



MINUTES OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF PRESBYTERY

OF THE

**CONFEDERATION OF REFORMED  
EVANGELICAL CHURCHES**

**Oregon City, OR**

**October 12-14, 2005**

## Wednesday, October 12, 2005

**10:00 a.m.** — The 2005 Presbytery meeting was called to order by Moderator Randy Booth.

The invocation was delivered by Elder James Ratliff.

The singing of Psalms 100 and 138 was led by Pastor Dave Hatcher.

An exhortation from the Scriptures (Luke 16:1-13) was given by Pastor Joost Nixon.

Moderator Booth welcomed the presbyters and visitors and provided a context for the 2005 meeting and an exhortation for unity, cooperation and wise discretion in this public meeting (See Appendix A)

Moderator Booth called the roll of member churches. All member churches with the exception of Christ the King Church of Eugene, OR, were represented as of 10:30 a.m.

### **Delegates:**

1. Ancient Hope Reformed Church (2004) — Mission Viejo, CA — Brett Bonecutter, David Hagopian
2. All Saints' Presbyterian (2002) — Brownstown, PA — Gregg Strawbridge, Marlin Detweiler
3. Christ Church (2004) — Cary, NC — Gene Liechty
4. Christ Church (1997) — Moscow, ID — Douglas Wilson, Matt Gray
5. Christ Church (2001) — Spokane, WA — Joost Nixon, Bruce Williams
6. Christ Covenant Church (2000) — Lynnwood, WA — Dean Hellekson, Steve Brown
7. Christ Covenant Church (2000) — Langley, BC — Garry Vanderveen, Ken Ewert
8. Christ Reformed Evangelical Church (2000) — Annapolis, MD — Eric Sauder
9. Christ Reformed Church, (2003) — Albion, ME —Rick Young, Ryan Young
10. Christ the King Church, (2003) — Eugene, OR — Mike Rench, Kevin Gowen
11. Christ the Redeemer Church (2004) — Pella, IA — Jeff Harlow
12. Church of the King (2003) — Santa Cruz, CA — James Ratliff, Don Broesamle
13. Cornerstone Reformed Church (2000) — Carbondale, IL — Burke Shade, John Rendleman
14. Covenant Bible Church (2004) — Anchorage, AK — Jack Phelps
15. Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church, (2004) — Knoxville, TN — David Queener, Jeff White
16. Eastside Evangelical Fellowship (1997) — Kirkland, WA — Dave Hatcher, Gregg Kniss
17. Emmanuel Covenant Church (2000) — Phoenix, AZ — Jeff Niell, Richard Klaus
18. Grace Covenant Church (1998) — Texarkana, AR — Tom Lincoln, Sean Mahaffey
19. Grace Covenant Church (2002) — Nacogdoches, TX — Randy Booth, David Alders
20. Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, (2003) — Hockley, TX — Gene Franklin, Gil Shivers
21. Immanuel Presbyterian Church (2002) — Fallon, NV — Tim Tucker
22. Mitaka Evangelical Church (2004) — Tokyo, Japan — Ralph Smith
23. Providence Church (2002) — Lynchburg, VA — Virgil Hurt
24. Reformation Covenant Church (1999) — Oregon City, OR — Dennis Tuuri, Doug Hayes
25. Trinity Reformed Evangelical Church (2002) — Sand Springs, OK — Rogers Meredith
26. The King's Congregation (2003) — Boise, ID — Alan Burrow, Jeff Kezar
27. Trinity Church (1997) — Wenatchee, WA — Gene Helsel, Bill Monnette/John Appel
28. Trinity Reformation Church (2003) — Salem, OR — Chori Seraiah

A quorum was established and announced.

During the church reports, Pastor Dennis Tuuri of the host church—Reformation Covenant Church—made a few announcements and introduced Pastor Bruce Martin of the First Presbyterian Church (USA) of Oregon City to welcome the presbyters to Oregon City. Eli Evans, member of the Reformation Covenant Church and owner of Exodus Provisions bookstore of Oregon City, invited the presbyters to visit his bookstore in Oregon City. Following these announcements, the presentation of church reports resumed.

With four church reports remaining to be completed, the meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m., following a prayer by Pastor Ralph Smith.

The presbytery meeting reconvened at 2:00 p.m. with the remaining church reports.

Moderator Booth asked visiting church delegations to introduce themselves. Numerous representatives of congregations not affiliated with the CREC introduced themselves or were introduced by CREC presbyters who are considering sponsoring them for mission or candidate status.

Moderator Booth asked member churches, which are sponsoring candidate churches, to inform the presbytery concerning the recommended status of those candidate churches.

05/10/12:1 Elder Sean Mahaffey of GCC-Texarkana moved and Pastor Gene Helsel seconded the motion to accept into full membership Christ Church Presbyterian of Branchville, AL. Following Pastor Garry Vanderveen's general question of Elder Mahaffey concerning the church's views on the CREC memorials, Elder Richard Vest, of CCP, responded to Elder Chris Schlect's specific questions regarding those memorials. Following a few additional questions and discussion, the motion passed without opposition.

05/10/12:2 Pastor Burke Shade of Cornerstone Reformed Church moved and Chori Seraiah seconded the motion to accept into full membership Christ Church – Searcy, AR. Pastor Shade gave a description of the congregation's beliefs and practices, following which the motion passed without opposition.

05/10/12:3 Pastor Dennis Tuuri of Reformation Covenant Church moved and Pastor Joost Nixon seconded the motion to extend the candidate status of The Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg, Russia. The motion passed without opposition.

05/10/12:4 Pastor Dennis Tuuri of Reformation Covenant Church moved Jeff Harlow seconded the motion to extend the candidate status of The Reformed Church of the Flame of the Holy Spirit. The motion passed without opposition.

05/10/12:5 Pastor Dennis Tuuri of Reformation Covenant Church moved and Pastor Rick Young seconded the motion to extend the candidate status of The Presbyterian Church of Pushkin. The motion passed without opposition.

05/10/12:6 Pastor Dennis Tuuri of Reformation Covenant Church moved and Pastor Rick Young seconded the motion to convey candidate status to the Evangelical Reformed Church of Wroclaw, Poland. The motion passed without opposition.

05/10/12:7 Pastor Rick Young seconded the motion to convey candidate status to the Evangelical Reformed Church of Poznan, Poland. The motion passed without opposition.

05/10/12:8 Pastor Brett Boncutter of Ancient Hope Church moved and Pastor Joost Nixon seconded a motion to convey candidate status to Trinity Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, AL. The motion passed without opposition.

05/10/12:9 Pastor Gregg Strawbridge of All Saints Presbyterian Church moved and Pastor Rick Young seconded a motion to convey candidate status to Covenant Christian Fellowship of Long Island, NY. The motion passed without opposition.

05/10/12:10 Pastor Todd Davis of Christ Church, Searcy, AR, moved and Pastor Burke Shade seconded a motion to convey candidate status to Christ Church, Marion, AR. The motion passed without opposition.

05/10/12:11 Pastor Gregg Strawbridge of All Saints Presbyterian Church moved and Pastor Chori Seraiah seconded a motion to recommend for full membership Christ Church of Livingston County, Howell, MI. Elder Greg Harmon responded to several questions regarding the CREC memorials and the relationship with other area Reformed churches. The motion passed without opposition.

