

The Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery (RPCNA)

Official Meeting Minutes

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2021 GLG Fall Meeting

Time: Fri Nov 5 @ 10:00 a.m. to Sat Nov 6, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m.

Place: Southfield Reformed Presbyterian Church
26550 Evergreen Rd. Southfield, MI 48076

The Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met at the Southfield Reformed Presbyterian Church on Friday November 5, 2021 for its fall meeting, as called by the Ad Interim Commission on 7/15/21, “for the purpose of handling C&CC exams and other business as needed.”

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION (Friday 11/5 @ 10:00 a.m.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The moderator called the court to order at 10:02 a.m. with the singing of Psalm 100A, after which Steve Rhoda constituted the court in prayer at 10:06 a.m.

- Adam Niess introduced Jerry Foltz for his ordination sermon exam, after which the court sang Psalm 93A to the praise of God.
- Mr. Foltz read Mark 10:35-45, preached from the text on True Kingdom Greatness, and called upon God’s name in prayer, after which the court sang Psalm 86A to the praise of God.

2. ATTENDANCE

The assistant clerk pro tem, Nathan Eshelman, called the attendance roll and confirmed that a quorum was present.

3. CLERK’S REPORT

Adam Kuehner presented the clerk’s report and brought its recommendations.

- Recommendation 1¹ was seconded and adopted.
- Recommendation 2² was seconded and adopted.
- Recommendation 3³ was seconded and adopted.
- Recommendation 4⁴ was seconded and adopted.

¹ **Rec. 1 (Clerk):** That presbytery appoint Phil Pockras and Jason O’Neill as parliamentarians for this meeting, with Steve Rhoda and Bryan Dage serving as alternates.

² **Rec. 2 (Clerk):** That presbytery adopt the standing policy that, following the attendance roll call at the outset of a constituted meeting, the clerk(s) may take attendance visually during all future business sessions without needing to make a motion to this effect.

³ **Rec. 3 (Clerk):** That presbytery instruct the moderator to appoint one delegate to join David Hanson in completing the Westminster RPC minute book review before the end of this meeting.

⁴ **Rec. 4 (Clerk):** That presbytery instruct the AIC to (1) Identify at least one willing nominee for assistant clerk to replace Dale Koons in the spring of 2022, (2) Appoint two new members to the Internet Maintenance Committee, and (3) Work with the clerk(s) and Internet Maintenance Committee, in light of Keith Evans’ transfer to the Presbytery of the Alleghenies, to implement a plan for managing the delegates list and GLG website heading into the spring of 2022.

- Recommendation 5⁵ was seconded and adopted.
- Recommendation 6⁶ was seconded and adopted, after which Keith Magill registered his dissent.
- Recommendation 7⁷ was seconded and adopted.
- Recommendation 8⁸ was seconded and adopted.
- Recommendation 9⁹ was seconded and adopted.
- Recommendation 10¹⁰ was seconded and adopted.
- Recommendation 11¹¹ was seconded and adopted.
- Recommendation 12¹² was seconded and adopted.
- Recommendation 13¹³ was seconded and adopted.
- Recommendation 14¹⁴ was seconded, after which it was moved, and seconded to strike the word “victim” from this motion, which amendment was debated and failed, and the original recommendation was adopted.
- Recommendation 15¹⁵ was seconded and adopted, at which point the court entered executive session at 11:52 a.m.

PRESBYTERY ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION (11:52 a.m.)

The clerk continued his report.

- Recommendation 16¹⁶ was seconded and adopted, after which Wade Mann introduced OPC minister and chaplain, Brett Mahlen, who serves as interim pastor at Westminster RPC.
- Recommendation 17¹⁷ was seconded and adopted.
- Recommendation 18¹⁸ was seconded and debated.

⁵ Rec. 5 (Clerk): That presbytery refer the matter concerning the proper method of public access to presbytery documents [AIC Minutes, 10/22/21] to the Internet Maintenance Committee to report back with a proposal in the spring of 2022.

⁶ Rec. 6 (Clerk): That presbytery forward the body of GLG 20-5 (LeFebvre Writings Study Committee Report, received 9-11-20; excluding its recommendations and appendix) to the St. Lawrence Presbytery as an approved summary of our presbytery’s response to GLG 19-5.

