

THE DIOCESE OF THE NORTHEAST & MID-ATLANTIC

REPORT OF THE RT. REV. WILLIAM A. JENKINS, SR.

Bishop Ordinary

To all the Faithful in NEMA,

Greetings in the Name of our Blessed Lord Jesus!

The following is a listing of my activities serving as Diocesan Bishop from Jan. 1, 2025 to November 2, 2025.

Regular Episcopal Visits to Churches

3/23 Good Shepherd Anglican-Carlisle, PA

7 Confirmations, 2 Transfers, Licensed 2 Clergy, Licensed 4 Lay Readers

3/30/25 Jesus, the Good Shepherd – Brooklyn, NY

No Confirmations, Licensed 1 Clergy, Licensed 1 Lay Reader, Congregational Meeting

5/31-6/1 New Redeemer Reformed Episcopal Church-Jersey City

0 Confirmations, 0 Transfers, Licensed 2 Clergy,

6/8 St. Marks' Reformed Episcopal Church– Rydal, PA

6 Confirmations, 2 Received, Licensed 3 Clergy, Licensed 1 Lay Reader

7/13 St. Georges' Reformed Episcopal Church-Hamilton ON

1 Confirmation, Licensed 2 Clergy

8/3 Church of the Atonement-Philadelphia, PA

2 Confirmands, Licensed 2 Clergy

8/17 Good Shepherd Reformed Episcopal Church, Bridgewater, MA

3 Confirmations, Licensed 2 Clergy

9/14 Grace Reformed Episcopal Church-Collingdale

5 Confirmations, 5 Transfers, Licensed 2 Clergy

10/26 St. Matthew's Reformed Episcopal Church-Havertown, PA

1 Confirmand

11/2 St. Stephen's Reformed Episcopal Church, Eldersburg, MD

7 confirmands, 1 Transfer

Other Church Visits

1/27/25 Messiah RE Church, Deconsecration

1/9/25 Good Shepherd-Carlisle. PA, Exorcism

4/16/25 Faith Church-Ash Wednesday

4/16 & 18 /25 Bishop Cummins Church, Exorcism and Cleansing, Tenebrae

4/19/25 Faith Church-MD, Easter Vigil

4/20/25 Faith Church-MD, Easter Day

5/9/25 St. Mark's Church – Rydal, PA, Florence Miller Funeral

6/7 St Stephen's Church, Wilson-Cavrak Wedding

6/22 Atonement 150th Anniversary

6/28 Bishop Cummins REC – Episcopal Institution

Episcopal Consecration

I was honored to participate in the Consecration of the Rt. Rev. Jason Grote to the Episcopate on Wednesday, June 4 2025. +Jason was elected Co-Adjutor for the Diocese of the Central States, replacing the retiring Bishop Peter Manto.

Vestry Meetings (All by Zoom)

2/4/25 Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ
2/25/25 Emmanuel Church –Pipersville, PA
4//29/25 Emmanuel Church –Pipersville, NJ
5/6/25 Atonement Church – Philadelphia, PA
5/27/25 Grace REC-Scranton
6/19 St. Paul's-Philadelphia
7/29 Covenant Chapel-Basking Ridge
8/5 St. Luke's B/H-Philadelphia
8/12 St. Luke's B/H-Philadelphia
9/22 Emmanuel-Pipersville

ACNA

6/16-20 ACNA College of Bishops-Ambridge, PA
9/25 ACNA COB Zoom, Bp. Derek Jones
11/3 ACNA Update

Other Diocesan Meetings and Functions (Zoom, In-Person and Phone)

1/8/25 Clergy Meeting
1/13/25 Clergy Meetings
1/14/25 Outreach Meeting
1/16/25 Clergy Meeting
1/16/25 Realtor Meeting JTGS
1/17/25 Episcopal Meeting=Bp. Gillin
1/22/25 Clergy Meeting
1/28/25 Clergy Meetings
1/29/25 Clergy Meeting
1/30/25 Outreach Meeting
2/3/25 Trustees Meeting CCPC
2/6-8/25 Clergy Retreat
2/18/25 Search Committee Covenant Chapel
2/28/25 Examining Chaplains-Stephen Atchison
3/12/25 Clergy Meeting ACNA
3/18/25 Clergy Meeting
3/18/25 Search Committee Covenant Chapel
3/27/25 Clergy Meeting
4/3/25 Constitutions and Canons REC
4/7/25 Board of Foreign Missions
4/9/25 ACNA Regional
4/22/25 RES Convocation
4/23/25 Clergy Meetings
4/29-5/2/25 REC Bishop's Council
5/9 Miller Funeral, St Mark's
5/22/25 Episcopal Consult
5/28-30/25 Anglican Way Institute
6/13 Clergy Meeting
7/1 Clergy Meeting
7/3 Two Clergy Meetings
7/8 Diocese Call
7/9 ACNA Bishops Regional Zoom
7/10 Revitalization consult
7/15 Outreach Meeting

7/16 Potential Clergy Interview
 7/17 Clergy Meeting
 7/20-26 Diocesan Summer Camp
 7/23 Council of Bishops Zoom
 8/1 St. Stephen's Men's Gathering-Speaker
 8/4 Dr. Tiffany Butler-Safeguarding ACNA
 8/5 Consult-Potential Clergy Transfer
 8/6 Clergy Meeting
 8/8 Postulant Meeting
 8/14 General Council Zoom
 8/15 BFM
 8/19 Wise Stewards RES
 8/20 Clergy Meeting
 8/26 Consult-Potential Clergy Transfer
 8/27 Postulant Meeting
 9/4 Postulant Meeting
 9/4 Ministry Partners ACNA
 9/5 Exam Nkiru Menekaya
 9/11 General Council Meeting
 9/16 Wise Stewards RES
 9/22 Emmanuel Pipersville Vestry
 9/25 Church Plant Investigation Alberta CA
 9/27 Weiss Funeral, Clinton MD
 9/30 Clergy Meeting-Council Prep

Reformed Episcopal Seminary Meetings

1/31/25 Board of Directors
 6/11 Symposium Hearing the Voice of Christ in the OT
 8/19 Wise Stewards Initiative
 10/21 Wise Stewards Initiative

Ordination Examinations

The Rev. Dcn. Stephen Atchison was examined by the Board of Examining Chaplains to be ordained Presbyter on July 17, 2025. Stephen was formerly a member of St. Matthews REC in Havertown, PA. The examination was held by Zoom. The Rev. Matt Harrington was also on the examination call. Candidate Atchison sustained the examination and was recommended to the bishop for ordination to the presbyterate. He will continue to serve at St. Paul's REC under the direction of the Very Rev. Matthew Harrington.