Pastor Gregg Strawbridge reported on All Saint's oversight of its new mission church, Holy Trinity Church, Cincinnati, OH.

Pastor Douglas Wilson of Christ Church, Moscow, ID, reported that Covenant of Grace Church of Elk, WA, would be withdrawn as a mission church of Christ Church, Moscow, ID.

05/10/12:12 Pastor Douglas Wilson of Christ Church, Moscow, ID moved and Pastor Jack Phelps seconded a motion to recommend for full membership Providence Reformed Evangelical Church, Grand Junction, CO. Pastor Wilson reported on the church's doctrinal and confessional positions. The motion passed without opposition.

05/10/12:13 Pastor Douglas Wilson of Christ Church, Moscow, ID moved and Elder Ken Ewert seconded a motion to recommend for full membership Trinity Reformed Church, Moscow, ID. Pastor Wilson reported on the church's history and character. Discussion centered on the relationship of the church's pastor, Pastor Peter Leithart, to the PCA and CREC. Motion 04/10/14/16:30 from the minutes of the 2004 presbytery meeting pertaining to Pastor Leithart's standing in the CREC were read. The motion passed with one dissenting vote.

Pastor Jeff Niell reported that the mission status of Christ the King Church, Springfield, MO, will be extended. Elder Rob Davis of CKC was introduced.

Pastor Randy Booth reported that the mission status of Christ Covenant Church, San Antonio, TX, will be extended. Pastor David Givler and Mr. Garfield Green, representatives of CCC were introduced.

Pastor Randy Booth reported that the mission status of Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Clinton, MS, will be extended.

Pastor Gene Helsel reported that the mission status of Trinity Covenant Church, Wichita, KS, will be extended.

Pastor Eric Sauder reported that the mission status of Holy Trinity Reformed Evangelical Church, Greenville, SC, will be extended.

Pastor Dennis Tuuri reported that the mission status of Church of the King, Sacramento, CA, will be extended.

Pastor Virgil Hurt reported that the mission status of Providence Church, Greenville, NC, be extended.

Moderator Booth administered the Oath of New Members and Presbytery.

Presbytery recessed from 4:00-4:14 p.m.

Moderator Booth gave a report regarding the Tsunami Relief effort. \$7,449.00 were raised in CREC member churches and dispersed to the Reformed Evangelical Church of Indonesia.

Pastor Gene Franklin reported on the relief efforts of the CREC to those regions affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Pastor Franklin reported that \$65,193 had been collected from CREC member churches, of which approximately \$28,000 had been dispersed. Pastor Franklin and Elder Gil Shivers addressed questions regarding the relief efforts and ongoing needs.

Following the singing of Psalm 67 and prayer by Pastor Burke Shade, the presbytery meeting was recessed until 8:30 a.m., Thursday, October 13.

**Thursday, October 13, 2005**

The meeting was called back to order by Moderator Booth at 8:32 a.m. Pastor Gene Liechty gave an invocation, followed by the singing of Psalms 103 and 21, led by Pastor Dave Hatcher. Pastor Booth introduced Pastor Blake Purcell to present the foreign church reports.

At 9:54, Moderator Booth resumed the chair, pointing out that the procedures which should be followed to inquire of the sponsoring churches the specific ecclesiastical and theological positions and recommending that a defined list of questions should be developed and distributed to sponsoring churches which plan to recommend mission/candidate church for full membership.

05/10/13:1 Elder Chris Schlect moved and Pastor Jeff Niell seconded a motion to task the moderators of council and presbytery to develop a list of questions which all sponsoring and mission/candidate churches should address prior to the presbytery meeting at which the mission/candidate churches will be considered for full membership. The motion passed without opposition.

05/10/13:2 Pastor Gregg Strawbridge presented the Committee Report on Review of Ordination Procedures. Those recommendations published as Appendix B were moved by the Committee Chair. After a question regarding Section 2, II. C. 4., the word "chairman" by general consent was added after "committee" at the end of Section 2, II. C. 4.

By general consent, numerous grammatical changes were incorporated into the document titled "Appendix B", including inserting "the" before "Moderator" in I. A., inserting "C." after the initials "C.R.E." in I. C., inserting "of" after "completion" in the first line of II. A., inserting "the" before "Ordination Committee" in the second line of II. B.

05/10/13:3 Elder James Ratliff moved and Pastor Rick Young seconded a motion to amend the motion to strike the word "ordination" at the end of Section 2, I. A. and replace it with "examination". The amendment passed by voice vote. The amended motion passed without opposition.

05/10/13:4 Elder James Ratliff moved and Dan Broesamle seconded a motion that Article II. F. be amended by the insertion of the words, "at the request of the local session" after the words, "formal education" in the first sentence of Article II. F. and the insertion of the words, "at the request of the local session" after the words, "The presbytery" in the third sentence of Article II. F.

At 11:04 a.m. Moderator Booth announced that the meeting would recess after prayer by Pastor Jack Phelps.

At 1:03 p.m. Moderator Booth reconvened the meeting following the lunch recess.

05/10/13:5 Elder James Ratliff moved and Elder Marlin Detweiler seconded to table motion 05/10/13:4. The motion to table passed by voice vote.

05/10/13:6 Elder James Ratliff moved and Pastor Douglas Wilson seconded to charge the Moderator to appoint a committee with a number of people to be determined by the moderator and chosen by the moderator to examine the ecclesial nature of the CREC and to report their findings.

05/10/13:7 Marlin Detweiler moved and Burke Shade seconded a motion to table motion 05/10/13:6. The motion to table passed by a vote of 28 for and 9 against.

05/10/13:8 James Ratliff moved and Douglas Wilson seconded a motion to amend Article IV. B. and Article IV. H. by striking from Article IV. B. the words, "one a teacher or minister, and the other a ruling elder. In the absence of a teacher or ruling elder, a second ruling elder may serve.", and by striking from the second sentence of Article IV. H. the words, "an elder, a pastor, ordained teacher, or ruling elder in a local church." and inserting in their place the words, "a member of the local session."

05/10/13:9 Virgil Hurt moved and Rick Young seconded to amend motion 05/10/13:8 to insert in the place of the proposed stricken language of Article IV. B. the words, "ordinarily, one of whom is serving in the capacity of pastor if such exists in the local church."

The motion to amend Article IV. B. and H. as noted above passed without opposition.

05/10/13:10 Pastor Rick Young moved and Alan Burrow seconded a motion to receive Covenant Heritage Reformed Fellowship of Yorktown, VA as a candidate church to be sponsored by Christ Reformed Church of Albion, ME. The motion carried without opposition.

Pastor Virgil Hurt reported that the Committee appointed to examine Jeff Evans unanimously recommended that Mr. Evans be approved for ordination.

Pastor Douglas Wilson introduced Pastor Dave Hatcher and Mr. Jeff Evans as graduates of the Greyfriars ministerial development program and presented them with framed certificates.

