

# THE MINUTES OF THE CANADIAN PRESBYTERY

*Associate Reformed Presbyterian Churches in Canada,  
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod*

## **Called Meeting**

June 5, 2018

Bonclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, NC



**Mr. John Moerman**  
Moderator

**Mr. Bill McKay**  
Stated Clerk

## OFFICERS OF THE CANADIAN PRESBYTERY

### **MODERATOR**

(1 yr. term expires June 30, 2018)

Mr. John Moerman  
Trinity ARP Church  
Chatham, ON

### **VICE MODERATOR**

(1 yr. term expires June 30, 2018)

Rev. Steve Richardson  
Faith ARP Mission  
Tillsonburg, ON

### **STATED CLERK**

(3 yr. term expires June 30, 2019)

Mr. Bill McKay  
Grace Presbyterian Church  
Woodstock, ON

### **READING CLERK**

(3 yr. term expires June 30, 2019)

Rev. Brian Murray  
Grace Presbyterian Church  
Woodstock, ON

### **TREASURER**

(3 yr. term expires June 30, 2019)

Mr. Gary Armstrong  
Grace Presbyterian Church  
Woodstock, ON

## CHURCHES OF THE CANADIAN PRESBYTERY

### **MARITIMES REGION**

Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church

Covenanters ARP Church

Grace Fellowship Church, ARPC

Mt. Zion ARP Church

Trinity Presbyterian Mission

### **ONTARIO REGION**

Grace Presbyterian Church

Riverside ARP Church

Trinity ARP Church

Faith ARP Mission

Hope ARP Mission

**MINUTES OF THE CANADIAN PRESBYTERY,  
ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES IN CANADA,  
ARP GENERAL SYNOD**

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**Presbytery Convenes**

The Moderator of the Canadian Presbytery (Mr. John Moerman) called the presbyters to order at 10:05 a.m. (EDT) and convened this Called Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery. Mr. Moerman constituted the meeting of the Canadian Presbytery as a court of the church of Jesus Christ with a scripture reading from Genesis 22: 1ff and prayer.

**Calling of the Roll**

The Stated Clerk called the roll of presbyters for this stated meeting. The following members of the presbytery were in attendance.

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>MINISTER</u>	<u>RULING ELDER</u>
	<b><u>Maritime Region</u></b>	
Grace Fellowship ARP	Rev. Rick Barnes	ABSENT
Covenant Reformed Presbyterian	Rev. John Shearouse	ABSENT
Covenanters ARP	VACANT	ABSENT
Mt. Zion ARP	VACANT	ABSENT
Trinity Presbyterian Mission	Rev. Jonathan Cowan	Bill McKay
	<b><u>Ontario Region</u></b>	
Riverside ARP	Rev. Jerry Hamstra	ABSENT
Grace Presbyterian	Rev. Jeff Kingswood	Robert Widdowson
	Rev. Brian Murray	
Trinity ARP	Rev. Henry Bartsch	John Moerman
Faith ARP Mission	ABSENT	ABSENT
Hope ARP Mission	Rev. Kevin Carter	ABSENT
<b><u>Other Ministers of the Canadian Presbytery</u></b>	<b><u>Students Under Care</u></b>	<b><u>Officers of the Court</u></b>
Dr. William Van Doodewaard	Robert Widdowson	

Dr. Frank Kovacs, Rev. Kevin Carter, Rev. Rudy DeVries were absent without excuse.

Rev. Steve Richardson, Licentiates Tom Van Maanen, Martin Dendekker, Michael Jaatinen, Students Randy Lieuwen and Richard VanderVaart were absent with excuse.

The Stated Clerk declared a quorum was present for this meeting of the presbytery with eleven (11) presbyters in attendance for this meeting of presbytery.

**Introduction of Visitors**

Dr. Jeff Temple (Canadian Reformed Church)  
Rev. Peter VanDoodewaard (OPC)  
Dr. Keith Ackerman (WW)  
Nathan Shearouse

**Outreach Canada Motion for Mission Elders**

- **Motion:** To allow elders from Mission congregations to fully participate within this meeting. **M/S/C**

**Approval of the Docket**

- **Motion:** To approve the proposed docket as presented in the Call to Meeting. **M/S/C**

**Approval of Minutes**

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes from the 2018 Stated Spring Meeting (April 4-6, 2018) as distributed electronically. **M/S/C**

**Business**

1. **Update on Report from CPM (See Attachment #1)**

The CPM committee has revised a proposed job description for missionary service in Malawi. This was distributed to the presbytery prior to the meeting.

