

ANSELM 2020 Minutes

Annual Stated Meeting of Anselm Presbytery (Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches)

September 23-24, 2020

Wasilla, Alaska. Host church: Covenant Bible Church (Pastor Jack Phelps)

Presiding Minister – Pastor David Hatcher (Trinity Church – Kirkland, WA)

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

I. Invocation by Pastor Jack Phelps – 1:16 pm

II. Psalm Singing

III. Roll Call and Quorum Call

1. Christ Church Santa Clarita – Santa Clarita, CA Andrew Richardson, Aaron Fudge (2)
2. Christ Covenant Church, Rogue River, OR Kenny Anderson, Troy Anderson (2)
3. Christ the King Church, Eugene, OR - (absent)
4. Church of the King, Sacramento, CA (absent)
5. Covenant Bible Church – Chugiak, AK Jack Phelps, Gerald Allsup (2)
6. Emmanuel Church – Bothell, WA Jerry Owen (1)
7. Providence Reformed Church – Grand Junction, CO Mike Denna (1)
8. Redeemer Church – Lynnwood, WA Mike Kloss (1)
9. Reformation Covenant Church – Oregon City, OR Bo Cogbill, Devin Smith (2)
10. Trinity Church – Kirkland, WA Brett Baker, Tyler Hatcher (2)
11. Trinity Church East Bay, Pleasanton, CA Gabe Wetmore, Nate Enns (2)
12. Trinity Covenant Church – Santa Cruz, CA Troy Martin (1)

Quorum established.

IV. Agenda

2020/09/23:1 Motion to add agenda item by Brett Baker, seconded by Jack Phelps – to add new agenda item number XIV – Election of Delegates to Council – Carried unanimously.

V. Introduction of Mission Churches, Candidate Churches, and Guests

1. Covenant Reformed Church – Fairbanks, AK
Mission church of Covenant Bible Church, Chugiak – Jason Biette, Pastor

2. Grace Covenant Church - Gibsons, BC
Mission church of Redeemer Church, Lynnwood – Not present
3. Christ Covenant Church, Steamboat Springs, CO
Mission church of Providence Reformed Church, Grand Junction, CO – Not present
4. Other local guests were introduced.

VI. Exhortation – Pastor Hatcher

Exhortation from 1 Timothy

VII. Church Reports – (and prayer)

1. Christ Church Santa Clarita – Santa Clarita, CA
 - i. Aaron Fudge gave the report. Kenny Anderson prayed.
2. Christ Covenant Church, Rogue River, OR
 - i. Kenny Anderson gave the report. Jack Phelps prayed.
3. Christ the King Church, Eugene, OR - (absent)
 - i. Bo Cogbill prayed.
4. Church of the King, Sacramento, CA (absent)
 - i. ProTempore Mike Denna gave the report and prayed.
5. Covenant Bible Church – Chugiak, AK
 - i. Jack Phelps gave the report. Jerry Owen prayed.
 - ii. Jack Phelps also gave a JEEP report.
6. Emmanuel Church – Bothell, WA
 - i. Jerry Owen gave the report. Mike Denna prayed.
7. Providence Reformed Church – Grand Junction, CO
 - i. Mike Denna gave the report. Mike Kloss prayed.
8. Redeemer Church – Lynnwood, WA
 - i. Mike Kloss gave the report. Bo Cogbill prayed.
9. Reformation Covenant Church – Oregon City, OR
 - i. Bo Cogbill gave the report. Brett Baker prayed.
10. Trinity Church – Kirkland, WA
 - i. Tyler Hatcher gave the report. Gabe Wetmore prayed.
11. Trinity Church East Bay, Pleasanton, CA
 - i. Gabe Wetmore gave the report. Troy Martin prayed.
12. Trinity Covenant Church – Santa Cruz, CA
 - i. Troy Martin gave the report. Andrew Richardson prayed.

VIII. Mission Church Reports - (and prayer)

1. Covenant Reformed Church, Fairbanks, AK

Mission church of Covenant Bible Church, Chugiak, AK

- i. Pastor Jason Biette gave the report. Jerry Allsup prayed.

