The Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery (RPCNA)

Official Meeting Minutes (3-9-20)

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2020 ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

<u>**Time</u>**: Thursday March 5 @ 2pm to Saturday March 7 @ Noon <u>**Place**</u>: Elkhart Reformed Presbyterian Church 2323 17th Street Elkhart, IN 46517 **Phone**: (574)293-1772</u>

BUSINESS SESSION #1 Thursday 2:00 to 5:30 p.m.

The Great Lakes/Gulf Presbytery assembled for its annual spring meeting at the Elkhart Reformed Presbyterian Church in Elkhart, Indiana on Thursday March 5 at 2:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER / PRAYER OF CONSTITUTION

The moderator, Wade Mann, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with the singing of Psalm 67A, called upon God's name in prayer, read 1 Timothy 6:11-16, preached from the text on "The Good Fight of Faith", after which the court sang Psalm 18E to the praise of God, and the moderator constituted the court in prayer.

2. ATTENDANCE

The assistant clerk called the attendance roll and confirmed that a quorum was present.

3. INTRODUCTION OF FIRST-TIME DELEGATES

The court took time to introduce and welcome its first-time delegates.

- Steve Rhoda introduced Russell Lodge, a ruling elder at Terre Haute RPC.
- James Faris introduced Rich Blum, a ruling elder at Second RPC Indianapolis.
- Craig Scott introduced Jake Schwartz, a ruling elder at First RPC Grand Rapids.
- Adam Niess introduced Greg Woodson, a ruling elder at Selma RPC.
- David Hanson introduced Mark Hart, a ruling elder at Southside RPC Indianapolis.
- Phil Pockras introduced Bruce Bowers, a member of Belle Center RPC visiting as a non-delegate observer.

4. CLERK'S REPORT

Adam Kuehner presented the clerk's report, addressing several housekeeping matters, reminding the presbyters to send their delegates list change requests directly to Keith Evans, and presenting the following recommendations.

- Recommendation 1¹ was seconded and passed.
- Recommendation 2² was seconded and passed.
- Recommendation 3³ was seconded, after which it was moved, seconded, and passed to entertain a substitute motion: "That presbytery refer Communication 20-1 to the 19-5 Committee for the committee to review and bring back a proposed disposition of the communication during their already-planned report to presbytery", which then also passed.

¹ "That presbytery appoint Phil Pockras and Jon Hughes as parliamentarians for this meeting, with Steve Rhoda and Keith Evans serving as alternates."

 $^{^2}$ "That presbytery instruct the nominating committee to (a) determine the congregations to be visited this year, and (b) identify one or two potential nominees to replace Bill Roberts (now in MWP) as a GLG representative on the Trustees of Synod."

³ "That presbytery refer Communication 20-1 to the Judicial Committee (of the Day)."

- Recommendation 4⁴ was seconded. It was moved and seconded to entertain a substitute motion: "That presbytery return Communications 20-2 and 20-3 to their authors." The substitute failed by a vote of 19-25, after which Recommendation 4 passed.
- Recommendation 5⁵ was withdrawn by the clerk, with the court's understanding by common consent that Communication 20-4 continue to be held by the 19-5 Committee, which will report on the matter of distribution.
- Recommendation 6⁶ was seconded and passed.
- Recommendation 7⁷ was seconded and passed.
- It was moved, seconded, and passed to receive the clerk's report.

5. OFFICER ELECTIONS

It was moved, seconded, and passed to nominate David Hanson as moderator, after which the nominations were closed, the motion passed, and Mr. Hanson took the chair.

• It was moved, seconded, and passed to reappoint the existing clerk and assistance clerk to these offices, after which the nominations were closed and the motion passed.

6. AD INTERIM COMMISSION REPORT

Michael LeFebvre presented the report of the Ad Interim Commission, after which the report was approved and the minutes spread on the minutes of presbytery.

7. SOUTHSIDE (I. WISE) INSTALLATION COMMISSION REPORT

The report and minutes of the Southside Installation Commission were approved by common consent.

8. INTER-CHURCH LIAISON REPORT

Steve Rhoda spoke on behalf of the Inter-Church Liaison, updating the court on his recent visit to an OPC presbytery.

- Phil Pockras recommended the Reformed Forum Podcast, led by an OPC minister mentioned in the report, as an edifying alternative to conservative talk radio.
- The moderator led the court in prayer, after which Wade Mann made several announcements on behalf of the host congregation, and the court took its mid-afternoon break at 3:33 p.m.
- The moderator resumed the meeting at 3:51 p.m., making an announcement regarding travel vouchers, and appointing the finance committee: Keith Magill (Ch.), Jake Schwartz, Russell Lodge.

9. ATLANTA (F. SMITH) INSTALLATION COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Knodel presented the report of the Atlanta Installation Commission (to install Frank Smith as pastor), after which the report was approved by common consent with the minutes spread on the minutes of presbytery.

10. TREASURER'S REPORT

Keith Magill presented the treasurer's report, which was received by common consent.

11. SHEPHERDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Frank Smith presented the shepherding committee report, which was received by common consent.

12. CANDIDATES AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Jared Olivetti presented the Candidates and Credentials Committee Report, after which Recommendation 1⁸ passed and Recommendations 2⁹ and 3¹⁰ were referred to the nominating committee.

⁴ "That presbytery refer Paper 20-2 and Communication 20-3 to the 19-5 Committee."

⁵ "That presbytery refer Communication 20-4 to the 19-5 Committee pending its recommendation (to be presented and voted on later in this meeting) for/against distributing the document to the delegates."

⁶ "That presbytery adopt the proposed agenda for this meeting."

⁷ "That presbytery grant all RPCNA elders present, including all non-certified delegates from this presbytery, the privilege of the floor during the remainder of this meeting."

⁸ "That student exams be conducted according to the schedule outlined below."

^{9 &}quot;That Rich Holdeman and Jared Olivetti be nominated to continue serving on our committee."

¹⁰ "That Joel Hart be nominated to serve on the committee."

Personal Godliness Exam (Aaron Murray)

Mr. Olivetti invited Aaron Murray forward to receive his personal godliness exam from Jason Camery, after which he answered questions from Mr. Camery, then from the floor, and the exam was unanimously sustained by a roll call vote.

• The moderator clarified that while we strongly discourage delegates who are present during the entire exam from abstaining, this is not an official policy or rule to be enforced.

Personal Godliness Exam (Tre Cranford) — Executive Session

It was moved, seconded, and passed to enter executive session to conduct Tre Cranford's personal godliness exam.

- Tre Cranford then came forward to receive his personal godliness exam from Jared Olivetti, after which he answered questions from Mr. Olivetti, then from the floor, and received comments from the floor; the exam was sustained by a roll call vote.
- The presbytery rose from executive session by common consent.

13. MOTION FROM THE FLOOR (Failed)

It was moved and seconded "That every session provide an annual written report to the Presbytery, and that the list of congregations be divided so as to hear only half of the session reports each year unless an off-year session brings a recommendation or is need of special counsel." The motion failed.

14. CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS

The court spent the remainder of its time hearing reports from local congregations.

- Wade Mann presented the Westminster congregational report, after which the report was received by common consent.
- Steve Rhoda presented the Terre Haute congregational report, after which the report was received by common consent.

15. INTERCESSORY PRAYER & RECESS FOR DINNER

Led by Keith Magill and David Whitla, the presbytery interceded in prayer for the congregations previously reporting and gave thanks for the food, recessing the court for its dinner break at 5:35 p.m.