- **Motion:** To approve the proposed job description for missionary service in Malawi for implementation by the CPM committee. **M/S/C**

2. **Pastoral Call (See Attachment #2)**

The Pastoral Call from Covenanters ARP Church to Mr. Martin Dendekker was presented and reviewed.

- **Motion:** That the Canadian Presbytery confirms and approves the Pastoral Call from Covenanters ARP Church (Cambridge, NS) to Mr. Martin Dendekker. **M/S/C**
- **Mr. Dendekker agreed to the terms of the call.**
- **Motion:** That the moderator be given the authority to appoint a commission of the presbytery to oversee the ordination and installation of Mr. Dendekker as the pastor of Covenanters ARP Church (Cambridge, NS). **M/S/C**

One of the members of the commission will be John Rood (Grace Presbyterian Church).

**Rev. Rick Barnes led the presbytery in a time of prayer for Mr. Dendekker and Covenanters ARP.**

**Dates & Locations of Future Stated Meetings of the Canadian Presbytery**

**September 26-28, 2018:** Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church, Halifax, NS

**April 4-5, 2019:** Faith ARP Mission, Tillsonburg, ON

**ADJOURNMENT/ ANNOUNCEMENTS – CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

Mr. Moerman gave thanks to all who participated in the meeting. Rev. Brian Murray offered prayer and gave the benediction to close the meeting. The court adjourned at 10:40 a.m. (EDT).

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting. **M/S/C**

Respectfully submitted and attested by:

John Moerman  
Moderator

Bill McKay  
Stated Clerk

**Attachment #1 (June 2018)****Job Description for Volunteer Missionary to Malawi**

At present, the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) denomination is no longer considered to be biblical in their doctrinal teaching, nor faithfully confessional. Thus there is an urgent need and desire to build and organize a biblical and confessionally faithful Presbyterian church in Malawi.

Confex Makhalira is currently an ordained minister in the PCA and a missionary candidate for church planting in Malawi with Mission To The World. His credentials and accountability is with MTW and the Great Lakes Presbytery of the PCA.

See: <https://www.mtw.org/missionaries/details/confex-and-mwai-makhalira>

**The Expected Commitment:**

The time for the Canadian missionary spent in Malawi will be on a part-time/volunteer basis. The period and duration of the stay will be determined by CPM in consultation with the missionary.

**The Mission Need in Malawi:****1. Theological Teaching**

- The missionary's role will be to focus on pastoral and practical theology.
- The missionary's role will also include mentoring pastors. He will work alongside local ministers and church planters to provide any help, coaching or mentoring that is needed by the pastors, elders and possible church planters.

**2. Education and leadership training work**

- teaching
- discipling
- personal one-on-one leadership training with Malawian pastors, church planters, elders, or deacons

## **Christian Witness**

Missionaries who labour in theological and leadership training are to remember and do their work in agreement with the Canadian Presbytery's purpose for theological and leadership training in Malawi. Those purposes are:

1. To be an example of a faithful Christian leader as set forth in the CPM Policy Manual
2. To faithfully teach the whole of the Scriptures and the confessional doctrines of the Reformed Faith as expressed in the Westminster Standards as accepted by the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.
  - a) The courses must exemplify biblical faithfulness, confessional integrity, academic excellence and purposefully promote the spiritual growth of the students.
  - b) All courses taught and/or developed by the missionary must be approved by the Canadian Presbytery, by the CPM committee in conjunction with the Minister & His Work committee.
3. To faithfully assist in the training of Malawian nationals for church leadership and church planting in Malawi:
  - a) The instruction must give Malawian men the understanding of Presbyterian polity, the "how to" of evangelism and discipleship, and a heart & mind burdened to serve and pray for the church.
  - b) If the missionary is an ordained minister he is required to fulfill all the duties of a missionary in accordance with the CPM "Policy Manual" (5.1.1 & 6.1), the Canadian Presbytery Manual of Procedure (Art. 4.b), and the ARP "Form of Government," (FoG 9.9.A).

## **The Accountability Structure for Malawi Missionary Service**

If a candidate has been accepted to labour as a missionary by the CPM (and has been approved by the Canadian Presbytery), he or she is under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Presbytery and is directly accountable to the Canadian Presbytery as provided for in the CPM policy manual.