Clerical Reception Request and Discernments

The Rev. Anthony Ciaccio inquired with PB Ray Sutton about moving his orders to the REC. Having been initially ordained in the Continuum, he subsequently moved his orders to the RCA upon taking a call in New England. He now has a desire to come "home" with the possibility of bringing his parish. Upon further discussion and examination, I discovered that he has divorced twice and is now on his third (and more successful) marriage of 15 years. As the ACNA has a nearly hard and fast policy of not receiving divorced clergy into the Province, I told him I was reasonably sure this would not be acceptable. PB Sutton has advised me otherwise. Fr. Ciaccio should apply to be accepted into the ACNA, with the explanation of his circumstances. If received, we may continue discussions from there. The Rev. Lucas Dorminy of the CREC is discerning God's call to the REC and specifically NEMA. Pray for Lucas and his family for God's direction.

The Rev. Peter Geromel of the ACC is discerning God's Call to the REC and specifically to NEMA. Peter is a former RES graduate.

Clergy Transfer Request

Bukola Adenuga, Requested transfer of license to Church of Nigeria, North American Mission (CONNAM). Granted on Sept 9, 2025, the Standing Committee gave their consent to his transfer.

Clergy Suspension

Rev. Dcn. James Macnamara, St. George's, Hamilton, ON

After discernment and discussion, with Dcn. Macnamara, Rev. Paul Luth and myself, I have withdrawn James' license for the present time due to dereliction of duty. He remains a deacon transferred into NEMA for the next 12 months subject to re-formation and mentoring by Rev. Paul Luth. The Standing Committee gave their consent to the suspension of this license.

Postulants

Joshua Devers, St. Stephen's Church – Eldersburg, MD, has retired from his military position. We are in discussion about his next steps in ministry.

Rick Wilson, Grace-HdG, MD, has abandoned his postulancy and been removed from our rolls.

Timothy Meadows, St. Alban's Church – New York, NY, will complete his diaconal work shortly and begin work on his diaconal exam.

Gregory Hoyt, St. Mark's Church – Rydal, PA, has been transferred to the Diocese of Mid-America.

Matthew Trail, St. Stephen's Church – Eldersburg, MD continues to pursue his studies.

Joshua Arp, Grace Church – Scranton, PA, is preparing to take his diaconal exam this winter.

Keith Beardsworth, St. Matthew's Church – Havertown, PA, continues his discernment period.

Eric Landstrom, Grace Church – Collingdale, PA Transferred to the Diocese of the Central States

Cal Parks, Emmanuel, Pipersville – is preparing for his diaconal exam this fall.

Deaconness

Nkiru Menakaya, Emmanuel Somerville, Examined on Friday September 5. She sustained her exam successfully. Her setting apart will be scheduled shortly.

Licensed Lay Readers

Mr. Celvin (Mike) Williams, Jesus the Good Shepherd – Brooklyn, NY

John Singleton West, Good Shepherd-Carlisle, PA

Gerald Joseph Berardi, Good Shepherd-Carlisle, PA

John Christopher Ritchie, Good Shepherd-Carlisle, PA

Al Edmond Laferte, Good Shepherd-Carlisle, PA

Ja'wuan Thomas, St. Luke's BH, Philadelphia, PA

Noah Zehrung, St. Mark's-Rydal PA

Suspended Lay Readers

Mr. Noah Zehrung, St. Marks-Rydal, PA

Pastoral Vacancies

Emmanuel Church – Pipersville, PA – The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches has been appointed to serve as Vicar at Emmanuel Church – Pipersville, PA –resolving this former vacancy.

Emmanuel Church-Somerville, PA-On December 31, 2024, the Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn retired from his charge. He has served as rector of this parish for 16 years. He and his wife Ginger have retired to Smyrna,

DE, and are currently active at St. Peter's Anglican Church in Elkton, MD. The parish is continuing in its search for a new Rector.

St. Peter's Church – Elkton, MD – The Rev. Frank Spadafora continues to serve as Interim Vicar. A Search Committee has been formed and the Committee has issued a letter to prospective pastoral candidates. They are seeking a part-time rector and have constructed a financial package. The rector's position needs and church description have been sent to the diocesan, REC and ACNA websites for posting. They have received some applications. Rev. Spadafora is often assisted by the Rev. John Campbell and now the Very Rev. Gerald McLynn. It is anticipated that one of our Seminarians, Christian Jones did a two month internship there this summer.

As of this time, Rev. Spadafora is willing to continue his Interim responsibilities at the church and the congregation is thankful to receive his ministry. Rev. Spadafora has experienced significant medical and personal issues over the past 2 years and continues in his recovery.

Grace Anglican Church (Mission) – Scranton, PA – This mission continues under the bishop's oversight. Minister-in-Charge Jared Lovell, Sr. Warden, Dr. Joshua Arp, Jr. Warden and Mr. Evan Hughes continue to provide local lay leadership in the absence of a vicar along with other local vestry members. Mr. Lovell was hired by the church to perform intern-related activities. The Rev. William Garrison has been engaged by the vestry to visit the church twice each month to preside at the Lord's Table and to preach. The mission continues to grow by God's mercy.

Grace-Scranton has scheduled another fall outreach conference titled "Generational Wealth: Preparing Heirs for the Unexpected Journey", Oct 10-11, 2025

Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ – Following the resignation and departure of the Rev. David N. Greenwood, the Rev. Dcn. Tom Davison had been appointed to serve as minister-in-charge. Tom has been leading the worship services and shouldering most of the teaching responsibilities at the church.

I am pleased to announce the call of the Rev. Dr. Seth Snyder to this parish. His official start date was October 19, 2025. The vestry has done significant repairs to the rectory ahead of his arrival.

St. Paul's Church – Oreland, PA – In an attempt to relieve the Very Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrington of an excessive amount of responsibility, I have been in consultation with the Rev. Greg Miller, and asked him to discern God's will in coming to St. Paul's. After prayer and counsel, he has determined that it is God's will for him to come to St. Paul's. I am appointing him Vicar of the parish, and have made request of the provisional vestry to stipulate a package to begin on Jan. 1, 2026. The Rev. Steve Achison is continuing to stay on as Curate.

Church Reports

Church of the Atonement – Philadelphia, PA – The Vicar, Rev. Jason Holloway reports a growing ASA, and a waiting list for their popular after school program. Please continue to pray for this important outreach as they do have hurdles ahead in terms of City Regulations with the after school work program

St. Alban's Church – New York, NY – The Very Rev. Dr. Matt Harrington will resume fuller duties going forward. Canon Harrington has agreed to continue to represent the church's interests and attend the Zoom meetings of the condominium association. They continue to rent the property in mid-town Manhattan to the school for autistic children.

