

NOTICE

The One Hundred Thirtieth Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic will be held (D.V.) on the first Thursday and Friday, November 4 and 5, 2010, at Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, New Jersey.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

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 1. The Bishops
 2. Standing Committee
 3. Secretary of the Trustees of the Diocese
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- III. Election of Officers and Standing Committees
 1. Report of the Committee on Nominations
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 1. Committee on Constitution and Canons
 2. Board of Examining Chaplains
 3. Committee on Memorials
 4. Committee on Christian Education
 5. Committee on Young People's Work
 6. Committee on Evangelism, Church Growth and Development
 7. Committee on the State of the Diocese
 8. Secretary/Treasurer of the Looney-Hoffman Fund
 9. Committee on Bassinger Home Fund
 10. Committee on Public Relations
 11. Official Auditor
 12. Special Committees appointed by the President
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 - A. Mustard Seed Farm Committee
 - B. Spiritual Growth and Nurture
 - C. Ministers' Salaries
 - D. A History of the Diocese
 - E. Ministry to Men
 - F. Foreign Missions Banquet
 - G. Short-term Missions
 - H. Committee on Women's Ministries
- V. Appointment of Committees--Non-elective
- VI. New Business

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

The business of every meeting shall be introduced with prayer.

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.

The President shall appoint the several committees, unless the canons of the church shall otherwise specify.

When the President takes the chair, no member of the house shall continue standing, or shall afterward stand up, except to address the Chair.

No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the house unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

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.

No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without specific leave, by vote of the house.

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.

While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

No motion shall be considered as before the house unless it be seconded.

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.

When any question is before the house, it shall be decided upon before any new subject is introduced, except for the question of adjournment.

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.

The question on motion of adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

When the house is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat, until the President shall leave the Chair.

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.

These Rules of Order shall remain in force until altered or suspended by the Council, two-thirds of the members present voting for such alteration or suspension.

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

**OFFICERS OF THE DIOCESE
2009-2010**

PRESIDENT

The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, MA, STM, PhD Candidate
Bishop Ordinary
117 Redford Road
Oreland, PA 19075

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

The Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin, M. Div.
38 Larkspur Drive
Marlton, NJ 08053

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

The Very Rev. Eduardo A. Andrade
2 Ninth Avenue
Brockton, MA 02402

SECRETARY

Mrs. Bonnie C. Abboud
116 N. Marple Road
Haverford, PA 19041

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Mrs. Tonya M. Forsberg
1600 Garrett Road, H206
Upper Darby, PA 19082

TREASURER

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, M. Div, D. Min.
116 N. Marple Road
Haverford, PA 19041

STANDING COMMITTEES – NON-ELECTIVE

Diocesan Year – November 6, 2009 to November 5, 2010

[First Person Named is Chairman.]

BOARD OF EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches
The Rev. Cedric R. Benner
The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller
Adjunct Members
The Rev. Canon Ivan Chan
The Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick
The Rev. Walter L. Hawkins

CONSTITUTIONS AND CANONS

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

MEMORIALS

The Rev. Chiron P. Thompson
The Rev. David C. Howard
Mrs. Lori Miller

BASSINGER HOME FUND

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud	Mrs. Barbara Hamarich
The Very Rev. John Smith	Mr. Charles Mundroff
The Rev. Eugene Phipps	

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. Kimberley Jenkins

NOMINATIONS

The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn
The Rev. Cedric R. Benner
The Very Rev. David S. Ayres
Mr. Jason A. Holloway

Mrs. Melinda Kellogg
Mrs. Christine Specht
Mr. Timothy Craig

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Mr. William A. Jenkins, Jr.
The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn
Mrs. Melissa Craig
Mr. John Dykes
Mr. Steven K. Hoopes
Adjunct Members
The Rev. Chiron P. Thompson
Mrs. Jaime Mosher
Mrs. Alice Snow
Miss Kara Thompson

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

PROGRAM & RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Bonnie C. Abboud
The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn
The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller
Adjunct Members
Mrs. Tonya Forsberg
Mrs. Ginger McLynn
Mrs. Lori Miller

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Very Rev. Eduardo Andrade
The Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen
Dss. I. Olivene Browne

Dr. John S. Simpson
Mrs. Barbara J. Riches

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Rt. Rev. Jesus M. Huertas
The Rev. Donald L. March
The Rev. Eric W. Vowles

Mr. Evan Hughes
Mrs. Melinda Kellogg

EVANGELISM, CHURCH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, *ex officio*
The Rt. Rev. Jesus M. Huertas
The Rev. Dr. Matthew P. Harrington

The Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle
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. M. Russell Buchanan
Mr. Brian K. Davis

MINISTERS' SALARIES

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud
The Rev. Dr. Matthew P. Harrington

The Rev. Rondal D. Martin
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
The Rev. Dcn. Samuel Orimogunje
Adjunct Members
The Very Rev. Eduardo A. Andrade
The Rev. Dr. David A. Crum
The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller

Mr. Scott Applebaum
Mr. Gerald Higham
Mr. Rupert Jeremy
Mr. Wayne Patterson
Mr. Jack Ross

SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND NURTURE

The Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen
The Rev. Gregory P. Carr
The Rev. Stephen D. Cox
The Very Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr.
The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn

Mrs. Peggy Carr
Mrs. Kimberley Jenkins
Mrs. Bobbi Jorgensen
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 A. Hamarich
Dr. Barbara J. West

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Rev. Paul S. Howden
The Rev. Dcn. Roger W. Converse
The Rev. Dr. Matthew P. Harrington
The Rev. William S. Jerdan
The Rev. Frank M. Spadafora
Mr. Charles W. Twining, Jr.

Mrs. Nancy J. Fleischer
Mrs. Susan Higham
Mrs. Beth Howden
Mrs. Diane Jerdan
Mrs. Bobbie Lepson

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. Kimberley 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
The Very Rev. John Smith – Central & Eastern Canada

MINUTES

November 5, 2009 MORNING SESSION

The One Hundred Twenty-ninth Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church convened on Thursday, November 5, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. at Faith Reformed Episcopal Church, Baltimore, MD. The service of Holy Communion was presided over by the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks. Bishop Hicks also delivered the Homily.

Preliminary proceedings to organize the Council took place at Faith RE Church. There were 85 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 \$579.00 was designated for the Board of Foreign Missions.

After the scheduled Reading Period, Bishop Hicks declared the Council in session at 11:50 a.m. The Rev. Cedric R. Benner led in prayer.

The Very Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. presented the Report of the Committee on Credentials. It was moved and seconded to accept the report as presented. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Feast of All Saints

November 5, 2009

To the One-Hundred-Twenty-Ninth 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 Very Reverend 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 by the parishes of the 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.

Twenty-seven parishes, out of twenty-eight, (a recent record for reporting) reported this diocesan year. There were seven parishes whose certificates contained irregularities. All of these were either corrected or approved by the Ordinary prior to the start of Council.

St. Luke's, New Providence: No Roll Examination or Election Date, No Junior Warden

New Redeemer, Jersey City: No Roll Exam Date

Church of the Messiah, Philadelphia: No Roll Exam or Election Date, Missing Number of Communicants

Grace Church, Scranton: No Alternates Listed

All Saints Anglican Church, Newark: No Addresses for Delegates or Alternates
Jesus the Good Shepherd, Brooklyn: Missing Number of Communicants, Ineligible Delegate,
No Alternates Listed

There was one parish which made no report.
First Church, New York

The Committee recommends the following:

***That all delegates and alternates properly certified be seated as members of the 129th Council
of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic***

Respectfully submitted,

The Very Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr.

The Ven. Dr. Abboud presented the Report of the Committee on Program. It was moved and seconded the report be accepted adopting the four motions within the report. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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

Dear Brethren:

The Committee's gratitude is extended to Faith Church and her members for hosting this Council. Their gracious hospitality is greatly appreciated. Kim and Bill Jenkins are to be commended for their hard work and accommodation to the needs of the Council.

Gratitude is extended to the diocesan choir comprised of members from parishes within the diocese and to Choirmaster Ron Riches.

Organizational details will be contained in the published journal of the proceedings of the 129th 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 postulants be awarded corresponding membership of this Council; that the clerical and lay representation from the Canadian parishes be granted voice and vote in this Council; 2) that the Order of Business and Schedule, 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 of the diocese.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie C. Abboud (Mrs.), Chairman

Secretary's Notes:

The 130th Council is scheduled to be held at Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, NJ.

Council reports will be posted on the website for the 130th council proceedings. It is the responsibility of the rectors to duplicate reports for their parish.

Bishop Hicks declared the Council in lunch recess and announced the Business Session will continue at 2 p.m.

ROLL CALL

(*indicates attendance at one or more sessions)

November 6, 2009

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

Mr. Edward Meharg
*Mr. Ronald E. Riches
Mrs. Elaine Simmons
Richard W. Stevens, Esq.

CLERGY (Refer to Directory of Clergy in APPENDIX)

LAY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

BALTIMORE, MD

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

*Mr. Don Cox

Mr. Charlie Bohler

*Mrs. Yvonne Hahn

Mrs. Megan Bohler

BASKING RIDGE, NJ

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

Mr. Christopher Komline

Mr. Edward Meharg

*Mrs. Lori Miller

Mrs. Janice Meharg

BROCKTON, MA

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

Mrs. Judy Pardon

Mrs. Linda Schmuck

Mr. Kent Eckhart

*Mr. Brian Connolly

BROOKLYN, NY

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

Unqualified Delegates

BRONX, NY

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

*Mr. Rupert Jeremy

Ms. Helen Scott

Ms. Velma Woodly

Mr. Lauchland Jones

CATONSVILLE, MD

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

*Mrs. Maria Czajkowski

Mrs. Alice Lepson

*Mr. William Dunn

Mr. Ronald Lepson

Mrs. Sandy Dunn

Mr. Charles Mundroff

*Mrs. Beverly Perkins

Mrs. Cheryl Mundroff

*Miss Brenda McIntire

Mr. Donald Shipley

Mrs. Joyce Shipley

CHESAPEAKE CITY, MD

Saint Peter's Anglican Church MISSION - The Rev. Eric W. Vowles, Vicar

*Mr. William Stubbs

*Mrs. Ann Stubbs

COLLINGDALE, PA

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

*Mrs. L. Lynda Dent

Mr. Jonathan Bulack

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

Ms. Marian Ricardo

Miss Miriam Brownlowe

ELDERSBURG, MD

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

*Mr. Austin Foreman

*Mr. William Moores

*Mrs. Karen Foreman

*Mrs. Betty Moores

Mr. Jack Watkins

Mr. Stanley Frey

Mrs. Shirley Watkins

Mrs. Frances Frey

HARRISBURG, PA

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

*Mr. David Poole

Mrs. Gege McFarland Poole

*Ms. Virginia Noble

Mr. Edwin Couser

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. Jan Gillin

HAVRE-DE-GRACE, MD

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

Mr. Lester Roane

*Mrs. Paula Lutz

*Mr. George Lutz

Mrs. Sarah Vowles

JERSEY CITY, NJ

New Redeemer Reformed Episcopal Church - The Rev. John Milligan, Rector

Mr. Norris Gadsden

*Mr. George Cooper

*Ms. Cathy Simmons

Ms. Blondell Brinson

MT. LAUREL, NJ

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

Mr. John Ross

Mrs. Lilah Spadafora

NEW PROVIDENCE, NJ

St. Luke's Reformed Episcopal Church - The Rev. David C. Howard, Rector

Mrs. Sharon Licari

Mr. Alan Wright

*Ms. Gerda Petrescu

*Mrs. Diane Wright

NEW YORK, NY

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

No Credentials Submitted

NEWARK, NJ

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

*Mrs. Deborah Orimogunje

Dr. Kenneth C. Igwe

Mr. John Nwafor

Mr. Chiefasir Okolu

ORELAND, PA

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

*Mrs. Nancy Fleischer

*Mrs. Theresa Fetko

Mr. Michael Fetko

Mr. Ken Johnson

PASADENA, MD

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

*Mr. Norman Gosselin

*Mr. Barry Hite

PHILADELPHIA, PA

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

*Mr. Millage B. Holloway, Jr.

*Mrs. Diane Holloway

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

Mr. Terrence Reid

Mr. Carleton Finney

Ms. Wanda Lanier

*Ms. Elaine Simmons

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

*Mr. Gerald Higham

*Mr. Ronald Reese

*Mrs. Susan Higham

*Mrs. Beverly Reese

PIPERSVILLE, PA

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

Mrs. Elisabeth Riches

Mr. Paul Pillsbury

*Mrs. Barbara Riches

Mrs. Alice Pillsbury

RYDAL, PA

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

*Mrs. Phyllis Darrah

Mr. Matthew Mitchell

*Dr. Susan Ragonesi

Mrs. Dawn Mitchell

SCRANTON, PA

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

*Mr. Evan Hughes

*Mrs. Kate Hughes

SOMERVILLE, NJ

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

*Mrs. Virginia McLynn

Mr. Gordon Tiner

*Mr. Arthur Jenssen

Dr. Guna Ambrose

VENTNOR, NJ

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

Mr. Richard Gruhler

Ms. Marion Olsen

Mrs. Corinne Gruhler

Mr. Wayne Colman

The Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin assumed the Chair in order for the President to present his report to the council.

It was moved and seconded Bishop Hicks' report be accepted and the recommendations adopted therein. Within the presentation of his report, Bishop Hicks introduced the Very Rev. John R. Smith (Canada) and the Rt. Rev. Jesus Huertas (MD). The motion passed with a rising vote of thanks.

REPORT OF BISHOP DAVID L. HICKS

**The One Hundred Twenty-ninth Council
Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic
November 5-6, 2009
Report of the Bishop Ordinary**

Dear Brethren,

It has been my great privilege to serve as Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic this past year. The following report is submitted as a summary of my principal activities as Bishop Ordinary, since my last report.

I. Regular Episcopal Visits (65 Confirmations)

Sunday, November 9, 2008 – Redeemer Church, Jersey City.

1 confirmation.

Sunday, November 16, 2008 – Good Shepherd, Brockton.

1 confirmation.

Sunday, November 23, 2008 – Emmanuel Church, Somerville.

No confirmations.

Sunday, December 7, 2008 – Faith Church, Baltimore.

No confirmations.

Sunday, March 8, 2009 – St. Peter's, Chesapeake City.

No confirmations.

Sunday, March 22, 2009 – Grace Church, Havre-de-Grace.

No confirmations.

- Sunday, March 29, 2009 – St. Mark's, Rydal.
No confirmations.
- Sunday, April 5, 2009 – Jesus the Good Shepherd, Brooklyn.
4 confirmations.
- Sunday, April 12, 2009 – St. Matthew's, Havertown.
No confirmations.
- Sunday, April 26, 2009 – St. Mary's, Bronx.
19 confirmations.
- Sunday, May 3, 2009 – Grace Church, Collingdale.
16 confirmations.
- Sunday, May 24, 2009 – St. Stephen's, Sykesville.
6 confirmations.
- Sunday, May 31, 2009 – Bishop Cummins, Catonsville.
5 confirmations.
- Sunday, June 7, 2009 – All Saints, Newark.
No confirmations.
- Sunday, June 14, 2009 – First Church, New York.
No confirmations.
- Sunday, August 16, 2009 – Good Shepherd, Brockton.
No confirmations.
- Sunday, August 30, 2009 – St. Paul's, Oreland.
1 confirmation.
- Sunday, September 27, 2009 – St. Michael's, Enola.
6 confirmations.
- Sunday, October 4, 2009 – Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.
1 confirmation.
- Sunday, October 18, 2009 – Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge.
4 confirmations.
- Sunday, October 25, 2009 – Grace Church, Scranton.
1 confirmation.

My thanks are extended to the Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin who has agreed to make several visits for me this year, where no confirmations are expected: St. Timothy's (Mt. Laurel, NJ), St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman (Philadelphia, PA) and Christ the King (Pasadena, MD). It is my intention to ask Canon Gillin for similar assistance, next year, and I have asked the Rt. Rev. Jesus Huertas to make a small number of visits for me as well. Although Bishop Huertas, who has transferred to the Reformed Episcopal Church from the United Anglican Church (see *Canonical Examinations*, page 22), does not hold canonical authority as a suffragan bishop in our diocese, he may be licensed by me to function in my stead. The Standing Committee has concurred with me in this matter.

II. Memorial Services

A. **James Allen:** On Saturday, November 8, 2008, I visited the family of James Allen before the memorial service held at Church of the Messiah. James Allen was a long-time member of Church of the Messiah, Philadelphia.

B. Doretha Davis: On Tuesday, December 16, 2008, I attended the memorial service for Doretha Davis, a founding member of Church of the Messiah, Philadelphia.

C. William Molali: On Tuesday, February 24, 2009, I assisted the Rev. Mark Specht with the funeral service for William Molali, senior warden of Grace Church, Havre-de-Grace, Maryland. We were also assisted by the Rt. Rev. Daniel Cox and the Rev. Eric Vowles.

D. Richard Sonnie: On Saturday, April 25, 2009, I assisted with the funeral service for Richard Sonnie, a student at Reformed Episcopal Seminary. The service was held at Snyder Avenue Congregational Church, Philadelphia.

III. Reformed Episcopal Seminary

A. I continue to serve as Chancellor of the Seminary and Associate Professor of Biblical Languages and Literature, teaching Greek Elements, Greek Exegesis, Hermeneutic and Acts & Paul. I have also assisted with chapel services and Homiletics-Liturgics Practicum. Effective May 31, 2009, the Rev. Dr. Wayne Headman resigned as president of the Seminary, and on March 12, 2009, the Board of Directors elected me to serve in that position, beginning June 1, 2009. The Seminary has increased its student body this year, and our effort to be fully accredited with the Association of Theological Schools is making very good progress. I anticipate continued growth and advancement for our seminary.

B. I participated in the commencement service at St. Paul's, Oreland, on May 24, 2008, the Convocation service on September 8th in the seminary's McCausland Chapel, and the Founder's Day Chapel and Kuehner Lecture at St. Paul's on December 2, 2008.

C. In connection with my responsibilities as chancellor of RES, I attended a seminar held in San Antonio, Texas, for newly installed seminary leaders sponsored by the Association of Theological Schools.

D. On Wednesday, April 29, 2008, I represented RES at the inauguration of Dr. Michael Sigman as president of Evangelical Theological Seminary, Myerstown, Pennsylvania.

E. On September 24, 2009, I joined the Seminary community in honoring Mrs. Danae Smith and the Rev. Dr. Wayne Headman upon their retirement as registrar and president, respectively. A dinner was held at Penn Oaks Golf Club, West Chester, and the Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin served as master of ceremonies.

IV. Special Services and Events

A. Installation of the Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle – On Sunday, December 14, 2009, at a special service at St. Mary's Church, I installed the Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle as Dean of the New York Convocation.

B. St. Stephen's School Christmas Pageant – On Friday, December 19, 2008, I attended the Christmas Pageant performed by the children of St. Stephen's School, Eldersburg, Maryland.

C. Grace Church, Collingdale, Christmas Pageant – On Sunday, December 21, 2008, I attended the Christmas pageant performed by the children of Grace Church and Christ Memorial Church, Collingdale.

D. Clergy Retreat – My wife and I attended the clergy and clergy spouses' retreat on January 30-31, at the Eden Resort, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

E. Women's Day – I attended the annual Women's Day gathering at the National Christian Conference Center, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, on May 1, 2009.

F. Organization of the Order of St. Andrew – On Saturday, May 9, 2009, I presided over a service held at St. Michael's Church, Enola, Pennsylvania, recognizing the creation of the Order of St. Andrew and admitting its founding member, Susan Rhoades, into the order. The order has been created for single women and men who will commit to a life of service and prayer in support of local parishes.

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

Bishop Fenwick and I are discussing ways in which our two dioceses can be of mutual support and encouragement. Hopefully, one of the Free Church of England bishops, the Rt. Rev. Paul Hunt, will be our guest sometime in 2010.

H. Grace Church, Collingdale – On Sunday, July 26, 2009, I attended a special service at Grace Church, in celebration of Liberian Independence Day. The Rev. James Yarsiah, a native Liberian and a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina, was the preacher for the morning service. A banquet and presentation were held in the fellowship hall after the morning service.

I. Renewal of Wedding Vows – On Saturday, August 29, 2009, I presided at a service of renewal of wedding vows for the Rev. and Mrs. Donald (Donna) March at St. Michael's Church, Enola. I was assisted by the Rt. Rev. William Sloane of the Southern Episcopal Church. The service was well attended by a large number of family members and friends.

J. Diocese of Central and Eastern Canada – On Saturday, September 19, 2009, I attended the annual Synodical Council of the Diocese of Central and Eastern Canada (DC&EC) held at St. George's Church, Hamilton, Ontario. The bishop ordinary of the Diocese, the Rt. Rev. Michael Fedechko announced his retirement, effective September 30, 2009. The council voted in favor of coming under the guidance and oversight of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, due to the small number of parishes and communicants in the DC&EC. In anticipation of the Synod's action, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic previously gave its assent to this arrangement at its May 18, 2009 meeting. On the following day, I preached at St. Georges Church at the regular Sunday service.

