

**Great Lakes–Gulf Presbytery Ad Interim Commission Minutes  
March 26, 2024**

The Ad Interim Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met by video conference call. Those present included Jerry Foltz (moderator, 2<sup>nd</sup> RPC, Indianapolis, IN), Joshua Smith (Westminster RPC, Prairie View, IL), Ken Nelson (RPC of Lafayette, IN), Stephen Shipp (Bloomington RPC), and Jeff Brotherton (Belle Center RPC).

Jerry Foltz opened the meeting and constituted the court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, King and Head of the Church at 7:03 pm EST.

By common consent the agenda was adopted.

**Agenda Item 1:** Appoint a clerk.

**Action Taken:** Joshua Smith volunteered. By common consent, Joshua Smith was appointed clerk.

**Agenda Item 2:** Confirm acceptance of nominations for Clerk (Nathan Eshelman) and Assistant Clerk (Joel Hart).

**Action Taken:** These nominations were confirmed. No action necessary.

**Agenda Item 3:** Appoint Rev. Bryan Dage as stated supply for the Hetherton RPC.

**Action Taken:** M/S/C by common consent.

**Agenda Item 4:** Approve request that presbytery reimburse travel expenses of Hetherton provisional elders up to the date of this meeting.

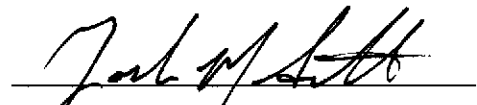
**Action Taken:** M/S/C by common consent, to be sent to the Treasurer.

**Agenda Item 4:** Review and approve GLG 24-7 as revised, Manning appeal amendment for transmittal to Synod.

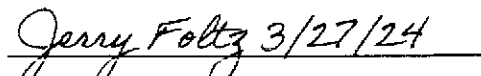
**Action Taken:** M/S/C by common consent.

The minutes of March 26, 2024, were reviewed and approved by common consent.

Ken Nelson prayed and adjourned the court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, Head and King of the Church at 7:48 p.m.

  
Joshua Smith,

Clerk of the Ad Interim Commission

  
Jerry Foltz,

Moderator of the Ad Interim Commission

**Great Lakes–Gulf Presbytery Ad Interim Commission Minutes  
May 15, 2024**

The Ad Interim Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met by video conference call. Those present included Jerry Foltz (moderator, 2<sup>nd</sup> RPC, Indianapolis, IN), Joshua Smith (Westminster RPC, Prairie View, IL), Ken Nelson (RPC of Lafayette, IN), and Jeff Brotherton (Belle Center RPC). Stephen Shipp (Bloomington RPC) was unable to attend.

Jerry Foltz opened the meeting and constituted the court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, King and Head of the Church at 8:00 pm EST.

By common consent the agenda was adopted.

**Agenda Item 1:** (From the Synod the RPCNA) That at-large teaching elders be certified for Synod in Beaver Falls, PA at Geneva College from June 11-14, 2024.

**Action Taken:** By common consent, the following at-large teaching elders are certified as delegates to the meeting of Synod on June 11-14, 2024, at Geneva College (Beaver Falls, PA):

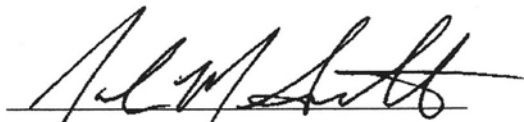
- Andrew B.
- Jack Baumgardner
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- Rich Johnston
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- R. Paul Matthews
- Glenn McFarland
- Jim McMahan
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- James Pennington
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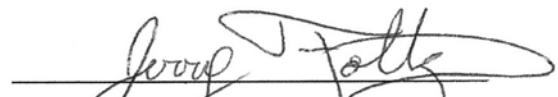
The certification will be prepared by the AIC clerk and forward it to the clerk of Synod and to the clerk and assistant clerk of the GLG presbytery. The certification will be attached to and made a part of these minutes.

