



October 26, 2017

**Synod of the Diocese of Central States of the Reformed Episcopal Church**  
**Report of the Nominations Committee**

**Our Task**

The Nominations Committee was tasked with vetting candidates and making selections for the consideration and vote of the Synod of four class-of-2020 diocesan positions: Lay Trustee, Clergy Trustee, Lay Member of the Standing Committee, and Clergy Member of the Standing Committee.

The Compositions of the Board of Trustees and the Standing Committee are as follows:

**Board of Trustees** – The Trustees slated to leave office are The Rev. David Straw and Mr. Perry Hayes.

The remaining Trustees are The Rev. Dcn. Ken Mills (2018), Mr. Brad Burke (2018), The Rev. David Truax (2019), and Mrs. Patricia Smith (2019).

The *ex officio* Trustees are The Rt. Rev. Dan Morse, The Rt. Rev. Peter Manto, and The Rev. Canon Ian MacGregor.

**Standing Committee** - The members slated to leave office are The Very Rev. W. Scott Thompson and Dr. Sam Mansour.

The remaining members are The Rev. Dr. Paul Edgerton (2018), Mr. Cullen Estes (2018), The Rev. Josiah Jones (2019), and Mr. Jim Stubblefield (2019).

The *ex officio* members are The Rt. Rev. Dan Morse, the Rt. Rev. Peter Manto, the Rev. Canon J. Scott Houser, The Rev. Canon Ian MacGregor, and The Rev. Dcn. Ken Mills.

**Our Method**

Building upon the process we used last year, the Committee solicited recommendations from the diocese for the available positions. Once these recommendations were collected, the Committee considered each in conference with their own recommendations and determined a slate of potential nominees, all of which consented to serve if elected. Names suggested to us who were not nominated this year have been kept on record for their consideration in future years. We were grateful for the recommendations we received, particularly for lay positions. As all such recommendations this year were made by clergy, the Committee encourages the lay delegates to engage next year. Don't be bashful; qualified folks willing to serve can even recommend themselves!

On September 27 the Committee Chair sent the slate of nominees and their qualifications to the clergy and delegates for their consideration ahead of Synod.

## The Nominees

### **For Lay Trustee: Mr. Mark Malson**

Mr. Malson has assisted the Trustees whether officially or unofficially since the inception of the Missionary Diocese. He served as a Trustee until 2016 and has been requested back by multiple parties.

### **For Clergy Trustee: The Reverend Davidson Morse**

Father Morse has been a part of our diocese for several years now and has proven himself hard-working, wise, and competent. He has served roles with New Covenant Schools and the parishes in Lynchburg and Appomattox, Virginia. He was highly commended to the Committee.

### **For Lay Member of the Standing Committee: Mr. Tom McConnell**

Mr. McConnell (much like Mark Malson) serves as proof once again that in this diocese the reward for good service is more service. He has assisted in the leadership of the Diocese since its inception and served on the Standing Committee until 2015. We are grateful for his willingness to be considered again.

### **For Clergy Member of the Standing Committee: The Reverend Wayne MacNamara**

Father MacNamara is rector of the parish of Christ the King in Dayton, Ohio, in which capacity he founded Dominion Academy. On the diocesan level, he has served as a member of the Standing Committee in the past and serves currently as an Examining Chaplain.

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We thank our Bishop Ordinary, the Right Reverend Dan Morse, for opportunity to serve the diocese in this capacity.

We thank all who thought and prayed for us and offered advice.

As we prayed at the beginning of our work, let us now pray:

**Our God and Father, who dost order the affairs of thy Church after the council of thy will, grant us, we beseech thee, the wisdom to recognize from among thy flock those of thine own choosing to serve with us within the leadership of the Diocese of Central States, that under thine anointing and watchful care they may lead with the mind of Christ, through the same our Savior, who with thee and thy consubstantial Spirit reigns for evermore. Amen.**

The Nominations Committee

The Rev. Dr. Paul Edgerton, chair  
The Rev. David Truax  
Mrs. Jennifer McConnell  
Mr. Jon Miller