Report of the Bishop Ordinary November 3, 2025 – November 5, 2026

The 146th Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic

To all the Faithful in NEMA,

Greetings in the Name of our Blessed Lord Jesus!

The following is a listing of my activities serving as Bishop Ordinary from Nov. 3, 2025, to November 5, 2026.

11/16 Emmanuel Anglican Church, Pipersville
0 Confirmations, Licensed 1 Clergy

12/7 Faith Reformed Episcopal Church, Baltimore
4 Confirmands, Licensed 1 Clergy

3/8 Bishop Cummins Reformed Episcopal Church, Catonsville
0 Confirmations

3/22,23 Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, Scranton
4 Confirmations, 1 Licensed Clergy

4/12 St. John's by-the-Sea, Ventnor
4 Confirmations, Licensed 1Clergyman, 1 Lay Reader

4/26 St. Mark's Reformed Episcopal Church, Rydal
9 Confirmations

5/3 Good Shepherd Anglican Church, Carlisle
13 Confirmations, 2 Lay Readers

5/17 Reformed Episcopal Church of the Atonement, Germantown
4 Confirmations

5/17 St. Mark's Reformed Episcopal Church, Rydal
1 Confirmation

6/7 St. Albans Anglican Church, Manhattan

0 Confirmations, 1 Baptism, 2 Lay Readers Installed

6/26-28 Good Shepherd, East Bridgewater, Postponed

7/11-13 St. George's Reformed Episcopal Church, Hamilton, Ontario

1 confirmand

8/30 Emmanuel REC, Somerville

0 Confirmands, 1 Reception

9/13 St. Matthews REC, Havertown

7 Confirmations

10/11 Grace REC, Collingdale

0 Confirmations

10/25 St. Stephen's Anglican

2 Confirmations

4 postponements –

Grace, Havre de Grace

St Luke's, New Providence,

St Peter's, Elkton

Good Shepherd REC, South Easton

3 Unseen –

New Redeemer, Jersy City

Jesus the Good Shepherd, Brooklyn

Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge

3 New Added for 2027 –

New Creation, Hagerstown

Resurrection, Lancaster

Christ the King, Taunton

Current Year 2025-26:49 - a 71% increase! But less than ½ of one percent growth.

Previous Year 2024-25: 35

Other Church Visits

Vestry Meetings (Zoom)

11/24 Emmanuel, Pipersville

12/2 Atonement

2/4 Atonement

2/23 St. Paul's

3/2 St. Paul's

3/4 Covenant Chapel

7/2 Good Shepherd Carlisle

7/21 St. Paul's

8/6 Christ Church, Brownsville

8/15 Christ Church, Brownsville

8/22 Ben Pearce, Presbyteral Ordination

10/13 Trustees Fall Mtg

10/17 Episcopal Funeral, Bp. William Ilgenfritz

10/19 Grace Church, HdG

10/20 Covenant Chapel

10/27 Atonement

REC National Church

1/15 REC Council of Bishops

4/22-24 Council of Bishops

4/23 Nominations

9/24 REC Council of Bishops

10/23, 24 REC Council of Bishops

4/23 Theological Commission

4/24 General Committee

ACNA

11/15 ACNA College zoom meeting, Jones/Wood

12/8 Episcopal Consult ACNA

12/12 ACNA Zoom briefing

12/22 ACNA Evening Prayer

1/5 ACNA Suffragan Consult

1/5 Episcopal Consult

1/8 Episcopal Consult

1/9 Examining Chaplains

1/12-16 ACNA College of Bishops-Melbourne, FL

1/19 Episcopal Consult

2/23 ACNA Title IV

3/30 ACNA College Zoom

5/4 ACNA Reporting

6/16-20 ACNA College of Bishops

9/21-25 ACNA College of Bishops, Jones

11/3 ACNA Update, Jones Wood

Other Diocesan Meetings and Functions (Zoom, In-Person and Phone)