BUSINESS SESSION #2 Thursday 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

16. CALL TO ORDER / PRAYER OF CONSTITUTION

The moderator called the court to order at 7:00 p.m., after which Gary McNamee reminded the court to pray for Ed Schisler's health, and called upon God's name in prayer, reconstituting the court.

17. CANDIDATES AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Cont.) — Evidence of Progress Sermon (Tre Cranford) Jared Olivetti invited Tre Cranford forward for his Evidence of Progress Sermon, after which Mr. Cranford called upon God's name in prayer, read Ezra 3:12-13 and Haggai 2:1-5, preached a message from the text to comfort weeping elders, prayed for God's blessing, and announced Psalm 8B, which the court sang to the praise of God.

18. CLERK'S MOTION

It was moved, seconded, and passed "That presbytery authorize the assistant clerk to take attendance visually in this and all remaining business sessions."

19. ATTENDANCE

The assistant clerk took visual attendance and a quorum was present.

20. READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The clerk read the minutes from the previous business session, which were approved as amended.

21. MODERATOR APPOINTMENTS

The moderator appointed the Nominating Committee: Adam Niess (Ch.), Kent Butterfield, Timothy Vincze, Ben Larson, Eric Cozens. He also appointed John Hanson as the travel agent, along with the following minute-book review assignments:

Atlanta:David Whitla, Rich BlumBelle Center:Frank Smith, Mark HartBloomington:Phil Pockras, Ken NelsonChrist Church:Scott Hunt, Philip McCollumColumbus:No MinutesDurham:Eric Cozens, Michael LeFebvreElkhart:Gary McNamee, Kent ButterfieldGrand Rapids:Ed Schisler, Wade Mann

Hetherton: Andy DeRosa, Craig Scott Immanuel: Ray Morton, Jake Schwartz Lafayette: Zachary Blackwood, Joel Hart Marion: Jared Olivetti, Bob Bibby Orlando: Ben Larson, Adam Niess Second RP: Jason Camery, Jonathan Schaefer Southfield: Dean Filson, Averette Woodson Southside: Greg Woodson, Jon Hughes <u>SWORP</u>: Ian Wise, James Odom <u>Sparta</u>: John Hanson, Dick Knodel <u>Sycamore</u>: Timothy Vincze, Keith Evans <u>Terre Haute</u>: Steven Work, Bob McKissick <u>Westminster</u>: John Hanson, Shawn Anderson

22. CANDIDATES AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Cont.)

Jared Olivetti resumed the report of the Candidates and Credentials Committee.

Evidence of Progress Sermon Exam (Tre Cranford)

Tre Cranford's Evidence of Progress Sermon was unanimously sustained with no comments from the floor.

Personal Godliness Exam (Zachary Blackwood)

Jared Olivetti invited Zachary Blackwood forward to receive his personal godliness exam from Kent Butterfield, after which Mr. Blackwood answered questions from Mr. Butterfield, then from the floor, and received comments from the floor; the exam was unanimously sustained.

23. CHURCH OFFICER ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Phil Pockras presented an oral report on behalf of the Church Officer Election Committee, noting that since the committee had fulfilled its mandate in 2017, it should now be dissolved, after which the recommendation to dissolve the committee with thanks was approved and the oral report was received by common consent.

24. EXTENSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports were received from either the Northern or Southern Church Extension Committees.

25. SELMA COMMITTEE REPORT

Adam Niess presented the Selma Committee Report and answered questions from the floor.

- Recommendation 1¹¹ was referred to the finance committee.
- Recommendation 2¹² passed, as amended to thank the committee for their work.
- The report was received by common consent.

26. SELMA CONGREGATIONAL REPORT

Greg Woodson presented the Selma congregational report and answered questions from the floor, after which Recommendation 1¹³ and Recommendation 2¹⁴ were referred to the Nominating Committee, and the report was received by common consent.

27. CANDIDATES AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Cont.)

By common consent, Jared Olivetti invited Marc Brown, a ruling elder at Providence RPC in Pittsburgh, to come forward and share his personal testimony of faith in Christ and call to the ministry, after which Mr. Brown addressed the court and answered questions from the floor; Recommendation 4¹⁵ passed unanimously, without vocal dissent.

- Mr. Hughes led the court in intercessory prayer for Marc Brown and the Selma congregation.

28. MODERATOR APPOINTMENTS

The moderator announced further appointments: Time and Place Committee (Shawn Anderson, James Odom), and Resolution of Thanks Committee (Zachary Blackwood, Dick Knodel).

29. PRAISE & PRAYER OF ADJOURNMENT

The court sang Psalm 150A to the praise of God, after which Bob McKissick called upon God's name in prayer, adjourning the court at 8:55 p.m.

BUSINESS SESSION #3 Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

30. CALL TO ORDER / PRAYER OF CONSTITUTION

The moderator called the court to order at 8:31 a.m., after which Averette Woodson called upon God's name, constituting the court in the name of Christ.

¹¹ "That presbytery give Selma RPC \$3,000 to support Mark Brown's internship."

¹² "That this committee be dismissed."

^{13 &}quot;That Jerry O'Neill be appointed interim moderator for another year."

¹⁴ "That Adam Niess be appointed provisional elder for another year."

¹⁵ "That Mark Brown be received under care of presbytery and that his exams completed under Allegheny Presbytery be received."

31. CANDIDATES & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Cont.) — Evidence of Progress Sermon (Aaron Murray)

Jared Olivetti invited Aaron Murray forward for his evidence of progress sermon, after which he called upon God's name in prayer, read Mark 10:17-22, preached from the broader passage (vv. 17-45) on "The Rich Young Man", offered up a concluding prayer, and announced Psalm 30A, which the court sang to the praise of God.

32. ROLL CALL / VISUAL

The assistant clerk took attendance visually and a quorum was present.

33. READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The clerk read the minutes, which were approved as amended.

34. CANDIDATES & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Cont.)

Jared Olivetti resumed the report of the Candidates and Credentials Committee.

Evidence of Progress Sermon Exam (Aaron Murray)

The Candidates and Credentials Committee resumed its report, after which Aaron Murray's Evidence of Progress Sermon was unanimously sustained following comments from the floor.

35. REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO REVIEW COMMUNICATION 19-516

At the moderator's request, H.P. McCracken called upon God's name in prayer for the court's deliberation on the ensuing report, after which Joel Hart presented the report of the Committee to Review Communication 19-5, distributing a one-page handout, reminding the court of its original recommendation, and outlining its newly amended Recommendations.

Mr. Hart noted that all five members of the committee (including those not present at the meeting) have participated in producing the amended recommendation, after which he read the amended recommendations, which are as follows:

(1) In response to Communication 19-5 and 20-1, that Presbytery appoint a three-man Study Committee:

(1) To read Dr. Michael LeFebvre's book, The Liturgy of Creation: Understanding Calendars in Old Testament Context, his article "Adam Reigns in Eden," and his Biologos post, "Cracking the Code of Cadence: The Genre of Genesis";

(2) To consider the academic review of the LeFebvre writings by the RPTS faculty (20-4)

(3) To evaluate the LeFebvre writings and make a judgment as to confessional subscription and hermeneutical legitimacy and to answer the questions specifically raised in Communication 20-1; and

(4) To report the committee's assessment and judgment to presbytery along with any relevant recommendations at the synod meeting of presbytery (June 23-June 26).

