

TYNDALE PRESBYTERY

Tyndale Presbytery Agenda for October 5, 2011
In conjunction with Council, October 3-7, 2011
Minneapolis, MN

Monday, October 3

Arrival, informal evening gathering on hotel patio

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

8:00-9:30 a.m.—Ordination Exam of Dirk DeWinkle

-chair: Tim Bushong

Missions conference

Ladies activities during the day

Evening worship service

Meals

Breakfast provided at the hotel

Lunch/dinner on your own

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

1. Welcome and Exhortation (9:45 a.m.)

- A. Welcome from the host church: Jeff Evans/Arnie Abens
- B. Invocation-
- C. Psalms-Tim Bushong
- D. Exhortation from the Presiding Minister-Burke Shade

2. Session One: Church Reports (10:15 a.m.)

- A. Call the Meeting to Order (hand out copies of Robert's Rules)
- B. Calling of the Roll/Establishment of a Quorum (2/3 representation of member churches)
- C. Establish agenda
- D. Member Church Reports (Note: Mission/Candidate churches will report with their sponsoring church—all reports five to ten minutes each)
 - i. Christ Church of Livingston County, Howell, MI
 - ii. Christ Church Twin Cities, Minnetonka, MN
 - iii. Christ Covenant Church of Chicago, Chicago, IL

- iv. Christ the King Church, New Era, MI
- v. Christ the King Church, Springfield, MO
- vi. Christ the Redeemer Church, Pella, IA
- vii. Cornerstone Reformed Church, Carbondale, IL
- viii. Providence Church, Caro, MI
- ix. Reformed Presbyterian Church, Tyumen, Russia
- x. Trinity Covenant Church, Wichita, KS
- xi. Trinity Evangelical Church, Syracuse, IN
- E. Prayer for all churches
- F. Recognition of Guests and Visiting Delegations

Lunch Break: 12:00-1:30 p.m. (on your own)

Reconvene: 1:30 p.m.

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

- A. Mission Churches to be Extended-n/a
- B. Candidates for Sponsorship
- C. Seating of Candidate Churches: n/a
- D. Oath for New Members and Presbytery/Prayer

Break

4. 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. Prayer for SRS/Eurasia

5. Session Four: Other Business

- A. Old Business: 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.

B. New Business

- i. Voting for Presbytery Delegates to Council
(Under the CREC Constitution Article IV Section B Subsection 2, the Council members from each of your respective Presbyteries must be seated as Presbytery delegates during the meeting immediately preceding the Council meeting in Minneapolis). Presently, Tyndale's two delegates are Jeff Evans and Burke Shade, nominated and elected in 2008.
- ii. Discussion of Council Motions.

C. Place of meeting for next year:

6. Motion of Gratitude for Hosting Church

7. Adjourn: 5:00 p.m., with Prayer

Evening Social Event-Catered Barbeque at Hotel

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Council Meeting at Hotel

Friday, October 7, 2011

Council Meeting at Hotel (if needed)

[all time blocks opened with Psalm singing, and Presbytery ends with singing

Psalm leading: Tim Bushong

Parliamentarian: Brian Nolder

Secretary: Rob Davis]