

Stated Clerk's Report
26 April 2016

1) **Correspondence:**

- a. Forwarded an inquiry about an Edisto church plant to the CP&O Committee chairman.
- b. Worked with Monica Johnston of the PCA Administration Committee to get their database up-to-date for our Presbytery.
- c. Worked with TEs Mark Turner, Howard Cole, and Ron Steel regarding scam emails that were going around claiming to be from Howard Cole or Ron Steel.
- d. Received an email from TE Todd Weedman regarding his request for release to the Convocation of Anglicans in North America. I referred the email to TE Ron Steel of the S&CV Committee.
- e. Received emails from RE Dean Ezell and TE Ross Hodges regarding nominations for Committee of Commissioner positions.
- f. Informed Angela Nantz of PCA AC of our nomination of John Mark Patrick to the permanent committee of MTW.
- g. Received emails from TE Sean Sawyers and TE Alex Mark regarding a Ministry Equipping speaker for the April 26 meeting of Presbytery and forwarded the information to TE Ron Steel.
- h. Researched and provided electronic copies of other overtures before the 2016 GA regarding the matter of racial reconciliation to TE Ron Steel as per his request.
- i. Received and email from TE Jonathan Williams regarding his receiving a call to a church in Calvary Presbytery and forwarded that email to TE Ron Steel.
- j. Forwarded an email from TE Igou Hodges to the TEs of the Presbytery regarding the Palmetto Presbytery Health Plan.
- k. Received by email a link to the 2016 Tax Return Preparation Guide from PCA RBI and forwarded it to the TEs of the Presbytery.
- l. Communicated by email with TE Bill Schweitzer to verify that he wished to be a member of Lowcountry Presbytery.
- m. Sent a letter to Mrs. Jean Clark verifying that she is the Treasurer of Lowcountry Presbytery Women in Ministry so that she would be able to open a bank account for that ministry.

- n. Sent a letter of good standing for TE Sean Sawyers to the Stated Clerk of Southern New England Presbytery of the PCA.
- o. Participated in an email exchange with TE Jon Payne, TE Mark Turner, and TE Ron Steel regarding the procedure for the particularization of Christ Church Charleston.

2) **Administration:**

- a. Set up the following collective email addresses for the Presbytery
 - i. committeechairman@lowcountrypresbytery.org
 - ii. presbyters@lowcountrypresbytery.org
 - iii. rulingelders@lowcountrypresbytery.org
 - iv. sessionclerks@lowcountrypresbytery.org
 - v. teachingelders@lowcountrypresbytery.org
- b. Reviewed the Recording Clerk’s draft minutes of the January 23, 2016 meeting of Presbytery and made editorial changes.
- c. Worked with TE Mark Turner on preparing a draft docket for the April 26 meeting.
- d. Created a map of South Carolina showing the boundaries of the PCA presbyteries represented in the state and sent it to the Recording Clerk and to Mrs. Frances Bennett (for use by Women in Ministry).

3) **General Assembly Nominations:** The Presbytery needs to vote on nominations of TEs and REs to serve a Committee of Commissioners at this year’s General Assembly. The following nominations have been received to date. The stated deadline for submitting the names of approved nominees to the PCA AC is April 22. However, I have been told by a representative of the PCA AC that nominations can be submitted up to the date of General Assembly. Late nominations will not receive meeting materials prior to General Assembly.

| <u>Ruling Elder</u> | <u>Nominee</u> | <u>Teaching Elder</u> | <u>Nominee</u> |
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| Administration | | Covenant College | |
| Discipleship Ministries | | Mission to the World | TE Jon Payne |
| Covenant Theological Seminary | | PCA Retirement and Benefits, Inc. | |
| Interchurch Relations | | Ridge Haven | |
| Mission to North America | | Reformed University Ministries | |
| PCA Foundation | | Overtures | |
| Overtures | RE Dean Ezell | | |

4) **Recommendations:**

- a. 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

- b. Motion to appoint the Moderator and the Stated Clerk as a commission of Presbytery to act on any nominations received after this stated meeting of Presbytery for Committees of Commissioners, Floor Clerks, and elders to help serve Communion at the 2016 General Assembly.
- 5) Those who wish to serve as Floor Clerks at this year’s General Assembly need to contact me by May 18 so that I can submit your name by the deadline. The floor clerks need to be available for the whole time of business up to adjournment.
- 6) Those who wish to serve as a Communion Elder at this year’s General Assembly need to contact me by May 18 so that I can submit your name by the deadline. The Communion Elders serve during the worship service on the Tuesday evening of General Assembly.
- 7) I am attempting to update the Presbytery database of contact information for teaching and ruling elders and keep it current. Please provide me with any changes in your home address, personal phone number, and email address. Thank you. I am lacking contact information for the following ruling elders:

| <u>Ruling Elder</u> | <u>Missing Information</u> | <u>Church</u> |
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| Gerrit Albert | Home address, phone number, & email address | Hilton Head |
| Steve Anthony | Home address, phone number, & email address | Hilton Head |
| Nate Arnold | Home address, phone number, & email address | Metro North |
| John Baker | Home address, phone number, & email address | Hilton Head |
| David Brown | Home address, phone number, & email address | Hilton Head |
| Ken Crovo | Home address, phone number, & email address | Hilton Head |
| Mark Ford | Home address, phone number, & email address | Trinity Orangeburg |
| Steve Hawley | Home address, phone number, & email address | Trinity Orangeburg |
| Doug Langhals | Home address, phone number, & email address | Hilton Head |
| Richard MacDonald | Home address, phone number, & email address | Hilton Head |
| Hunter Montgomery | Home address, phone number, & email address | Hilton Head |
| Jonathan Mullen | Home address, phone number, & email address | Hilton Head |
| Frank Myers | Home address, phone number, & email address | Trinity Orangeburg |
| Peter Pfeil | Home address, phone number, & email address | Hilton Head |
| Rob Reichel | Home address, phone number, & email address | Hilton Head |
| Andrew Rein | Home address, phone number, & email address | Hilton Head |
| Dr. Michael Salley | Home address, phone number, & email address | Trinity Orangeburg |
| Maury Tepper | Home address, phone number, & email address | Hilton Head |
| John Thomas | Home address, phone number, & email address | Hilton Head |
| George Townes | Home address, phone number, & email address | Hilton Head |
| Jeff Watford | Home address, phone number, & email address | Trinity Orangeburg |
| Woody Watford | Home address, phone number, & email address | Trinity Orangeburg |
| Ralph Woodie | Email address | Hilton Head |

- 8) No requests for excused absence for this meeting have been received to date.

9) The official mailing address for the Presbytery is:

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Charleston, SC 29417-1775

Respectfully submitted,
TE Chris Bennett
Stated Clerk