

**ANSELM PRESBYTERY AGENDA 2008**  
**OCTOBER 13-16, 2008**  
**CONROE, TEXAS**

**PRELIMINARY EVENTS**

**I. Scheduled Ordination Exams (Monday, 4 pm)**

**II. Social Event at the conference center (Monday, 7 pm)**

**ANSELM PRESBYTERY ASSEMBLES**  
**(TUESDAY MORNING, 8 AM TO 12 PM)**

**I. Invocation**—*Doug Jones*

**II. Psalms**—*led by Dave Hatcher*

**III. Exhortation from the Scriptures**—*Gene Helsel*

**CREC COUNCIL AGENDA**

*All items posted on the 2008 CREC Council agenda are hereby incorporated in the Anselm Presbytery agenda by this reference.*

**I. Call the Meeting to Order**

**II. Calling of the Roll/Establishment of a Quorum**

- A. Christ Church/Moscow, Idaho: Douglas Wilson
- B. Christ Church/Santa Clarita, CA: Garrett Crow
- C. Christ Church/Spokane, Washington: Joost Nixon
- D. Christ Covenant Church/Enterprise, OR: Terry Tollefson
- E. Christ Covenant Church/Grande Prairie, AB:
- F. Christ Covenant Church/Langley, British Columbia: Garry Vanderveen
- G. Christ Covenant Church/Lynnwood, Washington: Dean Hellekson
- H. Christ the King Church/Eugene, Oregon: Scott Snider
- I. Christ Reformed Church/Meeker, CO: Rogers Meredith
- J. Church of the King/Sacramento, California: John Stoos
- K. Covenant Bible Church/Palmer, Alaska: Jack Phelps
- L. Emmanuel Covenant Church/Phoenix, Arizona: Jeff Niell
- M. Evangelical Reformed Church/Wroclaw, Poland: Bogumil Jarmulak
- N. Evangelical Reformed Church/Poznan, Poland: Andrzej Polaszek
- O. Immanuel Presbyterian Church/Fallon, Nevada: Tim Tucker

- P. Mitaka Evangelical Church/Tokyo, Japan: Ralph Smith
- Q. The Presbyterian Church, the Anunciation/Pushkin, Russia: Oleg Volkov
- R. Providence Reformed Evangelical Church/Grand Junction, CO: Mike Ferguson
- S. The Reformed Presbyterian Church/St. Petersburg, Russia: Blake Purcell
- T. Reformation Covenant Church/Oregon City, Oregon: Dennis Tuuri
- U. The King's Congregation/Boise, Idaho: Alan Burrow
- V. Trinity Church/Wenatchee, Washington: Gene Helsel
- W. Trinity Church/Woodinville, Washington: David Hatcher
- X. Trinity Covenant Church/Wichita, Kansas: Sean Brandt
- Y. Trinity Reformation Church/Salem, Oregon: Jeff Harlow
- Z. Trinity Reformed Church/Moscow, Idaho: Toby Sumpter

### **III. Recognition of visitors and distinguished guests**

- A. Steve Jeffrey from London, UK
- B. Yavor Rusionov from Bulgaria (Reformed Presbyterian Church)

### **IV. Preliminary Reports from Ordination Committees**

*Jeff Moss, Stuart Bryan, Alan Burrow*

### **V. Candidates for Full Membership**

- A. Trinity Church/Tri-Cities, WA: Donald Van Dyken

### **VI. Administration of Vows for New Member Churches**

### **VII. Review of Candidates and Mission Churches**

- A. Christ Covenant Church/Menlo Park, CA: Ken Wolff
- B. Covenant Reformed Fellowship/Greeley, CO:
- C. Christ Covenant Church/Steamboat Springs, CO:
- D. Christ Covenant Reformed Church/Billings, MT: Jay Barfield
- E. Christ Church/Medford, OR: John Barach
- F. Emmanuel Chapel/Helena, MT: Richard Miltenberger
- G. Evangelical Reformed Church/Gdansk, Poland: Pawel Bartosik
- H. Evangelical Reformed Church/Legnica, Poland: Alek Berezyanchuk
- I. Holy Trinity Church/Colville, WA: Kenton Spratt
- J. Trinity Church/Coeur d'Alene ID: Stuart Bryan
- K. Trinity Covenant Church/Santa Cruz, CA: Jason Farley
- L. Trinity Reformed Church/Edgewood, NM: Ben Poff

### **VIII. Sponsors Present New Candidate or New Mission Churches**

- A. Trinity Covenant Church of Fort St. John, BC: Mike Donovan

### **IX. Motions on Creeds**

That Anselm Presbytery recommend to Church Council for first reading an amendment to Article III.C, adding to it the following:

- The Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion (Reformed Episcopal Church)

### Rationale for Motion

Constitutionally, a member church must hold at least one of several Reformed confessions as its secondary doctrinal standard. The following is from the website of the Anglican Mission in America:

The 39 Articles of Religion are the essential beliefs of the Anglican Church established by Convocation of the Church in 1563 based on an earlier set of articles of religion drafted by Thomas Cranmer. Cranmer served as the Archbishop of Canterbury from 1553 until his martyrdom in 1566. Along with Scripture and the ancient Christian Creeds, the Articles of Religion sum up Anglican beliefs.

