

REC100 Canon Missioner

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

(1 Cor.15:58)

Brethren,

Last time I stood before you, I spoke about the special occasion we were celebrating at our 150th REC anniversary. I also spoke on how the REC is recapturing our commitment to domestic missions that was once a central part of our Reformed Episcopal DNA. This year, I will offer this condensed report and then share a special video with you that will communicate, far better than I can, the impact that REC100, our planters, and the Reformed Episcopal Church are having in the lives of their several communities.

Mission Map

This year, Fr. Steve Macias accomplished something for which we have long been yearning. Fr. Steve put together an interactive map which allows us to receive interest requests from individuals across the country and to plot the geography of these requests and where actual ministry/plant activities are occurring. This enables us make connections and to analyze where potential plants might be possible in the future. I asked Fr. Steve for some statistics when writing this report and he shared the following:

- The public interest form has received nearly 9000 views.
- 112 church planting/meeting requests since February 2026.
- The majority of respondents are actively praying for an Anglican presence in their area.
- Approximately 30-40% express willingness to host or help organize a local gather.

But the statistic that stood out to me the most is that the respondents are coming from a wide range of backgrounds – not just current Anglicans. As Fr. Steve wrote to me, “this suggests that the map is functioning as a broad funnel drawing people toward classical Anglicanism”. In other words – the harvest is truly plentiful - and the Reformed Episcopal Church has an even greater opportunity to fulfill our mission of ‘Making Disciples in the Anglican way’ than we may have originally thought.

Canon Tony Melton & Always Forward

Canon Tony is the chief planter and developmental leader of the growth we have experienced in the Atlanta, Georgia area. He also serves as mentor and coach to other planters both in the REC and in the ACNA – something which has directly benefited all of our dioceses in the REC. His passion and vision for church planting is simply incredible. I’m proud to say that Canon Tony has been asked to serve in the capacity of the ‘lead’ for the church planting initiative in the ACNA. Canon Tony has long been able to work with other Canons for church planting and church planters within the ACNA, and this new role will only increase the shaping influence he has. We covet your prayers for Canon Tony as he steps into this incredible role.

REC100 Retreat

REC100 was able to sponsor its first week-long retreat for our current and active church planters and families. This was held at a camp conference center in Trinity, TX in September 2025. Not all families or planters were able to attend, but we still had 19 people from across the country gather for a wonderful time of rest, fellowship, prayer, and learning with each other. Our time together was led by Canon Tony Melton, Canon Michael Vinson, and myself. This kind of time and sharing with one another is absolutely vital. It is the hope that REC100 will be able to provide more opportunities like this for our planters.

Church Growth

In total, the REC has had a total of 37 transfers, plants, and replants since 2017. Additionally, there are 2 additional transfers that are currently being explored and 12 new plants that are in either discussion stage or actual seed phase. It is our prayer that these seeds will come to fruition in the coming years.

The following is a listing of the growth of the Reformed Episcopal since the inception of 2017. Not all of these are a direct result of REC100 and not all of our plants started from scratch. Some are revitalizing works and/or replants that have benefited from the ministry and funds of REC100. The parentheses show their original status when they either began or entered the REC.

1. DCS Trinity Anglican – Connorsville, IN (transfer plant)
2. DCS Christ Church – Florence, KY (transfer)
3. DCS Christ the Redeemer – Owensboro, KY (revitalization)
4. DCS St. Luke’s – Maysville, KY (transfer)
5. DCS Darke County Anglican – Ansonia, OH (planted but closed)
6. DCS Johnson City Fellowship – Johnson City, TN (planted)
7. DCS Holy Cross Anglican – Amelia, VA (planted)
8. DMA Resurrection Anglican – Hot Springs, AR (replant)
9. DMA St. Andrew’s – Peoria, AZ (replant)
10. DMA Anglican Church of the Epiphany – La Mirada, CA (transfer)
11. DMA Christ the King – Grover Beach, CA (transfer)
12. DMA St. Paul’s – Los Altos, CA (transfer)
13. DMA Christ Church – Colorado Springs, CO (plant)
14. DMA Epiphany Anglican – Longmont, CO (transfer)
15. DMA Holy Cross Anglican – Colorado Springs, CO (plant)
16. DMA Grand Junction Fellowship – Grand Junction, CO (seed but ceased)
17. DMA Christ the King – Covington, LA (plant)
18. DMA Covenant Church – Greenville, MI (revitalization)
19. DMA St. Barnabas – Lansing, MI (planted but closed)
20. DMA St. Joseph’s – Branson, MO (transfer)
21. DMA Iglesia Holy Communion – Dallas, TX (plant)
22. DMA Iglesia San Matias – Katy, TX (plant)
23. DMA Iglesia San Cruz – Dallas, TX (plant but closed)
24. DMA St. Benedict’s – Rockwall, TX (plant)
25. DMA St. Mark the Evangelist – Waxahachie, TX (transfer replant)
26. DMA St. Mark’s on the Plains – Canyon, TX (transfer replant)
27. DMA Oregon plant – (seed but ceased)
28. DSE Christ the King – Marietta, GA (plant)
29. DSE Christo Rey – Marietta, GA (plant)
30. DSE Incarnation Anglican – Canton, GA (plant)
31. DSE Emmanuel Anglican – Spartanburg, SC (plant)
32. DSE Lamb of God Anglican – Conyers, GA (plant)
33. NEMA Bridgewater, MD – (plant and closed)
34. NEMA New Creation – Hagerstown, MD (transfer plant)
35. NEMA Good Shepherd – Carlisle, PA (transfer)
36. NEMA Resurrection Anglican – Lancaster, PA (plant)
37. NEMA St. Mark’s – Asian congregation – Rydal, PA (plant)