⁷ Rec. 7 (Clerk): That presbytery return GLG 20-12 to its author, Mr. Enas, along with a copy of GLG 21-10 to relay the relevant synod decision(s) on the matter raised in his letter.

⁸ Rec. 8 (Clerk): That presbytery defer any consideration of GLG 21-5 (Jo. Kessler) until synod’s judicial commission has finished its work.

⁹ Rec. 9 (Clerk): That presbytery refer 21-9 (Johnsons) to the Business Committee of the Day (BUSCOM), to be appointed, to report back with its recommendation(s) at this meeting.

¹⁰ Rec. 10 (Clerk): That presbytery refer GLG 21-10 (Synod Decisions) to BUSCOM, to be appointed, to report back at this meeting with its recommendation(s) regarding an appropriate corporate response, if any, to the judicial decisions of synod.

¹¹ Rec. 11 (Clerk): That presbytery refer GLG 21-11 (Enas/Swan) to BUSCOM, to be appointed, to report back with its recommendation(s) at this meeting.

¹² Rec. 12 (Clerk): That presbytery grant 2RP’s request to call an additional pastor (GLG 21-12).

¹³ Rec. 13 (Clerk): That presbytery receive Jeff Kessler’s resignation as Immanuel RPC provisional ruling elder with thanks, effective 11/1/21, due to the election of a new local ruling elder, and the expiration of his previously agreed upon term of three months.

¹⁴ Rec. 14 (Clerk): That presbytery receive the written report of the Immanuel RPC Provisional Elders with thanks, and appoint a delegate to lead the court in intercessory prayer for the IRPC flock, session, and victim families at the end of this business session.

¹⁵ Rec. 15 (Clerk): That presbytery enter executive session — including only ordained GLGP and fraternal elders — in order to handle two highly sensitive communications received by the clerk within the last 48 hours.

¹⁶ Rec. 16 (Clerk): That presbytery grant all RPCNA and fraternal elders present, including all non-certified delegates from this presbytery, the privilege of the floor during the remainder of this meeting.

¹⁷ Rec. 17 (Clerk): That presbytery instruct the clerk to read GLG 21-14 aloud and to send a password-protected copy to the delegates list.

¹⁸ Rec. 18 (Clerk): That presbytery refer GLG 21-15 to BUSCOM to report back at this meeting with recommendations addressing (1) The extent to which this document should (or should not) be distributed to the court, and (2) The court’s proper response, if any, to this document.

- By common consent, a friendly amendment was made so as to yield the following motion: “That presbytery instruct the clerk to read GLG 21-15 and also that presbytery refer GLG 21-15 to BUSCOM to report back at this meeting with recommendations addressing (1) The extent to which this document should (or should not) be distributed to the court, and (2) The court’s proper response, if any, to this document.”

Recommendation 18 was divided into two parts, each of which came before the court.

- Recommendation 18A¹⁹ was seconded and adopted, after which the clerk read GLG 21-15 to the delegates, and Dick Knodel led the court in intercessory prayer at 12:18 p.m.
- Recommendation 18B²⁰ was seconded and adopted.

It was moved, seconded, and adopted to leave executive session at 12:23 p.m.

PRESBYTERY LEAVES EXECUTIVE SESSION (12:23 p.m.)

4. MODERATOR APPOINTMENTS

The moderator announced his appointments to serve on the Business Committee-of-the-Day (BUSCOM): Bryan Dage, John Kim, and Steve Sturm.

5. CLERK’S REPORT (Continued)

The clerk resumed his report.

- Recommendation 19²¹ was seconded and adopted.
- Recommendation 20²² was seconded and adopted.

6. PRAYER OF RECESS

Ian Wise led the court in intercessory prayer for the Prutow family, for the IRPC flock, session, and victim families; and also gave thanks to God for the upcoming lunch, recessing the court for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION (Friday 11/5 @ 1:30 p.m.)

7. CALL TO ORDER

Following the lunch break, the moderator called the court to order at 1:33 p.m. with the singing of Psalm 125, after which Steven Work reconvened the court in prayer at 1:36 p.m.

8. ATTENDANCE

The assistant clerk took attendance visually, confirming that a quorum was present.

