

REPORT OF THE RT. REV. R. CHARLES GILLIN
To the 145th Council of the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic
of the Reformed Episcopal Church
November 6, 2025

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

The following is a listing of my activities serving as Diocesan and retired Bishop since my report to this Council of the Diocese on November 7, 2024. Items not included in my report to the 144th Council are below.

Episcopal and other Church Visits

2024

- 10/13 St. John's Church, Ventnor, NJ
Four confirmed.
- 11/17 Faith Church, Baltimore, MD
- 11/24 St. Stephen's Church, Eldersburg, MD
Five confirmed.
- 12/1 St. Paul's Church, Orelan, PA
Two confirmed.
- 12/29 St. Timothy's Church, Mt. Laurel, NJ
Five confirmed.

2025*

- 4/27 St. Matthew's Church, Havertown, PA
- 4/28 St. Mark's, Rydal, PA
One confirmed.
- 6/28 Bp. Cummins Church, Catonsville, MD – Bp. William A. Jenkin's Installation
- 7/17 St. Matthew's Church, Havertown, PA – I preached at the Rev. Steve Atchison's
Ordination Service
- 9/14 Grace Church, Collingdale, PA
Five confirmed and five received into membership.
- 10/12 Grace Anglican, Scranton, PA
One confirmed.
- 10/26 St. Matthews, Havertown, PA
Four confirmed.

*All Episcopal visitations in 2025 were at the request of or with the permission of the Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr.

After much prayer and in consultation with Bishop William A. Jenkins, Sr., the Rev. Michael J. Carr and the vestry of St. Timothy's Church in Mt. Laurel, NJ it was decided to close St. Timothy's Church. I officiated at their final service held on December 29, 2024. The closure of this Mission was personally difficult. Providence Chapel, the legacy parish of this Mission, was the first Reformed Episcopal Church Jan and I attended in the early 1970s and the Mission was

where we most often worshipped during the winter and summer months while living in New Jersey.

Meetings

10/8/24 – Diocesan Trustees

10/10/24 – Standing Committee

10/15/24 – St. Paul's Church, Oreland, PA - Vestry

I have been privileged to assist the Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. during this time of episcopal transition in our Diocese. We have been in regular communication concerning diocesan issues. Jan and I visited Bishop Jenkins and his family on a regular basis before and after his heart surgeries and recuperation in late 2024 and early 2025.

I continue to serve on the Board of Directors at Reformed Episcopal Seminary and attend Board meetings and sponsored events. Thank you for electing me to this position. It's an honor to continue to serve my alma mater. I attended the Kuehner Seminar lecture given by Dr. Seth Snyder on 12/4/24, Commencement on 5/17/25, a Symposium on Hearing the Voice of Christ in the Old Testament on 6/11/25 and the seminar on Anglicans and the American Revolution on 9/26/25.

In conjunction with an Episcopal visit to Grace Anglican Church, Scranton, PA I presented, "Tithing as a First Principle" at the Generational Wealth Fall Conference on October 10-11, 2025.

In the General Council I chair the General Council boards of Pension & Relief and the Publication Society. I thank the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud and Mrs. Tonya Forsberg for their service to the clergy and laity laboring on these Committees. As chairman of these two Committees, I reported to the General Committee on May 2, 2025. I also served on the Board of Foreign Missions (meetings on 4/7/25 & 8/15/25) and the General Committee while serving as the Ordinary of this Diocese in 2024. In 2025, The Most Rev. Dr. Ray Sutton invited me to attend, by Zoom, the meetings of the Reformed Episcopal bishops meeting in Dallas, TX on April 30 and May 1. I was also invited to attend the Reformed Episcopal Bishop's Zoom meetings on October 29 & 30.

I have been asked to conduct regular chapels and to preach at the Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community where Jan and I reside. I was also elected to the Resident's Council by the cottage residents.

On January 11, 2025 Jan and I attended the funeral of the Most Rev. Leonard W. Riches at Emmanuel Church in Pipersville, PA.

On October 4, 2025 I was privileged to deliver the homily at the funeral service for longtime friend, Mr. George C. Rehm at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Langhorne, PA. Mrs. Kathy Rehm, his wife, had served as the Preschool Director of Grace Church, Collingdale, PA for over 20 years.

Thanksgiving:

Dear Members of the NEMA Diocese,

I want to express how grateful Jan and I were to be with you at the Installation Service for Bishop Bill Jenkins and the banquet that followed on June 28, 2025. It was wonderful to see and rejoice with so many of our dear friends.

I have, in a separate communication, thanked the diocesan Trustees for providing the delicious meal, gracious monetary gift, retirement recognition plaque and cake. The tributes provided on the plaque and by several clergy were very kind and personally humbling. Thank you to the many who shared personal well-wishes and greeting cards.

Serving as your Suffragan and Ordinary for the past twelve years was a wonderful privilege. Every day was a reminder that God provides the strength and power to accomplish His purposes. The glory is His alone.

May the Lord continue to bless Bishop Jenkins and his family, our Diocese and the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Bishop Chuck Gillin