in a country that has not yet joined the ranks of developing nations. Bill was treated to Nepali meals in pastors’ homes and to tea outside the humble home of a Christian in a hill village. But mostly, he saw a rapidly expanding church movement that baptizes dozens of new converts every month and is actively setting up training programs and constructing new church buildings.

These Nepali Christians are very open to contact and partnership. **One of their major needs is training for their pastors and church workers.** The in-country resources are limited and their financial situation makes it nearly impossible for them to leave the country for training. At the same time, this difficult economic context has led many Nepalese to leave for jobs elsewhere. This means that there are Nepali communities around the world, including many in the US. Although distance makes it very difficult for close sharing partnerships between US churches and ones in Nepal, contact with Nepali churches or groups of Nepali immigrants in the US is very easy. We are going to be working on facilitating both kinds of contacts.
Cambodia:
Diane remained in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, while Bill traveled to Nepal. In addition to some fascinating cultural experiences, like attending a day-long Cambodian wedding, she participated in several ministries. The Four Rivers Language School is an outreach ministry of the Anglican Church of Cambodia. It is presently functioning with only 2 teachers, which limits the number of students that they can accept.

Diane helped out by teaching some advanced beginner conversation classes and also by just sitting in on other classes to provide more English conversation. In addition, she led the **day-and-a-half training session in March for Cambodian church workers** who came into the capital from around the country. Translation of her lessons, from the book of James on relationships within the church, into the Khmer language posed no problem for the national pastor. But his English vocabulary was quite limited, which meant that feedback from the students was equally limited. However, the subject led to some good discussions among the students, which was the primary goal.

Singapore:
From March 14 to 16 Bill participated in a **missions consultation** that brought together international partners of the outreach ministries sponsored by the Diocese of Singapore in 6 surrounding countries. These information sessions provided numerous ideas on how to better develop meaningful partnerships between mission churches and their international partners.

**And the contacts continue…**
In order to advance closer partnerships between US churches and ethnic churches in this country, we have made contact with **Nepali Christians in the United States**, both in Philadelphia and near Dallas, TX. One group includes the son and daughter-in-law of one of the pastors Bill met in Kathmandu. We will be seeing how to establish more meaningful cooperation with these local groups.

This past May we introduced a group of Singaporeans to the people at Covenant Chapel Reformed Episcopal Church in Basking Ridge, NJ.

The day before flying back to the US, we had the privilege of attending the official opening ceremonies of the new Autism school which is designed to eventually welcome up to 300 autistic children and adults. This is one way the church is ministering in a professional way to the “neediest among us”.

Thank you again for accompanying us with your prayers and for the support gifts that make such missions possible. In addition to upholding national Christians in these countries with your prayers, we would appreciate your prayer for us as we try to foster meaningful links between Christians wherever they live and serve.

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*Bp. Meyer gave a presentation on English Camp in Germany, Rev. Jorgensen gave a presentation on the Ipurina Church Dedication in Brazil, and a Nepalese student studying in Texas also addressed the Council.*
The Board of Foreign Missions Report was accepted and the recommendations therein by the Rev. Chucky Lloyd and seconded by Mrs. Claudia Dorrington. The motion carried.

Council recessed at 4:43 pm with Evening Prayer to follow.

RESOLUTION

Whereas Mr. Charles Twinning has been the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions for the past 13 years; and

Whereas during that time has faithfully discharged his duties with a glad mind and heart thereby advancing the work of Missions in the Reformed Episcopal Church;

Be it therefore RESOLVED that the Fifty-third General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church gives thanks to Almighty God and commends Mr. Twining for his selfless ministry to Christ and His Church.

Done this ninth day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven; In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the Reformed Episcopal Church to be affixed.

The Most Rev. Leonard Riches
Presiding Bishop

Mrs. Tonya Forsberg
Secretary

The COMMITTEE on DOCTRINE and WORSHIP

Dear Brethren,

The committee met several times during the triennium to consider the Book of Services being presented by the Standing Liturgical Commission at this Council.

The Committee found nothing inappropriate regarding our church’s doctrine and worship in these offices, and commend them as well.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rt. Rev. George B. Fincke
Chairman
THIRD BUSINESS SESSION

The THIRD BUSINESS SESSION of the FIFTY-THIRD GENERAL COUNCIL convened at the Hyatt Regency, on Friday, June 11, 2011, at 10:43 AM, with Bishop Leonard W. Riches presiding. The session opened with prayer led by the Rev. Jerry Kistler and followed with a presentation by Bp. Dorrington about the Cuba Missions.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Dear Brethren:

Over the course of the past three years the Commission on Theological Education has met in fulfillment of its canonical mandate. We are pleased to report that the three licensed seminaries of the Reformed Episcopal Church are all working hard to enhance the education offered to our students. Progress has been made in coordinating curriculums across the schools, improving faculty credentials and efforts toward accreditation. All three licensed seminaries now have functioning websites describing the programs they offer.

In accord with the canons the Commission met each year to review and approve the graduating students. Each of the three seminaries underwent a site visit from a representative of the Commission who reported back to the Commission on the status of the school.

In addition, the Commission adopted the Preparation Standards for Seminaries of the Anglican Church in North America and Approved Anglican Tracks developed by the ACNA as one of the standards to be used in training clergy for the REC.

The issue of at a distance education or online education was discussed on several occasions. The following was adopted by the Commission to provide guidance to the REC.

No external studies program may be recognized by the REC unless it is:

1. Offered by a fully accredited Seminary judged orthodox by the Diocesan Bishop in consultation with the Theological Commission of the REC.