9. FORMAL INTRODUCTIONS

By common consent, OPC minister and Westminster RPC interim pastor, Rev. Brett Mahlen, was granted five minutes to address the presbytery, during which time he introduced himself and brought greetings to the court.

10. CANDIDATES & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Adam Niess presented the Candidates and Credentials Committee Report, informing the court of some recent developments with respect to ruling elder and licentiate Mark Brown, who turned down the pastoral call from Selma RPC, resigned from the Selma RPC session, moved back to Pittsburgh, and requested a membership transfer back to Providence RPC in the Presbytery of the Alleghenies (RPCNA). Mr. Niess reminded the court that all actions taken at the previous meeting in Marion with respect to Mr. Brown’s licensure remain valid, after which Mr. Niess brought the committee’s recommendations before the court.

- Recommendation 1²³ was adopted.

¹⁹ Rec. 18A (Clerk): That presbytery instruct the clerk to read GLG 21-15.

²⁰ Rec. 18B (Clerk): That presbytery refer GLG 21-15 to BUSCOM, to be appointed, to report back at this meeting with recommendations addressing (1) The extent to which this document should (or should not) be distributed to the court, and (2) The court’s proper response, if any, to this document.

²¹ Rec. 19 (Clerk): That presbytery excuse BUSCOM upon recess to begin its work.

²² Rec. 20 (Clerk): That presbytery receive the clerk’s report.

²³ Rec. 1 (C&CC): That student exams be conducted according to the schedule outlined below [C&CC Report, pp. 1-2].

- Recommendation 2²⁴ was adopted.

ORDINATION SERMON EXAM — Jerry Foltz (Unanimously Sustained)

Comments were received from the floor regarding Jerry Foltz's ordination sermon exam, which was unanimously sustained by roll call vote.

EXPOSITORY SERMON 1 EXAM — Jonathan Sturm (Unanimously Sustained)

Jonathan Sturm came forward to preach his expository sermon 1 exam, read 1 John 4:1-6, called upon God's name in prayer, preached from the text on the contrast between truth and error, and called upon God's name in prayer, after which Psalm 144A was sung to the praise of God, comments were received from the floor, and the exam was unanimously sustained by roll call vote.

PERSONAL GODLINESS EXAM — Jerry Foltz (Unanimously Sustained)

Jerry Foltz came forward to receive his personal godliness exam from Adam Niess, who asked questions and received answers from Mr. Foltz, after which Mr. Foltz answered questions from the floor, and the exam was unanimously sustained by roll call vote.

11. MOTION FROM THE FLOOR

It was moved, seconded, and adopted to grant Brett Mahlen access to the travel fund.

12. MID-AFTERNOON BREAK

The court took its mid-afternoon break at 3:06 p.m. and returned at 3:13 p.m.

SOUNDNESS IN THE FAITH & COMMITMENT TO THE RP TESTIMONY EXAM — Jerry Foltz (Unanimously Sustained)

Jerry Foltz came forward to receive his Soundness in the Faith and Commitment to the RP Testimony exam from Joel Hart, who asked questions and received answers from Mr. Foltz, who then answered questions from the floor, and the exam was unanimously sustained by roll call vote.

- The moderator congratulated Mr. Foltz on the successful completion of his ordination exams, and the court responded with a round of applause.

CHURCH HISTORY EXAM — Aaron Murray (Unanimously Sustained)

Aaron Murray came forward to receive his church history exam from Phil Pockras, who asked questions and received answers from Mr. Murray, who answered a question from the floor, and the exam was unanimously sustained by roll call vote.

SYSTEMATICS & DISTINCTIVES 2 EXAM — Joe Smith (Unanimously Sustained)

Joe Smith came forward to receive his Systematic Theology and Distinctive Principles 2 exam from Shawn Anderson, who asked questions and received answers from Mr. Smith, who answered questions from the floor, and the exam was unanimously sustained by roll call vote.

13. MODERATOR'S GUIDANCE

By common consent, the moderator declared that the court will complete Allen Blackwood's church history exam as well as the Louisville Commission report prior to the dinner break.

CHURCH HISTORY EXAM — Allen Blackwood (Sustained)

Allen Blackwood came forward to receive his church history exam from Drew Poplin, who asked questions and received answers from Mr. Blackwood, who then answered questions and received comments from the floor, and the exam was sustained by a vote of 19-8, with four abstentions.