K. Open Forum – On Wednesday, September 23, 2009, I held an open forum for the clergy and laity in the Maryland Convocation at Faith Church, Baltimore, and another open forum for the northern part of the Diocese was held at St. Luke's, New Providence, New Jersey on Saturday, October 24, 2009. Both sessions provided an opportunity for me to answer questions that the clergy and laity had regarding our association with the Anglican Church in North America and any other matters of concern.

L. Lutherans Reform – Accompanied by the Rev. Donald L. March, I represented the Reformed Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church in North America at a gathering of representatives from approximately forty Lutheran congregations in south central Pennsylvania,

under the banner of Lutherans Reform. The group is part of a larger network of orthodox Lutheran bodies from within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which are exploring way to organize as a separate jurisdiction. They also are interested in forming close ties with the Anglican Church in North America. The meeting was held on October 14, 2009 at Christ Lutheran Church, Dallastown, Pennsylvania.

V. Pastoral Connections and Vacancies

A. **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. Under the leadership of the Rev. Roger Converse, a Sunday afternoon worship service began last month at the former Reformed Episcopal Seminary location on Chestnut Street. This is our first initiative in restoring a Reformed Episcopal presence near the former location of the parish.

B. **St. Peter's Anglican Church, Chesapeake City.** This Mission Parish continues minister to the community of Chesapeake City, Maryland. I have appointed the Rev. Eric W. Vowles to serve as vicar of the parish.

C. **Grace Church, Havre de Grace, Maryland.** On Sunday, August 23, 2009, I instituted the Rev. Mark A. Specht as rector of Grace Church, Havre de Grace. The Rt. Rev. Daniel Cox, the Rev. Eric Vowles and the Rev. Michael Blitz assisted in the service.

D. **Saint Luke's, New Providence, New Jersey.** On March 8, 2009, the vestry of St. Luke's Church extended a call to the Rev. David C. Howard to fill the office of rector of that parish, pending the approval of the Bishop and Standing Committee. Subsequent to that approval, on Sunday, September 13, 2009, I instituted the Rev. David C. Howard as rector of St. Luke's Church. The Very Rev. Gregory Miller and the Rev. Gerald McLynn assisted in the service. I am y appreciative of the pastoral care provided by the Rev. Dr. Wayne Headman, who served as interim rector, prior to the call of the Rev. Mr. Howard.

VI. Other Parochial Matters

A. **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 Mark's contribution to the vestry during his tenure of service. Over the past year, we have noted positive growth in many areas for these parishes, and we anticipate that at least one of the parishes will be restored to full parish status in the near future.

B. **Former Grace Chapel, Henry Avenue, Roxborough, Pennsylvania.** With the assistance the Ven. Jon Abboud and Mr. Richard Stevens, we had been in negotiation with representatives of Pilgrim Presbyterian Church (PCA), in regard to the property of our former parish, Grace Church, in Roxborough. Pilgrim Church currently owns the property and originally

agreed to return it to the Diocese in exchange for a 15-year lease to liberti (sic) Presbyterian Church for \$1 per year. In a unilateral decision, Pilgrim Church reneged on its agreement and is no longer interested in transferring title to the REC. Pilgrim Church is the process of restoring the past suspended mortgage payments and will continue to make payments to the Diocese on the basis of the mortgage agreement that the Diocese purchased from Christ Memorial Church.

C. Igbo Anglican Church, Bronx. On Sunday, June 7, 2009, I celebrated Holy Communion and preached the sermon at Igbo Anglican Church, Bronx, New York, accompanied by the Rev. Paul Ekezie (All Saints Church). On Wednesday, July 1, 2009, I met with the Rev. Benjamin Nnaji, rector of the parish, and received their application for admission as a parish in the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. The parish is comprised approximately 50 members, most being of Nigerian heritage. It is their intention to provide services for the Igbo speaking community in the New York City area. The Standing Committee approved the reception of the parish. The Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle, the Ven. Dr. Jon Abboud and I will continue to work with the parish as it assimilates into the life of the Diocese.

VII. Postulants for Holy Orders

Robert Appleton (Grace Church, Havre-de-Grace)

Michael J. Fetko (St. Paul's, Oreland)

Jason Holloway (Atonement, Philadelphia)

Joel E. McDurmon (St. Paul's, Oreland)

John Simpson (Good Shepherd, Brockton)

James J. Tyne (Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge)

VIII. Canonical Examinations

A. Jesus M. Huertas (Christ the King, Pasadena)

On Thursday, February 5, 2009, I examined the Rt. Rev. Jesus M. Huertas for reception into the Reformed Episcopal Church. I was assisted in the examination by the Rev. Cedric R. Benner, the Rev. Gregory Carr, the Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches. Bishop Huertas comes to us from the United Anglican Church, which is small jurisdiction that organized out of persons who left the Episcopal Church some years ago. According to the canons of the REC (Title 1, Canon 11.5(b)), a bishop being received from other jurisdictions must be received by the Council of Bishops with the concurrence of the General Committee. This action was taken on April 15 and 18, 2009 in Summerville, South Carolina. On Wednesday, April 22, 2009, I presided over a special service of welcome and reception for Bishop Huertas that was held at Christ the King Church, Pasadena, where he and his wife regularly attend worship services. Because Bishop Huertas is a duly consecrated bishop, he retains his status as such; however, upon reception he has no canonical position of authority in the Diocese, and he serves at the pleasure of the Ordinary.

B. David C. Howard (St. Luke's, New Providence)

On Wednesday, February 18, 2009, I examined the Rev. David Howard for reception as a presbyter into the REC. The Rev. Mr. Howard has been called to serve as rector of St. Luke's Reformed Episcopal Church, New Providence, New Jersey. I was assisted in the examination by the Rev. Rondal D. Martin, the Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches. The Rev. Mr. Howard was ordained in the United Church of Christ and has been assisting the

rector of All Hallows Episcopal Church, Wyncote, Pennsylvania for the past several years. He sustained the examination.

C. **Philip J. Lambooy** (St. Stephen's, Eldersburg)

On Tuesday, June 30, 2009, I examined the Rev. Philip J. Lambooy, assisted by the Rev. Cedric R. Benner and the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick. The examination was held at Reformed Episcopal Seminary. The Rev. Mr. Lambooy applied for reception as a presbyter in the Reformed Episcopal Church, transferring his credentials from the Presbyterian Church in America. He sustained the examination.

IX. Ordinations & Receptions

A. **Philip J. Lambooy** – On Sunday, August 9, 2009, I received the Rev. Philip J. Lambooy through the laying on of hands, according the form for the Public Reception of Presbyters, at a special service held at St. Stephen's Church, Eldersburg, Maryland. The Rev. Eric Jorgensen, rector, presented the candidate and delivered the sermon; and the Rev. Cedric R. Benner read the Epistle.

B. **Robert T. Pardon** – On Saturday, August 15, 2009, I ordained the Rev. Robert T. Pardon to the presbyterate in a service held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Brockton, Massachusetts. The Rev. Thomas Schmuck read the Litany, and the Rev. Eduardo Andrade delivered the homily. The Rev. Mr. Pardon continues to assist the Rev. Eduardo Andrade at Good Shepherd Church, Brockton.

C. **David C. Howard** – On Sunday, September 13, 2009, I received the Rev. David C. Howard through the laying on of hands, according the form for the Public Reception of Presbyters, at a special service held at St. Luke's Church, New Providence, New Jersey. The Rev. Gerald McLynn presented the Rev. Mr. Howard and the Very Rev. Gregory Miller read the Gospel.

X. General Council Activities

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

B. **Federation of Anglican Churches in the Americas (FACA)**: I attended the FACA meeting held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 in Summerville, South Carolina.

C. **General Council Committees**: I attended the semi-annual General Council committee meetings held at Cummins Theological Seminary, Summerville, South Carolina, on April 15-18, 2009 and October 7-10, 2009. I serve on the General Committee, the Standing Liturgical Commission (chairman), and the Board of Foreign Missions

XI. Anglican Church in North America (ACNA).

A. **Provincial Assembly**: The first Provincial Assembly of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) took place in Bedford, Texas, at St. Vincent's Cathedral, June 22-25, 2009. The purpose of the Assembly was to organize as a Province and approve the proposed constitution and canons. We were entitled to three clergy and three lay representatives, and the Diocese of Central and Eastern Canada was included in the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic for purposes of representation. The Standing Committee approved the following slate of delegates to represent our Diocese.

Clergy Delegates

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, RE Seminary & St. Matthew's, Havertown.

The Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle, St. Mary's, Bronx.

The Rev. John Smith, St. George's, Hamilton.

Lay Delegates

Mr. Russell Buchanan, St. Paul's, Oreland.

John Hendershot, Esq., Grace, Collingdale.

Mrs. Barbara Riches, Emmanuel, Pipersville.

I attended the College of Bishops meeting on June 21 and 22, along with Bishop Jesus Huertas, and was present for the first day of the Provincial Assembly on June 22nd.

In regard to the significance of this momentous occasion, I refer you the correspondence that I sent to the Diocese earlier in the year, as well as the letter from the Presiding Bishop, which was sent after the conclusion of the Provincial Assembly. Both letters can be found in the appendix beginning on page 12.

B. ACNA Council: The ACNA Council, a smaller body that convenes annually, between the meetings of the triennial Provincial Assembly, will meet in Toronto, Canada on December 11, 2009. We are entitled to one clergy and two lay delegates to represent our Diocese at the council. The Standing Committee has approved the following representatives: the Rev. Canon Ivan Chan (St. Augustine's), Mrs. Gillian Ferns (St. George's) and Mr. Patrick Moore (St. George's). The representation is coming from our Canadian churches, which are in close proximity to Toronto, as a matter of convenience and as a cost saving measure.

XII. Clergy Not In Good Standing

A. Presbyters

Allat III, Edward

Arndt, Wayne S.

Babikow, David S.

Dews, Harry G.

Feeck, Raymond E.

May, Thomas R.

McBratney, Jr., Joseph H.

Schmid, Robert O.

Thompson, Richard F.

Wood, David

B. Deacons

Anderson, Warren

Bailey, Leon F.

Solanky, Samee

Tuton, Robert T.

XIII. Additional Matters

A. Mustard Seed Farm. Over the past year, I have met with the Mustard Seed Farm (MSF) Committee and others who have served as a part of the ministry of Mustard Seed Farm. After much prayerful consideration, the MSF committee has determined to restructure the camping ministry. As part of that process, the size of the camp was reduced for the summer of 2009. Dr. Barbara West led the senior camp, and there was no junior camp. It is our hope that the

reorganization of MSF will enable both camps to resume in 2010. In order for this to take place, increased volunteer staff will be needed. If our Diocese wishes to continue this important ministry, it can only do so with the support of our parishes.

B. Diocesan Cathedral. We learn from Holy Scripture that the primary role of the bishop is pastoral, related to teaching and edifying the Body of Christ. Rather than simply being an administrator, as important as administrative matters are, the bishop is the chief pastor of the flock committed to his care. For this reason, bishops historically have been connected to a particular parish, which is known as the cathedral parish – the place of the bishop's chair or *cathedra*. With this in mind, I draw to your attention Canon 56 of the Canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church

CANON 56 Of Cathedral Churches and the Designation Thereof

Section 1 In every Diocese a Parish church may be designated the Cathedral thereof at the annual Council or Synod. The request for such designation must be made by the Bishop of the Diocese with the consent of the Vestry of the designated Parish.

Section 2 All the clergy of the Cathedral, together with the Archdeacon if there be one, and all Deans and Canons of the Diocese, the Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Organist and Choirmaster of the Cathedral shall constitute the Cathedral Chapter which shall convene as a full body at least annually.

Section 3 The Chapter shall be an advisory body, with the Bishop as its head, which shall assist the Bishop in executing a plan for outreach, evangelism and ministry and music to the entire Diocese through the facilities and programs of the Cathedral and ensure the proper funding and maintenance of the Cathedral for future generations.

Section 4 Any request on the part of a Cathedral to revert to Parish status requires the consent of the Bishop and Standing Committee.

Section 5 Every Cathedral shall continue to elect a Vestry and Parish Council in accordance with these Canons for the benefit of the Cathedral congregation, but the right of choosing the Rector and other clergy and staff is always subject to the approval of the Bishop Ordinary.

Section 6 Only one Cathedral may be designated within the boundaries of a Diocese.

For reasons stated above, I have appointed a committee charged with the task of identifying a cathedral parish, which will be considered the central location in the Diocese for the pastoral ministry of the bishop. The committee consists of the Canon to the Ordinary, the Archdeacon and the Deans of the several convocations. The Standing Committee has given its support and concurrence in this matter.

C. Lay Reader Licenses. In order to be in conformity with the spirit and letter of the canons of the church, I am adjusting our policy on the licensing of Lay Readers for ministry in our parishes. Canon 24 indicates that the purpose of licensing Lay Readers is to provide persons who are able to officiate at Morning or Evening Prayer where the services of an ordained minister are absent or limited. Further, a Leader Reader must secure an additional license from the bishop, if he is to deliver a sermon or address of his own composition.

CANON 24 Of Lay Ministry

Section 1 (a) Lay Readers. A competent person ready and desirous to serve the church in the public services stately as a Lay Reader must procure from the Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese or Missionary Diocese a written license. Such license shall not be granted to any but a male communicant of this Church who has attained the age of eighteen years, and must be given for a definite period, not longer than three years, and may be renewed from

time to time, or revoked at any time. Such license may be given for any vacant Parish or Mission, or for a Congregation without a Minister, but where a Presbyter is in charge, his request and recommendation must have been previously signified to the Ecclesiastical Authority. A license shall not be granted for conducting the service in a congregation without a Minister, which is able and has had reasonable opportunity to secure the services of an ordained Minister. If the Lay Reader be a student in any Theological Seminary, he shall also, before acting as such, obtain the permission of the presiding officer of such institution and of his own Bishop.

(b) A Lay Reader shall be subject to the regulations prescribed by the Ecclesiastical Authority, and shall not serve in any Diocese other than that in which he is licensed, unless he shall have received a license from the Bishop of the Diocese in which he desires to serve.

(c) In all matters relating to the conduct of the service, and the Sermons or Homilies to be read, he shall conform to the directions of the Minister in charge of the Parish, Congregation, or Mission in which he is serving, and, in all cases, to the directions of the Bishop. He shall read only the Morning and Evening Prayer (omitting the Absolution and substituting the Collect for the Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity for the same), the Litany, and the Office for the Burial of the Dead. He shall not deliver sermons or addresses of his own composition, unless, after instruction and examination, he be specially licensed thereto for urgent needs by the Bishop. He shall not wear the dress appropriate to Clergymen Ministering in the Congregation.

I remind the rectors of our parishes that it is within their authority to appoint communicants as lectors for the reading of lessons or assisting in other ways in the service, and it is not necessary for such persons to be licensed as a Lay Reader. The relevant section of Canon 24 is given below.

Section 2 (a) Lay Lectors and Other Lay Ministries. The Rector of any Parish may appoint such persons as he shall deem qualified and fit to serve in the capacity of Lay Lector, Acolyte, Usher, or similar ministry. Such persons shall serve in their various capacities at the pleasure of the Rector and remain under his authority. (b) Lay Lectors must be communicants of this Church, at least sixteen years of age, given to godly conversation and regular attendance at Divine Services. (c) Duty of Lay Lectors: Such persons as may be appointed Lay Lectors may be permitted to read the First and Second Lessons at Morning Prayer and any reading from the Old Testament or the Epistles at the Holy Communion. Lay Lectors may not read the Gospel at Holy Communion nor may they officiate or lead public worship. (d) Limitations: Lay Lectors may not preach, nor exercise the extraordinary ministry of Lay Communion Visitor, nor conduct public worship by serving as the officiant at Morning or Evening Prayer.

All licenses for Lay Readers will be issued in January of each year and will be valid for one year from the date of issue. Before I consider licensing someone as a Lay Reader, I must receive a written request from his rector or vicar, indicating the need for this ministry and demonstrating that such licensure will meet the requirements of Canon 24. Written requests must be received by December 31st.

D. Mission Work. At the One Hundred Twenty-seventh Council of this Diocese, I outlined a strategy for church planting, which begins with our areas of strength in the northeast corridor of our nation – New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore – and uses those areas a base for further expansion. We have continued to pursue this plan, and I offer the following update on our church planting efforts. I have mentioned what we are doing in West Philadelphia in this report above. A new parish has been added in the Bronx, Igbo Anglican Church, under the leadership of the Rev. Benjamin Nnaji, and the Ven. Dr. Paul Ekezie and the Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle continue to explore other possibilities in the New York metropolitan area. Under the oversight of the Very Rev. Gregory Miller, explorations for parish interest are beginning in the Flemington, New Jersey area through a home Bible study. The Rt. Rev. Jesus Huertas is taking steps to begin a new work in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C. Please keep these efforts in your prayers.

E. Health Concerns. Several people have expressed concern to me about the impact that current health issues should have on the manner in which our parishes prepare for and administer

Holy Communion. In this regard, I offer the following instruction. All persons who handle communion vessels and elements at any stage of preparation and administration are to observe vigorous hand washing techniques. For those parishes where the chalice is used for intinction, communicants are not dip the bread in the chalice by their own hand. The minister is to take the bread from the communicant, dip it in the chalice, and place the bread on the tongue of the communicant. I trust that these guidelines will assist in minimizing exposure to communicable diseases for those attending our worship services.

F. Council Offerings. I recommend that the offering from Thursday's service of Holy Communion be designated alms and directed to the **Reformed Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions** for the relief and assistance of our missionaries. I further recommend that the offering from Friday's service of Morning Prayer be directed to the **Barnabas Fund** for its work of assistance and support for persecuted Christians throughout the world.

I am deeply grateful to Almighty God for graciously permitting me to serve as your bishop. I also am thankful for the assistance of the deans and other leaders of the Diocese, and especially for the support provided by the Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin and the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, who have tirelessly aided me in the administration of diocesan affairs.

Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly 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. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21).

Respectfully submitted,

The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks

REPORT OF BISHOP LEONARD W. RICHES

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

Dear Brethren:

This One Hundred Twenty-ninth Council marks the conclusion of the first year since my retirement as Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese. I offer the following summary of my activities in the episcopal office during this past year. Since most of these activities relate to my service as Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and to my position as a member of the Lead Bishops' Executive Committee of the Province of the Anglican Church in North America, I will report in detail only on those activities that relate directly to the Diocese. A more detailed record of my service in the wider church will be offered in my report to the 53rd General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church in June, 2011.

CONSECRATIONS: On January 17, 2009, at 2:00 P.M., in New Israel Reformed Episcopal Church, Charleston, South Carolina, I presided at the consecration of the Rev. William J. White as a bishop in the church of God, he having been elected to serve as Suffragan Bishop of the

Diocese of the Southeast of the Reformed Episcopal Church. The candidate was presented by the Rt. Rev. Sanco K. Rembert and the Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden, Sr. Testimonials from the Diocese of the Southeast were presented by the Rev. Canon J. Ronald Mook, Sr., Secretary of the Standing Committee. Testimonials from the General Council were offered by the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, Treasurer of the General Council. The homily was delivered by the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of Mid-America and Vice-President of the General Council. Other consecrators were the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic; the Rt. Rev. Ray R. Sutton, Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Mid-America; and the Rt. Rev. C. FitzSimons Allison, retired Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. Other presbyters participating were the Very Rev. Julius Barnes, the Rev. Fred Garnett, the Rev. Willie J. Hill, Jr., the Rev. Edmond B. Mazyck, and the Rev. Cornelius White. A delightful reception dinner was held following the service in the Parish Hall of New Bethel Reformed Episcopal Church, North Charleston, South Carolina. Bishop White serves New Bethel Church as rector.

On August 22, 2009, at 11:00 A.M., in the Roman Catholic parish of Mary, Mother of the Church, Charleroi, Pennsylvania, I served as a consecrator for the Rev. William Henry Ilgenfritz to be a bishop in the church of God, he having been elected to serve as the first bishop of the Missionary Diocese of All Saints in the Anglican Church in North America. The Most Rev. Robert William Duncan, Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America, presided as the Chief Consecrator. Those serving as co-consecrators were the Rt. Rev. Keith Ackerman, the Rt. Rev. Jack L. Iker, the Rt. Rev. Edward H. MacBurney, the Rt. Rev. William C. Wantland, the Rt. Rev. Bill Atwood, the Rt. Rev. David Anderson, the Rt. Rev. Richard Boyce, the Rt. Rev. John Guernsey, the Rt. Rev. Donald Harvey, the Rt. Rev. Richard Lipka, the Rt. Rev. Donald Miles, the Rt. Rev. William Murdoch, the Rt. Rev. John Rodgers, and myself. The Rt. Rev. William C. Wantland delivered the homily. A large congregation joined in the joyous service, and shared in a wonderful reception dinner which followed in the parish hall of the church.

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

Celebrant and Homilist for this glorious Eucharist and Investiture which came as part of the Inaugural Assembly of the Anglican Church in North America, hosted by St. Vincent's Cathedral, Bedford, Texas, June 22-25, 2009.