05/10/13:11 Elder Chris Schlect presented a motion from the Constitution Committee to strike the existing language of Article V. D. and to insert in its place the following: "The minutes of the broader assemblies will be approved after the moderator has circulated a draft following the adjournment of the assembly, and has allowed reasonable opportunity for revision. The minutes require a two-thirds majority to be approved, and lack of response from a delegate will be considered an affirmative vote. The moderator will oversee this process of finalizing assembly minutes within sixty days." The motion passed without opposition.

05/10/13:12 Elder Chris Schlect presented a motion from the Constitution Committee to amend paragraph 3 of Article II of Procedures of Presbytery by adding to its current ending the recommendation of Item 1 of Appendix C.

05/10/13:13 Elder Chris Schlect presented a motion to amend the Procedures of Presbytery to add an Article III, requiring subsequent articles to be re-numbered, which would read as the recommendation of Item 2 of Appendix C. The new Article III would read, "Moderators and delegates must conduct themselves with Christian charity. Ordinarily, meetings of the broader assemblies in the CREC will be ordered according to Robert's Rules of Order, except where superseded by points of order specified in these protocols. At his discretion, the moderator may suspend a point of order from Robert's Rules for the sake of efficiency, but delegates reserve the right to protest such suspensions. Robert's Rules must never be invoked with pharisaical malice." The motion passed without opposition.

05/10/13:14 Elder Chris Schlect asked to amend the agenda to allow the meeting to address two matters which would facilitate the impending regional presbytery meetings and the first meeting of Council. By general consent the agenda was changed to allow consideration of the number of presbyters elected to Council and the term of their service in an order which will best accommodate proper order and efficiency.

05/10/13:15 Pastor Jack Phelps presented two Constitutional items that would become moot after the creation of Council. Pastor Phelps moved and Gene Leichty seconded to strike the parenthetical phrase in Article IV. V. reading, "(or the sole presbytery until the formation of the church council)". The motion passed without opposition.

05/10/13:16 Pastor Phelps moved and Gene Helsel seconded to strike the concluding phrase of Article VIII. A. which presently reads, ", or by the sole presbytery at any time prior to the formation of the first council". The motion passed without opposition.

05/10/13:17 Pastor Ralph Smith moved and Gil Shivers seconded a motion to commend the Constitution Committee for its work. The motion passed without opposition.

At 2:35, Moderator Booth announced an immediate ten-minute break. At 2:47, Moderator Booth called the meeting back to order.

05/10/13:18 Pastor Garry Vanderveen moved and Don Broesamle seconded a motion to eliminate Memorials from the CREC Constitution and replace them with a Book of Memorials/Position Papers. Pastor Vanderveen withdrew the motion, and the Moderator directed Elder Chris Schlect and the Constitution Committee to meet and draft proposed constitutional language which will refer to and define the binding nature of the Book of Memorials/Position Papers.

05/10/13:19 Elder Chris Schlect moved and Pastor Jack Phelps seconded that the Moderators pro tempore be tasked to communicate with the Moderators and the Moderators' churches to identify and in turn communicate to the member churches the needs of the Moderators' churches as well as the needs of the host churches of the presbytery meetings. The motion passed without opposition.

05/10/13:20 Elder Chris Schlect moved on behalf of the Constitution Committee the recommendation:

"At the 2005 meeting of the CREC council, Randy Booth will commence a three-year term as moderator of council and Christopher Schlect will commence a three-year term as moderator pro tempore of council. Their terms will expire after the close of the 2008 meeting of council." The motion passed without opposition.

05/10/13:21 Chris Schlect moved and Dave Hatcher seconded that each proposed presbytery elect nine delegates each to the first meeting of Council. The motion passed without opposition.

05/10/13:22 Christ Schlect moved and Gil Shivers seconded that the term of service for the nine delegates shall continue until the moderator of council is informed otherwise by the moderator of presbytery. The motion passed without opposition.

05/10/13:23 Chris Schlect moved and Marlin Detweiler seconded that the agenda for Council proposed by Moderator Booth be adopted. The motion passed without opposition.

05/10/13:24 Chris Schlect moved on behalf of the Constitution Committee the to appoint a special committee comprised of Joost Nixon, James Ratliff, Ralph Smith, Gregg Strawbridge, Garry Vanderveen, and Douglas Wilson to consider the role and title of the functionary/office referred to as "moderator," to examine the ecclesial nature of the CREC and to report their findings to the two presbyteries with recommendations for action (if any) at a forthcoming council. The motion passed without opposition.

05/10/13:25 Pastor Dennis Tuuri moved on behalf of the Constitution Committee that the following Worship Memorial be adopted:

1. We believe that Lord's Day worship is our highest privilege, our greatest duty, and our deepest joy.<sup>1</sup> God has created us for just this purpose: to worship Him, and to be transformed

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<sup>1</sup>Ex. 20:8-11, Heb. 4:9; Heb. 10:25, Deut. 26:10, Ps. 29:2, Ps. 27:4, Ps. 65:4, Ps. 73:25; Heb. 4:16



by Him as we worship.<sup>2</sup>

2. We believe that in worship the people of God are engaged by the Spirit and drawn into the Father's presence as living sacrifices in union with the Risen Christ.<sup>3</sup> In Lord's Day worship, God renews His covenant relationship with His people by serving them and them serving Him.<sup>4</sup> He draws near to us to draw us near to Him.<sup>5</sup>

3. We believe that in Lord's Day worship, we are gathered together in the presence of the living God among a glorious assembly consisting of angels, the church militant on earth, and the church triumphant in heaven.<sup>6</sup>

4. We believe that each week in worship, through the Lord's service to us and our service to Him, our Triune Creator and Redeemer gives us the covenant gifts of glory, knowledge, and life, in and through the assurance of our forgiveness, the preaching of the Word, and the partaking of the Lord's Supper.<sup>7</sup> While bestowing these gifts upon us in worship, at the same time, He graciously accepts our praise and thanksgiving of Him.<sup>8</sup> In re-orienting us around His covenant,<sup>9</sup> He empowers and calls us to live in terms of His new creation.<sup>10</sup>

5. We believe that God uses our worship to change us and the world.<sup>11</sup> We are transformed by the grace of God's presence,<sup>12</sup> and leave worship with a renewed sense of, and commitment to, mission,<sup>13</sup> discipleship,<sup>14</sup> and community.<sup>15</sup> Biblical worship results in changed lives, Spirit-empowerment, and impacts the world for Christ. Furthermore, God is pleased to hear and answer our prayers, particularly those that ascend in the Lord's Day worship of the Church.<sup>16</sup> He hears our prayers for the nations and in answering us makes manifest His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.<sup>17</sup>

6. We believe that worship should be informed and governed by the Bible in its entirety.<sup>18</sup> In constructing our liturgies, we are to pay particular attention to those portions of God's Word that are specifically given to inform us of what God desires in worship. These portions include, but are not limited to, descriptions of patriarchal worship, Levitical worship,<sup>19</sup> and Tabernacle of David worship,<sup>20</sup> which all point toward the glorious advent of Jesus Christ, whose self-offering and victorious resurrection accomplished our salvation.<sup>21</sup> This final work of our Savior provides the basis for the resultant transformation of worship spoken of by the Apostles in the New Covenant.<sup>22</sup> We are, of course, prohibited from returning to the practices of animal sacrifices, for this would deny our faith in the perfect and complete sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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<sup>2</sup> Isa. 43:21; 1Cor. 6:20; Rev. 4:11; Rom. 12:1-2; Jn. 4:23

