

REPORTS

FOR THE

ONE HUNDRED TENTH SYNOD

OF THE

DIOCESE OF MID-AMERICA

OF THE

REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH



MEETING IN COUNCIL AT THE

The Embassy Suites DFW North

Dallas, Texas

June 14, 2017

110th Synod of the Diocese of Mid-America June 14, 2017

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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CORRESPONDING MEMBERSHIP
110th Synod
Diocese of Mid-America

To the Synod of the 110th Synod,

Based upon registrations, it is noted that there are no guests or visitors present at this 110th Synod for whom this committee recommends Corresponding Membership.

Submitted by,

The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote

BISHOP COADJUTOR REPORT
MARCH 1, 2016 – NOVEMBER 24, 2016

Dearly Beloved Members of the Diocese of Mid America:

The following information is the statistical aspect of my report for the period I served as your Bishop Coadjutor. My full report with further summary will be distributed at our synod on the morning of June 14, 2017. The rest of my statistical report from the time I became Ordinary, is included in my Presiding Bishop's Statistical Report for the 55th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

EPISCOPAL VISITS / CONFIRMATIONS

The Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, TX, May 1, 2016 (5 confirmations)
Providence Church, Weatherford, TX, August 14, 2016
All Saints Church, Shreveport, LA, September 4, 2016 (12 receptions)
St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Montrose, CO, October 9, 2016
Mariners Church, Detroit, MI, November 6, 2016 (1 confirmation)

CONFIRMATION

Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX, June 28, 2016 (1 confirmation)

ORDINATIONS

Michael Vinson – May 21, 2016, Ordained to the Diaconate, The Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, TX
Timothy Reimer – August 20, 2016, Ordained to the Presbyterate, Church of the Holy Communion,
Dallas, TX

PROVINCIAL / ECUMENICAL - MARCH 2016 - NOVEMBER 2016

March 8	ACNA Dean's Meeting
March 14-18	Bishops Leadership Development Summit, Asheville, NC
March 24	Hosted ACNA Clergy Gathering for Chrism Mass
April 14-16	REC Bishops and General Committee Meeting, Katy, TX
April 19-20	ACNA CEC Ecumenical Meetings, Dallas, TX
April 22-23	Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh Special Convention, Pittsburgh, PA
April 28	Ecumenical Relations Sub Committee Chairs Meeting
May 2-3	FACA Meeting, Atlanta, GA
May 10	American Anglican Council, Atlanta, GA
May 17	Fellowship of Sts. Alban and Sergius
May 24-25	ACNA / NALC Ecumenical Meeting, Denver, CO
June 19-25	ACNA Executive Committee/Provincial Council/ College of Bishops Mount Pleasant, SC
July 19-22	Forward in Faith Assembly, Belleville, IL
August 11-12	NALC Convention, Anaheim, CA
August 17-18	ACNA / OCA Dialogue, Huntington, NY
September 6-7	ACNA Dean's Meeting, Washington, D.C.
September 9-10	Consecration of James Hobby, Pittsburgh, PA
September 11-13	ACNA / NALC Ecumenical Meeting, Dallas, TX
September 21	The Solemn Gathering Assembly, Southlake, TX
October 11-12	Roman Catholic Church Ecumenical Meeting, Chicago, IL

October 18-19	American Anglican Council, Atlanta, GA
November 15-17	Forward in Faith/Holy Orders Task Force/Unity Task Force, Bedford, TX
November 22	Fellowship of Sts. Alban and Sergius

OTHER – MARCH 2016 – NOVEMBER 2016

March 5	Speaker for Diocese of Ft. Worth Altar Guild, Granbury, TX
March 6	Veritas Course
March 13	Veritas Course
March 20	Veritas Course
April 1-3	Speaker at Men’s Retreat, Church of the Holy Communion, Granbury, TX
April 29	Clericus, Dallas, TX
May 18	Bishops Council, Providence REC, Weatherford, TX
May 22	Visit All Saints Shreveport, LA
May 27	Clericus, Dallas, TX
July 6-10	Plenary Speaker, Anglican Way Institute Summer Conference, Dallas, TX
August 16	Bishop’s Council, Christ Church Anglican, Ft. Worth, TX
September 30	Clericus, Dallas, TX
October 2	Participated in the Annual Life Chain, Dallas, TX
October 4-5	Meeting with Bp. Grote, Katy, TX
October 23	Veritas Course
October 27	REC DMA Standing Committee Meeting
October 28	Clericus, Dallas, TX
October 30	Veritas Course
November 6	Veritas Course
November 13	Veritas Course
November 16	Bishop’s Council, Providence REC, Weatherford, TX
November 20	Veritas Course