11/6-7 Diocesan Council

10/13 Trustees Meeting

11/12 Clergy Meeting

11/13 Clergy Meeting

11/24 Episcopal Consult

12/4 New Creation Consult, Hagerstown

12/4 Episcopal Consult

12/8 Marriage Counseling

12/11 Clergy Meeting

12/11 Attorney Meeting Eastern Canada

12/12 Examining Chaplains

12/12 General Committee

12/18 Postulant Meeting

12/30 Episcopal Consult

1/9 Standing Committee

1/27 Postulant Meeting

1/28 Potential Transfer

Episcopal Consult

1/29 Postulant Interview

Standing Committee Mtg

1/30 Examining Chaplains

2/2 Parish Meeting, St. Paul's

Candlemas

2/3 Postulant Meeting

New Creation Consult

2/5-7 Clergy Retreat

2/9 Episcopal Consult

2/12 Episcopal Meeting

2/16 Bishops Constitution and Canons

2/23 Episcopal Consult

2/24 Postulant Mtg

Potential Transfer Mtg

2/25 Episcopal Consult

Episcopal Consult

Episcopal Consult

Episcopal Consult

Postulant Interview

3/2 Episcopal Consult

Episcopal Consult

3/3 Episcopal Consult

Episcopal Consult

3/4 Episcopal Consult

Episcopal Consult

Episcopal Consult

Episcopal Consult

3/5 Episcopal Meeting

3/10 Resurrection Mission Consult

3/12 Postulant Interview

3/18 Episcopal Consult

Episcopal Consult

3/19 Episcopal Consult

Episcopal Consult

3/23 Episcopal Consult

3/26 Standing Committee

Episcopal Consult

3/30 Episcopal Consult

4/13 Episcopal Consult

4/15 Episcopal Consult

Episcopal Consult

4/16 Episcopal Consult

4/17 Postulant Mtg

4/20 Episcopal Consult

Episcopal Consult

4/3 Good Friday

4/4 Holy Saturday Vigil

4/5 Easter Day

4/8 Episcopal Consult

4/9 Episcopal Consult

Episcopal Consult

4/27 Episcopal Consult

Episcopal Consult

Episcopal Consult

Aspirant Interview

5/2 Women's Day

5/4 Episcopal Consult

Episcopal Consult

5/5 Treasurer Mtg

5/6 Episcopal Consult

Episcopal Consult

5/7 Church Planting Mtg

5/11 Executive Committee Mtg

5/12 Episcopal Consult

Episcopal Consult

5/13 Episcopal Consult

5/14 Ascension Day

5/15 RES Board

5/16 Graduation

5/18 Trustees Spring Mtg

6/25 Standing Committee

8/15 BFM

9/3 Episcopal Consult

Episcopal Consult

Episcopal Consult

Episcopal Consult

9/8 Garrison Funeral

9/15 Hospital Gillin Family

9/29 Episcopal Consult

Episcopal Consult

Cov't Chapel Vestry

9/30 ACNA Ordination consult

10/1 Standing Committee

10/5 Episcopal Consult

10/7 Episcopal Consult

10/12 Nominations, GC

10/15 Episcopal Consult

10/20 Vestry Meeting

10/22 Episcopal Consult

Reformed Episcopal Seminary Meetings

11/14 Board Meeting

11/18 Wise Stewards Initiative

12/16 Wise Stewards

1/20 Wise Stewards

1/23 Board

1/30 RES Board

2/17 Wise Stewards

2/18 Ash Wednesday

3/3 ATS Consult

3/6 RES Board

3/25 Wise Stewards

4/15 ATS Meeting

ORDINATION EXAMINATIONS

12/12 Jared Lovell

1/9 Norris Gadsden

2/27 Cal Parks

4/17 Josh Arp

- Transfer Examination

1/30 Jack Simpson

ORDINATIONS

3/21 On March 21, 2026 I ordained the Rev. Dcn. Jared Scott Lovell into the order of Presbyters at Grace Anglican Church in Scranton, PA. the preacher was the late Rev. William Garrison. Assisting Presbyters were the Rev. Ricky McCarl and the Rev. William Jenkins, Jr.

8/22 On August 22, 2026 I ordained the Rev. Dec. Benjamin Pearce into the order of Presbyters at St. Mark's Reformed Episcopal Church, Rydal, PA. The preacher was the Rev. Dr. Jason Patterson. Assisting Presbyters were the Rev. Dr. Jason Patterson and the Rev. Matthew Maule.

