



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

REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Organization

The Nominations Committee is a body that serves by appointment of the Bishop Ordinary and is tasked with vetting candidates and making selections for the consideration and vote of the Synod of four class-of-2023 diocesan positions: Lay Trustee, Clergy Trustee, Lay Member of the Standing Committee, and Clergy Member of the Standing Committee. We also needed to fill a vacancy in the 2021 class of the Board of Trustees.

The Compositions of the Board of Trustees and the Standing Committee are as follows:

Board of Trustees – The Trustees slated to leave office are The Rev. David Straw and Mr. Jonathan McHugh.

The remaining elected Trustees are The Rev. Dcn. Bill Barto (2023), Mrs. Marta Matthews (2023), The Rev. David Goodwin (2024), and Mr. Tyler Crocker (2024).

The *ex officio* Trustees are The Bishop Ordinary, the Archdeacon, the Treasurer, and the Secretary.

Standing Committee - The members slated to leave office are The Rev. Josiah Jones and Dss. Teresa Johnson.

The remaining elected members are The Rev. Keith Boettner (2023), Mr. Jonathan McGill (2023), The Rev. Jonathan Kell (2024), and Mr. Jeff Brown (2024).

The *ex officio* members are The Bishop Ordinary, the Archdeacon, the Treasurer, and the Secretary.

Actions

The Committee solicited recommendations from the Diocese for the available positions. Once these recommendations were collected, the Committee considered each in conference with their own recommendations and determined a slate of potential nominees, all of whom consented to serve if elected.

We were grateful for the recommendations we received. As all such recommendations this year, once again, were made by clergy, the Committee encourages the lay delegates to engage next year. Don't be bashful; qualified folks willing to serve can even recommend themselves!

On 20 September 2021, the Committee Chair sent the slate of nominees and their qualifications to the Archdeacon to be posted on the diocesan website for consideration ahead of Synod.

Nominees for the 2025 Class

For Lay Trustee: Mrs. Jennifer McConnell

Mrs. McConnell has served the St. James parish in Memphis in various capacities and has served on the Nominations Committee since 2015. She was commended to us by the Treasurer and recused herself from deliberations and vote.

For Clergy Trustee: The Rev. Duane Veley

Father Veley has served in the diocese as a deacon and priest and was recently installed as rector of the Roanoke, Virginia parish. Before pursuing graduate education in divinity, he had already earned a Purdue University PhD in mechanical engineering. He was commended to us by the Treasurer.

For Lay Member of the Standing Committee: Tom McConnell

Mr. McConnell is an active member of the St. James parish in Memphis, Tennessee. He is a several-term vetera on the Standing Committee, having last served from 2016-2019.

For Clergy Member of the Standing Committee: The Rev. Josiah Jones

Father Jones has served as President of the Standing Committee since Father Edgerton rolled off in 2021. The role of President requires some preparation and takes a year to really get into the swing of. Father Jones has served well, and it has been determined that it would be best for the Committee for him to serve another term in the role.

We thank our Bishop Ordinary, the Right Reverend Peter Manto, for opportunity to serve the Diocese in this capacity.

We thank all who thought and prayed for us and offered advice.

As we prayed at the beginning of our work, let us now pray:

OUR God and Father, who dost order the affairs of the Church after the council of thy will; grant us, we beseech thee, the wisdom to recognize from among thy flock those of thine own choosing to serve with us within the leadership of the Diocese of the Central States; that under thine anointing and watchful care they may lead with the mind of Christ, through the same our Savior, who with thee and thy consubstantial Spirit reigneth for evermore. *Amen.*

The Nominations Committee

The Rev. Dr. Paul Edgerton, Chair
Mrs. Jennifer McConnell
Mr. Jon Miller
The Rev. David Truax