

REPORT OF COMMISSION OF LOWCOUNTRY PRESBYTERY TO ORGANIZE FIRST SCOTS PRESBYTERIAN MISSION CHURCH AND INSTALL THEIR PASTOR

The Commission convened on February 12, 2017, at 5pm, at the Parish Church of St. Helena.

Commission members present were: (Quorum - as specified by Presbytery, but not less than two TEs and two REs)

Teaching Elders: Sam Joyner (Chairman), Ross Hodges

Ruling Elders: Mike Slay, David Walters

Others present: TE Ligon Duncan (Mississippi Valley Presbytery), TE Douglas Kelly (Central Carolina Presbytery), TE Terry Johnson (Savannah River Presbytery), RE John Duncan (Calvary Presbytery), TE Kevin Thumpston (Palmetto Presbytery), TE Ron Parrish (Savannah River Presbytery), RE Mel Duncan (Calvary Presbytery), Alex McBride (Guest), Chad Lawrence (Guest)

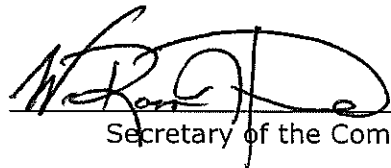
Secretary: TE Ross Hodges

- A. The following have been elected to the office of Ruling Elder and Deacon by the members of First Scots Mission Church from the list of those found qualified by the Commission:
Mr. Ron Woernle, Mr. Don Hinton, Dr. Mark Senn
- B. TE Alex Mark has been elected as senior pastor by the communicant members of the First Scots Mission Church.
- C. The Commission recessed with prayer by David Walters for the service of Organization (and Ordination/Installation of the Pastor).
- D. A sermon was preached by TE Ligon Duncan on the topic/text: 1 Timothy 1:3-5 "The Goal of Our Instruction"
- E. TE Kevin Thumpston asked the members of the mission congregation the question for entering into church covenant contained in *BCO* 5-9i(3) which was answered affirmatively by the congregation with uplifted hands. TE Thumpston then declared that First Scots Mission Church was constituted as a church in the PCA (*BCO* 5-9i(4)).
- F. The Sermon having been heard during the Worship Service, RE David Walters stated the warrant and nature of the office of Ruling Elder and Deacon together with the proper character to be sustained and the duties to be fulfilled per *BCO* 24-5. The 6 questions in *BCO* 24-5 were addressed to the Ruling Elder candidates and each responded affirmatively to the questions. The question to the congregation in *BCO* 24-5 was made and they answered in the affirmative by holding up their right hands.
- G. Dr. Senn and Mr. Hinton had previously been ordained as Ruling Elder. The candidates, Dr. Senn, Mr. Hinton, and Mr. Woernle, then kneeled and were set apart with prayer and the laying on of hands to the office of Ruling Elder. RE Walters then declared that Don Hinton, Mark Senn, and Ron Woernle had been regularly elected, ordained and installed as Ruling Elders and Deacons of the

church using the words of *BCO* 24-5. TE Terry Johnson then addressed a charge to the Officers and to the church.

- H. TE Ross Hodges led in the installation of Alex Mark as pastor of the newly established particular church. He stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the installation ordinance.
- I. RE Ross Hodges propounded the constitutional questions of *BCO* 21-9 to the Minister and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the constitutional questions (in *BCO* 21-10) to the congregation of the First Scots Presbyterian Church and these were answered in the affirmative by members holding up their right hands. Rev. Hodges then declared that Mr./TE Alex Mark had been regularly elected and installed as Pastor of the Church, using the words of *BCO* 21-7.
- J. A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by RE/TE Douglas Kelly
- K. A Charge to the Elders was delivered by RE/TE Terry Johnson
- L. Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.
- M. The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by Mike Slay.

2/12/17
Date


Secretary of the Commission

Please submit the completed report to the Stated Clerk of Presbytery as soon as possible.