

The Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery (RPCNA)

Proposed Agenda — Upd. 3/2/21

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2021 ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

Time: Thursday March 4 @ 2pm to Saturday March 6 @ Noon

Place: Sycamore Reformed Presbyterian Church
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DAILY SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

Business Session #1 (2:00 - 5:30p)

- *Mid-Aft. Break (3:30 - 3:45p)*
- *Dinner Break (5:30 - 6:30p)*

Business Session #2 (6:45 - 9:00p)

FRIDAY

Business Session #3 (8:30a - 12:30p)

- *Mid-AM Break (10:15 - 10:30a)*
- *Lunch Break (12:30 - 1:30)*

Business Session #4 (1:45 - 5:30p)

- *Mid-Aft. Break (3:15 - 3:45pm)*
- *Dinner Break (5:30 - 6:30 pm)*

Business Session #5 (6:45 - 9:00p)

SATURDAY

Bus. Session #6 (8:30a - 12:00p)

- *Mid-AM Break (10:15 - 10:30a)*
- *Adjournment (Noon)¹*

BUSINESS SESSION #1

Thursday 2:00 - 5:30 p.m. (Break @ 3:30a)

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** (Mann)
 - A.** Devotional Address (Tre Cranford)²
 - B.** Prayer of Constitution (Mann)
- 2. ROLL CALL** (Koons)
- 3. FORMAL INTRODUCTIONS** (First-Time Delegates, Fraternal Delegates, Special Guests)

¹ Lunch is typically served following adjournment, with sack lunches available upon request.

² If the C&CC exam recommendation (Item 11a) is approved, this will constitute Mr. Cranford's Expository Sermon 1 exam.

4. **MOTION TO RATIFY AIC ZOOM PARTICIPATION POLICY**³ — That presbytery ratify the decision of the Ad Interim Commission on 1/21/21 “to allow only those certified delegates with specific COVID-19 or other medical excuses to vote via video conferencing.”⁴
5. **CLERK’S REPORT** (Kuehner)
 - A. Report & Recommendations
 - B. Call for Papers⁵, Session/TGB Minute Books, Report to Synod
6. **OFFICER ELECTIONS** (Nominations from Floor)
 - Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk
7. **RULING/TEACHING ELDER MEMORIALS**
8. **AD INTERIM COMMISSION REPORT** (Butterfield)
9. **TREASURER’S REPORT** (Magill)
10. **SHEPHERDING COMMITTEE REPORT** (F. Smith)
11. **CANDIDATES AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT** (Niess)
 - A. Oral Report/Update & Recommendations
 - B. Exam: Expository Sermon 1 — Tre Cranford (Floor Comments & Vote)
 - C. Exam: Pastoral & Evangelistic Gifts — Mark Brown
 - D. Exam: Theology 1 — Joe Smith
 - E. Exam: Church History — Mark Brown
 - F. Exam: Theology 1 — Aaron Murray
12. **PRAYER & RECESS ~ DINNER BREAK** (5:30 p.m.)

³ AIC Minutes (1/21/21): “There was discussion regarding how to allow participation via Zoom conferencing. It was moved, seconded and passed to allow only those certified delegates with specific COVID-19 or other medical excuses to vote via video conferencing. This decision would need to be ratified at the start of the actual meeting of presbytery on March 4.”

