

The Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery (RPCNA)

Proposed Agenda — Upd. 2/20/20

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2020 ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

Time: Thursday March 5 @ 2pm to Saturday March 7 @ Noon

Place: Elkhart Reformed Presbyterian Church
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DAILY SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

Business Session #1 (2:00 - 5:30p)

- *Mid-Aft. Break (3:30 - 3:45p)*
- *Dinner Break (5:30 - 6:50p)*

Business Session #2 (7:00 - 9:00p)

FRIDAY

Business Session #3 (8:30a - 12:30p)

- *Mid-AM Break (10:15 - 10:30a)*
- *Lunch Break (12:30 - 1:50p)*

Business Session #4 (2:00 - 5:30p)

- *Mid-Aft. Break (3:30 - 3:45pm)*
- *Dinner Break (5:30 - 6:50 pm)*

Business Session #5 (7:00 - 9:00p)

SATURDAY

Bus. Session #6 (8:30a - 12:00p)

- *Mid-AM Break (10:15 - 10:30a)*
- *Adjournment (Noon)¹*

BUSINESS SESSION #1

Thursday 2:00 - 5:30 p.m. (Break @ 3:30a)

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** (Mann)
 - A.** Retiring Moderator's Address
 - B.** Prayer of Constitution
- 2. ROLL CALL** (Koons)
- 3. INTRODUCTION OF FIRST-TIME DELEGATES**
- 4. CLERK'S REPORT** (Kuehner)
 - A.** Recommendations
 - B.** Call for Papers², Session/TGB Minute Books
 - C.** Reminder: Presbytery Report to Synod
- 5. OFFICER ELECTIONS** (Nominations from Floor)
 - Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk

¹ Lunch is typically served following adjournment, with sack lunches available upon request.

² The last call for papers will be Friday 3/6, immediately following the mid-morning break.

6. **RULING/TEACHING ELDER MEMORIALS**
7. **INTER-CHURCH LIAISON REPORT** (Knodel)
 - Introduction of Fraternal Delegates and/or Special Guests/Visitors (if applicable)
8. **AD INTERIM COMMISSION REPORT** (LeFebvre)
9. **ORD/INST COMMISSION REPORTS incl. MINUTES**
 - A. **Atlanta Installation: F. Smith (Knodel)**
 - B. **Southside Installation: I. Wise (Faris)**
10. **TREASURER'S REPORT** (Magill)
11. **SHEPHERDING COMMITTEE REPORT** (F. Smith)
12. **CANDIDATES AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT** (Olivetti)
 - A. Oral Report/Update
 - B. Recommendations
 - C. Exam: Personal Godliness — Aaron Murray (Camery)
 - D. Exam: Personal Godliness — Tre Cranford (Olivetti)
13. **CONGREGATIONAL & VISITATION REPORTS**³ (Alphabetical)
 - A. Oral Report (Max: 5 mins)
 - B. Recommendations (if applicable)
 - C. Corporate Intercession⁴
14. **PRAYER & RECESS ~ DINNER BREAK** (5:30 p.m.)

BUSINESS SESSION #2

Thursday 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. (No Break)

15. **CALL TO ORDER / PRAYER TO RECONVENE** (Moderator)
 - A. Reconstitute in Prayer
 - B. Evidence of Progress Sermon — Tre Cranford (Haggai 2)
16. **CLERK'S MOTION** - That presbytery authorize the assistant clerk to take attendance visually in this and all remaining business sessions.
17. **ROLL CALL / VISUAL** (Assistant Clerk)
18. **READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** (Clerk)
19. **MODERATOR APPOINTMENTS** (Moderator)
20. **CANDIDATES AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT** (Olivetti)
 - Exam: Evidence of Progress Sermon — Tre Cranford (Floor Comments & Vote)
 - Exam: Personal Godliness — Zachary Blackwood (Butterfield)
21. **CHURCH OFFICER ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT** (Pockras)

³ Special committees/commissions relating to a specific flock tend to report alongside that congregation. Hence, they do not always appear separately in the agenda.

⁴ Prior to each congregational report, the moderator will appoint a specific presbyter to lead the court in a prayer of intercession for that congregation (or mission work, etc). This presbyter should pay close attention to the report with a view to his impending prayer. When the reports are concluded, those previously appointed will lead the court in prayer. If this occurs at the end of a business session, the last of these presbyters will conclude his prayer by recessing the court.

22. **NORTHERN CHURCH EXT. COMMITTEE (NOCHEX) REPORT** (TBD)
23. **SOUTHERN CHURCH EXT. COMMITTEE (SOCHEX) REPORT** (H.P. McCracken)
24. **SELMA COMMITTEE REPORT** (Niess)
25. **CONGREGATIONAL & VISITATION REPORTS** (Remainder of Session)
- A. Oral Report (Max: 5 mins)
 - B. Recommendations (if applicable)
 - C. Corporate Intercession
26. **PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT** (9:00 p.m.)

