

**Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery**  
**Minutes of the *Ad Interim* Commission**  
**March 11, 2021**

The *Ad Interim* Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met on March 11, 2021 by Zoom video conference call.


1. Elders present were Moderator Frank Smith (Moderator, Atlanta RPC), Richard Blankenship (Clerk, Second RPC, Indianapolis), John Cavanaugh (RPC of Southside Indianapolis), Andy DeRosa (Elkhart RPC) and Philip McCollum (Bloomington RPC).
2. The Moderator constituted the Court in prayer in the name of and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 8:00 p.m.
3. It was moved and approved that any elder(s) who may resign or otherwise not be serving on the Immanuel RPC Session be replaced according to the following order: Bill Roberts, Wade Mann, John Hanson, Wes Archer, David Pulliam, and Ken DeJong.
4. It was moved and approved to appoint Bill Roberts, Wade Mann and John Hanson as members of a three-man Shepherding Committee to help Immanuel Reformed Presbyterian Church elders follow through with steps of repentance.
5. It was moved and approved to appoint Steven Work as a replacement for Wade Mann on the Marion Visitation Committee.
6. It was moved, seconded and approved to adopt the following statement to be used in regard to inquiries about matters involving the Immanuel Reformed Presbyterian Church.

“Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery is the regional church court of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA) that has jurisdiction over ministers and churches from Michigan to Florida. At its meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> through March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Presbytery heard a report from a judicial commission. This commission had been appointed to investigate Immanuel Reformed Presbyterian Church, West Lafayette, Indiana, regarding concerns relating to the leadership’s exercise of congregational oversight. The Presbytery has appointed special prosecutors to institute judicial process.”

Inquires about matters involving the Immanuel Reformed Presbyterian Church are to be directed to members of the *Ad Interim* Commission for the Commission to provide this statement.

7. It was moved seconded and approved to authorize Frank Smith to appoint replacement Presbytery leadership for the CYPUP.
8. The minutes were reviewed and approved.
9. It was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn.

10. Philip McCollum prayed for the upcoming congregation meeting at Immanuel RPC and adjourned the Court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 8:54 p.m.

  
Frank J. Smith, Moderator

  
F. Richard Blankenship III, Clerk

**Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery**  
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**March 18, 2021**

The *Ad Interim* Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met on March 18, 2021 by Zoom video conference call.

1. Elders present were Frank Smith (Moderator, Atlanta RPC), Richard Blankenship (Clerk, Second RPC, Indianapolis), John Cavanaugh (RPC of Southside Indianapolis), Andy DeRosa (Elkhart RPC) and Philip McCollum (Bloomington RPC).
2. Andy DeRosa constituted the Court in prayer in the name of and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 8:46 p.m.
3. It was so ordered, having received a request from Dr. Nathan Eshelman and commendation of the Pacific Coast Presbytery, to receive his Ministerial Credentials from the Pacific Coast Presbytery. A copy of his credentials is attached to these minutes.
4. It was so ordered to amend the previously approved (see the AIC minutes of March 11, 2021) order of succession for the replacement of any elder(s) who may resign or otherwise not be serving on the Immanuel RPC Session to now be the following order: John Hanson, Wes Archer, David Pulliam, and Ken DeJong. Bill Roberts and Wade Mann were removed from the succession order that was previously approved due to those two men already serving on the Immanuel RPC Session.
5. It was so ordered that in the event any member of the Immanuel RPC Shepherding Committee resigns or otherwise not be serving on said Committee, that person's alternate shall be established according to the following succession order: John Hanson, Wes Archer, David Pulliam, and Ken DeJong.
6. It was so ordered that Second Reformed Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis be granted permission to call an Associate Pastor as a replacement for Joel Hart, who accepted a call from the Columbus RPC.
7. It was so ordered that Joel Hart be temporarily placed on the roll of Presbytery Without Call pending his installation as Pastor of Columbus RPC. For the time being Mr. Hart will be pulpit supply for Columbus RPC until his installation as Pastor of Columbus RPC.
8. Moderator Frank Smith appointed Andrew Saunders of Second RPC, Indianapolis as CYPUs Secretary Pro Tem to the Presbytery
9. John Cavanaugh adjourned the Court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 9:07 p.m.



Frank J. Smith, Moderator



F. Richard Blankenship III, Clerk

# Certificate of Ministerial Credentials

In the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America

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Name: Eshelman, Nathan

Birthplace: Warren, PA

Date of Birth: November 28, 1977

Citizenship: United States of America

Baptized in the year 1989 in the Evangelical United Methodist Church (Corry, PA).

Profession of Faith in the year 1998 in the Cutlerville Independent Reformed Church (Grand Rapids, MI).

## Education

### Institutions attended (High School +) From to Diploma/Degree

Corry High School, 1992-1996. Diploma.

Calvin College, 1997-1998.

Kuyper College, 1998-2002. Pre-Seminary (Bible and Theology).

Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, 2003-2008. Master of Divinity.

Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 2010-2014. Doctor of Ministry.

Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, 2015-2021. Master of Theology.

## Record of Service

1. Taken under care as a student of theology

October, 2007

Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery

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Date

Presbytery

2. Certificate to Preach

2007

Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery

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Date

Presbytery

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### 3. Certificate of Licensure

2008

Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery

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Date

Presbytery

### 4. Ordination

February 14, 2009, Los Angeles RPC

Pacific Coast Presbytery

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Date

Presbytery

### 5. Other service in the church and other denomination(s)

Installed in Los Angeles RPC congregation, February 14, 2009.

Released from Los Angeles RPC congregation, February 21, 2021.

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Installed in 2009 to the Home Mission Board.

Released in 2020 from the Home Mission Board.

Installed in 2010 to the E & P Board.

Released in 2018 from the E & P Board.

Served as Clerk of the Pacific Coast Presbytery from 2010-2021.

### **Other: (Disciplinary actions, restorations, exceptions, etc.)**

Exceptions;

- Takes exception to the RPCNA position on women Deacons.
- Takes exception to the RPCNA position on civil magistrates calling Synods.

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**April 1, 2021**

The *Ad Interim* Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met on April 1, 2021 by Zoom video conference call.

1. Elders present were Frank Smith (Moderator, Atlanta RPC), Richard Blankenship (Clerk, Second RPC, Indianapolis), John Cavanaugh (RPC of Southside Indianapolis), Andy DeRosa (Elkhart RPC) and Philip McCollum (Bloomington RPC).
2. Richard Blankenship constituted the Court in prayer in the name of and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 6:30 p.m.
3. It was moved and approved to appoint the following men as the Installation Commission for the installation of Rev. Joel Hart at Columbus RP Church on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 PM and to authorize the dissemination of the Installation Edict.

Appointed members of the Rev. Joel Hart Installation Commission

Pastor Richard Holdeman, Chairman  
Pastor James Faris  
Pastor David Hanson  
Ruling Elder Mark Hart  
Pastor Philip McCollum  
Ruling Elder David Pulliam, Clerk  
Dr. David Whitla

In the event any of the above men are unable to serve, appointed alternates, in this order are Jeffrey Jones, Dave Schisler and Ed Schisler.

