

## **2016-2017 Report of the Standing Committee Diocese of Central States**

October 26, 2017

### **Election of the Bishop Coadjutor:**

Per the resolution unanimously adopted by the 2016 Synod of the DCS, and per the directions of the Bishop Ordinary of the DCS and the Presiding Bishop of the REC, the Standing Committee undertook oversight of the election of a Bishop Coadjutor for the DCS. The process began in November 2016 with a nomination period that concluded on January 15, 2017. The nomination process resulted in a single nominee, The Rt. Rev. Peter F. Manto. Permission for the election was granted by the ACNA College of Bishops in January, 2017.

Subsequently, the Standing Committee developed a method for an electronic election, using commercially available software, potentially eliminating the need for travel by clergy and delegates to an election Synod for a single nominee. Through numerous demonstrations and test votes, the electronic voting methodology was subsequently approved by the Standing Committee, the Ordinary, and the Presiding Bishop. Further demonstrations and test votes for the voting electorate were conducted, and on Monday, March 27, 2017, the Synod of the Diocese of the Central States unanimously elected The Rt. Rev. Peter F. Manto as Bishop Coadjutor.

Appropriate documentation was prepared by the Standing Committee for the presentation of the election results to the June, 2017, 55<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the REC in Dallas, TX. Bishop Manto's election was unanimously approved by the General Convention, and subsequently by the College of Bishops of ACNA in July, 2017. The General Convention documentation is attached to this report since it provides the most complete record of the election process.

### **Clergy Matters:**

#### Postulants:

On October 5, 2017, the Bishop Ordinary forwarded the Postulancy Application of Mr. James R. Chasteen of Christ the King Anglican Church to the Standing Committee President. This application is being reviewed by the Standing Committee, and a recommendation to the Bishop Ordinary will be forthcoming.

#### Presbyters:

On December 23, 2016, the Standing Committee voted to recommend to the Bishop Ordinary the reception of The Rev. Edward T. Tuten into the REC (assisting at St. James REC, Memphis, TN) in a retired status. Fr. Tuten was subsequently received by the Ordinary on January 4, 2017.

On January 4, 2107, the Standing Committee voted to approve the call of the Rev. Davidson Morse to St. Andrew's Reformed Episcopal Church, Appomattox, VA.

In July of 2017 the Bishop Ordinary referred the application of The Rev. Dr. Cristopher J. King of Kannapolis, NC, to the Standing Committee. The President of the Standing Committee referred The Rev. Dr. King to Frs. Paul Edgerton and Ian MacGregor for a period of indoctrination into the Anglican way before referring The Rev. Dr. King to the Examining Chaplains or considering subsequent recommendations to the Ordinary regarding reception.

On July 29, 2017, the Standing Committee voted to recommend to the Bishop Ordinary the reception of The Rev. Dominic D. Taranto into the REC. Fr. Taranto (assisting at All Saints Anglican, Raleigh, NC) was subsequently received by the Ordinary on August 16, 2017.

### **Organizational Matters:**

In compliance with the REC and Diocesan Canons, the Standing Committee is organized into classes by year, such that each year one clergy and one lay member may rotate off, and the Nominating Committee of the Diocese may nominate a replacement for each. The current classes are as follows:

#### Clergy Members:

Class of 2017 – The Very Rev. W. Scott Thompson (SC President, rolling off)

Class of 2018 – The Rev. Dr. Paul Edgerton

Class of 2019 – The Rev. Josiah Jones

Class of 2020 – To be elected

#### Lay Members:

Class of 2017 – Dr. Sam Mansour (rolling off)

Class of 2018 – Mr. Cullen Estes

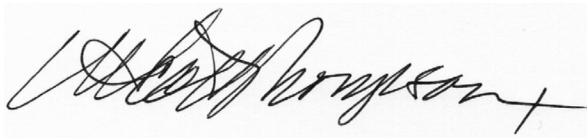
Class of 2019 – Mr. Jim Stubblefield

Class of 2020 – To be elected

Please join me in rendering heartfelt thanks to Dr. Mansour for his long and faithful service on this very busy committee.

This concludes the report of the Standing Committee for the 2016-2017 reporting period.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Scott Thompson', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

The Very Rev. W. Scott Thompson, President