



**Synod of the Diocese of the Central States
of the Reformed Episcopal Church
October 20, 2022**

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

ORGANIZATION

Purpose of the Standing Committee: REC Title I, Canon 46

...The Standing Committee and the Bishop shall, together, constitute the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese.

Diocesan Canon VI, Section 1

The Standing Committee... shall be the Advisory Board to the Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Central States and have such powers and perform such duties as are provided by the Constitution and Canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church, the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Central States, and such duties as may be assigned by the Synod of the Diocese of Central States.

Composition: In compliance with the REC and Diocesan Canons, the Standing Committee is organized into classes by year, such that each year one clergy and one lay member end a term of service and new members are elected by the Synod. The Committee in 2021-2022 was comprised of:

Clergy Members - The Rev. Josiah Jones (2022), The Rev. Keith Boettner (2023), The Rev. Jonathan Kell (2024)

Lay Members - Dss. Teresa Johnson (2022), Mr. Jon McGill (2023), Mr. Jeff Brown (2024)

Ex Officio Members – The Bishop Ordinary, the Archdeacon, the Treasurer

ACTIONS

Postulancy: The Standing Committee, when asked by the Bishop Ordinary, reviews the applications of prospective postulants to Holy Orders in order to make recommendation for or against their reception by him.

1. On 1 August 2022, the Standing Committee received a postulancy application for Coleman Rafferty, from Church of Our Saviour in Oatlands, VA. On 4 August 2022, the Standing Committee recommended to the Bishop Ordinary that he be accepted as a Postulant.
2. On 8 August 2022 the Standing Committee received a postulancy application and materials from David Heng of Trinity Anglican in Evansville IN. On 11 August 2022, The Standing Committee recommended to the Bishop Ordinary that he be accepted as a Postulant.
3. On 22 September 2022, the Committee received the application for ordination to the Diaconate for Mr. Jameson Overton from Christ Our Hope, Westpoint TN. He was examined by the Chaplains yesterday.
4. On 24 September 2022, the Committee received the application for ordination to the Diaconate for Mr. Matthew Hynd from Christ Our Hope, Westpoint TN. He will be examined by the Chaplains in the months ahead.

Holy Orders: A candidate may be ordered a Deacon or Presbyter only by recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of which he is a member. This recommendation is made to the Bishop Ordinary after a candidate has fulfilled the terms of his postulancy and been examined as per the canons.

1. On 29 October 2021, Mr. Jameson Lowery was recommended for ordination to the Diaconate. He was ordained on 31 July 2022.
2. On 29 October 2021, Dcn. Duane Veley was recommended for ordination to the Presbyterate. He was ordained on 20 November 2021.
3. On 9 September 2022, Mr. Timothy Kline was recommended for ordination to the Diaconate. He was ordained

on 18 September.

4. On 20 September 2022, Mr. Andrew Costa and Mr. Aaron Pelot were recommended for ordination to the Diaconate. They were ordained On 25 September.

Reception of a Parish: According to Title 2, Canon 1, Section 4 of the Diocesan Canons, the Standing Committee receives parishes from another Church into our Diocese.

1. On 17 January 2022, the Standing Committee voted to affirm the reception of Trinity Anglican Church in Connersville, IN, and voted further to approve the use of REC100 funds to support the parish's ongoing ministry.

Calls of Rectors: According to Title III, Canon I, Section 2, "The advice and consent of the President of the Council and Standing Committee, or the Standing Committee alone if there be no Council President, shall be required before a Call is issued by any Parish." The Bishop Ordinary receives call documents from Vestries and forwards them to the Standing Committee for their action before Parishes are permitted to issue them a prospective Rector.

1. On 16 February 2022, the Standing Committee received the call of Fr. Duane Veley to Covenant REC in Roanoke, VA. His application was approved on 18 February 2022.

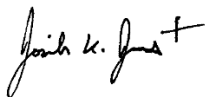
Affirmation of Episcopal Election: According to Canon 11 Section 3(a) of the REC's Canons, the Standing Committees of all Dioceses of the REC provide consent to the election of the Bishop when the election occurs more than six months before General Council.

1. On 18 March 2022, the Standing Committee provided consent to the election of the Rev. Willie J. Hill to be Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of the Southeast.

Duties as Assigned:

1. On 19 May 2022 and 11 July 2022, the Standing Committee met with Bishop Manto via Zoom to discuss a discipline matter in our Diocese, and to advise and support our Bishop.
2. The Standing Committee reviews local Protection Policies for Minors and Specially Protected Adults, in keeping with our Diocesan policy. We have thus far reviewed the policy submitted by Church of Our Saviour, Oatlands.

Respectfully submitted,



Fr. Josiah Jones