

# The Clerk's Report

2022 Mtg at Synod — Marion, IN  
June 21-24, 2022 @ IWU

Dear Fathers & Brethren,

As usual, we are likely to have limited time for presbytery business at synod this year. We presently have four noteworthy communications. The first remains pending; the second has been assigned to a committee; the third was recently handled by the AIC; and the fourth is addressed below in Recommendations 6 and 7.

1. 21-5: Letter from Jordan Kessler (RPCL) expressing concern over our handling of the IRPC judicial case.<sup>1</sup>
2. 22-13: Communication from Enas/Swan (CCRP members) bringing formal charges against Mr. Faris.<sup>2</sup>
3. 22-14: Petition from the CCRP Session, asking the AIC to appoint a judicial commission.<sup>3</sup>
4. 22-15: Complaint against the CCRP Session (by Enas, *et al*) submitted on Monday 6/13/22.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That presbytery appoint the following parliamentarians (6/21-24): F. Smith, J. Odom, J. Hughes (alt), and P. Pockras (alt).
2. That the assistant clerk be permitted to take visual attendance at the outset of this Friday's special meeting.
3. That presbytery prohibit all audio and/or video recordings of this meeting, and instruct the clerks to propose a standing policy on this matter at a future meeting of presbytery.
4. That presbytery institute an annual fall meeting for the next three years (2022, 2023, 2024) to conduct presbytery business.
5. That presbytery approve the minutes of the Poplin Installation Commission (FRPC-D).
6. That presbytery refer GLG 22-15 (Complaint v. CCRP Session) to the Christ Church Commission for adjudication.
7. That presbytery defer the following business items to the stated fall meeting, unless additional time allows for their subsequent inclusion in Tuesday's agenda by majority vote.<sup>4</sup>
  - A. Belle Center Advisory Comte
  - B. CCRP Shepherding Committee
  - C. Grand Rapids Advisory Comte
  - D. Internet Maintenance Comte
  - E. IRPC Slander/Libel Comte
  - F. Realignment Comte
  - G. Clerk's Rec. #8, #9
  - H. N. Shaver's Pers. Godliness Exam
  - I. J. Sturm's Exp. Sermon 2 Exam
  - J. J. Sturm's Church History Exam
  - K. GLG 22-15 (Only if Rec. 5 fails)
8. That presbytery restructure the ordinary process for reviewing Session/TGB minute books as follows:
  - A. All minutes shall be reviewed digitally by presbyters in advance of the annual spring meeting.
  - B. The moderator shall send his review appointments to the asst. clerk by Dec. 31.
  - C. Session/TGB clerks shall submit digital minute files<sup>5</sup> to the asst. clerk (or to the reviewers specified thereby) each year by Jan. 15, to be reviewed by the appointed reviewers no later than Feb. 15.
  - D. The results of the review process shall be reported in the spring clerk's report.
  - E. Session/TGB clerks shall bring physical minute books to the spring meeting of presbytery to be stamped by the asst. clerk, who shall be responsible for confirming all necessary signatures.
9. That presbytery appoint Nathan Eshelman in advance to begin serving as assistant clerk at the spring meeting of 2023, in order to facilitate a smooth and efficient transition process for the clerks and for the court.
10. That presbytery adopt the proposed agenda for this meeting.
11. That presbytery grant all RPCNA elders present, including all non-certified delegates from this presbytery, the privilege of the floor during the remainder of this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Adam Kuehner, Clerk

<sup>1</sup> GLGP Minutes (11/5/21): "That presbytery defer any consideration of GLG 21-5 (Jo. Kessler) until synod's judicial commission has finished its work."

<sup>2</sup> AIC Minutes (5/18/22): "The Commission discussed Presbytery Communication GLG 22-13, from two members of Christ Church Brownsburg RPC. It was moved, seconded, and passed, that the AIC ask the Moderator of Presbytery, Nathan Eshelman, to appoint a three-man committee to examine Communication 22-13 and bring recommendations to the Synod meeting of Presbytery concerning its disposition."

<sup>3</sup> AIC Minutes (6/10/22): "It was moved, seconded, and passed, to appoint a three-member commission of Presbytery (i) to investigate issues raised by Christ Church RPC ("CCRPC") by communication GLG 22-14, (ii) to seek reconciliation, and (iii) to take any other appropriate and necessary actions to resolve issues raised by communication GLG 22-14. Communication GLG 22-14 is attached to and made a part of these minutes. In a separate and related action, it was moved, seconded, and passed, to appoint the following as members of the above mentioned three-member CCRPC Commission: Jonathan Schaefer, Moderator; Bryan Dage Steve Sturm, with the following appointed as alternates to the Commission, in the order listed: Bob Bibby, Phil Pockras, Eric Cosens, John Cavanaugh, C. J. Davis, Tom Reid."

<sup>4</sup> If the handling of GLG 22-13 takes less time than anticipated, the court would be free to add any of these items to the agenda by simple majority.

<sup>5</sup> As noted under "E", these digital minute files need not include signatures. All signatures will be confirmed at the spring meeting by the asst. clerk.