

AGENDA OF THE SPRING 2021 STATED MEETING

of



AUGUSTINE PRESBYTERY

Luray, VA
April 6, 2021

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- I. Presiding Minister, Gregg Strawbridge (hereafter, PM) of Augustine Presbytery led in an opening prayer and addressed the presbytery on “Biblical Preaching: What Should a Hearer Do?”
 - II. Call to Order and Roll Call by PM Strawbridge (delegates are subject to change)
 1. All Saints Church, Lancaster, PA - Kevin Kanoff
 2. All Souls Church, Green Camp, OH - Rhett Crabtree
 3. Christ Church, Ithaca, NY, Rev. Michael Jones and Rev. Ralph Reigle
 4. Christ Church, Morgantown, WV - Jared McNabb, Bill Oldland
 5. Christ Church, Raleigh, NC - Duane Garner
 6. Christ Covenant, Copiaque, NY - Not in attendance
 7. Christ Covenant Church, Shippensburg, PA - Ray Barbeito
 8. Christ Reformed, Oakland, ME - Matthew Gonnella
 9. Christ Reformed Evangelical Church, Annapolis, MD – Dan Nash, Ken Travato
 10. Covenant Heritage Reformed Church, Newport News, VA - Conrad Doskey (not in attendance - Jody Van Dyke due to family emergency)
 11. Holy Trinity Church, Concord, NC - Wade Choate
 12. Oakwood Bible Church, Troy, NY - Not in attendance
 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. The King’s Chapel, Brooklyn, NY - Troy Green
 17. Tri-City Covenant Church, Somersworth, NH - Paul Edgar, Harold Guptill
 18. Trinity Reformed Church, Martinsburg, WV - Lucas Dorminy, Peter Anselmo
 - B. PM Strawbridge determined a quorum (2/3s of member churches) since at least 12 or more member churches were represented.
 - C. Current Candidate and Mission Churches¹ were acknowledged:
 1. East River Church, Cincinnati, OH - Rev. Michael Foster
 2. Christ the King Church, Belfast ME - Rev. Garrett Soucy, Matt Corey
 - D. Presbytery Recognition of Guests and Visiting Delegations
 1. Kevin Skogan - Sandhill Presbyterian Church, Southern Pines, NC
 2. Burke Shade - ordained pastor without a call; willing to be pulpit supply
 3. Brian Nolder - ordained pastor looking for a call
 4. Herb Suereth - ministerial student (curate) of All Saints Church
 5. Harrison Murphy - ministerial student of St Peter Presbyterian
 - E. Recognition of Fraternal Ministers (those informally esteemed by presbytery): Rev. Jared McNabb (taking a call to Christ Church, Morgantown WV).
- III. Presbytery Membership
- A. Christ the King Church, Belfast, ME

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.

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1. Interview and Church Report
 - a) Christ Reformed has two members of their session; both paedobaptist and paedocommunion
 - b) Reformed Evangelical Statement
 - c) Hybrid of baptist views
 - d) Wrote a constitution
 - e) No objections to CREC statements.
 2. Christ Reformed, Oakland ME, Matthew Gonnella moved to receive Christ the King Church, Belfast ME, Rev. Garrett Soucy as a member church in the Augustine Presbytery of the CREC. The motion carried unanimously.
 3. Vows were administered to the delegates of Christ the King Church and they were recognized as a member church of the CREC. (Note: new member delegates may participate in discussion, but not vote in the meeting in which they are received.)
- B. Sand Hills Presbyterian Church, Southern Pines, NC
1. Providence Church, David Cooper, Lynchburg moved to recommend Sand Hills Presbyterian, Pastor Kevin Skogan, Southern Pines, NC as a candidate church in the Augustine Presbytery of the CREC. The motion carried unanimously.
 2. (Note: candidate churches may be approved as member churches at the next stated meeting of the presbytery.)

IV. Augustine Presbytery Examinations

- A. Presbytery Examinations: Dan Nash, Matthew Corey
1. Augustine Presbytery Examination Committee (2021): Matt Gonella (chair), Rev. Rick Davis, Rev. Jody Van Dyke (not able to be present), Rev. Michael Foster, and Garrett Soucy.
 - a) The Committee moved to sustain Mr. Nash's and Mr. Corey's ordination examination and recommend ordination to Christ Reformed Evangelical Church and Christ the King Church, respectively.
 - b) Vows are ordinarily administered directly by the local session but may be administered by presbytery upon the request and authorization of the local session (see Appendix B: Book of Procedures).
 - (1) PM Strawbridge administered the vows from the Book of Procedures to Mr. Nash, but not Mr. Corey. Mr. Corey's vows were taken in his congregational ordination service (5/16/2021) in Belfast, ME with PM Strawbridge (and Garrett Soucy) participating.

V. Fall 2021 Meeting

- A. Fall 2021 Stated Meeting will be held in Conjunction with the Triennial Council Meeting
1. General Council meeting will be in Monroe, LA at Church of the Redeemer (Rev. Steve Wilkins) during the days of Oct. 25-29, 2021.
 2. Duane Garner requested consideration of the constitutional amendment for flexibility of council meeting during triennial meeting from Augustine presbytery to be brought to General Council.

VI. 2021 Membership Support and Retreat Costs

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1. \$250/year for Virgil Hurt (Providence Church) for Presiding Minister of the Denominational Council. **Make check payable to "Providence Church,"** and mail to *Providence Church, PO Box 3023, Lynchburg, VA 24503. NEW ADDRESS 108 Malinda Dr*
2. \$250/year for Gregg Strawbridge (All Saints Church) for PM of the Augustine Presbytery. **Make check payable to "All Saints Church",** and mail to *All Saints Church, PO Box 585, Brownstown, PA 17508.*
3. If you haven't paid for this retreat already, please pay the Spring Retreat's cost: \$225 per person. Make check payable to **"St. Peter Presbyterian Church"** with **"Presbytery"** in the memo. Mail to: *St. Peter Presbyterian Church, 3376 Cove Creek Rd, Bristol, VA 24202*, or pay online by visiting: <https://saintpeterpresbyterian.org> and note the word 'presbytery' in the memo field.

VII. New Business

- A. Bill Oldland announced that Jared McNabb has accepted a call from Christ Church Morgantown, WV.

Motion to adjourn was approved without exception.