

MINUTES OF THE 2025 STATED
MEETING of

ANSELM PRESBYTERY



COMMUNION OF REFORMED
EVANGELICAL CHURCHES

Valencia, CA
October 1-2, 2025

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

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Host church: Christ Church Santa Clarita (Senior Pastor, Andrew Richardson)

Presiding Minister – Pastor Michael Kloss (Redeemer Church, Lynwood, WA)

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

1. Meeting was called to order by PM Michael Kloss at 9:01 AM.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved online.

2. Hearty singing led by Andrew Richardson from Christ Church Santa Clarita.
3. Dave Hatcher opened the meeting in prayer. Greetings from Andrew Richardson. Guests were introduced.
4. Opening exhortation from Devin Smith of Trinity Reformed Church.

Roll Call and Quorum Call

- 1) Christ Church Santa Clarita - Santa Clarita, CA
 - a) Andrew Richardson, Aaron Fudge (two delegates)
- 2) Christ Covenant Church - Medford, OR
 - a) Troy Anderson, Kenny Anderson (two delegates)
- 3) Christ Covenant Church - Centralia, WA
 - a) Luke Moerke, Aaron Ventura (two delegates)
- 4) Christ the King Church - Eugene, OR
 - a) Travis Daggett (one delegate)
- 5) Church of the King - Sacramento, CA
 - a) Paul Liberati, Chris Serroels (two delegates)
- 6) Covenant Bible Church - Palmer, AK
 - a) Jack Phelps, John McNeely (two delegates)
- 7) Emmanuel Church - Bothell, WA
 - a) Jerry Owen, Erik Day (two delegates)
- 8) Grace from Heaven Christian Fellowship - Manila, Philippines
 - a) Leo Ordiales, Rodel Rianzares (two delegates)

- 9) Christ Stewards Fellowship of the Philippines - Batangas City, Philippines
 - a) Celso Namuco (one delegate)
- 10) Providence Reformed Church - Grand Junction, CO
 - a) Michael Denna (one delegate)
- 11) Redeemer Church - Lynwood, WA
 - a) PM Michael Kloss was present but is not eligible as a delegate
 - b) Joel Eby (one delegate) arrived later in the meeting, during the discussion of item #11
- 12) Reformation Covenant Church - Oregon City, OR
 - a) Bo Cogbill, Michael Lortz (two delegates)
- 13) Trinity Church - Woodinville, WA
 - a) Dave Hatcher, Eric Letsche (two delegates)
- 14) Trinity Covenant Church - Santa Cruz, CA
 - a) Troy Martin, Aaron Palmer (two delegates)

PM Michael Kloss determined that 14 of 14 member churches were present, establishing a quorum.

5. Jack Phelps led a review of Appendix A, A Guide to the Rules of Order for Presbytery and Council Meetings, from the CREC BOP.
6. Report from Michael Kloss, Presiding Minister of Anselm Presbytery

Motion 25/10/01:1 - Dave Hatcher moved to approve the PM report and ratify the PM's actions contained therein. Jerry Owen seconded.

Motion 25/10/01:1 carried 23-0-0.

Introduction of Mission Churches and Candidate Churches

Mission Churches

- 1) Devin Smith from Trinity Reformed Church, Beaverton, OR - present
- 2) Thomas Duell from Trinity Reformed Church, Tucson, AZ - present
- 3) Jason Nelstuen from Trinity Reformed Church, Tucson, AZ - present
- 4) Jesse Caldwell from Christ Church Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV - present
- 5) Jeff Stackhouse from Christ Church Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV - present
- 6) Andy Kirsch, Covenant Reformed Church, Fairbanks, AK - present
- 7) Tim Sterner, Covenant Reformed Church, Fairbanks, AK - present
- 8) Jeremy Britton, Christ Covenant Church, Skagit County, WA - present
- 9) Joshua Hansen, Christ Covenant Church, Skagit County, WA - present
- 10) Jeff Lambin, Reformed Church of the Sierras, Carson City, NV - present

Candidate Churches

None

7. Prayers of gratitude, blessing, and supplication for Anselm Churches
 - Trinity Church - Woodinville, WA
 - Dave Hatcher asked for prayer for approval by the county to build on the property they purchased and for fundraising for the construction of the building.

