

# The General Board of Examining Chaplains

## MEMBERSHIP

### *Bishops*

- The Rt. Rev. Richard F. Grein, New York NY (1994) Chair
- The Rt. Rev. O'Kelley Whitaker, Portsmouth VA (1994)
- The Rt. Rev. James B. Brown, New Orleans LA (1997)
- The Rt. Rev. Robert L. Ladehoff, Lake Oswego OR (1997)

### *Clergy with Pastoral Responsibilities*

- The Rev. Henry L. Bird, Cundys Harbor ME (1994)
- The Rev. Edward F. Glusman Jr., Little Rock AR (1994)
- The Rev. Jack B. Van Hooser, Battle Creek MI (1994)
- The Rev. Anne W. Robbins, Dublin OH (1997)
- The Rev. Canon Robert W. Duncan, Jr., Pittsburgh PA (1997)
- The Rev. Wallace A. Frey (1997) resigned and was replaced by  
The Rev. Carole J. McGowan, Albuquerque NM

### *Members of Faculties*

- The Rev. William B. Green, ETS Southwest (1994)
- The Rev. Marion J. Hatchett, Sewanee (1994)
- The Rev. Charles P. Price, VTS (1994)
- The Very Rev. William H. Petersen, Bexley Hall (1997)
- The Very Rev. Guy F. Lytle, Sewanee (1997)
- The Rev. Ellen K. Wondra, Bexley Hall (1997)

### *Lay Persons*

- Charles C. Allen, St. Louis MO (1994)
- Verna J. Dozier, Washington DC (1994)
- Barbara Wolf, Portland ME (1994)
- Pamela W. Darling, Philadelphia PA (1997)
- Warren Ramshaw, Hamilton NY (1997)
- John C. Wolf, Lubbock TX (1997)

### *Administrator*

- The Rt. Rev. Gordon T. Charlton, 800 Eastowne Drive, # 104, Chapel Hill NC 27514

### Representatives of the Board at General Convention:

- The Rt. Rev. Richard F. Grein, House of Bishops, and Dr. Warren Ramshaw, House of Deputies, are authorized to receive nonsubstantive amendments to this report.

**SUMMARY OF THE BOARD'S WORK (all members concurring)**

During the triennium 1992-1994, the General Board of Examining Chaplains (GBEC):

- (1). Convened at the College of Preachers in October of each year to prepare the General Ordination Examination (GOE) for the following January with guidelines for the Readers who evaluate the Candidates' papers.
- (2). Arranged for the administration of the GOE annually in 35 to 40 locations, throughout the United States and abroad.
- (3). Supervised and assisted Readers in the evaluation process (240-280 Candidates per year; 140-150 Readers; 7 or 8 locations).
- (4). Reported examination results and recommendations to Candidates, their diocesan authorities, and seminary deans.
- (5). Attended diocesan and provincial meetings to explain and interpret the work of the GBEC, while conducting similar efforts by mail and telephone.
- (6). Through a Planning Committee, evaluated each year's GOE, its administration and results. Adapted and altered subsequent years' exams and procedures in response to feedback solicited from Candidates, Readers, diocesan authorities and others.
- (7). Collaborated with groups such as the Board for Theological Education, the Council of Seminary Deans, the Council for the Development of Ministry, and the Presiding Bishop's Select Committee of Bishops and Deans in monitoring the Episcopal Church's entire process of recruitment and training for ordination, of which the GOE is a part.
- (8). Reported through its Chairman to the interim meetings of the House of Bishops, as required by canon.