INSTALLATIONS

3/22 On March 22, 2026, I installed newly ordained presbyter Jared Lovell into the rectorship of Grace Anglican Church in Scranton, PA.

5/22 On Sunday May 10, 2026, the Rev Stephen Atchison was installed by the Very Rev. Ardcn. Jon Abboud into the rectorship of St. Peter's Anglican Church in Elkton, MD.

8/30 On Sunday August 30, 2026, I installed the Rev. Lorenzo Figueroa Cusick into the Rectorship of Emmauel Reformed Episcopal Church in Somerville, NJ. We welcome Fr. Lorenzo, along with his wife, Alex, and children into the fellowship of NEMA.

CLERGY TRANSFERS (OUT)

NONE

CLERGY SUSPENSIONS

Rev. Dcn. James Macnamara, St. George's, Hamilton, ON

After one year of discussion and attempted engagement, I have released the Mr. James MacNamara from his orders with NEMA.

Postulants (11)

Arp, Joshua – Grace Scranton

Beardsworth, Keith – St. Matt's, Havertown

Devers, Josh – St. Stephen's

Gash, Langston – St. Stephen's

Han, June – St. George's

Jones, Christian – St. Peter's

McWilliams, Alex – Resurrection

Meadows, Tim – St. Alban's

Parks, Cal – Emmanuel, Somerville

Matt Trail – St Stephen's, has requested a pause on his postulancy

EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

12/12 Rev. Dcn. Jared Lovell sustained his examination to the presbyterate.

1/9 Rev. Dcn. Norris Gadsden failed to sustain his presbyteral exam. He was permitted to submit a second exam in June of 26, he subsequently was approved for ordination to the Presbyterate on 9/28. Ordination is pending for Spring of 2027

1/30 Rev. Dr. John (Jack) Simpson sustained his transfer interview.

2/27 Postulant John Caljoun Parks sustained his diaconal exam and is preparing for ordination on Saturday November, 22nd.

3/17 Postulant Joshua Arp failed to sustain his examination. We are awaiting further discernment.

9/28 Rev. Dcn. Kevin Murphy was approved to stand for his presbyteral examination. Date TBD.

9/28 Dcn. Norris Gadsden was approved for Presbyterial Ordination

DEACONESS

Nkiru Menakaya, recently transferred to St. Luke's, New Providence, will observe her setting apart on Sunday, December 6, 2026

LICENSED LAY READERS

Nick Blitz, St John's, Ventnor

Matthew Harris, Good Shepherd Carlisle

William Feeser, Good Shepherd, Carlisle

Tom Power, St. George's Hamilton, ON

PASTORAL VACANCIES AND NEW HIRES

New Hires

Emmanuel Church-Somerville, PA – The Rev. Lorenzo Figueroa Cusik has completed his process of transfer into NEMA and was installed into the Rectorship of Emmanuel REC, in Somerville, NJ.

St. Peter's Church – Elkton, MD – The Rev, Stephen Atchison was installed into the Rectorship of St. Peter's Anglican Church in Elkton, MD.

Grace Anglican Church – Scranton, PA – The Rev. Jared Lovell was installed into the rectorship of Grace Anglican Church in Scranton, Pa. The church has also progressed into full parish status under his care.

St. Paul's Church – Oreland, PA – On January 1, 2026, the Rev. Greg Miller took over for Dr. Matt Harrington at St. Paul's REC in an effort to revitalize the parish. He has been diligently increasing outreach and contacts week by week. Attendance was 25 souls on Sunday, October 4th. The summer barbeques, bar Bible Study, Sunday Fundays, as well as door to door visitation are yielding steady fruit. Thanks be to God!

Vacancies

Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ – VACANT Covenant Chapel remains vacant at this time. After a short stint this past spring, the Rev. Dr. Seth Snyder who had been called to Covenant Chapel REC, was forced to resign. The Snyder family has returned to Ohio, and the parish is now in search of a new rector. The Rev. Michael Carr is acting as interim.

