

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

TO THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIXTH COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE OF THE NORTHEAST AND MID-ATLANTIC OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Dear Brethren:

During this year there were two meetings of the Standing Committee which were held by conference call on May 27, 2016, and October 7, 2016, and which were chaired by the Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller.

The activities of the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, Ordinary, and the Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin, Suffragan, including Episcopal visits, confirmations and other functions can be found in detail in their reports presented to this Council.

POSTULANTS FOR HOLY ORDERS

Aaron Andrade (Good Shepherd, E. Bridgewater)

Vic Broberg (Emmanuel, Pipersville)

Nicholas Ziegenhagen (St. Mark's, Rydal)

CANONICAL EXAMINATIONS

A. William "Billy" Jenkins (Faith Church, Baltimore). On January 1, 2016, William "Billy" Jenkins took the written examination for ordination to the diaconate. The oral interview was held on Thursday, February 11, 2016. The examiners were the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches, and the Rev. Cedric R. Benner. The examination was sustained.

B. Ricky McCarl (Emmanuel, Pipersville). On February 3, 2016, Ricky McCarl took the written examination for ordination to the diaconate. The oral interview was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016. The examiners were the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches, and the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick. The examination was sustained.

C. William Vowles (St. Stephen's, Eldersburg). On Tuesday, April 26, 2016, the Rev. William Vowles took the written examination for ordination to the presbyterate. The oral interview was held on May 9, 2016. The examiners were the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches, the Very Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen, and the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick. The examination was sustained.

ORDINATION/TRANSFER

A. Shawn Riley and Lawrence Spears (Grace, Collingdale): On Saturday, February 20, 2016, Shawn Riley and Lawrence Spears were ordained to the diaconate. The service was held at Grace Church, Collingdale. The Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick presented the candidates; Mr. Jack Ross was the litanist; the Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin was the preacher.

B. William "Billy" Jenkins (Faith Church, Baltimore). On July 2, 2016, at Faith Church, Baltimore William "Billy" Jenkins was ordained deacon. He was presented by the Rev. Canon William Jenkins, Sr. The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn was the preacher.

C. Ricky McCarl (Emmanuel, Pipersville). On June 3, 2016 Ricky McCarl was ordained deacon at Grace Church, Collingdale. He was presented by the Rev. William Garrison.

D. William Vowles (St. Stephen's, Eldersburg). On July 17, 2016 the Rev. William Vowles was ordained presbyter at St. Stephen's, Eldersburg. He was presented by the Very Rev. Eric Jorgensen, who also was the preacher.

E. William Miller (Reformed Episcopal Seminary). The Rev. Dr. William Miller was received as presbyter in our diocese through a letter dimissory from the Rt. Rev. Alberto Morales, Bishop of Quincy (ACNA). Dr. Miller is the chairman of the Board of Reformed Episcopal Seminary.

PASTORAL CONNECTIONS AND VACANCIES

A. St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman Church, Philadelphia. Services and pastoral care at St. Luke's and Bishop Hoffman Church have been provided by the Rev. Barton Craig, the Rev. Richard Baird and the Rev. Frank Spadafora. Revs. Craig and Baird have retired from service at the parish. August 28, 2016, Bishop Hicks attended the special luncheon honoring the Rev. Barton Craig and the Rev. Rick Baird. The Rev. Frank Spadafora will provide supply pastoral care, until January 1, 2017.

B. St. John's by the Sea. The Rev. Ronald Bretherick has announced his retirement, effective December 31, 2016. The Rev. Frank Spadafora has been appointed interim rector, effective January 1, 2017.

OTHER ACTIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee approved the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches, Diana Lopez, and Caroline Prickett as delegates to the ACNA Provincial Council June 20-24, 2016 in Charleston, SC.

The Standing Committee approved the closure of St. Michael's RE Church in Enola, Pa. The last service was held on August 14, 2016 and it was also approved that the Provisional Vestry be authorized to dispose of the building and property. Subsequently, the church property was sold on October 3, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Cedric R. Benner
Secretary