

## **2022 Ad Hoc Council Meeting Minutes**

**April 6, 2022**

**I. Meeting was opened with scripture reading and prayer by PMOC Hurt.**

**II. Roll Call and Setting of Quorum**

PMOC: Virgil Hurt—Providence Church—Lynchburg, VA

PMOC Pro Tempore: Stuart Bryan—Trinity Church—Coeur D’Alene, ID.

Present Delegates:

**Anselm Presbytery**

John Stoos—Church of the King—Sacramento, CA

**Athanasius Presbytery**

Uri Brito—Providence Church—Pensacola, FL

Joe Thacker—St. Mark Reformed Church—Brentwood, TN

**Augustine Presbytery**

Laurence Windham—St. Peter Presbyterian—Bristol, VA

David Cooper—Providence Church—Lynchburg, VA

**Hus Presbytery**

Ben Zedek Smith—Mitaka Evangelical Church—Tokyo, Japan

**Knox Presbytery**

Gene Helsel—King’s Cross Church—Wenatchee, WA

Douglas Wilson—Christ Church—Moscow, ID

**Tyndale Presbytery**

Bill Smith—Cornerstone Reformed Church—Carbondale, IL

Steve Hemmeke—Christ Church of Livingston County—Howell, MI

## **Wycliffe Presbytery**

Randy Booth—Grace Covenant Church—Nacogdoches, TX

Rob Hadding—Covenant Presbyterian Church—Sulphur, LA

### **III. PMOC Hurt’s proposal to revise and adopt appropriate language for our new memorials.**

Motion from John Stoos. Laurence Windham seconded.

**Motion:** To place this language in the Constitution under article IX. Memorials

D. Memorials must be submitted in a form not to exceed 100 words. Memorials may be accompanied by a supporting (non-public) resource paper, not to exceed 5,000 words.

E. When a Memorial is adopted, the accompanying resource paper is automatically adopted as a resource.

After some discussion about the merits of whether to make the book of resources publicly available on the website, Steve Hemmeke offered the following substitute motion. Ben Zedek Smith seconded.

**Motion:** To place this language in the Constitution under article IX. Memorials

D. Memorials must be submitted in a form not to exceed 100 words. Memorials may be accompanied by one or more supporting resource papers, each not exceeding 5,000 words.

David Cooper suggested that “(see Constitution Article X)” be added. This was received as a friendly amendment.

#### **The final motion on the floor for vote was:**

To place this language in the Constitution under article IX. Memorials

D. Memorials must be submitted in a form not to exceed 100 words. Memorials

may be accompanied by one or more supporting resource papers, each not exceeding 5,000 words. (see Constitution Article X)

**Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **IV. Create an introduction for the Book of Resources**

Motion from Steve Hemmeke. John Stoos seconded.

**Motion:** To add the following to the Constitution as Article X, and renumber the subsequent articles:

Article X. Resources

The CREC has three primary documents: the Constitution, the Book of Memorials, and the Book of Confessions. The secondary documents are our Book of Procedures and our Book of Resources. The status of Resources is that they are commended for consideration, interaction, edification, training, and study. They do not necessarily represent the official position of the CREC. To be included in the Book of Resources, a 2/3 vote of Council is required.

No discussion

**Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **V. Revise language about PMOC remuneration**

After some discussion about possible wording, about the merits of “mandatory” vs. “recommended,” Steve Hemmeke proposed the following.

Motion from Steve Hemmeke. John Stoos seconded.

Motion: That the following language be placed in the Constitution as Article IV.C.10.

The Presiding Ministers of Presbytery (PMOP) and of Council (PMOC), provide a pastoral service to the broader church and, therefore, have the right to receive remuneration for their service (cf. 1 Corinthians 9:1-12a; cp. Romans 15:27). The

churches to whom they minister are obligated to provide for the needs of their ministry. Each church should give in proportion to its ability. The PM may waive his right to receive remuneration from the churches (cf. 1 Cor. 9:12b-18). The stipends for the PMOC and PMOP will be set by council and presbytery, respectively.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## **VI. Set the amount for PMOC Remuneration**

PMOC Hurt recused himself for this discussion. Stuart Bryan chaired this agenda item.

Motion from Randy Booth. Rob Hadding Seconded.

**Motion:** to set remuneration for PMOC at \$5,000 per year.

Discussion ensued about who would be responsible for making up the difference if the full \$5,000 is not raised. David Cooper clarified that it would be the responsibility of the PMOC's home church.

Douglas Wilson offered the following amendment, which was accepted as friendly:

“change remuneration to honorarium”

John Stoos offered the following amendment, which was accepted as friendly: “add, ‘to be administered by the local assembly.’” The benefit of this is that it would make it clear that the \$5,000 is not a salary and the Council is not an employer of the PMOC.

**The final motion on the floor for vote was:**

To set honorarium for PMOC at \$5,000 per year, to be administered by the PMOC's local church.

**Motion carried unanimously**

## **VII. Revisiting motion on revising language about PMOC remuneration.**

John Stoos moved that the previous motion on revising the language about PMOC remuneration (*V. in the minutes above*) be reopened in order to add the line “to be administered by the PMOC’s local church.”

### **Motion reopened by unanimous consent.**

John Stoos offered the following as an amendment to Steve Hemmeke’s previous motion:

Article IV.C.10

The Presiding Ministers of Presbytery (PMOP) and of Council (PMOC), provide a pastoral service to the broader church and, therefore, have the right to receive remuneration for their service (cf. 1 Corinthians 9:1-12a; cp. Romans 15:27). The churches to whom they minister are obligated to provide for the needs of their ministry. Each church should give in proportion to its ability. The PM may waive his right to receive remuneration from the churches (cf. 1 Cor. 9:12b-18). The stipends for the PMOC and PMOP will be set by council and presbytery, respectively, and administered by the Presiding Minister’s local church.

Steve Hemmeke accepted this as a friendly amendment.

### **Motion carried unanimously.**

## **VIII. Clarify Language about Meeting Protocols**

Motion by Douglas Wilson. Ben Zedek Smith seconded.

**Motion:** to add the following to Article V. C. of the Constitution:

"In times of extreme emergency (e.g. war, active persecution, etc.), the presiding minister of a broader assembly may convene a meeting of that assembly in any form he deems acceptable. The meeting will be considered legitimate and

authorized if a quorum assembles in response, and 4/5 of the delegates approve the presiding minister's actions."

Ben Zedek suggested the amendment that "assembled" be added before "delegates" Accepted as a friendly amendment.

**The final motion on the floor for vote was:**

"In times of extreme emergency (e.g. war, active persecution, etc.), the presiding minister of a broader assembly may convene a meeting of that assembly in any form he deems acceptable. The meeting will be considered legitimate and authorized if a quorum assembles in response, and 4/5 of the assembled delegates approve the presiding minister's actions."

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**IX. Meeting adjourned**

John Stoos moved to adjourn the meeting.

**Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.**

PMOC Hurt closed in prayer.