

ANSELM 2016 Minutes
Annual Stated Meeting of Anselm Presbytery
Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches
Woodinville, WA
October 11-12, 2016

October 11

Presiding Minister Jack Phelps gaveled the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

I. Invocation by Pastor Kenny Anderson

II. Psalm Singing led by Pastor Dave Hatcher (Psalm 100, 110, Rise Again Ye Lionhearted)

III. Scriptural Exhortation by Pastor Flynn Ayers

Matthew 22:36-40

Pastor Flynn Ayers refuted the idea that Christians do not need to like each other, but only love one another. This idea does not apply to our relationship with God or marriage and does not fulfill the mandate given throughout the Bible. John 17 sets a high bar. Without loving from the deepest part of the body and emotions, the rest of the Christian witness is meaningless.

IV. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum

1. Christ Covenant Church - Rogue River, OR

Kenny Anderson

2. Christ Covenant Church – Langley, BC

Garry Vanderveen

3. Christ Covenant Church/Redeemer – Lynnwood, WA
Dean Hellekson and Micheal Kloss
4. Christian Evangelical Reformed Church: Testament of Grace
(absent)
5. Christ the King Church – Eugene, OR
Flynn Ayers and Brian Kern
6. Covenant Bible Church – Chugiak, AK
Gerald Allsup
7. Evangelical Reformed Church - Mogilev, Belarus
(absent)
8. Reformed Church: Holy Trinity – Dunaiivtsi, Ukraine
Alexander Pavlyuk
9. Evangelical Reformed Church – Poznan, Poland
Bogumil Jarmulak
10. Evangelical Reformed Church – Wroclaw, Poland
Sebastian Smolarz
11. Mitaka Evangelical Church – Tokyo, Japan
Ben Zedek Smith
12. Presbyterian Reformed Church – Burgas, Bulgaria
Yavor Rusinov
13. Reformation Covenant Church – Oregon City, OR
Dennis Tuuri

14. Rivne Biblical Church – Rivne, Ukraine

San Sanych

15. Trinity Church – Kirkland, WA

Dave Hatcher and Joseph Hyink

A quorum was established.

V. Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Presiding Minister Jack Phelps introduced:

Pastor Doug Wilson, Presiding Minister of Council.

Pastor Toby Sumpter, Trinity Reformed Church – Moscow, ID.

Pastor Uri Brito, Providence Church – Pensacola, FL.

VI. Presentation from MinistrySafe: Ms. Kimberlee Norris, Esq.

Presiding Minister Jack Phelps introduced the speaker.

Ms. Norris spoke for 2.5 hours on the inherent risks in ministry, teaching how to recognize risky behavior, the importance of communication, and the responsibility and options for leadership to act appropriately. She warned against the dangerous misconception that abuse is not a risk in Christian communities.

Presiding Minister Jack Phelps recessed the meeting from 12-1:45.

VII. Member Reports

1. Christ Covenant Church – Langley, BC

Pastor Garry Vanderveen gave the report. Pastor Kenny Anderson prayed.

2. Christ Covenant Church – Rogue River, OR

Pastor Kenny Anderson gave the report. Pastor Flynn Ayers prayed.

- 3.** Christian Evangelical Reformed Church: Testament of Grace – Mykolaiv, Ukraine. Pastor Bogumil Jarmulak gave the report and prayed in the absence of Pastor Volodymyr Mykyta.
- 4.** Christ the King Church – Eugene, OR
Pastor Flynn Ayers gave the report. Pastor Gerald Allsup prayed.
- 5.** Covenant Bible Church – Chugiak, AK
Pastor Gerald Allsup gave the report. Pastor Bogumil Jarmulak prayed.
- 6.** Evangelical Reformed Church - Mogilev, Belarus
Pastor Bogumil Jarmulak gave the report in Pastor Serhyi Udaliiov’s absence.
- 7.** Evangelical Reformed Church – Poznan, Poland
Pastor Bogumil Jarmulak gave the report. Pastor Sebastian Smolarz prayed for both the Mogilev and Poznan churches.
- 8.** Evangelical Reformed Church – Wroclaw, Poland
Pastor Sebastian Smolarz gave the report. Pastor Sasha Pavlyuk prayed.

Presiding Minister Jack Phelps recessed the meeting from 3:35-3:45.
- 9.** Holy Trinity Reformed Church of Dunaiivtsi – Dunaiivtsi, Ukraine
Pastor Alexander Pavlyuk gave the report. Pastor Ben Zedek Smith prayed.
- 10.** Mitaka Evangelical Church – Tokyo, Japan
Pastor Ben Zedek Smith gave the report. Pastor Yavor Rusinov prayed.
- 11.** Presbyterian Reformed Church – Burgas, Bulgaria
Pastor Yavor Rusinov gave the report. Pastor Dean Hellekson prayed.

12. Redeemer Church – Lynnwood, WA

Pastor Dean Hellekson gave the report. Pastor Dennis Tuuri prayed.

13. Reformation Covenant Church – Oregon City, OR

Pastor Dennis Tuuri gave the report. Pastor San Sanych prayed.

