

October, 2007

**Minutes of the annual meeting of Anselm Presbytery
of the Confederation of Reformed Evangelical Churches**

October 22-24, 2007

Moscow, Idaho

Monday, October 22, 2007

Scheduled Ordination Exams

1:00 p.m. – Dave Hatcher (chair), Jeff Harlow, Dennis Tuuri, Jack Phelps, and Sean Brandt conducted an ordination examination of Jerry Owen of Trinity Church in Bellevue, Washington.

2:00 p.m. – Joost Nixon (chair), Gene Helsel, and Ed Iverson conducted an ordination examination of Jason Farley of Christ Church in Spokane, Washington.

3:00 p.m. – Ralph Smith (chair), Mike Lawyer, and Garry Vanderveen conducted an ordination examination of Ben Zedek Smith of Mitaka Evangelical Church in Tokyo, Japan.

4:00 p.m. – Douglas Wilson (chair), Joost Nixon, and Jeff Niell conducted an ordination examination of Douglas Jones of Christ Church in Moscow, Idaho.

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

Introductory Matters

8:02 a.m. – Pastor Dave Hatcher opened the meeting with an invocation.

Pastor Dave Hatcher led in singing Psalm 24; “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”; and Psalm 63.

Pastor Bogumil Jarmulak gave an exhortation from the Scriptures (Exodus 20:4-6).

Moderator Douglas Wilson gave an exhortation related to the conduct of the Presbytery meeting, urging that the meeting be carried on neither too slowly nor too quickly.

8:22 a.m. – Moderator Douglas Wilson called the meeting to order.

Moderator Douglas Wilson announced a beer-and-bratwurst dinner for Presbytery delegates, to be held this evening.

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Moderator Douglas Wilson noted that contrary to the Book of Procedures, the first and last ordination exams yesterday (Jerry Owen's and Doug Jones's) were not recorded, due to a ball drop for the first and technical difficulties for the second.

Recognition of Member Churches

Moderator Douglas Wilson called the roll of member churches.

All current member churches of Anselm Presbytery were represented, with the exception of Christ the King Church of Eugene, Oregon. Churches with delegates present:

The Reformed Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg, Russia (1 delegate)
The Presbyterian Church, the Annunciation, of Pushkin, Russia (1)
Evangelical Reformed Church of Wroc³aw, Poland (2)
Evangelical Reformed Church of Poznań, Poland (1)
Mitaka Evangelical Church of Tokyo, Japan (1)
Christ Church of Moscow, Idaho (2)
Christ Church of Spokane, Washington (2)
Christ Covenant Church of Langley, British Columbia (2)
Christ Covenant Church of Lynnwood, Washington (2)
Church of the King, of Sacramento, California (2)
Covenant Bible Church of Palmer, Alaska (2)
Emmanuel Covenant Church of Phoenix, Arizona (2)
Immanuel Presbyterian Church of Fallon, Nevada (1)
Providence Reformed Evangelical Church of Grand Junction, Colorado (2)
Reformation Covenant Church of Oregon City, Oregon (2)
The King's Congregation of Boise, Idaho (1)
Trinity Church of Wenatchee, Washington (1)
Trinity Church of Woodinville, Washington (2)
Trinity Covenant Church of Wichita, Kansas (2)
Trinity Reformation Church of Salem, Oregon (2)
Trinity Reformed Church of Moscow, Idaho (2)

Elder Chris Schlect of Trinity Reformed Church, of Moscow, Idaho, noted that Pastor Peter Leithart will be present intermittently at this meeting of Presbytery.

A quorum was established and announced.

Recognition of visitors and distinguished guests

Pastor Bogumil Jarmulak introduced Attila Hajdú from Hungary, who would like to start a CREC church in Budapest. Attila spoke about his background and his vision for planting Reformed Evangelical churches in Hungary. Pastor Dennis Tuuri offered a prayer on behalf of Attila and his work in Hungary.