New Creation Anglican Church – Hagerstown, MD- VACANT We are also looking for a Vicar for this new reception into NEMA. Many thanks to the Dean of MD, the Rev. Dr. Eric Jorgensen, for leading the way in staffing the pulpit week by week with local men to support this work. Continue to keep the Vicar search in your prayers.

Church Reports

Church of the Atonement – Philadelphia, PA – The Rev. Jason Holloway (Vicar) has begun a new era of outreach to new members of the community. Assisted by the Bishop and the Rev. Greg Miller, various plans for outreach are underway.

St. George's REC, Hamilton, Ontario – The Rev. Paul Luth reports wonderful stories of growth and excitement at St. George's in Hamilton. Having undertaken a program of outreach over the summer, new visitors are coming into St. George's at an increasing rate.

Grace REC Collingdale – The Rev. Shawn Riley is also seeing encouraging signs of the Spirit's moving at Grace. My episcopal visit saw more than 70 souls in attendance for the day. The Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick has officially retired, and Fr. Shawn is seeking a new assistant. Continue to pray for God's direction in this parish.

Good Shepherd Church – Carlisle, PA – This mission continues to forge ahead under the capable hands of the Rev. Ricky McCarl. Attendance at my episcopal visit was 95 souls with 13 confirmed and 2 new lay readers licensed. Full parish status is now on the horizon, as are discussions of adding a second Sunday morning Eucharistic service. This gives Good Shepherd the record for most confirmations in 2026. Fr. Ricky is also working with the new plant in Lancaster, Resurrection Anglican Mission.

St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman – Philadelphia, PA – The Rev. David France has announced his retirement (but not his complete departure) from St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman REC. The work is stable but not out of the woods. We continue to look for God to open doors through both the Spanish and Chinese speaking portions of the ESL program, which continues under the care of Chris and Naomi Morris of St. Mark's REC.

St. Mark's Church – Rydal, PA - The Rector, Parish leadership and the Bishop are praying about plans for the institution of a Curacy program to train new Church Planters and revitalizers. We are considering a partnership with the Made to Flourish Foundation which helps churches by way of a 5-year grant to assist in funding this important work. We have two such programs in the REC, one in Southeast and one in Mid-America.

In addition, the Chinese community outreach effort that had been previously meeting at St. Luke's - Bishop Hoffman, has now been moved into St. Marks's with the use of translating software so that they can worship together with the English congregation. Continue to pray that God will provide a leader for this strong outreach.

Jesus the Good Shepherd Mission – Brooklyn, NY – The parish continues in its mission status which was begun in the fall of 2024. Their property on Flatbush Avenue is currently under contract for sale. Having received a full price offer, we are now in "any day status" for the closing of this sale. It is pending the approval of the Attorney General of NY. We were hoping that this would be completed by the end of 2025, but are still waiting. Residual funds are to be used in an attempted replant in a more advantageous circumstance. Rev. Deacon Carl Wegner continues his faithful service to the mission.

Church Plant Opportunities

Martinsurg WV/Brunswick, MD - Due to recent complicating factors, this church plant is off our radar for now. Rev. Ricky McCarl is advising.

Williamsport, PA – This interest group has undergone some turnover in the last 12 months but still express an interest in establishing an Anglican testimony here. Rev. Lovell and McCarl have been advising this fledgling work.

Resurrection Anglican Mission, Lancaster, PA - A first interest meeting was held on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025. 20 people were in attendance. The fledgling group began meeting on Sunday afternoons in February. They have now planned a move to a more advantageous location with a Sunday morning worship time. Rev. McCarl and Good Shepherd Anglican, as well as the Rev. Cn. Dr. Matt Harrington and St. Alban's, are assisting with aid on several levels.

Philadelphia, PA – Rev. Patterson reports the very beginnings of a possibility of another work in Philadelphia. What began as a single family last fall now has four families with interest in this project. The Rev Ben Pearce is currently leading them in catechetical studies.