- a) Prior to each Stated Meeting of the Presbytery, the missionary shall prepare a Report of Mission/Ministry Activities and send this to the Chairman at least one month before the meeting for his use in updating the presbytery.
- b) The CPM committee will request Confex Makhalira (through MTW) to send an annual report reporting on the ministry activities of the volunteer missionary to the CPM chairman at least one month before the spring meeting of the Canadian ARP Presbytery.

**Attachment #2 (June 2018)**

**Covenanters ARP Church of Cambridge**

**CALL OF A PASTOR**

We, the officers and members of Covenanters Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Cambridge, Nova Scotia, being well satisfied with your ministerial qualifications, and confident that we have been led to you by the Holy Spirit as one whose ministry will be profitable to our Spiritual interest, do earnestly call you, Martin Timothy Dendekker, to undertake the office of Pastor of this congregation. On the acceptance of this call, we promise you in the discharge of your duty all proper support, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord. That you may devote yourself wholly to the ministry of the Word, we promise and obligate ourselves to:

- (a) Pay you an annual Salary of \$31,100 in at least monthly payments.
- (b) Provide you with an annual Housing and Utilities Allowance of \$13,200 in at least monthly payments.
- (c) Provide you with an annual Vehicle Allowance of \$4,000 in at least monthly payments.
- (d) Pay your moving expenses.
- (e) Pay \$0.30 per km for all church-related kilometers outside of a 50 km radius of the church, or rental of vehicle.
- (f) Grant you a book/seminar allowance up to \$1,200 annually. Money to be reimbursed once receipts are submitted.
- (g) Pay for you and your dependents' participation in a Health Insurance program to the amount of \$3,000 annually.
- (h) Pay into a Retirement Plan the amount of \$3,000 annually.
- (i) Grant you an annual Vacation Time of four (4) weeks.
- (j) Grant you an annual Study Leave of one (1) week.
- (k) Pay all expenses for Presbytery and Synod meetings.
- (l) Review with you annually the adequacy of this compensation.

## Past Officers of the Canadian Presbytery

### **2004-05**

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Jack C. Whytock

Vice-moderator: Rev. Rick Barnes

Stated Clerk: Bill McKay

Treasurer: Henry Brunsveld

### **2006-07**

Moderator: Rev. David Els

Vice-moderator: John Moerman

Stated Clerk: Bill McKay

Treasurer: Henry Brunsveld/  
Gary Armstrong

### **2008-09**

Moderator: Mike Flewelling

Vice-moderator: Rev. Jeff Kingswood

Stated Clerk: Bill McKay

Treasurer: Gary Armstrong

### **2010-11**

Moderator: Rev. Frank Z. Kovacs

Vice-moderator: Rev. David Els

Stated Clerk: Bill McKay

Treasurer: Gary Armstrong

### **2012-13**

Moderator: Rev. Kevin Carter

Vice-moderator: John Moerman

Stated Clerk: Bill McKay

Treasurer: Gary Armstrong

### **2014-15**

Moderator: Rev. Henry Bartsch

Vice-moderator: Ken Turner

Stated Clerk: Bill McKay

Treasurer: Gary Armstrong

### **2016-17**

Moderator: Rev. Jerry Hamstra

Vice-moderator: Peter Lindsay

Stated Clerk: Bill McKay

Treasurer: Gary Armstrong

### **2005-06**

Moderator: Ken Turner

Vice-moderator: Rev. Frank Kovacs

Stated Clerk: Bill McKay

Treasurer: Henry Brunsveld

### **2007-08**

Moderator: Rev. John van Eyk

Vice-moderator: Rev. Brian Murray

Stated Clerk: Bill McKay

Treasurer: Gary Armstrong

### **2009-10**

Moderator: Rev. Brian Murray

Vice-moderator: Rev. Kevin Carter

Stated Clerk: Bill McKay

Treasurer: Gary Armstrong

### **2011-12**

Moderator: Kevin Bigney

Vice-moderator: Rev. John Shearouse

Stated Clerk: Bill McKay

Treasurer: Gary Armstrong

### **2013-14**

Moderator: Rev. John Shearouse

Vice-moderator: Dave Alexander

Stated Clerk: Bill McKay

Treasurer: Gary Armstrong

### **2015-16**

Moderator: Rev. Rudy de Vries

Vice-moderator: Albert Gerrits

Stated Clerk: Bill McKay

Treasurer: Gary Armstrong