Timothy Meadows, the current Senior Warden, is finishing his diaconal studies and planning his diaconal exam for the near future.

Good Shepherd Church – Carlisle, PA – The mission continues to move ahead successfully under the care of the Rev. Ricky McCarl. Attendance has moved into the mid 60's, and their outreach continues to expand into Messiah and Lancaster Bible. A meeting to gauge interest for a church plant in the Lancaster area was held on Oct. 7. 20 people were in attendance. Rev. McCarl is leading its organization.

St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman – Philadelphia, PA - continues under the leadership of the Rev. David A. France, Vicar. The ESL program held as a Front Porch ministry is finding continued success. The classes are taught by Chris and Naomi Morris, members of St. Mark's Church, Rydal, PA. They had previously

taught these classes in China. The Latino speaking portion of the ESL is in a place to begin Morning or Evening Prayer. Let us pray for someone to lead them.

In addition, a Chinese community outreach effort that had been meeting regularly at the church has now been moved into St. Marks's with the usage of translating software so that they can worship together. Continue to pray for a leader for this strong outreach.

St. Mark's Church – Rydal, PA - The Rector, Parish leadership and the Bishop are discussing plans for the institution of a Curacy program to train new Church planters and revitalizers. They are looking to form a partnership with the Made to Flourish Foundation which helps Churches by way of a 5-year grant to assist in funding this important work. We have two such programs in the REC, one in Southeast and one in Mid-America.

Grace Church – Havre-de-Grace, MD – The Rev. Dr. Mark A. Specht with the vestry are continuing to discuss and plan for the future.

Jesus the Good Shepherd Mission – Brooklyn, NY – The parish was moved to mission status in the fall of 2024. Their property is currently under contract for sale. Having received a full price offer, we are now in the last leg of the lengthy process established by the State of NY for the sale of a property owned by a non-profit entity. We are still planning that this should be completed by year's end. Residual funds are to be used in a successful replant in a more advantageous circumstance. Rev. Deacon Carl Wegner continues his faithful service to the mission.

Church Plant Opportunities

Brunswick, MD - A group of five families about 1 ½ hours west of Baltimore, have contacted NEMA for assistance with a Church plant. At least 2 of the five families are confirmed Reformed Episcopalians with a history in the Diocese of Central States. Looking to begin a work that is closer to home for all of them, we are working in conjunction with Bp. Peter Manto, as this may fall under the purview of his diocese. Please be in prayer for this group, and for the Oversight we will offer them. The Rev. Lucas Dorminy, currently a CREC minister, is presently discerning a move of the Spirit to transfer into the REC. He is located in nearby Martinsburg WV and could potentially be a possible resource for these families. Rev. McCarl is advising.

Williamsport, PA – This group of families has undergone some turnover in the last 6 months, but are still expressing an interest in establishing an Anglican testimony here. Rev. Lovell and McCarl have been advising this fledgling work.

Lancaster, PA

First interest meeting was held on Tuesday, Oct. 7. 20 people were in attendance. Rev. McCarl is advising.

Philadelphia, PA – Rev. Patterson reports the very beginnings of a possibility of a work in Philadelphia.

Church Transfers – I have just received word from Bp. Chris Warner (DOMA) that he has released one of his congregations, New Creation Anglican, to enter into conversations with us about the possibility of a transfer. New Creation is a conservative, non WO, 1662 Prayer Book Parish. They are considering issuing a call to the Rev. Peter Geromel (RES Grad) who has been serving in the continuum. Even if New Creation does not issue a call, he is convinced that God wants him to move into NEMA. Pray for God's direction here, that both parish and Priest might find His direction, and earnestly follow His will.

There is a second parish looking to transfer into NEMA in Massachusetts, currently led by former RES grad, Jack Simpson. Pray for the progress of both of these works.

Reformed Episcopal Seminary

The Seminary move from Blue Bell, PA to the property of St. Paul's Church, Oreland, PA. is nearing completion with only library organization remaining. In this fall semester, the Seminary instituted the Bishop George David Cummins Scholarship program. This provides free tuition for any M.Div. student who will attend classes in person. The aim is to create a critical mass of in person students, to augment the online classes which are being taught. It is also hoped that with the creation of this group of students, God may provide us with sufficient opportunities for ministry to keep them here in our diocese.

RES sponsored a fall symposium in September entitled "Anglicans in the Revolution".

ATS has initiated new a program named "Wise Stewards" in which we have been invited to participate.

This is an effort to get board members to take ownership of their roles and governance to help them perform their work better. The opening meetings have been helpful. Our next accreditation round begins in 2026.

Other Matters

Committee on Young People's Work

The Winter Camp for 6th -12th graders was held at Rock Mountain Bible Camp in Susquehanna, PA on February 14-16, 2025. The speaker was the Rev. Jason Holloway who spoke on "Jesus out Hope: Life from the Wilderness".

The Summer Camp for the diocesan youth was held July 20-26, 2025 with the theme "The Gospel in Middle Earth". The campers were led by the Rev. Jared McNabb for the Juniors, and the Rev. Mike Blitz for the Seniors. The response to the lessons was overwhelmingly positive among the campers. There was a total of 117 in attendance.

Our thanks to the Rev. William A. Jenkins, Jr., the Committee on Young People's Work and camp staff for their continued commitment to the spiritual encouragement of our young people.

Risk Management

This task is still underway, having undergone several iterations as we try to stay in line with ACNA protocols. Thankfully, the head of safeguarding for ACNA, Doctor Tiffany Butler, is a very pro REC leader. She has been most helpful along the way. At this point, all Church clergy should be getting their background checks lined up through Protect My Ministry, and the Rev. Ricky McCarl. These are required for all members who serve children and at risk adults in all our congregations in any capacity.

Diocese of Central Eastern Canada

This Diocese was previously committed to the care of the NEMA Diocese. We have been awaiting a new non-profit registration that would replace the Diocesan entity of Central and Eastern Canada. This was necessary for the continued funding of the Cuban Mission work originally established under the DCEC. This will also affect the designation (but not the standing) of the Rev. Robert Harrold, who has longtime been the Dean of the Diocese. Thanks be to God, this has now all been approved and registered with the Canadian government. We will now begin the legal work to dismantle mothball the DCEC entity. The Standing Committee has offered their concurrence on the closing of the Diocese of Central and Eastern Canada, the dissolution of the office of Dean of the Diocese, and folding St. George's Reformed Episcopal Church into NEMA.