In the United States the Thirty-Nine Articles serve as the secondary standard for the Reformed Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Church in the USA (ECUSA) and the Anglican Mission in America. It is envisioned that including the Thirty-Nine Articles will facilitate relationships with churches from Episcopal/Anglican traditions, both in terms of developing fraternal relationships and of potential membership.

The process for amending the list of confessions in Article III.C. is set forth in Article VII of the Constitution. Amendment requires that 75% of existing presbyteries recommend the amendment. Once so recommended, the amendment receives a 'first reading' in a stated meeting of Church Council. At the next stated meeting of Church Council the amendment can be voted upon. Approval of the amendment requires a 75% majority of Council.

Motion Number: 04/10/14:20

### Text of Motion

That Anselm Presbytery recommend to Church Council for first reading the inclusion of the Athanasian Creed as a required subscription, to be accomplished as follows:

- An amendment to Constitution Article III.B, inserting after the phrase: *Nicene Creed* the phrase : “,the *Athanasian Creed*”.
- An amendment to Constitution Article X, inserting after the Nicene Creed the following:

*Whoever wills to be in a state of salvation, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic [1] faith, which except everyone shall have kept whole and undefiled without doubt he will perish eternally.*

*Now the catholic faith is that we worship One God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confounding the Persons nor dividing the substance. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, another of the Holy Spirit. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, is One, the Glory equal, the Majesty coeternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit; the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Spirit uncreated; the father infinite, the Son infinite, and the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Spirit eternal. And*

*yet not three eternal but one eternal, as also not three infinites, nor three uncreated, but one uncreated, and one infinite. So, likewise, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, and the Holy Spirit almighty; and yet not three almighties but one almighty. So the Father is God, the Son God, and the Holy Spirit God; and yet not three Gods but one God. So the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Spirit Lord; and yet not three Lords but one Lord. For like as we are compelled by Christian truth to acknowledge every Person by Himself to be both God and Lord; so are we forbidden by the catholic religion to say, there be three Gods or three Lords. The Father is made of none, neither created nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone, not made nor created but begotten. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and the Son, not made nor created nor begotten but proceeding. So there is one Father not three Fathers, one Son not three Sons, and one Holy Spirit not three Holy Spirits. And in this Trinity there is nothing before or after, nothing greater or less, but the whole three Persons are coeternal together and coequal. So that in all things, as is aforesaid, the Trinity in Unity and the Unity in Trinity is to be worshipped. He therefore who wills to be in a state of salvation, let him think thus of the Trinity.*

*But it is necessary to eternal salvation that he also believe faithfully the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. The right faith therefore is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man. He is God of the substance of the Father begotten before the worlds, and He is man of the substance of His mother born in the world; perfect God, perfect man subsisting of a reasoning soul and human flesh; equal to the Father as touching His Godhead, inferior to the Father as touching His Manhood. Who although He be God and Man yet He is not two but one Christ; one however not by conversion of the Godhead in the flesh, but by taking of the Manhood in God; one altogether not by confusion of substance but by unity of Person. For as the reasoning soul and flesh is one man, so God and Man is one Christ. Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again from the dead, ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of the Father, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies and shall give account for their own works. And they that have done good shall go into life eternal, and they who indeed have done evil into eternal fire.*

*This is the catholic faith, which except a man shall have believed faithfully and firmly he cannot be in a state of salvation.*

*1. apostolic/universal*

With following paragraphs to be appropriately renumbered.

Rationale for Motion

Constitutionally, each member church is required to subscribe to particular historical and

ancient creeds of Christ's church. Such creeds, as detailed in Article III.B are currently the *Apostles Creed*, the *Nicene Creed*, and the *Chalcedonian Defintion*. The *Athanasian Creed* proclaims a more complete Trinitarian and Christological view, as well as greater definition regarding the eschatological yield of the elect and the reprobate.

The process for amending the list of confessions in Article X. is set forth in Article VII of the Constitution. Amendment requires that 75% of existing presbyteries recommend the amendment. Once so recommended, the amendment receives a 'first reading' in a stated meeting of Church Council. At the next stated meeting of Church Council the amendment can be voted upon. Approval of the amendment requires a 75% majority of Council.

That Anselm Presbytery recommend to Church Council for first reading an amendment to Article III.C, adding to it the following:

- The Second Helvetic Confession

## **IX. Old Business**

- A. Review of Council delegates, and filling vacancies as necessary

## **X. Church Reports**