

**Stated Clerk's Report**  
for the November 3, 2016 meeting of  
Lowcountry Presbytery

1) **Correspondence:**

- a. Sent the voting results on the BCO amendments to the Office of the Stated Clerk. Ours was the first presbytery to report results.
- b. Received confirmation from the Navy that my reference letter for TE Bill Schweitzer was received.
- c. Received an email from Dr. Roy Taylor regarding the BCO on submission of cases to the SJC.
- d. Forwarded to all members of Presbytery an announcement from TE Ross Hodges inviting everyone to the service of particularization for Christ Church Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant.
- e. Sent a copy of the completed PCA Form 022 for the transfer of TE Sean Sawyers to the Stated Clerk of Southern New England Presbytery.
- f. Emailed the members of Presbytery regarding the need of a TE from Pee Dee Presbytery who was scheduled for surgery in Mt. Pleasant. Followed up with several TEs who offered help to the brother in need.
- g. Received a letter from the Stated Clerk of Savannah River Presbytery regarding the church plant in Bluffton being attempted by Independent Presbyterian Church of Savannah. Forwarded the letter to the chairman of our Church Planting & Outreach Committee.
- h. Received an email from the PCA AC informing all presbyteries that the deadline for submission of nominations to the permanent committees is February 13, 2017.
- i. Received an email from TE Bill Schweitzer informing the Presbytery that he had been selected to become a chaplain in the U.S. Naval Reserve Chaplain Corps.
- j. Received an email from PCA headquarters regarding the MNA Philippi Fund for Lay Leadership RFP and forwarded it to the members of Presbytery.
- k. Answered a request from the PCA AC for the formula for the dates of our Presbytery's stated meetings.
- l. Corresponded with TE Sam Joyner regarding support for Campus Ministries Committee and the lack of funds received directly from Palmetto and Pee Dee Presbyteries.

- m. Received an invitation to attend the annual PCA Presbytery Clerks Conference in Lawrenceville, GA. I am planning to attend.
- n. Received an email announcement from the PCA Stated Clerk's office regarding a seminar entitled, "Religious Institutions and the Law" and forwarded it to the members of Presbytery.
- o. Received 2017 budget inputs from all committee chairmen and forwarded them to the Treasurer and the Administration Committee chairman.

2) **Administration:**

- a. Served as chairman of the Commission to Particularize Christ Church Presbyterian Church and submitted the report of the Commission to the Presbytery.
- b. Gave counsel to TE Ross Hodges regarding taking Session minutes for Christ Church.
- c. Completed and sent off PCA Form 022 - Official Change of Presbytery Rolls to document the transfer of TE Sean Sawyers out of Lowcountry Presbytery.
- d. Updated the Presbytery Directory to reflect the particularization of Christ Church.
- e. Did maintenance on the group email addresses to reflect changes in ruling elder statuses.
- f. Gave counsel to TE Ross Hodges regarding obtaining a federal EIN.
- g. Entered New Life Fellowship (Mission) Orangeburg into the PCA online database.
- h. Obtained the 2015 tithes and offerings statistics for Lowcountry Presbytery churches in preparation for the Administration Committee 2017 Budget work.

3) Requests for excused absence received for this meeting: TE Michael Walters (out of state wedding) and TE John Olson (wife's surgery).

Respectfully submitted,  
TE Chris Bennett  
Stated Clerk