----- Forwarded Message -----From: Craig Scott <<u>craig.scott1560@hotmail.co.uk</u>> To: <u>shawn.anderson@yahoo.com</u> <<u>shawn.anderson@yahoo.com</u>> Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 03:01:51 PM EDT Subject: Credential Request

Dear Shawn Anderson,

I pray you and your family are well and the Lord is blessing your ministry in Kokomo.

I am writing to you as moderator of the Ad Interim Commission of the Great Lakes and Gulf Presbytery. In August 2022, I communicated with the AIC to intimate that I have accepted an invitation from the US Presbytery of the Free Church Continuing to plant a church in Greenville, Texas. In the same month I contacted the candidates and credentials committee to request, in accordance with DCG D-22-i, that my credentials be held by the GLG until my application to the FCC has been accepted. The application process was completed on August 9, 2023.

Ordinarily, in accordance with DCG D-22-I, I would request the transfer of my credentials to the US Presbytery of the FCC. However, there is a difference of polity procedure between the two denominations. The RPCNA's procedure is to transfer credentials from denomination to denomination, but the FCC does not have such a procedure. The FCC receives or removes ministers.

Therefore, in light of the procedural difference, I humbly request that my credentials be removed from the list of teaching elders under care of the GLG presbytery effective retroactively from August 9, 2023.

If there needs to be a revision of this request in order to satisfy the RPCNA Constitution, then please contact with the necessary instructions.

Thank you for your service.

Yours in Christ,

Craig Scott

## FREE PRESBYTERY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (CONTINUING)

August 22, 2023

Adam Kuehner, Clerk Great Lakes – Gulf Presbytery Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America

Dear Mr. Kuehner,

Greetings in our Lord Jesus Christ to you and the Great Lakes – Gulf Presbytery of the RPCNA. This letter is to notify you that the Rev. Craig Scott has been received as a minister of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing). The Free Presbytery of the USA of the FCC first took up Mr. Scott's application for admission as a minister at its meeting in November of last year. We interviewed Mr. Scott and approved his application. We also forwarded his application to the committee in Scotland that is responsible for making recommendations to our General Assembly regarding the admission of ministers, and Mr. Scott traveled to Scotland to meet with this committee. The General Assembly approved the admission of Mr. Scott in May, and instructed our Presbytery to arrange for him to sign our constitutional Formula. This final step in Mr. Scott's admission took place in Lexington, Kentucky on August 9.

During the process described above, we were pleased to receive two letters of recommendation in Mr. Scott's behalf from office-bearers within the RPCNA. However, it has been drawn to my attention that we have not until now sent any communication to yourselves as the presbytery from which he comes to us. Please be assured that this was simply an oversight. We are grateful for the oversight under Christ that you have exercised over Mr. Scott for the past years. For context, this may be an area where there are some differences in procedure between Scottish and American presbyterianism.

If it is possible at this point, we would welcome a communication from your presbytery that indicates that you release Mr. Scott to the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing). Furthermore, if there is anything regarding the procedures of the RPCNA that you believe it would be helpful for us to know for future reference, I will be happy to communicate that our presbytery. May the Lord establish you and the fathers and brethren in every good work for his own name's sake.

In Christian affection,

Brent C. Evans Principal Clerk of Presbytery