14. LOUISVILLE COMMISSION REPORT

David Hanson presented an oral report of the Louisville Commission, outlining reasons for discontinuing weekly worship services, and fielding questions from the floor, after which it was moved, seconded, and adopted to enter executive session at 5:28 p.m.

PRESBYTERY ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION (5:28 p.m.)

15. MODERATOR'S GUIDANCE

The moderator reminded the court of the highly sensitive nature of executive session, and that, aside from any actions taken by the court during executive session and recorded in the minutes, all comments and discussion remain confidential.

16. LOUISVILLE COMMISSION REPORT (Continued)

David Hanson resumed his presentation of the Louisville Commission Report, after which David Whitla led the court in intercessory prayer, and it was moved, seconded, and adopted to leave executive session at 5:41 p.m.

²⁴ Rec. 2 (C&CC): That Trevor [T.J.] Pattillo be given ten minutes to share his testimony and be [voted upon by the court to be] received as a student under care.

PRESBYTERY LEAVES EXECUTIVE SESSION (5:41 p.m.)

It was moved, seconded, and adopted to receive the Louisville Commission's oral report.

17. MODERATOR APPOINTMENTS

The moderator appointed Ian Wise and Bob Bibby to serve on the resolution of thanks committee, after which he declared, by common consent, that the dinner break would be from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

18. PRAYER OF RECESS

Ray Lanning recessed the court in prayer at 5:45 p.m., giving thanks to God for the upcoming dinner and interceding for Westminster RPC interim pastor, Brett Mahlen, and for the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION (Friday 11/5 @ 6:30 p.m.)

19. CALL TO ORDER

Following the dinner break, Shawn Anderson took the chair, relieving the moderator, who was experiencing fatigue.

- Drew Poplin called upon God's name in prayer, interceding for Dr. Smith's refreshment and reconvening the court in prayer at 7:02 p.m.

20. CANDIDATES & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Continued)

Adam Niess resumed his presentation of the Candidates and Credentials Report.

PASTORAL & EVANGELISTIC GIFTS EXAM — Aaron Murray (Unanimously Sustained)

Aaron Murray came forward to receive his Pastoral and Evangelistic Gifts exam from Wade Mann, who asked questions and received answers from Mr. Murray, after which the exam was unanimously sustained by roll call vote.

21. MODERATOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The moderator pro tem announced a word of encouragement from the Midwest Presbytery,²⁵ after which the moderator returned to the meeting and resumed the chair.

22. CANDIDATES & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Continued)

Adam Niess resumed his presentation of the Candidates and Credentials Committee Report.

CARE STATUS INTERVIEW — T.J. Pattillo (Received)

T.J. Pattillo came forward and shared a testimony of his faith in Christ and call to the ministry, after which it was moved, seconded, and adopted by voice vote to receive him as a student of theology under care of the presbytery.

- Jason Camery led the court in intercessory prayer for Mr. Pattillo.

23. BUSINESS COMMITTEE-OF-THE-DAY (BUSCOM) REPORT

Bryan Dage presented an oral report of the Business Committee of the Day.

BUSCOM ITEM #1 — JOHNSON LETTER RE: YOUTH MINISTRY (GLG 21-9)

Mr. Dage introduced Item 1, Recommendation 1²⁶, in response to GLG 21-9, a letter from the Johnson family requesting the temporary removal of Ben Larson from presbytery youth leadership.

- After some discussion, it was moved, seconded, and adopted to lay this recommendation on the table to entertain the following substitute: "That presbytery place Ben Larson on a temporary leave of absence from presbytery youth leadership until the synod judicial commission completes its work."
- It was moved, seconded, and adopted to amend the motion by adding the phrase "and that AIC appoint a youth secretary pro tem." The motion was adopted as amended.²⁷

²⁵ MWP Clerk to GLGP Clerk: "I was directed by our Moderator as we meet in constituted court at the same time as the GLG presbytery, please know that we are praying for you as you meet for your work, unity, and peace amongst you all. We love you! Please share this with your presbytery."

²⁶ Rec. 1 (BUSCOM): That the matter be deferred until the SJC report in light of the fact that the GLGP acted on this matter in June of 2021.