4. Bill Roberts, Moderator of the Immanuel RP Session communicated to the *Ad Interim* Commission the following petition that was passed by the congregation on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021:

“The congregation of IRPC is concerned that, while a trial may or may not be necessary for the good of the RPCNA, it may hinder rather than help repentance, reconciliation and growth in our leaders, our congregation and our presbytery. Therefore, we humbly petition presbytery to delay the filing of charges or starting of any activity related to a trial and instead give time for repentance and its fruits to appear by the work of the Spirit in our hearts.”

A motion to respectfully decline to grant the request was seconded but failed to pass on a 1 For / 4 Against roll call vote:

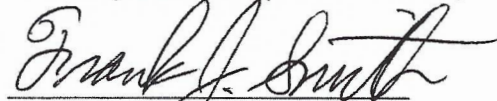
<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Frank Smith	Richard Blankenship
	John Cavanaugh
	Andy DeRosa
	Phillip McCollum

It was moved and approved to return the petition to the petitioners for the petitioners to specify the time period of the requested delay.

5. It was moved, seconded and approved that the AIC confirm that the Immanuel Judicial Commission Report may be distributed to those from the Immanuel RPC who request a copy of the report.

This action was taken in response to Adam Kuehner's request for AIC's counsel in regard to requests from members of the Immanuel RP congregation to receive a copy of the Immanuel Judicial Commission Report.

6. It was so ordered that the following, in the order listed, be added to the order of succession for the replacement of any elder(s) who may resign or otherwise not be serving on the Immanuel RPC Session: Don Prichard, Jerry Porter, Rich Johnston, Dean Filson, Russ Pulliam and Steve Rhoda.
7. The minutes of the March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting of the AIC were approved.
8. It was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn.
9. Frank Smith prayed for the Immanuel RPC and adjourned the Court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 7:52 PM.

  
Frank J. Smith, Moderator

  
F. Richard Blankenship III, Clerk

**Edict for the Installation of Rev. Joel Hart  
in the  
Columbus (Ind.) Reformed Presbyterian Church**

The Great Lakes/Gulf Presbytery has received a call made by the Columbus (Ind.) Reformed Presbyterian Church upon Rev. Joel Hart to be their pastor, and has sustained it as a regular gospel call. He has signified his intention to accept the call. Notice is hereby given that 16<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 2021, has been fixed as the time for his installation, with certification that the Presbytery will proceed in the same unless some valid objections be offered to this Commission of Presbytery.

The meeting for installation will be held at 7:00 PM at Columbus Reformed Presbyterian Church, 550 North National Road, Columbus, Indiana.

  
F. Richard Blankenship, III

Clerk of the *Ad Interim* Commission

  
Frank J. Smith

Moderator of the *Ad Interim* Commission

By order of the Presbytery this 1st day of April in the year 2021.



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**May 6, 2021**

The *Ad Interim* Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met on Thursday May 6, 2021 by Zoom video conference call.

1. Elders present were Frank Smith (Moderator, Atlanta RPC), Richard Blankenship (Clerk, Second RPC, Indianapolis), John Cavanaugh (RPC of Southside Indianapolis), Andy DeRosa (Elkhart RPC) and Philip McCollum (Bloomington RPC).
2. Philip McCollum constituted the Court in prayer in the name of and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 6:57 p.m.
3. The minutes of the April 1, 2021 meeting of the AIC were approved by common consent.
4. It was moved, seconded and approved for the Clerk of Presbytery to distribute to the delegates list of Presbytery all correspondence received by the Presbytery unless the Clerk questions such a distribution, in which case the Clerk may refer the question of the distribution of the correspondence to the AIC or the Presbytery as a whole for approval or guidance.
5. It was moved, seconded and approved for the AIC to express its agreement with Frank Smith, Moderator of Presbytery, and Adam Kuehner, Clerk of Presbytery issuing to the Presbytery a call to prayer in substance as follows:

*Dear Fathers and Brethren:*

*Prayer is always appropriate. But it appears to us that our Presbytery is perhaps in particular need for us together to come before the throne of grace, beseeching our Heavenly Father for His grace and mercy in time of need.*

*Therefore, we are encouraging all of you, especially in the period leading up to the meeting of Synod and also any meetings of Presbytery held this summer, to pray regularly, even daily, for our Presbytery, that the Lord would be pleased to give the sweetness of His blessing of unity in the bonds of peace as well as His abundant wisdom.*

*Fraternally yours,*

*Frank J. Smith, Ph.D., D.D., Moderator*

*Adam Kuehner, M.Div., Stated Clerk*

6. It was moved, seconded and approved to authorize the AIC Moderator, Frank Smith, to appoint representatives to Synod for the purpose of representing the Presbytery in regard to complaints filed against the Presbytery with regard to the Immanuel RPC Judicial Commission. Later in the meeting, the AIC extended

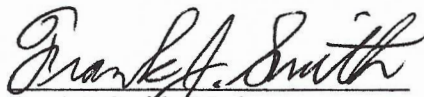
authorization to him to make any other necessary Presbytery representative appointments that arise between now and the next Presbytery meeting.

7. It was moved, seconded and approved that the requested stay on the work of the special prosecution requested in THE FARIS et.al. COMPLAINT v. GLGP re: IRPC (4/3/2021) be granted until action is taken by Presbytery. The vote on this action was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Richard Blankenship	John Cavanaugh
Andy DeRosa	Frank Smith
Philip McCollum	

It was deemed, that in light of the above action, the following communications which had been received were all addressed by this action and that no additional action was necessary.

- Petition from the IRPC congregation that the AIC delay the filing of charges and any trial related activity resulting from the Immanuel Judicial Commission Report until the Presbytery meeting at the time of the 2021 Synod.
  - Request from IRPC provisional elders Roberts, Mann, Hanson and DeJong that upon receipt of charges against any of the IRPC elders any proposed trial be delayed.
  - Request from Jeff Kessler (Lafayette RPC Ruling Elder) related to the above-mentioned Farris et.al. complaint against the Presbytery.
  - Communication from Petitioners Daniel and Bright bringing to the attention of the AIC points related to IRPC Judicial Commission Report.
  - Request from Jordan Kessler (communicant member of RPC of Lafayette) that the AIC reconsider the IRPC matter going to a trial.
8. It was confirmed that IRPC-Related complaints which had been received were forwarded to Synod by the GL-G Clerk of Presbytery.
9. Frank Smith, as Moderator of Presbytery, hereby called a special meeting of the GL-G Presbytery for the purpose of handling any and all motions in regard to the IRPC. The meeting is called for Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. or 2 hours after the adjournment of the 2021 Synod, whichever is later, and will be held at the Marion RPC, 1100 West Jeffras Avenue, Marion Indiana.
10. It was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn.
11. Andy DeRosa adjourned the Court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 8:06 p.m.

