

Third Stated Meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery
July 23, 2016

The Third Stated Meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery was held at 9:00 a.m., July 23, 2016 at Oakbrook Community Church (PCA) in Summerville, SC.

Worship Service	TE Mark Turner, pastor of Oakbrook Community Church (PCA) in Summerville, SC read Psalm 96 and asked the Presbyters to stand and sing <i>Join All the Glorious Names</i> . Zechariah 3:1-10 was read as the Scripture reading. The Presbyters sang <i>Praise to the Lord the Almighty and Psalm 13</i> . TE Turner led in a Corporate Confession of Sin and read Zechariah 3:9-10 as an Assurance of Pardon. Presbyters then stood and sang <i>Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder</i> . An offering was collected while presbyters sang <i>Complete In Thee</i> and then the <i>Doxology</i> . TE Turner preached a sermon from Zechariah 3:1-10 entitled <i>Our Glorious Advocate</i> . The presbyters then stood and sang <i>How Deep the Father's Love</i> after which TE Turner properly fenced the table and led the presbyters in celebrating the Lord's Supper. Presbyters stood and sang the final verse of <i>How Deep the Father's Love</i> and TE Turner gave the benediction from Colossians 3:16-17.
Call to Order	The Third stated meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery was called to order by the moderator, RE David Walters, Jr. at 10:12 a.m. in the sanctuary of Oakbrook Community Church (PCA), Summerville SC with a reminder for any remaining Session minutes to be brought forward for review. The Moderator opened the meeting with prayer.
Quorum	The Stated Clerk declared that a quorum was present.
Docket Approval	The docket was moved by the Administration Committee and approved.
Introduction of Guests	Guests were introduced by the members of Presbytery. Philip Rohrer – RUF intern
Ministry Equipping Time	<i>Drafting Policy Statements in Light of Legalization of Same Sex Marriage in all 50 states</i> . TE Ron Steel shared Eastbridge PCA's work on policy documents and statements to help prepare their church for ministering in the current culture.
Prayer	TE Ron Steel led the members and commissioners of Presbytery to break into small groups to pray for the requests provided by the churches and members of the Presbytery. MSC approval of minutes from the 2 nd Stated Meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery held April 26, 2016 with no changes.
Omnibus Motion	The following omnibus motion was M/S/C : #1 removed. 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.

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.
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.

Stated Clerk's Report

The Stated Clerk, TE Chris Bennett, gave his report.

MSC: To approve the amendment to BCO 5-3 sent to the Presbytery by the 44th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America.

RECORD OF VOTE: 21 Yea 0 Nay 0 Abstain

MSC: To approve the amendment to BCO 13-2 sent to the Presbytery by the 44th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America.

RECORD OF VOTE: 21 Yea 0 Nay 0 Abstain

MSC: to approve the following excused absences for today's presbytery meeting.
CHRIS PROVIDE NAMES

MSC: motion to approve RESOLUTION of THANKS. See Attachments.

RE Dean Ezell was asked to give a brief report of the 44th General Assembly in Mobile, AL.

Treasurer's Report
Administrative Committee

Treasurer, TE Chris Bennett gave a report on the Presbytery finances.

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.

Motion failed.

MSC to accept the report as a whole.

Church Planting & Outreach Committee

TE Phil Stogner opened in prayer and gave a brief report.

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 Wylly 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. Motion passed.

M/C that the report be received as presented.

Campus
Ministries
Committee

TE Danny Clark opened in prayer.
TE Clark gave a brief report on the work at the College of Charleston. Philip Roar shared about his upcoming work as an intern at CofC.

TE John Payne closed the report in prayer.
M/C that the report be received as presented.

Leadership
Development
Committee

TE Sean Sawyers gave the report.
M/S/C that 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.

TE Sean Sawyers closed the report of the Leadership Development Team in prayer.

Shepherding
& Church
Vitality
Committee

TE Ron Steel opened in prayer.

M/S/C 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.

M/S/C 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.

TE Steel closed the report of the Shepherding & Church Vitality Committee in prayer.