- Erik Day prayed
- Emmanuel Church - Bothell, WA
 - Jerry Owen asked for prayer regarding the church's first excommunicant and for an opportunity to buy a building.
 - Jeremy Britton prayed
- Christ Covenant Church - Skagit County, WA
 - Jeremy Britton asked for prayer for continued growth.
 - Paul Liberati prayed
- Church of the King - Sacramento, CA
 - Paul Liberati asked for prayer for several prospective church officers and for discipling the congregation through controversial issues facing the church and nation in a very diverse congregation.
 - Luke Moerke prayed
- Christ Covenant Church - Centralia, WA
 - Aaron Ventura asked for prayer for a new building to accommodate growth and wisdom in dealing with new pastoral issues.
 - Jeff Stackhouse prayed
- Christ Church Las Vegas - Las Vegas, NV
 - Jeff Stackhouse asked for prayer for a new building.
 - Aaron Palmer prayed
- Trinity Covenant Church - Santa Cruz, CA
 - Troy Martin asked for prayer for more church officers.
 - Thomas Duell prayed
- Trinity Reformed Church - Tucson, AZ
 - Jason Nelsetuen asked for prayer for a new building to accommodate growth, development of a parish model, and the launch of Mighty Oaks Adventure Hour to support homeschooling families.
 - Bo Cogbill prayed
- Reformation Covenant Church - Oregon City, OR
 - Bo Cogbill asked for prayer for the continued development of future church officers, the launch of a second service later this year, and finding an additional man to add to the pastoral staff.
 - Andy Kirsch prayed
- Covenant Reformed Church - Fairbanks, AK
 - Tim Sterner asked for prayer for a new building for purchase and for more church officers.
 - Mike Denna prayed
- Providence Reformed Church - Grand Junction, CO
 - Mike Denna asked for prayer for an additional elder and dealing with some contention.
 - John McNeely prayed

- Covenant Bible Church - Palmer, AK
 - Jack Phelps asked for prayer for more deacons and for an associate pastor to work with Jack, who would eventually transition into Jack's head pastor role.
 - Michael Kloss prayed
- Redeemer Church - Lynnwood, WA
 - Michael Kloss asked for prayer for the financial health of the church and for men in the church struggling to find employment.
 - Aaron Fudge prayed
- Christ Church Santa Clarita - Santa Clarita, CA
 - Andrew Richardson asked for prayer that congregants would stay instead of moving away.
 - Travis Daggett prayed
- Christ the King Church - Eugene, OR
 - Travis Daggett asked for prayer for a family with significant pastoral needs.
 - Devin Smith prayed
- Trinity Reformed Church - Beaverton, OR
 - Devin Smith asked for prayer for adding new families, including church officer candidates, especially a deacon.
 - Troy Anderson prayed
- Christ Covenant Church - Medford, OR
 - Kenny Anderson asked for prayer for fruit from ongoing leadership training in the church and for a permanent home for their church.
 - Celso Namuco prayed
- Christ Stewards Fellowship of the Philippines - Batangas City, Philippines
 - Celso Namuco asked for prayer for dealing with restrictions on coming to the U.S. for men they would like to send for training, provision for his family while they are in East Texas at a Filipino-American church plant, and that the completion of his dissertation on expository preaching would bless pastors in the Philippines.
 - Leo Ordiales prayed
- Grace from Heaven Christian Fellowship - Manila, Philippines
 - Leo Ordiales asked for prayer for merging two small church plants.
 - Dave Hatcher prayed

Meeting recessed by PM Michael Kloss: 11:02 AM

Meeting called to order by PM Michael Kloss: 11:12 AM

8. Covenant Reformed Church of Fairbanks, AK

Motion 25/10/01:2 - Jack Phelps moved that Covenant Reformed Church of Fairbanks, AK, be received as a full member Church in Anselm Presbytery. Bo Cogbill seconded.

Motion 25/10/01:2 carried 23-0-0.

Vows of faithfulness and commitment were administered to our new church by PM Michael Kloss.

Agenda item #9 was deferred until Joel Eby, delegate from Redeemer Church, joined the meeting. It was addressed immediately after agenda item #11 concluded.

9. Christ Covenant Church of Mt. Vernon, WA

Motion 25/10/01:3 - Joel Eby moved that Christ Covenant Church of Mt. Vernon, WA, be received as a full member Church. Mike Denna seconded.

Motion 25/10/01:3 carried 24-0-0.

