

**Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery Ad Interim Commission Minutes
March 20, 2025**

The Ad Interim Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met via video conference call on Thursday, March 20th, 2025. Present were Jonathan Sturm (moderator, RPC of Lafayette), Eric Cosens (Bloomington RPC), Scott Decker (RPC of Columbus), Mark Goerner (Orlando RPC), and David Whitla (RPTS).

Jonathan Sturm read from Psalm 90:17 and constituted the court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 6:32 pm.

The agenda was adopted by common consent.

Agenda Item 1: Appoint Mr. Eric Cosens to the AIC as a replacement for Mr. Eddy.

Action Taken: M/S/C to appoint Mr. Eric Cosens to the AIC .

Agenda Item 2: Appoint a Clerk for the AIC. Scott Decker volunteered to be clerk.

Action Taken: M/S/C to appoint Scott Decker as the clerk.

Agenda Item 3: Appoint a third member to the Second RPC Shepherding Committee.

Action Taken: After discussion, M/S/C to appoint Bill Roberts to the Second RPC Shepherding Committee, with David Kleyn as alternate.

The minutes of the March 20, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved by common consent.

David Whitla prayed and adjourned the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 6:47pm.

Scott Decker

Scott Decker
Clerk

Jonathan Sturm

Jonathan Sturm
Moderator

**Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery Ad Interim Commission Minutes
April 21, 2025**

The Ad Interim Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met via video conference call on Monday, April 21st, 2025. Present were Jonathan Sturm (moderator, RPC of Lafayette), Eric Cosens (Bloomington RPC), Scott Decker (clerk, RPC of Columbus), and Mark Goerner (Orlando RPC).

Eric Cosens prayed and constituted the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 9:05pm.

The agenda was adopted by common consent.

Agenda Item 1: Appoint a Hetherton property committee. The committee shall: (1) determine the assets and liabilities of the congregation, (2) provide a list of the assets and liabilities to the Synod's Board of Trustees, (3) submit recommendations regarding the disposal of the property, and (4) provide local assistance as needed to the Synod's Board of Trustees.

Action Taken: After discussion, M/S/C to appoint Mr. Adam Kuehner (chair), Mr. John Kim, and Mr. Bryan Dage to the committee.

The minutes of the April 21, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved by common consent.

Mark Goerner prayed for the work of the committee and adjourned the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 9:15pm.

Scott Decker

Scott Decker
Clerk

Jonathan Sturm

Jonathan Sturm
Moderator

**Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery Ad Interim Commission Minutes
May 8, 2025**

The Ad Interim Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met via video conference call on Thursday, May 8th, 2025. Present were Jonathan Sturm (moderator, RPC of Lafayette), Eric Cosens (Bloomington RPC), Scott Decker (clerk, RPC of Columbus), and Mark Goerner (Orlando RPC) and David Whitla (RPTS).

Scott Decker prayed and constituted the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 9:02 pm.

The agenda was adopted by common consent.

Agenda Item 1: Approve the Synod report of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery as amended.

Action Taken: M/S/C to approve the report as amended.

The minutes of the May 8th, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved by common consent.

David Whitla prayed and adjourned the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 9:10 pm.

Scott Decker

Scott Decker
Clerk

Jonathan Sturm

Jonathan Sturm
Moderator

**Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery Ad Interim Commission Minutes
June 11, 2025**

The Ad Interim Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met via video conference call on Wednesday, June 11th, 2025. Present were Jonathan Sturm (moderator, RPC of Lafayette), Eric Cosens (Bloomington RPC), Scott Decker (clerk, RPC of Columbus), Mark Goerner (Orlando RPC) and David Whitla (RPTS).

Jonathan Sturm prayed and constituted the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 8:33pm.

The agenda was adopted by common consent.

Agenda Item 1: Approve the certification of the following delegates to Synod:

1. Jason Camery
2. Jerry Foltz
3. Ray Lanning
4. Frank Smith
5. David Whitla
6. Namsik Yang

Action Taken: M/S/C to approve the certification of the delegates.

