

Meeting Minutes

CREC Kuyper Presbytery | Fall Meeting

Date:

Tuesday, September 30th in the year of our Lord 2025

Location:

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

Presiding Minister:

Pastor Joshua Appel
Trinity Reformed Church, Moscow, ID

Presiding Minister Pro-Tempore

Pastor Brian Brown
Trinity Church Denver, Denver, CO

Clerk:

Pastor Ryan Handermann
Trinity Reformed Church, Moscow, ID

The 2025 Fall Meeting of Kuyper Presbytery was called to order at 8:45am on September 30th, in the year of our Lord 2025, by Presiding Minister Joshua Appel, Trinity Reformed Church, Moscow, Idaho.

Joshua Appel opened with a prayer.

PM Appel established a quorum of 19 delegates from 10 of the 10 churches in Kuyper presbytery. The Roll Call was as follows:

1. Christ Church Denver
Pastor Craig Thighe
Elder Garrin Hathaway
2. Christ Church Missoula
Pastor Flynn Ayers
Elder Taylor Crawford
3. Christ Covenant Church: Enterprise, OR;
Pastor Terrance Tollefson
Pastor Matthew Gonnella
4. Christ Covenant Reformed Church: Billings, MT;
Pastor Tedd Sutton
Elder Ryan Yeager
5. Emmanuel Church: Helena, MT;
Pastor Jonah Barnes;
6. Redeemer Community Church: Centennial CO;
Pastor Jeff Rodland;
Elder Matthew Johnson
7. The King's Congregation: Meridian, ID;
Pastor Alan Burrow;
Elder Israel Waitman
8. Trinity Church Denver, Denver CO
Pastor Brian Brown (Presiding Minister pro-tempore)
Elder Justin Riley
9. Trinity Reformed Church: Moscow, ID
Elder Timothy van den Broek
Elder Chris Schlect
10. Valley Covenant Church: Lewiston, ID
Elder Sam Creason
Elder Kellen Meyer

Mission and Candidate Churches

The following delegations from mission and candidate churches were recognized

Christ Church Tri-Cities (Mission Church of Christ Covenant Church)

Elder Tim Tucker

Elder Eric Robinson

Palouse Fellowship (Mission Church of Valley Covenant Church)

Elder Jonathan McIntosh

King's Covenant Church (Mission Church of King's Congregation)

Elder Casey Christopher

Elder Nathan Dowd

Christ Church Jersey (Mission Church of Christ Covenant Reformed Church)

Pastor Leon Catallo

Elder Neil Deacon

Emmanuel Reformed Church (Mission Church of Trinity Reformed Church)

Elder Jeff Harlow

Elder Patch Blakey

Grace Reformed Church in Idaho (Candidate Church of King's Congregation)

Elder Myron Stoltzfus

Elder Ty Hamilton

Visiting Church Delegations

Other visiting churches were introduced:

Christ the Anchor Church in Colorado

Pastor Joe Anderson

Elder Tim Nickles

Christ Canyon Fellowship in Montana

Zach Bickle

Motion 09/30/25:01

Alan Burrow made the following motion:

To approve the agenda ([Appendix A](#))

Second: Matthew Gonnella

Motion Carried (18, 0, 0). [Chris Schlect absent]

Motion 09/30/25:02

Alan Burrow made the following motion:

To seat Grace Reformed Church, Weiser, ID, sponsored by The King's Congregation, in Kuyper Presbytery as a Candidate Church.

Second: Matthew Gonnella

Motion Carried (18, 0, 0) [Chris Schlect absent]

Motion 09/30/25:03

Ryan Yeager made the following motion:

To seat Christ Church Jersey (mission church of Christ Covenant Reformed Church) as a full member church of Kuyper Presbytery in the CREC.

Second: Tedd Sutton

Motion Carried (18, 0, 0). [Chris Schlect absent]

PM Joshua Appel administered the vows according to the CREC BOP Article III.C.

Motion 09/30/25:04

Matthew Gonnella made the following motion:

To seat Christ Church Tri-Cities (mission of Christ Covenant Church) as a full member church in Kuyper Presbytery in the CREC

Second: Kellen Meyer

Motion Carried (18, 0, 0). [Chris Schlect absent]

PM Joshua Appel administered the vows according to the CREC BOP Article III.C.

