

Minutes of the Fall 2018 Stated Meeting of the Augustine Presbytery of the Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches

The stated annual meeting of the Augustine Presbytery of the Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches was held on Friday, October 5, 2018, at 9:15 A.M., at the Courtyard by Marriott hotel, 503 Newburg Road, Shippensburg, PA, Presiding Minister Duane Garner being in the chair and Conrad Doskey serving as Clerk. Present and constituting a quorum were delegates from the following churches:

All Saints Church, Lancaster, PA – Kevin Kanoff and Gregg Strawbridge
Christ Church, Raleigh, NC – Duane Garner (non-voting)
Christ Church, Morgantown, WV – Bill Oldland
Oakwood Bible Church, Troy, NY – Jim DuJack and Michael Belice
Christ Reformed Evangelical Church, Annapolis, MD – CJ Bowen
Covenant Heritage Reformed Church, Newport News, VA – Conrad Doskey and Steve Hemmeke
Providence Church, Lynchburg, VA – David Cooper
Saint Peter Presbyterian Church, Bristol, VA – Steve Murphy and Laurence Windham
Tri-City Covenant Church, Somersworth, NH – Paul Edgar and Harold Guptill
Christ Covenant Church, Shippensburg, PA – Ray Barbeito

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 A.M.

The following candidate church representatives, guests and visitors were recognized:

Peter Anselmo (Trinity Reformed Church, Martinsburg, WV)
Rhett Crabtree (All Souls Church, Green Camp, OH)
Jonathon Dorminy (Trinity Reformed Church, Martinsburg, WV)
Lucas Dorminy (Trinity Reformed Church, Martinsburg, WV)
Charles Humphrey (Communion Fellowship Church, Bristol, VA)
Adam Kelley
Jared McNabb (Saint Paul's Church, Miller, MD)
Myron Stolfus
Clint Zeigler (Sovereign Christ Church, Fredericktown, OH)

At 9:24 A.M., Duane Garner made a motion "to approve the meeting agenda as revised." (18/10/05:01) The motion was adopted by common consent.

At 10:12 A.M., Augustine Presbytery received the annual report from the Presiding Minister of Augustine Presbytery.

At 10:18 A.M., Augustine Presbytery received a report from the Augustine Presbytery Church Planting Network.

At 10:19 A.M., Augustine Presbytery received a report from the Augustine Presbytery Missions Committee.

At 10:23 A.M., David Cooper made a motion “to have the Presiding Minister appoint a committee to review and make recommendations for our 2019 and 2020 Augustine Presbytery missions efforts.” (18/10/05:02) After discussion, the motion was adopted unanimously.

At 10:25 A.M., Augustine Presbytery received a report from the Augustine Presbytery Committee on Biblical Illiteracy and Youth Passivity in our Churches.

At 10:35 A.M., Augustine Presbytery recessed for ten minutes by common consent.

At 10:45 A.M., Augustine Presbytery received a report from the Augustine Presbytery Committee on the Baptism of Foster Children.

At 11:12 A.M., the Committee on the Baptism of Foster Children made a motion “that foster children who are not yet able to make an acceptable profession of faith not be presented as candidates for baptism until the appropriate Session confirms that a redemptive transaction has taken place that results in their covenant membership in a Christian household.” (18/10/05:03)

At 11:39 A.M., Greg Strawbridge made a motion “to lay the motion on the table.” (18/10/05:04) The motion was adopted unanimously.

At 12:02 P.M., Augustine Presbytery recessed for ninety minutes for lunch by common consent.

At 1:54 P.M., Augustine Presbytery received the annual report from the Presiding Minister of the CREC.

At 1:55 P.M., Gregg Strawbridge made a motion “to approve all four actions of the Presiding Minister of the CREC.” (18/10/05:05) The motion was adopted unanimously.

At 1:56 P.M., Augustine Presbytery received a draft of the proposed CREC memorial on abortion.