2. Offered by a licensed Seminary of the REC subject to the Canons of the REC

3. And that any external studies program offered by any Seminary of the REC leading to a degree earned totally at a distance must be accredited by the Distance Education and Training Council, DETC.ORG.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud
Chairman
REPORT of the COMMITTEE on MATERIALS for the
REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH HISTORY

This committee collects, archives, and studies historical materials related to the Reformed Episcopal Church, its dioceses, seminaries, parishes, and auxiliary organizations. Please send in any bulletins, letters, pictures, articles, minutes and any other archival materials relating to the history of the Reformed Episcopal Church in its broadest sense. A set of archives should be kept by each local diocese, and materials should also be sent to our denominational archives:

Archives of the Reformed Episcopal Church
c/o The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches
826 Second Avenue
Blue Bell, PA 19422

During the past triennium the committee has put a special effort into studying the Civil Rights Movement and the Reformed Episcopal Church. We met several times to go through archival material and review material that I had written. A short pamphlet, Race Matters: The Reformed Episcopal Church and the Civil Rights Movement will be released by Classical Anglican Press. The goal of this committee is to continue this work and to foster more research on our history as well as to continue to collect the materials that make this research possible in the future.

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

The Rev. Dr. Riches thanked his Committee for all the work they did over the past triennium and introduced Rev. Mikle Jenkins’ choir who sang “Lord, We Thank You”.

Bp. Sutton encouraged Council attendees to attend “Unless the Lord Builds the House” a marriage seminar hosted by Church of the Holy Communion. Bp. Sutton then thanked Rudy Shanken for all his help to get Council together and Mr. Shanken thanked all who helped him.

Mrs. Gale Hill presented the Report of the Committee on Women’s Ministry and explained how the women of the Church are again focusing on Missions. She thanked Mrs. Kathy Moock and Mrs. Diane Jerdan for all their help. She also thanked the Grotes, Church of St. Matthias, Donna Taylor, and Karen Baird for their help in making the “We Are One” Conference a success.

REPORT of the COMMITTEE on WOMEN’S MINISTRY

The Committee on Women’s Ministry concluded the 2005-2008 Triennium with a fellowship luncheon during the 52nd General Council in Victoria, British Columbia. The luncheon, hosted by Claudia Dorrington, Chairperson of the Committee on Women’s Ministry, Diocese of Western Canada and Alaska, was held on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at Samuel’s Restaurant. 12 committee members and friends representing each diocese came together for a time of fellowship.
The Committee on Women’s Ministry, consisting of one representative from each diocese: Karen Baird, Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic; Ruth Crenshaw, Diocese of Mid-America; Gale Hill, Diocese of the Southeast; Judy Smith, Diocese of Eastern and Central Canada; Claudia Dorrington, Diocese of Western Canada and Alaska; and Joan Workowski, advisor to the committee, convened its organizational meeting for the 2009-2011 Triennium on Thursday, April 30, 2009. The meeting was held at Saint Mark’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Jenkintown, PA. The following adjunct members were appointed and officers elected. From the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic: Bonnie Abboud, Saralee Czajowski, Melinda Kellogg, and Diane Wright. From the Diocese of the Southeast: Hester Gadsden, Edelle Gaillard, and Mary Ann Wright. From the Diocese of Mid-America: Annette Johnson, Janice Manto, and Karen Pierpoint. From the Diocese of Eastern and Central Canada: Gillian Ferns. From the Diocese of Western Canada and Alaska: Lynn Ellis.

Gale Hill was elected Chairperson, Mary Ann Wright, Secretary; Diane Wright, Treasurer; and Edelle Gaillard, Devotional Leader.

Five other meetings during the triennium were held in October and May. Sincere appreciation is extended to the Rev. and Mrs. Richard and Joan Workowski for hosting our May meetings in their home or the parish hall of Saint Mark’s Church.

A summary of the committee’s activities during the triennium follows:

**Women’s Day Project Luncheon** – A program, traditionally held the first Friday in May, of spiritual and inspirational blessing including a luncheon and the reception of monetary gifts toward a specific need within the denomination.
2009 – The project was to raise $10,000 to assist in the purchase of a cooker for the Kneullcamp in Germany. The luncheon was held Friday, May 1st at the National Christian Conference Center, Valley Forge, PA. The program theme was “PEACE” (Colossians 3:15 – “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.”) The speaker was Mrs. Linda G. Butler of Holy Comforter Reformed Episcopal Church, Moncks Corner, SC. The offering was $10,000.00 and 96 persons representing 25 churches registered for the luncheon.

2010 – The project was to raise $10,000 to support mission work in Nepal. The luncheon was held Friday, April 30th at Saint Mark’s Church, Jenkintown, PA. The program theme, taken from the 2010-2011 devotional booklet, was Exploring the Peaks (Isaiah 2:2-3: “And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD’S house shall be established in the top of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.”). The luncheon speaker was Mrs. Diane Jerdan, Reformed Episcopal Missionary to France. Using Psalm 121:1 – “I will lift up my eyes to the hills–where does my help come from?” as her key verse, Diane encouraged those in attendance to strengthen their spiritual walking muscles. The offering was 5,908.52 and 110 persons representing 28 churches registered for the luncheon.