  
Frank J. Smith, Moderator

  
F. Richard Blankenship III, Clerk

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**June 3, 2021**

The *Ad Interim* Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met on June 3, 2021 by Zoom video conference call.

1. Elders present were Moderator Frank Smith (Moderator, Atlanta RPC), Richard Blankenship (Clerk, Second RPC, Indianapolis), John Cavanaugh (RPC of Southside Indianapolis), Andy DeRosa (Elkhart RPC) and Philip McCollum (Bloomington RPC).
2. Philip McCollum constituted the Court in prayer in the name of and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 6:32 p.m.
3. It was approved to certify the following Teaching Elders to the June 14 - June 17, 2021 meeting of Synod. (The majority of the list having been provided by the Clerk of Presbytery and consisting of at-large Teaching Elders not presently serving as pastors of organized congregations.)

Brian Dage  
Keith Evans  
Godfrey Franklin  
Rich Johnston  
Gordon Keddie  
Ray B. Lanning  
R. Paul Matthews  
Robert B. McCracken  
Glenn McFarland  
Stan McKenzie  
Jim McMahan  
Keith Magill  
Robert W. Morrow  
James Pennington  
Dennis Prutow  
Frank C. Schutz  
Frank J. Smith  
David Whitla  
James M. Wright  
Steven Work

The certification will be prepared by the AIC Clerk and provided it to the Clerk of Synod and to the Clerk and Assistant Clerk of Presbytery. The certification will be attached to and made a part of these minutes.

In the event of any oversight in regard to the list above, the Moderator and Clerk are authorized to address any Teaching Elders overlooked and not on the certification list.

4. It was confirmed by **common consent** that Ken DeJong has become a member of the Immanuel RPC Session. (See also Item Number 4 of the AIC minutes of March 18, 2021).
5. It was approved to establish two commissions to handle Presbytery Candidates & Credentials Committee exams during the Presbytery meetings allowed to take place at the June 14 -17, 2021 Synod and at the Presbytery meeting scheduled to take place on June 17, 2021 following the adjournment of Synod.
6. It was approved for the Clerk of Presbytery and the Chairman of the Candidates & Credentials Committee to appoint the members of each of the two commissions for the candidate exams (see Item 5 above) and to handle all other details related to the administration of the exams by these commissions.
7. It was approved for the Presbytery meeting scheduled for June 17, 2021 following Synod to take place at Marion RPC with the understanding that the Presbytery would pick up the cost of food and lodging for delegates attending the meeting.
8. It was moved, seconded and approved to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2021 AIC meeting.
9. Richard Blankenship adjourned the Court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 7:03 p.m.

  
Frank J. Smith, Moderator

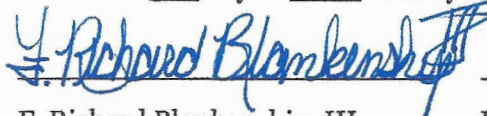
  
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### RPCNA Form 3 ~ Certificate of Teaching Elder to Synod

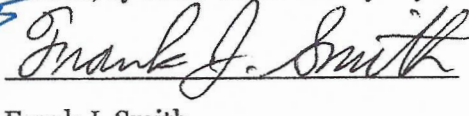
The **Great Lakes - Gulf Presbytery** has certified the following teaching elders to the meeting of Synod, meeting June 14-17, 2021, starting at 6:00 p.m. on June 14, at INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY (Marion, Indiana).

Brian Dage	Jim McMahon
Keith Evans	Keith Magill
Godfrey Franklin	Robert W. Morrow
Rich Johnston	James Pennington
Gordon Keddie	Dennis Prutow
Ray B. Lanning	Frank C. Schutz
R. Paul Matthews	Frank J. Smith
Robert B. McCracken	David Whitla
Glenn McFarland	James M. Wright
Stan McKenzie	Steven Work

Given this 3rd day of June in the year 2021, by order of the Presbytery.



F. Richard Blankenship, III  
Clerk of the AIC



Frank J. Smith  
Moderator of the Presbytery and AIC

## RPCNA Form 3 ~ Certificate of Teaching Elder to Synod

The **Great Lakes - Gulf Presbytery** has certified the following teaching elders to the meeting of Synod, meeting June 14-17, 2021, starting at 6:00 p.m. on June 14, at INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY (Marion, Indiana).

Andrew B.

William Roberts

Given this 10th day of June in the year 2021, by order of the Presbytery.

F. Richard Blankenship, III  
Clerk of the AIC

Frank J. Smith  
Moderator of the Presbytery and AIC

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**July 15, 2021**

The *Ad Interim* Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met on July 15, 2021 by Zoom video conference call.

1. Elders present were Moderator Frank Smith (Moderator, Atlanta RPC), Richard Blankenship (Clerk, Second RPC, Indianapolis), John Cavanaugh (RPC of Southside Indianapolis), Andy DeRosa (Elkhart RPC) and Philip McCollum (Bloomington RPC).
2. Philip McCollum constituted the Court in prayer in the name of and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 8:35 p.m.
3. It was moved, seconded and approved to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2021 AIC meeting.
4. It was so ordered to accept and receive the transfer of the ministerial credentials of Jack Baumgardner from the Midwest Presbytery. A copy of his credentials is attached to these minutes.
5. It was moved, seconded and approved to defer action on the request from Keith Evans to transfer his ministerial credentials from the GL-G Presbytery to the Presbytery of the Alleghenies until a report is received from the Session of the RPC of Lafayette.
6. It was moved, seconded, and approved, in response to the directive of Synod to appoint Rich Holdeman and James Faris, with Joel Hart appointed as an alternate, to a two-member shepherding committee to communicate with Mr. LeFebvre and, if possible, to shepherd him into membership in a true branch of the Visible Church.
7. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept, with gratitude for his faithful service, the resignation of Wade Mann as a provisional elder of the Immanuel RPC Session, effective July 15, 2021.
8. It was moved, seconded and approved to appoint Terry Magnuson as a provisional elder of the Immanuel RPC Session.
9. It was moved, seconded and approved to appoint Jeff Kessler as a provisional elder of the Immanuel RPC Session.
10. It was moved, seconded, and approved to grant Mark Brown's request for additional time to reconsider acceptance of the call from the Selma RPC, granting him until August 2, 2021, to provide his final response.


11. It was approved to call a special meeting of the GL-G Presbytery for the purpose of handling Candidates & Credentials Committee exams and other business as needed, with the details of the meeting approved by common consent.

The dates and times of the meeting are Friday, November 5, 2021, starting at 8:30 a.m., recessing at 5:30 p.m., and reconvening Saturday, November 6, 2021, at 8:15 a.m., adjourning at 2:00 p.m. The location and other details yet are to be determined.

12. It was approved and adopted to call for a twelve-hour (7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.) day of prayer and fasting for the Presbytery and Denomination with times of prayer being individually and in groups as able. The date of the day of prayer will be designated by the Moderator.

