

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

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1 The Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic
One-Hundred Twenty-eighth Council

NOTICE

The One Hundred Twenty-Ninth Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic will be held (D.V.) on the first Thursday and Friday, November 5 and 6, 2009, at Faith Reformed Episcopal Church, Baltimore, Maryland.

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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)

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2008-2009**

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Diocesan Year – November 6, 2008 to November 5, 2009

[First Person Named is Chairman.]

BOARD OF EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

The Rev. Jonathan S. Riches
The Rev. Cedric R. Benner
The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller

CONSTITUTIONS AND CANONS

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

MEMORIALS

The Rev. Rondal D. Martin
The Rev. Michael D. Blitz
Mrs. Bobbie Lepson

BASSINGER HOME FUND

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud
The Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Headman
The Rev. Eugene Phipps

Mrs. Barbara Hamarich
Mr. Charles Mundroff

STATE OF THE DIOCESE

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches
The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud
Mrs. Tonya Forsberg

CREDENTIALS

The Very Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr.
Mrs. Bonnie C. Abboud
Mrs. Kimberly Jenkins

NOMINATIONS

The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn
The Rev. Cedric R. Benner
The Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick

Mrs. Melinda Kellogg
Mrs. Christine Specht

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Mr. William A. Jenkins, Jr.
The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn
Mrs. Melissa Craig
Mr. John Dykes
Mr. Steven K. Hoopes

Mrs. Emily Harmer
Mr. Arthur Jenssen
Mr. Michael Laur
Miss Rebecca Miller
Miss Ellen Williams

ADJUNCT MEMBERS

The Rev. Chiron P. Thompson
Mrs. Jaime Mosher
Miss Alice K. Riches
Miss Kara Thompson

PROGRAM

Mrs. Bonnie C. Abboud
The Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr.
Mrs. Tonya Forsberg

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Very Rev. Eduardo Andrade
The Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen
Mr. Steven K. Hoopes

Dr. Robin Headman
Mrs. Barbara J. Riches

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Rev. Donald L. March
The Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Headman
Mr. Timothy Craig

Mr. Evan Hughes
Mrs. Melinda Kellogg

EVANGELISM, CHURCH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, *ex officio*
The Rev. Dr. Matthew P. Harrington
The Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle

The Rev. Cedric R. Benner
Mr. William Kozma
Mrs. Elaine Simmons

OFFICIAL AUDITOR

The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A HISTORY OF THE DIOCESE

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches
The Rev. Walter L. Hawkins

Mr. Russell Buchanan
Mr. Brian Davis

MINISTERS' SALARIES

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud
The Very Rev. David S. Ayres

The Rev. Dr. Matthew P. Harrington
Mr. Charles W. Twining, Jr.

MINISTRY TO MEN

The Rev. Mark A. Specht
The Ven. Dr. Paul U. Ekezie
The Rev. Roderick S. Lee
The Rev. John Milligan

Mr. Gerald Higham
Mr. Rupert Jeremy
Mr. Jack Ross

SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND NURTURE

The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller
The Rev. Gregory P. Carr
The Rev. Stephen D. Cox
The Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr.
The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn

Mrs. Peggy Carr
Mrs. Lisa Hicks
Mrs. Kimberly Jenkins
Mrs. Barbara J. Riches
Mrs. Christine Specht

MUSTARD SEED FARM

The Rev. Richard W. Workowski
The Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick
Dr. A. David Hamarich

Mrs. Barbara Hamarich
Dr. Barbara J. West

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Rev. Paul S. Howden
The Rev. Dr. Matthew P. Harrington
Mrs. Nancy J. Fleischer
Mrs. Susan Higham

Mrs. Beth Howden
Mrs. Lorraine Roddy
Mr. Charles W. Twining, Jr.

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

The Rev. Dr. David A. Crum
The Rev. Paul S. Howden

Mrs. Elaine Kester
Mr. Nelson Smith

DIOCESAN COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Mrs. Joan Workowski
Mrs. Karen A. Baird
Mrs. Sarah R. Benner
Dss. Olivene Browne
Mrs. Jill Crum

Mrs. Kimberly Jenkins
Mrs. Dawn Mitchell
Mrs. Susan Rhoades
Mrs. Elisabeth P. Riches
Mrs. Diane Wright

DEANS OF CONVOCATIONS

The Very Rev. Eduardo A. Andrade – New England
The Very Rev. David S. Ayres – Pennsylvania
The Very Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. – Maryland & Delaware
The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller – New Jersey
The Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle – New York

MINUTES

November 6, 2008
MORNING SESSION

The One Hundred Twenty-eighth Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church convened on Thursday, November 6, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Oreland, 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 Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks assisted. The Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches delivered the Homily.

Preliminary proceedings to organize the Council took place at St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church. There were 81 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 \$810.00 was designated to the offices of Ekklesia to the Rt. Rev. Keith L. Ackerman .

After the scheduled Reading Period, Bishop Riches declared the Council in session at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Riches led in prayer before calling for the Report of the Credentials. The Rev. William A Jenkins presented the Report. It was moved and seconded to accept the report as presented adopting the recommendation therein. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Feast of Sts. Leonard and Winnoc

To the One Hundred Twenty Eighth Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic

Dear Fathers and Brethren,

The Committee on Credentials is charged with reviewing the filed credentials of each parish in accordance with Title II, Canon IV, Section One.

Its membership is made up of the following: the Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr., Mrs. Kimberley D. Jenkins, and Mrs. Karen A. Baird.

The committee met prior to council, assembling this morning to review all certificates submitted to the committee by the parishes of this Diocese. All were found to be in order conforming to the Titles and Canons of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

There were eight parishes (down from fourteen parishes in '07) whose certificates contained irregularities. Some of these were corrected, and the others were approved by the Ordinary before the start of Council.

Christ the King, Pasadena, MD - No Delegates elected

Church of Our Redeemer, Jersey City, NJ - Missing Examination Date
St. John's by-the-Sea, Ventnor, NJ - Only One Delegate, No Alternates

Church of the Messiah, Philadelphia, PA - Missing Church Address, Exam and Election Dates

First Church, New York, NY - Incomplete Delegate Information and No Alternates

Grace Church, Collingdale, PA - Incomplete Address

St. Mary's Church, Bronx, NY - Missing Election Date

St. Stephen's Church, Eldersburg, MD - Missing Alternates' Addresses

There were two parishes which made no report.

Jesus the Good Shepherd, Brooklyn, NY

St. Paul's, Oreland, PA

The Committee recommends the following:

That all delegates and alternates properly certified be seated as members for the proceedings of the 128th Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Very Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr.

ROLL CALL

(*indicates attendance at one or more sessions)

November 6, 2008

OFFICERS OF THE DIOCESE

*The Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches

*The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks

*The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud

*The Rev. R. Charles Gillin

*Mrs. Bonnie C. Abboud

*Mrs. Tonya M. Forsberg

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

*Mr. Elijah Barnes

*Frederick Ganjon, Esq.

*Mrs. Barbara Hamarich

*Mr. James Kester

*Mrs. Mary Ann Ludwig

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

Mr. Edward Meharg

*Mr. Ronald E. Riches

Mrs. Elaine Simmons

Richard W. Stevens, Esq.

LAY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

BALTIMORE, MD

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

*Mr. Paul Hahn

*Mrs. Yvonne Hahn

Mr. William Kuchta

Mrs. Linda Kuchta

BASKING RIDGE, NJ

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

*Mr. Ed Meharg

*Mrs. Janice Meharg

*Mr. Ronald Riches

*Miss Alice Riches

BROCKTON, MA

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

Mr. Gus Bouldry

Mrs. Edna Bouldry

*Mr. Kent Eckhart

Mrs. Judy Pardon

BROOKLYN, NY

Jesus the Good Shepherd - The Rev. Eugene Phipps, Rector

No Credentials Received

BRONX, NY

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

*Mr. Rupert Jeremy

*Fr. Ellis O. Ezenekwe

Mrs. Millicent Roberts

Mrs. Helin Scott

CATONSVILLE, MD

Bishop Cummins Reformed Episcopal Church - The Rev. Dr. David A. Crum, Rector

*Mr. Stan Czajkowski

*Mr. Bill Dunn

Mr. Rich Foks

Mrs. Sally Foks

Mr. Charles Mundroff

*Mrs. Brenda McIntire

*Mrs. Maria Czajkowski

Mrs. Jill Crum

*Mrs. Sandy Dunn

Mrs. Cheryl Mundroff

Mr. Donald Shipley

Mrs. Joyce Shipley

COLLINGDALE, PA

Christ Memorial Church, MISSION - The Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick, Interim

*Mrs. L. Lynda Dent

Mr. Jonathan Bulack

Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, MISSION - The Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick, Rector

*Ms. Nancy Thorne

*Mr. William Kozma

ELDERSBURG, MD

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

*Mr. Mike Laur

Mr. Bill Moores

*Mrs. Edie Laur

Mrs. Betty Moores

*Mr. Ray Harmer

Mr. Stan Frey

*Mrs. Emily Harmer

Mrs. Fran Frey

HARRISBURG, PA

St. Michael's Reformed Episcopal Church - The Rev. Donald L. March, Rector

*Mr. David Poole

Mr. Richard Storrer

*Ms. Virginia Noble

Ms. Susan Rhoades

HAVERTOWN, PA

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

*Mrs. Tonya Forsberg

Mrs. Barbara Bingham

*Mr. Gregory Wright

Mrs. Joyce Keller

HAVRE-DE-GRACE, MD

Grace Reformed Episcopal Church - The Rev. Mark A. Specht, Rector

*Mr. William Molali

*Mr. William Ranken

Mr. George Lutz

Mr. Ivan Mehosky

JERSEY CITY, NJ

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

Mr. Randy Williams

Mr. George Cooper

*Ms. Diane Jennings

Ms. Ida Sumpter

MT. LAUREL, NJ

St. Timothy's Reformed Episcopal Church, MISSION - The Rev. Frank M. Spadafora

*Mr. John Ross

Mr. Richard Williams

NEW PROVIDENCE, NJ

St. Luke's Reformed Episcopal Church - The Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Headman, Interim

*Mr. George Dauber

Mr. Ken Kohler

*Mrs. Patricia Dauber

Ms. Gerda Petrescu

NEW YORK, NY

First Reformed Episcopal Church - The Rev. Dr. Matthew P. Harrington, Rector

Mr. William Brauer
Mrs. Ethel Brauer

NEWARK, NJ

All Saints Anglican Church - The Rev. Dr. Paul Ekezie, Rector

*Dr. Kenneth C. Igwe

*Dr. Patience Nwafor

*Mr. John Nwafor

ORELAND, PA

St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church - The Rev. Rondal D. Martin, Rector

No Credentials Received

PASADENA, MD

Christ the King - The Rev. Gregory P. Carr, Rector

No Credentials Received

PHILADELPHIA, PA

@Church of the Atonement, MISSION - The Rev. Walter L. Hawkins, Vicar

*Mr. Kwadwo Burgee

*Mr. Millage B. Holloway III

Church of the Messiah - The Rev. Chiron P. Thompson, Rector

Mr. Carlton Finney

Mr. Orlander Boddie

Ms. Wanda Lanier

Ms. Lorraine Finney

@St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman Memorial Church - The Very Rev. David A. Ayres, Rector

*Mr. Gerald Higham

Mr. Henry Leibrand

*Mrs. Susan Higham

Mr. Charles Twining, Jr.

PIPERSVILLE, PA

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

*Mrs. Irene Gerhartz

Mr. Paul Pillsbury

*Mrs. Barbara Riches

Mrs. Jean Booth

RYDAL, PA

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

Dr. A. David Hamarich

*Mr. Matthew Mitchell

*Dr. Susan Cassidy

Mrs. Phyllis Darrah

SCRANTON, PA

Grace Reformed Episcopal Church - The Rev. Paul S. Howden, Rector

Mr. Anthony Amico

*Mr. Scott Pineau

Mrs. Valerie Amico

*Mr. Evan Hughes

SOMERVILLE, NJ

Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal Church - The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn, Rector

*Mr. Arthur Jenssen

Mr. Guna Ambrose

Mrs. Kathleen Johnson

Mrs. Prita Ambrose

VENTNOR, NJ

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

*Miss Marion Olsen

The Report of the Committee on Program was presented by Mrs. Bonnie C. Abboud. It was moved and seconded the Report be accepted as presented adopting the recommendations therein. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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

Dear Brethren:

The 128th Diocesan Council began on Thursday, November 6, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. with registration followed by the Service of Holy Communion at 10 a.m. The Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches delivered the sermon. Bishop(s) Leonard W. Riches, Royal U. Grote, David L. Hicks, and the Rev. Rondal D. Martin, Rector of St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Oreland, PA, participated in the Service. Mr. Ronald E. Riches, Choirmaster of Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, NJ, directed the choir accompanied by Dorothy Stevens, Organist.

The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks officiated in the Morning Prayer Service at 9:00 a.m. on November 7. The Council Schedule is included in the packets distributed at registration.

The Committee's gratitude is extended to St. Paul's Church and her members for hosting the 2008 Council. Their gracious hospitality is greatly appreciated. Gratitude is extended to the diocesan choir comprised of members from parishes within the diocese and to the choirmaster for their contribution toward the worship of the council.

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. All other materials and displays must be approved by the Program Committee.

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 privileges of the house; that all official candidates for postulancy be awarded corresponding membership of this Council; 2) that the Order of Business, as distributed to the Council's delegates/alternates, be adopted; 3) that the Rules of Order distributed to the delegates/alternates of this Council be adopted; 4) that the Council authorize expenses incurred from the proper and efficient conduct of this Council and its business be covered by the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie C. Abboud (Mrs.), Chairman

The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks assumed the Chair in order for the President to present his report to the Council. It was moved and seconded Bishop Riches' report be accepted as presented adopting the recommendations. The motion carried with a rising vote of singing the Doxology.

REPORT OF BISHOP LEONARD W. RICHES

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

Dear Brethren:

The following summary of my activities in the episcopal office during the past year constitutes my final report as your diocesan bishop. I give particular emphasis to those functions which relate specifically to my service as Bishop Ordinary. A more detailed record of my service as Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church may be found in my report to the Fifty-second General Council, which met in the Church of Our Lord, Victoria, British Columbia, October 22-24, 2008.

CONFIRMATIONS: In conjunction with five visits to parishes in the diocese, eight persons were presented to me for the laying-on of hands in Confirmation. In accordance with historic practice, I regularly serve as principal celebrant at the Holy Eucharist when it is administered, and also deliver the homily. The official visits made, and the number of persons presented for Confirmation, are as follows:

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|--------------|---|-------|
| April 27 | St. Paul's Church, Oreland, PA | None |
| May 4 | Grace Church, Collingdale, PA | None |
| May 11 | Grace Church, Scranton, PA | None |
| September 7 | Church of the Messiah, Philadelphia, PA | Five |
| September 28 | Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, PA | Three |

EPISCOPAL CONSECRATIONS: On Saturday, November 17, 2007, at 2:00 P.M., in Redeemer Reformed Episcopal Church, Pineville, SC, I officiated at the consecration of the Very Rev. Alphonza Gadsden as a bishop in the church of God, he having been elected Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southeast by the 35th Annual Council of the Diocese, meeting in Redeemer Church, Pineville, on September 13, 2007. The unanimous consent of the bishops of the church was secured at the meeting of the Conference of Bishops on October 10, 2007, in Summerville, SC. The Standing Committees of the several dioceses of the church certified their consents by mail, with a unanimous result. The candidate was presented by the Rt. Rev. Sanco K. Rembert, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of the Southeast, and by the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., Vice-President of the General Council, and Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of Mid-America. Testimonials were read by the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud on behalf of the General

Council, and by the Rev. William White on behalf of the Diocese of the Southeast. It was my privilege to deliver the homily for the occasion. Bishops participating with me in the laying on of hands were the Rt. Rev. Sanco K. Rembert, the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, and the Rt. Rev. Alex D. Dickson, Bishop (retired) of the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee (now living in Charleston, SC). Participating presbyters included the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, the Very Rev. Dr. Julius Barnes, the Rev. Canon Dr. J. Ronald Moock, and the Rev. Messrs. Fred Garnett, Willie J. Hill, Jr., Edmond B. Mazyck, Namon Perkins, Jr., Eugene A. Sims, Cornelius White, and William White. Redeemer Church was virtually filled to capacity by a joyful and enthusiastic congregation, most of whom remained to share in a delightful dinner reception which followed, utilizing the facilities of a neighboring congregation.

At the invitation of the Most Rev. Emmanuel Kolini, Archbishop of the Anglican Province of Rwanda, and in conjunction with my attendance at the annual Winter Conference sponsored by the Anglican Mission in the Americas, held this year in Dallas, Texas; on the Feast of SS. Timothy and Titus, Saturday, January 26, 2008, at 9:00 A.M., I participated in the Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Terrell Lyles Glenn, Jr., the Rev. Philip Hill Jones, and the Rev. John Engle Miller, III, as bishops in the church of God, under the Province of the Anglican Church of Rwanda, for episcopal service in the Anglican Mission in the Americas. The Rt. Rev. Ray R. Sutton, who also represented the Reformed Episcopal Church at this conference, was also invited to participate in these consecrations. This represents an historic step forward in our relationship with the worldwide Anglican Communion, and is an outgrowth of our relationship of Covenant Union with the Anglican Province of Nigeria, and of our membership in the Common Cause Partnership

SPECIAL OCCASIONS AND PREACHING ENGAGEMENTS: On December 24, 2007, at 7:30 P.M. in Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, NJ, I participated in the traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. My brother, Mr. Ronald E. Riches, serves as Choirmaster.

From January 23-26, 2008, I attended the annual Winter Conference sponsored by the Anglican Mission in the Americas, held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown Dallas, TX. The Rt. Rev. Ray R. Sutton was with me for the duration of the conference. The Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., drove up from Houston to attend part of the conference program. A unique opportunity afforded us in conjunction with our attendance was the acceptance of an invitation to meet personally with the Most Rev. Emmanuel Kolini, Primate of Rwanda, together with the entire House of Bishops of the Anglican Province of Rwanda who were in attendance.

On Sunday, January 27, 2008, I visited the Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, Texas. At the invitation of the rector, the Rt. Rev. Ray R. Sutton, I addressed the adult Bible study class on developments within the Anglican world.

On Saturday, April 26, 2008, in St. Mark's Church, Jenkintown, PA, I participated in an occasion honoring the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Barton L. Craig to the ministry.

In conjunction with my participation in the Common Cause Partnership, and at the request of the Rt. Rev. Robert W. Duncan, Moderator, I continue to serve as a member of the Lead Bishops'

Roundtable, participating in biweekly teleconference sessions aimed at furthering the cause of unity among faithful Anglicans in North America, and throughout the world.

In that connection, I was pleased to participate with my fellow bishops in the Reformed Episcopal Church in the first College of Bishops meeting for the Common Cause Partnership, held in Pittsburgh, PA, from September 25 through 28, 2007. Sessions were held in the Omni William Penn Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh, with the concluding Eucharist celebrated in Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. More than fifty bishops, orthodox in faith, and representing several Anglican jurisdictions, participated in what emerged as the first major step toward establishing a new ecclesiastical structure for faithful Anglicans in North America. At Bishop Duncan's invitation I served as celebrant for the Holy Eucharist on Wednesday, September 26, and as a panelist for the press conference which followed the close of the College of Bishops' sessions. I have been told that an interview which I was asked to grant to the press was subsequently aired on National Public Radio, indicative of the unprecedented opportunity afforded the Reformed Episcopal Church in this foundation-laying process of launching a new beginning for faithful Anglican Christianity.

On December 18, 2007, in Orlando, FL, I participated in the first meeting of the Leadership Council of the Common Cause Partnership, taking further important steps in shaping the emerging structure of a new Anglican presence on the North American continent. The Leadership Council is composed of three representatives from each member jurisdiction in the Common Cause Partnership: the Presiding Bishop (or 'Lead' Bishop); a clergyman of any order; and a lay person. The General Committee, meeting in Summerville, SC on October 13, 2007, elected the Rt. Rev. Ray R. Sutton, Ecumenical Officer of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and Mr. Rudy Schenken, lay member of the Church of the Holy Communion in Dallas, TX, to serve with me as members of the Leadership Council.

From May 7-9, 2008, I participated in the Lead Bishop's Conference of the Common Cause Partnership in Pittsburgh, PA. Our session on Wednesday evening, May 7, was held at Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA. All other sessions met at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Much of the time was spent in further preparation for the formation of a new ecclesiastical structure for our Anglican presence, witness and mission in North America. A significant segment of our time was spent in preparation for the Global Anglican Future Conference, which was held in Jerusalem from June 22 through 29, 2008.