(2) That Communications 20-2, 20-3, [and] 20-4 be referred to the three-man Study Committee.

(3) That presbytery appoint a temporary three person visitation committee, consisting of a pastor, ruling elder, and deacon, to confer with Pastor and Mrs. LeFebvre, the Session of Christ Church, and members of the congregation as soon as possible after Presbytery in order to make a recommendation to Presbytery, again as soon as possible, regarding ongoing shepherding needs of the LeFebvre family, the Session, and the Congregation and then potential appointment of a Special Christ Church Shepherding Committee.

- After some discussion on the floor, the committee agreed to a friendly amendment, adding the word "committee" immediately after the word "faculty" to Subpoint 2 of the newly proposed recommendations.
- It was moved, seconded, and granted by the moderator to divide the first recommendation into five distinct recommendations (making a total of seven), which are as follows:
 - **1.** In response to Communication 19-5 and 20-1, that Presbytery appoint a three-man Study Committee:
 - To read Dr. Michael LeFebvre's book, The Liturgy of Creation: Understanding Calendars in Old Testament Context, his article "Adam Reigns in Eden," and his Biologos post, "Cracking the Code of Cadence: The Genre of Genesis";
 - 3. To consider the academic review of the LeFebvre writings by the RPTS faculty committee (20-4)
 - **4.** To evaluate the LeFebvre writings and make a judgment as to confessional subscription and hermeneutical legitimacy and to answer the questions specifically raised in Communication 20-1; and
 - **5.** To report the committee's assessment and judgment to presbytery along with any relevant recommendations at the synod meeting of presbytery (June 23-June 26).
 - 6. That Communications 20-2, 20-3, [and] 20-4 be referred to the three-man Study Committee.

¹⁶ This committee was established by the Ad Interim Commission (with its members appointed by Wade Mann (elected moderator at spring 2019 meeting) on 11/14/19 in response to Communication 19-5 from the St. Lawrence Presbytery (RPCNA). This communication contained a unanimous request from the SL-P asking the GLG-P "to appraise Rev. Dr. Michael LeFebvre's book *The Liturgy of Creation: Understanding Calendars in Old Testament Context*, his article Adam Reigns in Eden, and his recent posting on hte Biologos website (https:biologos.org/articles/cracking-the-code-of-cadence-the-genre-of-genesis) to ascertain whether or not these writings are consistent with the subordinate standards of the RPCNA... [and] to forward their conclusions to this Presbytery." The committee was instructed by the AIC to "determine how the Communication should be handled, and to return recommendations to Presbytery."

7. That presbytery appoint a temporary three person visitation committee, consisting of a pastor, ruling elder, and deacon, to confer with Pastor and Mrs. LeFebvre, the Session of Christ Church, and members of the congregation as soon as possible after Presbytery in order to make a recommendation to Presbytery, again as soon as possible, regarding ongoing shepherding needs of the LeFebvre family, the Session, and the Congregation and then potential appointment of a Special Christ Church Shepherding Committee.

Recommendation 1

It was moved and seconded to amend Recommendation 1 so as to expand the committee to five members, after which this amendment was discussed.

- The previous ruling of the moderator to divide the recommendations was challenged, but the moderator (with affirmation from the parliamentarians) ruled this challenge out of order since the court had already moved on to discuss Recommendation 1.
- After further discussion, the motion to amend Recommendation 1 passed 25-18.
- The parliamentarians pointed out that, as previously divided, the amended Recommendation 1¹⁷ is not a proper motion, since it does not provide any instructions for the committee. The moderator ruled that items 1 and 2 be reattached, such that there are now six distinct motions before the court, which are as follows:
 - In response to Communication 19-5 and 20-1, that Presbytery appoint a three-man Study Committee: to read Dr. Michael LeFebvre's book, *The Liturgy of Creation: Understanding Calendars in Old Testament Context*, his article "Adam Reigns in Eden," and his Biologos post, "Cracking the Code of Cadence: The Genre of Genesis";
 - 2. To consider the academic review of the LeFebvre writings by the RPTS faculty committee (20-4);
 - **3.** To evaluate the LeFebvre writings and make a judgment as to confessional subscription and hermeneutical legitimacy and to answer the questions specifically raised in Communication 20-1;
 - **4.** To report the committee's assessment and judgment to presbytery along with any relevant recommendations at the synod meeting of presbytery (June 23-June 26).
 - 5. That Communications 20-2, 20-3, [and] 20-4 be referred to the three-man Study Committee.
 - **6.** That presbytery appoint a temporary three person visitation committee, consisting of a pastor, ruling elder, and deacon, to confer with Pastor and Mrs. LeFebvre, the Session of Christ Church, and members of the congregation as soon as possible after Presbytery in order to make a recommendation to Presbytery, again as soon as possible, regarding ongoing shepherding needs of the LeFebvre family, the Session, and the Congregation and then potential appointment of a Special Christ Church Shepherding Committee.
 - Further discussion ensued, after which <u>Recommendation 1¹⁸ passed</u>.

Recommendation 2

Recommendation 2 was taken up, after which it was moved and seconded to add the words "and other available academic reviews" at the end of the recommendation.

- Discussion ensued, after which the amendment failed and the court took its scheduled break at 10:17 a.m. and then resumed at 10:37 a.m. in prayer, led by Steven Work.
- Following the break, the court resumed its discussion and <u>Recommendation 2¹⁹ passed</u>.

Recommendation 3

Without objection from the court, the committee accepted a friendly amendment to Recommendation 3, replacing the words "evaluate" and "make a judgment" with the words "assess" and "provide an evaluation."

- It was moved and seconded to strike the words "and hermeneutical legitimacy" from Recommendation 3, after which the amendment was discussed and a voice vote was taken. The moderator ruled that the amendment passed and division was requested. The clerks reported a tie vote (22-22), but with some hesitancy in the accuracy of the count. It was moved, seconded, and passed to take a roll call vote to ensure accuracy. The result of the roll call vote was a tie (22-22), after which the moderator voted in the affirmative to amend Recommendation 3, noting that multiple members of the 19-5 Committee had supported the amendment. Therefore, the amendment passed.
- It was accepted by the committee as a friendly amendment to replace the phrase "answer the questions specifically" with the phrase "suggest answers to the questions", after which <u>Recommendation 3²⁰ passed</u>.

²⁰ "To assess the LeFebvre writings and provide an evaluation as to confessional subscription and to suggest answers to the questions raised in Communication 20-1."

¹⁷ "In response to Communication 19-5 and 20-1, that Presbytery appoint a five-man Study Committee:"

¹⁸ "In response to Communication 19-5 and 20-1, that Presbytery appoint a three-man Study Committee: to read Dr. Michael LeFebvre's book, *The Liturgy of Creation: Understanding Calendars in Old Testament Context*, his article 'Adam Reigns in Eden,' and his Biologos post, 'Cracking the Code of Cadence: The Genre of Genesis.'"

¹⁹ "To consider the academic review of the LeFebvre writings by the RPTS faculty committee (20-4)."

Recommendation 4

Recommendation 4 came before the court and was discussed, after which the moderator dismissed the committee to confer further on the wording of their remaining recommendations.

36. INTER-CHURCH LIAISON REPORT (Cont.)

Dick Knodel introduced Rev. Ian Wright, a fraternal delegate of the Orthodox Presbytery Church, who brought a word of greeting from the Presbytery of the Midwest.