CONFIRMATIONS: I have made no episcopal visits in the diocese during the past year for the purpose of administering the rite of Confirmation. However, on the occasion of a visit to the Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, Texas, on October 18, 2009, at the invitation of the rector, the Rev. John Boonzaaijer, and with the permission of the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of Mid-America, I confirmed seven persons in the faith of Jesus Christ.

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

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

SPECIAL OCCASIONS AND PREACHING ENGAGEMENTS: On Friday, October 16, 2009, in the Cathedral Church of St. Matthias, Katy, TX, it was my privilege to deliver the homily at the Holy Eucharist celebrated in conjunction with the sessions of the 103rd Annual Synod of the Diocese of Mid-America. I was also privileged to bring greetings and express congratulations at a special banquet celebration marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., to the episcopate. This wonderful evening of recollection and tribute was held on the evening of Thursday, October 15, in conjunction with the sessions of Synod.

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

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION: I continue to serve as Professor of Theology and Liturgics at the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church. In that connection I taught a course in Liturgics during the academic year 2008-2009. This teaching responsibility engaged me one day each week throughout the ten-week Trinity Quarter, from mid-September through late November. I also continue my service as a member of the Board of Directors of the

seminary, attending each of its called meetings during the course of the year in keeping with the demands of my travel schedule.

EXHORTATION: *“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”* (I Thessalonians 5:16)

Respectfully submitted,

(The Most Rev.) Leonard W. Riches
Bishop Ordinary (Retired)
Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church

REPORT OF BISHOP DANIEL G. COX (retired)

To the 129th Diocesan Council:

Dear Brethren,

With the gracious permission of Bishop Hicks I confirmed five persons (2 men/3 women) at Christ the King Church in Pasadena, Maryland on May 17, 2009.

On February 22, 2009 I delivered the homily at the funeral of William A. Molali at Grace Church, Havre-de-Grace, Maryland. Bill was senior warden of the parish, deeply interested in the life and ministry of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and a dear personal friend.

On April 22, 2009 Bishop Hicks presided at the Service of Institution at Grace Church, installing the Rev. Mark A. Specht as the rector. It was my privilege to stand with Mark as his presenter and to participate in the Holy Communion liturgy.

I continue to be active in Inter-Church Relations with the parishes of the Reformed Episcopal Church and the Anglican Province of America in the state of Maryland. My colleague in this ministry is the Rt. Rev. Robert S. Loiselle, Sr., an assisting bishop in the APA and rector of St. Paul’s Anglican Church, Crownsville, Maryland. I participated in two of the unity services – Evensong on November 30, 2008 and Holy Communion on October 4, 2009 both services were held at St. Paul’s.

I continue to have the titles of Rector *Emeritus* at Bishop Cummins Church in Catonsville, Maryland and Senior Associate at Christ the King in Pasadena, Maryland. I am grateful for the friendship of the Rev. Dr. David A. Crum and the Rev. Gregory P. Carr.

I am very grateful for the encouragement and true Christian love of Bishops Hicks and Riches and the Rev. Canon Chuck Gillin.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel G. Cox, Assistant Bishop (Retired)

Bishop Hicks resumed the Chair and called upon Canon Gillin to present the Report of the Standing Committee. It was moved and seconded the report be accepted. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

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

Dear Brethren:

The Committee held two meetings this past diocesan year on May 18, 2009 at Reformed Episcopal Seminary, Blue Bell, PA and by conference call on September 28, 2009. The Rt. David L. Hicks, Bishop Ordinary, chaired the meetings. Bishop Hicks, through the secretary, also conducted an email poll of Committee members on July 17, 2009.

The activities of the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, including episcopal visits and confirmations, can be found in detail in his report presented to Council.

POSTULANTS FOR HOLY ORDERS

Robert Appleton (Grace Church, Havre-de-Grace, MD)
Michael J. Fetko (St. Paul's Church, Oreland, PA)
Jason Holloway (Atonement Church, Philadelphia, PA)
Joel E. McDurmon (St. Paul's Church, Oreland, PA)
Robert N. McQuay (Bishop Cummins Church, Catonsville, MD)
James J. Tyne (Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, NJ)

CANONICAL EXAMINATIONS & RECEPTIONS

Justin M. Forsberg (St. Matthew's, Havertown, PA) - On 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. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, the Rev. Gregory J. Miller and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches. Mr. Forsberg sustained the examination.

Jesus M. Huertas (Christ the King, Pasadena, MD) - On February 5, 2009, Bishop Hicks examined the Rt. Rev. Jesus M. Huertas for reception into the Reformed Episcopal Church. The Rev. Cedric R. Benner, the Rev. Gregory P. Carr, the Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches assisted him in the examination. Bishop Huertas came to us from the United Anglican Church, which is small jurisdiction that organized out of persons who left the Episcopal Church some years ago. According to the canons of the church (Title 1, Canon 11.5(b)), a bishop being received from other jurisdictions must be received by the Council of Bishops with the concurrence of the General Committee. This action was taken on April 15 and 18, 2009 in Summerville, SC. On Wednesday, April 22, 2009, Bishop Hicks presided over a special service of welcome and reception for Bishop Jesus that was held at Christ the King Church, Pasadena, MD where he and his wife regularly attend worship services.

Because Bishop Huertas is a duly consecrated bishop, he retains his status as such; however, upon reception he has no canonical authority to function as a bishop in the Diocese and serves at the pleasure of the Ordinary. Bishop Hicks has licensed Bishop Huertas to function canonically as a presbyter in the Diocese. At the Committee's September 28, 2009 meeting Bishop Hicks requested concurrence that Bishop Huertas be licensed to function episcopally in his stead in order to make a small number of visits. The Committee unanimously concurred.

David C. Howard (St. Luke's, New Providence, NJ) - On Wednesday, February 18, 2009, Bishop Hicks examined the Rev. David C. Howard for reception as a presbyter into the Reformed Episcopal Church. The Rev. Mr. Howard has been called to serve as rector of St. Luke's Reformed Episcopal Church, New Providence, NJ. The Rev. Rondal D. Martin, the Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches assisted him in the examination. The Rev. Mr. Howard was ordained in the United Church of Christ and has been assisting the rector of All Hallows Episcopal Church, Wyncote, PA for the past several years. He sustained the examination. On September 13, 2009, Bishop Hicks received the Rev. David C. Howard through the laying on of hands, according the form for the Public Reception of Presbyters, at a special service held at St. Luke's Church, New Providence, NJ. The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn presented the Rev. Mr. Howard and the Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller read the Gospel. The Standing Committee voted to consent to the reception and regularization of the Rev. David Howard as a presbyter to serve as rector of St. Luke's Church, New Providence, NJ.

Philip J. Lambooy - The Rev. Philip J. Lambooy was ordained in the Presbyterian Church in America and had been worshipping at St. Stephen's Church, Eldersburg, MD for more than a year. The Rev. Mr. Lambooy intends to assist the Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen at St. Stephen's or in any other way he may help the Diocese. He applied for a transfer of his credentials from the Presbyterian Church in America. Bishop Hicks, the Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick and the Rev. Cedric R. Benner examined him on June 30, 2009 at Reformed Episcopal Seminary, Blue Bell, PA. He sustained the examination. On August 9, 2009, Bishop Hicks received the Rev. Philip J. Lambooy, through the laying on of hands, according the form for the Public Reception of Presbyters, at a special service held at St. Stephen's Church, Eldersburg, MD. The Rev. Eric W. Jorgensen, rector, presented the candidate and delivered the sermon and the Rev. Cedric R. Benner read the Epistle. The Standing Committee voted to consent to the reception and regularization of the Rev. Mr. Lambooy as a presbyter in the Diocese on July 17, 2009.

ORDINATIONS

Eric W. Vowles – On Sunday, October 26, 2008, Bishop Hicks ordained the Rev. Eric W. Vowles to the presbyterate at a service held at Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, Havre-de-Grace, MD. The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn presented the ordinand and delivered the sermon. The Rev. Cedric R. Benner read the Litany, the Rev. William A. Jenkins read the Epistle, the Rev. Mark A. Specht read the Gospel, and the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud served as chaplain to the bishop. The Committee previously approved the Rev. Mr. Vowles' advancement to the presbyterate by email poll on October 13, 2008.

Justin M. Forsberg – On November 1, 2008 (All Saints Day), Bishop Hicks ordained Justin M. Forsberg to the diaconate in a service held at St. Matthew's Reformed Episcopal Church, Havertown, PA. The Rev. Gregory J. Miller presented the ordinand, the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud gave the sermon and the Rev. Walter L. Hawkins read the Litany. The Committee previously approved Mr. Forsberg's advancement to the presbyterate by email poll on October 13, 2008.

Robert T. Pardon – On August 15, 2009, Bishop Hicks ordained the Rev. Robert T. Pardon to the presbyterate in a service held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Brockton, MA. The Rev. Dcn. Thomas Schmuck read the Litany, and the Rev. Eduardo A. Andrade delivered the homily. The Rev. Mr. Pardon continues to assist Rev. Andrade at Good Shepherd Church, Brockton, MA. The Committee voted to concur with this action.

PASTORAL CONNECTIONS AND VACANCIES

Christ Memorial Church, Collingdale, PA - The parish continues to meet and worship with Grace Church, Collingdale, until such time as the parish can be re-established in West Philadelphia. The parish is searching for a vicar to be appointed for this effort. Efforts are underway to expand the ministry to international students in the West Philadelphia community, served by the Rev. Roger W. Converse. Under the leadership of Rev. Converse, a Sunday afternoon worship service has begun to meet at the former Reformed Episcopal Seminary location on Chestnut Street. This is our first initiative in restoring a Reformed Episcopal presence near the former location of the parish.

Grace Church, Havre de Grace, MD - The Very Rev. Gerald S. 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, NJ to serve as rector there. Bishop Hicks met with the vestry of Grace Church on July 8 in order to discuss the pastoral search process and he visited the congregation on Sunday, August 31, 2008 to be available to answer any questions. He appointed the Rev. Mark A. Specht to serve as interim rector. Rev. Specht submitted his resignation as the interim in a letter dated May 1, 2009. Rev. Specht received and accepted a call from the vestry of Grace Church to serve as rector. On Sunday, August 23, 2009, Bishop Hicks instituted the Rev. Mark A. Specht as rector of Grace Church, Havre de Grace. The Rt. Rev. Daniel G. Cox, the Rev. Eric W. Vowles and the Rev. Michael D. Blitz assisted in the service. The Committee voted to concur with this action.

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

Emmanuel Church, Somerville, NJ - The Rev. Gerald S. McLynn accepted the call from Emmanuel Church to serve as rector, beginning Sunday, September 7, 2008. The Rev. Dr. Dale

H. Crouthamel had served as interim rector, and Bishop Hicks is grateful for his pastoral leadership in providing a time of healing and encouragement for the parish.

Saint Luke's, New Providence, NJ - On March 8, 2009, the vestry of St. Luke's Church extended a call to the Rev. David C. Howard to fill the office of rector of that parish, pending the approval of the Bishop and Standing Committee. Bishop Hicks is deeply appreciative of the pastoral care provided by the Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Headman during the interim period. On Sunday, September 13, 2009, Bishop Hicks instituted the Rev. David C. Howard as rector of St. Luke's Church. The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller and the Rev. Gerald S. McLynn assisted in the service. The Committee voted to concur with this action.

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 L. Hawkins, and Mr. Jason Holloway, representing Atonement Church; the Rev. Roger W. Converse, Mrs. Lynda Dent, Mr. Steven Hoopes for Christ Memorial; and Mrs. 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. Because the Rev. Mark A. Specht has taken new responsibilities at Grace Church, Havre de Grace, MD he is no longer on the Provisional Vestry. His contribution to the vestry during his tenure of service is greatly appreciated.

Former Grace Chapel, Henry Avenue, Roxboro, Pennsylvania - With the assistance the Ven. Jon W. Abboud and Mr. Richard Stevens, Esq. we had been in negotiation with representatives of Pilgrim Presbyterian Church (PCA), in regard to the property of our former parish, Grace Church, in Roxboro, PA. Pilgrim Church currently owns the property and had agreed to return it to the Diocese in exchange for a 15-year lease to 'liberti' Presbyterian Church for \$1 per year. In a unilateral decision Pilgrim Church reneged on its agreement and is no longer interested in transferring title to the Reformed Episcopal Church. Pilgrim Church is the process of restoring the past suspended mortgage payments and will continue to make payments to the Diocese on the basis of the mortgage agreement that the Diocese purchased from Christ Memorial Church.

Bohemia Reformed Episcopal Church - This Extension Work seeks to be granted the status of Mission Parish, as it now has twelve persons of legal voting age, under the new name of "St. Peter's Anglican Church." The appropriate petition and affixed signatures were provided for the Standing Committee's review. The Committee voted to approve the application. Bishop Hicks has appointed the Rev. Eric W. Vowles to serve as vicar.

Igbo Anglican Church, Bronx - A congregation of Nigerian Anglicans, located in the Bronx, NY, has made application to be received into the Reformed Episcopal Church. They are currently renting space at 1140 Teller Avenue, the Bronx, and have about 55 members on the rolls. Bishop Hicks celebrated Holy Communion and preached the sermon at the parish on

Sunday, June 7, 2009. The Rev. Paul Ekezie, from All Saints Church, Newark, NJ, accompanied him. On July 1, 2009 he met with the Rev. Ben Mmaji, rector of the parish, and received their application for admission as a parish in the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. On July 15, 2009, the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud and the Bishop also met with some of the parish leaders in the Bronx. They are currently organized under the name of Anglican Uka Ndi Igbo, which indicates something unique about their congregation. While accommodation is also made for English speaking people, most of the services are conducted in Igbo, one of the native languages in Nigeria. Bishop Hicks has suggested that they add something to their name, (suggested St. ...) to make it easier for non-Igbo speakers to identify them. They have agreed to do so. The Bishop will handle the reception or licensure of their current pastor as a separate item in the future. The Bishop recommended the reception of the church as a parish in the Diocese. The Standing Committee approved the reception of the parish through an email poll on July 17, 2009. The Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle, the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud and the Bishop will continue to work with the parish as it assimilates into the life of the Diocese.

OTHER

Anglican Church in North America Provincial Assembly (ACNA) - The first Provincial Assembly of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) was held in Bedford, TX, at St. Vincent's Cathedral, June 22-25, 2009. The Assembly organized the Province and approved its constitution and canons. Bishop Hicks attended the meeting of the College of Bishops on June 20-21, and attending the first day of the sessions. Family commitments required his return home on June 23. Because the organization for the Provincial Assembly was not in place at the time of our last Diocesan Council, Bishop Hicks asked the Standing Committee to approve the following slate of delegates:

Clergy Delegates

The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, RE Seminary & St. Matthew's, Havertown, PA
The Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle, St. Mary's, Bronx, NY
The Rev. John Smith, St. George's, Hamilton, ONT

Lay Delegates

Mr. Russell Buchanan, St. Paul's, Oreland, PA
Mr. John Hendershot, Grace, Collingdale, PA
Mrs. Barbara Riches, Emmanuel, Pipersville, PA

The Committee approved the slate of delegates.

Organization of the Order of St. Andrew – On Saturday, May 9, 2009, Bishop Hicks presided over a service held at St. Michael's Church, Enola, PA, recognizing the creation of the Order of St. Andrew and admitting its founding member into the order, Susan Rhoades. The order has been created for single women and men who will commit to a life of service and prayer in support of local parishes. In accordance with Title 1, Canon 23 of the canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church, the Ecclesiastical Authority must approve the Rule and Constitution, in order to be officially recognized by the church.

Canon 23.1(a): A religious community of men or of women desiring the official recognition of the Church shall submit for his approval its Rule and Constitution to the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese wherein the community is situated; and no change in the Rule or Constitution shall be made without its approval.

The Committee approved the creation of this Order, subject to a positive recommendation made by the Committee on Constitution and Canons with respect to its Rule and Constitution. The Committee on Constitution & Canons approved the Rule and Constitution of the Order and recommended approval by the Standing Committee. The Committee unanimously approved the Rule and Constitution of the Order of St. Andrew.

Diocese of Central and Eastern Canada (DCEC) - On Saturday, September 19, 2009, Bishop Hicks attended the annual Synodical Council of the Diocese of Central and Eastern Canada held at St. George's Church, Hamilton, Ontario. On the following day, he preached at St. Georges Church in the regular Sunday service. The bishop ordinary of the Diocese, the Rt. Rev. Michael Fedechko announced his retirement, effective September 30, 2009. Because the DCEC is small, a new bishop will not be elected to fill the vacancy left by Bishop Fedechko. The DCEC has made a request to be joined to our Diocese, until such time as its numbers warrant the election of a new Canadian bishop. Bishop Hicks is willing to agree to this proposal, provided that the DCEC take responsibility for any expenses related to episcopal visits to the diocese. The General Committee will need to approve this measure, but this Standing Committee's approval was also necessary. The Standing Committee voted to approve this action at its May 18, 2009 meeting. The DCEC Council voted in favor of coming under the guidance and oversight of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic.

The new relation between the Diocese of Central & Eastern Canada and the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic was approved by the General Committee at its meeting on October 10, 2009. We expect guidance from the General Council Committee on Constitution and Canons, regarding the manner in which the diocese may be canonically linked to ours. The Bishop requested that the diocesan Committee on Constitution and Canons review this matter as well.

In light of our new connection with the Diocese of Central and Eastern Canada, the Bishop would like to extend to the parishes of the DCEC an invitation to attend our Diocesan Council on November 5-6, 2009, and recommend to the Committee on Program that a motion be presented to Council granting the Canadian parishes as much privilege in the proceedings as permitted by the canons of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. The Committee approved this request.

ACNA Council Meeting - The Anglican Church in North America Council, a smaller group that meets annually between the triennial Provincial Assembly, will meet in Toronto, Canada on December 11, 2009. We are entitled to one clergy and two lay delegates to represent our Diocese at the Council. Bishop Hicks nominated the Rev. Ivan Chan (St. Augustine's), Mrs. Judy Smith (St. George's) and Mr. Patrick Moore (St. George's) for this purpose. In the event that one or more of the delegates is unable to attend, he requested authority to appoint alternate delegates to fill any vacancy. He suggested that our representation come from our Canadian churches, which are in close proximity to Toronto, as a matter of convenience and as a cost-

saving measure. The Standing Committee needs to develop guidelines for the future selection of representatives to ACNA events. The matter was referred to the Committee on Constitution & Canons for investigation and recommendation. The Committee voted to concur with these actions.

Open Forum - On September 23, 2009, Bishop Hicks held an open forum for the clergy and laity in the Maryland Convocation. The evening provided an opportunity for him to answer questions that the clergy and laity may have regarding our association with the Anglican Church in North America or any other matter of concern. The dean of the convocation, the Very Rev. William Jenkins, hosted the event at his parish, Faith Church, Baltimore, MD. Another open forum for the New Jersey and New York convocations was held at St. Luke's, New Providence, NJ on Saturday, October 24. A date for a similar event to be held for the Pennsylvania parishes will be forthcoming.

Diocesan Cathedral - We learn from Holy Scripture that the primary role of the bishop is pastoral, related to teaching and edifying the Body of Christ. Rather than simply being an administrator, as important as administrative matters are, the bishop is the chief pastor of the flock committed to his care. For this reason, bishops historically have been connected to a particular parish, which is known as the cathedral parish – the place of the bishop's chair or *cathedra*.

Having been a bishop without parochial responsibilities for four years, Bishop Hicks expressed his sense of awkwardness and discontinuity with his pastoral role in this regard. For example, on high holy days, such as Easter and Christmas, there is no place where he is expected to be. With this in mind, he drew the Committee's attention to Canon 56 of the Canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

CANON 56 Of Cathedral Churches and the Designation Thereof

Section 1 In every Diocese a Parish church may be designated the Cathedral thereof at the annual Council or Synod. The request for such designation must be made by the Bishop of the Diocese with the consent of the Vestry of the designated Parish.

Section 2 All the clergy of the Cathedral, together with the Archdeacon if there be one, and all Deans and Canons of the Diocese, the Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Organist and Choirmaster of the Cathedral shall constitute the Cathedral Chapter which shall convene as a full body at least annually.

Section 3 The Chapter shall be an advisory body, with the Bishop as its head, which shall assist the Bishop in executing a plan for outreach, evangelism and ministry and music to the entire Diocese through the facilities and programs of the Cathedral and ensure the proper funding and maintenance of the Cathedral for future generations.

Section 4 Any request on the part of a Cathedral to revert to Parish status requires the consent of the Bishop and Standing Committee.

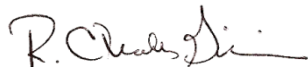
Section 5 Every Cathedral shall continue to elect a Vestry and Parish Council in accordance with these Canons for the benefit of the Cathedral congregation, but the right of choosing the Rector and other clergy and staff is always subject to the approval of the Bishop Ordinary.

Section 6 Only one Cathedral may be designated within the boundaries of a Diocese.

For these reasons, Bishop Hicks appointed a committee charged with the task of identifying a cathedral parish, which would be considered the central location in the Diocese for the pastoral ministry of the Bishop. The committee would consist of the Canon to the Ordinary, the Archdeacon and the Deans of the several convocations. The Bishop requested that the Standing Committee support and concurrence in this matter. The Committee voted to unanimously support this request. Bishop Hicks named The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud as chairperson.

By-Law Approvals - The Committee on Constitution & Canons approved the By-Laws of St. Mark's Church, Rydal, PA, Grace Church, Havre-de-Grace, MD and Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, NJ and recommended their approval by the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee voted to approve these By-Laws.

Respectfully submitted,



R. Charles Gillin
Secretary

Bishop Hicks called upon Bishop Riches for greetings and to address the Council regarding the REC's involvement in the current worldwide Anglican movement.

It was moved and seconded the Reports of the Secretary of the Trustees of the Diocese and the Treasurer of the Diocese Reports be received. The Very Rev. Gregory Miller and the Ven. Dr. Jon Abboud were available to answer any questions regarding the reports. In that there were no questions, the motion carried with thanks.

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

To the One Hundred Twenty-Ninth 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 past 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 Hicks presided over all meetings in the preceding year. Regular reports were received from the President, the Treasurer, and the Provost of the Reformed Episcopal Seminary.

NOVEMBER 7, 2008:

· At the annual organizational meeting of the Trustees held at Diocesan Council the following officers were elected: The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, President; the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches, Vice President; the Ven. Jon W. Abboud, Treasurer, the Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller, Secretary.

MAY 18, 2009:

- The Rt. Rev. David Hicks reported that the Pilgrim Presbyterian Church had reneged on the arrangement made to return the former Grace Church property in Roxboro, PA to the diocese and were in the process of making up their back interest on the mortgage for the property.
- The Ven. Jon W. Abboud reported several items relating to the Seminary. We were notified of a bequest made to the RE Seminary, the amount of which would be known after the estate is settled. Student applications are up for the Fall semester. Regrettably, The Rev. Dr. Wayne Headman and Mrs. Danae Smith have announced their retirement from the Seminary effective at the end of the school year. The Accreditation process continues to progress well and the Library is improving its computer system.
- The Rev. Canon R. Charles Gillin declined a \$5000 stipend which had been approved to remunerate him for his service to the diocese. He suggested that the funds might be used instead to contract the services of a diocesan Communications Director.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2009:

- The proposed diocesan budget was reviewed and approved for adoption by the 129th Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church.
- \$10,000 has been given as a designated gift for the Bishop to support youth ministry in the diocese. The Trustees voted unanimously that the fund be designated for the Ordinary to distribute for youth ministry at his discretion.
- The Trustees approved that the \$33,527.91 St. Philip's Fund plus the net rental income from the St. Philip's property be designated an Episcopal discretionary fund to meet the private and personal needs of clergy and parishes within the diocese. The funds are to be dispersed by the Ordinary in concurrence with the Archdeacon and Canon to the Ordinary. If any of these three offices are open the Trustees must appoint replacements for those open offices. The funds may not be used for the benefit of the Ordinary, Archdeacon, or Canon.
- The rented St. Philip's RE church building is being rented to Christ Covenant PCA Church. We are receiving far below fair market rental (\$1100/mo plus utilities). In order to either encourage the purchase of the property or to provide for maintenance of the building the Rev. Jonathan Riches will visit the property and survey the maintenance needed. We will offer Christ Covenant Church the option of taking over all the maintenance of the building subject to periodic property inspections at the same rental figure of \$1100/month or we will increase the rent to at least \$1500/month with Christ Covenant being responsible for the first \$2000 of each individual repair.
- The Trustees agreed that the Philadelphia Church Growth Fund will be renamed the Church Development Fund. The support for Parish Assistance and Diaconal Training will be taken from this fund. This action fits with the fund's intended purpose of building up the church and re-establishing an RE Parish in West Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,
The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller, Secretary to the Trustees

THE REPORT OF THE TREASURER
 to the 129th Council
 of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic

Asset Report

	12/31/2008	12/31/2007	As of 9/25/2008	9/28/2009
Non Income Producing	\$263,270.96	\$263,270.96	263,270.96	\$263,270.96
Mortgages	39417.15	\$42,916.10	42,415.49	\$33,354.49
Notes from Checking. Papalia Financial Services (unified fund) (1)	20,000.00	\$0.00	20,000.00	\$0.00
Advanced to CMC against Mort.				
Cape St. Claire Fund (All Saints Mort.)	152457.86	\$152,457.86	152,457.86	\$152,457.86
Hicks Discretionary fund (in Checking)	300	\$300.00	300.00	\$0.00
St. Phillip's Fund	26355.69	\$16,853.26	24,155.69	\$33,527.91
Phila Church Growth Fund Papalia	1748247.06	\$1,779,094.19	1,773,748.95	\$1,823,836.81
Phila Church Growth fund checking (Atonement & Int. Fellowship)	179451.73	\$155,061.04	169,496.51	\$206,191.45
Bishop's Discretionary Youth Fund	0	\$0.00		\$10,000.00
Escrow Account Balance	52458.62	\$52,346.54	52,458.62	\$52,458.62
Checking Account Balance	\$75,113.76	\$96,523.91	83,975.90	\$20,650.53
	\$3,277,495.80	\$3,600,017.75	\$3,441,227.42	\$3,328,389.28
Funds	108.096	108.096	108.096	108.096
Unified Fund Shares				
General Fund				
Church Extension				
Fund/Parish Assistance				
Cov. Chapel 7th Day Adventist (Trinity)	28234.35	\$29,958.10	28527.64	\$26,883.89
Income	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Berean Christian (Recon.)	4027.92	\$12,958.00	6323.64	\$0.00
Unified Fund Shares	13.936	13.936	13.936	13.936
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
Valhalla	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00

Ann Kenny Fund	Valley - NC (n) Unified Fund Shares	33.61	33.61	33.61	33.61
	Unified Fund Shares	2.272	2.272	2.272	2.272
Antioch Cemetery	Unified Fund Shares	21.339	21.339	21.339	21.339
Arndt Mem. Fund	Unified Fund Shares	14.278	14.278	14.278	14.278
Bassinger Home Fund	St. Luke's NJ (n) Unified Fund Shares	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00
Bassinger Memorial Trst	Unified Fund Shares	0.7503	0.688	0.688	0.7503
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	Faith Church- Baltimore (n) Unified Fund Shares	\$7,144.25	\$7,144.25	\$7,144.25	\$7,144.25
Non Income	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	\$7,154.88	\$8,191.49	\$7,564.21	\$6,471.01
	Portion of 826 2nd Ave. (n)	\$96,859.10	\$96,859.10	\$96,859.10	\$96,859.10
	Cov. VA. Note	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Unified Fund Value	\$824,436.95	\$1,146,244.48	\$963,370.75	\$835,970.76
	Share value	\$2,671.35	\$3,714.83	\$3,122.16	\$2,708.73

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

Some balance figures in column 9/28 are as of 8/31/09

Budget vs. Actual

	2008 Budget Full year	2008 Actual
Income		
Mortgages/Notes	\$14,357.04	\$14,223.04
Diocesan Tithe	\$245,205.00	\$237,989.98
clergy Tithe	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Investments and other income*****	\$145,280.00	\$120,112.08

Disability & Life Income	\$3,800.00	\$3,345.19
Offerings*****	\$1,500.00	\$1,411.68
Phila Church Plant Fund	\$61,140.36	\$51,140.60
Total income	\$472,782.40	\$428,222.57
Expenses		
Transfer to Phila Ch. Gr. Fund	\$30,140.36	\$0.00
Episcopal Expenses		
Salaries	\$125,460.97	\$125,089.80
Bishop Ordinary		
Archdeacon		
Canon		
Consecration/misc		
Office Equipment	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
medical LWR		
Medical reimb. Hicks	\$5,700.00	\$5,707.50
Rent/Tel. (Pipersville office)	\$4,600.00	\$4,830.76
Travel/Misc	\$13,000.00	\$17,254.31
Total Episcopal Expense	\$150,260.97	\$152,882.37
Diocesan Secretary	\$10,800.00	\$10,800.00
Administration	\$2,250.00	\$1,717.86
Audit	\$2,000.00	\$536.24
Camping Program*****	\$1,750.00	\$6,500.00
Clergy Retreat	\$750.00	\$940.85
Council Journal	\$1,200.00	\$1,475.77
Council Expense	\$3,000.00	\$3,992.01
Council Offering Dist.*****	\$1,330.16	\$1,330.16
General Council Tithe	\$25,500.00	\$23,564.69
Honoraria speakers****	\$1,500.00	\$1,400.00
Insurance	\$9,850.00	\$9,828.08
Misc. Archives	\$750.00	\$0.00
Publications		
Dio. Dis. & Life Ins	\$4,200.00	\$4,066.65
Church Ext. Parish Assist. Salary Support		
Diaconal Training	\$9,600.00	\$4,800.00
St. Michaels (Harrisburg)	\$9,180.00	\$9,180.00
Emmanuel 4 Brooks, Pipersville, PA	\$12,852.00	\$12,852.00
Good Shepherd, Brockton, MA	\$10,200.00	\$10,200.00
Reserve E.S. Returned Assistance	\$12,000.00	-\$2,686.00
*Grace Collingdale	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Theological Education/Leadership Training	\$133,000.00	\$132,999.96
Atonement*****	\$31,000.00	\$26,749.31
Totals	\$475,113.49	\$425,129.95
Income in excess of expenditures	(\$2,331.09)	\$3,092.62

** Cape St. Claire funds were used to give Mortgage to All Saints in Irvington

***Money is held in separate escrow fund/ each share worth 1.0198186

**** Council and Founder's Day speakers

***** Atonement assistance comes from Phila. Church Growth Fund

Money was not transferred to Papalia for Phila. Church Growth Fund it is currently still in checking

2008 Budget vs. Actual, 2009 Budget, 2009 budget vs Actual
 thru 9/30, 2010 Budget

	2008 Budget	2008 ACTUAL Thru 9/25/08	2009 Budget	2009 Budget to 9/30/09	Actual to 9/30/09	2010 Budget
Income						
Mortgages/Notes	\$14,357.04	10,767.78	14,357	10,768	7,309	\$9,745
Diocesan Tithe	\$245,205.00	179,186.02	250,463	187,847	191,027	\$254,702
clergy Tithe	\$1,500.00	0.00	500	375	0	\$0
Investments and other income*****	\$145,280.00	90,000.00	145,280	108,960	90,000	\$205,419
Disability & Life Income	\$3,800.00	2,905.36	3,800	2,850	148	\$0
Offerings*****	\$1,500.00	0.00	1,500	1,125	8,000	-\$6,000
Phila Church Plant Fund	\$61,140.36	35,885.45	55,540	41,655	47,240	\$31,493
Total income	\$472,782.40	318,744.61	471,440	353,580	343,724	495,360
Expenses						
Phila Church Plant	\$30,140.36	0.00	5,600	4,200	2,800	\$31,493
Episcopal Expenses						
Salaries	\$125,460.97	93,817.35		0	0	
Bishop Ordinary			103,461	77,596	77,589	\$107,599
Archdeacon			5,000	3,750	5,000	\$5,000
Canon			5,000	3,750	0	
LWR Retirement			12,000	9,000	9,000	\$12,000
Consecration/misc				0		
Office Equipment	\$1,500.00		1,500	1,125		\$1,125
medical LWR			12,360	9,270	9,272	\$12,750
Medical reimb. Hicks	\$5,700.00	3,971.00	5,800	4,350	4,075	\$6,200
Rent/Tel. (Pipersville office)	\$4,600.00	3,680.03	0	0		\$0
Travel/Misc	\$13,000.00	10,127.75	13,000	9,750	9,004	\$13,500
Total Episcopal Expense	\$150,260.97	\$111,596.13	158,121	118,591	113,941	\$158,174
Diocesan Secretary	\$10,800.00	8,100.00	11,340	8,505	8,505	\$11,794
Administration**	\$2,250.00	992.15	1,500	1,125	4,828	\$1,500
Audit	\$2,000.00	536.24	1,500	1,125	0	\$1,000
Camping Program*****	\$1,750.00	6,500.00	1,750	1,313	1,400	\$1,400
Clergy Retreat	\$750.00	940.85	750	563	434	\$600
Council Journal	\$1,200.00	1,475.77	1,500	1,125		\$1,500
Council Expense	\$3,000.00	340.29	3,000	2,250	-5	\$3,000
Council Offering Dist.				0		
General Council Tithe	\$25,500.00	17,163.04	25,500	19,125	15,630	\$24,000
Honoraria speakers	\$1,500.00	0.00	1,750	1,313		\$1,750
Insurance	\$9,850.00	9,828.08	10,000	7,500	10,677	\$11,000
Misc. Archives	\$750.00		750	563		\$750
Publications				0	1,920	\$3,000
Dio. Dis. & Life Ins	\$4,200.00	4,066.65	4,000	3,000	0	\$0
Church Ext. Parish Assist. Salary Support						
Diaconal Training	\$9,600.00	3,600.00	12,600	9,450	6,600	\$7,920
Atonement*****	\$31,000.00	21,449.98	21,240	15,930	17,700	\$18,000
4225 Chest. International Fell. CMC*****			5,600	1,400	2,800	\$16,800
St. Michaels (Harrisburg)	\$9,180.00	6,885.00	6,900	5,175	5,175	\$4,800
Emmanuel 4 Brooks, Pipersville, PA	\$12,852.00	9,639.00	9,639	7,229	7,229	\$6,000
Good Shepherd, Brockton, MA	\$10,200.00	7,650.00	7,650	5,738	5,738	\$3,600
Grace Scranton	\$12,000.00	0.00	9,000	6,750	4,500	\$12,000

*Grace Collingdale	\$12,000.00	9,000.00	9,000	6,750	7,050	\$6,000
Reserve (Igbo)? St. Lukes B.H.?						\$24,043
Theological Education/Leadership Training	\$133,000.00	99,749.97	139,650	104,738	104,738	\$145,236
Totals	\$473,783.33	\$319,513.15	448,340	336,255	321,658	495,360
Income in excess of expenditures	(\$1,000.93)	(\$768.54)	23,100	17,325	22,065	0

*Includes 300 from Bishop's Discretionary Fund

**Includes RS legal fees related to Grace Chapel

**** Bishop's Youth Fund Contribution to be disbursed 500 per month in 2010 10000 given 2000 disbursed in 09

***** From Phila. Church Growth Fund Effective 10/01 all parish assistance comes from Parish Development Fund

2008 Parish Tithe 1/1/2008
 through 12/31/2008

2009 Parish Tithe 1/1/2009
 through 9/30/2009

INFLOWS	2008	INFLOWS	Thru 930/09
Parish Tithe		Parish Tithe	
All Saints, Irv	1,726.06	All Saints, Irv	880.08
Atonement	3,067.00	Atonement	2,708.95
Bishop Cummins	37,160.68	Bishop Cummins	27,541.06
Christ Church Of Abingdon	584		
Christ Memorial	1,051.85	Christ Memorial	773.48
Christ The King	9,465.18	Christ The King	5,307.51
Covenant Chapel	18,884.51	Covenant Chapel	14,481.88
Covenant VA	378.25		
Emmanuel Four Brooks	5,023.28	Emmanuel Four Brooks	3,826.95
Emmanuel NJ	8,554.42	Emmanuel NJ	7,320.49
Epiphany	183		
Faith Baltimore	4,429.89	Faith Baltimore	2,727.28
First Church	6,932.10	First Church	5,111.04
Good Shepherd MA	12,864.00	Good Shepherd MA	12,592.00
Grace Collingdale	5,859.19	Grace Collingdale	1,622.20
Grace Havre De Grace	11,570.48	Grace Havre De Grace	9,586.73
Grace Scranton	9,670.94	Grace Scranton	7,396.92
Holy Trinity VA	1,875.00		
		Jesus The Good Shepherd	
Jesus The Good Shepherd	4,930.00	Shepherd	3,330.16
Messiah	2,660.00	Messiah	2,010.00
New Covenant Lynchburg	1,265.58		
New Redeemer	9,851.00	New Redeemer	6,206.00
St. John's By The Sea	2,919.56	St. John's By The Sea	2,662.03
St. Luke's	4,585.32	St. Luke's	3,831.71
		St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman	
St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman	3,310.89	Hoffman	2,455.06
St. Marks	5,658.81	St. Marks	3,577.00
St. Mary's	5,800.00	St. Mary's	4,000.00
St. Matthew's	14,291.90	St. Matthew's	13,857.26
St. Michaels	6,054.30	St. Michaels	6,727.33
St. Paul's	12,327.07	St. Paul's	5,743.88
St. Peter's	979.46	St. Peter's	809.83
St. Stephens	23,566.26	St. Stephens	21,945.74
St. Timothy's	600	St. Timothy's	1,500.00
Trinity DE	-90		

TOTAL Parish Tithe	237,989.98	TOTAL Parish Tithe	180,532.57
TOTAL INFLOWS	237,989.98	TOTAL INFLOWS	180,532.57
OUTFLOWS		OUTFLOWS	
Tithe	23,564.69	Tithe	15,630.50
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	23,564.69	TOTAL OUTFLOWS	15,630.50
OVERALL TOTAL	214,425.29	OVERALL TOTAL	164,902.07

The Ven. Dr. Abboud, Provost and Dean of RES, presented the Report of the Theological Seminary. It was moved and seconded the report be received. The Ven. Dr. Abboud called upon Canon Gillin to update the council on "The Keeper of the Spring" fund raising program. The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches, Librarian, updated the Council on the Library's new cataloging system. The Rev. Dcn. Jonathan M. Kell, first year seminarian, addressed the council. The motion was passed with thanksgiving to God for the positive report submitted regarding the Reformed Episcopal Seminary.

THE REPORT OF THE PROVOST AND DEAN OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL SEMINARY

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

October 23, 2009

Dear Brethren:

2009 has been both a challenging and an exciting year.

As I sit to write this report, it would be easy to assume that the uncertainty in the economy has had a negative effect on giving to RES. It would be easy to assume giving would be down. That is certainly the case in some of the areas we track. Giving from "non-alumni" is approximately half of what it was this time in 2008. However, other areas have made up the difference in a significant way. As a matter of fact a comparison of giving through Sept. 30, 2008 and Sept. 30, 2009 shows that support for RES is up approximately \$47,000. The Lord has been good to us. This is not to say that we are better off than we have been in previous years. We have still not totally recovered from the losses in our portfolio or the expenses in excess of income of previous years. Our liquid assets are up 8.7% from what they were on 12/31/2008 but are still currently just 79% of what they were in December 2007. Nevertheless, through careful stewardship and the sacrificial labors of our faculty and staff, progress has been made in virtually every area of activity.

We have made wonderful progress in our push for full accreditation. Faculty credentialing continues to improve with three members of the faculty working on terminal degrees in their respective fields. Dr. Blackburn and Bonnie Abboud attended an accreditation training seminar with ATS in September. They discovered that we were further along in our preparations than we had previously thought and that subject to the submission of a slightly modified report we could

expect a site visit in March of 2010 and acceptance as candidates for full accreditation in June. We will then have three years to complete the self-study. Our expectation is that it will not take nearly that much time.

Incredible progress has been made in the library. Computers have been upgraded and the Voyager software has been installed. The library catalogue is now available online to students and faculty of RES and other seminaries as well as to the clergy of the Diocese. Dr. Riches will be making a more detailed report.

Student enrollment is up and looking much better for the coming years. We currently have; 5 juniors, 5 middlers, 4 seniors, 7 special students, 6 enrolled in the Licentiate for Diaconal Ministries Program, 1 student completing Seminary at a Distance, and 19 students in a special class at Elim Church in New York City.

Our association with the ACNA has given us great exposure throughout the Anglican world, and I have been present on several occasions when unsolicited praise has been offered for both the REC and RES. We hold a prominent place on the Theological Commission for the Anglican Church in North America and will be hosting a visit by Archbishop Duncan in the spring.

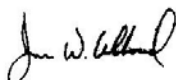
In May 2009, The Rev. Dr. Wayne Headman retired from his position as President of RES. Mrs. Danae Smith also retired as registrar and library assistant. A special dinner was held in their honor at Penn Oaks Golf Club in September. All who attended were blessed by the testimonials and the fellowship we shared. The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks will assume the duties of President and Chancellor and Dr. Jonathan Riches has been appointed Assistant Academic Dean and Registrar.

A decade ago our Seminary was on the brink of financial collapse. We lived in a rented facility and struggled every day just to meet our simplest obligations. Enrollment was on the decline and faculty credentials were marginal at best. There was serious concern over our ability to continue. Today, we see dramatic improvement and by the grace of God look forward to a bright future of continued service.

It is clear to me that nothing we have accomplished could have been done apart from the grace of God. At every step God has provided beyond our expectations. He has given us a faculty and staff who labor faithfully above and beyond the call of duty. He has raised up a student body eager to learn how to minister faithfully. And He has raised up a multitude who participate in the work of RES through their prayers and financial support. Without the Churches and people of this Diocese and their support, there would be no RES.

Several years ago one of our Directors observed that giving to RES was the best investment he could make. I believe those words are more true today than ever before. We covet the prayers of God's people; we cannot live apart from your support. We exist to train clergy for His Church and ours'. We remain "Ambitious to be Well Pleasing Unto Him." If you are not already a supporter, we ask you to take up the challenge that lies ahead with us.

Your servant in Christ,



The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud, Provost and Dean

AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
of
THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1. The name of the corporation is: "THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH", otherwise known as, "Reformed Episcopal Seminary".

2. The location of its registered office is 826 Second Avenue, Blue Bell, PA 19422-1257.

3. The corporation is formed for the purpose of educating and training students for the ministry of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ especially in connection with the Reformed Episcopal Church and in accordance with the constitution, canons, rules, regulations, principles, doctrines and worship of said Church. The corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit, incidental or otherwise. In the event of the dissolution of the corporation, the assets of the corporation, which remain after payment or making provision for payment of all liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to the Trustees of the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church. If the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church is no longer in operation, the proceeds shall be distributed to the legal successor of the same. If there be no legal successor, the proceeds shall be distributed to, and only to, one or more organizations exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as from time to time amended, as the Board of Directors of the corporation shall designate, for use in one or more of the exempt purposes of such organization or organizations, with preference being given to organizations affiliated with the Reformed Episcopal Church.

4. The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

5. Subject to the canons of the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church, the number of Directors of the corporation shall not be less than seven or more than fifteen. They shall be elected by the Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church at its regular meetings, and shall hold their offices for such terms as the Diocesan Council may from time to time direct and until their successors are elected. The Chancellor, Provost, and Academic Dean of the Seminary serve as Directors *ex officio*. The Trustees of the Diocese must always have at least one representative on the Board of Directors.

6. The Directors who shall be elected or re-elected by the Diocesan Council at its meetings or who shall be elected by the Board to fill vacancies shall, before entering upon their duties, subscribe their names to a solemn Declaration of their sincere belief in the doctrines and principles of the Reformed Episcopal Church as set forth in the Constitution &

Canons of the same and subscribe to the statement of duties and responsibilities of board membership.

7. The Officers of the corporation shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such additional Officers as may be found necessary. The President shall be the Ordinary of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, who shall also serve as Chancellor of the Seminary. If there be no Ordinary, the Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church shall function as President until an Ordinary is elected. The Vice-President shall be nominated by the President and elected by the Board at its first meeting after the Diocesan Council. The Treasurer shall be the Provost of the Seminary. If the position of Provost is vacant, the Treasurer of the Diocesan Trustees shall function as the Treasurer of the Board of Directors. The Secretary and any additional officers, as may be found necessary, shall be elected by the Board of Directors from its own membership. The remaining Officers may, but need not be, members of the Board. These Officers shall be elected by the Board at its first meeting after the meetings of the Diocesan Council. The Ordinary, in consultation with the Board, shall have power to prescribe and regulate the duties of the Officers who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

8. Under the auspices of the Ordinary and subject to the authority of the Trustees of the Diocese, the Directors shall have full power and authority to administer the corporation and to direct the business affairs of the Seminary. They shall, upon faculty recommendation, elect or appoint all the professors and teachers for the Seminary and shall have power for cause, of the sufficiency of which the Directors shall be the sole and exclusive judges, to declare vacant the office of any professor or teacher and shall also have power to make and establish such by-laws and rules and regulations for the conduct and the government of the institution and for the direction and guidance of its professors and teachers, as shall be consistent with the general orders and requirements of the Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church and are not in violation of the Constitution and laws of the State of Pennsylvania.

9. The professors and teachers, before entering upon the duties of their offices, shall be required to subscribe their names to a solemn Declaration that their teachings shall be in accordance with the doctrine and principles of the Reformed Episcopal Church as set forth in the Constitution & Canons of the same.

10. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a year and at such other times as shall be found necessary for the transaction of business. The presence of a simple majority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Ordinary shall nominate members to the Board of Directors to fill vacancies occurring by death, resignation, or otherwise. All vacancies shall be filled, by election, by the remaining members of the Board.

11. The Directors, with the concurrence of the Faculty of said Seminary, shall have power to confer the Degree of Master of Divinity upon full course graduates of the Institution and the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity upon any person of suitable

attainments, and other such degrees as may be approved by the properly constituted legal authority, in each case to be spread upon the record of their proceedings.

12. The Directors shall make in writing a detailed and faithful report of the progress and condition of the Seminary to each Council of the Diocese, and they may also recommend and advise such plans and measures, as they may deem needful to promote the best interests of the Institution.

13. The corporation is organized upon a non-stock basis.

14. The corporation shall have no members

THE REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF REFORMED EPISCOPAL SEMINARY

The Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church
Asset Report 12/31/2008 and 9/30/2009

The Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church
Reformed Episcopal Seminary – Northeast
Balance Sheet - As of 9/30/09

ASSETS

Checking Account	64,459.21
Petty Cash	100.00
bequests receivable	80,000.00
Accounts Receivable(1)	3,807.69

Investments

General Investment Fund	19,076.86
Advertising Fund	6,215.38
Needy Student Fund	12,430.76
Portfolio Value(09/30/2009)	37,723.00
Papalia Fund(3)	1,480,072.44

826 Second Ave.	1,071,549.44
832 Second Ave.	77,647.18

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Accounts Payable (2)	31,986.44
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Notes Payable	
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Looney Hoffman	453,408.59
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Fund Mortgage	
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Buildings & Contents			
(at cost)	132,316.92	Fund Balance	2,462,280.85
	2,947,675.88		2,947,675.88
(1) Tuitions and utilities on dorm house			
(2) employee pension contributions			
(3) close Approximation			

The Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church
 Reformed Episcopal Seminary – Northeast
 Balance Sheet - As of 12/31/2008

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	
Cash			
Checking Account	113,082.00		
Petty Cash	100.00	Accounts Payable (5)	
bequests receivable	80,000.00		
Accounts Receivable(1)	3,140.47	Notes Payable	0.00
Investments			
General Investment Fund	16,037.59		
Advertising Fund	5,225.16		
Needy Student Fund	10,450.33	Looney Hoffman	459,782.52
Portfolio Value(12/31/2008)(4)	31,713.08	Fund Mortgage	
Papalia Fund(3)	1,303,679.46		
826 Second Ave.(2)	1,071,549.44		
832 Second Ave.	77,647.18		
Buildings & Contents			
(at cost)	128,183.84	Fund Balance	2,381,026.03
	2,840,808.55		2,840,808.55

- (1) student tuitions and loans, dorm utilities
- (2) 665k purchase price plus other costs related to purchase & renovation less 70K for ranch house
- (3) Corrected balance as of 12/31/2008
- (4) At present there are 60,963 shares in the SB portfolio,
 10 K in advertising, 20 K in needy student, 30,693 in General Fund
- (5) Pensions for employees were paid in full

The Theological Seminary of the
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 Balance Sheet - As of 12/31/2007

ASSETS

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

(1) student tuitions approximation
 (3) approximation

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Accounts Payable (2)	0.00
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Notes Payable

Looney Hoffman Fund Mortgage	468,498.60
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Fund Balance	2,898,879.70
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3,367,378.30



The Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church
 Reformed Episcopal Seminary – Northeast
 Balance Sheet - As of 09/25/2008

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	
Cash			
Checking Account	121,091.04		
Petty Cash	100.00	Accounts Payable (5)	34,349.87
bequests receivable	125,000.00		
Accounts Receivable(1)	3,200.00	Notes Payable	0.00
Investments			
General Investment Fund	22,485.29		
Advertising Fund	7,325.87		
Needy Student Fund	14,651.74	Looney Hoffman	462,524.83
Portfolio Value(9/25/2008)(4)	44,462.89	Fund Mortgage	
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	Fund Balance	2,643,437.90
	3,140,312.60		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

(4) At present there are 60,963 shares in the SB Portfolio, 10K in advertising, 20 K in needy student, 30,693 in General Fund

(5) Pensions for employees

RES	2008	Budget vs Actual	2008 Budget	actual
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
	Book Store		\$10,000.00	\$9,768.46
	Checking Interest		\$9,500.00	\$1,959.77
	Contributions			
	Alumni		\$15,500.00	\$12,914.00
	Board of Directors		\$18,000.00	\$14,920.00
	Diocesan		\$98,000.00	\$94,950.00
	Faculty		\$18,300.00	\$11,221.94
	Matching Gifts		\$1,200.00	\$1,455.00
	Non Alumni		\$28,000.00	\$28,882.00
	Non RE Churches		\$600.00	\$2,470.00
	RE Churches		\$30,500.00	\$31,463.67
	Contributions - Other		\$4,600.00	\$66,965.00
	Total Contributions, BS, Int.		\$234,200.00	\$276,969.84
	Fees		\$675.00	\$1,305.00
	Investments		\$132,000.00	\$106.50
	Ont Time Capital exp. Draw		\$69,500.00	\$0.00
	Library Sales		\$65.00	\$596.17
	Reimbursements			
	Medical		\$0.00	\$2,060.50
	Office reimbursed		\$3,000.00	
	Salary		\$285,000.00	\$275,924.97
	Reimbursements - Other		\$33,000.00	\$25,307.06
	Total Reimbursements		\$321,000.00	\$303,292.53
	Rental Income			
	Dorm House		\$10,600.00	\$11,073.54
	Rental Income - Other		\$10,000.00	\$5,837.31
	Total Rental Income		\$20,600.00	\$16,910.85
	Tuitions			
	Full- time		\$9,000.00	\$9,067.00
	Part-time		\$3,000.00	\$5,700.00
	SAAD		\$1,500.00	\$540.05
	Student loan repayment		\$2,100.00	\$1,650.00
	Transcript		\$100.00	\$50.00
	Tuitions - Other		\$2,500.00	
	Total Tuitions		\$18,200.00	\$17,007.05
	Total Income		\$726,740.00	\$616,187.94
	Expense			
	Bank Fee		\$300.00	

Book Service Expense	\$12,000.00	\$12,632.30
Charity - Chapel Offering		
Check Returned	\$300.00	\$233.00
Deposit Return		
Dues		
Accreditation		\$1,927.76
Dues - Other	\$3,000.00	\$3,005.00
Insurance -- Workers' Comp.		\$3,919.00
Kuehner Seminar		
Library		
Archives	\$100.00	
Books	\$3,000.00	\$6,668.72
Membership Dues	\$775.00	\$875.00
Subscriptions	\$3,100.00	\$2,686.82
Supplies	\$300.00	\$394.99
Travel	\$200.00	\$14.00
Computer Upgrade	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
Library - Other	\$250.00	\$893.08
Total Library	\$32,725.00	\$11,532.61
Looney Hoffman Mort.		
Interest	\$28,000.00	\$27,891.59
Principal	\$8,000.00	\$8,025.37
Total Looney Hoffman Mort.	\$36,000.00	\$35,916.96
Office Expense		
Board of Directors	\$500.00	
Class Gift	\$250.00	\$100.00
Commencement	\$2,500.00	\$2,402.77
Computers	\$12,000.00	\$6,554.22
Convocation	\$100.00	\$200.00
Copy Machine-Office	\$4,600.00	\$4,304.26
Miscellaneous-Office	\$1,200.00	\$882.84
Postage - Office	\$4,250.00	\$4,872.87
Reimbursement-Office		-\$1,733.88
Student Activities	\$150.00	\$261.33
Supplies - Office	\$3,000.00	\$1,704.24
Telephones	\$4,300.00	\$3,891.10
Water	\$375.00	\$332.22
Office Expense - Other	\$250.00	\$622.33
Total Office Expense	\$33,475.00	\$24,394.30
Personnel		
Consulting	\$7,500.00	\$7,165.80
Disability Insurance	\$11,800.00	\$11,710.11
Medical-staff	\$51,500.00	\$56,368.35
Payroll Expenses	\$546,490.00	\$517,773.83

Liability Adjustment		
Staff Assistance	\$150.00	\$1,217.05
Total Personnel	\$617,440.00	\$594,235.14
Publicity	\$4,000.00	\$717.00
Reconciliation Discrepancies		
Second Ave		
Dormitory	\$600.00	
Furnishings	\$1,500.00	\$123.35
Maintenance	\$15,000.00	\$5,128.79
Renovations	\$21,000.00	\$20,110.00
SnowRemoval	\$800.00	
Taxes	\$2,700.00	\$2,687.79
Utilities		
Dormitory (832)	\$5,400.00	\$4,297.12
Utilities - Other	\$12,000.00	\$9,517.88
Total Utilities	\$17,400.00	\$13,815.00
Total Second Ave	<u>\$76,400.00</u>	<u>\$55,679.93</u>
Sem Aux Expense	\$600.00	
Seminary at a Distance (SAAD)	\$600.00	\$158.21
Vending	\$100.00	-\$96.09
Total Expense	\$799,540.00	\$730,440.12
Net Ordinary Income	-\$72,800.00	-\$114,252.18

2009	ytd	Budget vs Actual	2009 Budget	Jan - Sept Budget	Jan-Sept Actual
Income					
			\$9,000.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,650.51
			\$1,500.00	\$1,125.00	\$24.87
			\$11,681.33	\$8,761.00	\$10,399.00
			\$15,000.00	\$11,250.00	\$3,840.00
			\$101,600.00	\$76,200.00	\$76,200.00
			\$18,300.00	\$13,725.00	\$7,719.94
			\$1,200.00	\$900.00	\$1,155.00
			\$69,000.00	\$51,750.00	\$11,010.00
			\$2,405.33	\$1,804.00	\$1,773.00
			\$32,205.56	\$24,154.17	\$26,988.76
			\$100,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$47,801.49
			\$361,892.22	\$271,419.17	\$193,562.57
			\$1,250.00	\$937.50	\$300.00
			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$211.50
			\$0.00	\$0.00	
			\$350.00	\$262.50	\$652.16

Reimbursements			
Medical	\$12,360.00	\$9,270.00	-\$245.90
Office reimbursed	\$1,200.00	\$900.00	\$0.00
Salary	\$293,592.60	\$220,194.45	\$198,161.29
Reimbursements - Other	\$22,336.00	\$16,752.00	\$34,405.92
Total Reimbursements	\$331,088.60	\$248,316.45	\$233,484.97
Rental Income			
Dorm House	\$11,220.00	\$8,415.00	\$7,700.00
Rental Income - Other	\$6,636.00	\$4,977.00	\$2,850.00
Total Rental Income	\$17,856.00	\$13,392.00	\$10,550.00
Tuitions			
Full- time	\$9,500.00	\$7,125.00	\$5,350.00
Part-time	\$5,500.00	\$4,125.00	\$8,460.00
SAAD	\$750.00	\$562.50	\$350.00
Student loan repayment	\$1,200.00	\$900.00	\$1.82
Transcript	\$50.00	\$37.50	\$60.00
Tuitions - Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$455.00
Total Tuitions	\$17,000.00	\$12,750.00	\$14,676.82
Total Income	\$727,836.82	\$545,877.62	\$452,274.36
Expense			
Bank Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Book Service Expense	\$9,200.00	\$6,900.00	\$2,894.72
Charity - Chapel Offering			\$268.95
Check Returned	\$0.00		
Deposit Return	\$0.00		
Dues			
Accreditation	\$1,500.00	\$1,125.00	\$2,740.58
Dues - Other	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Total Dues	\$5,500.00	\$4,125.00	\$2,740.58
Insurance -- Workers' Comp.	\$829.33	\$622.00	\$1,349.00
Kuehner Seminar	\$250.00	\$187.50	
Library			
Archives	\$250.00	\$187.50	\$135.80
Books	\$5,000.00	\$3,750.00	\$3,128.36
Membership Dues	\$900.00	\$675.00	\$1,765.35
Subscriptions	\$1,500.00	\$1,125.00	\$915.75
Supplies	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$2,122.01
Travel	\$150.00	\$112.50	\$177.63
Computer Upgrade	\$35,000.00	\$26,250.00	\$16,854.58
Library - Other	\$750.00	\$562.50	\$569.70
Total Library	\$43,950.00	\$32,962.50	\$25,669.18
Looney Hoffman Mort.			
Interest	\$27,952.00	\$20,964.00	\$20,595.50
Principal	\$7,965.00	\$5,973.75	\$6,342.22
Total Looney Hoffman Mort.	\$35,917.00	\$26,937.75	\$26,937.72
Office Expense audit	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
Board of Directors	\$350.00	\$262.50	\$148.80

Class Gift	\$200.00	\$150.00	
Commencement	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$179.50
Computers	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$5,328.20
Convocation	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$326.34
Copy Machine-Office	\$4,100.00	\$3,075.00	\$2,943.79
Miscellaneous-Office	\$750.00	\$562.50	\$3,873.17
Postage - Office	\$1,000.00	\$750.00	\$3,641.27
Reimbursement-Office			-\$831.52
Student Activities	\$250.00	\$187.50	\$755.82
Supplies - Office	\$1,500.00	\$1,125.00	\$562.18
Telephones	\$3,700.00	\$2,775.00	\$2,592.80
Water	\$375.00	\$281.25	\$269.39
Office Expense - Other	\$500.00	\$375.00	-\$61.25
Total Office Expense	\$16,925.00	\$12,693.75	\$19,728.49
Personnel			
Consulting	\$6,900.00	\$5,175.00	\$5,329.05
Disability Insurance	\$11,800.00	\$8,850.00	\$8,615.01
Medical-staff	\$56,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$28,041.48
Payroll Expenses	\$483,968.17	\$362,976.13	\$383,392.18
Liability Adjustment			
Staff Assistance/travel	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$5,594.83
Total Personnel	\$558,868.17	\$419,151.13	\$430,972.55
Publicity	\$3,000.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,867.49
Reconciliation Discrepancies			\$0.01
Second Ave			
Dormitory	\$500.00	\$375.00	
Furnishings	\$500.00	\$375.00	\$271.40
Maintenance	\$10,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$5,080.23
Renovations	\$40,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
SnowRemoval	\$800.00	\$600.00	
Taxes	\$2,700.00	\$2,025.00	\$2,687.79
Utilities			
Dormitory (832)	\$5,400.00	\$4,050.00	\$3,123.55
Utilities - Other	\$12,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$7,828.53
Total Utilities	\$17,400.00	\$13,050.00	\$10,952.08
Total Second Ave	\$111,900.00	\$83,925.00	\$18,991.51
Sem Aux Expense	\$450.00	\$337.50	\$0.00
Seminary at a Distance (SAAD)	\$600.00	\$450.00	\$94.59
Vending	\$100.00	\$75.00	-\$87.32
Total Expense	\$772,789.50	\$579,592.13	\$532,427.46
	-\$44,952.68	-\$33,714.51	-\$80,153.10

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 be instructed to cast one ballot in favor of the nominations made in the report. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Brethren: We received two replies for nominations prior to our committee meeting. We needed more lay people for boards than we received nominations. It is important that we get nominations each year so that we have an available pool of qualified people to fill needs in the board as they arise.

In Him Who Made All Things;
Gerald S. McLynn

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The Chair called upon the Rev. William S. Jerdan to bring greetings and an update of his and Diane's present ministry.

The Rt. Rev. Royal U. Grote, Vice President of the General Council and the President of the Board of Foreign Missions, was recognized. Bishop Grote gave greetings and gave a detailed update on the current status of the Board of Foreign Missions within the REC.

Canon Gillin presented the Report of the Constitution and Canons. Canon Gillin moved the three proposed amendments within the report be adopted without a second reading. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Canon Gillin cited that the Committee has encouraged parishes to bring their by-laws into conformity with the revised General Council and Diocesan Canons. It is imperative that parish by-laws not conflict with the Constitution and Canons of the REC. After four years of encouraging parishes to act upon this important request, the Committee moved that parishes who have not submitted their updated by-laws to the Committee on Constitutions and Canons by October 1, 2010 will lose its vote(s) at the One Hundred Thirtieth Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. The motion was moved, seconded and carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONS & CANONS

TO THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH 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 that were subsequently recommended to the Standing Committee for adoption:

- St. Mark's Church - Rydal, PA
- Grace Church - Havre de Grace, MD
- Covenant Chapel - Basking Ridge, NJ

The Committee recommends the following canonical change without a second reading:

Article IX - Section 1

CURRENT READING

(3). A Board of Directors for the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church, consisting of nine members, in accordance with the Charter of said institution.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

(3). A Board of Directors for the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church, consisting of nine *to twelve* members, in accordance with the *revised* Charter of said institution.

The Committee recommends the following canonical change without a second reading:

Article X

CURRENT READING

ARTICLE X - *Election of Bishops*

In the event the office of the Ordinary becomes vacant for any reason, any regular meeting of the Diocesan Council, or a special meeting called for that purpose, may elect an Ordinary. When, in the judgment of the Ordinary and the Standing Committee, the condition of the Diocese shall require a Bishop Co-Adjutor, an election may be held at the next scheduled Council or at a Council canonically convened for that purpose. Likewise, any number of Suffragan Bishops judged necessary by the Ordinary and the Standing Committee may be elected by the Council. Such elections shall be by the concurrent vote, by ballot, of both orders, clerical and lay, and shall in every respect follow the procedure for the election of Bishops as set forth in the *Constitution and Canons* of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

ARTICLE X - *Election of Bishops*

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If a vacancy occurs in the office of Ordinary, the Presiding Bishop, or his designee, will serve as bishop for the Diocese until the Diocesan Council elects a successor.

The Committee recommends the following canonical change without a second reading:

Title II, Canon III

CURRENT READING

CANON III - *Of Parish By-Laws*

The By-Laws of any Parish must not conflict with the *Constitution and Canons* of the Reformed Episcopal Church, or those of this Diocese; and must be submitted to the Committee on Constitution and Canons for correction, if need be, and for certification. Likewise all proposed

revisions of By-Laws of Parishes shall be so submitted. The Committee on Constitution and Canons will then make recommendation for approval to the Bishop and Standing Committee for certification.

The model Constitution and By-Laws for a local parish, approved at any time by the Bishop and Standing Committee of this Diocese, shall serve as a guide to any Parish formulating its By-Laws.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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Parish By-Laws must be approved by at least a two-thirds vote of the congregation.

For the past four years this Committee has encouraged the parishes to bring their By-Laws into conformity with the revised General Council and diocesan Canons. Please note the following from diocesan Title II, Canon III:

The By-Laws of any Parish must not conflict with the *Constitution and Canons* of the Reformed Episcopal Church, or those of this Diocese; and must be submitted to the Committee on Constitution and Canons for correction, if need be, and for certification. Likewise all proposed revisions of By-Laws of Parishes shall be so submitted.

The Committee makes this motion:

Any parish that has not submitted its By-Laws, to be approved by the Committee on Constitution & Canons by October 1, 2010, will lose its vote(s) at the One Hundred and Thirtieth Council of the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic.

The following parishes have submitted their By-Laws to the Committee for review since the adoption of the revised Canons, effective November 27, 2005:

Atonement Church - Philadelphia, PA
Good Shepherd Church - Brockton, MA

Christ the King - Pasadena, MD
Covenant Chapel - Basking Ridge, NJ
Emmanuel Church - Somerville, NJ
Grace Church - Havre de Grace, MD
St. Luke's/Bishop Hoffman Church - Philadelphia, PA
St. Mark's Church - Rydal, PA
St. Matthew's Church - Havertown, PA
St. Michael's Church - Enola, PA
St. Stephen's Church - Eldersburg, MD
St. Timothy's Church - Mt. Laurel, NJ

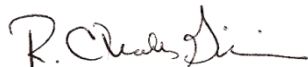
Model By-Laws provide a turnkey solution to the revision process. The goal is to make revision and approval easier. There is no need to reinvent the wheel. The Model By-Laws are posted in Microsoft Word and Word Perfect on the diocesan website under the Documents link at the top of the Homepage. The website address is: www.rec-nema.org. If your parish chooses to use the Model By-Laws as the basis for revision, then the following provides a suggested procedure for submitting them to this Committee.

1. Compare your current parish By-Laws with the Model By-Laws and note items of parochial interest that you wish to add to or delete from to the Model By-Laws.
2. Please indicate all items to be deleted from the Model By-Laws with ~~striketrough~~ text.
3. Indicate added items by using different color ink.
4. Any explanatory notes should appear in the text with yet another color of ink.
5. The revised document should be sent as an email attachment to the Committee Chairman - cgillin@repcoinc.com.

If you choose to work from your current By-Laws, which most likely conflict with the revised Canons, you will be guaranteed an arduous task. If however, you choose the above-recommended option, your task will be far less difficult.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



R. Charles Gillin
Chairman

Acknowledging the hour, Bishop Hicks called upon various attendees to address the Council. Mr. Gregory R. Wright, Arab World Missions Missionary, updated the Council on his work with AWM in Upper Darby, PA. The Rev. Dcn. Roger W. Converse, Intervarsity, announced a new REC work in the Philadelphia area in the Seminary's old Culbertson Chapel at 4225 Chestnut Street. David Poole, St. Michael's REC in Enola, PA, explained his work involving church music and the production of his "virtual organist" project.

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches presented the Report of the Examining Chaplains. It was moved and seconded the report be received as presented. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

To the One Hundred Twenty-ninth 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.

The following examinations were conducted this year under the auspices of this board:

Jesus M. Huertas (Christ the King, Pasadena)

On Thursday, February 5, 2009, the Rt. Rev. Jesus M. Huertas was examined by the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Rev. Cedric R. Benner, the Rev. Gregory Carr, the Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches. The examination was held at Reformed Episcopal Seminary. The Rt. Rev. Jesus Heurtas sustained the examination.

David C. Howard (St. Luke's, New Providence)

On Wednesday, February 18, 2009, the Rev. David Howard was examined by the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Rev. Rondal D. Martin, the Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller and the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches. The examination was held at Reformed Episcopal Seminary. The Rev. Mr. Howard was ordained in the United Church of Christ and has been assisting the rector of All Hallows Episcopal Church, Wyncote, Pennsylvania for the past several years. He sustained the examination.

Philip J. Lambooy (St. Stephen's, Eldersburg)

On Tuesday, June 30, 2009 Rev. Philip J. Lambooy, was examined by the Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks, the Rev. Cedric R. Benner and the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick. The examination was held at Reformed Episcopal Seminary. The Rev. Mr. Lambooy applied for reception as a presbyter in the Reformed Episcopal Church, transferring his credentials from the Presbyterian Church in America. He sustained the examination.

The Board 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. The Board discussed other candidates for ordination and their qualifications before their being approved for ordination. We continue to discuss the academic requirements that candidates for each of these offices must meet before being examined. While situations are discussed on a case by case basis, we are working toward a standard for each office. With this in mind, the Board of Examining Chaplains was an integral force in the creation of the new Licentiate for Diaconal Ministry Program and endorsed this program for those wishing to prepare for the offices of permanent deacon of deaconess.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches
Chairman

Bishop Hicks encouraged everyone to attend the Workshop scheduled for Friday featuring the Rev. Dr. Berty F. Abdelmasih from the Barnabas Fund. Dr. Abdelmasih will speak on Islam: The Challenge to the Church and Its Mission.

The Diocesan trustees were asked to meet immediately to organize themselves for the ensuing year.

Faith Church was applauded for their excellent luncheon "A Taste of Baltimore" enjoyed by all earlier in the day!

Council was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. for dinner.

**SECOND DAY
NOVEMBER 6, 2009**

The second day of proceedings was called to order at 11:55 a.m. after 9 a.m. Morning Prayer and the 10 a.m. Workshop. The session was opened in prayer. A motion was entertained and seconded to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the first day; the motion unanimously carried. The offering received from Morning Prayer for the Barnabas Fund was in the amount of \$390.

The Rev. Rondal D. Martin presented the Report of the Committee on Memorials. The Rev. Mr. Martin read the names of each person submitted to the committee. The Doxology was sung in thanksgiving for the faithful lives of those who have passed. The Rev. Michael D. Fitzpatrick led the Council in prayer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

To the One Hundred Twenty-ninth Council
of the Diocese of the North east and Mid-Atlantic
of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren,

The Committee on Memorials consists of The Rev. Rondal D. Martin, The Rev. Michael D. Blitz, and Mrs. Bobbie Lepson. We submit the following members of the Church Triumphant to this Council for memorial and thanksgiving for their faithful service to Christ's One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church:

James Allen - died October 29, 2008: Charter member of **Messiah Reformed Episcopal Church, Philadelphia.**

Phyllis Mae Beatty (nee Spahr), September 3, 1928—May 29, 2009, Born in Ridley Park, Pennsylvania, Phyllis' parents were active in various Christian ministries and feely extended hospitality to visiting missionaries. Having moved to Collingdale, the family began to attend Grace Church, where Phyllis was confirmed on March 12, 1939. Upon graduation from high school, she entered the nursing program at Philadelphia General Hospital. Later she earned various degrees: a degree in Bible from Philadelphia College of the Bible, a B.S. in Nursing Education from the University of Pennsylvania, and in M.S. in Nursing Education from the University of South Florida. In 1949 she had attended an Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship camp in Canada, where she determined to become a medical missionary. In the late 1950's, supported by the Reformed Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions and the African Inland Mission, Phyllis was sent to Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia), where she was engaged in training nurses.

In 1970 Phyllis married William Beatty, a missionary to Africa, whose wife Dorothy had died suddenly while the family was on furlough at Four Brooks. Phyllis assumed the role of mother to the five Beatty children and returned with Bill to Kenya until 1972, when a son's educational needs required them to leave field work. She continued to live in Florida after Bill's death in 1992. In her retirement community she began a Bible Study and prayer group, and friends frequently sought her out for counsel. She died May 29, 2009 , in Seminole, Florida.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors. Rev. xiv. 13.

Doretha Davis, June 29, 1930—December 7, 2008: For 50 years, Doretha Robinson Davis was synonymous with **Messiah Church** and the Reformed Episcopal denomination. From the very start of Messiah's existence, Doretha worked side-by-side with her husband, Dr. Harvey P. Davis, to establish a Reformed Episcopal church in the East Germantown Section of Philadelphia, PA.

On the local level, Doretha sang with and directed the senior choir, directed the young people's choir, and was a member or officer of every committee and auxiliary of the church (save the Men's ministry). On the diocesan level, Doretha served on the Committee on Women's Work and the Committee of Young People's Work. She also served as a delegate to several councils and as a Trustee of the Diocese. And on the denominational level, Doretha served on the Committee on Women's Work, the Reformed Episcopal Seminary Auxiliary and the REAPERS committee, and was a deputy to several General Councils.

Doretha acted as an ambassador for Messiah Church and the Reformed Episcopal Church everywhere she went, which included locales all over the world. She loved the Reformed Episcopal Church and would greet anyone she was not familiar with at a Diocesan function with an out-stretched hand and the famous words, "Hi, I don't think I know you, and I know almost everyone. I'm Doretha Davis."

Doretha's special passions included music and young people. She taught three generations of Messiah's youth, and the grandchildren of her original Sunday School classes would approach her and give her hugs. She went to more plays, graduations, recitals and youth activities for her kids than anyone could count, and she was a tireless champion for youth.

In the twilight of her life, Doretha could not see or hear well. Her heart was weak, her gait was unsteady; her mind was not always clear. But as she reached the finish line of a race she ran to her best ability, she remained a faithful, loving servant of her Savior, her church, and her denomination.

Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Proverbs 31:29

Mae Everett: Faithful member of **St. Mark's Reformed Episcopal Church, Rydal, PA**

Donald A. Fleischer, April 9, 1937—September 17, 2008: Born and raised in the town of Roxborough in Philadelphia PA, Don came into the Reformed Episcopal Church when he married Nancy McLelland in 1959. He became a member of Grace Chapel in East Falls where they were married. The church moved to a new location in late 1962. Don was on the building committee and served as a vestryman and Junior Warden for several years.

In 1970 Don became founding member of **Providence Chapel in Cherry Hill NJ** (which later moved to Mt Laurel) NJ. He was Senior Warden and served on the vestry while he lived in Mt Laurel and served on the **Board of Trustees of the Diocese of NEMA** for a short period. Don and Nancy moved to Virginia in 1981 and joined **Providence Church in Forrest VA**.

After moving back to Pennsylvania in 1984 and re-joining **Grace Chapel in Roxborough** he took the position of Maintenance director of the then Four Brooks Bible Conference. He held this position for a year. This position allowed him to have a great influence upon many young

men who are now serving in the Reformed Episcopal Church and those who have moved on to other churches. He then assumed the responsibilities of the Director of the Camp in the absence of the director. This was all done under the supervision of Bishop Royal Grote and the Trustees of the Camp. Don and Nancy attended Four Brooks Church at this time. In the late '80s, after the Camp closed he became a member of **St Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church** and soon became a vestryman and served as Treasurer for over 10 years.

George Hess: Faithful member of **St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Oreland, PA**

Mary Ann Elizabeth Ludwig, March 20, 1938—January 19, 2009: Born in Salisbury, Maryland, Mary Ann Ludwig was the daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Ann Shea Stocker. She was the beloved wife of George Ludwig, Jr. of Warrington, loving mother of daughters, Mary Ann Brandenburger, Patricia Longmire, Margaret Snyder, and Kathleen Watts, and son, George Ludwig, III, and is survived by eleven grandchildren.

Mary Ann served Christ's church, teaching Sunday School at St. Phillips Reformed Episcopal Church, and several years on the **Board of Trustees of the Reformed Episcopal Church**. Her children noted that she prayed much, gardened God's bounty in both souls and vegetables, and enjoyed spending time with her family. In her final years she was a faithful member of **St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Oreland, PA**.

William A. Molali, 1929—February 20, 2009: of Havre de Grace, MD., was born in Youngstown, Ohio and was a devoted husband of 59 years to Norma Molali. His most satisfying achievements was his work at Grace **Reformed Episcopal Church in Havre de Grace, Maryland**. Bill faithfully served his church as a Vestryman, Treasurer, Junior Warden and Senior Warden. He supported and enthusiastically served the *NEMA Diocese* for many years in Council. A encourager to all the Pastoral Staff who served with him. His love of the Lord and for the Denomination was always evident to those he met.

Sara Theresa "Peggy" Roppelt: died August 2008. Faithful member of **Calvary Church, Philadelphia** and beloved wife of retired Reformed Episcopal Church clergyman, the Rev. Frank Roppelt.

Chaplain William J. Holiman greeted the Council highlighting his ministry as a chaplain with the US Navy.

The following reports were filed with the Secretary in that no recommendations were contained therein. It moved and seconded to receive the reports. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Dear Brethren:

The primary focus of the committee this past year was to examine curriculum suitable for the parishes in our diocese. It has been many years since materials were produced for publication. Given the size of this diocese, publication was viewed as impractical by previous committees. It may be possible, in the future, with significant growth, to give attention to publishing. At present, however, examining what's available seems wise.

The committee did examine two items this past year. The first was a study to supplement "The Bible in 90 Days" reading program, recommended at our most recent General Council in Canada. The study was entitled "Trips Tips", a 14 week guide to the Bible. Each week contained four distinct sections: (1) Travel Scope-designed to give an overview, (2) Travel Step-designed for practical application, (3) Travel Study-designed to facilitate reflection and discussion, and (4) Travel Story-designed to familiarize with key stories from the Scriptures.

The second item our group looked at was a training manual entitled "Raising A Force". This followed the model of military guides. The manual consisted of lessons for five *Training Days*. The focus of the lessons was faithfulness to the Christian Faith. The manual also included a "Defenders Creed" that was very similar to military creeds. These lessons could be used for pre-confirmation instruction or a new members' class.

One committee member recommended the creation of a website that would be dedicated to available educational resources for Anglican parishes. This would be a sizable project but could reap many benefits. As a first step, the focus in the coming year could be contacting ACNA parishes and compiling a list of quality teaching materials.

Given the challenges we face in our day, we must continue to find and possibly develop, at both the parish and diocesan level, scriptural, solid, and Anglican materials to enable those in our trust "to contend for the Faith once delivered to the saints".

Respectfully submitted,

The Very Rev. Eduardo A. Andrade
Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

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

Dear Brethren,

“The purpose of the Liturgical Calendar is not to mark the passage of time, but to celebrate and understand more fully the entire mystery of Jesus Christ, from his Incarnation and Birth until his Ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of his return in glory.” (Sadlier)

In an attempt to teach the youth of the diocese the beauty of the liturgical life of the Church, the Committee on Young People's Work has in the last year used the various events it sponsors to teach the significance of the Book of Common Prayer and the value of the liturgical calendar. We started the year at River Valley Ranch exploring the broad picture of the liturgy for Holy Communion. For Spring Fling and Summer Camp, we turned our attention to the contexts in which we celebrate our liturgy. Spring Fling participants learned the reason we celebrate Rogation Sunday. Summer campers learned of Jesus Christ's work, Incarnation to Ascension, Pentecost, and his Second Coming, through daily celebrations of the liturgical seasons.

The COYPW would like to thank the speakers who led us through these lessons. The Very Reverend William A. Jenkins Sr. led several fascinating discussions on the shape and substance of the liturgy. These included, but were not limited to, a session on the richness of the phrase “Lift up your hearts.” The Reverend Walter Hawkins delivered a stirring sermon to the youth gathered at Grace Church in Collingdale on the purpose of Rogation Sunday. The Reverend Willie Hill and Mr. Steven Hoopes prepared pointed, powerful lessons on the seasons of the Church year. Having the “wonderful works of God” (Acts 2:11), preached to them clearly softened the hearts of several campers and inspired a host of others. We are truly blessed and better for having heard the words God spoke to us through you.

In addition to these faithful men, the COYPW wishes to express its gratitude to the counselors, new and old, who give their time, energy, and every applicable skill they possess to make these events successful. It is always amazing to see how God meets every need, sometimes in the most unexpected of ways! The work of this committee could not go forward without the Lord moving in your hearts to serve him in this capacity. We thank him, above all, for your service.

Finally, a plan that has been kicked about for several years is coming closer to fruition. A spiritual retreat for college-aged students will likely be held next year. While many decisions are yet to be made, several key elements have fallen into place. Each parish will be notified when the details of this event are finalized.

It is our goal to not only nourish the faith and make disciples of the young people in this diocese, but to teach them the Anglican way. We all believe the Reformed Episcopal Church, in doctrine and worship, offers a reformed, evangelical, and catholic expression of the Christian faith which would be beneficial to all of our youth. It is the COYPW's earnest prayer and great hope that our efforts will be used of God to train up youth in his service in this part of his Holy

Church. As always, your prayers are requested both for the ministry of this committee and for those to whom it attempts to minister. Pray that God's grace and love will turn the hearts of our young people away from the ways of the world and the wiles of the devil. Pray that their response to this love will be a desire for the total conversion our Lord demands. Pray that the obedient lives they live in submission to Christ will be filled with the hope and joy that will attract others to our Saving God.

Respectfully submitted in Christ,

Billy Jenkins

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON EVANGELISM, CHURCH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

To the One Hundred Twenty-Ninth 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 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.

In 2009, we continued 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. In response to an emergent need Grace Church in Scranton was added during the year. We continue to work with Bishop Hicks and the provisional vestry for the mission parishes in Philadelphia and under the leadership of the Rev. Roger Converse, have recently begun a work with international students in the chapel of the old seminary building at 4225 Chestnut Street in Philadelphia. We are working with St. Peter's Church as they endeavor to acquire a building. The chairman accompanied the Bishop to meet with representatives of Igbo Church in New York City to assist in their search for a building as well as to consult with them on their affiliation with the REC.

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

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 our 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 Ven. Dr. Abboud introduced the Rev. Eric W. Vowles, Vicar of the newest mission in the diocese St. Peter's in Maryland, to report on the work in Chesapeake City.

Dr. Abboud noted the policy on sexual misconduct, police clearances and internet precautions should be studied in every aspect of parish ministry.

REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE DIOCESE

REPORT OF THE LOONEY-HOFFMAN FUND

To the One Hundred Twenty-Ninth 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, 2008 to May 31, 2009.

The Board held four regular meetings during the year, on June 12, September 11, December 18, 2008 and March 19, 2009.

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
Mr. Theodore E. Nichols (resigned at the 9/11/08 meeting)
Mr. Ronald C. Reese
Mrs. Danae Smith
Mr. Richard W. Stevens, Secretary-Treasurer
Rev. Richard W. Workowski, President
Mr. Charles R. Young

The principal purpose of The Looney-Hoffman Fund is to make appropriations 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, are made from the Fund’s accumulated income. Under present Board policy they may be for as much as \$200,000. The total of those church loans outstanding at May 31, 2009 was \$1,306,913.75. 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, \$1,118,028.34 of that was in interest bearing loans to Reformed Episcopal organizations which either do not qualify for interest-free loans or needed funds beyond the \$200,000 appropriation limit. The rest (\$2,421,206.17) is invested conventionally, in other mortgages, mutual funds and bank deposits.

During the year an additional \$95,965.30 church loan was made to Grace REC, Collingdale. Emmanuel REC, Four Brooks, voluntarily repaid \$425 of its prior church loan.

The Fund paid \$100 to the Diocese to cover the cost of printing its report in the minutes of council.

A summary of the financial report of the Looney-Hoffman Fund for its fiscal year June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009 is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard W. Stevens
Secretary-Treasurer

The Board of Trustees of the Looney-Hoffman Fund
Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2009
Balance Sheet

<u>Assets</u>	
Mutual funds (Schedule 1)	\$ 810,227.03
Commercial Mortgages (Schedule 2)	2,110,402.28
Church Mortgages (Schedule 3)	18.00
PNC Bank, checking account	20,848.60
PNC Bank, money market account	<u>597,738.60</u>
	<u>\$ 3,539,234.51</u>

<u>Funds</u>	
Looney-Hoffman Fund Principal	\$ 1,230,979.42
Nisky Hill Cemetery Fund Principal	1,200.00
Looney-Hoffman Fund Income	2,307,000.05
Nisky Hill Cemetery Fund Income	<u>55.04</u>
	<u>\$ 3,539,234.51</u>

Summary of Principal Receipts and Disbursements

Balance June 1, 2008	\$ 1,192,009.89
Capital gain distributions from Stratton Multi-Cap Fund	18,885.68
Capital gain distributions from Stratton Monthly Dividend REIT Shares	<u>21,283.85</u>
Balance May 31, 2009	<u>1,232,179.42</u>
Composed of:	
Principal Fund	1,230,979.42

Nisky Hill Cemetery Fund	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>1,232,179.42</u>
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Summary of Income Receipts and Disbursements

Balance June 1, 2008		
Income Fund	\$ 2,268,001.83	
Nisky Hill Cemetery Fund	<u>54.96</u>	2,268,056.79
Plus:		
Excess of receipts over expenses		134,538.60
Principal payment received from Emmanuel REC, Four Brooks, Church Mortgage "Q"		425.00
Less:		
Disbursement to Grace REC, Collingdale- on account of church mortgage "HH"		<u>(95,965.30)</u>
Balance on May 31, 2009		<u>\$2,268,056.79</u>
Composed of:		
Income Fund	2,307,000.05	
Nisky Hill Cemetery Fund	<u>55.04</u>	<u>\$2,307,055.09</u>

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE BASSINGER HOME FUND

To the One Hundred Twenty-Ninth 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 meet 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 following information is provided for your benefit:

The life insurance and disability program has now been transferred to the General Council Board of Pensions and Relief. The new plan has increased levels of coverage and is very affordable. All full-time clergy are required to participate.

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 General Council 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 new General Council plan provides \$50,000.00 in Life Insurance Coverage and up to \$1800.00 per month of Disability Insurance. The annual premium for the is \$500.00 and will be due January 1, 2010. If you are new to the REC or have not yet enrolled, please contact Tonya Forsberg at the Diocesan Headquarters.

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 2009 with supporting form is due no later than January 15, 2010.** 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. Checks should be made payable to the Board of Pensions and Relief of the REC and sent to the Board at 826 Second Ave., Blue Bell, PA 19422.

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

Bishop Hicks introduced Evan Hughes, the Diocesan Webmaster. Mr. Hughes' excellent volunteer work was acknowledged with great appreciation.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL AUDITOR - no report submitted

The following Special Committee Reports were filed with the Secretary in that no action was necessary.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MUSTARD SEED FARM CAMP

To the One Hundred Twenty-Ninth Council
of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic
of the Reformed Episcopal Church in North America
Province – Anglican Church in North America

Dear Brethren,

Our diocesan camp for special needs children and adults is now at a critical crossroad, and if we do not receive the qualified psychologist and/or special needs teacher with the ability to lead such a specialized camp, we may have to cease operations.

David Hamarich, Licensed Psychologist, and Director of Gateway Services, has for many years been Director of the camp, and Dr Barbara West has been Director of the Adult (special needs portion) of the camp. The Adult camp (10—20 campers) has a considerably lower census than the “regular” Mustard Seed Camp (40—60), and this past Summer, with the resignation of Dr Hamarich, we had cease our regular “Jr” camp operations; and Dr West graciously went ahead with the Adult camp.

I cannot tell you how many children and adults were very upset and disappointed in the cessation of camp for their Mustard Seed campers (ages 8 to 25). Not only is this camp a ministry to the children, but to the parents as well, who look forward to one week of relaxation from caring for their special needs son or daughter, and spending some attention on the other members of their family. In addition, as any Counselor knows, such a camp is also a spiritual ministry to the clergy, nurses, counselors and staff who are involved with these children, teens, and adults-----we look forward to seeing them each year, & they have the identical response to us!

Our campsite has been the stunningly beautiful, ultra-modern, forested (several hundred acres) Black Rock Retreat Center (Mennonite), in Lancaster County, not too far from Quarryville and Strasburg, PA. Dr. & Mrs Fisher, who live in Quarryville, held several sessions with the Adult Camp, on archaeology and Biblical customs, & we were able to take a “field trip” to their retirement center & see all the pottery and other Biblical artifacts on public display. Also,---as part of the Adult Camp under Dr West, we went to Sight & Sound, went bowling, took buggy rides, went swimming every day, took a hayride, enjoyed videos, art projects, daily Bible lessons, and more. Our staff, however, was stretched too thin. Our usual 3 nurses (because of all the special medications needed at all times of the day & night) were reduced to ONE; and our Sr. Counselors had no breaks and no additional backup-----should there be an emergency.

It is imperative that we receive, now, any inquiries into this position. Those in past and present executive camp positions are willing to guide the new director, and offer time and training in this transitional period. Because of the unique nature of this camp, and because we must often interface with state and county medical providers (sometimes with generous funding, with stipulations) we need our Diocesan Council to know that “time is of the essence.” It is NOW that we must notify nurses, psychologists, clergy, counselors, the Black Rock office, and our diocese of the status of our special needs ministry, Mustard Seed Farm Camp.

Ultimately, all MSFC decisions [including immediate directors and/or successors] will be handled by the Mustard Seed Committee, under the guidance of Bishop Hicks. Mustard Seed has been a wonderful ministry, begun so many years ago at Four Brooks (RE) Bible Conference, Pipersville, by Dr West & special needs teacher Judy Brutosky. We would not wish it to end, but we must, if qualified volunteers are not to be found. Pray the Lord of the harvest to send showers of blessing.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Workowski, MSFC Clergy representative

Submitted by Dr. Barbara West, Director of Adult Mustard Seed Farm Camp:

Mustard Seed Farm 2009 was an “adults only” camp this summer. The camp was held at Black Rock Retreat outside of Quarryville in Lancaster County Pennsylvania. There were 23 participants of whom 16 were individuals with developmental disabilities.

Dr. Barbara West, the camp director, taught Bible. Our theme was “Jesus is”...Gift, Man, God, Savior, Lord and Alive. Rod Poskitt helped us to find out what it was, and is, like to live in Israel. Dr. Milton (retired Reformed Episcopal Seminary professor) and Merilyn (long-time Mustard Seed Farm nurse) Fisher taught us about archeology. Sue Poskett, the camp nurse, and “stand up comic” kept everyone in good health. The Reverend Richard Workowski led chapel and the Stations of the Cross. The Reverend Michael Fitzpatrick also led chapel devotions and was the Master of Ceremonies for Talent Night. Mayo Dunn and Lynn (?) were everyone’s right-, and left-hand women throughout the week.

There were lots to do at the retreat center. The participants enjoyed the pool, the tractor ride, the campfire (especially the s’mores), the beautiful grounds and the great meals. We enjoyed many of the attractions in the area including the Strasburg Railroad, a buggy ride to an Amish farm and the Sight and Sound Theater production “In the Beginning”. In addition, the group enjoyed miniature golf, an ice cream party and bowling.

Mustard Seed Farm has reserved a place at Black Rock Retreat for the summer of 2010. We are praying that there will be again a children's program as well as the adult program next summer. Many of the adult participants who enjoyed camp this summer grew up, spiritually as well as physically, in the Mustard Seed program. Although they enjoyed the adult camp and were spiritually strengthened by the teaching and fellowship, they were grieved that the "kids" weren't there this summer. They are praying for the children's program to resume next summer. For the children's program to return, after more than thirty years of ministry to children with special needs, leadership is needed to recruit staff and campers and to lead the program next summer and for years to come. Prayerfully consider if God is calling you to be the answer to these prayers.

**Mustard Seed Farm Camp
 Profit & Loss
 January through December 2008**

	Jan - Dec 08
Income	
Camper Fees	
Agency Camper Fees	3,550.00
Parents Camper Fees	5,635.00
Total Camper Fees	9,185.00
Donations	
Individuals	3,785.00
Memorials	
Memorial-Angelo Ercolina	25.00
Memorial-James Fitzpatrick	1,050.00
Total Memorials	1,075.00
Non R E Churches	2,266.25
Reformed Episcopal Churches	2,092.51
Reformed Episcopal Ministries	7,000.00
Total Donations	16,218.76
Fundraisers	
Fundraiser Income Other (Net)	5.53
Fundraiser WAWA (Net)	49.00
Total Fundraisers	54.53
Interest Income	0.91
Total Income	25,459.20

Expense	
Bank Service Charges	10.00
Camp Facility, Housing, Food	15,314.80
Office Supplies	29.00
Postage and Delivery	57.80
Program Expense	962.53
Total Expense	16,374.13
Net Income	9,085.07

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND NURTURE

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

Dear Brethren,

The primary function of our committee has been to sponsor a retreat for pastors, their wives and other Reformed Episcopalians involved in the ministry of our church. This year's speaker was the Rev. Dr. Donald P. Richmond. Don spoke about the fact that trials lead us to worship God in our afflictions, which then leads to renewal and growth.

The dates of this year's retreat are January 28-30, 2010. We will be meeting again at the Eden Resort in Lancaster. Brochures for the retreat are in your report packets. **Please make sure you register by December 19, 2009.** This year's speaker will be a retreat favorite, the Rev. Dr. Rodney Whitacre. Rod is going to lead us through a discussion of the book of Revelation. Rod plans to give us a glimpse of the majesty of God, His perspective on human history, His plan for humanity, and a challenge to be faithful to our sovereign and gracious Lord in our own time. A change to this year's retreat is that we will spend some more time in prayer together with Evening Prayer on Thursday and Friday evenings.

The Committee also undertook a project this year to try to help pastors with the stresses of ministry. Several clergy mentioned through the course of the year that they find themselves with too much work and not enough time to accomplish it. Others spoke of a need for a sabbatical. To help both pastors and parishes in this regard we put together some practical suggestions to help alleviate some of this stress. We commend the following idea to your careful consideration and practice.

For Clergy

- Create boundaries around your time - don't feel compelled to answer every phone call the moment it comes in - use voicemail.
- Schedule your relaxation time and guard it.
- Taking time to rest requires planning - so plan it.
- Do the hard tasks first. Get them out of the way so that they will not be hanging over your head creating anxiety and tension.
- Work and plan ahead so you have liberty to take time off spontaneously.
- Delegate as much work as possible.
- Develop good staff to assist you in your work.
- Don't exalt busyness. Busyness is often the residue of laziness.
- Prioritize your time and tasks and stick to your priorities.
- Let your congregation know in advance what day you take off.

For Parishes

- Be mindful of the fact that your pastor is regularly under attack due to his leadership role in the church and needs rest and refreshment.
- Make sure you give your pastor a day off each week.
- Provide your pastor ample vacation time.
- Consider sending your pastor on a 4-6 week vacation every 7 years (sabbatical principle).
- Remember that your pastor needs time in the evening with his family, too. Don't call him in the evening unless absolutely necessary.

“Thank you” to all the Committee members for your excellent work this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller,
Committee Chairman

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MINSTERS' SALARIES

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

Dear Brethren:

This committee reports to the Council regularly, but does not meet on an annual basis. Full reports were given to the One Hundred Seventeenth, the One Hundred Twenty-first, and One Hundred Twenty-fourth Councils. The following is a distillation of the key points from those reports with adjustments for inflation.

Constructing salary guidelines for clergy is a difficult task. In many cases compensation of clergy is determined by the income of the congregation rather than the experience or competency of the clergyman. Sources of income vary from parish to parish. Some parishes

have endowments and investments that generate income over and above parishioner contributions. Others are dependent solely upon the contributions of the parishioners. Some parishes face large overhead expenses for buildings and maintenance, some have little or no expenses. Sometimes parishes with large endowments find themselves with less income than parishes with no endowments because the people see the wealth of the church as a reason not to give to the church.

The first step to honoring God in caring for our clergy begins with honoring God in the stewardship of our individual funds. The standard of giving established in the Bible is “sacrificial giving.” Sacrificial giving does not mean that we “give until it hurts.” Biblical sacrifices were not always bloody. Often they were gifts expressing joy, thanksgiving, praise and the celebration of God’s goodness. It is also important to understand that “sacrificial giving does not begin until the tithe is met. The tithe, or first ten percent, does not belong to us. It belongs to God. It is to be offered regardless of wealth or poverty. It is a percentage not a specific dollar amount. Thus in God’s eyes, the ten dollar offering of the man who earns a hundred dollars is the same as the ten thousand dollar offering of the man who earns a hundred thousand. God does not count the way we count. He blesses our faithfulness not the amount of our contribution. Thus while the fifty thousand dollar contribution of the man earning a million may seem a great blessing to the church it is still disobedience in God’s eyes.

Further, we are led to understand that God does not need our money. Rather He has established Biblical stewardship as an expression of faith that ultimately blesses the good steward. Too often we plead with people to give because the church needs the money when the simple fact is that if the people of the church were obedient in the tithe they would be better off and the church would be blessed.

The Scriptures encourage us to consider those who labor in the word and doctrine as worthy of double honor. It is the opinion of this committee that double honor most likely refers to financial compensation and at the very least establishes the esteem and value a congregation should place upon its pastor. It appears that God desires His pastors to care for His people and His people to care for His pastors. When we do our parts, He is honored and all His people, including the clergy, are blessed.

How do we calculate double honor? One way is to establish the mean income of the congregation (That is the number in the middle between the wealthiest and the poorest of the congregation) and double it. This equation would produce a significant difference between clergy serving poor congregations and those serving more affluent parishes. While appearing inequitable at first it is not, for God does not count dollars, and this system is reflective of a pastor who lives in the same community as his congregation. Further, while few parishes use this Biblical model it is nevertheless a fact that clergy serving congregations in more affluent areas are paid more than those serving in less affluent communities. This situation reflects not only the wealth of the congregation, but also the cost of living in the area surrounding the parish.

Each year Christian Ministry Resources surveys a broad spectrum of Churches and publishes a compensation handbook titled *The Compensation Handbook for Church Staff*. For the sake of comparison, we have drawn the following figures from the sample of parishes that

most closely parallels those in our diocese. These figures were drawn from the 2004 handbook and adjusted for inflation. These figures are provided as a point of reference and are not offered as a basis for establishing minimum or maximum salaries for clergy. The average attendance of the sample is between 0 and 250 on a Sunday morning. The compensation includes cash salary, rectory, housing, pension, employer paid life and health insurance and funds for continuing education. It reflects the number that most concerns our parishes when they establish a budget for a pastor's salary – How much will it cost the church to pay all the expenses related to having a pastor? The salary figure does not include reimbursable expenses such as auto or office expenses. The numbers are broken down based upon the basic type of community where the church is located. They are based upon the salary of a full time senior or solo Pastor with six years of experience and a master's degree.

Urban	\$92,700
Suburban	\$98,400
Medium City	\$88,000
Small Town	\$76,600
Rural	\$78,000

The committee recommends our parishes examine their budgets, giving patterns and pastor's salaries in light of this report and requests every effort be made to honor God in establishing a compensation package for those who labor in the word and doctrine.

We would also like to recommend a minimum figure for pulpit supply of \$235.00 plus travel expenses and a minimum salary for a part time interim rector of \$1800 per month, plus pension contribution and expenses.

The committee would like to recommend the publications of:

Christian Ministry Resources
P.O. Box 1098
Matthews, NC 28106

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

Vestries are reminded they must record their pastor's 2010 rectory allowance in the minutes prior to the first payroll of 2010. We also continue to recommend that every parish adopt an accountable plan of reimbursement for ministry expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches, Committee Member

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE HISTORY OF THE DIOCESE

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

Dear Brethren:

In the past year the Committee on the History of the Diocese has continued to receive an increased number of materials such as newsletters, bulletins, certificates, news clippings and pictures which depict and describe the life of the Diocese. All materials should be sent to:

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches
Diocesan Archives
826 Second Avenue
Blue Bell, PA 19422

When submitting materials please include a list indicating when and where they are from. Make sure pictures are appropriately labeled as well. This committee is supporting the work of the General Council Committee of studying and retrieving the history of the church as it relates to the Civil Rights Movement. While much of the historical material and the events to be studied are more directly tied to the Diocese of the Southeast, these events and history affect and are important to the life of the whole church in the past and the present.

Much work needs to be done with sorting and filing archive materials. Please pray for the committee as we look for the right volunteer(s) for these important tasks.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches
Chairman

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY TO MEN

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

Dear Brethren;

The first action of the committee this past year was to elicit input and evaluation of the present Men's Ministry activity. It became apparent that the main focus of the committee has been to organize an annual retreat for the men of the Diocese. We were challenged to re-examine the goals of the Men's Committee and the feasibility of the Men's Retreat in North Jersey before organizing any further event. We

canceled the Spring Retreat for the past year and with much discussion have been at work to prayerfully advance a renewed vision for this important ministry.

The discussion has recently been concluded that our mission will be directed to provide a fellowship of Christian brothers at a retreat for support, encouragement and accountability. Because of the distance of separation of our parishes, it was also considered we would have two retreats in the next year. One in the Spring, April 23-24, 2010, and one in the Fall, November 19-20, 2010. Our format will be similar for both by seeking an interactive and participatory weekend led by one of our own Pastors. The facility for the retreats will be announced later as part of the registration and information forms that will be sent to the churches in January for the Spring Retreat and August for the Fall Retreat. We are seeking avenues to keep the cost reasonable for all those who would like to attend.

As a committee, we are still thinking of expanding our Men's Committee mission to become a resource of instructional material to aid each parish as they train and lead their men in spiritual growth. I would especially like to thank those on the committee and also those outside the current committee, namely Rev. Andrade, Rev. Crum and Rev. Miller, for it is their encouragement and passion for the work of Men's Ministry which has been most valuable to us as we look forward to the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,
In Christ's Service,

Rev. Mark A. Specht
Ven. Dr. Paul U. Ekezie
Rev. Roderick S. Lee
Rev. John Milligan
Mr. Gerald Higham
Mr. Rupert Jeremy
Mr. Jack Ross

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

By means of your gifts and offerings the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Episcopal Church has continued to support our missionaries: The Jerdens, Judy King, Bishop Gerhard Meyer and Grace, Sue Brodish, Lay Canon Chris Fouse, Greg and Helena Wright. Some of our churches have also given to the Andrezejewski family as they seek to serve the Lord in Madagascar. Please see the web site to learn about the ministry of these dear missionaries, and how to support them with your prayers and financial support. Bishop Royal Grote is the President of the Board.

This last summer we several short-term mission trips which I report on here:

Brazil.

The Amazon River and her tributaries rose higher than usual this last summer, close to 45 feet. This meant that the boat carrying the short-term mission team could travel all the way to the Apurina village with no need to transfer the luggage to canoes. Toward the end of the team's trip in Brazil the villagers took them on a beautiful and fascinating canoe trip deep into the jungle. The R.E. team of twelve members was lead by the Rev. Joe Fockler. The Rev. Eric Jorgenson represented our Diocese along with other members of his parish.

Once they arrived, the team found a church partially constructed. I had a floor and a surrounding wall about three feet tall. For the next eight days they labored like Nehemiah to raise the walls, which they did. Intensely hot temperatures made the work strenuous, and an absence of refrigeration meant there was no cold drink for refreshment. The local villagers finished off the roof, and a dedication service was held to celebrate the construction and completion of the church building. Congratulations to the team for a great job!

The Rev. Joe Fockler relates that the Apurina children were initially shy, but gradually warmed up to the team members. Every young person from the U.S. ended up with his own fan club, and they enjoyed wonderful fellowship and worship with the local Christians. The two presbyters celebrated Holy Communion, and it may have been the first time some of the local Apurina Christians had done that. A big blessing for team members was to spend time with Judy King and learn the highlights of her 35 years of faithful ministry there. Being present at the place with those people made her stories mesmerizing.

The diet for the team consisted of rice, beans, chicken, and some unexpected treats: *paca* and wild boar. The wild boar was delicious, but members had a harder time swallowing the barbecued *paca*; basically a giant rodent. Judy King had the team chew bitter leaves to ward off malaria. Pictures, captions, and music of the trip are being put on a CD and will be presently available to enjoy on the BFM web site.

Many thanks to the Board for sponsoring this trip; thanks to the members who risked much and worked hard; thanks as well to you who supported the team with your prayers and offerings.

Ghana.

Mark and Timothy Howden participated in a short-term mission trip to Ghana, West Africa. Several of the parishes in our diocese gave them financial support. The mission was called Project Serve under the auspices of Youth for Christ/Campus Life, which has a vibrant chapter at North Pocono High School where they attend. The 22 members of the team spent most of their time working in the city of Ho. The team dug and leveled soil, pushed wheelbarrows of dirt and sand, and poured concrete floors for a school. To the amazement of the team members, instead of using wheelbarrows, the Ghanaian people working alongside of them, carried heavy loads of dirt and sand on pans balanced on top of their heads. The school once completed, will give a Christian education to children who cannot afford to attend classes.

Germany.

