



SPRING MEETING PACKET For Grace Presbytery

April 24, 2021 Christ Covenant ARP Church, Greensboro NC

Reference Documents

1. PREVIOUS MINUTES (Google Drive Folder)

2. **EMAIL LIST SIGNUP** (Mail Chimp)

3. MANUAL OF PROCEDURE 1.1.7 (Google Drive)

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

9:00am-12:30pm: Business Meeting

12:30pm - Until: BBQ Lunch and Benefits Q&A

Intro: The day began with a Welcome, Worship & the Lord's Supper provided by Christ Covenant Church (9:00am). Neil Stewart preached on Luke 5. There followed a Constitution of the Roll through registered signatures. After a recognition of guests, including Alex Pettit and Rob Roy McGregor III, the delegates entered into a time of prayer, opened by Bill Marsh and concluded by Percy Coleman. After a presentation from Alex Pettit (ARP World Witness), business continued as summarized in the following reports and recommendations:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS / SYNOD RECOMMENDATIONS

Overtures from Synod are to be handled in accordance with the ARP FOG Ch 14. The 2021 General Synod Meeting approved the following overtures to be sent forward to the presbyteries:

- 1. A Revised Book of Discipline *available here*.
- 2. A Revision to the Form of Government 8.18 which reads:

These questions having been answered in the affirmative, the presiding officer shall address the following questions to the congregation:

Congregational vow to elders:

"Do you, the members of this congregation, acknowledge and receive these fellow members as elders, (deacons) and do you promise to give them all the honor, obedience, encouragement, and assistance in the spirit of love to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Standards of this Church, entitles them?"

Congregational vows to deacons:

"Do you, the members of this congregation, acknowledge and receive these fellow members as deacons, and do you promise to give them all the honor, encouragement, and assistance in the spirit of love to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Standards of this Church, entitles them?"

(Text in bold would be added to the Form of Government)

Therefore, the following **RECOMMENDATIONS** were made:

- 1. That the revised ARP Book of Discipline be approved.
 - a. Yes: 11 No: 11 Abstain: 1
- 2. That the revision to the ARP Form of Government 8.18 ("Congregational Vows for Deacons Proposed Changes" be approved.
 - a. Yes: 24 No: 0 Abstain: 1

MOTION: that the Presentation of the program and Minutes of the January 30 Meeting of Grace Presbytery be approved. **PASSED**

NEW BUSINESS: NOMINATIONS

The following 3 men were nominees for 2 vacancies on the Minister & His Work /Candidates & Exams Committee: Daniel Northrup (Minister), Greg Gaines (Elder), and Andy Webb (Minister). They were voted on by secret ballot and in accordance with the Grace Presbytery Manual of Procedure, Articles VI & V.

PASSED Greg Gaines & Andy Webb were approved to the M&HW/C&E Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT

Grace Presbytery Treasurer's Report April 16, 2021

Bank account funds as of January 06, 2021 are as follows:

1. Checking account at BB&T for operating funds: \$290,685.32 \$260,000 has been allocated by the Stewardship Committee to The ARP Foundation. Investment account at Cornerstone Management, The ARP Foundation: \$119,050.05

The following congregations have contributed to Grace Presbytery for 2021:

Christ Covenant Church
Hope Chapel Church
Korean Bethel Presbyterian Church
The Lord's Church of Greater Greensboro

Please see the appendix for additional financial statements

Scott Cornelius, CPA Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION: That this report be received as information. **PASSED**

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 January 2021 meeting:

- 1. Sent certification request from Terry Crahen to Minister & HIs Work / Candidates & Exams
- 2. Adjusted M.O.P 1.1.6 to reflect changes made at the January 30 meeting. The changes will take effect with edition 1.1.7 at the order of the day for our April 2021 meeting.
- 3. Edited Contacts list to reflect changes to Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and latest nomination. Changed terms of office for M&W/C&E.
- 4. Reviewed minutes for: *New Beginnings, Grace Hill, Providence, Korean Bethel, Covenant, Covenant of Grace, Maupin Ave., Adams Farm, Covenant Fellowship, Christ Covenant.*
- 5. Received and processed Statistical Reports for Central Services
- 6. Sent Letter to Scott Robar (below). Letter was <u>delivered by USPS</u> on February 8 at 11:30am (Tracking #70201810000173192013) [SEE APPENDIX]
- 7. Submitted Clerk's Report to Synod (2/23)
- 8. Sent out Nominations info to presbytery
- 9. Received notice from Rev. Jim White that he will retire at the end of April and has informed Central Services and M&HW.
- 10. Sent 2020 Meeting Minutes for Central Services and Synod Principal Clerk
- 11. Communicated with Chris Ellzey regarding logistics for Christ Covenant hosting the Spring Meeting
- 12. Received communication regarding potential retirement plans for Mark Hunneman
- 13. Communicated with Andy Pettit and Rob Roy McGregor regarding April 24 meeting
- 14. Scheduled Zoom meeting for FOG Moderator's Committee: Aaron Carr, Steve Ellis, Charlie King, Phil Williams, Ross Durham, Kyle O'Donnell, David Park, David Smith
- 15. Attended Planning Committee Zoom meeting.
- 16. Received committee reports for distribution in the Spring Meeting Packet.

