

The Front Porch

REC100 NEWS



Summer

\$80k

The first annual REC100 offering is soaring!



2018

Bishops, Canon Missioners, and other leaders meet in April to receive first-hand training in Veritas®

The Bishops and REC100 Committee have met twice since General Council 2017. In October 2017, the committee spent two days reviewing Reformed Episcopal values, the purpose and responsibilities of Canon Missioners and the REC100 Committee, and establishing the administrative procedures concerning the management of the REC100 church

planting funds. In April 2018, the committee met to review a new Reformed Episcopal Church Planting Guide, and to receive first-hand training from Bishop Sutton and the developers of the *Veritas: What is Truth?* seeker ministry program. Pray for these continuing developments and the vision of REC100 to plant 100 new REC missions and parishes!

Front Row (L to R): David Norton, Canon Jack Clark, Archdeacon James Payne, Bishop Ray Sutton, Bishop Al Gadsden, Bishop Chuck Gillin, Bishop Peter Manto, Bishop William White, Rev. Scott Thompson

**EVERY PARISH BEING A
MISSIONAL COMMUNITY
AS WE PLANT 100 NEW
REFORMED EPISCOPAL
MISSIONS & PARISHES**

Back Row: Deaconess Annette Johnson, Canon Ron Moock, Bishop Walter Banek, Bishop David Hicks, Canon Jason Grote, Canon Rusty Ellisor, Canon Charlie Camlin, Canon Bill Jerdan.

Offering soars past \$80,000!

The denomination-wide REC100 Lenten Offering is the first of its kind in the recent history of the Reformed Episcopal Church designated towards the support of domestic church planting!

As outlined by Bishop Ray Sutton at our 55th General Council in June 2017, the Reformed Episcopal Church adopted a model of supporting domestic church planting from the Anglican Diocese of Singapore. Every adult member is asked to prayerfully contribute at least \$100 each year towards the support of the REC100 Vision to plant and establish 100 new missions and parishes in North America. Many parishes excitedly embraced the opportunity to support this vision and involved not just adults but children as well!



It is amazing how a simple \$100 donation can make such a difference. As of May 17th, about 30% of our parishes have submitted their offerings to the REC100 treasurer. **In total, the offering now exceeds \$80,000!!** It is our prayer that, as the rest of our parishes submit their offerings, we will exceed \$100,000!!

We are also listening to the feedback you provided and will be working to help make the REC100 Offering and communications even better next year.

- Canon Jason Grote



REC100 OFFERINGS HELP SUPPORT THE PLANTING OF NEW REFORMED EPISCOPAL PARISHES!



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ALMIGHTY Lord, Triune God of the harvest, we thank you for the Great Commission of your Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ. By His command to spread the Good News, we are led at this time to a particular vision of planting 100 new missions and parishes in the Reformed Episcopal Church. We ask for your favor, grace, and the anointing of the Holy Spirit to fulfill the Gospel call that many might come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We humbly petition you for the workers of the harvest as well as the funding required to support them. Mindful that without your help we can do nothing, we pray for your hand of blessing to be upon us for your glory; in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



Are you looking for an opportunity to help open the door of discussion with others about who Jesus Christ is? Then *Veritas: What is Truth?*® is a perfect opportunity to help you and your parish. Developed and implemented at Bishop Sutton's own parish in Dallas, Veritas is a seeker ministry program that provides an opportunity for believers and seekers to share a meal and openly discuss five stories from the Gospel of St. John centering around the question Pontius Pilate asked Jesus, 'What is truth?'.

Veritas: What is Truth?® is designed to help lead people from our front porch ministries deeper into the home and life of the parish and to begin a process of discipleship.

Veritas: What is Truth?®

"To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?" - John 18:37-38

REC100 is distributing a Veritas Kit to each parish in the Reformed Episcopal Church. Each Veritas Kit contains a Leader's Manual with participant questions, 'how-to' instructions for hosting a Veritas session, and PowerPoint slides with notes for the presenter. Additionally, you will receive other marketing material such as calling cards and Veritas brochures. If you have any questions regarding Veritas, you can email veritas@rechurch.org. It really is as easy as Inviting, Sharing a Meal, and Having a Discussion.