The minutes of the June 11th, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved by common consent.

Scott Decker prayed and adjourned the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 8:37pm.

Scott Decker

Scott Decker
Clerk

Jonathan Sturm

Jonathan Sturm
Moderator

**Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery Ad Interim Commission Minutes
July 24, 2025**

The Ad Interim Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met via video conference call on Thursday, July 24th, 2025. Present were Jonathan Sturm (moderator, RPC of Lafayette), Eric Cosens (Bloomington RPC), Scott Decker (clerk, RPC of Columbus, and David Whitla (RPTS).

Jonathan Sturm read from James 1:5 and 3:13-18. He then prayed and constituted the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 7:13am.

The agenda was adopted by common consent.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the June Presbytery meeting minutes.

Action Taken: M/S/C to approve the minutes as amended.

Agenda Item 2: Communication from RPTS.

Motion: AIC receive the Communication from RPTS regarding student Michael Wold, for information, and as requested, inform the full presbytery of their action.

Action Taken: The motion was M/S/C. David Whitla recused himself from the vote.

Agenda Item 3: Communications from Second RPC Petitioners and Sycamore RPC Session:

Motion: That the AIC petition GLG moderator and clerk for a fall meeting to address 2RP matters.

Action Taken: M/S

Discussion was conducted for and against the motion.

The vote was called and the motion failed.

By common consent the AIC returns both the communication from Second RPC Petitioners and Sycamore RPC Session.

The minutes of the July 24th, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved by common consent.

David Whitla prayed for the Second RPC session, members, and Shepherding Committee, and adjourned the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 8:45am.

Scott Decker

Scott Decker
Clerk

Jonathan Sturm

Jonathan Sturm
Moderator

Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery Ad Interim Commission Minutes
August 28, 2025

The Ad Interim Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met via video conference call on Thursday, August 28th, 2025. Present were Jonathan Sturm (moderator, RPC of Lafayette), Eric Cosens (Bloomington RPC), Scott Decker (clerk, RPC of Columbus), and David Whitla (RPTS).

Eric Cosens prayed and constituted the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 5:09 pm.

The agenda was adopted by common consent.

Agenda Item 1: Transfer Wade Mann’s credentials from GLG Presbytery to Mid-West Presbytery

Action Taken: The motion was M/S/C.

Agenda Item 2: Receive Mark Koller’s credentials from Mid-West Presbytery to GLG Presbytery

Action Taken: The motion was M/S/C.

Agenda Item 3: Act on Atlanta Commission request

Motion: That the AIC approve the Atlanta Commission request that “For the purposes of guaranteeing a quorum, any presbyter(s) from the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery may be recruited by the Moderator of the Atlanta Commission for the conduct of any business that may arise on October 4-5, 2025.”

Action Taken: M/S/C

The minutes of the August 28th, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved by common consent.

Scott Decker prayed and adjourned the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 5:25 pm.

Scott Decker

Scott Decker
Clerk

Jonathan Sturm

Jonathan Sturm
Moderator

**Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery Ad Interim Commission Minutes
September 18, 2025**

The Ad Interim Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met via video conference call on Thursday, September 18th, 2025. Present were Jonathan Sturm (moderator, RPC of Lafayette), Eric Cosens (Bloomington RPC), Scott Decker (clerk, RPC of Columbus), Mark Goerner (Orlando RPC), and David Whitla (RPTS).

Jonathan Sturm prayed and constituted the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 5:08pm.

The agenda was adopted by common consent.

Agenda Item 1: Transfer the membership of Ray and Susan Morton to Springs Reformed Church (Colorado Springs, CO).

Action Taken: The motion was M/S/C.

Agenda Item 2: Request from Southfield RPC Session

Motion: In order to aid the Southfield session in a sensitive shepherding matter, the AIC appoint Rev. Colin Samul as a provisional elder through the spring 2026 GLG Presbytery meeting.

Action Taken: The motion was M/S/C.

The minutes of the September 18th, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved by common consent.

