

**Minutes of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery**  
**Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America**

**SYNOD MEETING OF THE GREAT LAKES-GULF PRESBYTERY**

**Time and Place: Tuesday, June 9, 2015**

At the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church,  
 Bonclarken Conference Center, Pine Street,  
 Flat Rock, NC

**Call to Order**

The Moderator, Michael Lefebvre, called Presbytery to order at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2015.

The Moderator read from Psalm 67 and made a few comments from the Psalm.

Presbytery sang Psalm 67A.

The Moderator constituted the Court in prayer.

The Assistant Clerk, Adam Kuehner, called the Roll which is as follows:

CONGREGATION	DELEGATE	1	2	3
Belle Center	Phil Pockras TE	X		
	Larry Bump RE	Exc		
Bloomington	Rich Holdeman TE	X		
	Adam Niess TE	X		
Christ Church	Michael Lefebvre TE	X		
	Sean Bird RE (PM)	X		
Columbus	Andy McCracken TE	X		
	George Gregory TE	X		
	Gary McNamee	X		
Elkhart	Keith Magill TE	X		
First RP Durham	Kent Butterfield TE	X		
First RP G.R.	No TE			
Hetherton	Raymond Morton TE	X		
Kokomo	Shawn Anderson TE	X		
Immanuel (W. Laf.)	Jared Olivetti TE	X		
	Ben Larson RE	X		
Lafayette	Dave Long TE	Exc		
	Keith Evans TE	X		
	Jack Rhoda RE	X		
Orlando	H.P. McCracken TE	X		
	Jim Pennington RE	X		
Second Indianapolis	Rich Johnston TE	X		
	James Faris TE	X		

	Dean Filson RE	X		
	Terry Magunson RE	X		
Selma	No TE			
Southfield	Adam Kuehner TE	X		
	Jon Hughes RE	X		
Southside Indian.	David Whitla TE	X		
	Stan McKenzie TE	X		
	Steve Sturm RE	X		
	Erich Baum RE	X		
Southwest Ohio RP	Dick Knodel TE	X		
Sparta	Daniel Hemken TE	X		
	James Odom RE	X		
Westminster	Steve Rhoda TE	X		
Terre Haute Mission	Bill Roberts TE	X		
Pageland Mission	Ian Wise TE	X		
Retired	Gordon Keddie TE	X		
Active w/o Pastorate	Frank Smith TE	X		

The Assistant Clerk declared a quorum was present.

**Motion:** It was moved, seconded, and passed, that elders without certificates who are representatives of their sessions be seated.

**Motion:** It was moved, seconded, and passed, that all elders present who are not delegates be made consultative members of the court.

The proposed agenda for this meeting was moved, seconded, and adopted.

**Motion:** it was moved, seconded, and passed that Ian Wise be certified to the meeting of Synod.

### **Northminster Session and Congregational Records**

The proposal to send the Records to the Synod Archives was tabled until the Spring, 2016 Meeting of Presbytery with the Clerk to bring a proposal.

### **Presbytery Meeting, September 10 and 11, 2015**

Because of the medical needs for David Long, it is likely that his installation will not be possible. The Ad Interim Commission is to revise the agenda as necessary.

### **Ad Interim Commission Report**

Stan McKenzie reported for the Commission. Minutes of the Ad Interim Commission meetings have thus far been e-mailed out to the Presbytery.

**Motion:** it was moved, seconded, and passed that the report be received.

### **Grand Rapids Ordination and Installation of Craig Scott**

Adam Kuehner updated the Presbytery on Craig Scott's immigration status and a proposal concerning his ordination exams they that might be held at the September, 2015 meeting.

**Motion:** it was moved, seconded, and passed that the report be received.

**Candidates and Credentials Committee Report**

Jared Olivetti presented the Report.

Recommendations 2 and 1 were approved.

**Motion:** it was moved, seconded, and passed that the report be received.

**The Report is as follows:**

June 6, 2015

Fathers & brothers,

The Candidates & Credentials Committee would like to bring the following recommendations for presbytery's action during our synod-time meeting:

**Recommendation #1 That presbytery renew Scott McCullough's licensure to receive a call.**

Note: After discussions with Scott and his previous pastor, Dave Long, we believe it is wisest to continue to keep Scott's ability to receive a call active. There have been lots of transitions in the McCulloughs' lives over the past few years and Scott along with his counselors sees the benefit in maintaining his licensure in order to not prematurely shut any doors.

**Recommendation #2 That presbytery pay 50% of Craig Scott's travel costs incurred to bring him over for exams in September.**

Note: Though we sometimes pay for all travel costs of a licentiate, the Grand Rapids session has graciously volunteered to share this cost with presbytery. They hope to bring Craig over for pulpit supply soon and we can look forward to his ordination exams at our meeting in September. We don't anticipate presbytery's cost rising above \$500.

For the C&CC,

Jared Olivetti

**Resignation of Keith Magill from the Elkhart Reformed Presbyterian Church**

Keith Magill introduced this item of his reasons for resignation. A letter from the two ruling Elders of Elkhart, Fik Menbere and Jon Ummel, was read by the Clerk. This letter is recorded below.

**Motion:** it was moved, seconded, and passed that the Presbytery dissolve the Pastoral relationship between Keith Magill and the Elkhart Reformed Presbyterian Church about September 1, 2015 with the exact date to be determined by the Ad Interim Commission.

Thursday, June 4, 2015

Dear Fathers and Brothers in Christ,

Whereas Presbytery will be considering the resignation of our pastor, the Rev. Keith Magill, I write this letter on behalf of the congregation of Elkhart Reformed Presbyterian Church (ERPC) to express heartfelt gratitude to our Lord Jesus Christ and his under-shepherd who has served us faithfully in these almost ten years. Both Pastor and Mrs. Magill have poured their hearts and lives into the work of the ministry in Elkhart, and they will greatly missed.

We at ERPC, also, thank Presbytery for appointing Rev. Barry York to serve on our Session. We are grateful for his availability and willing to serve in this capacity. Rev. York brought much needed, timely Christ-centered counsel and encouragement. The Lord willing, we look forward to June 21, 2015 when he will be opening the Word at the ordination and installation service of Jon Ummel, his replacement.

If it would be agreeable with Presbytery and acceptable with Rev. Magill, I would like to request that some measure of latitude be allowed in setting the date for Rev. Magill's resignation. This flexibility will allow Rev. Magill to help us through this period of transition.

Please do pray for ERPC that The Lord Jesus would be pleased to protect and guide us through this season of transition.

In Christ,

**Southwest Ohio Reformed Presbyterian Mission Church Temporary Governing Body (TGB)**

Phil Pockras presented a petition from the TGB for the Mission Church to be organized as a full congregation within the Presbytery.

**Motion:** it was moved, seconded, and passed that the time be extended to finish the business.

**Motion:** it was moved, seconded, and passed that this petition be tabled until the Fall Meeting of Presbytery.

**Motion:** it was moved, seconded, and passed that the report be received.

**Reading of the Minutes**

The Clerk read the Minutes.

**Motion:** it was moved, seconded, and passed that the Minutes be approved as corrected.

**Prayer Time and Adjournment**

**Motion:** it was moved, seconded, and passed that Presbytery adjourn.

Bill Roberts led Presbytery in prayer for Keith Magill and his family and the Elkhart Reformed Presbyterian Church for their future needs.

James Faris led in prayer for the family of Dr. Heimberger since he had passed away this morning and then adjourned the Court in prayer.

Presbytery adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Michael Lefebvre, Moderator  
Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery

Raymond E. Morton, Clerk,  
Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery