

MINUTES



OF THE

Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery

of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

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The Tennessee-Alabama (“TN/AL”) Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian (“ARP”) Church convened for its Fall Stated Meeting on September 15, 2017, at the Fayetteville ARP Church, Lincoln County, Tennessee. Presbyters gathered at 3:13 p.m. and were led in prayer by Vice-Moderator Jeff Townsley.

Presbyters broke into their respective committees to do the work of Presbytery. After committee meetings, Presbyters and guests gathered for supper at 5:30p.m. in Fayetteville’s Fellowship Hall.

At 7:00 p.m., Presbyters, guests, and congregants of the Fayetteville Church gathered for worship. The evening sermon was delivered by Rev. James Hakim; Pastor of the Hopewell ARP Church. Rev. Bryan Bult prepared and served the Sacrament of Communion.

FRIDAY BUSINESS SESSION

Moderator Bernard Sanderson called the Presbytery to order at 8:30 p.m. and led the court in prayer. Greetings on behalf of the host Church were delivered by Rev. Bryan Bult. Thanksgiving was expressed to the Women’s Ministries of the Fayetteville ARP Church for their many preparations. Gratitude was also given to Fayetteville’s Organist, Mrs. Susan Hoop, for her beautiful musical accompaniment during worship.

The Roll was constituted with a quorum present as follows:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Minister</u>	<u>Ruling Elder Delegate</u>
Bethel (AL)	Matthew Atteberry	John Lamkin
Camden (AL)	Matthew Atteberry	
Connections (AL)	<i>vacant pulpit</i>	
Fayetteville (TN)	Bryan Bult	Greg Underwood
Hannaum Mission (AL)	Soo Young Kim	<i>not applicable</i>
Hopewell (TN)	James Hakim	Jim Patterson

ROLL (continued)

<u>Church</u>	<u>Minister</u>	<u>Ruling Elder Delegate In</u>
Christ Mission (CA)		
Joyfull Church (CA)	Soon Jeong Hwang	
Lincoln Memorial (TN)	Jeff Townsley	Ronald Derksen
Madison-Monrovia (AL)	Roy Hulling	
New Days Mission (GA)	Keun Joon Ryu	<i>not applicable</i>
Pressly Memorial (AL)	<i>vacant pulpit</i>	Fred Hartin
Prosperity (AL)	Matthew Atteberry	Bernard Sanderson
Prosperity (TN)	Dana Crowell	Michael Baker
Riverside (AL)	Greg Duke	Nathan Jaeger
Sharon Mission	Pablo Song	<i>not applicable</i>
	Charles Edgar (<i>retired</i>)	
	Buddy Roberts (<i>retired</i>)	
	Daniel Song (<i>without call</i>)	

M/S/C - That that Rev. Bob Illman's and Rev. Man Park's request to be excused from the meeting be granted.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from TN/AL Presbytery's Adjourned Meeting, held June 06, 2017 in Flat Rock, North Carolina, were previously distributed electronically by the Stated Clerk.

M/S/C - To approve the Minutes from the Adjourned Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Committee report on the Possibility of TN/AL Presbytery incorporating as a 501c3 non-profit entity.
2. That the TN/AL Presbytery establish a subcommittee of Minister and His Work, to research and prepare resources to protect our Pastors and Churches from loss of religious liberties, and to urge Synod to be proactive in protecting itself and the Church.

The Moderator asked that reports on these matters be given during the Spring 2018 meeting.

PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAM

The Stated Clerk presented the program to the court for adoption.

M/S/C - To receive the program as presented.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

The following guests were presented to the court: Rev. Eok Bong Kim (Bethel ARP Los Angeles, CA), Rev. Wayne Frazer (Church Vitality Coach with ONA) and Rev. Joon “Peter” Kim (Nashville). Others present during the course of the meeting were Mr. Young Choi (New Days Mission), Mrs. Joyce Edgar, Mrs. Kay Derksen, and the families of Mr. Jim Patterson and Rev. James Hakim from the Hopewell ARP Church.

