

# AGENDA OF THE FALL 2021 STATED MEETING

of



# AUGUSTINE PRESBYTERY



COMMUNION of REFORMED  
EVANGELICAL CHURCHES

Monroe, LA  
October 26, 2021

- I. Call to Order by Presiding Minister (PM) Gregg Strawbridge
  - A. Roll Call of Member Churches and Delegates (note: the delegates in this agenda are slated from previous years and 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, Michael Jones and Ralph Reigle
    4. Christ Church, Morgantown, WV - Jared McNabb, Bill Oldland
    5. Christ Church, Raleigh, NC - Duane Garner
    6. Christ Covenant, Copiaque, NY - Brian Penney
    7. Christ Covenant Church, Shippensburg, PA - Ray Barbeito
    8. Christ Reformed, Oakland, ME - Matt Gonella, Grant Van Brimmer, Chris Boland
    9. Christ the King Church, Belfast ME, Garrett Soucy, Matthew Corey
    10. Christ Reformed Evangelical Church, Annapolis, MD – Dan Nash, Ken Travato
    11. Covenant Heritage Reformed Church, Newport News, VA - Jody Van Dyke
    12. Holy Trinity Church, Concord, NC - Brian Phillips, Wade Choate
    13. King's Chapel, Brooklyn, NY - Troy Greene
    14. Oakwood Bible Church, Troy, NY - Jim Dujack
    15. Providence Church, Lynchburg, VA - Virgil Hurt, David Cooper, Rick Davis
    16. Saint Peter Presbyterian Church, Abingdon, VA & Bristol, TN - Steve Murphy, Laurence Windham
    17. Sovereign Christ Church, Mansfield, OH - Clint Zeigler
    18. Tri-City Covenant Church, Somersworth, NH - Paul Edgar, Harold Gupstill
    19. Trinity Reformed Church, Martinsburg, WV - Lucas Dorminy, Peter Anselmo
  - B. PM Strawbridge determined a quorum (2/3s of member churches) since at least 14 or more member churches were represented.
  - C. Presbytery Recognition of Guests and Visiting Delegations
    1. Burke Shade - ordained pastor without a call; willing to be pulpit supply
    2. Brian Nolder - ordained pastor looking for a call
    3. Herb Suereth - ministerial student (curate) of All Saints Church
    4. Harrison Murphy - ministerial student of St Peter Presbyterian
  - D. Candidate\* and Mission Churches<sup>1</sup> were acknowledged:
    1. Sandhill Presbyterian Church\*, Southern Pines, NC, Kevin Skogan
    2. East River Church, Cincinnati, OH - Michael Foster
  - E. Presbytery Recognition of Guests and Visiting Delegations
- II. Church Reports:

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

- A. Verbal reports were presented with prayer for each member congregation.
  - B. At the request of PM of Council Virgil Hurt, the churches present reported on the number of members in each: there were over \*\* households and \*\* individual members counted in the congregations of Augustine Presbytery represented at this meeting.
- III. Augustine Presbytery Examination Committee (2020)
- A. Review of examination(s)
  - B. Floor exam of Grant Van Brimmer (Christ Reformed, Oakland, ME)
- IV. Presbytery Membership
- A. Motions for new member churches:
    - 1. \*\* moved (\*\*, second) to receive \*\* into full membership.
  - B. Vows were administered to the delegates of these congregations and they were seated.
- V. Presbytery Reports, Committees, Overtures, and Reviews
- A. Presbytery received PM Strawbridge's report and he requested ratification of the following
    - 1. an ordination committee Matt Gonella (chair), Rev. Rick Davis, Rev. Jody Van Dyke, Rev. Michael Foster, and Garrett Soucy for the examinations of Dan Nash, Matthew Corey, and Grant Van Brimmer.
    - 2. Declining a request for presbytery adjudication of a complaint raised against a church's session.
    - 3. Appointing Dan Nash to lead a committee to explore the religious exception exemption to mandates of COVID-19 "vaccination."
  - B. Presbytery received various reports:
    - 1. \*\*\*
    - 2. \*\*\*
    - 3. \*\*\*
  - C. Election of New Presiding Minister and Presiding Minister Pro Tem (see Constitution IV.C. and BOP V.)
    - 1. Any additional nominations must be received by September 15, 2021.
    - 2. Laurence Windham as Pro Tem has been nominated for Presiding Minister.
- VI. CREC Council and PMoC Reports
- A. Presbytery received PMoC Virgil Hurt's report. \*\*\* moved (\*\*\*, second) to ratify the items presented as actions in PMoC Hurt's report.
  - B. Reports from CREC Council Committees (of 2020/2021) were received (if any):
- VII. Membership Support and Retreat Costs
- 1. Please send \$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, 108 Malinda Dr, Lynchburg, VA 24503.***

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. Augustine Spring Retreat (2022): \$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.

VIII. New Business Proposed