In the event of any oversight to the above list of at-large teaching elders, the AIC moderator and clerk are authorized to certify those elders.

**Agenda Item 2:** Remove Ruben Ibarra from GLG membership roll having now become a member of Heritage Reformed Congregation in Grand Rapids, MI.

- 41 **Action Taken:** M/S/C by common consent to remove Ruben Ibarra from GLG membership roll.
- 42 **Agenda Item 3:** Remove Tara Wykstra from GLG membership roll having now become a member  
43 of Bethany United Reformed Church in Wyoming, MI.
- 44 **Action Taken:** M/S/C by common consent to remove Tara Wykstra from GLG membership roll.
- 45 The minutes of May 15, 2024, were reviewed and approved by common consent.
- 46 Joshua Smith prayed and adjourned the court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus  
47 Christ, Head and King of the Church at 8:12 p.m.

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49 Joshua Smith,  
50 Clerk of the Ad Interim Commission

  
Jerry Foltz,  
Moderator of the Ad Interim Commission

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Jerry Foltz opened the meeting and constituted the court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, King and Head of the Church at 8:15 pm EST.

By common consent the agenda was adopted.

**Agenda Item 1:** That the report of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery to Synod be adopted and ratified.

**Action Taken:** M/S/C by common consent to adopt and ratify the report of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery to Synod.

**Agenda Item 2:** Ratify the action taken by the AIC moderator to forward Rev. Joshua Smith's complaint (24-09) against MWP to Synod.

Note: Joshua Smith recused himself from this vote.

**Action Taken:** M/S/C unanimously to ratify the action taken by the AIC moderator to forward Rev. Joshua Smith's complaint to Synod.

**Agenda Item 3:** Appoint Josh Reshey as provisional elder for the Sparta RPC congregation.

Note: Joshua Smith recused himself from any decisions made regarding Sparta RPC.

**Action Taken:** M/S/C unanimously to appoint Josh Reshey as Sparta RPC provisional elder.

**Agenda Item 4:** From the Membership Committee + 3 members appointed by Presbytery at Synod 2024: We recommend that a 5 man judicial commission be established, with 3 members being comprised from the Enas Committee, to meet with Mr. Enas to discuss the issues concerning his view of the doctrine of justification and move forward with discipline as necessary.

**Action Taken:** M/S/C by common consent to appoint a five-man judicial commission to meet with Nathan Enas to discuss the issues concerning his view on justification and adjudicate as necessary.

The members of the judicial commission will be as follows: Philip McCollum (con.), Aaron Murray, Colin Samul, Christopher Stockwell, Robert McKissick, with Mark Goerner as an alternate.


**Agenda Item 5:** Designate the time and place for a one-day Fall GLG Presbytery Meeting.


**Action Taken:** M/S/C by common consent to designate Friday November 1<sup>st</sup> at Elkhart RPC for the Fall GLG Presbytery Meeting.

**Agenda Item 6:** Dismiss Joanna Byl from the GLG membership roll due to inability to make contact with her since being added to the roll.



- 36 **Action Taken:** M/S/C by common consent to dismiss Joanna Byl from GLG membership roll.  
37 The minutes of July 23, 2024, were reviewed and approved by common consent.  
38 Ken Nelson prayed and adjourned the court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus  
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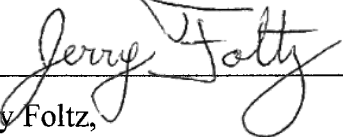
  
