

Minutes of Athanasius Presbytery
Rich Lusk, Minister of Presbytery
Rob Hadding, Minister of Presbytery Pro Tem
Alan Stout, Clerk of Presbytery
Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches
10 April 2018
Birmingham, Alabama

Churches and Members of Presbytery Represented:

Christ Church, Branchville AL - Ted Phillips and Keith Diamond
Christ Church, Pace, FL - Rob Hadding
Christ Presbyterian Church, Baton Rouge - Galen Sorrey, Denny Dufour
Christ Presbyterian Knoxville, TN – Mike Pasarilla.
Christ Redeemer, Live Oak, FL - Jimmy Gill
Church of the Good Shepherd, North Augusta - Kirk Downey
Holy Trinity Reformed Evangelical Church, Greenville SC - Eddie Field
Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Clinton MS - Jay Barfield
Providence Church, Pensacola FL - Al Stout, Uri Brito
Redeemer Church Huntsville, AL – Stewart Jordan
Salem Reformed Church, Rome GA - George Crocker
St. Mark Reformed Church, Nashville TN - Joe Thacker
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Birmingham AL - Gilbert Douglas
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Valparaiso, FL Ben Rossell

Church not represented:

Christ Church Lakeland, FL (Rob Hadding of Christ Church represents)

Mission Church:

Covenant First Presbyterian Church in Live Oak, FL Sponsored by Christ Presbyterian Church Baton Rouge, LA
(Herman Gunter, III)
Igreja Reformada de Cristo, Porto Alegre, Brazil Sponsored by Providence Church Pensacola, FL
(Ernesto Ochikubo)

Guests

Herman Gunter III
Kyle Stewart
Ron Smith
Jeff Trexler Covenant Community Mission, Andrews, SC

- I. Called to order.
- II. Invocation. Rich Lusk
- III. Uri Brito leads in Song
- IV. Rich Lusk delivers an exhortation
- V. Quorum established with the presbyters listed above. (16 voting Presbyters)
- VI. Motion 18/04/10:01 Motion to accept the agenda (Enclosure 1), Seconded Carried 16-0
- VII. Motion 18/04/10:02 Motion to seat visitors and permit them to speak on the floor of Presbytery. Jay Barfield moved, seconded Al Stout. Carried 16-0
- VIII. Motion 18/04/10:03 Motion to approve the minutes from the fall 2017 Presbytery Meeting as amended (Enclosure 2) Jay Barfield moved, seconded Uri Brito. Carried 16-0
- IX. Church Planting Committee Report Rob Hadding delivered (Enclosure 3)

- a. Church in Lakeland is in need of Leadership, but none are on the horizon. If this work does not work Christ Church will return the money that has already been given to support this work although we would recommend that Athanasius Presbytery establish a church planting fund.
 - b. Kyle Stewart is in early discussion about planting a Church in Orlando area. He speaks about their early efforts. God seems to be giving us peace about leaving St. Paul's Presbyterian and they seem excited to another church planted in Orlando, despite our differences. Uri Brito speaks about Providence's desire that these works start with peace as possible
 - c. Joffre Swait desires to start a Church in Greer. We had a number of conversations with Joffre and another man who desired to start the Church. We desired that they come under the watch and care of Holy Trinity, they met and both did not think this will work. Joffre is desiring to start a independent Church and possibly join us later
 - d. Jeff Neil reports that there is a Church moving in our direction in San Juan, Puerto Rico. There may be an opportunity
- X. Motion 18/04/10:04 Motion to thank the committee. Ben Russell moved, seconded George Crocker. Carried 16-0
- XI. Church Reports: (Sent to the Presbytery, not part of the public record)
- a. Church of the Good Shepherd, North Augusta, GA– Kirk Downey delivered - Stewart Jordan prayed
 - b. Christ Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN Mike Pasarilla delivered - Jay Barfield prayed
 - c. Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Clinton, MS Jay Barfield delivered - Al Stout prayed
 - d. Providence Church, Pensacola, FL Uri Brito delivered - Stewart Jordan prayed
 - e. Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Madison, AL Stewart Jordan delivered – George Crocker prayed
 - f. Salem Reformed Church, Rome, GA George Crocker delivered - Joe Thacker prayed
 - g. St. Mark Reformed Church, Nashville, TN Joe Thacker delivered - Rich Lusk prayed
 - h. Trinity Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, AL Rich Lusk delivered - Ben Russell prayed
 - i. Trinity Presbyterian Church, Valparaiso, FL Ben Russell delivered - Uri Brito prayed
- XII. Adjourn for break
- XIII. Reconvene Quorum established with the presbyters listed above
- XIV. New Business
- a. Discussion of role and funding for PM/PMPT
 - i. What do you want the PM to do? (Ben Russell – Make yourselves available for council) (Rich - Summit Meetings between councils) (Ted Phillips– Do something more along the lines of a consultant who would help Churches see their strengths and weaknesses. Help with outreach and evangelism.) (Rich Lusk – Virgil Hurt seems to be taking the counseling role very serious, which is helpful.) (Keith Diamond and Rich Lusk– Helping in pastoral searches.)
 - ii. Do we want to establish funding for PM work? (Denny Dufour – would recommend that if a small Church could not support a PM that we support them at that time.) (Rob Hadding– There is work involved in asking for support and if we had some standing funds that support those efforts we believe in that would be a good thing) (Rich Lusk – I would think that support for various works we want to do (church planting for example) is more important than PM funding).
 - b. Creedal Standardization clarification
 - i. The forms of the creed. Require Holy Ghost, but our Churches all use Holy Spirit. Recommend that we develop a statement of exception.

- ii. Motion 18/04/10:05 PM of Presbytery review the creeds of our individual Churches to ensure we are in compliance with our constitution. Al Stout moved, Seconded Gilbert Douglas. Carried 13-4)
 - c. Abortion Memorial discussion
 - i. Motion 18/04/10:06 Motion that the Memorial on Abortion be amended to include the attached footnote (Enclosure 4) be presented at General Council 2020. Mike Pasarilla moved, seconded Ben Rossell. Carried 16-0
 - d. Updates on current candidate and mission churches
 - i. Covenant First Presbyterian Church, Live Oak, FL Herman III – Rob Hadding prayed
 - ii. Covenant Community Mission, Andrews, SC (Rich updated. He communicates with Jeff Trexler regularly Jimmy Gill prayed).
 - iii. Igreja de Cristo, Porto Alegre, Brazil Uri Brito updated Jay Barfield prayed
 - iv. Christ Church, Lakeland, FL Rob Hadding updated Uri Brito prayed
 - e. Next meeting location/date (Motion to hold at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Birmingham 22 – 23 October) Rob Hadding moved, Second Uri Brito. Carried 16-0.
- XV. Motion to close Presbytery. Rob Hadding moved, Second Uri Brito. Carried 16-0