



Minutes of Grace Presbytery

June 13, 2020

First ARP Church of Burlington NC

Revised Schedule (1 Day Format):

We did not meet for our customary Friday fellowship. On *Saturday*, we conducted limited, essential business in an effort to reduce the risk of community viral transmission. It was recommended that only voting delegates, students under care, and candidates for examination should attend. We did not have any guest speakers.

Saturday, June 13 *Business Meeting*

8:30am-9:00am: Delegate Registration at the host church

9:00am-1:00pm: Business Meeting (No lunch will be served)

The Spring/Summer 2020 meeting of Grace Presbytery was held at First ARP Church of Burlington NC at 9:00am on June 13. The meeting began with the singing of “For all the Saints,” Prayer and a Message on Psalm 131 from Rev. Warren Harvey (Moderator). After the delegates sang “Be Still My Soul,” Rev. Bryan Crofts of the host congregation provided a welcome. A season of prayer followed, including a remembrance of the late Rev. Tripp Kimborugh. A quorum was then declared and the meeting continued. The roll of those present is included in the appendices at the end of these minutes. Business continued as summarized below:

MINUTES

1. Opening remarks as noted above.
2. Season of prayer
3. The Benevolence Offering was made available at the front of the sanctuary for delegates as they entered/exited.
4. Constitution of Roll (through sign-ins, registration) & Quorum Declared
5. Motion to approve February 1, 2020 minutes
 - a. **PASSED.**
6. Motion to approve the Presentation of Program by consensus
 - a. **PASSED.**
7. Unfinished Business
 - a. Reminder regarding Changes to the Manual of Procedure approved on February 2. They are now in effect.
8. New Business (continues within reports below)

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Delegates are reminded of action from our February 2nd meeting which becomes an Order of the Day at today's June 13 meeting. The action is unique since it changes the Manual of Procedure guidelines of how we are to change the Manual of Procedure guidelines.

Therefore, we have a kind of parliamentary *ouroboros*. As we conduct today's business, please remember that the following becomes an Order of the Day¹ at this meeting:

“Proposed changes [to the Manual of Procedure of Grace Presbytery] shall be sent out 2 weeks in advance of the meeting at which the changes are to be discussed, and such changes may then be voted upon at the same meeting.”

As a result, our Manual of Procedure will now be updated from revision 1.1.5 to 1.1.6.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Howard, *Clerk*

2. SYNOD RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no new recommendations from ARP General Synod to consider at this meeting.

¹ Manual of Procedure 1.1.5 V.E.3 “Changes must be approved by Presbytery at a Stated Meeting and shall become an Order of the Day at the next Stated Meeting.”

- Delegates are reminded to:
 - Visit www.arpchurch.org for ongoing updates regarding the 2020 Synod meeting currently scheduled for August 18-21
 - Make use of the “Recommendation for Service” as needed throughout the year: [\http://arpchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Rec-Form-2019.pdf
 - Consider the place of the Denominational Ministry Fund (DMF) in their yearly Church budget planning.

3. PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

There are no new recommendations from the Program Committee to consider at this meeting.

The Program committee meets ahead of each meeting of Presbytery to plan the schedule and handle logistics in accordance with the *Manual of Procedure of Grace Presbytery*. The Committee consists of presbytery's moderator, vice-moderator, clerk, treasurer, parliamentarian, host congregation minister, and an elder from the host congregation. We'd like to offer special thanks to Burlington First ARP Church for the flexibility in our changing schedule and their generosity in hosting us today.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Howard, *Clerk*

4. CLERK'S REPORT

M.O.P IV.E.11 *"He shall present a report of his actions since the last Stated meeting to the subsequent Stated meeting of the Presbytery."*

The following tasks have been completed since the February 2020 meeting:

1. Received Presbytery reports, collated info, and submitted annual report to Central Services
2. Contacted delinquent churches on behalf of Central Services.
3. Sent Mailchimp updates
4. Fielded questions regarding nominations process
5. Received nominations for presbytery vacancies
6. Communicated with ARP Center regarding presbytery and Synod appointments
7. Spoke with Rev. John Spence regarding retirement
8. Contacted Caroyne Heatherly on behalf of John Spence
9. Signed papers for southern Mutual Insurance Company
10. Sent documents to ONA for Christ Covenant expansion
11. Updated ONA, ARP Center regarding Northside
12. Provided updated church list for Church Health & Extension Mapping
13. Scheduled Zoom meetings for Grace Hill, Maupin Ave. Adams Farm, Minister & His Work, Church Health & Extension, Planning Committee, Grace Presbytery, and Covenant of Grace.
14. Forwarded insurance reimbursement checks to Scott Cornelius, Treasurer.
15. Sent Mailchimp updates regarding Presbytery postponement and rescheduling
16. Sent notification to Presbytery and Central Services regarding Rev. Tripp Kimbrough's passing
(APPENDIX E).
17. Sent changes in students under care/licentiates to Cindy Scott.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That this report be received as information.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Howard, *Clerk*

