South Texas Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America
One Hundred Fifty-ninth Stated Meeting
Redeemer Presbyterian Church
2111 Alexander Avenue, Austin, Texas 78722
August 8-9, 2025

#### **GATHERING**

Pursuant to the Book of Church Order for the Presbyterian Church in America and the Standing Rules of the South Texas Presbytery, presbyters from Presbyterian churches located in South Texas were called together by an announcement made and distributed on July 21, 2025 for a quarterly stated meeting to be held on August 8 and 9, 2025 at Redeemer Presbyterian Church at 2111 Alexander Avenue, Austin, Texas (78722).

Standing committees of the presbytery met prior to the convening of the meeting to conduct business.

Afterwards presbyters and guests shared a meal.

#### WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

The Moderator of the Presbytery RE Joshua Torrey welcomed presbyters and called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. on Friday, August 8. The meeting was opened by the moderator with a prayer of thanks.

## **DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Stated Clerk RE Barry McBee reported that he had reviewed the roll and determined that the Standing Rule requiring the presence of five teaching elders and five ruling elders elected by their sessions from at least three different churches was met and that a quorum was present.

#### WORSHIP

Music. Redeemer Interim Director of Music Destin Wernicke prepared the presbyters for worship with an organ prelude.

Welcome and Call to Worship. TE Eric Landry of Redeemer Austin welcomed the presbyters and guests and called all to worship.

**Confession**. TE Landry called the presbytery to confess through the reading of the Ten Commandments and pronounced the assurance of pardon.

Sermon. TE Chris Fisher preached a sermon from 2 Corinthians 2:12-17.

Installation of Teaching Elder Ian Hammond as Campus Minister for Reformed University Fellowship International at The University of Texas at Austin. Moderator Torrey stated briefly the previous proceedings of the presbytery and pointed out the nature and importance of the installation ordinance. RE Torrey propounded the constitutional questions to TE Hammond from Book of Church Order 21-9 and these were answered in the affirmative. TE Danny Morgan led in prayer. RE Torrey then declared that Rev. Ian Hammond has been regularly installed as Campus Minister for Reformed University Fellowship International at The University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin). TE Morgan delivered a charge from 2 Timothy 4:1-5 to TE Hammond.

Communion. TE Landry presided over the administration of the Lord's Supper.

Benediction. TE Hammond pronounced the benediction.

Recess. The presbytery recessed for the day at 8:10 p.m. Presbyters retired to an evening of fellowship and rest.

#### CALL TO ORDER

**Reconvening**. Moderator Torrey called the meeting back to order at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 9. Stated Clerk McBee re-affirmed the presence of a quorum for the meeting.

#### ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

Adoption of Docket. The proposed docket was distributed to the members on August 1, 2025 by email. A motion was made, seconded, and passed without objection to adopt the proposed docket.

Introduction of Guests. TEs noted the presence at the meeting of Jim Cassidy and Jeffrey Shirley from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC) as Fraternal Delegates as well as Todd Capen from the Northern California Presbytery.

#### PRELIMINARY REPORT OF MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE

Report on Disaster Relief Efforts. Acting Committee Chairman TE Derek McCollum introduced Mark Becker, the Mission to North America (MNA) Disaster Response Specialist for the South Central Region of the U.S., to share about MNA's disaster relief efforts in response to the flooding of the Texas Hill Country. Becker shared that churches and presbyters can help by developing volunteer teams to join in search efforts, as well as by contributing to MNA's fund for general relief. Becker encouraged the presbyters to be consistent in prayer for those who have lost loved ones, for those who have been displaced, for those who are suffering from the emotional toll of this tragedy, and for first responders. Becker also encouraged presbyters to pray for outlets for churches in the presbytery that desire to help and also for Camp Mystic as it weighs how best to move forward.

TE McCollum invited TE Billy Crain from Christ Church Kerrville to share how the presbyters can be praying for his congregation and for Kerrville. TE Crain thanked the presbyters for their consistent prayers. He also requested continued prayers for those in need, for those who are trying to return to normal life, and for how Christ Church Kerrville can love their neighbors and community.