<sup>3</sup> Lam. 3:41; Ps. 25:1; 28:2; Eph. 2:12-22; Rom. 12:1-2; Heb. 12:18-25; Heb. 8:5; Rev. 4:1

<sup>4</sup> Is. 66:20-22; Lk. 22:19; Lev. 1-5

<sup>5</sup> Deut. 4:7; Rev. 3:20; Ex. 24:12; 2 Cor. 6:16b-18; Heb. 10:19 with Heb. 9:11,12

<sup>6</sup> Rev. 9-12; Heb. 12:22-24; Eph. 2:6

<sup>7</sup> Rom. 3:23; 8:30; Jn. 17:22; Rom. 1:21-23; Jn. 17:17; Jn. 17:2,3; Ro. 2:7-10; 1Jn. 2:20, 27; Ps. 115; Rev. 21:11, Jn. 6:53-58, 1Pet. 1:23

<sup>8</sup> Ps. 51:17; Ez. 20:40-41

<sup>9</sup> Ps. 50:5; Mt. 26:28; Heb 8:6; 12:24

<sup>10</sup> Mt. 28:16-20; Jn. 20:19-23

<sup>11</sup> Ps. 22:25-27; Gen. 22:9-18

<sup>12</sup> Rom. 12:1,2; 2 Cor. 3:18

<sup>13</sup> Mt. 28:19a

<sup>14</sup> Mt. 28:19b, 20a

<sup>15</sup> Is. 55:12; Rom. 15:13-14; Mt. 28:20b

<sup>16</sup> 1Kg. 8:26-53; Mt. 18:19-20; Rev. 8:3-6

<sup>17</sup> Mt. 9:38; Mt. 6:9-10

<sup>18</sup> 2Tim 3:16-17; Isa. 8:20; Ex. 20:4-6; Heb. 8:5

<sup>19</sup> Lev. 1-7

<sup>20</sup> 1 Chr. 16:1 ff; 1 Chr. 25; 2 Sam. 6; 2 Chr. 15:14,15; 23:18; 29:25-30; 35:15; Ezra 3:10; Neh. 12:45,46; Acts 15:16,17

<sup>21</sup> Jn. 1:29; 1Cor. 5:7; Rev. 1:5; Heb. 9:11-14

<sup>22</sup> Acts 15:16,17; Heb. 7:12; Heb. 8:5; 10:19-22; 9:23, 24

7. We believe that these portions of the Bible give us a divine pattern and sequence of worship,<sup>23</sup> and provide us a detailed understanding of the benefits of Christ, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.<sup>24</sup> These benefits include purification from our sins,<sup>25</sup> transformation of our persons,<sup>26</sup> acceptance of our work and tribute,<sup>27</sup> and peace with God and men.<sup>28</sup> Through Biblical worship, the Lord assures us of the forgiveness of our sins,<sup>29</sup> the Holy Spirit's ongoing work of renewal in our lives,<sup>30</sup> the requirement and acceptability of vocation,<sup>31</sup> and the promise of the increase and maturation of Christian community.<sup>32</sup>

8. We believe that these portions of the Bible also teach us that each of these glorious aspects of worship are to be set in the context of beautiful music that is maturing in both voice and instrument, to the praise of Christ the King.<sup>33</sup>

9. We believe that the proper implementation in love of the above requires a practical understanding of all that Scripture teaches, including an understanding of lesser and greater matters, Christian forbearance with our brothers, liberty in worship which is not self-willed, an avoidance of an over-scrupulous zeal, and a desire to maintain a Biblical catholicity as we build on the work of the historic church.<sup>34</sup>

The motion passed by voice vote. Elder Ken Ewert of Christ Covenant Church, Langely BC, asked that their "no" vote be recorded regarding status of the weight of Memorials in the Constitution.

Presbytery recess from 5:00-5:46 p.m.

05/10/13:26 On behalf of the Committee charged to divide the CREC into separate presbyteries, Pastor Jeff Niell moved to divide the CREC into regional presbyteries at the end of the 2005 presbytery meeting according the "Map" and "Roster" which are published as addenda to Appendix E and that Mission and Candidate Churches, although not members of the CREC, will continue to be aligned with their sponsoring, member church until such time as they become full member churches. On the occasion of their consideration as full member churches, the mission/candidate churches would be received into either the region of their sponsoring church or their natural geographic region at the discretion of the Moderator of Council. The geographic boundary of the regions in the Continental United States would be the eastern borders of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico. The motion passed without opposition.

05/10/13:27 Pastor Doug Wilson moved and Virgil Hurt seconded that the eastern region be named "Augustine" and the western region be named "Anselm." The motion passed without opposition.

Elder Schlect reported on the work of writing the history of the CREC and distributed a recommended protocol for preparing and maintaining church records.

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<sup>23</sup> Lev. 9:22

<sup>24</sup> Jn. 1:29

<sup>25</sup> Lev. 4,5; Heb. 9:26; 10:12

<sup>26</sup> Lev 1; Phil. 3:20; Heb. 4:16; Gal. 6:15

<sup>27</sup> Lev. 2; Ecc. 9:7

<sup>28</sup> Lev. 3; Rom. 5:1

<sup>29</sup> Lev. 4,5; Col. 1:14

<sup>30</sup> Lev. 1; Rom. 12:1,2

<sup>31</sup> Lev. 2; 2 Thes. 3:10-12; Rom. 15:27; 1 Cor. 9:13,14

<sup>32</sup> Lev. 3; 1 Cor. 10:17; Eph. 4:11-13; Jn. 17:20

<sup>33</sup> 1Chr. 15:16, 25:6,7; Ps. 98:4-6; 144:9; 150; Rev. 5:8; 14:2,3; 15:2,3

<sup>34</sup> Col. 3:16, Eph. 5:2

05/10/13:28 James Ratliff moved and Doug Wilson seconded that the Proposal for New Language Requiring Disclosure of Complaints contained within Appendix J be referred to the committee identified in motion 05/10/13:24. The motion passed without opposition.

05/10/13:29 Chris Schlect moved and Jack Phelps seconded that Moderator Booth's opening remarks be published in the minutes of the proceedings of the 2005 presbytery meeting. The motion passed without opposition. (See Appendix A)

05/10/13:30 Marlin Detweiler moved and Joost Nixon seconded that Randy Booth and Chris Schlect be elected as Moderator and Moderator pro tempore, respectively, of Council. The motion passed without opposition.

Moderator Booth appointed David Alders and Gary St. John as Secretaries of Council.

Pastor Douglas Wilson led the meeting in prayer, after which Pastor Dave Hatcher led the singing of the hymn, All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

At 6:55 p.m., Moderator Booth declared the meeting recessed until Friday, October 14.

## Friday, October 14, 2005

At 8:38 a.m., Moderator Booth called the presbytery meeting back to order. Elder Richard Klaus opened the meeting with an invocation, followed by the singing of the Doxology, led by Pastor Dave Hatcher.

