

## ***Meeting Minutes***

### **CREC Kuyper Presbytery | Fall Meeting**

**Date:**

*Tuesday, October 1st and Wednesday October 2nd, in the year of our Lord 2024*

**Location:**

Kuyper Presbytery Meeting, held at  
Trinity Reformed Church, Moscow, Idaho  
101 E. Palouse River Dr.  
Moscow, ID 83843

**Clerks:**

Rev. Ryan Handermann  
*Trinity Reformed Church, Moscow, ID*  
Rev. CJ Bowen  
*Trinity Reformed Church, Moscow, ID*

The 2024 Spring Meeting of Kuyper Presbytery was called to order at 8:50am on October 1st, in the year of our Lord 2024, by Presiding Minister Joshua Appel, Trinity Reformed Church, Moscow, Idaho.

Ryan Handermann opened in with a prayer and exhortation.

PM Appel established a quorum of 15 delegates from 9 of the 9 churches in Kuyper presbytery. The Roll Call was as follows:

1. Christ Church Missoula  
Pastor Flynn Ayers
2. Christ Covenant Church: Enterprise, OR;  
Pastor Terrence Tollefson  
Pastor Matt Gonnella
3. Christ Covenant Reformed Church: Billings, MT;  
Pastor Tedd Sutton  
Elder Ryan Yeager
4. Emmanuel Church: Helena, MT;  
Pastor Jonah Barnes;
5. Redeemer Community Church: Centennial CO;  
Pastor Jeff Rodland;
6. The King's Congregation: Meridian, ID;  
Pastor Alan Burrow;  
Elder Israel Waitman
7. Trinity Church Denver, Denver CO  
Pastor Brian Brown (presiding minister pro-tempore)  
Elder Nathan Seldomridge
8. Trinity Reformed Church: Moscow, ID  
Elder Chris Schlect (alternate Timothy van den Broek)  
Elder Roy Atwood  
(non delegates: Pastor Joshua Appel as presiding minister and Pastor Ryan Handermann and Reverend CJ Bowen as clerks)
9. Valley Covenant Church: Lewiston, ID  
Elder Jonathan McIntosh  
Elder Kellen Meyer

**Motion 10/01/24:1**

Alan Burrow made the following motion:

Seat the following delegations of mission and candidate churches at presbytery:

- Christ Church Tri-Cities (Mission Church of Christ Covenant Church)
- Christ Church Jersey (Mission Church of Christ Covenant Reformed Church)
- The Well Church (Candidate Church, sponsored by Trinity Church Denver)
- Christ Church Denver (Candidate Church, sponsored by Trinity Church Denver)
- Emmanuel Reformed Church (Mission Church of Trinity Reformed Church)

Second: Jeff Rodland

Motion Carried (15, 0, 0).

**Motion 10/01/24:2**

Israel Waitman made the following motion:

Approve the agenda (attached), noting the change in name to the candidate church as “New Covenant Church.”

Second: Flynn Ayers

Motion Carried (15, 0, 0)

**Motion 10/01/24:3**

Brian Brown made the following motion on behalf of Trinity Church Denver:

Receive Christ Church Denver, sponsored by Trinity Church Denver, into membership in Kuyper Presbytery in the CREC.

Second: Terrance Tollefson

Motion Carried (15, 0, 0)

PM Appel administered the vows to the delegation of Christ Church Denver according to the BOP III.C.

Presbytery heard Church Reports (attached) from the delegates

*The meeting took a recess at 11:48am.*

*The meeting reconvened at 1:05pm; PM Appel recognizing a quorum.*

Presbytery continued to hear Church Reports from the delegates.

PM Appel verified the current Called Ministers in Kuyper Presbytery, as follows:

- Pastor Terrance Tollefson
- Pastor Matthew Gonnella
- Pastor Flynn Ayers
- Pastor Tedd Sutton
- Pastor Jonah Barnes
- Pastor Alan Burrow
- Pastor Jeff Rodland
- Pastor Brian Brown
- Pastor Joshua Appel
- Pastor Ryan Handermann
- Pastor Craig Thighe

**Motion 10/01/24:4**

Alan Burrow made the following motion:

Ratify requests to retain the credentials of those ordained ministers without a call in Kuyper Presbytery:

CJ Bowen (Trinity Reformed Church)

Myron Stoltzfus (King's Congregation)

Second: Jeff Rodland

Motion Carried (15, 0, 0)

**Action:** Presbytery received the PM report (see Appendix A) by consensus

**Motion 10/01/24:5**

Israel Waitman made the following motion:

Ratify PM's appointment of two committees, as per the PM Report (see Appendix A).