13. John Cavanaugh adjourned the Court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 9:45 p.m.

  
Frank J. Smith, Moderator

  
F. Richard Blankenship III, Clerk



# Certificate of Ministerial Credentials

in the REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

**Name:** **Baumgardner, Jack**  
Birthplace: Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Date of Birth: March 7, 1946  
Citizenship: United States of America  
Baptized: 1946; in the Kingsland (IN) Methodist Church  
Profession of Faith: 1956; in the Ashley (IN) Methodist Church

## Education

<u>Institutions attended, high school &amp; up</u>	<u>From / To</u>	<u>Diploma / Degree</u>
1. Ashley High School (Indiana)	1960-1964	Diploma
2. Taylor University (Indiana)	1964-1968	BS in Education
3. Butler University (Indiana)	1972-1974	MS in Education
4. Great Lakes / Gulf (RPCNA) theological education	1989-2001	
5. Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary	1997-1998	

## Record of Church Service

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>
1. Taken under care as student of theology	April 20, 1990	Great Lakes/Gulf Presbytery
2. Licensed to preach the gospel	_____	Great Lakes/Gulf Presbytery
3. Certified eligible for a call	April 5, 2001	Great Lakes/Gulf Presbytery
4. Ordination	March 29, 2008	Midwest Presbytery
5. Installed at Clarinda (Iowa) RPC	March 29, 2008	Midwest Presbytery
6. Released from Clarinda RPC	March 8, 2021	Midwest Presbytery

Other: Provisional moderator for Sharon & Washington (Iowa) RPCs (2010-2012). Served on the Kansas Conference Administration from 2010-2014.

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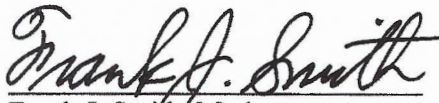
Elders present were Moderator Frank Smith (Moderator, Atlanta RPC), John Cavanaugh (Clerk Pro Tem, RPC of Southside Indianapolis), Andy DeRosa (Elkhart RPC).

Andy DeRosa constituted the Court in prayer in the name of and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 6:37 p.m.

It was so ordered to appoint John Cavanaugh as Clerk Pro Tem, in the absence of Richard Blankenship.

It was so ordered to reconvene the *Ad Interim Commission* on October 21, 2021, due to the absence of a two-thirds majority.

John Cavanaugh adjourned the Court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 7:07 p.m.

  
Frank J. Smith, Moderator

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John L. Cavanaugh, Clerk Pro Tem

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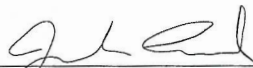
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John L. Cavanaugh, Clerk Pro Tem

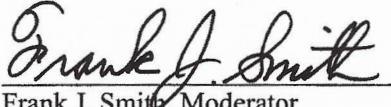
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2. Moderator Frank Smith constituted the Court in prayer in the name of and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 8:04 p.m.
3. By common consent it was decided to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2021 meeting of the AIC and minutes of the October 14, 2021 meeting of the AIC.
4. By common consent it was decided to approve the transfer of the church membership of Gary and Patrice Wise from the now disbanded Pageland RPC to Faith Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.
5. It was moved, seconded, and approved that the Call of Jerry Foltz by Second RPC was (i) made in accordance with the law and order of the church and (ii) is a regular call to be forwarded to the Pacific Coast Presbytery for evaluation and presentation to Jerry Foltz.
6. By common consent it was decided to approve the request from Keith Evans to transfer his ministerial credentials from the GL-G Presbytery to the Presbytery of the Alleghenies.
7. In response to a request by a non-delegate/non-officer member of the Presbytery who requested access to non-privileged Presbytery records such as minutes of Presbytery, it was moved, seconded, and approved to (i) approve the request to have access to such Presbytery records and (ii) refer to Presbytery the issue of how to make such record accessible.
8. By common consent it was decided to approve the transfer of Tom Reid’s ministerial credentials from the Presbytery of the Alleghenies to the GL-G Presbytery.
9. By common consent it was decided to approve the recommendation of Adam Kuehner, Clerk of Presbytery, to appointment Nathan Eshelman to serve as Assistant Clerk Pro Tem for the Fall Presbytery meeting scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as the replacement for Assistant Clerk, Dale Koons, who has an excused absence from that meeting.
10. It was moved, seconded, and approved that the proposal by Ben Larson, Director of CYPUP, to form an Advisory Committee for the CYPUP Ministry was made under the

purview of his being CYPU Director and that he may bring the proposal to Presbytery as part of his CYPU Ministry Report to Presbytery at the Fall Presbytery meeting.

11. Philip McCollum adjourned the Court in prayer in the name of and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 8:32 p.m.



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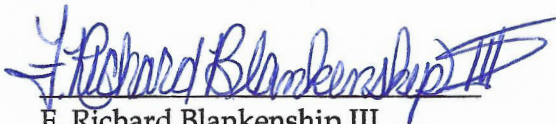


F. Richard Blankenship III, Clerk  
Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery  
*Ad Interim* Commission

## CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

This is to certify that Gary Wise and Patrice Wise were members of the Pageland Reformed Presbyterian Church of Pageland, South Carolina prior to its disorganization and are now on the membership roll of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. At their own request they are hereby dismissed to unite with the Faith Presbyterian Church (PCA) of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Given this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October in the year 2021, by order of the Presbytery.



F. Richard Blankenship III  
Clerk of Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery  
*Ad Interim* Commission



Frank J. Smith  
Moderator of Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery  
and  
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## TRANSFER OF A CALL

This call made by Second Reformed Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis, IN upon Jerry E. Foltz on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 2021, was made in accordance with the law and order of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America and has by the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery been sustained as a regular gospel call. It is hereby transferred to the Pacific Coast Presbytery of which Jerry E. Foltz is a member, for presentation.

By order of the Presbytery this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October in the year 2021.



F. Richard Blankenship III  
Clerk of Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery  
*Ad Interim* Commission



Frank J. Smith  
Moderator of Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery  
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## Pastor's Call and Financial Agreement

We, the Second Reformed Presbyterian Church, 4800 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis, Indiana, under the care of the Great Lakes Gulf Presbytery, desiring to call an associate pastor to take the spiritual oversight of us in the Lord; and satisfied that your spiritual attainments, intellectual abilities and soundness in the faith and the *Testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church* are fitted to our capacities, do now, with the concurrence of Presbytery, call you, **Jerry Foltz**, to undertake the office of pastor among us. Upon your accepting this call and performing the duties of your office as set forth by the Constitution, we promise you all due respect and support in the Lord.

We hereby promise to pay you \$65,000 annually, in the event of your accepting this call, and performing the duties of a pastor among us payable in 12 installments of \$5416.67 each. Of this compensation 40% is designated as an allowance for furnishings and appurtenances for your dwelling as set forth by Section 107 of the I.R. Code.

We include the following in the compensation package:

### 1. Business Expense

Mileage allowance will be provided at the IRS business mileage rate. All expenses for ministry and attendance at presbytery and Synod will be reimbursed. Secretarial services are provided at the church offices. Attendance at professional conferences and professional development activities are encouraged and will be reimbursed.

