

Calvin Presbytery – Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches
Presbytery Stated Meeting – October 7, 2014
Minutes

Presiding Minister, Pastor Garrett Craw, called the meeting to order at 9:02 am

Elder Mike Denna offered the prayer of invocation.

PM Craw offered an Exhortation/devotional beginning with a reading of Psalm 37

The Presbyters joined in the singing of Psalm 11

Quorum:

All six member particular churches present:

- Providence Reformed Evangelical Church, Grand Junction, Colorado
 - Pastor Eric Venable
- Christ Church, Santa Cruz, California
 - Pastor Jason Farley
 - Elder Troy Martin
- Church of the King, Sacramento, California
 - Elder Mike Denna
 - Elder Steve Perry
- Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Fallon, Nevada
 - Pastor Tim Tucker
 - Elder Rob Holley
- Christ Reformed Church, Meeker, Colorado
 - Pastor Nathan Ketchen
 - Elder Craig Thiessen
- Christ Church, Santa Clarita, California
 - Pastor Garrett Craw
 - Pastor Andrew Richardson

Two Mission churches also represented:

- Christ Covenant Church, Camarillo, California
 - Pastor Ben Alexander
- Trinity Reformed Church, Edgewood, New Mexico
 - Pastor Tom Brainerd

Pastor Craw introduced Pastor George Vander Dussen, a representative of Redeemer Presbyterian Church-Elk Grove, California, a member congregation of the Covenant Presbyterian Church. CPC has expressed interest in pursuing fraternal relations with the CREC.

PM Report - Craw

Election of Presiding Minister and Presiding Minister pro tem:

Pastors Craw and Farley were nominated as PM and PM pro Tem, affirmed by unanimous vote.

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Election of Council Delegates, term beginning immediately after 2014 Council Meeting:

- Farley: Nominated by Perry – 10/0/0
- Richardson: nominated by Tucker – 10/0/0
- Alternate: Denna, nominated by Perry 10/0/0

Church Reports and Prayers for the Churches

- Christ Covenant Church, Steamboat Springs
 - Prayed for by Pastor Ben Alexander
- Christ Reformed Church, Edgewood, New Mexico: Pastor Nathan Ketchen
 - Prayed for by Pastor Tim Tucker
- Providence Reformed Evangelical Church, Grand Junction, Colorado: Pastor Eric Venable
 - Prayed for by Pastor Andrew Richardson
- Trinity Reformed Church, Edgewood, New Mexico: Pastor Tom Brainerd
 - Prayed for by Elder Craig Thiessen
- Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Fallon, Nevada: Pastor Tim Tucker
 - Prayed for by Elder Troy Martin

Break 10:15

Reconvene 10:25: Psalm 1

- Church of the King, Sacramento, California: Elder Mike Denna
 - Prayed for by Pastor Nathan Ketchen
- Trinity Covenant Church, Santa Cruz, California: Elder Troy Martin
 - Prayed for by Elder Rob Holley
- Christ Covenant Church, Camarillo, California: Pastor Ben Alexander
 - Prayed for by Pastor Jason Farley
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Lunch: Noon – 1 pm

Discussion of Council Issues

Overture re: Theological Colloquia Farley/Perry 11/0/0

“As a Presbytery, it is the sense of Calvin Presbytery that for the CREC to act at this time at the denominational level to narrow the definitions of theological terms with great import (e.g. “justification, regeneration, perseverance”) would be imprudent. We commend to Council and the Presiding Minister thereof to consider our unique opportunity, and to demonstrate a patient, deliberate and loving approach to the address of theological controversy. Hence, we volunteer to Council and PM to organize non-authoritative (and non-binding) colloquia on these issues.”

Discussion of Church-Planting Strategies

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2015 Presbytery Meeting

- Meeker, September 15-17, 2015 Thiessen/Richardson 11/0/0

New Business

- Memorials Committee: No memorials proposed
- Presiding Minister Craw and Pastor Farley were instructed, as delegates to Council, to put forward appropriate proposed constitutional language regarding the biblical requirement for pastors and elders to be male.

Closing Prayer: Tucker

Adjourned 5 pm