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6 Center RPC), and Stephen Shipp (Bloomington RPC). Frank Smith, Greg Scott Damerow, and T.J.  
7 Patillo were also in attendance during the duration of the Atlanta agenda items.
- 8 Jerry Foltz opened the meeting and constituted the court in prayer in the name and by the authority  
9 of Jesus Christ, King and Head of the Church at 8:06 pm EST.
- 10 By common consent the agenda was adopted.
- 11 **Agenda Item 1:** Request from Atlanta TGB to extend the duration of T.J. Patillo’s distance  
12 learning through RPTS.
- 13 **Action Taken:** M/S/C unanimously to approve the Atlanta request for an extension to the duration  
14 of T.J. Patillo’s distance learning through RPTS.
- 15 **Agenda Item 2:** Request from Atlanta TGB to approve reducing aid through the Home Mission  
16 Board.
- 17 **Action Taken:** M/S/C 3 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention to approve the Atlanta request for reducing aid  
18 through the Home Mission Board.
- 19 **Agenda Item 3:** Ratify the decision of the AIC made on September 18, “Move to designate 10  
20 AM to 5 PM as the appointed time for the Fall GLG Presbytery Meeting on November 1 at Elkhart  
21 RPC.”
- 22 **Action Taken:** M/S/C by common consent to ratify the decision of the AIC made on September  
23 18, “Move to designate 10 AM to 5 PM as the appointed time for the Fall GLG Presbytery Meeting  
24 on November 1 at Elkhart RPC.”
- 25 **Agenda Item 4:** Per the counsel of the GLG Moderator and Clerk, cancel the Fall GLG Presbytery  
26 Meeting scheduled for November 1st from 10 AM to 5 PM at Elkhart RPC.
- 27 **Action Taken:** M/S/C by common consent to cancel the Fall GLG Presbytery Meeting scheduled  
28 for November 1st from 10 AM to 5 PM at Elkhart RPC.
- 29 **Agenda Item 5:** Transfer the membership of Rosie Abdelmessieh to The Presbyterian Church in  
30 Ainsams/Cairo (Evangelical Church of Egypt, Synod of the Nile).
- 31 **Action Taken:** M/S/C by common consent to transfer the membership of Rosie Abdelmessieh to  
32 The Presbyterian Church in Ainsams/Cairo (Evangelical Church of Egypt, Synod of the Nile).
- 33 **Agenda Item 6:** Transfer the membership of Robert, Kim, and Lauren Thomson to Indy Reformed  
34 Church (URCNA).
- 35 **Action Taken:** M/S/C by common consent to transfer the membership of Robert, Kim, and Lauren  
36 Thomson to Indy Reformed Church (URCNA).

- 37 **Agenda Item 7:** Request from GLG Finance Committee to approve \$43,000 for the 2025  
38 presbytery assessment.
- 39 **Action Taken:** M/S/C by common consent to approve \$43,000 for the 2025 presbytery assessment.
- 40 The minutes of October 1, 2024, were reviewed and approved by common consent.
- 41 Joshua Smith prayed and adjourned the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ,  
42 King and Head of the Church at 9:41 p.m.

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44 Joshua Smith,  
45 Clerk of the Ad Interim Commission

  
Jerry Foltz,  
Moderator of the Ad Interim Commission

**Great Lakes–Gulf Presbytery Ad Interim Commission Minutes  
December 3, 2024**

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Jerry Foltz opened the meeting and constituted the court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, King and Head of the Church at 8:02 pm EST.

By common consent the agenda was adopted.

**Agenda Item 1:** Request from Sparta Visitation Committee to determine what action is necessary to be taken in order to not interfere with the work of the Sparta Shepherding Committee.


**Action Taken:** M/S/C by common consent to dissolve the Sparta Visitation Committee.

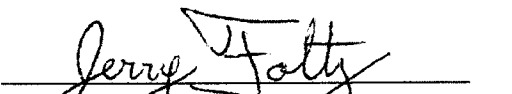
**Agenda Item 2:** Request from Membership Committee to transfer the membership of Elisha Enas to Second Reformed Presbyterian Church (Indianapolis).

**Action Taken:** M/S/C by common consent to transfer the membership of Elisha Enas to Second Reformed Presbyterian Church (Indianapolis).

The minutes of December 3, 2024, were reviewed and approved by common consent.

Stephen Shipp prayed and adjourned the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, King and Head of the Church at 8:17 p.m.