05/10/14:1 Elder Chris Schlect, on behalf of the Constitution Committee, moved that all references in the Constitution and all official CREC documents to "Moderator" be changed to "Pastor." After discussion, Elder Schlect withdrew the Committee's motion.

05/10/14:2 Alan Burrow moved and Gene Helsel seconded that the committee identified in motion 05/10/13:24 (Ecclesial Polity Committee) be also charged with the task of recommending whether the office of Moderator should be divided into two economical offices, one functioning as Pastor, the other as the Presiding Officer of presbytery meetings. The motion passed by voice vote.

05/10/14:3 Pastor Dave Hatcher, on behalf of the Constitution Committee, moved to:

- a.) Remove Article IX. A.- I. from the Constitution and place them into a document to be titled "Book of Memorials"
- b.) Replace the preamble of Article IX with the following:

Memorials state the position of the CREC on issues on which a confessional statement has not yet been made. Memorials are contained in the Book of Memorials and are incorporated by reference into this Constitution.

A candidate or mission church must declare any exceptions or reservations to the memorials prior to its becoming a CREC member. Member churches must immediately notify the broader assembly of any exceptions or reservations to memorials. If presbytery determines that the exceptions or reservations place the church at odds with CREC standards, it may initiate proceedings according to Article IV. O.

The process for adopting a memorial must involve a careful striving for like-mindedness. This deliberate process will help us guard against various fads and winds of doctrine (Eph. 4:14). A memorial must be approved as a draft at a stated council and adopted at a subsequent stated council.

- c.) In Article III. E. the reference to "Article IV. P." be changed to "Article IV. O."

05/10/14:4 Douglas Wilson moved and Gregg Strawbridge seconded to amend motion 05/10/14:3 by striking in the second sentence of the second paragraph of b.) the words, "exceptions or reservations to" and insert in their place the words "any changes to their position on" so that the sentence will read: "Member churches must immediately notify the broader assembly of any changes to their position on the memorials."

05/10/14:5 The previous question was moved by Douglas Wilson and seconded by Virgil Hurt. The previous question passed by a two-thirds majority vote. The motion to amend passed without opposition. The amended motion of the Committee passed without opposition.

05/10/14:6 Dave Hatcher, on behalf of the Constitution Committee, moved that the Moderator be charged to create a Book of Position Papers according to the guidance of Appendix E. The motion passed without opposition.

There being no further business items on the agenda, the presbyters expressed their appreciation to the host church, Reformation Covenant Church, and Pastor Dennis Tuuri. Pastor Gene Franklin gave an adjourning prayer.

At 9:37 a.m., Moderator Booth adjourned the 2005 Presbytery meeting of the CREC.

## **APPENDIX A: Moderator's Welcome and Exhortation**

As the Apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians, so I also write: I greet all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Oregon City, Oregon, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome to the ninth annual meeting of the Confederation of Reformed Evangelical Churches. As ordained officers of the Church, we have gathered as a part of the broader Church of Jesus Christ, representing our congregations, to conduct business useful for the advancement of the Kingdom of God and for the mutual encouragement of one another and our churches. We acknowledge that we are but a small part of the many people of God throughout the earth, and therefore we humbly assume our place in the assembly of the saints.

As we begin this ninth year of our existence as a body we have much to be thankful for as God has drawn us together and untied our hearts and labors. This year is an important year, in that our division into two presbyteries dramatically marks our growth and progress as we move toward new opportunities for service. As is true with all growth, we also face new challenges, not the least of which is how we will continue to define ourselves.

As a broad confederation of Reformed Churches we have sought to extend a catholic spirit within the pale of historic Reformed thought; welcoming those within that pale and reaching out to those of kindred mind and heart in other communions. Nevertheless, in our youth, we still face many decisions that will no doubt establish the path by which we will traverse the future. When we constituted and gave ourselves a name, like it or not, we denominating—we defined ourselves in such a way as to include some and exclude others. As we move along we will continually be faced with questions of how to refine that definition. In doing so we will become more attractive to some and less attractive to others. This is an unavoidable reality.

Our constitution already provides a mechanism by which we can change and fine-tune our identity. Rightfully, no church in this confederation of churches gets everything it wants. We are going to have disagreements; indeed, some vigorous disagreements. Nevertheless, I exhort each of you, as representatives of your congregations, to strive for the unity and peace of this body through mutual submission and affection for one another in Christ. Charity is paramount, especially when struggle is inevitable.

It will be tempting to think, at the end of three long days of meetings, that our work is done until we meet again. But I exhort every officer of this confederation of churches, every committee chairman and committee member, to be diligent in our work, studying to show ourselves approved, rightly dividing the Word of truth, and proving ourselves to be workmen that do not need to be ashamed.

Solomon instructs us: *"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up. Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; but how can one be warm alone? Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken"* (Eccl. 4:9-12)

Men, I would remind you that this is a public meeting of record and thus our words and demeanor should be gracious, wise, and circumspect. May God bless our labors over the next several days, and may He grant us wisdom, peace and resolve as we endeavor to serve Him and one another.

## **APPENDIX B: Ordination Committee**

### **GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESBYTERY ORDINATION EXAMS AND RELATED MATTERS OF ORDINATION...**

## **SECTION 2: THE PROCESS OF ORDINATION TO PASTOR**

### **Ordination Examination Process**

The examination process for ordination is divided into three phases: a) Preliminary written examination from the Moderator administered in the context of the local church; b) A second written examination overseen by a committee from Presbytery, and c), An oral examination administered at Presbytery by committee.

- I. Phase One: The Preliminary Written Examination (Appendix C).
  - A. After the local session of elders is confident of the proper qualifications of the candidate, they are to make a written request to Moderator of the Presbytery to begin the process of examination.
  - B. The Moderator, in coordination with the local church, is to set a date for the Preliminary Written Examination and appoint a local proctor. This is a short answer exam drawn directly from the Study Guide.
  - C. The Moderator of the Presbytery is to grade, or appoint someone to grade, the preliminary examination in a timely fashion and report back to the church and the candidate (in writing) the results of the exam. A score of 80 percent is necessary in order to pass the exam. If a candidate fails to make a score of 80 percent, the examination must be retaken. A passing score is required before moving on to phase two of the C.R.E. Presbytery examination process.
- II. Phase Two: The Written Ordination Examination
  - A. The Ordination Committee: Upon the successful completion the Preliminary Written Examination, the Moderator of the Presbytery will appoint a five-member Ordination Committee for the candidate. Each member will be from a separate session. The session putting forth the teaching elder candidate is allowed only one seat on the Ordination Committee. This Ordination Committee will oversee the remainder of the Presbytery examination process.
  - B. The Written Ordination Examination is to be prepared and administered under the direction of the chairman of Ordination Committee, in coordination with the local elders. The local session may add questions to the written examination but may not remove any of the standard, approved questions found in the Book of Procedures. The examination is to be completed within eight hours, with as many breaks as needed. [Note: this does not include the exegesis paper.]
  - C. The components of the Written Examination.
    1. The candidate shall translate a passage from the Hebrew Old Testament (to be selected by the examination committee chairman) and translate a passage from the Greek New Testament (to be selected by the examination committee chairman). The candidate is permitted the use of one Hebrew and one Greek lexicon.
    2. The candidate shall write a brief historical and theological summary of 20 books of the Bible (to be selected by the examination committee chairman).
    3. The candidate shall write brief answers to the Ordination Questions (included in Appendix B).
    4. The candidate shall complete an exegesis paper as assigned by the examination committee (see guidelines below).