Respectfully Submitted, Brian Howard

MOTIONS

1. That the Grace Presbytery Manual of Procedure be amended in its specifications for a quorum. The edit is added here in **bold print:**

II. MEETINGS (ARTICLE II, C)

The quorum and other procedure and limitations for Stated and Called Meetings of Presbytery is specified in the ARP F.O.G 10.5, 10.11.1, and 10.12. PASSED

2. That the Clerk's Report be received as Information **PASSED**

MOTION: That Grace Presbytery shall contribute \$100,000.00 of Presbytery funds to the Synod Benefits shortfall.

a. **MOTION** to table. *Original motion withdrawn*.

MOTION: That the Stewardship and Finance Committee study the issue of donating to the ARP Minister's Retirement & Benefits Fund and make recommendations regarding whether and how much money should be donated by Grace Presbytery. APPROVED

MINISTER & HIS WORK / CANDIDATES & EXAMS STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Meetings: March 16, 2021, Zoom. Committee Members and Terms: Chairman: Rev. Ross Durham (2023), Mr. Steve Brown (2023), Vice-Chairman: Rev. Randy Foster (2022), Rev. David Park (2022), Mr. Bob Crawford (2021), Rev. Daniel Northrup (2021), Clerk: Mr. Brett Dettloff (2024), Rev. Neil Stewart (2024)

The Work of the Committee

- 1. Asked by a Minister to consider how we would respond to an M.Div. from Log College and Seminary (unaccredited).
- 2. Our preliminary thoughts are: A) Unaccredited degrees are always subject to FOG 9.3G (3/4 vote of Presbytery at ordination exam meeting). B)We encourage greater consideration of RTS's Church Partnership Program or perhaps even Blue Ridge Institute for Theological Education. C) Some members of the committee, while expressing concern with the institute, said they would focus on the man, and others said they would be more thorough in examination than from an accredited institution.
- 3. Motion from Presbytery: That the Minister and His Work / Candidates & Exams Committee, in order to fulfill the Presbytery's duties as stated in the ARP Form of Government 9.13, 9.67, and 10.5, request letters of certification from all ministers of Grace Presbytery who are not currently categorized as Active or Retired. A) We "approve and certify" Terry Crahen for one year from the Spring 2021 Presbytery Meeting (FOG 10.5.E). See attached job description. [APPENDIX] B) We affirm Mark Hunnemann, John Spence, Paul Traub, and Jim White to have the status of "Retired." (Please note that they should contact Central Services to get the "Retirement Kit" and work out any details.)
- 4. We considered and approved Kyle Lockhart as candidate to come "Under Care" of Presbytery. See attached testimony and letter from Christ Covenant Session.
- 5. Next Meeting: Dependent upon new work, but otherwise likely in late July at the earliest.
- 6. Note to churches and candidates: candidates taking written exams will need to arrange with the committee 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 or ross@gracehillnc.org.

RECOMMENDATIONS to Grace Presbytery

1. Move that Kyle Lockhart become a Student Under Care of Presbytery. **APPROVED**

- 2. Move that Terry Crahen be "approved and certified" for one year from the Spring 2021 Presbytery Meeting (see FOG 10.5.E). **APPROVED**
- 3. Move that Mark Hunnemann, John Spence, Paul Traub, and Jim White have the status of "Retired." **APPROVED**

CHURCH HEALTH & EXTENSION STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Committee Members Absent:

Guests: Rev. Abe Hwang

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

• March 25, 2021 (Online Meeting)

Information

- 1. The committee discussed the need to fill two positions (Rev. Ken Kunkel and Elder Lars Daniel) as they will be rotating off of the committee in June 2021.
- 2. The committee discussed the need to identify future church planters and potential church planting locations.