Kuyper Presbytery heard church reports.

Kuyper Presbytery examined the ministerial credentials of Leon Catallo.

Motion 09/30/25:05

Tedd Sutton made the following motion:

to recommend to Christ Church Jersey to recognize the ministerial ordination credentials of Leon Catallo at the recommendation of his examination committee.

Second: Terrance Tollefson

Motion Carried (18, 0, 0). [Chris Schlect absent]

Presbytery recessed at 11:20AM

Presbytery resumed at 11:30AM

Presbytery examined Geoff Francian for ordination.

Motion 09/30/25:06

Alan Burrow made the following motion:

To enter into executive session

Second: Craig Thighe

Motion Carried (19, 0, 0).

Motion 09/30/25:07

Alan Burrow made the following motion:

To recommend to The King's Congregation to ordain Geoff Francian as a minister of word and sacrament.

Second: Terrance Tollefson

Motion Carried (19, 0, 0).

Motion 09/30/25:08

Jonah Barnes made the following motion:

To exit out of executive session

Second: Jeff Rodland

Motion Carried (19, 0, 0).

Motion 09/30/25:9

Alan Burrow made the following motion:

For Kuyper Presbytery to recommend to Council to insert the proposal below into CREC BOP XIII.A.3 [current #3 becomes #4]:

“If a paedobaptized member or prospective member of a CREC church which has adopted the London Baptist Confession of Faith or the Reformed Evangelical Confession holds or comes to credobaptist convictions and desires to be baptized upon profession of faith, then, out of respect for the political primacy of the local congregation (Cons. III.A), and as an act of mutual submission (BOP XIII.A), the congregation and minister that performs this action shall not be held to be in violation of the Sacramental Cooperation Agreement (BOP XIII). Churches that have adopted these confessional statements may not require credobaptism for membership or admission to the Lord’s Table, and no minister may be required to perform such against their conscience.”

Second: Matthew Gonnella

Motion Carried (10, 7, 1). [Sam Creason absent]

Kuyper Presbytery recessed at 5:41PM on September 30th, 2025 in the Year of our Lord.

Kuyper Presbytery resumed out of recess at 8:39AM on October 1st, 2025 in the Year of our Lord.

A quorum was established of 10 churches and 18 delegates

1. Christ Church Denver
 Pastor Craig Thighe
 Elder Garrin Hathaway
2. Christ Church Missoula
 Pastor Flynn Ayers
 Elder Taylor Crawford
3. Christ Covenant Church: Enterprise, OR;
 Pastor Terrance Tollefson
 Pastor Matthew Gonnella
4. Christ Covenant Reformed Church: Billings, MT;
 Pastor Tedd Sutton
 Elder Ryan Yeager
5. Emmanuel Church: Helena, MT;
 Pastor Jonah Barnes;
6. Redeemer Community Church: Centennial CO;
 Pastor Jeff Rodland;
 Elder Matthew Johnson
7. The King's Congregation: Meridian, ID;
 Pastor Alan Burrow;
 Elder Israel Waitman
8. Trinity Church Denver, Denver CO
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 Elder Justin Riley
9. Trinity Reformed Church: Moscow, ID
 Elder Chris Schlect
10. Valley Covenant Church: Lewiston, ID
 Elder Sam Creason
 Elder Kellen Meyer

Non-voting churches present:

- Christ Church Tricities, Kennebec, WA
 Elder Tim Tucker
 Elder Eric Robinson
- Christ Church Jersey, Jersey Channel Islands, UK
 Pastor Leon Catallo
 Elder Neil Deacon

Presbytery examined Kellen Meyer for ordination.

Motion 10/01/25:10

Israel Waitman made the following motion:

To enter into executive session

Second: Jeff Rodland

Motion Carried (18, 0, 0).

Motion 10/01/25:11

Sam Creason made the following motion:

To recommend to Valley Covenant Church to ordain Kellen Meyer as minister of word and sacrament.

Second: Terrance Tollefson

Motion Carried (18, 0, 0).

Motion 10/01/25:12

Jeff Rodland made the following motion:

To exit out of executive session

Second: Matthew Gonnella

Motion Carried (18, 0, 0).