April 8-12, 2008, in Summerville, SC, I presided at meetings of the Conference of Bishops, the General Committee, and the Federation of Anglican Churches in America. I also participated in meetings of the Standing Liturgical Commission, the Board of Pensions and Relief and the Trustees of the Publication Society, the Theological Commission, and the Committee on Doctrine and Worship. At the meeting of the Federation of Anglican Churches in the Americas on April 9th I tendered my resignation as Moderator of the organization, proposing that the Federation would be better served by having the additional representation of its Lead Bishop as a member of the Common Cause Partnership Leadership Council – an organization on which I already hold a seat by virtue of my office as Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church. The Federation accepted my resignation and elected the Rt. Rev. Paul Hewett, Presiding Bishop of the Diocese of the Holy Cross, as Moderator.

On September 5, 2008, in Cornerstone Christian Church, Locktown, NJ, I attended funeral services for William Workowski, father of the Rev. Richard W. Workowski, who entered the presence of the Lord on August 30, 2008, at the age of ninety-one.

On September 12, 2008, at 8:00 P.M., I presided at a meeting of the General Committee via teleconference. The meeting was called to act on two principal items of business: 1) to approve the reception of the Rt. Rev. Richard Boyce and the Rt. Rev. Winfield Mott as bishops in the Reformed Episcopal Church by Letter Dimissory from the Anglican Province of America, as required by the Canons; and, 2) to approve the formation of a new Diocese of the West, on recommendation of the Diocese of Mid-America. This new diocese is comprised of all states west of the Rocky Mountains, except Colorado (which remains with the Diocese of Mid-America) and Alaska (which is part of the Diocese of Western Canada and Alaska). Approximately twenty-three parishes and missions located in these states, together with the clergy serving them, have been received into the Reformed Episcopal Church by transfer from the Anglican Province of America. It is expected that this new diocese will elect the Rt. Rev. Richard Boyce as Ordinary and the Rt. Rev. Winfield Mott as Bishop Coadjutor – offices which they held, respectively, in the Anglican Province of America.

On September 16, 2008, I participated in a meeting of the Federation of Anglican Churches in America held in Summerville, SC.

From September 18th through 20th, 2008, I attended sessions of the 36th Annual Council of the Diocese of the Southeast, held at New Israel Church, Charleston, SC. I was joined by the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, who offered the same seminar on various aspects of church order, policy and procedure which he had presented to the 127th Council of this Diocese in November, 2007. It was my privilege to deliver the homily in conjunction with the closing Eucharist on September 20th, and to offer the charge to the clergy, wardens, and vestry members at the conclusion of Council sessions.

From October 7 through 9, 2008, in the Church of the Epiphany, Herndon, VA, I participated in a specially called *Anglican Summit on Islam*. Representatives from a number of Anglican jurisdictions in North America participated. Joining me as participants from the Reformed Episcopal Church were the Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden, Sr., the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Rev. Steven R. Rutt, and Mr. Greg Wright.

DENOMINATIONAL FUNCTIONS: A detailed account of my service in the wider sphere of the Reformed Episcopal Church in North America will be found in my report as Presiding Bishop to the 52nd General Council which met in the Church of Our Lord, Victoria, British Columbia, October 22-24, 2008.

PARISHES AND VESTRIES: As previously announced to the diocese, responsibilities for all parochial and clergy matters have been under the oversight and care of the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, in his capacity as Bishop Coadjutor of the diocese. I have continued to make myself available to him for consultation whenever he has sought counsel or advice.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES: I limit my reporting to those activities which relate directly to the fulfillment of my diocesan responsibilities. I have presided at three meetings of the Board

of Trustees of the Diocese, and at one meeting of its Executive Committee. I presided over one meeting of the Standing Committee, and attended one meeting of the Committee on Nominations. I have also attended one meeting of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION: I continue my service as Professor of Theology and Liturgics at the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church. In that capacity I taught two courses during the academic year 2007-2008: one in Liturgics, and the other on the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion. These responsibilities engaged me for two days each week during the ten-week Advent Quarter, from late November through the end of February. I am presently teaching the course in Liturgics again during the current Trinity Quarter. In anticipation of my retirement as Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese, I tendered my resignation as Chancellor of the Theological Seminary effective June 30, 2008, believing it appropriate that the office be open to the new Diocesan Bishop.

ANGLICAN CONVERGENCE AND REALIGNMENT: Because of the momentous significance of developments in this area of our life as a branch of Christ's church, I reproduce a section of the report which I presented to the Fifty-second General Council for the benefit of those in our diocese who were not present for those General Council sessions.

In offering my triennial report to the Fifty-first General Council, meeting in Orlando, Florida in June, 2005, I reiterated a brief portion of the pastoral evaluation and exhortation which I had initially delivered to the Fiftieth General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, which met in Houston, Texas in June, 2002. The theme of the Fiftieth General Council was, "*For Such a Time as This*". In addressing the Council on that occasion, eight years ago, I drew my pastoral exhortation to a focus with these concluding words.

"In our day an ever-increasing number of faithful Anglicans are convinced that we stand on the threshold of seeing a new work of God unfold: a momentous, unprecedented, and glorious reconfiguration and rebuilding of the church in the Anglican tradition to carry out the Great Commission in a new, vibrant, and effective way in this twenty-first century. Born of that vision is our deep conviction that God has sustained the Reformed Episcopal Church for nearly one hundred thirty years, and has been instilling us with fresh vigor, renewed commitment, and strengthened resolve, "for such a time as this": a time to link our hands, our hearts, and our spirits with all those who share the same commitment to our Lord and to the commission which He gave to His disciples to go forward under His authority, and in the power of His Spirit, to build His church."

Throughout the six years that have intervened since first expressing that expectation in 2002, we have dedicated our strong and untiring efforts to the challenge of bringing that vision to realization. As God's gracious purpose has progressively unfolded, He has brought us into a richer, ever-deepening fellowship with countless other faithful Anglican Christians who share the same vision and commitment to Christ, to His saving Gospel, and to the reestablishment of a biblically faithful, mission-driven, united and vital Anglican presence and witness in North America – and, indeed, throughout the world. We have labored with one another in patient

resolve and prayerful expectation throughout those six years. We have followed step by step along a path on which God has been leading us together for over a decade. Indeed, in terms of our own particular history as a branch of Christ's church, our journey now spans fully one hundred thirty-five years. Today, near the conclusion of 2008, we gather together, sharing in the emergence of a new thing which God is doing; a new reality which, in both dimension and prospect, is truly "exceeding abundantly above all that we could have asked or thought".

All of the milestones achieved during the past decade, together with the innumerable efforts, gatherings, conversations, hopes and prayers which they have entailed, came to a glorious fruition in Jerusalem from June 22 through 29, 2008, when approximately 1,200 Anglican Christians gathered for the Global Anglican Future Conference. Participation in this epochal event was without doubt the singular and most defining experience for me in all my forty-four years of ordained ministry. My report on this momentous gathering, and its significance for the Reformed Episcopal Church, was embodied in a letter to the church at large under date of July 15, 2008. I enter the body of that communication into this report, for the information of those who have not seen it, and in order that it may become part of the official record of the Diocese, as well as of the General Council.

*TO THE CLERGY AND CONGREGATIONS
OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Grace and peace to all of you in the Name of our gracious and eternal God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I write to provide you with a report on the historic gathering of faithful Anglican Christians which took place in the city of Jerusalem from June 22 through 29, 2008. Participation in this event, known as the *Global Anglican Future Conference*, was by invitation only, and drew together nearly 1,200 participants representing some 35 million of the world's orthodox Anglicans from more than 25 nations on 6 continents. The Reformed Episcopal Church was represented by 14 persons including five of our bishops. The Rt. Rev. Charles W. Dorrington, the Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden, Sr., the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., the Rt. Rev. Ray R. Sutton, and I were all privileged to be part of this unprecedented gathering.

Throughout the span of 8 days pilgrims devoted themselves intensively to worship in daily plenary sessions, to prayer in small groups, to Bible study and discussion, and to substantive examination of significant issues in skillfully conducted workshops and discussion groups. Throughout the week we traveled together to the holy places of Jerusalem and its immediate environs, as well as to more distant places such as Bethlehem and Galilee. An especially moving experience came on Wednesday, June 25, when all pilgrims assembled on the southern steps of the Temple, joining in a service of rededication and renewed commitment to Christ, to the truth of the Gospel, and to the mission of the church.

The purpose of the *Global Anglican Future Conference* (or ‘GAFCON’) was stated by the Most Rev. Peter Akinola, Primate of All Nigeria, in his opening address. The Archbishop said that “GAFCON is a godly instrument to reshape, reform, renew and reclaim a true Anglican, biblical, orthodox Christianity that is firmly rooted in the historic faith and in the ancient formularies....We are here to inaugurate and determine the roadmap to our future.”

The logo of GAFCON bears the two words “Unity” and “Truth” superimposed upon the cross. The truth-claims of Christianity were the reiterated emphasis of the Conference, because they are the bedrock upon which historic Anglican Christianity was established. Every conference speaker and workshop leader made clear, in his own way, that Christ’s desire for the unity of His people is always based upon truth. “*Sanctify them through the truth; Thy Word is truth.*” (St. John 17:17)

The outcome of this eventful week in the Holy City is articulated in the *GAFCON Conference Statement*, and in the *Jerusalem Declaration* which it embodies. This important document is attached to this letter, and I commend it to the serious attention and study of all of our people. The following matters are worthy of special note.

- Our core identity as Anglicans is clearly defined as based upon the Holy Scriptures as God’s Word written; upon the catholic creeds and the ancient Councils of the undivided church; and upon the historic formularies of our Anglican heritage: the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Ordinal.

- The *Jerusalem Declaration* offers a clear and forthright articulation of our present-day commitment, mission and purpose as a fellowship of faithful Anglican Christians.

- The establishment of a Primates’ Council marks a major step toward restoring the church to the ancient, conciliar form of order and government by which substantive matters of belief and practice can be collectively considered, effectively determined, and strongly upheld, so that both orthodoxy and orthopraxis are maintained and promoted in the life of the church.

- The Primates’ signed affirmation, attached to the *Conference Statement* and the *Jerusalem Declaration*, provides authentication and recognition to the Reformed Episcopal Church as full partners in the realigned global Anglican fellowship which has emerged from GAFCON, together with other “confessing Anglican jurisdictions” who also agree to promote the Gospel and defend the faith.

- The commitment of the Primates anticipates the formation of a new ecclesiastical structure for North America, to be presented to the Primates’ Council for recognition as a province. Work on the formation of this new

structure has engaged the Lead Bishops' Executive Committee throughout the past ten months, ever since the College of Bishops of the Common Cause Partnership met in Pittsburgh in September, 2007, and commissioned us with the task. Relationships within this new structure will continue to be federated, with jurisdictions retaining individual identities, integrities, and autonomy.

GAFCON establishes a new alignment and marks a new beginning for faithful Anglicans throughout the world. In particular, it launches a new era of opportunity for the Reformed Episcopal Church. With joy and thanksgiving we take our place as members of a global family and fellowship, uniting in witness, mission, and purpose to bear testimony to Jesus Christ as the only Name whereby men must be saved, and to serve Him, together with all faithful Anglicans, in building His church.

By the grace of God, Reformed Episcopalians continue to play an important role in the planning and activities which promise to shape a realignment of relationships among faithful Anglicans, and a 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.

As we gather for these sessions of the One Hundred Twenty-eighth Council of the Diocese, we stand on the threshold of the inauguration of a new Province for faithful Anglican Christians in North America. Lord willing, we anticipate that the establishment of this new ecclesiastical structure will be announced within a few short weeks. It has been my privilege to work for many months as a member of the Lead Bishops' Executive Committee of the Common Cause Partnership, under the direction of its Moderator, the Rt. Rev. Robert W. Duncan, in the formation of this new Province. I am scheduled to be in Chicago, Illinois in early December for the annual meeting of the Common Cause Partnership Leadership Council when this announcement is now expected to be made. The federated relationship of jurisdictions within this new Province will increase the strength and enhance the effectiveness to our mutual ministries while allowing us to retain the integrity of our individual distinctives. We will inform the church at large when this long-anticipated expectation becomes a reality.

God has privileged the Reformed Episcopal Church to be part of the new ecclesiastical structure being built for orthodox Anglican witness, ministry and mission in North America. Fourteen representatives of this portion of Christ's church, including five of our bishops, participated in GAFCON, and had voice and vote in the formulation and adoption of the GAFCON Statement and the *Jerusalem Declaration*. The *Common Cause Partnership*, of which we are a member jurisdiction, will be asked to affirm these statements in early December, 2008, when the Leadership Council gathers for its annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois. Upon my recommendation, the Fifty-second General Council, representing the Reformed Episcopal Church throughout North America, took the following action with regard to the GAFCON Statement and the *Jerusalem Declaration*:

The 52nd General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, meeting in the Church of Our Lord, British Columbia, Canada, on this twenty-second day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand eight, affirms by rising vote the Global Anglican Future Conference Statement and the 'Jerusalem Declaration', adopted by GAFCON in Jerusalem on the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, being the twenty-ninth day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand eight.

The GAFCON Statement and the *Jerusalem Declaration* are appended to this report (appendix pg 11), and I commend them to the careful reading and study of all of our clergy and lay people. Just as the *Declaration of Principles* articulated the interests and concerns of Bishop George David Cummins and those who stood with him at the organization of the Reformed Episcopal Church in 1873, so now the *Jerusalem Declaration* stands as the foundational document for the new provincial structure in which the Reformed Episcopal Church will be a member jurisdiction. As such, the *Jerusalem Declaration* shapes and defines the essentials of the common life that we will share together with one another in this new relationship.

The General Council also adopted the following recommendation, submitted in my report as Presiding Bishop:

That the clergy of the Reformed Episcopal Church undertake, together with our parishes and people, a study of 'The Way, the Truth, and the Life', a document prepared by the Theological Resource Team of the Global Anglican Future Conference, providing a biblical / theological foundation for the new global Anglican realignment initiated by GAFCON.

'*The Way, the Truth, and the Life*' can be downloaded as a .pdf file from the GAFCON website and printed out. However, it is nearly one hundred pages in length, and many may find that process to be burdensome. For that reason, the Episcopal Recorder, Inc. has made arrangements to make the document available at reasonable cost as a soft-cover book. Announcement will be made at this Council regarding cost and availability.

APPRECIATION: The ministry of episcopal oversight and care involve shared effort and mutual support. Throughout the many years of my service to the Diocese I have appreciated the willing and dedicated service of the Rt. Rev. Daniel G. Cox, and the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Booth, both of whom are now retired, in assisting me in my ministry in the diocese. In recent years, that assistance has been provided by the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks in his capacity as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese. In that capacity, Bishop Hicks has carried full responsibility for oversight and care of parishes and clergy, and has done so faithfully, and with a dedicated competence. As he now assumes the full responsibility of episcopal leadership and ministry in the Diocese, I extend to him my sincere gratitude and pledge my ongoing prayerful support. I have valued greatly the service rendered to Christ and His church by the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, Archdeacon of the Diocese, and by the Very Rev. R. Charles Gillin, Canon to the Ordinary – men who have capably and willingly shared the burden of responsibility for diocesan oversight and care. I am also deeply grateful to those who work in the Diocesan Administrative Office – Mrs. Bonnie C. Abboud and Mrs. Tonya Forsberg – for their competent, dedicated service which has been of

great benefit to me, personally, as well as to the Diocese, to the Theological Seminary, and to the church at large.

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, Gary C. Hajek, John Heaton, William J. Holiman, Jr., James P. Raun, Wayne E. West, Rodney A. Whitacre.

Deacons: Robert T. Pardon, 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 Ecclesiastical Authority 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, 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, Peter C. K. Mist, Samee Solanky, Robert Tuton.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

As we meet together for these sessions of Council, our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Diocese of Quincy (Illinois) meet in Diocesan Convention to vote on their withdrawal as a diocese from the Episcopal Church. Like other faithful dioceses that have already taken such action (e.g., San Joaquin, California, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), this action will come at great cost and personal sacrifice. The cost will be especially great since the Diocese of Quincy is the smallest Diocese in the Episcopal Church, having the fewest congregations and the least resources. The sacrifice will be borne in a special way by the Bishop Ordinary, the Rt. Rev. Keith L. Ackerman, who receives the smallest compensation of any bishop in the Episcopal Church, and who stands to lose a significant portion of that income when the Diocese votes to withdraw. It is certain that not all parishes and people will stand with the Diocese in its withdrawal. Bishop Ackerman is a member, together with me, of the Lead Bishops’ Executive Committee of the Common Cause Partnership, and has worked with firm dedication and deep commitment in the development of the new provincial structure for faithful Anglicans in North America. He has covenanted with me that he and the people of the Diocese of Quincy will pray for us as we meet here in Council. I have assured him that we will be in prayer for him, and for his Diocese, as well. Beyond those important steps, I recommend:

1. *That the offering of the morning of the first day of Council be alms, and be channeled through the offices of Ekklesia to the Rt. Rev. Keith L. Ackerman, for his financial support, accompanied by an expression of our affection and encouragement for him and for his people in their courageous stand for the truth of the Gospel.*

2. *That the offering of the morning of the second day of Council be assigned to the Board of Foreign Missions, to assist in sponsoring the 2009 Short-term Missions trips to Brazil, Germany, and Nigeria.*

POSTSCRIPT:

“The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.”
– Psalm 16:6

When I responded to a conviction of the Lord’s call to ministry and entered upon theological study forty-seven years ago, my sense was that He was leading me into the parish pastorate. That understanding was confirmed when I received a call to serve the congregation of St. Luke’s Church in the Frankford section of Philadelphia in February, 1964. In the opportunities and responsibilities of that pastoral calling I found the fulfillment of my sense of call to the ministry, and I sought nothing further. But the Lord had other plans.

In 1965 I was approached by the Rev. Dr. Fred C. Kuehner and by Bishop Theophilus J. Herter about teaching elementary Greek and Liturgics at the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church. After prayerful consideration, and consultation with my wife and with the Wardens and Vestry of St. Luke’s Church, I undertook those teaching responsibilities in September of that year. Thus began another phase of my service to the church – a phase which I had not anticipated, and had not sought – but one in which I found an increased sense of confirmation and fulfillment of the Lord’s call and plan for my life in service to His church.

The summer of 1967 brought a call to serve as rector of the First Reformed Episcopal Church of New York. That call was accepted, along with an increasing course load of teaching responsibilities at the Seminary, leading to a professorial appointment by the Board of Trustees in 1972. As before, I found myself responding to the call of God as expressed through the will of His church. I was following a path that He was tracing out for me, not one that I had envisioned for myself. And in following that path, I continued to experience His blessing and the confirmation of His good will and purpose.

Again, the Lord expressed His will through the voice of His church in October, 1974, when the New York and Philadelphia Synod of the Reformed Episcopal Church, meeting in Council in Emmanuel Church, Pipersville, Pennsylvania, elected me to serve as Assistant Bishop. In accepting election to the episcopal office I struggled with the statement of St. Paul in I Timothy 3:1: *“If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desires a good work.”* I told the Council on the day of my election that my struggle in accepting their vote was occasioned by the fact that the episcopal office was *not* something that I had desired. It was not an office that I had sought. But, since my desire was to serve the Lord through His church, and inasmuch as the church had expressed *her* desire to have me serve through this office, I would accept the church’s voice and vote as the expression of God’s will for my future service in the work of building His Kingdom. And with each passing day, since the date of my consecration on June 12, 1975, the Lord has confirmed His good will and His gracious purpose as I have sought to fulfill His calling to serve in the episcopal office.

During the summer of 1975 our family relocated from New York City to Rydal, Pennsylvania, where I had accepted a call to serve as rector of St. Mark's Church. I served simultaneously as parish pastor, seminary professor, and as assistant bishop until the end of 1981, when I resigned from the last parish rectorship I would ever hold, and accepted appointment to serve as President of the Theological Seminary. In 1984 Bishop Theophilus J. Herter retired from office and I assumed responsibilities as diocesan bishop. In 1990, the Trustees of the Diocese enabled me to retire from seminary administration as well as from major teaching responsibilities as a member of the faculty, in order to devote myself in a more focused way to the work of the episcopate. For the past eighteen years my service to the church has been primarily that of episcopal oversight and administration, both in our own diocese and, subsequent to my election by the General Council in 1996, as Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

To deny that there have been challenges and disappointments along the way would be less than honest. St. Paul spoke about the daily burden of "caring for all the churches" (II Corinthians 11:28).