### 2. Other Benefits

The church will pay \$5,200 annually toward the denomination pension plan.

You are expected to purchase family health coverage from your salary.

Three weeks will be provided for vacation time each year. Time will also be given for the for Synod, Presbytery, and the Covfamikoi Family Conference/RP International Conference each year.

### 3. Moving Expenses

All the costs of moving from present location to new location will be paid up to \$7,000.



We promise to review annually with you the adequacy of this compensation prior to the adoption of the congregation's budget meeting to take into account the cost of living increase.

In witness thereof, we subscribe this call and financial agreement, the

26<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 2021 in the presence of these witnesses:

**Elders:**

Jeffrey Platt  
Russ Pulliam  
N. Dean Wilson  
J. Richard Blankenship III  
D. M. Klein

David Mason  
Richard Johnston  
D. J. [unclear]  
[unclear]

**Deacons:**

Thomas R. Mangum  
Mike Stuart  
Eric Felton

Eric [unclear]  
Paul [unclear]

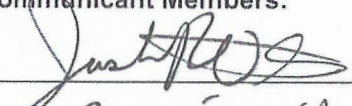
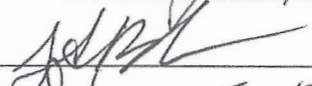
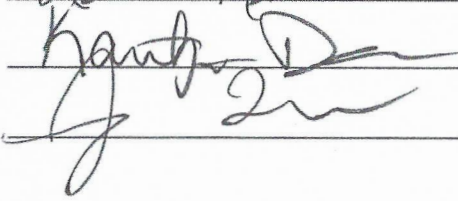
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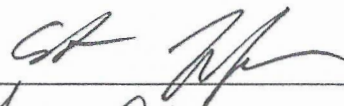
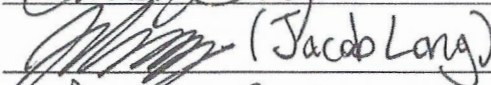
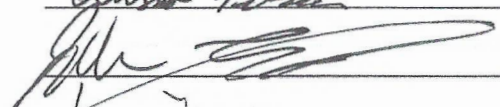
I hereby certify that this call and financial agreement were made out on the date therein specified in accord with the law and order of the church.

James Faris

Pastor James Faris, Moderator

Communicant Members:

  
 Claudia Birt (+Ward)  
 Nemala Rao  
 Diana J. Hunter  
  
 Sheri E. Bell  
 D. By L  
 M.B.F.  
 Stephen Schmitt  
 STEPHEN  
 ANDREW  
 Cindy Bright  
 Jim Bright  
 Eric Johnson  
 Elizabeth Jarvis  
 Rosemarie Mangano  
 Sam S. O'By  
 Karen Nelson  
 Gary D  


  
 Tony Adams  
 Cameron Ford  
 Bambu Blum  
 Cassi Long  
 (Jacob Long)  
 Beekie Johnston  
 Adam Bell  
 Alissa Filsen  
  
 Harry Johnston  
 Mark Kincaid  
 David H. Cutter  
 Craig Calkins  
 Joseph Henry  
 Carl L. Platt  
 Julie Otter  
 Linda Blankenship  
 David Moman  
 Pamela Filsen

(More signatures on attached sheet)

Rachel Hillrode  
Kerri Nahr  
Lark Olson  
Linda Smigard  
Pat Erickshaw  
Mike Bell

Hopie Rhodes  
Janice Chheng  
Janice Potts  
Janice Potts  
Henny & Erna Protow  
Dan & Janet Gufure  
Kevin & Amy Koons  
Pat Cutler

Adam R. Poir  
Julia Faris  
Joyce Nordmo  
Rowland Horder  
Caleb Faris  
Evelyn Mauser  
Chloe Casell  
Thomas & Emily Mangum

Adam & Heidi Puklat  
Andrew Dellrodel  
Julie Mauser  
Karl Stoicheff JIF  
Joan Stoicheff JIF

Congregational meeting called by session for leadership elections  
of the Second Reformed Presbyterian Church  
at 4800 N. Michigan Road

September 26, 2021

Attendance: Elders: Richard Blankenship; Rich Blum; Donald Cassell;  
James Faris; Dean Filson; Terry Magnuson; Jeff Platt; Russ Pulliam.

1. James Faris called the meeting to order and read the edict for the final time.
2. The congregation sang Psalm 118D.
3. James opened God's Word from I Samuel 2-3 and constituted the court in prayer.
4. Russ Pulliam reported that a quorum was present – 98 of 130 active resident members.
5. Donald Cassell offered the session nominations: Jerry Foltz, teaching elder; ruling elders, Adam Doerr; Justin Olson; deacons, Tony Adams and Andrew Saunders. No other nominations were offered for these offices.
6. Ballots were distributed, and the moderator led in prayer. James appointed tellers: Terry Magnuson; Russ Pulliam; Paul Swigart; Richard Blankenship.
7. Russ Pulliam read the membership roll for collection of the ballots.
8. As ballots were counted, Pastor Faris called for Psalm 103:2 testimonies of the Lord's faithfulness among us.

9. The moderator announced the results of the election, with Jerry receiving 89 percent of the votes. The other candidates all received more than 90 percent of the votes counted. Elder Jeff Platt presented the terms of the call, which were approved by the congregation.

10. Pastor Faris adjourned the court in prayer.

Second Reformed Presbyterian Church

Membership: September 25, 2021

Total: 190 members. (NR -- non-resident -- 33) (NP -- Not able to be present physically -- 16).

Adams, Tony

Ahlgrim, Rick (new 2021)

Ahlgrim, Rebecca (new 2021)

Baczkur, Daniel (new 2021)

Baczkur, Marianne (new 2021)

Barta, David (new 2020)

Battiato, Andrew (NR)

Battiato, Laura (NR)

Bell, Mike

Bell, Sherri (10)

Bell, Ethan

Bell, Addie

Bell, Apphia

**Bell, Ezra**

**Bell, Elias**

Blank, David

Blank, Julie

**Blank, Stuart**

**Blank, Duncan**

**Blank, Liam (20)**

**Blank, Colin**

Blankenship, Richard

Blankenship, Linda

Blue, Shane (new 2021)

Blue, Erika (new 2021)

Blum, Richard

Blum, Barbara

Bradshaw, Pat

Bright, Jim

Bright, Cindy (30)

Britt, Ward (NP)

Britt, Claudia

Brodie, Beth (NR)

Calkins, Bob (NP)

Calkins, Caryn (NP)

Calkins, Craig

Calkins, Hannah (NP)

Cassell, Donald

Cassell, Choi-ha

Cassell, Chaya (40)

Cassell, Zuri (NR)