Adjournment

M/C that the first meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery be adjourned. TE Sawyers and TE Patrick closed the meeting in prayer at 11:51 a.m. and gave thanks for the meal.

Respectfully submitted,

TE Chris Bennett
Stated Clerk

RE David Walters, Jr.
Moderator

Approved:

Attachments:

1. Attendance Roster – Teaching Elders
2. Attendance Roster – Ruling Elders
3. Guest List for Second Stated Meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery
4. Stated Clerk's Report
5. Treasurer's Report July 2016
6. Committee Reports
7. Overture on Confessing Generational Sins from TE J.P. Sibley

Attachment #1:**Teaching Elder Attendance for July 23, 2016 Stated Meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery:**

Bailey, Crag	Redeemer Church, Charleston	X
Bennett, Christopher	HR, Charleston	P
Brown, Christopher	LOB, Chaplain, MUSC, Charleston	P
Clark, Danny	RUF, College of Charleston	P
Cole, Howard	Metro North Church, Goose Creek	P
Donovan, David	Church Creek Church, Charleston	P
Hodges, W. Ross	Christ Church Plant, Charleston	P
Joyner, Sam	Grace Coastal Church, Okatie	X
Konopa, Ben	HR, Eastbridge, Mt. Pleasant	
Mark, Alex	Beaufort Church Plant, Beaufort	X
McCutchen, William	Hilton Head Church, Hilton Head	X
Olson, John	Church Creek Church, Charleston	
Patrick, John Mark	Trinity Church, Orangeburg	P
Payne, Jon	Christ Church Plant, Charleston	P
Pitzer, Tim	Hilton Head Church, Hilton Head	X
Sawyers, Sean	Trinity Church, Orangeburg	P
Schley, John	Metro North Church, Goose Creek	P
Schweitzer, Bill	MTW, England	ME
Shank, Andrew	Hilton Head Church, Hilton Head	X
Sibley, J.P.	Orangeburg Church Plant, Orangeburg	X
Steel, Ron	Eastbridge Church, Mt. Pleasant	P
Stogner, Phil	Two Rivers Church, North Charleston	P
Turner, Mark	Oakbrook Church, Summerville	P
Walters, Michael	Without Call, Charleston	P

Attachment #2:**Ruling Elder Attendance for July 23, 2016 Stated Meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery:**

Gerrit	Albert		Hilton Head Presbyterian
Steve	Anthony		Hilton Head Presbyterian
Nate	Arnold	P	Metro North PCA
Dan	Avant		Redeemer Presbyterian Church
John	Baker		Hilton Head Presbyterian
Todd	Billmann		Metro North PCA
Kurt	Brewer		Redeemer Presbyterian Church
Barry	Brinson		Two Rivers Presbyterian
David	Brown		Hilton Head Presbyterian
Trey	Bruce		Two Rivers Presbyterian
Todd	Christian		Redeemer Presbyterian Church
Terry	Clark		Church Creek Presbyterian
Ken	Crovo		Hilton Head Presbyterian
Larry	Decker		Grace Coastal Church
Dean	Ezell	P	Church Creek Presbyterian
Mark	Ford		Trinity Presbyterian
John	Greaves		Grace Coastal Church
Steve	Hawley		Trinity Presbyterian
Ron	Hemingway		Eastbridge Presbyterian
John	Hildreth		Two Rivers Presbyterian