²⁷ That presbytery place Ben Larson on a temporary leave of absence from presbytery youth leadership until the synod judicial commission completes its work and that AIC appoint a youth secretary pro tem.

24. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Announcements were made regarding the ensuing time of fellowship, points of personal privilege announcing new births for the Golding family in Brownsburg, and the Scott and Schwartz families in Grand Rapids.

25. PRAYER OF RECESS

It was moved, seconded, and adopted to recess the court, after which Andy DeRosa recessed the court in prayer at 8:31 p.m.

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION (Saturday 11/6 @ 8:00 a.m.)

26. CALL TO ORDER

The moderator called the court to order at 8:09 a.m. on Saturday November 6 with the singing of Psalm 102C, after which James Faris reconvened the court in prayer at 8:12 a.m.

27. ATTENDANCE

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

28. CANDIDATES AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Continued)

Mr. Niess resumed his presentation of the Candidates and Credentials Report.

EXPOSITORY SERMON 2 EXAM — Aaron Murray (Unanimously Sustained)

Mr. Murray came forward to preach his Expository Sermon 2 exam, introduced his topic as outlined in WSC Q. 33., read Romans 4:1-8, 22-25, preached from the text on the doctrine of justification by faith alone, and called upon God's name in prayer, after which the court sang Psalm 32A to the praise of God, comments were received from floor, and the exam was unanimously sustained by roll call vote.

29. CHILD PROTECTION POLICY COMMITTEE

Drew Poplin presented the report of the Child Protection Policy Committee, fielded questions from the floor, and introduced Recommendation 1²⁸.

- It was moved, seconded, and adopted to amend Recommendation 1 by adding the words “and pursue further legal review of the document.”
- It was moved, seconded, and adopted to lay the amended Recommendation 1²⁹ on the table to entertain the following substitute motion: “That presbytery refer the proposed child protection policy back to the committee to report back at the spring meeting, with the understanding that it will seek further feedback from the delegates as well as a professional legal review during the intervening period.” This motion was seconded, debated, and adopted.

Mr. Poplin introduced the remaining committee recommendations.

- Recommendation 2³⁰ was adopted.
- Recommendations 3³¹, 4³², and 6³³ were ruled moot by the moderator.
- It was moved and seconded to refer Recommendation 5³⁴ back to the committee, after which this motion failed.

²⁸ Rec. 1: That Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery adopt the proposed Presbytery Child Protection Policy for all GLG Presbytery events involving minors.

²⁹ Rec. 1 (CPPC, Amended): That Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery adopt the proposed Presbytery Child Protection Policy for all GLG Presbytery events involving minors and pursue further legal review of the document.

³⁰ Rec. 2 (CPPC): That Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery purchase an annual membership with MinistrySafe.

³¹ Rec. 3 (CPPC): That the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery Child Protection Policy be sent to the insurance provider for Presbytery Youth Ministry functions for their information and review.

³² Rec. 4 (CPPC): That Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery adopt the proposed Same Congregational Child Protection Policy as a recommended template for Sessions.

³³ Rec. 6 (CPPC): That this Committee be dismissed.

³⁴ Rec. 5 (CPPC): That Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery recommend that congregations under their jurisdiction each formally adopt a Child Protection Policy by the upcoming Spring Meeting of Presbytery 2022 if they have not already done so.

- It was moved, seconded, and adopted to strike the words “by the upcoming Spring Meeting of Presbytery 2022”, after which this motion was adopted as amended³⁵.

Additional motions were entertained from the floor.

- It was moved, seconded, and adopted to authorize the committee to engage legal counsel to review the Child Protection Policy.
- It was moved, seconded, and adopted that presbytery task sessions to review the proposed Child Protection Policy in order to provide input at a virtual meeting to be organized by the committee before the spring presbytery.

30. LEFEBVRE SHEPHERDING COMMITTEE

James Faris presented the report of the LeFebvre Shepherding Committee, after which it was moved, seconded, and adopted to receive the report and dismiss the committee with thanks.

31. IRPC JUDICIAL COMMISSION

Jason Camery presented the report of the IRPC Judicial Commission, introducing Recommendation 1³⁶.

- It was moved and seconded to defer action on Recommendation 1 until after the report of the Synod Judicial Commission, after which the parliamentarians ruled that this motion requires a two-thirds majority, and the motion failed to receive a two-thirds majority by voice vote.
- Recommendation 1 was discussed, after which it failed by a vote of 13-15.

