First Annual Meeting of Anselm Presbytery, CREC Reformation Covenant Church, Oregon City, OR October 14, 2005

Temporary moderator Dave Hatcher called presbytery to order at 9:54 AM. Brett Bonecutter opened with an invocation.

I. Election of moderator

Nominations for moderator according to the agenda:

- 1. Douglas Wilson
- 2. Gene Helsel

Vote by hands: Douglas Wilson (20) Gene Helsel (3) Dave Hatcher gave the chair to Douglas Wilson.

II. Election of moderator pro tempore

Nominations for moderator *pro tempore*:

1. Dennis Tuuri

Vote by voice: carried unanimously for Tuuri

III. Election of delegates for the 2005 CREC Council

Number of delegates to send to council: 9

Clarifications: There is no provision about the number of delegates from a single session. The moderator and moderator *pro tempore* of the presbytery are qualified to be council delegates but are not automatically such. Any *ad hoc* council prior to the 2008 CREC Council would be composed of the delegates of the 2005 CREC Council.

The number of eligible delegates was 27. Seven removed their names from consideration. The process of voting decided upon was this: each delegate to presbytery was given nine votes to spread among nine men. The first nine were elected as council delegates, and runner-ups were alternates.

The delegates elected to council were: Dennis Tuuri, Ralph Smith, Chris Schlect, Gene Helsel, David Hagopian, Garry Vanderveen, Dave Hatcher, Jeff Neill, Douglas Wilson.

The first six alternates (in order) were: James Ratliff, Jack Phelps, Alan Burrow, Richard Klaus, Jeff Kezar, Mike Ferguson.

Unanimous voice vote to shred the ballots.

IV. Location of 2006 Presbytery

Invitations were extended from Moscow by Chris Schlect (TRC, Christ Church), from Wenatchee by Gene Helsel (Trinity), and from Seattle by Dave Hatcher (EEF).

Motion by Peter Leithart to accept Dave Hatcher's invitation to hold the second annual meeting of Anselm Presbytery in the fall of 2006 in Seattle. Second by Ken Ewert. Vote by voice: the ayes carried it.

V. Short Biography of Anselm commissioned for Anselm Presbytery materials

Suggestion by Jack Phelps that a brief biography of Anselm be written. Motion by Joost Nixon to appoint Jack Phelps to do the above. Second by Doug Hayes. Vote by voice: carried unanimously.

VI. Official Language of Anselm Presbytery

Motion by Ralph Smith to declare English as the official language of the Anselm Presbytery, so that each non-English-speaking delegate must have a separate non-delegate interpreter in order to be able to vote. Second by Schlect. Vote by voice: carried unanimously.

Note: this motion was subsequently superceded by similar but modified motion in 2005 CREC Council, in which the interpreter may be another delegate, without provision regarding the number of delegates an interpreter serves.

VII. Date of 2006 Presbytery

Greg Strawbridge to visit Anselm's next presbytery meeting in 2006 as an official representative of Augustine Presbytery. Augustine Presbytery will meet in Lancaster, PA on October 19-20, 2006.

Motion by Ken Ewert that the two moderators of presbytery should coordinate the dates for the 2006 CREC presbyteries, finishing their task within 30 days of this date (October 14, 2005). Second by Gary Vanderveen. Vote by voice: carried unanimously.

VIII. Representative of Anselm Presbytery to Augustine Presbytery

Motion by Jack Phelps for a unanimous vote to nominate Jeff Neill to represent Anselm Presbytery. No second. Vote: carried without objection.

Motion by Gene Helsel to adjourn. Vote by voice: carried unanimously.

Moderator Doug Wilson adjourned presbytery at 11:37 AM.