Respectfully Submitted,



The Most Rev. Ray R. Sutton, Ph.D.
 Presiding Bishop, Ordinary of the Diocese of Mid America

**The 110th Synod of the Diocese of Mid-America
June 14, 2017**

Church of the Holy Communion - Dallas, Texas

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

DEAR BRETHREN,

THE STANDING COMMITTEE MET FOUR TIMES SINCE OUR LAST SYNOD. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN.

**Standing Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 27, 2016**

Action taken:

- A.) Approved Candidacy for Holy Orders:
 - a. Mr. Stephen Alspach – St. Andrew’s, Tinley Park, IL
 - b. Mr. Wesley Smith – Holy Cross, Alpine, TX
- B.) Approved Candidacy for the Office of Deaconess:
 - a. Mrs. Jill Nowell – Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX
- C.) Approved for examination and Ordination to the Diaconate:
 - a. Mr. Frank Bateman – Mariners’ Church, Detroit, MI
- D.) Approved for examination and Ordination to the Priesthood:
 - a. Rev. Br. Joseph Blanchard – St. Paul’s, Houston, TX
 - b. Rev. Mr. Gregory Chase – Church of the Blessed Trinity, Alpine, CA
- E.) Approved reception as a Presbyterian:
 - a. The Rev. Robert Gresser from the Charismatic Episcopal Church
- F.) Approved Parish and Mission transfers into the Diocese of Mid-America:
 - a. Church of the Blessed Trinity – Alpine, California
 - b. Church of the Redeemer Mission – Greenville, California
 - c. St. Andrew’s Church and School – Chester, California
- G.) Reviewed clergy transfers accepted into the Diocese of Mid-America:
 - a. Rev. Keith Acker from the Diocese of the West
 - b. The Rev. Henry P. M. Birkinbine III from the Diocese of the West
 - c. The Rev. Brian Foos from the Diocese of the West
 - d. The Rev. Robert Peterson from the Diocese of the West
 - e. The Rev. Dr. Steven Rutt from the Diocese of the West
 - f. The Rev. Mr. Gregory Chase from the Diocese of the West
 - g. The Rev. Mr. Mark Shields from the Diocese of the West
 - h. Rev. Mr. Wyatt Boutwell from the Diocese of the Central States
- H.) Reviewed Change in Status and Closures:
 - a. Rev. Ed Fowler to become new Rector at St. Michael’s, Broken Arrow, OK
 - b. Rev. Richard K. Barnard retirement due to health issues
 - c. Closure of Christ Church Anglican in Ft. Worth (Rev. Barnard’s parish)
 - d. Rev. Jerry Kistler appointed Dean of newly formed Convocation of the West

- I.) In Memoriam:
 - a. Rev. Dr. Randolph Constantine

**Standing Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2017**

Actions taken:

- A.) Approved inclusion of Diocesan Deans and Canons in Standing Committee Meetings with voice, but no vote
- B.) Election of new Standing Committee President:
 - a. The Ven. Dr. James T. Payne
- C.) Approved Call for the Election of Suffragan Bishop:
 - a. Approved nomination of The Very Rev. Walter Banek as first nominee
 - b. Request for further nominations to be sent to Clergy and Parishes
- D.) Approved for Candidacy:
 - a. Mr. Eric Parker – St. Stephen’s, Flowood, MS
- E.) Approved for Examination and Ordination to the Diaconate:
 - a. Mr. Marcus Bell – Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX
- F.) Approved for Ordination to the Presbyterate:
 - a. Rev. Dcn. Michael Templin – Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX
 - b. Rev. Dcn. Michael Vinson – Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, TX
- G.) Approved Reception of Clergy:
 - a. Rev. Sigfrido Morales from the Diocese of Cristo the Redentor, Venezuela
- H.) Review Change of Status and Closures:
 - a. Rev. Canon Robert Gresser – Vicar, Providence REC, Weatherford, TX
 - 1. Appointed as Canon to Military Chaplains
 - b. Very Rev. Charles Camlin – Rector of Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX
 - 1. Appointed as Dean of the Pro-Cathedral
 - c. Rev. Kasey Gage – Assistant Rector of Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX
 - d. Closure of All Saints Mission in Durango, CO