He spoke of what he well knew; and he spoke the truth. But one of the greatest rewards of bearing those burdens is finding that they are shared with a veritable host of capable, willing, godly servants of Christ whose joy it is to devote their talents, their efforts, and their very lives to the service of Christ and His church. Throughout thirty-three years of service in the episcopate God has brought me together with some of the most dedicated, gifted, godly colleagues – men and women with a heart and spirit of service – whose sincere desire has been to exalt Christ and to build His church. Were I to begin to name them, I would most certainly overlook someone. And that would be a disservice. Because there have been so many; and each one has been so important. Many are with us here today; or they are elsewhere, busily engaged in their respective spheres of labor in the church. Many others have gone on to become members of that great "cloud of witnesses" that surround us in running the race that still lies before us. Every one of *them* – every one of *you* – is valued. And to each one I express my heartfelt gratitude.

And to none more than to my wife – and I *can* name her, because she occupies a unique position next to whom no one else stands in parity, so there is no one who can feel excluded. She has shared this life of service with me each and every day. She has felt the burdens of the office together with me. She has borne with *them*, and borne with *me*, when both were, perhaps, seemingly somewhat less than bearable. She has supported me in all my work; encouraged me when she's found me sitting under my "juniper tree"; she has rejoiced with me when I have rejoiced and wept with me when I have wept; and in all things been a help meet for me in the discharge of my office. She knows that she has my love. She also has my heartfelt thanks.

And so, today, I no longer struggle with the text at I Timothy 3:1. Because I now know full well that the office of bishop, which I did not desire thirty-four years ago, is, in fact, the office which the church, and the church's Lord, desired for me. And it has been a *good* work. And it will continue to engage me. For by the will of God, expressed through the vote of the Fifty-second General Council last month, I will continue to serve throughout the next triennium as your Presiding Bishop. And at the invitation of the Seminary administration I will also continue my service there as Professor of Theology and Liturgics. But I step aside from this position as your diocesan bishop with a full and grateful heart. For my work among you has been my life. It has been a good life. And it has been a good work. "*The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places. I have a goodly heritage.*"

Respectfully submitted,

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

Bishop Riches returned to the Chair. Bishop Richard J. Boyce was recognized by the Council. Bishop Boyce addressed the Council expressing his gratitude to the REC and its leadership for receiving his diocese into the ministry of the REC. He expressed Bishop Winfield S. Mott's greetings and appreciation. Bishop Boyce voiced he has found a home in the REC.

The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks presented his Report to the Council. It was moved and seconded that his Report be received as presented, adopting the recommendations therein. The motion carries.

REPORT OF BISHOP DAVID L. HICKS

One Hundred Twenty-eighth Council Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Report of the Bishop Co-adjutor November 6-7, 2008

Dear Brethren,

The following report is submitted as a summary of my principal activities as Bishop Co-adjutor, since my last report.

I. General Activities

Reformed Episcopal Seminary: I continue to serve as a member of the Board of Directors and Associate Professor of Biblical Languages and Literature, teaching Greek Elements and Exegesis. I have also assisted with chapel services through the academic year. I attended the Founders Day and the Kuehner Lecture at St. Paul's, Oreland, on December 3, 2007. I participated in the commencement service at St. Paul's, Oreland, on May 24, 2008 and the Convocation service on September 8th in the seminary's McCauland Chapel.

Philadelphia Area Ministerium/Convocation: The quarterly convocation meetings continue to be held on the Ember days of the church calendar. The convocations open with a celebration of Holy Communion in the McCausland Chapel of Reformed Episcopal Seminary, followed by a time of light refreshment and discussion of clergy concerns. The most recent meeting was held on Saturday, September 20th, during which time we discussed the upcoming church councils in October and November.

Anglican Fellowship of the Delaware Valley: I continue to participate in this ecumenical effort among orthodox Anglican jurisdictions in the greater Philadelphia area. The most recent event that I attended was a choral Evensong with the Valley Forge Men and Boys Choir held at All Saints Episcopal Church, Wynnewood, PA.

Memorial Services

On Wednesday, February 6, 2008, I participated with several other clergy in the memorial service for Mr. George Hess, a long-time member of St. Paul's, Oreland and a frequent delegate to Diocesan councils.

On Saturday, March 29, 2008, I assisted the Rev. Rondal D. Martin in a memorial service at the Dock Woods Community for Miss Ann Castle, another long-time member of St. Paul's, Oreland.

On Thursday, June, 12, 2008, I attended the memorial service for Frank Spadafora, Sr., father of the Rev. Frank Spadafora, Jr., rector of St. Timothy's Church, Mt. Laurel, NJ.

On Saturday, July 19, 2008, I attended the memorial service for Robert Virkler, organist emeritus of St. Paul's Church, Oreland.

On Saturday, August 30, 2008, I represented Reformed Episcopal Seminary at the funeral service for the Rev. Wallace Gary, former instructor in Greek at the seminary.

On Friday, September 5, 2008, I attended the funeral service for William Workowski, father of the Rev. Richard Workowski, rector of St. Mark's Church, Rydal. The service was held at Cornerstone Christian Church, Locktown, New Jersey.

On Monday, September 22, 2008, I attended the funeral service for Donald Fleischer, a long time member of the Reformed Episcopal Church who has been active in the life of our Diocese in a number of capacities over the years. He was a member of St. Paul's Church, Oreland, where the service was held.

Wedding of Meagan V. Jenkins and Charles J. Bohlen. I presided over the wedding ceremony for Meagan Jenkins and Charles Bohlen at Faith Church, Baltimore, on April 19, 2008. The former Miss Jenkins is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. William Jenkins of Faith Church.

Barton Craig Ordination Anniversary Celebration. A celebration of the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Barton Craig to the diaconate was held at St. Mark's Church, Rydal on April 26, 2008.

Women's Day. I attended the annual gathering of Reformed Episcopal Women held at the National Christian Conference Center, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania on May 2, 2008.

Church of the Messiah: On Sunday, June 22, 2008, at a special service at Church of the Messiah, I celebrated Holy Communion and baptized two adults.

Summer Mission to Philadelphia: Bishop Cummins Church (Catonsville) and Grace Church (Scranton) led a summer mission trip to Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia. I attended two of the events connected with the week-long schedule of activities. On Wednesday, June 25th a choir concert was held at St. Luke's and Bishop Hoffman Church, and on Thursday, June 26th, a block party/street evangelism event was held at Messiah Church. I am greatly pleased and encouraged by the co-operative fellowship and the sacrificial labor of love that these parishes have exhibited toward one another.

II. Regular Episcopal Visits (45 Confirmations)

Sunday, November 11, 2007 – **Church of the Messiah, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

No confirmations.

Sunday, November 18, 2007 – **Covenant Church, Roanoke, Virginia**

No confirmations.

Sunday, November 25, 2007 – **Emmanuel Church, Somerville, New Jersey**

No confirmations.

- Sunday, December 2, 2007 – **Faith Church, Baltimore, Maryland**
1 confirmation.
- Friday, December 14, 2007 – **Epiphany Church, Williamsburg, Virginia**
No confirmations.
- Sunday, December 23, 2007 – **First Church, New York, New York**
1 confirmation.
- Sunday, February 2, 2008 – **Bohemia Church, Chesapeake City, Maryland**
No confirmations.
- Sunday, March 8, 2008 – **Grace Church, Havre de Grace, Maryland**
1 confirmation.
- Sunday, March 30, 2008 – **St. Mark's, Rydal, Pennsylvania**
No confirmations.
- Sunday, April 6, 2008 – **St. Mary's, Bronx, New York**
18 confirmations.
- Sunday, April 13, 2008 – **St. Timothy's, Mount Laurel, New Jersey**
No confirmations.
- Sunday, April 20, 2008 – **St. Matthew's, Havertown, Pennsylvania**
1 confirmation.
- Sunday, April 27, 2008 – **All Saint's, Newark, New Jersey**
4 confirmations.
- Sunday, May 4, 2008 – **Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Brooklyn, New York**
2 confirmations.
- Sunday, May 18, 2008 – **Bishop Cummins Church, Catonsville, Maryland**
3 confirmations.
- Sunday, June 1, 2008 – **First Church, New York, New York**
1 confirmation.
- Sunday, June 8, 2008 – **St. Stephen's, Sykesville, Maryland**
5 confirmations.
- Sunday, June 29, 2008 – **Emmanuel Church, Pipersville, Pennsylvania**
No confirmations.
- Sunday, September 14, 2008 – **St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman, Philadelphia**
No confirmations.
- Sunday, September 21, 2008 – **Christ the King, Pasadena, Maryland**
No confirmations.
- Sunday, September 28, 2008 – **St. Michael's, Enola, Pennsylvania**
No confirmations.
- Sunday, October 12, 2008 – **St. John's by-the-sea, Ventnor, New Jersey**
8 confirmations.
- Sunday, October 19, 2008 – **Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, New Jersey**
No confirmations.
- Sunday, November 2, 2008 – **St. Luke's, New Providence, New Jersey**
No confirmations.

III. Pastoral Connections and Vacancies

Atonement, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I appointed to the Rev. Walter Hawkins to serve as vicar, beginning October 15, 2007. The Rev. Mr. Hawkins is a graduate of our seminary and has been Assistant Pastor for Evangelism at Triumph Baptist Church, Philadelphia. I regularized his ordination, using the Form of the Public Reception of Presbyters in the Book of Common Prayer. A special service was held for that purpose on Sunday, February 24, 2008.

Christ Memorial Church, Collingdale, Pennsylvania. The parish continues to meet and worship with Grace Church, Collingdale, until such a time as the parish is able to be re-established in West Philadelphia. The parish is searching for a vicar to be appointed for this effort.

Emmanuel Church, Somerville, New Jersey. The Rev. Christopher D. Pierce tendered his resignation as rector of Emmanuel Church, effective October 31, 2007. The Rev. Gerald McLynn accepted the call from Emmanuel Church to serve as rector, beginning Sunday, September 7th. The Rev. Dr. Dale Crouthamel had served as interim rector, and I am grateful for his pastoral leadership in providing a time of healing and encouragement for the parish.

Grace Church, Havre de Grace, Maryland. The Very Rev. Gerald McLynn announced his resignation as rector of Grace Church, effective August 24, 2008. The Rev. Mr. McLynn has accepted the call issued from Emmanuel Church, Somerville, to serve as rector there. I met with the vestry of Grace Church on Tuesday, July 8th, in order to discuss the pastoral search process, and I visited the congregation on Sunday, August 31, 2008 to be available to answer any questions that the congregation may have had. I have appointed the Rev. Mark Specht to serve as interim rector.

Because of the pastoral care and oversight that Grace Church has provided for the new mission work of **Bohemia Reformed Episcopal Church**, Chesapeake City, I met with that congregation on Sunday, July 27th, in order to answer their questions about the interim situation at Grace Church. I have asked the Rev. Eric Vowles and the Rev. Michael Blitz to provide pastoral care for the mission.

Saint Luke's, New Providence, New Jersey. The Rev. Cedric Benner accepted a call from Bishop Cummins Church, Catonsville, to serve as Assistant Rector under the Rev. Dr. David Crum. The Rev. Mr. Benner resigned as rector of St. Luke's parish, effective Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008. I met with the vestry on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 to discuss the pastoral search process and the appointment of an interim rector. The Rev. Dr. Wayne Headman serves as interim rector, as the parish searches for a new rector.

St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On Sunday, January 6, 2008 (the feast of the Epiphany), I installed the Rev. David S. Ayres as rector of St. Luke's and Bishop Hoffman Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I served as preacher. The Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick, the Rev. Walter Hawkins and the Rev. Chiron Thompson participated in the service. The Rev. Barton Craig ably served as interim-rector prior to the Rev Mr. Ayres election, and his services are much appreciated.

IV. Other Parochial Matters

Provisional Vestry for Church of the Atonement, Christ Memorial Church, and Grace Church (Collingdale). The combined vestry for these three mission parishes continues to meet on a monthly basis. There has been great success in the parishes providing support for one another as each seeks to become a full parish, once again. Vestry members are Mr. Brian Davis, the Rev. Walter Hawkins, and Mr. Jason Holloway, representing Atonement Church; the

Rev. Roger Converse, Mrs. Lynda Dent, Mr. Steven Hoopes for Christ Memorial; and Mrs. Miriam Brownlowe, the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick, and Mr. William Kozma for Grace Church. Mr. Brian Davis is Senior Warden, Mr. William Kozma is Junior Warden and the Rev. David Ayres serves as secretary. Because the Rev. Mark Specht has taken new responsibilities at Grace Church, Havre de Grace, he is no longer on the Provisional Vestry. We greatly appreciate the Rev. Mr. Specht's contribution to the vestry during his tenure of service.

Former Grace Chapel, Henry Avenue, Roxboro, Pennsylvania. With the assistance the Ven. Jon Abboud and Mr. Richard Stevens, we continue to be in negotiation with representatives of Pilgrim Presbyterian Church (PCA), in regard to the property of our former parish, Grace Church, in Roxboro. Pilgrim Church currently owns the property and has agreed to return it to the Diocese in exchange for a 15-year lease to liberti (sic) Presbyterian Church for \$1 per year. The exact terms of the sale and lease arrangements are being finalized.

V. Canonical Examinations

Eric W. Vowles (Grace, Havre de Grace)

On Friday, November 2, 2007, Eric W. Vowles was examined for the diaconate. The Rev. Gregory Miller, the Rev. Cedric Benner and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches assisted with the examination. Mr. Vowles sustained the examination.

Bartholomew Martin (New Covenant, Lynchburg)

On Friday, January 11, 2008 Bartholomew Martin was examined for ordination to the diaconate. The examiners were the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches and the Rev. Cedric R. Benner. Mr. Martin sustained the examination.

Justin M. Forsberg (St. Matthew's, Havertown)

On Monday, September 22, 2008, Justin M. Forsberg was examined for ordination to the diaconate. The examination was held at Reformed Episcopal Seminary. The examiners were the Ven. Jon W. Abboud, the Rev. Gregory J. Miller and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches. Mr. Forsberg sustained the examination.

VI. Ordinations

Eric W. Vowles (Grace Church, Havre de Grace)

On Saturday, December 8, 2007, I ordained Eric W. Vowles deacon. He was presented by the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches, the liturgist was the Rev. Gerald McLynn and the Rev. Daniel Smiley was the preacher.

On Sunday, October 26, 2008, I ordained the Rev. Mr. Vowles to the presbyterate. The Rev. Gerald McLynn served as presenter and homilist. The Litany was read by the Rev. Cedric Benner. The Rev. William Jenkins was epistoler and the Rev. Mark Specht read the Gospel. The Ven. Jon W. Abboud served as bishop's chaplain. Other clergy of the Reformed Episcopal Church and the Anglican Province of America were in attendance.

Bartholomew Martin (New Covenant, Lynchburg)

On Saturday March 14, 2008 I ordained Bartholomew Martin to the diaconate at a service held in the Methodist Church in Lynchburg. He was presented by the Rev. Edward Hopkins, rector of New Covenant Church. The Rev. John Heaton served as Litanist and the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick assisted me in the service.

Justin M. Forsberg (St. Matthew's, Havertown)

On Saturday, November 1, 2008 I ordained Justin M. Forsberg to the diaconate at a service held at St. Matthew's Church, Havertown, Pennsylvania. He was presented by the Rev. Gregory J. Miller, the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud delivered the sermon, the Rev. Walter L. Hawkins read the Litany and the Rev. Herbert Anderson read the Epistle.

VII. Setting Apart of a Deaconess

On Saturday, October 27, 2007 at a service held at St. Mary's, Bronx, New York, I set apart Mrs. Olivene Brown as a deaconess. Mrs. Browne is the first deaconess to be set apart in the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. She continues to serve the parish of St. Mary's, under the direction of the Rev. Belgrave Pelle.

VIII. General Council Activities

Consecration of the Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden.

I attended and participated in the consecration of the Rev. Alphonza Gadsden as bishop for the Diocese of the Southeast. The service was held at Redeemer Church, Pineville, South Carolina on November 17, 2007.

General Council Committee Meetings.

I attended the regular bi-annual meetings of the bishops and General Council Committees in Summerville, South Carolina on April 9-12, 2008.

52nd General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

I attended the sessions of the 52nd General Council held at Church of Our Lord, Victoria, British Columbia on October 22-24, 2008.

IX. Observations and Recommendations

1. Diocesan Growth and Development

I am greatly encouraged by the mutual support and encouragement being exhibited among our parishes, a most notable example being the summer trip organized by Bishop Cummins Church to aid two of our Philadelphia parishes, Church of the Atonement and Church of Messiah. This mission trip was supported by Grace Church, Scranton and Christ the King, Pasadena. Efforts such as this bode well for the future health and strength of our Diocese.

At the One Hundred twenty-seventh Council, I presented an overall strategy for church planting in the Diocese, based upon working outward from the geographical areas where our numerical strength is greatest – New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore. In this regard, we are exploring the possibility of new mission efforts in the New York and Northern New Jersey areas. I intend to continue speaking with the rectors of our larger parishes, as this strategy is developed. Please continue to make this a matter of prayer and concern.

2. Recommendations from the General Council

Just a short time ago, October 22-24, 2008, the sessions of the 52nd General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church were held at the Church of our Lord in Victoria. Certain recommendations have come from that Council to the parishes of the Reformed Episcopal Church, which are very important and relevant to our context as an Anglican jurisdiction in the early twenty-first century. Rather than add additional recommendations of my own to those that

have been given already, I am asking our Diocese to follow the direction of study and activity that have come to us from the General Council.

a. The first recommendation comes from the Presiding Bishop: *I recommend that the clergy of the Reformed Episcopal Church undertake, together with our parishes and people, a study of 'The Way, the Truth, and the Life', a document prepared by the Theological Resource Team of the Global Anglican Future Conference, providing a biblical / theological foundation for the new global Anglican realignment initiated by GAFCON.*

In light of the Presiding Bishop's statement to the Church, I recommend that our parishes obtain copies of this book from the Publication Society, which are available at a very modest cost, and provide a venue for study, discussion and reflection upon this landmark presentation of the Anglican way at some point during the year 2009.

b. The second recommendation comes from the Publication Society – The Bible in 90 Days Program: *It is the joy of this Board to present to the General Council a program for Reading through the Bible in 90 Days... This extraordinary program provides a real opportunity for all the members of the Church to read through the Bible and discuss its contents during a 14 week period. The Publication Society has provided the Leaders Kit which includes the DVD and leader guides to each parish in the REC. This is being provided free of charge as a resource to our parishes. Additional materials in conjunction with this program will be available from the Publication Society.*

It should come as no surprise to us as evangelical Anglicans that parishes which have adopted this commitment to read the word of God with focus and intensity have experienced a renewed spiritual vitality and commitment to the Christian life and evangelism. Therefore, I recommend that our parishes adopt *The Bible in 90 Days Program* as a special opportunity for spiritual devotion and discipline to encompass the season of Lent 2009.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Ephesians 3:20, 21

Respectfully submitted,

The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks

The Rt. Rev. Ray R. Sutton was called upon to present the Reading Through the Bible in 90 Days program. He reported the positive results realized in his home church – Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX. He challenged the Council members to participate in the program. The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches addressed the Council with direction on the procurement of the program for parishes.

Bishop Daniel G. Cox requested his report be filed with the Secretary and the content contained within the minutes of the proceedings. No action required.

REPORT OF BISHOP DANIEL G. COX

To the 128th Diocesan Council:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It was not necessary for me to fulfill any specific Episcopal duties in 2008. There are no confirmations to report.

I continue to serve as rector *emeritus* at Bishop Cummins Church in Catonsville, Maryland and as a senior associate at Christ the King Church in Pasadena, Maryland. Dr. Crum and Fr. Carr have been most gracious to me.

I am active in inter-Church relations with the APA parishes in Maryland. Joint Evensongs are held several times a year. The Rt. Rev. Robert Loiselle (St. Paul's Anglican Church, Crownsville, Maryland) is extremely helpful in this ministry. He is a true friend of the REC.

I am most grateful for the love and encouragement of my bishops, Leonard and David.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel G. Cox

The Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin highlighted the Report of the Standing Committee citing one correction. The motion to receive the report was made, seconded and carried.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

*TO THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE OF THE
NORTHEAST AND MID-ATLANTIC OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH*

Dear Brethren:

This Committee held two meetings this past diocesan year on November 1, 2007 during the sessions of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Council in Aberdeen, MD and on May 19, 2008 at Reformed Episcopal Seminary, Blue Bell, PA. The Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches, Bishop Ordinary, chaired the meetings. The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks also conducted an email poll of Committee members on October 13, 2008.

