

MINUTES
of the
PROCEEDINGS
of the
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THIRD COUNCIL
of the
Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic
of the
Reformed Episcopal Church
held at
ST. MICHAEL'S REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH
HARRISBURG, PA

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NOTICE

The One Hundred Twenty-fourth Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic will be held (D.V.) on the first Thursday and Friday, November 4 and 5, 2004, at Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal Church at Four Brooks, Pipersville, PA.

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 8. Secretary/Treasurer of the Looney-Hoffman Fund
 9. Committee on Bassinger Home Fund
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Unfinished Business, New Business, and matters of importance may be presented, at the discretion of the Chair, one-half hour following the convening of the business session on Friday morning.

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

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

(Adapted from the Journal of the Twenty-sixth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church and adopted by the General Committee of the General Council, April 18, 1998)

OFFICERS OF THE DIOCESE

2003-2004

PRESIDENT

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Presiding Bishop, Reformed Episcopal Church
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**ELECTIVE COMMITTEES
2003-2004**

TRUSTEES OF THE DIOCESE

The Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, *ex-officio*
The Rt. Rev. Robert H. Booth
@ The Rt. Rev. Gregory K. Hotchkiss
The Ven. Jon W. Abboud
Mr. Richard E. Baird
Mr. Elijah Barnes
The Rev. William G. Garrison, Jr.
Mrs. Barbara Hamarich
The Rev. Matthew Harrington
Mr. James Kester
Mrs. Mary Ann Ludwig
The Rev. Gregory J. Miller
The Rev. Belgrave Pelle
The Rev. Jonathan S. Riches
Mr. E. Earl Shisler, Jr.
Mrs. Elaine Simmons
Richard W. Stevens, Esq.
The Rev. Richard W. Workowski

STANDING COMMITTEE

The Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, *ex-officio*
The Rev. Canon David L. Hicks, *ex-officio*
The Ven. Jon W. Abboud, *ex-officio*
@ The Rt. Rev. Gregory K. Hotchkiss
Frederick K. Ganjon, Esq.
The Rev. R. Charles Gillin
Mr. Edward Meharg
The Rev. Gregory J. Miller
Mr. Victor M. Peters

STANDING COMMITTEES -- NON-ELECTIVE

Diocesan Year -- November 1, 2003, to October 31, 2004
[First Person Named Is Chairman]

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

The Rev. R. Charles Gillin
Frederick K. Ganjon, Esq.
Richard W. Stevens, Esq.

MEMORIALS

The Rev. Richard W. Workowski
The Rev. Frank M. Spadafora
Mrs. Anne Spence

BASSINGER HOME FUND

The Ven. Jon W. Abboud
The Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Headman
The Rev. Canon David L. Hicks

Mrs. Barbara Hamarich
Mr. Charles Mundroff

STATE OF THE DIOCESE

The Ven. Jon W. Abboud
Mrs. Debbie Remenyi

Mrs. Danae L. Smith

CREDENTIALS

The Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr.
Mrs. Kimberly Jenkins

The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn

NOMINATIONS

The Rev. Canon David L. Hicks
Mrs. Karen A. Baird
The Rev. Cedric R. Benner
The Rev. Gregory J. Miller

Mrs. Dawn Mitchell
The Rev. Belgrave Pelle
Mr. Steven Remenyi

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn
The Rev. Eduardo A. Andrade
Mr. Timothy Frey

Dr. A.. David Hamarich
Mr. William Jenkins, Jr.

ADJUNCT MEMBERS

Mrs. Rosalind Chavis
Mrs. Barbara Hamarich
Mr. Jason Holloway
Mr. Steven V. Hoopes

Mr. Michael Laur
Miss Susan Miller
Miss Alice K. Riches
The Rev. Chiron P. Thompson
Mr. David Tracht

PROGRAM

Mrs. Bonnie C. Abboud
The Rev. William G. Garrison, Jr.
Mrs. Sandy Garrison

Mrs. Barbara J. Riches
Mr. E. Earl Shisler, Jr.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Rev. Richard W. Workowski
The Rev. Stephen D. Cox
Dr. Robin R. Headman

The Rev. John Heaton
The Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen
Mrs. Barbara J. Riches

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Headman
Mrs. Emily Ellis
The Rev. Karl M. Heckert

The Rev. Belgrave Pelle
The Rev. Jonathan S. Riches

EVANGELISM, CHURCH GROWTH, AND DEVELOPMENT

The Ven. Jon W. Abboud
The Rev. Eduardo A. Andrade
The Rev. Dr. Robert W. Bowman
The Rev. Canon David L. Hicks
The Rev. Gregory J. Miller

The Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, *ex-officio*
Mr. E. Earl Shisler, Jr., *ex-officio*

[This committee embodies three committees formerly appointed separately: Evangelism, Church Extension, and Church Growth]

******* SPECIAL COMMITTEES *******

A HISTORY OF THE DIOCESE

Mrs. Danae L. Smith
Mrs. Virginia S. Beattie

The Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick
The Rev. Jonathan S. Riches

MINISTERS' SALARIES

The Ven. Jon W. Abboud
The Rev. John M. Campbell
Mr. Edgar G. Murphy

The Rev. Jonathan S. Riches
Mr. Charles W. Twining, Jr.

MINISTRY TO MEN

The Rev. Dr. Robert W. Blum
The Rev. Cedric R. Benner
The Rev. William T. Kump

The Rev. Belgrave Pelle
Mr. James P. Torre, Jr.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND NURTURE

The Rev. Gregory J. Miller
The Rev. Eduardo A. Andrade
The Rev. Canon David L. Hicks
@ Mrs. Glenda Hotchkiss
The Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr.

The Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen
The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn
Mrs. Barbara J. Riches
Mrs. Joan Workowski

MUSTARD SEED FARM

The Rev. Richard W. Workowski
Dr. A. David Hamarich
Mrs. Dawn Mitchell

The Rev. Jonathan S. Riches
Dr. Barbara J. West

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Rt. Rev. Robert H. Booth
Mrs. Jean Booth
Mrs. Sue Bretherick

Mrs. Nancy J. Fleischer
Mrs. Susan Higham
Dr. Barbara J. West

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

Mrs. Susan Higham
The Rev. Ronald D. Bretherick

Mr. Charles W. Twining, Jr.
The Rev. Richard K. Walters

OFFICIAL AUDITOR

Mr. Irby C. Johnson

BOARD OF EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

The Rev. Canon David L. Hicks

The Rev. Jonathan S. Riches

The Rev. Gregory J. Miller

DIOCESAN COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S WORK

Mrs. Joan Workowski

Mrs. Dawn Mitchell

Mrs. Karen A. Baird

Mrs. Elisabeth Riches

Mrs. Sarah R. Benner

Mrs. Elaine Simmons

Mrs. Barbara Hamarich

Mrs. Diane Wright

Mrs. Kimberly Jenkins

MINUTES

FIRST DAY

November 6, 2003

MORNING SESSION

The One Hundred Twenty-third Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church convened on Thursday, November 6, 2003, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Reformed Episcopal Church, Harrisburg, PA. The service of Holy Communion was presided over by the Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches. The Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., and the Rev. Karl M. Heckert assisted. The Rev. Mark F. Clavier delivered the Homily.

Preliminary proceedings to organize the Council took place at St. Michael's Church. The Rev. Karl M. Heckert officially greeted the Council members and gave direction to the attendees. There were 86 in attendance qualifying to vote at the proceedings. The Secretary confirmed a sufficient number present to constitute a quorum, the Roll having been taken as the Clergy, Delegates, and Alternates arrived. The morning offering in the amount of \$688.90 was designated to the Episcopal Discretionary Fund.

After the scheduled Reading Period, Bishop Riches declared the Council in session at 3:00 p.m. and asked the Rev. Cedric R. Benner to lead in prayer before calling for the Report of the Committee on Credentials. The Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr., Chairman of the Committee, made the following Report to Council. It was moved and seconded the Report be accepted adopting the two recommendations therein. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

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

Dear Fathers and Brethren,

The Committee on Credentials consisted of the following: the Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. Rev. Gerald S. McLynn, and Mrs. Kimberley D. Jenkins.

The committee met by phone prior to the council and assembled this morning to review all certificates submitted to the Committee by lay delegates and parishes of the Diocese. All were found in order conforming with the Titles and Canons of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Of Thirty-two parishes, twenty-nine reported. The Following Parishes made no report:

Christ Memorial Church
St. David's Church
New Covenant Church

The Committee recommends the following:

That all delegates and Alternates properly certified be seated as members of the 123rd Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic.

The Committee wishes to gratefully acknowledge Mrs. Bonnie C. Abboud for her cheerful helpfulness and patience without which the Committee could not fulfill its duties.

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Jenkins, Sr. (The Rev.)

ROLL CALL

(*indicates attendance at one or more sessions)

November 6, 2003

OFFICERS OF THE DIOCESE

*The Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches	Mr. E. Earl Shisler, Jr.
*@ The Rt. Rev. Gregory K. Hotchkiss	*Mrs. Bonnie C. Abboud
The Rt. Rev. Robert H. Booth	

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

*Mr. Richard E. Baird	*Mr. John McClure
*Mr. Elijah Barnes	*Mr. Edward Meharg
*The Rt. Rev. Daniel G. Cox	*Mr. Matthew Mitchell
*Frederick Ganjon, Esq.	Richard W. Stevens, Esq.
*Mrs. Barbara Hamarich	*Mr. James P. Torre, Jr.
*Mrs. Mary Ann Ludwig	

CLERGY (*Refer to Directory of Clergy in APPENDIX.*)

LAY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Delegates

Alternates

BALTIMORE, MD

Emmanuel Church--The Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr., Rector

Mr. Stephen Linton.
*Mrs Kimberly Jenkins

Mr. Tom Parsley
*Mrs. Karin Parsley

Faith Church--The Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr., Rector

*Mr. Paul Hahn
*Mrs. Yvonne Hahn

Mr. Roger Hockett
Mrs. Kathi Hockett

BASKING RIDGE, NJ

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

*Mr. Ronald E. Riches
*Mrs. Trudy Gelfand

Mr. Juan Almodovar
*Mrs. Lori Miller

BROCKTON, MA

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

Mr. John Carriulo
*Mrs. Linda Schmuck

Mr. Gus Bouldry
*Mrs. Edna Bouldry

BRONX, NY

St. Mary's Church--The Rev. Belgrave Pelle, Rector

*Mr. Rupert Jeremy
Mr. Al Freland

Ms. Helen Theus
Ms. Lavern Joseph

CATONSVILLE, MD

@ Bishop Cummins Memorial Church--The Rev. Dr. Paul Chaim Schenck, Rector

*Mr. Donald Shipley
Mr. Charles Mundroff

Mrs. Joyce Shipley
Mr. Chuck Phillips

Delegates

Alternates

CATONSVILLE, MD, cont'd.

*Mr. George Kuehnl
*Mr Gary Gray
*Ms. Beverly Perkins
Ms. Cheryl Mundroff
Ms. Patsy Stroessner
*Lee Gray

Mr. Scott Applebaum
Mrs. Kim Hopcraft
Mr. Walt Perkins
Mrs. Vivian Kuehnl

COLLINGDALE, PA

Grace Church--The Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick, Rector

*Mr. Stephen Remenyi
*Mrs. Debbie Remenyi

Mr. William F. Kozma
Miss Miriam Brownlowe

ELDERSBURG, MD

St. Stephen's Church--The Rev. Eric Jorgensen, Rector

- *Mr. Merrill Timmins
- *Mrs. Fran Timmins
- *Mr. Jack Watkins
- *Mrs. Shirley Watkins

- Mrs. Betty Moores
- Mr. William Moores
- Mr. Thomas Slonaker
- Mrs. Katherine Slonaker

HARRISBURG, PA

St. Michael's Church--The Rev. Karl M. Heckert, Rector

- *Mr. Aaron Larson
- *Mr. E. L. Simmons

- Mrs. Norma Dougherty
- Ms. Nancy L. Miller

HAVERTOWN, PA

St. Matthew's Church--The Ven. Jon W. Abboud, Rector

- *Mr. Gregory R. Wright
- *Mrs. Helena Wright

- Mr. Edgar G. Murphy
- Dr. Barbara J. West

HAVRE-DE-GRACE, MD

Grace Church--The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn, Rector

- *Mr. William Molali
- Mr. Bill Rawker

- Mrs. Doris Fuqua

JERSEY CITY, NJ

Church of Our Redeemer--The Rev. John Milligan, Vicar

- *Mr. Randy Williams
- *Mrs. Janice Williams

- *Margie Cooper
- *George Cooper

MT. LAUREL, NJ

Providence Chapel--The Rev. Frank M. Spadafora, Rector

- *Mr. Richard Williams
- Mr. Scott Miller

- Mr. James Levister
- Mrs. Marisa Miller

@See **Addendum** Appendix page 14.

Delegates

Alternates

NARRAGANSETT, RI

@*St. David's Church--The Rev. Matthew Harrington, Rector*
No Credentials filed

NEWARK, DE

Trinity Church--The Rev. John M. Campbell, Rector

- *Mr. John Hendershot

- Mrs. Lisa Campbell

NEW PROVIDENCE, NJ

St. Luke's Church--The Rev. Cedric R. Benner, Rector

- Mr. Alan Kohler
- Mrs. Gayle Kohler

- *Mr. Alan Wright
- *Mrs. Dianne Wright

NEW YORK, NY

@First Church--The Rev. Matthew P. Harrington, Rector

*Mr. Victor Peters
*Mr. William Brauer
*Mrs. Thelma Perkins
*Mrs. Ethel Brauer

Mr. John Schwebach
Mr. Robert Ellis
Ms. Joyce McLean
Mrs. Emily B. Ellis

ORELAND, PA

St. Paul's Church--The Rev. Canon David L. Hicks, Rector

*Theresa Fetko
*Mr. Wesley Slagle

Ms. Ruth Cope
Mrs. Doris Slagle

PHILADELPHIA, PA

@Christ Memorial Church--The Rev. Geoffrey C. Hubler, Rector

No Credentials filed

Church of the Atonement--No Rector

Mrs. Durnetta Holloway
Mr. Samuel Akwei

*Mrs. Christine Specht
Mr. Wendell Richardson

Church of the Messiah--The Rev. Chiron Thompson, Vicar

*Mr. Ezekiel Akwei
Mrs. Joy Thompson

Mr. Samuel Jordan
*Mrs. Karen Baird

St. Luke's/Bp. Hoffman Memorial Church--The Rev. Richard K. Walters, Rector

*Mr. Gerald Higham
*Mrs. Susan Higham

Mrs. Donna Walters
Mr. Charles Twining, Jr.

PIPERSVILLE, PA

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

Mr. Leroy Poore
*Mrs. Barbara Riches

Mr. Dan Vaughn
Ms. Phylis Shisler

@See **Addendum** Appendix page 14.

Delegates

Alternates

QUAKERTOWN, PA

Church of the Redemption--The Rev. Robert N. McIntyre, Rector

Mr. Joseph T. Busfield
*Mrs. Jean Booth

Mr. James C. Busfield
Mrs. Lois Busfield

ROANOKE, VA

Covenant Church--The Rev. Rodney H. Longmire, Jr., Rector

No Credentials filed

RYDAL, PA

St. Mark's/Memorial Church of Our Redeemer--The Rev. Richard W. Workowski, Rector

*Mrs. Lorraine Roddy
*Mr. Patrick Roddy

Mrs. Barbara Hamarich
Dr. A. A. David Hamarich

SCRANTON, PA

Grace Church--The Rev. Ronald Bell, Rector

Mr. Scott Kester
Mrs. Jamie Kester
Mr. Ralph Bohn
Mrs. Marge Bohn

Mr. Tony Amico
Mrs. Jean Mehne
Mrs. Linda Burdick
Mr. Ronald Burdick

SOMERVILLE, NJ

Emmanuel Church--No Rector

*Mr. Thomas Jennings
*Mr. Gordon Tiner

Mr. Frank Beitz
*Mr. John Harmer

VENTNOR CITY, NJ

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

Mrs. Linda Nohaft
Mr. Dennis Nohaft

Mrs. Sue Bretherick
Mr. Russell T. Smith

@Harvey Wagner Memorial Chapel--The Rev. Daniel Olsen, III, Rector
No Credentials filed.

WARMINSTER, PA

St. Philip's Church--The Rev. Jonathan S. Riches, Rector

Mr. Paul Pillsbury
Mrs. Alice Pillsbury

Mr. George Ludwig, Jr.
Mrs. Elisabeth Riches

The Report of the Committee on Program was presented by the Rev. William G. Garrison. It was moved and seconded the Report be accepted as presented adopting the recommendations therein. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM

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

Dear Brethren:

The 123rd Diocesan Council began on Thursday, November 6, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. with registration followed by the Service of Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Mark F. Clavier, *Rector of All Saints Church, in Arden, NC*, and Ecumenical Officer with the Anglican Province of America, delivered the sermon. Bishops Leonard W. Riches and Royal U. Grote, Jr. and the Rev. Karl M. Heckert, *Rector of St. Michael's Reformed Episcopal Church, Enola, PA*, participated in the Service.

@ The Rt. Rev. Gregory K. Hotchkiss, Suffragan Bishop, Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, will be the Officiant, for the Friday Morning Prayer Service at 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Robert W. Bowman, Vicar of Holy Trinity Mission, Fairfax, VA, and Assistant Headmaster of Trinity Christian School delivered the sermon.

The Committee's gratitude is extended to St. Michael's Reformed Episcopal Church and her members for hosting the 2003 Council. The hospitality felt and efficiency experienced are noted with appreciation. The Council Schedule is included in the packets distributed at registration.

It should be noted the distribution of literature or printed materials and the setting up of displays are limited to canonical agencies of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

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

The Program Committee makes the following motions: 1) That the participating bishops of other dioceses be awarded full entertainment and privileges of the house; all deacons in charge of parishes be awarded full membership with voting privileges; and all official candidates for ministry be awarded corresponding membership of this Council; 2) that the wives of all participating bishops of other dioceses be awarded full Council entertainment; 3) that the Order of Business, as distributed to the Council's delegates/alternates, be adopted; 4) that the 123rd Council, in conformity with Article 6, Section I of the Constitution, adopt the "Rules of Order" to govern the proceedings of all official bodies of the Reformed Episcopal Church, as distributed to the delegates/alternates of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie C. Abboud (Mrs.), Chairman

Bishop Gregory K. Hotchkiss assumed the Chair in order for the President to present his Report. It was moved and seconded Bishop Riches' Report be received adopting the recommendations therein. The motion carried with a rising vote of thanks.

REPORT OF BISHOP LEONARD W. RICHES

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

Dear Brethren:

The report which follows represents a summary of my activities in the work of the episcopal office in this diocese throughout the past year.

CONFIRMATIONS: In conjunction with sixteen episcopal visitations to the parishes and missions of the diocese, eighty-six persons have been presented to me for the administration of the rite of Confirmation. The schedule of those visits, as well as the number of those confirmed in each instance, is as follows:

January 12	Grace Church, Collingdale, PA	None
April 6	Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, PA	None
April 13	St. Luke's Church, New Providence, NJ	None
May 4	Grace Church, Scranton, PA	None
May 11	Faith Church, Baltimore, MD	None
May 18	St. Michael's Church, Enola, PA	One
May 23	Providence Chapel, Mt. Laurel, NJ	Two

June 1	St. Mary's Church, Bronx, NY	Fifteen
June 8	St. Paul's Church, Oreland, PA	Two
August 31	St. Philip's Church, Warminster, PA	Two
September 7	Emmanuel Church, Baltimore, MD	None
September 14	Church of Christ the King, Pasadena, MD	Forty-seven
September 28	New Covenant Church, Lynchburg, VA	Two
October 12	Trinity Church, Newark, DE	Nine
October 19	Covenant Church, Roanoke, VA	One
October 26	Church of Our Redeemer, Jersey City, NJ	Five

@ The Rt. Rev. Gregory K. Hotchkiss, Suffragan Bishop of the diocese, the Rt. Rev. Daniel G. Cox, Assistant Bishop (retired), and the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Booth, Bishop of the Missionary Diocese for World Outreach who is canonically resident in this diocese, have all assisted me in fulfilling the calendar of parish visitations during the past year. Their episcopal reports will add to the number of persons confirmed in the diocese since the sessions of the One Hundred Twenty-second Council in November, 2002.