Respectfully submitted,

Rt. Rev. Wm. A. Jenkins, Sr., Ordinary

THE RT. REV. R. CHARLES GILLIN
to the
58th General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church

Dear Brethren:

This report summarizes my episcopal activities for the years 2023 and 2024. I retired from my position as Ordinary on December 31, 2024. These activities can be found in detail in the Minutes of the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic for the 142nd, 143rd and 144th diocesan Councils. These Minutes are found on the diocesan website: rec-nema.org under the Resources tab.

Regular Episcopal Visitations to churches in 2023:

<u>Visits</u>	<u>Confirmations</u>	<u>Canonical Receptions</u>
14	26	6

Regular Episcopal Visitations to churches in 2024:

<u>Visits</u>	<u>Confirmations</u>	<u>Canonical Receptions</u>
17	75	0

Regular Episcopal Visitations to churches in 2025*:

<u>Visits</u>	<u>Confirmations</u>	<u>Canonical Receptions</u>
4	11	0

*At the request and/or with the permission of the Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr.

Clerical Transfers

On April 13, 2023 I issued a Letter Dimissory, upon request, on behalf of the Rev. Tait Deems to the Reformed Episcopal Diocese of Mid-America.

On May 25, 2023 I issued, at his request, a Letter Dimissory on behalf of the Rev. Aaron T. Cappucci to the Diocese of Ft. Worth overseen by the Rt. Rev. Ryan Reed.

On August 15, 2023 I issued a Letter Dimissory, at his request, on behalf of the Rev. Dr. David N. Greenwood to the Anglican Diocese of the South overseen by the Most Rev. Foley Beach.

On November 7, 2023 I issued, at his request, a Letter Dimissory on behalf of the Rev. Deacon Vic Broberg to the Anglican Province of America overseen by the Rt. Rev. Chandler H. Jones.

New Clerical Calls

On January 14, 2024, the vestry of St. Matthew's Church, Havertown, PA voted to call the Rev. Justin M. Forsberg as Assistant Rector of the Parish. The call was unanimously adopted at the congregational meeting on Sunday February 11, 2024. I approved the action.

In early February 2024, the Rev. Matthew G. Maule was named Assistant Rector of St. Mark's Church in Rydal, PA. I approved the action.

Ordinations

On January 27, 2024 the Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. and I ordained the Rev. Deacon William A. Jenkins, Jr., Presbyter, at Faith Reformed Episcopal Church, Baltimore, MD. The ordinand was presented by the Very Rev. Dr. Eric W. Jorgensen. The Rev. Justin M. Forsberg read the Litany. The Old Testament scripture was read by the Rev. Ricky McCarl. The Gospel was read by the Rev. Cedric R. Benner. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Shawn Riley, who also read the Epistle.

On July 13, 2024 I ordained the Rev. Chester R. Banks, Presbyter, at the Church of Our Redeemer in Jersey City, NJ. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Justin M. Forsberg. The homilist was the Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn. Rev. Norris O. Gadsden read the Litany and the Gospel. The Epistle was read by Mr. Christopher Komline. The service of Holy Communion was read by the Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr.

On May 20, 2023 I ordained Mr. Stephen Atchison, Deacon, at St. Matthew's Reformed Episcopal Church, Havertown, PA. The ordinand was presented by the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud. The Rev. Rod Lee served as Litanist. The homily was delivered by the Rev. Justin M. Forsberg.

On October 7, 2023 I ordained Mr. Kevin Murphy, Deacon, at Good Shepherd Anglican Church, Harrisburg, PA. The service was held in the sanctuary of the historic Zion Lutheran Church. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Ricky McCarl. The Rev. Shawn Riley served as Litanist. The Epistle was read by Pastor Karin Pejack. Rev. Deacon Murphy read the Gospel and the ante- and post-Holy Communion readers were Rev. Justin M. Forsberg and the Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. The homily was delivered by the Rev. Cn. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches.

On April 14, 2024 I ordained Mr. Norris O. Gadsden, Deacon, at the Church of our Redeemer in Jersey City, NJ. The ordinand was presented by the Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn who also read the Holy Scriptures. The Rev. Chester R. Banks and the Rev. Justin M. Forsberg served as Litanists. I preached the homily.

On April 20, 2024 I ordained Mr. Benjamin P. Pearce, Deacon at St. Mark's Church in Rydal, PA. The ordinand was presented by the Very Rev. Jason S. Patterson who also preached the homily. The Rev. Matthew G. Maule served as Litanist. The Holy Scriptures were read by Mr. Gregory Hoyt and Mr. David Szomor, both of whom served as Postulants at St. Mark's Church.

On July 13, 2024 I ordained Mr. Thomas J. Davison, Deacon, at Covenant Chapel Reformed Episcopal Church in Basking Ridge, NJ. The candidate was presented by the Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn who also read the Service of Holy Communion. The homilist was the Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. Mr. Christopher Komline read the Litany. The Epistle was read by Mr. Brian Ayres and the Gospel by Rev. Davison.

German Ordinands

The Rev. Canon John Boonzaaijer, the President of the Reformed Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions made the request that the Standing Committee of the NEMA Diocese certify the clerical credentials of clergy in the Reformed Episcopal Church in Germany. The former AKD was no longer a diocese and needed a diocese to perform this task on its behalf. All examinations will be

done by the Rt. Rev. Gerhard Meyer and his presbyters. Upon acknowledgment of the examination being sustained by the candidate and with the submission of the diocesan informational and doctrinal form titled, *NEMA Application for Postulancy, Ordination and Transfer*, I agreed to Canon Boonzaaijer's request. I received two completed NEMA forms from Mr. Gregor Janik and Mr. Branislav Tot, found them to be in good order and recommended to the Standing Committee that these men be ordained to the diaconate. The recommendation was approved.

Clerical Necrology

The Rev. Jack W. Clark was called home to be with the Lord on June 4, 2022. He succumbed to pancreatic cancer at age 74 while living in retirement in Florida. On July 14, 2023, his remains were laid to rest at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear, DE. The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks was asked by his widow, Esther, to serve as officiant. Bishop Hicks asked Bishop Jenkins and me to participate in the short military service by reading Holy Scripture.

Deaconess Retirement

On January 3, 2023 Deaconess Ruth Creswell wrote a letter addressed to me announcing her retirement. I acknowledged her letter with one of my own and followed up with a telephone call to pray with and thank her for her ministry.

Deaconess Set Apart

On June 30, 2024 I set apart Dr. Susan H. D. Regisford as a Deaconess at St. Alban's Church in New York, NY. She was presented by the Rev. Canon Matthew P. Harrington who also assisted in the service. Other participants were the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick and Dr. Dennis Wermert.