  
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Joshua Smith,  
Clerk of the Ad Interim Commission

  
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Jerry Foltz,  
Moderator of the Ad Interim Commission

**Great Lakes–Gulf Presbytery Ad Interim Commission Minutes  
January 13, 2025**

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3 The Ad Interim Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met by video conference call.  
4 Those present included Jerry Foltz (moderator, 2<sup>nd</sup> RPC, Indianapolis, IN), Joshua Smith (clerk,  
5 Westminster RPC, Prairie View, IL), Ken Nelson (RPC of Lafayette, IN), Jeff Brotherton (Belle  
6 Center RPC). Terre Haute RPC elders Russell Lodge and Josh Reshey were also present. Stephen  
7 Shipp (Bloomington RPC) was unable to join.


8 Jerry Foltz opened the meeting and constituted the court in prayer in the name and by the authority  
9 of Jesus Christ, King and Head of the Church at 7:06 pm EST.

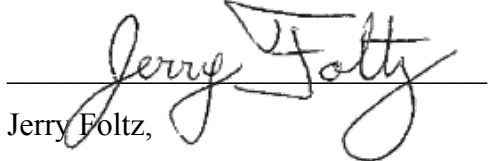
10 This meeting was called in order to meet with the elders of Terre Haute RPC concerning the  
11 pastoral relationship of Pastor Steve Rhoda.

12 **Action Taken:** No action taken at this time.

13 The minutes of January 13, 2025 were reviewed and approved by common consent.

14 Ken Nelson prayed and adjourned the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, King  
15 and Head of the Church at 7:55 p.m.

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17 Joshua Smith,  
18 Clerk of the Ad Interim Commission

  
Jerry Foltz,  
Moderator of the Ad Interim Commission

**Great Lakes–Gulf Presbytery Ad Interim Commission Minutes  
January 21, 2025**

The Ad Interim Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met by video conference call. Those present included Jerry Foltz (moderator, 2<sup>nd</sup> RPC, Indianapolis, IN), Joshua Smith (clerk, Westminster RPC, Prairie View, IL), Ken Nelson (RPC of Lafayette, IN), Jeff Brotherton (Belle Center RPC), and Stephen Shipp (Bloomington RPC).

Jerry Foltz opened the meeting and constituted the court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, King and Head of the Church at 8:02 pm EST.

By common consent the agenda was adopted.

**Agenda Item 1:** Request from Terre Haute RPC to appoint a shepherding committee to minister to Rev. Stephen Rhoda, the Rhoda family, and the Terre Haute Reformed Presbyterian Church.

**Action Taken:** M/S/C unanimously that this Court create a shepherding committee to minister to Rev. Stephen Rhoda, the Rhoda family, and the Terre Haute Reformed Presbyterian Church, consisting of Rev. Jerry Foltz (ch.), Rev. David Hanson, Elder Ken De Jong, and Elder Josh Reshey. The committee shall shepherd, counsel, and provide recommendations to the Presbytery/AIC regarding any further actions needed.

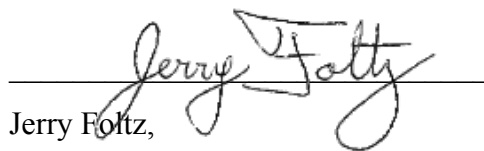
The minutes of January 21, 2025, were reviewed and approved by common consent.

Jeff Brotherton prayed and adjourned the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, King and Head of the Church at 9:04 p.m.



Joshua Smith,

Clerk of the Ad Interim Commission



Jerry Foltz,

Moderator of the Ad Interim Commission

**Great Lakes–Gulf Presbytery Ad Interim Commission Minutes  
January 28, 2025**

The Ad Interim Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met by video conference call. Those present included Jerry Foltz (moderator, 2<sup>nd</sup> RPC, Indianapolis, IN), Joshua Smith (clerk, Westminster RPC, Prairie View, IL), Ken Nelson (RPC of Lafayette, IN), Jeff Brotherton (Belle Center RPC), and Stephen Shipp (Bloomington RPC).