**Season of Prayer.** TE McCollum invited the presbyters to gather in small groups to pray for the Hill Country. TE McCollum concluded the time by leading the presbyters in corporate prayer.

#### ORDER OF THE DAY

Moderator Torrey entertained a motion to move into executive session, with attendance limited to TEs, authorized REs representing churches, and presbytery officers. An amendment to the motion was made, seconded, and passed to include all the Ruling Elders of Christ Presbyterian Georgetown. The motion as amended was passed without objection.

At the conclusion of the executive session, the presbytery rose from executive session.

#### RECESS AND RECONVENING

Moderator Torrey recessed the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Moderator Torrey reconvened the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

## REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

Stated Clerk RE McBee opened his report with prayer.

Approval of Minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and passed without objection to approve the minutes of the April 2025 stated meeting and to permit the stated clerk to make corrections to perfect the final copy of the minutes.

Attendance. Requests for excused absences were received from the following active and retired teaching elders:

- TE Titus Bagby (RUFI commitment)
- TE Brent Baker (pastoral commitment)
- TE Craig Chapman (family commitment)
- TE Wade Coleman (family commitment)
- TE Josh Eby (family commitment)
- TE Jon Green (pastoral commitment)
- TE Paul Hahn (family commitment)
- TE Mike Haberkorn (mission trip)
- TE Keith Howard (illness)
- TE Italo Furieri (out of state)
- TE Bryan Lee (family commitment)
- TE Victor Martinez (illness)
- TE Eduardo Martorano (out of country)
- TE Chad Montgomery (out of state)
- TE Andrew "Tree" Triolo (family commitment)

A motion was made, seconded, and passed without objection to approve excused absences for these teaching elders.

Excused absences are also recognized for all active teaching elders who are on sabbatical, serving as missionaries or military chaplains, laboring out-of-bounds, living out-of-state, and honorably retired.

The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:

- TE Whit Anderson, Laboring Out of Bounds
- TE Matt Beham, Redeemer San Antonio
- TE Pablo Chavarria, Redeemer San Antonio
- TE Pedro Guzman, Stated Supply
- TE John Sweet, Grace + Peace Austin
- TE Ben Tharp, Trinity Grace San Antonio

The following churches were without representation from their sessions at the meeting without excuse:

Christ Kerrville
Christ San Antonio
Dios Con Nosotros Edinburg
Faith San Antonio
Grace McAllen
Grace + Peace Austin
Hope New Braunfels
Redeemer College Station
Trinity Boerne
Trinity Grace San Antonio

**Reports of Commissions.** Reports of commissions for the ordination and installation of the following and of other actions have been received and are attached to the minutes (Attachment A):

Commission to Install TE Dean Williams as Pastor at Christ Church Georgetown
Commission to Ordain and Install TE Ryan Dougan as Campus Minister for Reformed University
Fellowship at The University of Texas
Commission to Ordain and Install TE Brandon Flynn as Assistant Pastor at CrossPointe Austin
Commission to Ordain and Install TE Steve Hampton as Assistant Pastor at Westminster Bryan
Commission to Dissolve Pastoral Relationship Between TE Michael Novak and Trinity Grace
Presbyterian Church San Antonio and to Approve Call of TE Novak to Labor Out of Bounds with
Reformed University Fellowship

The stated clerk reminded conveners that reports should be submitted following services of installation or ordination and that a form for the reports is available from the stated clerk. In addition, Ministerial Obligations should be signed by teaching elders who are being ordained or installed and provided with the commission reports. Finally, TEs should please ensure they have provided contact information to the stated clerk, along with contact information for the REs in their sessions.

**Committee Reports.** Written reports from all committees that met before or at the meeting are found at Attachment B.

Treasurer's Report. RE McBee summarized the Treasurer's Report from RE Ken Kieley for the period ended June 30, 2025, noting an amendment was made by the Administrative Committee at its meeting on August 8 to add an expenditure of \$5,000 to support the work of the Study Committee on Christian Nationalism, with the expenditure to be funded by a contribution from Christ New Braunfels and an individual RE from the presbytery. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to receive the Treasurer's report (Attachment C).

RE McBee closed his report with prayer.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

# **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:**

TE Michael Novak opened his report in prayer.