14. Rivne Biblical Church – Rivne, Ukraine

Pastor San Sanych gave the report. Pastor Dave Hatcher prayed.

15. Trinity Church – Kirkland, WA

Pastor Dave Hatcher gave the report. Pastor Garry Vanderveen prayed.

Presiding Minister Jack Phelps recessed the meeting at 5:20.

October 12

Pastor Dave Hatcher led the singing of “We all Believe.”

Pastor Jack Phelps prayed.

Presiding Minister Jack Phelps called the meeting to order at 8:40.

VIII. Updates on Candidate and Mission Churches Not Being Considered for Full Membership

1. Covenant Reformed Church - Fairbanks, AK

Mission Church of Covenant Bible Church, Chugiak, AK

Pastor Michael Shover gave the report. Pastor Attila Hajdú prayed.

2. Evangelical Reformed Church – Budapest, Hungary

Mission Church of Evangelical Reformed Church, Poznan.

Pastor Attila Hajdú gave the report. Pastor Pavel Bartosik prayed.

3. Evangelical Reformed Church – Gdansk, Poland
Mission church of Evangelical Reformed Church, Wroclaw
Pastor Pavel Bartosik gave the report. Pastor San Sanych prayed.
4. Evangelical Church: God's Covenant – Rivne, Ukraine
Mission Church of Rivne Biblical Church, Rivne
Pastor San Sanych gave the report in the absence of Pastor Sergiy Terentyev.
5. Reformed Church of Ivano-Frankivsk – Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine
Mission Church of Rivne Biblical Church, Rivne
Pastor San Sanych gave the report in the absence of Pastor Ihor Lishchynsky.
6. Reformed Church: God's Covenant – Korostin, Ukraine
Mission Church of Rivne Biblical Church, Rivne
Pastor San Sanych gave the report in the absence of Pastor Pavel Petrov. Church is currently struggling because pastor is forced to work abroad.

Pastor Yavor Rusinov prayed for all of Rivne Biblical Church's mission churches.
7. Stara Zagora Mission - Stara Zagora, Bulgaria
Pastor Yavor Rusinov gave the report. Leader of mission, Nedko Nedev was deployed to Afghanistan and members of the mission are currently meeting with the Burgas congregation. Pastor Michael Shover prayed.

IX. Consideration of Candidate or Mission Churches for CREC Membership

1. Emmanuel Church – Kenmore, WA
Sponsoring Church: Trinity Church, Kirkland
Pastor Dave Hatcher introduced Pastor Jerry Owen who gave thanks for new elder, Erik Day, two current deacons, and two men in deacon training. Church is three office, engages in regular covenant renewal worship, and subscribes to the

Reformed Evangelical Confession with no exceptions. Emmanuel has been financially independent for one year.

Pastor Dave Hatcher testified that Pastor Jerry Owen is a good leader and faithful husband and father and a model of hospitality.

Both churches expressed continued desire to work together in the future and praised God for his grace in their relationship. Trinity elder, Eric Letsche, will remain a *pro tem* elder at Emmanuel.

Pastor Jerry Owen asked for prayer for additional equipped officers, faithful discipleship in the church, and more clarity and communication about distinctives in the congregation.

Pastor Dave Hatcher made a motion to accept Emmanuel Church as a new member church. Pastor Garry Vanderveen seconded. Discussion. Presiding Minister Jack Phelps called for the vote. Motion carried without objection (16:0:0).

Presiding Minister Jack Phelps read the vows and Pastor Jerry Owen swore for himself and the officers of his church. Emmanuel Church was received.

2. Reformed Church of St. Andrew - Pidhaychyky, Ukraine
Sponsoring Church: Rivne Biblical Church, Rivne

Pastor San Sanych moved to defer consideration for membership of Reformed Church of St. Andrew until the Anselm stated meeting of 2017. Pastor Ben Zedek Smith seconded. Motion carried without objection (16:0:0).

X. Seating of New Candidate Churches and Introduction of New Mission Churches

Grace Covenant Church - Gibsons, BC

Formerly a mission under care of Christ Covenant Church, Grande Prairie, Alberta, Grace Covenant Church has been formally adopted by Christ Covenant Church, Langley,

BC. Christ Covenant Church, Langley has appointed a *pro-tem* session and the session has extended a call to Pastor Jed Schoepp.

XI. Approval of Minutes – Stated Meeting of Anselm Presbytery, 2015 (Appendix A)

Pastor San Sanych moved approval of the Anselm Presbytery 2015 minutes. Pastor Garry Vanderveen seconded. Motion carried without objection (16:0:0).

XII. Waiver request under Constitution Art. II.B for Christ Covenant Church, Langley, BC.

Request withdrawn.

XIII. Anselm Presiding Minister Report (Appendix B)

Presiding Minister Jack Phelps asked for ratification of his initiative to have MinistrySafe bring a five hour presentation to the 2017 Triennial Council meeting.

