

Stated Clerk's Report
for the April 25, 2017 meeting of
Lowcountry Presbytery

1. **Correspondence:**

- a. Received a request from TE Jon Payne to be appointed to the Committee of Commissioners for Mission to the World.
- b. Forwarded a letter from the Church Planting & Outreach Committee to the Clerk of Session of Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah, GA.
- c. Submitted the nomination of RE Richard Wylly for the PCA Permanent Committee of Mission to North America to the PCA Stated Clerk's office.
- d. Fielded a request for directory information from the Leadership Development Team. Provided BCO based counsel to the committee on the steps that RE Nate Arnold would need to go through for licensure.
- e. Received a request from TE Ross Hodges to be nominated to the GA Overtures Committee.
- f. Received the report of the Commission to Particularize First Scots Beaufort and install the pastor and elders of that church.
- g. Received a copy from Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah, GA of a letter they sent to Rev. Craig Bailey of our Church Planting & Outreach Committee.
- h. Provided counsel to a member church regarding housing allowance for a staff member.
- i. Assisted TE Ron Steel in planning for attendance numbers for the April 25 Stated Meeting.
- j. Received a letter from the Session of Christ Church PCA with a request that it be distributed to the Presbytery. In light of some controversy surrounding its subject matter, I referred the letter to the Shepherding & Church Vitality Committee for their review and action.
- k. Received copies of the email vote of the Shepherding & Church Vitality Committee on the change to TE John Mark Patrick's call.
- l. Received a committee report from Campus Ministries.
- m. Received an invitation from TE Howard Cole to inform members of Presbytery of two seminars that are being offered by Metro North PCA on parenting teenagers. I forwarded that invitation to the members of Presbytery.

2. **Administration:**

- a. Did research for the Shepherding & Church Vitality Committee regarding the NAPARC Comity Agreement.
- b. Attended the service to particularize First Scots Beaufort.
- c. Updated the Presbytery Directory with inputs from all the churches. Updated the database of the Stated Clerk of the PCA.
- d. Compiled all the minutes of Presbytery for 2016, the Presbytery Directory, and Standing Rules. Prepared, copied, bound, and mailed them to the Stated Clerk's office for General Assembly review.
- e. Submitted to the Stated Clerk's office the Presbytery's appointments of TE Ross Hodges to the Overtures Committee of General Assembly and TE Jon Payne to the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World.

3. **Excused absence requests.** Request for excused absence received for this meeting: TE Bill McCutcheon (family conflict).

4. **Recommendations:**

- a. **Motion** that TE Ross Hodges be appointed to the Overtures Committee and TE Jon Payne be appointed to the Committee of Commissioners on Mission to the World for the 45th meeting of the General Assembly.
- b. **Motion** that the Stated Clerk and Moderator be authorized to fill the Lowcountry Presbytery 2017 General Assembly Committee of Commissioners positions from those Presbyters who will be attending the 45th meeting of the General Assembly being held in Greensboro, NC, June 12-16, 2017. If you will be attending and are interested in serving on a Committee of Commissioners this year, please contact TE Chris Bennett as soon as possible at 717-224-0257, statedclerk@lowcountrypresbytery.org.

5. **Information.** Additional copies of free books from The Good Book Company will be set out for your taking.

Respectfully submitted,
TE Chris Bennett
Stated Clerk