The activities of the Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches and the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, including episcopal visits and confirmations, can be found in detail in their reports presented to Council.

POSTULANTS FOR HOLY ORDERS:

Michael J. Fetko (St. Paul's Church, Oreland, PA)
Jason A. Holloway (Atonement Church, Philadelphia, PA)
Joel E. McDurmon (St. Paul's Church, Oreland, PA)
Robert N. McQuay (Bishop Cummins Church, Catonsville, MD)

CANONICAL EXAMINATIONS

Eric W. Vowles (Grace Church, Havre de Grace, MD) - On November 2, 2007, Eric W. Vowles was examined and sustained a full examination for both the diaconate and presbyterate. The Rev. Cedric R. Benner, the Rev. Gregory J. Miller and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches assisted Bishop Hicks with the examination.

Bartholomew P. Martin (New Covenant Church, Lynchburg, VA) - On January 11, 2008 Bartholomew Martin was examined for ordination to the diaconate. The examiners were the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches and the Rev. Cedric R. Benner. Mr. Martin sustained the examination.

Justin M. Forsberg (St. Matthew's Church, Havertown, PA) - Justin Forsberg sustained the canonical examination for deacon's orders on September 22, 2008 at Reformed Episcopal Seminary, Philadelphia, PA. The examiners were the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud and the Rev. Messrs. Gregory J. Miller and Dr. Jonathan S. Riches. His ordination is scheduled for November 1, 2008 at St. Matthew's Church. The Committee voted to concur with Mr. Forsberg's ordination to the diaconate by email poll conducted on October 13, 2008.

ORDINATIONS

Eric W. Vowles (Grace Church, Havre de Grace, MD) - On December 8, 2007 Bishop Hicks ordained Eric W. Vowles deacon. The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches presented him. The liturgist was the Rev. Gerald S. McLynn and the Rev. Dcn. Daniel C. Smiley was the homilist. The Committee voted to concur with this action.

The canons require that a deacon serve for one full year before he is eligible to be ordained presbyter, unless with the consent and advice of the Standing Committee, the Bishop deems that an earlier ordination date is in the best interest of the church. The Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn resigned from Grace Church, Havre de Grace, MD to serve as rector at Emmanuel Church, Somerville, NJ. Bishop Hicks has asked the Rev. Dcn. Vowles to provide pastoral oversight for the mission work in Bohemia, MD. The Rev. Dcn. Vowles is also on staff at Grace Church, which is the "mother parish" of the Bohemia mission. Because Bohemia Mission is accustomed to weekly services of Holy Communion, it is in the best interest of the church if the Rev. Dcn. Vowles is ordained to the presbyterate sooner rather than later. Therefore, Bishop Hicks requested the consent of the Standing Committee to ordain the Rev. Dcn. Vowles to the presbyterate on October 26, 2008 at Grace Church, Havre de Grace, MD, rather than waiting until the anniversary of his ordination in December. This request is supported by the vestry of Grace Church, where the Rev. Dcn. Vowles is on staff, and by the Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn, former rector. The Committee voted to concur with the Rev. Dcn. Vowle's ordination to the presbyterate, by email poll conducted on October 13, 2008.

Bartholomew P. Martin (New Covenant, Lynchburg, VA) - On March 14, 2008 Bishop Hicks ordained Bartholomew P. Martin to the diaconate at a service held in the Methodist Church in Lynchburg. The Rev. Edward Hopkins presented him. The Rev. John Heaton served as liturgist and the Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick assisted Bishop Hicks in the service. The Committee voted to concur with this action.

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On October 27, 2007 at a service held at St. Mary's Church, Bronx, NY, Bishop Hicks set apart Mrs. I. Olivene Brown as a deaconess. Mrs. Browne is the first deaconess to be set apart in the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. She will continue to serve the parish of St. Mary's, under the direction of the Rev. Belgrave Pelle.

CHANGES IN THE CLERGY ROLL

Effective June 7, 2007, Bishop Riches removed the **Rev. Geoffrey C. Hubler** from the roll of presbyters, in conformity with the requirements of Title II, Canon 31, Section 3 of the Canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church, he having abandoned the communion of this church by having affiliated with the Traditional Protestant Episcopal Church on that date. His reception into that jurisdiction was certified by letter from the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Morley, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Advent of the Traditional Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, under date of December 19, 2007.

Effective November 1, 2007, Bishop Riches transferred the **Rev. Christopher D. Pierce** to the Convocation of Anglicans in North America, at his own request. He received confirmation of his reception into that jurisdiction by means of a certificate, issued under date of November 8, 2007, and subscribed by the Rt. Rev. David J. Bena, former Suffragan Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany, now serving as a Missionary Bishop with CANA.

PASTORAL CONNECTIONS AND VACANCIES

Atonement Church, Philadelphia, PA - Bishop Hicks appointed the Rev. Walter L. Hawkins to serve as vicar, beginning October 15, 2007. The Rev. Mr. Hawkins is a graduate of our seminary and had been Assistant Pastor for Evangelism at Triumph Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA. Bishop Hicks regularized his ordination, using the Form of the Public Reception of Presbyters in the Book of Common Prayer. A special service was held for that purpose on Sunday, February 24, 2008. The Rev. Mark A. Specht continues to assist the Rev. Mr. Hawkins.

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Saint Luke's Church, New Providence, NJ - The Rev. Cedric R. Benner accepted a call from Bishop Cummins Church, Catonsville, MD to serve as Assistant Rector under the Rev. Dr. David Crum. The Rev. Mr. Benner resigned as rector of St. Luke's parish, effective Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008. Bishop Hicks met with the vestry on March 4, 2008 to discuss the pastoral search process and the appointment of an interim rector. The Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Headman will serve in that capacity.

St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Church, Philadelphia, PA - On Sunday, January 6, 2008 (the feast of the Epiphany), Bishop Hicks installed the Rev. David S. Ayres as rector of St. Luke's and Bishop Hoffman Church, Philadelphia, PA. He served as the homilist. The Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick, the Rev. Walter L. Hawkins and the Rev. Chiron P. Thompson participated in the service. The Rev. Barton L. Craig ably served as interim-rector prior to the Rev Mr. Ayres election, and his services are much appreciated.

OTHER PAROCHIAL MATTERS

Emmanuel Church, Somerville, NJ - A congregational vote to withdraw from the Reformed Episcopal Church failed to reach a required two-thirds majority on Sunday, October 21, 2007. The resolution to withdraw, from the Reformed Episcopal Church into CANA, was presented by the vestry and had the support of the Rev. Christopher D. Pierce, rector. Archdeacon Abboud and the Rev. Mr. Gillin were present at the meeting, having been sent by Bishop Riches to represent the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. Subsequent to the failed vote, the Rev. Mr. Pierce tendered his resignation, effective October 31, 2007. The Diocese worked with the parish and the Rev. Mr. Pierce to assist in providing an exit package for him. In order for this financial/benefit package to become effective, the Rev. Mr. Pierce had to meet certain conditions. Bishop Hicks met with supportive parishioners. The Rev. Dr. Dale H. Crouthamel serves as interim rector. Reports from Dr. Crouthamel and the vestry of the parish are very positive, as to the parish's energy and enthusiasm for continuing the ministry of the Reformed Episcopal Church in that community.

Former St. Philip's Church, Warminster, PA - Covenant Presbyterian Church continues to lease the building and property of the former St. Philip's Church. The pastor and leaders of Covenant Church have indicated their interest in proposing a lease-purchase arrangement with us, but we have not yet received their formal proposal.

Provisional Vestry for Church of the Atonement, Christ Memorial Church, and Grace Church (Collingdale) - The combined vestry for these three mission parishes continues to meet on a monthly basis. There has been great success in the parishes providing support for one another as each seeks to become a full parish once again. Vestry members are Mr. Brian Davis, the Rev. Walter L. Hawkins, and the Rev. Mark A. Specht, representing Atonement Church; the Rev. Roger W. Converse, Mrs. Lynda Dent, Mr. Steven Hoopes for Christ Memorial; and Miss Miriam Brownlowe, the Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick, and Mr. William Kozma for Grace Church. Mr. Brian Davis is Senior Warden, Mr. William Kozma is Junior Warden and the Rev. David S. Ayres serves as secretary.

Grace Chapel, Henry Avenue, Roxboro, PA - With the assistance the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud and Mr. Richard Stevens, Esq. we continue to be in negotiation with representatives of Pilgrim Presbyterian Church (PCA), in regard to the property of our former parish, Grace Church, in Roxboro. Pilgrim Presbyterian Church currently owns the property and has agreed to return it to

the Diocese in exchange for a 15-year lease to the church for \$1 per year. The exact terms of the sale and lease arrangements are being finalized.

ADDITIONAL EPISCOPAL ACTIVITIES

Ordination Anniversary - On October 21, 2007, at St. Michael's Church, Enola, PA, Bishop Riches presided at services celebrating the 10th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Donald L. March, rector, and of the Very Rev. Dr. William Martin Sloan, curate, to the ministry. It was his privilege to deliver the homily for the occasion, and to serve as celebrant for the Holy Eucharist.

Philadelphia Area Ministerium / Convocation - Bishop Hicks presides at the quarterly convocation meetings that continue to be held on the Ember days of the church calendar. The convocations open with a celebration of Holy Communion in the McCausland Chapel of Reformed Episcopal Seminary, followed by a time of light refreshment and discussion of clergy concerns.

Consecration of Church of the Transfiguration, Phoenixville, PA (Diocese of the Holy Cross) - At the invitation of the Rt. Rev. Paul Hewett, Bishop Hicks participated in the consecration of the church building for the Church of the Transfiguration on October 7, 2007.

Installation of the Rev. Mark Rudolph - Bishop Hicks attended the installation service for the Rev. Mark Rudolph as rector of St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church (AMiA) on October 18, 2007. The Rev. Mr. Rudolph is a graduate of our seminary and former Reformed Episcopal clergyman and missionary.

Diocesan Retreat - Bishop and Mrs. Hicks attended the annual retreat sponsored by the Committee on Spiritual Growth and Nurture on December 1-2, 2007.

Memorial Service for Mr. George Hess - Bishop Hicks participated with several other clergy in the memorial service for Mr. George Hess, a long-time member of St. Paul's, Oreland, PA on February 6, 2008.

Memorial Service for Miss Ann Castle - Bishop Hicks assisted the Rev. Rondal D. Martin in a memorial service for Miss Ann Castle, a long-time member of St. Paul's, Oreland, PA on March 29, 2008.

Barton Craig Ordination Anniversary Celebration - A celebration of the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Barton Craig to the diaconate was held at St. Mark's Church, Rydal, PA on April 26, 2008. Bishop and Mrs. Hicks attended.

CORRECTION TO THE RECORD BY ADDITION

Roderick S. Lee - (St. Matthew's Church - Havertown, PA) - On October 29, 2005 Bishop Hicks ordained the Rev. Roderick S. Lee presbyter. The Ven. Jon W. Abboud presented the candidate

and was the homilist. The liturgist was the Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick. Mr. Jon David Abboud read the Epistle and the Rev. Dcn. Roger W. Converse was the Gospeller.

OTHER BUSINESS

New Diocese Formed - On November 1, 2007 the Committee voted to consent to the action of the General Committee of the General Council taken on October 13, 2007, in accordance with Canons 45 and 47 of the Reformed Episcopal Church, to establish a new Missionary Diocese of the Central States. This new diocese includes the states of Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, West Virginia and Virginia.

Missionary Bishop of New Diocese - On November 1, 2007 the Committee voted to consent to the action of the General Committee of the General Council taken on October 13, 2007, pursuant to the recommendation of the Council of Bishops, to appoint the Rt. Rev. Daniel R. Morse as the founding Missionary Bishop of the new Missionary Diocese of the Central States.

By-Law Approval - The Committee on Constitution & Canons approved the By-Laws of Atonement Church, Philadelphia, PA and St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Church, Philadelphia, PA and recommended their approval by the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee voted to approve these By-Laws.

The Coming Transition - In presiding at the opening of the 128th Council of the Diocese on November 6, 2008, and officiating at the celebration of the Eucharist in St. Paul's Church, Orelan, PA Bishop Riches will mark the conclusion of his ceremonial function as Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese. Although he will remain officially in service to the Diocese until December 31, 2008, it is his intention to install the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks as Bishop Ordinary in conjunction with the opening service of Council. He will be available to him to assist in whatever transitional aspects of episcopal leadership may still be required throughout the month of November. He is also scheduled to teach two courses at Reformed Episcopal Seminary during the Trinity Quarter, from early September through late November. Bishop Riches plans to take the month of December as vacation, concluding his official relationship with the Diocese on December 31st.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin
Secretary

The Rev. Gregory J. Miller filed the Report of the Secretary to the Diocesan Trustees. No action required.

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

To the One Hundred Twenty-Eighth 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 Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Provost of the Reformed Episcopal Seminary.

NOVEMBER 1, 2007:

- At the annual organizational meeting of the Trustees held at Diocesan Council the following officers were elected: The Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches, President; the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, Vice President; the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, Treasurer, the Rev. Gregory J. Miller, Secretary.
- The Trustees authorized expenditure of funds necessary to effect the transfer of the Rev. Christopher D. Pierce from Emmanuel REC, Somerville, NJ to another sphere of ministry.

MAY 19, 2008:

- The Diocesan 2007-2008 budget was extrapolated to include the last three months of 2008 (Oct-Dec). This put the Diocese on a calendar year budget instead of a fiscal year budget and placed the Diocese in conformity with requirements of our new Constitution and By-Laws.
- The Trustees amended their previous action of September 24, 2007 with regard to Grace Church Roxboro - suspending mortgage payments from Pilgrim Presbyterian Church to Christ Memorial Church until such time as the reassignment of the property to the diocese can be made. The transfer of the property will be made with the joint direction and authorization of Bishop Hicks and Archdeacon Abboud.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2008:

- A \$6500 loan, approved by Bishop Hicks and Archdeacon Abboud and given to Mustard Seed Farm for their camping ministry, was reclassified as a gift and need not be repaid.
- Due to the transfer of fiscal responsibility for the Reformed Episcopal Seminary (RES) from the General Council to the Diocese, the Diocesan Trustees authorized Bishop Hicks to appoint a special Committee to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Directors of RES who are acting on behalf of the Trustees in matters relating to the operation of the Seminary.
- The proposed diocesan budget was reviewed and approved for adoption by the 128th Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church.
- The Trustees approved Bishop Riches' request that the \$12,000 allocated to him under the new budget as supplemental pension be allocated instead as housing allowance.
- Being Bishop Riches' last meeting as President of the Trustees the Trustees acknowledge their sincere thanks and appreciation for Bishop Riches many years of faithful service to the Trustees and the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Gregory J. Miller,
Secretary to the Trustees

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud presented the provisional Report of the Treasurer. In that the fiscal year has been revised to a calendar year the final report will be filed with the secretary. It was

moved and seconded to accept the report. The motion carried. Dr. Abboud reported that the diocesan books of the treasurer have been audited.

Dr. Abboud, Provost and Treasurer of the Seminary, was called upon to give report on the Reformed Episcopal Seminary. Dr. Abboud updated the Council on accreditation progress and the Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin addressed the Council on “The Keeper of the Spring” program. The following students gave a brief address to the Council: Russell Buchanan, Michael Carr and Samuel Orimogunje. It was moved and seconded the Report be accepted as presented. The motion carried.

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Report of the Treasurer to the 128th Council

| | | As of | | | |
|--|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | 9/25/2008 | 12/31/2007 | 9/30/2007 | 9/30/2006 |
| Asset Report | | | | | |
| Non Income Producing | | \$263,270.96 | \$263,270.96 | \$263,270.96 | \$263,270.96 |
| Mortgages | | \$42,415.49 | \$42,916.10 | \$46,724.56 | \$71,529.03 |
| Notes from Checking. | | \$20,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,733.17 |
| Papalia Financial Services (unified fund) (1) | | \$858,947.44 | \$1,041,193.89 | \$1,091,255.44 | \$1,055,129.18 |
| Cape St. Claire Fund (All Saints Mort.) | | \$152,457.86 | \$152,457.86 | \$152,457.86 | \$145,457.86 |
| Hicks Discretionary fund (in Checking) | | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | \$0.00 |
| St. Phillip's Fund | | \$24,155.69 | \$16,853.26 | \$14,072.56 | |
| Phila Church Growth Fund Papalia | | \$1,773,748.95 | \$1,779,094.19 | \$1,782,978.14 | |
| Phila Church Growth fund checking (currently used for Atonement) | | \$169,496.51 | \$155,061.04 | \$160,275.89 | |
| VA Church Fund Sent to Miss. Dio. 11/15/2007 | | | \$0.00 | \$3,300.00 | |
| Escrow Account Balance | | \$52,458.62 | \$52,346.54 | \$51,722.98 | |
| Checking Account Balance | | \$83,975.90 | \$96,523.91 | \$98,337.52 | \$80,724.39 |
| Total | | \$3,441,227.42 | \$3,600,017.75 | \$3,664,695.91 | \$1,618,844.59 |
| Funds | | | | | |
| Unified Fund Shares | | 108.096 | 108.096 | 108.096 | 108.096 |
| General Fund | | | | | |
| Church Extention Fund/PA | | | | | |
| Cov. Chapel | | \$28,527.64 | \$29,958.10 | \$30,237.12 | \$31,995.23 |
| Income | | | | | |
| 7th Day Adventist (Trinity) | | 0 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$15,659.74 |
| Berean Christian (Recon.) | | \$6,323.64 | \$12,958.00 | \$16,487.44 | \$23,874.06 |
| Unified Fund Shares | | 13.936 | 13.936 | 13.936 | 13.936 |
| Non Income | | | | | |
| Cov. Chapel NJ (n) | | \$29,500.00 | \$29,500.00 | \$29,500.00 | \$29,500.00 |
| Cov. Chapel, Rec (n) | | \$23,001.18 | \$23,001.18 | \$23,001.18 | \$23,001.18 |
| Emmanuel Four Brooks (n) | | \$49,837.43 | \$49,837.43 | \$49,837.43 | \$49,837.43 |
| Providence Chapel (n) | | \$5,928.00 | \$5,928.00 | \$5,928.00 | \$5,928.00 |
| St. Philip's PA (n) | | \$24,000.00 | \$24,000.00 | \$24,000.00 | \$24,000.00 |
| Ann Kenny Fund | | | | | |
| Valhalla Valley - NC (n) | | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 |
| Unified Fund Shares | | 33.61 | 33.61 | 33.61 | 33.61 |
| Antioch Cemetery | | | | | |
| Unified Fund Shares | | 2.272 | 2.272 | 2.272 | 2.272 |
| Arndt Mem. Fund | | | | | |
| Unified Fund Shares | | 21.339 | 21.339 | 21.339 | 21.339 |
| Bassinger Home Fund | | | | | |
| Unified Fund Shares | | 14.278 | 14.278 | 14.278 | 14.278 |
| Bassinger Memorial Trst | | | | | |
| St. Luke's NJ (n) | | \$27,000.00 | \$27,000.00 | \$27,000.00 | \$27,000.00 |
| Unified Fund Shares | | 0.688 | 0.688 | 0.688 | 0.688 |
| Bis. Rud. Epis. Endow. | | | | | |
| Unified Fund Shares | | 75.853 | 75.853 | 75.853 | 75.853 |
| Christ. Ed. Fund | | | | | |
| Unified Fund Shares | | 0.651 | 0.651 | 0.651 | 0.651 |
| Cumberland Church Fund Non Income | | | | | |
| Faith Church-Baltimore (n) | | \$7,144.25 | \$7,144.25 | \$7,144.25 | \$7,144.25 |
| Unified Fund Shares | | 0.636 | 0.636 | 0.636 | 0.636 |
| Dio. Ch. Ext. Trust | | | | | |
| Unified Fund Shares | | 19.94 | 19.94 | 19.94 | 19.94 |
| Hart Lodge Fund | | | | | |
| Unified Fund Shares | | 17.26 | 17.26 | 17.26 | 17.26 |

In addition to the value of the Papalia portfolio the unified fund includes

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Cov. Va. Mortgage | | \$7,564.21 | \$8,191.49 | \$8,343.17 | \$9,281.44 |
| Portion of 826 2nd Ave. (n) | | \$96,859.10 | \$96,859.10 | \$96,859.10 | \$96,859.10 |
| Cov. VA. Note | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| Unified Fund Value | 308.6356 total shares | \$963,370.75 | \$1,146,244.48 | \$1,196,457.71 | \$1,163,269.72 |
| Share value | | \$3,122.16 | \$3,714.83 | \$3,877.57 | \$3,770.01 |

