

The Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery (RPCNA)

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2022 GLG FALL MEETING

Time: Fri Oct 7 @ 10:00 a.m. to Sat Oct 8 @ Noon
Place: Reformed Presbyterian Church of Columbus
550 N. National Rd. Columbus, Indiana 47201

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION (Fri 10/7 ~ 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) *no break*

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (Eshelman) 30 mins [10:30]
 - A. Prayer of Constitution (Eshelman) 5 min [10:05]
 - B. Preaching of the Word (Jake Schwartz)¹ 25 mins [10:30]
2. **ATTENDANCE: ROLL CALL** (Asst. Clerk) 5 mins [10:35]
3. **CLERK'S REPORT** (Kuehner) 10 mins [10:45]
 - Oral Update, Outstanding Minute Book(s), Communications, Recommendations.
4. **FORMAL INTRODUCTIONS** (First-Time Delegates, Fraternal Delegates, Special Guests) 5 mins [10:50]
5. **AD INTERIM COMMISSION REPORT** (Hanson/Blankenship) 5 mins [10:55]
6. **CANDIDATES & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE** (TBD) 35 mins [11:30]
 - A. Oral Update & Recommendations 5 mins [11:00]
 - B. Sermon Exam (See 1B Above) — Jake Schwartz (Floor Comments & Vote) 10 mins [11:10]
 - C. Care Status Interview — Joe Johnson (Testimony, Q&A, Voice Vote) 15 mins [11:25]
 - D. Report as a Whole (TBD) 5 mins [11:30]
7. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Bishop) 5 mins [11:35]
8. **INTERNET MAINTENANCE COMTE** (Kuehner) 10 mins [11:45]
 - Oral Update, Recommendations
9. **REALIGNMENT COMTE** (Kuehner) 10 mins [11:55]
10. **BELLE CENTER ADVISORY COMTE** (Kuehner) 5 mins [12:00]
11. **IRPC-RELATED ITEMS** 30 mins [12:30]
 - A. Congregational Report + Q&A (DeJong) 10 mins [12:10]
 - B. Slander-Libel Comte Report — *Continued: Rec. 3* (Fearing) 10 mins [12:20]
 - C. Judicial Commission Minutes (Camery) 10 mins [12:30]
12. **PRAYER OF THANKS FOR LUNCH / RECESS** (Appointed by Moderator)

¹ If the corresponding C&CC exam recommendation is approved, this will constitute Mr. Schwartz's evidence of progress sermon.

LUNCH BREAK (12:30-1:30 p.m.)

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION (Fri 10/7 ~ 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.) break @3:35 p.m.

13. CALL TO ORDER / RECONVENE IN PRAYER (Eshelman) 5 mins [1:35]

14. VISUAL ATTENDANCE (Asst. Clerk)

15. CCRP-RELATED ITEMS 115 mins [3:30]

- A. Commission Report + Recommendation² / Minutes³ (Sturm) 20 mins [1:55]
- B. Complaint Hearing (GLG 22-18) *Enas v. CCRP Commission* 65 mins [3:00]
 - 1. Plaintiff (22-18): Oral Presentation + Q&A (Author) 10 + 5 = 15 mins [2:10]
 - 2. Defendant (Comm.): Oral Presentation + Q&A (Author) 10 + 5 = 15 mins [2:25]
 - 3. Plaintiff (22-18): Closing Statement 2.5 mins
 - 4. Defendant (Comm.): Closing Statement 2.5 mins [2:30]
 - 5. Verdict: Entertain/Discuss/Vote ~ Motion to Sustain/Not Sustain GLG 22-18 (Floor) 30 mins [3:00]
- C. Congregational Report + Q&A (Hart) 15 mins [3:15]
- D. Entertain/Discuss/Vote ~ Motion(s) re: Status of Congregation/Members⁴ 15 mins [3:30]

16. INTERCESSORY PRAYER 15 mins [3:45]

- A. Belle Center (Appointed by Moderator)
- B. Immanuel (Appointed by Moderator)
- C. Christ Church (Appointed by Moderator)

17. MID-AFTERNOON BREAK, OOTD@3:45pm 15 mins [4:00]

18. GRAND RAPIDS-RELATED ITEMS 45 mins [4:45]

- A. Oral Congregational Report + Q&A (Rhoda) 15 mins [4:15]
- B. Visitation Comte Report + Q&A (McCollum) 15 mins [4:30]
- C. Entertain/Discuss/Vote ~ Motion(s) re: Status of Congregation/Members⁵ 15 mins [4:45]

19. INTERCESSORY PRAYER & RECESS 10 mins [5:30]

- A. First RP of Grand Rapids (Appointed by Moderator)
- B. Additional Items (Appointed by Moderator)

20. PRAYER FOR DINNER / RECESS COURT (Appointed by Moderator)

DINNER BREAK (5:30-6:30 p.m.)