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE 1992-94 TRIENNium**

	<i>1992</i>	<i>1993</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>1992-94</i>
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Projected</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Income</i>				
Exam fees (1)	76,800	70,800	75,000	222,600
Gen. Conv. Budget (2)	<u>16,488</u>	<u>25,853</u>	<u>39,786</u>	<u>82,109</u>
Total	93,288	96,635	114,786	304,709
<i>Expenses (3)</i>				
Board Meetings	18,171	20,135	22,130	60,436
Readers' Meetings	59,718	55,500	70,415	185,633
Office Expense	<u>15,399</u>	<u>21,000</u>	<u>22,241</u>	<u>58,640</u>
Total	93,288	96,635	114,786	304,709

- Notes
- (1). These figures represent \$ 300 x the number of candidates taking the exam.
  - (2). Expenses for 1992 and 1993 were under budget by \$ 4102 and \$ 8851 respectively. This would suggest that the built in inflation factor was excessive and that 1994 expenses will be considerably under the budgeted figures.
  - (3). These figures do not include salaries and other personnel costs which are reported elsewhere in the General Convention Budget report.

## THE BLUE BOOK

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### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE COMING TRIENNIUM

Canon III.31 defines the responsibilities of the General Board of Examining Chaplains. They are to develop annually a General Ordination Examination, to administer it to certified Candidates, to evaluate the results and report them to the Candidates, their diocesan authorities and their seminary deans. The principal objectives of the Board and of its Executive during the next triennium will be to continue to carry out these tasks in as efficient a manner as we can.

Discussions are presently in progress among bishops, deans and others, which could produce changes in the timing and/or in the manner of evaluating the GOE. Members of the GBEC are participating in these discussions, and the Board stands ready, as always, to modify its procedures in any way the House of Bishops might direct it to do.

Considerable progress has been made during the past two years in two critical areas which represent continuing goals for the GBEC. One of these is related to GOE Reader efficiency. Carefully prepared written guidelines are followed, closer supervision and collaboration by Chaplains has been made possible by increasing their number, and a system of cross-checking results for consistency has been devised and followed.

The other ongoing effort is directed toward encouraging diocesan authorities to make proper and full use of the GOE results, which should not be seen as a simple matter of "pass or fail" but as providing potentially useful data of a diagnostic or analytical nature. The GOE should definitely not be treated as the sole or final determinant of a Candidate's readiness for ordination, but it does provide a view, not otherwise available, which should be given its due weight, along with seminary reports and other data. This may represent the GBEC's greatest challenge, because the manner in which its products are used is beyond its control, except by persuasion. And yet the value of the entire GOE effort depends upon success in this area.

### PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE COMING TRIENNIUM

	1995	1996	1997	1995-97 Total
<i>Income</i>				
Exam fees (1)	75,000	75,000	75,000	225,000
General Conv. Budget (2)	<u>30,450</u>	<u>32,600</u>	<u>35,250</u>	<u>98,300</u>
Total	105,450	107,600	110,250	323,300
<i>Expenses</i>				
Board Meetings	18,000	20,000	22,000	60,000
Readers' Conferences and Office Expenses	<u>87,450</u>	<u>87,600</u>	<u>88,250</u>	<u>263,300</u>
Total	105,450	107,600	110,250	323,300

- Notes (1) This figure represents a fee of \$ 300 x an estimated 250 candidates.  
(2) This figure represents the amount necessary to balance estimated expenses.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS FOR BUDGET APPROPRIATION**

**Resolution #A036**

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_ concurring, That the following amounts be appropriated from  
2 the General Convention Assessment Budget for the General Board of Examining  
3 Chaplains:  
4                                   \$ 30,450 for 1995  
5                                   \$ 32,600 for 1996  
6                                   \$ 35,250 for 1997  
7                                   \$ 98,300 for the triennium

**Resolution #A037**

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_ concurring, That the authorization for the General Board of  
2 Examining Chaplains to charge a fee for the General Ordination Examinations be  
3 continued for the next triennium, such fee not to exceed \$300 per candidate; this  
4 authorization is granted with the proviso that fees shall be reduced or waived, at the  
5 Administrator's discretion, for qualified Candidates who are unable to obtain payment  
6 of the stated fee.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard F. Grein  
Chairman