**Standing Committee acting as Diocesan Search Committee - Meeting
Tuesday, March 28, 2017**

Actions taken:


- A.) Reviewed nominations received from the Diocese for Bishop Suffragan
 - a. Election Protocols and Nominations filed
- B.) Reviewed Curriculum Vitae of The Very Rev. Walter Banek and conducted interview of the nominee
- C.) Unanimously approved The Very Rev. Walter Banek as only nominee to be presented at Synod
- D.) Approved Rev. Banek as ACNA Provincial Council /Assembly Clergy Delegate for the Diocese of Mid-America

Standing Committee Meeting
Friday, May 12, 2017

Actions taken:

- A.) Approved Candidacy for Holy Orders:
 - a. Mr. David Kester – Good Shepherd, Tyler, TX
- B.) Approved Candidacy for the Office of Deaconess:
 - a. Mrs. Gay Flack – St. Stephen’s, Montrose, CO
 - b. Mrs. Jane Keith – Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX
 - c. Mrs. Cynthia Longueville – Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX
- C.) Reviewed clergy transfers accepted into the Diocese of Mid-America:
 - a. Rev. Mr. Dwight Dunlap from the ACNA Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast
 - b. The Rev. Dr. Matthew Colvin from the Diocese of the Central States
- D.) Reviewed clergy transfers to another Diocese:
 - a. The Rev. David McMillan to the ACNA Diocese of the South
- E.) In Memoriam:
 - a. The Most Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr.
 - b. The Rt. Rev. George B. Fincke
 - c. The Rev. Richard K. Barnard
 - d. Deaconess Mary Jane Mathieu
 - e. The Rev. James Dallman

Respectfully submitted,


Dss. Annette M. Johnson,
Diocesan Secretary

Report of the Board of Trustees
to the 110th Synod of the Diocese of Mid-America
February 2016 – June 2017

The Board of Trustees met one time, on February 2, 2017, since the previous Synod in February 2016. Necessary matters were addressed concerning the transition in leadership following the passing of The Most Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr., and to fill a vacancy on the Board due to the passing of Mr. Guy Legendre. A review of the financial statements; the investment portfolio; adjustments to episcopal salaries; and discussions of anticipated budgetary needs for the upcoming year were presented by Lay Chairman, Mr. Dick Teel, and Diocesan Treasurer, The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote. A summary of actions taken and recommendations approved at the meeting are listed below. The Secretary, Dss. Annette Johnson, has filed a report of the Minutes of the Trustees for this meeting with the Bishop Ordinary.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

1. Elected Mr. James (Bud) Longueville to fill vacancy on Board of Trustees.
2. Approved Resolution that The Most Rev. Ray R. Sutton, President, and The Very Rev. Jason R. Grote, Treasurer, be the authorized signers on all deposit and investment accounts held by the Diocese of Mid-America and Cranmer Theological House.
3. Approved Proposed Budget for 2017 with recommendations.
4. Approved each of the following Recommendations (*included with 2017 Budget*):
 - Whereas Bishop Grote suddenly and unexpectedly passed away on November 24, 2016, the Trustees of the Diocese of Mid-America wish to provide the following gifts to his spouse, Mrs. Ellen Grote, to help with her continued care.
 - a. Mrs. Ellen Grote be provided a gift of \$60,000 between January 2017 and June 2017. This gift will be offset by Bishop Sutton not receiving the Bishop Ordinary salary for that same period of time.
 - b. Starting July 1, 2017, Mrs. Ellen Grote will be provided a \$1,333 monthly gift. This will provide \$8,000 between July and December 2017.
 - c. Starting January 1, 2018 and in perpetuity, unless revoked or changed by action of the Trustees, the annual budget of the Diocese of Mid-America will include the provision of a gift to Mrs. Ellen Grote in the monthly amount of \$1,333. This will provide a \$16,000 yearly gift to help with living expenses and supplemental insurance premiums.
5. Formally recognized the contributions of Mr. Dick Teel following his request to step down as Lay Chairman after Synod in 2017.