- Dick Knodel introduced Rev. Peter Wallace, a fraternal delegate of the Presbyterian Church in America, who brought a word of greeting from the Presbytery of the Great Lakes.
- The report was received by common consent.

37. LAST CALL FOR PAPERS

The clerk issued a last call for papers; none were received.

38. CANDIDATES & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Cont.)

Jared Olivetti resumed the report of the Candidates and Credentials Committee.

Personal Godliness Exam (Joe Smith)

Jared Olivetti invited Joe Smith forward to receive his personal godliness exam from Philip McCollum, after which Mr. Smith answered questions from Mr. McCollum, then from the floor of presbytery, and received comments from the floor; the exam was unanimously sustained.

- At 11:40 a.m., the moderator granted the court a five minute break, after which the court resumed its business at 11:45 a.m.

Systematic Theology and Distinctives 1 Exam (Tre Cranford)

Jared Olivetti invited Tre Cranford forward to receive his Systematic Theology and Distinctives 1 exam from Ian Wise, after which Mr. Cranford answered questions from Mr. Wise, then from the floor, and the exam was unanimously sustained.

39. PRAYER & RECESS FOR LUNCH

Mr. Morton recessed the court in prayer and gave thanks for lunch at 12:25 p.m.

BUSINESS SESSION #4 Friday 2:00 - 5:30 p.m.

40. CALL TO ORDER / PRAYER TO RECONVENE

The moderator called the court to order at 2:01 p.m., after which Dean Filson called upon God's name in prayer to reconvene the meeting.

41. ROLL CALL / VISUAL

The assistant clerk took attendance visually and a quorum was present.

42. READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The clerk read the minutes from the previous business session, which were approved as read.

43. REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO REVISE DCG D-22

Adam Kuehner presented the report of the Committee to Revise DCG D-22, outlining the proposed changes to the RPCNA Directory for Church Government (DCG) on D-22 and D-23:

CURRENT DIRECTORY FOR CHURCH	PROPOSED <u>REVISION</u> TO DIRECTORY FOR
GOVERNMENT 3.II.5.d (D-22)	CHURCH GOVERNMENT 3.II.5.d (D-22)
d. Presbytery shall inform the clerk of session by letter that the pulpit has been declared vacant. This letter shall be read to the congregation. The letter shall also contain presbytery's authorization and counsel regarding pulpit supply, administration of sacraments and moderating a call.	d. Presbytery shall inform the clerk of session by letter that the <u>pastoral relationship has been dissolved</u> , <u>conveying presbytery's</u> <u>authorization and counsel regarding the replacement of the departing teaching elder</u> . This letter shall be read to the congregation. <u>If the dissolution leaves the congregation</u> without an installed teaching elder, the letter shall also declare the pulpit vacant and include presbytery's authorization and counsel regarding pulpit supply, administration of sacraments and moderating a call.

CURRENT DIRECTORY FOR CHURCH GOVERNMENT 3.II.6.f (D-23)

PROPOSED <u>REVISION</u> TO DIRECTORY FOR CHURCH GOVERNMENT 3.II.6.f (D-23)

d. Presbytery shall inform the clerk of session by letter that the pulpit has been declared vacant. This letter shall be read to the congregation. The letter shall also contain presbytery's authorization and counsel regarding pulpit supply, administration of sacraments and moderating a call. d. Presbytery shall inform the clerk of session by letter that the pastoral relationship has been dissolved, conveying presbytery's authorization and counsel regarding the replacement of the departing teaching elder. This letter shall be read to the congregation. If the dissolution leaves the congregation without an installed teaching elder, the letter shall also declare the pulpit vacant and include presbytery's authorization and counsel regarding pulpit supply, administration of sacraments and moderating a call.

- Following a comment from the floor, both Recommendations 1²¹ and 2²² passed, and the report was received by common consent.

44. CANDIDATES & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Cont.)

Jared Olivetti resumed the report of the Candidates and Credentials Committee.

Personal Godliness Exam (Allen Blackwood)

Allen Blackwood came forward to receive his personal godliness exam from Gary McNamee, answering questions from Mr. McNamee and from the floor, after which comments were received from the floor and the exam was unanimously sustained by roll call vote.

- The moderator recessed the court for a ten minute break at 2:55 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

45. REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO REVIEW COMMUNICATION 19-5 (Cont.)

The Committee to Review Communication 19-5 resumed its report, distributing an updated version of its four remaining recommendations (4-7), which are as follows:

- **4.** To interact with Dr. LeFebvre for the purpose of understanding and clarification of the relevant points raised in the writings being evaluated;
- **5.** To report the committee's assessment along with any relevant recommendations at a special meeting of presbytery held immediately before the 2020 Synod meeting at a time and place specified by the Time and Place Committee.
- 6. That Communications 20-2 and 20-3 be referred to the five-man Study Committee.
- 7. That presbytery appoint a temporary three person visitation committee, consisting of a pastor, ruling elder, and deacon, to confer with Pastor and Mrs. LeFebvre, the Session of Christ Church, and members of the congregation as soon as possible after Presbytery in order to make a recommendation to Presbytery, again as soon as possible, regarding ongoing shepherding needs of the LeFebvre family, the Session, and the Congregation and the potential appointment of a Special Christ Church Shepherding Committee.

Recommendation 4 (Cont.)

The court resumed its discussion of Recommendation 423, which passed without vocal dissent.

Recommendation 5

Recommendation 5 was discussed, after which it was moved and seconded to refer Communication 19-5 back to the St. Lawrence Presbytery, which the moderator ruled out of order due to the current matter under consideration; <u>Recommendation 5²⁴ passed</u>.

Recommendation 6

Recommendation 6 was discussed, after which it was moved and seconded to return Paper 20-02 and Communication 20-03 to the authors, which the moderator ruled out of order, since the mover had not voted in the majority when this motion failed previously during the clerk's report.

²¹ "That presbytery endorse the proposed revision to the Directory of Church Government 3.II.5.d (D-22) and 3.II.5.d (D-23), and forward it to the 2020 Synod with a view to formal adoption by the denomination."

²² "That presbytery dissolve this committee."

²³ "To interact with Dr. LeFebvre for the purpose of understanding and clarification of the relevant points raised in the writings being evaluated;"

²⁴ "To report the committee's assessment along with any relevant recommendations at a special meeting of presbytery held immediately before the 2020 Synod meeting at a time and place specified by the time and place committee."

- The committee substituted the word "forwarded" for the word "referred" as a friendly amendment, after which <u>Recommendation 6²⁵ passed</u>.
- It was moved to refer Communication 19-5 back to the St. Lawrence Presbytery, but there was no second.

