

## Recommended Docket for the Third Stated Meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery

**To be held: 9:00 a.m., Saturday, July 23, 2016 at Oakbrook PCA, Summerville, SC**

Recommended Docket submitted by the Administration Committee:

That the following docket be approved for the Third Stated Meeting of the Palmetto Presbytery scheduled for July 23, 2016 at Oakbrook PCA, Summerville, 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
  - Drafting Policy Statements in Light of Legalization of Same Sex Marriage in all 50 states.*
- 10:45 Prayer Time – led by Shepherding & Church Vitality Committee
- 11:00 Business & Reports
  - Approval of Presbytery minutes for April 26, 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
  - Additional Business if needed & Adjournment targeted before 2:30
- 12:00 Order of the Day – Lunch

### 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](http://www.lowcountrypresbytery.org)
- Stated Clerk: TE Chris Bennett [statedclerk@lowcountrypresbytery.org](mailto:statedclerk@lowcountrypresbytery.org) 843-202-0655
- Treasurer: TE Chris Bennett [treasurer@lowcountrypresbytery.org](mailto:treasurer@lowcountrypresbytery.org) 843-202-0655
- Recording Clerk: TE Mark Turner [recordingclerk@lowcountrypresbytery.org](mailto:recordingclerk@lowcountrypresbytery.org) 843-224-9337
- Moderator: RE David Walters, Jr. [dwaltersjr@jonesford.com](mailto: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!
- **Budget Requests:** It is the job of the Administrative Committee to present a budget at the November Stated meeting (Nov 3, 2016). Each committee should submit their budget requests for the coming year BY THE OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>!

1. **Report of Stated Clerk**

- Stated Clerk's report
- General Assembly Report – from RE Dean Ezelle

2. **Report of the Treasurer**

- Treasurer's report

**Motions:**

From Stated Clerk's Report:

**Motion:** To approve the amendment to BCO 5-3 sent to the Presbytery by the 44<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America.

**Motion:** To approve the amendment to BCO 13-2 sent to the Presbytery by the 44<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America.

From Administrative Committee:

At the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stated Meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery we passed a motion calling for a change to our Standing Rules in 5.1.2 regarding meeting on Saturdays. Currently 5.1.2 states:

**5.1 Stated Meetings**

5.1.1 shall convene at 9:00 A.M. and adjourn by 4:00 PM.

5.1.2 They will ordinarily be held on:

- the **fourth Saturday of January**
- the **fourth Tuesday of April**
- the **fourth Saturday of July** and
- the **first Thursday of November**

That motion passed at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stated Meeting called for future meetings to be held on Saturdays to increase ruling elder participation. The Administration Committee proposes the following changes to the Standing Rules:

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- the **fourth Saturday of January**
- the **fourth Saturday of April**
- the **fourth Saturday of July** and
- the **fourth Saturday of October**

**Motion:** that 5.1.2 of the Lowcountry Standing Rules be changed stating that the stated meetings of Lowcountry Presbytery will ordinarily be held on the fourth Saturday of January, April, July and October.

**Church Planting and Outreach Committee**

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

Motion from committee regarding particularization of Christ Church Presbyterian:

**Motion** that a quorum of two Ruling Elders and two Teaching Elders, TE Chris Bennett, TE Alex Mark, RE David Walters, Jr., and RE Richard Wyly along with guest participants TE Rick Phillips (Calvary Presbytery), TE Carl Robbins (Calvary Presbytery) and TE David Strain (Mississippi Valley Presbytery) be constituted as the Palmetto Presbytery commission to organize Christ Church Presbyterian as a particular church of the PCA in accordance with BCO 5-9 on August 28, 2016 at 10:30am at the Moultrie Middle School in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, to receive communing members of Christ Church Presbyterian in accordance with BCO 5-9, to conduct the ordination and installation of elected Ruling Elders to the Session of Christ Church Presbyterian in accordance with BCO 24-4 and 6, to conduct the election and installation of a Pastor and Associate Pastor for Christ Church Presbyterian in accordance with BCO 20-3, 20-4, 21-9 and 21-10.