Churches

Good Shepherd Church – South Easton, MA

On Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 6:00pm I consecrated the church building of this congregation. The Rev. Deacon Thomas Schmuck, the Very Rev. Eduardo A. Andrade and Bishop William Jenkins also read in the service. Archdeacon Jon W. Abboud delivered the homily.

Services at the **St. Patrick's Church, Norristown, PA** were suspended due to the lengthy illness of the Rev. Russell M. Buchanan.

St. Alban's Church – New York, NY – This parish has been meeting in a property located at 45 Tudor City Place in New York City. It sits between 1st & 2nd Avenues above E. 42nd Street across from a public park and in the shadow of the United Nations. The church negotiated a long-term lease and is meeting at the property during final renovations. The former church property had been leased to a school that caters to autistic children.

On September 9, 2023 I met with the church vestry at the rectory. The groundwork had been laid by the Rev. Canon Dr. Matthew Harrington to help prepare the vestry members for his departure as the resident rector. The vestry voted unanimously to call the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick as Associate Rector. His official duties began on October 1, 2023. Canon Harrington agreed to continue to represent the church's interests and attend the Zoom meetings of

the condominium association.

On July 7, 2024 the church held a farewell for the Rev. Mr. Fitzpatrick. He agreed to move back to the Collingdale, PA area to assist the Rev. Shawn Riley in ministry at Grace Church. Rev. Fitzpatrick had served this parish for many years prior to moving to Ohio.

New Redeemer Church – Jersey City, NJ – The Search Committee recommended the call of the Rev. Chester Banks to the vestry. At a meeting held on October 4, 2023, the vestry voted to extend a call to Rev. Banks to serve as the minister of New Redeemer Church. Following his examination and ordination to the presbyterate on July 13, 2024, he was licensed by me to serve the parish.

Jesus the Good Shepherd – Brooklyn, NY – Bishop Jenkins and I received notification that due to health reasons; the Rev. Eugene Phipps was no longer able to conduct services at the church and announced his retirement. The Rev. Dcn. Carl Wegner was contacted and at my request agreed to travel to the church on a weekly basis to conduct services. He conducted his first service on September 22, 2024. The parish was placed on Mission status and a provisional vestry appointed. I requested that a sale of the church property be investigated with the residual proceeds from the sale used for the rental of another meeting space in Brooklyn.

St. Timothy's Mission – Mt. Laurel, NJ - After much prayer and in consultation with Bishop William A. Jenkins, Sr., the Rev. Michael J. Carr and the vestry of St. Timothy's Church in Mt. Laurel, NJ it was decided to close the church which had been meeting in rented facilities. I officiated at their final service held on December 29, 2024.

Reformed Episcopal Seminary

At the Board of Directors meeting held on February 24, 2023 three important decisions were made which affect theological education in the Diocese. First, the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches, following consultation with me and others, requested a paid year-long sabbatical from his teaching and administrative duties as President and Dean of the Seminary. He had served at the Seminary for 24 years, 11 of which were as Dean and four of which as President and Dean. In addition, he has assumed many other duties that are normally performed by several others in other seminaries and teaching an abnormally heavy course load, that have added to the burden of his responsibilities. Significant progress was made under his leadership in areas of accreditation, the new Master of Arts in Theology degree and financial aid. He remained as President and Dean until June 12, 2023. He planned to return at the beginning of the 2024-2025 academic year as the chair of the Bishop Riches Chair of Anglican Theology.

Second, the Board unanimously voted to appoint the Rev. Dr. Matthew P. Harrington as Dean and President of the institution beginning on June 13, 2023. During the time of transition, Dr. Riches agreed to work alongside and support the new Administration and Bishop and submit to their judgment in the decision-making process.

Third, the Board established a committee to undertake a feasibility study to physically move the Seminary from its current location in Blue Bell, PA to the facilities of St. Paul's Reformed

Episcopal Church in Oreland, PA. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, Dr. Guy Webster, was empowered to chair and appoint members to this Committee.

At the Seminary Board of Director's meeting on May 12, 2023, the Relocation Task Force presented its feasibility report to the Board for adoption. It was recommended that the Seminary be relocated from its current location in Blue Bell, PA to the property of St. Paul's R. E. Church in Oreland, PA. The recommendation was passed. Also, the Board had granted the Rev. Cn. Dr. Jonathan S. Riches, President and Dean, a sabbatical from August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024, with full salary and benefits. On July 5, 2024, Dr. Riches tendered his resignation to the Board, from all positions, effective August 5, 2024.

Other

I have been asked to conduct regular chapels and to preach at the Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community where Jan and I reside. I was also elected to the Resident's Council by the cottage residents.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rt. Rev. R. Charles Gillin
Bishop Ordinary NEMA Diocese (Ret.)

SUMMARY OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic

This report represents a summary of the actions of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic that are recorded in detail of the minutes of the 143rd, 144th, and 145th of those diocesan council meetings. The membership of the Standing Committee for each year of the triennium will be found listed in the same published reports.

CANONICAL EXAMINATIONS/ORDINATIONS/RECEPTIONS/TRANSFERS

New Clerical Calls, Clergy Reception and Transfers

- On April 13, 2023, Bp. Gillin issued a Letter Dimissory, upon request, on behalf of the Rev. Tait Deems to the Reformed Episcopal Diocese of Mid-America.
- On May 25, 2023, Bp. Gillin issued, at his request, a Letter Dimissory on behalf of the Rev. Aaron T. Cappucci to the Diocese of Ft. Worth overseen by the Rt. Rev. Ryan Reed.
- On August 15, 2023, Bp. Gillin issued a Letter Dimissory, at his request, on behalf of the Rev. Dr. David N. Greenwood to the Anglican Diocese of the South overseen by the Most Rev. Foley Beach.
- On September 9, 2023, Bp. Gillin met with the church vestry of St. Alban's Church New York, NY at the rectory. The groundwork had been laid by Canon Harrington to help prepare the vestry members for his departure as the resident rector. At that same meeting, the vestry of St. Alban's Church, New York, NY voted unanimously to call the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick as Associate Rector. His official duties began on October 1, 2023. **The Standing Committee approved of the action of the Vestry of St. Alban's Church to call the Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick to serve as Associate Rector.**
- **Rev. Dcn. Vic Broberg** - On November 7, 2023 Bp. Gillin issued, at his request, a Letter Dimissory on behalf of the Rev. Deacon Vic Broberg to the Anglican Province of America overseen by the Rt. Rev. Chandler H. Jones.
- On January 14, 2024, the vestry of St. Matthew's Church, Havertown, PA voted to call the **Rev. Justin M. Forsberg** as Associate Rector of the Parish. The call was unanimously adopted at their congregational meeting on Sunday February 11, 2024. In early February of this year, the **Rev. Matthew G. Maule** was named Assistant Rector of St. Mark's Church in Rydal, PA. Bp. Gillin has **approved** both of these calls.
- **Rev. Dr. Jonathan Riches** was appointed to serve as Vicar at Emmanuel Church, Pipersville, PA. The Committee approved the motion on January 6, 2025
- **Rev. Michael Fitzpatrick** was transferred to Grace Collingdale, PA on July 14, 2024.
- **Rev. Chester Banks** was installed as Rector of New Redeemer REC, Jersey City, NJ on June 1, 2025. The Rt. Rev. William Jenkins presided.
- **Rev. Dr. Seth Synder** has been called to Rector at Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, NJ. The Committee approved the call on August 8, 2025