INSTITUTION: On Sunday, January 12, 2003, at 4:00 P.M., I presided at the Institution of the Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick as rector of Grace Church, Collingdale, PA. The Ven. Jon W. Abboud served as Liturgist, and the Rev. R. Charles Gillin, former rector of the parish, was the Lector. A number of the clergy of the diocese were vested and seated in the chancel. It was my privilege to deliver the sermon. A dinner reception, hosted by the parish, was held in McCausland Hall following the service.

BAPTISM: On Sunday, June 15, 2003, in the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, Houston, TX, I administered the sacrament of Holy Baptism to Ellen Margaret Adams, infant daughter of Jeffrey and Ellen (Grote) Adams, and granddaughter of the Rt. Rev. and Mrs. Royal U. Grote, Jr. I was also privileged to be the homilist for this joyous occasion. May this child grow in grace and godliness, and ever remain Christ's faithful servant and disciple throughout her life.

MEMORIAL SERVICES: On January 21, 2003, at the Presbyterian Home in Quarryville, PA, I attended services in memory of Mrs. Ruth A. Rudolph, widow of the Rev. Dr. Robert K. Rudolph, who served for forty-nine years as Professor of Systematic Theology at the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church. The Rudolphs made their home for many years in Merion Station, PA, during which time Mrs. Rudolph was a member of St. Matthew's Church, Havertown, PA.

On May 15, 2003, in St. Matthew's Church, Havertown, PA, I attended memorial services for Mrs. Ruth B. Herter, widow of Bishop Theophilus J. Herter, who served the Reformed Episcopal Church both in the episcopal office, and as Professor of New Testament at the Theological Seminary. For many years Mrs. Herter served as secretary in the seminary office, where her efforts were devoted to the needs of the church at large, as well as the specific tasks that belong to the life of an educational institution. Bishop Herter entered the presence of the Lord in 1987. Not long thereafter, Mrs. Herter relocated to Seattle, WA, where the Herters' son, Philip, and his family make their home. The Ven. Jon W. Abboud, rector of St. Matthew's Church, presided at the memorial service. It was my privilege to pronounce the benediction. "*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.*"
(Psalm 116:15)

On June 17, 2003, in St. Mark's Church, Rydal, PA, I attended services in memory of Mrs. H. Elizabeth Woodhouse. Mrs. Woodhouse had been my parishioner during my years as rector of St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, PA; and again, when I became rector of St. Mark's Church, Rydal, PA. She was the sister of Messrs. Harry O. Moock and John J. Moock, and the aunt of the Rev. Dr. J. Ronald Moock, Canon Missioner of the Diocese of the Southeast. Services were conducted by the

Rev. Richard W. Workowski, rector of St. Mark's Church. It was my privilege to bring words of remembrance and tribute, reflecting on the life and testimony of this choice servant of God and daughter of the King.

CANONICAL EXAMINATIONS: It is my general policy in framing my annual episcopal report not to duplicate matters which are entered into the official record by other means. In compliance with the new Constitution and Canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church I have appointed a Board of Examining Chaplains for this diocese. Canonical examinations administered during the preceding year, as well as those which may be in process, will be reported to each Council by the Examining Chaplains.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS: On December 24, 2002, at 7:30 P.M., in Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, NJ, I participated in the traditional Anglican Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols. It is my great pleasure, by long-standing custom, to be invited to share annually in this beautiful service in the parish where my brother, Mr. Ronald E. Riches, serves as choirmaster.

From January 30 through February 1, 2003, my wife and I had the joy of attending the annual Clergy Retreat, held at the Eden Resort and Conference Center in Lancaster, PA. The Rev. Donald Stone was the speaker for the retreat, leading the clergy and their wives in a series of studies which focused on prayer and worship. It was my privilege to celebrate the Holy Communion which concluded our enriching time of fellowship together.

On Sunday, April 13, 2003, following the morning service of Holy Communion at St. Luke's Church, New Providence, NJ, it was my special privilege to join the rector and congregation of the parish in processing outside the church to dedicate the newly-designated Memorial Garden. I joined the Rev. Cedric R. Benner, rector, in readings and prayers which set aside this garden in the churchyard as a resting place for the earthly remains of those who have been associated with the parish and wish to be interred there.

It was my pleasure to accompany my wife in attending the annual Women's Day gathering on May 5, 2003, at the Williamson Restaurant in Horsham, PA; to bring greetings to the women assembled there; and to express gratitude for their generous stewardship throughout the years on behalf of so many efforts in the life and work of the Reformed Episcopal Church, both in this country and overseas.

On May 19, 2003, at 2:00 P.M., in St. Paul's Church, Oreland, PA, I participated in the One Hundred Fifteenth Commencement Exercises of the Theological Seminary.

On October 10 and 11, 2003, my wife and I shared in sessions of the 47th annual Spiritual Enrichment Conference, sponsored by the women of the Reformed Episcopal Church, at the Inn of Cape May, Cape May, NJ.

DENOMINATIONAL FUNCTIONS: In conjunction with my service as Bishop Ordinary of this diocese, I have participated in two meetings of the Council of Bishops during the past year. In my capacity as Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church it was my responsibility to preside over both of these sessions. The first of our semi-annual meetings was held April 2-5, 2003, at the Denominational Headquarters, which shares the facilities of Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Blue Bell, PA. The second of our gatherings was held October 1-4, 2003, in Summerville, SC, where the headquarters of the Diocese of the Southeast is located. In both instances, meetings of the General Committee, as well as of other boards and agencies of the General Council, were held in conjunction with the meetings of the Council of Bishops, enabling us to coordinate and facilitate the progress of our work throughout the Reformed Episcopal Church.

On two occasions during the past year I participated in trilateral meetings among representatives of the Reformed Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Church, and the Anglican Province of America. The first of these gatherings was held at St. Paul's College, Washington, DC, from January 14-16, 2003. The second series of sessions met on July 21-22, 2003, at the Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA. These sessions, while a direct response to the 1998 Lambeth resolution calling for the development of relationships between the Anglican Communion and separated Anglican bodies, as well as a corresponding resolution of the Episcopal Church, also constitute a fulfillment of the initiative of our own 47th General Council, which took action in 1993 to "open formal and official dialogue with the Episcopal Church". The stated objective of such a dialogue, according to General Council action, was to establish the definition of "a basis for the mutual recognition of our respective ministries". The Rev. Canon David L. Hicks from our own diocese, as well as the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., Vice-President of the General Council, and the Rt. Rev. Ray R. Sutton, Chairman of the General Council Committee on Inter-church Relations, participated with me in representing the Reformed Episcopal Church in these meetings. Another series of sessions is scheduled for mid-January, 2004, in Orlando, FL. However, the actions of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, which met in Minneapolis, MN in early August, 2003, have placed the prospect of continuing these discussions in severe jeopardy. (*Note: The Reformed Episcopal Church response to the actions of the Episcopal Church General Convention 2003 continues to receive wide circulation, and is posted on the denominational website. A copy of that response is enclosed in the packet of reports prepared for every delegate to this Council.*)

DIOCESAN COUNCILS: In fulfillment of the responsibilities of my office as Presiding Bishop, and as a representative of this diocese to the other jurisdictions of the Reformed Episcopal Church, I regularly schedule my attendance at one or more of the annual synods of these other dioceses.

On February 20 and 21, 2003, I participated in sessions of the annual synod of the Diocese of Mid-America, held in the Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX. The Rt. Rev. Ray R. Sutton, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese, serves as rector of the parish. Synod sessions were presided over by the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., Bishop Ordinary. It was my special privilege to serve as the preacher for the synod Eucharist.

On September 19 and 20, 2003, I joined in sessions of the 10th annual synod of the Diocese of Central and Eastern Canada, hosted by the Church of the Good Shepherd in Orillia, Ontario. The Rt. Rev. Michael Fedechko, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese, was present to preside at the business sessions of the council, despite his recent hospitalization. At his gracious invitation, I was privileged to serve as celebrant and preacher at the synod Eucharist on Friday, October 19, in St. Paul's Anglican Church, Washago, Ontario.

In addition to my participation in these official gatherings of other diocese of the Reformed Episcopal Church, it was my distinct honor and privilege to have opportunity to join in sessions of the annual Synod of the Diocese of the Eastern United States (Anglican Province of America), which convened from September 23 through 26, 2003, and was hosted by All Saints Anglican Church, Arden, North Carolina. The Rev. Mark F. M. Clavier, rector of All Saints Church, has been invited to be the preacher at the Eucharist which opens this 123rd Diocesan Council. Delegates for the DEUS Synod were housed, and business sessions were conducted, at the Holiday Inn - Asheville Airport. At the invitation of the Most Rev. Walter H. Grundorf, I was privileged to serve as the preacher at the synod Eucharist on September 25 in All Saints Church. In conjunction with my attendance at the sessions of synod, I also participated in the meeting of the APA/REC Unity Committee, held on September 26, 2003, at the synod hotel. The Unity Committee is chaired jointly by the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., representing the Reformed Episcopal Church, and the Rt. Rev. Richard Boyce, representing the Anglican Province of America.

PARISHES AND VESTRIES: In carrying out the responsibilities of episcopal oversight throughout the year I take opportunity to meet, confer, or correspond with members of the clergy, with wardens and vestries, and with local congregations, as needs and circumstances may require. I am faithfully and ably assisted in maintaining these communications by @ The Rt. Rev. Gregory K. Hotchkiss, Suffragan Bishop of the diocese, and by the Rev. Canon David L. Hicks, Canon to the Ordinary.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES: I limit my reporting to involvements directly related to my responsibilities in the oversight and care of this diocese. I have presided at three stated meetings of the Board of Trustees of the diocese and at one meeting of its Executive Committee. I presided at one meeting of the Standing Committee. I have attended two meetings of the Board of Directors of our diocesan Theological Seminary and participated in one meeting of the Committee on Nominations.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION: I continue to serve as Chancellor of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church in this diocese and as a member of its Board of Directors. In my ongoing capacity as Professor of Theology and Liturgics, I am normally scheduled to teach two courses during the Advent Quarter (late November through the end of February) of each academic year.

U.S. ANGLICAN CONGRESS: The mounting issues which have created increasing upheaval in the Anglican Communion, both on this continent and abroad, have intensified the need for faithful Anglicans to establish effective networks of communication and cooperation, in order to bear compelling witness to the historic faith, and to carry forward the mission of the church according to the distinctives of our common tradition and heritage. In order to give impetus to that objective, a gathering of well over three hundred concerned Christians came together in Atlanta, GA from December 3 through 7, 2002, under the auspices of the *U.S. Anglican Congress*. Participants included representatives of several jurisdictions in the Anglican tradition, joining in common worship, fellowship, discussion, and planning, as those who are called to common mission and who hold a common faith. A number of Reformed Episcopalians were present, including the Rt. Rev. Ray R. Sutton, a member of the Congress' Steering Committee, and a program participant. Mrs. Joni Eareckson Tada was one of the keynote speakers, engaging and inspiring her hearers by speaking on the theme of "Learning from Brokenness". She was forthright and compelling in her testimony as to the role that her years in the Reformed Episcopal Church had played in her spiritual formation and development. It was my honor to introduce her to the gathering, and to offer public expression of our common appreciation for her ministry to us, following her presentation. By invitation of the Steering Committee, I was privileged to serve as the preacher and concelebrant at the Holy Eucharist on Friday, December 6. By further action of the Steering Committee, I was commissioned to carry the work of the Congress forward by convening a Task Force in early 2003, which might begin to implement the vision articulated in the Congress sessions. This vision has been embodied in the document entitled *The Atlanta Covenant*. (A copy of this document has been included in every delegate packet.) The action of the Steering Committee was confirmed by the Congress, and I was both honored and humbled to be commissioned to the task of leading the next step forward as every bishop present at the concluding service on Saturday, December 7 came forward to join in a deeply moving ceremony of the laying-on of hands. The prayer of commissioning was offered by the Rt. Rev. Keith Ackerman, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Quincy.

In fulfillment of that commissioning, I met with a planning committee on Nashville, TN on February 12-13, 2003, to lay the groundwork for the next phase of our efforts. The results of our efforts came together in the convening of a Task Force, which met at the Westin Hotel – Atlanta Airport, on April 28-29, 2003. It was my privilege to preside over the plenary sessions of the gathering, which divided into smaller break-out groups for discussion and the development of strategies for future efforts. The Task Force determined that another assembly, comprised of those in leadership positions in various

Anglican jurisdictions both within and outside the Anglican Communion, should be convened subsequent to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, in order to begin taking the next steps forward. That gathering has now been scheduled for December 1-3, 2003, and will be held in St. Luke's Cathedral, Orlando, FL, at the invitation of the Rt. Rev. John W. Howe, Bishop of the Diocese of Central Florida. By the grace of God, Reformed Episcopalians continue to play an important rôle in the planning and activities which promise to shape a realignment of relationships among faithful Anglicans, and a possible reconfiguration of Anglicanism in this country and around the world. In many ways it appears as though the opportunities which Bishop George David Cummins envisioned in the mid-nineteenth century are being offered to us in an exciting and promising new way at the dawn of the twenty-first century. By God's grace, we shall remain faithful to our calling and instant in seizing our opportunity to further the Gospel, and to be instruments of Christ's purpose to enlarge and strengthen His Kingdom.

APPRECIATION: I here record my sincere appreciation to those who participate with me in the tasks that are related to episcopal oversight and administration in the diocese. @ The Rt. Rev. Gregory K. Hotchkiss, the Rt. Rev. Daniel G. Cox, and the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Booth have assisted me again this year in fulfilling the calendar of episcopal visitations to the parishes, as well as in caring for other pastoral and administrative needs in the life of the diocese. Mrs. Bonnie C. Abboud continues faithfully and effectively to fulfill the responsibilities of administrative coordinator in the Diocesan Office in Blue Bell, PA. All of our Christian service is a partnership, and we are interdependent in all of our relationships within the Body of Christ. I am especially grateful for these who share with me in the particular responsibilities of my diocesan ministry and service.

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

Presbyters: George J. Bundt, Thomas E. Couch, F. Kenneth Fagerheim, Gary C. Hajek, Douglas W. Hansen, William J. Holiman, Jr., James P. Raun, Mark E. Rudolph, Wayne E. West, Rodney A. Whitacre.

Deacons: Gary Goodlin, Robert O. Littlejohn, David L. Rudolph.

The following men, having failed to report for two or more consecutive years, or as a result of action taken by the Standing Committee of the Diocese, are listed as "*not in Good Standing*":

Presbyters: Edward Allatt, III, Wayne S. Arndt, Alan D. Bauer, David S. Babikow, Harry G. Dews, Raymond E. Feeck, Joseph E. Mahler, Thomas R. May, Joseph H. McBratney, Robert O. Schmid, Richard F. Thompson, David G. Wood.

Deacons: Warren Anderson, Edward J. Ard, Leon Bailey, Marc A. Clauson, Dwight P. Dunlap, Peter C. Graham-Mist, Samee Solanky, D. Philip Veitch, Robert Tuton.

RECOMMENDATIONS: I recommend that the offering of the morning of the first day of the 123rd Council be designated for the Episcopal Discretionary Fund; and that the offering of the second day of Council be assigned to the work of our diocesan Theological Seminary.

EXHORTATION: "*Renewing Our Commitment to Mission*"

December 2, 2003 will mark the one hundred thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the Reformed Episcopal Church. Our founding bishop, the Rt. Rev. George David Cummins, survived for less than three years into the life of the infant jurisdiction which he had called to organize. Yet he saw the vast potential which lay before her. And the last recorded words which he spoke to his wife were in the form of this exhortation: *“Tell them to go forward and do a grand work.”*

The events which have unfolded in recent decades in the Anglican Communion, and in particular the actions which have been taken in the Anglican Church of Canada and the Episcopal Church in the United States of America during the past several months, have created an opportunity unparalleled since the days of the organization of the Reformed Episcopal Church for that “grand work” of Cummins’ vision to move forward and be established. Nothing less than rebuilding the Anglican household of faith in North America is at stake. Those who share leadership responsibility in the Reformed Episcopal Church are working diligently toward that end, in partnership with those of like precious faith.

For those efforts to become reality in the most effective way possible, every member of the Reformed Episcopal Church must affirm a renewed commitment to mission. A body is only as strong as its constituent members. *“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it....From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”* (1 Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 4:16)

Eleven years ago, the bishops of the Reformed Episcopal Church, meeting in council, framed a statement of mission, intended to shape and direct our life and effort as a branch of Christ’s church. In the one-hundred-twentieth anniversary year of the Reformed Episcopal Church that *Mission Statement* was affirmed by the 47th General Council. In subsequent years, the statement was periodically revised by the bishops in council, and presented to the General Committee for ratification. This process has gone forward as should be the case with any document of human composition. Improvement and refinement are always possible.

Most recently, and in the awareness of our unprecedented opportunity to *“go forward and do a grand work”*, a further refinement of our statement of mission was undertaken and adopted by the bishops and the General Committee in October, 2003. I include that revised statement in the body of this report. It has also been reproduced as a stand-alone document and included in every packet of materials prepared for each delegate to this 123rd Diocesan Council. The *Mission Statement* affirms our goals and priorities as a branch of Christ’s church in these words:

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

The *Mission Statement* draws attention to nine highlighted priorities. It sets those priorities forward as the distinctives which must shape and direct our life and calling as a church. These priorities command our renewed attention as a people. They call for our renewed commitment as a church. The content of this statement must be woven thoroughly into the fabric of our life.

Therefore I call the clergy and lay-people of this diocese to devote concerted effort throughout the year 2004 to a renewed study and examination of this statement of mission; to a rekindled commitment to its defined characteristics and objectives; and to a redoubled effort to the implementation and fulfillment of its stated purposes and goals.

Several practical steps may help us to achieve these aims.

First, wherever the *Mission Statement* is currently printed or posted, I ask that it be updated to conform to the version provided with this report.

Second, where the *Mission Statement* has not been made widely available to the people of our congregations, steps should be taken to provide it to them by the most accessible and effective means possible. Some parishes are accustomed to printing it on the back page of their Sunday bulletin. More parishes might well consider that. In this day of digitized formats and photocopy capability, this is by no means a prohibitive task. Some have the statement posted on bulletin boards, and make copies available on literature tables. The practical reality is this: the statement must be in peoples' hands before it can effectively be in their minds.

Third, I call the parish clergy of the diocese to consider devoting one month of the coming year (exclusive of the summer vacation season) to each of the highlighted priorities of the *Mission Statement*.

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| 1. January | - | Worship |
| 2. February | - | Evangelism |
| 3. March | - | Discipleship |
| 4. April | - | The Christian life as Corporate |
| 5. May | - | The Church as a Visible Communion |
| 6. September | - | The Creedal character of our Church |
| 7. October | - | The Sacraments |

8. November - The Liturgy

9. December - Episcopacy

Each of these mission priorities might become the focus, throughout a given month, for special study teaching emphasis, Christian Education classes, seminars or discussion groups, and the like. The *Mission Statement* will merely remain words on paper until it is made living and vital in the understanding of our people, and actively incorporated into our common life.