Jerry Foltz opened the meeting and constituted the court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, King and Head of the Church at 8:32 pm EST.

By common consent the agenda was adopted.

**Agenda Item 1:** Request from Terre Haute RPC to accept the January 10, 2025, resignation of Rev. Stephen Rhoda as pastor of Terre Haute Reformed Presbyterian Church following his confession to a pattern of excessive drinking.

**Action Taken:** M/S/C unanimously to accept the January 10, 2025, resignation of Rev. Stephen Rhoda as pastor of Terre Haute Reformed Presbyterian Church.

A copy of the resignation is attached to these minutes, as well as communications from the THRPC elders and the Rhoda Shepherding Committee.

**Agenda Item 2:** Request from Terre Haute RPC to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Rev. Rhoda and Terre Haute Reformed Presbyterian Church.

**Action Taken:** M/S/C unanimously to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Rev. Rhoda and Terre Haute Reformed Presbyterian Church effective immediately.

Appreciation was expressed for Steve Rhoda's service and ministry at Terre Haute RPC. Stephen Shipp effected the dissolution with a prayer of thanksgiving for Steve's ministry and the good done for God's glory, along with an appeal for the Lord's blessing on Steve's future, the congregation of Terre Haute RPC, and its pursuit of another pastor.

**Agenda Item 3:** To appoint an interim moderator for the Session of Terre Haute Reformed Presbyterian Church.

**Action Taken:** M/S/C unanimously that this Court appoint Rev. Jack Baumgardner as interim moderator of the Terre Haute Reformed Presbyterian Church Session.

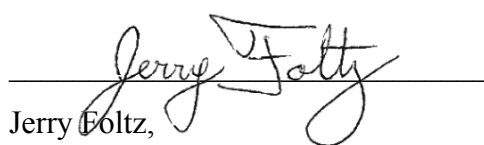
The minutes of January 28, 2025, were reviewed and approved by common consent.

Jeff Brotherton prayed and adjourned the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, King and Head of the Church at 9:21 p.m.



Joshua Smith,

Clerk of the Ad Interim Commission



Jerry Foltz,

Moderator of the Ad Interim Commission



Josh Reshey &lt;jreshey@gmail.com&gt;

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## Letter of Resignation

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**Stephen Rhoda** <Pastor@terrehauterpc.org>

Fri, Jan 10, 2025 at 10:45 AM

To: Josh Reshey &lt;jreshey@gmail.com&gt;, Russell Lodge &lt;russlodge@gmail.com&gt;

Cc: Mary Rhoda &lt;mjrhoda@icloud.com&gt;, Philip Rhoda &lt;prhoda10@me.com&gt;, Jacob Rhoda &lt;jrhoda1@me.com&gt;

To Session,

I write to resign my position as pastor of Terre Haute Reformed Presbyterian Church. I regret this decision, but realize now that by accepting the call some five years ago, I was offending my wife and children, and now I feel unable to continue serving here. I know that this will be a significant adjustment in the life of the congregation and I am sorry for this likely setback in ministry.

I don't mean to make excuses for my failures, but I never thought that a majority of the congregation would need special ministry beyond sitting under the preaching of the Word. It seems clear that I didn't know what I was getting myself into, and I have clearly been unable to keep up with the need for ministry and have dealt with my stress in inappropriate ways.

I also intend to contact presbytery to find out how to resign my ordination, hopefully without charges and a trial. I hope to go away peacefully with as little scandal as possible.

Finally, I am hoping that you could give me three months of severance pay, so that I have some time to sell the house and find a next step for me. Mary is gone and I will need some time, with some financial support, to figure out what to do next.

Josh and Russell, you both have been great elders. I thank you for your ministry and your support. Many blessings in Christ to you and Terre Haute RPC.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Steve Rhoda



Terre Haute Reformed Presbyterian Church  
1407 N 25<sup>th</sup> Street  
Terre Haute, IN 47803

January 15, 2025

Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery  
Ad Interim Commission

Dear Mr. Foltz:

The ruling elders of the Terre Haute Reformed Presbyterian Church, Dr. Russell Lodge (clerk) and Joshua Reshey, have received a Letter of Resignation from Teaching Elder Steven Rhoda. The Letter of Resignation, attached hereto, serves as Pastor Rhoda's written notice of his intention to resign as pastor of the Terre Haute Reformed Presbyterian Church.