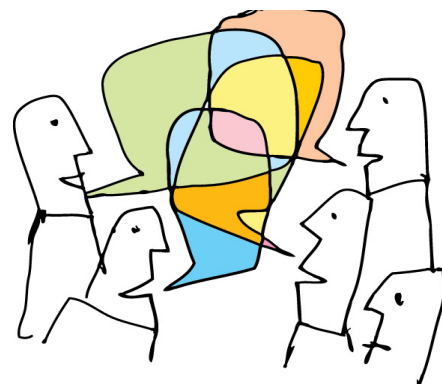
01 Invite



02 Share



03 Discuss





Therefore each parish must ask,

- What is our community?
- What is our life together?
- How do we gather as a community at other times besides Sundays?
- What are the things that we do as a community that outsiders can participate in?
- How often do we share meals in the parish and do those beyond the membership come and feel welcomed?
- What activities within the larger community of the neighborhood and town does our parish participate by Word and deed?
- Are we a community inviting to belong?

*-From Bishop Sutton's presentations
55th General Council 2017*

Casting our nets!



After viewing Bishop Sutton's presentations about Casting our Nets and establishing Front-Porch Ministries, Covenant Church in Roanoke, VA was excited to start a Tai Chi class at the parish to which friends of the parish and community can come.



*Acoustic Coffee House meets
at Holy Communion
Dallas, TX*

New developments

St. Benedict's Anglican Oratory in Rockwall, Texas begins in the Diocese of Mid-America The Diocese of the Northeast begins a new work in Westminster, Maryland



St. Benedict's Anglican Oratory

Having heard our beloved Bishop's call in 2017 to plant traditional, Prayer Book parishes, Fr. Michael Templin and I began an extension work in Rockwall Texas under the name of The Anglican Oratory. In January 2018 we began ordering ourselves around a simple rule of life centered on keeping the Daily Offices in our homes and inviting people to join us on Sunday's for Evening Prayer and a time of Catechesis at an historic downtown Christian Antiquities Library. By the end of April, the Lord had given us an average of twenty people attending Sunday Vespers and our first confirmand who was confirmed by The Right Rev. Walter Banek on May 7th, as well as the reception of another young woman into the Anglican church. God be praised!

May marks a new stage in the life of the Oratory. First, we have changed our name to St. Benedict's Anglican

Oratory, adopting St. Benedict as our patron saint, embracing a spirit of new monasticism in line with how the Book of Common Prayer forms and shapes the soul, disciplines the body, and re-orient's our love's. Second, having exceeded our current space capacity, we have moved into a nearby church who has graciously allowed us to gather on Sunday evenings to continue the ministry of prayer and teaching. We are especially excited about the opportunity to begin celebrating Holy Communion in our new space on the second Sunday of every month. Finally, we continue to pray to the Lord of the harvest for laborers and the ingathering of the confused, those who are lost, the hurting, and all who are in need.

Early on, Bishop Sutton exhorted us to trust the Liturgy and to trust that Christ will build his Church. By God's grace and with his help we will continue to do so. Visit us at www.stbenedictanglican.com

- Fr. Michael Vinson

*St. Benedict's is a planting effort of
The Chapel of the Cross in Dallas, TX..*



The Rev. Michael Vinson

By God's grace, Deacon Ricky will be ordained to the Presbyterate on May 27th at St. Stephen's in Eldersburg, Maryland. Please pray for him and for God's blessing upon this work.

