

# The Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery (RPCNA)

Proposed Agenda — Upd. 2/19/24

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## 2024 ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

**Time:** Thursday February 29 @ 2:00 p.m. to Saturday March 2 @ Noon

**Place:** Second Reformed Presbyterian Church

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## DAILY SCHEDULE

### THURSDAY

- Bus. Session #1** (2:00 - 5:30p)
- *Mid-Session Break* (3:45 - 4:00p)
- *Dinner Break* (5:30 - 6:30p)
- Bus. Session #2** (6:45 - 9:00p)

### FRIDAY

- Bus. Session #3** (8:30a - 12:30p)
- *Mid-Session Br.* (10:30 - 10:45a)
- *Lunch Break* (12:30 - 1:30)
- Bus. Session #4** (1:45 - 5:30p)
- *Mid-Session Break* (3:30 - 3:45p)
- *Dinner Break* (5:30 - 6:30p)
- Bus. Session #5** (6:45 - 9:00p)

### SATURDAY (If Necessary)

- Bus. Session #6** (8:30a - 12:00p)
- *Mid-Session Br.* (10:30 - 10:45a)
- *Adjournment (Noon)*<sup>1</sup>

## BUSINESS SESSION #1

Thu 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. (*Break @ 4:00p*)

- CALL TO ORDER / MODERATOR'S ADDRESS / CONSTITUTION** (Moderator) 30 mins [2:30]
- ROLL CALL** (Asst. Clerk) 5 mins [2:35]
- FORMAL INTRODUCTIONS** (First-Time Delegates, Fraternal Delegates, Special Guests) 5 mins [2:40]
- MEMORIALS** (in honor of deceased RE/TEs) 10 mins [2:50]
- CLERK'S REPORT** (Kuehner) 20 mins [3:10]
- OFFICER ELECTIONS** (Nominations from Floor) Moderator, Clerk, Asst. Clerk — 5 mins [3:15]
- AD INTERIM COMMISSION REPORT + Minutes** (Anderson) 15 mins [3:30]
- MEMBERSHIP COMTE REPORT** (F. Smith) 5 mins [3:35]

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<sup>1</sup> Lunch is typically served following adjournment, with sack lunches available upon request. **However, keep in mind that we have a fairly light agenda and could potentially adjourn by Friday night.**

9. CANDIDATES AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Niess) 10 mins  
A. Intro/Recommendations (Niess) 5 mins [3:40]  
B. Exegesis Paper: J. Johnson (VV) 5 mins [3:45]

10. MID-SESSION BREAK (15 mins) — *Order of the Day @ 3:45p* [4:00]

11. CANDIDATES AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Niess) 40 mins [5:20]  
A. Past. & Ev. Gifts Exam: J. Johnson (20/10/5 + RCV) 40 mins [4:40]  
B. Pers. Godliness Exam: T.J. Pattillo (20/10/5 + RCV) 40 mins [5:20]

12. COVFAMIKOI REPORT (Nelson) 5 mins [5:25]

13. PRAYER FOR DINNER / RECESS (Moderator) 5 mins [5:30]

**BUSINESS SESSION #2**

*Thu 6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (No Break)*

14. CALL TO ORDER / PRAYER TO RECONVENE (Moderator) Appointments 5 mins [6:50]

15. VISUAL ATTENDANCE (Asst. Clerk)

16. CANDIDATES AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Niess) 35 mins [7:25]  
- Expository Sermon 2: J. Johnson (Psalm + 25/5 + RCV) 35 mins [7:25]

17. HETHERTON REPORTS 20 mins [7:45]  
A. VISITATION COMTE (Hanson) 15 mins [7:40]  
B. SESSION REPORT (Dage) 5 mins [7:45] Prayer ~ S. Rhoda

18. SWORP REPORTS 20 mins [8:05]  
A. VISITATION COMTE (Schisler) 15 mins [8:00]  
B. SESSION REPORT (Work) 5 mins [8:05] Prayer ~ Schisler

19. SOUTHFIELD REPORTS 20 mins [8:25]  
A. VISITATION COMTE (Mann) 15 mins [8:20]  
B. SESSION REPORT (Kuehner) 5 mins [8:25] Prayer ~ J. Sturm

20. SESSION/TGB REPORTS<sup>2</sup> 15 mins [8:40]  
A. ATLANTA 5 mins [8:20] Prayer ~ Shipp  
B. BELLE CENTER 5 mins [8:25] Prayer ~ McCollum  
C. BLOOMINGTON 5 mins [8:30] Prayer ~ Dage

21. INTERCESSORY PRAYER & RECESS (See Appointees Above)<sup>3</sup> 20 mins [9:00]

**BUSINESS SESSION #3**

*Fri 8:30 - 12:30 p.m. (Break @ 10:35a)<sup>4</sup>*

22. CALL TO ORDER / PRAYER TO RECONVENE (Moderator) Appointments? — 5 mins [8:35]

23. VISUAL ATTENDANCE (Asst. Clerk)

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<sup>2</sup> We plan to do TGB/Session reports in alphabetical order, starting with Atlanta.

<sup>3</sup> Wherever possible, those asked to lead in prayer (along with their alternates) also served, by appointment of the moderator, as minute-reviewers for the particular congregation they are lifting up in prayer.

<sup>4</sup> The deadline for papers occurs immediately following the mid-morning break.