Pastor “BN,” formerly of an Orthodox Presbyterian Church, introduced himself and stated his desire to serve as pastor of a CREC church.

Pastor Roger Erber of Christ Church in Harvard, Illinois, introduced himself and his church.

Pastor Theo Hoekstra of Grace Covenant Church of Sunshine Coast, British Columbia, introduced himself and his church.

Consideration of the CREC Council Moderator’s report

Moderator Douglas Wilson read a report from Pastor Randy Booth, Moderator of the CREC Council, including recommended action items for the Presbytery.

07/10/23:1 Motion (Niell/R. Smith): In the event that a sufficient number of moderators who are willing and able to serve cannot be found, the Presbyteries or the Council, by a 2/3 vote of her delegates, can suspend the rules to allow for an extension of terms.

Because this item of business occurs later on the agenda, the motion was tabled.

07/10/23:2 Motion (Schlect/Niell), first, to receive the moderator’s report with thanks to God and commendation to Pastor Booth and with our affection and esteem, and second, that we defer action on his recommendations and ratification of his actions until their docketed time. The motion carried without opposition.

International Church Reports

Pastor Blake Purcell distributed a letter of thanks on behalf of the Slavic Reformation Society and gave a report on the CREC member churches and affiliated mission churches and ministries in Russia.

Deacon Zhenya Ikonnikov gave a report on The Reformed Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg, Russia.

Pastor Oleg Volkov gave a report on The Presbyterian Church, the Annunciation, of Pushkin, Russia.

Elder John Stoos commended the Russian churches for their work and reported on the status of financial support for Russian churches and ministries affiliated with the CREC.

Pastor Bogumil Jarmulak gave a report on Evangelical Reformed Church of Wroc³aw, Poland, and Evangelical Reformed Church of Poznañ, Poland.

Pastor Ralph Smith gave a report on Mitaka Evangelical Church of Tokyo, Japan.

Elder John Stoos offered a prayer of thanks for the international churches and their reports.

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Representatives of the North American churches gave oral reports to supplement the written reports already submitted.

10:04 a.m. – Presbytery recessed.

10:17 a.m. – Presbytery reconvened.

Representatives of the North American churches continued giving oral reports to supplement the written reports already submitted.

Pastor Jeff Niell offered a prayer of thanks for the church reports just presented.

Recognition of Visiting Mission Churches

Pastor Mike Ferguson introduced visitors from Covenant Reformed Fellowship of Greeley, Colorado.

Pastor Dennis Tuuri introduced Pastor John Barach of Reformation Covenant Church of Southern Oregon, and Pastor John Barach spoke about the current condition of his church.

Pastor Joost Nixon introduced Pastor Stuart Bryan of St. Brendan's, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Pastor Jeff Niell introduced Ben Allison and Sean McKinley of Trinity Reformed Church of Edgewood, New Mexico.

Moderator Douglas Wilson introduced Bill Garaway of Trinity Church of Santa Cruz, California.

Consideration of Candidate Churches

07/10/23:3 Motion (Vanderveen/Harlow) to accept into full membership Christ Church of Santa Clarita, California. The motion carried without opposition.

07/10/23:4 Motion (Vanderveen/Iverson) to accept into full membership Christ Covenant Church of Grande Prairie, Alberta. The motion carried without opposition.

Moderator Douglas Wilson noted that the candidate status of Christ Covenant Church of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, is being renewed for another year.

07/10/23:5 Motion (Lawyer/Phelps) to accept into full membership Christ Covenant Church of Enterprise, Oregon. The motion carried without opposition.

07/10/23:6 Motion (Leithart/Purcell) to accept into full membership Christ Reformed Church of Meeker, Colorado. In response to several questions, Pastor Rogers Meredith explained that the church also remains a member of the Southern Baptist Convention. The motion carried without opposition.

