HUS PRESBYTERY

Minutes of the 2026 Stated Meeting

September 29–30, 2026

Place of meeting: Nashville, TN

Presiding Minister: Bogumił Jarmulak

Clerk: Ben Zedek Smith

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

1. Opening Prayer

The meeting opened at 9:00 AM with prayer by Tomas Opstad.

2. Roll Call and Quorum

A quorum requires at least 10 of 14 churches. The roll was called, and the following churches were represented:

Church	No.	Delegates Present
Berøa Reformed Church, Ualand, Norway	2	Tomas Opstad, Håvard Handeland
Berøa Reformed Church, Vestfold, Norway	1	Kenneth Rosenblad
Christ Covenant Church, Langley, Canada	2	Garry Vanderveen, William Vroom
Evangelical Reformed Church – Gdansk, Poland	1	Pawel Bartosik
Evangelical Reformed Church – Poznan, Poland	1	Andrzej Polaszek
Evangelical Reformed Church – Wroclaw, Poland	2	Marek Kmieć, Sebastian Smolarz
Mitaka Evangelical Church – Tokyo, Japan	2	Ben Zedek Smith, Keiya Kanno
Presbyterian Reformed Church – Burgas, Bulgaria	1	Yavor Rusinov
Reformed Church of Christ the Savior – Rivne, Ukraine	2	Oleksandr Orlov-Koshchavka I, Serhii Terentiev
Trinity Evangelical Church – Diósd, Hungary	1	Attila Hajdú

The following churches were absent:

- Christian Evangelical Reformed Church – Mykolaiv, Ukraine
- Holy Trinity Reformed Church – Dunaevtsy, Ukraine
- Holy Trinity Evangelical Reformed Church – Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine
- Reformed Evangelical Church of St Andrew – Pidhaichiky, Ukraine

Ten of the 14 churches were represented. A quorum was declared present.

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

The following were introduced:

- Reformed Congregation of the Most Holy Trinity, Karlovy Vary, Czechia (mission church of Evangelical Reformed Church – Wroclaw, Poland): Jan Prorok

- Grace Christian Fellowship, Tokyo, Japan (mission church of Mitaka Evangelical Church, Japan): Tom Cotton
- King's Reformed Church: Rhys Demman, Forrest Demman
- Whitestone Reformed Church, Ontario: William Ravensbergen, Ryan Eras

4. Participation of the Ukrainian Churches by Internet

Pursuant to Constitution Art. V.C., the presbytery voted on whether the Ukrainian churches could participate in the meeting over the Internet.

> **Motion:** That the Ukrainian churches be allowed to participate in the meeting over the Internet.
>
> Moved by Sebastian Smolarz; seconded by Ben Zedek Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Request for Exception to Constitution Art. IV.B.1

Trinity Evangelical Church (TEC), Diósd, Hungary, requested an exception to Constitution Art. IV.B.1 so that Rev. Dr. Bogumił Jarmulak, who is serving as elder pro tempore on the TEC session, may serve as a second TEC delegate at the 2026 Hus Presbytery stated meeting.

> **Motion:** That, per Constitution Art. IV.B.1, an exception be granted allowing Rev. Dr. Bogumił Jarmulak to serve as a second delegate of Trinity Evangelical Church, Diósd, at the 2026 Hus Presbytery stated meeting.
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> Moved by Attila Hajdú; seconded by Oleksandr Orlov-Koshchavka I. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Report of the Presiding Minister

The report of the Presiding Minister was received.

7. Overtures 16 and 17

Overtures 16 and 17 were presented by the Hus Committee (Revs. Garry Vanderveen, Ben Zedek Smith, and Attila Hajdú). See Appendix 2.

> **Motion:** That BOP Article XII, "Recognition of Ordained Ministers," be amended.
>
> Moved by Garry Vanderveen; seconded by William Vroom. The motion carried: 14 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstaining.

> **Motion:** That "Creeds and Confessional Statements" be moved to the Book of Confessions.
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> Moved by Garry Vanderveen; seconded by Ben Zedek Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Discussion of Council Agenda Items

The Council delegates received feedback from the presbytery delegates on the Council agenda.

9. Presentation on Reformed Evangelical Seminary

The Presiding Minister introduced Virgil Hurt, who presented on Reformed Evangelical Seminary.

10. Introduction of Guest

The Presiding Minister introduced John Unger.

11. Continued Discussion of Council Agenda Items

Discussion of the Council agenda items continued.