32. MID-MORNING BREAK

The court took its mid-morning break from 10:16 to 10:35 a.m.

33. SOUTHERN CHURCH EXTENSION COMTE (SOCHEX) REPORT

Nathan Eshelman presented the report of the Southern Church Extension Committee, after which it was moved, seconded, and adopted to receive the report.

34. BUSCOM REPORT (Continued)

Bryan Dage resumed his presentation of the BUSCOM report.

BUSCOM ITEM #2 — SUMMARY OF RECENT SYNOD DECISIONS (GLG 21-10)

Mr. Dage introduced Item #2, Recommendation 1³⁷, concerning GLG 21-10, a clerical communication relaying the recent decisions of synod regarding the LeFebvre and IRPC complaints.

- It was moved and seconded to lay this recommendation on the table to entertain the following substitute motion: “Upon reflection of Synod’s sustaining the Anderson complaint, the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery confesses that the suspending of judicial process for Dr. Lefebvre and granting Dr. Lefebvre’s credentials to himself was unwise, unconstitutional, and unbiblical.”
- The motion to lay on the table was discussed, after which it was moved and seconded “That this matter be referred to the upcoming spring meeting of presbytery.”
- The referral motion was discussed and adopted, after which it was moved, seconded, and adopted “That the moderator appoint a three-man committee to consider the matter of Synod’s sustaining the Anderson complaint (Comm. 20-05)³⁸, and to bring a report to the Spring 2022 meeting of the presbytery.”

35. SINGING OF PRAISE

The court sang Psalm 99A to the praise of God.

36. CYPY REPORT

Ben Larson³⁹ presented the report of the CYPY via Zoom, introducing Recommendation 1⁴⁰, which was discussed and adopted.

³⁵ Rec. 5 (CPPC, Amended): That Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery recommend that congregations under their jurisdiction each formally adopt a Child Protection Policy if they have not already done so.

³⁶ Rec. 1 (IJC): That presbytery receive the minutes of the IRPC Judicial Commission and dismiss the committee.

³⁷ Rec. 1 (BUSCOM, Item 2): That presbytery take no action.

³⁸ Cf. 2021 Minutes of Synod, pp. 339-342

³⁹ Prior to this report, the moderator confirmed that Mr. Larson had been informed of the court’s action the previous night to place him on a temporary leave of absence from youth leadership.

⁴⁰ Rec. 1 (CYPY): That presbytery establish a CYPY Oversight Committee for the purpose of providing oversight and accountability for the CYPY director and staff.

- It was moved, seconded, and adopted to receive the report.

37. MOTION FROM THE FLOOR

It was moved and seconded to appoint an alternate member of the AIC pro tem to serve on the AIC during its meeting following adjournment, in order to have a quorum.

- The motion was discussed and adopted 16-14, after which the moderator appointed David Whitla to this role.

38. BUSCOM REPORT (Continued)

Bryan Dage resumed his presentation of the BUSCOM report.

BUSCOM ITEM #3 — LETTER COPIED TO PRESBYTERY (GLG 21-15)

Mr. Dage introduced BUSCOM's two recommendations for Item 3, concerning GLG 21-15, a letter copied to the presbytery.

- Recommendation 1⁴¹ was discussed and adopted.
- Recommendation 2⁴² was discussed, after which it was moved, seconded and adopted to refer the matter to the AIC.

BUSCOM ITEM #4 — PETITION FROM TWO CCRP MEMBERS (GLG 21-11)

Mr. Dage introduced BUSCOM's two recommendations for Item 4, concerning GLG 21-11, a petition from CCRP members, Nathan Enas and Kevin Swan, requesting a committee to investigate concerns and provide counsel.⁴³

- Recommendation 1⁴⁴ was withdrawn, being already implied by presbytery's referral of this communication to BUSCOM.
- Recommendation 2⁴⁵ was introduced, after which it was moved, seconded, debated, and adopted to grant Nathan Enas and Kevin Swan ten minutes to address the court.
- Mr. Enas addressed the court for five minutes, after which Recommendation 2 was discussed and adopted without vocal dissent.