St. Paul exhorted his readers to “...make the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.” (Ephesians 5:16) By God’s grace, we can make the most of every opportunity if we are a committed people. “*The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.*” (Martin Luther) I summon us, each and every one, to a renewed commitment to mission in the days and months that lie ahead. The outcome of our efforts is not a matter of doubt. We have Christ’s own promise; and that cannot fail. “*I will build my Church*” our Lord said, “*and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.*” (St. Matthew 16:18)

Respectfully submitted,

(The Rt. Rev.) Leonard W. Riches
Bishop Ordinary

Bishop Riches returned to the chair. The following reports were filed with the Secretary: Report of Bishop Gregory K. Hotchkiss, Report of Daniel G. Cox, Report of the Standing Committee, Report of Secretary of the Trustees of the Diocese, Report of the Treasure of the Diocese, Report of the Reformed Episcopal Seminary

REPORT OF BISHOP GREGORY K. HOTCHKISS

Suffragan in the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic

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

Dear Brethren:

As Suffragan Bishop in the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, I offer this report of my Episcopal work in the past diocesan year.

Confirmations: At the request of Bishop Leonard Riches, I have made nine Episcopal visits and confirmed twenty persons. In each worship service, I also preached the sermon and presided at Holy Communion.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Confirmed</i>
March 23, 2003	Christ Memorial Church, Philadelphia	0
March 30, 2003	Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, NJ	5
April 20, 2003	First Church, Manhattan	0
May 18, 2003	St Mark’s, Rydal, PA	5
June 1, 2003	Bishop Cummins’ Memorial, Catonsville, MD	9
June 8, 2003	Good Shepherd, Brockton, MA	1
Sept 7, 2003	St John’s-By-the-Sea, Ventnor, NJ	0
Sept 28, 2003	St David’s, Narragansett, RI	0
Oct 5, 2003	St Matthew’s, Havertown, PA	0
	Total	20

Baptisms: On the thirtieth of March 2003, at Covenant Chapel in Basking Ridge, New Jersey, I had the privilege to baptize and confirm Catriona Duncanson. A lovely reception in the church's fellowship hall followed the worship service. On the twenty-third of August 2003, at the home of David and Kris Kaye, members of Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal Church, I baptized their newborn son, Timothy Michael. Following the Baptism, family and friends celebrated the occasion with food and fellowship provided by the Kayes.

Funeral: On 14 December 2002, I conducted the Funeral Service for Dorothy Reardon of Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal Church, Somerville, New Jersey. The Service was held at the Bruce Van Arsdale Funeral Home in Somerville. A reception for family and friends was provided by the people of Emmanuel at the church following the Funeral service.

Preaching: When I am not making Episcopal Visits for the diocese, I do supply preaching at several different Reformed Churches (Reformed Church of American) in northern New Jersey and Staten Island, as opportunities are made available through the auspices of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Examinations for Ordination/Transfer: In assisting Bishop Riches in the diocese, on July 13, 2003 I presided at the diaconal examination of the Reverend Travis Finley, an ordained presbyter in the Presbyterian Church of America and the pastoral nominee for Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal Church, Somerville, New Jersey. The Reverend Mr. Finley sustained the examination. However, after more carefully considering the central place of the Book of Common Prayer in the worship of the Reformed Episcopal Church, the Rev. Mr. Finley declined the call from Emmanuel Church to serve as their next pastor.

Denominational and diocesan committee meetings: In the past diocesan year, I have attended the following councils, committee and conference meetings.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
Nov. 7,8 2002	Warminster, PA	Diocesan Council
Nov. 8, 2002	Warminster, PA	Trustees of the Diocese
Apr. 2, 2003	R.E. Seminary, Blue Bell, PA	Bishops' Conference
May 19, 2003	R.E. Seminary, Blue Bell, PA	Trustees of the Diocese
Oct. 14, 2003	R.E. Seminary, Blue Bell, PA	Standing Committee

Ministerial Meetings: I regularly participate in a ministerium in North Jersey with discussions on a variety of theological, pastoral, and lay-leadership topics. To the participating clergy and laity of North Jersey and New York, I express my appreciation.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Topic Present</i>	<i>Number</i>
Nov. 16, 2002	St Luke's, New Providence, NJ	Lay Leadership Training	12
Feb. 8, 2003	St Luke's, New Providence, NJ	Lay Leadership Training	10
Set. 13, 2003	St Luke's, New Providence, NJ	Lay Leadership Training	9
June 3, 2003	St Luke's, New Providence, NJ	Moorman's Anglican Spiritual Tradition	5
Oct 14, 2003	St Luke's, New Providence, NJ	Moorman's Anglican Spiritual Tradition	6

Other Meetings:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
Aug. 18, 2003	Christ Memorial Church, Phila	Chaired a special meeting of the Vestry
Sept. 7, 2003	St John's By-the-Sea, Ventnor, NJ	Chaired an Open Forum with the congregation

Sept. 28, 2003 St David's, Narragansett, RI Chaired an Open Forum with the congregation
Sept. 28, 2003 St David's, Narragansett, RI Chaired a special meeting of the Vestry

Teaching: For the 2003 Easter term at the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in Manhattan, I taught an elective course on alternative theologies for modern Christianity. For the 2003 Fall term at the College of St Elizabeth in Morristown, New Jersey, I am teaching two graduate courses in human rights ethics.

Tutoring Seminary Students: For the 2003 Fall term of 2003, I am serving again as a tutor at General Theological Seminary in Manhattan, where I continue my work in the doctoral program.

Expressing gratitude: I am grateful to be able to serve the diocese for another year assisting our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, in the numerous demands and responsibilities of his office. I also very much appreciate the loving support of Bishop Daniel G. Cox in this ministry.

Respectfully Submitted,

(The Rt. Rev.) Gregory K. Hotchkiss, Suffragan Bishop

REPORT OF BISHOP DANIEL G. COX

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

Dear Brethren:

Due to health related problems I was able to make only two of my six scheduled Episcopal visits:

2003 Episcopal Schedule

On May 18, 2003 I visited St. Stephen's Church, Eldersburg, Maryland and confirmed a class of eleven.

On October 19, 2003 I visited Grace Church, Havre-de-Grace, Maryland. Four persons were received, having been previously confirmed in the Episcopal church (ECUSA). Appropriate words of reception were used during the laying on of hands.

Other Episcopal Visits

I am indebted to Bishop Hotchkiss (Suffragan) for making my visits to St. Matthew's and St. John's by-the-Sea Churches, and to Bishop Booth (Missionary Bishop) for making my visits to St. Luke's - Bishop Hoffman Memorial Church and Church of the Messiah.

Other Ministry Items

On September 14, 2003 I attended the special service at Christ the King Church, Pasadena, Maryland at which time Bishop Riches confirmed forty-three members of this parish, which is now a mission in our Diocese. The Rev. Gregory P. Carr is the faithful minister-in-charge. God willing I shall return to this Church on November 30, 2003 to confirm, on behalf of Bishop Riches, the remaining members of this class who were unable to be present for the September 14 service.

Appreciation:

My heartfelt thanks to Bishop Riches, and my other colleagues in the Episcopate, for their kindness to me.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel G. Cox, Bishop

REPORT OF BISHOP ROBERT H. BOOTH

Bishop Ordinary of the Missionary Diocese of American Territories and Protectorates (Brazil, Germany, Liberia, India).

November 4, 2003

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

Dear Brethren:

“Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God” Rom. 10:17

At the kind request of Bishop Leonard W. Riches, I was asked to make the following Episcopal visits.

April 20 – The Church of the Redemption, Quakertown – no confirmations - One baptism

September 14 – Atonement Church, Germantown, Philadelphia – no confirmations

September 21 - St. Lukes/Bishop Hoffman Church, Philadelphia – Two confirmations

October 12 – Messiah Church, Germantown, Philadelphia – no confirmations

OVERSEAS

March 4-14 Germany

June 6-8 BFM Meeting St. Petersburg, FL

August 17-28 Brazil

September 22-October 6 Germany

Respectfully submitted,

The Rt. Rev. Robert H. Booth, D.D. , Bishop

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

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

Dear Brethren:

This Committee held one meeting this past diocesan year on October 14, 2003 at the Reformed Episcopal Seminary, Blue Bell, PA. The meeting was chaired by the Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, Ordinary.

A. Ordination to the Presbyterate – On Saturday, October 20, 2002, at 4:00 P.M., in St. Michael's Church, Enola, PA, the Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches ordained the Rev. Karl M. Heckert presbyter. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Canon David L. Hicks. The Ven. Jon W. Abboud and the Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Headman served as Liturgists. The Rev. Jonathan S. Riches delivered the homily. All joined in the laying-on of hands. A dinner was served in the parish hall in honor of the Rev. Mr. Heckert following the ordination service.

B. Institution (Installation) – On Sunday, January 12, 2003, at 4:00 P.M., the Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches presided at the Institution of the Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick as rector of Grace Church, Collingdale, PA. A congregation of well over one hundred persons was present for the service, at which the Ven. Jon W. Abboud served as Liturgist. The Rev. Messrs. R. Charles Gillin and Richard W. Workowski served as Lectors. It was the Bishop's privilege to deliver the homily. Several of the clergy of the diocese were vested and seated in the chancel. A dinner reception was hosted by the parish in McCausland Hall following the service.

C. Canonical Examinations – Mr. Roger W. Converse (Christ Memorial Church) has now submitted all of the written requirements for the canonical examination, and his paper is being read by the Board of Examining Chaplains.

In July 14, 2003, The Rt. Rev. Gregory K. Hotchkiss, the Rev. Canon David L. Hicks, and the Rev. Gregory J. Miller examined the Rev. Travis Finley for deacon's orders. The Rev. Mr. Finley is ordained in the Presbyterian Church in America, and had received a call to serve as Minister-in-Charge of Emmanuel Church, Somerville, NJ. The Rev. Mr. Finley sustained the examination, but subsequently withdrew as a candidate for Emmanuel Church's pastoral vacancy.

D. Changes in the Clergy Roll – On May 17, 2003, the Rev. Jeffrey D. Welch was ordained to the presbyterate in the Charismatic Episcopal Church and thus, effective that date, his canonical relationship to this church ceased.

On September 16, 2003, Bishop Riches received a Letter Dimissory from the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Morley, Presiding Bishop of the Traditional Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, transferring the Rev. Gerald Jones to the jurisdiction of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church. He has been called by the vestry of St. Mary's Church, Bronx, NY, to assist the Rev. Belgrave Pelle in ministry in that parish.

E. Changes in Pastoral Connection – The Rev. Matthew P. Harrington tendered his resignation as rector of St. David’s Church, Narragansett, RI, effective August 31, 2003, in order to accept the call of the vestry of First Church, New York, NY, to serve that parish as rector, beginning September 1, 2003. Due to episcopal schedule constraints, a service of Institution will be arranged later this fall.

The Rev. Geoffrey C. Hubler resigned as rector of Christ Memorial Church effective August 31, 2003. He and his family have relocated to Lynchburg, VA, where the Rev. Mr. Hubler intends to take time away from pastoral ministry in order to devote himself to further study and to writing.

F. Parishes and Missions

1.) Church of the Atonement – This parish continues its pastoral search process, with the Rev. Messrs. Mark A. Specht and David S. Ayres fulfilling interim pastoral responsibilities. The Rev. Canon David L. Hicks has been maintaining contact with the wardens and vestry in order to advance the search effort.

2.) Emmanuel Church, Somerville, NJ – On December 1, 2002, the congregation of Emmanuel Church declined to act on the recommendation presented by the vestry that the parish withdraw from affiliation with the Reformed Episcopal Church. This decision came at the conclusion of a lengthy process of communication and effort to address the concerns of members of the parish regarding a wide range of issues. The Rev. Mr. Gillin, whom Bishop Riches had appointed Interim Rector (a relationship that was never finalized because the vestry failed to establish the necessary contract) maintained continuing contact with interested vestry members and parishioners in an attempt to resolve remaining questions and issues. Despite these efforts, it appeared that the Rev. Mr. Gillin’s appointment as Interim Rector was to remain a point of controversy. With his concurrence, the Bishop withdrew his name as appointee, and in his place named the Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Headman as Interim Rector. The necessary agreement with regard to his appointment was achieved on January 26, 2003, and he has been serving the congregation since that time. The pastoral search committee has since made one failed effort to call a candidate (the Rev. Travis Finley, as noted above), and has now undertaken the process again. In this case, as before, they are operating outside the parameters of defined diocesan policy and procedure, and apart from any direct communication with or oversight by the bishops.

3.) Christ Memorial Church – The resignation of the Rev. Geoffrey C. Hubler as rector was tendered at the beginning of August, when Bishop Riches was away on vacation. The Rt. Rev. Gregory K. Hotchkiss responded to the notification in his stead, and subsequently met with the wardens and vestry in order to explain diocesan policies and procedures for the parish self-study, pastoral interim and search processes. Upon his return, Bishop Riches established communication with Mr. Steven V. Hoopes, parish warden, and indicated that he would initiate efforts to engage an Interim Rector. Subsequently he appointed the Rev. Barton L. Craig as Interim Rector, to begin his responsibilities in October, 2003. The Rev. Mr. Hubler has served Christ Memorial Church for fifteen years. Thus, it is the Bishop’s expectation that the Interim Rector will be in place for several months, and that the pastoral search process could well extend a year or more.

4.) St. David’s Church, Narragansett, RI – Following the resignation of the rector, the Rev. Matthew P. Harrington, Bishop Hotchkiss visited the parish on September 28, 2003, in order to meet with the wardens and vestry, and to introduce the diocesan search process. Current pastoral needs are being met in part through the services of the Rev. Michael Northup, a graduate of Re-

formed Episcopal Seminary, whose ministerial credentials are with the Diocese of the Eastern United States, Anglican Province of America. The Rev. Mr. Northup had been assisting in ministry at St. David's prior to the Rev. Matthew Harrington's acceptance of the call to serve as rector of First Church, New York. At this time it is not clear what implications this pastoral change at St. David's will have for the efforts in connection with the development of the newly-begun mission of Christ Church, Newport, RI.

5.) Holy Trinity Church (Mission), Fairfax, VA – The Rev. Dr. Robert W. Bowman has been successful in drawing together a nucleus of people committed to the establishment of a Reformed Episcopal parish in this crucial area of northern Virginia. A meeting place has been secured; publicity has been developed and distributed; and worship services have now begun. Given the Rev. Dr. Bowman's proven record of effectiveness in prior church-planting endeavors, the Bishop anticipates a promising outcome in Fairfax.

6.) Harvey Wagner Memorial Chapel, Ventnor, NJ – The Rev. Daniel Olsen, III, has informed Bishop Riches that an agreement has been reached between the parish and the Wawa Corporation, which operates a convenience store adjacent to the church, to purchase the church's property for use in expansion of their operation. Finalization of arrangements awaits completion of local zoning and other procedures. Once the sale is completed, worship services will conclude and the parish will be dissolved. According to stipulation in the deed, residual proceeds from the sale will go to the Church of St. John's by-the-sea in Ventnor City.

G. Other Business

1.) Reception of Postulant for Holy Orders

Mr. Richard E. Baird (Church of the Messiah), a graduate of the Reformed Episcopal Seminary, has made application to be received as a Postulant for Holy Orders. The parish desires to have him ordained deacon in order to assist the Rev. Chiron P. Thompson in ministry. His application is dated November 12, 2002. Mr. Baird's application is received, in accordance with Standing Committee action October 15, 2002, effective November 12, 2002.

2.) Applications for Postulancy for Holy Orders (Ministerial Candidacy)

(A.) Mr. Daniel Smiley (St. Philip's Church), an attendee at the Reformed Episcopal Seminary and an individual who has had prior pastoral experience, has made application to be received as a Postulant for Holy Orders. The parish desires to have him ordained deacon in order to assist the Rev. Jonathan S. Riches in ministry. His application is dated May 11, 2003. The Committee voted to receive his application effective the date of filing.

(B.) Mr. Andrew McIntyre (Providence Chapel), soon to be a graduate from New Geneva Seminary and who has taken recommended course work at the Reformed Episcopal Seminary, has made application to be received as a Postulant for Holy Orders. The parish desires to have him serve in an assistantship capacity. He may later go on to seek a pastoral charge of his own. His application is dated June 1, 2003. The Committee voted to receive his application effective the date of filing.

(C.) Mr. Timothy Gahles (Covenant Chapel), a seminarian who assists the Rev. Gregory J. Miller in the work of the parish has made application to be received as a Postulant for Holy Orders. His application is dated August 4, 2003. The Committee voted to receive his application effective the date of filing.

3.) Application for Transfer of Presbyterian's Orders – The Rev. Gerald Jones has made application for transfer of Presbyterian's Orders, by Letter Dimissory, from the Traditional Protestant Episcopal Church in the USA (noted above). The Committee voted to receive the Rev. Mr. Jones as a presbyter, subject to sustaining the requisite canonical examination.

4.) Pending Reception as a Deacon - The committee voted to receive the Rev. Robert Parson (Good Shepherd Church, Brockton, MA), ordained by the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches and endorsed U.S. Army chaplain, as a deacon, pending his sustaining the requisite canonical examination.

5.) Application for Mission Parish Status – In conformity with the provisions of Title IV, Canon VIII, Section 8(a) of the Canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church, St. Philip's Church, Warminster, PA, has applied for reception as a Mission Parish effective January 1, 2003. This change of status will enable the church to avail itself of the assistance, resources, and benefits which are offered by the diocese and the church at large to enable and facilitate local church growth and development. This request was reported to the Board of Trustees of the Diocese on May 19, 2003. The Trustees saw no impediment. The Committee approved the reception of St. Philip's Church as a Mission Parish, effective the date of application.

6.) Submission of Parish By-Laws for Approval – In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and Canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church, the following parishes have submitted their by-laws for review and approval.

1. St. Stephen's Church (*revised*)
2. St. Mary's Church (*new*)

The proposed revisions for St. Stephen's Church were referred to the Rev. Mr. Gillin, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution & Canons, for review and recommendation. He will communicate with the parish rector and report back to the Committee. Committee members were asked to review the by-laws submitted by St. Mary's Church.

7.) Anticipated Application for Mission Parish Status - The Committee approved the reception of Holy Trinity Church, Fairfax, VA as a Mission Parish subsequent to their submission of the canonical Application and Article of Conformity.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Charles Gillin, Secretary

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

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

Dear Brethren,

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

NOVEMBER 8, 2002:

At the regular meeting of the Board, the following officers were elected: The Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, President; the Rev. Jon W. Abboud, Vice President; Mr. E. Earl Shisler, Treasurer; the Rev. Gregory Miller, Secretary; the Rev. Richard Workowski, Assistant Secretary.

The Trustees authorized the Executive Committee to act upon a possible request from St. Stephen's REC in Maryland to co-sign a note for construction of a new building on their property.

FEBRUARY 17, 2003:

The February meeting was cancelled due to snow.

MAY 19, 2003:

The decision was made to remove the February meeting from our annual schedule due to inclement weather. Business that would have been discussed in that meeting will be taken up in the May meetings.

The Looney-Hoffman fund has purchased the Seminary mortgage from **Mr. John Gustave**, the previous owner of the Seminary building. That will help make the Seminary more profitable.

The Executive Committee was authorized to act on behalf of the Trustees when emergent loan requests are received.