- **Rev. Bukola Adenuga**, Requested transfer of license to Church of Nigeria, North American Mission (CONNAM). Granted on Sept 9, 2025. Consented by the Committee on October 2, 2025
- **Rev. Lorenzo Cusik** was issued a license by Bishop Jenkins and approved by the Standing Committee on January 9, 2026 to serve as Curate of Emmanuel RE Church, Sommerville, NJ. He was referred to the Examining Chaplains on April 10, 2026
- **Rev. Greg Miller** was appointed as Vicar to St. Paul's Church, Oreland, PA this was affirmed by the Standing Committee on January 29, 2026
- **Rev. Dcn. Jared Lovell** was called as Rector to Grace, Scranton, PA
- **Rev. Greg Miller** was appointed as Vicar to St. Paul's Church, Oreland, PA this was affirmed by the Standing Committee on January 29, 2026
- **Rev. Dr. John S. Simpson** was examined by the Examining Chaplains on January 30, 2026 and was recommended to the bishop for reception and transfer into the NEMA Diocese as a Presbyter. The bishop recommended the approval of the Standing Committee of his transfer. **The Standing Committee approved this motion** on March 26, 2026.
- On March 26, 2026 the Standing Committee approved the title of **Bishop Gerhart Meyers** as Bishop Emeritus until October of 2026

The Standing Committee concurred with these actions.

- On May 25, 2023, Bp. Gillin issued, at his request, a Letter Dimissory on behalf of the Rev. Aaron T. Cappucci to the Diocese of Ft. Worth overseen by the Rt. Rev. Ryan Reed.
- On August 15, 2023, Bp. Gillin issued a Letter Dimissory, at his request, on behalf of the Rev. Dr. David N. Greenwood to the Anglican Diocese of the South overseen by the Most Rev. Foley Beach.

Parish Transfers/Receptions

- On March 18, 2026 the Standing Committee approved the request by **Grace Church, Scranton** to be moved to full parish status.
- On March 22, 2026 a letter of association and conformity was received by the bishop and the Standing Committee. On March 26, 2026 the Standing Committee voted to approve the transfer of **Christ the King Chapel of Taunton, MA** as a mission of the NEMA Diocese.
- On March 25, 2026 a letter of association and conformity was received by the bishop and the Standing Committee. On March 26, 2026 the Standing Committee voted to approve the transfer of **New Creation of Hagerstown, MD** as a mission of the NEMA Diocese.

Closings

- **St. Timothy's Anglican Mission, Mt. Laurel, NJ** was disbanded in December of 2024 after losing its lease on their building. The communicates were transferred to the care of St. Luke's Bishop Hoffman.
- **The Diocese of Central and Eastern Canada** has been registered with Canada as a new non-profit. This was necessary for the continued funding of the Cuban Mission work originally established under the DCEC. The closing of the diocese and the dissolution of its office of The Dean

of the Diocese means that **St. George's REC** will be folded into the diocese of NEMA. The Committee consented to the closing on October 2, 2025.

Ordination Exams

- **Mr. Stephen Atchison** was examined for Deacons orders on January 24, 2023, in Havertown, PA. His rector, Archdeacon Jon Abboud, hosted the meeting in his home and was present with the Examining Chaplains and Bishop-Coadjutor Elect William Jenkins for the meeting. Candidate Atchison was approved for ordination pending successful report backs. His responsibilities were fulfilled.
- **Mr. Kevin Murphy** was examined for Deacons orders on July 16, 2023, in Rydal, PA. Bishop William Jenkins joined the Examining Chaplains for the meeting. Candidate Murphy was approved for ordination pending successful report backs. His responsibilities were fulfilled
- **The Rev. Deacon William A. Jenkins, Jr.** was examined by the Examining Chaplains for Presbyters orders on November 14, 2023. The examination was held by Zoom. Bishop William Jenkins recused himself from the meeting. Rev. Jenkins sustained the examination and was recommended to the bishop for ordination.
- **Mr. Norris O. Gadsden** was examined by the Examining Chaplains for Deacons orders on January 12, 2024. The examination was held by Zoom. Bishop William Jenkins was also on the examination call. Candidate Gadsden sustained the examination and was recommended to the bishop for ordination upon completing several follow-up items.
- **Mr. Benjamin P. Pearce** was examined by the Examining Chaplains for Deacons orders on January 12, 2024. The examination was held by Zoom. Bishop William Jenkins and the Very Rev. Jason S. Patterson were also on the examination call. Candidate Pearce sustained the examination and was recommended to the bishop for ordination.
- **The Rev. Chester Banks** was examined by the Examining Chaplains on May 8, 2024. The examination was held by Zoom. Bishop William Jenkins and the Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn were also on the examination call. Candidate Banks sustained the examination and was recommended to the bishop for reception as a Deacon and ordination to the Presbyterate. I intend to do this as permitted in Title I - Canon 10, Section 5 (a) *Thereafter the Bishop, being satisfied of such Minister's theological attainments and soundness in faith, may (3) Receive him as a Minister of the Gospel and conditionally regularize his status as a Deacon or a Presbyter by laying on of hands and by use of the proper form as found in the Ordinal of the Book of Common Prayer.* Bp. Gillin **recommend** that the Rev. Chester Banks be received on our clergy rolls as a Deacon and ordained Presbyter as per the recommendation of the Examining Chaplains. **The Standing Committee approved this motion.**
- **Rev. Dcn. Stephen Atchison** was examined for Presbyters orders on February 28, 2025. ordination to the presbyterate. Candidate Atchison sustained the examination and was recommended to the bishop for ordination.
- Bishop Jenkins received the files of the written examinations and at the request of Bp Meyers and Bp Boonzaaijer that **Mr. Nick Manhke** and **Mr. Jelle Huisman** be recommended to the Standing Committee for ordination to the diaconate and **Rev. Gregor Janik** for the ordination to the presbyterate. The Standing Committee voted on February 5, 2025 to offer their concurrence for all three ordinations