[PASSED]

5. TREASURER’S REPORT

Grace Presbytery

Treasurer's Report June 13, 2020

Bank account funds as of May 18, 2020 are as follows:

1. Checking account at BB&T for operating funds: \$126,309.86
\$100,000 has been allocated by the Stewardship Committee to The ARP Foundation.
2. Investment account at Edward Jones:
 - a. Money Market \$2,614.50
 - b. 3 month CD \$85,010.20 maturing 08/10/2020
 - c. 6 month CD \$170,045.90 maturing 11/23/2020

The following congregations have contributed to Grace Presbytery for 2020:

1. Christ Covenant Church
2. Grace Hill Church
3. Hillsborough
4. Hope Chapel
5. Korean Bethel Presbyterian Church

Please see the attached financial statements for details. [APPENDIX A]

Scott Cornelius, CPA Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That this report be received as information.

[PASSED] (Approved by consensus)

6. NOMINATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That James Constable be approved for service as Moderator of Grace Presbytery
[PASSED]
2. That Randy Foster be approved for service as Vice-Moderator of Grace Presbytery
[PASSED]
3. That Todd Jones be approved for service on the Church Health & Extension Committee
[PASSED]
4. That John Kimmons be approved for service on Synod's Dunlap Orphanage Committee
[PASSED]
5. **Motion:** That the court suspend the rules of committee service to allow additional ministers and elders to populate vacancies on its various committees, continuing on to the next stated meeting, with the expectation that they will be officially nominated and voted upon in accordance with the Manual of Procedure at the next Stated meeting.
[PASSED]
6. **Motion:** That Warren HARvey be elected to serve on the Stewardship & Finance committee in accordance with motion #5 above.
[PASSED]
7. That Presbytery approve 2 of the 3 following men to serve in the 2 vacancies on the Candidates & Exams / Minister & His Work Committee²:
 - a. James Constable (Elder)
 - b. Brent Detloof (Elder) **[PASSED]**
 - c. Neil Stewart (Minister) **[PASSED]**

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Howard, *Clerk*

² Ballots are available if needed

7. MEMORIAL FROM the COVENANT FELLOWSHIP SESSION

Resolution to Grace Presbytery for its MHWCE Committee From the Session of Covenant Fellowship ARP Church

Whereas God created Man male and female after his own image in knowledge, righteousness and holiness with dominion over the creatures and instituted marriage as the union of one male to one female [Gen. 1:26-28; 2:5-24; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10]; and

Whereas the first sin by Adam involved disobedience to God's command to him and failure in his marriage relationship to Eve; and

Whereas sin is defined as any want of conformity unto and transgression of the Law of God [WCF SC Q. & A. 14]; and

Whereas God's Law requires that you shall not commit adultery nor covet anything that is your neighbors, and the Old and New Testaments teach that any and all sexual lusts or acts that violate the covenant of marriage, are sin and constitute the violation of the commands not to commit adultery, and not to covet anything that is our neighbors, and this includes homosexual lusts and acts, and these are in union with all other sins, all of which are contrary to sound doctrine and the gospel of the glory of the blessed God [Lev. 20:10-16; Rom. 1:24-27; 7:4-12; 1Cor. 6:9-11; 1Tim. 1:8-11; Exod. 20:14, 17; Deut. 5:18, 21; Mt. 5:27-28; Rom. 1:24-27; 7:7; WCF SC LC Q. & A. 137-139, 146-148]; and

Whereas the Gospel of love, grace and mercy in the Lord Jesus Christ takes root and bears fruit in sinners as they repent initially and continuously from sin so that they make progress in desiring and demonstrating the fruit of God's Spirit, and that those who fail to do so demonstrate that they are in rebellion against Christ and will not inherit the kingdom of God [Mt. 3:2; 4:17; Mark 1:15; 1Cor. 6:9-11; Rom. 12:1-2; Gal. 5Eph. 5:1-21; 1Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 12:1-17; James 1:21-22; 1Peter 1:22-25; 2Peter 1:3-11; 3:14-18; 1John 1:5-10]; and

Whereas repentance unto life is defined by the Westminster Confession of Faith as a "saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after new obedience" [WCF SC Q. & A. 87; WCF LC Q. & A. 76]; and

Whereas those who have salvation are to consider themselves dead to sin, alive to God in Christ Jesus, not let sin reign in them so that they do not obey its passions, but present themselves to God as instruments of righteousness, because they are united to Jesus and are identified by and with Jesus [Rom. 6:1-14]; and

Whereas there is increasing confusion in American society in general and among professing Christians in particular regarding what constitutes marriage, what is sin, whether the desire, and not merely the temptation to sin, is sin, and whether homosexual desires and conduct are sin; and