2011 – The project is to raise $7,500 to aid in sponsoring a Short-Term Mission Team to Nigeria to assist with the work at the hospital and in the diocese. The luncheon will be held Friday, April 29th at Saint Mark’s Church, Jenkintown, PA. The program theme, which will be taken from the 2011-2012 devotional booklet, will be Serve the Lord with Gladness! (Psalm 100:2a “Serve the LORD with gladness:”). The luncheon speaker will be Kathy G. Moock of the Diocese of the Southeast of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Spiritual Enrichment Conference – Designed to provide spiritual fellowship, instruction, and opportunity for women to participate and to grow in the knowledge of Christ and be strengthened as members of His body. The women in the Northeast and Southeast meet together in October; the women in the West meet in March; the women in Mid-America meet in October; and the women in Western Canada meet in November.

2008 – The 52nd Spiritual Enrichment Conference hosted by the Committee on Women’s Ministry of the Diocese of the Southeast, was held October 3-5 at The Williamsburg Hospitality House in Williamsburg, VA. In keeping with the committee’s annual theme, the conference theme was “Change”. The conference speaker was Ms. Faye Hicks of Sharpetown Methodist Church in Woodstown, NJ. The Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden Sr., Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southeast led in the Morning Prayer Service and delivered the closing message. At our conference banquet, certificates of appreciated were presented to our devotional booklet writer, Ms. Loretta...
2009 – The 53rd Spiritual Enrichment Conference hosted by the Committee on Women’s Ministry of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, was held October 2-4 at The Williamsburg Hospitality House in Williamsburg, VA. The conference theme was “PEACE”. The conference speaker was Mrs. Avis Gadsden Riley of Redeemer Reformed Episcopal Church, Pineville, SC. The Rev. Willie J. Hill, Jr., Rector of New Israel Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC led in the Sunday Morning Prayer Service and delivered the closing message. He was assisted by the Rev. Richard W. Workowski of Saint Mark’s Church, Jenkintown, PA and the Rev. Edmond B. Mazyck of Redeemer Church, Pineville, SC. The Rev. Workowski also served as this year’s conference musician and Mrs. Rubystene Mazyck of Redeemer Church, Pineville, SC served as song leader. At our conference banquet, certificates of appreciated were presented to our devotional booklet writer, Dr. Barbara West; our Women’s Day Project Luncheon Speaker, Mrs. Linda G. Butler; and our Spiritual Enrichment Conference Speaker, Mrs. Avis Riley. We were delighted that the number of persons registered for the conference had increased greatly from the number registered in 2008: 85 persons representing 23 churches and five states registered for the conference. We were also delighted to have one of our missionaries from France, Mrs. Diane Jerdan, join us at this conference.

2010 – The 54th Spiritual Enrichment Conference hosted by the Committee on Women’s Ministry of the Diocese of the Southeast, was held October 8-10 at The Williamsburg Hospitality House in Williamsburg, VA. The conference theme was “Exploring the Peaks”. The conference speaker was Dss. Olivene Browne of Saint Mary’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Bronx, NY. The Rev. Willie J. Hill, Jr. Rector of New Israel Church, Charleston, SC, assisted by the Rev. Richard W. Workowski, recently retired Rector of Saint Mark’s Church, Jenkintown, led in the Sunday Morning Prayer Service and delivered the closing message. At our conference banquet, certificates of appreciated were presented to our devotional booklet writer, Mrs. Ethelyn Watson;
our Women’s Day Project Luncheon Speaker, Mrs. Diane Jerdan; and our Spiritual Enrichment Conference Speaker, Dss. Olivene Browne. Additionally, the committee recognized and extended appreciation to the following persons for their encouragement and support over the years: Mrs. Joan B. Workowski, Mrs. Melinda Kellogg, Miss Mary Ann Wright, the Rev. Richard W., and the Rev. Edmond B. Mazyck. The Rev. Mazyck served as pastoral counselor to the Women of the Church Auxiliary of the Diocese of the Southeast for more than 35 years.

80 persons representing 19 churches and six states, including the great state of TEXAS, registered for the conference with four additional day guest joining the conference for a total of 84 conference attendees.

Thanks to Mrs. Karen Baird for serving as Spiritual Enrichment Conference and Women’s Day Project Luncheon musician. Thanks to the Rev. Richard W. Workowski for serving as the musician for our 2009 Spiritual Enrichment Conference.

Special thanks to Mrs. Dawn Mitchell of Saint Mark’s Church, Jenkintown, PA for serving as registrar for our Women’s Day Project Luncheons and Spiritual Enrichment Conferences during the triennium. Special thanks to Mrs. Alfredia Doiley of Grace Church Reformed Episcopal Church, Moncks Corner, SC for serving as Spiritual Enrichment Conference registrar for our 52nd and 54th Conferences.

**Publication of Devotional Booklets** – Written by Reformed Episcopal women, for use in the Women of the Church groups.

The **2008-2009** devotional booklet entitled “**Change**” was written by Ms. Loretta Williams of Mount Olivet Church, Rantoles, SC.

The **2009-2010** devotional booklet entitled “**PEACE**” was written by Dr. Barbara West of Christ Anglican Mission in the Americas Church, Millville, NJ.

The **2010-2011** devotional booklet was a reprint of our 1971-1972 devotional, “**Exploring the Peaks**”, written by Mrs. Ethelyn Watson.

The **2011-2012** devotional booklet entitled, “**Serve the Lord with Gladness!**” will be written by Mrs. Karen Baird of Saint Mark’s Church, Jenkintown, PA.

During the triennium, the Devotional Booklet Publishing Notes were revised to involve more input from clergy and a more practical publication schedule.