**Cassell, Yoezer**

Cavanaugh, Beth (new 2021)  
Charboneau, Doug  
Charboneau, Joy  
Chheng, Sam  
Chheng, Karen  
Chheng, Christopher  
Chheng, Joseph  
Chheng, Janae (new 2020) (50)  
**Chheng, Sori-yah**  
Concannon, Patrick  
Concannon, Jerri  
**Concannon, Ava**  
Concannon, Bella (NR)  
Cutter, Dan  
Cutter, Pat  
Cutter, Andrew  
Cutter, Philip  
Cutter, Ashley (60)  
Cutter, Jessica (NR)  
Daniels, Jonathan (new 2021)  
Dinkledine, Adam (new 2021)  
Dinkledine, Heidi (new 2021)  
Doerr, Adam  
Doerr, Andrew  
Doerr, Kaitlyn  
Duncan, Janet  
Faris, James  
Faris, Elizabeth (70)  
Faris, Ellie (NR)  
Faris, Cargill (NR)  
Faris, Cameron  
Faris, Lydia  
**Faris, Caleb (new 2020)**  
Fatyanov, Michael (new 2021) (NR)  
Fatyanov, Rachel (new 2021) (NR)  
Filson, Dean  
Filson, Pam  
Filson, Eric (80)  
Filson Swigart, Alissa  
Fulk, Bruce  
Fulk, Joy  
Gaskins, Edmund (NR)  
Gilhooley, Andrew (new 2020)  
Gilhooley Rachel  
Gutwein, Dan (new 2021)  
Gutwein, Janet (new 2021)

Hoffman, Ethan  
Hoffman Anna (90)  
Hunter, Diana  
Hunter, Tom (NP)  
Hunter, Karen (NP)  
Jackson, Joshua  
Jackson, Cathy  
Jesudason, Cynthia  
Jesudason, Chandra (NP)  
Johnson, Eric  
Johnston, Rich  
Johnston, Beckie (100)  
Johnston, Stephen  
Kincaid, Mark  
Koons, Kevin (new 2020)  
Koons, Amy (new 2020)  
Koons, Meredith (new 2020)  
Koons, Clara (new 2020)  
Koss, Bill  
LeFebvre, Drew (new 2021)  
Lewis, Kimmy  
Long, Cassi (110)  
Long, Jacob  
Long, Jim  
Long, Levi (IA)  
Magnuson, Steve  
Magnuson, Margaret  
Magnuson, Ivana  
Magnuson, Josh (NR)  
Magnuson, Aaron (NR)  
Magnuson Greg (NR)  
Magnuson, Platt, Laura (NR) (120)  
Magnuson, Terry  
Magnuson, Debbie  
Magnuson, Nathan  
Mangan, Tom  
Mangan, Rosemarie  
Mangan, Tommy  
Mangan (York) Emory  
Mangan, Joe (NR)  
Mangan, Sarah (NR)  
**Mangan, Daniel (130)**  
**Mangan, James (new 2020)**  
Marcisz, Nathan  
Mauser, David  
Mauser, Julie



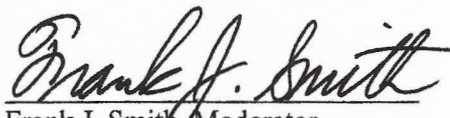
Maurer, Clara (NR)  
**Mauser, Henry (NR)**  
**Mauser, Evelyn**  
Metzger, Corinne (NP)  
Miller, Chloe (NR)  
Murray, Aaron (NR) (140)  
Murray, Mary (NR)  
Nelson, Jim  
Nelson, Karen  
Nohr, Kerri (new 2020)  
Nordmo, Rowland (NP)  
Nordmo, Joyce (NP)  
Nwosu, Obi (NR)  
Nwosu, Anna (NR)  
Olson, Justin  
Olson, Leah (150)  
Oltean, Julie  
Petty, Chance (NR)  
Platt, Jeff  
Platt, Catherine  
Prutow, Dennis (NP)  
Prutow, Erma  
Pulliam, Russell  
Pulliam, Ruth  
Pulliam, David  
Pulliam, Grace Hanson (160)  
Rao, Nirmala (new 2021)  
Medina, Brian (new 2021)  
Rhodes-Medina, Hope (new 2021)  
Saunders, Andrew  
Saunders, Lauren  
Schmutte, Steve  
Sevier, Nathan (new 2020)  
Smith, Zach (NR)  
Smith, Beth Magnuson (NR)  
Snyder, Randy (170) (NP)  
Snyder, Daniel  
Stoicheff, Karl (NP)  
Stoicheff, Joan (NP)  
Stuart, Mike  
Swigart, Paul  
Swigart, Linda  
Terpstra, Filson, Laurie  
Terpstra, Jake  
Thompson, Ann (NR)  
Treese, Betty (180)

Treese, Donn  
Trout, Luke (NR)  
Trout, Ali (NR)  
Urbain, Diane  
Vanderveen, Tyler  
Vanderveen, Katie  
Weyrick, Joel (new 2021) (NR)  
Weyrick, Stacey (new 2021) (NR)  
Wilson, Marty  
Zebrun, Walt (NR) (190)

**Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery**  
**Minutes of the *Ad Interim* Commission**  
**November 6, 2021**

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Frank J. Smith, Moderator

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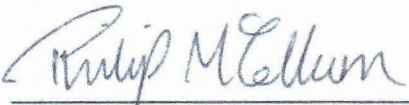
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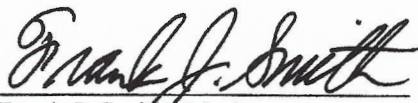
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Philip McCollum, Clerk *Pro Tem*

**Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery**  
**Minutes of the *Ad Interim* Commission**  
**November 9, 2021**

The *Ad Interim* Commission (“AIC”) of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met on November 9, 2021 by Zoom video conference call.

1. Elders present were Moderator Frank Smith (Moderator, Atlanta RPC), Richard Blankenship (Clerk, Second RPC, Indianapolis), Andy DeRosa (Elkhart RPC) and Philip McCollum (Bloomington RPC).
2. Philip McCollum constituted the Court in prayer in the name of and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 6:32 p.m.
3. By common consent it was decided to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2021 meeting of the AIC.
4. It was moved, seconded, and approved to authorized Andrew Falk (Ruling Elder – Christ Church RPC) to retain legal counsel on behalf of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery regarding Communication GLG 21-15 and all related matters with an initial budget of \$5,000. Approval of additional funds for the engagement may be approved by unanimous vote of the AIC. Such vote may be taken and approved via email.
5. By common consent it was decided to approve the minutes of November 6, 2021, as amended.
6. By common consent it was decided to authorize Philip McCollum to approach individuals previously discussed by the AIC as potential leaders of the Presbytery youth ministry to inquire as to their willingness and availability to serve as CYPY Secretary *Pro Tem* or as a member of the CYPY Advisory Committee and report back to the AIC regarding this matter at a future meeting.
7. Andy DeRosa adjourned the Court in prayer in the name of and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 7:26 p.m.