Moderator Douglas Wilson administered the oath of membership in the CREC to the representatives of the new Anselm Presbytery member churches, and offered a prayer of thanks.

12:01 p.m. – Presbytery recessed for lunch.

1:02 p.m. – Presbytery reconvened.

Pastor Dave Hatcher led in singing Psalm 20.

Moderator Douglas Wilson gave an invocation.

Introduction and Consideration of New Candidate Church

07/10/23:7 Motion (Lawyer/Shaw) to convey candidate status to Trinity Church of Tri-Cities, Washington. The motion carried without opposition.

Introduction and Consideration of New Mission Churches

Elder John Stoos introduced representatives of Christ Covenant Church of Menlo Park, California. Doug Devine of Christ Covenant Church, of Menlo Park, California, spoke briefly about the church.

Pastor Joost Nixon introduced representatives of Holy Trinity Church of Colville, Washington.

Preliminary Reports from Ordination Committees

Pastor Dave Hatcher announced his committee's recommendation to ordain Jerry Owen, with recommendations for further study.

Pastor Joost Nixon announced his committee's recommendation to ordain Jason Farley, with recommendations for further study.

Pastor Ralph Smith announced his committee's recommendation to ordain Ben Zedek Smith, on condition that he continue a course of ministerial studies over the next three years before full ordination.

Moderator Douglas Wilson announced his committee's recommendation to ordain Douglas Jones as a minister, with a proviso for further study in biblical languages were he to become the sole minister of a church.

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Old Business

Pastor Jack Phelps gave a summary of his report on the life of St. Anselm, which the Presbytery had asked him to prepare. Moderator Douglas Wilson offered thanks to Pastor Phelps on behalf of the presbytery.

Pastor Jeff Niell presented a report on his visit to the Augustine Presbytery meeting in Cary, North Carolina.

Elder Chris Schlect presented a report on the history of the CREC.

07/10/23:8 Motion (Nixon/Niell) that the written history of the CREC be expanded to extend to the first meeting of the CREC Council. The motion carried without opposition.

07/10/23:9 Motion (Ewert/Ferguson) to go with our current list of alternates for the position of Anselm Presbytery delegate to the CREC Council, ranked as we now have them, eliminate those who are no longer qualified, and add Jeff Harlow as an additional alternate. The motion carried without opposition.

Elder Richard Klaus asked that his name be removed from the list of alternates.

Elder Brett Baker asked as a point of order whether the reports already heard should be received by a vote of Presbytery.

07/10/23:10 Motion (Baker/Stoos) to receive the report from Jack Phelps and the report from Jeff Niell as presented to the Presbytery. The motion carried without opposition.

Recommendations from the Council Moderator

07/10/23:11 Motion (Iverson/Schlect) to remove from the table the motion 07/10/23:1 (Niell/R. Smith): In the event that a sufficient number of moderators who are willing and able to serve cannot be found, the Presbyteries or the Council, by a 2/3 vote of her delegates, can suspend the rules to allow for an extension of terms. The motion to remove from the table carried without opposition.

Motion (Schlect/Harlow) to amend the motion to change “the Presbyteries or the Council” to “the broader assembly” and also to specify Article IV.H. of the CREC Constitution as the location of the amendment proposed in the main motion. The motion to amend carried.

The main motion carried without opposition.

07/10/23:12 Motion (Niell/Ewert): Upon the establishment of a new presbytery, the Council shall assign a year to begin the 3 year rotation for the election of the moderator of that presbytery. The presbytery shall have the discretion to have her first moderator serve

one or two additional years in order to meet this rotation requirement. The motion carried without opposition.

07/10/23:13 Motion (Niell/Hatcher): Council Moderator actions reported to and approved by all presbyteries shall be deemed as approved by Church Council. Extensive discussion followed. Motion (Iverson/Nixon) of the previous question. The motion of the previous question failed for lack of a two-thirds majority, by a vote of 18-10.

3:04 p.m. – Presbytery recessed.