In light of Pastor Rhoda's Letter of Resignation and in light of the information provided by us to the AIC on January 13, 2025, we respectfully petition the AIC to do the following:

1. Dissolve the pastoral relationship between TE Stephen Rhoda and the Terre Haute Reformed Presbyterian Church, pursuant to DCG 3.II.E.6(b) [D-12]. We respectfully request that the dissolution be effective immediately.
2. Designate or appoint a moderator for the session of Terre Haute Reformed Presbyterian Church, pursuant to DCG 4.2.
3. Create a shepherding committee to minister to Pastor Rhoda, the Rhoda family, and/or the congregation. We leave the remit and composition of the committee to the AIC's discretion. Mr. Reshey is willing to serve on any such committee formed by the AIC, should the AIC so desire.

We bring these requests to the AIC with sorrow and reluctance, but we trust that "those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy" Ps. 126:5.

In Christ,

RE Dr. Russell Lodge, clerk  
RE Joshua Reshey



Joshua Smith &lt;joshuasmith510@gmail.com&gt;

## Update from the Rhoda/Terre Haute Shepherding Committee

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**Jerry Foltz** <jerry@2rp.church>

Tue, Jan 28, 2025 at 2:28 PM

To: Joshua Smith &lt;joshuasmith510@gmail.com&gt;, Ken Nelson &lt;knelson0204@gmail.com&gt;, Stephen Shipp &lt;stephen.shipp@gmail.com&gt;, Jeffrey Brotherton &lt;jeffrey.brother10@pm.me&gt;

Cc: David Hanson &lt;davidrpts@hotmail.com&gt;, "De Jong, Kenneth J." &lt;kdejong@iu.edu&gt;, Josh Reshey &lt;jreshey@gmail.com&gt;

Brothers,

The shepherding committee met last night to discuss a path forward in shepherding Steve and Mary Rhoda, as well as the other members of the Terre Haute congregation.

Given the circumstances, including Pastor Rhoda's resignation, the committee supports the request from the Terre Haute session that the AIC dissolve the pastoral relationship between Pastor Rhoda and the congregation, declare the pulpit vacant, and provide the Terre Haute congregation with an interim moderator.

We are also mindful of how these decisions would be communicated to Steve and Mary. With this in mind, Pastor Hanson is scheduled to meet with Pastor Rhoda today to provide shepherding, counsel, and encouragement as he navigates these challenges. Additionally, Mary Rhoda's elders, Josh Reshey and Russell Lodge, are planning to meet with her this week with similar goals.

The committee would like to support and care for the physical and spiritual well-being of Steve and Mary. Josh has already contacted the Benefits Board to explore options for severance pay and the counseling grant they offer. He is also planning to meet with Russell and the Terre Haute deacons to discuss the possibility of the church providing additional financial assistance for them if needed.

We are also recommending that Steve and Mary pursue counseling, both individually and as a couple. Resources for finding certified ACBC or CCEF counselors in their area have already been shared with them. For Pastor Rhoda, we believe an inpatient or outpatient alcohol treatment program, in addition to personal counseling, could be highly beneficial. We would also like to establish a means of accountability for Steve, such as regularly scheduled check-ins with his elders or a member of the shepherding committee.

We hope this information will be helpful to the AIC as it deliberates. Please join us in praying for Steve and Mary Rhoda and for the Terre Haute congregation as we seek God's will for their recovery and reconciliation.