Pastor Ben Zedek Smith moved that Anselm Presbytery approve the action of Presiding Minister Jack Phelps, voting in Council Committee, to invite MinistrySafe to present its sexual abuse training for churches at the 2017 Triennial Meeting in Destin, FL, during the week of November 13, 2017. Pastor Bogumil Jarmulak seconded. Motion carried (16:0:0).

Presiding Minister Jack Phelps recessed the meeting from 10:15-10:30.

XIV. Council Presiding Minister's report (Appendix C)

Presiding Minister Pastor Jack Phelps identified six items in Presiding Minister Doug Wilson's report that called for discussion or action.

1. Recusal from Council court case regarding Christ Covenant Church, Grande Prairie, Alberta.

No vote is requested and under the Constitution one is not needed.

2. Nominations for Presiding Minister of Council in 2017

Pastor Bogumil Jarmulak moved that Anselm Presbytery nominate Pastor Garrett Craw of Providence Church, Santa Clarita, CA, as Presiding Minister pro-tem of Council. Pastor Garry Vanderveen seconded. There was objection.

Pastor Ben Zedek Smith moved to table the motion for Pastor Garrett Craw until nominations for the Presiding Minister of Council are closed. Pastor Dave Hatcher seconded. Motion carried without objection (16:0:0) and the item was tabled.

Pastor Ben Zedek Smith moved to nominate Pastor Bogumil Jarmulak as a candidate for Presiding Minister of Council. Pastor Michael Kloss seconded. Pastor Bogumil Jarmulak declined. Motion is moot.

Pastor Dave Hatcher moved to nominate Pastor Virgil Hurt of Providence Church of Lynchburg, Virginia, as a candidate for Presiding Minister of Council. Pastor Dean Hellekson seconded. Motion carried (16:0:0).

The previously tabled motion was brought back before the body, viz. *Pastor Bogumil Jarmulak moved that Anselm Presbytery nominate Pastor Garrett Craw of Providence Church, Santa Clarita, CA, as Presiding Minister pro-tem of Council. Pastor Garry Vanderveen seconded. Motion carried (9:1:6).*

Pastor Garry Vanderveen moved that Anselm Presbytery nominate Pastor Bogumil Jarmulak as Presiding Minister pro-tem of Council. Pastor Michael Kloss seconded. Motion carried (16:0:0).

3. Website MDS Section

Pastor Doug Wilson clarified that individuals may file MDS forms in the new section of the website, and that churches will be able to file requests for pastor candidates. Christ Church will be hosting and covering costs. Presiding Minister Jack Phelps encouraged donations to be given to help cover expenses.

4. Amendments to Constitution (including Memorials) and Book of Procedures

Pastor Garry Vanderveen moved that Anselm Presbytery ratify Presiding Minister Doug Wilson's action to amend the CREC Constitution and Book of Procedures in his annual Report to Presbyteries. Pastor Ben Zedek Smith seconded. Motion failed (2:9:5).

5. Recommendations for Future Action

Presiding Minister Jack Phelps recommended appointment of an *ad hoc* committee to review all proposed changes to the CREC governing documents. The issue will be taken up under Agenda Item XV.

6. Council Review Committee (Presiding Minister Doug Wilson's postscript)

Previously covered in the Anselm Presiding Minister's report.

XV. Appointment of Constitutional Review Committee

Pastor Dean Hellekson moved that Anselm Presbytery ratifies and approves the Presiding Minister's appointment of a Constitutional Review Committee. Pastor Flynn Ayers seconded. Motion carried. (16:0:0).

XVI. Pastor examination: Rev. Gordon Murray, Reformation Covenant Church.

Requested by Reformation Covenant Church under Constitution Art. II. G.

Request withdrawn.

XVII. Proposed Constitutional Amendment – ERC Poznan (Appendix D)

Pastor Bogumil Jarmulak moved that this item be incorporated into the work of the Constitutional Review Committee established under Agenda Item XV. Pastor Dave Hatcher seconded. Motion carried without objection (16:0:0).

XVIII. Anselm Website

Pastor Garry Vanderveen moved to petition the CREC Presiding Minister to create a section on the CREC website to host each of the CREC presbyteries' web pages. Pastor San Sanych seconded. Motion carried without objection (16:0:0).

XIX. Election of Anselm Delegate for CREC Council

Pastor Garry Vanderveen moved that Pastor Bogumil Jarmulak be elected as Anselm's second delegate to CREC Council. Pastor Dave Hatcher seconded. Motion carried without objection (16:0:0).

XX. Anselm Presbytery and CREC Council Meeting: Destin, Florida – November 13-15, 2017

Considerable interest was voiced for longer Council meetings in the future, especially as the CREC is growing and time together is limited.

XXI. Closing

Presiding Minister Jack Phelps expressed thanks on behalf of Anselm Presbytery to Trinity Church for hosting the 2016 Stated Meeting. A general accolade followed.

Pastor Dave Hatcher led the singing of, “The Son of God Goes Forth to War.”

Pastor Garry Vanderveen prayed.

Presiding Minister Jack Phelps adjourned the meeting at 11:40.

Pastor Doug Wilson delivered a homily of encouragement before the JEEP open meeting.