

MINUTES OF THE 2024 STATED
MEETING of

ANSELM PRESBYTERY



COMMUNION OF REFORMED
EVANGELICAL CHURCHES

Lynnwood, WA
October 2-3, 2024

ANSELM 2024

Annual Stated Meeting of Anselm Presbytery (Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches)

October 2-3, 2024
Lynnwood, WA

Host church: Redeemer Church (Pastor Michael Kloss)

Presiding Minister – Pastor John Stoos (Christ the King Church, Sacramento, CA)

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Meeting was called to order by PM John Stoos at 9am.

Hearty singing led by Elder Joel Eby from Redeemer Church.

Opening exhortation from Pastor Bo Cogbill of Reformation Covenant Church

Minutes from the previous meeting approved online.

I. Roll Call and Quorum Call

1. Christ Church Santa Clarita - Santa Clarita, CA
 - a. Andrew Richardson (one delegate)
2. Christ Covenant Church - Medford, OR
 - a. Troy Anderson, Kenny Anderson (two delegates)
3. Christ Covenant Church - Centralia, WA
 - a. Joe Stout, Les Doyle (two delegates)
4. Christ the King Church - Eugene, OR
 - a. John Dekker (one delegate)
5. Church of the King - Sacramento, CA
 - a. Paul Liberati (one delegate)
6. Covenant Bible Church - Palmer, AK
 - a. Gerald Allsup, John McNeely (two delegates)
7. Emmanuel Church - Bothell, WA
 - a. Jerry Owen, Erik Day (two delegates)
8. Providence Reformed Evangelical Church - Grand Junction, CO
 - a. Michael Denna (one delegate)
9. Redeemer Church - Lynnwood, WA

- a. Michael Kloss, Jered Leslie, Joel Eby (two delegates)
- 10. Reformation Covenant Church - Oregon City, OR
 - a. Bo Cogbill, Roger Payne (two delegates)
- 11. Trinity Church - Woodinville, WA
 - a. Dave Hatcher, Jeff Zahler (two delegates)
- 12. Trinity Covenant Church - Santa Cruz, CA
 - a. Troy Martin, Ben Alexander (two delegates)

PM John Stoos determined that 12 out of 12 member churches were present.

A quorum was established.

Report from Uri Brito, Presiding Minister of the CREC -- no official update

Report from John Stoos, Presiding Minister of Anselm Presbytery

Motion - Dave Hatcher moved to approve the PM report. Bo Cogbill seconded.

Motion passed unanimously

Report from Michael Denna, Presiding Minister pro tempore of Anselm Presbytery

II. Introduction of Mission Churches, Candidate Churches, and Guests

Mission Churches

- 1. Devin Smith from Trinity Reformed Church, Beaverton, OR
- 2. Thomas Duell from Table Church, Tucson, AZ
- 3. Jason Nissley from Table Church, Tucson, AZ
- 4. Jeremy Britton from Christ Covenant Church, Mt. Vernon, WA
- 5. Jesse Caldwell from Christ Church Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV
- 6. Jeff Stackhouse from Christ Church Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV
- 7. Vince Catalano from Alta Vista Church, Tucson, AZ
- 8. Jason Nelstuen from Alta Vista Church, Tucson, AZ
- 9. Craig Greatman from Lighthouse Covenant Church, Fremont, CA
- 10. Isaac Baugh, Covenant Reformed Church, Fairbanks, AK

Candidate Churches

- 1. Celso Namuco from Christ's Steward Fellowship, Batangas City, Philippines
- 2. Leo Ordiales from Grace From Heaven Christian Fellowship Manilla, Philippines

Guests

- 1. Isaac Baugh, guest of Covenant Reformed Church, Fairbanks, AK
- 2. Andy Kirsch, guest of Covenant Reformed Church, Fairbanks, AK
- 3. Tim Sterner, guest of Covenant Reformed Church, Fairbanks, AK
- 4. Dale Partridge, guest of Church of the King, Sacramento, CA
- 5. Brent Foster, guest of Christ Church Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV
- 6. Chris Close, guest of Lighthouse Covenant Church, Fremont, CA
- 7. Hanny Namuco, guest of Christ's Steward Fellowship, Batangas City, Philippines
- 8. Adam Duell, guest of The Table Church, Tucson, AZ
- 9. Elma Ordiales, guest of Grace From Heaven Christian Fellowship Manilla, Philippines
- 10. Shawn Eggleston, guest of Redeemer Church
- 11. Andrew Hoy, guest of Redeemer Church
- 12. Deonte Walters, guest of Church of the King Sacramento

