

Spring 2026 Wycliffe Presbytery Minutes
April 21, 2026
Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
Nacogdoches, Texas

- Welcome and Singing “Jehovah to My Lord Has Said”
- Roll Call and Seating of Delegates
 - Michael Kidd: Four Winds Reformed Church – Bono, AR
 - Derek Hale and Joshua Luper: Trinity Covenant Church – Wichita, KS
 - Phil Walters and Aaron Booth: Church of the Redeemer – West Monroe, LA
 - Rob Hadding: Covenant Reformed Church – Sulphur, LA
 - Mark Balthrop and Brad Billheimer: Redeemer Reformed Church – Oklahoma City, OK
 - Steve Jeffery and Geoff Shaw: All Saints Presbyterian Church – Ft. Worth, TX
 - Jeff Ripple and Caleb Ripple: Christ Fellowship Church – Taylor, TX
 - Randy Booth and Roy Bradley: Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church – Nacogdoches, TX
 - Nick Esch and Eli Melton: Cornerstone Reformed Church – Terrell, TX
 - Dylan Stinson and Jordan Vimont: King’s Cross Reformed Church – Austin, TX
 - Will Martin: Trinity Reformed Church – Muldoon, TX
 - Adam McIntosh and John Simpson: Saint David’s Church – Tomball, TX
- Noted Mission and Candidate churches.
 - Matt Caughey, Dane Johannsson Church of the Triumphant King
 - Steve Wilborg, Brad Finkbeiner: Trinity Reformed Presbyterian Church, Magnolia, TX
 - Sammie Hargrave and Kevin Faulk: King’s Covenant Reformed Church, Georgetown, TX
 - Candidate church: Scott Pettus and Don Christie - First Church, Artesia, NM

- Introduction of Visitors
- Approval of Agenda: Motion by Brad Billheimer and seconded by Steve Jeffery to add to the agenda a discussion of the Knox Presbytery motion on sacramental cooperation. Approved. Motion by Nick Esch and seconded by Aaron Booth to approve the agenda. Approved. Approved by consent that the AI recording will be preserved until the minutes of this meeting are approved.
- Devotion on pastoral calling and Prayer by Randy Booth.
- Approval of Minutes of Fall 2025 Presbytery Meeting. Motion by Aaron Booth and seconded by Eli Melton to approve minutes. Approved unanimously.
- Presiding Minister's Report: added formed 2 ordination examinations for Tyler Turner and Scott Pettis. Motion by Michael Kidd and seconded by Nick Esch to receive the presiding minister's report. Approved unanimously.
- Church Reports

Arkansas:

Four Winds Reformed Church, Bono, Arkansas: received from Michael Kidd, prayer by Brad Billheimer. Christ Church, Searcy, Arkansas, has been released to join the local REC plant.
(Mission: Christ Church, Searcy, Arkansas)

Kansas:

Trinity Covenant Church, Wichita, Kansas. Received from Derek Hale. Prayer by Adam McIntosh.

Louisiana:

Church of the Redeemer, West Monroe, Louisiana.
Received from Aaron Booth. Prayer by Will Martin.
Covenant Reformed Church, Sulphur, Louisiana.
Received from Rob Hadding. Prayer by Roy Bradley
(Mission: Church of the Triumphant King,
Weatherford, Texas)

Oklahoma:

Redeemer Reformed Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Received from Mark Balthrop. Prayer by Jeff Ripple.

(Mission: Trinity Reformed Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma)

Texas:

All Saints Presbyterian Church, Ft. Worth, Texas.
Received from Geoff Shaw. Prayer by Randy Booth.
Christ Fellowship Church, Taylor, Texas. Received from
Jeff Ripple. Prayer by Steve Jeffery.

- Presentations
 - Reformed Evangelical Seminary – Report by Steve Jeffery and Randy Booth.
 - HotSpot Project Update – Report by Steve Jeffery and Rob Hadding.
 - Church of the Redeemer – Redeemer School of the Arts. Report by Aaron Booth and Derek Hale.
- Old Business
 - Questionnaire for Candidate Churches: presentation by Adam McIntosh.
 - Discussion about deleting the parenthetical phrase about demographics in Question 6.
 - Discussion about asking if the church has had controversies of note. “Is there any history of controversy within your church? If so, please explain.”
 - The committee accepted friendly amendments as discussed above. Approved unanimously.
 - Memorial J Proposals – to include discussion of rising “antisemitism” in the CREC. Discussion about discrepancy between the Council approved version and the version presented at presbytery. PM Hadding will get clarification. A straw poll was taken that showed support for the Hus draft.

Break for lunch.

- New Business
 - Particularization of Trinity Reformed Presbyterian Church – Magnolia, Texas. Motion by Randy Booth and seconded by

Michael Kidd that TRPC is received as a particularized church. Discussion. Motion by Geoff Shaw and seconded by Steve Jeffery to move to executive session. Approved unanimously. No action was taken in the executive session and no minutes were recorded. After returning from executive session, Rob Hadding noted that procedurally, all is in order to receive Trinity Reformed Presbyterian Church as a member church. Regular session reconvened. Vote to receive: Yes: 12. No: 3. Abstain: 2. Rob Hadding administered new member church vows to the church elders Steve Wilborg and Brad Finkbeiner

- Discussion of a church plant in Nairobi, Kenya – Kip' Chelashaw. Report from Steve Jeffery.
- Statement from the Presiding Minister of Council regarding Christ Church, Moscow, Idaho. Discussion.
- Motion from Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church (Nacogdoches, TX) and seconded by Steve Jeffery that the CREC seek legal counsel to evaluate and recommend measures for protecting our denominational logo from trademark infringement, including potential registration or enforcement actions, and report back by or before the end of 2027. Discussion. Approved. Unanimously
- Nomination of Bill Smith as CREC Presiding Minister Pro Tem. Motion by Randy Booth and seconded by Derek Hale to nominate Bill Smith as Presiding Minister Pro Tem. Approved unanimously.
- Knox Presbytery proposal: sacramental cooperation agreement. Discussion in favor of keeping the status quo.

Rob Hadding expressed thanks to the ladies for lunch and Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church for hosting presbytery.

- Sang "O God of Earth and Altar" as our closing hymn.
- Closing prayer by Nick Esch at 2:50 pm.