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

To the One Hundred Forty-sixth Council of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church
October 21, 2026

Dear Fathers and Brethren,
The Board of Trustees met three times since our last report at the 144th Council of the Diocese. Trustee meetings are held via Zoom, with the exception of the November meeting which is held at the site of our annual Diocesan Council. There were also two email polls of the members.

Trustees Meeting November 7, 2025:

Bishop Jenkins presided over this meeting.

Election of Officers:
Bishop Jenkins, President
Left Vacant, Vice President
Mr. Ron Riches, Treasurer
Rev. David France, Secretary

Minutes of the Trustees of the Diocese, NEMA, May 18, 2026

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm

2. Bishop Jenkins began with a reading from Psalms, the Lord's Prayer, and a prayer for the night's meeting.

3. October 25, 2025 minutes were approved

4. Bishop Jenkins' Report

   The Bishop made several recommendations/requests:
   a. Requested that $60,000 of Bishops salary be paid as Housing Allowance.
   b. Requested that the Diocese hire a Canon Missioner and pay him a stipend of $5,000 plus travel expenses.
   c. Requested that St. George's, Ontario receive up to $10,000 for evangelical outreach
   d. Requested approval to underwrite the expenses from Grace Church, Collingdale for hosting Grace and Gerhard Meyer for approximately 30 days after General Council (This is tentative.)

   There was discussion of each request, and the Trustees decided to vote on all of them together. There were 8 votes in favor and one abstention. Requests carried.
   There was a motion to receive the Bishop's Report and to approve his recommendations. It was unanimously approved.

5. The Treasurer's Report

a. All Saints Church, Newark, N J to pay off their mortgage with a 10% discount. The current balance is $119181.81, and they would like to pay a lump sum of $107,263.63 (90% of the current balance.) The lump sum is to be paid before June 1, 2026. All Saints was an REC Parish but transferred to CANA in 2013. They have the money to pay us currently but are concerned that this may not be possible further down the road. Ron Richesw made a motion to accept their proposal, Rev. Tom Davidson seconded. There were 8 yeas and 1 no. Motion carried.
b. It was noted that some of the budgetary shortfalls are due to St. Albans being in arrears on their Parish Tithe. Mr. Riches was not prepared to make a recommendation at this time as he is waiting for additional financial information from them.
c. It was also noted that we need to work on finding a new auditor.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

6. Old Business:

   No Old Business

7. New Business:

   A Curacy Program is still under discussion and being planned, but is currently on hold due to Rev. Jason Patterson's sabbatical.

   We are developing a program to develop Church Planters that will be based on other like programs in Atlanta and Texas. We will return to this in 2027.

8. Next Meeting will October 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

9. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 pm.

10. Bishop Jenkins offered the closing prayer and pronounced the Benediction.

Email Poll September 4, 2026

Bishop Jenkins asked for Trustee approval of a motion to grant New Creation Anglican Mission $10,000 for a year of Pastoral Salary Assistance to begin with the commencement of the Pastor's service in the parish." This is an increase of what we have normally allotted (which has been $5K/yr) and is reflective of the inflationary environment in which we are living.

The support is offered for one year only, with an expectation of reduction over the next 3 years (which is to be discussed at our Fall 2026 meeting.) The motion carried.

Email Poll July 21, 2026

Bishop Jenkins asked for Trustee approval for our two Reports Receivers, who receive and handle any complaints of Clergy or Laity misconduct, have been invited to a seminar sponsored by ACNA for continued education in their roles for the diocese. Our two receivers are Dss. Susan Regisford, and "deaconess to be", Nkiru Menkaya..

Only Nkiru is available to attend this seminar. She was asked to gather an estimate of expenses which would need to be approved by the Trustees, included below. The total is approx. $1,330.

Bishop Jenkins moved that the Trustees fund this travel as follows:

1. Airfare: $385.82
2. Lodging: $669.04
3. Registration: $125
4. Food: $150

Total: $1,329.86."

Motion Approved.

Minutes of the Trustees of the Diocese, NEMA, October 13, 2026

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm

2. Bishop Jenkins began with a reading from Matthew 9, the Lord's Prayer, and a prayer for the night's meeting.

3. Approval of the May 18, 2026 minutes
   There was no discussion. The minutes were approved.

4. Bishop Jenkins' Report
   a. In an effort to keep discussion brief, Bishop Jenkins asked the Trustees to read his report in advance of the meeting indicating that it was self-explanatory. He then entertained questions that members have.
   b. There was discussion about hiring a Canon Missioner for the Diocese. Bishop Jenkins indicated that he did not hire a Canon Missioner, but that Rev. Ricky McCarl had been hired as an Assistant for Missions.
   c. At a previous meeting, the Trustees approved $10,000 for Outreach at St. George's, Hamilton, Ontario. That effort was scaled back due to Rev. Mark Story's health issues.

   There was a motion to receive the Bishop's Report. It was unanimously approved.

5. The Treasurer's Report
   a. Mr. Riches presented the current status of the 2026 budget as well as the projected 2027 budget
   b. There was discussion of the effect of the stock market on Diocesan assets and that while there was growth in 2026 so far, the investment accounts are not producing as much income as anticipated due to market volatility.

1. Mr. Riches also reported that Parish Tithes are down $52,000 from this time last year.
2. Parish and salary support has increased from last year and the budgeted amount. This is mostly the result of support for the Rev. Dcn. Carl Wegner travelling to and from Brooklyn to lead worship at Jesus the Good Shepherd.

c. Mr. Riches then led us through the 2027 budget
    1. There is an increase of $7500.00 in Parish Support to assist St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman during the coming year.
    2. The Trustees were also asked to approve an increase in the Diocesan contribution to the Seminary to $144,000.00
    3.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

6. Old Business:
    a. The current status of Jesus the Good Shepherd was previously discussed. The sale has been delayed one more time with the Attorney General requesting additional information. That information has been provided and we are awaiting their response. The Trustees were asked to pray for the New York Attorney General's Office to approve the sale.
    b. St. Alban's Church. We will be putting together a plan in the new year for St. Alban's to pay back their arrears in Diocesan Tithe. A payment schedule will be established.

7. New Business:

    a. The Diocese has been asked to help host Grace and Bishop Gerhardt Meyer when they visit here next year. Covenant Chapel has offered their Rectory for the Meyers while here. It is still uncertain whether the Meyers will come and what assistance might be requested.
    b. There is no update on the proposed Curacy Program which will be part of a long-range effort to train and develop Church Planters. This is on hold until Rev. Jason Patterson returns from sabbatical.

8. Next Meeting will be a brief organizational meeting during Diocesan Council in November. The next regular meeting will be on May 17, 2027.

9. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm.

10. Bishop Jenkins offered the closing prayer and pronounced the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. David A. France, Secretary