² The commission's sole recommendation, "That presbytery receive this report", should be understood to include the reception of the minutes, since the minutes are appended to the report. However, in order to avoid confusion, the court would do well to amend this recommendation by common consent so as to explicitly note the receiving and spreading of the minutes.

³ If Clerk's Recommendation #6 is adopted, the receiving of the minutes will automatically remove Item 14B from the agenda.

⁴ DCG 2.9, "A congregation becomes disorganized when the session is reduced to less than two resident elders. Two elders will suffice to hold the organization. The presbytery may enable the congregation to continue its existence by appointing an elder(s) from a neighboring congregation to act with the remaining resident elder as a provisional session until such a time as a new elder(s) may be elected. An alternate procedure is to reduce the congregation to a preaching station under the immediate supervision of presbytery." 2.11, "...When a presbytery determines that a congregation is disorganized, title to all properties held by or for the congregation shall immediately be transferred to Synod's Board of Trustees who shall determine with the counsel of the appropriate presbytery the disposition of such properties and/or proceeds of the same."

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Psalm Sing w/ Open Mic Congregational Updates⁶ (6:45-8:00ish p.m.)

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION (Sat 10/8 ~ 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) break @10:00am

- 21. CALL TO ORDER / RECONVENE** (Eshelman) 5 mins [8:35]
- 22. VISUAL ATTENDANCE** (Asst. Clerk)
- 23. PRESBYTERY YOUTH / FAM. CONF.⁷ 100 mins [9:45]**
 - A.** CYPY Leadership Report (Requires Motion)⁸ 25 mins [9:00]
 - B.** Covfamiko Conf. Comte Report 10 mins [9:10]
 - C.** CYPY Board Report 10 mins [9:20]
 - D.** Appoint Presb. Youth Secretary⁹ 5 mins [9:25]
 - E.** Appoint Presb. Youth Rep. to Synod 5 mins [9:30]
 - F.** GLG 22-20 ~ Proposed CPP Revision 45 mins [10:15]
 - 1.** Presentation of Paper (Author) 15 mins [9:45]
 - 2.** Discussion & Deliberation (Floor) 30 mins [10:15]
- 24. RESOLUTION OF THANKS COMMITTEE** 5 mins [10:20]
- 25. READING OF THE MINUTES** (Kuehner) 10 mins [10:30]
- 26. MID-MORNING BREAK, OOTD@10:30am** 15 mins [10:45]
- 27. LOTS OF EXTRA TIME (if necessary)** 70 mins [11:55]
- 28. PRAYER OF ADJOURNMENT** (Appointed by Moderator) 5 mins [12:00] **Bag Lunch @ Noon** — Follow Host Instructions!

⁶ Two Minutes (max): “What encouraging things is the Lord doing in your local congregation? How can we pray for you?”

⁷ GLGP Minutes (11/5/21): “Mr. Dage introduced Item 1, Recommendation 1 (That the matter be deferred until the SJC report in light of the fact that the GLGP acted on this matter in June of 2021.), in response to GLG 21-9, a letter from the Johnson family requesting the temporary removal of Ben Larson from presbytery youth leadership. After some discussion, it was moved, seconded, and adopted to lay this recommendation on the table to entertain the following substitute: ‘That presbytery place Ben Larson on a temporary leave of absence from presbytery youth leadership until the synod judicial commission completes its work.’ It was moved, seconded, and adopted to amend the motion by adding the phrase ‘and that AIC appoint a youth secretary pro tem.’ The motion was adopted as amended.”

⁸ Motion (typically adopted by common consent): That presbytery grant members of the C.Y.P.U. Leadership Team privileges of the floor to present their report.

⁹ Now that synod’s IRPC judicial case has concluded, we must follow up on our actions last November (cf. preceding footnote) by approving permanent appointments (as opposed to *pro tem*) for the roles of (1) Presbytery Youth Secretary and (2) Presbytery Representative to the Youth Ministries Committee of Synod. Often these roles are filled by the same person. Please correct me if I’m wrong on this, but I believe Steve Rhoda is serving in the former capacity, and the Nelsons in the latter; both on a *pro tem* basis. This agenda item will allow us to follow up on our previous actions by approving permanent appointments to these roles, or agreeing on a reasonable mechanism to ensure that these appointments are made at the appropriate time.