A buried trash dump was uncovered by Mr. and Mrs. Parks, who purchased one of the Four Brooks properties from the diocese. The Parks requested \$16,000 reimbursement of expenses incurred in cleaning up the dump on the property. The Ven. Jon Abboud spoke with the couple and recommended to the Trustees that we reimburse the Parks the sum of \$12,500. The action was approved.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2003

The proposed diocesan budget was reviewed. It was noted that our portfolio had appreciated \$156,644 over the past year. However, the diocese expects to operate at a loss of \$110,389 in the upcoming year. The Trustees approved the recommendation on the budget to the 123rd Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Gregory J. Miller
Secretary to the Trustees

**REPORT OF E. E. SHISLER, TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF
 TRUSTEES OF THE DIOCESE OF THE NORTHEAST AND MID-ATLANTIC
 OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2002 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2003**

CAPITAL

BALANCE: October 1, 2002	\$1,565,191.23
Additions:	
Transferred from Income Accounts:	
General Fund	No Capitalization this
Ann Kenny Fund	fiscal year
Bassingier Home Fund	per trustee's action
Cumberland Church Fund	09/15/03.
Episcopal Endowment Fund	
Antioch Cemetery Fund	
Diocesan Church Extension Fund	
Arndt Memorial Fund	_____
BALANCE: September 30, 2002	<u><u>\$1,565,191.23</u></u>

INVESTMENTS BY FUND

GENERAL FUND

Stock: 107.935 Shares--Unified Fund	\$413,971.75
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CHURCH EXTENSION FUND/PARISH ASSISTANCE

Mortgages: Covenant Chapel, NJ	\$ 36,396.12
7 th Day Adventist--Phila., PA	19,573.70
Providence Chapel--Edifice, NJ	11,107.57
Providence, NJ--Interest 89 Months	5,606.06
Berean Christian--Phila., PA	44,795.52
Stock: 11.319 Shares--Unified Fund	<u>43,412.67</u>

Sub-total--Income Invest. \$ 160,891.64

Parish Covenant Chapel, NJ	\$ 29,500.00
Invest: Covenant Chapel--Rectory, NJ	23,001.18
Emmanuel Church, Four Brooks, PA	49,837.43
Providence Chapel--Edifice, NJ	5,928.00
St. Philip's, PA	<u>24,000.00</u>
Sub-total--Non-income	<u>\$132,266.61</u>
	293,158.25

ANN KENNY FUND

Property:	Valhalla Valley, North Carolina	\$ 1.00	
Stock:	33.610 Shares--Unified Fund	<u>128,907.12</u>	\$128,908.12

INVESTMENTS BY FUND - Continued

BASSINGER HOME FUND

Stock:	14.278 Shares--Unified Fund		\$54,761.56
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CUMBERLAND CHURCH FUND

Property:	Faith Church, Baltimore, MD	\$ 7,144.25	
Stock:	.636 Shares--Unified Fund	<u>2,439.30</u>	9,583.55

BISHOP RUDOLPH EPISCOPAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Stock:	75.853 Shares--Unified Fund		290,925.08
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BASSINGER MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

Mortgages:	St. Luke's Church, NJ	\$ 27,000.00	
Stock:	.688 Shares--Unified Fund	<u>2,638.74</u>	29,638.74

ANTIOCH CEMETERY FUND

Stock:	2.272 Shares--Unified Fund		8,713.98
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DIOCESAN CHURCH EXTENSION TRUST FUND

Stock:	19.940 Shares--Unified Fund		76,477.48
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ARNDT MEMORIAL FUND

Stock:	21.339 Shares--Unified Fund		81,843.18
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BISHOP HIGGINS MEMORIAL FUND

Stock:	3.163 Shares--Unified Fund	\$12,131.31	
Notes:	Mark Winder, LA	<u>1,599.88</u>	13,731.19

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE FUND

Stock:	.651 Shares--Unified Fund		2,496.83
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HART LODGE FUND

Stock:	17.260 Shares--Unified Fund		66,198.66
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INVESTMENTS BY FUND

UNIFIED FUND

Stocks:	ARIS Wealth Services, Inc.		\$1,072,710.37
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(See footnote A.)

Mortgages:	Covenant Church, VA	\$ 11,548.19	
	Reformed Episcopal Seminary, PA	<u>95,859.10</u>	108,407.29
Notes:	Covenant Church, VA	2,000.00	
	Good Shepherd, MA	1,800.00	
	Bishop R. U. Grote, Jr., TX	<u>893.24</u>	<u>3,800.00</u>
	Unified Fund Distributed 308.944 Shares		<u>(\$1,184,917.66)</u>
NET INVESTMENTS			<u>\$1,470,408.37</u>

INVESTMENTS BY CATEGORY

Non-Income Producing	\$ 139,411.86
Mortgages	252,886.26
Notes	5,399.88
ARIS Wealth Services, Inc.	<u>1,072,710.37</u>
	<u>\$1,470,408.37</u>
Market Value @ 9/30/02	\$ 1,063,815.95

A. Investments reported at purchase price or acquisition value.

SUMMARY

	<u>CAPITAL</u>	<u>INVESTMENTS</u>
General Fund	\$ 565,446.06	\$ 413,971.75
Church Extension Fund	210,598.63	293,158.25
Ann Kenny Fund	165,096.07	128,908.12
Bassinger Home Fund	72,470.28	54,761.56
Cumberland Church Fund	9,539.45	9,583.55
Episcopal Endowment Fund	310,699.48	290,925.08
Bassinger Trust Fund	2,978.63	29,638.74
Antioch Cemetery Fund	7,400.00	8,713.98
Diocesan Church Extension Trust	105,256.03	76,477.48
Arndt Memorial Fund	99,003.36	81,843.18
Bishop Higgins Memorial Fund	14,083.46	13,731.19
Christian Education Fund	2,619.78	2,496.83
Hart Lodge Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>66,198.66</u>
Total Gross Capital/Investments	\$1,565,191.23	\$1,470,408.37

Add: Capital Under-invested 94,782.86

\$1,565,191.23

ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

RECEIPTS BY FUND

GENERAL FUND

Investment Income	\$ 9,674.01	
Bishop Herter Estate	31,965.93	
Tithe Received	200,563.70	
Stipend-General Council P. B.	11,636.00	
Council Offerings	972.00	
Miscellaneous Contributions	100.00	
Transfer from Episcopal Fund	4,581.79	
Transfer from Hart Lodge Fund	<u>1,045.71</u>	\$260,539.14

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND/PARISH ASSISTANCE

Investment Income	\$ 8,462.33	
Contributions-St. Michael's, PA	298.00	
Council Offering	731.42	
Transfer from Ann Kenny Fund	2,035.29	
Transfer from Cumberland Church Fund	<u>0.00</u>	11,527.10

ANN KENNY FUND

Investment Income		\$ 3,012.40
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BASSINGER HOME FUND

Council Offerings	\$ 0.00	
Contributions	95.00	
Investment Income	1,279.17	
Insurance Premiums	<u>10,806.30</u>	12,180.47

CUMBERLAND CHURCH FUND

Investment Income		58.14
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BISHOP RUDOLPH EPISCOPAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Investment Income		6,797.28
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BASSINGER MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

Investment Income 2,220.91

ANTIOCH CEMETERY FUND

Investment Income 204.89

DIOCESAN CHURCH EXTENSION TRUST FUND

Investment Income 1,785.85

ARNDT MEMORIAL FUND

Investment Income 1,913.21

BISHOP HIGGINS MEMORIAL FUND

Investment Income 282.42

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE FUND

Investment Income	\$58.14	
Prayer Book Sales	<u>0.00</u>	58.14

HART LODGE FUND

Investment Income 1,547.73

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$302,127.68

ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

GENERAL FUND

Ruth Herter	--Gift	\$ 1750.00
Bishop Riches	--Salary/Housing Allowance	93,312.00
	--Pension	9,294.40
Bishop Hotchkiss	--Stipend	9,900.00
Bishop Riches	--Stipend General Council	11,636.00
Diocesan Expenses		14,210.11
Property Sale	--Sub-Division Exp. Final	12,500.00
Diocesan Office	--Telephone	1,845.76
	--Secretary	6,180.00
	--Rent	1,800.00
	--Insurance	2,332.00
	--Equipment	320.37
Philadelphia Seminary		60,000.00
Audit Fees		1,800.00

Sustentation Fund Tithe 10%	20,056.37	
Management Fees	8,730.46	
Camping Program	8,000.00	
Diocesan Journal Printing	2,003.46	
Diocesan Council Expense	1,637.89	
Council Offering--R. E. Seminary	972.00	
Administration Expense	6,343.99	
Spiritual Growth Committee	281.80	
Honoraria--Diocesan Officers	650.00	
Miscellaneous Disbursements	45.00	
Transferred to Capital Account	0.00	
Less Administration Expense Distributed	<u>(7,902.12)</u>	\$267,699.73

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND/PARISH ASSISTANCE

Good Shepherd, MA --Salary/Mission	27,000.00	
Emmanuel, PA --Salary Appropriation	25,800.00	
St. Michael's, PA --Salary Appropriation	22,200.00	
St. Philip's, PA --Salary Appropriation	16,200.00	
Reconciliation, PA --Mortgage Payments	5,500.00	
Diaconal Training	0.00	
*Administration Expense	<u>2,132.69</u>	\$98,832.69

ANN KENNY FUND

Transferred to Church Extension Fund	\$ 2,035.29	
Transferred to Capital Account	0.00	
*Administration Expense	<u>977.11</u>	\$3,012.40

BASSINGER HOME FUND

Ministers' Insurances	\$ 8,987.09	
Transferred to Capital Account	0.00	
*Administration Expense	<u>414.91</u>	9,402.00

CUMBERLAND CHURCH FUND

Transferred to Church Extension Fund	\$ 00.00	
*Administration Expense	<u>58.14</u>	58.14

BISHOP RUDOLPH EPISCOPAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Transferred to General Fund	\$4,581.79	
Transferred to Capital Account	0.00	
*Administration Expense	<u>2,215.49</u>	6,797.28

BASSINGER MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

St. Luke's, New Providence, NJ	\$2,160.00	
*Administration Expense	<u>208.68</u>	2,368.68

ANTIOCH CEMETERY FUND

Transferred to Capital Account	\$ 0.00	
*Administration Expense	<u>66.46</u>	66.46

DIOCESAN CHURCH EXTENSION TRUST FUND

Telephone Expense	\$ 0.00	
Transferred to Capital Account	0.00	
*Administration Expense	<u>579.26</u>	579.26

ARNDT MEMORIAL FUND

R.E. Seminary Improvements	\$ 0.00	
Transferred to Capital Account	0.00	
*Administration Expense	<u>620.57</u>	620.57

BISHOP HIGGINS MEMORIAL FUND

R.E. Seminary-Memorial	\$.00	
*Administration Expense	<u>107.93</u>	107.93

HART LODGE FUND

Transferred to General Fund	\$ 1,045.71	
*Administration Expense	<u>502.02</u>	\$1,547.73

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE FUND

Evangelism Material	\$ 0.00	
*Administration Expense	<u>18.86</u>	<u>18.86</u>

\$391,111.73

*Administration Expense includes Honoraria to Diocesan Auditor, Treasurers, Fidelity Bond, Safe Deposit Box rentals, finance expenses, etc.

INCOME SUMMARY

BALANCE: October 1, 2002	\$ 44,379.38
Receipts	302,127.68
Disbursements	<u>(391,111.73)</u>
Balance: September 30, 2003	\$ <u>(44,604.67)</u>

INCOME SUMMARY BY FUND

General Fund	\$(79,260.61)
Church Extension Fund	(68,043.92)
Bassinger Home Fund	14,811.45
Bassinger Memorial Trust Fund	2,021.79
Antioch Cemetery Fund	7,321.46
Diocesan Church Extension Trust Fund	5,086.36
Arndt Memorial Fund	4,095.82
Bishop Higgins Memorial Fund	572.39
Christian Education Committee Fund	635.95
Hart Lodge Fund	<u>68,134.64</u>
Balance: September 30, 2002	<u>\$ (44,604.67)</u>

CASH SUMMARY

Balance: September 30, 2002	\$ (44,604.67)
Capital Over-invested	<u>94,782.86</u>
Cash Balance: September 30, 2002	<u>\$ 50,178.19</u>

Respectfully submitted,
E. E. Shisler, Treasurer
 (Report is submitted subject to audit.)

BUDGET PROJECTION OCTOBER 2003 THRU SEPTEMBER 2004

	<u>INCOME \$'S</u>
Mortgages/Notes	\$22,300.00
Diocesan Tithe	190,000.00
ARIS Wealth Services, Inc.	<u>25,000.00</u>
TOTAL PROJECTED RECEIPTS	<u>\$237,300.00</u>

GENERAL FUND

Bishop Riches–Salary/Housing	96,108.00	+3%
–Pension	9,611.00	
Diocesan Expenses	16,000.00	
Bishop Hotchkiss–Stipend	10,200.00	+3%
Diocesan Office–Telephone	1,900.00	+3%
–Secretary	6,360.00	
–Rent	1,800.00	
–Insurance	2,500.00	
–Equipment	500.00	
Camping Program	5,000.00	
Diocesan Journal Printing	2,500.00	
Diocesan Council Expense	2,200.00	

Management Fees	9,000.00	
General Council Tithe (10%)	19,000.00	
Reformed Episcopal Seminary	60,000.00	
Administration Expense	5,000.00	
Audit Fees	3,000.00	
Honoraria–Diocesan Officers	650.00	
Miscellaneous Disbursements	<u>1,000.00</u>	\$252,329.00

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND/PARISH ASSISTANCE

St. Michael’s, PA–Salary Appropriation	\$17,400.00	
Emmanuel, 4 Brooks, PA–Salary Appropriation	22,200.00	
Good Shepherd, MA–Salary Appropriation	23,400.00	
St. Philip’s, PA–Salary Appropriation	14,400.00	
Holy Trinity, VA–Salary Appropriation	12,000.00	
Diaconal Training	<u>3,600.00</u>	93,000.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES

Postage, etc.–Diocesan Fund	200.00	
Medical Supplements–Bassingier Home	3,000.00	
St. Luke’s, NJ–Bassingier Trust	2,160.00	
Income Capitalized @ Normal Procedure	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,360.00</u>

TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENDITURES **\$ 350,689.00**

PROJECTED YEAR END

Income Fund Balances, September 30, 2003	\$(44,604.67)
2004 Estimated Receipt Items	237,300.00
2003 Estimated Expenditure Items	(350,689.00)
PROJECTED INCOME BALANCE 9/30/03	<u>(\$157,993.67)</u>

BUDGET REPORT 2001-2002 TITHE CONTRIBUTIONS

Full Year		
Church	Contributions	Comments
<i>Churches Contributing in Full:</i>		
Atonement, PA	\$ 4,020.00	
Bishop Cummins, MD	47,418.82	
Christ Memorial, PA	3,335.64	
Christ the King, MD	4,542.09	@ 5% New Parrish
Covenant, NJ	9,621.88	
Covenant, VA	860.82	
Emmanuel, NJ	9,070.00	
Emmanuel, PA	4,003.76	
Faith, MD	2,197.58	
First Church NY	5,181.84	
Good Shepherd, MA	8,033.00	@ 8%
Grace, MD	6,551.71	
Grace, Coll'dale, PA	6,583.41	
Grace, Scranton, PA	7,168.00	
Messiah, PA	2,243.00	
New Covenant, VA	2,535.65	
Redeemer, NJ	9,012.58	
St. John's, NJ	3,064.80	@ 5%
St. Luke's, NJ	3,254.03	
St. Luke's-Hoff., PA	3,087.44	
St. Mary's, NY	5,309.90	@ 8%
St. Mark's, PA	4,184.00	
St. Matthew's, PA	12,544.69	
St. Michael's, PA	2,640.55	
St. Paul's, PA	10,232.00	
St. Philip's, PA	3,645.20	@ 5%
St. Stephen's, MD	16,242.31	
Trinity, DE	1,482.00	@ 5%
Wagner Memorial, NJ	715.88	
 <i>Churches That Made Partial Contributions--</i>		
Emmanuel, MD	1,125.00	
St. David's, RI	656.12	
 <i>Churches Making No Contributions:</i>		
Providence, NJ	0.00	
Redemption, PA	<u>0.00</u>	
	<u>\$ 200,563.70</u>	

The Council acknowledged deep appreciation to Mr. E. Earl Shisler with applause.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL SEMINARY

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

Dear Brethren:

Reformed Episcopal Seminary is the diocesan seminary of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. In other words, it is your Seminary. We are very grateful to the diocese for all the support given us. We appreciate your prayers, your referrals of students, and your financial support. Without your contributions we could not continue to operate as we do.

One of the most exciting things that has happened at RES is the fact that we begin this term with twenty-nine students! This is the most encouraging thing that has happened at the Seminary in my tenure here. While a couple have already dropped out, more than two dozen remain and each of them is enthusiastic and diligent in their studies. They are sharing the news about our Seminary with their friends, and we believe that this increase enrollment is sustainable.

Our faculty continues to expand and improve its credentials. The Rev. Matthew Harrington has agreed to join our faculty as an adjunct member. He will be teaching a course in the History of Church-State relations in the spring. This course will be offered in the evening, and like many of our evening courses, will provide an excellent opportunity for interested laymen to experience seminary life. The Rev. Jonathan Riches has also taught Liturgics, and we look forward to having him back again soon.

Three members of our teaching staff continue to make progress towards their doctoral degrees. The Venerable Jon Abboud has completed the course work for his D. Min. Degree and Canon David Hicks is nearing the end of his class work for his Ph.D. Both of these men are studying at Westminster Theological Seminary. The Rev. Dale Crouthamel continues his work on his doctorate as well as the Rev. Jonathan Riches is working towards his doctorate at Lutheran Theological Seminary.

I have a sad note to report. Mrs. Virginia Beattie, long-time library/archive volunteer, and treasurer for the Auxiliary, will be retiring and moving to Stone Harbor, NJ. Her quality work and her positive attitude have been part of our Seminary family for many years. As a parting gift, Mrs. Beattie provided the Seminary Chapel with a piano.

Each member of the Seminary staff continues to serve our school sacrificially. We are very grateful that they have chosen to serve God by serving RES.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne A. Headman (The Rev. Dr.), President

**The Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church
 Reformed Episcopal Seminary–Northeast
 Balance Sheet - As of December 31, 2002**

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	
Cash		Accounts Payable	\$ 00.00
Checking Account (09/19/2002)	\$40,571.86	(as of 12/01)	
Petty Cash	16.54		
Accounts Receivable (2)		Notes Payable:	
Investments:			
Portfolio Value (08/31/2002)	123,788.10	Diocesan Mortgage	97,203.00
Publishing (3)	4,300.00	John Gustave (6)	504,316.90
4225 Chestnut Mortgage	sold to LH fund		
826 Second Avenue (4)	1,028,390.63		
832 Second Avenue (5)	77,647.18		
Buildings & Contents		Fund Balance	<u>801,678.46</u>
(at cost)	<u>128,183.84</u>		
	\$1,403,198.04		\$1,403,198.15

- (2) Student tuitions for Advent Quarter.
 (3) Investment in PTS Series less volumes sold (approximation).
 (4) 665K purchase price + other costs related to purchase & renovation less 70K for ranch house.
 (5) \$70,000 value plus renovation costs to date.
 (6) Mort. on 826 2nd 532K for 20 yrs. at 9% balloon after 60 months (\$4,786.54 per month).

Balance Sheet - As of September 15, 2003

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	
Cash:		Accounts Payable	\$ 00.00
Checking Acct. (09/15/03)	\$5,602.19	(as of 04/01)	
Petty Cash	100.00		
Accounts Receivable (2)	4,700.00	Notes Payable:	
Investments:		Diocesan Mortgage	96,859.00
Portfolio Value (03/31/02)	102,889.05	John Gustave (6)	497,721.81
Publishing (3)	4,180.00		
4225 Chestnut Mortgage	210,510.63		
826 Second Avenue (4)	1,028,390.63		
832 Second Avenue (5)	77,647.18		
Building & Contents (at cost)	<u>128,183.84</u>	Fund Balance	<u>757,112.08</u>
	\$1,351,692.89		\$1,351,692.89

- (2) Student tuitions and loans.
 - (3) Investment in PTS Series less volumes sold (approximation).
 - (4) 665K purchase price plus other costs related to purchase and renovation less 70K for ranch house.
 - (5) \$70,000 value plus renovation costs to date.
 - (6) Mort. on 826 2nd 532K for 20 yrs. at 9% balloon after 60 months (\$4,786.54 per month).
- Substantial change in 4225 Chestnut Street mortgage is due to recalculation of payment history and initial payment from LHF.