At 2:06 P.M., Augustine Presbytery received a draft of the proposed revision to the CREC memorial on terrorism and just war.

At 2:12 P.M., Augustine Presbytery received a draft of proposed rules from the CREC Committee on List Serve Moderation and Standards of Conduct.

At 2:16 P.M., Augustine Presbytery received a draft of the report of the CREC Committee on Ordination Procedures.

At 2:17 P.M., Harold Guptill made a motion “to approve all five recommendations of the Committee on Ordination Procedures.” (18/10/05:06) The motion was adopted unanimously.

At 2:19 P.M., Augustine Presbytery received a draft of the report of the CREC Committee on Sexual Abuse Prevention.

At 2:28 P.M., Augustine Presbytery received a draft of the report of the CREC Committee on Social Media.

At 2:35 P.M., David Cooper made a motion “to reject the recommendations of the CREC Committee on Social Media.” (18/10/05:07) After discussion, the motion was adopted unanimously.

At 2:49 P.M., Conrad Doskey made a motion “that Augustine Presbytery direct its delegates to Council in 2020 to reject the promotion of official CREC social media accounts, and instead promote pastors to use social media as they feel led by God and consistent with their ministerial goals.” (18/10/05:08) After discussion, the motion was adopted unanimously.

At 2:55 P.M., Augustine Presbytery received a draft of the report of the CREC Committee on Same Sex Marriage.

At 3:08 P.M., Augustine Presbytery recessed for seven minutes by common consent.

At 3:17 P.M., Augustine Presbytery began consideration of New Business.

At 3:19 P.M., Communion Fellowship Church, Bristol, VA was presented as a mission church of Saint Peter Presbyterian Church, Bristol, VA.

At 3:23 P.M., Bill Oldland, representing Christ Church, Morgantown, WV, made a motion “to seat All Souls Church, Green Camp, Ohio, as a candidate church.” (18/10/05:09) Rhett Crabtree was introduced as the pastor of All Souls Church and, after discussion, the motion was adopted unanimously.

At 3:46 P.M., Jim DuJack, representing Oakwood Bible Church, Troy, NY, made a motion “to seat Sovereign Christ Church, Fredericktown, Ohio, as a candidate church.” (18/10/05:10) Clint Zeigler was introduced as the pastor of Sovereign Christ Church and, after discussion, the motion was adopted unanimously.

At 3:57 P.M., an election for the office of Presiding Minister was held, with Gregg Strawbridge and Lawrence Windham as nominees. The vote was taken by ballot and the results were as follows:

Number of votes cast	14
Necessary for election (majority)	8
Gregg Strawbridge received	9
Lawrence Windham received	5

At 4:02 P.M., nominations were opened for the office of Presiding Minister pro tempore and Lawrence Windham was nominated. After calling for additional nominees, nominations were closed by the chair. A voice vote was taken and Lawrence Windham was elected unanimously.

At 4:06 P.M., the list of ordained ministers in Augustine Presbytery was reviewed and updated.

At 4:11 P.M., Steve Hemmeke made a motion “to give hearty thanks to God for the many labors of the saints at Christ Covenant Church, Shippensburg, in hosting and facilitating our 2018 Augustine Presbytery meeting.” (18/10/05:11) The motion was adopted unanimously.

At 4:12 P.M., Steve Hemmeke made a motion “to praise God for the diligence, sacrifice, wisdom and work of our outgoing Presiding Minister, Duane Garner, in his service to Augustine Presbytery over the past three years.” (18/10/05:12) The motion was adopted unanimously.

At 4:13 P.M., Steve Hemmeke made a motion “to urge our churches and sessions to support our Presiding Minister Strawbridge and Presiding Minister pro tempore Windham with our prayers, involvement, encouragement, and giving.” (18/10/05:13) The motion was adopted unanimously.

At 4:16 P.M., Steve Hemmeke made a motion “to adjourn.” (18/10/05:14) The motion was adopted unanimously, and Gregg Strawbridge closed the meeting with prayer.