## **Appendix C: Constitution Committee Report**

### **Introduction:**

At her meeting of presbytery in 2002, the CRE(C) formed our committee with this charge:

Prior to dividing into more than one presbytery, appoint a committee to conduct a thorough review of the CRE Constitution. The committee is charged to

- (i) educate themselves in issues of polity that have arisen in church history and how they have been handled,
- (ii) prepare reports and, if it deems appropriate, proposed constitutional changes to both the 2003 and 2004 meetings of presbytery,
- (iii) communicate with the various sessions of CRE churches to gather input and reactions to drafts of their findings, and
- (iv) serve as an editorial board for the writing of the history of the CRE...

### **Our committee has been made up of the following members:**

Teaching Elder Christopher Schlect, chairman (Christ Church of Moscow, ID)  
Pastor Randy Booth (Grace Covenant Church of Nacogdoches, TX) [2002-2003]  
Pastor Dave Hatcher (Eastside Evangelical Fellowship of Bellevue, WA)  
Pastor Gene Hesel (Trinity Church of Wenatchee, WA) [2002-2003]  
Pastor Burke Shade (Cornerstone Reformed Church of Carbondale, IL)  
Pastor Dennis Tuuri (Reformation Covenant Church of Oregon City, OR) [2003-2005]  
Pastor Garry Vanderveen (Langley Reformed Evangelical Church of Langley, BC)

Our committee has convened via e-mail and presented its findings to the CREC in its presbytery meetings of 2003 and 2004. The CREC has significantly refined her Constitution and Book of Procedures as a result of our committee's work. Now once again our committee presents findings to the CREC for consideration in presbytery. It has been an honor to serve the CREC churches in this way.

On behalf of the Constitution Committee,

Christopher Schlect, chairman

### **Item 1: Amendment to Article II of "Procedures of Presbytery"**

#### *Recommendation:*

If a minister serving in a CREC church is out of a call, his status on this list of ordained ministers will be reviewed at the next presbytery, and in each subsequent presbytery so long as he remains on the list.

#### *Explanation:*

This addition was suggested from the floor at the 2004 meeting of Presbytery. It provides a way to accommodate those in our midst who believe that a man's ordination does not come and go with local circumstances, but also involves a commitment to and recognition by the broader church. Ministers need not necessarily be re-ordained with each new call.

### **Item 2: New article for "Procedures of Presbytery"**

#### *Recommendation:*

New Article III of "Procedures of Presbytery," (subsequent articles will be re-numbered accordingly):

Meetings of the broader assemblies in the CREC will be ordered according to *Robert's Rules of Order*, except where superceded by points of order specified in these protocols. At his discretion, the moderator may suspend a point of order from *Robert's Rules* for the sake of efficiency, but delegates reserve the right to protest such suspensions.

*Explanation:*

This was suggested from the floor at the 2004 meeting of Presbytery. The purpose is to provide more specific guidance for the conduct of meetings rather than leaving them up to whim.

**Item 3: Dissolution of the Constitution Committee**

*Recommendation:*

The Constitution Committee having fulfilled the charge for which it was created back in 2002, the CREC now dissolves the Committee.



## **Appendix D: Role and Name of Moderator**

### **Item: Clarification of term of Moderator**

#### *Recommendation:*

At the 2005 meeting of the CREC council, Randy Booth will commence a three-year term as moderator of council and Christopher Schlect will commence a three-year term as moderator *pro tempore* of council. Their terms will expire after the close of the 2008 meeting of council.

#### *Explanation:*

At Presbytery in 2003, the CREC determined the following.

"The moderator elected at this [2003] presbytery will become the moderator of the church council should we create the council within his three year term. (Schlect/Shade) The motion passed unanimously." (2003 Minutes, p. 38)

Randy Booth was elected Moderator at that meeting, and Christopher Schlect was elected moderator *pro tempore*. Both were elected to terms of three years in duration, expiring in 2006.

The committee recommends that the terms for moderator and moderator *pro tempore* expire in the years when a council meets.

### **Item: On the Moderator**

#### *Recommendations:*

A. The CREC appoints a special study committee charged to consider the role and title of the functionary/office we call "moderator," and to report their findings to the two presbyteries with recommendations for action (if any) at a forthcoming council. We recommend the following individuals be appointed to the committee, subject to their consent.

Joost Nixon  
James Ratliff  
Ralph Smith  
Gregg Strawbridge  
Garry Vanderveen  
Douglas Wilson

B. As a way of assisting the new committee with its charge, floor time is set aside for open discussion and debate on the issue, beginning with remarks prepared by members of the Constitution Committee.

## **Appendix E: Confederation of Reformed Evangelical Churches**

Division of Presbytery

### **Summary:**

The committee proposes a simple division of presbytery that establishes Eastern and Western regions for our churches.

- This proposal concerns Member Churches and those that will join this year.
- Mission and Candidate Churches, although not members in the CREC, will continue to be aligned with their Sponsoring, Member Church.
- A "Map" is added to this proposal as an addendum.
- A "Roster" is added which provides a list of the churches in their regions.
  - This "Roster" includes a listing of those Churches that *may* join the CREC in the near future. These Churches were not taken into account for this proposed division.

### **The Task of the Committee**

During our Presbytery meeting of October, 2004, after it was decided that we should divide into multiple presbyteries during the next meeting of presbytery (in 2005), Moderator Booth was commissioned to appoint an *ad hoc* committee to propose "rosters of two presbyteries of the CRE."<sup>35</sup> From this, our Moderator appointed a committee to "devise recommendations for presbytery to divide into two presbyteries."<sup>36</sup>

#### **Committee Members:**

Gene Helsel of Trinity Church, Wenatchee, WA

Jack Phelps of Covenant Bible Church, Anchorage, AK

Gregg Strawbridge of All-Saints Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA

Jeff Niell of Emmanuel Covenant Church, Phoenix, AZ (chairman)

Although we are likely to have more than two presbyteries in the future, our task was one concerned with an *initial* division of the member churches of presbytery; simply stated, we are to divide into two (2) presbyteries. The minutes from the 2004 presbytery meeting that relate to this are as follows:

04/10/14/15:08 Motion (Burrow/R. Young) the CRE should split into separate presbyteries in 2005. Passed without dissent.

04/10/14/15:10 Motion (Schlect/Nixon) that a committee be appointed to propose rosters of two presbyteries of the CRE. Passed without dissent.

04/10/14/15:15 Motion (Shade/Detweiler) that the Moderator appoint the committee at his leisure from those who volunteer to serve.  
Passed without dissent.

### **Necessity & Importance**

There is nothing unholy about precision and efficiency (Colossians 2:5), and it is appropriate for such things to be pursued and practiced during our presbytery meetings. We are all busy men, and it is likely that we are all appreciative of the CREC's absence of "standing committees" with their tendency to bring over-heated bureaucracy and litigiousness in their train. We should appreciate our corporate attempts to streamline without neglect, and function without disregard of essentials. We ought to pray and live as if "Thy will be done on earth" is a chief component of our earnestness in ministry.