CORRESPONDANCE

The Clerk distributed printed copies of the most recent communications from Central Services of Synod. Copies of TN/AL Presbytery’s revised *Manual of Procedure* and a *Directory of the Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery* were also made available to each member of the court.

Presbyters were reminded that Synod’s *Book of Discipline DRAFT* and the *Philosophy of Christian Higher Education (“PCHE”) DRAFT* could be accessed for review at www.arpchurch.org/meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT

Rev. Roy Hulling (Treasurer) presented a financial report to the court and gave commentary on receipts and disbursements since last meeting. (c.f. attached *TN/AL Presbytery Treasurer’s Report: Fall Meeting, September 15, 2017*)

M/S/C - That the Treasurer’s Report be received as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

The Stated Clerk presented two Memorials from the Session of the Hopewell ARP Church in Culleoka, TN. Moderator Sanderson assigned one Memorial to the Christian Education Committee and the other to the Minister and His Work Committee. Reports on these matters were given Saturday morning after the court reconvened for business.

A request was made that the Moderator establish a Commission of Presbytery to assist Connections ARP Church in Madison, AL with closing. Moderator Sanderson assigned Rev. Buddy Roberts, Rev. Dana Crowell, Mr. Fred Hartin, and Mr. Jim Patterson to the Commission. The court paused and Rev. Atteberry prayed for the Commission's work, for wisdom, and for the remaining members of the Connections Church.

Brief discussion was held concerning revisions to the Book of Discipline and the PCHE. Members of the court were encouraged to review the draft documents online. Moderator Sanderson reminded Committees to submit their 2018 budget proposals to the Ad-Hoc Budget Committee. Members of the Ad-Hoc Budget Committee were Rev. Bryan Bult (Chair), Rev. Roy Hulling (Treasurer), Mr. Fred Hartin, and Mr. Nathan Jaeger.

M/S/C - To adjourn for the evening.

The Friday evening meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Rev. Bryan Bult gave the Benediction.

SATURDAY BUSINESS SESSION

With a quorum established, the meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 8:20AM. Rev. Roy Hulling, Pastor of the Madison-Monrovia ARP (Madison, AL) gave a brief devotional from John 12:1-9.

Moderator Sanderson next gave privilege of the floor to Rev. Wayne Frazer, Church Vitality Coach with Outreach North America (“ONA”). Rev. Frazer spoke on the need for Outreach, Evangelism and Spiritual Revitalization in our ARP Churches. Pastors were encouraged to avail themselves of the many resources available from ONA. Those interested in learning more about the *Mission Insight* demographic tool should contact Conner Hipps <chipps@arpsynod.org>.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OUTREACH TENNESSEE-ALABAMA

Rev. Jeff Townsley rose to give the report of the Outreach Tennessee-Alabama Committee. The Provisional Session of New Days Mission (Duluth, GA) has met several times with Pastor Keun Joon Ryu via teleconference. Pastor Ryu and Elder candidates of New Days Mission have received copies of the ARP Form of

Government (Korean translation) and continue to demonstrate an improved understanding of the ARP Church Standards and procedures. Minutes from their monthly meetings (in line with New Days Church by-laws) were submitted to the Provisional Session for review.

The Committee also met with Rev. Joon Hoi “Peter” Kim, a Pastor in the Korean American Presbyterian Church (“KAPC”), who expressed interest in beginning a new ARP Church in the Franklin area of Nashville. Rev Kim currently has ~ 40 others interested in working with him to establish a new congregation. Rev. Greg Duke will meet with Pastor Kim to assist in the development of a Church Planting proposal. The proposal will be presented at the Spring 2018 meeting of Presbytery.

M/S/C - To receive the Outreach Tennessee-Alabama report.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Dana Crowell rose to give the report of the Christian Education Committee.

M/S/C - That Presbytery encourage our churches to utilize the many CEM resources and teaching tools.