(1) Includes \$127.40 contribution to bassinger home fund which adds .0366 shares to unified fund

(1) To arrive at this number see Papalia Reports, Add loan #1 to Acc #4 and subtract Cape St. clair fund

Diocesan Books have been audited through 12/31/2007 This Report includes corrections too 127th Council report

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| Income | 10/1/2006 through 9/30/2007 & 4th Quarter 2007 | | | From | |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | 2006/07 budget | 2006/2007 Actual | | 10/1/08 | |
| Mortgages/Notes | \$18,147.00 | \$35,192.10 | 193.93% | \$3,750.00 | \$3,192.84 |
| Diocesan Tithe | \$250,000.00 | \$255,786.49 | 102.31% | \$63,750.00 | \$49,772.05 |
| Clergy Tithe | | \$875.00 | | \$750.00 | \$0.00 |
| Investments and other income | \$120,000.00 | \$128,318.41 | 106.93% | \$34,000.00 | \$31,908.33 |
| Hick's Discretionary Fund | | | | \$ - | \$300.00 |
| News Letter contribution | | \$12,560.00 | | \$ - | |
| VA Church Fund | | \$3,300.00 | | \$ - | -\$3,300.00 |
| Clergy Retreat | \$200.00 | -\$100.00 | -50.00% | \$ - | |
| Disability & Life Income | \$3,650.00 | \$3,792.94 | 103.92% | \$950.00 | |
| Jesus, TGS Escrow (3) | \$0.00 | \$21,125.00 | | \$ - | |
| Ins. Escrow (3) | \$0.00 | \$29,641.85 | | \$ - | |
| Hurricane Relief | | | | \$ - | |
| Cape St. Clair Sale (2) | \$0.00 | -\$145,457.86 | | \$ - | |
| Offerings (5) | \$1,000.00 | \$673.46 | 67.35% | \$375.00 | \$2,040.00 |
| Phila Church Plant Fund | | \$160,275.89 | | \$15,285.09 | \$5,285.15 |
| Total income | \$392,997.00 | \$505,983.28 | 128.75% | \$118,860.09 | \$89,198.37 |
| Expenses | | | | | |
| Transfer to Phila Ch. Gr. Fund | | \$160,275.89 | | \$9,285.09 | |
| Episcopal Expenses | | | | \$ - | |
| Salaries | \$120,860.00 | \$121,218.33 | 100.30% | \$31,365.24 | \$31,272.45 |
| Consecration/misc | \$0.00 | | | \$ - | |
| Office Equipment | \$2,500.00 | \$611.49 | 24.46% | \$375.00 | |
| Medical reimb. Hicks | \$4,700.00 | \$5,229.00 | 111.26% | \$1,425.00 | \$1,044.00 |
| Rent/Tel. (Pipersville office) | \$3,800.00 | \$4,104.81 | 108.02% | \$1,000.00 | \$1,125.45 |
| Travel/Misc | \$14,500.00 | \$11,204.50 | 77.27% | \$3,250.00 | \$3,999.61 |
| Subtotal | \$146,360.00 | \$142,368.13 | 97.27% | \$37,415.24 | \$37,441.51 |
| Diocesan Secretary | \$9,500.00 | \$9,545.93 | 100.48% | \$2,470.00 | \$2,700.00 |
| Administration | \$2,500.00 | \$2,466.19 | 98.65% | \$562.50 | \$1,082.49 |
| Audit | \$3,000.00 | | 0.00% | \$500.00 | |
| Camping Program (5) | \$3,000.00 | \$1,756.00 | 58.53% | \$437.50 | |
| Clergy Retreat | \$1,000.00 | \$732.13 | 73.21% | \$187.50 | |
| Council Journal | \$2,500.00 | \$1,016.00 | 40.64% | \$300.00 | \$1,277.48 |
| Council Expense | \$3,500.00 | \$2,905.83 | 83.02% | \$750.00 | \$3,249.02 |
| Council Offering Dist. (6) | \$0.00 | \$757.00 | | \$ - | \$1,400.00 |
| General Council Tithe | \$25,000.00 | \$26,794.96 | 107.18% | \$6,375.00 | \$2,854.66 |
| Honoraria Speakers (4) | \$0.00 | \$1,750.84 | | \$375.00 | \$800.00 |
| Insurance | \$3,400.00 | \$9,748.52 | 286.72% | \$2,462.50 | |
| Misc. Archives | \$500.00 | \$2,649.85 | 529.97% | \$187.50 | \$356.00 |
| Publications | \$500.00 | | 0.00% | \$ - | |
| Dio. Dis. & Life Ins | \$4,323.00 | \$3,892.10 | 90.03% | \$1,050.00 | |
| Transfer to Escrow Account | \$0.00 | \$51,772.98 | | \$ - | |

(2) Cape St. Claire funds were used to give Mortgage to All Saints in Irvington and are reported on asset report

(3) Money is held in separate escrow fund (4) Council and Founder's Day speakers

(5) 502.75 for coypw's work, 757 for RES Library (6) 757 went to RES, Balance offset camping expenses

(7) Atonement assistance comes from Phila. Church Growth Fund

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Church Ext. Parish Assist. Salary Support

| | | | | | |
|--|--------------|---------------------|---------|--------------|---------------------|
| <i>Diaconal Training</i> | \$4,800.00 | \$4,800.00 | 100.00% | \$2,400.00 | \$1,200.00 |
| <i>Atonement</i> | | | | \$7,750.00 | \$10,500.00 |
| <i>St. Michaels (Harrisburg)</i> | \$10,800.00 | \$10,800.00 | 100.00% | \$2,295.00 | \$2,295.00 |
| <i>Emmanuel 4 Brooks, Pipersville, PA</i> | \$15,120.00 | \$15,120.00 | 100.00% | \$3,213.00 | \$3,213.00 |
| <i>Good Shepherd, Brockton, MA</i> | \$12,000.00 | \$12,000.00 | 100.00% | \$2,550.00 | \$2,550.00 |
| <i>Reserve</i> | \$15,000.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% | \$3,000.00 | \$1,153.00 |
| <i>*Grace Col./ CMC</i> | \$10,000.00 | \$32,413.78 | 324.14% | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 |
| <i>Theological Education/Leadership Training</i> | \$128,050.00 | \$128,050.00 | 100.00% | \$33,250.00 | \$33,249.99 |
| | \$400,853.00 | \$621,616.13 | 155.07% | \$119,815.83 | \$108,322.15 |

*No Monies are budgeted for CMC, 1000 per month to Grace Collingdale

Report of the Treasurer to the 128th Council of the Diocese of the
 Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the REC
 2006 -2007 & 2008 Parish Tithe

10/1/2006 through 9/30/2007, 4th Quarter 2007 and
 YTD 2008 Through 9/25/2008

| Parish Tithe | Year to Date | 2008 | calendar yr | 06/07 fiscal yr | 4th q of 07 |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | 1/1 - 9/25 2008 | Trend | 1/1/07- 12/31/07 | 10/1/06- 9/30/07 | 9/30/07- 12/31/07 |
| All Saints, Irvington | \$735.00 | \$980.00 | \$1,355.15 | \$1,620.75 | \$0.00 |
| Atonement | \$2,283.00 | \$3,044.00 | \$1,983.00 | \$1,747.00 | \$588.00 |
| Bishop Cummins | \$28,437.16 | \$37,916.21 | \$36,720.18 | \$36,961.59 | \$5,814.97 |
| Bohemia REC | \$710.14 | \$946.85 | \$789.47 | \$581.67 | \$207.80 |
| Christ Church, Abington | \$585.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,576.07 | \$0.00 | \$3,576.07 |
| Christ Memorial | \$835.78 | \$1,114.37 | \$889.69 | \$894.95 | \$166.64 |
| Christ The King | \$7,114.03 | \$9,485.37 | \$9,232.32 | \$8,232.25 | \$2,868.68 |
| Covenant Chapel | \$14,845.77 | \$19,794.36 | \$18,623.53 | \$18,511.63 | \$2,846.40 |
| Covenant, VA | \$378.25 | \$0.00 | \$1,036.67 | \$1,001.53 | \$125.80 |
| Emmanuel Four Brooks | \$3,798.62 | \$5,064.83 | \$5,105.38 | \$5,198.65 | \$870.18 |
| Emmanuel, NJ | \$5,986.94 | \$7,982.59 | \$8,680.79 | \$8,642.00 | \$1,507.79 |
| Epiphany | \$183.00 | \$0.00 | \$244.00 | | \$244.00 |
| Faith | \$3,659.67 | \$4,879.56 | \$4,068.70 | \$1,942.00 | \$2,126.00 |
| First Church | \$4,837.00 | \$6,449.33 | \$9,451.67 | \$6,127.09 | \$3,324.58 |
| Good Shepherd, MA | \$10,816.00 | \$14,421.33 | \$14,140.00 | \$14,356.00 | \$2,195.00 |
| Grace, Collingdale | \$4,791.65 | \$6,388.87 | \$3,285.98 | \$3,302.07 | \$262.82 |
| Grace, Havre de Grace | \$9,536.06 | \$12,714.75 | \$11,657.76 | \$11,569.25 | \$1,974.74 |
| Grace, Scranton | \$4,795.02 | \$6,393.36 | \$11,643.89 | \$11,429.52 | \$1,512.39 |
| Holy Trinity VA | \$1,875.00 | \$0.00 | \$11,206.15 | \$10,245.08 | \$2,639.00 |
| Jesus The Good Shepherd | \$3,511.10 | \$4,681.47 | \$5,198.57 | \$6,295.29 | \$649.83 |
| Messiah | \$2,660.00 | \$3,546.67 | \$2,138.00 | \$1,688.00 | \$450.00 |
| New Covenant, Lynchburg | \$1,265.58 | \$0.00 | \$3,665.57 | \$3,947.71 | \$705.89 |
| New Redeemer | \$7,460.00 | \$9,946.67 | \$9,771.00 | \$9,076.00 | \$2,334.00 |
| St. John's By The Sea | \$2,181.98 | \$2,909.31 | \$2,902.75 | \$2,781.91 | \$418.37 |
| St. Luke's | \$3,958.01 | \$5,277.35 | \$4,870.03 | \$4,807.29 | \$490.44 |
| St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman | \$2,512.31 | \$3,349.75 | \$2,722.65 | \$2,733.93 | \$416.95 |
| St. Marks | \$4,427.95 | \$5,903.93 | \$15,678.75 | \$15,436.71 | \$1,310.24 |
| St. Mary's | \$4,800.00 | \$6,400.00 | \$6,616.75 | \$7,746.00 | \$700.00 |
| St. Matthew's | \$10,959.55 | \$14,612.73 | \$14,312.64 | \$13,077.90 | \$3,055.22 |
| St. Michaels | \$4,620.19 | \$6,160.25 | \$7,178.59 | \$6,466.03 | \$1,669.90 |
| St. Paul's | \$6,748.87 | \$8,998.49 | \$13,481.07 | \$15,744.06 | \$1,833.78 |
| St. Stephens | \$17,968.39 | \$23,957.85 | \$18,109.22 | \$19,562.37 | \$2,885.87 |
| St. Timothy's | | \$0.00 | \$2,832.00 | \$2,832.00 | \$0.00 |
| Trinity DE | -\$90.00 | \$0.00 | \$213.30 | \$213.30 | |
| TOTAL Parish Tithe | \$179,187.02 | \$233,320.25 | \$263,381.29 | \$254,771.53 | \$49,771.35 |

Of the 28 active parishes and missions in the Diocese the trend shows giving to be up in 19
 One parish has not reported yet and it is likely that we have not yet received September payments from a number of others.

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Reformed Episcopal Seminary – Northeast

Balance Sheet - As of 12/31/2007

ASSETS

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Checking Account | 227,854.18 |
| Petty Cash | 100.00 |
| bequests receivable | 125,000.00 |
| Accounts Receivable(1) | 3,850.00 |
| Investments | |
| General Investment Fund | 28,826.82 |
| Advertising Fund | 9,391.98 |
| Needy Student Fund | 18,783.97 |
| Portfolio Value(12/31/2007) | 57,002.77 |
| Papalia Fund(3) | 1,697,281.65 |
| 826 Second Ave. | 1,044,825.60 |
| 832 Second Ave. | 79,147.18 |
| Buildings & Contents | |
| (at cost) | 132,316.92 |
| | 3,367,378.30 |

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Accts Payable (2) | 0.00 |
| Notes Payable | |
| Looney Hoffman Fund Mortgage | 468,498.60 |
| Fund Balance | 2,898,879.70 |
| | 3,367,378.30 |

(1) student tuitions approximation

(3) Approximation

Reformed Episcopal Seminary – Northeast

Balance Sheet - As of 9/25/2008

ASSETS

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Cash

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Checking Account | 121,091.04 |
| Petty Cash | 100.00 |
| bequests receivable | 125,000.00 |
| Accounts Receivable(1) | 3,200.00 |
| Investments | |
| General Investment Fund | 22,485.29 |
| Advertising Fund | 7,325.87 |
| Needy Student Fund | 14,651.74 |
| Portfolio Value(9/25/08)(4) | 44,462.89 |
| Papalia Fund(3) | 1,524,615.32 |
| 826 Second Ave.(2) | 1,071,549.44 |
| 832 Second Ave. | 77,647.18 |
| Buildings & Contents | |
| (at cost) | 128,183.84 |
| | 3,140,312.60 |

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Accts Payable (5) | 34,349.87 |
| Notes Payable | 0.00 |
| Looney Hoffman Fund Mortgage | 462,524.83 |
| Fund Balance | 2,643,437.90 |
| | 3,140,312.60 |

(1) student tuitions and loans

(2)"665k purchase price plus other costs related to purchase & renovation less 70K for ranch house

(3)Corrected balance as of 9/23/2008

(5) Pensions for employees

(4) At present 60,963 shares /SB Portfolio, 10K-advertising, 20 K-needy Student, 30693-General Fund

The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn presented the Report of the Committee on Nominations. In that requests had been solicited from each parish prior to Council and that no nominations were made from the floor, it was moved the nominations be closed and the Secretary instructed to cast one ballot in favor of the nominations made in the report. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Committee Members

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| The Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches – <i>ex-officio</i> | The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn |
| The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks – <i>chairman</i> | The Rev. Gregory J. Miller |
| The Rev. Cedric R. Benner | Mrs. Melinda Kellogg |
| The Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick | Mrs. Christine Specht |

First Vice-President: The Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin

Second Vice-President: The Very Rev. Eduardo Andrade

Secretary: Mrs. Bonnie C. Abboud

Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Tonya M. Forsberg

Standing Committee

| | |
|--|---------------------------|
| The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks – <i>ex-officio</i> | |
| The Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin – <i>ex-officio</i> | |
| The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud – <i>ex-officio</i> | |
| The Rev. Cedric R. Benner | Frederick K. Ganjon, Esq. |
| The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller | Mr. Edward Meharg |
| The Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle | Mr. Ronald E. Riches |

Trustees of the Diocese

| | |
|---|--------------------------|
| The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks – <i>ex-officio</i> | |
| The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud | Mr. Elijah Barnes |
| The Rev. Richard E. Baird | Mrs. Barbara A. Hamarich |
| The Rev. William G. Garrison, Jr. | Mr. James Kester |
| The Rev. Dr. Matthew P. Harrington | Mr. William Kozma |
| The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller | Mrs. Mary Ann Ludwig |
| The Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle | Mrs. Elaine Simmons |
| The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches | Richard W. Stevens, Esq. |
| The Rev. Richard W. Workowski | |

Board of Directors for the Theological Seminary

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| The Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches | The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller |
| The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks | Mr. Christopher Komline |
| The Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin | Mr. Paul A. Tutton |
| The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud | Dr. Guy F. Webster |
| The Rev. Walter L. Hawkins | Dr. Barbara J. West |
| The Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Headman | |

Respectfully submitted,

The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, Chairman

Bishop Hicks assumed the Chair.

The Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin presented the Report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons. It was moved the Report be received adopting the recommendation as second reading [see p.53 127th diocesan council journal]. The motion was seconded and carried. Bishop Hicks commented on the rationale of the change.

Bishop Royal U. Grote, Jr. was recognized. Bishop Grote exhorted the diocesan council to the vital importance of parish by-laws to be in alignment with the constitution and canons of the denomination. In the event of complications within the parish that require legal resolution, it is necessary the parish's by-laws reflect the goals and objectives of the governing body – the denomination. Model by-laws are on-line on the REC website.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONS & CANONS

*TO THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE OF
THE NORTHEAST & MID-ATLANTIC OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH*

Dear Brethren:

This past year the Committee received and approved the following parish by-laws:

- Atonement Church - Philadelphia, PA
- Christ the King Church - Pasadena, MD
- St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Church - Philadelphia, PA

All other parishes are strongly encouraged to submit amended by-laws to this Committee in order to bring them into conformity with the denominational and diocesan Canons. To date, only ten parishes have submitted revised By-Laws to the Committee for approval. Please follow the procedure previously outlined in the Committee's report to the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Diocesan Council.

The Committee recommends the following canonical change for second reading.

Add a section 2B. to Title I, Canon I to read:

(B). All clergy on the active roll, not in charge, or assisting in the work of a Parish or otherwise engaged in the service of the Diocese or in a church in communion with the Reformed Episcopal Church, are required to send one-half of their tithe to the diocesan Treasurer for deposit into the diocesan treasury.

NOTE: If this amendment is approved, of necessity, the existing canon (Section 2) would become 2A. and the entire section 2 would be entitled, "Non-parochial Clergy".

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin
Chairman

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches filed the Report of the Board of Examining Chaplains. No action necessary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

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

Dear Brethren,

The Board of Examining Chaplains consists of the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Rev. Cedric R. Benner, the Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller, and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches.

The Board continues to assist the Bishop in examining postulants and other candidates for ordained ministry within the diocese. The Board also assists in examining candidates for the office of deaconess as needed by the Bishop.

Eric W. Vowles - On Friday, November 2, 2007, Eric W. Vowles was examined for ordination to the diaconate. The examination was held at Grace Church, Havre-de-Grace, MD. The examiners were the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Rev. Cedric R. Benner, the Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller, and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches. Mr. Vowles sustained the examination. It was noted that Mr. Vowles completed the full canonical exam and will not have to take another written exam before being ordained to the presbyterate.

Bartholomew P. Martin - On Friday, January 11, 2008, Bartholomew Martin was examined for ordination to the diaconate. The examination was held at Reformed Episcopal Seminary. The examiners were the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches, and the Rev. Cedric R. Benner. Mr. Martin sustained the examination.

Justin M. Forsberg - On Monday, September 22, 2008, Justin Forsberg was examined for ordination to the diaconate. The examination was held at Reformed Episcopal Seminary. The examiners were the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches and the Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller. Mr. Forsberg sustained the examination.

The Board of the Examining Chaplains serves as the advisor to the Bishop with regards to the examination process and candidates for ordination to the offices of permanent deacon, transitional deacon, and presbyter. We continue to discuss the academic requirements that

candidates for each of these offices must meet before being examined and are working on suggested courses of study.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches
Secretary

The Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick gave a short speech in lieu of presenting the Report of the Committee on Memorials. The Rev. John Milligan led the council in prayer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS – no report submitted

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - no report submitted

Mr. Jason A. Holloway filed the Report of the Committee on Young People's Work with the Secretary. No action necessary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

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

Dear Brethren:

Thus if you have really handed yourself over to Him, it must follow that you are trying to obey him...Not doing these things in order to be saved, but because He has begun to save you already. Not hoping to get to Heaven as a reward for your actions, but inevitably wanting to act in a certain way because a first faint gleam of Heaven is already inside you.¹

These words of C.S. Lewis accurately summarize much of what the Committee on Young People's Work (COYPW) sought to instill in campers and retreat participants throughout the past year. Leading a Christian life necessarily means leading a life in obedience to God's commandments.

The year began with Winter Camp held at River Valley Ranch in Northern Maryland. Throughout the weekend campers were taught the necessity of a vibrant prayer life, personal and corporate. While many areas of prayer were covered, special attention was paid to the idea of praying for the grace to obey God and the humility required to confess our transgressions of the law. The Committee would like to thank Mr. Daniel Ackart for his lessons on prayer and the Rev. Stephen Cox for celebrating Holy Communion on the final day of camp. The weekend was a great success which featured many fun games and activities including dodge ball, basketball, floor hockey, Gyparody, and a game based off the blockbuster National Treasure.