Reports/Business

Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church (GRPC)

• GRPC is currently under contract for three parcels of land and has filed for a Special Use Permit with the Town of Clayton to be granted permission to use them for religious activity. Each parcel has a home associated with it and the total acreage is 11.8 acres. The purchase price for all 3 parcels and homes is \$825,000. The property is located in the center of town along Business Highway 70. There is also the possibility that one of the parcels and homes would be purchased by a family of GRPC after the closing. This would reduce the acreage to 10.2 acres and the cost to \$625,000. GRPC has approximately \$750,000 cash on hand in their building fund and have been approved for a \$100,000 loan by the local bank if needed for closing. Phase I is to purchase the property and to move the church offices into one of the homes. Phase II will be the design and construction of a new sanctuary. Phase II is realistically 2-3 years away.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church be approved to purchase 11.8 acres along with 3 homes located on US-70 Business Highway in Clayton, NC for \$825,000. Also, recommend the approval to potentially sell one of those homes along with 1.6 acres to a family within GRPC. **APPROVED**

MOTION: That Mr. Kunkel serve a vacancy on the Church Health & Extension Committee until the next stated meeting. To continue, he must be nominated and voted upon according to the M.O.P **APPROVED**

MOTION: That Jamie Brunson serve a vacancy on the Church Health & Extension Committee until the next stated meeting. To continue, he must be nominated and voted upon according to the M.O.P APPROVED

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Stewardship & Finance Committee invited Rob Roy McGregor III to address the court regarding financial matters with ARP General Synod and the Benefits program. In addition, Committee member Bryan Crotts distributed information on Cornerstone Management. The committee did not have any recommendations to make at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

After a motion to adjourn at 12:52, there followed a prayer and benediction, the singing of Psalm 133 and a BBQ lunch provided by the host church.

APPENDIX A: TREASURER'S SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

12:36 PM 04/14/21 Accrual Basis

Grace Presbytery of Eastern NC ARP Inc Balance Sheet As of April 16, 2021

	Apr 16, 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BB&T Checking	290,685.32
Charles Schwab ARP Investment	119,050.05
Total Checking/Savings	409,735.37
Total Current Assets	409,735.37
TOTAL ASSETS	409,735.37
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	-
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Benevolence Fund	4,269.61
Total Other Current Liabilities	4,269.61
Total Current Liabilities	4,269.61
Total Liabilities	4,269.61
Equity	
Unrestricted Net Assets	395,747.10
Net Income	9,718.66

405,465.76

409,735.37

Total Equity

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

12:36 PM 04/14/21 Accrual Basis

Grace Presbytery of Eastern NC ARP Inc Profit & Loss January through December 2021

	Jan - Dec 21
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Church Extension Funds	2,452.00
General Fund	2,764.00
ONA Endowment	1,758.00
Total Income	6,974.00
Expense	
Clerk of Presbytery Fee	700.00
Insurance Expense	728.00
Meals Expense - Committees	6.83
Utilities	221.99
Total Expense	1,656.82
Net Ordinary Income	5,317.18
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Investment Gains/(Losses)	4,401.48
Total Other Income	4,401.48
Net Other Income	4,401.48
Net Income	9,718.66

GRACE PRESBYTERY RESOURCES & CONTACTS (UPDATED 04/26/21)¹

GRACE PRESBYTERY RESOURCES & CONTACTS (UPDATED 04/26/21)²

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

Synod Expense Voucher³: http://arpchurch.org/forms/

Moderator: Randy Foster (Until January 2022) rdfoster@carolina.rr.com 704-798-7098

Vice Moderator: Phil Williams (Until January 2022) philogpc@gmail.com

Stated Clerk: Brian Howard, '22 gracepresbyclerk@gmail.com 336-493-5392

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 '21⁴ 4) Spencer Clifford 5) Lars Daniel '21 6) Jamie Brunson⁵ 7) Abe Hwang (Ad hoc Consultant).

Candidates & Exams / Minister & His Work: Ross Durham, Chair: ross@gracehillnc.org.

1) Neil Stewart '24 2) Steve Brown '23 3) Brent Dettloff '24 4) Robert Crawford, '21 (Will be succeeded by Greg Gaines on 07/01/21) 5) Ross Durham, '23 6) Randy Foster, Vice-Chair '22 7) Daniel Northrup, '21 (Will be succeeded by Andy Webb, 07/01/21) 8) David Park, '22.

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

- 1) Bryan Crotts, '22 2) Abe Hwang, '22 3) Charlie King'23 4) Steve Ellis, '21 5) Warren Harvey '23
- 6) Brent York, '21 7) Scott Cornelius (Advisory, Presbytery Treasurer).

Grace Presbytery Students Under Care

- 1. Richard Reeves, Covenant of Grace
- 2. Kyle Lockhart, Christ Covenant

¹ Terms expire on the last day of June in each respective year.