Thanks to our devotional book writers for the sacrifices made in writing our devotionals. Thanks to the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks for your untiring assistance and guidance in the publishing process. Special thanks to Mrs. Melinda “Mindy” Kellogg who, after seven years of sacrificial service, retired as devotional booklet editor. Thanks to Mrs. Francis Lenzo and Mrs. Cynthia Campbell of Bishop Cummins Memorial Reformed Episcopal Church who have agreed to pick up the mantel as our devotional booklet editorial committee.
“Dates to Remember” Publication – A listing of important dates from each diocese.

The committee continues to compile, publish, and distribute the “Dates to Remember” each year. It is hoped that this brochure will be helpful in planning activities in each parish, and that it will assist in limiting scheduling conflicts. Because of the increased number of dates posted, the publication has grown from an 8 ½ by 11”, tri-fold to an 11 x 14” four-fold document. Our committee chairperson, yours truly, under the auspices of [production company], has led in the production of this publication during the triennium.

Denominational Mailing List – A copy can be obtained by contacting the committee.

Oversight of the REAPERS Auxiliary – Reformed Episcopal Auxiliary, Praying, Encouraging, Reaching and Supporting - Supports Home and Foreign Missionaries.

The REAPERS Auxiliary was founded in May of 1975 for the purpose of creating, increasing, and unifying interest among the women of the Reformed Episcopal Church for missionaries. On Friday, October 3rd during the 53rd Spiritual Enrichment Conference, members of the REAPERS Auxiliary and the Committee on Women’s Ministry met to discuss the activities and future direction of the auxiliary with regard its original mission. Members of the committee and the auxiliary agreed to make an effort to restructure the auxiliary. The committee continues to solicit the assistance of individuals knowledgeable in area of informational technology, with the thought of restructuring the ministry as an on-line ministry dedicated to prayer.

Special Project ...International Spiritual Enrichment Conference – In response to the expressed desires of women from all regions of the Reformed Episcopal Church, our FIRST International Spiritual Enrichment Conference was held June 26-28, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Houston West in Houston, TX. The conference theme was “We ARE One,” and the theme verse was “There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope when you were called – one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” Ephesians 4:4-6. The Friday evening opening session of the conference included a very informative segment entitled “Getting to Know You” during which representatives of each diocese shared information unique to their regions and dioceses – a great time! The conference speaker was best-selling author and Christian communicator, Donna Partow of Donna Partow International, Phoenix, AZ. Our conference workshop entitled “We are One in the Spirit,” was led by Christian workshop facilitator, Burnie Barnes of Saint Stephen, SC. At our conference banquet on Saturday evening, we enjoyed special music by Caro Voce (Dear Voices) featuring Eric Murillo, Vivian Jimenez, and Donna Taylor – an excellent performance of opera and theater! Conference attendees received a commemorative compact disc containing photo of women’s ministry activities and a Getting to Know You booklet containing the information presented on Friday evening. On Sunday morning, conference attendees worshipped at Saint Matthias Anglican Church (the Cathedral Church) in Katy, TX where the Very Rev. Jason Grote serves as Rector. The Right Reverend Royal U. Grote served as Holy Communion Celebrant and preached the sermon. A total of 55 persons registered for the conference, including our Presiding Bishop and Mrs. Leonard W.
Riches. We were delighted to have Bishop and Mrs. Riches join us on their return from the historical inaugural conference of the Anglican Church in North America, of which our beloved Reformed Episcopal Church is a founding member. Our FIRST International Spiritual Enrichment Conference was a blessing to all in attendance and we are excited about the possibility of holding a second conference. Sincere thanks to the Right Reverend Royal U. Grote for his encouragement and support of this effort. Thanks to the Very Reverend Jason Grote, the fine folk at Saint Matthias Anglican Church, and the Diocese of Mid-America. Thanks to Miss Donna Taylor and Mrs. Karen Baird for sharing your musical gifts. And to all Committee on Women’s Ministry members – YA DONE GOOD!

**Other Activities …**

**… in the Diocese of the Southeast**

During the triennium, I participated in the Diocese of the Southeast’s 31st and 33rd Christian Life Enrichment Conferences held in North Myrtle Beach, SC and Savannah, GA. The Christian Life Enrichment Conference, a spin-off of our Spiritual Enrichment Conference, began in 1978 when several women of the Diocese of the Southeast, who traveled from South Carolina to New Jersey to attend the Spiritual Enrichment Conference, wanted their sisters at home who were not able to travel to New Jersey to experience what they had experienced in New Jersey.

**North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina** – The 31st Christian Life Enrichment Conference was held **Friday, March 13 – Sunday, March 15, 2009** at Bay Watch Resort and Conference Center in North Myrtle Beach, SC. The conference theme was “God’s Light in a Dark World.” The scripture reference was 1 Peter 2:9-10 – *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light; once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy!*

Mrs. Linda B. Huell of Salters, SC was our speaker. The main themes of her talks were 1) Who was Peter? 2) What did Peter’s message mean to the original hearers? And 3) How can we apply Peter’s message to our lives today? Following Saturday morning’s session, Mrs. Deloris Heyward of Saint Luke’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC, facilitated an enlightening workshop, elaborating on the thought – “the value of a thing (or person) depends on whose hands it is in”. Saturday evening’s banquet began with a beautiful candle light march, and entertainment for the evening was provided by the New Bethel Reformed Episcopal Church Praise Dancers and Chorus with featured singer, Mrs. Angela “Bunnie” Jenkins. Among those recognized with awards at the banquet were Mrs. Eleanor Jerdan and Mrs. Carrie Mae Rembert. The weekend was concluded with the Service of Morning Prayer led by the Rev. Edmond B. Mazyck, Pastoral Counselor for the Committee on Women’s Ministry of the Diocese of the Southeast and Rector of Redeemer’s Church, Pineville, SC. 104+ persons were in attendance at
the conference, among which were the conference speakers from the two previous years: Mrs. Avis Gadsden Riley (2007) and Mrs. Paulette Haynes (2008).

