

Wycliffe Presbytery Minutes
Comfort Inn
Buda, TX
October 15-16, 2-24

October 15

Open and welcome by Presiding Minister pro tempore Mark Balthrop at 8:10 am.

Sang a hymn.

Led in a devotion by Pastor Garrett Craw from Mt. 17: “Know the Signs.”

Roll call and seating of the delegates.

1. Arkansas: Grace Covenant Church (Bono) – Pastor Michael Kidd and Elder Colin Houseal.
2. Kansas: Trinity Covenant Church (Wichita) – Pastor Derek Hale and Elder Joshua Luper.
3. Louisiana:
 - a. Church of the Redeemer (West Monroe) – Elder Phil Walters.
 - b. Covenant Presbyterian Church (Sulphur) – Elder James Nabours.
4. Oklahoma: Redeemer Reformed Church (Oklahoma City) – Pastor Brad Billheimer and Elder Brent Moss.
5. Texas:
 - a. All Saints Presbyterian Church (Ft. Worth) – Pastor Steve Jeffery and Pastor Geoff Shaw.
 - b. Christ Church Boerne (Bourne) – Pastor Gabe Wetmore and Elder Nate Enns.
 - c. Christ Fellowship Church (Taylor) – Pastor Jeff Ripple and Elder Caleb Ripple.
 - d. King’s Cross Reformed Church (Buda) – Pastor Dylan Stinson and Elder Skye Knippa.
 - e. St. David’s Reformed Church (Tomball) – Pastor Adam McIntosh and Elder Doug Matangelo.
 - f. Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church (Nacogdoches) – Pastor Roy Bradley and Elder David Alders.

A quorum was established.

Visitors were introduced.

The agenda was approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion by David Alders and seconded by James Nabours to receive as a member church Cornerstone Reformed Church (Terrell, TX). Unanimously approved.

Motion by King's Cross Reformed Church to receive as a member church Trinity Reformed Church (Muldoon, TX). After introductions and questions, they were received by a unanimous vote.

Membership vows for the newly received churches were administered.

Motion by Gabe Wetmore and seconded by James Nabours to receive the Presiding Minister's report. Approved.

Motion by Jeff Ripple and seconded by Derek Hale to receive Waco Reformed Church as a candidate church under Christ Fellowship Church (Taylor). Approved.

Motion by Geoff Shaw and seconded by Gabe Wetmore to receive Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church (Granbury, TX) as a candidate church under All Saints Presbyterian Church (Ft. Worth). Approved.

Motion by Gabe Wetmore and seconded by Brad Billheimer to transfer the ministerial credentials of Dane Johannson, pastor of Church of the Triumphant King (Weatherford, TX). Approved.

Church reports were presented.

Steve Jeffery presented an update on Reformed Evangelical Seminary and the DomNet and Demographics Project.

Motion by Phil Walters seconded by James Nabours to change the stated meeting of Wycliffe Presbytery to semi-annually (spring and fall). Approved after discussion.

Chairman of the Reconciliation Committee Mark Balthrop presented his report. Motion by Mark Balthrop to appoint a mediatorial committee. Motion failed for lack of a second. After discussion, Mark Balthrop made a motion to table discussion until after lunch. Seconded by James Nabours. Motion passed.

Discussion of Memorial J. No action was taken.

Motion by Mark Balthrop and seconded by Geoff Shaw to approve the following minutes:

- October 7 - November 1, 2023 email meeting.

- November 3, 2023 ad hoc Zoom meeting.
 - May 16-17, 202 ad hoc Zoom meeting.
- Approved.

Discussion on Memorial J resumed. Motion by Gabe Wetmore and seconded by Geoff Shaw to request PMoC Brito to form a committee with a member from every presbytery to coordinate each presbytery's proposed amendments on Memorial J through to the next council meeting. Approve unanimously.

Motion by Steve Jeffery and seconded by Geoff Shaw to move to executive session to continue discussing the reconciliation report. Discussion. Approved.

Motion by Gabe Wetmore seconded by David Alders to allow visitors from St. David's Reformed Church, Trinity Reformed Presbyterian Church, Garrett Crow, and by zoom Rob Hadding, Randy Booth, and Jonathan Landrum. Approved.

During discussion, Gabe Wetmore and Steve Jeffery suggested that the St. David's delegates have 3 options: let it go, appeal to council/seek mediation; bring a complaint. Motion to recess for 10 minutes. Approved.

After reconvening in executive session, Adam McIntosh requested more time to consider their options.

Motion by Gabe Wetmore and seconded by Brad Billheimer to receive the reconciliation committee report. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Jeff Ripple and seconded by James Nabours to rise from executive session. Approved.

Church of the Redeemer (West Monroe, LA) volunteered to host the spring presbytery meeting and All Saints Presbyterian Church (Ft. Worth, TX) volunteered to host the fall presbytery meeting. Dates TBD. Approved.

Motion by David Alders and seconded by Michael Kidd to elect Rob Hadding as PMoP for three years. Approved.

Motion by Phil Walters and seconded by James Nabours to elect Mark Balthrop as PMoP pro tempore. Approved.

Discussion led by Gabe Wetmore to test interest in standardizing forms for church membership vows, services, etc. No action was taken.

Sang a closing hymn and closed in prayer by Roy Bradley.

Adjourned at 3:40 pm.