

AGENDA OF THE 2020 STATED MEETING

of



AUGUSTINE PRESBYTERY



COMMUNION OF REFORMED
EVANGELICAL CHURCHES

Shippensburg, PA
September 25, 2020

Reception at the Clarion Inn, Shippensburg, PA at 6 pm, Thursday, September 24, 2020

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- I. Covenant Renewal Worship (8:30-9:00 a.m.) - Rev. C.R. Wiley preached; Presiding Minister, Gregg Strawbridge (hereafter, PM) of Augustine Presbytery led the service, assisted by PM pro tempore, Laurence Windham, and Presiding Minister of CREC, Virgil Hurt.
- II. Call to Order by PM Gregg Strawbridge and Pray
- III. Roll Call of Member Churches and Delegates
 - 1. All Saints Church, Lancaster, PA - Kevin Kanoff
 - 2. All Souls Church, Green Camp, OH - Rhett Crabtree
 - 3. Christ Church, Raleigh, NC - Duane Garner
 - 4. Christ Church, Morgantown, WV - Bill Oldland
 - 5. Christ Covenant, Copiaque, NY - report submitted, not present
 - 6. Christ Covenant Church, Shippensburg, PA - Ray Barbeito
 - 7. Christ Reformed, Oakland, ME - Matthew Gonnella
 - 8. Christ Reformed Evangelical Church, Annapolis, MD – not present
 - 9. Covenant Heritage Reformed Church, Newport News, VA - Conrad Doskey; Jody Van Dyke
 - 10. Holy Trinity Church, Concord, NC - not present
 - 11. King's Chapel, Brooklyn, NY - Troy Green
 - 12. Oakwood Bible Church, Troy, NY - Jim Dujack
 - 13. Providence Church, Lynchburg, VA - Virgil Hurt, Rick Davis, David Cooper
 - 14. Saint Peter Presbyterian Church, Abingdon, VA & Bristol, TN - Steve Murphy, Laurence Windham
 - 15. Sovereign Christ Church, Mansfield, OH - Clint Zeigler
 - 16. Tri-City Covenant Church, Somersworth, NH - Paul Edgar, Harold Guptill
 - 17. Trinity Reformed Church, Martinsburg, WV - Lucas Dorminy, Peter Anselmo
- B. PM Strawbridge determined a quorum 14 or more member churches were represented.
- C. Candidate* and Mission Churches¹ were acknowledged:
 - 1. Christ Church, Ithaca, NY, Rev. Michael Jones and Rev. Ralph Reigle
 - 2. Christ the King Church, Belfast ME, Rev. Garrett Soucy, Matt Corey, Paul Mackey
- D. Church planters' interested in affiliation:

¹ The usage here designates a "Candidate Church" as a previously existing congregation (from outside) seeking membership in the CREC. A "Mission Church" is under the authority of a member CREC church, usually planted by that CREC "Mother" church.

1. Michael Foster (East River Church, Cincinnati, OH, currently a PCA minister - Michael is a member of Calvary Presbytery of the PCA. He has been a church planter with Acts 29, and a pastor through Calvary Chapel and PCA.
 2. Daniel Stanley (Erie, PA) - Daniel is the director of a gap year program at Miracle Mountain Camp. He has been the interim pastor at various churches, as well as taught at the Warren County Christian school. He would like to see a CREC congregation in this area.
- E. Presbytery Recognition of Guests and Visiting Delegations
1. Brian Nolder from Tri-City Covenant Church
- F. Recognition of Fraternal Ministers
1. Rev. Michael Foster, Cincinnati, OH (PCA)
 2. Rev. C.R. Wiley, Tolland, CT (PCA)
 3. Rev. Jared McNabb, St Paul Church, Miller, MD
- IV. Laurence Windham opened in prayer
- V. Church Reports: verbal reports were presented with prayer for each member congregation. At the request of PM of Council Virgil Hurt, the churches present reported on the number of members in each; there were over 468 households and 1809 individual members counted in the congregations of Augustine Presbytery represented at this meeting.
- VI. Presbytery Membership
- A. Oakwood Bible Church (Jim Dujack)/Laurence Wyndham moved to receive Christ Church, Ithaca, NY into full membership. Unanimous decision. MSC.
 - B. Vows were administered to the delegates of Christ Church, Ithaca, NY and they were seated as members of the CREC.
- VII. Presbytery Reports, Committees, Overtures, and Reviews
- A. Presiding Minister Report
1. Presbytery received the Presiding Minister of Augustine report (Gregg Strawbridge) and he requested ratification of the following: an ordination committee (chair, Troy Greene); recommendation of Jody Van Dyke, called to Covenant Heritage Reformed Church (Newport News, VA); actions relating to 2020 ad hoc Council; a new logo for the Augustine Presbytery. David Copper/Harold Guptill motioned to ratify these actions. MSC.
- B. Presbytery received various reports:
1. Women's Roles Committee Report
 - a) Laurence Wyndham requests to be relieved of their duties.
 2. Membership Practices Committee Report
 - a) Kevin Kanoff reports that the committee has not completed the paper and will present once the paper is completed.
 3. Missions Committee Report
 - a) Harold Guptill requested a deferment in presentation.