Ordinations

- **Mr. Kevin Murphy** was ordained to the diaconate by Bp. Gillin on Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 1:00pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Harrisburg, PA. The ordinand was presented by the Rev. Ricky McCarl. The Rev. Shawn Riley served as Litanist. Pastor Karin Pejack read the Holy Scriptures. The homily was delivered by the Rev. Canon Dr. Jonathan S. Riches.
- **Mr. Stephen Atchison**- Bp. Gillin ordained Mr. Stephen Atchison to the diaconate on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 4:00pm at St. Matthew's R.E. Church in Havertown, PA. The ordinand was presented by the Ven. Dr. Jon W. Abboud. The Rev. Rod Lee served as Litanist. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Justin M. Forsberg.
- **Rev. Fr. William A. Jenkins, Jr.** – On January 27, 2024 the Rt. Rev. William A. Jenkins, Sr. and Bp. Gillin ordained the Rev. Deacon William A. Jenkins, Jr., Presbyter, at Faith Reformed Episcopal Church, Baltimore, MD. The ordinand was presented by the Very Rev. Dr. Eric W. Jorgensen. The Rev. Justin M. Forsberg read the Litany. The Old Testament scripture was read by the Rev. Ricky McCarl. The Gospel was read by the Rev. Cedric R. Benner. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Shawn Riley, who also read the Epistle.
- **Rev. Deacon Norris O. Gadsden** – On April 14, 2024, Bp. Gillin ordained Mr. Norris O. Gadsden, Deacon, at the Church of our Redeemer in Jersey City, NJ. The ordinand was presented by the Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn who also read the Holy Scriptures. The Rev. Chester R. Banks and the Rev. Justin M. Forsberg served as Litanists. Bp. Gillin preached the homily.
- **Rev. Deacon Benjamin P. Pearce** – On April 20, 2024, Bp. Gillin ordained Mr. Benjamin P. Pearce, Deacon, at St. Mark's Church in Rydal, PA. The ordinand was presented by the Very Rev. Jason S. Patterson who also preached the homily. The Rev. Matthew G. Maule served as Litanist. The Holy Scriptures were read by Mr. Gregory Hoyt and Mr. David Szomor, both of whom serve as Postulants at St. Mark's Church.
- **Rev. Dcn. Stephen Atchison** was ordained as presbyter on July 17, 2025 at St. Mathew's REC, Havertown, PA
- **Rev. Dcn. Gregor Janik** was ordained as presbyter on Feb. 5, 2025

Episcopal Institution

- **Rt. Rev. Wm. A. Jenkins** was installed as Bishop Ordinary of the NEMA Diocese on June 28, 2025 at Bishop Cummins REC in Catonsville, MD.

Pastoral vacancies

- **Emmanuel Church (Mission) – Pipersville, PA** – Canon Jonathan Riches continues to serve as Interim Vicar. He has scheduled a number of visiting ministers and Seminary students to assist with services.
- **New Redeemer Church – Jersey City, NJ** – This parish continues under the Bishop's oversight. I have been assisted by the Dean Jerry Mc Lynn who has agreed to schedule presbyters to serve the Eucharist once-a-month at the church. As of late, the Rev. Justin Forsberg has been making these visits. Mr. Norris Gadsden and the Rev. Chester Banks have been alternating reading Morning Prayer and preaching.

- **Grace Anglican Church (Mission) – Scranton, PA** – This mission continues under the Bishop's oversight. Minister-in-Charge Jared Lovell, Sr. Warden, Dr. Joshua Arp, Jr. Warden and Mr. Evan Hughes continue to provide local lay leadership in the absence of a vicar along with other local vestry members. Mr. Lovell was hired by the church to perform intern-related activities. The Rev. William Garrison has been engaged by the vestry to visit the church twice each month to preside at the Lord's Table and to preach.
- **St. Peter's Church – Elkton, MD** – The Rev. Frank Spadafora continues to serve as Interim Vicar. A Search Committee has been formed and the Committee has issued a letter to prospective pastoral candidates. They are seeking a part-time rector and have constructed a financial package. The rector's position needs and church description have been sent to the diocesan, REC and ACNA websites for posting. Rev. Spadafora is often assisted by the Rev. John Campbell.
- **Covenant Chapel – Basking Ridge, NJ** – Following the resignation and departure of the Rev. David N. Greenwood Bp. Gillin has been meeting with the vestry on a regular basis by Zoom or in person. The Very Rev. Jerry McLynn contacted me for permission to arrange for a regular preaching rotation involving Mr. Tom Davison, Mr. Chris Komline, Mr. Jonathan Martin and Dean McLynn who also serves the Eucharist on the Sunday he visits.
- **St. Paul's Church – Oreland, PA** – This ministry continues under the capable and sacrificial leadership of the Rev. Canon Dr. Matthew P. Harrington who serves as Interim Vicar. Dr. Dennis Wermert and Mr. Timothy Meadows have been serving at St. Alban's Church by reading Morning Prayer and preaching in Canon Harrington's absence.
- **Emmanuel Church-Somerville, PA** -On December 31, 2024, the Very Rev. Gerald S. McLynn retired from his charge. He has served as rector of this parish for 16 years. He and his wife Ginger have retired to Smyrna, DE, and are currently active at St. Peter's Anglican Church in Elkton, MD.

Clerical Necrology

- **The Rev. Jack W. Clark** was called home to be with the Lord on June 4, 2022. He succumbed to pancreatic cancer at age 74 while living in retirement in Florida. On July 14, 2023, his remains were laid to rest at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear, DE. The Rt. Rev. David L. Hicks was asked by his widow, Esther, to serve as officiant. Bishop Hicks asked Bishop Jenkins and Bishop Gillin to participate in the short military service by reading Holy Scripture.
- **Bishop Leonard Wayne Riches, Sr.**, a beloved spiritual leader, scholar, and advocate for traditional Anglicanism, was born on March 21, 1939, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to A. Wayne and Enola (Gilbert) Riches. He passed away on December 29, 2024, in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. Riches is known for his extraordinary leadership in revitalizing the Reformed Episcopal Church (REC), renewing traditional Anglicanism, and being an integral part of establishing the Anglican Church in North America.