⁴ Note: This motion does not include any details regarding Zoom participation, for which cause some may desire to move an amendment. For informational purposes, the moderator’s Zoom policy, which the court temporarily adopted on 10/23/20, stipulates the following: “Here is what I am proposing: (1) A Zoom link will be made available only to elder delegates staying away for Covid related reasons.[Rationale: 1) Other sicknesses have kept presbyters away for years and are just part of God’s providence, and we haven’t and will continue to not allow those men to video in. However, in this case we are dealing with men who have no symptoms but are choosing to protect the court by staying away. Therefore, since they are loving their neighbor as themselves via their absence, we will attempt to love them as ourselves by including them. 2) We are not seeking to C-Span this event! It will only be made available to certified delegates.] (2) Zoom delegates will have privileges of the floor, but will not have “last-second” privileges of the floor. [Rationale: If the moderator is getting ready to call a vote, and a delegate in row 10 wants to make a speech, he is able to wave his hand and get my attention at the last second. It is too cumbersome to require checking the Zoom feed to make sure no one on Zoom is seeking the floor. So, if the Zoom delegates want to speak, they will need to give indication early in the discussion.] (3) If Zoom freezes up, the presbytery will proceed as usual. It will be as if those men stepped out of the room voluntarily to get a cup of coffee or something. When Zoom unfreezes, it will be as if they reentered the room. (4) Voting: Zoom delegates will only vote when there is a division or roll call vote. [Rationale: The electronic feed may slightly delay the timing of their responses, and the amplification + or - may not accurately convey the actual votes. Limiting their participation in voice votes while permitting participation in division votes should preserve their right to vote on the more controversial matters while allowing the court to proceed smoothly and fairly on the more clear votes.] (5) Monitoring of the system: (Not the Moderator!) There will be two technology clerks to monitor Zoom both to report when someone is seeking the floor and to inform the clerks of the Zoom vote counts in cases of division. They will also be responsible for keeping the feed live. Authorization: This is a proposal. At the time of the roll call: 1) The roll of those in the room will be called. 2) The moderator’s calling of the meeting will be sustained/not sustained. 3) I will then rule that this Zoom plan is legal participation/attendance. This ruling can then be challenged to the full court, if you deem it to be unconstitutional or unfair. All or individual parts of it can be challenged. 4) If this plan is sustained, we will then add those on Zoom to the roll by calling their names. Participation: Those wishing to participate in this way need to inform me, by noon if at all possible, stating your desire and your Covid reason. Provided that you qualify, we will send you the link and you will be able to join in. You will need to be present when the roll call is taken in order to be considered a voting delegate for this meeting.”

⁵ The last call for papers will be Friday 3/5, immediately following the mid-morning break.

BUSINESS SESSION #2

Thursday 6:45 - 9:00 p.m. (No Break)

- 13. CALL TO ORDER / PRAYER TO RECONVENE** (Moderator)
 - A. Reconstitute in Prayer
 - B. Preaching Exam — Bryan Dage (Scripture Text)
- 14. CLERK'S MOTION** - That presbytery authorize the assistant clerk to take attendance visually in this and all remaining business sessions.
- 15. ROLL CALL / VISUAL** (Assistant Clerk)
- 16. READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** (Clerk)
- 17. MODERATOR APPOINTMENTS** (Moderator)
- 18. CANDIDATES AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT** (Niess)
 - A. Exam: Preaching — Bryan Dage (Floor Comments & Vote)
 - B. Vote: To Receive Under Care — Drew Poplin (Testimony, Q&A, Voice Vote)
 - C. Exam: Theology 1 — Allen Blackwood
 - D. Exam: Personal Godliness — Bryan Dage
 - E. Exam: Personal Godliness — Drew Poplin
 - F. Paper: Church History — Joe Smith (Floor Comments & Voice Vote)
 - G. Paper: Church History — Allen Blackwood (Floor Comments & Voice Vote)
 - H. Paper: Exegesis — Mark Brown (Floor Comments & Voice Vote)
 - I. Exam: English Bible — Joe Smith (Announce Results, Voice Vote)
 - J. Exam: English Bible — Allen Blackwood (Announce Results, Voice Vote)
- 19. GUIDELINES FOR HOST CONGREGATIONS COMMITTEE** (Mann)
- 20. CHRIST CHURCH CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
- 21. HOME MISSION BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT** (Camery)
- 22. LOUISVILLE COMMISSION REPORT** (Hanson)
- 23. PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT** (9:00 p.m.)

BUSINESS SESSION #3

Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Break @ 10:15a)

- 24. CALL TO ORDER / PRAYER OF CONSTITUTION** (Moderator)
 - A. Reconstitute in Prayer
 - B. Expository Sermon 2 — Mark Brown
- 25. ROLL CALL / VISUAL** (Assistant Clerk)
- 26. READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** (Clerk)
- 27. CANDIDATES & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE - Cont.** (Niess)
 - A. Exam: Expository Sermon 2 — Mark Brown (Floor Comments & Vote)
 - B. Exam: Theology 2 — Mark Brown
 - C. Vote: Licensure to Receive a Call — Mark Brown (Roll Call, Queries, Prayer, Charge)
 - D. Exam: Theology & Distinctives — Bryan Dage
 - E. Vote: Roll Call Vote to Receive Mr. Dage's ministerial credentials from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.
 - F. Exam: Expository Sermon 1 — Drew Poplin (Sermon, Floor Comments & Vote)
- 28. LAST CALL FOR PAPERS** (Assistant Clerk)
- 29. PRAYER & RECESS ~ LUNCH BREAK** (12:30 p.m.)

