

Tyndale Presbytery

Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches

Minutes of Presbytery, September 29, 2015

Meeting at Cornerstone Reformed Church, Carbondale, IL

Presiding Minister: Pastor Eric Sauder

Secretary: Mr. Andrew Isker

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

9:38 a.m.: Pastor Eric Sauder of Christ the King Church, Springfield, MO, the Presiding Minister, welcomed the Presbyters.

9:39 a.m.: The Rev. Burke Shade opened the meeting with prayer and welcomed the presbyters.

9:47 a.m.: An exhortation was given by The Presiding Minister on Luke 10:38-42.

10:04 a.m.: Mr. Tim Bushong led the assembly in singing Psalm 42 (and all subsequent singing).

Session One: Church Reports

10:08 a.m.: The meeting was officially called to order.

10:08 a.m.: The moderator declared a quorum.

10:08 a.m.: Establishment of the Agenda

10:15 a.m.: Member Church Reports

(Derek Hale prayed for Christ Church of Livingston County, Howell, MI)

(Brian Nolder prayed for Christ Church, Twin Cities, MN)

(Jeff Swanson prayed for Christ Covenant Church of Chicago, IL)

(Burke Shade prayed for Christ the King Church, New Era, MI)

10:49 a.m.: Mr. Nolder suggested holding a day of fasting and prayer for Christ the King Church, New Era, MI, and to put together a diaconate fund.

10:50 a.m.: Mr. Abens presented the report for the mission committee.

11:00 a.m.: Mr. Nolder and Mr. Blake Purcell presented the Slavic Reformation Society report and

11:30 a.m.: church reports resumed.

(Tim Bushong prayed for Christ the King Church, Springfield, MO)

(Christ the Redeemer Church, Pella, IA motioned for executive session)

12:00 a.m.: the meeting adjourned for lunch.

1:32 p.m.: the meeting was reconvened with the singing of Psalm 84.

1:35 p.m.: the Presiding Minister re-convened presbytery. Church reports resumed.

(Dirk DeWinkle prayed for Christ the Redeemer, Pella, IA)

(Jeff Evans prayed for Cornerstone Reformed Church, Carbondale, IL)

(Burke Shade prayed for Providence Church, Caro, MI)

(Doug Roorda prayed for Reformed Presbyterian Church, Tyumen, RU)

(Rob Davis prayed for Trinity Covenant Church, Wichita, KS)

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(Eric Sauder prayed for Trinity Evangelical Church, Syracuse, IN)

2:17 p.m.: presbyters prayed for the churches of Tyndale Presbytery.

2:36 p.m.: recognition of Guests:

The Presiding Minister recognized Andrew and Kara Isker, from Christ the King Church, Springfield, MO, and Blake Purcell from the Slavic Reformation Society.

Mr. Harlan recognized Stephen Baker, Lucas Weeks, Max Curell, and Jake Wentzel from Clear Note Fellowship, Bloomington, IN

Mr. Swanson recognized John Davidson, Pastor of Living Water Bible Church, Muskegon, Michigan.

Mr. Shade recognized Roy Atwood, Adam McIntosh, and Roberto Cruz of Cornerstone Church, Carbondale, IN.

Mr. Rapp recognized Christopher Kou of Christ Covenant Church of Chicago, IL.

Session Two: Ministers' and Missions Reports

Ministers' Reports

2:41 p.m.: Council Presiding Minister's Report.

2:43 p.m.: Mr. DeWinkle made a motion to receive the Council Presiding Minister's upon the condition that the word "define" be replaced with "represent.". Mr. Evans seconded the motion and the motion carried.

3:10 p.m.: Mr. Nolder made a motion to adopt the "shield/chalice" logo as the first choice for Tyndale Presbytery. Mr. Abens seconded the motion. The motion was tabled indefinitely.

3:25 p.m.: Mr. Nolder made a motion that each presbyter tally their preference 1-4 (most preferred to least preferred) of the four logos. Mr. DeWinkle seconded the motion. The motion carries. From most preferred to least preferred by Tyndale Presbytery: shield/chalice, blue tri-leaf, cross ti-leaf, modified Jerusalem.

3:30 p.m.: The Tyndale Presbytery Presiding Minister gave his report.

3:32 p.m.: Mr. DeWinkle made a motion to accept the Tyndale Presbytery Presiding Minister's report. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mission Reports

3:33 p.m.: Mr. Nolder presented the JEEP report.

3:36 p.m.: Roberto Cruz presented a report on mission to the hispanic community in Carbondale, IL. Mr. Rapp prayed for Mr. Cruz and his ministry.

Session Three: Other Business

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New Business:

3:52 p.m.: Mr. DeWinkle made a motion to receive the CREC Commission on Missions report. Mr. Nolder seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3:59 p.m.: Mr. Evans made a motion to receive the Same Sex Mirage Committee report. Mr. DeWinkle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4:08 p.m.: Mr. Evans made a motion that Tyndale Presbytery request CREC Presiding Minister Douglas Wilson to convene an *ad hoc* meeting of the Council for the purpose of amending the CREC constitution to address the issues of gender, sexuality, and marriage in light of the current same-sex “marriage” controversy and the Obergefell ruling. Mr. Hale seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4:11 p.m.: Mr. Bushong presented the Ordination committee report.

4:14 p.m.: Open Discussion

4:42 p.m. Mr. Rapp made a motion to hold the next Tyndale Presbytery Meeting on September 26th-27th, 2016 in Chicago, IL. Mr. Bushong seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4:50 p.m.: Mr. Roorda made a motion to go to executive session. Mr. DeWinkle seconded the motion. The motion carried. The moderator limited discussion to ten minutes due to order of the day to adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

5:07 p.m.: The moderator declared discussion closed. Mr. Roorda protested the actions of the moderator.

5:07 p.m.: Mr. Shade made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hale seconded the motion. The motion carried.