TE Novak shared that the committee had voted to accept a gift to the presbytery of bitcoin equivalent to \$5,000 from Crosspoint Presbyterian Church in Park City, Utah, with the condition that the presbytery not sell the bitcoin, other than in the case of an emergency where the funds are needed, for four years.

TE Novak closed his report in prayer.

#### SESSIONAL RECORDS:

Committee Chairman TE Bailey reported that the committee recommends the following Sessional Minutes for 2024 be approved as submitted:

Christ Presbyterian Church, Victoria CrossPointe Church, Austin Faith Presbyterian Church, San Antonio Christ Presbyterian Church, Georgetown Christ the King Presbyterian Church, Austin Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Austin Southside Community Church, Corpus Christi Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bryan

The committee recommends the following Sessional Minutes for 2024 be approved with notations not requiring a response to presbytery:

All Saints Presbyterian Church, Austin Christ Church, Kerrville Christ Church, San Antonio Christ Church, New Braunfels Grace Presbyterian Church, McAllen Hope Presbyterian Church, New Braunfels Redeemer Presbyterian Church, San Antonio Trinity Grace Presbyterian Church, San Antonio Trinity Presbyterian Church, Boerne

The committee recommends the following Sessional Minutes for 2024 be approved with exceptions requiring a response to presbytery:

None

The committee has not received Sessional Minutes for 2024 from the following:

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Harlingen Dios Con Nosotros, Edinburg Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Austin Grace + Peace Presbyterian Church, Austin Iglesia La Vid, Laredo

The report of the Sessional Records Committee was received by the presbytery and TE Bailey closed his report with prayer.

#### CAMPUS MINISTRIES:

Committee Chairman TE Billy Crain opened his report with prayer.

TE Crain shared that the committee had the chance to hear from Grant and Anne Michael Carter with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Texas A&M University, Molly Basse with RUF International at UT Austin, and the entire RUF staff at UT Austin. TE Crain encouraged presbyters to reach out to RUF campus ministers as they know of students from their or other churches attending these campuses in the fall.

TE Crain reminded presbyters to be in prayer as the presbytery continues to explore the feasibility of beginning a RUF ministry at Texas State University in San Marcos. TE Crain explained that a five-year commitment to cover at least 40% of the budget for five years would be required, which comes out to \$70,000. He exhorted the presbyters to pray for this work and for its feasibility, finances, and future campus minister. TE Crain also shared plans to begin this work through opening a new financial account for RUF at Texas State, which will require initial funding of \$5,000 by September 1, 2025. He encouraged presbyters to include this effort at Texas State in their church's 2026 budgets, but not at the expense of other RUF ministries.

Groups of presbyters joined in a season of prayer for the individual campus ministers who were present.

The report of the Campus Ministries Committee was received by the presbytery and TE Crain closed his report with prayer.

## MISSION TO THE WORLD:

Committee Chairman TE Matt Southerland opened his report with prayer.

TE Southerland reported that the committee heard updates on the ministries supported by the presbytery.

TE Southerland invited Ryan and Katie P. to share about their work in Central Asia where they serve with Mission to the World (MTW). They shared that the team in their current city is growing and working to grow slowly but surely in learning the local language and integrating into the local community. Katie has been able to get her local medical license and help with the greater expatriate community, helping with education in the community as a whole. Ryan has been working to start a local small business, using it as a platform for greater sharing of the gospel. While they are in a primarily Muslim context and there is freedom to gather and even convert, Ryan shared that there are social and cultural factors that make this challenging. Ryan encouraged presbyters to be in prayer for incremental growth and growing developmental roles in cultivating church leaders and for a connection to the International Presbyterian Church and a side project to work with RUF campus ministers to develop an internship program to engage college students in cross-cultural ministry. Ryan shared about a nontraditional support-raising effort with a young woman from Isaiah 55 Ministries in Mexico, who is planning to come to Central Asia to reach Muslims and partner with a local business and he encouraged presbyters to consider supporting her. TE Southerland prayed for Ryan and Katie.

