

Recommended Docket for the Second Stated Meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery

To be held: 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at Trinity PCA, Orangeburg, SC

Recommended Docket submitted by the Administration Committee:

That the following docket be approved for the Second Stated Meeting of the Palmetto Presbytery scheduled for April 26, 2016 at Trinity PCA, Orangeburg, 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
Dr. Doug Kelly, RTS Charlotte
- 11:30 Prayer Time – led by Shepherding & Church Vitality Committee
- 12:00 Order of the Day – Lunch
- 1:00 Business & Reports
 - Approval of Presbytery minutes for January 23, 2016
 - Omnibus motion
 - Administration Committee
 - Report of Stated Clerk
 - Report of the Treasurer
 - Campus Ministries Committee
 - Church Planting & Outreach Committee
 - Judicial Committee – no report
 - Leadership Development Committee
 - Shepherding & Church Vitality Committee
 - Old 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 treasurer@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. Report of Stated Clerk

- Clerk's report

2. Report of the Treasurer

- Treasurer's report

Church Planting and Outreach Committee

TE Craig Bailey, Chairman, Redeemer PCA, Charleston [craig@redeemer-charleston.org].

They will give very brief verbal update. The committee has been working on policy, strategy and getting in touch with current church planters and potential church plants. They are continuing to meet with potential church planting groups. This committee also oversees MTW and wanted to remind presbyters that some scholarships are available for missions trips.

Campus Ministries Committee

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

Phil Stogner will give a short report on the work at the Citadel.

Reports:

RUF at College of Charleston Update: April 2016, TE Danny Clark

Points of Encouragement:

- We hope to have 20-25 students attend Summer Conference in May.
- 2 questioning/seeking students have already signed up to attend.
- The Freshmen Girls Small Group has grown throughout the year and has 12 regular attenders.
- 4 freshmen have begun reading the Bible on their own for the first time and 2 girls are going through Knowing God (Packer) with our female intern Annie Kate Barr.
- 2 sophomore girls have begun reading Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands and meeting with Annie Kate to discuss it.
- Our guys and girls sophomore small groups have nearly completed at 12 week study on the covenants and the student response (as light bulbs go on in their heads) has been remarkable.
- We added 5 new students to our leadership team this spring and will have 3 more joining us in the fall.

- We have been assigned an extremely gifted male intern named Philip Rohrer who will be arriving sometime this summer! We've truly been blessed with a "Dream Team" of interns for this upcoming year.

Areas for Prayer:

- Annie Kate Barr and The Clark Family each need \$5,000-\$10,000 of increased financial support to keep RUF going on CofC's campus this year.
- We are graduating a class of 16 seniors and they will be leaving a void of leadership and energy. Although they are probably our largest graduating class RUF@CofC has ever had, they are also the youngest in their faith. They need more than any other class, the blessing of finding good churches in their new communities as they disperse literally across the world.

RUF at USC Update, TE Sammy Rhodes:

- The Lord continues to sustain our ministry here at USC. We just got back from our spring break mission trip to San Francisco where we served alongside local ministries there. 16 of us in all made the trip. It was a really encouraging time both in terms of the ministry we got to be involved with, but also in terms of our group development. Spring break trips are great in terms of building community for our group.
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- The Rhodes family is doing well too. Kids are winding down the school year. We feel like professional taxi drivers between all the ballet and flag football practices, but are enjoying this season. I also wrote a book called This Is Awkward which came out on March 1st with Thomas Nelson Publishers. It's been a roller coaster of emotions, but all in all, its been an encouraging process.
- Thank you for your love and support of our ministry. If you ever need someone to fill the pulpit while you are away I'd love to come serve in that way.

RCF at The Citadel,

- This spring we are learning to pray as we spend time in a Monday evening series on prayer. Rev. Phil Stogner has been leading this study on Monday evenings. Our primary text has been Matthew Ch 6. During our time we have not only learned about prayer, but spent the end of our large group time praying. For ongoing training and development each cadet received a copy of Paul Miller's "A Praying Life." We've already received great feedback on this book from our cadets who have requested additional copies to give to their friends.
- Prior to our large group meetings, every Monday, I have had the privilege of meeting with four of our seniors for Bible study. Together, we have read and discussed 1 Timothy and seen how the Gospel informs our character, life together as a body, and leadership in the Church. It has been a joy to grow and learn with these young men all of whom will be officers in the US Army and US Air Force.
- This February some of our group attended a retreat with Anderson University's RUF held at Second Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC. Our cadets had a great time learning from the speaker who taught on God's rescuing grace from the book of Jonah. Our retreat was meaningful to our cadets in that they were able to form relationships with other college students, discuss God's word with one another, and have a much welcome break during the hardest month of their year.
- RCF is undergoing a change in leadership this Spring. In March I received and accepted a call from Fairview Presbyterian Church in Calvary Presbytery to be their pastor. I have transitioned out of RCF

and am handing over leadership to Phil Stogner who will continue with RCF for at least the remainder of the academic year.