Lenten Offerings

The Annual Lenten Offering continues to be the primary means by which we support the ministry of Church planting. The offering asks that all adults in the Reformed Episcopal Church donate \$100 as a part of their Lenten almsgiving. These offerings are then used to provide our plants with administrative support, website and marketing tools, financial grants, to help fund our planter retreats, and other.

OFFERINGS RECEIVED DURING TRIENNIUM
(2026 is still coming in)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>Total</u>
DCS	\$30,053.13	\$32,168.89	\$30,906.52	\$93,128.54
DMA	\$60,619.10	\$54,756.49	\$24,580.98	\$139,956.57
NEMA	\$3,631.00	\$6,810.00	\$3,360.00	\$13,801.00
DSE	<u>\$2,385.00</u>	<u>\$1,310.00</u>	<u>\$1,680.00</u>	<u>\$5,375.00</u>
Total	<u>\$96,688.23</u>	<u>\$95,045.38</u>	<u>\$60,527.50</u>	<u>\$252,261.11</u>

LENTEN OFFERING PARTICIPATION LEVELS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>Total</u>
DCS – 1092 Adults -	27.5%	29.5%	28.3%	28.5%
DMA – 2208 Adults -	27.5%	24.8%	11.1%	21.1%
NEMA – 989 Adults -	3.7%	6.9%	3.4%	4.6%
DSE – 1745 Adults -	<u>1.3%</u>	<u>0.8%</u>	<u>0.09%</u>	<u>1.0%</u>
Total	<u>16.02%</u>	<u>15.75%</u>	<u>10.00%</u>	<u>13.93%</u>

While the amounts received thus far have been enormously helpful in planting and revitalizing new parishes, there does remain minimal participation in this offering. According to the statistical report this year, there are 6,034 ADULT communicant members as of Dec 31, 2025. That is the potential of \$603,400 EVERY year through this offering of a mere \$100. And yet, our total triennium offering (3 years total) is only 41.8% of that single-year potential. Overall, our offerings are only 14% of the potential offering for the triennium.

Now, I know we should not expect 100% participation in this offering. And I certainly don't want to sound like I'm speaking about nothing but money. However, the statistics do tell a story of priorities (after all Jesus said "Where you treasure is, there will your heart be also"). More importantly, these numbers show the potential of what could be done if we were to simply have greater participation.

Imagine a church that doesn't just offer a small grant to new planters for a year or two with the hopes that they can 'make do'. Picture a denomination that willingly devotes significant resources to strengthening our current parishes in ways that will train them to become mission stations and mothering churches. Imagine a denomination that removes the normal obstacles of raising up new clergymen by having a robust means of developing young men into strong and courageous pastors/planters who will lead this denomination into the future. Think of what could be accomplished if we had a full-time Canon Missioner that could devote his entire labor and ministry towards these visions of church growth and parish development. These things are not impossible - and they could be possible now with your support. I ask that you would be mindful of this important offering.

Video

As I mentioned already, this year we have produced a video which expresses just a portion of the impact that our planters and REC plants/missions are having in the lives of people. We would like to share that with you now.

[Video]

Acknowledgement of our Planters

Most of us in this room can attest that ministry is not easy, and it requires great sacrifice by both the pastor and his family. But I believe this is especially true for church planters. With nothing but a prayer and a hope – planters step completely into the unknown. It takes great courage and faith coupled with an immense amount of grit and determination. So, our greatest thanks must be expressed to all our planters and their families. If you have been or are currently involved with planting a church, regardless of whether it was during REC100 or not, please stand for a moment so we can acknowledge and thank you for your great ministry and labor for the Lord.

Please continue to pray for REC100, our planters and their families, and the continued witness of the Reformed Episcopal Church. We remain steadfast – we are making an impact - and our labor is not in vain.

Respectfully submitted,

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