3:16 p.m. – Presbytery reconvened.

Motion (Schlect/Stoos) to table the motion and take it up again later on the agenda. The motion to table the motion carried.

Pastor Blake Purcell announced that he has twenty pounds of literature on the ministry in Russia that is available to delegates and others present at presbytery.

07/10/23:14 Motion (Smith) from the CREC Ecclesiastical Committee, to request that the Council amend the CREC constitution to change the name of the position of moderator of Council and presbyteries to “minister” (or interchangeably, “pastor”). Extensive discussion followed. The motion carried 16-11 with one abstention.

07/10/23:15 Motion (Smith) from the CREC Ecclesiastical Committee, to request that the Council amend the CREC constitution by inserting the following language:

The CREC grants these ministers the express authority to require mediation in the case of intractable situations within a member church. The mediation would be conducted by a committee of at least three ministers of CREC churches appointed by the minister of presbytery or council.

A minister of presbytery or council is not acting judicially or prelatially if he requires mediation in the name of the presbytery or council, and he submits that decision to the respective presbytery or council for ratification within two months, which may require the calling of an ad hoc meeting.

Because part of these disputes generally includes disagreement over whether they are intractable, the minister of presbytery or council can only do this with majority agreement of all the other ministers of presbytery or council, with all of them having to be consulted. The involved church or churches must also be consulted, and if they are agreeable to the mediation, the process can go forward. If they are not, then the respective presbytery must ratify the required mediation within two months.

Motion (Stoos/Iverson) to table the motion. The motion to table the motion carried without opposition.

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07/10/23:16 Motion (Stoos/Brandt) to ratify Randy Booth's action to form an *ad hoc* committee for the division of presbyteries, with the following instructions: "Purpose: To examine the issues pertaining to presbytery divisions and to make recommendations to the Presbyteries/Council for 2008. Members of the committee are:

- Douglas Wilson
- Joost Nixon
- Gregg Strawbridge
- Doug Roorda."

The motion carried.

07/10/23:17 Motion (Smith/Hatcher) to ratify Randy Booth's action to form an *ad hoc* committee on foreign missions, with the following instructions: "Purpose: To act as a liaison between the Russian churches and the CREC. To further examine issues related to foreign missions and make recommendations to the Presbyteries/Council for 2008.

Members of the committee are:

- John Stoos
- Gene Liechty
- David Alders."

The motion carried.

The statement was made that it is the consensus of Anselm Presbytery that in the formation of this committee, we do not want to neglect Japan, Poland, and any other non-North American churches. Carried without dissent.

4:59 p.m. – Motion (Ferguson) to adjourn. The motion carried without opposition.

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

8:01 a.m. – Moderator Douglas Wilson called the meeting to order.

Pastor Dave Hatcher led in singing Psalm 148.

Moderator Douglas Wilson offered an invocation.

07/10/24:1 Motion (Stoos/Johnson) to request that CREC Council amend Article V.A by replacing *receive* with *ratify*; to add a new Article IV.J "As representative of that assembly, the moderator has the authority to act for the assembly in accordance with the requirements of Article V.A. This authority does not include the judicial or prelatical authority to remove a church or presbytery from the CREC, to amend the Constitution or statements or confessions of faith, or to order binding arbitration in disputes"; and to remove the sentence from Article IV.I – "This should in no way be interpreted as a judicial or prelatical authority."

Motion (Phelps/Ewert) to table the motion. The motion to table the motion carried without opposition.

07/10/24:2 Motion (Schlect/Ewert) to form a committee to formulate proposed refinements to our Constitution and procedures which implement the following principles: 1. To clarify the powers of the broader assembly, first of all; 2. To clarify that between meetings of the broader assembly, the minister/moderator represents the broader assembly by initiating and taking prudent steps in furtherance of an action of the broader assembly, which he must report to the broader assembly for ratification; 3. To clarify what, if any, restrictions must be placed on the minister/moderator within that broader purview; 4. To define terms such as “approve,” “ratify,” “sustain,” “nullify,” “adopt,” etc. The motion carried without opposition.