² Terms expire on the last day of June in each respective year.

³ 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

⁴ To succeed himself on the Church Health & Extension Committee until the next stated meeting. To continue, he must be nominated and voted upon according to the M.O.P

⁵ To serve a vacancy on the Church Health & Extension Committee until the next stated meeting. To continue, he must be nominated and voted upon according to the M.O.P

⁶ 4 year terms

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 rwrufty@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 <u>ikimmons@gmail.com</u>
- 9. World Witness: Phil Williams philcgpc@gmail.com

Executive Board (Randy Foster) - One elected delegate from each presbytery, alternating minister and elder. 4 year term.

Benefits (Ross Durham) - Chairman of presbytery committee/commission on Minister & His Work serves as Advisory.

<u>CEM</u> – (**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

<u>Stewardship (Bryan Crotts)</u> - 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

<u>Minister & His Work (Ross Durham)</u> - 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; Randy Foster, Vice-Moderator Foster, serves as alternate) - Representative from each presbytery. 4 year term

LIST OF MINISTERS AS OF 4/26/21

Minister	Date Admitted	Status	01-30-21 Present/Absent	04-24-21 Present/Absent
Buchanan, Leon	Jan. 2012	Military Chaplain	A	A
Coleman, Percy	Mar. 1998	New Beginnings	A	P
Crahen, Terry	April 2012	Approved & Cert.	A	P
Crotts, Bryan	April 2015	1st Burlington	Р	P
Crotts, Stephen	July 2008	Retired	A	A
Durham, Ross	Dec. 2009	Grace Hill	P	P
Foster, Randy	Jan. 2004	Maupin Ave.	P	P
Hancox, Eric	Apr. 2014	Cov. of Grace	A	P
Henry, Jacob (Jake)	Dec. 2015	Military Chaplain	A	A
Harvey, Warren	Aug. 1997	Ambassador	P	P
Howard, Brian	April 2017	Adams Farm	P	P
Hunnemann, Mark	Jul. 1985	Retired	A	A
Hwang, Abe Myunglin	Sept. 2017	Korean Bethel	A	P
Irby, Tom	Feb. 2012	Retired	A	A

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Jenkins, Randy	Jan. 2008	Grace Community	A	A
Jones, Todd	July 2003	Hope Chapel	A	A
Kimmons, John	Nov. 1979	Retired	Р	A
Kunkel, Kenneth	Apr. 2012	Grace Reformed	P	P
Lim, Jangsoon	Jun. 2020	The Lord's Church	Р	P
Marsh, William	Aug. 2007	Retired	P	P
O'Donnell, Kyle	October 2020	Ambassador	P	Р
Northrup, Daniel	April 2017	Hope Chapel	Р	A
Park, David Duckeun	June 2009	Korean Bethel	Р	P
Prince, William	Oct. 2004	Retired	A	P
Robinson, Tim	Jun. 1971	Retired	Р	P
Shepard, Walt	Sept. 2009	Retired	A	A
Shin, David	Apr. 2012	Retired	A	A
Smith, David	Jun. 2010	Cov. Fellowship	P	P
Spence, John	Oct. 1999	Retired	A	A
Stewart, Neil	Jan. 2016	Christ Covenant	A	P
Traub, Paul	Mar. 2006	Retired	A	A
Webb, Andy	Jun. 2020	Providence	P	P
White, James	Aug. 2004	Retired	A	A

The ARP Form of Government permits the following categories: a) Active, Retired, or Approved & Certified b) Pastor, Associate Pastor, Teacher, Evangelist, Missionary, Church Planter, Bi-Vocational/Part-time, Chaplain, or Minister as in Other Position. Only those with Active, Retired, or Approved & Certified status are allowed to sit as voting members of the court. (F.O.G 9.1 - 9.13, 9.67, 10.5). Retired Ministers do not count towards a quorum (M.O.P II.D). A quorum for stated meetings one-third (1/3) of the ministers of the Presbytery and duly elected elders from one-third (1/3) of the congregations. A quorum for called meetings of the Presbytery shall be two (2) ministers and the duly elected elders from at least two (2) congregations. (F.O.G. 10.11-10.12) Please see F.O.G 10.5-10.9 for more information regarding who is entitled to sit as a member of the court.

LIST OF GUESTS AT THE APRIL 24 MEETING:

- 1. Carl Matthews
- 2. Joshua Fletcher
- 3. Brian Miller
- 4. Gerald Long
- 5. Steve Gemmisen Jr.
- 6. Kelly Buffaloe
- 7. Kent Butterfield
- 8. Drew Poplin
- 9. Kyle Lockhart