In His Service,

Jerry Foltz

On behalf of the Rhoda/Terre Haute Shepherding Committee

Text/Call: (562) 862-9140

Email: [jerry@2rp.church](mailto:jerry@2rp.church)



**Great Lakes–Gulf Presbytery Ad Interim Commission Minutes  
February 11, 2025**

The Ad Interim Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met by video conference call. Those present included Jerry Foltz (moderator, 2<sup>nd</sup> RPC, Indianapolis, IN), Joshua Smith (clerk, Westminster RPC, Prairie View, IL), Ken Nelson (RPC of Lafayette, IN), Jeff Brotherton (Belle Center RPC), and Stephen Shipp (Bloomington RPC).

Jerry Foltz opened the meeting and constituted the court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, King and Head of the Church at 8:32 pm EST.

By common consent the agenda was adopted.

**Agenda Item 1:** Appoint a visitation committee for Elkhart Reformed Presbyterian Church.

**Action Taken:** M/S/C unanimously to appoint a visitation committee for Elkhart Reformed Presbyterian Church to meet with Rev. Wade Mann, the Session, and the congregation to provide counsel and to report to the Spring 2025 Presbytery Meeting.

The visitation committee will consist of Rev. Rich Holdeman (ch.), Rev. Jonathan Sturm, RE John Kim, RE Bob Bibby (alt.), Rev. Joel Hart (alt.)

**Agenda Item 2:** February 4, 2025, resignation letter of Rev. Wade Mann from the Elkhart Reformed Presbyterian Church congregation due to pastoral fatigue and burnout.

**Action Taken:** M/S/C unanimously to place Rev. Wade Mann on inactive status in accordance with DCG II.E.5.f and to forward the letter of resignation to the Presbytery as a whole for consideration due to objections raised in accordance with DCG II.E.5.b.

A copy of the resignation letter is attached to these minutes.

**Agenda Item 3:** To appoint an interim moderator for the Session of Elkhart Reformed Presbyterian Church.

**Action Taken:** M/S/C unanimously that this court appoint Rev. Ian Wise as interim moderator of the Elkhart Reformed Presbyterian Church Session.

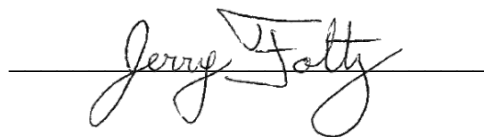
**Agenda Item 4:** To appoint an interim moderator for the Session of Hetherton Reformed Presbyterian Church in consideration of the fact Rev. Wade Mann is currently serving in this role.

**Action Taken:** M/S/C unanimously that this Court appoint Rev. Phil Pockras as interim moderator of the Hetherton Reformed Presbyterian Church Session.

The minutes of February 11, 2025, were reviewed and approved by common consent.

Joshua Smith prayed and adjourned the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, King and Head of the Church at 9:20 p.m.





34 Joshua Smith,  
35 Clerk of the Ad Interim Commission

Jerry Foltz,  
Moderator of the Ad Interim Commission

THE ELKHART REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
2323 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Elkhart, IN 46517-1431

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February 4, 2025

Dear Fik and Bob,

It's with a heavy heart that I write this letter. You brothers are dear to me as fellow elders in the ministry at ERPC. I confess that for a long time now, I have been battling ministry fatigue or burnout. I have struggled to do the work of preparations and have sunk into despair, but the Lord has graciously enabled me to carry on each Lord's Day. We have also had many ministry challenges over the last few years on the Synod and Presbytery levels, as well as locally with a number of families and officers leaving for various reasons. The present shepherding matter has brought me to the realization that I'm not able to continue. I am not able to provide effective ministry for the congregation which I have grown to love very much in the Lord. I don't have the strength to do what's needed in order to fulfill my pastoral call here. This deeply grieves my heart.

And so after much prayer and wrestling, I offer you my resignation as pastor of the Elkhart RPC. I do so with tears and deep concern for you men and the congregation. I pray that the Lord Jesus will graciously and powerfully preserve His church here through this transition. As David pleads, "Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever." (Psalm 28:9 ESV)

With deep affection in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Wade R. Mann".

Pastor Wade R. Mann

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