

Tyndale Presbytery

Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches

Minutes of Presbytery, October 5, 2011

Meeting at Minneapolis, MN

Presiding Minister: the Rev. Burke Shade, Minister of Presbytery

Secretary: Mr. Rob Davis

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

8:00 a.m.: In the morning, prior to the meeting of the full Presbytery, the Ordination Examination Committee performed an oral examination of Mr. Dirk DeWinkle.

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

9:15 a.m.: Pastor Jeff Evans of Christ Church Twin Cities, the host church for the Presbytery meeting, welcomed the Presbyters on behalf of Christ Church.

9:17 a.m.: Mr. Rob Davis opened the meeting with prayer.

9:18 a.m.: The assembly joined in singing Psalm 92 and Psalm 14.

9:23 a.m.: The Presiding Minister delivered an exhortation to the assembly from Daniel 1:1-5; 5:1-9.

9:41 a.m.: The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Minister.

9:42 a.m.: The Presiding Minister called the roll of member churches.

All current member churches of Tyndale Presbytery were represented with delegates:

Christ Church of Livingston County, Howell, MI (2)

Pastor Dirk DeWinkle

Elder Greg Harmon

Christ Church Twin Cities, Minnetonka, MN (2)

Pastor Jeff Evans

Elder Arnie Abens

Christ Covenant Church of Chicago, IL (2)

Elder Leo Kou

Elder Dave Rapp

Christ the King Church, New Era, MI (2)

Pastor Jeff Swanson

Elder Bill Hendrian

Christ the King Church, Springfield, MO (2)

Pastor Eric Sauder

Elder Rob Davis

Christ the Redeemer, Pella, IA (2)

Pastor Brian Nolder

Elder Doug Roorda

Cornerstone Reformed Church, Carbondale, IL (1)

Pastor Burke Shade

Providence Church, Caro, MI (1)

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Pastor Gabe Wetmore
Reformed Presbyterian Church, Tyumen, Russia (1)
Pastor Ravil Kunakaev
Trinity Covenant Church, Wichita, KS (1)
Elder Derek Hale
Trinity Evangelical Church, Larwill, IN (1)
Pastor Tim Bushong

A quorum was established.

9:43 a.m.: The Presiding Minister asked for amendments to the agenda for the meeting.

An item was added as xii under new business for Mr. Jeff Harlow to inform the assembly of the possibility of planting a church in northern Illinois.
Agenda was established.

9:45 a.m.: Member church reports were presented.

12:02 p.m.: The Presiding Minister asked Trinity Evangelical Church to present their report following lunch to allow the introduction of guests and Mr. Jeff Harlow to present his item before lunch.

12:03 p.m.: Introduction of guests and delegations

Mr. Nolder introduced Pastor Ruslav Moroz of Christian Presbyterian Church “Light to the World” in Primory, Russia.

Mr. Dave Rapp introduced Travis Finley from Missouri, as well as Jonathan Sedlak and Christopher Kou from Christ Covenant Church of Chicago.

Mr. Eric Sauder introduced Eugene Clingman from Mountain View, MO, Mr. Alexander Ignotov from Penza Baptist Church, Penza, Russia, and Pastor Kirill Treschetka from Presbyterian Church, Primory, Russia.

Mr. Jeff Evans introduced Pastor Greg Lawrence and son from MN.

12:07 p.m.: Mr. Jeff Harlow described the group in NW Illinois that is seeking a church planter and his potential interest in that work.

12:14 p.m.: The meeting recessed for lunch.

1:30 p.m.: The meeting resumed with the singing of Psalm 103.

2:01 p.m.: There were no new mission or candidate churches to consider.

2:02 p.m.: Ordination Examination Report

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Mr. Bushong presented the report of the committee to examine Dirk DeWinkle and their recommendation for Mr. DeWinkle's ordination as pastor of Christ Church Livingston County pending a rewrite of the exegetical paper due October 21st.

2:04 p.m.: Minister Reports

The Presiding Minister summarized the Council Minister's report which asked for no actions from the presbyteries.

2:13 p.m.: The Presiding Minister gave the annual report as Minister of the Presbytery.

2:22 p.m.: Mission Reports

Mr. Treschetka reported on the Presbyterian Church in Kavalerovo, Russia and his training and graduation from the Biblical Theological Seminary of the Slavic Reformation Society.

Mr. Moroz reported on Light to the World Presbyterian Church in Primory, Russia and his experience in attending the Biblical Theological Seminary of the Slavic Reformation Society.

Mr. Ignotov reported on his experience in attending the Biblical Theological Seminary of the Slavic Reformation Society.

2:57 p.m.: Break

3:18 p.m.: Old Business.

3:20 p.m Discussion regarding ideas on church growth.

The following suggestions were given by various members of the assembly: door-to-door evangelism, caroling, and block parities. An example was given of a pastor in north London, Steve Jeffrey, who spends five hours per week in evangelism and has Wednesday night discussion groups. Growth through hospitality was suggested so that others see peace and the gospel in your house. The best witness is living holy life openly before all those around you. Hospitality enables outsiders to see Christian's lives more clearly than normal daily activities. Also suggested was a website, and having a regular presence in local shops and businesses where you can have regular conversations with patrons. Have a hospitality committee at church to make extra food and invite visitors home for a meal after the service.

4:00 p.m.: Discussion regarding pastoral care by churches.

It was brought up that as Presbytery examines pastoral candidates, Presbytery should also examine new churches to ensure they are prepared to properly provide for a new pastor. The church overseeing a mission church has this responsibility as it assesses the health of the mission church.

4:30 p.m.: New Business.

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- 4:31 p.m.: It was determined that there was no need to vote on Council delegates until next year as per the constitution.
- 4:32 p.m.: Discussion of Council agenda items.
- 4:32 p.m.: Recommendation was to vote no on VIII, a, ii, 2. Concerning Stated Meetings of Presbytery.
- 4:35 p.m.: Recommendation was to vote no on VIII, a, ii, 1. Concerning the name of the CREC.
- 4:47 p.m.: Recommendation was to vote no on VIII, a, iii, 2. Concerning notification of Presiding Ministers.
- 5:00 p.m.: Recommendation was to vote no on VIII, a, iii, 3. Concerning Ministers of Presbytery and Council.
- 5:02 p.m.: Recommendation was to vote no on VIII, a, vii, 1. Concerning a confidentiality statement.
- 5:06 p.m.: Appendix C, Motion E, consensus was against executive session. In Motion G, Section 2: Pastoral Internship consensus was against mandating internship.
- 5:13 p.m.: On VIII, a, iii, 1. Concerning qualification of churches for full membership in the CREC. Consensus was against requiring three session members.
- 5:18 p.m.: Place of meeting for Presbytery in 2012.
- 5:30 p.m.: By common consent, Christ the Redeemer Church will host the 2012 meeting of Presbytery on September 27, 28.
- 5:32 p.m.: Mr. Hale moved that Tyndale Presbytery express our thanksgiving to God for the hospitality of Christ Church Twin Cities. Their work on behalf of the Presbytery has been greatly appreciated and we are thankful for their generosity. May the Lord bless you and your efforts to reach the Twin Cities with the gospel of Jesus Christ. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roorda and passed.
- 5:34 p.m.: Mr. Bushong moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Abens and passed.
- 5:35 p.m.: The assembly sang Psalm 2 and Mr. Harmon closed with prayer.

Rob Davis, Secretary

Burke Shade, Presiding Minister