AN ORGANIZED SUMMARY²⁶ OF THE FIVE-MAN STUDY COMMITTEE AS APPOINTED AND TASKED IN RECOMMENDATIONS 1-6:

In response to Communication 19-5 and 20-1, that Presbytery appoint a five-man Study Committee:^{R1}

- A. To read Dr. Michael LeFebvre's book *The Liturgy of Creation: Understanding Calendars in Old Testament Context*, his article "Adam Reigns in Eden," and his Biologos post, "Cracking the Code of Cadence: The Genre of Genesis";^{R1}
- B. To consider the academic review of the LeFebvre writings by the RPTS faculty committee (20-4).^{R2}
- C. To assess the LeFebvre writings and provide an evaluation as to confessional subscription and to suggest answers to the questions raised in Communication 20-1.^{R3}
- D. To interact with Dr. LeFebvre for the purpose of understanding and clarification of the relevant points raised in the writings being evaluated;^{R4}
- E. To report the committee's assessment along with any relevant recommendations at a special meeting of presbytery held immediately before the 2020 Synod meeting at a time and place specified by the time and place committee.^{R5} [At Marion RPC, on Monday June 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.]
 - That Communications 20-2 and 20-3 be forwarded to the five-man Study Committee.^{R6}

Recommendation 7

Recommendation 7 was discussed, after which it was accepted by the committee as a friendly amendment to change the motion to read as follows: "That presbytery appoint a three-man committee to be available for counsel to the Session of Christ Church and the LeFebvre family."

• The amended Recommendation 7 was discussed, after which it was moved and seconded to refer the motion back to the committee to work with the Christ Church delegates to help clarify the language.

46. CONGREGATIONAL REPORT

James Odom presented the Sparta congregational report, after which Recommendation 1²⁷ passed, Recommendation 2²⁸ was referred to the nominating committee, and the report was received by common consent.

47. ATLANTA TGB REPORT

- Frank Smith presented the Atlanta TGB report.
- Recommendation 1²⁹ was withdrawn.
- Recommendations 2³⁰ passed.
- Recommendation 3³¹ passed.

²⁸ "A new provisional moderator be appointed to begin serving after the Presbytery receives the visitation committee's report at the June 2020 Synod meeting of Presbytery."

³⁰ "That the Atlanta Commission be authorized to proceed with the purchase of the church building at 574 Western Avenue NW, Atlanta, Georgia."

²⁵ "That Communications 20-2 and 20-3 be forwarded to the five-man Study Committee.

²⁶ This summary is inserted into the minutes solely for reference.

²⁷ "That Presbytery appoint a visitation committee to Sparta with at least one member having experience in small town ministry, the committee to report to the June 2020 Synod meeting of Presbytery."

²⁹ "That the pastor of Atlanta RPC be given up to ten minutes to address Presbytery."

³¹ "That the Presbytery approve the loan application to the Trustees of Synod."

- Recommendation 4³² passed.
- Recommendations 5³³ and 6³⁴ were referred to the Finance Committee.
- Recommendation 7³⁵ was ruled unnecessary, since TGB minutes are reviewed by moderator-appointed two-man committees.
- Recommendation 8³⁶ was referred to the Nominating Committee.
- Recommendation 9³⁷ passed, as the report was received by common consent.

48. REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO REVIEW COMMUNICATION 19-5 (Cont.)

Joel Hart resumed the report of the Committee to Review Communication 19-5.

Recommendation 7 (Cont.)

On behalf of the 19-5 Committee, Joel Hart presented Recommendation 7 as revised in cooperation with the Christ Church delegates, which is as follows: "That presbytery appoint a three person committee to be made available for counsel to the Christ Church session (and the individual members of session) and the LeFebvre family."

- Following some discussion on the floor, Recommendation 7 passed without vocal dissent.

Motion from the Floor to Distribute Communication 20-4

It was moved, and seconded from the floor "That the academic review of the LeFebvre writings by the RPTS faculty committee (Communication 20-4) be received by the presbyters of this court", after which the motion was discussed.

- Mr. Vincze and Mr. Odom led the court in intercessory prayer, recessing the court for a ten minute break at 4:43 p.m., after which the court resumed the meeting at 4:55 p.m.
- It was moved to call the previous question, after which the motion failed by a vote of 19-12, falling short of the required twothirds majority, thereby returning to a discussion of the motion on the floor.
- The court, by common consent, substituted the words "received by" with the words "disseminated to" in the motion.
- Discussion of the motion continued, after which the motion passed 26-20.
- It was moved, seconded, and passed "That the clerk urge the delegates not to share Communicate 20-04 beyond the local session."
- It was moved, seconded, and passed "That the clerk report the presbytery's decisions related to committee 19-5 to the president of RPTS."

It was moved, seconded, and passed "That presbytery dismiss the 19-5 Committee with thanks", after which the report was received by common consent.

49. PRAYER & FOR DINNER

Jonathan Schaefer led the court in prayer for the food and adjourned the court in prayer at 5:25 p.m.

BUSINESS SESSION #5 Friday 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

50. CALL TO ORDER / PRAYER TO RECONVENE

The moderator called the court to order and Bob Bibby called upon God's name in prayer, reconvening the court at 7:00 p.m.

51. ATTENDANCE

The clerk took attendance visually and a quorum was present.

52. CONGREGATIONAL REPORT

Jason O'Neill presented the Christ Church congregational report, which was received by common consent.

53. READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The clerk read the minutes from the previous business session, which were approved as read by common consent.

³² "That the Presbytery ask its congregations and members to give generously for the support of Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church, particularly for its building fund."

³³ "That the Presbytery give \$2,000.00 in 2020 for the ministry of Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church."

³⁴ "That the Presbytery allot \$2,000.00 for the work of the Atlanta Commission."

³⁵ "That the minutes of the Atlanta Commission be spread upon the minutes."

³⁶ "That the present members of the Atlanta Commission be re-elected for another year."

³⁷ "That this report be approved."

54. PRESBYTERY YOUTH REPORT - C.Y.P.U.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that members of the C.Y.P.U. leadership team be granted privileges of the floor during the Presbytery Youth Report, after which the team provided an excellent summary of various youth ministry activities within the presbytery over the past year, sharing how it was a blessing to them personally, requesting prayer for God's continued blessing, thanking the court for its support, and urging even greater youth participation in the year ahead.

• Ben Larson reiterated the encouraging report and the report was received by common consent, after which Wade Mann led the court in intercessory prayer for the C.Y.P.U.

55. PAGELAND TGB REPORT

Joel Hart presented the report of the Pageland Temporary Governing Body (TGB).

- Recommendation 1³⁸ passed with sadness.
- Recommendations 2³⁹ passed.
- Recommendation 3⁴⁰ was amended to read: "That approval be requested from the Trustees of Synod to distribute the remaining funds of the Pageland Preaching Station to the Atlanta RPC building fund" after which the recommendation passed.
 Later in the business session, it was clarified that the Pageland work is a mission church, not a preaching station.
- Recommendation 4⁴¹ passed by common consent with thanks to the TGB, after which Mr. Olivetti expressed a note of thanks for Ron Posvar's active roll in the Pageland work over the years, and Keith Evans called upon God's name in a prayer to dissolve the work in Pageland.
- The report was received by common consent.

56. LOUISVILLE COMMISSION REPORT

The previous moderator, Wade Mann, took the chair, and David Hanson presented the report of the Louisville Commission. Recommendation 1⁴² passed, after which the report and its minutes were approved by common consent, and David Hanson resumed the chair.