Diocese of Mid-America
Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)
Year Ended December 31, 2016

ASSETS

Current Assets

Investment Accounts

WFG Cash/Money Market \$5,899.49

WFG Securities (at cost) \$357,338.14

Total Investment Accounts \$363,237.63

Operating Account \$94,688.02

Pre-payment of 2017 Expenses \$750.00

Accounts Receivable \$31,893.21

Total Current Assets \$490,568.86

Fixed Assets - Office Equipment/Furniture \$94,504.30

Long Term Assets - St. Matthias Mortgage \$66,848.00

TOTAL ASSETS \$651,921.16

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Liabilities & Temp. Restricted Funds

Anglican School Association Fund \$4,173.35

BNCE Fund \$2,700.00

Cranmer Theological House Support Fund \$18,000.00

Houston Anglicans Fund \$350.00

Memorial Fund (Bishop Grote) \$450.00

Mission & Parish Development Fund \$6,500.00

Total Liabilities & Temp Restriced Funds \$32,173.35

Unrestricted Net Assets (Equity)

Unrestricted Net Assets Previous Balance \$586,795.63

Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets (Net-Income) \$32,952.18

Total Unrestricted Net Assets Ending Balance (Equity) \$619,747.81

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS \$651,921.16

The Investment securities - value (non-cash) was ~\$243,668.61 as of December 31, 2016. This represents a decreased value of 31.8% from original purchase price. This is an increased market value of 8% during 2016. We are not selling any of these securities and are receiving about a 6.0% dividend. To date, we have received appr. \$153,500 in dividends on this investment which is roughly \$40,000 more than the current unrealized loss (\$113,669.53).

Accounts Receivable - These are "tracked" monies paid by the DMA on behalf of other entities (Nat'l Church, Foreign Missions, ACNA, Parishes, etc) for which reimbursement is reasonably expected. Sometimes, expenses and reimbursements occur over the December "cut-off" where expenses occur in one year and reimbursement is received in the next year. In some cases, expenses extend back multiple years and the balance is now being paid back on a monthly basis.

A Summary of Restricted Funds is included on a separate report.

Diocese of Mid-America
Statement of Activities (Actual vs. Budget)
Year End December 31, 2016

GENERAL FUND ONLY (Restricted Funds have their own report)

	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	Difference	2017 Budget
Revenue				
Individual Offerings & Tithes	\$8,000.00	\$16,700.00	\$8,700.00	\$12,000.00
Interest Income - Mortgages	\$4,300.00	\$4,233.70	(\$66.30)	\$4,128.89
Investment Income - Dividends & Interest	\$14,500.00	\$14,030.96	(\$469.04)	\$14,500.00
Parish Tithes	\$318,810.00	\$320,529.90	\$1,719.90	\$311,650.00
Total Revenue	\$345,610.00	\$355,494.56	\$9,884.56	\$342,278.89
Expenditures				
Administrative & Operational Expenses				
Accounting & Bank/Investment Charges	\$1,250.00	\$391.21	(\$858.79)	\$1,250.00
Administrative Wages	\$32,750.00	\$32,749.96	(\$0.04)	\$34,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	\$250.00	\$133.95	(\$116.05)	\$250.00
Entertainment & Meals	\$500.00	\$82.94	(\$417.06)	\$500.00
Episcopal Pension Contributions (Ordinary & Coadjutor)	\$15,657.00	\$15,657.00	\$0.00	\$16,668.00
Episcopal Salary & Housing - Ordinary	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$0.00	\$124,000.00
Episcopal Salary - Coadjutor	\$18,900.00	\$18,900.02	\$0.02	\$9,450.00
Episcopal Honoriums - Assisting Bishops	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Episcopal Supplies	\$250.00	\$0.00	(\$250.00)	\$500.00
Insurances	\$16,000.00	\$15,084.10	(\$915.90)	\$7,500.00
Interest Expense	\$100.00	\$0.00	(\$100.00)	\$100.00
Maintenance & Repairs	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Meeting & Events Expense (Net)	\$1,500.00	\$1,753.39	\$253.39	\$500.00
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$0.00	(\$100.00)	\$100.00
Office Expenses & Equipment (Net)	\$14,750.00	\$13,014.37	(\$1,735.63)	\$13,000.00
Office Expense - Dallas/Houston Supplement	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00
Rent	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00
Transitional Expenses				\$10,500.00
Travel & Travel Meals	\$23,000.00	\$23,196.60	\$196.60	\$20,000.00
Total Administrative & Operational Expenses	\$271,007.00	\$266,963.54	(\$4,043.46)	\$266,318.00
Ministry, Mission, & Pastoral Care				
Anglican Way Institute	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Armed Forces Chaplaincy Support	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
Board of Foreign Missions	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
Cranmer Theological House	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Ecumenical (ACNA) Expenses	\$5,000.00	\$4,629.39	(\$370.61)	\$3,000.00
Parish & Pastoral Care/Support	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Retired Bishop Care	\$9,400.00	\$600.00	(\$8,800.00)	\$8,000.00
Special Gifts & Offerings	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00
Tithes to National Church	\$34,561.00	\$35,549.45	\$988.45	\$34,227.89
Total Ministry, Mission, & Pastoral Care	\$61,461.00	\$55,578.84	(\$5,882.16)	\$61,727.89
Total Expenditures	\$332,468.00	\$322,542.38	(\$9,925.62)	\$328,045.89
Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$13,142.00	\$32,952.18	\$19,810.18	\$14,233.00
<i>aka - Net Income(Loss)</i>				