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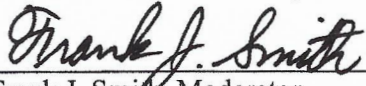
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**January 13, 2022**

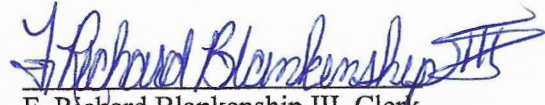
The *Ad Interim* Commission (“AIC”) of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met on January 13, 2022 by Zoom video conference call.

1. Elders present were Moderator Frank Smith (Moderator, Atlanta RPC), Richard Blankenship (Clerk, Second RPC, Indianapolis), John Cavanaugh (RPC of Southside Indianapolis), Andy DeRosa (Elkhart RPC) and Philip McCollum (Bloomington RPC).
2. Frank Smith constituted the Court in prayer in the name of and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 6:33 p.m.
3. By common consent the minutes of the November 9, 2021 meeting of the AIC were approved.
4. It was moved, seconded, and approved to authorize outside legal counsel, Kroger, Gardis & Regas, LLP, to prepare a litigation hold (a letter requiring preservation of relevant evidence such as emails, committee reports, etc.) and to issue it to the individuals, committees, and commissions as deemed necessary and appropriate.
5. It was moved, seconded, and approved to call a Special Meeting of the Presbytery to be held at Second Reformed Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana at 7:00 PM on March 2, 2022 for the purpose of the ordination and installation of Jerry E. Foltz and to authorize the dissemination of the Installation Edict. The Session of Second Reformed Presbytery is authorized to handle the appropriate arrangements for the meeting.
6. It was approved to appoint Adam Kuehner and Nathan Eshelman as the temporary Internet Maintenance Committee through March 2022 and to grant a \$250 stipend to a member of that committee or to one hired by the committee having expertise to handle the technical details related to the Presbytery’s internet functions.
7. It was moved, seconded, and approved for First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Durham to call an additional pastor.
8. It was moved, seconded, and approved, at the request of the Selma RPC Session, to appoint Adam Niess as Interim Moderator replacing Jerry O’Neill and to appoint Jerry O’Neill as Provisional Elder replacing Adam Niess.
9. It was adopted that the congregation hosting a Presbytery meeting is to oversee and appoint appropriate rooming assignments for hotel housing arrangements.
10. Philip McCollum gave an informational update on the CYPUR indicating that Steve Rhoda took on the position of CYPUR Director *Pro Tem* and that work is ongoing to select and establish a CYPUR Advisory Committee.

11. The minutes of the meeting were read and approved.
12. Philip McCollum adjourned the Court in prayer in the name of and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 7:20 p.m.



Frank J. Smith, Moderator  
Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery  
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**Edict for the Ordination and Installation  
of Jerry E. Foltz  
in the  
Second Reformed Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis**

The Great Lakes/Gulf Presbytery has received a call made by the Second Reformed Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis upon Jerry E. Foltz to be their associate pastor and has sustained it as a regular gospel call. He has signified his intention to accept the call. Notice is hereby given that the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March in the year 2022, has been fixed as the time for his ordination and installation, with certification that the Presbytery will proceed in the same unless some valid objections be offered to the Presbytery which is to meet in a Special Meeting at Second Reformed Presbyterian Church at 7:00 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March in the year 2022 for the ordination and installation.

The meeting for the ordination and installation will be held at 7:00 PM at Second Reformed Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis, 4800 North Michigan Road, Indianapolis, Indiana.

F. Richard Blankenship, III

Frank J. Smith

Clerk of the *Ad Interim* Commission Moderator of the *Ad Interim* Commission

By order of the Presbytery this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year 2022.



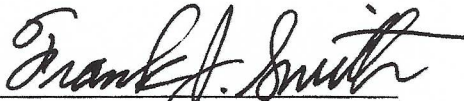
**Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery**  
**Minutes of the *Ad Interim* Commission**  
**February 3, 2022**

The *Ad Interim* Commission (“AIC”) of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met on February 3, 2022 by Zoom video conference call.

1. Elders present were Moderator Frank Smith (Moderator, Atlanta RPC), Richard Blankenship (Clerk, Second RPC, Indianapolis), John Cavanaugh (RPC of Southside Indianapolis), Andy DeRosa (Elkhart RPC) and Philip McCollum (Bloomington RPC).
2. Frank Smith constituted the Court in prayer in the name of and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 6:35 p.m.
3. It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept, effective February 3, 2022, the resignation of Jared Olivetti as pastor of Immanuel RPC, to dissolve his pastoral relationship and to declare the Immanuel RPC pulpit vacant. It is understood that the Immanuel RPC Session is handling all necessary details including matters of pulpit supply, the administration of the sacraments, and the moderating of a call. A Declaration of Vacant Pulpit is to be provided to the Clerk of the Session of Immanuel RPC, a copy of which is attached to these minutes along with Jared Olivetti’s resignation letter.
4. It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept, effective February 3, 2022, with appreciation for his service, the resignation of Jason Camery from the RPCNA Home Mission Board of Directors. His resignation letter is attached to these minutes.
5. It was moved, seconded, and approved regarding Communications 22-4A and 22-4B to appoint an Inquiry Committee consisting of Philip McCollum and Richard Blankenship to inquire further into the concerns reported to the AIC by three families and the Session of First RPC of Grand Rapids. The Inquiry Committee is to report their findings and any recommendations to the Presbytery at the Presbytery meeting scheduled for March 3, 2022. A copy of Communications 22-4 and 22-4B is attached to these minutes.
6. It was moved, seconded, and approved, at the request of Mark Brown, to dismiss him and his candidacy as a student under care from the Great Lakes/Gulf Presbytery and to transfer his candidacy back to the Presbytery of the Alleghenies. His certifications are to be transferred to the Presbytery of the Alleghenies.
7. It was moved, seconded, and approved to change the starting time of the March 3, 2022 Presbytery meeting from 2:00 pm on March 3, 2022 to 10:30 am on March 3, 2022.
8. It was moved, seconded, and approved to direct the AIC Clerk to discuss with Andrew Falk and ascertain whether he authorized legal counsel retained by the Presbytery to draft a joint defense agreement. If he did not authorize that work, he will be directed to request an appropriate adjustment in the billing to delete charges for that work. If the billing for the joint defense

agreement was authorized the Clerk will direct the Presbytery Treasurer to make payment as billed.

9. Receipt of a February 2, 2022 update from Jeff Kessler was acknowledged. The update was regarding an accusation against him by two families of the RPC of Lafayette related to his appointment by the AIC and his serving as a provisional elder at Immanuel RPC. It is understood that an unnamed third party has been asked to assist in pursuing a Matthew 18 reconciliation.
10. It was moved, seconded, and approved, to adopt the Litigation Hold letter drafted by outside legal counsel and to appoint the Clerk of Presbytery, Adam Kuehner, to provide the information requested by legal counsel in order to distribute the letter to the appropriate parties in the Presbytery.
11. The draft AIC Report to Presbytery was approved for submission to Presbytery granting the Clerk the ability to make any necessary grammatical corrections prior to submission to Presbytery.
12. The minutes of the meeting were reviewed and approved.
13. Andy DeRosa adjourned the Court in prayer in the name of and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 8:08 p.m.



