

DRAFT MINUTES



OF THE

Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery

of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

Fall Meeting
Hopewell ARP Church
Culleoka, Maury County, Tennessee
September 20-21, 2019

TENNESSEE-ALABAMA PRESBYTERY

Fall Meeting

The Tennessee-Alabama (“TN/AL”) Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church convened for its Fall Stated Meeting on September 20 & 21, at the Hopewell ARP Church, Maury County, Tennessee. Presbyters gathered at 3:00 pm. and were led in prayer by Vice-Moderator David Rentschler.

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

At 7:00 pm., Presbyters, guests, and congregants of the Hopewell Church gathered for worship. The evening sermon was delivered by Dr. Leslie Holmes, Moderator of the ARP Synod. Rev. James Hakim prepared and served the Sacrament of Communion.

FRIDAY BUSINESS SESSION

Moderator Greg Duke called the Presbytery to order at 8:15 pm. and led the court in prayer. Greetings on behalf of the host Church were delivered by Hopewell Ruling Elder Jim Patterson.

The Roll was constituted with a quorum present as follows:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Minister</u>	<u>Ruling Elder Delegate</u>
Bethel (AL)		
Camden (AL)		
Fayetteville (TN)	Phillip Bunch	Chuck Patrick
Hopewell (TN)	James Hakim	David Rentschler
In Christ Church (C)		
Joyful Church (CA)	Man Park	
Lincoln Memorial (TN)		Ronald Derksen
Madison-Monrovia (AL)	Roy Hulling	
Pressly Memorial (AL)	<i>Stephen Wood (supply)</i>	
Prosperity (AL)		Bernard Sanderson
Prosperity (TN)	Dana Crowell	Ed Williams
Riverside (AL)	Greg Duke	Jonathan Dunaway

ROLL (continued)

<u>Church</u>	<u>Minister</u>	<u>Ruling Elder Delegate</u>
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MISSIONS

Hanmaum Mission (AL)	Soo Young Kim	<i>Not applicable</i>
New Days Mission (GA)	Keun Joon Ryu	<i>Not applicable</i>
Sharon Mission		<i>Not applicable</i>
Nashville Korean Reformed	Joon Hoi Kim (Peter)	<i>Not applicable</i>

RETIRED PASTORS

Buddy Roberts	Charles Edgar	Bob Illman
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PASTORS (without call)

Daniel Song

STUDENTS & LICENTIATES

Sanguan (Timothy) Oh

NON-DELEGATE RULING ELDERS

Rusty Jacksland	Riverside Church
Charles Mangum, Stated Clerk	Hopewell Church

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from TN/AL Presbytery's Spring Meeting, held March 15, 2019 in Camden ARP Church, were previously distributed electronically by the Stated Clerk.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Moderator called for Presbyters to make up a Provisional Session for the Reformed Korean Presbyterian Church in Nashville, TN. The Provisional Session will consist of TE Buddy Roberts, RE Bernard Sanderson and RE Charles Mangum.

PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAM

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

M/S/C-To receive the program with two small corrections: Rusty Jacksland and Ron Derkson were incorrectly labeled as Teaching Elders but are Ruling Elders.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

The guests were presented to the court: Jan Sanderson, Kay Derksen, Joyce Edgar, Sally Illman, Dr. Leslie and Barbara Holmes, Mark Linker, Hone Phillips, Peter, Emily, and Nathan Mangum, Emmet, Kessedi, and Jon Hakim.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Rev. Jeff Townsley was forwarded to the Minister and His Work Committee.

The Clerk presented a request to be excused from this and future meeting from Curt Mitchell due to his and his wife's failing health.

Also presented was an email from the TN/AL Presbyterial regarding their upcoming retreat; this was forwarded to the Committee for Christian Education.

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.

TREASURERS REPORT

Rev. Roy Hulling (Treasurer) presented a financial report to the court and gave commentary on receipts and disbursements since the last meeting. (c.f. attached *TN/AL Presbytery Treasurer's Report: Fall Meeting, September 20, 2019*).

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

The Moderator asked the Stewardship Committee to have a Draft Operational Budget ready to be reviewed during Saturday's meeting.

Trustee Jim Patterson rose and gave a quick update on the "Cornerstone" investments that the Trustees are responsible for. As of July 19, the average daily balance was \$235,362.00, the current market value was \$243,422.00, the gain since last report was \$20,551.00.

M/S/C- That the Trustees give a report on the investments each meeting.

The Friday evening meeting recessed at 9:15 pm. Moderator Duke gave the benediction.

SATURDAY BUSINESS SESSION

With a quorum established, the meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 8:15 am. The Court resumed its business following a brief devotional given by Elder Rentschler from Hopewell Church.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Elder Jonathan Dunaway rose to give the report of the Christian Education Committee.

