

MINUTES of the CANDIDATES & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
to the SUNCOAST FLORIDA PRESBYTERY
on April 28, 2022
via Zoom Conference

The meeting was opened with prayer by TE Dann Cecil at 7:10 p.m. The committee was meeting as a Commission to examine TE Greg Blosser for transfer from Columbus Metro Presbytery to Assistant Pastor of Covenant Church of Naples for church planting.

- A. Examine TE Greg Blosser pm Christian experience, and also touching on his views in theology, the sacraments, and church government.
1. **MSC** to approve TE Greg Blosser's testimony of his faith in Christ and of his call to ministry.
 2. **MSC** to approve the exam of TE Greg Blosser with regard to his views in theology, sacraments, and church government.
 3. **MSC** to approve TE Greg Blosser's exam in its entirety
 4. **MSC** to approve TE Greg Blosser's stated differences to the Westminster Standards as more than semantic but not striking at the vitals of our system of doctrine.

1. Westminster Confession 4.1. "six days". I affirm the full historicity of the biblical creation account. With respect to my particular view, I find that I lean towards the "Analogical Work Days" view which understands the days of creation in Genesis 1 to be God's work days "which are analogous and not necessarily identical, to our work days, structured for the purpose of setting a pattern for our own. The six days represent periods of God's historical supernatural activity in preparing and populating the earth as a place for humans to live, love, work, and worship." This view is one of the four views presented by the PCA's Creation Study Committee Report (1999) and is recommended by the report as "acceptable as long as the full historicity of the creation account is accepted".

2. Westminster Confession 24.3. I affirm that believers are to marry only in the Lord. The confession prohibits those who profess the true religion from marrying "papists". While I have never officiated a marriage between a reformed believer and a Roman Catholic, and while I might counsel such a couple against marriage, it is my belief that in some cases a Roman Catholic Christian may be a truly regenerate believer and as such the marriage would not be unlawful.

3. Larger Catechism 109. "the making any representation of God, of all or of any of the three persons, either inwardly in our mind, or outwardly in any kind of image or likeness of any creature whatsoever". I affirm shorter catechism 51 when it says scripture forbids "the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his word". With respect to LC 109, my best understanding would allow for the making of images inwardly in our minds, particularly in instances where scripture gives visual descriptions of God (Luke 3:22, Revelation

1:12-15). Additionally, I believe it is acceptable to use images of God for pedagogical purposes.

4. Larger Catechism 119 and Shorter Catechism 60. Both prohibit recreation on the Sabbath. My best understanding is that recreation is permissible on the Sabbath, particularly that which is restorative in nature.

5. **MSC** to approve the call from Covenant Naples to TE Greg Blosser (**Attached**)

6. **MSC** to approve the installation commission of .TE Trent Casto, TE Brent Whitefield, RE Mark Barineau, and RE Skip Schoenhals.

7. **MSC** to approve TE Greg Blosser's reception into the Suncoast Florida Presbytery pending his dismissal from the Columbus Metro Presbytery.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by RE Frank Simms at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David L. Stewart".

David Stewart
Stated Clerk

PASTORAL TERMS OF CALL

Subject to the approval of the Suncoast _____ Presbytery, the Session _____ (Session, or Congregation, or Session on behalf of the congregation) of Covenant _____ Church in Naples, FL earnestly calls you, Greg Blosser to undertake the office of Assistant Pastor in our congregation, promising you, in the discharge of your duty, all proper support, encouragement and obedience in the Lord. That you may be free from worldly care and avocations, we hereby promise and oblige ourselves to provide you with the following:

Annual Cash Salary & Housing Allowance paid monthly (semi-monthly, etc.) \$110,000 _____
 The amount/portion dedicated to housing allowance will be determined by the Minister and approved by the Session before employment with the church in this new position and shall be reviewed prior to each fiscal year.

Primary Benefits

Social Security/Medicare Allowance: <u>7.65</u> % of salary+ housing	\$8,415 _____
Medical Insurance &/or Medicare Supplement Insurance (specific \$ amount)	\$20,710 _____
Retirement Savings: % of salary+ housing	\$11,000 _____
Long Term Disability Insurance: enough to replace % of salary+ housing	_____
Life Insurance: amount equal to _____ x (salary+ housing)	\$25,000 _____
Equity Allowance if Minister living in a manse	\$0 _____
Other <u>cell phone allowance</u>	\$1,500 _____

Secondary Benefits

Dental Insurance	\$1,200 _____
Vision Insurance	\$ 0 _____
Long Term Care Insurance	\$0 _____

Temporary Benefits

Relocation expenses reimbursed up to a maximum of:	\$40,000 _____
Other _____	\$0 _____

Miscellaneous Paid Leaves per year. (Any specific church policies are described in a separate document).

Vacation	28 days	Sick Leave	5 days
Education Leave	_____ days	Paternity Leave	5 days
Sabbatical Leave accrual	12 days	Funeral Leave	3 days

Any reimbursement of reasonable and necessary business expenses shall be in accord with a Session-adopted Accountable Reimbursement Plan, with a maximum amount specified in the annual church budget.

I, having moderated the Session meeting which extended a call to Greg Blosser for his ministerial services, do certify the call has been made in all respects according to the rules in the PCA *Book of Church Order* and the persons who signed the call were authorized to do so by vote of the Session.

<p>Meeting Moderator (sign) /s/ Trent Casto Position <u>Senior Pastor</u> Date of Meeting <u>3/3/22</u> Minister-Elect (sign) _____</p>	<p>Print Name <u>Trent Casto</u> Phone or e-mail <u>trent.casto@covenantnaples.com</u> Vote: # Yes=11 # No= 0 Print Name _____</p>
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