Church Transfers

Christ the King Chapel, Taunton, MA – The Rev. John (Jack) Simpson (RES graduate) has been leading a Bible study in his home that has now become a fledgling work. They requested admission into NEMA and were approved by the Standing Committee in March of 2026. We are now in process of getting them acclimated to the NEMA culture. Jack is a longtime friend of the

Very Rev. Eduardo Andrade, and many of the folks at Good Shepherd, Bridgewater. Please be in prayer for this newly formed work.

Christ Church, Brownsville, PA This ACNA parish, currently in the Diocese of Pittsburg, has been in contact with me about transferring into the REC. This historic parish began the first half of the year without any access to the Eucharist as they refused a woman supply priest from their Diocese. There is now a priest from the continuum who comes to assist them each month. Pray that we can help them.

Reformed Episcopal Seminary

The Blue Bell property has finally been sold, and the assets are under the care of the Seminary. Please pray for this important work, as we have no where else to send our young men. I installed five new students at the end of August for this school year and am making every effort to be with the students on a monthly basis for the Wednesday Eucharist and lunch to follow.

Symposia and Lectures throughout the year have served to increase the profile of the Seminary, as has the beautiful new quarterly magazine. If you are an alumnus, please consider what you can give to the work of RES. If you are a parish not supporting the Seminary with a monthly donation, figure out where you can begin. This is a tremendously important work which needs your support more than ever.

OTHER MATTERS

Committee on Young People's Work

Winter Camp was held February 13th-15th at Rock Mountain Bible Camp. The program had just over thirty middle and high school students in attendance as we considered the theme "The Greatest of These is Love". Through explorations of Romans 5 and I Cor.13, students were introduced to the theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love. Fr. Billy Jenkins led the talks for the weekend, and Fr. Jason Holloway directed the camp's activities. They were assisted by a staff of about ten volunteer counselors who did an excellent job forging relationships with the students and leading them to Christ by word and example.

Summer camp was held at Rock Mountain July 26- August 1. Just under 100 people gathered from around the diocese for this important week. The themes were the lives of Job and David, led by Fr. Justin Forsberg and Bishop Jenkins. Fr. Chester Banks led the staff in devotions each day. The reading of the daily offices, the singing of hymns, and other songs, and the Celebration of the Holy Communion on the final day all led to a week defined by worship and drawing nearer to God.

It was also a wonderful week of friendship and fellowship. There is something about escaping the myriad of technologies that permeate daily life, retreating to the mountains and having regular face-to-face contact with old and new friends that makes camp week such an important

part of the attendees' Christian journey. I would strongly encourage everyone looking to deepen their faith to come as camper or counselor in future years.

Our thanks to the Rev. William A. Jenkins, Jr., the Committee on Young People's Work and camp staff for their continued commitment to the spiritual encouragement of our young people.

Risk Management

This task is still evolving, having undergone several iterations as we try to stay in line with ACNA protocols. Thankfully, the former head of safeguarding for ACNA, Dr. Tiffany Butler, was a very pro-REC leader. She has been most helpful along the way. At this point, all Church clergy should continue getting their background checks lined up through Protect My Ministry, and the Rev. Ricky McCarl. These are required for all members who serve children and at-risk adults in all our congregations in any capacity. Bp. Sutton has suggested that each Diocese should employ the same statement and paradigm assembled by attorney/priest Rev. Wyatt Boutwell for the time being.

Diocese of Central Eastern Canada

This Diocese was previously committed to the care of the NEMA Diocese. As reported prior, we had been awaiting a new non-profit registration that would replace the Diocesan entity of Central and Eastern Canada. This was necessary for the continued funding of the Cuban Mission work originally established under the DCEC. That charitable entity is now in place.

Although I previously intended to close this diocese, it now appears this may not be necessary, as we can simply "mothball" it for the time being. Perhaps God will give us opportunity to employ its structure in the future.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS-AKD

We continue as the overseeing body for the German AKD, and the existing churches. Bp. Gerhard Meyer has celebrated his 20-year anniversary to the episcopate with his retirement from active ministry. Plans are underway to celebrate his anniversary with a retirement party. We are glad to have a delegation from Germany with us at this diocesan council. We will hear from them later in the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bishop Wm. A. Jenkins, Sr.