07/10/24:3 Motion (Tuuri/Stoos) that Anselm put forward the following Constitutional Amendment to the 2008 meeting of Council:

That Section V(B) be amended as follows: Insert the following bolded text into Section B: **The agenda of any stated presbytery meeting must be posted on the public electronic page maintained by the moderator of the meeting in question no less than thirty days and no more than sixty days before the meeting. The agenda of any stated council meeting must be posted on the public electronic page maintained by the moderator of the meeting in question no less than thirty days and no more than six months before the meeting.** Motions to amend the agendas of an assembly in session require a unanimous vote.

The motion carried without opposition.

07/10/24:4 Motion (Tuuri/Johnson) that Anselm add the following wording to its Book of Procedures: “The agenda of any stated presbytery meeting must be posted on the public electronic page maintained by the moderator of the meeting in question no less than thirty days and no more than sixty days before the meeting. Motions to amend the agenda at the meeting require a unanimous vote.” The motion carried without opposition.

07/10/24:5 Motion (Tuuri/Iverson) that Anselm put forward the following Constitutional Amendment to Article V. Meeting Protocols, Section C at the 2008 meeting of Council:

That Section V(C) be amended as follows: Insert the following bolded text into Section C: Full minutes of all the assembly proceedings will be kept. The public minutes and records of the assembly will be published on a public electronic page maintained by the church of the moderator, with the moderator responsible for its contents. **The Moderators shall ensure that approved minutes and current versions of the Books of Procedures for all Presbyteries and of the CREC Constitution shall be available on the CREC web page. When revised, these documents shall be posted to the CREC web page within 30 days of revision.** Minutes of confidential proceedings will be distributed in hard copy to all the member churches in the presbytery. The costs associated with this process will be borne by the church of the moderator. Minutes must be posted within two weeks of their approval.

Motion (Phelps/Harlow) to amend the motion to read as follows: “When revised, these documents shall be posted on or linked to the CREC web page within thirty days.” The motion to amend carried without opposition.

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The main motion carried without opposition.

07/10/24:6 Motion (Tuuri/Shaw) that Anselm add the following wording to its Book of Procedures: “Anselm’s Moderator shall maintain its updated Book of Procedures on a CREC web page. When the BOP is revised, it shall be posted to the web page within 30 days of its revision. Anselm’s minutes shall be posted on the CREC web page thirty days after their approval.”

Motion (Phelps/Stoos) to amend the last sentence of the motion to read “available through” in place of “posted on.” The motion to amend the motion carried without opposition.

The main motion as amended carried without opposition.

07/10/24:7 Motion (Schlect/Hatcher) that the committee to formulate proposed refinements to our Constitution and procedures be charged to implement these resolutions in its task:

The following are enumerated powers of the broader assembly: 1. To mediate in situations wherein a local church’s session is at an impasse and when a local church’s session is a party in a dispute either with one of its own members, with the session of another CREC church, or with a CREC assembly; 2. To address matters referred to it by the session of a member church or by another CREC assembly; 3. To offer a timely pastoral voice to public issues of common concern; 4. To inquire into the spiritual health of member churches and to confer with other assemblies to this end; 5. To protect its own purity and peace through judicial action following due process; 6. To amend its standards following due process.

Motion (Schlect/Hatcher) to amend the motion to read as follows: 1. To mediate in situations wherein a local church’s session is at an impasse and when a local church’s session is a party in a dispute either with one of its own members, with the session of another CREC church, **with a CREC assembly, or with a non-CREC ecclesiastical body.** The motion to amend the motion carried without opposition.

The main motion as amended carried without opposition.

