

Minutes of the Stated Meeting of Jan Hus Presbytery

Day 1, September 20, 2022, 09:00

1. Worship service (celebrant: Attila Hajdú, sermon: Oleksandr Orlov-Koshchavka, Jr.)
2. PM Bogumił Jarmulak's opening address to the presbytery
3. Roll call and quorum call (9 churches needed)
 - a. **Christian Evangelical Reformed Church – Mykolaiv, Ukraine**
 - i. Represented by: Rev. Volodymyr Mykyta
 - b. **Evangelical Reformed Church – Mogilev, Belarus**
 - i. Represented by: Nikolaj Doroshenko
 - c. **Evangelical Reformed Church – Gdansk, Poland**
 - i. Represented by: Rev. Paweł Bartosik
 - d. **Evangelical Reformed Church – Poznan, Poland**
 - i. Represented by: Rev. Bogumił Jarmulak
 - ii. Represented by: Rev. Andrzej Polasek (online)
 - e. **Evangelical Reformed Church – Wrocław, Poland**
 - i. Represented by: Rev. Marek Kmieć (online)
 - ii. Represented by: Rev. Sebastian Smolarz (online)
 - f. **God's Covenant Reformed Evangelical Church – Rivne, Ukraine**
 - i. Represented by: Rev. Serhii Terentiev
 - ii. Represented by: Rev. Oleksandr Rogashko
 - g. **Holy Trinity Evangelical Reformed Church – Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine**
 - i. Represented by: Rev. Ihor Lishchynskiy
 - h. **Holy Trinity Reformed Church – Dunavtsi, Ukraine**
 - i. Represented by: Rev. Oleksandr Pavliuk (online)
 - i. **Mitaka Evangelical Church – Tokyo, Japan**
 - i. Represented by: Rev. Ralph Smith (online)
 - ii. Represented by: Rev. Ben Zedek Smith (online)
 - j. **Presbyterian Reformed Church – Burgas, Bulgaria**
 - i. Represented by: absent
 - k. **Reformed Church of Christ the Savior – Rivne, Ukraine**
 - i. Represented by: Rev. Oleksandr Orlov-Koshchavka, Sr.
 - ii. Represented by: Rev. Yuriy Lishchynskiy
 - l. **Reformed Evangelical Church of St Andrew – Pidhaichiky, Ukraine**
 - i. Represented by: Rev. Volodimir Yakubovskiy
 - m. **Trinity Evangelical Church – Diosd, Hungary**
4. Quorum established (12/13)
5. Introduction of guests
 - a. Jan Prorok (ruling elder) and David Tomas – Reformed Congregation of the Most Holy Trinity, Karlovy Vary, Czechia (mission church of ERC Poznan)
 - b. Robert Sponták – Mukachevo, Ukraine
 - c. Jacoby Nelson (missionary) – Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine
6. Approval of the minutes of Presbytery 2021

- a. Bogumił Jarmulak presents the minutes
 - b. motion carries unanimously
7. Church reports presented
8. Meeting adjourned for lunch 12:30
9. Meeting reconvened 14:35
10. Election of Presiding Minister and Presiding Minister pro tempore
- a. candidate for PM: Bogumił Jarmulak
 - b. candidate for PM pro temp: Ben Zedek Smith
 - c. Oleksandr Orlov-Koshchavka, Sr. moves to elect Bogumił Jarmulak as PM
 - i. Serhii Terentiev seconds
 - ii. no discussion
 - iii. motion carries unanimously
 - d. Bogumił Jarmulak moves to elect Ben Zedek as PM pro temp
 - i. Serhii Terentiev seconds
 - ii. no discussion
 - iii. motion carries unanimously
11. Election of the delegates to the council
- a. Bogumił Jarmulak moves on behalf of Evangelical Reformed Church, Poznan that Rev. Ben Zedek Smith be the first delegate
 - i. Oleksandr Orlov-Koshchavka, Sr. seconds
 - ii. no discussion
 - iii. motion carries unanimously
 - b. Attila Hajdú moves on behalf of TREC Diósd that Bogumił Jarmulak be the second delegate
 - i. Oleksandr Orlov-Koshchavka, Sr. seconds
 - ii. no discussion
 - iii. motion carries unanimously
12. Place and date of 2023 Hus Presbytery Meeting
- a. question on whether UA brothers will be allowed to leave the country depending on the war situation
 - b. contingency plan if UA delegates are not allowed to go then either join in on Zoom or have the Presbytery in UA at a different time
 - i. Ben Zedek Smith speaks in favor of holding next presbytery in Moscow since, despite being in Europe this year, some delegates are online, and this is a rare opportunity to go to the US
 - ii. Oleksandr Orlov-Koshchavka, Sr states those who are on Zoom now should give their consideration
 - iii. Bogumił Jarmulak states we will plan on Moscow, ID, and everyone is responsible to make necessary preparations
13. Revision of the memorials to no more than 100 words each
- a. this item did not make it into the agenda since PM Bogumił Jarmulak received the revised memorials from PMoC Virgil Hurt less than 30 days prior to the meeting

- b. PM Bogumił Jarmulak states that the revised memorials can be discussed now or later online
- c. Yuriy Lishchinskiy moves that Hus appoint a committee to work on a memorial on how ministers should behave in times of war
- d. Yuriy Lishchinskiy amended the proposal to appoint a committee to work on a position paper on the subject instead of a memorial
 - i. Serhii Terentyev seconds
 - ii. discussion
 - iii. vote: Aye: 3; Nay: 2; Abstain: 7
 - iv. motion carries

14. Meeting adjourned at 16:00

Day 2, September 21, 2022, 09:00

15. Meeting reconvened Sept 21, 2022, 09:10

- a. quorum established with 9/12 churches present

16. Ordination exam of candidate Jan Prorok

- a. committee chair Ben Zedek Smith opens the examination
- b. executive session discussion after exam
- c. Ben Zedek moves to recommend Jan Prorok for ordination
- d. Oleksandr Orlov-Koshchavka, Sr. seconds
- e. delegates of 9 churches vote
- f. motion carries unanimously (9/9)

17. PM Bogumił Jarmulak closes the meeting at 11:20