

# Tyndale Presbytery

## Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches

### Minutes of Presbytery, October 1, 2013

#### Meeting at Pentwater, Michigan

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Presiding Minister: the Rev. Burke Shade, Minister of Presbytery

Secretary: Mr. Rob Davis

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

9:47 a.m.: Pastor Jeff Swanson of Christ the King Presbyterian, New Era, the host church for the Presbytery meeting, welcomed the Presbyters on behalf of Christ the King.

9:54 a.m.: Mr. Swanson opened the meeting with prayer.

9:55 a.m.: The assembly joined in singing Psalm 1 and Psalm 75, led by Mr. Bushong (and all subsequent singing).

9:59 a.m.: The Presiding Minister delivered a pastoral exhortation to the assembly concerning loving your wife, loving your kids, loving the Word, taking a consistent day off, taking vacations, knowing your limitations, enjoying the Lord, and keeping His commandments.

10:25 a.m.: The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Minister.

10:26 a.m.: The Presiding Minister called the roll of member churches.  
The following member churches of Tyndale Presbytery were represented with delegates:

Christ Church of Livingston County, Howell, MI (2)

Pastor Dirk DeWinkle

Elder Greg Harmon

Christ Church Twin Cities, Minnetonka, MN (2)

Pastor Jeff Evans

Elder Doug Dahl

Christ Covenant Church of Chicago, IL (2)

Elder Leo Kou

Elder Dave Rapp

Christ the King Presbyterian Church, New Era, MI (2)

Pastor Jeff Swanson

Elder Bill Hendrian

Christ the King Church, Springfield, MO (2)

Pastor Eric Sauder

Elder Rob Davis

Christ the Redeemer, Pella, IA (1)

Pastor Brian Nolder

Cornerstone Reformed Church, Carbondale, IL (1)

Pastor Burke Shade

Trinity Evangelical Church, Larwill, IN (2)

Pastor Nate Harlan

Pastor Tim Bushong

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No delegates were present from the following member churches:

Providence Church, Caro, MI  
Reformed Presbyterian Church, Tyumen, Russia  
Trinity Covenant Church, Wichita, KS

A quorum was established.

10:28 Recognition of visitors

Mr Nolder introduced Mark Robinette, pastor of Foundation Church in Mt. Sterling, OH and moderator of CPC.

Mr. Nolder made a motion, under 5.M. of the constitution, to seat Mr. Robinette as fraternal delegate. Mr. Sauder seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. Shade introduced Roberto Cruz, member of Cornerstone Reformed Church, seeking to plant a Hispanic church near Carbondale.

Mr. Kou introduced Christopher Kou, Timothy & Lydia Kou, and Jonathon Sedlack from Christ Covenant Church of Chicago.

Mr. Hendrian introduced Pastor Tim Bayly. Mr. Nolder made a motion to seat Mr. Bayly as fraternal delegate. Mr. Evans seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. DeWinkle introduced Mr. Cameron Mouro, recently elected elder in their church.

10:32 a.m.: The Presiding Minister asked for amendments to the agenda for the meeting.

Add Roberto Cruz to speak regarding Hispanic church plant under 4.C.ii.

Under new business, Mr. Evans asked to present recommendations.

Mr. Nolder made a motion to accept the agenda as modified. Mr. Evans seconded. The motion passed and the agenda was established.

10:36 a.m.: Member church reports were presented.

12:00 p.m.: The meeting recessed for lunch.

1:31 p.m.: The meeting resumed with the singing of Psalm 2.

1:33 p.m.: The remaining church reports were presented.

2:31 p.m.: Break

2:44 p.m.: There were no new mission or candidate churches to consider.

2:45 p.m.: The Presiding Minister gave the report of the Minister of Council with discussion of Council

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3:02 p.m.: The Presiding Minister gave the annual report as Minister of the Presbytery.

3:12 p.m.: Mission Reports

Mr. Nolder presented Mr. Mark Robinette, the new director of SRS, who gave a report on the Slavic Reformation Society.

Mr. Shade introduced Roberto Cruz, who presented plans for Hispanic church plant in Carbondale, IL.

4:08 p.m.: There was no old business.

4:08 p.m.: New business

4:08 p.m.: The Presiding Minister asked for nominations for Minister of Presbytery.

Mr. Nolder nominated Mr. Sauder as next Minister of Presbytery.

Mr. Evans made a motion to close nominations. Mr. Nolder seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. Sauder was elected as Minister of Presbytery by unanimous vote.

Mr. Evans nominated Mr. Bushong as Minister of Presbytery pro tem. There were no other nominations.

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4:17 p.m.: The Presiding Minister opened nominations for delegates to Council.

Mr. Evans nominated Mr. Sauder.

Mr. Harmon nominated Mr. Harlan.

There were no other nominations. Mr. Sauder and Mr. Harlan were elected as Council delegates by consent.

4:21 p.m.: Mr. Nolder made a motion as follows, "Whereas the CREC Constitution Preamble states, 'Membership in this confederation is in no way meant to exclude warm, fraternal, and working relations with other faithful Christian bodies. We therefore welcome and encourage formal, non-binding, fraternal relations with likeminded churches, presbyteries and denominations.' Therefore, Tyndale Presbytery of the CREC requests the CREC Council to begin the process of entering into 'formal, non-binding, fraternal relations' with the Covenant Presbyterian Church (CPC), per article XIII.3 of the Book of Procedures." The motion was seconded by Mr. Evans and passed with Mr. Hendrian abstaining.

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Therefore, Tyndale Presbytery of the CREC requests the CREC Council to begin the process of entering into ‘formal, non-binding, fraternal relations’ with the Federation of Reformed Churches (FORC), per article XIII.3 of the Book of Procedures.” The motion was seconded by Mr. Dahl and passed with Mr. Hendrian abstaining.

4:34 p.m.: Mr. Evans recommended to the members of Presbytery the use of [speakupmovement.org](http://speakupmovement.org).

4:40 p.m.: Mr. Evans recommended that pastors review the mandatory reporting laws of their state.

4:45 p.m.: Mr. Evans made a motion to request the CREC Council to appoint a Committee to determine what statements need to be added to the CREC Constitution to provide additional legal protections. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nolder.

4:50 p.m.: Mr. Nolder moved to amend the wording of the motion to be, “Tyndale Presbytery requests that the CREC Council appoint a Committee to determine what statements need to be added to the CREC Constitution in order to provide additional legal protections to the CREC for its commitment to biblical truth (specifically, but not limited to, marriage and sexuality).” Mr. Evans seconded the motion to amend.

4:58 p.m.: Mr. DeWinkle made a motion to call the previous question. The motion was seconded by Mr. Evans and passed.

5:03 p.m.: Mr. DeWinkle made a motion to call the previous question. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harlan and passed.

5:05 Mr. Harlan made a motion to thank the Minister of Presbytery for five years of service. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nolder and passed.

5:06 Mr. Evans made a motion as follows, “Tyndale Presbytery thanks Christ the King Presbyterian Church for their diligent work in planning, kind hospitality in hosting, and warm fellowship extended to us during our 2013 Tyndale Presbytery meeting.” The motion was seconded by Mr. Nolder and passed.

5:08 Mr. DeWinkle made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nolder and passed.

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Rob Davis, Secretary

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Burke Shade, Presiding Minister