Parish Tithes Breakdown
By Parish
Year Ending Dec. 31, 2016

	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	Difference	2017 Budget
Parish Tithes				
All Saints - Durango, CO	\$2,160.00	\$1,009.25	(\$1,150.75)	\$0.00
* All Saints - Shreveport, LA	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	(\$1,200.00)	\$1,200.00
Chapel of the Cross - Dallas, TX	\$24,500.00	\$27,121.44	\$2,621.44	\$27,000.00
Christ Anglican - Hot Springs, AR	\$5,600.00	\$4,582.00	(\$1,018.00)	\$4,500.00
Christ Chapel - Riverside, CA	\$2,500.00	\$2,050.00	(\$450.00)	\$2,500.00
Christ Church - Fort Worth, TX	\$1,750.00	\$1,172.15	(\$577.85)	\$0.00
Church of our Savior - Joplin, MO	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$0.00
Covenant - Heber Springs, AR	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Good Shepherd - Tyler, TX	\$23,500.00	\$20,441.00	(\$3,059.00)	\$21,000.00
Holy Communion - Dallas, TX	\$75,000.00	\$81,407.09	\$6,407.09	\$81,000.00
Holy Cross - Alpine, TX	\$11,000.00	\$11,998.00	\$998.00	\$12,000.00
Holy Trinity - Houston, TX	\$13,500.00	\$22,465.27	\$8,965.27	\$15,000.00
Holy Trinity - St. Louis, MO	\$11,000.00	\$9,437.14	(\$1,562.86)	\$10,000.00
Mariner's Church - Detroit, MI	\$11,000.00	\$11,077.92	\$77.92	\$11,000.00
Providence - Corpus Christi, TX	\$5,500.00	\$120.00	(\$5,380.00)	\$1,200.00
Providence - Weatherford, TX	\$1,000.00	\$368.79	(\$631.21)	\$1,000.00
Resurrection - Crosby, TX	\$6,000.00	\$5,827.29	(\$172.71)	\$6,000.00
St. Andrew's - Tinley Park, IL	\$5,000.00	\$6,313.80	\$1,313.80	\$6,000.00
St. Barnabas - Bellville, TX	\$3,000.00	\$3,482.00	\$482.00	\$3,500.00
St. Francis - Spring, TX	\$14,000.00	\$12,569.27	(\$1,430.73)	\$7,000.00
St. Matthias - Katy, TX	\$10,500.00	\$11,580.20	\$1,080.20	\$11,000.00
St. Michael's - Broken Arrow, OK	\$3,000.00	\$4,762.00	\$1,762.00	\$4,500.00
St. Paul's - Baton Rouge, LA	\$19,000.00	\$12,100.00	(\$6,900.00)	\$14,000.00
St. Paul's - Clear Lake, TX	\$8,800.00	\$9,534.69	\$734.69	\$9,500.00
St. Stephen's - Cedar Grove, WI	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
St. Stephen's - Flowood, MS	\$20,000.00	\$20,572.31	\$572.31	\$20,000.00
St. Stephen's - Montrose, CO	\$8,400.00	\$11,276.86	\$2,876.86	\$10,000.00
St. Thomas - Houston, TX	\$21,000.00	\$18,464.34	(\$2,535.66)	\$20,000.00
St. Timothy's - Jonesboro, AR	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$4,800.00
Trinity Anglican - Pagosa Springs, CO	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Western Canada	\$0.00	\$397.09	\$397.09	\$350.00
New Parishes & Unexpected Tithes	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	(\$3,000.00)	\$2,000.00
Total Parish Tithes	\$318,810.00	\$320,529.90	\$1,719.90	\$311,650.00