TE Southerland invited TE Elias "Gama" Pozos to share about his work with MTW along the U.S.-Mexico border. TE Pozos reminded the presbyters that churches along the border are struggling and requested continued prayer for healing and growth for the church in this part of the world. TE Pozos also encouraged the presbyters to consider financially supporting MTW's work along the border, especially as they hope to be completely funded by year end. TE Rob Bailey prayed for TE Pozos.

TE Southerland invited Becky Young to share about her work with CPI's Women's Conference in Monterrey, Mexico. Becky shared that they will be walking through discipleship materials but that they are in need of \$1,200 in funds to help with travel and housing costs. TE McCollum prayed for the Youngs and their upcoming women's conference.

TE Southerland encouraged presbyters to consider including a consistent contribution in their church's budget to support women's ministry and theological education in contexts where women may not otherwise have the means to access theological resources and attend ministry-equipping events. TE Southerland encouraged presbyters to examine the MTW website to see how they can partner with missionaries in this way.

The report of the Mission to the World Committee was received by the presbytery and TE Southerland closed his report with prayer.

### MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA:

TE Derek McCollum delivered the report on behalf of Committee Chairman TE Paul Hahn. TE McCollum opened his report with prayer.

**Executive Director of Reach South Texas.** TE McCollum shared about the call of TE Luke Evans as the new Executive Director for Reach South Texas. Mission to North America (MNA) and Reach South Texas have been contemplating how they might better coordinate efforts to plant churches in the presbytery and they consider the hiring of an executive director as the glue to help make this happen. TE Evans was mutually seen as the ideal candidate to fill this position.

The report of the Mission to North America Committee was received by the presbytery and TE McCollum closed his report with prayer.

## MINISTERIAL RELATIONS:

Committee Chairman TE Allen Taha opened his report with prayer.

Report on Covenant Theological Seminary. TE Taha invited TE Tom Gibbs to share about his labor out-of-bounds as president of Covenant Theological Seminary. TE Gibbs shared about Covenant's strategic plan to bring in more young men aspiring to become pastors and the encouraging growth the school has had in enrollment. He also reported on the successful ten-year re-accreditation by the Association of Theological Schools and that Covenant now has 13 different graduate certificates, including a certificate on leading Bible Studies that TE Gibbs recommended to equip women in the presbytery's churches. TE Taha prayed for TE Gibbs and Covenant Seminary

Change of Call of TE Luke Evans. The committee met with TE Luke Evans, who has been selected as the new Executive Director for Reach South Texas and TE Tim Frickenschmidt, a board member of Reach South Texas. The committee reviewed TE Evans's call and found it in order and confirmed that it is acceptable to him. The committee confirmed that TE Evans will be engaged in preaching and teaching the Word and is assured he will have full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of the Presbyterian Church in America and that he will report at least annually on his work, in conformity with BCO 8-7. In addition, the committee confirmed that the new call to TE Evans will afford him the liberty to proclaim and practice fully and freely the whole counsel of God, as contained in the Scriptures and understood in the Westminster Confession of Faith (BCO 20-1). Seeing that the conditions of BCO 8-7 and 20-1 have been met, a motion coming from the committee was made and passed that TE Luke Evans be moved from without call to out of bounds as Executive Director of Reach South Texas.

Change of Call of TE Avery Kelly. The committee reviewed the change in call for TE Avery Kelly from assistant pastor at Grace + Peace Austin to associate pastor. The congregational minutes of the June 1, 2025 congregational meeting were reviewed where the vote to change TE Kelly's call was approved. The committee reviewed TE Kelly's call and found it in order, detailing financial remuneration, insurance, and vacation and study leave provisions and confirmed the call is acceptable to him. A motion coming from the committee was made and passed that TE Avery Kelly's call at Grace + Peace Presbyterian Church in Austin be changed from assistant pastor to associate pastor.

The moderator appointed the following commission for the installation of TE Avery Kelly as the Associate Pastor of Grace + Peace on August 31, 2025:

TE John Sweet, Convener, Grace + Peace TE Ryan Dougan, RUF at UT Austin RE Andrew Waller, Redeemer Austin RE Jon Kim, Grace + Peace

Report on TE and Wives Retreat. TE Taha invited TE Danny Morgan to give an update and share information related to the TE and wives retreat taking place in San Antonio on October 7-8. Accommodations will be at the Hotel Indigo and Redeemer San Antonio has graciously offered to host the meetings and provide childcare. TE Josh Hahne, senior pastor of Redeemer Orange County, is the proposed speaker. Information for how to sign up will be distributed to TEs soon.