- Continue in prayer for the work of Reformed Campus Fellowship at the Citadel: (1) That God's word would continue to move powerfully through our cadets: that they would be encouraged in Christ and take Christ to those in their companies. (2) Pray that Monday nights would continue to be a Gospel centered safe environment for all who come. (3) Pray that the Lord would raise up volunteer leaders from the our church community and new cadet leadership. (4) Pray that we would grow in grace and grow in number for the sake of the advancement of the Gospel at the Citadel.

- Rev. Jonathan R. Williams

Judicial Committee

TE David Donovan, Chairman, Church Creek PCA, Charleston [pastordavid@church-creek.org].
No Report. Let us pray that this committee remains without work.

Leadership Development Committee (LDT)

TE Sean Sawyers, Chairman, Trinity PCA, Orangeburg [pastorsawyers@gmail.com].

Information:

1. Unless there is a compelling reason, such as an examination, the LDT meets by email. Generally speaking, the LDT must have all written work THREE MONTHS before a presbytery meeting, and then all examinations will be TWO MONTHS before presbytery. Please see the attached schedule for specific dates.
2. The deadline for submitting any written work for the **June 4** LDT meeting is **May 4**.
3. It is our desire to be thorough gatekeepers for membership in our presbytery, while pastorally shepherding men through the credentials process. To that end we have written our guidelines for the various means of joining our presbytery as outlined in our BCO. These guidelines are to be freely distributed. In addition we have reworked or completely rewritten all of the various exams, and these will not be distributed.
4. Study guides are available for the various exams. Please email ldt@lowcountrypresbytery.org to receive copies.

Recommendations:

1. **Motion:** That per BCO 19-1 Lowcountry presbytery define preaching "on a regular basis" as any man preaching more than one Lord's Day per month in the same church. (Lord's Day rather than times in pulpit to allow preaching am/pm)

Presbyters are encouraged to carefully read and review the "Guidelines to the Credentials Process in the Lowcountry Presbytery" BEFORE this presbytery meeting. Any changes or suggestions should be submitted ASAP to TE Sean Sawyers, Chairman, Trinity PCA, Orangeburg [pastorsawyers@gmail.com]

2. **Motion:** That presbytery received the submitted "Guidelines" packet be adopted by presbytery.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sean Sawyers

Shepherding and Church Vitality

TE Ron Steel, Chairman, Eastbridge PCA, Mt. Pleasant [ron.steel48@gmail.com].

Report:

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

William Todd Weedman:

Motion that TE William Todd Weedman be released from the Lowcountry Presbytery to the Convocation of Anglicans in North America (Diocese of the East).

CANA East is one of four missionary dioceses in the Convocation of Anglicans in North America. CANA is connected to the Anglican Communion through the Church of Nigeria. TE Weedman is being released to being under care of a bishop. In the Anglican world. Presbyters don't cease to be presbyters when they are outside of a parish setting. As long as he is under the Bishop's care, he is considered under a call. TE Weedman is currently working as a chaplain resident in a hospital setting, while earning credits in CPE (Continuing Professional Education) and he is developing a core group for an urban church plant.

Michael Walters:

Motion that we approve the call of TE Michael Walters as a tentmaking Assistant Pastor at Church Creek.

He will continue to work in the family business while discharging a variety of pastoral duties.

Jonathan Williams:

Motion that we dissolve the pastoral relation by mutual consent between TE Jonathan Williams and the session of Two Rivers Presbyterian Church, North Charleston pending his acceptance by Calvary Presbytery at their stated meeting on April 28th, 2016.

He has received a call from Fairview Presbyterian Church in Fountain Inn, SC.

Dr. Douglas Kelly will be speaking at the 04/26/16 meeting on theological training among African American Anglicans in the Charleston area.

Presentation of a survey to find out brothers' felt needs for ministry instruction and training for future presbytery meetings.

Respectfully submitted, TE Ron Steel, Eastbridge Presbyterian, Mount Pleasant

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 the Second Stated Meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery:

1. **Motion** to form a Committee as a whole to review the Session minutes of the churches who did not submit them at our first stated meeting.
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 the minutes review checklist to review the minutes.
2. **Motion** to approve the nomination of the following elders to serve on the designated Committee of Commissioners at the 2016 General Assembly of the PCA.
RE Dean Ezell Overtures Committee
TE Jon Payne Mission to the World
3. **Motion** to appoint the Moderator and the Stated Clerk as a commission of Presbytery to act on any nominations received after this meeting of Presbytery, for Committees of Commissioners, Floor Clerks, and elders to help serve Communion at the 2016 General Assembly.