Second: Matt Gonnella

Motion Carried (15, 0, 0)

**Motion 10/01/24:6**

Flynn Ayers made the following motion:

Appoint Alan Burrow as a 2026 CREC Council delegate from Kuyper Presbytery

Second: Jeff Rodland

Motion Carried (15, 0, 0)

**Motion 10/01/24:7**

Alan Burrow made the following motion:

Appoint Joshua Appel as a 2026 CREC Council delegate from Kuyper Presbytery

Second: Flynn Ayers

Motion Carried (15, 0, 0)

**Motion 10/01/24:8**

Alan Burrow made the following motion:

Approve the proposed Kuyper Biography, as read, with thanks to Matthew Gonnella, pending a brief update distinguishing positive and negative aspects of Kuyper's legacy,

Second: Roy Atwood

Motion Carried (15, 0, 0)

**Motion 10/01/24:8**

Matt Gonnella made the following motion:

Appoint Brian Brown as an alternate 2026 CREC Council delegate from Kuyper Presbytery

Second: Tedd Sutton

Motion Carried (15, 0, 0)

**Motion 10/01/24:9**

Timothy van den Broek made the following motion:

Adopt the proposed emendations to the CREC BOP for the Kuyper delegates to propose for consideration at Council 2026 (see Appendix B)

Second: Matt Gonnella

Motion Carried (15, 0, 0)

**Motion 10/01/24:10**

Terrance Tollefson made the following motion:

PM Appel appoint a study committee to propose language for the BOP on the matter of rebaptism.

Second: Tedd Sutton

Motion Carried (14, 0, 1)

**Motion 10/01/24:11**

Roy Atwood made the following motion:

Kuyper Presbytery form a “Ministerial Training Scholarship Fund Committee.”

Charge: (1) To clarify the scale and scope of pastoral training needs facing our sister international congregations and to (2) recommend the best way(s) forward for our churches, individually and/or collectively, to aid the pastoral training of men in international CREC congregations.

Second: Tedd Sutton

Motion Carried (15, 0, 0)

*Presbytery recessed for the day at 3:30pm*

*Presbytery reconvened the next day, October 2nd, in the year of our Lord 2024, at 8:40am with a prayer from Matt Gonnella. PM Appel recognizing a quorum.*



**Motion 10/02/24:12**

Chris Schlect made the following motion:

- a) Kuyper Presbytery commends this paper (see Appendix E) for further development over the coming months, that a mature draft may be submitted to Council for consideration at its stated meeting in the fall 2026; and
- b) Kuyper Presbytery hereby commissions Christopher Schlect to act on Presbytery's behalf to develop this paper, and further directs Dr. Schlect to work in consultation with other elders across our communion – elders who, by their reputation and long experience, are thoroughly familiar with CREC polity.

Second: Terrance Tollefson

Motion Carried (15, 0, 0)

**Motion 10/02/24:12**

Alan Burrow made the following motion:

Kuyper Presbytery form two ordination credential committees, one for Geoff Francian for the full formal ordination examination and one for Leon Catallo to evaluate his current ordination credentials. And ask PM Joshua Appel to approve and assign the members of those committees.

Second: Chris Schlect

Motion Carried (14, 0, 0)

**Motion 10/02/24:13**

Kuyper Presbytery approves the following men to serve on the “Ministerial Training Scholarship Fund Committee.”

Roy Atwood

Terrance Tollefson

And further tasks these men to find three additional members to serve on this committee.

Motion Carried (14, 0, 0)

Kuyper Presbytery notes its thanks to Trinity Reformed Church for hosting Presbytery.

**Motion 10/01/24:14**

Alan Burrow made the following motion:

To adjourn the meeting

Second: Flynn Ayers

Motion Carried (14, 0, 0)