

Recommended Docket for the First Stated Meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery

To be held: 9:00 a.m., January 23, 2016 at Redeemer PCA, Charleston, SC

Establishing a New Culture for the Lowcountry: We will seek to use the Omnibus motion to streamline and shorten our time dealing with normal administrative items. Committees are STRONGLY encouraged to place non-controversial items within the Omnibus motion to streamline presbytery operation.

Please remember to bring your Sessional Minutes for Review!

Recommended Docket submitted by the Administration Committee:

That the following docket be approved for the First Stated Meeting of the Palmetto Presbytery scheduled for January 23, 2016 at Redeemer PCA, Charleston, SC:

- 9:00 Worship with Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Call to Order & Opening Business
 1. Welcome
 2. Roll Call (by registration sign in sheets)
 3. Clerk's declaration of quorum
 4. Adoption of docket
 5. Introduction of Special Guests & First Time Commissioners
 6. Presentation of Memorials
- 10:30 Ministry Equipping Time
- 11:30 Prayer Time – led by Shepherding & Church Vitality Committee
- 12:00 Order of the Day – Lunch
- 1:00 Business & Reports
 - Omnibus motion
 - Administration Committee
 - Approval of Standing Rules
 - Report of Stated Clerk
 - Report of the Treasurer
 - Presentation & Approval of Budget
 - Motion to approve Trustees
 - Campus Ministries Committee
 - Church Planting & Outreach Committee
 - Judicial Committee – no report
 - Leadership Development Committee
 - Shepherding & Church Vitality Committee
 - New Business
 - Personal Resolution from TE JP Sibley – see ***Overture on Confessing Generational Sins***
 - Additional Business if needed & Adjournment targeted before 2:30

Administration Committee

TE Mark Turner, Chairman, Oakbrook PCA, Summerville [mturner@oakbrookpca.org]

Important Information:

- The mailing address for Lowcountry Presbytery is P.O. Box 31775, Charleston, SC 29417-1775. The website address is www.lowcountrypresbytery.org
- Stated Clerk: TE Chris Bennett statedclerk@lowcountrypresbytery.org 843-202-0655
- Treasurer: TE Chris Bennett statedclerk@lowcountrypresbytery.org 843-202-0655
- Recording Clerk: TE Mark Turner recordingclerk@lowcountrypresbytery.org 843-224-9337
- Moderator: RE David Walters, Jr. dwaltersjr@jonesford.com 843-296-8298
- Health Insurance is cooperatively provided among the 3 multiplied Presbyteries through the *Stewart and Monroe Health Insurance Agency*.
- You are reminded that if each local church will give to the Lowcountry Presbytery in 2016 the expected amount of at least 1% of its Tithes and Offerings then we should be able to meet our 2016 budget. This is especially important that each church participate financially so we can continue to support our Campus Ministers and Plant churches!

1. Approval of Standing Rules. (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY & email desired changes to recordingclerk@lowcountrypresbytery.org).

Motion to approve the Lowcountry Presbytery Standing Rules as presented (with modifications).

2. **Report of Stated Clerk**

- GA Permanent Committee Nominations –motion for John Mark Patrick
- Motion that we grant the moderator the authority to appoint any candidates who comes forward to serve on the Committees of the General Assembly on behalf of the presbytery.
- Announce the need for Presbyters to serve on the GA Committee of Commissioners
Motion that the Lowcountry Presbytery Administration Committee be authorized to fill the Lowcountry Presbytery 2016 General Assembly Committees of Commissioners positions from those Presbyters who will be attending the 44th meeting of the General Assembly being held in Mobile, AL, June 20-24, 2016. If you will be attending and are interested in serving on a Committee of Commissioners this year, please contact TE Chris Bennett statedclerk@lowcountrypresbytery.org.

3. **Report of the Treasurer**

- Presentation & Approval of Budget

Low country Presbytery PCA Proposed 2016 Budget

EXPENSES

Committee	2016 Budget
Administration	\$4,640
Shepherding & Church Vitality	\$200
Church Planting & Outreach	\$9,940
Campus Ministries	\$15,010
Leadership Development	\$0
Judicial	\$0
Total	\$29,790

INCOME

Annual tithes 2014	\$3,899,634
1% Askings	\$38,996
Forecasted church contributions*	\$29,792

* Based on 2015 pattern of Lowcountry Presbytery church contributions to Palmetto Presbytery.

- Motion to approve the following Committees and Trustees: [Note that we are still in need of members on some of these committees. We are asking that committee chairmen suggest nominees & suggest classes (3 yr) for every person on their committees: 2017; 2018; 2019 – See Standing Rules 4.2].
 - **Administration (4):** TE Mark Turner[2017], Chairman; TE Chris Bennett [2018] RE Matt King[2019]; RE David Walters, Jr.[2019]
 - **Shepherding & Church Vitality (8):** TE Ron Steel[201x], Chairman; RE Tony Paladino[201x]; RE Dan Wall[201x]; RE David Walters, Sr. [201x]; TE John Mark Patrick[201x]; TE JP Sibley[201x]; TE Michael Walters[201x]
 - **Church Planting & Outreach (6):** TE Craig Bailey, Chairman[201x]; TE Phil Stogner[201x]; RE Ron Hemingway[201x]; RE Curt Brewer[201x]
 - **Campus Ministries(4):** TE Sam Joyner[201x], Chairman; RE Mike Slay[201x]
 - **Leadership Development (9):** TE Sean Sawyers[201x], Chairman; TE Andrew Shank[201x]; TE Tim Pitzer[201x]; TE Alex Mark[201x]; TE Ross Hodges[201x]; TE Howard Cole[201x]; RE Dean Ezell[201x]; RE Terry Clark[201x]
 - **Judicial:** TE David Donovan[201x], Chairman; RE Barry Brinson[201x]; TE Bill McCutchen;
 - **Trustees (4):** RE Jim Rowland[2018]; RE Matt King[2019]; RE David Walters, Jr.[2017]; RE David Walters, Sr.[2019]
- Motion for Check signers
Motion that RE David Walters, Sr.; RE David Walters, Jr.; and RE Matthew King be authorized as check signers for the Lowcountry Presbytery bank account currently at South State Bank.