Vows of faithfulness and commitment were administered to our new church by PM Michael Kloss.

10. Reformation Presbyterian Church of Apache Junction, AZ

Motion 25/10/01:4 - Travis Daggett moved that Reformation Presbyterian Church of Apache Junction, AZ, be received as a Candidate Church. Andrew Richardson seconded.

Motion 25/10/01:4 carried 23-0-0.

11. Christ Church of Las Vegas, NV

Motion 25/10/01:5 - Jerry Owen moved that Christ Church of Las Vegas, NV, be received as a full member church. Dave Hatcher seconded. Discussion regarding the relationship between Christ Church of Las Vegas and the church they left, Trinity Reformed Church (Las Vegas). Discussion whether Christ Church of Las Vegas, NV, can be considered to have existed for at least 2 years under CREC Constitution Article III(E)(1)(b) as substantially the same church since it is comprised of 80% of the original congregation, the head pastor, and a majority of the church officers.

Motion 25/10/01:5 was tabled by PM Michael Kloss.

Motion 25/10/01:6 - Jerry Owen moved that Christ Church of Las Vegas, NV, be deemed as a continuation of Trinity Reformed Church (Las Vegas) and therefore in existence for more than 2 years. Mike Denna seconded.

Motion 25/10/01:6 carried 24-0-0.

Motion 25/10/01:7 - Jack Phelps moved to bring the tabled motion 25/10/01:5 back to the floor. John McNeely seconded.

Motion 25/10/01:7 carried 24-0-0.

Original Motion 25/10/01:5 by Jerry Owen carried 24-0-0.

Vows of faithfulness and commitment were administered to our new church by PM Michael Kloss.

Prayer for Joel Bartlett, a member of Christ Covenant Church, who was just taken to the hospital.

Meeting recessed by PM Michael Kloss: 12:05 PM

Meeting called to order by PM Michael Kloss: 1:34 PM

Andrew Richardson led in song.

12. Jerry Owen provided an update on Lighthouse Covenant Church (“LCC”), which had previously been a candidate church, then a mission church. The church building had been given to Lighthouse, but the church dwindled, and the building was ultimately given to another local Reformed church. LCC Pastor Craig Greatman resigned and moved to Texas. Troy Martin gave an update on a possible mission church forming out of the remaining families of LCC. Trinity Covenant Church is currently providing pulpit supply to this group of remaining families on a monthly basis.
13. Jack Phelps requested consideration of the Credentials Committee Report on Rev. Isaac Baugh’s transfer of OPC credentials.
 - The committee report was provided in advance.
 - Floor examination of Isaac Baugh was conducted.

Motion 25/10/01:8 - Paul Liberati moved to continue the discussion in executive session. Andrew Richardson seconded.

Motion 25/10/01:8 carried 24-0-0.

Discussion continued in executive session.
Returned to regular session.

Motion 25/10/01:9 - Dave Hatcher moved that we accept the transfer of Isaac Baugh’s credentials to Covenant Bible Church (“CBC”) and that we make a strong recommendation that he continue to serve as stated supply, not installed, until the session of Covenant Reformed Church of Fairbanks, AK, decides that he is ready for installation. Jerry Owen seconded.

Motion 25/10/01:9 carried 24-0-0.

For clarity, CBC will hold Isaac Baugh’s credentials as an ordained man without a call pursuant to Article XII(D) of the Book of Procedures.

Meeting recessed at 3:39 PM

Thursday, October 2, 2025

Meeting called to order: 9:01am

Jeremy Britton opened in prayer.

Singing led by Andrew Richardson.

14. Leo Ordiales gave an update on the CREC in the Philippines and presented two new churches seeking sponsorship for membership in the CREC. Discussion followed, including whether some CREC churches should form an organization like JEEP to support the work in the Philippines. Bo Cogbill, Paul Liberati, and Jerry Owen offered to participate in an Anselm Presbytery committee to investigate this further.
15. Andrew Richardson updated the presbytery on travel expenses for Philippine delegates and guests, which total approximately \$7,000, approximately \$500 per member church. Anselm churches should reimburse Christ Church Santa Clarita by October 15, 2025.
16. PM Michael Kloss appointed a committee to review and update the Anselm Presbytery documents on the CREC Website. Committee members include Michael Lortz, John McNeely, and Luke Sneeringer. Michael Lortz will chair the committee. Michael Kloss to investigate how the committee should handle the documents of the former Calvin Presbytery.
17. **Motion 25/10/02:1** - Bo Cogbill moved the formation of a committee to examine John Unger of Reformation Covenant Church for Anselm Presbytery's stated meeting in 2026. Committee members to include Bo Cogbill (chair), Troy Martin, and Devin Smith. Andrew Richardson seconded.

