# Tyndale Presbytery

Tyndale Presbytery Agenda for October 1, 2013 Meeting to be held at Comfort Inn & Suites, Pentwater, MI (conference rooms)

(all times are EASTERN time)

# Second DRAFT, August 28, 2013

### Monday, September 30, 2013

3:00 p.m.-pre-Presbytery workshop at Comfort Inn and Suites:

"Important Issues in the Reformed World" Speaker Tim Bayly

Session 1: Loving Our Neighbor: R2K Theology

Session 2: Loving Our Children: Discipling them for Life

Session 3: Q & A:

6:30 p.m.- pre-Presbytery fellowship time at Comfort Inn and Suites

### Tuesday, October 1, 2013

(breakfast available at the hotel from 6-9 a.m.)

- 1. Welcome and Exhortation (9:30 or 10:00 a.m.)
- A. Welcome from the host church: Bill Hendrian/Jeff Swanson
- B. Invocation-
- C. Psalms-TimBushong
- D. Exhortation from the Presiding Minister-Burke Shade
- 2. Session One: Church Reports (10:00 or 10:30 a.m.)
  - 1. Call the Meeting to Order (hand out copies of Robert's Rules)
  - 2. Calling of the Roll/Establishment of a Quorum (2/3 representation of member churches)
  - 3. Establish agenda
  - 4. Member Church Reports (Note: Mission/Candidate churches will report with their sponsoring church—all reports five to ten minutes each)
  - i. Christ Church of Livingston County, Howell, MI
- ii. Christ Church Twin Cities, Minnetonka, MN
- iii. Christ Covenant Church of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- iv. Christ the King Church, New Era, MI
- v. Christ the King Church, Springfield, MO
- vi. Christ the Redeemer Church, Pella, IA
- vii. Cornerstone Reformed Church, Carbondale, IL

- viii. Providence Church, Caro, MI
  - ix. Reformed Presbyterian Church, Tyumen, Russia
  - x. Trinity Covenant Church, Wichita, KS
  - xi. Trinity Evangelical Church, Syracuse, IN
    - 5. Prayer for all churches (to be done briefly after each church report)
    - 6. Recognition of Guests and Visiting Delegations

Lunch Break: 12:00-1:30 p.m. (Provided by Christ the King Church) Reconvene: 1:30 p.m.

# **3. Session Two: Review of Churches Recommended for Full Membership**

- A. Mission Churches to be Extended-n/a
- B. Candidates for Sponsorship
- C. Seating of Candidate Churches: n/a
- D. Oath for New Members and Presbytery/Prayer: n/a

#### Break

# 4. Session Three: Committee, Minister's, and Mission's Reports

- 1. Report from Ordination Examination Committee-n/a
- 2. Minister's Reports
  - i. Council Minister report
  - ii. Presbytery Minister report
- 3. MissionReports
  - i. SRS report-Pastor Mark Robinette, Foundation Church (CPC), Columbus, OH (development coordinator, SRS).
  - ii. JEEP?
  - iii. Other?

### 5. Session Four: Other Business

- A. Old Business: Presbytery Discussion Topics (as time allows)
- i. n/a
- B. New Business
- i. Election of new Minister of Presbytery (nominations open)
  Nominated: Eric Sauder (by Brian Nolder)
- ii. Election of Minister Pro Tempore of Presbytery (nominations open) iii. Voting for Presbytery Delegates to Council 2

(Under the CREC Constitution Article IV Section B Subsection 2, the Council members from each of your respective Presbyteries must be seated as Presbytery delegates during the meeting immediately following the Council meeting, and at any subsequent stated meeting of Presbytery at the discretion of Presbytery. (Article IV.B.2). Presently, Tyndale's two delegates are Jeff Evans and Burke Shade.

- iv. Discussion of Council Motions? v. other??
- C. Place of meeting for next year:
- **6. Motion of Gratitude for Hosting Church**
- 7. Adjourn: 5:00 p.m., with Prayer
- 8. Meal arrangements-either local restaurants or provided by hosting church
- 9. Presbytery Worship Service. Location TBD, 7:00 p.m. (directions needed)
- 10. Evening Fellowship Time at Jamesport Brewery or other TBD Wednesday, October 2, 2013: Delegates travel home
- 1. Delegates invited/encouraged to stay for Wednesday activities—Fishing, golf, Beer Tour, hunting . . .

[all time blocks opened with Psalm singing, and Presbytery ends with

singing Psalm leading: Tim Bushong

Parliamentarian: Brian Nolder

Secretary: Rob Davis]

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5. One matter of protocol that I see regularly performed incorrectly may be worthy of an explanation and reminder - it concerns the matter of "moving the previous question" Lots of people think that if they just yell out "call the question" that you then just have to quit talking and vote. This is not the case and is a violation of a basic right of members of the assembly - the right to debate the issue in front of the assembly. "Calling the question" is actually an irregular form of an official form of motion called "Moving the Previous Question." No one should be allowed to make this motion unless they have been recognized by the moderator (chair) of the meeting, just as you would do for anyone seeking permission to speak (decently and in order). Once such a motion has been properly made, it requires a second, just like any other motion. Then it requires a separate vote, just like any other motion; however it is not debatable. You may be able to avoid an actual vote by asking (once the previous question has been moved and seconded) whether there is any objection to ending debate. If there is no objection then you simply declare that the motion for the previous question has passed and move on to an immediate vote on the matter that had been under debate. If there is objection to ending debate, then you must hold a separate vote on that matter and it takes a two-thirds majority to pass a previous question motion (called cloture). Failing two-thirds, debate must be allowed to continue. One mistake that is often made is to hold a vote on the cloture motion and the delegates think the vote is being taken on the underlying question. So we need to make sure that, if the situation arises, we make it clear what we are voting on; whether it be cloture or the underlying motion. The two take separate votes.