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<sup>35</sup> From the CRE(C) Presbytery Minutes, 2004.

<sup>36</sup> From an email letter dated January 11, 2005.

In the light of this concern, it is noted that our presbytery meetings have gone from occurring on one single evening (1997-2002), to a two-day affair (2003), to what is presently a three-day affair (2004-05). Willingly received, this has been the important work placed before us. However, when something becomes increasingly cumbersome or albatrossian, relief ought to be sought.<sup>37</sup> We have grown as a presbytery, and for this we ought to thankfully bow before our Heavenly Father. We have been blessed with wonderful new Churches, courageous ministers, and that ever-sharpening whetstone of adversity. As we are all well aware, with this growth we have encountered the need for the necessary—and sometimes tedious—work of constitutional revision, amendment, and restructuring. We have been involved in this work ever since our inception, and this task has been borne by some specially gifted delegates more than others. This constitutional work, while it will never completely depart, should diminish in the near future.

As this constitutional work has been surfacing, we have been well-aware that, ever since our inception, the CREC was expecting, and intending, to hold a Church Council.<sup>38</sup> Originally, this Council was to hold a stated meeting every five years,<sup>39</sup> yet during our presbytery meeting of 2003, this was changed to “every three years.”<sup>40</sup> As a pre-requisite to holding Council, it was necessary for there to be more than one presbytery: “A minimum of two presbyteries are necessary to form the council (Acts 16:14).”<sup>41</sup> Although restrictions and moratoriums were placed on the division into multiple presbyteries (see presbytery minutes from 2000; 2001, and 2002), the time for more than one presbytery seems to be upon us.

## **Regarding the Committee’s Proposal**

### *A Workable Division*

This proposal of dividing into East and West Regions seems to be the most simple and natural. We would like to emphasize the fact that this division is not designed to stifle relationships within our Confederation—this is not a schism—relationships will remain.

### *Member Churches*

Our proposal has taken into account only those Churches which are currently member-churches in the CREC, including those that will join this year. The lines needed to be drawn somewhere so that we could do the work of offering this proposal. While we have offered a list of Churches which *may* join our Confederation in the future, our task had to consider the benefit of entering into “futures” and speculations about who may or may not actually join in one year, two, or three. Since this is an *initial* division of presbytery, we thought it best to deal with what was presently before us.

### *Mission and Candidate Churches*

In an attempt to assist us in our decision making, and in the offering of this proposal, we have reckoned Mission and Candidate Churches in accordance with the membership of their sponsoring church. We have considered these Churches with something of a “provisional membership.” We have done this because the relationship of the Mission or Candidate Church

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<sup>37</sup> In 2003, and on a different but related subject, Pastor Dave Hatcher clearly pointed this out in his comments on the need to restrict the number of delegates that go to *Council*. Pastor Hatcher wrote, “Our concern is that, as the denomination grows, we will to quickly have a council with far too many delegates for meaningful debate and deliberation to occur...When we have 25 churches—not far from now—we would be a council of fifty delegates!” (**Report to the 9<sup>th</sup> Presbytery; Part Two, B. On Representation at Council and Frequency of Council Meetings**) Amen. Pastor Hatcher, with regard to Council, recognized the likelihood of inefficiency creeping in and thwarting the work we are trying to accomplish. This same thing could happen on the presbytery level as well.

<sup>38</sup> *Constitution*, Article IV.A.

<sup>39</sup> See *pre-amended Constitution*, “**Church Council**”, **Article IV.C.**

<sup>40</sup> *Constitution*, Article IV.E. This was expressed as a concern during our Presbytery meeting in 2002 from the subcommittee that dealt with the Plurality of Presbyteries; Appendix B, 7—“Revisit the frequency of council meetings. (Committee members have heard concerns expressed on the part of some presbyters about the infrequency of councils under the current constitution.); see page 10 of the pdf web minutes. The change is seen in the 2003 Minutes, **Report to the 9<sup>th</sup> Presbytery; Part Two, B—committee recommendation 8** (p. 21).

<sup>41</sup> *Constitution*, Article IV.A.

to the CREC is acknowledged through their sponsoring, member Church.<sup>42</sup> This proposal will allow for the established relationships and oversight to continue.

Having stated this for the purposes of our proposal, the committee would like to acknowledge the likelihood that, as we grow, sponsoring Churches and the congregations they are overseeing will *most likely* be geographically proximate. However, in the absence of this, we strongly encourage Mission and Candidate Churches to establish relationships and seek fellowship with the presbytery of their region.

*Future Membership of Churches that will Join*

Since we were commissioned with an *initial* division of presbytery, we acknowledge that this is, in one sense, beyond the scope of our committee. Yet, we also acknowledge that our proposal will have an effect upon the presbytery membership of these future, incoming Churches. Therefore, if this West/East proposal is accepted, it seems reasonable to suppose that these incoming Churches will go into their current geographical region.