Angela “Bunnie” Jenkins

North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina – The 32nd Christian Life Enrichment Conference was held Friday, March 12 – Sunday, March 14, 2010 at the Bay Watch Resort and Conference Center in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Though, for the first time in eight years, I was not able to attend this year’s conference, those sharing their weekend activities in conversation with me had only excitement in their voices and expressed how refreshing and enriching the conference was, especially the presence of the children. The conference theme was “Grab and Save a Child.” The scripture references was Deuteronomy 11:19 – And ye shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.” The speaker for the weekend was Mrs. Rose Rock of Georgetown, SC. Mrs. Rock is the mother of 10 biological children (including Comedian Chris Rock), and 22 foster children. The conference workshop was facilitated by Mrs. Marlene Frierson of New Saint Thomas’, Reformed Episcopal Church, Columbia, SC and the conference banquet featured entertainment by the New Bethel Reformed Episcopal Church Praise Dancers, North Charleston, SC and Little Miss Brianna Barrow of Chapel of the Cross Reformed Episcopal Church, Kingstree, SC. A total of 101 persons, including 25 children (23 girls and two boys) registered for the conference.
Savannah, Georgia – The 33rd Christian Life Enrichment Conference was held **Friday, March 11 – Sunday, March 13, 2011** at the Hampton Inn and Suites, Savannah, GA. A continuation of last year’s conference, the conference theme and scripture reference remained the same: “Grab and Save a Child” – Deuteronomy 11:19 – *And ye shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.*” Mrs. Jennifer Baker of Saint Andrew’s Reformed Episcopal Church, Savannah, GA was the speaker on Friday evening. Mrs. Baker, an expectant mother of four boys, spoke of practical ways of executing our scripture passage. On Saturday morning, two workshops were presented. Ms. Myrtice Brown of New Israel Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC, served as facilitator for the first, and Mrs. Theresa Breaux, assisted by the Rev. James Breaux of Immanuel Reformed Episcopal Church, Cross, SC facilitated the second workshop. Mrs. Brown’s workshop centered on those (other than parents and family members) who play an important part in rearing our children. Mr. Kevin Solomon (Mrs. Brown’s nephew), Co-Producer of “The Morning Show” on Savannah TV-WJCL/FOX 28 and 2010 TV Show Wheel of Fortune Contestant, gave words of encouragement. Mrs. Breaux’s workshop focused on parenting and the different methods used by parents to teach children. The entertainment for Saturday evening’s banquet was provided by the Saint John’s Reformed Episcopal Church Praise Dancers. Mrs. Rosa Perry and Mrs. Annie Perkins were recognized for their many years of ministry to women and others in the diocese. The weekend concluded on Sunday morning with worship service at Saint Andrew’s Reformed Episcopal Church, the Rev. Father Jeff Baker, Rector. A total of 110 persons, including 23 children (21 girls and two boys) and 19 men registered for the conference.
... in the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania – On Friday, February 19, 2010 amid 70 inches of freshly fallen snow, I traveled to Philadelphia Pennsylvania to fellowship with the ladies of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. On Saturday, February 20, 2010, women from area parishes gathered at the Church of the Atonement in the Germantown area of Philadelphia for a one-day conference and workshop sponsored by the Women’s Ministry of the Church of the Atonement. Serving as speaker for this occasion, the topics “Serve the Lord with Gladness” (subtitle: “Women Were Born to Serve”) and “What Can Women Do to Support their Pastor?” were examined. During the afternoon session, the “serving gifts”, those referred to in Romans 12:6-8, were discussed followed by a session on “What is the Committee on Women’s Ministry?” The conference and workshop was attended by 40 persons, including nine men, representing five diocesan parishes: Christ Memorial, Church of the Atonement, Church of the Messiah, Saint Luke’s/Bishop Hoffman Memorial, and Saint Matthew’s. Also attending were individuals from three other non Reformed Episcopal branches of Christ’s church, and yours truly. Special thanks to Mrs. Ebony Holloway and the ladies of the Church of the Atonement, and Pastor and Mrs. Walter Hawkins for a wonderful day for fellowship and providing an occasion for us to learn more about how we can “Serve the Lord with Gladness.”
Catonsville, Maryland – On Saturday, September 25, 2010, it was my pleasure to luncheon with the ladies of Bishop Cummins Memorial Reformed Episcopal Church at their September Women of the Church meeting. The theme of the meeting was “Back to School”. Students in grades one through five were seated at five tables, one for each grade – no one was “smarter than a fifth grader”. The school day began with a delicious lunch followed by classes in music, science, and history. The music class was taught by Saralee Czajkowski who led the 4 young ladies under age 21 and the 38, not so flexible women, in such children’s songs as “The Alphabet Song” and “Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes”. The science class was taught by Jill Crum, with the lesson coming from Malachi 3:3: “He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness,”. The History class was taught by yours truly who presented the history and work of the Committee on Women’s Ministry of the Reformed Episcopal Church. A devotional booklet entitled “Benedictions, Good Words From the Women of Bishop Cummins Reformed Episcopal Church” was presented. The booklet was written by the ladies of Bishop Cummins for use at their 2010-2011 meetings. Hats off to the ladies of Bishop Cummins. Special thanks to Mrs. Alice “Bobbi” Lepson for her wonderful leadership and generous southern/northern hospitality.