Frank J. Smith, Moderator  
Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery  
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F. Richard Blankenship III, Clerk  
Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery  
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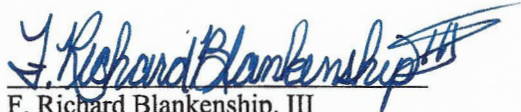
**Declaration of a Vacant Pulpit**

**Immanuel Reformed Presbyterian Church  
Lafayette, Indiana**

The pastor of the Immanuel Reformed Presbyterian Church presented his resignation to the Ad Interim Commission on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year 2022.

The resignation was accepted by the Ad Interim Commission at its meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February in the year 2022 to take effect on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February in the year 2022, and the pastoral relationship was dissolved. May the Lord guide the congregation to the choice of another under-shepherd.

It is understood that the Session of Immanuel Reformed Presbyterian Church is handling the necessary details regarding pulpit supply, administration of the sacraments and moderating a call.



F. Richard Blankenship, III  
Clerk of the *Ad Interim* Commission



Frank J. Smith  
Moderator of the *Ad Interim* Commission

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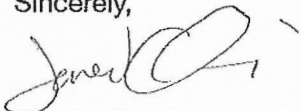
To the Ad Interim Commission of the Great Lakes/Gulf Presbytery:

Today, January 15, 2022, I have announced to the congregation my intention to resign as pastor from Immanuel RPC. My cessation of service will begin on January 17, 2022. I understand that the congregation has two weeks to offer their thoughts to you, and that I am not technically able to request my release from the pastoral relationship until January 29, 2022.

Because I am also informing the Synod Judicial Commission, I wanted to make sure you were in the loop and prepared to act with appropriate urgency on the matter at the soonest possible date. I request that the resignation be accepted and the pastoral relationship be dissolved on January 29, 2022.

Please let me know if this letter will suffice as my request when January 29 comes around or if I will need to communicate with you again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jared Olivetti", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jared Olivetti

Jason Camery  
Marion RP church  
Great Lakes Gulf Presbytery  
01/17/2022

Clerk of Great Lakes Gulf Presbytery  
Adam Kuehner

Dear Adam:

It is with regret that I tender my resignation from the RPCNA Home Mission board of directors, effective immediately. Could you please forward this letter to the GLG Ad-interim commission, thank you.

I am grateful for having had the opportunity to serve on the board of this fine organization for the past couple of years and I offer my best wishes for its continued success.

Sincerely,

Jason Camery  
Pastor, Marion RP church

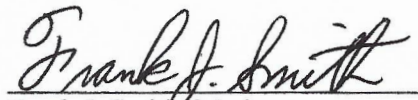
**Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery**  
**Minutes of the *Ad Interim* Commission**  
**February 17, 2022**

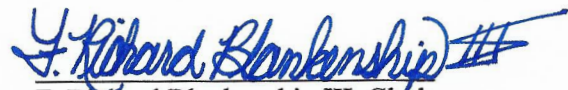
The *Ad Interim* Commission (“AIC”) of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met on February 17, 2022 by Zoom video conference call.

1. Elders present were Moderator Frank Smith (Moderator, Atlanta RPC), Richard Blankenship (Clerk, Second RPC, Indianapolis), John Cavanaugh (RPC of Southside Indianapolis), and Philip McCollum (Bloomington RPC). Andy DeRosa (Elkhart RPC) was providentially hindered from being able to attend.
2. Philip McCollum constituted the Court in prayer in the name of and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King, and Head of the Church at 6:32 p.m.
3. Having received from the Midwest Presbytery Ad Interim Commission an approved call of Joseph Smith by Westminster RPC (Colorado), the AIC declined to act on it. No action was taken on the call because Mr. Smith has not yet been licensed to receive a call. The call will be forwarded to the Clerk of Presbytery for further action when appropriate. The AIC Clerk will communicate to the Midwest Presbytery AIC the status of the call.
4. A request from the Belle Center RPC Session for additional support in handling a pastoral matter was referred back to the Session. The Session is asked to provide more definitive information regarding the request. To aid in further consideration it is recommended that a written summary of the issue(s), the form or nature of support requested and any recommendations regarding the request be provided to the Presbytery or the next appointed AIC.
5. The request and recommendations received from the Marion RPC Session for help in handling a discipline case in their congregation were moved, seconded, and approved, those being specifically (i) appointing Shawn Anderson (Sycamore RPC – Kokomo) and Bob McKissick (Sycamore RPC – Kokomo) as provisional elders to handle the oversight and discipline of Christian Camery and (ii) appointing Shawn Anderson as moderator *pro-tem* over the case involving Christian Camery. A copy of the request from the Marion RPC Session is attached to and made a part of these minutes.
6. The appointment of a new Marion Visitation Committee was so ordered consisting of Bryan Dage (Heatherton RPC), Ross Fearing (Sparta RPC) and Adam Doerr (Second RPC – Indianapolis) to replace, due to a misunderstanding, the previous Marion Visitation Committee (Wade Mann, Jeff Kessler, and Ross Fearing).
7. It was moved, seconded, and approved to pay the Kroger Gardis & Regas, LLP invoice for legal services dated February 17, 2022 in the amount of \$2,602.27. The AIC Clerk will forward the invoice to Jim Bishop, Treasurer of Presbytery for payment.
8. It was moved, seconded, and approved, to direct Andrew Falk to consult with Kevin Koons of Kroger Gardis & Regas, LLP to determine if additional legal services of the firm are expected to

be needed in 2022, and if they are, for Andrew Falk to prepare a report to Presbytery providing (i) a brief summary of the nature of the work performed since being retained, (ii) a statement as to why the continued engagement would be beneficial, (iii) a summary of the scope of the work to be performed and (iv) a recommendation of the amount to be budgeted for the coming year. This report should be submitted to Adam Kuehner, Clerk of Presbytery for inclusion in his Clerk's Report and submission to the Finance Committee for consideration in preparing the budget. If no additional work and or expenses are likely in 2022, no report to Presbytery will be necessary.

9. It was moved, seconded, and approved to dismiss Andrew Falk from his responsibilities as Presbytery client representative with outside legal counsel, Kroger Gardis & Regas, LLP, upon fulfilling the assignments in item number 8 above.
10. It was moved, seconded, and approved to have Jim McFarland be the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery point of contact for Emily Edmundson, assigned insurance defense counsel, retained for the denomination and Presbytery. The Clerk of Presbytery or Clerk of the next AIC should inform Mr. McFarland of the contact information for the new Clerk of the AIC to facilitate Mr. McFarland's providing updates and communications to the AIC or the Presbytery from Ms. Edmundson.
11. The minutes of the meeting were reviewed and approved.
12. John Cavanaugh adjourned the Court in prayer in the name of and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King, and Head of the Church at 7:29 p.m.

  
Frank J. Smith, Moderator  
Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery  
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F. Richard Blankenship III, Clerk  
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