M/S/C - To send the following Memorial to Synod

WHEREAS, the Associate Reformed Presbyterian (“ARP”) Synod is currently perfecting language for a statement of Principles for Christian Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Erskine College and Erskine Seminary are educational institutions of the ARP Synod, founded upon the Christian principles of that Church, and governed according to the Scriptures, the system of doctrine of which is summarily comprehended in the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Westminster Larger Catechism, and the Westminster Shorter Catechism; and

WHEREAS, Erskine College and Erskine Seminary currently receive funds that have originated with the federal government of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, other institutions of higher education with principles similar to Erskine College and Erskine Seminary, in order to maintain full liberty to operate and teach in accordance with those principles, have found it expedient to disentangle themselves from federal funding; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent to be prepared for a circumstance in which, in order to continue operating according to the Christian principles of this Church, it becomes expedient for Erskine College and Erskine Seminary similarly to disentangle from federal funding;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery memorialize the ARP Synod to study the current points of conflict between federal education policy and our Christian principles in general, and the various practices of other similar institutions in particular; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the results of this study be presented, with recommendations, to the following General Synod.

M/S/C - To accept the report of the Christian Education Committee.

MINISTER AND HIS WORK

Rev. Charles Edgar gave the report from the Minister and His Work Committee. Minister and His Work met with Rev. Eok Bong Kim, Pastor of the Bethel ARP Church in Los Angeles, CA to hear his request to join the TN/AL Presbytery. Pastor Kim and the Bethel ARP Church were members of the former (now dissolved) Pacific Presbytery.¹

The Committee also examined Rev. Joon Hoi “Peter” Kim, Pastor of a KAPC Church in the Nashville area. His ministerial training and credentials were found to be in order.

Both Pastors were next presented to the court for a brief floor exam.

M/S/C - That Rev. Eok Bong Kim and the Bethel ARP Church in Los Angeles be received into the TN/AL Presbytery of the ARP Synod.

M/S/C - That Rev. Joon Hoi “Peter” Kim’s examination be sustained subject to the receipt of a call as a Mission Developer in TN/AL Presbytery.

The right hand of fellowship was then given by members of the court to welcome our Korean brothers into the TN/AL Presbytery.

M/S/C - to accept the report of the Minister and His Work Committee.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

No report given from the Stewardship Committee.

¹ “The Executive Board recommends that at the June 2012 Annual Meeting of General Synod, Pacific Presbytery be dissolved. Further, that General Synod allow any of the former Pacific Presbytery churches desiring membership in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to be aligned with the nearest ARP Presbytery.” *Minutes of Synod 2012*, p.62

SESSIONAL RECORDS

Mr. Greg Underwood rose to give the report of the Moderator’s Committee on Sessional Records. The Committee recommends and encourages all Clerks and Moderators to familiarize themselves with the “*Rules for Keeping Sessional Records*” (TN/AL Presbytery’s *Manual of Procedure* Appendix A).

Monthly Session Minutes must be signed by Moderators *and* Clerks of Sessions. The office bearer’s title should be clearly written above or below his signature, and properly dated.

Session Records WERE PRESENTED from:

Bethel ARP (Oak Hill, AL), Fayetteville ARP (Fayetteville, TN), Hopewell Presbyterian Church (Culleoka, TN), Madison-Monrovia (Madison, AL), Prosperity ARP Church (Taft, TN), Riverside Presbyterian Church (Prattville, AL)

Session records WERE NOT PRESENTED from:

Camden ARP (Camden, AL), Connections Presbyterian Church (Madison, AL), In Christ Church (Los Angeles, CA), Joyfull Church (Los Angeles, CA), Lincoln Memorial ARP Church (Fayetteville, TN), Pressly Memorial ARP Church (Red Level, AL), Prosperity ARP (Marion Junction, AL)

Note: Sessional records which fail to be presented to the Presbytery meeting shall be presented and examined with the same procedure in the next regular spring meeting. (Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery’s “*Manual of Procedures*” VIII.C.4)

AD-HOC BUDGET COMMITTEE

Rev. Bryan Bult gave the report for the Moderator’s Ad-Hoc Budget Committee.