57. CONGREGATIONAL & VISITATION REPORTS

- The court spent the remainder of the business session hearing congregational and visitation reports.
- Phil Pockras presented the Belle Center congregational report, which was received by common consent.
- Philip McCollum presented the Bloomington congregational report, which was received by common consent.
- Ed Schisler presented the Columbus congregational report, after which Recommendation 1⁴³ passed, Recommendation 2⁴⁴ was referred to the nominating committee, and the report was received by common consent.
- James Faris presented the Columbus visitation report, after which it was received by common consent.
 - The presbytery interceded in prayer for the congregations previously reporting, led by Eric Cozens, Phil Pockras, Philip McCollum, Andy DeRosa, and Kent Butterfield.
- Kent Butterfield presented the Durham congregational report, which was received by common consent.
- Wade Mann presented the Elkhart congregational report, which was received by common consent.
- Craig Scott presented the Grand Rapids congregational report and answered a question from the floor, after which the report
 was received by common consent.
- Ray Morton presented the Hetherton congregational report, which was received by common consent.
- Jared Olivetti presented the Immanuel (West Lafayette) congregational report, after which it was moved, seconded, and passed "That the Presbytery grant IRPC permission to find a new location, including the sale of our current building, and purchase of a new property in West Lafayette; this will include pursuing a loan from the Trustees of Synod", and the report was received by common consent.
 - It was moved, seconded, and passed to extend the time for intercessory prayer on behalf of the reporting congregations.

58. INTERCESSORY PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT

³⁸ "That the Pageland Preaching Station be formally dissolved by the Great-Lakes Gulf Presbytery."

³⁹ "That the remaining members of the Pageland Preaching Station, (Posvars, Rhynnes, Cooksey, Whaleys, Gary and Patrice Wise, and David Usher) be moved to the rolls of presbytery until the AIC can transfer their membership to a different congregation."

⁴⁰ "That the remaining funds of the Pageland Preaching Station be distributed to the Atlanta RPC building fund."

⁴¹ "That the Temporary Governing Body of the Pageland Preaching Station be formally dismissed."

⁴² "That the Louisville Commission Report be received and that the minutes of the commission be spread on the minutes of presbytery."

⁴³ "That Columbus' pulpit be declared vacant as of February 29 and the congregation be granted permission to call a pastor."

⁴⁴ "That Presbytery appoint Gary McNamee as moderator of the session pro tem."

The court interceded in prayer for the congregations previously reporting, led by Ed Schisler, Ken Nelson, Zachary Blackwood, Gary McNamee, and Jake Schwartz, who adjourned the court in the name and by the authority of Zion's only head and King, the Lord Jesus Christ at 9:06 p.m.

BUSINESS SESSION #6 — Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

59. CALL TO ORDER / PRAYER OF CONSTITUTION

The moderator called the court to order at 8:31 a.m., after which Shawn Anderson called upon God's name in prayer to reconstitute the court.

60. CANDIDATES & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Cont.) - Evidence of Progress Sermon (Allen Blackwood)

Allen Blackwood came forward for his Evidence of Progress Sermon, after which he read Romans 15:1-13, preached from the text on cultivating a Christ-like love for brethren with whom we may have differences, called upon God's name in prayer, and announced Psalm 34B, which the court sang to the praise of God.

61. ATTENDANCE

The assistant clerk took attendance visually and a quorum was present.

62. READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The clerk read the minutes, which were approved as amended by common consent.

63. CANDIDATES & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Cont.)

Comments were received from the floor regarding Allen Blackwood's Evidence of Progress Sermon, after which it was unanimously sustained by a roll call vote.

- The Candidates and Credentials Committee Report was received (Recommendation 5) by common consent.

64. YOUTH MINISTRIES COMMITTEE OF SYNOD REPORT

The written report from the Youth Ministries Committee of Synod Representative was received by common consent.

65. HOME MISSION BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

The written report from the Home Mission Board Representative was received by common consent.

66. COVFAMIKOI CONFERENCE REPORT

Ken Nelson presented the Covfamikoi Conference Report, after which Recommendation 1⁴⁵ was referred to the Finance Committee, and the report was received by common consent.

67. INTERNET MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (K. Evans)

Keith Evans presented the Internet Maintenance Committee Report, after which Recommendation 146 was discussed.

- It was moved and seconded "That Recommendation 1 be amended by changing the wording after 'Google sites' to the following: 'to a more secure version, with password protection for non-public documents' after which the motion failed and Recommendation 1 passed.
- Recommendation 2⁴⁷ was referred to the Finance Committee, after which the report was received by common consent.

68. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - Preliminary Draft

A preliminary draft of the Nominating Committee Report was distributed to the court.

69. GENEVA COLLEGE BOARD OF CORPORATORS REPORT

Phil Pockras presented the Geneva College Board of Corporators Report and answered questions from the floor, after which the report was received by common consent.

70. CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS

The court proceeded to hear several congregational reports.

- Ken Nelson presented the Lafayette congregational report, which was received by common consent.
- Greg Fisher presented the Marion congregational report, which was received by common consent.

⁴⁵ "That Presbytery approves \$2,000 for conference expenses."

⁴⁶ "That presbytery approve transitioning GLGPresbytery.org from the present Google Sites to the more secure version proposed above."

⁴⁷ "That presbytery cover annual costs of \$60 for the GLGPresbytery org website and the one-time set-up fee of \$39 (to be referred to the Finance Committee)."

- Jonathan Schaefer presented the Orlando congregational report, which was received by common consent.
 - Dean Filson presented the Second RPC of Indianapolis congregational report, which was received by common consent.
 The court interceded in prayer for the congregations previously reporting, led by Gary McNamee, Ed Schisler, Jake
 Schwartz, Greg Fieher Richard Blum, Greg Woodson, and Averette Woodson, after which the court took its mid-morning
 - Schwartz, Greg Fisher, Richard Blum, Greg Woodson, and Averette Woodson, after which the court took its mid-morning break at 10:10 a.m. and resumed the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

71. POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

The clerk offered a point of personal privilege, presenting a copy of *The Scots Worthies* (signed by the members of the court) to the moderator in honor of his faithful and efficient service to the presbytery.

72. CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS

The court finished hearing the remainder of its congregational reports.

- Adam Kuehner presented the Southfield congregational report and described the congregation's policy of applying sessioncontrolled communion, asking for any feedback from the floor, after which the report was received by common consent.
- John Hanson presented the Southside congregation report and brought a recommendation that presbytery grant Mr. Wise the privilege of moderating the Southside session as needed. The recommendation passed and the report was received by common consent.
- Dick Knodel presented the Southwest Ohio congregational report, which was received by common consent.
- Shawn Anderson presented the Sycamore (Kokomo) congregational report, which was received by common consent.
 - The court interceded in prayer for the congregations previously reporting, led by Jason Camery, Timothy Vincze, James Odom, and Ian Wise.

73. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Keith Magill presented the Finance Committee Report and answered questions from the floor.

- Recommendation 1⁴⁸ passed.
- Recommendation 2⁴⁹ passed.
- Recommendation 3⁵⁰ passed.
- The report was received by common consent.

74. TIME & PLACE COMMITTEE REPORT

Shawn Anderson presented an oral report on behalf of the Time and Place Committee and answered questions from the floor.

- Recommendations 1⁵¹ and 2⁵² passed.
- The oral report was received by common consent.

75. REPORT ON SESSION MINUTE BOOKS

The assistant clerk presented an oral report on the session minute book review process, noting that although nothing was found contrary to the law and order of the church in the minute books that were stamped by the assistant clerk, a number of minute books were taken back home to the local congregation without a stamp.

- The assistant clerk encouraged all sessions to have their minute book stamped by the assistant clerk before taking it back home, and to bring any un-stamped minute books to synod in order to be approved and stamped by the assistant clerk.
- The oral report was approved by common consent.

76. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - Final

Adam Niess presented the Nominating Committee Report (Appended), which was adopted by the court and is as follows:

Ad Interim Commission

Immanuel w/ Greg Fisher

<u>C&CC: Class of '23</u> Joel Hart, Rich Holdeman, Jared Olivetti (Ch.) **<u>C&CC: Class of '22</u>** Jon Hughes, Michael LeFebvre

C&CC: Class of '21 Adam Niess, Jonathan Schaefer **<u>GLG Internet Maintenance</u>** Keith Evans, Zachary Blackwood

SOCHEX Kent Butterfield, James Faris, H.P. McCracken (Ch.)

⁴⁸ "That the Mar-20 2020 Revised Budget and the Mar-20 2021 Budget be adopted."

⁴⁹ "The meal allowance for travel to/from Presbytery meetings be increased to \$8/meal."

⁵¹ "That a special meeting of presbytery to receive and act upon the assessment the 5-man study committee (201) be held at Marion RPC on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m."

⁵² "That next year's spring presbytery meeting be held at Southside RPC on March 4-6, 2021, convening Thursday, March 4 at 2:00 p.m."

⁵⁰ "That a committee of Presbytery be appointed to develop 'Guidelines for Congregations Hosting a Presbytery Meeting' consisting of Wade Mann, Chairman, HP McCracken, and Rich Holdeman."

NOCHEX

Jason Camery (Ch.), David Hanson (Louisville), Phil Pockras, Jeff Platt

<u>Financial Officers</u> Treasurer: Jim Bishop Assistant Treasurer: Mark Hart

Shepherding Committee Kent Butterfield, Craig Scott, Frank Smith (Ch.)

Visitation: Second RP Philip McCollum Adam Niess (Ch.), Stephen Shipp

Visitation: Sparta RP Shawn Anderson John Hanson, Rich Johnston (Ch.)

HMB Rep: Jason Camery

<u>Geneva College Board of</u> <u>Corporators Nom. to Synod</u>

Phil Pockras

COVFAMIKOI Conference

Director: Ken Nelson Manager: Ross Cerbus Advisory Comte: Jeff Kessler, Ben Larson, Jonathan Schaefer

Interchurch Liaison: Dick Knodel

Youth Secretary: Ben Larson

Synod Finance Comte: Jason O'Neill

<u>Rep. to Youth Ministries Comte of</u> <u>Synod</u>: Ben & Anna Larson

Pastoral Vacancies

Approve all Congregations with pastoral vacancies be permitted to administer the sacraments and call a new pastor.

2020 GLG Spring Meeting Agenda Elkhart, IN — March 5-7, 2020

Moderators of Vacant Congr's

Columbus: Gary McNamee (pro tem) Selma: Jerry O'Neill Sparta: Rich Johnston Westminster: Wade Mann

<u>Provisional Elders</u>

Belle Center: Scott Hunt Durham: Shawn Anderson, Bob Bibby Selma: Adam Niess

Atlanta Commission Scott Damerow, Dick Knodel, Frank Smith, Tim Vincze, Steven Work (Mod.)

Louisville Commission

David Hanson (Mod.), Philip McCollum, Gary McNamee, Jeff Platt

Study Committee

Ken de Jong, Joel Hart (Ch.), Jon Hughes, Wade Mann, Steven Work

Christ Church Consultative Comte Jeff Kessler, F. Menbere, J. Olivetti (Ch.)

77. RESOLUTION OF THANKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Zachary Blackwood presented the Resolution of Thanks⁵³, which was adopted by the court.

78. WORD OF CAUTION FROM THE MODERATOR

The moderator urged the court to use discretion, in accordance with the ninth commandment, when addressing the ongoing study of Mr. LeFebvre's writings within the local congregation.

79. READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The clerk read the minutes, which were approved as amended by common consent.

80. PRAYER OF ADJOURNMENT

It was moved, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting, after which the moderator called upon God's name in prayer, adjourning the court in the name and by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵³ "Thank you, Elkhart RPC, for your kind hospitality for our Presbytery. We have been well-served by your congregation during a busy and challenging meeting. Thank you for opening up your homes and your building to us and for giving us a wonderful place to eat and to deliberate. You have a congregation full of servant-hearted people, and we sure that there have been many others involved, but we would like to give special thanks to the Dean, Menbere, Moore and Ummel families for their efforts. We give thanks for the Lord and His lovingkindness which we have tasted and seen this week through your congregation."

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Church	First Last Name	Status								
Atlanta Presbyterian Fellowship	Frank J. Smith	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	YES
Belle Center RPC	Phillip Pockras	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	ABSTAIN
Belle Center RPC	Scott Hunt	CERT	RE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р		NO
Bloomington RPC	Richard Holdeman	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	YES
Bloomington RPC	Phillip McCollum	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	YES
Bloomington RPC	Stephen Shipp	EXCUSED								
Bloomington RPC	Eric Cosens	CERT	RE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	NO
Christ Church RP	Michael LeFebvre	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	YES
Christ Church RP	Jason O'Neill	ALT								
Christ Church RP	Dale Koons	CERT	RE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	YES
Christ Church RP	Sean Bird	ALT								
Christ Church RP	Andreew Falk	ALT								
Columbus RPC	Gary McNamee	CERT	RE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	YES
Columbus RPC	Edmund Schisler	CERT	RE	Р		Р	Р	Р	Р	YES
Durham First RPC	Kent Butterfield	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р		NO
Elkhart RPC	Wade Mann	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	NO
Elkhart RPC	Fikre Menbere	ALT		Р	Р					
Elkhart RPC	Jonathan Ummel	ALT								
Elkhart RPC	Andy DeRosa	CERT	RE			Р	Р	Р	Р	NO
Grand Rapids First RPC	Craig Scott	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	NO
Grand Rapids First RPC	Jake Schwartz	CERT	RE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	
Hetherton RPC	Ray Morton	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	YES
Immanuel RPC, West Lafayette	Jared Olivetti	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	YES
Immanuel RPC, West Lafayette	Benjamin Larson	CERT	RE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р		YES
Immanuel RPC, West Lafayette	Zachary Blackwood	CERT	RE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	YES
Lafayette RPC	Adam Niess	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	NO
Lafayette RPC	Ken Nelson	CERT	RE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р		YES
Lafayette RPC	Robert Bibby	CERT	RE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	NO
Lafayette RPC	Jeff Kessler	ALT								

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Church	First Last Name	Status								
Marion RPC	Jason Camery	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	NO
Marion RPC	Greg Fisher	CERT	RE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	NO
Orlando RPC	H.P. McCracken	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	YES
Orlando RPC	Jonathon Schaefer	CERT	RE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	YES
Second RPC, Indianapolis	James Faris	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	YES
Second RPC, Indianapolis	Joel Hart	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	YES
Second RPC, Indianapolis	Russ Pulliam	ALT								
Second RPC, Indianapolis	Richard Blum	CERT	RE	Р	Р	Р	Ρ	Р	Р	YES
Second RPC, Indianapolis	Dean Filson	CERT	RE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	YES
Selma RPC, Alabama	Averette Woodson	CERT	RE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	NO
Selma RPC, Alabama	Greg Woodson	CERT	RE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	NO
Southfield RPC, Michigan	Adam Kuehner	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	NO
Southfield RPC, Michigan	Jon Hughes	CERT	RE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	NO
Southside RPC, Indianapolis	David Hanson	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	
Southside RPC, Indianapolis	lan Wise	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	YES
Southside RPC, Indianapolis	John Hanson	CERT	RE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	YES
Southside RPC, Indianapolis	Mark Hart	CERT	RE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р		YES
Southwest Ohio RPC, Mason, Ohio	Dick Knodel, Jr.	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	NO
Southwest Ohio RPC, Mason, Ohio	Timothy Vincze	CERT	RE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	NO
Southwest Ohio RPC, Mason, Ohio	G. Scott Damerow	ALT								
Southwest Ohio RPC, Mason, Ohio	Steven Work	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	NO
Sparta RPC	James Odom	CERT	RE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	YES
Sycamore RPC, Kokomo	Shawn Anderson	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	NO
Sycamore RPC, Kokomo	Robert McKissick	CERT	RE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	NO
Terre Haute RPC	Steve Rhoda	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	NO
Terre Haute RPC	Russell Lodge	CERT	RE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	
Westminster RPC, Prairie View, IL	Robert Koch	EXCUSED								
Ministers, Retired	Keith Magill	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	
Ministers, in Synod Service	Keith Evans	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	NO