BUSINESS SESSION #3

Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Break @ 10:15a)

27. **CALL TO ORDER / PRAYER OF CONSTITUTION** (Moderator)
- A. Reconstitute in Prayer
 - B. Evidence of Progress Sermon — Aaron Murray (Mark 10:17-45)
28. **ROLL CALL / VISUAL** (Assistant Clerk)
29. **READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** (Clerk)
30. **CANDIDATES & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE - Cont.** (Olivetti)
- Exam: Evidence of Progress Sermon — Aaron Murray (Floor Comments & Vote)
 - Exam: Systematic Theology & Distinctives 1 — Tre Cranford (Ian Wise)
 - Exam: Personal Godliness — Joe Smith (McCollum)
31. **LAST CALL FOR PAPERS** (Assistant Clerk)
32. **REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO REVISE DCG D-22** (Kuehner)
33. **TGB & OVERSIGHT COMMISSION REPORTS**⁵
- A. Atlanta TGB (Knodel)
 - B. Pageland TGB (Olivetti)
 - C. Louisville Commission incl. Minutes (D. Hanson)
34. **CONGREGATIONAL & VISITATION REPORTS** (Remainder of Session)
- A. Oral Report (Max: 5 mins)
 - B. Recommendations (if applicable)
 - C. Corporate Intercession
35. **PRAYER & RECESS ~ LUNCH BREAK** (12:30 p.m.)

BUSINESS SESSION #4

Friday 2:00 - 5:30 p.m. (Break @ 3:30p)

36. **CALL TO ORDER / PRAYER TO RECONVENE** (Moderator)
37. **ROLL CALL / VISUAL** (Assistant Clerk)
38. **READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** (Clerk)
39. **CANDIDATES & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE - Cont.** (Olivetti)

⁵ Special committees or commissions relating to a particular TGB-governed entity should ordinarily report alongside that TGB's report. The moderator should appoint delegates to lead in prayer for each mission work at the end of this business session.

- Exam: Personal Godliness — Allen Blackwood (McNamee)

40. REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO REVIEW COMMUNICATION 19-5 (Prutow)⁶

41. PRAYER & RECESS ~ DINNER BREAK (5:30 p.m.)

BUSINESS SESSION #5

Friday 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. (No Break)

42. CALL TO ORDER / PRAYER TO RECONVENE (Moderator)

43. ROLL CALL / VISUAL (Assistant Clerk)

44. READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (Clerk)

45. CLERK'S MOTION - That members of the C.Y.P.U. leadership team be granted privileges of the floor during the Presbytery Youth Report.

46. PRESBYTERY YOUTH REPORT - C.Y.P.U. (Larson)

47. YOUTH MINISTRIES COMMITTEE OF SYNOD REPORT (Larson)

48. COVFAMIKOI CONFERENCE REPORT (Nelson)

49. HOME MISSION BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (TBD)

50. INTERNET MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (K. Evans)

51. GENEVA COLLEGE BOARD OF CORPORATORS REPORT (Pockras)

52. CONGREGATIONAL & VISITATION REPORTS (Remainder of Session)

- A. Oral Report (Max: 5 mins)
- B. Recommendations (if applicable)
- C. Corporate Intercession

53. PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT (9:00 p.m.)

BUSINESS SESSION #6

Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Break @ 10:15a)

54. CALL TO ORDER / PRAYER OF CONSTITUTION (Moderator)

- A. Reconstitute in Prayer
- B. Evidence of Progress Sermon — Allen Blackwood (Exodus 32:30 - 33:23)

55. ROLL CALL / VISUAL (Assistant Clerk)

56. READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (Clerk)

⁶ 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 the 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.” **NOTE:** The clerk apologizes for originally forwarding Communication 19-5 to the AIC with the incorrect designation *Communication 19-4*. This designation (19-4) had previously been applied to a paper on confessional subscription which Dr. LeFebvre had submitted to the court immediately following the mid-morning break on Friday 3/1/19 in Orlando.

57. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - Preliminary Draft (Chairman)⁷

58. CANDIDATES & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE - Cont. (Olivetti)

- Exam: Evidence of Progress Sermon — Allen Blackwood (Floor Comments & Vote)
- Motion to Approve Report

59. CONGREGATIONAL & VISITATION REPORTS

- A. Oral Report (Max: 5 mins)
- B. Recommendations (if applicable)
- C. Corporate Intercession

60. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (Magill)

61. TIME & PLACE COMMITTEE REPORT (Chairman)

62. REPORT ON SESSION MINUTE BOOKS (Assistant Clerk)

63. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - Final (Chairman)

64. RESOLUTION OF THANKS COMMITTEE (Chairman)

65. READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (Clerk)

66. PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT (Noon)

⁷ Please include the Shepherding Committee, which presently consists of Frank Smith, Kent Butterfield, and Craig Scott.