

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

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

Dear Brethren,

The Board of 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 4, 2010:

- **Election of Officers:** 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.
- **St. Peter's Anglican Church:** St. Peter's in Chesapeake City, MD has requested a mortgage of \$175,000 to purchase a building. The Trustees authorized the Ven. Dr. Jon Abboud to approve such a mortgage subject to details of the purchase being worked out
- **First Church, NY:** First Church NY requested a mortgage of \$250,000 to finance their operations for the next 1-2 years. First Church is hopeful that their new Academy will increase revenue, thus putting them in a more stable financial position. The mortgage will be paid off in 3-5 years regardless of the cash flow position at that time. If necessary the existing church facility can be sold to pay off the mortgage. The existing facility is worth approximately \$10M and is debt free. The Trustees authorized the Ven. Dr. Jon Abboud to set up a \$250,000 mortgage, the funds from which will be drawn on an "as needed" basis with interest paid only on the portion of the principle mortgage amount drawn.

MAY 23, 2011:

- **Short term summer mission:** The Rev. David Crum requested \$4000 to be used for the short term mission project at Church of the Good Shepherd in Brooklyn, NY in the summer. The Trustees approved the request.
- **First Church, NY:** It was noted that \$125,000 had been lent to First Church NY in accordance with the Trustees' action of November 4, 2010.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2011:

- **Budget:** The proposed diocesan budget was reviewed and approved for adoption by the 131st Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church. Of particular note was \$10,000 allocated to establish a ministry to Jews through the Christian Mission to the Jews (CMJ) in the area surrounding the parish of St. Mark's, Jenkintown.
- **St. Philips, Warminster:** The renters of the building which was formerly St. Philip's parish requested permission to add sump pumps and a French drain in the church basement. The Trustees authorized the Rev. Jonathan Riches to oversee and grant necessary approvals for the installation of these items.

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