Motion 25/10/02:1 carried 24-0-0.

18. **Motion 25/10/02:2** - Mike Denna moved the formation of a committee to examine Thomas Duell and Jason Nelsestuen of Trinity Reformed Church of Tucson, AZ, in preparation for Anselm's stated meeting of 2026. Committee members to include Mike Denna (chair), Jeremy Britton, Aaron Ventura, and Paul Liberati. John McNeely seconded.

Motion 25/10/02:2 carried 24-0-0.

19. Discussed the Memorial on Ethnicity for Counsel 2026. Aaron Ventura submitted his attempted synthesis of the Knox Presbytery and Tyndale Presbytery proposed statements for Anselm Presbytery to consider.

Meeting recessed: 11:02 AM

Meeting called to order: 11:13 AM

Motion 25/10/02:3 - Aaron Ventura moved that Anselm Presbytery put forth the following proposed Memorial on Ethnicity for Counsel 2026:

The duty to honor our fathers includes honor of our earthly nation and ethnic heritage, but not above the kingdom of Christ. Civilizations may be morally or culturally superior to others because of their conformity to God's moral law, not by any inherent, biological, or natural worth. Pursuing ethnic purity

is not a moral good that necessarily follows from natural affections. Therefore, we reject any doctrine that forbids interethnic marriages on such grounds. We also reject the promotion of ethnic divisions in the church. We affirm that God alone is the common good around which any multi-ethnic commonwealth can flourish.

Dave Hatcher seconded the motion.

Motion 25/10/02:3 carried. 20-4-0.

20. PM Michael Kloss discussed the work of the Governing Documents Review Committee, chaired by Rev. Dekker.
21. Paul Liberati requested a discussion and advisory vote regarding the report of Church of the King (“COTK”) of Sacramento, CA, regarding receiving King’s Way Reformed Church of Prescott, AZ, as a mission Church of COTK.

Motion 25/10/02:4 - Paul Liberati moved to enter executive session, with John Stoos invited to participate in the discussion. Jerry Owen seconded.

Motion 25/10/02:4 carried 24-0-0.

Jeff Stackhouse was replaced by Brent Foster as delegate of Christ Church Las Vegas, without objection.

Joel Ellis, pastor at Reformation Presbyterian Church of Apache Junction, AZ, was invited to join the discussion in executive session.

Motion 25/10/02:5 - Mike Denna moved to exit executive session. John McNeely seconded.

Motion 25/10/02:5 carried 24-0-0.

Regular session resumed.

Motion 25/10/02:6 - Andrew Richardson moved that Anselm Presbytery advise COTK not to receive King’s Way Reformed Church as a mission church. Jerry Owen seconded.

Motion 25/10/02:6 carried 24-0-0.

PM Michael Kloss recommended that COTK form a committee to continue working with King’s Way Reformed Church, with Paul Liberati to chair the committee.

22. Other Business

Motion 25/10/02:7 - Jerry Owen moved to add the elders from Reformation Presbyterian Church of Apache Junction, AZ, (candidate church) to the elder listserv. John McNeely seconded.

Motion 25/10/02:7 carried 24-0-0.

Trinity Reformed Church of Tucson, AZ, will host the Spring presbytery meeting, planned for March 9-11, 2026.

The Fall presbytery meeting will be held immediately prior to the 2026 CREC Council meeting.

Discussion regarding the minutes from the Spring 2025 meeting of Knox Presbytery regarding the intent to ask the CREC to remove and apologize regarding the 2017 report of the investigation of Douglas Wilson. Concerns were expressed regarding the unwillingness of particular churches in Knox Presbytery to submit to the CREC.

Motion 25/10/02:8 - Jerry Owen moved to adjourn. John McNeely seconded.

Motion 25/10/02:8 carried 24-0-0.

Final adjournment 1:57 PM, Thursday, Oct 2, 2025.

Aaron Ventura closed in prayer.

Minutes prepared by Michael Lortz, Reformation Covenant Church, Oregon City, OR