

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

To the One Hundred Thirty-first Council
of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren,

The Board of Examining Chaplains this past year consisted of the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Very Rev. Cedric R. Benner, the Rev. Gregory J. Miller, and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches. Adjunct members include the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick, the Very Rev. Walter Hawkins, and the Very Rev. John Smith.

The Board serves as the advisor to the bishop with regards to the examination process for candidates for ordination or transfer to the offices of permanent deacon, transitional deacon, and presbyter, as well as for candidates for the lay office of deaconess. We continue to work closely with Reformed Episcopal Seminary to ensure that the academic requirements for the candidates for each of these offices are met in the Licentiate and Master of Divinity programs. Situations are discussed on a case by case basis based on the standard requirement for each office in accordance with the canons.

In general candidates are given a study guide, but rather than completing it all as a written exam as was done in the past, candidates schedule time for a proctored exam in which they would have access to nothing but a lap top and would write on examination questions assigned by the committee. The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches are the members of the committee that select these exam questions and make arrangements for the administration of the written exams. The written exam is read by a number of examining chaplains as determined by the bishop. An oral exam is then scheduled with at least three examining chaplains participating.

Jason Holloway - On December 1, 2010, Jason Holloway was examined for ordination to the diaconate. The examiners were the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Rev. Cedric Benner, the Very Rev. Walter Hawkins, the Very Rev. Greg Miller and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches. Mr. Holloway sustained the examination.

Michael Carr - On January 19, 2011, Michael Carr was examined in regard to transferring his orders. The examiners were the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick, the Very Rev. Walter Hawkins, the Very Rev. Greg Miller, and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches. Mr. Carr sustained the examination and was received as a deacon.

Jack Clark- On March 11, 2011, the Jack Clark was examined in regard to transferring his orders. . The examiners were the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Rev. Cedric Benner, and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches. Mr. Clark sustained the examination and was received as a deacon.

Robert Hackendorf - On March 18, 2011, Robert Hackendorf was examined in regard to transferring his orders. The examiners were the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Rev. Cedric Benner, the Very Rev. Greg Miller, and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches. Mr.Hackendorf sustained the examination and was received as a presbyter.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches
Chairman