*This Work is a planting effort of
St. Stephen's in Eldersburg, Maryland.*

A new Work begins in Westminster, Maryland

A new Work started in the Westminster, Maryland area (about 45 minutes Northwest of Baltimore). The Work officially began on the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6) 2018. Deacon Ricky McCarl writes,

"We are meeting at Sunnybrook senior living in Westminster, Maryland. We started on the 6th of January (Epiphany) 2018. We have a core group of 9 adults and many children. Currently we are meeting for evening prayer and bible study biweekly. Lord willing, we will be having biweekly Eucharistic services starting in June, with the hope of moving to weekly services sometime in the next year. We are also looking for opportunities to grow in the next several months. Our hope is to establish a biblically faithful Anglican parish in North Carroll county Maryland with outreach into southern York and Adams county Pennsylvania."



Working hard...

The appointed committee for REC100 is developing the administrative tools and resources for church planters, missions, and everyone supporting them. Pray for us as we continue our work to implement the following needs:



Reformed Episcopal Church Planting Guide & Assessment

In any endeavor, one must know what to do and when to do it. The same thing is true in planting a new church. It is important that planters understand the various aspects and requirements of church planting in the Reformed Episcopal Church and that they receive proper and prayerful support. To this end, the Bishops of the Reformed Episcopal Church and the REC100 Committee have developed and compiled a guide to help potential and current church planters. The first version of this Guide is being distributed to every REC Vestry and will be available online in June.



REC100 Website & Social Media Presence

A temporary web page for REC100 is available on our national website (rechurch.org). We recognize the need to have a complete REC100 website and Social Media presence. This on-line presence will help provide updates and communications to all our parishes and pastors. It is our plan to have this up and running by the end of August. The web address is will be www.rec100.org



Resource Center

REC100 isn't just about the administrative and funding aspects of church planting. We want to equip all our planters, pastors and parishes with the resources and support that will help strengthen us as missional communities. To this end, we will be compiling and sharing ideas and strategies for starting new small groups, growing church plants and missions, establishing front-porch ministries, and offering training for our leaders. If you have suggestions for what could be useful, please send an email to Canon Jason Grote at: REC-Missioner@rechurch.org.



Electronic Giving

Electronic and Recurring giving to REC100 is on its way. If desiring to do so, you'll be able to make special donations to REC100 directly from our website. Or, if you like, you can setup a recurring donation of any amount to occur each week/month/quarter/year rather than contributing just during the 5 weeks of Lent!

If you would like information or wish to setup recurring donations please email our Treasurer:

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Share with us!

The Front Porch newsletter would love to share how your parish or diocese is serving as a missional community. Please let us know of any front porch ministries you have implemented, Veritas success stories, and any news regarding new plants and mission developments throughout the REC in North America.

You can send updates to
rec100@rechurch.org



*We have a compulsion
to testify and spread the
Gospel*



*- Bishop Ray R. Sutton
Presiding Bishop*



Becoming a Missional Community

Where does our parish start?

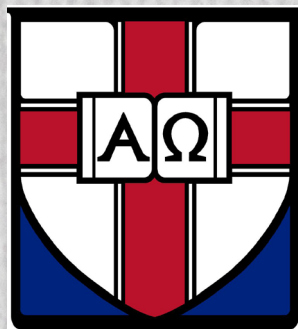
From Bishop Sutton's presentation at General Council



- 1 The Parish must become a community desiring to move from preservation to **proclamation**, to become a worshipping community centered on mission.
- 2 The Vestry should create a five-year long range plan with objective, quantifiable goals, with a **vision** and mission reflected in them, and a strategy for developing a proclamation parish with front porch ministries to all three disciple groups/cultures (near, farther, farthest) with all four aspects of the Great Commission.
- 3 **Commit** to REC100 principles as presented at General Council. Share these presentations and principles with the parish during venues like Sunday School, retreats, small groups, etc. These videos are currently available online at www.rechurch.org
- 4 Create and implement front porch ministries where those in the community can **belong** before they **believe**.
- 5 Form intercessory teams and Daughters of the Holy Cross prayer groups to **pray** for the parish.

The Reformed Episcopal Church

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FOR JESUS CHRIST
IN THE ANGLICAN WAY**



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