Every summer Bishop Gerhard Meyer invites a team to assist him at the Knull Camp near Swartzberg, Germany. This last summer (July 2009) the Rt. Rev. Ray Sutton, and the Rev. Steve Rutt shared teaching and preaching duties. "The holiness of God" was a major teaching theme given to the campers. The team prepared the camp by cleaning out a barn, cutting grass, and doing a lot of general clean-up. With Grace Meyer being injured, it was more work than usual. Once the official camp started, the members gave two different testimonies: first, how they came to know Christ as Savior, and second, how they have seen the Lord Jesus work in their lives recently. This ministry of giving testimonies bolstered the faith of everyone. Bishop Sutton commented, "God is doing great things in Germany, and lives are being transformed!"

After the hard work and ministry of the summer camp, the team was able to tour historical sites: They visited Wittenberg where Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses; they went to Wartberg Castle where Martin Luther translated the New Testament into German; and they walked through the concentration camp at Buchenwald. Being there in person left not a dry eye in the group.

Web Site.

Please visit the denomination web site for more information about mission work: RECBFM.org. The layout of our web site is attractive and easy to navigate. Some of our missionaries are experiencing a shortfall due to the exchange rates. They need your prayers and support. Also go to this site to learn about past and future trips to Germany, Nigeria, Brazil, and Paraguay.

Bishop Grote has scheduled a phone conference for the Board on Nov. 12, to decide what summer trips will be sponsored for the summer of 2010.

Regards,
The Rev. Paul S. Howden, member of the BFM of the REC.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

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

Dear Brethren:

This committee was formed at the 128th Council for the purpose of developing and implementing short-term mission work within the Diocese. This work would include manual labor on the physical property of Diocesan church buildings and grounds as well as evangelistic outreach to the parish community. By working together at and with other parishes from the Diocese this would help to create closer bonds between the members of our churches, provide needed repairs and maintenance, and present a witness to the host church's neighbors.

For the past four summers the people of Bishop Cummins Reformed Episcopal Church, Catonsville, Maryland, have been conducting one-week summer mission projects. The first and fourth of these were held at Bishop Cummins. The second, in 2007, was held at Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, Collingdale, Pennsylvania. The third, in 2008, was held at Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Beginning in 2008, other churches in the Diocese were invited to join the people of Bishop Cummins. In 2008, the people of Bishop Cummins were joined by people from Grace, Scranton; Christ the King, Pasadena; Grace, Collingdale; Church of the Messiah, Philadelphia; and church of the Atonement, Philadelphia. In 2009 people from Christ the King, Grace, Collingdale, and Church of the Messiah, as well as some of our missionary guests, worked alongside the people of Bishop Cummins, or, at least, attended its cookout and outdoor concert.

It is the goal of the committee that other churches would decide to take leadership in planning one of these summer projects, inviting sister parishes to join them, with the specific goal that at least two such projects be held in the summer of 2010, with one taking place in Maryland and at least one other being held in Pennsylvania, New York, or New Jersey.

The committee has prepared a booklet called *A Guide for Short-Term Mission Trips*, authored by Mr. Nelson Smith, to assist any person who would take on the task of organizing one of these projects. Copies of this guide have been given to Bishop Hicks and can be obtained either through his office or by contacting Pastor David Crum at Bishop Cummins Reformed Episcopal Church.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Dr. David Crum
Committee Chairman

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S MINISTRY

For the One Hundred-Twenty-ninth Council
of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic

Following is a listing of the activities enjoyed by the women of our church during the past year. Women's Day, the October Spiritual Enrichment Conference, and our 2009/2010 Devotional Book embraced the theme PEACE.

In May we gathered at the National Christian Conference Center in Valley Forge, PA for Women's Day. The Women's Day project was to raise \$10,000 to assist in purchasing a cooker for the Knuell Camp in Germany. I have been advised that for the first time in many years our goal has been realized. Thank you to all who worked so hard to gather these funds. The speaker for this occasion was Linda Butler a member of Holy Comforter Reformed Episcopal Church, Moncks Corner, SC.

The First International Spiritual Enrichment Conference was held in Houston, TX the weekend of June 26-28, 2009. It was wonderful to have women from the United States and Canada gather together as we dealt with the theme "We Are One". There were 11 ladies from our diocese in attendance.

In October we meet at The Williamsburg Hospitality House, Williamsburg, VA for our annual Spiritual Enrichment Conference. Eighty-six women were in attendance. We were encouraged by our speaker, Avis Gadsden Riley. Avis is a member of Redeemer Reformed Episcopal Church, Pineville, SC. She brought us a wealth of understanding of God's Word and shared with us His care of her, bringing her personal PEACE, as she walked through personal difficulties. The ladies from our diocese planned this year's conference. My thanks for a job well done!

Dr. Barbara West wrote the 2009/2010 devotional study book for the women of the Reformed Episcopal Church. It was Barbara's topic PEACE that caused the National Committee on Women's Ministry to choose the theme PEACE for this year. What a blessing it has been thus far. I hope your ladies are using the book and that you will be blessed as you study together. "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace---And be thankful." Colossians 3:15

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Workowski

Bishop Hicks announced copies of the Appointed Committees are available to be picked up by the Council attendees.

New Business was called for.

It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer of the Diocese be authorized to pay for the appropriate expenses incurred by Council proceedings. The motion carried.

The Very Rev. Gregory J. Miller invited the 130th Council to Covenant Chapel in Basking Ridge, NJ, to be held Thursday and Friday, November 4-5, 2010. The Council readily received the invitation by motion, seconded and carried.

Bishop Hicks announced no paper packets will be prepared at the 130th Council. All reports will be posted on the website and it will be the responsibility of each parish to ensure their attendees have access to necessary paperwork.

Bishop Hicks announced the upcoming Founders' Day program at RE Seminary. A poster and bulletin insert were included in the packets.

Having no further business to accomplish, a motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried at 1 p.m.

The Rev. Frank M. Spadafora led in prayer and Bishop Hicks pronounced the Benediction.

*Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie C. Abboud, Secretary*

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Ascension Day
May 21, 2009

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Next month, a momentous and historic event will take place at St. Vincent's Cathedral in Bedford, Texas. The first Provincial Assembly of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) will convene at 12 noon on Monday, June 22nd, and will conclude on Thursday, June 25th. The formation of the ACNA is the culmination of efforts over the past several years to form a unified, Anglican witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in North America. The Reformed Episcopal Church has played a very important role at each stage of progress toward this goal, beginning with the Common Cause Partnership, then the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON) in June 2008, and now with the formation of the ACNA.

The ACNA is organized as a federation, comprised of jurisdictions who share the common bond of faithfulness to the essential doctrines of the Christian faith as received in the Anglican tradition. This federated structure means that the Reformed Episcopal Church will retain her jurisdictional integrity, with her own constitution and canons, while agreeing to cooperate with sister jurisdictions under one over-arching frame-work.

The Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic is entitled to send three clergy and three lay representatives to the Provincial Assembly, with the Diocese of Central and Eastern Canada being linked to our Diocese for purposes of representation. The Standing Committee has elected the following persons to represent our Diocese at the Provincial Assembly: The Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud (St. Matthew's, Havertown), The Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle (St. Mary's, Bronx), The Rev. John Smith (St. George's, Hamilton), Mr. Russell Buchanan (St. Paul's, Orelan), Mr. John Hendershot (Grace, Collingdale), Mrs. Barbara Riches (Emmanuel, Pipersville). Information about the proceedings of the Provincial Assembly and the proposed constitution and canons may be viewed on the ACNA website – www.united-anglicans.org. I invite you to make use of this important resource.

Our participation in the ACNA is an occasion for great joy and celebration, as we take a significant step toward realizing the unity among Christians for which our Lord so earnestly prayed (St. John 17:21). It also may be an occasion for some to express concerns or raise questions regarding the effect that this new partnership will have on our church. Such concerns are to be expected. Although all member jurisdictions agree on the

essentials of the Anglican faith, they also represent a wide spectrum of belief and practice in the expression of that same faith. Participation in the ACNA will require patience and humility on everyone's part, as we constructively engage in dialogue with brothers and sisters in Christ with whom we may sharply disagree on certain matters.

Please remember in your prayers all who will be traveling to Texas in June, and especially ask for God's continued blessing upon the work of the ACNA. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David L. Hicks".

The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks



THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH
A Founding Member of the Province of
THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA



Office of the Presiding Bishop

Trinity V
July 15, 2009

TO THE CLERGY AND PARISHES OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

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

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

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

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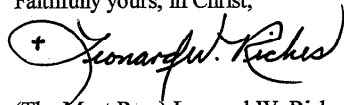
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In this new provincial relationship the Reformed Episcopal Church retains its identity as a sub-jurisdiction. Our Constitution and Canons remain in place, and our liturgical uses and practices are unchanged. We recognize that as partners in a larger Anglican body, whose members represent differing backgrounds and customs within a common tradition, we have important matters of understanding and practice to discuss and resolve throughout the months and years which lie ahead. Certainly those who acknowledge a common authority, profess a common faith, adhere to a common tradition, and share a common mission and goal can prayerfully expect, in faith, that the Lord of the church will bring about such resolution in His appointed time. The basis for such confidence is founded in His own expressed prayer and desire that His people "...*be brought to complete unity, that the world may know....*" of Him and of His salvation. (St. John 19:23)

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

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

Faithfully yours, in Christ,



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Bishop Cummins RE Church	Catonsville	337	3	3	-	-28	-	-7
Covenant Chapel	Basking Ridge	66	-	-	-	-2	-	-
Christ Memorial	Philadelphia	40	-	-	-	-1	-9	-1
Christ the King	Pasadena	54	-	-	-	-	-5	-1
Church of the Messiah	Philadelphia	33	5	-	-	-	-	-1
Emmanuel RE Church	Pipersville	42	-	2	-	-	-	-1
Emmanuel RE Church	Somerville	50	-	1	-	-3	-	-
Faith RE Church	Baltimore	56	-	-	2	-1	-4	-2
First RE Church	New York	NO REPORT			NO REPORT			
Good Shepherd Church	Brockton	65	1	-	2	-2	-3	-
Grace Church	Scranton	39	-	2	49	-	-	-6
Grace RE Church	Collingdale	59	-	-	1	-	-	-2
Grace RE Church	Havre-de-Grace	54	1	2	-	-	-	-
Jesus the Good Shepherd REC	Brooklyn	87	2	-	5	-	-	-
New Redeemer RE Church	Jersey City	85	-	-	-	-	-1	-1
St. Timothy's Church	Mount Laurel	12	-	2	-	-	-	-
St. John's by-the-Sea	Ventnor City	46	8	-	-	-	-1	-
St. Luke's RE Church	New Providence	22	-	-	-	-3	-	-1
St. Luke's Bp. Hoffman Church	Philadelphia	40	-	-	-	-	-16	-1
St. Mark's RE Church	Rydal	45	-	2	-	-	-2	-1
St. Mary's RE Church	Bronx	208	16	-	10	-	-8	-3
St. Matthew's RE Church	Havertown	64	1	-	-	-	-	-2
St. Michael's RE Church	Enola	49	7	7	2	-	-9	-1
St. Paul's RE Church	Oreland	102	-	-	-	-3	-	-2
St. Peter's Anglican Church	Chesapeake City	21	-	-	2	-	-1	-1
St. Stephen's RE Church	Sykesville	168	5	9	-	-	-4	-
2008 TOTALS		2,042	112	40	73	(43)	(71)	(34)

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Atonement Church	Philadelphia	5	10	2	-	-	23	12
All Saints Anglican Church	Newark	10	6	6	2	-	10	9
Bishop Cummins RE Church	Catonsville	16	141	4	1	7	88	31
Covenant Chapel	Basking Ridge	14	26	1	-	-	46	-
Christ Memorial	Philadelphia	2	17	-	-	1	-	-
Christ the King	Pasadena	-	21	1	-	1	9	-
Church of the Messiah	Philadelphia	-	15	3	-	1	11	18
Emmanuel RE Church	Pipersville	10	21	-	-	1	31	13
Emmanuel RE Church	Somerville	2	30	-	-	-	21	-
Faith RE Church	Baltimore	4	27	2	3	2	18	22
First RE Church	New York			NO REPORT				
Good Shepherd Church	Brockton	6	33	5	1	-	15	-
Grace Church	Scranton	70	35	1	3	6	36	8
Grace RE Church	Collingdale	20	44	10	2	3	12	26
Grace RE Church	Havre-de-Grace	68	-	2	-	-	17	-
Jesus the Good Shepherd REC	Brooklyn	1	-	4	2	-	9	-
New Redeemer RE Church	Jersey City	-	20	2	1	1	32	-
Providence Chapel (St. Timothy)	Mount Laurel	18	11	-	-	-	11	-
St. John's by-the-Sea	Ventnor City	67	36	3	1	3	28	38
St. Luke's RE Church	New Providence	18	10	2	1	1	8	-
St. Luke's Bp. Hoffman Church	Philadelphia	-	19	-	-	7	16	-
St. Mark's RE Church	Rydal	8	27	-	-	6	21	15
St. Mary's RE Church	Bronx	60	-	33	8	4	80	35
St. Matthew's RE Church	Havertown	-	8	2	1	2	44	42
St. Michael's RE Church	Enola	7	26	3	-	1	18	8
St. Paul's RE Church	Oreland	1	37	1	-	2	12	-
St. Peter's Anglican Church	Chesapeake City	-	12	-	-	-	-	-
St. Stephen's RE Church	Sykesville	42	75	4	-	1	117	23
2008 TOTALS		449	707	91	26	50	733	300

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Atonement Church	Philadelphia	7	49	104,143	9,275	9,082	-	122,500
All Saints Anglican Church	Newark	16	29	71,432	-	363	-	71,795
Bishop Cummins RE Church	Catonsville	25	31	395,197	-	36,548	-	431,745
Covenant Chapel	Basking Ridge	8	-	214,692	-	21,058	-	235,750
Christ Memorial	Philadelphia	-	-			INCOMPLETE REPORT		
Christ the King	Pasadena	11	-	205,957	12,461	27,106	-	245,524
Church of the Messiah	Philadelphia	7	31	29,996	1,055	5,147	400	36,598
Emmanuel RE Church	Pipersville	-	34	75,145	450	2,894	2,400	80,889
Emmanuel RE Church	Somerville	-	-	92,530	57,526	7,916	-	157,972
Faith RE Church	Baltimore	-	45	79,144	-	1,956	100	81,200
First RE Church	New York						NO REPORT	
Good Shepherd Church	Brockton	16	-	151,216	3,355	8,405	-	162,976
Grace Church	Scranton	-	-	85,644	-	3,210	-	88,854
Grace RE Church	Collingdale	-	-	110,522	15,346	56,701	-	182,569
Grace RE Church	Havre-de-Grace	10	18	126,553	-	1,763	-	128,316
Jesus the Good Shepherd REC	Brooklyn	13	-	53,129	17,883	19,791	-	90,803
New Redeemer RE Church	Jersey City	-	-	106,513	10,280	595	525	117,913
Providence Chapel (St. Timothy)	Mount Laurel	-	-	99,424	-	-	-	99,424
St. John's by-the-Sea	Ventnor City	-	31	61,712	-	13,492	-	75,204
St. Luke's RE Church	New Providence	-	70	43,815	-	18,569	56,400	118,784
St. Luke's Bp. Hoffman Church	Philadelphia	-	24	35,991	-	8,396	3,441	47,828
St. Mark's RE Church	Rydal	-	87	147,298	-	4,742	19,500	171,540
St. Mary's RE Church	Bronx	23	-	187,603	41,208	4,500	-	233,311
St. Matthew's RE Church	Havertown	10	37	146,004	155	26,337	-74,924	97,572
St. Michael's RE Church	Enola	8	12	57,961	-	1,877	31	59,869
St. Paul's RE Church	Oreland	-	-	124,100	-	28,700	31,900	184,700
St. Peter's Anglican Church	Chesapeake City	8	-	13,198	10,000	-	-	23,198
St. Stephen's RE Church	Sykesville	17	98	274,382	5,970	5,066	-	285,418
2008 TOTALS		179	596	3,093,301	184,964	314,214	39,773	3,632,252

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2008 Statistical Report	personnel/	local ministry	diocesan	capital	RE	non-RE
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		benefits	expense	appor/tithe	improvements	seminary	missions	missions
Atonement Church	Philadelphia	53,463	2,401	3,067	7,185	-	217	4,000
All Saints Anglican Church	Newark	6,000	2,666	3,235	2,940	-	1,115	-
Bishop Cummins RE Church	Catonsville	265,448	131,250	37,341	-	-	37,480	25,198
Covenant Chapel	Basking Ridge	89,738	56,004	18,844	-	-	-	-
Christ Memorial	Philadelphia	INCOMPLETE REPORT			INCOMPLETE REPORT			
Christ the King	Pasadena	123,213	24,564	9,715	4,460	1,100	100	500
Church of the Messiah	Philadelphia	18,800	8,805	1,503	6,600	-	2,675	-
Emmanuel RE Church	Pipersville	49,200	2,260	5,023	25,157	-	-	-
Emmanuel RE Church	Somerville	53,850	18,307	8,555	8,453	-	-	-
Faith RE Church	Baltimore	58,961	8,114	4,430	9,291	-	70	-
First RE Church	New York	NO REPORT						
Good Shepherd Church	Brockton	97,424	42,105	14,194	-	-	5,400	-
Grace Church	Scranton	86,496	23,762	8,564	-	-	-	-
Grace RE Church	Collingdale	72,722	22,411	5,361	-	-	-	-
Grace RE Church	Havre-de-Grace	46,842	5,305	12,681	59,119	-	1,560	1,137
Jesus the Good Shepherd REC	Brooklyn	-	13,103	4,933	-	-	-	-
New Redeemer RE Church	Jersey City	68,905	5,871	9,851	-	-	460	52
Providence Chapel (St. Timothy)	Mount Laurel	79,667	5,966	600	10,291	600	-	-
St. John's by-the-Sea	Ventnor City	38,747	28,821	2,853	-	-	261	-
St. Luke's RE Church	New Providence	24,109	35,352	4,602	969	-	-	-
St. Luke's Bp. Hoffman Church	Philadelphia	23,311	18,860	3,311	925	-	-	-
St. Mark's RE Church	Rydal	110,610	46,375	5,527	509	-	900	-
St. Mary's RE Church	Bronx	129,100	15,000	6,000	19,000	2,000	500	1,500
St. Matthew's RE Church	Havertown	85,815	15,003	14,600	5,050	7,200	9,300	-
St. Michael's RE Church	Enola	29,972	20,487	5,798	481	150	-	300
St. Paul's RE Church	Oreland	68,900	29,800	13,100	-	-	17,200	-
St. Peter's Anglican Church	Chesapeake City	6,165	1,305	893	-	-	-	-
St. Stephen's RE Church	Sykesville	102,478	26,298	24,350	8,800	500	9,488	2,650
2008 TOTALS		1,789,936	610,195	228,931	169,230	11,550	86,726	35,337

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total gen. fund exp.	total bldg. fund exp.	tot. designated disbursement	income excess disbursements
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Atonement Church	Philadelphia	70,333	33,742	5,414	13,011
All Saints Anglican Church	Newark	21,690	47,267	363	2,475
Bishop Cummins RE Church	Catonsville	496,717	-	10,651	-75,623
Covenant Chapel	Basking Ridge	171,011	-	29,432	35,307
Christ Memorial	Philadelphia	0			
				INCOMPLETE REPORT	
Christ the King	Pasadena	196,334	24,029	12,165	12,996
Church of the Messiah	Philadelphia	38,783	-	950	-3,135
Emmanuel RE Church	Pipersville	82,110	5,626	1,671	-8,518
Emmanuel RE Church	Somerville	104,165	67,988	-	-14,181
Faith RE Church	Baltimore	80,866	-	11	323
First RE Church	New York				
				NO REPORT	
Good Shepherd Church	Brockton	159,123	-	6,228	-2,375
Grace Church	Scranton	118,822	1,489	3,210	-34,667
Grace RE Church	Collingdale	183,345	20,166	5,753	-26,695
Grace RE Church	Havre-de-Grace	126,644	-	-	1,672
Jesus the Good Shepherd REC	Brooklyn	28,254	92,383	400	-30,234
New Redeemer RE Church	Jersey City	85,139	5,900	-	26,874
Providence Chapel (St. Timothy)	Mount Laurel	97,124	-	-	2,300
St. John's by-the-Sea	Ventnor City	70,682	-	6931	-2409
St. Luke's RE Church	New Providence	86,267	-	8,258	24,259
St. Luke's Bp. Hoffman Church	Philadelphia	46,407	-	7,176	-5,755
St. Mark's RE Church	Rydal	163,921	49,600	3,869	-45,850
St. Mary's RE Church	Bronx	177,100	20,000	5,000	31,211
St. Matthew's RE Church	Havertown	143,968	-	16,606	-63,002
St. Michael's RE Church	Enola	57,218	6,000	1,135	-4,484
St. Paul's RE Church	Oreland	129,000	42,200	-	13,500
St. Peter's Anglican Church	Chesapeake City	8,363	-	2,236	12,599
St. Stephen's RE Church	Sykesville	267,168	21,010	5,066	-7,826
2008 TOTALS		3,210,554	437,400	132,525	-148,227

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Jonathan S. Riches

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