

Minutes of the Tennessee Alabama Presbytery

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod
Adjourned Meeting at Bonclarcken Assembly
June 6, 2007 9:45 PM

The meeting was held in Draffin Hall No. 4, and was called to order by P.J. McClung at 9:45 PM.

The roll was constituted with a quorum present with the following present: C.W. Todd, C.F. Edgar, R.S. Illman, Stephen Jordan, C.W. Bradley, P.J. McClung, David Rentschler, Eugene Renegar, Tom Neve, Dick Whitmore, Jim Kidd, Fred Hartin, Roy Hulling, Steve Weber, and Roy Hulling.

Guests: Soo Y. Kim (Huntsville), John C. Kim, (Atlanta, First Presbytery), Keun J. Ryu (Second Presbytery), Jae N. Park (Second Presbytery).

Charles Edgar introduced John Kim to the court. Mr. Edgar has an established relationship with Mr. Kim. He arranged for Mr. Edgar to visit and to have preaching engagements in Korea and Japan.

Mr. Kim introduced Soo Yung Kim, Keun J. Ryu, and Jae N. Park. They were presented at the meeting in support of an anticipated discussion for the prospects of starting a Korean church in the Presbytery.

Motion: That the Minutes of the Spring Stated Meeting for 2008 be approved as emailed. Carried.

Motion: That the communication from Kerry Ptacek and the report by the clerk regarding Army Chaplain Gabe Cotton's assignment to the 1st Cavalry Division, be received as information. Carried. It was further noted that Chaplain Cotton will be deployed soon to Iraq. Prayer was offered for both men by C.W. Todd.

Charles Edgar asked the court to consider a proposal made previously by e-mail: that Presbytery support Su Yung Kim in the start an ethnic Korean church in Huntsville, AL. Mr. Edgar explained that Mr. Kim needs about \$1,500 per month in financial support and that the pledges from individuals and churches within Presbytery total approximately \$300. There is preliminary indication that ONA may support this work as well, although consideration by the board is several months away. He also said that he is searching for a suitable meeting place in Huntsville.

Messrs. Edgar and Illman reported that there are potential Korean fields opening in Montgomery, AL, in the vicinity of the Hyundai and Kia plants located there.

Motion: To give Mr. Kim the privilege of the floor. Carried.

Mr. Kim addressed the court about the vision for starting a Korean Church. He estimated that a church could be planted and reach the potential for organization in three years. He proposed partnering with Presbytery to start a church in Huntsville, using Soo Y. Kim as the church planter.

Motion: That Presbytery appoint Bob Illman, C.F. Edgar, Roy Hulling, and Tom Neve, to facilitate the start of a Korean church plant in Huntsville, with the understanding that the organization of the church and transfer of Mr. Kim's credentials will be done in an orderly manner. Carried.

Tom Neve and Stephen Jordan reported on the progress at Muscle Shoals. It was reported that all of the church finances are now under the session's control, including the certificates of deposit. Pastor Jordan reported that the church is receiving visitors and experiencing growth.

It was announced that the Fall Stated Meeting will convene at Hopewell on September 19th & 20th.

Bob Illman reported that the Connections mission received two new members by profession of faith last week.

Fred Hartin asked members to get their sessions to submit names to the Synod Nomination's Committee for consideration.

Motion to adjourn at 10:25 PM with prayer.

Attest:

Charles W. Bradley, Stated Clerk