*The **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE** did not convene during the Diocesan year.*

The Report of the Committee on Nominations was presented by the Rev. David L. Hicks. It was moved and seconded nominations be closed and the Secretary instructed to cast one ballot. The motion carried. Upon completion of the Nominations, Bishop Riches announced the Diocesan Trustees will meet at 5:15 pm to reorganize for the ensuing diocesan year.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Committee Members

The Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, *ex-officio*
The Rev. Cedric R. Benner
The Rev. David L. Hicks, *Chairman*
The Rev. Gregory J.. Miller

Mrs. Karen Baird
Mr. Ronald Burdick
Mr. John Perkins
Mrs. Joan Workowski

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

Dear Brethren:

The Committee on Nominations met at Reformed Episcopal Seminary on October 14, 2003. Several parishes responded to the Committee's request for nominations for elective boards, committees, and offices. After considering the names submitted for nomination and re-nomination, the Committee recommends that this Council elect the following nominees:

First Vice-President: @ The Rt. Rev. Gregory K. Hotchkiss

Second Vice-President: The Rev. R. Charles Gillin

Secretary: Mrs. Bonnie C. Abboud

Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Karen A. Baird (The appropriate canons governing the position of assistant secretary will be presented at the one hundred twenty-fourth council.)

Standing Committee

The Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, *ex-officio*

Frederick K. Ganjon, Esq.

@ The Rt. Rev. Gregory K. Hotchkiss
The Rev. R. Charles Gillin
The Rev. Gregory J. Miller

Mr. Edward Meharg
Mr. Victor M. Peters

The Very Rev. Jon W. Abboud, *ex-officio*
The Rev. David L. Hicks, *ex-officio*

Trustees of the Diocese

The Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches, *ex-officio*
The Rt. Rev. Robert H. Booth
@ The Rt. Rev. Gregory K. Hotchkiss
The Very Rev. Jon W. Abboud
The Rev. William. G. Garrison, Jr.
The Rev. Matthew Harrington
The Rev. Gregory J. Miller
The Rev. Belgrave Pelle
The Rev. Jonathan S. Riches
The Rev. Richard W. Workowski

Mr. Richard E. Baird
Mr. Elijah Barnes
Mrs. Barbara Hamarich
Mr. James Kester
Mrs. Mary Ann Ludwig
Mr. E. Earl Shisler, Jr.
Mrs. Elaine Simmons
Richard W. Stevens, Esq.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. David L. Hicks, Chairman

The Rev. R. Charles Gillin presented the Report of the Committee on Constitutions and Canons. The Rev. Mr. Gillin directed attention to the last item in the report which defines a particular process upon adoption of the report. It was moved and seconded the report be accepted. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION & CANONS

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

Dear Brethren:

At the Fiftieth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, new denominational canons were approved for first reading and implementation. This document is known as *Proposed Revisions 2002*. At our One Hundred Twenty-second Diocesan Council all parishes and clergy were encouraged to visit the denominational website at www.recus.org and print a copy of this document. This Committee announced its intention to bring our diocesan canons into conformity with these new denominational canons. The Committee is nearly finished its work on this diocesan document, entitled *Proposed Revisions 2004*. This document will be posted on our diocesan website at <http://rec-nema.home.att.net> by February 1, 2004. Once you access this site, please search on *Documents* and choose the *Proposed Revisions 2004* option to view and print the PDF file. All

clergy and lay delegates are encouraged to print this file and make sufficient copies for distribution to all interested individuals in each parish. A link to this report can be found on the same page.

The *Proposed Revisions 2004* document will remain on the website, unamended, until July 31, 2004. You are encouraged to study it, compare it to the new denominational canons and forward any suggested changes to this Committee, by way of its Chairman, at the following address and contact numbers:

R. Charles Gillin
3 Riding Run Drive
Marlton, NJ 08053

Home telephone: 856-983-2314
Office FAX: 856-762-0188
E-mail: cgillin@repcoinc.com

The Committee will review each suggested change during the months of August and September. By October 1, 2004, the *Proposed Revisions 2004* document will be reposted on the diocesan website. Any changes that were made by the Committee will be easily recognized by the use of an ink color other than black. All clergymen and lay delegates are strongly encouraged to print this document before the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Council. This will be the document presented to the Council for first reading approval. Also, please be advised that no copies of this document will be distributed in your folders at the next Council meeting. This Committee will send a communication to each parish, near the date of October 1, 2004, reminding you to print this document prior to Council. Anyone who does not have personal or parish access to a computer or the Internet is invited to contact the Chairman of this Committee to request a copy prior to Council.

By receiving this report, it is understood by the representatives of this Council, that you also approve the above procedure for proposed canonical revision.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. R. Charles Gillin, Chairman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINING CHAPLAINS 2002 REPORT

It was noted the 2002 report of the Board of Examining Chaplains was omitted in the 2002 Minutes.

To the One Hundred and Twenty-second Council
of The Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic
of The Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

During the past Diocesan year the Board examined two men for the presbyterate, The Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick and The Rev. Karl M. Heckert. Both not only passed, but did very well.

The Board has received approximately 2/3 of the written deacon's exam from Mr. Roger Converse and is reviewing it while waiting for the remainder.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. David L. Hicks
The Rev. Jonathan S. Riches

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

To the One Hundred and Twenty-second Council
of The Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic
of The Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

The Board of Examining Chaplains continues to assist the Bishop in examining postulants and other candidates for ordained ministry within the diocese.

Examinations to be scheduled

Mr. Richard E. Baird is prepared to be examined for deacon's orders under the old canonical examination system at date to be determined in the near future.

Mr. Roger W. Converse is prepared to be examined for deacon's order's under the new canonical examination system. When the Board has completed its review of the written examination, an oral examination will be scheduled.

Completed examination

On July 14, 2003 the Rev. Travis Finley was examined for deacon's orders at Emmanuel Church, Somerville, NJ by the Rt. Rev. Gregory K. Hotchkiss, the Rev. Canon David L. Hicks and the Rev. Gregory J. Miller. Mr. Finley sustained the examination, but subsequently withdrew his intention to affiliate with the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. David L. Hicks
The Rev. Gregory J. Miller
The Rev. Jonathan S. Riches

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

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

Dear Brethren:

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

We give thanks to Almighty God for the years of service to our Church of the following dedicated Christians, who have gone home to be with their Lord:

Edward Allatt, Jr.: August 7, 1924 - December 18, 2001

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Ed was a lifetime Reformed Episcopalian; in fact he was a third generation Reformed Episcopalian. His grandfather, father and he were members of the old St. Luke's Church in the Frankford section of Philadelphia. Most of Ed's adult life was spent at Trinity Church, Philadelphia. He was always active, serving on the Vestry as the Rector's Warden and secretary. He was a deputy to a number of General Councils and a lay delegate to many Synodical Councils.

Towards the end of his life he and other members of his family joined St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Memorial Church, Philadelphia, where he offered great council and encouragement to the rector. He will be sorely missed by members of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Our loss is his gain.

Loretta Ramsey Wilkinson: August 5, 1940–August 4, 2002

Loretta was born in Charleston, South Carolina and served as a health care professional until her retirement. She dedicated her life to Christ at an early age. She joined the Day Dawn Baptist Church in Pineville, South Carolina, where she faithfully served. Later in life she continued her Christian service at New Redeemer Reformed Episcopal Church, Jersey City, New Jersey. There she was active as the President of the Pastor's Aide, Chairwoman of the Women's Day Committee, a member of the Honorary Vestry, and an organizer of several church programs. Loretta loved the church and perhaps no greater lesson of love and faith has been evidenced than through her devotion and kind deeds.

The members of New Redeemer thank almighty God for the time that He allowed them to have this special woman in their fellowship. She will be sorely missed, but her memory will remain in their hearts.

Ruth Birbeck Herter: August 31, 1910–May 5, 2003

Born in Audubon, New Jersey, she worked as a secretary in Philadelphia until her marriage to seminarian Theophilus John Herter on June 14, 1941. Mrs. Herter always reminded everyone that flags were flown all across America on her wedding day! In 1942, upon her husband's installation as pastor at St. Matthew's Reformed Episcopal Church, Havertown, PA Mrs. Herter moved with her husband into St. Matthew's rectory.

"A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies."

Mrs. Herter was a dedicated volunteer in both the parish and the diocese. Before the age of wordprocessors, she laboriously typed extensive minutes of the annual Synod of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic and of the triennial General Council, for submission to the printer. After more than a decade of volunteer work, Mrs. Herter returned to paid employment in 1958 enabling her husband to resign from parish duties in 1960 to pursue doctoral studies at Westminster Seminary. When the Rev. Mr. Herter accepted a teaching post at Reformed Episcopal Seminary in 1963, Mrs. Herter began working there as secretary. In this capacity she was well known to a generation of seminarians, faculty and members of the Seminary's Women's Auxiliary until her retirement in 1984.

"She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks."

In 1966 Theophilus Herter was consecrated Bishop, and in 1975 was elected Presiding Bishop of the national Reformed Episcopal Church. Mrs. Herter mused on several occasions that as soon as Theo earned his doctorate, the church made him a bishop, thus stripping him of "their" hard earned degree! Therefore, on many occasions she referred to her husband as Dr. Herter.

"Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value."

Mrs. Herter accompanied her beloved husband on most Episcopal visits, communicating her sense of support and devotion to his calling. She was well-loved and respected by all who had the privilege of her presence.

Since 1989 Mrs. Herter has resided in Seattle, WA with her son Philip and his family. There she enjoyed life with her family. Philip's wife Cindy expressed that her children, Mrs. Herter's grandchildren, Cara and Daniel were enriched by her wisdom and caring spirit.

"Her children arise and call her blessed."

Mrs. Herter was the epitome of the virtuous woman in Proverbs 31. We will remember her and forever be grateful that God chose to allow her to serve in our midst.

“Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all... a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.”

Mary Stuart Bauer: February 12, 1914–February 3, 2003

Mary was an active member of St. Mark’s parish for many years, (Christian Education treasurer, Women’s Circle, the Guild, Sunday School) and supportive of missions, Reformed Episcopal Seminary and denominational conferences. Her last years were spent at Spring House Estates in declining health. She passed through the veil into the presence of her glorious King on February 3, 2003.

Helen Miller: May 13, 1915–February 21, 2003

Helen Elizabeth Woodhouse: February 23, 1906–June 12, 2003

Helen, known by many as Betty, was a former school teacher whose life had a far reaching influence in the lives of many people. She was a lady of wit and adventure, who in her later years traveled to foreign lands, climbed mountains, went through jungles and still remained faithful in the Sunday School, prayer meetings, Bible studies, women’s guilds and circles of St. Mark’s church. She also attended many denominational functions.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Lawrence Woodhouse. Betty also knew the sorrow of untimely death having experienced the loss of their adopted daughter Betsy and their adopted son Officer Daniel Woodhouse. Uncomplaining, faithful, devoted to church, family and friends, she is now with her compassionate and faithful Friend in that place where there are no more tears, nor death, neither sorrow, nor crying, nor pain, for these are all passed away.

“As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God.” Psalm 42:1

The Rev. Jonathan Gold:

The Rev. Mr. Gold graduated from Reformed Episcopal Seminary in May, 1981 and served as rector of Bishop Hoffman Memorial Church, Philadelphia from July 5, 1981 until August, 1986. He moved to West Virginia with his wife Chris following his resignation from Bishop Hoffman and lived there until his sudden death on July 25, 2003.

Now with the Lord, their hearts’ desire, they worship Him in glory, promoted from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant.

“Almighty God, with who do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with who the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of flesh, are in joy and felicity; We give thee hearty thanks for the good examples of those servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors. And we beseech thee, that we with all those who are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*”

Emma R. Kohout: June 30, 1910–October 19, 2003

Mr. Emma Robinson Kohout, the oldest member of Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, Havre-de-Grace, Maryland, entered the Church Triumphant on October 19, 2003

She was born in Havre-de-Grace on June 30, 1910, the same year as the founding of Grace Church.

Mrs. Kohout was the daughter of the late Walter and Martha Janet Robinson, and the wife of the late Walter Kohout, a former vestryman of the church. Her entire life was spent within a few yards of Grace church.

Mrs. Kohout was actively engaged in the life of the parish and the church, having been confirmed 80 years ago in 1923. She taught Sunday School, played piano and maintained a wonderful Christian witness there until her death. She had also been named a Living Treasure of Harford County.

A funeral service was held at the church on October 23, 2003. The rector, the Rev. Gerald S. McLynn officiated, assisted by the Rev. Jeffrey Dalton Welch.

Katherine Cecelia Hunter: July 16, 1916–March 19, 2003

Mrs. Katherine Cecelia Hunter was born in a lighthouse on July 16, 1916 when South Philadelphia was largely farmland. Kate was originally a member of the Reformed Episcopal Church of the Reconciliation in Philadelphia. At Reconciliation, she served as a representative to General Council, VBS Director and Church Secretary. She also served on the vestry, and at the age of 16, she started teaching Junior Sunday School class. She was especially proud of the fact that she taught Bishop Sellers. She was also very active on the Committee on Women's Work and transferred her membership to Christ Memorial church after the closing of Reconciliation. She entered into her rest on March 19, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Richard K. Walters
Chairman

There was no report of the Committee on Christian Education.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

The committee started the year by deciding to define our purpose. Why do we have youth committee? The answer is that we should be an aid to our Parishes as our parishes seek to aid parents as they attempt to train our young people in the way that they should go, that they might not de-

part from it in their old age. Camping ministries can't fulfill the responsibilities of the parents or the local Parish, but the camping ministries can be an aid to the parents and the Parishes.

This year we had 5 events: We had: Winter Camp; Spring Fling; Summer Camp; Dorney Park Trip; OctoberFest. Winter Camp was at River Valley Ranch as usual. Summer Camp has been moved to Camp Hashawa in Maryland. The new camp for summer camp was forced upon us as our former camp ground extended their own program and could no longer accommodate us. Hashawa is a beautiful camp with some very nice features. It is not perfectly suited for what we do, but it does more than meet our needs until we can find a more suitable location. The committee is looking for an inexpensive camp in East/Central Pennsylvania. This would make the camp more central to the churches in our Diocese.

Most of the ministry work is carried out by Jason Holloway and Jenna Chavis. They with the assistance of Rosalind Chavis made our projects a reality. Many hands have gone into making our programs come together but it is almost always these three who organize them and make them work.

The committee is also trying to help in getting regional events going. A lock-in was hosted in New Jersey this past year. The goal is to get more events on a smaller scale where our young people can build friendships with other Christians in their area.

This year we already have the dates for Winter Camp: February 13-15. Jason has assured me that we will not get two feet of snow this year, and no one will have to fend off a blizzard to get their child. The camp will be held at the River Valley Ranch again. They do a wonderful job hosting us, and the facility meets our needs abundantly.

Spring Fling will be held April 16th and 17th. The church has not yet been picked. If you think your church building would be suitable for a lock-in, and would like to host Spring Fling, please let the committee know.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Gerald S. McLynn,
Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM, CHURCH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

(By action of the 111th Council of the Diocese, this Committee embodies three Committees formerly appointed separately: Evangelism, Church Extension, and Church Growth)

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

Dear Brethren:

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

Though it does not meet as a whole on a regular basis, the mission of this Committee is clearly understood, and its members are active in the pursuit of that mission.

We continue our efforts in the diaconal training program started several years ago. We believe this program, in conjunction with the work of theological training provided by the Seminary, will supply our church with a steady stream of capable ministers.

We continue to make regular recommendations to the Diocesan Trustees for parish assistance awards and church-planting efforts. In 2003 five recommendations for assistance were approved. These include: St. Michael’s in Enola, PA; Emmanuel in Pipersville, PA; St. Philip’s in Warminster, PA; Good Shepherd in Brockton, MS; and a brand new work, Holy Trinity Church (Mission) in Fairfax, VA.

On a separate note, given the substantial negative press related to the abuse of children in churches, we are strongly advised to have on file criminal clearance checks for any individuals charged with the care of children in our churches. Criminal clearance forms are simple to fill out and can be obtained for a nominal fee. Samples are available from the chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

The Very Rev. Jon W. Abboud,
Chairman

The following gave brief updates of the ongoing work of evangelism in the Diocese:

The Rev. Dr. Robert Bowman, Holy Trinity Mission, Northern Virginia

The Rev. William G. Garrison, Jr. Pipersville, PA

The Rev. Eduardo Andrade, Brockton, MA

The Rev. Gregory P. Carr, Pasadena, MD

The Rev. Belgrave Pelle, Bronx, NY

The Rev. Karl M. Heckert, Harrisburg, PA

The Chairman called for a season of prayer for evangelism, missions, church growth, wisdom and vision. Prayer was called for healing for Jim Torre and Bill Kump. The Rev. R. Charles Gillin closed the season of prayer.

Greetings were received from the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., Diocese of Mid-America of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Gerhard Meyer, Germany. Council recessed at 5:20 pm.

SECOND DAY
November 7, 200
MORNING SESSION

The Second Day Morning Session began at 9:30 am with Morning Prayer. The Rt. Rev. Gregory K. Hotchkiss served as liturgist. The Rev. Dr. Robert W. Bowman preached. The offering in the amount of \$768 was designated to the Reformed Episcopal Seminary.

The Rev. Eduardo Andrade opened the Business Session with prayer at 11:00 am. It was moved and seconded that the reading of the previous day's Minutes be dispensed and properly recorded in the publication of the Minutes. The motion carried.

The following reports were filed with the secretary:

*The Report of the Committee on the State of the Diocese
The Report of the Secretary/Treasurer of the Looney-Hoffman Fund
The Report of the Committee for the Bassinger Home Fund
The Report of the Committee on Public Relations
The Report of the Official Auditor
The Report of the Committee for Mustard Seed Farm
The Report on the Committee for Spiritual Growth and Nurture
The Report of the Committee on Minister's Salaries (not required in 2003)
The Report of the Committee on A History of the Diocese
The Report of the Committee for Ministry to Men
The Foreign Missions Banquet*

The Report on the Committee on Membership Retention recommended the Committee not be reappointed. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Report of the Committee on Short Term Missions was enhanced verbally by Sue Higham.