2. Christ Covenant Church, Steamboat Springs, CO

Mission church of Providence Reformed Church, Grand Junction, CO

- i. Absent. Discussion about how to help this church. Dave Hatcher prayed.

3. Grace Covenant Church - Gibsons, BC

Mission church of Redeemer Church, Lynnwood, WA

- i. Absent. Mike Kloss gave the report. Mike Kloss prayed.

IX. Anselm PM Report (Pastor Hatcher) – Appendix A

1. Pastor Hatcher gave the report. Hatcher exhorted churches to contribute to the PMOC annually.

2020/09/23:2 Motion to ratify PM Hatcher's appointment of Jerry Owen as alternate delegate to the 2020 Council meeting, Motion carried without objection.

X. Presiding Minister of Council (Pastor Hurt) Report – Appendix B

Hatcher recessed the meeting at 4:15 pm until the following day.

Thursday, September 24, 2020

XI. Psalm Sing and Prayer – 9:00AM

1. Dave Hatcher led in song Psalm 76.
2. Pastor Kenny Anderson opened in prayer.

XII. Provisional Presbytery/Hus Presbytery Report – (Pastor Bogumil Jarmulak)

1. Dave Hatcher read the report. Gabe Wetmore prayed.

XIII. Responses and Discussions from 2020 Council

1. CREC Examination and Ordination Procedures Committee – Appendix C
 - i. Dave Hatcher read specific changes to parts of the document. Discussion and questions were addressed.
2. Sex, Marriage, and Gender Confessional Statement Proposal – Appendix D
 - i. Discussion about application to individual churches.
 - ii. Consider the title and placement to be changed from “confessional statement” to definition or position document. Consensus for the PM to address to the council.
3. Constitutional Amendment on the Qualifications for Elders – Appendix E
 - i. **2020/09/24:1** Having spent time discussing the Knox Amendment on this during our study time the previous day: Motion by Jack Phelps to hold a straw poll to see if this amendment would pass as written. Bo Cogbill seconded. Straw vote was not in favor.
 - ii. Consideration to change language of paragraph J.
 - iii. Discussion continued.

2020/09/24:2 Mike Kloss moved that PM appoint 3 persons to a committee to write Anselm version of the amendment. Troy Martin Seconded. Carried unanimously. 90 days to deliver product to the PM (which would be December 23, 2020).

4. Memorial on Terrorism and Just War - Appendix F
 - i. We did not discuss
5. Memorial on Abortion – Appendix G
 - i. Read and briefly discussed.
6. Modifying the Status of Memorials – Appendix H
 - i. Dave Hatcher gave a report.
 - ii. Dave Hatcher requested that future church reports include ordination training status of any requirements set forth by the ordination committee.
7. Proposal for Compensation of PMoC – Appendix I

- i. Discussion and concerns expressed regarding budgets of churches that are struggling to provide full time pastoral salary and the need to specify a formula that considers this concern.

XIV. Election of Delegates to Council

1. Two Anselm delegates to be voted as delegates to Council.
2. Nominations: Mike Denna nominated Dave Hatcher, Gabe Wetmore nominated Jack Phelps, Brett Baker nominated Jerry Owen, Bo Cogbill nominated Garrett Crow. Pastor Crow declined. PM Hatcher announced that the person receiving the third highest vote total would be designated the Alternate Delegate.
3. Brett Baker counted the votes. The vote tally was Hatcher: 16, Phelps: 10, Owen: 5. Dave Hatcher and Jack Phelps are appointed as delegates to Council. Jerry Owen is appointed the alternate delegate.

XV. Determine Place and Time of 2021 Presbytery

1. **(Suggested Motion – at the time/place of 2021 Stated Council Meeting)** Discussion and concerns were raised about the price and location of Council. Suggestions to have Council at an alternate site that is still a major hub to accommodate Europe travelers. Dave Hatcher to address Council with concerns.

2020/09/24:3 Motion to approve by Jack Phelps, seconded by Troy Martin. Carried unanimously.

XVI. Closing Prayer and Dismissal – (Informal Gathering Directions)

1. Jack Phelps expressed appreciation for the men gathering in Alaska.

2020/09/24:4 Motion to adjourn by Jerry Owen.

Motion passed without objection.

PM Hatcher adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Jenny Honrud, Recording Secretary

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