



Augustine Presbytery Spring Meeting

April 6-7, 2026
Gordonsville, VA

Location: 17379 Wolftrap Dr. Gordonsville, VA 22942

Officers: Presiding Minister (2024): David Cooper; PM Pro Tem (2024): Dan Nash; Secretary: Wade Choate

- I. Morning Devotional
- II. Roll Call of Member Churches by PM David Cooper-9:10am.
 1. All Souls Reformed Church-Green Camp, OH-Rhett Crabtree
 2. Christ Church-Cary NC-Duane Garner, Peter Jones
 3. Christ Church-Morgantown, WV-Jared McNabb, Bill Oldland
 4. Christ Covenant Reformed Church-Chesapeake, VA-Conrad Doskey
 5. Christ Reformed Evangelical Church-Annapolis, MD-Dan Nash (PM Pro-Tem), Ken Trovato
 6. Covenant Community Presbyterian-Orient, OH-Derrick Ratcliff, Tom Lawson
 7. Cross and Crown-Warrenton, VA-Jason Garwood
 8. Holy Trinity Reformed Church-Concord, NC- Wade Choate
 9. Providence Church-Lynchburg, VA-Virgil Hurt, Jody Simmons
 10. Sandhills Presbyterian-Southern Pines, NC-Kevin Skogen
 11. Sovereign Christ Church-Mansfield, OH-Clint Zeigler
 12. St. Peter Presbyterian Church-Bristol, VA-Steve Murphy, Laurence Windham
 13. Trinity Reformed Church-Martinsburg, WV-Lucas Dorminy

Establish Quorum-

11/13 churches represented on 4/6 for Jake Torgerson's floor exam. Jason Garwood and Clint Zeigler not in attendance.

13/13 churches represented on 4/7 for Lee Becton and Dylan Tew's floor exams.

Candidate, Mission Churches, Church Planters Recognized

1. Christ Church-Boone, NC. Not in attendance
2. Christ Church-Owensboro, KY-Kevin Whear
3. Dandridge Community Church-Dandridge, TN-Jake Torgeson, Blane Tarr
4. King's Valley Reformed-Erwin, TN. Not in attendance
5. Reformed Covenant Church-Richmond, VA-Lee Becton
6. Walker's Chapel-Orange, VA-Scott Magnino

Recognize any additional guests or delegations. Updates on mission churches not present.

1. Pastor Brian Nolder and elders Gene Caldwell and Stephen Booth from New Hope Reformed Church of Mt. Vernon, KY. New Hope is essentially a 'CREC adjacent' church, practicing covenant renewal worship, paedobaptism, paedocommunion, postmillennial

eschatology, and regular attendance at Fight, Laugh, Feast conferences. They subscribe to the Savoy Declaration and the Heidelberg Catechism and seem to be the only conservative Reformed church in south central KY. They are interested in exploring membership in the CREC.

III. Presbytery Actions

1. Update on the appeals of discipline from Trinity Reformed Church in Martinsburg, WV.
 - a. Discussion and Questions

2026/04/07:1-Duane Garner moved to ratify the actions of Augustine Presbytery Court overturning discipline against seven men at Trinity Reformed Church. Virgil Hurt second.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion for Council from Christ Church, Morgantown (Jared McNabb)

2026/04/07:2- To Revise CREC Constitution Article IX. C, as laid out in italics below.

The process for adopting a memorial must involve a careful striving for like-mindedness. This deliberate process will help us guard against various fads and winds of doctrine (Eph 4:14). Any new memorial must be approved as a draft at a stated Council. *After first approval of Council, the draft memorial shall be voted on by each presbytery before the next stated Council. If three-fourths of the presbyteries signify approval of the draft memorial, then it may be put forward to be adopted at a subsequent stated Council.*

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. General discussion of Council Agenda items
 - a. Child Communion Memorial-proposed first reading. See attached. General sentiment to make the Memorial more explicitly pro-paedocommunion.
 - b. Changes to Sacramental Cooperation section of the constitution. See attached. General sentiment is to keep the additions made at the 2023 Council.
 - c. Removal of Memorial F due to duplication. See rationale attached. Generally favored with a desire to see a clear explanation.
 - d. Add Vetting Questionnaire to Book of Procedures-see first draft attached. Generally favored as a helpful tool.
 - e. Memorial "J" On the Nations. Presbytery favors a PMOC statement rather than a Memorial.

- f. PMOC- Uri Brito willing to serve another term.
- g. PMOC Pro-tem-Randy Booth is not going to serve a second term, Bill Smith's name has been floated as a new pro-tem of Council. No other names were suggested.

4. Ordination Floor Exams

- a. Jake Torgeson-church planter commissioned by St. Peter Presbyterian Church (Bristol, VA) to plant in Dandridge, TN. Coming in under the London Baptist Confession. [Dandridge Community Church](#)
 - i. Exam committee chaired by Laurence Windham with Jody Simmons, David Townsend (not in attendance) and John Mitchell questioned candidate followed by questions from the floor.
 - ii. 2026/04/07:3-Presbytery moved to executive session and determined that the candidate needs to do additional work with his committee to clarify or change views on the office of deaconess, the Mosaic covenant as a republication of the Covenant of Works and understanding of specific age requirements around eldership.
 - iii. After leaving executive session, candidate was informed of Presbytery's decision.
 - iv. Pastors Rick Davis and Rhett Crabtree have been added to his ordination committee.
- b. Lee Becton-church planter commissioned by Providence Church (Lynchburg) to plant in Richmond, VA. Has been leading the church as a ruling elder (licensed to preach and administer sacraments) since October 2024. [Reformed Covenant Church](#)
 - i. Exam committee chaired by Jared McNabb with Rick Davis (not in attendance), Nathaniel Talbott (Christ Church, NC), Rhett Crabtree, and Brian Phillips (not in attendance) questioned the candidate followed by questions from the floor.
 - ii. 2026/04/07:4-Presbytery moved to executive session and voted unanimously to approve Mr. Becton's ordination.
 - iii. After leaving executive session, candidate was informed of his successful passage of the floor exam and the committee was instructed to follow up with any recommendations to Providence Church.
- c. Dylan Tew-church planter from Christ Church, NC. Dylan has an M.Div. in Biblical Exegesis from Bethlehem College and Seminary. He desires to plant a CREC church in Eastern NC.

- i. Exam committee chaired by Laurence Windham with Jody Simmons, John Mitchell, and Rhett Crabtree questioned the candidate followed by questions from the floor.
- ii. 2026/04/07:5-Presbytery moved to executed session and voted unanimously to approve Mr. Tew's ordination.
- iii. After leaving executive session, candidate was informed of his successful passage of the floor exam and the committee was instructed to follow up with any recommendations to Christ Church, Cary NC.

IV. Final Actions

1. Augustine Presbytery will meet in conjunction with the triennial Council meeting, September 28-October 1 in Nashville, TN. Register Here: [CREC Council 2026 - Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches](#)
2. Motion to Adjourn
3. Closing Prayer