All Saints - Durango, CO - closed in 2016

All Saints - Shreveport - \$100/mo should resume in 2017

Christ Church - Ft. Worth, TX - Closed in 2016

Covenant - Heber Springs, AR - joined DMA in 2016

Providence - Corpus Christi, TX - having financial hardships. Significantly reduced tithe from previous years.

St. Francis - Spring, TX - loss of a significant donor will impact total tithe.

New Parishes and Unexpected Tithes

This is a general budgeting "placeholder" for parishes that we don't know about when budgeting. If funds are received they will always be posted under the Church name and not in this category. So the actual will always be zero here.

Posting Date -

Tithes for 2016 received after January 15, 2017 will be reflected in the 2017 report.

Diocese of Mid-America

Fund accounting summary

Year Ending Dec. 31, 2016

Fund	Type	Beginning Balance			Ending Balance
		Dec. 31, 2015	Donations	Disbursements	Dec. 31, 2016
Anglican School Association Fund	Mixed	\$6,000.00	\$1,075.00	(\$2,901.65)	\$4,173.35
BNCE Fund	Temp. Restricted	\$2,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,700.00
Cranmer Theological House Support Fund	Self-Restricted	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00
Houston Anglicans Fund	Temp. Restricted	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Memorial Fund (Bishop Grote)	Self-Restricted	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Mission & Parish Development Fund	Mixed	\$20,500.00	\$0.00	(\$14,000.00)	\$6,500.00
Total		\$47,550.00	\$1,525.00	(\$16,901.65)	\$32,173.35

Self-Restricted Funds - monies from unrestricted assets that the Trustees determined the Diocese would use for specific reasons in the future. These designations are made by action of the Trustees and are not bound by any donor restrictions. Such designations may be changed by action of the Trustees at any time.

Temp. Restricted Funds - these are funds which are received with a specific intent and are to be used in accordance with that intent.

Mixed Funds - these are funds which MAY contain both self-designated funds and temporarily restricted funds based on receipts/donations with an intended purpose in accordance with the fund. The Description of Funds below reports that, as of Dec. 31, 2016, the total balance remaining in each "mixed" fund are self-designated.

Fund Donations

Memorial Fund	\$450.00	Memorial Donation in honor of Bp. Grote
Anglican School	\$75.00	Individual Donation
Anglican School	\$500.00	St. Timothy's Dallas - Yearly Dues
Anglican School	\$500.00	Good Shepherd Tyler - Yearly Dues

Total Fund Donations **\$1,525.00**

Fund Disbursement Summary

Parish Fund	\$9,000.00	St. Michael's Oklahoma for support of new rector (as authorized by Bishop Grote)
Parish Fund	\$5,000.00	All Saints - Shreveport (as authorized by Bishop Sutton)
Anglican School	\$2,300.00	Media Dei - Website work
Anglican School	\$51.65	Copies & Postage
Anglican School	\$550.00	Registration & Table at SLC Conference

Total Disbursements **\$16,901.65**

Description of Funds

Anglican School Association Fund - A fund established for the support of parochial schools. The Trustees designated \$6,000 of the 2015 surplus towards this. Additional funds are paid from participating schools. As of Dec. 31, 2016 - the remaining balance is completely self-designated by the Trustees.

BNCE Fund - These are funds pertaining to the National Church's Board of Church Extension. They were transferred from the National Church to the DMA so they could use them for their specified purpose.