Eric Cosens prayed and adjourned the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 5:42 pm.

Scott Decker

Scott Decker
Clerk

Jonathan Sturm

Jonathan Sturm
Moderator

Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery Ad Interim Commission Minutes
October 10, 2025

The Ad Interim Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met via video conference call on Friday, October 10th, 2025. Present were Jonathan Sturm (moderator, RPC of Lafayette), Eric Cosens (Bloomington RPC), Scott Decker (clerk, RPC of Columbus), Mark Goerner (Orlando RPC), and David Whitla (RPTS).

Jonathan Sturm prayed and constituted the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 5:07pm.

The agenda was adopted by common consent.

Agenda Item 1: Atlanta Commission request to move Mr. Stacy Moton to the rolls of GLG Presbytery.

Motion: Move Mr. Moton to the rolls of GLG Presbytery per the request of the Atlanta Commission.

Action Taken: The motion was M/S/C.

Agenda Item 2: Communication from Covfamiko 2025 directors. (see Appendix A)

Minutes:

AIC discussed communication from the Covfamiko Conference directors about an alleged event at the 2025 Conference that recently came to their attention.

Shawn Anderson joined via video conference at 5:27pm. Mr. Anderson answered questions from the AIC. Mr. Anderson left the meeting at 5:40pm.

The AIC notes:

- DCS has been notified (CPP Secion IV.A)
- The parents / guardians of the involved youth have been notified (CPP Section IV.E)
- Mr. Anderson, moderator of the session of the parties to the allegation, has been notified (CPP Secion IV.F).
- The case is currently being addressed by the local session.

Motion: Receive Ken and Christy Nelson's communication for information

Action Taken: The motion was M/S/C.

Motion: Direct the moderator to contact the GLG insurance provider per CPP section IV.F.

Action Taken: The motion was M/S/C.

Motion: Notify the Presbytery Sycamore RPC visitation committee (Adam Niess, Colin Samul, Scott Hunt) of the situation prior to their already scheduled November visitation.

Action Taken: The motion was M/S/C.

The minutes of the October 10th, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved by common consent.

Mark Goerner prayed and adjourned the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 6:19 pm.

Scott Decker

Scott Decker
Clerk

Jonathan Sturm

Jonathan Sturm
Moderator

Appendix A

10/2/2025

To: GLG AIC

A situation that allegedly occurred at Covfamikoi that may constitute a violation of the Child Protection Policy was just brought to our attention on September 25. In following the Presbytery CPP we are bringing this to the attention of the AIC. Below are the basic facts/details as we know:

What is the situation: A minor allegedly offered to pay another youth to sit on his lap.

When did this happen: During Covfamikoi 2025

Who was notified: The person who reported this to us said the pastor of the individual, the individuals' parents, the parents of the child who was offered, and DCS were all notified.

Immediate protection activities: None needed as Covfamikoi has been concluded 2.5 months before notification of this alleged event.

Covfamikoi Conference Directors

Ken Nelson

Christy Nelson

**Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery Ad Interim Commission Minutes
November 6, 2025**

The Ad Interim Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met via video conference call on Thursday, November 6, 2025. Present were Jonathan Sturm (moderator, RPC of Lafayette), Eric Cosens (Bloomington RPC), Scott Decker (RPC of Columbus) and David Whitla (clerk *pro tem*, RPTS).

Jonathan Sturm prayed and constituted the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 5:16pm.

The agenda was adopted by common consent.

Agenda Item: Communications from Mr. Zach Smith and 2nd RPC Session.

On October 31, AIC received communications from Mr. Zach Smith and the 2nd RPC session, dated October 8 and 12 respectively. Honoring 2nd RPC's request for confidentiality, it was determined that it would be prudent to forward these to the presbytery for information, with password protection.

Action Item: M/S/C to convey the two communications to presbytery for information with password protection.

The minutes of the November 6, 2025, meeting were reviewed and approved by common consent.

Eric Cosens prayed and adjourned the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 5:32pm.

