

TYNDALE PRESBYTERY

Tyndale Presbytery Agenda 2010

September 20-21, 2010

Springfield, Missouri

Presbytery Meeting Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 1517 E. Valley Watermill Road, Springfield, Missouri 65803

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Costs and Giving

To give to the costs of hosting Presbytery, funds should be directed to Christ the King Church, Springfield, Missouri. Thank you.

Monday, September 20, 2010

3:00-6:00 p.m.—**Presbytery Conference with Pastor Jeff Meyers** of Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church (PCA), St. Louis, MO. Pastor Meyers will be discussing/revealing insights on ministry in the Midwest.

7:00-10:00 p.m.—**Evening Social Reception**: Oasis Convention Center, 2546 N. Glenstone, Springfield, Missouri 65803 (behind the Ramada Inn)

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

1. 8:00-9:30 a.m.—Ordination Exam of Gabe Wetmore
Arnie Abens-chair

2. Welcome and Exhortation (10:00 a.m.)

- A. Welcome from the host church: Christ the King Church
- B. Invocation-Tim Bushong
- C. Psalms
- D. Exhortation from the Presiding Minister-Burke Shade

3. Session One: Church Reports (10:30 a.m.)

- A. Call the Meeting to Order
- B. Calling of the Roll/Establishment of a Quorum (2/3 representation of member churches)
- C. Member Church Reports (Note: Mission/Candidate churches will report with their sponsoring church—all reports five minutes each)
 - i. Christ Church of Livingston County, Howell, MI
 - ii. Christ Church Twin Cities, Minnetonka, MN

- iii. Christ the King Church, New Era, MI
 - iv. Christ the King Church, Springfield, MO
 - v. Christ the Redeemer Church, Pella, IA
 - vi. Cornerstone Reformed Church, Carbondale, IL
-Candidate: Christ Covenant Church of Chicago, Chicago, IL
 - vii. Providence Church, Caro, MI
-Candidate: Covenant Christian Church, Greenville, MI
 - viii. Trinity Covenant Church, Wichita, KS
 - ix. Trinity Evangelical Church, Syracuse, IN
-Mission: Holy Trinity Church, Cincinnati, OH
- D. Recognition of Guests and Visiting Delegations

Lunch Break: 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Reconvene: 2:00 p.m.

4. Session Two: Review of Churches Recommended for Full Membership

- A. Mission Churches to be Extended
- B. Candidates for Sponsorship or to be Extend Candidate Status
 - i. Covenant Christian Church, Greenville, MI (extend)
 - ii. Reformed Presbyterian Church, Tyuman, Russia (extend)
- C. Seating of Candidate Churches
 - i. Christ Covenant Church of Chicago, IL
- D. Oath for New Members and Presbytery

Break

5. Session Three: Committee, Minister's, and Mission's Reports

- A. Report from Ordination Examination Committee
- B. Minister's Reports
 - i. Council Minister report
 - ii. Presbytery Minister report
- C. Mission Reports
 - i. SRS/CREC Eurasia report-Eric Sauder
 - ii. Ravil Kunakayev report

6. Session Four: Other Business

- D. Old Business
 - i. CREC Name Change Committee Report (attached)
- E. New Business
 - i. Election of new Minister of Presbytery/Minister Pro Tempore for three year terms-
Eric Sauder by Jeff Swanson

Burke Shade by Brian Nolder

ii.

F. Presbytery Discussion Topics (as time allows)

i. Church growth - Without wanting to take on the baggage of modern church growth movements, discuss and perhaps even develop strategies for church growth within our Presbytery and the broader CREC as most of our churches are small and need to grow in numbers to be sustainable in the long run. Identifying what has/hasn't worked in the past as well as developing biblically faithful ways to promote the distinctives of the CREC may be a promising way to begin this discussion. Additionally, the session and congregants should both understand what their role is and isn't in this area.

ii. Pastoral Care - Given the relative infancy of the CREC, its churches, and leadership as well as the reluctance of pastors to speak up for themselves, it could be helpful if the Presbytery could discuss and provide general guidelines for caring for their pastors. Included in this would be discussions of expectations for salary, health insurance, pastoral expenses, retirement, vacation time, schooling for children, etc., as well as warnings about the 'hidden' duties of pastors that most cannot see, pastoral burnout/discouragement, and things that have an appearance of worth but in reality waste a great deal of a pastor's time.

6. Adjourn: 5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Worship Service at Faith Lutheran Church

Evening Social Event (local dark microbrewer/restaurant (tbd))

Psalm leading: Tim Bushong

Parliamentarian: Brian Nolder

Secretary: Rob Davis??

Preaching:

NAME CHANGE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Dear Presiding Ministers,

The following is our submission to you for inclusion on your agenda for this fall's presbytery meetings. Thanks much.

Douglas

CREC Name Change Committee

Gregg Strawbridge, Steve Wilkins, Dennis Tuuri, Randy Booth, and Douglas Wilson (chair)

After much deliberation and discussion, our committee has resolved to present to our presbyteries the following proposal for a name change. We recommend changing our name from the Confederation of Reformed Evangelical Church (CREC) to the Evangelical Reformed Churches (ERC). The motion to recommend this change carried unanimously, with no dissenting votes. This was not because the committee was incapable of dissent, for many other proposals elicited robust discussion and strong responses, both for and against.

It is our understanding that this proposal may be voted on in the respective presbyteries, with a straight up and down vote. If five presbyteries approve it, then the name is formally changed. If the requisite number of presbyteries fail to approve this recommendation, then we will remain the CREC. If it is the will of the presbyteries to modify our proposal, or substitute another recommendation entirely, then that would have to wait until the Council of 2011.

We were charged with the task of investigating the possibility of a name change as a result of a request from one of our churches (dealing with the connotations of the word *confederation*). At the same time, we wanted a name that had some similarities and continuities with our current name in the belief that any proposal for a drastic name change would likely fail to gain the approval of the presbyteries.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve in this way, and await your decision.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Wilson, chair