M/C- That the speaker for the Presbyterial's retreat, Kris Swiatocho, and funding of the retreat be approved.

The Committee encourages all member churches to promote the Family Bible Conference, July 27-31, 2020 at Bonklarken.

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

MINISTER AND HIS WORK

Rev. Bunch gave the committee report.

M/C- To postpone the decision regarding Mark Linker's request to rejoin the Presbytery as a Retired Pastor until the Spring 2020 meeting.

M/C- Rev. Wood continue as Stated Supply of Pressly Memorial.

M/C- To receive the resignation of, and dissolve the pastoral relationship between, Rev. Jeff Townsley and Lincoln Memorial ARPC, per his request, and change his status to Retired Pastor.

Bob Illman prayed for Pastor Townsley and Lincoln Memorial.

M/C- To move the examination of Timothy Oh to the floor of Presbytery, and if the way be clear that his examination be sustained and he be duly licensed by the Presbytery as a Licentiate.

Timothy was examined on the floor.

M/S/C- To table the examination until a proper motion could be crafted.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Elder David Rentschler rose to give the committee's report. The Committee recommended that the Presbytery memorialize Synod regarding churches that cannot afford the Synod's medical insurance policy. The final Memorial is as follows:

"We, the members of the Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery, appreciate the hard work the Benefits Committee of the ARP Synod as put into providing a comprehensive medical insurance policy for the individual members of Synod.

However, due to the size of some of our churches and financial restrictions, they are not always able to fund the premiums required for this type of medical insurance policy.

Therefore, it is requested that the Synod put out an email/letter and publicly state at the next Stated Synod meeting that congregations that cannot afford the synod's medical insurance policy look into getting medical coverage through other organizations such as: Samaritan Ministries, Medi-Share, Christian Healthcare and Liberty Health Share. The average monthly cost being \$600 - \$700".

The Committee submitted a Proposed Budget for 2020.

M/S/C- To agree upon and accept the Committee's proposed budget. (c.f. attached *Stewardship Committee 2020 Proposed Budget: Fall Meeting, September 20, 2019*)

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

MINISTER AND HIS WORK, continued

The Committee proposed to amend the initial motion.

M/S/C- That the examination of Timothy Oh be sustained as a Licentiate, conditioned with further study of the history and standards of the ARP, prior to a follow-up ordination exam.

The Moderator asked Timothy the Licentiate Vows and warned him of the hard work of the Gospel ministry and challenged and encouraged him. Pastor Bunch prayed for Timothy and his ministry. The right hand of fellowship was extended to Timothy by the whole Presbytery.

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

NOMINATIONS

Bernard Sanderson rose and gave a report from the Nominations Committee.

M/C- That Curt Mitchell be removed from all committee work per his request due to his and his wife's health.

M/C- That the following nominations and terms be made *en masse*.

Committee	Name	Term
Christian Education	TE Joon Hoi Kim	2024
	TE Soo Kim	2024
Nominations	RE Fred Hartin	2024
	RE Jim Patterson	2024
	TE Man Park	2022
Minister & His Work	RE David Rentschler	2024
	TE Daniel Song	2024
Outreach TN/AL	TE Keun Joon Ryu	2024
	RE Chuck Patrick	2023
	RE Charles Mangum	2022
Trustees	TE Buddy Roberts	2024

The Committee asked Dr. Edgar to update the Court on Fred Hartin's condition. RE Sanderson offered up prayer for Fred, his family and the work of the Presbytery.

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

OUTREACH TENNESSEE-ALABAMA

Rev. James Hakim rose to give the report of the Outreach Tennessee-Alabama Committee. Rev. Peter Kim spoke on the current status and needs of the Nashville Korean Presbyterian Church. Dr. Edgar spoke on the status and ministry of the Han Maum Mission. Pastor James also spoke of possible church plants and of a request of a plant in the McMinnville, TN area.

M/C- To pay \$1000.00 for the use of ONA's Mission Insight software; \$500 for 2018 and \$500 for 2019.

Dr. Edgar rose to speak on church revitalization.

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

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was given during dinner:

WHEREAS, the Pastor and members of the Hopewell 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 Congregation of the Hopewell 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 Hopewell 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 21, 2019.

The following Motions were made from the floor of Presbytery:

M/S/C-That Presbytery review, via an special committee, how the Presbytery operates in between the Stated Meetings and offer ways that the various Committees can function more fully outside of the Stated Meetings.

M/S/C- That the Provisional Session of the Nashville Korean Presbyterian Church serve for all new/future Korean churches or missions.

M/S/C- That the text of the Morning Devotions be included into the minutes.

The Moderator spoke of Riverside’s new location and asked for prayer.

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. Bob Illman.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles B. Mangum
Stated Clerk

Moderator:_____ Date Approved:_____
(printed name)

(signature)