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Church	First	Last Name	Status								
Ministers, in Synod Service	David	Whitla	CERT	TE	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	NO
		T	eaching Elders	25	49	48	49	49	49	44	0
			Ruling Elders	24						YES	22
										NO	22

					EXAMS								
Roll Call Votes for Student Exams 2020 Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery Spring Meeting, March 5-7, 2020						Tre Crawford Personal Godliness	Tre Crawford Evidence of Progress	Zachary Blackwood Personal Godliness	Aaron Murray Evidence of Progress	Tre Crawford Systematic Theology & Distictives 1	Joe Smith Personal Godliness	Allen Blackwood Personal Godliness	Allen Blackwood Evidence of Progress
Church	KEY	First Last Name	Status		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Atlanta Presbyterian Fellowship	TE	Frank J. Smith	CERT TE		JS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Belle Center RPC	TE	Phillip Pockras	CERT TE	E SI	JS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Belle Center RPC	PE	Scott Hunt	CERT RI	E SI	JS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	
Bloomington RPC	TE	Richard Holdeman	CERT TE	E SI	JS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Bloomington RPC	TE	Phillip McCollum	CERT TE	E SI	JS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Bloomington RPC	RE	Stephen Shipp	EXCUSED										
Bloomington RPC	RE	Eric Cosens	CERT RI	E SI	JS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Christ Church RP	TE	Michael LeFebvre	CERT TE	E SI	JS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Christ Church RP	CL	Jason O'Neill	ALT										
Christ Church RP	RE	Dale Koons	CERT RI	E SI	JS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Christ Church RP	RE	Sean Bird	ALT										
Christ Church RP	RE	Andreew Falk	ALT										
Columbus RPC	RE	Gary McNamee	CERT RI	E SI	JS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Columbus RPC	RE	Edmund Schisler	CERT RI	E SI	JS	SUS				SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Durham First RPC	TE	Kent Butterfield	CERT TE	E SI	JS	NOT	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	
Elkhart RPC	TE	Wade Mann	CERT TE	E SI	JS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	ABS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Elkhart RPC	CL	Fikre Menbere	ALT			SUS	SUS	SUS					
Elkhart RPC	RE	Jonathan Ummel	ALT										
Elkhart RPC	RE	Andy DeRosa	CERT RI	E					SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Grand Rapids First RPC	TE	Craig Scott	CERT TE	E SI	JS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Grand Rapids First RPC	RE	Jake Schwartz	CERT RI	E SI	JS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Hetherton RPC	TE	Ray Morton	CERT TE	E SI	JS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Immanuel RPC, West Lafayette	TE	Jared Olivetti	CERT TE	E SI	JS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Immanuel RPC, West Lafayette	RE	Benjamin Larson	CERT RI	E SI	JS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	
Immanuel RPC, West Lafayette	RE	Zachary Blackwood	CERT RI	E SI	JS	SUS	SUS	ABS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Lafayette RPC	TE	Adam Niess	CERT TE	E SI	JS	SUS	SUS	SUS	ABS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Lafayette RPC	CL	Ken Nelson	CERT RI	E SI	JS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	ABS
Lafayette RPC	RE	Robert Bibby	CERT RI	E SI	JS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS

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Church	KEY	First Last Name	Status		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Lafayette RPC	RE	Jeff Kessler	ALT										
Marion RPC	TE	Jason Camery	CERT T	E SI	US	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Marion RPC	RE	Greg Fisher	CERT R		US	SUS	SUS		SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Orlando RPC	TE	H.P. McCracken	CERT T	E S	US	SUS		ABS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Orlando RPC	CL	Jonathon Schaefer	CERT R	E S	US	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Second RPC, Indianapolis	TE	James Faris	CERT T	E SI	US	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	
Second RPC, Indianapolis	TE	Joel Hart	CERT T	E SI	US	SUS	ABS	ABS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	
Second RPC, Indianapolis	CL	Russ Pulliam	ALT										
Second RPC, Indianapolis	RE	Richard Blum	CERT R	E S	US	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Second RPC, Indianapolis	RE	Dean Filson	CERT R	E S	US	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Selma RPC, Alabama	RE	Averette Woodson	CERT R	E S	US	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Selma RPC, Alabama	RE	Greg Woodson	CERT R	E S	US	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Southfield RPC, Michigan	TE	Adam Kuehner	CERT T	E SI	US	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Southfield RPC, Michigan	CL	Jon Hughes	CERT R	E S	US	SUS	ABS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Southside RPC, Indianapolis	TE	David Hanson	CERT T	E SI	US	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Southside RPC, Indianapolis	TE	lan Wise	CERT T	E SI	US	SUS	ABS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Southside RPC, Indianapolis	RE	John Hanson	CERT R	E S	US	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Southside RPC, Indianapolis	RE	Mark Hart	CERT R	E S	US	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	
Southwest Ohio RPC, Mason, Ohio	TE	Dick Knodel, Jr.	CERT T	E SI	US	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Southwest Ohio RPC, Mason, Ohio	CL	Timothy Vincze	CERT R	E S	US	SUS	SUS	SUS		SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Southwest Ohio RPC, Mason, Ohio	RE	Gregory Scott Damerow	ALT										
Southwest Ohio RPC, Mason, Ohio	RE	Steven Work	CERT T	E S	US	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Sparta RPC	CL	James Odom	CERT R	E S	US	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Sycamore RPC, Kokomo	TE	Shawn Anderson	CERT T	E SI	US	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Sycamore RPC, Kokomo	CL	Robert McKissick	CERT R	E S	US	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Terre Haute RPC	TE	Steve Rhoda	CERT TI	E SI	US	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS		SUS	SUS
Terre Haute RPC	RE	Russell Lodge	CERT R	E S	US	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS
Westminster RPC, Prairie View, IL	CL	Robert Koch	EXCUSED										

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Ministers, Retired	TE	Keith	Magill	CERT	TE	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	
Ministers, in Synod Service	TE	Keith	Evans	CERT	TE	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	
Ministers, in Synod Service	TE	David	Whitla	CERT	TE	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	SUS	
				SU	ISTAIN	48	48	44	44	46	48	48	49	42	
				AB	STAIN	0	0	3	3	1	1	0	0	1	
				NOT SU	ISTAIN	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total, Teaching Elders	41														
Total, Ruling Elders	52		49	25	ching El	ders									
Total, Ruling Elders, Clerks	17		Alternates	8	24	ling Eld	ers								