Motion 10/01/25:13

Chris Schlect made the following motion:

“That Kuyper Presbytery adopt the paper entitled “Minding the CREC Global Financial Gap” by Roy Atwood and petition the Council both to adopt it and include it in the CREC Book of Resources.” The motion to send to Council is: “That Council adopt the paper entitled “Minding the CREC Global Financial Gap” by Roy Atwood and include it in the CREC Book of Resources.”

Second: Matthew Johnson

Motion Carried (18, 0, 0).

Motion 10/01/25:14

Flynn Ayerst made the following motion: Hey Ryan I believe I made the motion and Chris seconded. The motion is from us at CCM and I explained the rationale. But technically I can't remember exactly how it transpired at presbytery.

The Presiding Minister of Kuyper Presbytery appoint a committee with the purpose of:

- 1) Summarizing and clarifying the process of admitting churches into the CREC.
- 2) Explain the responsibilities of a Mother church (if the church is a mission church) and a Sponsor church (if the church is a candidate church), as well advisable protocol not explicitly covered in the CREC constitution.
- 3) Explain the responsibilities of presbytery in receiving a candidate church into membership as well as advisable protocol not explicitly covered in the CREC constitution.

Second: Chris Schlect

Motion Carried (18, 0, 0).

Motion 10/01/25:15

Chris Schlect made the following motion:

That PM Appel request at the PM Summit on behalf of Kuyper Presbytery that Council arrange for a staggered Presbytery/Council meeting pattern (as in Council 2017, Destin, FL).

Second: Flynn Ayers

Motion Carried (18, 0, 0).

Motion 10/01/25:16

Chris Schlect made the following motion:

That PM Appel request at the PM Summit on behalf of Kuyper Presbytery that PM Brito provide a standardized template for all reports and proposals that is to include 1) statement of charge/commission (if applicable); 2) statement of origination and authorship/committee membership; 3) historical background; 4) statement of process; 5) findings/proposal; 6) rationale; 7) supporting documentation; 8) directions for disposal.

Second: Sam Creason

Motion Carried (18, 0, 0).

Motion 10/01/25:17

Brian Brown made the following motion:

that the annual Presbytery Support Contribution for Kuyper PM be \$300 for churches <200 members; \$500 for churches of >200 for 2026 and future years until directed otherwise.

Second: Matthew Gonnella

Motion Carried (18, 0, 0).

Motion 10/01/25:18

Craig Thighe made the following motion:

To adjourn the fall presbytery meeting.

Second: Jeff Rodland.

Motion Carried (18, 0, 0).

Kuyper Presbytery adjourned at 11:59AM on October 1st, 2025 in the year of our Lord.

Appendix A: Agenda



COMMUNION
of REFORMED
EVANGELICAL
CHURCHES

Kuyper Presbytery Fall Meeting

Sep 29-Oct 1, 2025 - Moscow, ID

Rev. Joshua Appel, Presiding Minister

Rev. Brian Brown, PM Pro Tem

Rev. Ryan Handermann, Clerk of Presbytery



Meeting Agenda - Fall 2025

- Tuesday, Sep. 30 - Breakfast: 8:00-8:25am*
- Call to Order - 8:30am**
 - Singing w/Knox; presbyteries depart to meeting rooms
 - Welcome & Opening Prayer: Joshua Appel
 - Call to Order
 - Identification of PM, PMPT, Clerk, Parliamentarian
 - Roll Call (Quorum)
 - Introduction of mission church and visiting delegations
- Approval of Agenda - 8:55am**
- New Churches - 9:00am - 9:25am**
 - Introduction of new mission churches
 - King's Covenant Church - Mission Church of The King's Congregation
 - Bulletin/Order of Worship
 - Constitution/Bylaws
 - Palouse Fellowship - Mission Church of Valley Covenant Church
 - Bulletin/Order of Worship

- Constitution/Bylaws
- Motion to seat new candidate churches
 - Grace Reformed Church - Candidate Church sponsored by The King's Congregation
 - Bulletin/Order of Worship
 - Constitution/Bylaws
- Motion to extend candidacy
 - The Well Church - Trinity Church Denver
 - Bulletin/Order of Worship
 - Constitution/Bylaws
- Motion to seat new full member churches
 - Christ Church Jersey (Mission Church of Christ Covenant Reformed Church)
 - Bulletin/Order of Worship
 - Constitution/Bylaws
 - Christ Church Tri-Cities (Mission Church of Christ Covenant Church)
 - Bulletin/Order of Worship
 - Constitution/Bylaws

Church Reports - 9:30am-10:40am

- Christ Church Denver - Craig Thighe
- Christ Church Missoula - Flynn Ayers
- Christ Covenant Church - Terry Tollefson
 - Christ Church Tri-Cities** (Mission Church of Christ Covenant Church)
- Christ Covenant Reformed Church - Tedd Sutton
 - Christ Church Jersey** (Mission Church of Christ Covenant Reformed Church)
- Emmanuel Church - Jonah Barnes
- The King's Congregation - Alan Burrow
 - Grace Reformed Church** (Candidate Church sponsored by The King's Congregation)
 - King's Covenant Church** (Mission Church of The King's Congregation)
- Redeemer Community Church - Jeff Rodland
- Trinity Church Denver - Brian Brown
 - The Well Church (Candidate Church sponsored by Trinity Church Denver)
- Trinity Reformed Church - Joshua Appel
 - Emmanuel Reformed Church (Mission Church of Trinity Reformed Church)
- Valley Covenant Church - Kellen Meyer

Palouse Fellowship (Mission Church of Valley Covenant Church)

Ministerial Credentials Examination - 10:45am-11:30am

Leon Catallo (Christ Church Jersey) - [Chair]

Delegates' Discussion - 11:45am-12:30pm

Prospective Candidate Church:

Victory Chapel - Christ Church Jersey

Christ the Anchor - Redeemer Community Church

Lunch: 12:30-1:30pm

Ordination Examination - 1:30pm-3:30pm

- Geoff Francian (The King's Congregation) - [Chair]

Committee Reports - 3:45pm-5:30pm

- Governing Documents Review Committee - (Dekker)
- The Well Constitution Committee - Brown
- Commission Report: CREC Polity Paper - Schlect
- Rebaptism Study Committee - Barnes

Motion to Adjourn for the Evening - @5:30pm

Wednesday, Oct. 1 - Breakfast: 8:00-8:25am

Call to Order - 8:30am

- Singing w/Knox; Presbyteries depart to meetings rooms
- Opening Prayer: Brian Brown
- Call to Order
 - Roll Call (Quorum)

Ordination Examination - 9:00am-11:00am

- Kellen Meyer (Valley Covenant) - Creason, Chair

New Business - 11:15am-12:15pm

- Motion: Minding the CREC Global Financial Gap - Trinity Reformed Church
- Motion: Admitting New Churches Process Committee - Christ Church Missoula
- Motion: That PM Appel request at the PM Summit on behalf of Kuyper Presbytery that Council arrange for a staggered Presbytery/Council meeting pattern (as in Council 2017, Destin, FL).
- Motion: That PM Appel request at the PM Summit on behalf of Kuyper Presbytery that PM Brito provide a standardized template for all ordinary reports that is to include 1) statement of charge/commission (if applicable); 2) statement of origination and authorship/committee membership; 3) historical background; 4) statement of process; 5) findings/proposal; 6) rationale; 7) supporting documentation; 8) directions for disposal.

Kuyper Protocol - 12:15pm-12:30pm

- Presiding Minister's Report - Rev. Joshua Appel
- Ministerial Roster

- Stated Meetings for 2026
 - Spring Meeting - Moscow, ID
 - April 20-21
 - Sept. 28 - Oct. 1, 2026 Council - Nashville, TN
 - Presbytery Support
 - PM pro Tem moves “that the annual Presbytery Support Contribution for Kuyper PM be \$300 for churches <200 members; \$500 for churches of >200 for 2026 and future years until directed otherwise.”
 - PM Support Payable to: Trinity Reformed Church, 101 E. Palouse River Dr., Moscow, ID, 83843; Memo Line: Kuyper Presbytery Support
 - PMoC requests that the annual CREC Support Contribution for the CREC PMoC be \$300 per church.
 - PMoC Support Payable to: Providence Church, 9600 N. Palafox St. Pensacola, FL 32534; Memo Line: PMOC
- Motion to Adjourn - @12:30pm