Spring Fling was held during the week of the Ascension. Participants learned what it meant to be an obedient subject of the King as members of his Kingdom. The lock-in was held

¹ Lewis, C.S. *Mere Christianity*. San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1980.

at St. John's by the Sea, and the COYPW wishes to thank the Rev. Ronald Bretherick for opening the parish up to us for the weekend. The beach football game and leaping contest highlighted the activities for the event.

Summer camp and Winter camp were well attended. Summer camp, held at Rock Mountain Bible Camp in Gibson, Pennsylvania drew a total of 86 participants. We were blessed to have the Rev. Greg Miller and Rev. Cedric Benner speak to Senior and Junior Camp respectively on the topic of the Ten Commandments and their implications for our daily lives. We wish to thank them for their messages. The week had many highpoints including the impromptu singing of two verses of Amazing Grace at the bonfire and the re-dedication of numerous campers to live the holy lives God would have us live.

As always, the camping program exists only through the endeavors of volunteers from across the diocese. There are literally some who give up their yearly vacation to work at Summer camp. We thank them all for their time, effort, and dedication to the youth in this part of the Church. However, the number of participants in the various events sponsored by the COYPW has grown substantially over the last two years. As such, we would like to ask any who feel called by the Lord to consider volunteering as a counselor at an upcoming event.

Finally, the COYPW has been for some time considering the idea of sponsoring a retreat in addition to Winter and Summer Camp and the two diocesan-wide lock-ins. While the details are still being hammered out, this retreat will be for a limited number of young adults and will have a complete spiritual focus. The goal will be to foster the spiritual growth of young adults through frequent corporate prayer, preaching, the Eucharist, and small faith groups. Details regarding this event will be forthcoming.

We continue to request your prayers for the COYPW and its work. We give thanks to God for his enduring faithfulness to this ministry and ask his blessing on all the work we do in the following year.

In Christ's service,

Jason A. Holloway

**Committee on Young People's Work
Financial Statement
Fiscal Year October 1, 2007 - September 30, 2008**

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Gifts</u> | |
| Grace, Collingdale | 400.00 |
| Covenant Chapel | 500.00 |
| Emanuel Church | <u>218.00</u> |
| TOTAL GIFTS | \$1,118.00 |
| Total Receipts | <u>\$1,118.00</u> |
| | |
| Bank Charge | (30.00) |
| Medical | 100.00 |

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Postage | 20.00 |
| Winter Camp | (695.00) |
| Summer Camp | <u>4320.00</u> |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$3,722.00</u> |
| | |
| <u>INCOME/(DEFICIT)</u> | <u>(\$2,604.00)</u> |

Disposition of Funds

| | | |
|------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| I. | Ending Balance by Depository | |
| | M&T Bank - checking | 2558.00 |
| | Total | <u>\$2,558.00</u> |
| | | |
| II. | Reconciliation of Funds | |
| | Fund Balances 9/30/07 | 693.00 |
| | COYPW Income/(Deficit) | (2604.00) |
| | NJ Camper Scholarship Fund | 4470.00 |
| | Fund Balances 9/30/08 | <u>\$2,558.00</u> |

The Ven Dr. Abboud presented the Report on the Committee on Evangelism, Church Growth and Development. In conjunction with the report ministry updates were given by the following: The Rev. Messrs. Ayres, Fitzpatrick, Hawkins, McLynn, Pelle, and Vowles. It was moved and seconded the encouraging report be received as presented. The motion passed. The Council was encouraged to uphold the ministries within the diocese.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM, CHURCH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

To the One Hundred Twenty-Eighth 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."

Following a procedure established several years ago, the committee consulted with the bishop about new allocations and those parishes currently receiving aid and diaconal training funds. Recommendations were made to the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Trustees for

funding. The results of those recommendations are included in the budget for the coming fiscal year.

For the 2007/2008 Fiscal Year and the balance of 2008, financial assistance was provided to: Saint Michael's in Enola; Emmanuel, Four Brooks; Good Shepherd, Brockton; Grace Church in Collingdale; and Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia. Diaconal training funds were provided for one parish.

For the coming Calendar year, we continue our support of: Church of the Atonement, Germantown; Saint Michael's in Enola; Emmanuel, Four Brooks; Good Shepherd, Brockton; and Grace Church in Collingdale. Each of these parishes has been awarded a reduced support figure. We continue to work with Bishop Hicks and the provisional vestry for the mission parishes in Philadelphia.

We remain willing to advise and assist both our new and older congregations in advancing the work of Christ our Lord.

We also remind the council that the One Hundred Twenty-Fourth Council adopted a policy with respect to sexual misconduct and criminal clearances. That policy is as follows.

This Diocese will not under any circumstances condone or participate in the cover-up of allegations of sexual misconduct.

This Diocese will observe the following procedure in the event of an allegation of sexual misconduct:

A. All allegations against a clergyman must be reported to the Bishop, who, along with the standing committee, will seriously investigate the allegations and report to the appropriate secular authorities when and where the evidence warrants.

B. All allegations leveled against a parishioner functioning as a volunteer on a parish level shall be investigated by the rector and parish council, who will then be responsible to report their findings, positive or negative to the Bishop who may at his discretion require further investigation. The appropriate secular authorities shall be notified when and where the evidence warrants.

C. All allegations leveled against a youth worker or counselor engaged by the Committee on Young People's Work shall be investigated by the committee and a report shall be submitted to the Bishop. The appropriate secular authorities shall be notified when and where the evidence warrants.

Churches are reminded that in some cases, clergy and child care workers are regarded as mandatory reporters who must report even the suspicion of abuse to secular authorities. Care must be taken to be familiar with the laws that apply to your particular situation. In all cases the state laws respecting mandatory reporting shall be observed.

Criminal Clearance policy:

1. That each parish and ministry of the Diocese recognize that Child Abuse does take place, even in Churches professing Biblical fidelity. The devil masquerades as an angel of light.

The wolf does disguise himself as one of the sheep. Therefore the best protection against the abuse of children under our care is watchfulness and caution. **Wherever practical**, apart from normal worship service nursery duty (which is often shared among the members of the congregation) and normal Sunday school activities, **it is recommended** that two or more adults cooperate in the supervision of youth ministries and church sponsored youth activities. It is further recommended that situations involving unsupervised one-on-one interaction between **unscreened official representatives** of the parish and the children of the parish be discouraged. This will not only protect our children, it will also protect our adults from unfounded allegations.

2. That all clergy, candidates for ministry or clergy transferees be subjected to appropriate criminal and sexual misconduct clearances prior to functioning in a youth ministry or retreat that might involve the solitary or unsupervised care of children. Said clearances are to be secured by the Committee on Young People's Work and filed with the Diocesan Office.

3. That all counselors and chaperones of official diocesan or parish youth camps or retreats be subjected to appropriate criminal and sexual misconduct clearances prior to functioning in a youth ministry or retreat that might involve the solitary or unsupervised care of children. Said clearances are to be secured by the Committee on Young People's Work and filed with the Diocesan Office.

4. That all salaried youth workers and volunteer youth group sponsors be subjected to appropriate criminal and sexual misconduct clearances. Clearances are to be secured by the vestry and held on file by the secretary of the vestry.

5. That all church schools, nursery schools and day care centers screen their employees and volunteers according to the state laws governing their operation. If no specific state guidelines exist, the parish shall screen staff according to a consistent standard of care adopted on a local level.

6. That all clergy and youth staff be provided with and encouraged to become familiar with education materials related to the prevention of sexual misconduct. Materials are available from your insurance agent.

7. Because sexual predators move so frequently and are often adept at appearing to be caring people with a burden for children, that a reasonable period of time be observed (six months) before new parishioners are given unsupervised access to the children of our parishes.

It should be noted that the diocese also screens all candidates for ministry and clergy transfers. Those records are held on file in the Bishop's office.

Respectfully submitted,

The Ven. Jon W. Abboud, Chairman

The Council was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. Direction was given to the Council regarding the schedule for the festivities planned for Bishop and Mrs. Leonard W. Riches at the North Hills Country Club in honor of Bishop Riches' retirement as Ordinary to the Diocese.

**SECOND DAY
NOVEMBER 7, 2008**

The second day of proceedings was called to order at 11:46 a.m. The Ven. Ellis Ekenekwe opened the session with prayer. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the first day. The motion unanimously carried. The offering received from the morning worship service in the amount of \$531.16 was designated for this summer's short-term mission trips. Bishop Hicks assumed the Chair.

Bishop Hicks requested rectors to send in information about their individual parishes for the Diocesan Newsletter. He also introduced plans for a NEMA Magazine which will be published three times a year; suggestion ballots were passed among those present.

Bishop Meyer gave greetings from Germany along with all the activities of his church including a monthly bible study, new members and English Camp scheduled for July 19th through July 29th.

Bishop Grote gave a verbal report on the Board of Foreign Missions. He gave a brief summary of future mission trips such as Nigeria (July 3rd-July 12th) and Brazil (July 13th-July 30th). He closed with thanking St. Paul's for the use of their building.

Mr. Greg Wright (Arab World Missions) and The Rev. Dcn. Roger Converse (Intervarsity Missions) addressed the Council on behalf of their Ministries.

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches presented the State of the Diocese Report along with a welcome to Bishop Hicks as the new NEMA Bishop. He also urged churches to carefully complete their State of the Diocese Reports and to also send parish information to the Diocesan Office for archival purposes. It was moved and seconded the report be received as presented. The motion passed.

State of the Diocese Report

| 2007 Statistical Report | | previous membership | confirmations | letter of transfer | sufficient evidence | letter of transfer |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Atonement Church | Philadelphia | 35 | - | - | - | -1 |
| All Saints Anglican Church | Newark | 154 | 20 | 3 | - | - |
| Bishop Cummins RE Church | Catonsville | 418 | 2 | 2 | 3 | -28 |
| Covenant Chapel | Basking Ridge | 66 | 2 | - | - | -2 |
| Covenant Church | Roanoke | NO REPORT | - | - | - | NO REPORT |
| Christ Memorial | Philadelphia | 39 | 1 | - | - | - |
| Christ the King | Pasadena | 55 | 2 | - | - | - |
| Christchurch | Abingdon | - | 25 | 56 | - | -24 |
| Church of the Messiah | Philadelphia | 35 | - | - | - | -2 |
| Emmanuel RE Church | Pipersville | 38 | 5 | - | - | - |
| Emmanuel RE Church | Somerville | 56 | - | 2 | - | -7 |
| Faith RE Church | Baltimore | 27 | 1 | 29 | - | - |
| First RE Church | New York | NO REPORT | - | - | - | NO REPORT |
| Good Shepherd Church | Brockton | 65 | 2 | - | 1 | - |
| Grace Church | Scranton | 40 | 8 | - | 9 | - |
| Grace RE Church | Collingdale | 54 | 3 | 5 | 5 | -6 |
| Grace RE Church | Havre-de-Grace | 56 | - | - | - | - |
| Holy Trinity Church | Fairfax | 43 | - | 12 | 3 | -3 |
| Jesus the Good Shepherd REC | Brooklyn | 88 | 2 | 1 | 2 | - |
| New Covenant | Lynchburg | NO REPORT | - | - | - | NO REPORT |
| New Redeemer RE Church | Jersey City | 99 | 3 | - | - | -1 |
| Providence Chapel (St. Timothy) | Mount Laurel | 16 | - | - | - | - |
| Redemption Church | Quakertown | NO REPORT | - | - | - | NO REPORT |
| St. John's by-the-Sea | Ventnor City | 41 | 1 | - | 6 | - |
| St. Luke's RE Church | New Providence | 22 | - | - | - | - |
| St. Luke's Bp. Hoffman Church | Philadelphia | 44 | - | - | - | -3 |
| St. Mark's RE Church | Rydal | 45 | - | 2 | - | - |
| St. Mary's RE Church | Bronx | NO REPORT | - | - | - | NO REPORT |
| St. Matthew's RE Church | Havertown | 60 | 4 | - | - | - |
| St. Michael's RE Church | Enola | 47 | - | 2 | - | -1 |
| St. Paul's RE Church | Oreland | 104 | 1 | 6 | - | - |
| St. Stephen's RE Church | Sykesville | 167 | 3 | 1 | - | - |
| 2007 TOTALS | | 1,914 | 85 | 121 | 29 | (78) |

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One-Hundred Twenty-eighth Council

| 2007 Statistical Report | | moved to | | current | baptized | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | inact. stat. | death | membership | members | families |
| Atonement Church | Philadelphia | -9 | - | 25 | 25 | 16 |
| All Saints Anglican Church | Newark | - | -4 | 173 | 12 | 51 |
| Bishop Cummins RE Church | Catonsville | -56 | -4 | 337 | 22 | 124 |
| Covenant Chapel | Basking Ridge | - | - | 66 | 17 | 27 |
| Covenant Church | Roanoke | - | - | NO REPORT | - | - |
| Christ Memorial | Philadelphia | - | - | 40 | 2 | 25 |
| Christ the King | Pasadena | -3 | - | 54 | - | 24 |
| Christchurch | Abingdon | -19 | - | 38 | 38 | 8 |
| Church of the Messiah | Philadelphia | - | - | 33 | - | 14 |
| Emmanuel RE Church | Pipersville | - | -1 | 42 | 10 | 20 |
| Emmanuel RE Church | Somerville | - | -1 | 50 | 27 | 30 |
| Faith RE Church | Baltimore | - | -1 | 56 | 48 | 31 |
| First RE Church | New York | - | - | NO REPORT | - | - |
| Good Shepherd Church | Brockton | -3 | - | 65 | 5 | 36 |
| Grace Church | Scranton | -18 | - | 39 | 14 | 38 |
| Grace RE Church | Collingdale | -1 | -1 | 59 | 12 | 39 |
| | Havre-de- | | | | | |
| Grace RE Church | Grace | - | -2 | 54 | 54 | 36 |
| Holy Trinity Church | Fairfax | - | - | 55 | - | 17 |
| Jesus the Good Shepherd | | | | | | |
| REC | Brooklyn | -5 | -1 | 87 | 4 | 60 |
| New Covenant | Lynchburg | - | - | NO REPORT | - | - |
| New Redeemer RE Church | Jersey City | -15 | -1 | 85 | 1 | - |
| Providence Chapel (St. Timothy) | Mount Laurel | -4 | - | 12 | 15 | 12 |
| Redemption Church | Quakertown | - | - | NO REPORT | - | - |
| St. John's by-the-Sea | Ventnor City | -2 | - | 46 | 66 | 38 |
| | New | | | | | |
| St. Luke's RE Church | Providence | - | - | 22 | 12 | 12 |
| St. Luke's Bp. Hoffman Church | Philadelphia | - | -1 | 40 | - | - |
| St. Mark's RE Church | Rydal | - | -2 | 45 | 9 | 22 |
| St. Mary's RE Church | Bronx | - | - | NO REPORT | - | - |
| St. Matthew's RE Church | Havertown | - | - | 64 | 8 | 35 |
| St. Michael's RE Church | Enola | - | -1 | 47 | 11 | 18 |
| St. Paul's RE Church | Oreland | -6 | -3 | 102 | - | 37 |
| St. Stephen's RE Church | Sykesville | -3 | - | 168 | 35 | 75 |
| 2007 TOTALS | | (144) | (23) | 1,904 | 447 | 845 |

State of the Diocese Report

2007 Statistical Report

| | | baptisms | marriages | burials | Sunday School | youth fellowship |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|------------------|---------|---------------|------------------|
| Atonement Church | Philadelphia | - | - | - | 21 | 13 |
| All Saints Anglican Church | Newark | 12 | 2 | 4 | 42 | 31 |
| Bishop Cummins RE Church | Catonsville | 3 | - | 5 | 127 | 35 |
| Covenant Chapel | Basking Ridge | 1 | 1 | - | 50 | - |
| Covenant Church | Roanoke | - | NO REPORT | - | - | NO REPORT |
| Christ Memorial | Philadelphia | - | - | - | - | - |
| Christ the King | Pasadena | 1 | 1 | - | 8 | - |
| Christchurch | Abingdon | 2 | 1 | - | - | - |
| Church of the Messiah | Philadelphia | - | - | - | 11 | 17 |
| Emmanuel RE Church | Pipersville | 2 | - | 2 | 30 | 13 |
| Emmanuel RE Church | Somerville | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| Faith RE Church | Baltimore | 1 | 2 | 2 | - | - |
| First RE Church | New York | - | NO REPORT | - | - | NO REPORT |
| Good Shepherd Church | Brockton | 3 | 1 | - | 14 | - |
| Grace Church | Scranton | 14 | - | - | 40 | 12 |
| Grace RE Church | Collingdale | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 12 |
| Grace RE Church | Havre-de-Grace | 4 | 1 | 3 | 5 | - |
| Holy Trinity Church | Fairfax | 4 | - | 1 | 55 | - |
| Jesus the Good Shepherd REC | Brooklyn | 4 | 2 | 1 | 13 | - |
| New Covenant | Lynchburg | - | NO REPORT | - | - | NO REPORT |
| New Redeemer RE Church | Jersey City | 3 | 1 | - | 42 | - |
| Providence Chapel (St. Timothy) | Mount Laurel | - | - | - | - | - |
| Redemption Church | Quakertown | - | NO REPORT | - | - | NO REPORT |
| St. John's by-the-Sea | Ventnor City New | 1 | 1 | 3 | 40 | 18 |
| St. Luke's RE Church | Providence | 1 | - | - | 6 | - |
| St. Luke's Bp. Hoffman Church | Philadelphia | 1 | - | - | 19 | - |
| St. Mark's RE Church | Rydal | - | - | 2 | 21 | 22 |
| St. Mary's RE Church | Bronx | - | NO REPORT | - | - | NO REPORT |
| St. Matthew's RE Church | Havertown | - | - | 2 | 43 | 12 |
| St. Michael's RE Church | Enola | 6 | - | 1 | 23 | - |
| St. Paul's RE Church | Oreland | - | - | 3 | - | - |
| St. Stephen's RE Church | Sykesville | 4 | 1 | 1 | 112 | 26 |
| 2007 TOTALS | | 70 | 17 | 35 | 727 | 211 |

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| 2007 Statistical Report | | women's fellowship | men's fellowship | VBS | general fund | building fund |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Atonement Church | Philadelphia | 7 | 7 | 74 | 58,525 | 6,800 |
| All Saints Anglican Church | Newark | 63 | 37 | - | 43,935 | 23,494 |
| Bishop Cummins RE Church | Catonsville | 33 | 21 | 45 | 357,857 | 23,052 |
| Covenant Chapel | Basking Ridge | 9 | 7 | - | 201,710 | - |
| Covenant Church | Roanoke | - | - | - | NO REPORT | - |
| Christ Memorial | Philadelphia | - | - | - | 79,427 | - |
| Christ the King | Pasadena | - | 13 | - | 217,074 | - |
| Christchurch | Abingdon | - | - | - | 86,157 | 52,511 |
| Church of the Messiah | Philadelphia | 12 | 6 | 34 | 36,555 | 6,070 |
| Emmanuel RE Church | Pipersville | 13 | - | 37 | 74,048 | 59,948 |
| Emmanuel RE Church | Somerville | 5 | 4 | - | 105,583 | 1,358 |
| Faith RE Church | Baltimore | 7 | - | 30 | 64,346 | - |
| First RE Church | New York | - | - | - | NO REPORT | - |
| Good Shepherd Church | Brockton | 16 | 12 | - | 144,571 | 5,168 |
| Grace Church | Scranton | 16 | - | - | 105,864 | 10,135 |
| Grace RE Church | Collingdale | 15 | - | - | 102,447 | - |
| Grace RE Church | Havre-de-Grace | 16 | 9 | - | 114,858 | - |
| Holy Trinity Church | Fairfax | - | - | 20 | 112,172 | 49,825 |
| Jesus the Good Shepherd REC | Brooklyn | 19 | 8 | - | 85,698 | 8,636 |
| New Covenant | Lynchburg | - | - | - | NO REPORT | - |
| New Redeemer RE Church | Jersey City | - | - | - | 116,992 | - |
| Providence Chapel (St. Timothy) | Mount Laurel | 9 | - | - | 100,884 | - |
| Redemption Church | Quakertown | - | - | - | NO REPORT | - |
| St. John's by-the-Sea | Ventnor City New | - | - | 45 | 60,932 | 945 |
| St. Luke's RE Church | Providence | 4 | - | 70 | 40,420 | - |
| St. Luke's Bp. Hoffman Church | Philadelphia | 13 | - | 24 | 31,677 | - |
| St. Mark's RE Church | Rydal | 6 | - | 67 | 178,292 | 33,635 |
| St. Mary's RE Church | Bronx | - | - | - | NO REPORT | - |
| St. Matthew's RE Church | Havertown | 26 | 13 | 49 | 143,470 | 663 |
| St. Michael's RE Church | Enola | 10 | 5 | - | 81,253 | - |
| St. Paul's RE Church | Oreland | 9 | - | - | 138,100 | - |
| St. Stephen's RE Church | Sykesville | 27 | 17 | 105 | 214,798 | 15,261 |
| 2007 TOTALS | | 335 | 159 | 600 | 3,097,645 | 297,501 |