Church Planting and Outreach Committee

TE Craig Bailey, Chairman, Redeemer PCA, Charleston [craig@redeemer-charleston.org].
No report – may be very brief verbal update.

Campus Ministries Committee

TE Sam Joyner, Chairman, Grace Coastal PCA, Okatie [sam@gracecoastalchurch.com].

Report:

Presbyters are reminded of the agreed upon RUF plan for our Presbytery as we have now multiplied:

2015 budget	USC	\$38,000
	College of Charleston	\$38,000
	<u>The Citadel</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
	Total	\$79,000

Palmetto Presbytery has had a long history of supporting campus ministry and seeing much fruitful work done at USC, College of Charleston, and The Citadel. The challenge before us as we get closer to multiplying into three Presbyteries is how to continue to fully support each campus ministry. Normally, each Presbytery takes the lion’s share of financial responsibility for the campus ministry which is within its bounds. But we have a unique situation in that our weakest financial Presbytery, Lowcountry, has two schools within its boundaries. Our strongest financial Presbytery, Columbia, has one. And one Presbytery, Coastal, has none.

If we follow the normal procedure and let each Presbytery only support the campus within its bounds, USC will do well. The Citadel will suffer but most likely continue. College of Charleston will suffer greatly and possibly go under.

Thus, we believe that there must be some giving across Presbytery lines. If we follow the 1% asking guidelines, a plan for giving across Presbytery lines could solve our problem. Such a plan is summarized below.

If each church gives 1% of its budget to its Presbytery we would have approximately the following amounts (based on 2014 figures).

	1% askings	%
Columbia	\$94,760	58
Coastal Carolina	\$38,144	23
<u>Lowcountry</u>	<u>\$30,485</u>	<u>19</u>
Total	\$163,389	100

If we ask each Presbytery to give the above percentages to support the total campus ministry budget it would look like this.

Columbia	\$79,000 X 58%= \$45,820
Coastal Carolina	\$79,000 X 23%= \$18,170
<u>Lowcountry</u>	<u>\$79,000 X 19%= \$15,010</u>
Total	\$79,000

If we receive those amounts they could be divided up as follows

Columbia pays	58% of USC	\$22,040
	58% of College of Charleston	\$22,040
	58% of The Citadel	\$1,740
		\$45,820
Coastal pays	23% of USC	\$8,740
	23% of College of Charleston	\$8,740
	23% of The Citadel	\$690
		\$18,170
Lowcountry pays	19% of USC	\$7,220
	19% of College of Charleston	\$7,220
	19% of The Citadel	\$570
		\$15,010
Total		\$79,000

If we all do our part, this plan will work nicely. However, it is understood that some churches may not be able to give their full share for one reason or another. So we encourage your church to consider giving slightly above its share.

Judicial Committee

TE David Donovan, Chairman, Church Creek PCA, Charleston [pastordavid@church-creek.org].
No Report.

Leadership Development Committee

TE Sean Sawyers, Chairman, Trinity PCA, Orangeburg [pastorsawyers@gmail.com].
No Report.

They will normally provide Bios & Summary Reports from exams of Candidates by Committee: (Licensure; Ordination; Transfer of Ordination). A calendar of upcoming examination dates and list of candidates will be provided in the future.

Shepherding and Church Vitality

TE Ron Steel, Chairman, Eastbridge PCA, Mt. Pleasant [ron.steel48@gmail.com].
No Report.

As time permits, this Committee will lead the Presbytery in asking for ministry reports and prayer as appropriate.

Omnibus Motion

Omnibus Motions are collected and moved by the Stated Clerk to expedite routine business that usually does not require discussion and debate. All of these items will be included in one omnibus motion for a SINGLE vote **unless** there is a request to lift one or more for separate action during the meeting. If you have questions or would like further information about any item in the Omnibus Motion, please request that item be lifted out for special consideration.

The Omnibus Motion for First Stated Meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery:

1. Motion to form a Committee as a whole to review the Session minutes of the churches.
Be prepared to have one of your commissioners' review the minutes of another church during the Presbytery meeting. Get a set of minutes from another church and use minutes review checklist to review the minutes.
2. Motion to elect: (these were pre-approved at our formation meeting on Oct 22, 2015)
RE David Walters, Jr. as the Moderator
TE Ron Steel as the Vice-Moderator
TE Chris Bennett as the Stated Clerk
TE Chris Bennett as the Treasurer
TE Mark Turner as Recording Clerk
TE Mark Turner as Webmaster
TE Ross Hodges as Parliamentarian
3. Motion to approve the following dates and locations for stated meetings of the Lowcountry Presbytery (these were pre-approved at our formation meeting on Oct 22, 2015):
#1: Saturday, January 23, 2016 @ Redeemer PCA, Charleston
#2: Tuesday, April 26, 2016 @Trinity PCA, Orangeburg;
#3: Saturday, July 23 @ Oakbrook PCA, Summerville;
#4: Thursday, November 3 @ Grace PCA, Okatie;
#5: Saturday, January 28, 2017 @ Metro North PCA, Goose Creek.