

Tyndale Presbytery

In Association with CREC Council

Minutes of Presbytery, November 14-15, 2017

Meeting at Sandestin Beach and Golf Resort, Miramar Beach, Florida

Presiding Minister: Pastor Burke Shade

Secretary: Mr. Rob Davis

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Ordination Examination of Derek Hale, of Trinity Covenant Church, Wichita, KS

Examination Committee: Jeff Evans - Chairman, Jeff Swanson, Nate Harlan, Joost Nixon.

2:10 p.m.: The Presiding Minister called the meeting to order.

2:11 p.m.: Chief Musician (CM of Cornerstone Reformed Church) Jordan Doolittle led in singing Psalm 20.

2:14 p.m.: Mr. Evans prayed and opened the exam session with introductory comments.

2:17 p.m.: Mr. Swanson led the personal related section of exam questions.

2:28 p.m.: Mr. Evans led the Bible related section of exam questions.

2:40 p.m.: Mr. Harlan led the theology related section of exam questions.

2:51 p.m.: Mr. Evans led the history related section of exam questions.

3:02 p.m.: Joost Nixon led the ethics and pastoral related section of exam questions.

3:18 p.m.: The Chairman opened the exam to questions from the Presbytery delegates.

3:22 p.m.: In accord with the BOP, the Presbytery moved into Executive Session, with the candidate present, for deliberation.

3:23 p.m.: Mr. Rapp raised a point of order and Mr. Abens seconded. The point of order was that Mr. Martinez is not an elder and should not be included in Executive Session. After discussion the Point of Order was dropped because Mr. Martinez, a deacon, is present as a non-voting delegate from Christ Church of Livingston County and will not vote. Mr. Martinez remained.

3:28 p.m.: Deliberation commenced.

3:46 p.m.: At the end of deliberation, Tyndale Presbytery voted to recommend Mr. Hale for ordination.

3:47 p.m.: Mr. Abens closed in prayer.

3:48 p.m.: The meeting of Tyndale Presbytery was recessed until 4:00.

Stated Meeting Welcome and Exhortation

- 4:01 p.m.: The Presiding Minister resumed the meeting of Tyndale Presbytery and Mr. Hale gave the opening invocation.
- 4:02 p.m.: Mr. Doolittle led in singing Psalm 122.
- 4:04 p.m.: The Presiding Minister gave an exhortation to Presbytery exhorting all to faithfulness and perseverance to the calling we have received.
- 4:18 p.m.: Copies of Robert's Rules were distributed.
- 4:19 p.m.: Role was called for the establishment of a Quorum (2/3 representation of member churches)

Christ Church of Livingston County, Howell, MI (1)

Deacon Joe Martinez

Christ Church Twin Cities, Excelsior, MN (2)

Pastor Jeff Evans

Elder Arnie Abens

Christ Covenant Church of Chicago, Chicago, IL (2)

Pastor Jon Herr

Elder Dave Rapp

Christ the King Church, New Era, MI (1)

Pastor Jeff Swanson

Christ the King Church, Springfield, MO (2)

Elder Rob Davis

Elder James Bramer

Christ the Redeemer, Pella, IA (1)

Elder Carl Lantz

Cornerstone Reformed Church, Carbondale, IL (2)

Pastor Burke Shade

Elder Nathan Brunaugh

Providence Church, Caro, MI (1)

Pastor Phil Burch

Reformed Presbyterian Church, Tyumen, Russia (1)

Pastor Ravil Kunakaev

Trinity Covenant Church, Wichita, KS (1)

Elder Derek Hale

Trinity Evangelical Church, Larwill, IN (1)

Pastor Nate Harlan

All churches were represented.

A quorum was established.

- 4:22 p.m.: The Presiding Minister listed changes to the published agenda.

No representative of SRS was present to give a report so the SRS report was removed from the agenda.

An item for discussion was added under New Business to encourage the elders from Caro to attend Presbytery.

Mr. Evans moved to accept the agenda as established. Motion was seconded by Mr. Hale. Motion carried.

Member Church Reports

4:30 p.m.: The Presiding Minister called for church reports to be given.

Christ Church of Livingston County, Howell, MI

Mr. Harlan reported on his and Mr. Swanson's discussions with the Session, and with Dirk DeWinkle, after Pastor DeWinkle had resigned.

Mr. Martinez gave the church report.

Mr. Swanson prayed.

Christ Church Twin Cities, Minnetonka, MN

Mr. Abens gave the church report.

Mr. Davis prayed.

4:54 p.m.: CM Doolittle led in singing Psalm 71.

5:00 p.m.: The Presiding Minister ended with prayer and recessed until 9:00 a.m. the following day.

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

9:03 a.m.: CM Doolittle lead in singing A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.

9:08 a.m.: The Presiding Minister opened the meeting with prayer.

9:09 a.m.: The following guests were recognized

Joost Nixon from Christ Church Twin Cities, Excelsior.

Pastor Chuck Hickey from Trinity Presbyterian Church of Northern Kentucky, a PCA church in Ludlow, KY

Jeremy Sexton from Christ the King Church, Springfield, MO.

Doug Peterson from Christ the King Church, Springfield, MO.

Jordan Doolittle from Cornerstone Reformed Church, Carbondale, IL.

Jacob Hanby from Providence Church, Caro, MI.

Dee Burch from Providence Church, Caro, MI.

Rachel Shade from Cornerstone Reformed Church, Carbondale, IL.

