

**Minutes of the Fall 2017 Stated Meeting  
of the Augustine Presbytery  
of the Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches**

The stated annual meeting of the Augustine Presbytery of the Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches was held on Tuesday, **November 14, 2017**, at 2:15 P.M., at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, 9300 Emerald Coast Parkway, Miramar Beach, FL, Presiding Minister Duane Garner being in the chair and Conrad Doskey serving as Clerk. Present and constituting a quorum were delegates from the following churches:

All Saints Church, Lancaster, PA – George Kong and Gregg Strawbridge  
Christ Church, Cary, NC – Duane Garner (non-voting)  
Christ Church, Morgantown, WV – Peter Jones  
Oakwood Bible Church, Troy, NY – Jim DuJack and Michael Belice  
Christ Reformed Evangelical Church, Annapolis, MD – CJ Bowen  
Covenant Heritage Reformed Church, Newport News, VA – Steve Hemmeke and Joe Sevcik  
Providence Church, Lynchburg, VA – David Cooper and Virgil Hurt  
Saint Peter Presbyterian Church, Bristol, VA – Don Kiser and Laurence Windham  
Tri-City Covenant Church, Somersworth, NH – Paul Edgar and Harold Guptill  
Christ Covenant Church, Shippensburg, PA – Ray Barbeito and Myron Stoltzfus

The meeting was called to order at 2:19 P.M.

The following candidate church representatives, guests and visitors were recognized:

Matthew Gonnella (Christ Reformed Church, Oakland, ME)  
Peter Aselmo (Trinity Reformed Church, Martinsburg, WV)  
Andrew Isker (Trinity Reformed Church, Martinsburg, WV)

At 2:20 P.M., Virgil Hurt made a motion “to approve the meeting agenda as presented.” (17/11/14:01) The motion was adopted unanimously.

At 2:24 P.M., Harold Guptill made a motion “to seat Christ Reformed Church of Oakland, ME as a member congregation of Augustine Presbytery”. (17/11/14:02) After discussion, the motion was adopted unanimously. The questions for membership were then asked and answered in accordance with the CREC Book of Procedures, and Paul Edgar prayed for the incoming congregation.

At 2:36 P.M., Augustine Presbytery received the annual report from the Presiding Minister of Augustine Presbytery.

At 2:40 P.M., Augustine Presbytery received the annual report from the Presiding Minister of the CREC.

At 2:56 P.M., George Kong made a motion “to direct the Augustine Presbytery delegates to Church Council not to ratify the Presiding Minister of the CREC’s action to close the CREC elder’s email list to input from those other than Presiding Ministers.” (17/11/14:03) After discussion, the motion was adopted unanimously.

At 3:13 P.M., Gregg Strawbridge made a motion “that the next Presiding Minister of the CREC set up an advisory committee to determine the best way to moderate the CREC discussion list.” (17/11/14:04) After discussion, the motion was adopted unanimously.

At 3:16 P.M., the delegation from Christ Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN (Michael Pasarilla) joined the meeting.

At 3:22 P.M., Augustine Presbytery received a report from the Augustine Presbytery Church Planting Network.

At 3:28 P.M., Augustine Presbytery received a report from the CREC Missions Commission.

At 3:32 P.M., Augustine Presbytery received a report from the Augustine Presbytery Missions Committee, and Gregg Strawbridge made a motion “to support the Joint Eastern European Project, and Covenant Reformed Church in Fairbanks, Alaska.” (17/11/14:05) After discussion, the motion was adopted unanimously.

At 4:03 P.M., Mike Pasarilla made a motion “to have Presiding Minister Garner appoint a committee to review and make recommendations for our 2018 Augustine Presbytery missions effort.” (17/11/14:06) After discussion, the motion was adopted unanimously.

At 4:07 P.M., Augustine Presbytery recessed for three minutes by common consent.

At 4:10 P.M., Augustine Presbytery began consideration of New Business.

At 4:28 P.M., Gregg Strawbridge made a motion “to overture Council to adopt the following changes to the ordination process (listed as Appendix A).” (17/11/14:07)

At 4:47 P.M., Mike Pasarilla made a motion “to amend the proposed change to the CREC Book of Procedures Article XI.2 Ordination Process (on page 5 of Appendix A) by inserting the phrase ‘, or with the permission of the congregation,’ to read as follows: “An oral examination administered at a Presbytery meeting, followed by vows and the laying on of hands administered by a congregation or, with the permission of the congregation, Presbytery.” (17/11/14:07.1) After discussion, the motion was adopted unanimously.

At 4:52 P.M., Harold Guptill made a motion “to amend question three of the ordination vows (on page 11 of appendix A) by striking out ‘Confederation’ and inserting ‘Communion’.” (17/11/14:07.2) After discussion, the motion was adopted unanimously.

At 5:00 P.M., during consideration of motion 17/11/14:07, Duane Garner made a motion to adjourn. (17/11/14:08) The motion was adopted by common consent.

## **Minutes of the Fall 2017 Stated Meeting of the Augustine Presbytery of the Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches**

An adjourned meeting of the Augustine Presbytery of the Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches was held on Wednesday, **November 15, 2017**, at 9:00 a.m., at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, 9300 Emerald Coast Parkway, Miramar Beach, FL, Presiding Minister Duane Garner being in the chair and Conrad Doskey serving as Clerk. Present and constituting a quorum were delegates from the following churches:

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

At 9:02 a.m., the minutes for November 14 were read and approved.

At 9:10 a.m., Augustine Presbytery returned to New Business with continued consideration of motion 17/11/14:07.

At 9:11 a.m., Peter Jones made a motion to “divide the question (17/11/14:07) into three parts as follows: summary of proposed changes #1 through #5 with associated proposals; summary of proposed changes #6 with associated proposals; and summary of proposed changes #7 with associated proposals.” (17/11/15:01) The motion was adopted unanimously.

At 9:14 a.m., Gregg Strawbridge made a motion to “adopt Summary sections 1 through 5 of Appendix A along with its specific associated proposals.” (17/11/15:02) After discussion, the motion was adopted unanimously.

At 9:17 a.m., Gregg Strawbridge made a motion to “adopt Summary section 6 of Appendix A along with its specific associated proposals.” (17/11/15:03) After discussion, the motion was adopted unanimously.

At 9:38 a.m., Gregg Strawbridge made a motion to “adopt Summary section 7 of Appendix A along with its specific associated proposals.” (17/11/15:04) After discussion, the motion was adopted unanimously.

At 9:49 a.m., Virgil Hurt made a motion “to petition Council to revise Article IV.A.3 of the CREC constitution by striking out ‘property’ and inserting ‘real estate’.” (17/11/15:05) After discussion, the motion was adopted unanimously.

At 9:56 a.m., Virgil Hurt made a motion “to petition Council to revise Article IV.A.4 of the CREC constitution by deleting it in its entirety.” (17/11/15:06) After discussion, the motion was adopted.

At 10:16 a.m., Laurence Windham made a motion “that the Presiding Minister form a committee to investigate the spiritual maturity and Biblical literacy of the congregations of Augustine Presbytery.” (17/11/15:07) After discussion, the motion was adopted unanimously.

At 10:38 a.m., Laurence Windham made a motion “that the Presiding Minister form a committee to research and draft a position paper on the baptism of foster children.” (17/11/15:08) After discussion, the motion was adopted.

At 11:06 a.m., the Presiding Minister declared the meeting adjourned, and closed the meeting with prayer.