David Whitla

David Whitla
Clerk Pro Tem

Jonathan Sturm

Jonathan Sturm
Moderator

**Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery Ad Interim Commission Minutes
December 10, 2025**

The Ad Interim Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met via video conference call on Friday, December 10th, 2025. Present were Jonathan Sturm (moderator, RPC of Lafayette), Eric Cosens (Bloomington RPC), Scott Decker (clerk, RPC of Columbus), and David Whitla (RPTS).

Jonathan Sturm prayed and constituted the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 7:33 pm.

The agenda was adopted by common consent.

Agenda Item 1: Finance committee request to approve the \$46000 Presbytery assessment and distribute the draft budget.

Motion: Approve finance committee assessment request and distribute the draft budget. **Action Taken:** The motion was M/S/C.

The minutes of the December 10th, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved by common consent.

Eric Cosen prayed and adjourned the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 8:05 pm.

Scott Decker

Scott Decker
Clerk

Jonathan Sturm

Jonathan Sturm
Moderator

Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery Ad Interim Commission Minutes January 15, 2026

The Ad Interim Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met via video conference call on Thursday, December 15th, 2026. Present were Jonathan Sturm (moderator, RPC of Lafayette), Eric Cosens (Bloomington RPC), Scott Decker (clerk, RPC of Columbus), Mark Goerner (Orlando RPC) and David Whitla (RPTS).

Jonathan Sturm prayed and constituted the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 5:05 pm.

The agenda was adopted by common consent.

Agenda Item 1: Pastoral Call for Christopher Schrock

Motion: Forward the call to the MW Presbytery with advisement that no provision has been made for Mr. Schrock's pastoral refreshment.

Action Taken: The motion was M/S/C.

Agenda Item 2: Request from Colin Samul to be removed from the Session of Southfield RPC.

Motion: Approve Mr. Samul's request to be released from his temporary appointment to the Southfield RPC session.

Action Taken: The motion was M/S/C.

Agenda Item 3: Sycamore Visitation Report

Motion: At the recommendation of the Sycamore Visitation Committee, the AIC appoint an Advisory Committee for the Sycamore session, comprised of Jason Camery, Scott Hunt, and Colin Samul.

Action Taken: The motion was M/S/C.

Agenda Item 4: Request from the 2nd RP Shepherding Committee to the AIC regarding Mr. Zach Smith.

Motion: Appoint a 3-man committee consisting of Rich Holdeman (chair), Aaron Murray, and Scott Hoover, (Ross Cerbus and Jonathan Sturm as alternates), with the following remit: (1) interact with Zach Smith regarding GLG 25-6, (2) interact, as needed, with the 2RP session regarding 25-6 and 25-7, and (3) bring recommendations to the Spring meeting of Presbytery regarding next steps for the presbytery and/or the 2RP session.

Action Taken: The motion was M/S/C.

The minutes of the January 15th, 2026 meeting were reviewed and approved by common consent.

Scott Decker prayed and adjourned the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 5:49 pm.

Scott Decker

Scott Decker
Clerk

Jonathan Sturm

Jonathan Sturm
Moderator

**Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery Ad Interim Commission Minutes
February 17, 2026**

The Ad Interim Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met via video conference call on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 5PM.

Present were Jonathan Sturm (moderator, RPC of Lafayette), Eric Cosens (clerk *pro tem*, Bloomington RPC), Scott Decker (RPC of Columbus), Mark Goerner (Orlando RPC), and David Whitla (RPTS).

Jonathan Sturm constituted the court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 5:02PM.

The agenda was adopted by common consent.

Agenda Item 1: Approve AIC presbytery report. There was clarification that the AIC minutes will be included with the AIC report to presbytery.

Action Taken: M/S/C to approve the AIC presbytery report.

The minutes of the February 17, 2026 meeting were reviewed and approved by common consent.

Mark Goerner prayed and adjourned the court in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 5:12PM.

Eric Cosens

Eric Cosens
Clerk Pro Tem

Jonathan Sturm

Jonathan Sturm
Moderator