39. MODERATOR'S INSTRUCTION

In response to a question from the assistant clerk pro tem, the moderator clarified that GLG 21-15 has become part of the public record, albeit password-protected on the internet.

40. CLERK'S MOTION

It was moved and seconded by the clerk that presbytery instruct the clerk to password-protect all online versions of GLG 21-15, and refer all requests for the written copy to the AIC.

- This motion was discussed and adopted.

41. CANDIDATES & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Continued)

Mr. Niess resumed his presentation of the C&CC report.

EXPOSITORY SERMON 2 EXAM (PART ONE) — Allen Blackwood

Allen Blackwood came forward to preach his Expository Sermon 2 exam, after which he read Genesis 21:8-21 and preached from the text on Forgiveness, after which the court sang Psalm 51A to the praise of God, and the court reached the scheduled time of adjournment at 1:00 p.m.

42. MOTION TO EXTEND THE TIME

It was moved, seconded, and adopted to extend the time to finish all the remaining business items in the agenda.

43. POINT OF ORDER

A point of order was raised regarding an announcement that the Ad Interim Commission (AIC) would be excused in order to meet simultaneously with the presbytery in order to conduct business.

- The parliamentarians clarified that the Ad Interim Commission may not meet during a presbytery meeting for the purpose of taking action, and the proposed AIC meeting was postponed till after adjournment.

⁴¹ Rec. 1 (BUSCOM, Item 3): That Communication 21-15 be received.

⁴² Rec. 2 (BUSCOM, Item 3): That the moderator appoint a presbyter to contact Jim McFarland by Tuesday, 11/9/21 to coordinate retention of legal counsel.

⁴³ Petition (21-11): That Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery form a committee of three, appointed by the moderator, to investigate our concerns, provide counsel to both Session and concerned members of Christ Church Reformed Presbyterian pursuant to reconciliation, and report back with any pertinent recommendations in the Spring of 2022.

⁴⁴ Rec. 1 (BUSCOM, Item 4): That Communication 21-11 be received.

⁴⁵ Rec. 2 (BUSCOM, Item 4): That the moderator appoint a three-person committee to hear from the authors of the GLG 21-11 and the session to pursue reconciliation, and report back to the Spring meeting.

44. CANDIDATES & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Continued)

Mr. Niess resumed his presentation of the C&CC report, midway through Allen Blackwood's Expository Sermon 2 exam.

EXPOSITORY SERMON 2 EXAM (PART TWO) — Allen Blackwood (Sustained)

Comments were received from the floor concerning Allen Blackwood's sermon, and the exam was sustained by roll call vote.

CHURCH HISTORY EXAM — Joe Smith (Unanimously Sustained)

Joe Smith came forward to receive his church history exam from James Faris, who asked questions and received answers from Mr. Smith, who received a comment from the floor, after which the exam was unanimously sustained by roll call vote.

REPORT AS A WHOLE (Received)

Adam Niess introduced Recommendation 3⁴⁶, which was adopted, thereby receiving the Candidates and Credentials Committee Report as a whole.

45. SINGING OF PRAISE

The court sang Psalm 121C to the praise of God.

46. RESOLUTION OF THANKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Ian Wise presented the Resolution of Thanks Committee Report, after which it was moved, seconded, and adopted by a standing vote to adopt the report, followed by a round of applause expressing gratitude to all the volunteers from the host congregation.

47. MODERATOR APPOINTMENTS

The moderator announced the following appointments.

- The Anderson Verdict Response Committee⁴⁷ will consist of Joel Hart (ch), Tom Reid, and Jake Schwartz.⁴⁸
- The Christ Church Reconciliation Committee⁴⁹ will consist of Craig Scott (ch), David Kleyn, and Drew Poplin.

48. READING OF THE MINUTES

The clerk read the minutes for all four business sessions, which were approved by common consent as amended.

49. PRAYER OF ADJOURNMENT

The moderator called upon God's name in prayer, adjourning the court in prayer at 2:04 p.m.⁵⁰

⁴⁶ Rec. 3 (C&CC): That our report be received.

⁴⁷ REMIT: To consider the matter of Synod's upholding the Anderson complaint, and to bring a report to the Spring 2022 meeting of the presbytery.