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| 2007 Statistical Report | | designated gifts/income | savings/port. income | total receipts | per capita giving | personnel/ benefits |
|--|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Atonement Church | Philadelphia | 9,610 | 3,555 | 13,165 | 2,464 | 25,635 |
| All Saints Anglican Church | Newark | 3,500 | 29,190 | 32,690 | 358 | 8,000 |
| Bishop Cummins RE Church | Catonsville | 22,068 | - | 22,068 | 1,195 | 210,224 |
| Covenant Chapel | Basking Ridge | 26,459 | - | 26,459 | 3,221 | 80,502 |
| Covenant Church | Roanoke | - | NO REPORT | - | - | - |
| Christ Memorial | Philadelphia | 20 | - | 20 | 374 | - |
| Christ the King | Pasadena | 19,889 | 510 | 20,399 | 3,966 | 125,169 |
| Christchurch | Abingdon | 2,310 | - | 2,310 | 2,328 | 51,876 |
| Church of the Messiah | Philadelphia | - | - | 0 | 1,153 | 18,200 |
| Emmanuel RE Church | Pipersville | 4,781 | 1,926 | 6,707 | 1,340 | 52,420 |
| Emmanuel RE Church | Somerville | 6,293 | 8,548 | 14,840 | 1,574 | 86,332 |
| Faith RE Church | Baltimore | 1,577 | 5,977 | 7,554 | 1,177 | 59,534 |
| First RE Church | New York | - | NO REPORT | - | - | - |
| Good Shepherd Church | Brockton | 7,819 | - | 7,819 | 2,228 | 96,019 |
| Grace Church | Scranton | 15,485 | - | 15,485 | 2,802 | 85,188 |
| Grace RE Church | Collingdale | 29,162 | 29,911 | 59,073 | 1,423 | 59,680 |
| Grace RE Church | Havre-de-Grace | 2,520 | - | 2,520 | 1,865 | 62,383 |
| Holy Trinity Church | Fairfax | 1,382 | 8,821 | 10,203 | 2,971 | 114,092 |
| Jesus the Good Shepherd REC | Brooklyn | 5,704 | - | 5,704 | 1,150 | 4,499 |
| New Covenant | Lynchburg | - | NO REPORT | - | - | - |
| New Redeemer RE Church | Jersey City | 612 | 900 | 1,512 | 1,373 | 64,133 |
| Providence Chapel (St. Timothy) | Mount Laurel | - | 29,409 | 29,409 | 1,331 | 65,527 |
| Redemption Church | Quakertown | - | NO REPORT | - | - | - |
| St. John's by-the-Sea | Ventnor City New | 13,428 | 204,640 | 218,068 | 1,515 | 36,958 |
| St. Luke's RE Church | Providence | 14,253 | 61,518 | 75,771 | 1,916 | 71,145 |
| St. Luke's Bp. Hoffman Church | Philadelphia | 9,653 | 3,144 | 12,797 | 1,030 | 13,359 |
| St. Mark's RE Church | Rydal | 4,736 | 39,548 | 44,284 | 1,388 | 113,656 |
| St. Mary's RE Church | Bronx | - | NO REPORT | - | - | - |
| St. Matthew's RE Church | Havertown | 36,132 | 19,715 | 55,847 | 2,798 | 82,749 |
| St. Michael's RE Church | Enola | 2336 | 40 | 2,376 | 1243 | 26,906 |
| St. Paul's RE Church | Oreland | 5,800 | 97,600 | 103,400 | 802 | 79,620 |
| St. Stephen's RE Church | Sykesville | 2,155 | 1,660 | 3,815 | 1,341 | 95,402 |
| 2007 TOTALS | | 247,684 | 546,611 | 794,295 | 46,326 | 1,789,208 |

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| 2007 Statistical Report | | local ministry expense | diocesan appor/tithe | capital improvements | seminary | RE missions |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Atonement Church | Philadelphia | 533 | 1,883 | - | 2,500 | - |
| All Saints Anglican Church | Newark | 2,013 | 2,055 | 44,693 | - | 2,013 |
| Bishop Cummins RE Church | Catonsville | 131,389 | 36,723 | - | - | 32,580 |
| Covenant Chapel | Basking Ridge | 56,608 | 18,598 | - | 900 | - |
| Covenant Church | Roanoke | NO REPORT | - | - | - | NO REPORT |
| Christ Memorial | Philadelphia | 66,630 | 931 | - | - | - |
| Christ the King | Pasadena | 23,916 | 9,163 | 2,789 | 100 | 14,971 |
| Christchurch | Abingdon | 19,824 | 8,806 | - | - | - |
| Church of the Messiah | Philadelphia | 9,207 | 2,364 | 2,957 | - | 1,225 |
| Emmanuel RE Church | Pipersville | 1,403 | 5,105 | - | 200 | - |
| Emmanuel RE Church | Somerville | 13,173 | 8,681 | - | - | 24,383 |
| Faith RE Church | Baltimore | 7,216 | 4,069 | - | 269 | 65 |
| First RE Church | New York | NO REPORT | - | - | - | NO REPORT |
| Good Shepherd Church | Brockton | 44,871 | 14,140 | - | - | 9,844 |
| Grace Church | Scranton | 23,663 | 10,586 | - | - | - |
| Grace RE Church | Collingdale | 51,521 | 3,409 | - | - | - |
| Grace RE Church | Havre-de-Grace | 3,896 | 11,548 | 12,289 | - | 1,146 |
| Holy Trinity Church | Fairfax | 29,590 | 11,206 | - | - | - |
| Jesus the Good Shepherd REC | Brooklyn | 15,308 | 4,871 | - | - | - |
| New Covenant | Lynchburg | NO REPORT | - | - | - | NO REPORT |
| New Redeemer RE Church | Jersey City | 6,829 | 9,771 | 3,500 | 100 | 490 |
| Providence Chapel (St. Timothy) | Mount Laurel | 15,777 | 2,832 | - | - | - |
| Redemption Church | Quakertown | NO REPORT | - | - | - | NO REPORT |
| St. John's by-the-Sea | Ventnor City New | 27,197 | 2,752 | 2,575 | - | - |
| St. Luke's RE Church | Providence | 33,850 | 4,843 | 10,620 | - | - |
| St. Luke's Bp. Hoffman Church | Philadelphia | 15,702 | 2,723 | - | - | - |
| St. Mark's RE Church | Rydal | - | 15,622 | 509 | 46,246 | 600 |
| St. Mary's RE Church | Bronx | NO REPORT | - | - | - | NO REPORT |
| St. Matthew's RE Church | Havertown | 12,775 | 13,968 | 14,700 | 6,900 | 9,400 |
| St. Michael's RE Church | Enola | 34,557 | 7231 | - | 150 | 50 |
| St. Paul's RE Church | Oreland | 29,100 | 13,700 | 15,600 | - | 19,900 |
| St. Stephen's RE Church | Sykesville | 22,422 | 19,420 | 6,912 | 500 | 9,819 |
| 2007 TOTALS | | 698,969 | 246,999 | 117,144 | 57,865 | 126,486 |

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| 2007 Statistical Report | | non-RE missions | general fund to savings | total gen. fund exp. | total bldg. fund exp. | total designated disbursements |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Atonement Church | Philadelphia | - | 693 | 31,244 | 35,595 | 19,205 |
| All Saints Anglican Church | Newark | 2,800 | 1,500 | 63,074 | 58,857 | 1,250 |
| Bishop Cummins RE Church | Catonsville | 28,397 | - | 439,313 | - | 5,897 |
| Covenant Chapel | Basking Ridge | 11,810 | 10,846 | 179,264 | - | 26,243 |
| Covenant Church | Roanoke | - | - | - | NO REPORT | - |
| Christ Memorial | Philadelphia | - | - | 67,561 | - | - |
| Christ the King | Pasadena | 499 | 34,729 | 211,336 | - | 18,789 |
| Christchurch | Abingdon | - | 52,144 | 132,650 | 9,275 | 1,000 |
| Church of the Messiah | Philadelphia | - | - | 33,953 | - | 5,821 |
| Emmanuel RE Church | Pipersville | - | 19,343 | 78,471 | 82,314 | 1,025 |
| Emmanuel RE Church | Somerville | - | - | 132,570 | 20,417 | - |
| Faith RE Church | Baltimore | 1,645 | - | 70,819 | - | 1,979 |
| First RE Church | New York | - | - | - | NO REPORT | - |
| Good Shepherd Church | Brockton | - | - | 164,874 | - | 3,396 |
| Grace Church | Scranton | - | - | 119,437 | 2,977 | 12,302 |
| Grace RE Church | Collingdale | - | 25,345 | 139,955 | 8,716 | 6,958 |
| Grace RE Church | Havre-de-Grace | 1,067 | - | 92,328 | - | - |
| Holy Trinity Church | Fairfax | - | 438 | 155,326 | - | 1,590 |
| Jesus the Good Shepherd REC | Brooklyn | - | - | 24,678 | 87,193 | 3,255 |
| New Covenant | Lynchburg | - | - | - | NO REPORT | - |
| New Redeemer RE Church | Jersey City | - | - | 84,823 | - | - |
| Providence Chapel (St. Timothy) | Mount Laurel | - | - | 84,136 | - | - |
| Redemption Church | Quakertown | - | - | - | NO REPORT | - |
| St. John's by-the-Sea | Ventnor City New | - | 208,743 | 278,225 | 1,553 | 8,905 |
| St. Luke's RE Church | Providence | - | - | 120,458 | - | 9,528 |
| St. Luke's Bp. Hoffman Church | Philadelphia | - | 3,000 | 34,784 | - | 5,615 |
| St. Mark's RE Church | Rydal | - | 1,009 | 177,642 | 5,860 | 4,736 |
| St. Mary's RE Church | Bronx | - | - | - | NO REPORT | - |
| St. Matthew's RE Church | Havertown | 600 | 5,000 | 146,092 | - | 31,605 |
| St. Michael's RE Church | Enola | 200 | - | 69093 | 12,200 | 2,336 |
| St. Paul's RE Church | Oreland | - | 53,200 | 211,120 | - | - |
| St. Stephen's RE Church | Sykesville | 2,900 | 82,899 | 240,274 | 7,309 | 2,155 |
| 2007 TOTALS | | 49,918 | 498,889 | 3,583,500 | 332,266 | 173,590 |

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**income excess
disbursements**

| | | |
|--|---------------------|---------|
| Atonement Church | Philadelphia | -7,554 |
| All Saints Anglican Church | Newark | -23,062 |
| Bishop Cummins RE Church | Catonsville | -42,233 |
| Covenant Chapel | Basking Ridge | 22,662 |
| Covenant Church | Roanoke | - |
| Christ Memorial | Philadelphia | 11,886 |
| Christ the King | Pasadena | 7,347 |
| Christchurch | Abingdon | -1,947 |
| Church of the Messiah | Philadelphia | 2,851 |
| Emmanuel RE Church | Pipersville | -21,107 |
| Emmanuel RE Church | Somerville | -31,205 |
| Faith RE Church | Baltimore | -898 |
| First RE Church | New York | - |
| Good Shepherd Church | Brockton | -10,712 |
| Grace Church | Scranton | -3,233 |
| Grace RE Church | Collingdale | 5,891 |
| | Havre-de- | |
| Grace RE Church | Grace | 25,050 |
| Holy Trinity Church | Fairfax | 15,284 |
| Jesus the Good Shepherd REC | Brooklyn | -15,088 |
| New Covenant | Lynchburg | - |
| New Redeemer RE Church | Jersey City | 33,681 |
| Providence Chapel (St. Timothy) | Mount Laurel | 46,157 |
| Redemption Church | Quakertown | - |
| St. John's by-the-Sea | Ventnor City New | -8,738 |
| St. Luke's RE Church | Providence | -13,795 |
| St. Luke's Bp. Hoffman Church | Philadelphia | 4,075 |
| St. Mark's RE Church | Rydal | 67,973 |
| St. Mary's RE Church | Bronx | - |
| St. Matthew's RE Church | Havertown | 22,283 |
| St. Michael's RE Church | Enola | - |
| St. Paul's RE Church | Oreland | 30,380 |
| St. Stephen's RE Church | Sykesville | -15,864 |

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100,085

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Jonathan S. Riches

The Rev. Dr. William Holiman announced to the Council the US Military is in need of Chaplains. He gave a brief summary of his career in the Armed Forces and the joys/hardships of being a Chaplain.

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud presented the Report of the Looney-Hoffman Fund and reminded the Council that the Looney-Hoffman Report is done by Richard Stevens as a courtesy.

REPORT OF THE LOONEY-HOFFMAN FUND

To the One Hundred Twenty-Eighth 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, 2007 to May 31, 2008.

The Board held four regular meetings during the year, on June 18, September 20, January 8, 2008 and March 13, 2008.

The Trustees of the Fund during the year were:

Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, Asst. Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. Karen Baird
Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Headman, Vice-President
Rev. Robert N. McIntyre
Mr. Theodore E. Nichols
Mr. Ronald C. Reese
Mrs. Danae Smith
Mr. Richard W. Stevens, Secretary-Treasurer
Rev. Richard W. Workowski, President
Mr. C. Randall Young

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the June 2007 meeting:

“The Board accepts with regret the resignation of the Reverend Robert N. McIntyre. The Reverend Mr. McIntyre, a Trustee since June 6, 1975, has served the Board faithfully, always mindful of Bishop Hoffman’s intentions for The Looney-Hoffman Fund. Mr. McIntyre’s dedication, friendship, humor and Christian example will be missed.”

At its January 8 meeting, the Board elected C. Randall Young as a trustee.

The principal 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 these church loans outstanding at May 31, 2008 was \$1,211,373.45. Funds are available for new appropriations, and the Board invites inquires from Pennsylvania churches.

The Fund manages its principal and accumulated income in a variety of investments. At year end, \$1,102,941.73 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 (\$2,357,124.95) is invested conventionally, in mortgages, mutual funds and bank deposits.

During the year an additional \$38,486 church loan was made to Emmanuel REC, Four Brooks. Emmanuel REC, Four Brooks, voluntarily repaid \$530 of its prior church loan. Grace REC, Scranton voluntarily repaid \$200 of its church loan.

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

A summary of the financial report of the Looney-Hoffman Fund for its fiscal year June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008 is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard W. Stevens
Secretary-Treasurer

The Board of Trustees of the Looney-Hoffman Fund
Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2008
Balance Sheet

| <u>Assets</u> | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Mutual funds (Schedule 1) | \$ 789,082.64 |
| Commercial Mortgages (Schedule 2) | 2,008,057.83 |
| Church Mortgages (Schedule 3) | 18.00 |
| PNC Bank, checking account | 7,873.11 |
| PNC Bank, money market account | <u>655,035.10</u> |
| | <u>\$ 3,460,066.68</u> |
| <u>Funds</u> | |
| Looney-Hoffman Fund Principal | \$ 1,190,809.89 |
| Nisky Hill Cemetery Fund Principal | 1,200.00 |
| Looney-Hoffman Fund Income | 2,268,001.83 |
| Nisky Hill Cemetery Fund Income | <u>54.96</u> |
| | <u>\$ 3,460,066.68</u> |

Summary of Principal Receipts and Disbursements

| | | |
|---|------------------|---------------------|
| Balance June 1, 2007 | \$ 1,088,830.83 | |
| Capital gain distributions from Stratton Multi-Cap Fund | 71,371.37 | |
| Capital gain distributions from Stratton Monthly Dividend REIT Shares | <u>31,807.69</u> | |
| Balance May 31, 2008 | | <u>1,192,009.89</u> |
| Composed of: | | |
| Principal Fund | 1,190,809.89 | |
| Nisky Hill Cemetery Fund | <u>1,200.00</u> | <u>1,192,009.89</u> |

Summary of Income Receipts and Disbursements

| | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Balance June 1, 2007 | | |
| Income Fund | \$ 2,158,990.41 | |
| Nisky Hill Cemetery Fund | <u>54.88</u> | 2,159,045.29 |
| Plus: | | |
| Excess of receipts over expenses | | 146,797.75 |
| Principal payment received from Emmanuel REC, Four Brooks, Church Mortgage "Q" | | 530.00 |
| Principal payment received from Grace REC, Scranton, Church Mortgage "U" | | 200.00 |
| Less: | | |
| Disbursement to Emmanuel REC- On account of church mortgage "KK" | | <u>(38,486.25)</u> |
| Balance on May 31, 2008 | | <u>\$2,268,056.79</u> |
| Composed of: | | |
| Income Fund | 2,268,001.83 | |
| Nisky Hill Cemetery Fund | <u>54.96</u> | <u>\$2,268,056.79</u> |

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November 3, 2008

The Board of Trustees of the
Looney-Hoffman Fund
115 West Avenue, Suite 108
Jenkintown, PA 19046-2031

Dear Sirs:

We have examined the accounts and records of the Board of Trustees of the Looney-Hoffman Fund for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2008.

Our examination included verification of the assets and liabilities at May 31, 2008 and sufficient tests of the receipts and disbursements to satisfy ourselves as to the accuracy of the recorded transactions during the year under review.

In our opinion, the financial statements prepared by the Fund present fairly and accurately the cash receipts and disbursements and balance in the Fund for the year ended May 31, 2008.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees of the Looney-Hoffman Fund and should not be used for any other purpose.

Morton, Gober & Co., LLP
MORTON, GOBER & CO., LLP
Certified Public Accountants

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud presented the Bassinger Home Fund announcing that the General Council accepted the new Life/Disability Plan therefore presbyters should complete the packets they received at registration and return them today. The plan will be effective January 2009 with the previous plan ending May 2009. The report was filed with the Secretary. No action required.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE BASSINGER HOME FUND

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

Dear Brethren:

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

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

The Bassinger Home Fund administrates the following:

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.

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:

1. 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.*
2. 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.

At the time of preparation of this report, (September 2008), it is expected that the General Council will approve a new and better plan of Disability and Life Insurance for the Reformed Episcopal Church. If approved, this plan will replace our current Disability and Life Insurance Policy. The reasons as you will see are obvious. The new plan will provide \$50,000.00 in Life Insurance Coverage whereas our current plan provides only \$5000.00. The new plan will also provide up to \$1800.00 per month of Disability Insurance whereas our current plan provides only \$500.00 per month. The annual premium for the new plan will be approximately \$500.00. While this is just slightly more than 3 times the current premium of \$147.93, the coverage provided is vastly superior. The plan will be open to all full time clergy in our Diocese. To facilitate enrollment, the Board of Pensions and Relief has agreed to pay one half of the premiums for the first year. Thereafter the full premium will be the responsibility of the parish. Enrollment packets were given to all clergy in attendance at the General Council and are available to those who were not with us in Victoria. It is imperative that you complete the application and return it immediately. If approved, coverage will begin January 1, 2009.

As I write this report, I am also hopeful of announcing a long-term care policy.

B. 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 2008 with supporting form is due no later than January 15, 2009.** A recent change in the plan document allows Churches to make additional contributions to an employee's account in excess of the stipulated 10% amount. This contribution may not be funded by a salary reduction. It must be made directly from Church funds.

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.

Thank you for your faithfulness and support.

Respectfully submitted,

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS - no report submitted

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL AUDITOR



The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote, B.B.A., M.Div.
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May 20, 2008

Official Auditor's Report

Trustees of the Diocese of the NE and Mid-Atlantic
of the Reformed Episcopal Church
826 Second Avenue
Blue Bell, PA 19422

Dear Sirs:

By appointment of the General Committee of the Reformed Episcopal Church and in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the same, I have audited the statements of financial position of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church as of Sept 30, 2005, 2006, 2007, and December 31, 2007 and the related statements of the 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 on these statements based upon my audit.

