

**GREAT LAKES – GULF PRESBYTERY**  
**CHRIST CHURCH SHEPHERDING COMMITTEE REPORT TO PRESBYTERY**  
**Fall 2022 Presbytery Meeting**

A remit from Spring Presbytery dated March 3, 2022 was issued,

*“That a two-man Shepherding Committee be appointed to meet at least every other month (either in-person or by phone, Zoom, etc.) until either the next spring meeting of Presbytery or until a Pastor is installed at CCRP (whichever comes first), in order to ensure and aid the Session in growing in their active shepherding of CCRP.”*

Pastor Craig Scott, Grand Rapids RPC and Elder Jonathan Schaefer, Orlando RPC were appointed to serve as the two-man Shepherding Committee.

The Shepherding Committee met with CCRP Session on March 23, 2022. The Shepherding Committee met with the Enas and Swan families on March 26, 2022. In discussions among the Shepherding Committee, it initially seemed that the greatest obstacle to reconciliation was the CCRP Session’s initial response to the congregation in which they admitted to mistakes made but did not address each of the items put forward in the Reconciliation Committee’s revised report, confessing each sin specifically.

Following these interactions, the Shepherding Committee met again with the CCRP Session to address the matter of confessing specific sins, specifically. The CCRP Session received the counsel of the Shepherding Committee and on April 10, 2022, after morning worship, CCRP Session offered their confession of specific sins to the congregation and asked for forgiveness. The Enas and Swan families were not present at that morning’s service but were able to view the recording of the service and followed up shortly with an acceptance of the apology.

At this point, the Shepherding Committee was encouraged at this positive step needed to achieve reconciliation. However, shortly thereafter, April 28, 2022, Enas and Swan families approached CCRP Session with formal charges of sin against Pastor James Faris. CCRP Session did not support the charges but forwarded it on to Presbytery without endorsement. Around this time, Pastor Craig Scott left on a two-month sabbatical.

On May 23, 2022, CCRP Session met with Mr. Enas who also brought with him his wife Ginny and Deacon Todd Brown. The Interim Moderator, Pastor Joel Hart, the CCRP Session, Interim Pastoral Assistant Nathan Shaver and Elder Jonathan Schaefer were also in attendance. At this meeting, CCRP Session presented to Mr. Enas the need to shepherd him to another congregation wherein he could submit to the authority of that congregation’s session. CCRP Session offered the option to stay at CCRP on the conditions of an affirmative answer to the following two questions:

- 1.) Do you trust the CCRP Session to shepherd you and your family, and do you have confidence in its ability to shepherd Christ Church Reformed Presbyterian? Do you affirm this specifically in contrast to your October 2020 decision to leave Christ Church?
- 2.) Are you willing to submit to the direction and oversight of the CCRP elders, so that you can fully affirm your membership vows to this congregation with a clear conscience?

Mr. Enas was given until Friday, May 27, 2022 to respond with his decision. Mr. Enas chose not to respond.

On May 28, the CCRP Session submitted a request to the AIC for a judicial commission to aid them in dealing with Mr. Enas. After providing their rationale to the AIC, the AIC appointed a Commission comprising: Jonathan Schaefer Ruling Elder, Orlando RPC (Moderator), Steve Sturm, Ruling Elder, Southside RPC and Bryan Dage, Ruling Elder, Hetherton RPC to fulfill the following remit:

*"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."*

On June 12, 2022, Mr. Enas and several other signatories filed a complaint against the CCRP Session regarding their communications of the May 23 meeting. At the Presbytery meeting during the 2022 Synod, the remit of the appointed Commission was expanded to adjudicate the 22-15 complaint.

After an appeal that the work of the Shepherding Committee be subsumed under the remit of the CCRP Commission and dismissed was denied by the AIC, the Shepherding Committee suspended its activities to allow for the work of the CCRP Commission to move forward in priority.

In light of the departure of Pastor Craig Scott, the Commission's continuing work which is in many ways redundant to the work of the Shepherding Committee, the ensuing complaints against the CCRP Session and CCRP Commission and the current plans of the CCRP Session, the Shepherding Committee offers a single recommendation:

**Recommendation:**

1. That the Shepherding Committee be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Scott, Moderator  
Jonathan Schaefer