

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

57th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church June 10-12, 2026

Dear Brethren:

The General Committee of the Reformed Episcopal Church met six times during the years since the 57th General Council in 2023: December 15, 2023; April 19, 2024; October 25, 2024; May 2, 2025; December 12, 2025; and April 24, 2026, and including two email votes on January 15, 2024, and July 24, 2025. The Most Rev. Ray R. Sutton presided over each meeting, all of which were held by Zoom video conference. Detailed minutes of each meeting are on file at the denominational headquarters in Dallas, Texas.

The following is a summary of actions taken by the General Committee:

December 15, 2023 – Zoom Video Conference

1. Approved the recommendation of Bishop Sutton that The Very Rev. Canon Jason R. Grote fill the remaining term of Mrs. Diana Lopez, who was called home to be with the Lord in May 2023.
2. Unanimous consent was given for the consecration of two new bishops:
 - a. The Rev. Canon John P. Boonzaaijer was elected by the Council of Bishops on September 20, 2023, to be the International Missionary Bishop for Cuba.
 - b. The Very Rev. Canon Dr. Charles F. Camlin was elected by the Synod of the Diocese of Mid-America meeting in Dallas on November 30, 2023, as Bishop Suffragan.
3. Received the report of the Trustees of the Sustentation Fund and approved recommendations as follows:
 - a. To ask each diocese to help support the Presiding Bishop's travel expenses by contributing half of his travel and lodging expenses to attend diocesan synods rather than having the whole amount come from the Sustentation Fund.
4. Approved the Proposed Budget for 2024.
5. Approved Committee reports as presented.
6. Approved the "Purpose and Guidelines" and the "Application Form" for the Deaconess Scholarship Fund as recommended by the Theological Education Commission.
7. Approved the recommendation of Bishop Hill for Mr. Percy Beauford, Esq., to fill the remaining term of Mr. Leckyler Gaillard for health reasons.

January 23, 2024 – Email Vote (Addendum to the Minutes of the December 15, 2023, meeting)

1. Approved via email the proposed wording change to the *Invitation* in The Order for Holy Communion for inclusion in the printing of the new edition of the Book of Common Prayer as follows:

"Our fellow Christians, *baptized in other branches of Christ's Church*, who love our Divine Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in sincerity, are affectionately invited to the Lord's Table."

April 19, 2024 – Zoom Video Conference

1. Received the report of the Treasurer and approved recommendations of the Trustees of the Sustentation Fund, as follows:
 - a. To establish an investment account for the Deaconess Scholarship Fund to earn revenue on a portion of the monies in the account.
 - b. To use a portion of portfolio funds for special projects (such as missions, etc.) not included in the budget or otherwise designated, and to develop a policy for using such funds.
2. Committee reports were approved as presented.

October 25, 2024 – Zoom Video Conference

1. Sustentation Fund and Committee reports were approved as presented.
2. Approved the location and hotel for the 2026 General Council to be hosted by the Diocese of the Central States at the church associated with the Hunter Classical School near Richmond, Virginia, and the Omni Hotel in Richmond.

December 15, 2024 - Email Vote (Addendum to the Minutes of the October 25, 2024, meeting)

1. Received unanimous consents via email from the Council of Bishops and members of the General Committee to approve the election of The Very Rev. Canon Jason R. Grote as Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of the Central States.

May 2, 2025 – ZOOM Video Conference

1. Approved the recommendation of the Council of Bishops to call a Special Meeting of the General Council prior to the June 2026 General Council.
2. Approved changes proposed by the Committee on Constitution and Canons and to recommend them to the Special Meeting of the General Council concerning the mandatory retirement age for bishops and ministers as stated in Canon 19.
3. Approved the report presented by the Trustees of the Sustentation Fund and REC100.
4. Approved Committee reports as presented.

July 24, 2025 - Email Vote (Addendum to the Minutes of the May 2, 2025, meeting)

1. Received email votes from the Council of Bishops and General Committee approving the extension of the terms of office of Presiding Bishop Sutton and Vice-President Manto beyond their 75th birthdays until the end of their terms in June 2026 at General Council.

December 12, 2025 – ZOOM Video Conference

1. Approved the report presented by the Trustees of the Sustentation Fund and REC100.
2. Authorized the printing of 1,000 copies of a pocket-sized leather-bound gift edition of the Book of Common Prayer to be available in time for General Council in June 2026, and thereby approving this as the Women's Day Project for 2026. Additional funding of up to \$13,000.00 will be provided by the Publication Society (PubSoc).
3. Approved Committee reports as presented.

April 24, 2026 – ZOOM Video Conference

1. Sustentation Fund and Committee reports were approved as presented.
2. Authorized Bishop Grote to block off an extra 10 to 20 rooms, dependent on availability, at the Omni Hotel in Richmond, Virginia, for the 2026 General Council.
3. Recognized the years of faithful service of The Rt. Rev. Peter Manto, second Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Central States, with applause and thanksgiving.
4. Approved the slate of officers recommended by the Council of Bishops to be presented to the 2026 General Council as follows: Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Ray R. Sutton; Vice-President, The Rt. Rev. Jason R. Grote; Treasurer, Mr. James “Bud” Longueville; and Secretary, Mrs. Cathy Heissenhuber.
5. Approved the proposal to host the 59th General Council in 2029 at Church of the Holy Communion Cathedral in Dallas, Texas, Diocese of Mid-America.
6. Approved the signing of the “Memorandum of Understanding” between the Reformed Episcopal Church Missionary Diocese of Croatia and Serbia and the Anglican Network in Europe in forming the GAFCON proto-province in Europe.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dss. Canon Annette M. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Dss. Canon Annette M. Johnson
General Council Secretary, and
Secretary to the General Committee