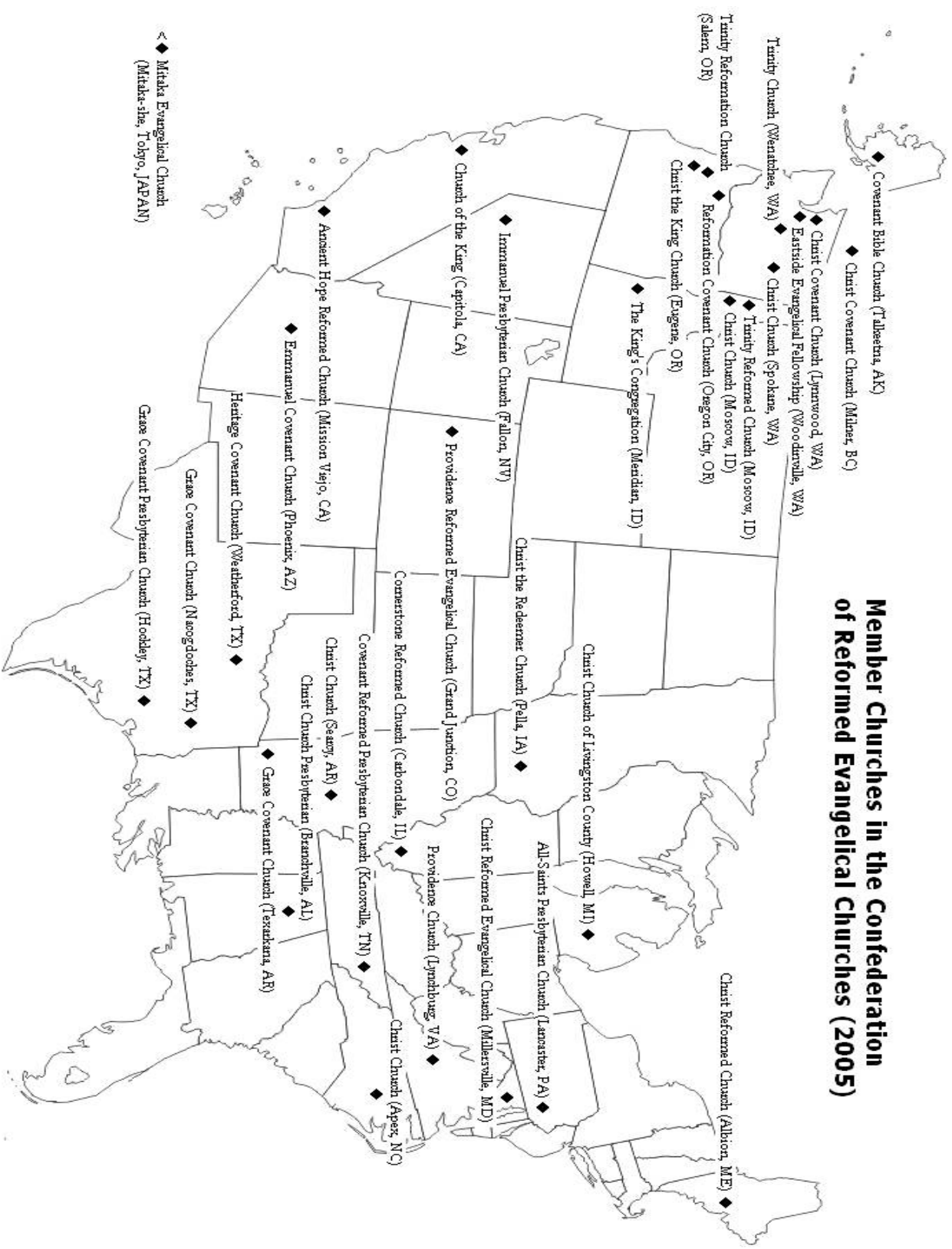
*Future Presbyteries*

It is acknowledged that any future presbyteries, were they to form, can only do so with the approval of Council (*Constitution*, Article IV.A).

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<sup>42</sup> *Book of Procedures*, Article IX: Mission Churches, 4.a.

## Member Churches in the Confederation of Reformed Evangelical Churches (2005)



**CREC 2005 Roster of Churches**  
**Member Churches Listed According to West/East Division of Presbytery**  
† Indicates Expected Entrance into the CREC in 2005  
*Alphabetized by State*

**WEST REGION**

**ALASKA**

***Covenant Bible Church*** (2004) Anchorage, AK

**ARIZONA**

***Emmanuel Covenant Church*** (2000) Phoenix, AZ

**CALIFORNIA**

***Ancient Hope Reformed Church*** (2004)  
Mission Viejo, CA

***Church of the King*** (2003) Capitola, CA

**COLORADO**

† ***Providence Reformed Evangelical Church***,  
Grand Junction, CO (Mission Church of Christ  
Church, Moscow, ID)

**IDAHO**

***Christ Church*** (1997) Moscow, ID

† ***Trinity Reformed Church*** Moscow, ID  
(Mission Church of Christ Church, Moscow, ID)

***The King's Congregation*** (2003) Meridian, ID

**NEVADA**

***Immanuel Presbyterian Church*** (2002) Fallon,  
NV

**OREGON**

***Christ the King Church*** (2003) Eugene, OR

***Reformation Covenant Church*** (1999) Oregon  
City, OR

***Trinity Reformation Church*** (2003) Salem, OR

**WASHINGTON**

***Christ Church*** (2001) Spokane, WA

***Christ Covenant Church*** (2000) Lynnwood, WA

***Eastside Evangelical Fellowship*** (1997)  
Woodinville, WA

***Trinity Church*** (1997) Wenatchee, WA

**CANADA**

***Christ Covenant Church*** (2000) Milner, BC,  
Canada

**JAPAN**

***Mitaka Evangelical Church*** (2004)  
Kamirenjaku Mitaka-shi, Tokyo, Japan

## **EAST REGION**

### **ALABAMA**

† ***Christ Church Presbyterian*** Odenville, AL  
(Candidate Church of Grace Covenant Church,  
Texarkana, AR)

### **ARKANSAS**

***Grace Covenant Church*** (1998) Texarkana, AR

† ***Christ Church*** Searcy, AR (Candidate Church  
of Cornerstone Reformed, Carbondale, IL)

### **ILLINOIS**

***Cornerstone Reformed Church*** (2000)  
Carbondale, IL

### **IOWA**

***Christ the Redeemer Church*** (2004) Pella, IA

### **MAINE**

***Christ Reformed Church*** (2003) Albion, ME

### **MARYLAND**

***Christ Reformed Evangelical Church*** (2000)  
Millersville, MD

### **MICHIGAN**

† ***Christ Church of Livingston County*** Howell,  
MI (Mission All Saints Presbyterian Church,  
Lancaster, PA)

### **NORTH CAROLINA**

***Christ Church*** (2004) Apex, NC

### **PENNSYLVANIA**

***All-Saints Presbyterian Church*** (2002)  
Lancaster, PA

### **TENNESSEE**

***Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church***  
(2004) Knoxville, TN

### **TEXAS**

***Grace Covenant Church*** (2002) Nacogdoches,  
TX

***Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church*** (2003)  
Hockley, TX

† ***Heritage Covenant Church*** Weatherford, TX  
(Mission Church of Grace Covenant Church,  
Hockley, TX)

### **VIRGINIA**

***Providence Church*** (2002) Lynchburg, VA

**CREC 2005**  
**Possible Future Member Churches**  
*West/East—Alphabetized by State*

Assuming the West/East division will remain, these Churches are currently placed in their respective presbytery, based upon geography. Mission and Candidate Churches are not here placed with their sponsoring Church. The only exception concerns those Churches outside of the continent of North America; these Churches are placed in the Presbytery of their sponsoring Church.

**WEST REGION**

**CALIFORNIA**

***Church of the King***, Sacramento, CA

**WASHINGTON**

***Covenant of Grace Church***, Elk, WA

**POLAND**

(These are Candidate Churches of Reformation Covenant Church of Oregon City, OR)

***Evangelical Reformed Church***, Wroclaw, Poland

***Evangelical Reformed Church***, Poznan, Poland

**RUSSIA**

(These are Candidate Churches of Reformation Covenant Church of Oregon City, OR)

***The Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg***, St. Petersburg, Russia

***The Reformed Church of the Flame of the Holy Spirit***, Russia

***The Presbyterian Church of Pushkin***, Russia

**EAST REGION**

**ALABAMA**

***Trinity Presbyterian Church***, Birmingham, AL

**ARKANSAS**

***Christ Church***, Marion, AR

**KANSAS**

***Trinity Covenant Church***, Wichita, KS

**MISSISSIPPI**

***Immanuel Presbyterian Church***, Clinton, MS

**MISSOURI**

***Christ the King Church***, Springfield, MO

**OHIO**

***Holy Trinity Church***, Cincinnati, OH

**NEW YORK**

***Covenant Christian Fellowship***, Long Island, NY

**NORTH CAROLINA**

***Providence Church***, Greenville, NC

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

***Holy Trinity Reformed Evangelical Church***, Greenville, SC

**TEXAS**

***Christ Covenant Church***, San Antonio, TX

**VIRGINIA**

***Covenant Heritage Reformed Fellowship***, Yorktown, VA