12. Recess for Lunch

The presbytery recessed for lunch at 11:44 AM.

13. Reconvening

The presbytery reconvened at 2:00 PM. A quorum was present.

14. Ordination Examination of Rhys Demman

The examining committee consisted of Garry Vanderveen, Ben Zedek Smith, and Attila Hajdú.

> **Motion:** That Rhys Demman be examined.
>
> Moved by Garry Vanderveen; seconded by Oleksandr Orlov-Koshchavka I. The motion carried unanimously.

The presbytery entered executive session at 3:55 PM.

> **Motion:** That the ordination examination of Rhys Demman be sustained.
>
> Moved by Garry Vanderveen; seconded by Yavor Rusinov. (See vote below.)
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> **Motion:** That, before King's Reformed Church can be particularized, Rhys Demman take one church history course and one systematics course, chosen by the session of Christ Covenant Church, Langley, within two years.
>
> Moved by Garry Vanderveen; seconded by Marek Kmieć. (See vote below.)
>
> **Motion:** That the presbytery vote on the two preceding motions as a set.
>
> Moved by Ben Zedek Smith; seconded by Garry Vanderveen. The motion carried unanimously.

The set of two motions carried unanimously. The executive session ended at 4:12 PM.

15. Results Communicated

The results of the examination were communicated to Rhys Demman.

16. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Ben Zedek Smith offered prayer for Rhys Demman. The session adjourned at 4:17 PM.

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

1. Call to Order

The session convened at 1:35 PM.

2. Roll Call and Quorum

A quorum requires at least 9 of 13 churches. The roll was called, and the following churches were represented:

Church	No.	Delegates Present
Berøa Reformed Church, Ualand, Norway	2	Tomas Opstad, Håvard Handeland
Berøa Reformed Church, Vestfold, Norway	1	Kenneth Rosenblad
Evangelical Reformed Church – Gdansk, Poland	1	Pawel Bartosik
Evangelical Reformed Church – Poznan, Poland	1	Andrzej Polaszek
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The following churches were absent:

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- Holy Trinity Reformed Church – Dunaevtsy, Ukraine
- Holy Trinity Evangelical Reformed Church – Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine
- Reformed Evangelical Church of St Andrew – Pidhaichiky, Ukraine

Nine of the 13 churches were represented. A quorum was declared present.

3. Announcements of the Presiding Minister

The Presiding Minister explained the impact of the creation of Boniface Presbytery on Hus, including the need to elect a new Council delegate to replace Garry Vanderveen.

The Presiding Minister also explained the new provision for an annual Council summit, and noted that some Hus proposals that overlapped with proposals from other presbyteries would be discussed at the upcoming summit.

4. Election of Presiding Minister Pro Tempore

Motion: That Hus elect Attila Hajdú as Presiding Minister Pro Tempore.

Moved by Ben Zedek Smith; seconded by Serhii Terentiev. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Location of the Next Stated Meeting

Motion: That the next stated meeting of Presbytery take place September 28–30, 2027, in Norway.

Moved by Sebastian Smolarz; seconded by Serhii Terentiev. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Inquiry Regarding a Pastoral Candidate

Håvard Handeland asked about Peter Gabriel Måsvær Moi, a possible pastoral candidate for Berøa Reformed Church, Ualand. The Presiding Minister responded that he would send Håvard Handeland a list of questions for Peter Gabriel Måsvær Moi.

7. Election of Council Delegate

Motion: That Hus elect a Council delegate to serve from now until the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

Rationale: The Council summit may take place before the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

Moved by Ben Zedek Smith; seconded by Serhii Terentiev. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: That Hus elect Attila Hajdú to serve as the Council delegate of Hus.

Moved by Oleksandr Orlov-Koshchavka I; seconded by [missing]. The motion carried unanimously, 13 of 13 votes.

8. Resubmission of Overtures to the Council Summit

Motion: That the agenda be amended to include discussion of whether Hus should resubmit to the Council summit any overtures that were not addressed by this Council.

Moved by Attila Hajdú; seconded by Oleksandr Orlov-Koshchavka I. The motion carried: 12 in favor, 1 opposed.

The presbytery determined the disposition of each overture as follows:

Overture	Disposition
Overture 2	Do not resubmit
Overture 3	Submit to summit
Overture 7	Submit to summit
Overture 11	Do not resubmit
Overture 13	Submit to summit
Overture 16	Submit to summit (poll: 9 of 13 in favor)

9. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Håvard Handeland offered prayer. The session adjourned at 2:37 PM.