Much thanks to the members of the Committee on Women’s Ministry for your hard work during the triennium. Particular appreciation is expressed to retiring adjunct members Mary Ann Wright, who served as secretary of the committee for three years and Melinda Kellogg, who served as devotional booklet editor for seven years.

We praise God for the opportunities afforded us during the triennium and look forward to continuing in His service.

We welcome your suggestions and solicit your support.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Gale G. Hill

Gale G. Hill, Chairperson
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**Total Women's Day Income** 26,967.00

**Total Income** 44,346.96
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### Spiritual Enrichment Conf Expenses

- SEC Food & Lodging                           | 2,408.90 |
- SEC Honorarium                                | 2,300.00 |
- SEC Misc. Expenses                            | 1,869.22 |
- SEC Speaker Travel Exp.                       | 755.00   |
- Liturgist Travel Expense                      | 100.00   |
- Travel Expense – Other                        | 675.00   |

**Total Spiritual Enrichment Conf Expenses** 8,108.12

### Women's Day Expenses

- W. Day Honorarium                             | 950.00   |
- W. Day Misc. Expenses                         | 652.88   |
- W. Day Project Disburs’t ’09                  | 10,000.00|
- W. Day Project Disburs’t ’10                  | 10,000.00|
- W. Day Restaurant Exp.                       | 4,282.17 |
- W.Day Speaker Travel Exp.                     | 100.99   |

**Total Women's Day Exp.** 25,986.04

### Total Expenses

**45,594.62**

### Net Income

**-1,247.66**

### Balance as of December 31, 2010

**16,739.97**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Wright, Treasurer

REPORT of the COMMITTEE to EXAMINE and
CERTIFY the JOURNAL

The committee to certify the Journal of the proceedings of the Fifty-second General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church has found the Journal to be essentially free of errors. In compiling the Journal, the typesetter compiled the reports as submitted, making some corrections to obvious punctuation and spelling errors. Grammar errors in reports submitted were not addressed, though formatting modifications were made to bring consistency to the overall presentation of the Journal.

Noting the above, I therefore certify that the Journal for the 52nd General Council is an accurate and faithful record of the reports and actions of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Deborah Payne (for the Committee)

The Rev. Canon Ron Moock moved to accept the invitation of the Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania to host the 54th General Council. The Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle seconded. The motion carried.

Bp. Riches gave both Rev. Fenwick and Rev. Hunt engraved leather Books of Common Prayer with a personal message written inside each. A standing ovation was given to both Reverends after they thanked the REC for our hospitality and graciousness.

The Ven. Dr. Jon W Abboud made a motion for the Sustentation Fund to make up the difference on any residual expenses from Council and the printing of any materials. The Rev. Willie Hill moved and Mr. Ron Riches seconded. The motion carried.

With no new business submitted adjournment was called at 12:09 pm on Friday, June 10, 2011. It was moved and seconded by The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud and Mrs. Hines. The motion passed.

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CONSECRATIONS OF BISHOPS

B. Kerfoot, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville, Kentucky, on November 15, 1866. Died at Lutherville, Maryland, June 26, 1875, aged 54.


BISHOP SAMUEL FALLOWS, M.A., LL.D., D.D., was consecrated at the same time and place as the Rt. Rev. Cridge, and by the same bishops and presbyters. Died at Chicago, Illinois, September 5, 1922, aged 87.

BISHOP BENJAMIN PRICE was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Edward Cridge, assisted by several presbyters, in Christ Church, Teddington, Middlesex, on August 15, 1876.

BISHOP JOHN SUGDEN, B.A., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Edward Cridge and the Rt. Rev. Benjamin Price, assisted by several presbyters, in Christ Church, Lambeth, Middlesex, on August 20, 1876. Died at Baumemouth, Hampshire, June 20, 1897.


BISHOP JAMES ALLEN LATANE, B.A., D.D., was consecrated at the same time and place as the Rt. Rev. Stevens, and by the same bishops and presbyters. Died at Baltimore, Maryland, February 21, 1902, aged 71.

BISHOP ALFRED SPENCER RICHARDSON, D.D., was consecrated at the same time and place as the Rt. Rev. Stevens and the Rt. Rev. Latane, and by the same bishops and presbyters. Died in France, 1907.

BISHOP FREDERICK NEWMAN was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Benjamin Price and the Rt. Rev. John Sugden, assisted by several presbyters, in Christ Church, Teddington, Middlesex, on July 2, 1879.
BISHOP HUBERT BOWER was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. John Sugden and the Rt. Rev. Alfred S. Richardson, assisted by several presbyters, in St. Saviour’s Church, Littlehampton, Sussex, on August 19, 1879.


BISHOP HENRY ORION MEYERS was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Frederick Newman and the Rt. Rev. John Sugden, assisted by several presbyters, in Emmanuel Church, Putney, Middlesex, on October 22, 1881.


BISHOP SAMUEL J. C. DICKSEE, D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Benjamin Price and the Rt. Rev. Henry O. Meyers, assisted by several presbyters, in Christ Church, Lambeth, Middlesex, on November 6, 1889.

BISHOP WILLIAM BAKER was consecrated at the same time and place as the Rt. Rev. Dicksee, and by the same bishops and presbyters.