⁴⁸ Following adjournment, Mr. Hart asked to be replaced. The updated appointments for the Anderson Verdict Response Committee are as follows: Tom Reid (ch), James Odom, and Jake Schwartz.

⁴⁹ REMIT: To hear from the authors of the GLG 21-11 and the session to pursue reconciliation, and report back to the Spring meeting.

⁵⁰ The assistant clerk has confirmed that David Hanson and Bob McKissick completed their review of the Westminster RPC minute book and found nothing contrary to the law and order of the church.

GL-G Fall Presbytery Meeting
November 5 and 6
Southfield RPC

Attendance and Roll Call Voting Records
LEGEND: P-Present; X-Absent; S-Sustain; E-Excused
N-Not Sustain, A-Abstain, Italics-Present in Comte

				November 5, Session 1	November 5, Session 2	November 5, Session 3	November 6, Session 4		Jerry Foltz (25/5) Expository Sermon	Jerry Foltz (20/10/5) Personal Godliness	Jerry Foltz (20/10/5) Soundness and RP Commitment	Jonathon Sturm (25/5) Expository Sermon 1	Joe Smith (20/10/5) Theology 2	Allen Blackwood (20/10/5) Church History	Aaron Murray (20/10/5) Pastoral & Evangelistic Gifts	Aaron Murray (25/5) Expository Sermon 2	Allen Blackwood (25/5) Expository Sermon 2	Joe Smith (20/10/5) Church History	Aaron Murray (20/10/5) Church History	
Congregation	First	Last Name	Date Certified	Status	Att	Att	Att	Att		Vote	Vote	Vote	Vote	Vote	Vote	Vote	Vote	Vote	Vote	
Lafayette RPC	Adam Niess		1/19/21	TE	P	P	P	P		S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	A	S
Sparta RPC	James Odom		2/28/21	RE	P	P	P	P		A	S	S	S	S	A	S	S	S	S	S
Immanuel RPC, West Lafayette	Jared Olivetti		10/14/21	TE	E	E	E	E		E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Christ Church RP	Jason O'Neill		2/23/21	RE	P	P	P	P		S	X	S	X	S	S	S	S	S	A	S
Belle Center RPC	Phil Pockras		2/5/21	TE	P	P	P	P		S	S	S	S	A	S	S	S	S	S	S
Durham First RPC	Drew Poplin		10/11/21	RE	P	P	P	P		S	S	X	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Ministers, At Large	Tom Reid		√	TE	E	E	E	E		E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Terre Haute RPC	Steve Rhoda		1/23/21	TE	P	P	P	P		S	S	S	S	S	S	S	X	S	S	S
Ministers, At Large	Bill Roberts		√	TE	E	E	E	E		E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Columbus RPC	Dave Schisler		4/13/21	RE	E	P	P	P		E	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Grand Rapids First RPC	Jake Schwartz		1/26/21	RE	E	E	E	E		E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Grand Rapids First RPC	Craig Scott		1/26/21	TE	E	E	E	E		E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Atlanta Presbyterian Fellowship	Frank J. Smith		2/27/21	TE	P	P	P	P		S	S	S	S	S	N	E	S	S	A	S
Southside RPC, Indianapolis	Steve Sturm		10/27/21	RE	P	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>P</i>		E	E	E	E	E	E	S	<i>E</i>	S	S	<i>E</i>
Ministers, At Large	David Whitla		√	TE	P	P	P	P		S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	A	S	S
Southside RPC, Indianapolis	Ian Wise		10/27/21	TE	P	P	P	P		A	S	S	S	S	N	S	S	S	S	S
Southwest Ohio RPC, Mason, Ohio	Steven Work		2/28/21	TE	P	P	P	P		S	S	S	S	S	N	S	S	S	S	S
				Mtg	S 1	S 2	S 3	S 4												
		Cert. Delegates	Total*	44	44	44	44	44												
		Cert. Delegates	Present	35	32	35	34	34												
		Teaching Elders	Present	20	18	20	19	19	Sustain	25	27	29	29	30	19	32	30	26	27	30
		Ruling Elders	Present	15	14	15	15	15	Abstain	6	1	1	1	1	4	1	0	3	6	0
		Cert. Delegates	Excused	9	12	9	10	10	Not Sustain	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	1	0	0

*Total = Certified Delegates in Attendance + Certified Delegates Excused