

Stated Clerk's Report
for the July 23, 2016 meeting of
Lowcountry Presbytery

1) **Correspondence:**

- a. Forwarded the overture adopted by Presbytery on April 26, 2016 to the Administration Committee of the PCA for consideration at the 44th General Assembly.
- b. Sent the names of the two elders approved for Committees of Commissioners to the Administration Committee of the PCA for service at the 44th General Assembly.
- c. Emailed TE W. Todd Weedman to inform him that the Presbytery had voted to release him from Presbytery membership in accordance with BCO 38-3a.
- d. Emailed Bishop Dobbs of the Convocation of Anglicans in North America to inform him of the release of TE W. Todd Weedman from the membership of Lowcountry Presbytery.
- e. Received email confirmation from TE Jonathan Williams that he had passed his transfer exam at Calvary Presbytery on April 28, 2016, and accepted the call to Fairview Presbyterian Church in Fountain Inn, SC. I emailed him to notify him of our Presbytery's action to transfer him to Calvary Presbytery pending his receipt by that Presbytery.
- f. Emailed TE Charles Champion, Stated Clerk of Calvary Presbytery, to notify him of Lowcountry Presbytery's action regarding TE Jonathan Williams. Sent TE Champion the PCA transfer form.
- g. Received by email the PCA transfer form 022 for TE Sean Sawyers from Mr. Ron Heald, Stated Clerk of Southern New England Presbytery, regarding his April 30 receipt by that presbytery pending release by Lowcountry Presbytery.
- h. Send copy of the form for the report of a commission to ordain/install to RE David Walters, Jr. in preparation for the installation of TE Michael Walters.
- i. Provided counsel to TEs of Christ Church and presbytery committees regarding the particularization of Christ Church.
- j. Forwarded relevant information from the Stated Clerk Handbook to the chairmen of presbytery committees.
- k. Forwarded to the presbyters an invitation to a Reformation Tour 2017.
- l. Answered an inquiry from MNA Korean Ministries seeking names of Korean

pastors and churches in our presbytery.

- m. Consulted by the Session of Trinity Presbyterian Church regarding the succession plan for the departure of TE Sean Sawyers. I provided advice and referred them to the Shepherding Committee chairman.
- n. Received a letter from TE Roland Barnes of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Statesboro, GA, commending the efforts of Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah, GA, to plant a church in Bluffton, SC. I forwarded the letter to the chairman of the Church Planting & Outreach Committee.
- o. Provided counsel to a TE regarding optioning out of Social Security.
- p. Facilitated communications between a committee chairman from Pacific Northwest Presbytery and our Shepherding Committee chairman.
- q. Forwarded to the presbyters information on a Disabilities Ministry Summit.
- r. Distributed the Tables of Ten community Bible study material to the presbyters.
- s. Distributed to the presbyters the link for a talk given to the PRCC chaplains by Dr. Tim Keller at the chaplain training event in Mobile, AL, in conjunction with General Assembly.
- t. Shared the General Assembly Commissioners Handbook with a TE who was unable to attend General Assembly.
- u. Forwarded to the presbyters an advertisement from Christ Church for an accompanist (piano).
- v. Received from PCA Administrative Committee copies of two BCO amendments being passed to the presbyteries for action and forwarded them to the Recording Clerk for inclusion in the information packet for our July 23 stated meeting.
- w. Forwarded a copy of the change to the Operating Manual of the Standing Judicial Commission of the General Assembly to the Recording Clerk for inclusion in the information packet for the July 23 stated meeting. This document is just for information; no action is required by presbytery.

2) **Administration:**

- a. Deleted TE W. Todd Weedman from the PCA online database for Lowcountry Presbytery.
- b. Transferred TE Jonathan Williams to Calvary Presbytery on the PCA online database for Lowcountry Presbytery.

- c. Reviewed the Recording Clerk's draft minutes of the April 26, 2016 meeting of Presbytery and made editorial changes.
- d. Worked with TE Mark Turner on preparing a draft docket for the July 23 meeting.
- e. Updated the Presbytery Directory to reflect the change of mailing address for Eastbridge Presbyterian Church.

3) Recommendations:

- a. Motion: To approve the amendment to BCO 5-3 sent to the Presbytery by the 44th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America.
 - b. Motion: To approve the amendment to BCO 13-2 sent to the Presbytery by the 44th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America.
- 4) Requests for excused absence received for this meeting: TE Andrew Shank (family vacation) and TE Bill McCutcheon (study leave).

Respectfully submitted,
TE Chris Bennett
Stated Clerk