

**Great Lakes–Gulf Presbytery Ad Interim Commission Minutes**  
**March 27, 2023**

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The Ad Interim Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met by video conference call.

Those present included Shawn Anderson (moderator, Sycamore RPC-Kokomo, IN), G. Scott Damerow (SW Ohio RPC), Aaron Hartzler (RPC of Lafayette, IN), Jerry Porter (Southside RPC, Indianapolis, IN), and Alejandro Ramirez (Orlando RPC).

Shawn Anderson opened the meeting and constituted the court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, King and Head of the Church at 7:04 pm.

By common consent the agenda was adopted.

**Agenda Item:** Appoint a clerk.

**Action Taken:** Aaron Hartzler volunteered. By common consent, Aaron Hartzler was appointed clerk.

**Agenda Item:** *(From Presbytery, March 2-4, 2023)* 10. (Rec 7) That presbytery instruct the incoming AIC to determine and disseminate the time and place for the fall meeting by 7/31/23.

**Action Taken:** Jerry Porter will check with Bloomington RPC if they can host in October 2023.

**Agenda Item:** *(From Presbytery, March 2-4, 2023)* 47. “That presbytery, in response to Mr. Faris’ request ‘for his credentials to be sent to Zionsville Fellowship Church’ (ZFC), send a letter of ministerial standing, and instruct the AIC to dismiss James Faris from the roll of GLGP TEs upon confirmation of the ZFC clerk’s receipt and acceptance of that letter.”

**Action Taken:** Shawn Anderson will check to see if there are any pending judicial actions taken against Mr. Faris. He will also look into what official action(s) are included in “dismissal from the roll” of Presbytery.

**Agenda Item:** *(From Presbytery, March 2-4, 2023)* 76. It was moved and seconded that a three-man AIC-appointed committee evaluate the differences between the forgiveness granted at this meeting to Mr. Borg and the response to requests for forgiveness made at previous meetings (this motion carried).

**Action Taken:** By common consent, Shawn Anderson and Jerry Porter will come up with names of men to serve on this study committee.

**Agenda Item:** *(From Presbytery, March 2-4, 2023)* 80. (Rec 2) That presbytery appoint a provisional elder for Sparta RPC.

**Action Taken:** A Ruling Elder was suggested. Shawn will check his availability prior to appointment.

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**Agenda Item:** *(From the Presbytery of the Alleghenies)* Approve and forward a call from Trinity RPC to Jonathan Sturm.

**Action Taken:** It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the Trinity RPC pastoral call to Jonathan Sturm as a regular gospel call, to be forwarded to Mr. Sturm. The congregational meeting minutes, roll of communicant members, and pastor's call with financial agreement are attached to and made part of these Minutes.

**Agenda Item:** *(From Adam Kuehner/IRPC Resolution Comte)* Appoint someone to replace Mr. Kuehner on the IRPC Resolution Committee.

**Action Taken:** Shawn Anderson will ask the present committee for their input regarding (1) the need for, and (2) possible suggestions for a replacement for Mr. Kuehner.

**Agenda Item:** *(From the Southfield RPC session)* Forward GLG 23-14 Complaint (Kuehner v. GLG Presbytery) to synod with session endorsement.

**Action Taken:** It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to forward GLG 23-14 Complaint (Kuehner v. GLG Presbytery) to synod.

**Agenda Item:** *(From the Lafayette RPC session)* Request to (1) appoint a commission to conduct Jon's ordination exams for some time in the month of May, and (2) appoint Friday, June 23, to hold Jon's ordination and installation service in Lafayette.  
*[This would be the evening of the last day of Synod when elders would already be in the vicinity, which would save mileage for the Presbytery. If housing is needed for members of the GLGP that night, we could provide it for them.]*

**Action Taken:** Regarding (1) By common consent, the following Jonathan Sturm Ordination Exam Commission was appointed, consisting of seven men, to conduct the ordination exams for Jonathan Sturm:

1. Shawn Anderson (Clerk)
2. Bob McKissick
3. Jerry Foltz
4. Dean Filson
5. Ian Wise (Moderator)
6. John Hanson
7. Wade Mann

The following are appointed as alternates to the Commission, in the order listed, in the event any of the above men are unable to serve.

8. Josh Smith
9. Joel Hart
10. Aaron Murray

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Regarding (2) It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously, pending Mr. Sturm sustaining his ordination exams, that Mr. Sturm’s ordination and installation service be held on Friday, June 23.

The minutes of the actions taken, along with assignments, were reviewed.

Jerry Porter prayed for the Trinity RP Church and the adjourned the court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, Head and King of the Church at 8:44 p.m.

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Aaron Hartzler,  
Clerk of the Ad Interim Commission

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Shawn Anderson,  
Moderator of the Ad Interim Commission