Suzanna Shade from Cornerstone Reformed Church, Carbondale, IL.

Kristina Lantz from Christ the Redeemer, Pella, IA.

9:15 a.m.: Church reports were resumed.

Christ Covenant Church of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Mr. Herr gave the church report.

Mr. Peterson prayed.

Christ the King Church, New Era, MI

Mr. Swanson gave the church report.

Mr. Harlan prayed.

Christ the King Church, Springfield, MO

Mr. Davis gave the church report.

Mr. Swanson prayed.

Christ the Redeemer Church, Pella, IA

Mr. Lantz gave the church report.

Mr. Bramer prayed.

Cornerstone Reformed Church, Carbondale, IL

Mr. Shade gave the church report.

Mr. Kou prayed.

Providence Church, Caro, MI

Mr. Burch gave the church report.

Mr. Lantz prayed.

Reformed Presbyterian Church, Tyumen, Russia

Mr. Kunakaev gave the church report.

Mr. Evans prayed.

Trinity Covenant Church, Wichita, KS

Mr. Hale gave the church report.

Mr. Martinez prayed.

10:31 a.m.: The meeting was recessed for a 10 minute break.

10:43 a.m.: The meeting was resumed.

Trinity Evangelical Church, Larwill, IN

Mr. Harlan gave the church report.

Mr. Hale prayed.

Minister's and Mission's Reports

10:55 a.m.: The Presiding Minister gave the Minister's Report

11:05 a.m.: Visitor Mr. Hickey was given the floor to describe his reason for visiting Presbytery.

11:10 a.m.: Mr. Evans made a motion to receive the Presiding Minister's Report. Mr. Burch seconded. Motion carried.

11:12 a.m.: Mr. Evans made a motion for Tyndale Presbytery to commend and thank Mr. Shade for his years of service to the Presbytery as a pastor, a leader, and

an example to us all as well as serving as the Presiding Minister. Mr. Hale seconded. Motion carried.

11:13 a.m.: The Presiding Minister confirmed that all delegates had received the report from the Presiding Minister of Council.

11:14 a.m.: Mr. Abens gave a report regarding Roy Atwood's (supported by Cornerstone Reformed Church) church planting efforts in Albania, as well as his administrative successes and goals at Nehemiah Gateway University. Mr. Abens had just recently visited Roy in Albania.

11:30 a.m.: The Presiding Minister opened the floor to discuss encouraging the elders of Caro to come to Presbytery.

11:41 a.m.: Mr. Harlan and Mr. Swanson volunteered to visit the Caro elders and encourage them to come to the next Presbytery meeting and report back to the Presiding Minister.

11:46 a.m.: Mr. Herr closed in prayer.

11:47 a.m.: The meeting was recessed to reconvene at 2:00, ready to discuss any questions sent by Council.

Joint Meeting with CREC Council and all Presbyteries

2:15 p.m.: The 2017 CREC Triennial Council convened with prayer by Council Presiding Minister Douglas Wilson. All Presbyteries were assembled, ready to discuss questions given by Council and provide input back to Council.

2:28 p.m.: The Tyndale Presbytery meeting was reconvened by the Presiding Minister to discuss questions from Council.

Discussion Item 1 From Council

What did your presbytery think of the MinistrySafe presentation? Is this something you want the CREC to pursue? Any concerns? Are there any polity or constitutional questions about having such a relationship with a parachurch organization? Any concerns about how to protect parishioners from false accusation?

Discussion results were that the MinistrySafe presentation was helpful and practical. The denomination should not continue engagement but leave that to the churches. Presbytery delegates were sent back to report to Council.

Discussion Item 2 From Council

What did your presbytery think of the Overture on Abuse submitted by Knox Presbytery? This can be found in Supplementary Material 8. Would you like it to be brought to Council 2020 as is? Would you like it to be referred to a

committee of Council to be reworked into a memorial? Would you like to do nothing with it?

Discussion results were that the overture was a good start but needs more work including outside perspectives. The statement should use biblical language. As it stands it denies things such as the imprecatory Psalms. We need to better understand the purpose of the statement. Presbytery delegates were sent back to report to Council.

Discussion Item 3 From Council

Looking ahead to the first three action items of Council Business, you will there find three proposals that concern the authority of the presiding minister and the processes of amending our documents. The three proposals are not consistent with each other. Please discuss whether in your view the CREC is in greater danger from executive overreach or from slow-moving committees. After discussing the features of the various proposals, please inform the presiding minister of Council, which proposal you would like Council to take up first, which second, and which third.

Discussion results were that the Presiding Minister of Council should not have the ability to change the constitution and the proposal from Anselm Presbytery should be placed first in priority. Presbytery delegates were sent back to report to Council.

New Business

4:23 p.m.: Mr. Evans nominated Mr. Davis as Minister of Presbytery. Mr. Rapp seconded. Mr. Davis was elected.

4:32 p.m.: Mr. Evans nominated Mr. Harlan as Minister of Presbytery Pro Tempore. Mr. Hale seconded. Mr. Harlan was elected.

4:35 p.m.: Mr. Harlan made a motion to hold the mid-term Presbytery meeting in Minneapolis (date in January or February to be determined) and hold the Fall meeting in Springfield, MO on September 24 & 25. Mr. Hale seconded. Motion carried.

5:00 p.m.: Joint Council/Presbytery meeting adjourned.

Rob Davis, Secretary

Burke Shade, Presiding Minister