

**Candidates & Credentials Committee
Great Lakes/Gulf Presbytery
June 2022 Report**

Recommendations

1. That student exams be conducted according to the schedule outlined below.
2. That Cody Work be given ten minutes to share his testimony with presbytery and be received as a student under care.
3. That the suggested addition to the Student Handbook be approved.
4. That presbytery consider increasing the monthly stipend for students under care.
5. That our report be received.

Serving for Christ,

Joel Hart (2023)
Adam Niess (2024)
Craig Scott (2024)

Rich Holdeman (2023)
Jonathan Schaefer (2024)
Ian Wise (2024)

Student Exam Schedule

Student	Exam	Time*	Examiner / text
Allen Blackwood	Exegesis Paper		Dick Knodel and Joel Hart
	[Licensure to receive a call]		
Aaron Murray	Exegesis Paper		Steven Work and Shawn Anderson
	[Licensure to receive a call]		
Joshua Smith	Expository Sermon	25/-/5	1 Thessalonians 2:1-2
	Personal Godliness	20/10/5	Steve Rhoda

	Theology and Distinctives	20/10/5	Philip McCollum
	[Vote to proceed with ordination]		
Nathan Shaver	Bible Exam		Proctor: Joel Hart
Jake Schwartz	Church History Paper		Ian Wise and Josh Reshey

*Duration - The first number is the allotted time for the examiner's question, the second is for questions from the presbytery and the third is for discussion by the presbytery about the exam prior to voting.

Addition to the Student Handbook

To provide clarity, the committee suggests we add the following section to the Student Handbook:

Stipends for Students Under Care of Presbytery

Purpose

The costs of seminary education are significant. As part of the Presbytery's commitment to students under care, a monthly stipend may be provided under certain conditions.

Conditions on the provision of a monthly stipend

Students under care of Presbytery may be given a monthly stipend to assist with the costs of seminary training. In order to qualify for the monthly stipend, a student under care must be a full-time student of the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Students are considered full-time if they are registered and complete a minimum of 9 credit-hours of seminary courses per semester. These courses may be any combination of distance learning or in-person courses, including independent studies for credit. In addition, students under care receiving such stipend should maintain a B average.

What is expected of the student under care receiving a monthly stipend

Importantly, each student should recognize that the Lord ultimately provides these resources and that they are often sacrificially given by members and other contributors. Due diligence and stewardship in studies should result.