There was no Report on the Committee on Women's Work.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE DIOCESE
 2002 STATISTICAL REPORT
ACTIVE COMMUNICANT MEMBERS**

Parish	A C C E S S I O N S				L O S S E S			Current Memb.
	Prev. Memb.	Confir- mation	Let- ter	Suff'nt Evid'ce	Let- ter	Moved to IA St'us	Death	
First	121	2	0	0	0	0	2	121
St. Paul's	96	1	2	0	0	0	3	96
Atonement	92	0	0	0	0	17	0	75
Bishop Cummins	401	8	5	2	5	0	2	409
Emmanuel, Balt.	38	0	1	1	0	0	1	39
Grace, Scranton	125	2	4	0	0	0	1	130
Christ Memorial		No Report	Rec'd					
St. Luke's, NJ	32	2	1	1	0	9	2	25
St. Luke/Bishop Hoff.	61	0	0	1	3	0	0	56
Grace, Collingdale	72	1	0	0	0	0	3	70
St. John's..Sea	46	4	0	2	1	1	0	50
Grace, Havre-de-Grace								43
St. Matthew's/St. Luke	68	2	5	0	4	0	0	71
St. Mark's/Mem. Rdmr.	48	5	0	0	0	0	2	51
Emmanuel, NJ	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	79
Faith	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Harvey Wagner	13	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
St. Philip's	44	0	0	4	0	11	0	36
Messiah	24	0	0	4	0	0	2	26
Redeemer	81	13	0	0	0	0	1	93
Emmanuel, 4 Brooks	27	4	0	0	0	0	0	31
Covenant Chapel	42	3	0	0	2	0	0	43
Providence Chapel	29	0	2	0	3	8	0	20
New Covenant, VA	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
St. Stephen's	159	10	12	0	7	12	0	162
Covenant, VA		No Report	Rec'd					
Redemption, PA	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
St. Michael's, H'bg	49	0	0	9	6	0	0	52
Prince of Peace	6	Closed						
Good Shepherd	46	0	0	3	0	3	0	46
St. Mary's, Bronx	169	15	0	10	0	0	1	193
St. David's	50	No Report	Rec'd				1	50
Trinity	24	0	0	0	0	0	1	23
Totals 2002	2417	72	32	36	31	61	23	2175
Totals 2001	2,261	62	44	58	33	145	30	2,268
Totals 2000	2,198	40	34	55	32	91	31	2,173
Totals 1999	2,011	64	44	72	37	193	23	1,938

2002 STATISTICAL REPORT, cont.

Parish	MINISTERIAL FUNCTIONS					AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS				
	Non-Com'u cants	Fami-lies	Bapt-isms	Mar'ages	Bur-ials	SunScl Enrol.	Youth Fel'sp	Women Fel'sp	Men Fel.	VBS
First Church	22	65	0	0	0	31	22	15	0	0
St. Paul's	20	59	5	1	3	21	44	20	0	0
Atonement	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	10	55
Bishop Cummins	29	211	9	4	11	321	82	41	11	30
Emmanuel, Balt.	1	16	4	2	4	0	33	0	0	0
Grace, Scranton	2	40	0	0	1	25	0	37	0	0
Christ Memorial	No Report Rec'd									
St. Luke's, NJ	6	13	2	0	3	16	0	6	0	58
St. Luke/Bishop Hof.	4	20	0	0	2	18	0	18	0	40
Grace, Collingdale	0	44	1	0	4	0	0	5	0	0
St. John's by-the-Sea	36	24	1	1	1	69	16	7	0	74
Grace, Havre-de-Grace	0	30	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
St. Matthew's/St. Luke's	10	32	1	1	4	35	57	10	0	59
St. Mark's/Mem. Rdmr.	2	34	2	1	2	31	21	10	6	71
Emmanuel, NJ	30	51	0	0	0	33	13	6	0	0
Faith	5	15	4	2	4	0	33	0	0	0
Harvey Wagner	7	10	0	0	2					
St. Philip's	7	23	2	1	0	11	13	16	2	21
Messiah	7	16	0	0	2	21	13	12	8	44
Redeemer	10	16	0	2	1	38	0	0	0	0
Emmanuel, 4 Brooks	10	16	0	0	2	0	15	0	0	36
Covenant Chapel	14	21	1	0	0	50	9	10	6	0
Providence Chapel	8	13	1	1	4	17	0	7	0	0
New Covenant, VA	7	13	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	0
St. Stephen's	29	76	7	1	1	118	40	14	9	85
Covenant, VA	No Report Rec'd									
Redemption, PA	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
St. Michael's, H'bg	0	22	0	0	5	0	0	10	8	0
Prince of Peace	Closed									
Good Shepherd	5	27	0	2	0	22	0	11	17	0
St. Mary's, Bronx	50	80	14	2	1	54	22	19	17	0
St. David's	No Report Rec'd									
Trinity	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals 2002	321	996	55	21	59	615	433	279	100	573
Totals 2001	358	969	71	28	63	636	307	286	123	777
Totals 2000	533	991	70	32	82	791	472	285	94	769
Totals 1999	391	942	64	29	58	705	461	264	80	715

RECEIPTS--JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2002

Parish	General Fund	Building Fund	Designated Gifts/Income	Savings/Port. Income	Total Receipts	Per Capita Giving
First Church	\$97,500	\$265,491	\$0	\$3,247	\$374,053	\$381
St. Paul's	156,183	0	0	0	156,183	1,562
Atonement	99,000	0	0	0	99,000	636
Bishop Cummins	No Report Rec'd	146,378	105,478	79,751	747,962	1,213
Emmanuel, Balt.	41,966	0	0	14	41,980	951
Grace, Scranton	62,899	26,179	3,332	0	92,410	664
Christ Memorial	No Report Rec'd					
St. Luke's, NJ	83,635	0	17,065	132,119	232,819	1,516
St. Luke's/Bishop Hoff.	33,344	0	11,207	2,209	46,760	772
Grace, Collingdale	48,571	940	9,829	0	59,340	649
St. John's...Sea	60,433	4,160	8,654	0	73,247	1,366
Grace, Havre-de-Grace	61,698	0	1,829	0	63,527	1,130
St. Matthew's/St. Luke's	121,239	320	24,180	2,400	148,139	1,950
St. Mark's/Mem. Rdmr.	72,951	0	18,717	217,781	309,449	1,603
Emmanuel, NJ	92,611	1,298	12,288	226	106,423	1,189
Faith	42,008	2,420	572	320	45,320	1,038
Harvey Wagner	9614	0	0	81	9,695	810
St. Philip's	No Report Rec'd					
Messiah	36,566	10,100	2,729	0	49,395	1,467
Redeemer	75,510	0	3,585	0	79,095	850
Emmanuel, 4 Brooks	67,631	238	3,914	5,931	77,714	1,426
Covenant Chapel	104,098	0	14,935	0	119,033	2,398
Providence Chapel	51,386	0	0	14,732	66,118	1,787
New Covenant, VA	23,909	0	1,648	0	25,557	937
St. Stephen's	182,164	9,030	2,419	2,450	196,063	1,195
Covenant, VA	No Report Rec'd					
Redemption, PA	25,667	0	0	0	25,677	1,693
St. Michael's, H'burg	49,997	13,200	1,148	960	65,309	
Prince of Peace	Closed					
Good Shepherd	126,607	0	10,196	0	136,803	2,150
St. Mary's, Bronx	78,597	7,736	12,909	0	99,242	514
St. David's						
Trinity	<u>29,320</u>	<u>5,454</u>	<u>1,214</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>40,988</u>	<u>1,782</u>
Totals 2002	\$1,934,490	\$490,524	\$267,276	\$458,207	\$3,587,301	\$1,019
Totals 2001	\$2,176,313	\$355,825	\$285,731	\$1,052,732	\$3,870,601	
Totals 2000	1,656,542	340,386	199,154	233,523	2,429,605	
Totals 1999	1,762,381	353,741	378,218	53,756	2,548,096	

DISBURSEMENTS/EXPENSES--JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2002

FROM GENERAL FUND

Parish	Personnel/ Benefits	Local/Min. Expense	Diocesan App/Tit.	Cap'l Impv't	RE Mission	Non RE Mission	Trans- fers	Other	Building
First Church	95,463	2,850	5,082	0	240	0	0	120,751	113,891
St. Paul's	83,192	39,566	13,343	0	14,675	1,025	0	19,825	0
Atonement	61,638	29,100	4,522	18,300	2,140	0	0	0	0
Bishop Cummins	No Report Rec'd								
Emmanuel, Balt.	34,384	12,450	0	0	0	0	0	0	456
Grace, Scranton	70,106	16,154	6,290	0	50	0	0	0	24,521
Christ Memorial	No Report Rec'd								
St. Luke's, NJ	63,023	28,644	3,740	29,171	0	0	0	0	0
St. Luke's/Bishop Hoff.	22,618	14,146	3,873	237	115	0	0	0	0
Grace, Collingdale	26,242	17,964	4,059	0	891	0	0	0	1,230
St. John's by-the-Sea	30,037	23,376	2,958	0	0	0	1,010	0	6,903
Grace, H.-de-Grace	39,365	18,023	0	0	1,100	0	0	7,215	0
St. Matthew's/St. Luke's	78,248	22,306	12,213	0	12,600	0	0	1,808	25,480
St. Mark's/Mem. Rdmr.	83,405	37,307	5,608	509	802	0	0	1,051	0
Emmanuel, NJ	38,993	28,402	8,733	0	0	0	0	0	2,600
Faith	24,294	6,402	3,342	0	750	0	0	0	8,875
Harvey Wagner	2,385	2,878	840	1600	0	0	0	0	0
St. Philip's	No Report Rec'd								
Messiah	15,187	7,205	1,475	10,055	1,043	1,217	0	0	6,500
Redeemer	26,800	0	8,202	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emmanuel, 4 Brooks	45,215	19,405	3,942	0	540	0	0	0	111
Covenant Chapel	65,771	29,660	9,580	0	0	0	0	0	0
Providence Chapel	26,532	25,022	627	0	75	0	0	80	0
New Covenant, VA	16,036	6,830	3,046	2,427	0	0	0	2,860	0
St. Stephen's	74,098	61,409	13,121	0	12,082	3,180	0	8,116	0
Covenant, VA	No Report Rec'd								
Redemption, PA	7,750	3,901	0	0	8,500	15	0	0	6,600
St. Michael's, PA	18,212	20,212	2,130	2,403	498	205	0	2,272	4,039
Prince of Peace	Closed								
Good Shepherd	69,168	30,314	6,048	0	100	0	0	14,734	5,000
St. Mary's, Bronx	52,750	11,000	5,179	10,349	2,600	2,500	0	15,000	3,000
St. David's	No Report Rec'd								
Trinity, Newark	19,307	7,722	1,330	0	0	2,250	0	0	0
Totals 2002	\$1,190,219	\$519,370	\$129,282	\$75,051	\$58,801	\$10,392	\$1010	191,904	\$209,206
Totals 2001	1,512,293	932,301	175,027	68,521	202,444	24,083	0	81,889	2,996,557
Totals 2000	1,046,707	524,519	122,946	11,534	53,362	16,120	400	74,806	1,850,394
Totals 1999	1,098,344	635,868	131,981	22,648	40,999	31,910	200	151,907	2,113,857

DISBURSEMENTS/EXPENSES

JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2002

BUILDING FUND EXPENSES

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Desig,</u>	<u>Total Gen</u>	<u>Plus/Minus</u>
First Church	76,124	414,404	40,350
St. Paul's	0	171,616	-1,701
Atonement	4,955	120,655	-16,700
Bishop Cummins Emmanuel, Balt.	0	47,290	-5,310
Grace, Scranton	3,632	120,752	28,342
Christ Memorial			
St. Luke's, NJ	5,303	129,881	102,938
St. Luke's/Bishop Hoff.	7,253	48,282	-1,482
Grace, Collingdale	9,940	60,426	-1,086
St. John's by-the-Sea	7,893	72,177	-1,070
Grace, Havre-de-Grace	0	65,553	-2,076
St. Matthew's/St. Luke's	25,480	152,655	-4,516
St. Mark's/Mem. Rdmr.	17,658	146,340	163,109
Emmanuel, NJ	10,967	89,695	16,728
Faith	157	49,820	1,500
Harvey Wagner	2398	10,372	-677
St. Philip's			
Messiah	579	43,261	-6,134
Redeemer	0	35,002	44,093
Emmanuel, 4 Brooks	2,820	72,033	5,681
Covenant Chapel	13,063	118,074	959
Providence Chapel	0	56,729	9,389
New Covenant, VA	1,677	32,876	-7,319
St. Stephen's	0	172,006	-24,057
Covenant, VA			
Redemption, PA	0	26,766	-1089
St. Michael's	400	50,372	14,933
Prince of Peace			
Good Shepherd	4915	130,279	6,524
St. Mary's, Bronx	3,600	105,978	6,736
St. David's			
Trinity, Newark	0	30,609	10,379
Totals 2002	\$198,814	\$2,573,903	\$524,878
Totals 2001	255,103	2,291,604	138,001
Totals 2000	220,085	2,775,454	(227,358)
Totals 1999	232,454	127,427	(172,830)

REPORT OF THE LOONEY-HOFFMAN FUND

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

Dear Brethren:

Pursuant to the direction of the will of Bishop Herman S. Hoffman that the Board of Trustees of the Looney-Hoffman Fund "shall report their acts and proceedings and expenditures of funds to the New York and Philadelphia Synod," the following report is submitted for the Fund's fiscal year, June 1, 2002, to May 31, 2003:

The Board held four regular meetings during the year, on June 10, September 23, December 2, 2002, and March 17, 2002.

The Trustees of the Fund are:

The Very Rev. Jon W. Abboud, Asst. Secretary-Treasurer
The Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Headman
The Rev. Robert N. McIntyre
Mr. Theodore E. Nichols
Mr. Ronald C. Reese
Mr. E. Earl Shisler, Jr., Vice-President
Richard W. Stevens, Esq., Secretary-Treasurer
The Rev. Richard W. Workowski, President

The election of Karen Baird in June 2003 returned the Board to its full strength.

The principle purpose of the Looney-Hoffman Fund is to make appropriations from accumulated income in the form of nominal interest loans for the establishment and expansion of Reformed Episcopal churches in Pennsylvania. Those "church loans," which must be secured by first mortgages on real estate, under present Board policy may be for as much as \$200,000. The total of those church loans outstanding at May 31, 2003, was \$1,137,280.20. Funds are available for new appropriations, and the Board invites inquiries from Pennsylvania churches.

The Fund manages its principal and accumulated income in a variety of investments. At year end \$1,115,036.01 of that was in interest-bearing loans to Reformed Episcopal Churches which either do not qualify for interest-free loans or needed funds beyond the \$200,000 appropriation limit. The rest (\$1,450,852.68) is invested conventionally, in mortgages, mutual funds, and bank deposits.

During the year an additional \$18,500 church loan was made to St. Philip's Reformed Episcopal Church. Emmanuel Church, Four Brooks, voluntarily repaid \$130 of its church loan. The Diocese, from proceeds of the sale of the church property at 18th and Barbara Streets, Philadelphia, repaid \$6,000 of the Church of the Reconciliation church loan.

Pursuant to Bishop Hoffman's will, the Fund paid \$600 to the Board of Foreign Missions for the work at Lalitpur, India, and \$100 to the Diocese to cover the cost of printing its report in the **Minutes** of Council.

A summary of the financial report of the Looney-Hoffman Fund for its fiscal year June 1, 2002, to May 31, 2003, is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard W. Stevens, Secretary-Treasurer

The Board of Trustees of the Looney-Hoffman Fund
Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2003

Balance Sheet

	<u>Assets</u>
Mutual Funds (Schedule 1)	\$ 603,813.58
Commercial Mortgages (Schedule 2)	1,662,405.15
Church Mortgages (Schedule 3)	17.00
PNC Bank, Checking account	75,208.70
PNC Bank, Money Market account	<u>224,444.26</u>
	<u>\$2,565,888.69</u>
	<u>Funds</u>
Looney-Hoffman Fund Principal	\$ 920,974.32
Nisky Hill Cemetery Fund Principal	1,200.00
Looney-Hoffman Fund Income	1,643,659.81
Nisky Hill Cemetery Fund Income	<u>54.56</u>
	<u>\$2,565,888.69</u>

The Board of Trustees of the Looney-Hoffman Fund
Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2003

SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Balance June 1, 2002	\$919,396.70
Capital gain distribution	
from Stratton Growth Fund	2,662.19
from Vanguard Fixed Income, GNMA Portfolio	<u>115.43</u>
Balance May 31, 2003	<u>922,174.32</u>

Composed of:

Principal Fund	920,974.32	
Nisky Hill Cemetery Fund	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>\$922,174.32</u>

SUMMARY OF INCOME RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Balance June 1, 2002

Income Fund	\$1,542,289.56	
Nisky Hill Cemetery Fund	<u>54.48</u>	\$1,542,344.04

Plus:

Excess of receipts over expenses 112,521.33

Principal payment received from Emmanuel R. E.
Church, Four Brooks, Church Mortgage "Q" 130.00

Principal payment received from Reformed Episcopal Church
of the Reconciliation, Church Mortgage "H" 6,000.00

Principal payment received from Grace Reformed Episcopal
Church, Church Mortgage "U" 1,218.00

Less:

Disbursement to St. Philip's Reformed Episcopal Church
On account of Church Mortgage "FF" (18,499.00)

Balance May 31, 2003 \$1,643,714.37

Composed of:

Income Fund	1,643,659.81	
Nisky Hill Cemetery Fund	<u>54.56</u>	<u>\$1,643,714.37</u>

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE BASSINGER HOME FUND

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

Dear Brethren:

Article VIII (3) of the **Constitution and Canons** of the New York and Philadelphia Synod of the Reformed Episcopal Church defines the work of this Committee as follows: *A Committee on the Bassinger Home Fund for Aged and Disabled Clergymen, consisting of five members, which shall foster the interests of the clergy of this Synod against the needs brought on by infirmity, age, and death. They shall study the needs and recommend appropriations from funds designated for this purpose. To this Committee may be referred all matters pertaining to the protection of our clergy by means of insurance or annuity, or both. They shall have the power to promote such plans as the Council of the Synod may direct.*

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

The Committee continues to express its thanks to those who contribute to the Fund and support us with your prayers. Our Lord, time and again, has honored your faithfulness by allowing us to meet the needs of those who serve our church. Once again, by the grace of our God, we were not called upon to answer any specific crisis. We are thankful for our Lord's care and remain willing to assist when needed.

The Bassinger Home Fund administrates the following:

A. ***A Hospitalization and Major Medical Plan:*** During the past year, the membership in the plan dropped to one individual. That individual, a foreign missionary, had been carried by the Bassinger Hill Home Fund as a courtesy to the Board of Foreign Missions. Inasmuch as there were no longer any members of the diocesan clergy enrolled in the plan, the plan was turned over to the Board of Foreign Missions.

B. ***A Group Disability and Life Insurance Plan:*** Currently the Committee administrates a group disability plan for our clergymen. The current plan with Minnesota Mutual covers our full-time clergy for a benefit of \$500 a month with a 90-day waiting period until age 65. There is an associated death benefit of \$5,000 if the insured dies before age 65. In October of 2002 the Board of Pensions and Relief voted to investigate improved disability coverage for all our clergy. We have investigated alternative plans and have not discovered any as cost effective as the one we now have in place. We continue to make inquiries in an effort to improve our coverage. Please note, the current benefit is in no way adequate to meet the financial needs of our disabled clergy, especially those who have opted out of Social Security. Further, as indicated in my last report, a number of our men have not enrolled in the program. Our own history has clearly demonstrated minimum levels of disability protection necessary for our full-time clergymen. As a result, the Committee has established certain policies and repeats its suggestions to our clergy for coverage. They are as follows:

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

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

The clergyman has opted out of Social Security and in addition to membership in the Synodical Group plan, has not purchased private disability insurance in benefit amounts of no less than \$1,100 a month with a rider adjusting the benefit for inflation, and a benefit period of "for life." *This*

minimum figure is necessary to replace Social Security and Medicare benefits that are lost to the clergy by filing of Form 4361.

The clergyman is still in Social Security but has not joined the group plan and has not purchased individual disability insurance, unless unqualified for health reasons.

The 110th Synodical Council made participation in the Synodical Disability Program **mandatory for every church employing a full-time minister and that the churches are required to** pay the premium for said group life/disability insurance for their pastors. **The Group Disability/Life program is very reasonable.** Our own history has demonstrated these actions are absolutely necessary if the Fund is to maintain the strength necessary to meet the needs for which it has been established.