### Campus Ministries Committee

TE Sam Joyner, Chairman, Grace Coastal PCA, Okatie [sam@gracecoastalchurch.com].  
See RUF CofC report at end after Omnibus motion.

### 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].

#### Report:

The **Leadership Development Team** via “Reply Email” between May 30 and June 11, 2016. Members choosing to be present via response were: TEs Sawyers (Chair), Cole, Mark, Payne, Hodges, Shank and RE Ezell.

The Chair Moved the Following Motions as our Recommendations to the presbytery:

- 1) That the LDT withdraw its recommendation from the January meeting attempting to define “regular preaching” and make no recommendation on a such a definition at this time. **MSA** (Unanimous)
- 2) That TE Jon Payne be nominated to the presbytery as the new chair of the LDT to succeed TE Sawyers who is transferring to Southern New England Presbytery. **MSA** (Unanimous)

As we had no candidates nor men coming under care, this concluded our business.

Respectfully Submitted  
/s/ Sean Sawyers, Chair

### Shepherding and Church Vitality

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

**Motion** that Presbytery approve the change in status of the call to TE Jon Payne from church planter of Christ Church Mission to Pastor of Christ Church Presbyterian Church effective August 28, 2016. The terms of the call have not changed.

**Motion** that Presbytery approve the change in status of the call to TE Ross Hodges from church planter of Christ Church Mission to Associate Pastor of Christ Church Presbyterian Church effective August 28, 2016. The terms of the call have not changed.

## 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 Third Stated Meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery:**

1. **Motion** to form a Committee as a whole to review the Session minutes of the churches who have not yet submitted them for 2016.  
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** that the Standing Rules of Lowcountry Presbytery be amended from Leadership Development Committee to Leadership Development Team to reflect our email address and usage in our team guidelines.  
Note: The motion to put this before the Presbytery passed without dissent at our April 26, 2016 meeting. Per 2.2 of the Standing Rules of Lowcountry Presbytery this requires a 2/3 majority to amend the Standing Rules.
3. **Motion** that the report of the commission to install TE Michael Walters as a tentmaking Assistant Pastor at Church Creek on May 15, 2016 be approved.
4. **Motion** that presbytery approve that the pastoral relation be dissolved between TE Sean Sawyers as pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church by mutual consent and that his credentials be transferred to Southern New England Presbytery effective July 31, 2016.

## RUF at College of Charleston: Summer Update 2016

### Danny's Summer Activities

- a. Counseling numerous recent graduates involving job, grad school and ministry decisions, finding churches in their new cities, and helping them make connections to find jobs. (This has never been such a large part of our ministry, but this graduating class has less parental guidance than any class we've had).
- b. RUF Summer Book Club: We're reading *Heal Us, Emmanuel*, a collection of 30 essays written by PCA pastors regarding racial reconciliation in our churches. This has been extremely stretching, convicting, and encouraging for both the students and staff.
- c. Researching, meditating on, and preparing sermons on Proverbs, the book we're studying this fall at large group. I've noticed that our students tend to gain a foundational understanding of systematic and biblical theology before they graduate, but lack godly wisdom for the nuances of practical daily life. Already, I'm finding Proverbs is a great resource for that, no matter how many times I've read it in the past.
- d. Travelling to visit supporters across the Southeast. We've been all throughout Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, and even Alabama catching up with many of our ministry partners.

- e. New Student Orientation Fairs: There are 11 fairs that we attend each summer, and so far these have been some of the most productive in connecting with incoming freshmen. We are already excited about the relationships we're building!
- f. Mentoring Interns and planning fall events: Each week I meet individually and with my 2 rock star interns to discuss their readings from their study program and apply principles to their personal lives and practical ministry situations. Our collective staff meetings have been especially bonding and productive in planning new events and coming up with new ideas for building community, reaching freshmen, and discipling upperclassmen this fall.