BUSINESS SESSION #4

Friday 1:45 - 5:30 p.m. (Break @ 3:15)

- 30. **CALL TO ORDER** (Moderator)
 - A. Reconstitute in Prayer
 - B. Expository Sermon 1 — Aaron Murray
- 31. **ROLL CALL / VISUAL** (Assistant Clerk)
- 32. **READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** (Clerk)
- 33. **CANDIDATES & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE - Cont.** (Niess)
 - Exam: Expository Sermon 1 — Aaron Murray (Floor Comments & Vote)
- 34. **SOUTHERN CHURCH EXT. COMMITTEE (SOCHEX) REPORT** (Faris/Butterfield)
- 35. **IMMANUEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT** (Niess)
- 36. **IMMANUEL JUDICIAL COMMISSION REPORT** (Camery)
- 37. **JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE DAY** (Chairman)
- 38. **PRAYER & RECESS ~ DINNER BREAK** (5:30 p.m.)

BUSINESS SESSION #5

Friday 6:45 - 9:00 p.m. (No Break)

- 39. **CALL TO ORDER** (Moderator)
 - A. Reconstitute in Prayer
 - B. Expository Sermon 1 — Allen Blackwood
- 40. **ROLL CALL / VISUAL** (Assistant Clerk)
- 41. **READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** (Clerk)
- 42. **CANDIDATES & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE - Cont.** (Niess)
 - A. Exam: Expository Sermon 1 — Allen Blackwood (Floor Comments & Vote)
 - B. Vote: Licensure to Preach — Allen Blackwood (Roll Call Only, Wait for Queries/Prayer/Charge)
 - C. Vote: To Receive Under Care — T.J. Patillo (Testimony, Q&A, Voice Vote)
- 43. **PRESBYTERY YOUTH REPORT — C.Y.P.U.** (Larson)
 - Motion: That members of the C.Y.P.U. leadership team be granted privileges of the floor during the Presbytery Youth Report.
- 44. **CANDIDATES & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE - Cont.** (Niess)
 - A. Exam: Expository Sermon 1 — Joe Smith (Sermon, Floor Comments & Vote)
 - B. Vote: Licensure to Preach — Joe Smith (Roll Call Only, Wait for Queries/Prayer/Charge)
 - C. Licensure: A. Blackwood and/or J. Smith (Queries, Prayer, Charge) — Administered together, if both sustained.
- 45. **PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT** (9:00 p.m.)

BUSINESS SESSION #6

Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Break @ 10:15a)

- 46. **CALL TO ORDER / PRAYER OF CONSTITUTION** (Moderator)
 - A. Reconstitute in Prayer
 - B. Evidence of Progress Sermon — Jon Sturm
- 47. **ROLL CALL / VISUAL** (Assistant Clerk)

- 48. **READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** (Clerk)
- 49. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - Preliminary Draft** (Chairman)
- 50. **CANDIDATES & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE - Cont.** (Niess)
 - A. Exam: Evidence of Progress Sermon — Jon Sturm (Floor Comments & Vote)
 - B. Exam: Evidence of Progress Sermon — Jon Sturm (Floor Comments & Voice Vote)
 - C. Exam: Personal Godliness — Jon Sturm (Mr. McCollum via Zoom due to COVID)
 - D. Motion to Approve C&CC Report (as a Whole)
- 51. **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** (Magill)
- 52. **TIME & PLACE COMMITTEE REPORT** (Chairman)
- 53. **REPORT ON SESSION MINUTE BOOKS** (Assistant Clerk)
- 54. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - Final** (Chairman)
- 55. **RESOLUTION OF THANKS COMMITTEE** (Chairman)
- 56. **READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** (Clerk)
- 57. **PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT** (Noon)