BISHOP JAMES RENNEY, D.D., was consecrated at the same time and place as the Rt. Rev. Eldridge, and by the same bishops and presbyters. Died at London, Middlesex, July 26, 1894.

BISHOP WILLIAM TROUGHTON was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Henry O. Meyers, assisted by several presbyters, in Hounslow, Middlesex, on August 5, 1901.

BISHOP WILLIAM TUFNELL SABINE, Sr., B.A., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Samuel Fallows and the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Cheney, assisted by the Rev. Dr. William A. Freemantle, the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Hendricks, the Rev. Dr. Herman S. Hoffinan, the Rev. Dr. William Tracy, the Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Wilson, and the Rev. Dr. Ferdinand C. Englehart of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in First Church, New York, New York, on October 23, 1902. Died at New York, New York, August 11, 1913, aged 75.
BISHOP HERMAN S. HOFFMAN, B.A., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Samuel Fallows, the Rt. Rev. Peter F. Stevens, and the Rt. Rev. William T. Sabine, assisted by the Rev. Dr. W. Russell Collins, the Rev. Dr. Forrest E. Dager, the Rev. Dr. John Dennis, the Rev. Dr. John Edwards, the Rev. Dr. William A. Freemantle, the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Hendricks, the Rev. H. Medley Price, the Rev. Dr. William D. Stevens, the Rev. Dr. J. Milton Tweedale, and the Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Wilson, in Redeemer Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 3, 1903. Died at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 23, 1912, aged 72.

BISHOP RICHARD BROOK LANDER, D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. William Troughton, assisted by several presbyters, in Christ Church, Teddington, Middlesex, on October 18, 1904.

BISHOP ROBERT LIVINGSTON RUDOLPH, M.A., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Samuel Fallows, the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Cheney, and the Rt. Rev. William T. Sabine, assisted by the Rev. Dr. W. Russell Collins, the Rev. Dr. William A. Freemantle, the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Hendricks, the Rev. George W. Huntington, the Rev. Dr. R. Westly Peach, the Rev. Dr. William D. Stevens, the Rev. Dr. William Tracy, the Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Wilson, and the Rev. Dr. John H. Oerter of the Reformed Church in America, in First Church, New York, New York, on January 12, 1909. Died at Doset, Vermont, September 16, 1930, aged 65.

BISHOP MANUEL FERRANDO, D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Samuel Fallows, the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Cheney, and the Rt. Rev. Robert L. Rudolph, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Willard R. Brewing, the Rev. Dr. Frank V. C. Cloak, the Rev. Dr. W. Russell Collins, the Rev. John R. Furey, the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Hendricks, the Rev. Dr. D. Miner Steams, the Rev. Dr. William D. Stevens, the Rev. Dr. William Tracy, the Rev. Dr. William T. Way, the Rev. Duane Wevill, and the Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Wilson, in the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on November 12, 1912. Later not connected with this Church.


BISHOP WILLARD R. BREWING, D.D., was consecrated at the same time and place as the Rt. Rev. Pengelley, and by the same bishops and presbyters. Later not connected with this Church. Died at Toronto, Ontario, 1960, aged 79.

BISHOP JOSEPH LOUIS FENN, LL.D., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Frank Vaughan, the Rt. Rev. R. Brook Lander, and the Rt. Rev. H. Mumford of the Moravian Church, assisted by

BISHOP ROBERT WESTLY PEACH, Ph.B., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Robert L. Rudolph, the Rt. Rev. Willard R. Brewing the Rt. Rev. Frank Vaughan, and the Rt. Rev. John T. Hamilton of the Moravian Church, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Frank V. C. Cloak, the Rev. Dr. W. Russell Collins, the Rev. Dr. Forrest E. Dager, the Rev. Dr. William A. Freemantle, the Rev. Dr. Alexander M. Hubly, the Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Mason, the Rev. Henry McCrea, the Rev. Dr. J. Eustace Purdie, the Rev. Dr. Francis H. Reynolds, the Rev. Dr. William Tracy, and the Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Wilson, in Redeemer Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 23, 1924. Died at Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, December 23, 1936, aged 73.

BISHOP WILLIAM EDWARD YOUNG, O.B.E., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. R. Brook Lander, assisted by several presbyters, in Emmanuel Church, Putney, Middlesex, on July 28, 1925.

BISHOP JOSEPH EDGAR KEARNEY, D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Robert L. Rudolph, the Rt. Rev. R. Westly Peach, and the Rt. Rev. Frank Vaughan, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Frank V. C. Cloak, the Rev. Dr. Forrest E. Dager, the Rev. Dr. William A. Freemantle, the Rev. Dr. Howard D. Higgins, the Rev. Dr. Alexander M. Hubly, the Rev. Richard A. Madison, the Rev. Dr. Francis H. Reynolds, the Rev. Dr. Henry H. Trotter, the Rev. Dr. William T. Way, and Rev. R. Milton Webster, in Redeemer Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 23, 1930. Died at Summerville, South Carolina, January 21, 1981, aged 89.


BISHOP GEORGE MARSHALL, D.D., was consecrated at the same time and place as the Rt. Rev. Magee, and by the same bishops and presbyters. Died at Belleville, Ontario, July 5, 1945, aged 83.

BISHOP ALEXANDER MELBOURNE HUBLY, D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Frank V. C. Cloak and the Rt. Rev. George Marshall, assisted by Rev. George S. Buckingham, the Rev. W. G. Clarke, the Rev. Dr. R. S. Laidlaw, the Rev. Charles W. B. Scaife, the Rev. Dr. C. T.