Cranmer Theological House Support Fund - 100% of these funds are self-designated by the Trustees. The Trustees designated \$9,000 from the 2014 surplus and another \$9,000 from the 2015 surplus with the understanding that the funds would be paid if there was a need by the Seminary and as the Diocesan cash balance could permit it.

Memorial Fund - Donations received in memory of Bishop Grote. These funds were not given with any specific restriction. The Trustees can determine how these funds should be disbursed.

Mission & Parish Development Fund - These are funds to be used for the planning, planting, and support of parishes within the Diocese. \$14,000 was disbursed during 2016. As of Dec. 31, 2016 - the remaining balance is completely self-designated by the Trustees.

Reformed Episcopal Church
Diocese of Mid America
The 110th Synod
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Dear Brethren:

On April 20, 2016, the Committee on Nominations met and is pleased to present the following nominations for election: *(Names in bold are those up for election.)*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DIOCESE

Existing Class of 2018

Mr. Bruce Woodcock – St. Thomas of Canterbury, Houston, TX
Mr. James P. “Bud” Longueville – Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas, TX
The Ven. Dr. Douglas Mills – Holy Trinity, Webster Groves, MO

Class of 2019

The Very Rev. Walter Banek – Good Shepherd, Tyler, TX
Mr. H.D. “Dick” Teel, Jr. – St. Thomas of Canterbury, Houston, TX
Mr. Bob Dobson – St. Timothy’s, Jonesboro, AR

*** Class of 2020**

The Rev. Jerry Kistler – St. Stephen’s, Montrose, CO
Mrs. Virginia Bowers – Church of the Holy Communion, Dallas TX
The Rev. Dr. S. Randall Toms – St. Paul’s, Baton Rouge, LA

STANDING COMMITTEE

Existing Class of 2018

The Rev. John Boonzaaijer – Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, TX
Mr. John Simmons – Church of the Holy Trinity – Houston, TX

Class of 2019

The Very Rev. Frank Levi – St. Andrew’s, Tinley Park, IL
Mr. Bruce Bagby – Church of the Holy Trinity, Houston, TX

*** Class of 2020**

The Ven. Dr. Douglas Mills – Holy Trinity, Webster Groves, MO
Mr. Harry K. Johnson III – Cathedral of St. Matthias, Katy, TX

The following individuals have been appointed by Bp. Ray Sutton to serve as representatives of the Diocese of Mid-America to the ACNA Provincial Council for 2017:

The Very Rev. Walter Banek
Dss. Teresa Johnson

Respectfully Submitted,

The Ven. Dr. Douglas Mills
Chairman, Committee on Nominations



Committee on Constitution and Canons
Diocese of Mid-America

Report to the 110th Synod

To: the Clergy & Lay Members of the 110th Synod:

The committee did not meet since the last synod and thus proposes no changes or amendments at this time.

In the past year, we did review amended by-laws of St. Stephen's, Flowood Ms. & those of the Chapel of the Cross in Dallas, Texas and found them to be in order.

As chairman, I also responded to various questions regarding the meaning or interpretation of the DMA (diocesan) canons and General Council Canons and compliance of parish by-laws with these authorities.

Over time, and particularly since the death of Bishop Royal U. Grote, it has become apparent that the Diocese of Mid America does not have up to date records on the by-laws of a number of parishes.

Accordingly, this committee requests that every parish and mission of the DMA provide a current copy of its by-laws (and articles of incorporation if they establish rules of parish governance that are referenced in the by-laws) to the diocese by August 1, 2017. The rector or vicar of each parish or mission is asked to be responsible for meeting this deadline.

By-laws and/or corporate article should be provided to me in electronic form (pdf or Word) at archdeacondma@yahoo.com with a copy to Deaconess Annette Johnson at dssaj@rechurch.org .

In addition, any requests to take up particular issues or areas of the diocesan constitution and canons should also be sent to me, as committee chair.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James T. Payne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "P".

(The Ven. Dr.) James T. Payne+
Chairman

Cranmer Theological House 2016

Cranmer Theological House is committed to training orthodox clergy, deaconesses, and lay people in the service of Christ's Church. Over the last several years, Cranmer House has seen growth in both its residential and distance studies program. Currently Cranmer House has 30 students engaged in five programs of study including Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Religion, Master of Arts in Religion-Deaconess Studies, Master in Theology, and Certificate in Anglican Studies. This year, we added a new program, Master in Theological Studies. This program is designed for those who already possess a Master of Arts in Religion (or its equivalent) but need additional course work to become Master of Divinity equivalent in order to be ordained as a presbyter/priest.