Whereas, in the history of the church in America in general, and in the history of American Presbyterianism specifically, theology and doctrine in rebellion against, and in contradiction with, the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments has infiltrated congregations, presbyteries and denominations through the use of

ambiguous language in theological and doctrinal discussions and debates, and through negligence in and abuse of church courts; and

Whereas it is the responsibility of a presbytery in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to receive under its care students of theology as candidates for the ministry, examine and approve candidates for the ministry, ordain, install, receive, dismiss, remove, and try pastors of the Gospel, as well as to require pastors to devote themselves diligently to their sacred calling and censuring the delinquent, and to take whatever actions necessary for the spiritual welfare of the congregations under its care and for the extension of the Kingdom of Christ [FOG 10. 3. I., J., K. & S.]; and

Whereas in recent years people in the United States have identified themselves in sinful ways by which they believe they have the right and power to identify themselves however they choose, even in accord with desires and actions that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments call sinful, and this way of thinking and acting has been adopted by people professing to be Christian and even ministers of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and thereby as compatible with the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments; and

Whereas ministers and elders in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church have taken vows to preach and teach what the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments affirm as true, and in accord with what is affirmed as true according to the Westminster Confession of Faith and its Shorter and Larger Catechisms and to govern their congregations and presbyteries in accordance with the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, the Westminster Confession of Faith, its Shorter and Larger Catechisms, and the denomination's Form of Government.

Therefore, be it resolved that Grace Presbytery's Minister and His Work and Candidates and Examine Committee be instructed to examine all potential candidates coming under care, or for licensure, or ordination as to their views on whether the desire to commit any sin is sin, and whether it is faithful to the Scriptures to modify the name Christian with a term that refers to what the Scriptures call sin.

~~Be it further resolved that should any candidate coming before Grace Presbytery's Minister and His Work and Candidates and Exams Committee believe 1) that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments do not teach that any and every desire out of accord with God's Law is sin and/or 2) that these same Scriptures allow Christians to identify themselves according to what the Scriptures affirm as sin, such as a "gay" or "homosexual Christian," that such a candidate be disallowed from coming under care, or being licensed or ordained in Grace Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.~~

1. Motion to amend the memorial so as to strike the final paragraph (see ~~text~~)

[PASSED]

2. Motion to approve the memorial as edited **[PASSED]**³

³ The final draft has been forwarded to the Minister & His Work/Candidates and Exams Committee and archived on the Presbytery's Google Drive

8. STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE / TRUSTEES REPORT

REPORT TO GRACE PRESBYTERY - JUNE 2020

Our Membership

Treasurer Scott Cornelius (Advisory), Secretary Bryan Crotts (2022), Vice-Chairman Steve Ellis (2021), Abe Hwang (2022), Chairman John Kimmons (2020), Gary Shearin (2020), and Brent York (2021)

Our Standing Committee Duties

The Stewardship & Trustees Committee are entrusted with overseeing the work of managing all the presbytery's resources, particularly those pertaining to finances and property, while also governing the presbytery's relationships to synod's work as a whole. (M.O.P. G.P. 3/16/19)

Our Duties As a Commission in Matters Related to Wilmington, NC Property

That the current membership of the Stewardship & Trustees Committee be established as a commission of Grace Presbytery to repair, rent, lease, or sell (to a NAPARC Congregation for no less that \$160,000) the 1402 N. College Road, Wilmington, NC property”(FOG 13.6-10) (10/2019)

The 1402 N. College Rd property closed in late March. Our total proceeds after costs of sale and legal fees for eviction of tenants was \$197,565. We also received a return on premium of \$601.83 for our insurance policy that we terminated upon sale.

RECOMMENDATIONS (Wilmington Commission):

1. That all actions of the Commission in Matters Related to Wilmington, NC Property be regarded as actions of the court. **[PASSED]**
2. That the Commission in Matters Related to Wilmington, NC Property be dissolved. **[PASSED]**

Our Duties As a Commission in Matters Related to Pleasant Garden, NC Property

That the current membership of the Stewardship & Trustees Committee be established as a commission of Grace Presbytery to repair, rent, lease, or sell the the 6400 Walter Wright Road, Pleasant Garden, NC property. (FOG 13.6-10) (10/2019)

The 6400 Walter Wright Rd property was transferred to William and Sharon Wright, the original donors of the property to Faith Chapel, at a cost to us of \$231. We will realize immediate savings from monthly utilities and lawn care. We will also receive a return on premium for our insurance policy that we terminated upon transfer of deed.

RECOMMENDATIONS (Pleasant Garden Commission).

1. That all actions of the Commission in Matters Related to Pleasant Garden, NC Property be regarded as actions of the court. **[PASSED]**
2. That the Commission in Matters Related to Pleasant Garden, NC Property be dissolved. **[PASSED]**

Our Professional Engagements

- BB&T - N. Main Street, High Point, NC
- Edward Jones, Warren Lackey of High Point, NC
- Jennings Bryan-Chappell Insurance Services of Burlington, NC
- Alley, Register & McEachern attorneys at law of Wilmington, NC
- John H. Kornegay, Attorney at Law of Greensboro, NC

No real estate firms were engaged for Wilmington or Pleasant Garden properties.

