Report of the Committee on Memorials

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

October 19, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Committee on Memorials serves the Council and the Diocese by collecting memorials of notable saints who departed since the last meeting of the Council. The memorials listed below have been submitted this year.

Rev. Eugene J. Phipps., Rector of Jesus the Good Shepherd Reformed Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, NY went home to the Lord on Monday, June 22, 2026. Rev. Phipps served the parish as Rector from February 10, 2014 until his retirement.

Right Reverend William H. Ilgenfritz - With hearts full of unwavering love and sorrow, we announce the passing of the Right Reverend William H. Ilgenfritz, who crossed the threshold of this life and finally rested as he breathed his last into God's embrace on August 5th 2026, at the age of 79. As the founding Bishop of the Missionary Diocese of All Saints, Bishop Bill spent his life shepherding souls and protecting the historic faith.

From humble beginnings, Bishop Bill built a life defined by dedication and devotion. He was fiercely devoted to his wife, Lois Jean, with whom he celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary this past May. Bill and Lois Jean were not only married for 60 years, they had been high school sweethearts since the tender age of 13. Bill, along with Lois Jean, carried his devotion into raising his two children: Dana Kitting and her husband Matthew of York, and Timothy B. Ilgenfritz of Stillwater, Oklahoma. Additionally, his legacy lives on in his six grandchildren who lovingly referred to him as Pap-Pap. Jacob Kitting (Sivannah), Sara Kitting (Tray) Lynnsey Ilgenfritz (Michael), Abby, Morgan (Colton) Brooke, and five great-grandchildren that filled his heart with laughter and love. Along with several nieces and nephews whom he cherished as well.

William was a Bishop to many, but there are only two in this life that were forever tethered to him since birth. Bill is survived by both of his "little" brothers: David Ilgenfritz and Duane Ilgenfritz (Deb). Bill was proud to be the oldest brother. One of his favorite titles was being "number one" to "two and three".

The Bishop had many hobbies that he enjoyed. Fishing and coin collecting were just two that stayed with him as long as his body would allow. Watching the Pittsburgh Steelers and Pirates continued until his very last days. Finally, the hobby that filled his heart was rescuing dogs. He and Lois Jean rescued several together. Among the very best, is their adoring dog, Dora, who was right by his side as he closed his eyes to this world and opened them in the presence of the Master he so faithfully served, offering his final breath as a prayer of thanksgiving.

Rev. William G. Garrison, The Rev. William (Bill) Gough Garrison Jr., beloved father, brother, uncle, friend, pastor, and faithful servant of God, passed away suddenly on August 28, 2026, at the age of 68. Born in Philadelphia on May 15, 1958, Bill devoted his life to his family, faith, ministry, and caring for others. Bill was a man of deep faith, strong conviction, great humor, and compassion, whose life was devoted to his calling and to the people he loved. He was a mentor not only from the pulpit, but in the way he showed up for people when they needed him most.

Raised in Philadelphia and Baltimore, Maryland he graduated from Woodlawn High School in 1976 and went on to graduate with his BS from Old Dominion University before getting his Masters of Divinity from The Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Philadelphia.

In his 35 years of ministry Bill served as Senior Pastor of Grace Church Scranton and Emmanuel Church Pipersville. Bill served on several committees during his work in the ministry including The Committee on Young People's Work, The Committee for Memorials, The Committee on Nominations and the Board of Pensions and Relief. He also served as Deacon for several Diocesan General Councils. In the last decade, Bill was a Hospice Pastor during which time he provided comfort, solace and counsel to patients and their families approaching end of life.

His most significant role and contribution was that of father to his three children, grand-father to his three grandsons and brother to his two sisters and brother.

Bill was preceded in death by his beloved parents, William Gough Garrison Sr. and Elizabeth "Betty" Garrison. He leaves behind a family who loved him deeply and will carry his memory with them always. He will be greatly missed by his son, Ethan Garrison and his wife, Katelin, and their three sons, Oliver, Leonard, and Carter; his son, Colin Garrison; and his daughter, Erin Garrison. He is also lovingly remembered by his sister, Karen Fandrick; his brother, John Garrison and his wife, Durinda; and his sister, Kim Garrison Hopcraft and her husband, Michael, and their children, Dylan and Cassidy.

We thank God for these His children who have been a blessing to His Church for so many years.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. David A. France, Chairman