He graduated cum laude from Princeton University in 1961 with a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature. He then earned a Master of Divinity from the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church (now Reformed Episcopal Seminary) in 1964. Riches pursued further graduate studies toward a Master of Sacred Theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary). He was awarded honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees by the Reformed Episcopal Seminary in 1976 and by Cranmer Theological House in 1997.

Riches was baptized at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. In 1946, his family joined the Reformed Episcopal Church, first worshipping at Memorial Church of Our Redeemer, a

Reformed Episcopal congregation in Philadelphia. They later became members of Calvary Reformed Episcopal Church under the leadership of William H. S. Jerdan, who, like Riches, became a Presiding Bishop of the REC.

Riches was ordained as a deacon in 1964 and as a presbyter in 1965 by Bishop Howard David Higgins. Riches served as rector for three REC parishes: St. Luke's Church in Philadelphia, First Reformed Episcopal Church in New York, and St. Mark's Church in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania.

Riches married Barbara Martin, a fellow graduate of Reformed Episcopal Seminary, in 1964. Together, they had two sons, Leonard, Jr. and Jonathan, and were proud grandparents to four grandchildren, representing the fourth generation of Reformed Episcopalians in the Riches family. Riches was a teacher, professor, mentor, pastor, and bishop. He started teaching at Reformed Episcopal Seminary in 1965 as a lecturer and later became Professor of Liturgics and Theology. He was the seminary's president from 1982 to 1990 and 1995 to 1998. Upon retiring in 2015 after 50 years of service, he was named Professor Emeritus of Liturgics and Theology. He also held visiting professorships at Cranmer Theological House and Sangre de Cristo Seminary in Westcliffe, Colorado. Riches was proud that his son Jonathan completed a Ph.D. in liturgics and served the seminary for 25 years, enhancing his legacy by achieving full accreditation in 2013 and introducing a Master of Arts degree along with other programs.

In 1974, Riches was elected bishop of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic and was consecrated in June 1975 at the First Reformed Episcopal Church in New York. He served as Assistant Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor, and later Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese from 1984 until November 2008. He served as Presiding Bishop of the entire denomination from 1996 to 2014. He helped the Reformed Episcopal Church grow and reunite with other traditional Anglicans. Riches was Moderator of the Federation of the Anglican Churches in the Americas from January 2006 to April 2008 and worked with the Common Cause Partners, helping to lead the formation of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) in June 2009, contributing to the Anglican realignment movement in the United States.

Riches served as the most senior bishop in the ACNA, installing the first Archbishop Robert W. Duncan. Archbishop Duncan said:

“Without the commitment and statesmanship of Presiding Bishop Leonard Riches, it is hard to imagine how the Anglican Church in North America could ever have come together. His wisdom and presence were an abiding gift to me personally and to the whole movement that was the Common Cause Partnership of orthodox Anglican fragments, a movement that is now a growing and united Church of some thirty dioceses and more than 120,000 believers whose mission is to reach North America with the transforming love of Jesus Christ, recognized and in Communion with 60 million Anglicans worldwide.”

Bishop Leonard W. Riches, Sr.'s legacy is marked by his steadfast commitment to the principles of traditional Anglicanism, his love and compassion in the spirit of Jesus Christ, his pivotal leadership in Anglican realignment, and his dedication to theological education.

Funerals/Memorial Services

- **Florence Miller** – On May 9, 2025 Bishop Jenkins, accompanied by Bishop and Mrs. Gillin attended the funeral service for Mrs. Florence Miller at St. Mark's REC Rydal, PA. Florence, the wife of Captain Bob Miller passed into glory on Sunday May 4, 2025. Both have been longtime members of St. Mark's and Captain Miller remains a fellow servant on our NEMA Standing Committee.

- **Elsie Weiss** – On September 27, 2025 Bishop Jenkins participated in the funeral service for Mrs. Elsie Weiss, mother of Carol Weiss Riches and mother-in-law to Mr. Ron Riches, our diocesan treasurer. Elsie was just shy of 103 years old and labored for God as his faithful soldier and servant.

Other Actions of the Standing Committee

- The Standing Committee approved a motion to consent to the Episcopal Election of the Rev. Canon John Peter Boonzaaijer. On September 20, 2023, the Rev. Canon John Peter Boonzaaijer was elected as Missionary Suffragan Bishop for the Missionary Diocese of the Reformed Episcopal Church in Cuba. The Standing Committee of diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church approved this motion on October 18, 2023.
- On December 11, 2023, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic of the Reformed Episcopal Church approved a motion to the consent of the episcopal election of the Rev. Canon Charles F. Camlin as a Suffragan Bishop for the Diocese of Mid-America.
- On July 30, 2025 the Committee passed the motion to concur with Bishop Jenkins on the nomination of Dss. Susan Regisford as one of two report receivers for the NEMA to keep in accordance with our Child and Adult Protection Policy.
- **Nkiru Menakaya** of Emmanuel Somerville was examined on Friday September 5, 2025. She sustained her exam successfully and was recommend to the bishop to be set apart as a Deaconess.
- On Dec. 30, 2025 the Standing Committee passed the motion to endorse Bishop Jenkin's "Proposal for Request of Suffragan NEMA" to the other ACNA bishops.

German Ordinands

At the May 14, 2024 meeting of the Standing Committee, Bp. Gillin included this part of his report. The Rev. Canon John Boonzaaijer, the President of the Reformed Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions had made the request that the Standing Committee of our Diocese certify the clerical credentials of clergy in the Reformed Episcopal Church in Germany. The former AKD is no longer a diocese and needs a diocese to perform this task on their behalf. All examinations will be done by the Rt. Rev. Gerhard Meyer and his presbyters. Upon acknowledgment that the examination has been sustained by the candidate and with the submission our diocesan informational and doctrinal form titled, NEMA Application for Postulancy, Ordination and Transfer, Bp. Gillin agreed to Canon Boonzaaijer's request. Bp. Gillin has received two completed NEMA forms from Mr. Gregor Janik and Mr. Branislav Tot, found them to be in good order and **recommend** to the Standing Committee that these men be ordained to the diaconate. **The Standing Committee approved this motion.**

Reformed Episcopal Seminary

The Reformed Episcopal Seminary went through many changes in 2023-2026. The Seminary move from Blue Bell, PA to the property of St. Paul's Church, Orelan, PA. is now complete. The Seminary has instituted the Bishop George David Cummins Scholarship program. This scholarship provides free tuition for any M.Div. students who attends classes in person. The aim is to create a critical mass of in person students, to augment the online classes which are being taught. It is also hoped that with the creation of this group of students, God may provide us with sufficient opportunities for ministry to keep them here in our diocese. The work for continued accreditation is in process.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Schmuck