Minutes

2022 Ad Hoc Meeting

*Thursday* *December 1, 2022*

Ad Hoc - Knox Presbytery Meeting held via Zoom

December 1, 2022; 2:00 PST

*The Ad Hoc meeting of Knox Presbytery was called to order at 2:00 pm by Presiding Minister* Gene Helsel, King’s Cross Church, Wenatchee.

**Opening Prayer** – Pastor Zornes, Christ Church: Moscow, ID.

Presiding Minister Gene Helsel, gave opening remarks and introduction of agenda.

**Roll Call -** A Quorum was established at 2:00 pm; 22 Delegates were present, representing 14 churches of Knox Presbytery. The Roll Call is:

1. Christ Church: Missoula, MT; Flynn Ayres & Taylor Crawford
2. Christ Church: Moscow, ID; Ben Zornes & Jared Longshore
3. Christ Church: Spokane, WA; Kenton Spratt;
4. Christ Covenant Church: Enterprise, OR; Terry Tollefson and David Hurley
5. Christ Covenant Reformed Church: Billings, MT; Tedd Sutton, Ryan Yeager
6. King’s Cross Church: Moscow, ID; Toby Sumpter & Douglas Wilson
7. King’s Cross Church: Wenatchee, WA; Jess Monnette
8. The King’s Congregation: Meridian, ID; Alan Burrow & Israel Waitman
9. Trinity Church: Coeur d’ Alene, ID; Stuart Bryan
10. Trinity Church: Denver, CO; Brian Brown
11. Trinity Reformed Church: Moscow, ID; Joshua Appel & Ryan Handermann
12. Valley Covenant Church: Lewiston, ID; Jonathan MacIntosh
13. Christ Covenant Church Grand Prairie, Nathan Zekveld, Jamie Soles
14. Redeemer Community Church, Jefff Rodland

Shawn Patterson, visitor.

**Motion 12/1/22: 1 🡪** Stuart Bryan, Trinity Church: Coeur d’ Alene, ID made the following motion:

To nominate Uri Brito as Presiding Minister of Council to follow Virgil Hurt.

Terry Tollefson, Christ Covenant Church: Enterprise, OR seconded. **Motion Carried (22, 0, 0)**

**Motion 12/1/22: 2 🡪**: Ben Zornes, Christ Church: Moscow, ID made the following motion:

To nominate Gene Helsel, King’s Cross Church, Wenatchee, WA and Douglas Wilson, Christ Church, Moscow, ID, as Delegates to Council for Knox Presbytery.

Stuart Bryan, Trinity Church: Coeur d’ Alene, ID, seconded. **Motion Carried (22, 0, 0)**

**Motion 12/1/22: 3 🡪** Stuart Bryan, Trinity Church: Coeur d’ Alene, ID made the following motion:

That Toby Sumpter, King’s Cross Church, Moscow ID, act as alternate delegate to Council.

Terry Tollefson, Christ Covenant Church: Enterprise, OR seconded. **Motion Carried (22, 0, 0)**

**Motion 12/1/22: 4 🡪** Douglas Wilson, King’s Cross Church: Moscow, ID made the following motion:

That Knox Presbytery adopt as a presbytery position Revised Option C on Kinism; and that this be recommended as a memorial to Council.

Revised Option C

Kinism

We believe the human tendency to congregate around shared affinities is natural and can be good –– it creates the blessing of cultures and subcultures, for example. But as with all natural goods in a fallen world, there is a temptation to exalt it to a position of unbiblical importance, thus making it an idol. While an ethnic heritage is something to be grateful for, and which may be preserved in any way consistent with the law of God, it is important to reject every form of “kinism”—whether malicious, vainglorious, or ideologically separatist.

Ben Zornes, Christ Church, Moscow, ID seconded.

After discussion, this motion was tabled, no action taken.

**Motion 12/1/22: 5 🡪** Douglas Wilson, King’s Cross Church: Moscow, ID made the following motion:

That Knox Presbytery adopt as a presbytery position Revised Option C-1 on Kinism; and that this be recommended as proposed memorial to Council.

Revised Option C-1

Kinism

We believe the human tendency to congregate around shared affections is natural and can be good—it creates the blessing of cultures and subcultures, for example. But as with all natural goods in a fallen world, there is a temptation to exalt it to a position of unbiblical importance, thus making it an idol. While an ethnic heritage is something to be grateful for, and which may be preserved in any way consistent with the law of God, it is important to reject every form of identity politics, including kinism—whether malicious, vainglorious, or ideologically separatist/segregationist.

Alan Burrow, The King’s Congregation: Meridian, ID; seconded, **Motion carried (22, 0, 0)**

**Motion 12/1/22: 6 🡪** Douglas Wilson, King’s Cross Church: Moscow, ID made the following motion:

That we adopt as a Knox Presbytery position the following Option D language on Antisemitism:

Option D

Antisemitism

We believe the conversion of the Jews is key to the success of Christ’s Great Commission, and it is incumbent upon us to pray and labor toward that end. While, apart from Christ, the Jews are as all others––alienated from God—they have remained an object of God’s care because the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable. God’s plan for converting them is for them to see Gentile nations under the blessings of Christ’s lordship, thus leading them to long for the same. Hence, the cancerous sin of anti-Semitism has no place in God’s plan.

Stuart Bryan, Trinity Church: Coeur d’ Alene, ID, seconded; **Motion Carried (21, 1, 0)**

**Motion 12/1/22: 7 🡪** A motion was made to adjourn. **Motion Carried (22, 0, 0)**