13. Nate Cejka, deacon from Redeemer Church, Lynnwood, WA
14. Roger & Susan Walker, guest of Church of the King, Sacramento, CA
15. Anne-Marie Kloss, guest of Redeemer Church, Lynnwood, WA
16. Luke Stewart, deacon from Redeemer Church, Lynnwood, WA
17. Kevin Van Gels, guest of Redeemer Church, Lynnwood, WA
18. Dexter Lesaca, Deacon of Redeemer Church, Lynnwood, WA
19. Melissa Allsup, guest of Covenant Bible Church, Anchorage, AK
20. Honesty McNeely, guest of Covenant Bible Church, Palmer, AK
21. Royce Nelsestuen, guest of Alta Vista Church, Tuscon, AZ
22. Ruth Dahlin, guest of Reformation Covenant Church, Oregon City, OR
23. Michelle Denna, guest of Providence Reformed Church, Grand Junction, CO
24. Michael Southland and Joel Ellis of Reformation OPC, Apache Junction, AZ
25. Dale Partridge and Corbin Clarke, King's Way Church, Prescott, AZ

III. Review of Candidate Churches

Christ Covenant Church in Mt. Vernon, WA

1. Michael Kloss reviewed “ministerial Credentials examination” for the new pastor at Christ Covenant Church in Mt. Vernon, and introduced Pastor Jeremy Britton.
2. Pastor Jeremy Britton answered questions delegates had based on the credentials report.

Motion - Michael Kloss moved to accept credential report. Jerry Owen seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Grace From Heaven Christian Fellowship of the Philippines

1. Pastor Bo Cogbill reviewed the doctrinal integrity of the church's confession, and the moral, spiritual and covenantal health of the officers' families.
2. Pastor Leo Ordiales answered questions delegates had regarding confessional status, sound doctrine & submission to CREC authority.

Motion - Pastor Bo Cogbill moved that Grace From Heaven Christian Fellowship of the Philippines be accepted as a full member Church in Anselm Presbytery. Paul Liberati seconded.

Motion carried unanimously. 21/21 delegates.

Christ Stewards Fellowship of the Philippines

1. Pastor Paul Liberati reviewed the doctrinal integrity of the church's confession, and the moral, spiritual and covenantal health of the officers' families.
2. Pastor Celso Namuco answered questions delegates had regarding confessional status, sound doctrine & submission to CREC authority.

Motion - Paul Liberati moved to accept Christ Stewards Fellowship as a full member church in Anselm Presbytery. Mike Denna seconded.

Motion carried unanimously. 21/21 delegates.

Vows of faithfulness and commitment administered to our new churches by PM John Stoos

Meeting recessed by PM John Stoos: 11:25AM

Meeting called to order by PM John Stoos: 1:10 PM

VII. Church Reports

- Christ Church Santa Clarita - Santa Clarita, CA
 - Andrew Richardson gave the report
 - Joe Stout prayed
- Christ Covenant Church - Centralia, WA
 - Aaron Ventura gave the report
 - Troy Anderson prayed
- Christ Covenant Church - Medford, OR
 - Kenny Anderson gave the report
 - John Dekker prayed
- Christ the King Church - Eugene, OR
 - John Dekker gave the report
 - Paul Liberati prayed
- Church of the King - Sacramento, CA
 - Paul Liberati gave the report
 - Pastor Liberati introduced Pastor Deonte Walters from New Beginnings Fellowship, Rio Linda, CA
 - John McNeely prayed
- Covenant Bible Church - Chugiak, AK
 - John McNeely gave the report
 - Erik Day prayed
- Emmanuel Church - Bothell, WA
 - Jerry Owen gave the report
 - Jerry Owen introduced Craig Greatman of mission church Lighthouse Covenant Church
 - Craig Greatman gave the report
 - Jerry Owen introduced Jeff Stackhouse of mission church Christ Church Las Vegas
 - Jesse Caldwell gave the report
 - Mike Denna prayed

Motion - Jerry Owen motioned to accept the credential committee report in regard to Jeff Stackhouse's ordination. Michael Kloss seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting recessed at 2:49 pm

Meeting called to order 3:15pm

- Providence Reformed Evangelical Church - Grand Junction, CO
 - Mike Denna gave the report
 - Jered Leslie prayed
 - Mike Denna introduces Alta Vista Bible Church and the Table Church in Tucson, AZ
 - Jason Nelsusten gave the report for Alta Vista Bible Church
 - Thomas Duell gave the report for The Table Church
 - Mike Denna introduces Christ Covenant Church of Steamboat Springs, Colorado
 - Mike Denna gave the report
 - Joel Eby prayed

Meeting recessed: 4:30 pm

Thursday, October 3, 2024

Meeting called to order: 9:02am

Singing

Exhortation by PM John Stoos

VIII. Church Reports (continued)

- Redeemer Church - Lynnwood, WA
 - Jered Leslie gave the report
 - Mike Kloss introduced mission church Christ Covenant Church, Mt. Vernon, WA
 - Jeremy Britton gave the report
 - Roger Payne prayed
 - Mike Kloss clarified status of mission church Grace Covenant Church, Sunshine Coast, BC

Motion - Michael Denna moved to inform PM of council that Anselm Presbytery approves the Langley BC church being part of Hus Presbytery. Andrew Richardson seconded.