<u>Proposed Budget for 2018</u>	<u>\$4,550</u>
Outreach Tennessee-Alabama	
(Korean Couples Retreat & Church Revitalization Conf.)	\$1,900
Minister and His Work	\$500
Christian Education	\$2,000
Clerical Expenses	\$150

M/S/C - That Presbytery approve the proposed budget for 2018 and that the Stewardship Committee prepare and present a budget for approval at the Fall Meeting annually for the fiscal year beginning at the following Spring Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Michael Baker gave the following resolution during dinner:

WHEREAS, the Pastor and members of the Fayetteville Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church have afforded the Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery both adequate and comfortable meeting space, and have displayed a warm reception to all, and have permitted the Presbytery to meet and conduct its business in an efficient manner;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, in a meeting duly assembled, do hereby express sincere and heartfelt appreciation to the the Congregation of the Fayetteville Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church for their kind hospitality and graciousness; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that gratitude be extended to the Women of the Church and Session of the Fayetteville Church for the refreshment and delicious meals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appreciation is expressed to those who provided splendid music or otherwise participated in the agenda of the Presbytery, this Saturday, September 16, 2017.

NOMINATIONS

Mr. Fred Hartin rose and made the following motions.

M/S/C - That Rev. Buddy Roberts serve on the Minister and His Work Committee (2021).

M/S/C - That Rev. James Hakim serve on the Outreach Tennessee-Alabama Committee (2021).

M/S/C - That Mr. John Lamkin serve on the Outreach Tennessee-Alabama Committee (2019).

M/S/C - That Mr. Greg Underwood serve on Christian Education Committee (2021).

Mr. Hartin noted that Mr. Curtis Mitchell (Bethel ARP Church - Oak Hill, AL) has given his resignation to the Nominations Committee due to health reasons.

Bryan Bult has agreed to serve on Synods Board of Nominations Committee as an alternate for Mr. Fred Hartin.

The Nominations Committee asks that each Church in Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery send a current list of Elders serving for future consideration.

M/S/C - To accept the report of the Nominations Committee.

The following Motions were made from the floor of Presbytery:

M/S/C - that Mr. Bernard Sanderson serve on Nominations Committee of the TN/AL Presbytery thru (2021).

M/S/C - That Rev. Buddy Roberts serve as Trustee of the TN/AL Presbytery thru (2020).

M/S/C - That Rev. Roy Huling serve as Treasurer of the TN/AL Presbytery thru (2021).

M/S/C - That Rev. Buddy Roberts serve as Moderator of the TN/AL Presbytery for 2018.

M/S/C - That Mr. Jonathan Dunaway serve Vice-Moderator of the TN/AL Presbytery for 2018.

Rev. Greg Duke announced that the Spring Meeting of Presbytery will be held March 16-17, 2018 at Riverside Presbyterian Church in Prattville, AL.

The Presbytery then entered into a season of prayer.

M/S/C - To adjourn.

The meeting closed with the singing of Psalm 133, and the Benediction was given by Rev. Buddy Roberts.