Our Accomplishments

Our Committee has met once in person since the last meeting of Grace Presbytery. Please send all support or requests for reimbursement of expenses to:

**Scott Cornelius, CPA
211 W. Lexington Ave.
Suite 106
High Point 27262**

You may contact the Treasurer, Scott Cornelius at Telephone (336) 708-1307 or e-mail scornelius@scottcorneliuscpa.com

RECOMMENDATIONS (Stewardship & Finance; Trustees)

1. Presbytery Support: That each church continue give to grace presbytery in 2020 at a minimum of ----giving their 2018 level of giving to First Presbytery to Grace Presbytery in 2020 or at least \$4.25 GF and \$3.75 CE per member. We encourage all churches to give at that minimum level to support the work of the regional church.
 - a. **MOTION TO AMEND** Recommendation #1 as follows:

Presbytery Support: That each church give to grace presbytery in 2020 at a minimum of \$4.25 GF and \$3.75 CE per member based on the previous year's annual report. We encourage all churches to give at that minimum level to support the work of the regional church.

[PASSED]

2. That Church Health and Extension inquire into the churches that have not supported Grace Presbytery in 2019 or 2020.

[RENDERED OUT OF ORDER]

3. That the following REVISED budget for 2020 be approved EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020:
 - a. \$4,500 - Clerk Salary (\$4,200) and Expenses (\$300) - NO Change
 - b. \$1,000 - Treasurer's Expenses - NO Change

- c. \$1,000 - Church Health & Extension Expenses - NO Change
- d. \$2,200 - Minister & His Work / Candidates & Exams Expenses - NO Change
- e. \$1,000 - Stewardship & Trustees Expenses - REDUCED to reflect no further ownership or liability costs for Wilmington/Pleasant Garden Properties

[PASSED]

\$9,700 TOTAL 2020 BUDGET REVISED

Respectfully Submitted,

Bryan Crotts, Secretary for the Committee
John Kimmons, Chair

9. MINSTER & HIS WORK / CANDIDATES & EXAMS REPORT

Report of the Minister and His Work/Candidates and Examinations Committee for Grace Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
May 22, 2020

1. **Meetings, all Zoom:** a) March 19, 2020 b) March 26, 2020 c) April 30, 2020 d) May 21, 2020
2. **Committee Members and Terms** a) Chairman: Rev. Ross Durham (2023) b) Mr. Charles Clendinen (2023) c) Vice-Chairman: Rev. Randy Foster (2022) d) Rev. David Park (2022) e) Mr. Bob Crawford (2021) f) Rev. Daniel Northrup (2021) g) Clerk: Mr. Brett Dettloff (2020) h) Mr. James Constable (2020)
3. **The Work of the Committee**
 - a. Our committee continues to work very well together.
 - b. Since March, we have been focused on considering the transfer of Rev. Andrew Webb (**APPENDIX D**) into Grace Presbytery (Church Extension deals with his congregation) and the ordination of Rev. Lim as Pastor for the Lord's Church in Greensboro.
 - i. As to Rev. Andrew Webb, since he is transferring from the PCA, we examined him as to "his beliefs, his Christian character, his qualifications, and his knowledge of and adherence to the doctrines and principles of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church" (FOG 9.63). Rev. Webb has an acceptable certificate of transfer from Central Carolina Presbytery (FOG 9.64). Rev. Webb took the Theology and Polity Exams and was examined orally by the Committee.
 - ii. As to Rev. Lim, we had previously gotten to know him as a potential candidate for the position of Senior Pastor for The Lord's Church in Greensboro. As he is transferring from a non-NAPARC denomination, he took the exams for English Bible, Church History, Theology, Church Polity, and Pastoral Care, and was examined orally by the committee.
4. Next Committee Meeting: Dependent upon new work, but sometime in late Summer.
 - a. Note to churches and candidates: candidates taking written exams will need to complete them at least one week before the Committee meeting date. Any church or candidate that needs more information about exams or study guides should contact Daniel Northrup, daniel.lee.northrup@gmail.com.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. M/S/C Present Rev. Andrew Webb to the floor for Transfer Exam.
[PASSED]
 - a. Motion: That the transfer examination of Andrew Webb from the Preasbyterian Church in America (PCA) be affirmed.
[PASSED]
 - b. Motion: that Andrew Webb's transfer be approved
[PASSED]

2. M/S/C Present Rev. Jangsoon Lim to the floor for Ordination Exam.

[PASSED]

a. Motion: That the transfer examination of Jangsoon Lim from the Presbyterian Church in Korea (HapDong) Church be affirmed.

