## Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery Minutes of the *Ad Interim* Commission April 1, 2021

The Ad Interim Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met on April 1, 2021 by Zoom video conference call.

- 1. Elders present were Frank Smith (Moderator, Atlanta RPC), Richard Blankenship (Clerk, Second RPC, Indianapolis), John Cavanaugh (RPC of Southside Indianapolis), Andy DeRosa (Elkhart RPC) and Philip McCollum (Bloomington RPC).
- 2. Richard Blankenship constituted the Court in prayer in the name of and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 6:30 p.m.
- 3. It was moved and approved to appoint the following men as the Installation Commission for the installation of Rev. Joel Hart at Columbus RP Church on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 PM and to authorize the dissemination of the Installation Edict.

Appointed members of the Rev. Joel Hart Installation Commission

Pastor Richard Holdeman, Chairman

Pastor James Faris

Pastor David Hanson

Ruling Elder Mark Hart

Pastor Philip McCollum

Ruling Elder David Pulliam, Clerk

Dr. David Whitla

In the event any of the above men are unable to serve, appointed alternates, in this order are Jeffrey Jones, Dave Schisler and Ed Schisler.

4. Bill Roberts, Moderator of the Immanuel RP Session communicated to the *Ad Interim* Commission the following petition that was passed by the congregation on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021:

"The congregation of IRPC is concerned that, while a trial may or may not be necessary for the good of the RPCNA, it may hinder rather than help repentance, reconciliation and growth in our leaders, our congregation and our presbytery. Therefore, we humbly petition presbytery to delay the filing of charges or starting of any activity related to a trial and instead give time for repentance and its fruits to appear by the work of the Spirit in our hearts."

A motion to respectfully decline to grant the request was seconded but failed to pass on a 1 For / 4 Against roll call vote:

For

**Against** 

Frank Smith

Richard Blankenship John Cavanaugh Andy DeRosa Phillip McCollum It was moved and approved to return the petition to the petitioners for the petitioners to specify the time period of the requested delay.

It was moved, seconded and approved that the AIC confirm that the Immanuel Judicial Commission Report may be distributed to those from the Immanuel RPC who request a copy of the report.

This action was taken in response to Adam Kuehner's request for AIC's counsel in regard to requests from members of the Immanuel RP congregation to receive a copy of the Immanuel Judicial Commission Report.

- 6. It was so ordered that the following, in the order listed, be added to the order of succession for the replacement of any elder(s) who may resign or otherwise not be serving on the Immanuel RPC Session: Don Prichard, Jerry Porter, Rich Johnston, Dean Filson, Russ Pulliam and Steve Rhoda.
- 7. The minutes of the March 18th, 2021 meeting of the AIC were approved.
- 8. It was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn.

9. Frank Smith prayed for the Immanuel RPC and adjourned the Court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 7:52 PM.

Frank J. Smith, Moderator

F. Richard Blankenship III, Clerk