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

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Diocese as stated and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote
Official Auditor

The Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick gave a short presentation on Mustard Seed Camp and explained the need for congregations to support the camp and make it a regular mission in Church budgets. Mustard Seed is also in need of more staff and some reorganization. The Rev. Richard W. Workowski filed the Report of Mustard Seed Farm with the secretary. No action required.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MUSTARD SEED FARM CAMP

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

Dear Brethren,

Our *First Report* [Nov. 5-6, 1978, St. Paul's Church, Oreland, 107th Council of the New York & Philadelphia Synod, MINUTES, p. 85]... noted that

*“Mustard Seed Farm is our outreach to the impaired. Begun in 1978-79, MSF is a
‘...ministry of the Four Brooks Bible Conference of the New York & Philadelphia Synod of the
Reformed Episcopal Church Art. 3a’”*

And in the 1980 MINUTES (of the Synod) Barbara West, Director of Four Brooks reported:

*“One camp that was held this summer must be especially noted. MSF, our first camp for
handicapped children, was held the last week in August. Twenty mentally, emotionally or
physically handicapped children participated in a week of camp under the supervision of
eighteen volunteer counselors, teachers, and aides. The program was planned & directed by
Judy Brutosky, a special education teacher & a member of St. Mark's Reformed Episcopal
Church. ... We will have a camp for handicapped children next year. The director of Four
Brooks, Barbara West, is available to come to the churches to talk about this new outreach of
Four Brooks...” pp 58-59, The Minutes.*

As you can see from the above dates, our diocesan outreach to the mentally & physically
challenged has been blessed by many years of dedicated ministry, serving a community of
special needs campers.

Dr. Barbara West is the leader of our special needs “Older Adults” program and this runs in
conjunction with our regular camping program for all the special needs children, directed by Dr.
David Hamarich.

This year our camp was August 10-15 at Black Rock Retreat (Mennonite), in Quarryville, PA.
Camp fee is \$350.00 per week, but unfortunately this covers less than half the cost of special
needs campers. We are blessed by 3 nurses (RN) who work “round the clock” dispensing the
necessary medications needed at all hours of the day and night, mealtimes, etc.

Our camp membership was extremely low this year, and we need your help in “finding” more
campers----there are many out there!...for this is a wonderful opportunity for children to hear the
gospel, have fun, interact with other adults and children, and it also gives a week of respite to the
parents (& other brothers & sisters) of a family with a special needs child. Low campership was
largely due to the fact that our last several years of camp were so far away from the Philadelphia
metropolitan area (almost near the West Virginia border). We rejoice in having secured Black
Rock Camp, in the Lancaster area, easily accessible by parents, campers, and staff.

As in any camp we enjoy many activities throughout the day---swimming, recreation, Bible studies, Chapel & devotional time, crafts, Olympic Night, skit night, a talent show, sand art, beading, meals, and aahhh---bed at last!

We are looking for opportunities to present information about Mustard Seed Farm Camp (the Senior Citizen Camp/Dr. Barbara West and/or the Children's Camp/Dr. David Hamarich).

A representative from our steering committee would love to make a short presentation about our ministry to your Adult Sunday School class, mid-week service or Youth group. If this would be possible, please call Barbara Hamarich at 610-323-6220 to arrange a presentation.

We are already making plans for the next year's camp & are always looking for new campers, new staff, and of course we can't run the camp without your continued support of prayerm finances, and encouragement.

May the Lord continue to bless this ministry and outreach of our diocese to special needs children and adults.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Richard Workowski
MSFC Clergy Representative

Profit & Loss – October 2006 through September 2007

| | <u>Oct '06 – Sep '07</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Income | |
| Camper Fees | |
| Agency Camper Fees | 2,720.00 |
| Bus Ride Fees | 410.00 |
| Parents Camper Fees | <u>7,415.00</u> |
| Total Camper Fees | 10,545.00 |
| Donations | |
| Individuals | 3,920.45 |
| Non RE Churches | 2,500.00 |
| Organizations | 159.60 |
| RE Churches | 3,426.00 |
| RE Ministries | <u>75.00</u> |
| Total Donations | 10,081.05 |
| Fundraisers | |
| Fundraiser Incomes (Other) | 534.98 |
| Fundraiser WAWA (Net) | <u>183.00</u> |
| Total Fundraisers | 717.98 |

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|------------------------------|------------------|
| Interest Income | <u>0.56</u> |
| | 21,344.59 |
| Expense | |
| Camp Facility, Housing, Food | 15,425.40 |
| Camper Bus Rental | 1,500.00 |
| Fundraiser Expense (Other) | 94.58 |
| Honorariums | 120.00 |
| Office Supplies | 16.50 |
| Postage and Delivery | 193.60 |
| Printing and Reproductions | 193.50 |
| Program Expense | <u>1,037.16</u> |
| | <u>18,580.74</u> |
| Net Income | <u>2,763.85</u> |
| Other Liability – Loan | 6,000.00 |

The Rev. Gregory J. Miller filed the Report of Spiritual Growth and Nurture with the secretary and asked Council members for recommendations on a speaker for the annual retreat. No action required on receiving the report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND NURTURE

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

Dear Brethren,

The primary function of our committee is to provide spiritual nurture and growth for our clergy and others in ministry. The primary means of accomplishing this has been to sponsor a retreat at which aspects of ministry are presented and discussed and during which there is an opportunity for relaxation and reflection.

This past year's speakers were John Freeman and Ed LeClair from Harvest USA. Harvest USA is a ministry that originated at Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. They have since become a parachurch organization that helps people who are struggling with sexual sin. They are most well known for working with people practicing homosexuality. More recently, they have been dealing with a rapidly growing population of people who are users of internet pornography. Part of their ministry is to help churches become equipped to help people undergoing these temptations and sins. During the seminar we learned how to deal strongly and Biblically with sin while being compassionate to the sinner – the goal being to lead the sinner to true joy and fulfillment in faithfully following the Lord and His ways.

At the time of the writing of this report we do not have a speaker for 2009. Some members of the Committee have suggested an altered format where there is less time spent in lectures and

more time spent in reflection, prayer, and relaxation. That amended format is receiving consideration. Details of the upcoming retreat will be available soon so watch your mail for this year's brochure.

The dates of this year's retreat are January 29-31, 2009. We will be meeting again at the Eden Resort in Lancaster. Registrations will be due by December 19.

Once again, thanks go to Bill and Kim Jenkins and Cedric Benner for their labors in organizing the details of the retreat weekend on behalf of the Committee and its work.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Gregory J. Miller,
Committee Chairman

The Ven. Dr. Abboud filed the Report of Ministers' Salaries with the secretary and reminded parishes to adjust ministers' salaries to account for inflation. No action required.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINSTERS' SALARIES

To the 128th Council
of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

The Committee did not meet this year as a report was presented in 2007. Parishes are encouraged to refer to that report and adjust the numbers according to inflation.

Sincerely,

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud
Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE HISTORY OF THE DIOCESE -

no report submitted

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY TO MEN - *no report submitted*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS BANQUET - *no report submitted*

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud announced the disbandment of the Membership Committee and therefore no report was filed.

There was no written Report on Short Term Missions. The Rev. Cedric R. Benner gave a brief summary of the mission work done at Bp. Cummins, Grace REC (Collingdale), Christ the King, Atonement, and Messiah. He explained the importance of keeping our churches up kept and the pride it brings not only to the parishioners, but also to those who volunteered for the mission. Summer 2009 Short-Term Missions will be forthcoming.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SHORT-TERM MISSIONS - no report submitted

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S MINISTRIES -
no report submitted**

Bishop Hicks announced Founders' Day and the Seminary Auxiliary Meeting on December 2, 2008. There was a call for other committees and none were present. There was no old business or new business.

Bishop Hicks acknowledged the work of Evan Hughes as the Diocese's new Webmaster. He also thanked both the Very Rev. Eduardo Andrade and Mr. Ronald Riches for their excellent workshops given during Council.

Bishop Hicks thanked St. Paul's rector, vestry, and congregation for making the Council such a success.

The Very Rev. William A. Jenkins requested to host the 129th Council at Faith Reformed Episcopal Church in Baltimore, Maryland. The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches moved to accept his gracious offer and Ron Riches seconded. The motion carried.

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches motioned to adjourn seconded by Ron Riches and the 128th Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church closed with prayer by The Rt. Rev. Leonard W. Riches at 12:44 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
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St. Paul's Church, *The Rev. Rondal D. Martin, Rector*
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PASADENA, MD
Christ the King, *The Rev. Gregory P. Carr, Rector*
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PHILADELPHIA, PA
Christ Memorial Church, *The Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick, Interim (Mission)*
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Church of the Atonement, *The Rev. Walter L. Hawkins, Rector (Mission)*
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Emmanuel Church of Four Brooks, *The Rev. William G. Garrison, Jr., Rector*
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CLERGY ROLL

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RICHES, LEONARD W.

Retired as Ordinary December 31, 2008

HICKS, DAVID L.

Bishop Ordinary December 31, 2008

HUERTAS, JESUS M.

Accepted on Presbyter Roll February 25, 2009

PRESBYTERS

VOWLES, ERIC W.

Ordained Presbyter October 26, 2008

DEACONS

FORSBERG, JUSTIN M.

Ordained Deacon November 1, 2008

PARISHES

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New Providence, New Jersey

Called the Rev. David C. Howard March 22, 2009

CORRECTIONS TO 2007 MINUTES

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Date of Second Day should read November 2, 2007 not November 2, 2008

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Bundt, George omitted on Presbyter Roll

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Smiley, Daniel C. omitted on Deacon Roll

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Bundt, George should not be listed as Clergy not in Good Standing

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Following Deacons not in Good Standing should have been noted as transferred to the
Missionary Diocese of the Central States January 1, 2008

BROWN, TERRENCE D., M.Div.

CLAUSON, MARC A.

GRAHAM-MIST, PETER C. K., PH.D

LITTLEJOHN ROBERT O., Ph.D.

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Following Candidate for Ministry should have been noted as transferred to the
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THOMPSON, SCOTT, MR.

STATEMENT ON THE GLOBAL ANGLICAN FUTURE

Praise the LORD!

It is good to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. (Psalm 147:1-2)

Brothers and Sisters in Christ: We, the participants in the Global Anglican Future Conference, send you greetings from Jerusalem!

Introduction

The Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON), which was held in Jerusalem from 22-29 June 2008, is a spiritual movement to preserve and promote the truth and power of the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ as we Anglicans have received it. The movement is global: it has mobilised Anglicans from around the world. We are Anglican: 1148 lay and clergy participants, including 291 bishops representing millions of faithful Anglican Christians. We cherish our Anglican heritage and the Anglican Communion and have no intention of departing from it. And we believe that, in God's providence, Anglicanism has a bright future in obedience to our Lord's Great Commission to make disciples of all nations and to build up the church on the foundation of biblical truth (Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 2:20).

GAFCON is not just a moment in time, but a movement in the Spirit, and we hereby:

- * launch the GAFCON movement as a fellowship of confessing Anglicans
- * publish the Jerusalem Declaration as the basis of the fellowship
- * encourage GAFCON Primates to form a Council.

The Global Anglican Context

The future of the Anglican Communion is but a piece of the wider scenario of opportunities and challenges for the gospel in 21st century global culture. We rejoice in the way God has opened doors for gospel mission among many peoples, but we grieve for the spiritual decline in the most economically developed nations, where the forces of militant secularism and pluralism are eating away the fabric of society and churches are compromised and enfeebled in their witness. The vacuum left by them is readily filled by other faiths and deceptive cults. To meet these challenges will require Christians to work together to understand and oppose these forces and to liberate those under their sway. It will entail the planting of new churches among unreached peoples and also committed action to restore authentic Christianity to compromised churches.

The Anglican Communion, present in six continents, is well positioned to address this challenge, but currently it is divided and distracted. The Global Anglican Future Conference emerged in response to a crisis within the Anglican Communion, a crisis involving three undeniable facts concerning world Anglicanism.

The first fact is the acceptance and promotion within the provinces of the Anglican Communion of a different 'gospel' (cf. Galatians 1:6-8) which is contrary to the apostolic gospel. This false gospel undermines the authority of God's Word written and the uniqueness of Jesus Christ as the author of salvation from sin, death and judgement. Many of its proponents claim that all religions offer equal access to God and that Jesus is only a way, not the way, the truth and the life. It promotes a variety of sexual preferences and immoral behaviour as a universal human right. It claims God's blessing for same-sex unions over

against the biblical teaching on holy matrimony. In 2003 this false gospel led to the consecration of a bishop living in a homosexual relationship.

The second fact is the declaration by provincial bodies in the Global South that they are out of communion with bishops and churches that promote this false gospel. These declarations have resulted in a realignment whereby faithful Anglican Christians have left existing territorial parishes, dioceses and provinces in certain Western churches and become members of other dioceses and provinces, all within the Anglican Communion. These actions have also led to the appointment of new Anglican bishops set over geographic areas already occupied by other Anglican bishops. A major realignment has occurred and will continue to unfold.

The third fact is the manifest failure of the Communion Instruments to exercise discipline in the face of overt heterodoxy. The Episcopal Church USA and the Anglican Church of Canada, in proclaiming this false gospel, have consistently defied the 1998 Lambeth statement of biblical moral principle (Resolution 1.10). Despite numerous meetings and reports to and from the 'Instruments of Unity,' no effective action has been taken, and the bishops of these unrepentant churches are welcomed to Lambeth 2008. To make matters worse, there has been a failure to honour promises of discipline, the authority of the Primates' Meeting has been undermined and the Lambeth Conference has been structured so as to avoid any hard decisions. We can only come to the devastating conclusion that 'we are a global Communion with a colonial structure'.

Sadly, this crisis has torn the fabric of the Communion in such a way that it cannot simply be patched back together. At the same time, it has brought together many Anglicans across the globe into personal and pastoral relationships in a fellowship which is faithful to biblical teaching, more representative of the demographic distribution of global Anglicanism today and stronger as an instrument of effective mission, ministry and social involvement.

A Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans

We, the participants in the Global Anglican Future Conference, are a fellowship of confessing Anglicans for the benefit of the Church and the furtherance of its mission. We are a fellowship of people united in the communion (koinonia) of the one Spirit and committed to work and pray together in the common mission of Christ. It is a confessing fellowship in that its members confess the faith of Christ crucified, stand firm for the gospel in the global and Anglican context, and affirm a contemporary rule, the Jerusalem Declaration, to guide the movement for the future. We are a fellowship of Anglicans, including provinces, dioceses, churches, missionary jurisdictions, para-church organisations and individual Anglican Christians whose goal is to reform, heal and revitalise the Anglican Communion and expand its mission to the world.

Our fellowship is not breaking away from the Anglican Communion. We, together with many other faithful Anglicans throughout the world, believe the doctrinal foundation of Anglicanism, which defines our core identity as Anglicans, is expressed in these words: The doctrine of the Church is grounded in the Holy Scriptures and in such teachings of the ancient Fathers and Councils of the Church as are agreeable to the said Scriptures. In particular, such doctrine is to be found in the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer and the Ordinal. We intend to remain faithful to this standard, and we call on others in the Communion to reaffirm and return to it. While acknowledging the nature of

Canterbury as an historic see, we do not accept that Anglican identity is determined necessarily through recognition by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Building on the above doctrinal foundation of Anglican identity, we hereby publish the Jerusalem Declaration as the basis of our fellowship.

The Jerusalem Declaration

In the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit:

We, the participants in the Global Anglican Future Conference, have met in the land of Jesus' birth. We express our loyalty as disciples to the King of kings, the Lord Jesus. We joyfully embrace his command to proclaim the reality of his kingdom which he first announced in this land. The gospel of the kingdom is the good news of salvation, liberation and transformation for all. In light of the above, we agree to chart a way forward together that promotes and protects the biblical gospel and mission to the world, solemnly declaring the following tenets of orthodoxy which underpin our Anglican identity.

1. We rejoice in the gospel of God through which we have been saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Because God first loved us, we love him and as believers bring forth fruits of love, ongoing repentance, lively hope and thanksgiving to God in all things.

2. We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God written and to contain all things necessary for salvation. The Bible is to be translated, read, preached, taught and obeyed in its plain and canonical sense, respectful of the church's historic and consensual reading.

3. We uphold the four Ecumenical Councils and the three historic Creeds as expressing the rule of faith of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

4. We uphold the Thirty-nine Articles as containing the true doctrine of the Church agreeing with God's Word and as authoritative for Anglicans today.

5. We gladly proclaim and submit to the unique and universal Lordship of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, humanity's only Saviour from sin, judgement and hell, who lived the life we could not live and died the death that we deserve. By his atoning death and glorious resurrection, he secured the redemption of all who come to him in repentance and faith.

6. We rejoice in our Anglican sacramental and liturgical heritage as an expression of the gospel, and we uphold the 1662 Book of Common Prayer as a true and authoritative standard of worship and prayer, to be translated and locally adapted for each culture.

7. We recognise that God has called and gifted bishops, priests and deacons in historic succession to equip all the people of God for their ministry in the world. We uphold the classic Anglican Ordinal as an authoritative standard of clerical orders.

8. We acknowledge God's creation of humankind as male and female and the unchangeable standard of Christian marriage between one man and one woman as the proper place for sexual intimacy and the basis of the family. We repent of our failures to maintain this standard and call for a renewed commitment to lifelong fidelity in marriage and abstinence for those who are not married.

9. We gladly accept the Great Commission of the risen Lord to make disciples of all nations, to seek those who do not know Christ and to baptise, teach and bring new believers to maturity.

10. We are mindful of our responsibility to be good stewards of God's creation, to uphold and advocate justice in society, and to seek relief and empowerment of the poor and needy.

11. We are committed to the unity of all those who know and love Christ and to building authentic ecumenical relationships. We recognise the orders and jurisdiction of those Anglicans who uphold orthodox faith and practice, and we encourage them to join us in this declaration.

12. We celebrate the God-given diversity among us which enriches our global fellowship, and we acknowledge freedom in secondary matters. We pledge to work together to seek the mind of Christ on issues that divide us.

13. We reject the authority of those churches and leaders who have denied the orthodox faith in word or deed. We pray for them and call on them to repent and return to the Lord.

14. We rejoice at the prospect of Jesus' coming again in glory, and while we await this final event of history, we praise him for the way he builds up his church through his Spirit by miraculously changing lives.

The Road Ahead

We believe the Holy Spirit has led us during this week in Jerusalem to begin a new work. There are many important decisions for the development of this fellowship which will take more time, prayer and deliberation. Among other matters, we shall seek to expand participation in this fellowship beyond those who have come to Jerusalem, including cooperation with the Global South and the Council of Anglican Provinces in Africa. We can, however, discern certain milestones on the road ahead.

Primates' Council

We, the participants in the Global Anglican Future Conference, do hereby acknowledge the participating Primates of GAFCON who have called us together, and encourage them to form the initial Council of the GAFCON movement. We look forward to the enlargement of the Council and entreat the Primates to organise and expand the fellowship of confessing Anglicans.

We urge the Primates' Council to authenticate and recognise confessing Anglican jurisdictions, clergy and congregations and to encourage all Anglicans to promote the gospel and defend the faith.

We recognise the desirability of territorial jurisdiction for provinces and dioceses of the Anglican Communion, except in those areas where churches and leaders are denying the orthodox faith or are preventing its spread, and in a few areas for which overlapping jurisdictions are beneficial for historical or cultural reasons.

We thank God for the courageous actions of those Primates and provinces who have offered orthodox oversight to churches under false leadership, especially in North and South America. The actions of these Primates have been a positive response to pastoral necessities and mission opportunities. We believe that such actions will continue to be necessary and we support them in offering help around the world.

We believe this is a critical moment when the Primates' Council will need to put in place structures to lead and support the church. In particular, we believe the time is now ripe for the formation of a province in North America for the federation currently known as Common Cause Partnership to be recognised by the Primates' Council.

Conclusion: Message from Jerusalem

We, the participants in the Global Anglican Future Conference, were summoned by the Primates' leadership team to Jerusalem in June 2008 to deliberate on the crisis that has divided the Anglican Communion for the past decade and to seek direction for the future. We have visited holy sites, prayed together, listened to God's Word preached and expounded, learned from various speakers and teachers, and shared our thoughts and hopes with each other.

The meeting in Jerusalem this week was called in a sense of urgency that a false gospel has so paralysed the Anglican Communion that this crisis must be addressed. The chief threat of this dispute involves the compromising of the integrity of the church's worldwide mission. The primary reason we have come to Jerusalem and issued this declaration is to free our churches to give clear and certain witness to Jesus Christ.

It is our hope that this Statement on the Global Anglican Future will be received with comfort and joy by many Anglicans around the world who have been distressed about the direction of the Communion. We believe the Anglican Communion should and will be reformed around the biblical gospel and mandate to go into all the world and present Christ to the nations.

Jerusalem
Feast of St Peter and St Paul
29 June 2008