- b) PM Strawbridge requested committee to submit a recommended number mid to late October.
 - 4. Virgil Hurt/Troy Greene motioned for the same people to continue with the same committees/reports. MSC.
 - 5. PM Virgil Hurt is looking for a denomination wide committee/support.
- VIII. CREC Council and PMoC Reports
- A. Presbytery received report of Presiding Minister of Council, Virgil Hurt
 - 1. PMoC reports it is an honor to serve. It has been a difficult year with mostly positive reports. Many churches are now open. Many new people are joining.
 - 2. PMoC visited Philippines for a Philippine church fact finding trip.
 - 3. Sex and Gender Report was approved.
 - 4. Discussion on the level and relation of governing CREC documents such as the Memorials and Confessional Statements.
- IX. Augustine Presbytery Examination (2020)
- A. Formal Oral Examination of Rick Davis
 - 1. Augustine Presbytery Examination Committee (2020): Troy Greene, chair; Peter Anselmo - Witness, David Cooper - Scripture, Steve Murphy - knowledge of church history, Duane Garner - views on theology, Troy Greene - Chair
 - 2. After moving into executive session the Committee moved to sustain Mr Davis's ordination examination and recommend ordination to Providence Church, Lynchburg VA. The motion carried unanimously.
 - 3. A commission of the presbytery will be present at the ordination event.
- X. New Business Proposed
- A. Spring 2021 Stated Meeting
 - 1. April 5-7, 2021 at Lurray House
 - a) Short business meeting
 - b) April 5 - evening meal, April 6 - meeting, April 7 - depart
 - B. Membership Support
 - 1. \$250 to Virgil Hurt (Providence Church) for PM of the Denominational Council
 - 2. \$250 to Gregg Strawbridge (All Saints Church) for PM of the Augustine Presbytery
 - C. Tri-City Covenant Church reported on Russian missions efforts and needs
 - 1. *The Foundations of Social Order* by R.J. Rushdoony translation and printing (Russian) cost \$11,000.
 - 2. St Petersburg Church is looking to purchase Land and need \$300,000. Asking Hope Russia to raise \$250,000.
 - 3. Help the 10 - 15 churches in Russia similar to us
 - D. Conrad Doskey/Rhett Crabtree motion: Whereas Ray Barbeito and Christ Covenant Church, Shippensburg, PA has served our presbytery so well in arrang-

ing, planning, and hosting the fall 2020 Augustine Presbytery Meeting, we commend them for their excellent, gracious service! MSC.

E. Conrad Doskey /David Cooper motion to adjourn. MSC.w

Augustine Presbytery Membership - updated September 2020		
Church Name	House-holds	Members/Regular Attenders
All Saints Church, Lancaster, PA – Gregg Strawbridge	50	197
All Souls Church, Green Camp, OH* - Rhett Crabtree	25	48
Christ Church, Ithaca, NY - Michael Jones	7	33
Christ Church, Morgantown, WV – Bill Oldland	15	64
Christ Church, Raleigh, NC – Duane Garner	41	177
Christ Covenant Church, Shippensburg, PA – Ray Barbeito	6	35
Christ Covenant, Copiaque, NY - Brian Penney	5	15
Christ Reformed Evangelical Church, Annapolis, MD – CJ Bowen (2019 data)	23	78
Christ Reformed, Oakland, ME - Chris Boland	18	85
Christ the King Church, Belfast ME* - Garrett Soucy (membership estimated)	14	55
Communion Fellowship Church, Bristol, VA - Charles Humphrey	12	67
Covenant Heritage Reformed Church, Newport News, VA – Conrad Doskey	10	40
Holy Trinity Church, Concord, NC — Brian Phillips (2019 data, households estimated)	25	85
Oakwood Bible Church, Troy, NY – Jim Dujack	28	64
Providence Church, Lynchburg, VA – Virgil Hurt, Rick Davis	47	228
Saint Peter Presbyterian Church, Bristol, VA – Steve Murphy, Laurence Windham	45	225
Sovereign Christ Church, Mansfield, OH* - Clint Zeigler	12	49
The King's Chapel, Brooklyn, NY — Troy Greene	14	39
Tri-City Covenant Church, Somersworth, NH – Paul Edgar, Harold Guphill	59	175
Trinity Reformed Church, Martinsburg, WV - Lucas Dorminy	12	50
TOTAL	468	1809