TN/AL Presbytery Treasurer Report: Fall Meeting, September 15, 2017

Transaction	Date 2017	Income (not designated)	Designated Income	Debit	Balance
Balance Forward, Spring 2017 Meeting	3/17				\$14,627.30
Pressly Mem ck#8605 for Hanmaum	4/13		\$150		\$14,777.30
Pressly Mem ck#8606 for Riverside	4/13		\$150		\$14,927.30
Check #205 to Hanmaum; Pressly Mem gift	4/13			\$150	\$14,777.30
Check #206 to Riverside; Pressly Mem gift	4/13			\$150	\$14,627.30
Pressly Mem ck#8641 for Hanmaum	5/26		\$150		\$14,777.30
Pressly Mem ck#8642 for Riverside	5/26		\$150		\$14,927.30
Check #207 to Hanmaum; Pressly Mem gift	5/26			\$150	\$14,777.30
Check #208 to Riverside; Pressly Mem gift	5/26			\$150	\$14,627.30
Pressly Mem ck#8675 for Hanmaum	6/19		\$150		\$14,777.30
Pressly Mem ck#8676 for Riverside	6/19		\$150		\$14,927.30
Check #209 to Hanmaum; Pressly Mem gift	6/19			\$150	\$14,777.30
Check #210 to Riverside; Pressly Mem gift	6/19			\$150	\$14,627.30
Pressly Mem ck#8703 for Hanmaum	7/18		\$150		\$14,777.30
Pressly Mem ck#8704 for Riverside	7/18		\$150		\$14,927.30
Check #211 to Hanmaum; Pressly Mem gift	7/18			\$150	\$14,777.30
Check #212 to Riverside; Pressly Mem gift	7/18			\$150	\$14,627.30
Prosperity TN ck#1863 Dues	7/18	\$174			\$14,801.30
Pressly Mem ck#8731 for Hanmaum	8/03		\$150		\$14,951.30
Pressly Mem ck#8732 for Riverside	8/03		\$150		\$15,101.30
Check #213 to Hanmaum; Pressly Mem gift	8/03			\$150	\$14,951.30
Check #214 to Riverside; Pressly Mem gift	8/03			\$150	\$14,801.30
Checks order, electronic withdrawal	8/16			\$16.55	\$14,784.75
New Days ck#2683: Dues	8/22	\$1500			\$16,284.75
Prosperity AL ck#1604 Dues	8/22	\$42			\$16,326.75
Pressly Mem ck#8758 for Hanmaum	9/14		\$150		\$16,476.75
Pressly Mem ck#8759 for Riverside	9/14		\$150		\$16,626.75
Check #215 to Hanmaum; Pressly Mem gift	9/14			\$150	\$16,476.75
Check #216 to Riverside; Pressly Mem gift	9/14			\$150	\$16,326.75
Balance Forward, Fall 2017 Meeting	9/15				\$16,326.75

Activity Summaries**Six Months Activity — 2017 Spring Meeting of Presb. to 2017 Fall Meeting of Presb.:**

Income (not designated):	\$1716
Designated Income:	<u>\$1800</u>
Total Income (not desig + desig):	\$3516
Total Expenditures:	<u>(\$1816.55)</u>
Net (Income – Expenditures):	\$1699.45

One Year Activity — 2016 Fall Meeting of Presb. to 2017 Fall Meeting of Presb.:

Income (not designated):	\$7052
Designated Income:	<u>\$3600</u>
Total Income (not desig + desig):	\$10,652
Total Expenditures:	<u>(\$6094.87)</u>
Net (Income – Expenditures):	\$4557.13

Past Activity Summaries

Balance Forward (3/13)	\$14,974.91
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Six Months Activity — 2013 Spring Meeting of Presb. to 2013 Fall Meeting of Presb.:	
Net (Income – Expenditures):	<u>(\$4424.83)</u>

Six Months Activity — 2013 Fall Meeting of Presb. to 2014 Spring Meeting of Presb.:	
Net (Income – Expenditures):	<u>(\$2014)</u>

Six Months Activity — 2014 Spring Meeting of Presb. to 2014 Fall Meeting of Presb.:	
Net (Income – Expenditures):	\$281

Six Months Activity — 2014 Fall Meeting of Presb. to 2015 Spring Meeting of Presb.:	
Net (Income – Expenditures):	<u>(\$839)</u>

Six Months Activity — 2015 Spring Meeting of Presb. to 2015 Fall Meeting of Presb.:	
Net (Income – Expenditures):	\$218

Six Months Activity — 2015 Fall Meeting of Presb. to 2016 Spring Meeting of Presb.:	
Net (Income – Expenditures):	\$2805

Six Months Activity — 2016 Spring Meeting of Presb. to 2016 Fall Meeting of Presb.:	
Net (Income – Expenditures):	\$768.54

Six Months Activity — 2016 Fall Meeting of Presb. to 2017 Spring Meeting of Presb.:	
Net (Income – Expenditures):	\$2857.68

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. Gregory Duke
Stated Clerk

Moderator: _____
(Printed Name)

Date Approved: _____

(Signature)