John Dekker offered a friendly amendment: Anselm Presbytery has no objection to Langley BC church becoming a candidate church in Hus Presbytery. Dave Hatcher seconded.

Mike Denna agreed to amendment

Motion - Mike Kloss moved to table the motion to later in the meeting. John Dekker seconded

Motion carries.

- Reformation Covenant Church - Oregon City, OR
 - Bo Cogbill gave the report
 - Bo Cogbill introduced mission church Trinity Reformed Church, Beaverton, OR
 - Devin Smith gave the report
 - Jeff Zahller prayed

Meeting recessed: 10:19am

Meeting called to order: 10:33am

- Trinity Church - Woodinville, WA
 - Dave Hatcher gave the report
 - Ben Alexander prayed
- Trinity Covenant Church - Santa Cruz, CA
 - Troy Martin gave the report
 - Joel Ellis prayed

IX. New Churches & Continuation of Discussion on Langley BC Church

1. John Dekker introduced Joel Ellis of Reformation Orthodox Presbyterian Church and informed the presbytery that the session of Christ the King Eugene has voted in principle to sponsor ROPC's candidacy.

Motion - John Dekker moved to encourage ROPC to apply for candidacy in Anselm Presbytery upon withdrawal from the OPC. John McNeely seconded

Motion carries.

2. Gerald Allsup introduced the mission church Covenant Reformed Church in Fairbanks, AK

Motion - Roger Payne moved to reopen the tabled motion. John Dekker seconded.

Motion carries.

Motion reopened: Michael Denna moved to inform the PM of council that Anselm Presbytery has no objection to Langley BC church becoming a candidate church in Hus Presbytery.

Michael Kloss informed the presbytery that Hus Presbytery moved to accept Langley BC church as a full member church at their meeting.

Motion withdrawn - Michael Denna withdrew the original motion. Andrew Richardson seconded.

Motion - Michael Kloss moved to inform the PM of council that Anselm Presbytery objects to Langley BC church becoming a full member church in Hus Presbytery on constitutional grounds. Jerry Owen seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

X. Election of New Officers & Setting of Meeting Dates

1. **Nominations for Presiding Minister:** Pastor Michael Kloss
 - a. **Presbytery vote was unanimous.**

Motion - Dave Hatcher moved to honor and thank Pastor John Stoos for his work as PM. Andrew Richardson seconded

Motion passed Unanimously.

2. **Nominations for Presiding Minister pro tempore:** Pastor John Dekker
 - a. **Presbytery vote was unanimous.**

Motion - Andrew Richardson moved to thank Mike Denna for his service as PM pro tem. Dave Hatcher seconded.

Motions passed unanimously.

3. **Election of Council Delegates**

Michael Kloss nominated Jerry Owen as council delegate in place of Michael Kloss.

Motion - Andrew Richardson motioned to nominate Jerry Owen and John Dekker to go to council as delegates. John McNeely seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion - Paul Liberati moved to nominate Dave Hatcher as alternate council delegate. Jerry Owen seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Establishment of Dates and Locations of the 2025 Meetings of Anselm Presbytery**

Santa Clarita offers to host presbytery in fall of 2025 - October 1st and 2nd

Motion - John McNeely moved to approve presbytery on Oct 1st and 2nd hosted by Christ Church Santa Clarita. Dave Hatcher seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Discussion of Dates for a Spring Fellowship in Coordination with Blue State Conference in Oregon**

Proposal to meet the third week of June, possibly spring break. Further discussion moved to the email list.

XI. **New Business**

1. **Discussion of mission & candidate church status on Anselm list.**

The process needs to be clarified. Mission churches should not be put on Anselm presbyters list until after discussion.

Consensus to not add mission churches to the Anselm Email list until they are introduced at the official fall presbytery meeting.

2. **Discussion of growth & possible division of Anselm Presbytery in 2026**

John McNeely shared advice from Jack Phelps: put the brakes on dividing Anselm into two presbyteries, there is no urgent timeline to split. The boundary should be the California/Oregon border.

3. **Discussion of ongoing education for Philippine elders & pastors**

Bo Cogbill explained the big financial need for training in Philippines pastors: seminary training, music training. They are talking with a young man in the Philippines about sending him to Redeemer School of Arts with Jarrod Richie.

Bo Cogbill asked churches to be willing to consider sponsoring a semester of education, or a year of education.

Motion - John McNeely moved to adjourn. Andrew Richardson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Final adjournment 12:29pm, Thursday, Oct 3, 2024.

Dave Hatcher closed in prayer.

Minutes prepared by Lauren Shearer, Reformation Covenant Church, Oregon City, OR