07/10/24:8 Motion (Harlow/Schlect) that the committee to formulate proposed refinements to our Constitution and procedures be charged to implement these resolutions in its task:

The broader assembly has the power: To formulate plans of action concerning matters common to the churches; To designate *ad hoc* committees. The presbytery has the power: To admit new churches into its membership; To evaluate men for ordination.

The motion carried without opposition.

07/10/24:9 Motion (Baker/Tuuri) that the committee to formulate proposed refinements to our Constitution and procedures also be charged to take into consideration the items that the Constitution specifically forbids broader assemblies to do. The motion carried.

9:59 a.m. – Presbytery recessed.

10:16 a.m. – Presbytery reconvened.

07/10/24:10 Motion (Tucker/Coverdale) that the committee to formulate proposed refinements to our Constitution and procedures be charged to implement these resolutions in its task: The following powers are forbidden to moderators of broader assemblies: 1. To admit members; 2. To amend confessional or governmental standards; 3. To formally recommend, or not, ministerial candidates for ordination. The motion carried without opposition.

07/10/24:11 Motion (Schlect/Harlow) that the committee to formulate proposed refinements to our Constitution and procedures be charged to implement this resolution in its task: The moderators of broader assemblies may not remove a member church. The motion carried.

07/10/24:12 Motion (Tuuri/Baker) that the committee to formulate proposed refinements to our Constitution and procedures be charged to implement this resolution in its task: The moderators of broader assemblies may not require arbitration.

Motion (Phelps/Tuuri) to table the motion. The motion to table the motion carried without opposition.

07/10/24:13 Motion (Burrow/Nixon): It is the mind of the presbytery that the broader assemblies can require the processes of mediation and non-binding arbitration. The motion carried.

07/10/24:14 Motion (Phelps/Shaw) to remove from the table the motion 07/10/24:12 (Tuuri/Baker) that the committee to formulate proposed refinements to our Constitution and procedures be charged to implement this resolution in its task: The moderators of broader assemblies may not require arbitration. The motion to remove from the table carried.

The maker and seconder of the motion restated the motion as follows: “The moderators of broader assemblies may not **adjudicate a trial.**” The motion carried without opposition.

07/10/24:15 Motion (Schlect/Harlow) that the committee to formulate proposed refinements to our Constitution and procedures be charged to add language regarding the rendering of summary judgment by broader assemblies, with a high burden for its justification, such as a supermajority. The motion carried.

07/10/24:16 Motion (Schlect/Brandt): That Presbytery extend its waiver of constitutional requirement II.B for three additional years in regard to the membership of Peter Leithart, Minister of Word and Sacrament at Trinity Reformed Church of Moscow, ID. The motion carried without opposition.

12:05 p.m. – Presbytery recessed for lunch.

1:06 p.m. – Presbytery reconvened.

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07/10/24:17 Motion (Lawyer/Ewert) to revisit motion 07/10/24:15 (Schlect/Harlow) that the committee to formulate proposed refinements to our Constitution and procedures be charged to add language regarding the rendering of summary judgment by broader assemblies, with a high burden for its justification, such as a supermajority. The motion to revisit carried without opposition.

07/10/24:18 Motion (Burrow/Harlow): When deemed necessary to protect the name of Christ or the reputation of the CREC, broader assemblies may, by supermajority vote and pending judicial process, suspend a member church's or a CREC officer's status of being in good standing. A suspension under this provision does not affect a member church's voting rights or appeal rights in the broader assemblies. The motion carried without opposition.

07/10/24:19 Motion (Tuuri/R. Smith) that a moderator of a broader assembly not be allowed to suspend a member church's or a CREC officer's status of being in good standing. The motion failed 12-12.

07/10/24:20 Motion (Lawyer/Hatcher) to report the text of the motion just voted upon to the committee to formulate proposed refinements to our Constitution and procedures, along with the results of the vote on it. The motion carried without opposition.