C. ***A Retirement Plan:*** The Retirement Plan for our clergy is administered by the General Council Board of Pensions and Relief. This pension program requires churches to make contributions on behalf of their pastors amounting to 10% of the total of the pastor's base salary (less all benefits), his housing allowance and/or fair rental value of the Rectory, and the Rectory utilities. **Please note, the pension contribution for 2003 with supporting forms are due no later than January 15, 2004.**

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

We, once again, encourage the delegates of this Council to advise their parishes regarding the Fund and its work. We encourage you to assure that the needs of your pastor and his family are cared for in good health, in disability, in retirement, and in death. And, we encourage you and your parishes to support the relief work of the Fund by making regular contributions to the Bassinger Home Fund.

Thank you for your faithfulness and support.

Respectfully submitted,

The Ven. Jon W. Abboud, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

While the Committee on Public Relations held no formal meetings during the year, progress was made by means of emails and phone calls. We have one item which we feel is noteworthy.

Sometime during the next twelve months a printed Diocesan Newsletter will begin publication under the editorship of Rev. Karl Heckert, rector of St. Michael's REC, Enola, PA. Anyone who would like to offer suggestions or ideas for this newsletter is encouraged to contact Karl directly at FatherKarl@aol.com.

It is important for everyone to understand that this kind of publication can only succeed and be meaningful if each parish provides information about its activities to the editor and shares the newsletter with all the members of its church family.

Mr. James Kester presented the Report of the Official Auditor.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL AUDITOR

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Trustees
Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church
Blue Bell, PA

I have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church as of June 30, 2000, and June 30, 2001 and related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion of these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. 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 principals used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church as of June 30, 2000 and 2001 and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principals.

(Signed) Irby Johnson & Company

Dated August 19, 2003

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MUSTARD SEED FARM CAMP

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

Dear Brethren:

Our camping program for this past season was held at Kutztown University, August 3 through 7. Due to a number of problems at Milford Bible Conference, we sought a new location that would be able to meet the various needs of our campers. The University setting was not ideal, and much walking was required, making it close to impossible for many campers to attend the activities spread over the area. Parking was also a problem, as the large lot to which we were assigned was cordoned off within several hours of our arrival—for the purpose of tarring and repairing potholes. That remained off-limits for our entire stay, and only with the utmost difficulty were we permitted

to park in any other area. Many received parking tickets, and despite letters to the administration (every person fined had to submit a personal letter), there was no redress. The rooms were without air-conditioning, and many had to not only climb to the 3rd and 4th floors, but then had to also sleep out the August nights with no relief from the heat. We continue to search for a camp that will be able to accommodate our special needs children and adults.

This year, for the first time in many years, we were able to offer a camp for not only children, directed by A. A. David Hamarich, but also a camp for adults, directed by Barbara West.

The week involved (every day) Bible lessons, crafts, recreation, swimming, organized sports, and a nature program. We also were involved in camping in tents (for more able campers)----although this also became a problem, for while one group told us camping was permitted, a second university group demanded we fold up our tents or face campus consequences. Tents were then set up inside a building (this was permitted), but the heat was stifling.

Nurses were Fran Ippoliti, Marilyn Fisher and Christopher Sharpe. The hundreds of medications dispensed many times every day have required us to computerize our "meds department," and we are grateful to the Lord for providing professional, conscientious, caring Christian medical personnel. Our staff of 72 included clergy, special needs professionals, physical therapists, college and high school counselors and junior counselors. We had 48 campers. Not knowing where we were going to have camp hampered our ability to advertise, as we had no knowledge or assurance of accommodations available to us.

Despite the ups and downs, the campers had a wonderful time and are geared up again for next summer. The Lord continues to bless the ministry and outreach, and we solicit your alms and prayers. Also, please remember that "Mustard Seed Sunday" is the first Sunday in February, and we ask that on that Sunday especially, special prayers be addressed and the alms be designated for this diocesan special needs camp. Soli deo gloria!

Respectfully submitted

The Rev. Richard Workowski,
MSFC Clergy Representative

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND NURTURE

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

Dear Brethren:

The primary function of our committee in this past year was, as in years past, to sponsor a retreat for pastors, their wives and other Reformed Episcopalians involved in the ministry of our church. The retreat was held at the Eden Best Western Resort in Lancaster, PA.

This past year's speaker was the Re. Dr. Donald S. Stone, pastor of Lehigh Valley Presbyterian Church on Allentown, PA. The title of the retreat was "Taking Time to Talk" and focused on the

important role of prayer in the life of the family, the parish and the individual. Those who participated drew a greater appreciation for the life of prayer and the blessings of our own Prayer Book tradition—this from a Presbyterian!

We have begun making plans for this year's retreat. The dates of the retreat are January 29 -31, 2004. We will be meeting again at the Eden Resort in Lancaster, PA.

This year speaker will be the Rev. Peter Breckwoldt, an evangelical pastor in the Church of England. Peter is vicar at Moulton parish church in Northamptonshire, England. He has a burden for the health of Christ's church and has been blessed to see his own parish grow. He has a link with the REC through the Komline family, who worshiped at his parish while they lived in England for two years.

This will not be a church growth seminar or a time of learning how to write church mission statements. Rather, Peter would like to present to us a few pastoral, church principals he has learned from scripture in hopes that they may be beneficial to all of us as we seek to serve the Lord through his church.

In a time when the Anglican world is in a state of flux, and evangelicals from different branches of the Anglican Church are beginning to dialogue and work with one another for the health of the evangelical Anglican Church, we encourage you to participate in the retreat as we learn together from a like-minded Christian brother from England.

Thanks again go especially to Bill and Kim Jenkins and David Hicks for their many efforts on behalf of the Committee and its work.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Gregory J. Miller, Chairman

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS' SALARIES

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

Dear Brethren:

This Committee is scheduled to report every three years; however, the Committee submitted a Report and recommendations to the 121st Council. We recommend that churches seeking guidelines for pastoral salary support take that report and adjust the numbers for inflation (approximately 2.5% for 2003). We further recommend the Report to the 121st Council be reviewed by the vestries of our parishes for guidelines for other services such as pulpit supply and interim pastors.

The Committee recommends the publications of:

Christian Ministry Resources
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Among other things, Christian Ministry Resources publishes two regular newsletters, Church Law and Tax Report, a review of legal and tax developments affecting ministers and churches; and Church Treasurer Alert! a review of accounting, financial, and tax developments affecting churches and clergy. Every one of our churches should subscribe to one or both of these publications. Christian Ministry Resources also publishes an annual survey of church salaries and benefit packages.

Vestries are reminded they must record their pastors' 2004 rectory allowance in the *Minutes* prior to the first payroll of 2004. We also continue to recommend that every parish adopt an accountable plan of reimbursement for ministry expenses.

Churches employing a new pastor are reminded to contact the diocesan office to record change of name and address for clergy as well as to obtain the appropriate enrollment forms for the diocesan disability plan and the denominational pension program.

Respectfully submitted,

The Ven. Jon W. Abboud, Chairman

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE HISTORY OF THE DIOCESE

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

Dear Brethren:

In the past year the Committee on the History of the Diocese has continued to process and file materials already in the Archives' possession and to receive new materials gathered from the Diocese, Reformed Episcopal Seminary and parishes.

We would like to express our deep appreciation to Mrs. Virginia S. Beattie of St. Matthew's Church (Havertown, PA) for her many years of sorting and filing archival materials. Mrs. Beattie's work with the archives began when most of the materials, including those from the earliest years of our Church, were stashed in cardboard boxes. The sorting required meticulous reading of hundreds of handwritten letters and other documents, and seemingly endless decisions regarding what should be kept. With the purchase of fire-proof storage cabinets in 2001, the Committee on the History of the Diocese achieved a long-awaited goal—a goal realized in part by Mrs. Beattie's voluntary service. Mrs. Beattie retires this month to Stone Harbor, New Jersey.

The committee continues to welcome contributions from parishes and clergy: photographs (labeled, please), news clippings, bulletins from special services, parish histories. Anyone interested in browsing through the archives may contact me at (610-292-9852).

Respectfully submitted,

Danae L. Smith (Mrs.), Chairperson

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY TO MEN

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

Dear Brethren:

The purpose of the Committee's work is summarized in its mission statement here:

The Committee provides means intended to enhance the spiritual and intellectual comprehension of Christian men, which can better enable them to carry out the various headship roles assigned by God to males among His Chosen People.

Currently, the means chosen to carry out this mission is a series of essays on broad topical subjects, concentrating now on the male's role in the family. In addition, Scriptural perspective on significant current events remains an ever-present candidate for an essay. The length of each essay is nominally 1,500 words.

Since the date of the last Council, this Committee has distributed thirteen (13) essays to various constituencies which are represented by a breakdown of the subscription list. There are currently 28 subscribers, the list having grown by five since the last Council. There have been no cancellations. (A subscription is defined as an explicit request to receive Committee products on a continuing basis.)

The titles and dates of the thirteen new releases are:

- (26) Memories (12/02/02)
- (27) Content to Live and Willing to Die (12/17/02)
- (28) Never in a Small Way (01/07/03)
- (29) The Church in the World (01/21/03)
- (30) Against Certain Prejudices—Part 3: The Science in the first four days (02/04/03)
- (31) High Ground or Quagmire (02/22/03)
- (32) The Fish Woman's Company (03/25/03)
- (33) The Spirit (04/14/03)
- (34) Dayenu (04/29/03)
- (35) Philip and You (06/03/03)
- (36) Be Still, God May be Speaking (07/09/03)
- (37) God and Tommy Atkins (08/28/03)
- (38) Consider Job (10/??/03)

For the Committee,

The Rev. Dr. Robert W. Blum, Chairman

**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
MEMBERSHIP RETENTION AND DEVELOPMENT**

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

Dear Brethren:

The Committee did not meet formally during the past diocesan year. Please refer to the minutes on the Proceedings of the 121st Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic for our complete report submitted to that Council.

We thank the various committees, parishes and members of our Diocese for taking seriously the issues of membership retention and working toward implementing our suggestions and more importantly living them out as a Church. The work of membership retention and the spiritual development and nurture of our young people is not something that can be accomplished by one committee, parents or individual parishes. We must all work together as a Diocese and support one another as we work to grow the Body of Christ and our beloved denomination. Thank you all for carrying out the work of this Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this committee not be reappointed, but that we continue to work on the issues raised by the committee as a Diocese, on the parish level and individually.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Jonathan S. Riches, Chairman

Bishop Riches announced copies of the Reformed Episcopal Church Bishop's response to the ECU^{SA} are available upon request.

The Rev. Jonathan S. Riches moved the Council's sermons and Bishop Riches' exhortation be disseminated throughout the Diocese as well as printed in the Minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

Thomas Jennings announced progress on the Diocesan website.

The Rev. Belgrave Pelle moved the chairman recommend to the Special Committee on Ministry to Men that a spiritual enrichment program be implemented. The motion was seconded and carried.

*It was moved and seconded that the Council authorize the printing of a sufficient number of **Minutes** for distribution and expenses related to the printing as well as all other expenses incurred for the conduct of this Council be covered by the Treasurer. The motion carried.*

Invitations were heard from the following for hosting diocesan council:

- 2004 Emmanuel, Pipersville, PA*
- 2005 Providence Chapel, Mt. Laurel, NJ*
- 2006 St. Mark's, Jenkintown, PA*
- 2007 First Church, New York, NY*

It was moved and seconded to accept the invitations. The motion carried.

Mr. Gordon Tiner, from Emmanuel, Somerville, NJ was recognized to present a response to the Standing Committee's Report (see page 16, Addendum).

The Rev. Paul C. Schenk was recognized to request a resolution of encouragement be drafted to Fr. Steven Randall, Rector of Emmaus Anglican Church due to difficulties with ECUSA. The REC commends Emmaus for their stand for the gospel and will pray for guidance as they seek God's Will. The motion was moved, seconded and carried. (see page 17, Addendum).

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR SHORT TERM MISSIONS

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

Dear Brethren:

The Committee did not meet this year: I believe its members still suffered from the discouragement due to the lack of response last year. The Committee Chairperson has also moved during this past year.

I am writing this report to offer encouragement that the Committee be continued (under new leadership and with new members). As a father, my family has been greatly blessed as I watched my children grow in their faith and their service to Christ following their participation in short term mission trips. As a pastor, I watched my church open itself to the needs of short term mission teams through prayer and provision - financial and practical. Short term missions is a great opportunity for our young people, our churches and our missionaries.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Richard K. Walters

Bishop Riches moved all Special Committees be continued, with the exception of the Committee on Retention, as previously recommended. The motion was seconded and carried.

*Unfinished Business was called for. Upon no response, Bishop Riches handed out the **APPOINTED COMMITTEES–NON-ELECTIVE**.*

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 12:05 p.m. The motion carried.

Bishop Riches pronounced the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie C. Abboud (Mrs.), Secretary

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CORRECTIONS TO THE 2002 MINUTES

Omitted the Report of the board of Examining Chaplains, which may be found on page 48.

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS IN STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT CONCERNING EMMANUEL, SOMERVILLE, NJ

As one of the delegates from Emmanuel, Somerville, NJ, I wanted to take a moment to address comments in the standing committee report concerning Emmanuel, Somerville, NJ. From the report one might conclude that our congregation intends to be at odds with diocesan policy. This is not the case. Since the chairperson of the search committee happens to be my wife, I have a bird's eye view of the process. On more than one occasion she has expressed disappointment with a perceived lack of interest at the diocesan level, but has sought to perform in accord with her understanding of diocesan policy. Apparently this understanding was deficient, but that was not made known to anyone at Emmanuel until yesterday. Obviously, from the record, direct communication did occur concerning a candidate and though unsuccessful, it was our perception that the lines of communication worked well. From conversation with Bishop Riches yesterday, our view was deficient and that regard as well. This is regrettable, but in no way intentional.

As a result with my conversations yesterday, I believe we have a better understanding of the expectations regarding communication, content and timeliness. We will certainly make every effort to improve and meet those expectations.

Respectfully submitted,
November 7, 2003

Gordon Tiner

**RESOLUTION TO THE REV. STEVEN R. RANDALL, RECTOR, ST. TIMOTHY'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

December 15, 2003

The Rev. Steven R. Randall
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Greetings in our Saviour's name,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

May we, as a diocese, take this opportunity to greet you in our Lord Jesus' name and encourage you for his sake as we labor together.

We are pleased Bishop Cummins Memorial Church has been able to assist you and your people in worship over the last few weeks. Without hesitation we are ready to assist God's people in their desire to honor Him.

May this Advent season enrich your understanding of ministry and direct you in your service for His glory.

*We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the
hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch
forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our
defense against all our enemies; through Jesus
Christ our LORD. Amen*

In Christ's name and service,

Bonnie C. Abboud (Mrs.)
Secretary, Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic

**A REFORMED EPISCOPAL RESPONSE TO ECUSA GENERAL CONVENTION
AUGUST 8, 2003**

The Reformed Episcopal Church disagrees with and is saddened over the Episcopal Church's confirmation of a divorced, practicing homosexual to the Episcopacy and their failure to condemn the blessing of same sex unions. At the 46th General Council of the REC (1990), the following state-

ment on sexuality was written based on the authority of the Holy Scripture and historic Christian beliefs and ethics:

A Resolution regarding Christian Sexual Ethics

RESOLVED, that we, the 46th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, reaffirm the biblical standard given for the well-being of society:

1. That sexual intercourse should take place only between a man and a woman who are married to each other.
2. That fornication, adultery, and homosexual acts are sinful in all circumstances.
3. That Christian leaders are called to be exemplary in all spheres of morality, including sexual morality, as a condition of being appointed or remaining in office.
4. That the Church is called upon to show Christ-like compassion to those who have fallen into sexual sin, encouraging them to repent and receive forgiveness, and offering the ministry of healing to all who suffer physically or emotionally as a result of such sin.

(Adopted by the 46th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, meeting at St. Mark's Reformed Episcopal Church, Jenkintown, PA, Wednesday, May 23, 1990.)

The Articles of Religion, doctrinally subscribed to by the Reformed Episcopal Church and most of the worldwide Anglican Communion, speak at two particular points on the Scriptural parameters of the Church and its councils. Article 20, "Of the Authority of the Church," states, "It is not lawful for the Church to ordain any thing that is contrary to God's Word written, neither may it expound one place of scripture that it be repugnant to another". Also Article 21, "Of the Authority of General Councils," adds, "Forasmuch as they be an assembly of men, whereof all be not governed by the Spirit and the Word of God, they may err, and sometimes have erred, even in things pertaining unto God... unless it may be declared that they be taken out of Holy Scripture." Extending the principles stated in Article 21, the error embraced at the Episcopal Church's recent convention, pertaining to matters of sexuality and the authority of Holy Scripture, should not be understood to be the expression of the will of the Holy Spirit and therefore moves that branch of Christ's Church away from the Historic Christian Faith.

Consequently, ECUSA's decisions will surely impair and impede substantive ecumenical dialogue with the Reformed Episcopal Church. These discussions have been recently chaired by the evangelical Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina, the Rt. Rev. Ed Salmon, along with the competent administration of Dr. Tom Ferguson of the Ecumenical Office of the Episcopal Church. The following resolution was the result of over sixty years of meetings and discussions between the Episcopal and the Reformed Episcopal Church:

Resolution 006 Ecumenism: Dialogue with the Reformed Episcopal Church

Resolved, That the General Convention receive with thanksgiving the start of ecumenical dialogue with the Reformed Episcopal Church (REC) and the Anglican Province of America (APA), occasioned by Resolution D047 of the 73rd General Convention. Be it further, Resolved, That the 1940 Report of the Committee on Approaches to Unity of the Episcopal Church and the Report submitted to the Bishops of the Anglican Communion by this Church concerning the validity of Holy Orders of the Reformed Episcopal Church be referred to the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations for study during the 2003-2006 triennium and that the Commission report back to the 2006 General Convention on the validity of Holy Orders of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Explanation:

The 1998 Lambeth Conference (Resolution IV.11) and the 73rd General Convention of the Episcopal Church (Resolution D039) have both requested that Anglicans initiate ecumeni-

cal dialogue with "a view to the reconciliation of all who own the Anglican tradition (Lambeth IV.11.b)." The recognition and reconciliation of ordained ministries is part of the Episcopal Church's commitment to seeking visible expression of unity and a means to foster common mission and witness in the world. The status of the Holy Orders of the Reformed Episcopal Church will be an important component in any ecumenical discussion with that church. This issue was first addressed in the 1940 Report of the Commission on Approaches to Unity. This commission produced a favorable assessment of the Holy Orders of the Reformed Episcopal Church. The Report was circulated to Bishops of the Anglican Communion in December of 1941. The Second World War precluded discussion of the report. Since no official action was ever taken by the General Convention, this resolution asks the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations to study and update, if necessary, the previous report.

In early October of this year, the Reformed Episcopal Church will have Bishops and General Committee meetings. A significant part of the agenda will concern the negative impact of the Episcopal Church's recent decisions regarding human sexuality on its relationship with the REC, as well as the REC's potential relationship with the larger Anglican Communion as expressed at the 1998 Lambeth meeting seeking, "A view to the recognition and reconciliation of all who own the Anglican tradition" (Lambeth IV.11.b). In the interim, the REC remains in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Christ in ECUSA that they will come to a better mind. We also most especially support and pray for the Bishops, Presbyters, Deacons and Laity in ECUSA who stand for the Historic Christian Faith, under the authority of Christ, who revealed His will and commands, by the Holy Spirit, in Holy Scripture.

We will continue to honor our developing relationship with the American Anglican Council, and our fellow participants of the U.S. Anglican Congress, from which the Atlanta Covenant was derived, by supporting "orthodox Anglicans" in any way that we can.

Respectfully,

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Diocesan Council Sermon #1

The Rev. Mark F.M. Clavier "Who Do You Say That I Am?"