[PASSED]

b. Motion: that Jangsoon Lim's transfer be approved.

[PASSED]

c. Motion: That the Call to Jangsoon Lim from the Lord's Church be approved⁴

[PASSED]

d. **Motion:** that the Minister and His Work/Candidates and Exams be established as commission for the installation service of Jangsoon Lim.

[PASSED]

Respectfully Submitted,
Ross Durham, Chairman

⁴ A copy of the call will be included in the final draft of the minutes

10. CHURCH HEALTH & EXTENSION REPORT

Report of the Church Health & Extension Committee

Grace Presbytery

June 13, 2020

Committee Members Present: Chairman - Rev. Ken Kunkel, Rev. Eric Hancox, Rev. Todd Jones, Elder Lars Daniel, Elder Spencer Clifford

Committee Members Absent: Elder Ken Rufty

Guests: Rev. Abe Hwang

Grace Presbytery Church Health & Extension Committee meeting date(s):

February 25, 2020 (Video Conference Call)

March 27, 2020 (Elder Examination, Providence PCA)

April 29, 2020 (Video Conference Call)

Information

1. Both Grace Community Church and New Beginnings ARP Church have halted their elder training due to COVID-19.
2. Rev. Todd Jones and Elder Ken Rufty are rotating off of the committee effective June 30, 2020.
3. Began strategic planning for future church plants with Grace Presbytery.

Reports/Business

Providence Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, NC

- Rev. Ken Kunkel met with their Session on October 28, 2019 to answer questions about the ARP.
- Contacted in December that the Session had voted to recommend to their congregation the transfer of their membership from the PCA to the ARP.
- Rev. Ken Kunkel preached at Providence Presbyterian Church on the evening of January 5, 2020 and held a congregational Q&A.
- A congregational meeting was held on January 19, 2020 where the congregation approved the motion to seek membership with the ARP.
- This committee examined Elder Charles King and Elder William Hinson on March 27, 2020 and recommended their ordination to be transferred to the ARP.
- Rev. Andrew Webb was examined by the Candidates & Examination Committee.

Manual of Procedure Documents for Submission as Appendices

- Standing Committee on Church Health & Extension
- Policy for Churches Making Inquiry to Grace Presbytery

The next called Church Health & Extension meeting date is TBD.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Providence Presbyterian Church and their minister and elders be received into Grace Presbytery and that this committee be established as a commission to hold a Service of Reception and Welcome on a future agreed upon date.

[PASSED]

2. That the document *Policy for Churches Making Inquiry to Grace Presbytery*, be approved to be added to the Manual of Procedure. (APPENDIX A)
 - a. **MOTION TO AMEND: That procedure #3 be edited to read, “attend at a minimum one stated presbytery meeting and General Synod, or if not General Synod, two Stated Presbytery meetings.”**
[PASSED]
 - b. **MOTION TO AMEND: That procedure #1 be edited to read, “...when a letter of intent from the session of the interested congregation has been supplied to the Committee on Church Health & Extension notice will also be given at that time to the Minister and His Work Committee.”**
[PASSED]
 - c. **MOTION TO AMEND: That procedure #2 be edited to read, The Committee on Church Health & Extension can respond, send letters, make visits and perform other responses as may be requested. An invitation to the chair of the Minister & His Work Committee/Candidates & Exams shall be extended so that a representative may attend any in-person visits.**
[PASSED]
 - d. **Recommendation #2 [PASSED] as amended**
3. That the document *Standing Committee on Church Health & Extension* be approved to be added to the Manual of Procedure. (APPENDIX C)
[PASSED]

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Ken Kunkel
Chairman

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING
[PASSED]

CLOSING PRAYER

APPENDIX A: POLICY FOR CHURCHES MAKING INQUIRY TO GRACE PRESBYTERY⁵

When a congregation of another denomination, or an independent congregation makes inquiry into possible relationship with Grace Presbytery, the contact shall be made through the Committee on Church Health & Extension with the knowledge of the moderator and the Stated Clerk of Grace Presbytery (see FOG 10.3.E)

The following procedures shall be followed:

1. Grace Presbytery will officially respond to such inquiries when a letter of intent from the session of the interested congregation has been supplied to the Committee on Church Health & Extension. Notice will also be given at that time to the Minister and His Work Committee.”
2. The Committee on Church Health & Extension can respond, send letters, make visits and perform other responses as may be requested. An invitation to the chair of the Minister & His Work Committee/Candidates & Exams shall be extended so that a representative may attend any in-person visits.
3. Prior to a congregation officially requesting affiliation into Grace Presbytery, it is required that any ministers from that congregation as well as at least one ruling elder attend at a minimum of one stated presbytery meeting and General Synod, or if not General Synod, two Stated Presbytery meetings. An invitation shall also be given to these ministers and elders to encourage their attendance at General Synod.
4. If affiliation is pursued, the Committee on Church Health & Extension shall ascertain, among other things, if the session and the minister adhere to the Standards of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church as well as agree to meet Grace Presbytery’s minimum requirements for pastoral support.
5. The Committee on Church Health & Extension is charged with the examination of the elders. The Committee on Candidates & Examination is charged with the examination of the ministers.
6. The congregation desiring to be received into Grace Presbytery shall present a letter of dismissal from its presbytery, or other recognized judicatory, to Grace Presbytery’s Committee on Church Health & Extension, along with a complete roll of its membership (communicant and non-communicant) and a list of elders and deacons currently serving the church.
7. The Committee on Church Health & Extension shall inform the session or other appropriate representatives of the congregation to be present at the meeting of Grace Presbytery when their request for reception is placed on the agenda for consideration.
8. The Committee on Church Health & Extension shall report its actions to Grace Presbytery and make its recommendations concerning the congregation making application for

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membership. If it is mutually agreed upon that the minister continue to serve the church in capacity as pastor, he shall be examined for reception in the regular manner before action is completed to receive the congregation. Then, a motion may be made to receive the congregation.

9. The minister, elders and deacons shall continue in their office in the church without reinstallation.
10. The Committee on Church Health & Extension shall be established as a commission of Grace Presbytery to hold a Service of Reception and Welcome for the newly received congregation at a date and time convenient to all parties involved. The Service of Reception and Welcome will include prayer, the bringing of greetings from Grace Presbytery, the preaching of the Word, the renewing of vows by the pastor, the officers and the congregation, and any other items deemed appropriate.

APPENDIX B: MISSION/DESCRIPTION of the STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHURCH HEALTH & EXTENSION⁶

MEMBERSHIP

The Standing Committee on Church Health & Extension shall be composed of six members, each serving a term of three years, with two members retiring each year at the end of June. It is recommended that a 50/50 balance be kept between ministers and elders (i.e. three ministers and three elders). The chairman shall be elected by the committee before the Spring meeting of Grace Presbytery and shall ordinarily serve a term of two years. The chairman shall represent Grace Presbytery on Synod's Board of Outreach North America (ONA).

VISION

To fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20) by planting churches who confess Jesus Christ as the only Savior and the Sovereign Lord over all of life, and are fully committed to the Bible in its entirety as the Word of God written, without error in all its parts, and to its teaching as set forth in the historic Reformed standards of the Westminster Confession of Faith. To also promote church health within Grace Presbytery by providing assistance and guidance to ministers, sessions and congregations.

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FUNCTIONS

The Church Health & Extension Committee shall focus on five primary functions:

1. Recruitment and Assessment

- Developing networks from which to recruit potential church planters.
- Identifying and interviewing church planter candidates.
- Evaluating church planter candidates according to their past ministry experience, approach to church planting, pastoral references, skills in ministry (e.g. preaching, leadership, etc.), adherence to ARP standards, and the qualifications set forth in God's Word (1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9).
- Referring church planter candidates who meet the criteria set forth by this committee and Grace Presbytery to ONA's Church Planter Assessment.
- Developing a plan for mentoring church planters based on the assessment received back from ONA and other evaluations.

2. Oversight and Support

- Recommending elders from organized congregations to serve on provisional sessions.
- Working with Synod's Board of ONA to provide assistance as needed to exploratory and missional works within the Presbytery.
- Maintaining a current study of all missional works within the presbytery by assessing their progress toward becoming an organized congregation that is self-supporting, self-sustaining, and self-governing.
- Communicating with church planters and provisional sessions regarding the development of the missional work. This includes receiving periodic reports and taking needed action.
- Annual review of the budgets of all exploratory and missional works and as needed by the recommendation of provisional sessions.
- Supporting all exploratory and missional church planters and their families with the proper encouragement, resources and mentoring.
- Continually praying for and annually visiting the exploratory and missional works within the presbytery.
- Overseeing the service of organization for new congregations.

3. Identifying new fields for church planting

- Develop a strategic short and long term plan for church planting within Grace Presbytery.
- Developing and reviewing criteria for identifying viable new missional fields.
- Performing a demographic study and a feasibility assessment for every new proposed missional field.
- Matching church planters with appropriate fields.
- Evaluating written proposals that result from exploratory work.
- Recommending to Grace Presbytery the approval of new exploratory and missional works.

4. Promotion of church health within Grace Presbytery

- Meet with and encourage ministers, Sessions and congregations who make an inquiry to this committee for assistance in the area of church health.
- Help ministers, sessions and congregations formulate plans for growth, evangelism and edification.

COOPERATION

This Committee shall make recommendations to and cooperate with Synod's Board of ONA. The committee is also to communicate with the appropriate North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC) presbyteries concerning church planting work per items #2 and #3 of the NAPARC "Comity Agreement."