**Report on Satisfaction with Ministry Survey.** TE Taha reviewed the results of the five question Satisfaction with Ministry survey that was distributed at the April presbytery meeting. The results of 35 surveys were tabulated, noting that attendance at the April meeting showed 42 TEs present. The results were encouraging, showing a result of 29.34, at the upper end of the satisfied category.

Report on Churches Without Pastors. TE Allen Taha gave an update on churches that are without a pastor at this time: Christ the King Austin, Trinity Grace San Antonio, Christ Church San Antonio, and Covenant Harlingen, as well as the special issues due to a change in immigration policy related to TE Eduardo Martorano and Iglesia La Vid Laredo.

The report of the Ministerial Relations Committee was received by the presbytery and TE Taha closed his report with prayer.

## CANDIDATES:

RE Andrew Waller delivered the report of the Candidates Committee on behalf of Chairman TE Ben Hailey and opened his report with prayer.

RE Waller reported that the committee is continuing to work on developing an intern handbook and consistent documentation for interns, with the intent to bring forward a draft document at the next meeting of the presbytery.

Reports of interns have been submitted to the stated clerk by internship mentors. (Attachment D)

# Examination of Thomas Fitch on Christian Call and Experience

RE Waller invited Thomas Fitch to give a description of his Christian experience and motives for and sense of inward call to the ministry of the Word.

A motion coming from the committee was made and passed to approve the examination of Fitch.

RE Waller reported that the committee sustained Fitch's character examination.

Moderator Torrey asked Fitch the questions from BCO 18-3, which he answered in the affirmative.

RE John Fitch gave Fitch a brief charge from Ephesians 2:4, 1 Kings 3:7-9, Philippians 4:11, and 1 Peter 5:7-8 and prayed for him.

The committee having received the endorsement of All Saints Austin as to Fitch's membership for at least six months and testimonials commending his candidacy, a motion coming from the committee was made and passed to receive Thomas Fitch as a candidate for the gospel ministry under the care of the South Texas Presbytery.

Therefore, at Austin, Texas, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025, the South Texas Presbytery, having received testimonials commending Thomas Fitch and having received him as a candidate for the ministry, have added his name to the roll of the presbytery.

## Examination of Grant Carter on Christian Call and Experience

RE Waller invited Grant Carter to give a description of his Christian experience and motives for and sense of inward call to the ministry of the Word.

A motion coming from the committee was made and passed to approve the examination of Carter.

RE Waller reported that the committee sustained Carter's character examination.

Moderator Torrey asked Carter the questions from Book of Church Order 18-3, which he answered in the affirmative.

Moderator Torrey declared Carter an intern under Book of Church Order 19-10.

The committee having received the endorsement of First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, Mississippi as to Carter's membership for at least six months and its testimonials commending his candidacy, a motion coming from the committee was made and passed to receive Grant Carter as a candidate for the gospel ministry under the care of the South Texas Presbytery and for his name to be added to the roll of the presbytery, receiving and acknowledging Carter's internship with RUF at Texas A&M University, with TE Wade Coleman being assigned as his mentor.

TE Holt West gave Carter a brief charge from Numbers 20:2-12 and prayed for him.

Therefore, at Austin, Texas, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025, the South Texas Presbytery, having received testimonials commending Grant Carter and having received him as a candidate for the ministry, have placed him under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for holy ministry.

The report of the Candidates Committee was received by the presbytery and RE Waller closed his report with prayer.

## CREDENTIALS:

TE Kevin Witten delivered the report of the Credentials Committee in place of Committee Chairman TE Matt Beham and opened his report with prayer.

# Examinations of Grant Carter on English Bible, Book of Church Order, and Theology

TE Witten introduced Grant Carter as a candidate for licensure in order to serve as RUF Campus Associate at Texas A&M University in College Station.