Cranmer House offers a different course once a month in Dallas at Church of the Holy Communion. These courses are weekend intensive courses beginning on Friday at noon and ending on Sunday afternoon. A variety of courses are also available via our External Studies division.

This year we offered online courses that meet over a ten-week period via Google Hangouts. This course platform has proven to be quite successful and beneficial for the student and instructor. The courses taught under this online platform included Greek and Hebrew course and Church History courses.

In 2017, we are looking to reinvigorate our Houston campus by making some courses available in Houston.

The Lord continues to bless the ministry of Cranmer House. The student body has grown to 31 students with men and women not only from the Reformed Episcopal Church and other Anglican jurisdictions such as the APA and ACNA but also from other areas of the broader Church including the Methodist Church and Western Rite Orthodoxy.

The staff of Cranmer Theological House including Assistant Academic Dean the Rev. Canon Charlie Camlin, Assistant Academic Dean, the Rev. Canon Wayland Coe, and the Registrar, Nancy Jones, work closely with the Dean, the Most Reverend Ray Sutton, to further the mission of Cranmer Theological House.

**Cranmer Theological House
Statement of Financial Position
As of December 31, 2016**

	Dec. 31, 2015	Change during 2016	Dec. 31, 2016
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
<i>Checking/Savings</i>	\$46,038.96	\$29,992.16	\$76,031.12
<i>Undeposited Funds</i>	\$1,250.00	\$49,835.67	\$51,085.67
<i>Tuitions Receivable</i>	(\$2,100.00)	(\$2,135.00)	(\$4,235.00)
Total Current Assets	\$45,188.96	\$77,692.83	\$122,881.79
Fixed Assets (<i>Equipment/Furniture/Library</i>)	\$4,808.94	\$0.00	\$4,808.94
TOTAL ASSETS	\$49,997.90	\$77,692.83	\$127,690.73
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS			
Total Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Scholarships Payable	\$0.00	\$1,425.00	\$1,425.00
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$49,997.90	\$76,267.83	\$126,265.73
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$49,997.90	\$77,692.83	\$127,690.73

**Cranmer Theological House
Statement of Activities
for year ending December 31, 2016**

	2016 Actual	2016 Budget	Difference Actual v. Budget
Revenue			
Donations	\$87,262.28	\$23,000.00	\$64,262.28
Fees	\$989.00	\$300.00	\$689.00
Scholarships Income	\$3,550.00	\$0.00	\$3,550.00
Scholarships Issued	(\$12,350.00)	\$0.00	(\$12,350.00)
Tuition	\$71,250.00	\$20,000.00	\$51,250.00
Total Revenue	\$150,701.28	\$43,300.00	\$107,401.28
Expenses			
Administrative Expense	\$6,788.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,788.00
Advertising	\$1,264.09	\$1,000.00	\$264.09
Bank & Accounting	\$2,845.54	\$1,200.00	\$1,645.54
Dean (<i>Assistant - Dallas</i>)	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00
Dean (<i>Assistant - Houston</i>)	\$5,000.04	\$5,000.00	\$0.04
External Studies Processing	\$4,077.43	\$0.00	\$4,077.43
Educational Degrees	\$5,450.83	\$8,000.00	(\$2,549.17)
Graduation Expenses	\$418.01	\$1,500.00	(\$1,081.99)
Meetings & Travel (<i>non-class related</i>)	\$1,907.73	\$1,000.00	\$907.73
Office Expenses	\$4,437.45	\$2,000.00	\$2,437.45
Professors Honorariums	\$26,245.00	\$15,000.00	\$11,245.00
Professors Travel & Meals	\$4,050.33	\$2,000.00	\$2,050.33
Video Classroom	\$3,949.00	\$0.00	\$3,949.00
Total Expenses	\$74,433.45	\$39,700.00	\$34,733.45
Change in Net Assets	\$76,267.83	\$3,600.00	\$72,667.83

*Donations - We received two larger generous donations of \$50,000 and \$10,000.