CHURCH TRANSFERS

The committee shall receive and respond to inquiries from churches who desire to explore a relationship with Grace Presbytery. The committee will make recommendations to the presbytery concerning the reception of these congregations. The committee will serve as the liaison between newly received organized congregations and Grace Presbytery for a period of one year to provide assistance and orientation. See Appendix V for the specific policy for churches making inquiry to Grace Presbytery.

REPORTS TO PRESBYTERY

1. The committee shall make a report at each stated meeting of Grace Presbytery.
2. The committee shall submit an annual operational ministry budget to Grace Presbytery for approval.

APPENDIX C: IN MEMORY OF REV. TRIPP KIMBROUGH

The following is our communication from Grace Presbytery to Central Services and The ARP regarding the Rev. Tripp Kimbrough:

It's with a heavy heart that I must report that Rev. Tripp Kimbrough, a Hospice Chaplain and member of Grace Presbytery, went home to the Lord on April 22. He was being treated at Duke University Hospital for brain cancer. Please see below for a message from Rev. Todd Jones of Hope Chapel in Greensboro, where Tripp's family are members.

-Brian Howard, Clerk

"Tripp has battled brain cancer since he was in his early twenties and over the past several weeks he developed another mass that took his life. He leaves behind his beautiful wife Anna and his two kids Ella and Houston. The family is grieving the loss of a beloved husband, father and friend to so many. He once said that the two most beautiful events in life are when a child is born and when a follower of Christ passes from this world into the arms of Jesus. As a hospice chaplain, Tripp considered it a privilege to be with people in that sacred space. I am confident that Tripp was smiling from ear to ear as he was greeted by Jesus and all the saints that have gone before him and that he heard the words "Well done, good and faithful servant, come enter my rest!"

-Todd Jones



APPENDIX D: GRACE PRESBYTERY RESOURCES & CONTACTS (UPDATED 6/13/20)⁷

GRACE PRESBYTERY RESOURCES & CONTACTS (UPDATED 6/13/20)⁸

Synod Calendar: <http://www.arp365.org/>

Synod Expense Voucher⁹: <http://arpchurch.org/forms/>

Moderator: James Constable, '21 acovenanthome@gmail.com

Vice Moderator: Randy Foster '20 rdfooster@carolina.rr.com

Stated Clerk: Brian Howard, '22 gracepresbyclerk@gmail.com

Assistant Clerk: Bryan Crotts, '22 bpcrotts@mac.com

Treasurer: Scott Cornelius, '22 scornelius@scottcorneliuscpa.com (336) 708-1307

Parliamentarian: David Smith, '22 ngsb7733@yahoo.com

Church Health & Extension: Ken Kunkel, Chair ken@gracereformed.church

1) Eric Hancox 2) Todd Jones '23 3) Ken Kunkel 4) Spencer Clifford 5) Lars Daniel 6) VACANT 7) Abe Hwang (Ad hoc Consultant).

Candidates & Exams / Minister & His Work: Ross Durham, Chair: ross@gracehillnc.org. Charles Clendinen, Secretary charlesclendinen@gmail.com

1) Neil Stewart '23 2) Charles Clendinen, '23 3) Brent Dettloff '23 4) Robert Crawford, '21
5) Ross Durham, '23 6) Randy Foster, '22 7) Daniel Northrup, '21 8) David Park, '22.

Stewardship & Finance / Trustees: Bryan Crotts, Chair bpcrotts@mac.com

1) Bryan Crotts, '22 2) Abe Hwang, '22 3) VACANT 4) Steve Ellis, '21 5) Warren Harvey¹⁰ Fall 2020
6) Brent York, '21 7) Scott Cornelius (Advisory, Presbytery Treasurer).

⁷ Terms expire on the last day of June in each respective year.

⁸ Terms expire on the last day of June in each respective year.

⁹ Grace Presbytery reimburses mileage at 50% of the IRS rate. 50% of the 2019 rate is \$0.29 per mile. Please send all support or requests for reimbursement to:

Scott Cornelius, CPA 211 W. Lexington Ave., Suite 106, High Point NC 27262

¹⁰ Warren Harvey will serve until the next stated meeting. To continue, he must be nominated and voted upon according to the M.O.P (see Minutes of Grace Presbytery, June 13 2020 Section 6)

Synod Committees:

1. **Benefits & Minister and His Work:** Ross Durham ross@gracehillnc.org
2. **Campus Ministry:** Bryan Crotts bpcrotts@mac.com
3. **Christian Education:** Ken Rufty rwruffy@gmail.com
4. **Dunlap:** John Kimmons jkimmons@gmail.com
5. **Executive Board:** Randy Foster maupinpresby@att.net
6. **Nominations:** Eric Hancox hancoxem@gmail.com
7. **ONA:** Ken Kunkel ken@gracereformed.church
8. **Stewardship:** John Kimmons jkimmons@gmail.com
9. **World Witness:** Phil Williams philcgpc@gmail.com

Executive Board (Randy Foster)

One elected elder from each presbytery, alternating teaching and ruling. 4 year term.