TE Witten reported that the committee received and heard a sermon from Carter.

TE Michael Novak asked questions of Carter on the English Bible. Carter answered questions from the floor. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to arrest the examination.

A motion coming from the committee was made and passed to sustain Carter's examination on the English Bible.

RE Alan Tysinger asked questions of Carter on the Book of Church Order. A motion coming from the committee was made and passed to sustain Carter's examination on the Book of Church Order.

TE Greg Ward asked questions of Carter on theology. A motion coming from the committee was made and passed to sustain Carter's examination on theology.

Recording Clerk TE Holt West read Carter's stated exceptions in his own words to Westminster Confession of Faith 1.8 and 21.8 and Westminster Larger Catechism 109:

WCF 1.8 - Confession should include Aramaic as one of the languages for the Old Testament. Parts of Daniel, Ezra, and Nehemiah are all written in Aramaic.

WCF 21.8 - The Sabbath is a day of holy rest, patterned after the week of creation where God made the world in six days and rested on the seventh (Ex 20:8-11). Therefore, a Christian should "observe a holy rest...from their own works, words, and thoughts concerning their everyday occupations." The divines also include that Christians should rest from all 'recreations.' While I believe that some recreations constitute a breaking of the Sabbath (travel-ball sports), other recreations (going on a walk with my wife; throwing a ball in the backyard with one of my kids) do not constitute a breaking of the Sabbath.

WLC 109 - I agree that we are only to worship God in the ways that he has instituted (Lev 10:1-2). Therefore, images for worship are strictly forbidden and constitute a breaking of the second commandment (Ex 20:4-6). Additionally, depicting God as any creature whatsoever for a piece of artwork is prohibited (Deut 4:15-16; Acts 17:29). However, I believe that depicting the second person of the Trinity in his humanity for pedagogical or artistic purposes, or imagining him in one's mind as a man, is permissible.

A motion coming from the committee was made and passed to judge and accept Carter's stated difference to WCF 1.8 as merely semantic.

A motion coming from the committee was made and passed to judge and accept Carter's stated differences to WCF 21.8 and WLC 109 as more than semantic but not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine.

A motion coming from the committee was made and passed to license Grant Carter for the purpose of regularly providing the preaching of the Word, in accordance with Book of Church Order Chapter 19.

All requirements of the Book of Church Order having been met, Moderator Torrey asked Carter the questions from Book of Church Order 19-3, which Carter answered in the affirmative. The moderator pronounced the licensure of Carter with the language of Book of Church Order 19-4 and prayed for Carter.

Therefore, at Austin, Texas, the 9th day of August, 2025, the South Texas Presbytery, having received testimonials commending Grant Carter, proceeded to submit to him the prescribed examination for licensure, which was met to the approval of the presbytery. Having satisfactorily answered the questions for licensure, Grant Carter was licensed by the presbytery to preach the Gospel within the bounds of this presbytery.

The completed report of the Credentials Committee was received by the presbytery and TE Witten closed his report with prayer.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

TE Jon Herr brought a personal motion to appoint a delegation consisting of TE Jon Herr, TE Nick Bullock and RE Larry Laine to attend the Presbytery of the South West's (OPC) meeting on September 19-20 in Austin and provide a greeting from the presbytery and support for their labor in the gospel as a fellow denomination within the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council (NAPARC). The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

Stated Clerk McBee reminded the presbyters of the upcoming 160th stated meeting of the presbytery at Redeemer San Antonio on October 24-25, 2025.

Other announced upcoming presbytery meetings are:

January 30-31, 2026	Southside Community Corpus Christi	South
April 24-25, 2026	Christ New Braunfels	Central
August 14-15, 2026	Redeemer Austin	North
October 23-24, 2026	Christ Kerrville	Central
January 29-30, 2027	Grace + Peace Austin	North

# **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn. The one hundred fifty-ninth stated meeting of the South Texas Presbytery adjourned at 11:28 a.m. on Saturday, August 9, 2025 with a benediction from Moderator RE Joshua Torrey and singing the *Doxology*.

Respectfully Submitted,

RE Barry R. McBee Stated Clerk