Now, there is a question that echoes loudly down through the ages to our own times. "Who do you say that I am?" I like how Jesus put this in Luke's Gospel. If you recall, people are calling him the "recapitated" (if that's a word) John the Baptist. Others think that perhaps he is Elijah, the great prophet who went up to heaven in a fiery chariot and was prophesied to return before the coming of the Messiah. Others, less certain, believed simply that he must be, "Oh, one of the Prophets. Don't know which one. You pick."

Jesus could have turned to his Disciples and said something like, "They're all wrong. This is who I am," and then recited the second paragraph of the Nicene Creed. But he didn't. He asked them a question: "Who do you say that I am?" Notice how that is put. He doesn't ask them, "Who do you believe or think that I am?" but "Who do you SAY that I am?" Interesting. It's the language of proclamation. Keep that in mind.

So, here we have that question, remembered by the Gospel writers, to beckon to us through the ages. And, oh, how many answers we have given to that simple question. And, let's face it; we don't even start off terribly well.

St. Peter, dear, poor, old St. Peter. He proclaims, "Thou art the Christ." Not a bad start. In this simple title, so much is contained. You are the long awaited the King, the one that the prophets prophesied would come to defeat the pagan enemies of God, established the righteous kingdom of Israel, and heal the wounds of exile. In the words of the favorite Advent hymn:

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
Until the Son of God appear.

That sums up perfectly the expectation of Israel, a hope given voice by Peter. But, then he puts his foot in it! Having accepted Peter's messianic proclamation, Jesus says some unexpected things: "And he began to teach them, that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again." This shocks the Disciples. The Messiah is supposed to be a great and terrible King who conquers all his enemies. He is supposed to be the Jewish equivalent of King Arthur. He isn't supposed to die; he isn't supposed to be executed by his own people. And so Peter rebukes him. "Stop being so morbid! You're the Messiah. It'll be glorious." Or something along those lines.

And because of that reproach, Peter earns an even worse rebuke, "Get thee behind me, Satan; for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men." How that must have stung! One almost feels sorry for dear old St. Peter here. Why the harsh words?

Because Peter filled the right words with the wrong meanings. He rightly proclaimed Jesus to be the long-expected Messiah, but defined that word according to the traditions of men, not of God. To be fair to Peter, he would have been brought up, like any good first century Jew, on the prophecies of a warlike Messiah, another King David, who would raise a great army to defeat the Gentiles and crush them in battle. That was how everyone interpreted the old prophecies. And that great hope and expectation of a mighty warrior of God not only sustained a people oppressed by the Romans, but also fueled the fire of rebellion. The disastrous Jewish revolts of the 60s A.D. rested upon this belief. The utter defeat of the Jews, the sack of Jerusalem, and the destruction of the Temple would dash those dreams for two thousand years. That is the Messiah Peter was expecting. And he was dead wrong.

In a sense, Peter inaugurated a now venerable tradition of misunderstanding Jesus. He would be followed by Gnostics who denied Jesus' manhood, Arians who denied his divinity, wealthy Roman Christians who saw him as a divine patrician, ancient Germans who saw him as a sort of Viking warrior, medieval Christians who saw him as the good cop to the Father's bad cop, the radicals of the Reformation who really turned Jesus into little more than a literary character on down through the ages down to our own with those who portray him as a lost Buddhist, a political revolutionary, a cynic philosopher, a groovy hippy (man!) or (just this past Monday) the husband of Mary Magdalene. "Who do you say that I am?" seems to be about the hardest question ever asked.

To be fair, it really is an impossible question to answer. If you really think about it, it is not much better than asking, "How big is God?" If Jesus is the Son of God, very God of very God, and very man of very man, then He is beyond our capacity to define. When we call Him Lord, we are right. But He is infinitely more lordly than any human lord who has ever lived. When we call Him the Lamb of God, we are right. But he is infinitely more innocent than the most unblemished lamb ever sacrificed at the Temple. When we call Him anything true, we must remember that while we are right, He transcends our definition beyond all bounds of human reckoning. In comparison to the real thing, our words are as shadows. The ancient mystics were probably right: before such an awesome mystery we should remain silent. I have to admit, I've met a number of people who talk or write about Jesus for whom this would be excellent advice!

On the other hand, we can also be dead wrong about His identity. We, gathered together this morning, may lament the wrong-headedness of such people as Bishop Spong or the members of the Jesus Seminar, who deny Jesus' divinity altogether. But we must be on guard against conservative errors as well. We may talk of a "personal Savior," but if He is no more than that, then we blaspheme as seriously as does the retired Bishop of Newark. We also may so play up Jesus' divinity that we utterly neglect or reject His humanity. That is an ancient heresy. We may make Jesus simply the ruler of our interior lives, as does that favorite Advent hymn which speaks of Christ reign as:

Born to reign IN us for ever...

Reign in us, not over us as well? When we do this, we reduce the King of all Creation, the fountain of all worldly authority, to some interior, safe, and inner worldly figure. That is not Jesus. Chesterton once said of Quakerism: "If Jones worships the Jones in himself, soon Jones will worship Jones." I'd say, similarly, if all we do is worship the Jesus within us, pretty soon we worship ourselves.

Indeed, we must be careful that the Jesus we love, the Jesus we worship, the Jesus we proclaim is the true Jesus and not merely the Son of God recast in our own image, according to our own desires and beliefs. We must be careful that we don't create in our mind's eye a familiar and safe Jesus to worship. That is probably about the worse form of idolatry because it is an idol dressed up to look like our Lord. Beware of that! We must worship the true Jesus, and not simply our own interpretation of Him.

One of the best things for us to admit is that we can't answer Jesus' question because we don't really know Him. As Archbishop Rowan Williams says in his excellent collection of sermons, *A Ray of Darkness*:

"I shall never know him. There is always more than I can say or think, and when I believe I have understood him, he will turn and look out of such silence that I'll know I have still known nothing."

In short, we may proclaim all the right truths revealed to us about Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and we still will not have scratched the surface of his identity. He is infinitely beyond our comprehension. We simply cannot know Jesus; but (and this is important) He can know us.

The unknowability of Jesus is the reason why, I think, we are so tempted to try to cage and tame Him. We want to be comforted by our Lord, not challenged by Him. And I really think, at times, we want this to be the comfort of a pet rather than the comfort of a God. We want a Jesus whom we can control, beckon when we want to play, summon when we need protection, and even sick on others with whom we don't agree. Perhaps that is why C.S. Lewis, in his wonderful *Chronicles of Narnia*, portrayed Jesus as the Lion, Aslan. Mr. Beaver's warning that Aslan is not a tame lion, a safe lion, is one we would do well to remember.

"Who do you say that I am?" Like it or not, answerable or not, the question is there for us. The King has asked us a question, and we must respond. What is your response? Who is this Christ whom you worship? In the way that you live your life, in your actions and in your prayers, who do you say that Jesus is? How do you proclaim him? That is a good question for you all to contemplate as you gather as a Diocese to do the work of the Church.

Fortunately, Jesus doesn't leave us hanging. He tells us explicitly how we are to proclaim his holy Name:

"Let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it."

That is the answer to the question. If you want to proclaim the true identity of our Lord and King, then do so by denying yourself, taking up your cross, and following him. It is in the holy life lived rather than in the cheap words uttered that the answer to our Lord's question is to be found. Perhaps that is why we are so much better at fighting over words than ministering through self-denial and loving service. It is far easier to try to divide Jesus, like a cake, into conservative and liberal or Catholic and Evangelical pieces. That is the answer we want. That fits him into our world, our perception of how things should be. It is far harder simply to be known by our King, take up the burden of his and our cross, and follow him in loving service. It is Jesus, the mysterious, the unknown, the awesome God who will bring us to our knees in humble and meek adoration, revealed most fully to us, as at Emmaus, in the breaking of bread. The false Jesus-dare I say, the anti-christ is the known figure of our imaginations who merely affirms us, turns us into squabblers, and fills us with destructive arrogance.

"Who do you say that I am?" Go, answer the awesome King's question, by the way you conduct your life, your prayers, and your worship. Walk away from your own image of a harmless, doting Jesus of so many hymns and Sunday school lessons, and rediscover (as perhaps you knew intuitively as a child) the true Son of God, who escapes your definition, who refuses to be tamed by your own predilections, and who comes to you as the almighty King of Creation in whose presence you are laid bare, humbled, and yet made free. And then, having dropped joyfully to your knees, ask your terrible and mighty Lord the most important question you can: "Who, Lord, do you say that I am?" And then, go be that person.

Diocesan Council Sermon #2

The Rev. Dr. Robert W. Bowman

MATTHEW 28:19-20; MARK 16:15; LUKE 24:47; JOHN 20:21 & ACTS 1:8

Right Reverend Fathers in God, Fathers and Brothers and Sisters and Friends, it is an honor to open God's Word with you today. I am humbled to be asked to stand in this pulpit and request your prayers as I preach. So that you might understand a little of the passion I feel for this subject, I am giving some autobiographical information as an introduction to my message.

In the Spring of 1996 I accepted the offer of a large, well-established, non-sectarian preparatory school in Little Rock, AR, to become its next Middle School Principal and moved from the city of

birth and youth, San Francisco, to Little Rock. Little did I know what was in store for me there. Church planting had never been on my radar screen, any more than becoming an astro-physicist. BUT GOD ... But God had other plans, and within a few months I had made the acquaintance of the Organist and Choir Director of the local PCA congregation. He and his wife had been faithful Episcopalians but left because of the theological liberalism they found there. After about three or four months Dr. Henle and his wife persuaded me to hold a public meeting to determine interest in establishing a congregation of the REC. I was convinced that no one would be interested; Dr. & Mrs. Henle were convinced I was wrong. [At that time Dr. Henle was a research professor at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. He holds a Ph.D. in micro-biology from the University of PA. Since, he has completed his M.Div. through our Cummins Seminary program, is a deacon in the REC and will be ordained a Presbyter on December 6. He serves as Deacon-in-Charge of Holy Trinity mission in Saint Louis, MO.]

As I said, I didn't think anyone would be interested; the Henle's disagreed. The Session of the local PCA congregation graciously permitted us to hold the meeting in its facility on a Wednesday evening. News of the meeting spread by word of mouth, and through a letter that was mailed to people known to the Henles. The letter invited people to come to Evening Prayer and be introduced to the REC through the (then) newly produced video, which I am sure many of you have seen. I was absolutely astounded when 20 people showed up. One of the questions that was asked was, "When can we start having regular worship?" That astounded me even more.

Dr. Henle and I approached the session of the PCA and they (again) graciously allowed us use of their facility for mid-week services at no cost. So, on the Wednesday after Easter, 1997, the REC Mission to Little Rock began holding services. Within a year 80 people, including children, were in attendance regularly, and Saint Thomas' Church in the City of Little Rock was established and received into the Diocese of Mid-America. Like any church, it has had its ups and downs, and last year, after I moved to Northern VA, the congregation secured its own facility.

When we started that work, I knew absolutely nothing about church planting - I still don't ! I made it up as I went along, asked a lot of questions, and cried out to God regularly, HELP! Now here I am doing this again in Northern VA. In Little Rock there were three of us who started: The organist, his wife and me. In Northern VA there are 6 of us: the organist, her husband, their 4 children and me. Dr. and Mrs. Sam Mansour are the driving force behind this effort and have expended gargantuan efforts and thousands of their own dollars to get this work off the ground. We have had eight Sunday services, and have had 14 visitors, a couple of them are with us regularly. What is interesting is that all our visitors, except two, have been male. If you have not looked at our website, I'd love to have you do so and give us some feedback: www.fairfaxrecus.org. Each Saturday there is a large ad in the Washington Times on the religion page, and just last week, through the kindness of Forward in Faith/North America, a letter was mailed to 228 families/individuals in the Northern Virginia/Metropolitan Washington, DC area announcing the formation of our mission work, inviting and encouraging people to join with us. We covet your prayer support and ask that you put Holy Trinity Mission on your parish prayer lists. (By the way, at Holy Trinity we are praying weekly for a different parish of the diocese and will continue to do so until we have prayed for all congregations - then we'll start over. I would encourage you to do the same.)

In all this, over the last six years, I have become convinced of the importance of church planting as the primary means of fulfilling the **Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:47, John 20:21 and Acts 1:8.**

If you read all of these passages, you notice first of all that each one of them is spoken by our Lord Jesus after His resurrection and just prior to His ascension. In every instance, He tells his followers to GO. And in Acts, He tells them where they are to go. He gives a geographical order for the spread of the Gospel. The risen Lord Jesus, who has conquered death and sin and Satan and hell through His resurrection victory, tells His followers to GO ... In the synoptics and Acts Jesus says, GO INTO THE WORLD.

And in John's Gospel, He sends them, even as the Father in Heaven sent Him. And notice that He commissions His followers to a definite task ... make disciples of the nations; then baptize them;

then teach them to observe what He has taught. It is more than a little significant that Saint Luke tells us where to begin this task. Both in his gospel and in Acts he quotes the Lord Jesus as saying begin in Jerusalem. Begin right where you are. Why? The people around you need to hear the Good News. The people around you are in desperate need of God's saving grace. These are the people with whom you have a natural affinity: relatives, friends, neighbors, schoolmates, associates at work.

Now this command to begin making disciples in Jerusalem is coupled with the command to baptize. And, if I understand the New Testament correctly, we are to baptize them into the Body of Christ, into His Church. We cannot baptize people into nothing. So, it would seem that in order to fulfill the Great Commission, given by our risen Lord Jesus, we must plant churches locally, right where we are, here in Jerusalem. If we are going to be a sending church, a church which values the missionary endeavor, the spread of the Gospel throughout the world, we must begin right here at home, just as the Apostles did in the first century.

You see, as you read the book of Acts, you suddenly begin to realize that the Lord has given us a "Church Planting Manual" in His Word. Acts tells us exactly how to go about planting churches and where to plant them. There are lots of books out there on the subject; here's even a School of Church Growth at Fuller Seminary in California. But, God has told us what to do and where to do it and in what order we are to go about it.

The Apostles started where they were by preaching Christ Crucified, Risen and Coming Again. You will notice in Acts, that the church was organized and planted, not by pandering to the "felt needs" of the people or the entertainment fads of the day, but by calling sinners to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. By the faithful preaching of the Word of God...by the application of the Word of God to their daily lives. As you read the sermons of Peter in Acts, he doesn't mince words. He calls sin, exactly what it is, sin. He tells the people to repent and be baptized on more than one occasion. And in instance after instance recorded in Acts, the response of the people is to cry out to God for mercy, and to ask Peter what they should do. To which he responds, REPENT.

Then, too, I want you to notice where these churches are established. St. Luke records that they went to the major metropolitan areas of the known world. And why did they do that? Because the power brokers of society are to be found there. The wealthy, the learned, those in seats of political power are all found in the cities. Dr. Tim Keller left Westminster Seminary years ago to establish a church in Manhattan. Why? Because he was convinced that if the gospel could be brought to bear on a major metropolitan area such as NYC, the suburban areas around it, would follow. St. Paul preaches to and talks with the political rulers, to the religious leaders, to the academics of his day and establishes churches in the centers of wealth and political power – the cities.

It seems to me that the time has come for the REC to be intentional, purposeful and strategic about its church planting efforts. There was a time, in its early history, when the REC was about one quarter the size of the Episcopal Church. If I understand the statistics, we are somewhere between 12,000-15,000 including children in 130 (+) parishes and missions across the country. And we don't have much of a plan for the proclamation of the Gospel here in our Jerusalem. The reason a church was established in Little Rock, AR, was because a clergyman happened to have moved there. The reason a mission work is being established in Fairfax County, VA, part of the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, is because a clergyman happened to have moved there.

As a jurisdiction, as dioceses within the jurisdiction, we need to have a plan to plant churches where they will impact the culture for Christ. We need to set funds aside to send church planters to areas to establish new churches, because our Lord and Savior has commanded that we do so. Every congregation should have a budget line item for church planting. If every one of our congregations and missions made the spread of the Gospel through mission a priority, it wouldn't be long before each diocese had the funds available to hire a church planter and send him to a metropolitan area to fulfill the Great Commission.

Then I want you to notice that the Great Commission is spoken with the authority of the Lord Jesus Himself, God the Son, Second Person of the Holy Trinity. And he says, "GO!" It's an imperative ... GO ... make disciples ... baptize ... preach and teach. As I read these words of the Lord Jesus in the four Gospels and Acts, I do not see any option for believers. The Lord Jesus is giving us marching orders. He declares it to be the will of the entire Godhead that we GO into the world. And this command is binding on all followers of the Lord Jesus throughout history until Christ comes again.

The Lord Jesus calls us to GO and MAKE DISCIPLES. Isn't that what He did? He called the 12. He trained the 12. He sent the 12. We, too, are to do the same. We are to GO and MAKE DISCIPLES so that they will go and make more disciples, who in turn will GO and MAKE more DISCIPLES. We are to reproduce ourselves the book of Acts teaches. Our goal is to make people learners who will sit at the feet of Jesus, gladly receive and obediently follow the instruction He has given in His Word.

We are to tell others about Christ, we are to urge people to repentance and faith and obedience. We are called to GO, and we are called to SEND. St. Paul in Romans 10, says, "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher and how shall they preach unless they be sent?"

Let me encourage every parish and mission to add to their prayer lists that the Lord would call men to the sacred ministry from each parish, that He would call men and women and boys and girls to the mission field from each parish. Let me urge each parish and mission to set aside funds to send to the diocese specifically for church planting efforts, so that each one of us will be obedient to the Great Commission to GO MAKE DISCIPLES; to BAPTIZE; to PREACH and TEACH.

Yesterday, Bishop Riches challenged each of us with these words in his exhortation to the diocese: "I summon us, each and every one, to a renewed commitment to mission in the days and months that lie ahead. The outcome of our efforts is not a matter of doubt. We have Christ's own promise and that cannot fail."

We have a glorious heritage to share with the world. We have a beautiful liturgy that we have inherited from the English Reformers. We have the most important message anyone will ever hear ... a life giving, life changing, life restoring message of the hope that lies within us because of what Christ has done in us. Can we do less than take that heritage, that liturgy, that Gospel message into the world around us so that others may hear, may be brought to the ancient faith of the early church, restored in the Reformation, taught to observe whatsoever He has commanded us?

Last year, our Archdeacon, Jon Abboud, told us that it was time to move beyond the past of the REC; it was time to begin moving forward, to begin thinking outside the box. Here in these commands of the Lord Jesus, we are called to go forward, to confront people with the claims of Christ in the Gospel. Now is the time for us to purposefully apply what he said. Like the early Christians let us send men out of Jerusalem to plant churches in order to make disciples. Let our perspective be outward, moving beyond the four walls of our local congregations. We are called to be others oriented. With the heritage we possess, and the liturgy we have been given, how could we do otherwise?

Right Reverend Fathers in God, Fathers and Brothers and Sisters and Friend, the time has come, the Lord is opening doors for us today like never before. Because of events in other denominations, we have opportunities that we have never had before. Let us be bold for our Lord Jesus, let us be bold for the Gospel, let us be bold for and proud of our Anglican heritage, let us proclaim the faith of Christ crucified, risen and coming again.

Come, Labor On ... Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain, while all around him waves the golden grain? ... Come, Labor On, Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear. Come, Labor

***On, claim the high calling angels cannot share - to young and old the Gospel gladness bear:
redeem the time, its hours to swiftly fly, the night draws nigh.***

*LIFT HIGH THE CROSS, THE LOVE OF CHRIST PROCLAIM,
TIL ALL THE WORLD ADORE HIS SACRED NAME.
GO ... MAKE DISCIPLES ... BAPTIZE ... PREACH AND TEACH ...
IN JERUSALEM, IN JUDEA AND SAMARIA AND
TO THE UTTERMOST PARTS OF THE EARTH.*

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