Michael	Howell		Grace Coastal Church
Chris	Jarvis		Redeemer Presbyterian Church
Brian	Kath		Metro North PCA
Matt	King	P	Oakbrook Community Church PCA
Doug	Langhals		Hilton Head Presbyterian
Ernie	Locklair		Church Creek Presbyterian
Richard	MacDonald		Hilton Head Presbyterian
David	McGee		Grace Coastal Church
Hunter	Montgomery		Hilton Head Presbyterian
Jonathan	Mullen		Hilton Head Presbyterian
John	Musselman		Church Creek Presbyterian
Frank	Myers		Trinity Presbyterian
Rick	Owens		Eastbridge Presbyterian
Tony	Paladino		Redeemer Presbyterian Church
Peter	Pfeil		Hilton Head Presbyterian
Rob	Reichel		Hilton Head Presbyterian
Andrew	Rein		Hilton Head Presbyterian
Matt	Richardson		Grace Coastal Church
Jim	Rowland		Grace Coastal Church
Michael	Salley		Trinity Presbyterian
Mike	Slay		Grace Coastal Church
Bob	Swanson		Metro North PCA
Eddy	Swanson		Metro North PCA
Maury	Tepper		Hilton Head Presbyterian
John	Thomas		Hilton Head Presbyterian
George	Townes		Hilton Head Presbyterian
Dan	Wall	P	Oakbrook Community Church PCA
David	Walters, Jr.	P	Church Creek Presbyterian
David	Walters, Sr.	P	Church Creek Presbyterian
Dean H.	Walters	P	Church Creek Presbyterian
Jeff	Watford		Trinity Presbyterian
Woody	Watford		Trinity Presbyterian
Ralph	Woodie		Hilton Head Presbyterian
Rich	Wyly	P	Eastbridge Presbyterian

Church Delegate Summary Report:

Church Creek Presbyterian	TE & RE
Eastbridge Presbyterian	TE & RE
Grace Coastal Church	No TE & RE present
Hilton Head Presbyterian	No TE or RE present
Metro North PCA	TE & RE
Oakbrook Community Church	TE & RE
Redeemer Presbyterian Church	No TE or RE present
Trinity Presbyterian	No TE & RE present
Two Rivers Presbyterian	TE - No RE present

Attachment #3:

Registered Guests for July 23, 2016 Stated Meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery:

Philip Rohrer, Two Rivers PCA, Ruf Intern

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.
- x. Corresponding with TE Bill Schweitzer regarding his application for the U.S. Navy chaplaincy.

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), TE Bill McCutcheon (study leave), and TE Tim Pitzer (camp ministry).

Respectfully submitted,
TE Chris Bennett
Stated Clerk

Attachment #5: Treasurer's Report July 2016

Treasurer's Report

Lowcountry Presbytery PCA
P.O. Box 31775
Charleston, SC 29417-1775

Updated: 7/12/2016

**Treasurer's Report
July 12, 2016**

Year to Date Income

Member church contributions	\$28,141.65
Presbytery offerings	\$605.00
Individual offerings	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$30.60
Total Income	\$28,777.25

Year to Date Income by Committee

Administration Committee	\$4,102.66
Campus Ministries Committee	\$12,820.83
Church Planting & Outreach Committee	\$8,461.74
Judicial Committee	\$0.00
Leadership Development Committee	\$0.00
Shepherding & Church Vitality Committee	\$256.42
Presbytery Designated Offering	\$355.00
Total	\$25,996.65

Year to Date Expenditures

Administration Committee	\$2,427.39
Campus Ministries Committee	\$7,505.00
Church Planting & Outreach Committee	\$10,937.52
Judicial Committee	\$0.00
Leadership Development Committee	\$0.00
Shepherding & Church Vitality Committee	\$0.00
Designated Gift	\$355.00
Total	\$21,224.91

Cash Flow

	\$1,675.27
	\$5,315.83
	-\$2,475.78
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$256.42
	N/A
Total	\$4,771.74

Unrestricted Fund Balances

Administration Fund	\$13,785.08
Campus Ministries Fund	\$5,398.33
Church Planting & Outreach Fund	\$27,082.18
Judicial Fund	\$0.00
Leadership Development Fund	\$0.00
Shepherding & Church Vitality Fund	\$258.92
Total Unrestricted Funds	\$46,524.51

Restricted Fund Balances

MNA Expansion (5:10) Fund	\$17,517.24
Pastor Relief Fund	\$6,116.01
Disaster Relief Fund (MNA)	\$432.88
Total Loan Funds	\$24,066.13

Current Bank Balances

Checking	\$6,933.42
Money Market	\$63,657.22
Total	\$70,590.64

Respectfully submitted,
TE Chris Bennett
Treasurer

Attachment #6: Committee Reports

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!
- **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 1st!

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 44th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America.

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

From Administrative Committee:

At the 2nd 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 2nd 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 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.