

Meeting Minutes

CREC Kuyper Presbytery | Spring Meeting

Date:

Tuesday, April 21st in the year of our Lord 2026

Location:

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

Presiding Minister of Kuyper Presbytery

Rev. Joshua Appel

Presiding Minister *Pro-tempore*

Rev. Brian Brown

Clerk:

Rev. Ryan Handermann
Trinity Reformed Church, Moscow, ID

The 2026 Spring Meeting of Kuyper Presbytery was called to order at 8:46am on April 21st, in the year of our Lord 2026, by Presiding Minister Joshua Appel, Trinity Reformed Church, Moscow, Idaho.

Joshua Appel opened with a prayer.

PM Appel established a quorum of 15 delegates from 10 of the 12 churches in Kuyper presbytery. The Roll Call was as follows:

1. Christ Church Denver
Pastor Craig Thighe
2. Christ Church Jersey
[no delegates]
3. Christ Church Missoula
Pastor Flynn Ayers
4. Christ Church Tri-Cities
Elder Eric Robinson
Elder Nathan Tallent
5. Christ Covenant Church: Enterprise, OR;
Pastor Terrance Tollefson
Pastor Matthew Gonnella
6. Christ Covenant Reformed Church: Billings, MT;
Pastor Tedd Sutton
7. Emmanuel Church: Helena, MT;
Pastor Jonah Barnes;
8. Redeemer Community Church: Centennial CO;
[no delegates]
9. The King's Congregation: Meridian, ID;
Pastor Alan Burrow;
Elder Israel Waitman
10. Trinity Church Denver, Denver CO
Pastor Brian Brown (presiding minister pro-tempore)
11. Trinity Reformed Church: Moscow, ID
Pastor CJ Bowen
Elder Roy Atwood
12. Valley Covenant Church: Lewiston, ID
Pastor Kellen Meyer
Elder Samuel Creason

Mission and Candidate Churches

The following mission and candidate churches were recognized

Emmanuel Reformed Church (Mission Church of Trinity Reformed Church)

Jeff Harlow

Patch Blakey

Palouse Fellowship (Mission Church of Valley Covenant Church)

Rusty Olps

Jonathan McIntosh

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

Casey Christopher

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

Myron Stoltzfus

Ty Hamilton

Motion 04/21/26:01

Kellen Meyer made the following motion:

To put Palouse Fellowship forward on the agenda for particularization this Kuyper Presbytery

Second Matthew Gonnella

Motion Carried (11, 3, 0). [Samuel Creason absent]

Motion 04/21/26:02

Alan Burrow made the following motion:

That Kuyper Presbytery approve the Agenda (appendix A)

Second Kellen Meyer

Motion Carried (14, 0, 0). [Samuel Creason absent]

Motion 04/21/26:03

CJ Bowen made the following motion:

To admit Emmanuel Reformed Church as a full member church of Kuyper Presbytery in the CREC

Second Matthew Gonnella

Motion Carried. (14, 0, 0). [Samuel Creason absent]

PM Joshua Appel administered the vows according to the CREC BOP Article III.C. to the elders of Emmanuel Reformed Church.

Kuyper Presbytery heard church reports.

Kuyper Presbytery recessed at 12:30pm.

Kuyper Presbytery resumed meeting at 1:30pm.

The ministerial credentials of Jonathan Jones were examined by Kuyper Presbytery.

Motion 04/21/26:04

Alan Burrow made the following motion:

To enter into executive session

Second: Craig Thighe.

Motion Carried. (12, 0, 0). [Samuel Creason, Joshua Appel and Matthew Gonnella absent]

Motion 04/21/26:05

The credentials committee for Jonathan Jones (Flynn Ayers, Alan Burrow, Tedd Sutton) made the following motion:

to approve the report from the committee and to recommend to King's Congregation to receive the ministerial ordination credentials of Jonathan Jones as an Associate Pastor

Motion Carried. (13, 0, 0). [Samuel Creason and Joshua Appel absent]

Motion 04/21/26:06

CJ Bowen made the following motion:

To exit executive session

Second: Kellen Meyer

Motion Carried. (13, 0, 0). [Samuel Creason and Joshua Appel absent]

Kuyper Presbytery recessed at 4:22pm.

Kuyper Presbytery was called out of recess at 8:31am on April 22nd, in the year of our Lord 2026, by Presiding Minister Joshua Appel.

