

Minutes of 25th Meeting of Athanasius Presbytery

October 26, 2021

Convened at Church of the Redeemer (West Monroe, LA)

Rob Hadding, Presiding Minister
Uri Brito, Presiding Minister *Pro Tempore*
Jimmy Gill, Clerk of Presbytery

- I. PM Hadding called the meeting to order at 9:00am (CDT) and opened in prayer.
- II. Uri Brito led in song.
- III. Joe Thacker gave an exhortation from Psalm 11.
- IV. Uri Brito led in song.
- V. Roll was called and a quorum was established with the (14) presbyters listed below.
 - Christ Church Branch Cove (Odenville, AL): Justin Wallick
 - Christ Church (Pace, FL): Rob Hadding, Bob McGee
 - Christ Presbyterian Church (Baton Rouge, LA): Denny Dufour
 - Christ Presbyterian Church (Knoxville, TN): Mike Pasarilla
 - Christ Redeemer Presbyterian Church (Live Oak, FL): Jimmy Gill
 - Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church (Greer, SC): Eddy Field
 - Immanuel Presbyterian Church (Clinton, MS): Davy Durham
 - Providence Church (Pensacola, FL): Uri Brito, Ron Gilley
 - St. Mark Reformed Church (Nashville, TN): Joe Thacker
 - Trinity Presbyterian Church (Birmingham, AL): Rich Lusk
 - Trinity Presbyterian Church (Valparaiso, FL): Ben Rossell, Mike Ruff

Mission Churches Present:

- Trinity Presbyterian (Winter Springs, FL): Kyle Stewart
- Trinity Reformed Church (Huntsville, AL): Larson Hicks, Matt Carpenter
- Pilgrim Hill Reformed Fellowship (Goodlettsville, TN): Brooks Potteiger
 - o Has recently met the requirements for mission status

Mission Churches Not Present:

- Covenant Presbyterian Church (Live Oak, FL)
- Igreja de Reformada de Cristo

- VI. **MOTION:** to accept the agenda (Appendix A). Motion passed unanimously.
- VII. Introduction of Guests
 - Mr. David Moody interested in ministering in the CREC.
 - Christ the King Mission (Greenville, SC) not present (not yet received as mission)

VIII. **MOTION:** By common consent the presbytery approved that visitors be seated and permitted to speak on the floor of Presbytery.

IX. Old Business

- a. **MOTION:** The presbytery unanimously approved the minutes from the 2021 Spring Meeting of Presbytery.

X. Church Reports: All present member churches and mission churches gave a report and were prayed for.

* The meeting was recessed for a short break from 10:45 to 10:55am.

XI. Church Reports (continued)

* The meeting was recessed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:30pm.

XII. Report from Brian Nolder about Reformation Bible Institute (Oregon City, OR)

XIII. Church Reports (continued)

XIV. New Business

1) Discussion of long-term status of mission churches

- a. Covenant First Presbyterian Church (Live Oak, FL) → Given the absence of Herman Gunter III and Pastor Galen Sorey, the situation will be discussed at next presbytery.
- b. Igreja Reformada de Cristo (Porto Alegre, Brazil) → The church is stable with one elder and two deacons. Providence is paying for the seminary education of the elder, who is preparing for ordination.
- c. Trinity Presbyterian Church (Winter Springs, FL) → Pastor Stewart is discipling men in search of elder candidates.
- d. Trinity Reformed Church (Huntsville, AL) → They are hoping to call Matt Carpenter as Associate Pastor and are currently searching for a Senior Pastor.
- e. Pilgrim Hill Reformed Fellowship (Goodlettsville, TN) → They have recently met the criteria for a mission church and are beginning an officer training course with two prospects for elders.

2) Reception of Matt Carpenter into Athanasius Presbytery (transferring from Knox)

- a. Rev. Carpenter shared about his departure from his previous call and the decision to move back to Alabama.
- b. **MOTION:** Mike Ruff moved that Matt Carpenter's ordination credentials be recognized and recommended to Trinity Reformed Church for call as Associate Pastor. Davy Durham seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

3) Election of New Presiding Minister

- a. In light of PM Hadding's departure from Athanasius Presbytery, PM *pro tempore* Uri Brito agreed to fill the remaining year of the term.
- b. **MOTION:** Uri Brito nominated Pastor Joe Thacker to fill the role of PM *pro tempore*.
- c. Joe Thacker was unanimously elected as PM *pro tempore* to complete Uri Brito's term.

4) The presbytery held a discussion of various proposals and memorials to be discussed at Council.

* PM Hadding recessed the meeting for the day, with the intention of reconvening at 9am on Wednesday.

* The meeting was reconvened with prayer by PM Hadding at 9:00am.

XV. New Business (continued)

- a. Discussion of various proposals for Council actions

XVI. Rich Lusk moved that the next presbytery meeting be held in Birmingham, AL, on March 22. Mike Pasarilla seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

XVII. Uri Brito expressed his gratitude to Rob Hadding for his many years of faithful service in Athanasius Presbytery. The presbytery heartily joined in expressing thanks.

XVIII. **MOTION:** Uri Brito moved to adjourn the meeting with a song. Rich Lusk seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

XIX. Uri Brito closed the meeting at 10:45am by leading in song.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jimmy Gill, Clerk of Presbytery