

Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery
Minutes of the *Ad Interim* Commission
May 6, 2021

The *Ad Interim* Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met on Thursday May 6, 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. Philip McCollum constituted the Court in prayer in the name of and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 6:57 p.m.
3. The minutes of the April 1, 2021 meeting of the AIC were approved by common consent.
4. It was moved, seconded and approved for the Clerk of Presbytery to distribute to the delegates list of Presbytery all correspondence received by the Presbytery unless the Clerk questions such a distribution, in which case the Clerk may refer the question of the distribution of the correspondence to the AIC or the Presbytery as a whole for approval or guidance.
5. It was moved, seconded and approved for the AIC to express its agreement with Frank Smith, Moderator of Presbytery, and Adam Kuehner, Clerk of Presbytery issuing to the Presbytery a call to prayer in substance as follows:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Prayer is always appropriate. But it appears to us that our Presbytery is perhaps in particular need for us together to come before the throne of grace, beseeching our Heavenly Father for His grace and mercy in time of need.

Therefore, we are encouraging all of you, especially in the period leading up to the meeting of Synod and also any meetings of Presbytery held this summer, to pray regularly, even daily, for our Presbytery, that the Lord would be pleased to give the sweetness of His blessing of unity in the bonds of peace as well as His abundant wisdom.

Fraternally yours,

Frank J. Smith, Ph.D., D.D., Moderator

Adam Kuehner, M.Div., Stated Clerk

6. It was moved, seconded and approved to authorize the AIC Moderator, Frank Smith, to appoint representatives to Synod for the purpose of representing the Presbytery in regard to complaints filed against the Presbytery with regard to the Immanuel RPC Judicial Commission. Later in the meeting, the AIC extended
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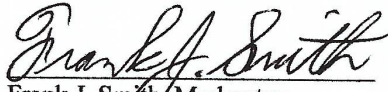
authorization to him to make any other necessary Presbytery representative appointments that arise between now and the next Presbytery meeting.

7. It was moved, seconded and approved that the requested stay on the work of the special prosecution requested in THE FARIS et.al. COMPLAINT v. GLGP re: IRPC (4/3/2021) be granted until action is taken by Presbytery. The vote on this action was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Richard Blankenship	John Cavanaugh
Andy DeRosa	Frank Smith
Philip McCollum	

It was deemed, that in light of the above action, the following communications which had been received were all addressed by this action and that no additional action was necessary.

- Petition from the IRPC congregation that the AIC delay the filing of charges and any trial related activity resulting from the Immanuel Judicial Commission Report until the Presbytery meeting at the time of the 2021 Synod.
 - Request from IRPC provisional elders Roberts, Mann, Hanson and DeJong that upon receipt of charges against any of the IRPC elders any proposed trial be delayed.
 - Request from Jeff Kessler (Lafayette RPC Ruling Elder) related to the above-mentioned Farris et.al. complaint against the Presbytery.
 - Communication from Petitioners Daniel and Bright bringing to the attention of the AIC points related to IRPC Judicial Commission Report.
 - Request from Jordan Kessler (communicant member of RPC of Lafayette) that the AIC reconsider the IRPC matter going to a trial.
8. It was confirmed that IRPC-Related complaints which had been received were forwarded to Synod by the GL-G Clerk of Presbytery.
9. Frank Smith, as Moderator of Presbytery, hereby called a special meeting of the GL-G Presbytery for the purpose of handling any and all motions in regard to the IRPC. The meeting is called for Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. or 2 hours after the adjournment of the 2021 Synod, whichever is later, and will be held at the Marion RPC, 1100 West Jeffras Avenue, Marion Indiana.
10. It was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn.
11. Andy DeRosa adjourned the Court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church at 8:06 p.m.


Frank J. Smith, Moderator


F. Richard Blankenship III, Clerk