Benefits (Ross Durham)

Chairman of presbytery committee/commission on Minister & His Work serves as Advisory.

CEM – (Ken Rufty) One from each presbytery, usually the Chairman of the Presbytery Committee on Christian Education.

Dunlap (John Kimmons)

Representative from each presbytery. 6 year term.

ONA (Ken Kunkel)

Chairman of the Committee on Church Extension

Stewardship (John Kimmons, rotating off)

Chairman of Finance/Stewardship Committee of the presbytery (or) a representative chosen by the presbytery

World Witness (Phil Williams)

Chairman of Presbytery Missions Committee serves as advisory

Minister & His Work (Ross Durham)

Chairman of presbytery committee on Minister & His Work or his designated alternate, and/or

Chairman of presbytery Committee that has oversight of Students and Licentiates serve as ex-officio members.

Nominations (Eric Hancox)

Representative from each presbytery. 4 year term

APPENDIX E: LIST OF MINISTERS (June 13, 2020)

Minister	Date Admitted	Status	10-12-19 Present/Absent	2-1-20 Present/Absent	6-12-20 Present /Absent
Buchanan, Leon	<i>Jan. 2012</i>	Military Chaplain	A	A	A
Coleman, Percy	<i>Mar. 1998</i>	<i>New Beginnings</i>	P	A	A
Crahen, Terry	<i>April 2012</i>	Without Call	P	P	P
Crotts, Bryan	<i>April 2015</i>	<i>1st Burlington</i>	P	P	P
Crotts, Stephen	<i>July 2008</i>	Retired	A	A	A
Durham, Ross	<i>Dec. 2009</i>	<i>Grace Hill</i>	P	A	P
Foster, Randy	<i>Jan. 2004</i>	<i>Maupin Ave.</i>	A	P	P
Hancox, Eric	<i>Apr. 2014</i>	<i>Cov. of Grace</i>	P	P	P
Henry, Jacob (Jake)	<i>Dec. 2015</i>	Military Chaplain	A	A	A
Harvey, Warren	<i>Aug. 1997</i>	<i>Ambassador</i>	P	P	P
Howard, Brian	<i>April 2017</i>	<i>Adams Farm</i>	P	P	P
Hunnemann, Mark	<i>Jul. 1985</i>	Without Call	A	A	A
Hwang, Abe Myunglin	<i>Sept. 2017</i>	<i>Korean Bethel</i>	P	A	P
Irby, Tom	<i>Feb. 2012</i>	Retired	A	A	A
Jenkins, Randy	<i>Jan. 2008</i>	<i>Grace Community</i>	P	A	A
Jones, Todd	<i>July 2003</i>	<i>Hope Chapel</i>	A	P	A
Kimmons, John	<i>Nov. 1979</i>	Retired	P	P	P
Kunkel, Kenneth	<i>Apr. 2012</i>	<i>Grace Reformed</i>	P	P	P
Lim, Jangsoon*	<i>Jun. 2020</i>	<i>The Lord's Church</i>	-	-	P
Marsh, William	<i>Aug. 2007</i>	Retired	A	A	A
Northrup, Daniel	<i>April 2017</i>	<i>Hope Chapel</i>	A	P	A
Park, David Duckeun	<i>June 2009</i>	<i>Korean Bethel</i>	P	A	P
Prince, William	<i>Oct. 2004</i>	Retired	P	A	P
Robinson, Tim	<i>Jun. 1971</i>	Retired	P	A	P
Shepard, Walt	<i>Sept. 2009</i>	Retired	A	A	A
Shin, David	<i>Apr. 2012</i>	Retired	A	A	A
Smith, David	<i>Jun. 2010</i>	<i>Cov. Fellowship</i>	A	P	P
Spence, John	<i>Oct. 1999</i>	Without Call	A	A	A

Stewart, Neil	<i>Jan. 2016</i>	<i>Christ Covenant</i>	A	A	P
Taber, Tyler	<i>Oct. 2018</i>	<i>Covenant ARP</i>	P	P	A
Traub, Paul	<i>Mar. 2006</i>	<i>Without Call</i>	A	A	A
Webb, Andy*	<i>Jun. 2020</i>	<i>Providence</i>	-	-	P
White, James	<i>Aug. 2004</i>	<i>City Church of GSO</i>	A	A	A

Officers, Guests, and Others Present at the June 13 Meeting:

Andrew J. Webb: transfer candidate from the Presbyterian Church in America

Charlie King: Clerk of Session, Providence Presbyterian (Fayetteville, NC)

Jangsoon Lim: transfer candidate from Presbyterian Church in Korea (HapDong)

James Constable: Vice Moderator (Moderator elect)

*Andy Webb and Langsoon Lim were added as ministers at the June 13 meeting and did not count toward a quorum or receive a vote.