

THE MINUTES OF THE **CANADIAN PRESBYTERY**

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

Special Called Meeting

January 26, 2012
Teleconference Call



Mr. Bill McKay
Stated Clerk

Mr. Kevin Bigney
Moderator

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(1 yr. Term expires June 30, 2012)

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Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church

Covenanters ARP Church

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Mt. Zion ARP Church

Trinity Presbyterian Church

ONTARIO REGION

Grace Presbyterian Church

Reformed Hungarian Church

Riverside ARP Church

Trinity ARP Church

MINUTES OF THE CANADIAN PRESBYTERY, ARPC SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – January 26, 2012

A Special Called Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery was held on January 26, 2012 by teleconference. Seventeen (17) presbyters were in attendance for this meeting of presbytery.

Presbytery Convenes for Called Teleconference Meeting

At 7:00 p.m. (E.S.T.)/ 8:00 p.m. (A.S.T.), the Vice-Moderator of the Canadian Presbytery, Rev. John Shearouse, called the presbyters to order and convened the Special Called Meeting of the Canadian Presbytery (via teleconference).

Calling of the Roll

The Stated Clerk, Bill McKay called the roll of presbyters for this meeting.

a) Roll Call of ministers present:

Rick Barnes	Henry Bartsch	Kevin Carter
Rudy deVries	Jerry Hamstra	Frank Kovacs
Brian Murray	Steve Richardson	Andrew Savill
John Shearouse	Bill VanDoodewaard	

b) Roll Call of Ruling Elders present (as delegates to presbytery):

Albert Gerrits (Covenanters ARPC)
Dave Alexander (Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church)
Mike Flewelling (Trinity Presbyterian, NB)
Ken Turner (Grace Presbyterian Church)
Greig Park (Riverside ARPC)
John Moerman (Trinity ARP Church)

Student Russ Kosits, Treasurer Gary Armstrong and Stated Clerk Bill McKay were present.

Moderator Kevin Bigney, William Campbell, Jeff Kingswood and David Els were absent and excused from the meeting.

Jack Whytock informed the clerk after the meeting that he had difficulties connecting to the conference call and was excused.

The Stated Clerk declared a quorum was present.

Rev. Shearouse constituted the teleconference meeting as a court of the church of Jesus Christ, with a reading of Scripture from Acts 2: 40-47. Rev. Kevin Carter opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes

- **Motion:** To receive the minutes from the 2011 Stated Fall Meeting (October 20-21, 2011) as presented. **M/S/C**

Business

1) Mt. Zion Provisional Session

- **Motion:** To release Mike Flewelling from his duties as a member of the Provisional Session of Mt. Zion ARP. **M/S/C**
- **Motion:** To appoint Kevin Bigney to serve on the Provisional Session of Mt. Zion ARP. **M/S/C**

2) Manual of Procedure

- **Motion:** To accept the presentation of the proposed changes regarding the structure of Standing Committees to the Canadian Presbytery Manual of Procedure (as approved at the 2011 Stated Fall Meeting), as the First Reading. **M/S/C**

3) Kingston Church Plant

Rev. Henry Bartsch brought 2 motions from Outreach Canada regarding the proposed church plant in Kingston, ON.

- **Motion:** That Presbytery appoints a sub-committee to give oversight to the Kingston work until such time as a church planter and provisional session is put into place; and further, this sub-committee would provide oversight and direction to the church plant and report to presbytery. **M/S/D**
- **Motion:** The Outreach Canada Committee requests \$7,500.00 from the Canadian Church Development Fund to fund various expenses (such as preaching costs, mileage and hymnals) relating to the development of the proposed church plant in Kingston, ON. **M/S/**
 - **Motion:** To amend the previous motion to strike the word hymnals from the listed expenses. **M/S/C**
- **Amended Motion:** The Outreach Canada Committee requests \$7,500.00 from the Canadian Church Development Fund to fund various expenses (such as preaching costs and mileage) relating to the development of the proposed church plant in Kingston, ON. **M/S/C**

Closing Prayer

Rev. Rudy deVries offered prayer in the closing of the meeting.

Adjournment (8:10 p.m. EST/9:10 AST)

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Bill McKay
Stated Clerk

Attest:

Rev. John Shearouse
Vice-Moderator

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

2005-06

Moderator: Ken Turner

Vice-moderator: Rev. Frank Kovacs

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

2007-08

Moderator: Rev. John van Eyk

Vice-moderator: Rev. Brian Murray

Stated Clerk: Bill McKay

Treasurer: Gary Armstrong

2008-09

Moderator: Mike Flewelling

Vice-moderator: Rev. Jeff Kingswood

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

2010-11

Moderator: Rev. Frank Kovacs

Vice-moderator: Rev. David Els

Stated Clerk: Bill McKay

Treasurer: Gary Armstrong