

MINUTES OF THE SPRING 2020 STATED MEETING

of

# AUGUSTINE PRESBYTERY



COMMUNION OF REFORMED  
EVANGELICAL CHURCHES

via Zoom

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**Spring 2020 Augustine Presbytery of the Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches**

- I. Call to Order - Presiding Minister Gregg Strawbridge of Augustine Presbytery (hereafter, PM)
- II. Roll Call - There were 25 participants to this video conference meeting (via Zoom, see appendix).
  - A. CREC Member Churches and Delegates
    1. All Saints Church, Lancaster, PA – Gregg Strawbridge, Ty Fischer
    2. All Souls Church, Green Camp, OH - not present
    3. Christ Church, Raleigh, NC – Duane Garner
    4. Christ Church, Morgantown, WV – not present
    5. Christ Covenant, Cobiaque, NY - Brian Penney
    6. Christ Covenant Church, Shippensburg, PA – Ray Barbeito
    7. Christ Reformed, Oakland, ME - Matt Gonella
    8. Christ Reformed Evangelical Church, Annapolis, MD – CJ Bowen
    9. Covenant Heritage Reformed Church, Newport News, VA – not present
    10. Holy Trinity Church, Concord, NC — Brian Phillips
    11. King’s Chapel, Brooklyn, NY — Troy Greene
    12. Oakwood Bible Church, Troy, NY – Jim Dujack, Mike Belice
    13. Providence Church, Lynchburg, VA – Virgil Hurt, David Cooper
    14. Saint Peter Presbyterian Church, Abingdon, VA & Bristol, TN – Steve Murphy, Laurence Windham
    15. Sovereign Christ Church, Mansfield, OH - not present
    16. Tri-City Covenant Church, Somersworth, NH – Paul Edgar, Harold Guptill
    17. Trinity Reformed Church, Martinsburg, WV - Peter Anselmo, Jon Dorminy
  - B. Quorum - PM Strawbridge determined a quorum of thirteen or more member churches were represented (quorum is 3/4 of member churches).
  - C. Candidate Churches
    1. Christ Church, Ithaca, NY - Michael Jones
  - D. Presbytery Recognition of Guests and Visiting Delegations
    1. Ordinand Lucas Dorminy
    2. Reverend Burke Shade (retired)
    3. Reverend Jared McNabb, St Paul Church, Miller, MD
    4. Reverend Michael Jones and Reverend Ralph Regal, Christ Church, Ithaca, NY
    5. Horace Travato, deacon at Christ Reformed Evangelical Church, Annapolis, MD
    6. John and Denise Dorminy (parents of Lucas Dorminy) from Trinity Reformed Church, Martinsburg, WV
- III. Brief Church Reports of Major Problems Relating to the Covid-19 Pandemic
  - A. Verbal reports were presented.
  - B. Prayer was offered for our churches by Rev. Jared McNabb and Rev. Burke Shade.
- IV. Motions regarding any Candidate Church - none
- V. Ordination Examination of Lucas Dorminy
  - A. Ordination Committee - Troy Greene, chair; Peter Anselmo, David Cooper, Steve Murphy, Duane Garner

- B. Rev. Troy Greene (chair) reported on the committee examination process, noting that the committee reviewed Mr. Dorminy's call to Trinity Reformed, and that the committee had unanimously approved him for our presbytery examination.
  - C. Examination
    - 1. Personal Christian Experience - Peter Anselmo led the examination.
    - 2. Bible - David Cooper led the examination.
    - 3. Church History - Steve Murphy led the examination.
    - 4. Christian Theology and Sacraments - Duane Garner led the examination.
    - 5. Counseling, Administration, and Leadership - Troy Greene led the examination.
    - 6. Questions from other presbyters.
  - D. Motion(s) Regarding Mr. Dorminy
    - 1. The Examination Committee moved to approve Lucas Dorminy for ordination.
    - 2. Presbytery went into executive session for discussion.
    - 3. Presbytery unanimously sustained the examination and approved Lucas Dorminy for ordination.
- VI. Review of Presbytery Reports, Committees, Overtures, and Reviews
- A. PM Strawbridge will present the PM of Presbytery report at the CREC fall stated meeting.
  - B. Committee Reports Received
    - 1. Women's Role Committee - Presbytery received a brief report on the Women's Role Committee (2019). Committee members: Laurence Windham, Rick Davis, Troy Greene.
    - 2. Membership Practices Committee - Presbytery received a brief report from Membership Practices Committee (2019). Members: David Cooper, Kevin Kanoff, Paul Edgar.
    - 3. Missions Committee - Presbytery received a report from the Missions Committee (2018-2020) . Members: Steve Murphy, Harold Guptill, Kevin Kanoff.
  - C. Church Planting Reports
    - 1. Presbytery received a brief report from the Augustine Church Planting Network from Virgil Hurt. This is a standing committee under the oversight of Providence Church, Lynchburg.
    - 2. Grant Van Brimmer (Sgt. in the US Army; intern with Troy Green) was introduced as a potential church planter with an opportunity to plant a CREC church in Canada next year. Grant and his family are members of the King's Chapel, Brooklyn, NY. He has accepted a call to this congregation as assistant pastor of the CMA church which is in theological transition.
    - 3. PM Strawbridge reported on Rev. Michael Foster (ordained in the PCA) who is investigating planting a church in Cincinnati within the Augustine Presbytery.
  - D. List of Ordained Ministers - Presbytery will review and approve a list of the ordained ministers recognized within the churches of the Augustine Presbytery in the fall stated meeting.
  - E. GenNext Camp - Duane Garner reported on the GenNext camp, noting that it is on hold. He will keep presbytery updated.
- VII. CREC Council and PMoC Reports
- A. Presbytery received a brief informal report from PMoC Virgil Hurt.
- VIII. New Business Proposed - none

IX. Adjourn

A. Presbytery commended Michelle Suereth, Administrative Assistant at All Saints, Lancaster, PA for her excellent work in coordinating this Zoom meeting.

X. Motion to adjourn was made without objection.

**Appendix**

To view the recording of the Augustine Presbytery Meeting and Examination, visit:

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