Brian Brown opened in prayer

PM Appel established a quorum of 14 delegates from 10 of the 12 churches in Kuyper presbytery. The Roll Call was as follows:

1. Christ Church Denver
Pastor Craig Thighe
2. Christ Church Jersey
[no delegates]
3. Christ Church Missoula
Pastor Flynn Ayers
4. Christ Church Tri-Cities
Elder Eric Robinson
5. Christ Covenant Church: Enterprise, OR;
Pastor Terrance Tollefson
Pastor Matthew Gonnella
6. Christ Covenant Reformed Church: Billings, MT;
Pastor Tedd Sutton
7. Emmanuel Church: Helena, MT;
Pastor Jonah Barnes;
8. Redeemer Community Church: Centennial CO;
[no delegates]
9. The King's Congregation: Meridian, ID;
Pastor Alan Burrow;
Elder Israel Waitman
10. Trinity Church Denver, Denver CO
Pastor Brian Brown (presiding minister pro-tempore)
11. Trinity Reformed Church: Moscow, ID
Pastor CJ Bowen
Elder Roy Atwood
12. Valley Covenant Church: Lewiston, ID
Pastor Kellen Meyer
Elder Samuel Creason

Non-voting churches present

Emmanuel Reformed Church, Moscow, ID
Elder Jeff Harlow

Elder Patch Blakey

Motion 04/22/26:07

Alan Burrow made the following motion:

Table the motion to particularize Palouse Fellowship to the next presbytery

Second: Roy Atwood.

Motion Failed. (6, 8, 0).

Motion 04/22/26:08

Kellen Meyer made the following motion:

To consider the particularization of Palouse Fellowship at this spring presbytery.

Second: Matthew Gonnella.

Motion Carried. (7, 6, 1).

Motion 04/22/26:09

Kellen Meyer made the following motion:

To particularize and admit Palouse Fellowship as a full member church of Kuyper Presbytery in the CREC.

Second: Matthew Gonnella.

Motion Carried. (14, 0, 0).

PM Joshua Appel administered the vows according to the CREC BOP Article III.C. to the elders of Palouse Fellowship

Motion 04/22/26:10

Roy Atwood made the following motion:

the PM to form a committee to address the questions of presbytery geographical boundaries and to include members from the other CREC presbyteries as deemed prudent.

Second: Flynn Ayers

Motion Carried. (14, 0, 0)

Kuyper Presbytery recessed at 10:17am

Kuyper Presbytery resumed meeting at 10:34am

Terrance Tollefson closed in prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06pm.

Appendix A - Agenda



COMMUNION
of REFORMED
EVANGELICAL
CHURCHES

Kuyper Presbytery Spring Meeting

April 20-22, 2026 - Moscow, ID

Rev. Joshua Appel, Presiding Minister

Rev. Brian Brown, PM Pro Tem

Rev. Ryan Handermann, Clerk of Presbytery



Meeting Agenda - Spring 2026

- Breakfast: 8:00-8:25am*
- Call to Order - Tuesday, Apr. 21 - 8:30am**
 - Singing
 - Welcome & Opening Prayer: Joshua Appel, Kuyper PM
 - Roll Call (Quorum)
 - Introduction of guests
- Approval of Agenda**
- Approval of New Member Churches**
 - Emmanuel Reformed Church (Mission Church of Trinity Reformed Church)
- Church Reports - 9:00am-10:45am**
 - Christ Church Denver - Craig Thighe
 - Christ Church Jersey - Leon Catallo
 - Christ Church Missoula - Flynn Ayers
 - Christ Church Tri-Cities - Eric Robinson
 - Christ Covenant Church - Terry Tollefson
 - Christ Covenant Reformed Church - Tedd Sutton
 - Emmanuel Church - Jonah Barnes
 - The King's Congregation - Alan Burrow
 - King's Covenant Church (Mission Church of The King's Congregation)

- Redeemer Community Church - Jeff Rodland
- Trinity Church Denver - Brian Brown
- 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)

Committee Reports - 10:45am-11:00am

- Credentials Committees
 - Ryan Handermann
- Committee on CREC Membership
 - Matt Gonnella

Presbyter's Discussion - 11:00am-12:30pm

- Evangelical Piety: Brian Brown

Lunch: 12:30-1:30pm

Credentials Exam - 1:30pm-2:15pm

- Jonathan Jones (King's Congregation)

Presbyter's Discussion - 2:00-5:00pm

- Council Topics for discussion¹
 - Knox's Child Communion Memorial
 - Motion to Remove Memorial F (Sexual Perversion)
 - Memorial on the Nations
 - Knox's Sacramental Cooperation Proposal
 - Hus BOP Amendment Proposals
 - New Westminster Shorter Catechism
 - Here We Stand: A Reformed Evangelical Manifesto

Motion to Adjourn for the Evening - @5:00pm

Call to Order - Wednesday, Apr. 22 - 8:30am

- Singing
- Welcome & Opening Prayer: Brian Brown, Kuyper PM Pro Tem
- Roll Call (Quorum)

¹ Documents linked here are for the use of Kuyper presbyters and authorized administrative staff only, and are not to be shared.

- Approval of New Member Churches - 9:00-9:30am
 - Palouse Fellowship (Mission Church of Valley Covenant Church)
- Presbyter's Discussion - 9:30-10:30am
 - Presbytery Boundaries - strategies for maintaining good order and good fellowship
- Coffee Break: 10:30-10:45am*
- Presbyter's Discussion - 11:00am-12:00pm
 - PM/PMoC nominations
- Motion to Adjourn - @12:00pm