BISHOP GEORGE W. FORBES-SMITH, M.A., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Frank Vaughan, the Rt. Rev. John C. Magee, and the Rt. Rev. T. H. Shawe of the Moravian Church, assisted by several presbyters, in Christ Church, Harlesden, Middlesex, on September 29, 1938. Died in 1976, aged 92.

BISHOP DONALD ARGYLE THOMPSON was consecrated at the same time and place as the Rt. Rev. Forbes-Smith, and by the same bishops and presbyters. Later not connected with this Church.


BISHOP GEORGE A. VECK was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Archibald L. R. Keevil, assisted by Rev. Wilbur W. Lyle, the Rev. Dr. J. Eustace Purdie, and Rev. J. Bruce Ridland, in St. Paul’s Church, New Westminster, British Columbia, on June 8, 1947.

BISHOP THOMAS CAMERON was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Frank Vaughan, the Rt. Rev. George W. Forbes-Smith, the Rt. Rev. John C. Magee, and the Rt. Rev. W. G. MacLeavey of the Moravian Church, assisted by several presbyters, in St. John’s Church, Tottington, Lancashire, on September 21, 1950.


BISHOP WILLIAM RODGERS was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. George W. Forbes-Smith and the Rt. Rev. Thomas Cameron, assisted by Rev. F. P. Copeland-Simmons, Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, and several presbyters, in Christ Church, Liscard, Lancashire, on May 11, 1933. Died at Vancouver, British Columbia, November 3, 1937, aged 91.


BISHOP JAMES DUDLEY BURRELL was consecrated at the same time and place as the Rt. Rev. Bodfish, and by the same bishops and presbyters. Died 1973, aged 70.


BISHOP WILLIAM CHARLES WATKINS was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Thomas Cameron, the Rt. Rev. Ambrose M. Bodfish, the Rt. Rev. James D. Burrell, and the Rt. Rev. George W. Forbes-Smith, assisted by several presbyters, in St. Jude’s Church, Balham, Middlesex, on October 8, 1969.


BISHOP KENNETH JOHN WESLEY POWELL was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Cyril Milner and the Rt. Rev. Arthur Ward, assisted by Rev. Rowland Graves, President of the Wesleyan Reform Union, and several presbyters, in Christ Church, Teddington, Middlesex, United Kingdom on October 1, 1986.

James C. West, Sr., assisted by Rev. Samuel M. Forster, the Rev. William J. Holiman, Jr., the

BISHOP MICHAEL FEDECHKO was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Wilber Lyle, the Rt. Rev.
Royal U. Grote Jr, the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Booth, the Rt. Rev. Kenneth W. Powell assisted by
Rev. Charles Dorrington, and several Presbyters at Trinity Church, New Liskeard, Ontario,
Canada, on August 29, 1993. Later not connected with this Church.

BISHOP E.A. “TED” FOLLOWES was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Wilbur Lyle, the Rt. Rev.
Royal U. Grote Jr, the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Booth, the Rt. Rev. Michael Fedechko, assisted by
Rev. Charles Dorrington, the Rev. Glen McLeod and the Rev. John Lindenour of the Episcopal
Missionary Church in Church of our Lord, Victoria, British Columbia on September 12, 1993.

BISHOP GREGORY KEITH HOTCHKISS was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Leonard W.
Riches, the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Booth, the Rt. Rev. Daniel G. Cox, the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote,
Jr., the Rt. Rev. Sanco K. Rembert, assisted by the Rev. Dale H. Crouthamel, the Rev. David L.
Hicks, the Rev. Willie J. Hill, Jr., the Rev. Booker T. Lloyd, the Rev. H. Paul Matthews III, the
Rev. Joseph H. Watson, the Rev. Jeffrey D. Welch, the Rev. Richard W. Workowski, and the

BISHOP GEORGE BRIAN FINCKE was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, the
assisted by Bishop-elect Daniel R. Morse, the Very Rev. Ray R. Sutton, the Rev. Bertram Card,
the Rev. Dennis Cagle, the Rev. Donald K. Dale, the Rev. Paul Howden, the Rev. G. Arthur
Fryer, the Rev. Mark E. Rudolph, the Rev. David T. Stark, the Rev. Robert Bowman, and the

BISHOP CHARLES DORRINGTON was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, the

BISHOP DANIEL ROGAN MORSE, Th.M., D.D., was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Leonard W.
Riches, the Rt. Rev. Franklin Sellers, the Rt. Rev. Gregory Hotchkiss, the Rt. Rev. Sanco K.
Fedechko, the Rt. Rev. Charles Dorrington, assisted by the Rev. Ray R. Sutton, the Rev. Curtis
Crenshaw, the Rev. Frank M. Levi, the Rev. Walter R. Banek, the Rev. Willie J. Hill, Jr., the
Rev. Thomas J. Handy, the Rev. Edmond B. Mazycz, the Rev. J. Ronald Mook, Sr., the Rev.
Christian Church, Memphis, Tennessee, on August 23, 1996.

BISHOP OOMMEN SAMUEL was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, the Rt.
Gregory K. Hotchkiss, assisted by the Rev. Frank M. Spadafora, the Rev. Milton C. Fisher, the
Rev. Frank C. Roppelt, the Rev. Joseph H. Watson, and the Rev. Willie J. Hill, Jr. on September

BISHOP JOHN MCLEAN was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Kenneth J.W. Powell, the Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr. in Christ Church, Wallasey, Wirral, United Kingdom, on September 11, 1999.


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