

2024 Tyndale Presbytery Minutes

Opening prayer by Pastor Jeff Swanson 7:07pm

Opening Psalm – Psalm 100 – 7:08pm

PM Smith exhorted the delegates and guests from Ephesians 4:1 – 7:12pm

PM Smith called the roll of delegates

- Jeff Swanson – Christ the King Pres. Ferry, MI
- Jon Herr, Dave Rapp – Christ Covenant Church Chicago, Rolling Meadows, IL
- Jeff Pennington, Shane Peterson – Trinity Presbyterian Church, Waukesha, WI
- Carl Lantz, Michael Shover – Christ the Redeemer, Pella, IA
- Jon Swerens, Nate Harlan – Trinity Reformed, South Whitley, IN
- Ewing Sharp, Rob Davis – Trinity Church, Bolivar, MO
- Arnie Abens, Daniel Ralph – Christ Church Twin Cities
- Daniel Spratt – Christ Church Leavenworth, KS
- Joe Martinez, Tim Raynard – Christ Church Livingston County, Howell, MI

Absent Churches:

- Christ the King, Springfield, MO
 - Motion to count CTK’s 2024 absence as an unexcused absence (Peterson, Harlan) – motion passed unanimously
- Providence Church, Caro, MI (Tom Plamondon joined via Zoom)
 - Elder Plamondon gave a brief history of the past year detailing the departure of Pastor Hanby and the church vote on disbanding (which did not pass). This was presented as a request to excuse their absence at presbytery.
 - Motion to excuse Providence Church Caro’s absence (Abens, Swanson) – motion passed unanimously
- Reformed Presbyterian Church, Tyumen, Russia
 - PM Smith gave a brief history of the church and how matters stand with them and their status as a mission church.
 - Action Point – PM Smith will speak with Pastor Randy Booth and Grace Covenant Session about dropping RPC Tyumen from Tyndale Presbytery Rolls

PM Smith presented the Agenda

Guests:

- Richard Ostella, pastor of Westminster Reformed Church Livonia, MI (guest of CC Livingston County)
- Subin & Kamal from Nepal (guests of Jeff Swanson)
- Philip & Shelia Malakar visiting from India (guests of Jeff Swanson)

- Aaron Lopp (guest of Jeff Pennington)
- Bryce & Rocky Ramsey reps of Christ Church Indy mission of Trinity Reformed Church South Whitley
- Aaron Vasser deacon candidate from Christ Church Leavenworth KS
- Gabe Harder intern at Christ Covenant Church Chicago
- Randy Stone (clerk of session), Paul Hahn (ruling elder) – Providence St. Louis
- Kyle Lamott (pastor), Jamie Stinemetz, Kyle Waters (ruling elders) – Exodus Church, Wichita, KS

PM Smith presented his annual report – Motion to approve report (Harlan, Swanson) – motion passed unanimously

- Motion to receive Exodus Church, Wichita, KS (Cornerstone Reformed Church, Abens second)
 - Discussion about receiving ordinations of candidate churches' ministers vs. mission churches' ministers being required to be examined by presbytery.
 - Delegates asked multiple questions of the Exodus session concerning worship style, confessional beliefs and church practices.
 - Motion passed unanimously
- Motion to receive Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church (Cornerstone Reformed Church, Shover second)
 - Delegates asked multiple questions of the Providence Session concerning worship style, confessional beliefs and church practices.
 - Motion passed unanimously
- PM Smith administered the vow to delegates of Exodus Church and Providence Reformed Church
- Tyndale Presbytery gave the right hand of fellowship to Exodus Church and Providence Reformed Church

Presbytery Sang "Be Gracious unto Me, O God"

Meeting was adjourned until Tuesday morning at 9:09pm

Meeting was resumed by singing "At the Name of Jesus" at 8:38am

Arnie Abens exhorted the delegates from Genesis 2:15 on our duty as shepherds to guard God's garden and guard the sheep.

PM Smith called for the Ordination Exam Committee to present their report/candidates for examination on the floor.

Shane Peterson was examined on the floor of presbytery 9am – 10:30am

Executive Session was convened, and the delegate discussed Shane's performance and evidence of his calling and gifts. Presbytery voted to approve Shane Peterson for ordination unanimously

David Moody was examined on the floor of presbytery 11am-12:30pm

[Lunch Break @ 12:30pm until 1:10pm]

Executive Session was convened and the delegate discussed David's performance and evidence of his calling and gifts. Presbytery voted to approve David Moody for ordination unanimously.

Motion made to dismiss the 2024 Tyndale Ordination Committee with thanks (Swanson, Harlan). Motion passed unanimously.

Presentations:

Jeff Swanson introduced Philip Malakar with India Communication Fellowship to present on mission work in India/Nepal.

PM Smith amended the agenda to reorder for time. 2pm

Discussion on annual/semi-annual meetings and benefits of having 2 stated meetings per year.

Spring Meeting scheduled for March 24-25 at Providence Reformed Church St. Louis, MO

Discussion regarding standardizing Tyndale procedures when adding candidate churches, etc.

Exodus Church Wichita, KS volunteered to host Fall Meeting 2025. Tentative dates September 22-23, 2025.

Delegates of Providence Reformed Church gave thanks to all the Tyndale for the warm welcome they received as guests and now seated members of presbytery.

Motion to formally thank Christ the King Church Ferry, MI and the various members who helped with meeting facilities (Shover, Swerens) – passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned by singing "Rise Again Ye Lion Hearted" at 3:06pm