24. **READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** (Clerk) 5 mins [8:40]
25. **CANDIDATES AND CREDENTIALS COMTE REPORT — Continued** (Niess) 75 mins [9:55]  
A. **Evid. of Progr. Sermon:** T.J. Pattillo (Psalm + 25/5 + RCV) 35 mins [9:15]  
B. **Church History (Oral):** J. Johnson (20/10/5 + RCV) 40 mins [9:55]
26. **ODOM COMPLAINT (23-34) HEARING** 30 mins [10:25]  
A. Complainant (Mr. Odom) 5 mins [10:00]  
B. Defendant (WRPC Session) 5 mins [10:05]  
C. Floor Questions 5 mins [10:10]  
D. Floor Discussion<sup>5</sup> 10 mins [10:20]  
E. Standing Vote: Sustain vs. Not Sustain 5 mins [10:25]
27. **HMB REPRESENTATIVE REPORT** (J. Smith) 5 mins [10:30] Prayer ~ Anderson
28. **MID-SESSION BREAK (15 mins) — Order of the Day @ 10:30p** [10:45]
29. **ORLANDO PETITION (24-1) seeking transmission to Synod w/ endorsement** (Eshelman) 30 mins [11:15]  
A. Summary by Orlando Session (Eshelman) 5 mins [10:50]  
B. Questions from the Floor 10 mins [11:00]  
C. Floor Discussion & Vote 15 mins [11:15]
30. **CYPU BOARD REPORT** (Planalp) 30 mins [11:45]
31. **SESSION REPORTS<sup>6</sup>** 25 mins [12:10]  
A. **COLUMBUS** 5 mins [11:50] Prayer ~ J. Smith  
B. **ELKHART** 5 mins [11:55] Prayer ~ Eshelman  
C. **LAFAYETTE** 5 mins [12:00] Prayer ~ Mann  
D. **MARION** 5 mins [12:05] Prayer ~ D. Hanson  
E. **ORLANDO** 5 mins [12:10] Prayer ~ Holdeman
32. **INTERCESSORY PRAYER & RECESS FOR LUNCH** (See Appointees Above)<sup>7</sup> 20 mins [12:30]

## **BUSINESS SESSION #4**

*Fri 1:45 - 5:30 p.m. (Break @ 3:15p)*

33. **CALL TO ORDER / PRAYER TO RECONVENE** (Moderator) 5 mins [1:50]
34. **VISUAL ATTENDANCE** (Asst. Clerk)
35. **CANDIDATES & CREDENTIALS COMTE REPORT — Continued** (Niess) 40 mins [2:30]  
A. **Evidence of Progress Sermon:** J. Punt Psalm + 25/5 + RCV) 35 mins [2:25]  
B. **Ch. History Paper:** J. Punt (Comte + VV) 5 mins [2:30]
36. **SESSION/TGB REPORTS** 40 mins [3:10]  
A. **SECOND** 5 mins [2:35] Prayer ~ B. McKissick  
B. **SELMA** (Oral: A. Niess) 5 mins [2:40] Prayer ~ Schisler  
C. **SOUTHSIDE** 5 mins [2:45] Prayer ~ Niess  
D. **SPARTA** 5 mins [2:50] Prayer ~ Wise

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<sup>5</sup> The intention of this proposed format is that the voting and/or consultative members of the court, *excluding the parties*, would participate in this floor discussion (Item D), similar to jury deliberation.

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- E. SYCAMORE 5 mins [2:55] Prayer ~ Fearing
- F. TERRE HAUTE 5 mins [3:00] Prayer ~ Bibby
- G. WESTMINSTER 5 mins [3:05] Prayer ~ Mauser

37. INTERCESSORY PRAYER (See Appointees Above) 25 mins [3:30]

38. MID-SESSION BREAK (15 mins) — *Order of the Day @ 3:30p* [3:45]

39. CANDIDATES & CREDENTIALS COMTE REPORT — *Continued* (Niess) 50 mins [4:35]

- A. English Bible Results: J. Punt (VV) 5 mins [4:30]
- B. Pers. Godliness: J. Punt (20/10/5 + RCV) 40 mins [4:25]
- C. Report as a Whole (Niess) 5 mins [4:35]

40. NOMINATING COMTE REPORT — *Status Report, Appeal for Volunteers/Referrals?* (Chair) 5 mins [4:40]

41. BUFFER (50 Mins)

42. INTERCESSORY PRAYER & RECESS FOR DINNER (See Appointees Above) 20 mins [5:30]

## BUSINESS SESSION #5

*Fri 6:45 - 9:00 p.m. (No Break)*

43. CALL TO ORDER / PRAYER TO RECONVENE / WELCOME (Moderator) 5 mins [6:50]

44. VISUAL ATTENDANCE (Asst. Clerk)

45. PRESBYTERY YOUTH REPORT (CYPU) 30 mins [7:20]

46. FINANCE COMTE REPORT (M. Hart) 15 mins [7:35]

47. TIME & PLACE COMMITTEE REPORT (Chairman) 5 mins [7:40]

48. NOMINATING COMTE REPORT — *Final Draft* (Chair) 5 mins [7:45]

49. RESOLUTION OF THANKS COMMITTEE (Chairman) 5 mins [7:50]

50. READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (Clerk) 5 mins [7:55]

51. PRAYER TO ADJOURN (Moderator) 5 mins [8:00] *one hour buffer*

## BUSINESS SESSION #7

*Sat 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Break @ 10:30a)*

N/A?