07/10/24:21 Motion (Burrow/Harlow) to remove from the table the motion 07/10/23:13 (Niell/Hatcher): Council Moderator actions reported to and approved by all presbyteries shall be deemed as approved by Church Council. The motion to remove from the table carried without opposition.

The main motion carried without opposition.

07/10/24:22 Motion (Tuuri/Harlow) to request that the Moderator of Council add Jack Phelps to the *ad hoc* committee for the division of presbyteries. The motion carried.

07/10/24:23 Motion (Tuuri/Nixon) to hold Presbytery in Houston in October 2008 to accommodate the joint meetings of Presbyteries and Council. The motion carried without opposition.

07/10/24:24 Motion (Tuuri/Jarmulak) to request that the CREC moderator schedule a CREC ministerial conference in Houston in 2008, to be held during the same week as Presbyteries and Council. The motion failed.

07/10/24:25 Motion (Schlect/Nixon) to add the following to the Book of Procedures, to be inserted into the document at a place to be determined by the Moderator:

All nominations for the position of moderator must be pre-posted on the agenda. If there are no nominations, the moderator shall receive nominations from the floor in order to create a roster of candidates. If there is only one candidate, he must receive

at least a three-fourths majority of the assembled delegate votes to fill the position of moderator. In all other cases, the candidate must receive more than 50% of the assembled delegate votes to become moderator-elect. If no candidate meets this requirement, the candidate receiving the fewest votes is eliminated and a revote taken. In the event of a tie in the majority or minority votes, the moderator will break the tie. In the case of a majority tie, the moderator names the new moderator-elect; in a minority tie, the moderator decides which candidate is eliminated from the revote.

The motion carried without opposition.

07/10/24:26 Motion (Schlect/Lawyer) to add the following to the Book of Procedures, to be inserted into the document at a place to be determined by the Moderator:

A. Term

Presbytery will select as many delegates to Council as determined by Council, plus an alternate.

Delegates to Council normally serve three-year terms. They are elected at the first meeting of Presbytery following a regular meeting of Council, and their service continues through the next regular meeting of Council. Thus they represent their Presbytery at one regular meeting of Council plus any ad hoc meetings of Council that are convened in the interim.

Each regular meeting of Presbytery will review and confirm their roster of Council delegates. Should any of the delegate positions be vacant, including the alternate, the Presbytery will elect a new delegate to complete the term of the vacated position.

B. Election Procedure

Nominations for the position of Council delegate are taken from the floor of Presbytery in order to create a roster of candidates. In the event that there are the same number of candidates as positions open, each candidate must receive at least three-fourths majority of assembled presbyter votes. In all other cases, presbyters vote by ballot for as many candidates as there are vacant positions. Candidates receiving more than 50% of the assembled presbyter votes will fill a position. If after this ballot any positions remain vacant, the candidate receiving the fewest votes is eliminated (in the case of a minority tie, the moderator decides who is eliminated), and another ballot is taken. Balloting continues by this method until all vacancies are filled; the last vacancy filled is the alternate delegate.

The motion carried without opposition.

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07/10/24:27 Motion (Nixon/Ewert) to nominate Alan Burrow, Chris Schlect, Tim Gallant, and Garry Vanderveen to the committee to formulate proposed refinements to our Constitution and procedures. The motion carried.

07/10/24:28 Motion (Burrow/Vanderveen) that Chris Schlect be the chairman of the committee to formulate proposed refinements to our Constitution and procedures. The motion carried without opposition.

07/10/24:29 Motion (Ewert/Burrow) that the committee to formulate proposed refinements to our Constitution and procedures be tasked to prepare their report by February 1. The motion carried without opposition.

07/10/24:30 Motion (Schlect/Phelps) to authorize Moderator Douglas Wilson to pass on the presbytery's gratitude to the Graukes, the session of Christ Church of Moscow, and Chris LaMoreaux.

2:36 p.m. – Motion (Lawyer) to adjourn. The motion carried without opposition.

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