

Great Lakes–Gulf Presbytery Ad Interim Commission Minutes
June 5, 2023

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 (clerk, RPC of Lafayette, IN), Jerry Porter (Southside RPC, Indianapolis, IN) and Alejandro Ramirez (Orlando RPC, Orlando, FL).

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 7:07 pm.

Agenda Item 17: *(From Joel Hart via Columbus RPC session [endorsed], May 6, 2023)* request for the AIC to specify if/when/how Petition GLG 23-19 comes before the court.

Action Taken: By common consent, the AIC nominations so far include Joel Hart (3 years) and Ross Cerbus (1 year).

Agenda Item 18: *(From Gary Allison via Southfield RPC, April 25, 2023)* request to forward a complaint [GLG 23-22] and an appeal [GLG 23-23] to Synod against the GLGP AIC decision to return his complaint [GLG 23-15] because it was ruled out of order.

Pertinent documents to be forwarded include: GLG 23-15; AIC Minutes (4/24/23); AIC letter to Mr. Allison (4/24/23)

Action Taken: It was moved, seconded, and carried to forward GLG 23-22 and GLG 23-23 to Synod with the following explanation:

“The complaint and the appeal are the same in substance. Previously he filed a communication which he called an appeal and complaint. It appears that he has filed the same document with two different titles to avoid his previous mistake. We are forwarding both with this explanation to shed light on the possible confusion.”

Agenda Item 19: *(From Nathan Enas and Kevin Swan, June 5, 2023)* request to forward a complaint [GLG 23-24] to Synod against the GLGP decision to remove Rev. James Faris from the roll of Teaching Elders of the GLGP.

Action Taken: It was moved, seconded, and carried to forward GLG 23-24 to Synod without endorsement.

Pertinent documents to be forwarded include: Rev. Faris request for dismissal; Minutes of GLG Presbytery (March 2-4, 2023); Letter of Standing of Rev. Faris; AIC Minutes (3/27/23 & 4/24/23)

Agenda Item 20: Since (1) the Book of Discipline II.4.4 stipulates that if there is a complaint against a court then, “...The lower court is the defendant in the case, and shall be represented by one or more of its members or other persons appointed for this purpose...” and (2) there

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are several complaints against the GLGP, therefore the following representative appointments are made for the 2023 Synod.

Action Taken:	By common consent, here are representative appointments for Synod 2023	
	23-01 [GLG 22-16 Enas, et al vs. GLG & Faris]	A. Kuehner / N. Eshelman
	23-02 [GLG 22-23 Enas vs. GLG & CCRP Comm.]	A. Kuehner / N. Eshelman
	23-03 [GLG 22-22 Enas & Swan vs. GLG Recording]	A. Kuehner / N. Eshelman
	23-06 [GLG 23-14 Kuehner vs. GLGP]	J. Hughes / N. Eshelman
	23-XX [GLG 23-24 Enas/Swan vs. GLGP]	R. Holdeman / S. Rhoda

Agenda Item 21: (*From Ben Manring, June 3, 2023*) notice of appeal and request to instruct the SSRPC session to withdraw their announcement of rebuke, per BOD II.4.12.

Action Taken: It was moved, seconded, and carried that in accord with Book of Discipline II.4.11 (E-17) the AIC will inform Mr. Manring that when they receive his notice of appeal formally from the clerk of Southside RPC session, Mr. Sturm, then the AIC will be able to act on his notice.

Mr. Jerry Porter recused himself from voting on this motion.

Agenda Item 22: (*From Adam Kuehner, June 5, 2023*) request to fill GLGP’s interchurch liaison due to Dick Knodel’s resignation.

Action Taken: By common consent Shawn Anderson was appointed as GLGP’s interchurch liaison.

Agenda Item 23: AIC suggests taking up Mr. Allison’s complaints [GLG 23-16 – *summoning Mr. Allison to trial* and GLG 23-17 – *proceeding with Mr. Allison’s trial*] as a single complaint.

Action Taken: It was moved, seconded, and carried to that the following procedure be adopted and slated for the GLGP’s upcoming meeting on Friday, June 23 from 3:30-5:30 pm at the RP Church of Lafayette (1723 S 9th St, Lafayette, IN 47905).

1. COMPLAINT HEARING — GLG 23-16, 23-17 (Combined) 50 mins [5:25]
 - A. Complainant (10 mins) [4:45]
 - B. Defendant (10 mins) [4:55]
 - C. Floor Discussion (20 mins) [5:15]
 - D. Vote on GLG 23-16 5 mins [5:20]
 - E. Vote on GLG 23-17 5 mins [5:25]

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2. The AIC will inform Mr. Allison of this date and schedule with the plan for combining the complaints.
3. We will place this recommendation before the Presbytery at Synod for their approval of this procedure.

Recommendation: *That the GLG Presbytery approve of the procedure and schedule to take up Mr. Allison's combined complaints (GLG 23-16, GLG 23-17) at the Presbytery meeting on June 23, 2023 at the RPC of Lafayette.*

Agenda Item 24: *(From the Membership Committee, June 5, 2023) request to transfer the Boudreau family (Brenden*, Elizabeth*, George, Genevieve, Walter), former members of the First RPC of Grand Rapids congregation, from the membership roll of the GLGP to Little Farms Chapel OPC in Coopersville, Michigan, at their request, effective June 5, 2023. (*Communicant)*

Action Taken: It was moved, seconded, and carried to transfer the Boudreau family (Brenden & Elizabeth Boudreau are communicant members, and George, Genevieve, and Walter are baptized members) from the membership roll of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery to Little Farms Chapel OPC (Coopersville, MI).

These minutes of June 5, 2023 were read and approved by common consent.

Aaron Hartzler prayed for the Church and adjourned the court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, Head and King of the Church at 8:20 pm.



Aaron Hartzler,
Clerk of the Ad Interim Commission



Shawn Anderson,
Moderator of the Ad Interim Commission