

Fourth Stated Meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery

November 3, 2016

The Fourth Stated Meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery was held at 9:00 a.m., November 3, 2016 at Grace Coastal Church (PCA) in Okatie, SC.

Worship Service	TE Sam Joyner, pastor of Grace Coastal Church (PCA) in Okatie, SC read Psalm 108:3-4 and asked the Presbyters to stand and sing <i>All Praise to God Who Reigns Above</i> . After the prayer of Adoration, the Presbyters sang <i>I Stand Amazed</i> followed by the <i>Doxology</i> . TE Joyner led in a Corporate Confession of Sin and read 1 John 3:2 as the Assurance of Pardon. An offering was collected and then the Presbyters sang <i>Be Unto Your Name</i> . TE Joyner preached a sermon from 2 Corinthians 1:1-11 entitled <i>The Ministry of God's Ways With Us</i> . TE Joyner properly fenced the table and led the presbyters in celebrating the Lord's Supper. Presbyters stood and sang the <i>All to Jesus I Surrender</i> and TE Joyner pronounced the benediction.
Call to Order	The Fourth stated meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery was called to order by the moderator, RE David Walters, Jr. at 10:19 a.m. in the sanctuary of Grace Coastal Church (PCA), Okatie 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 with amendments.
Introduction of Guests	Guests were introduced by the members of Presbytery.
Ministry Equipping Time	<i>Hospital Ministry and Chaplaincy Today</i> . TE Chris Brown led this ministry equipping time discussing pastoral
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. Motion: M/S/C approval of offering collected today of \$292 be directed 75% to relief efforts at Hilton Head and 25% to relief efforts at Grace Coastal. Motion: M/S/C approval of minutes from the 3 rd Stated Meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery held July 23, 2016 with modifications.
Omnibus Motion	The following omnibus motion was M/S/C: <ol style="list-style-type: none">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. (Church Creek & Hilton Head)2. Motion that the report of the commission to install organize Christ Church Presbyterian and install their pastors TE Jon Payne and TE Ross Hodges on August 28, 2016 be approved.

3. **Motion** that presbytery approve TE Chris Brown's LOB report from 2016 and that Presbytery approve his continuing to labor outside of bounds as a Chaplain at MUSC.

Stated Clerk's Report

TE Chris Bennett opened the Admin report in prayer.
The Stated Clerk, TE Chris Bennett, gave his report.

Treasurer's Report
Administrative Committee

Treasurer, TE Chris Bennett gave a report on the Presbytery finances.
TE Turner presented the information regarding the budget dilemma facing the Lowcountry presbytery in the coming year.

Motion: It was moved by TE Ron Steel & seconded to adopt the needed budget provided that between now and the end of year that the Treasurer provide a report to provide to the churches to come up with as much as possible and then indicate that commitment by the 1st of the year. Based upon those commitments the administrative committee come forward at the Jan 28th Presbytery with a proposed budget depending upon support expressed from the churches. Motion passed.

The Administrative Committee and treasurer were directed to make contact w/ churches ASAP to allow a budget to be passed at the Jan 28th Presbytery meeting.

At 12:00 the Moderator called for presbytery to adjourn for lunch by leading in prayer.

The Presbytery was called back to order at 12:47pm by the moderator.

Election of Moderator: TE Ross Hodges & TE David Donovan were nominated.

Motion: TE Ross Hodges was elected by a majority as moderator for 2017. RE David Walters, Jr. will serve as Vice-moderator for 2017

Motion: M/S/C that TE Donovan be elected as parliamentarian.

Location and dates for upcoming meetings were announced:

January 28th, 2017 = Metro North, Goose Creek

April 25th, 2017 = Eastbridge Presbyterian, Mt. Pleasant

July 22nd, 2017 = Church Creek, Charleston

Nov 2nd, 2017 = Hilton Head Presbyterian, Hilton Head

Jan 27th, 2018 = Redeemer Presbyterian, Charleston

Motion: M/S/C to approve the minutes of Church Creek Presbyterian church with no exceptions and Hilton Head Presbyterian Church with Notations.

Motion: M/S/C to accept the report of the Administration Committee as a whole.
TE Mark Turner closed report in prayer.

Church Planting & Outreach Committee

TE Craig Bailey opened in prayer and gave a brief report concerning the work of church planting. He informed presbyters that First Scots Church Plant in Beaufort has completed training of elders and they are ready for examination.

Motion: M/S/C that a commission made up of the following elders: TE Phil Stogner, TE John Schley, RE Kurt Brewer, RE Chris Jarvis, and TE Craig Bailey examine elders of First Scots.

JP Sibley was asked to provide a brief report of his work in Orangeburg. In his report he asked that we would pray that their core group would at least double in size.

TE Kevin Thumpston, Tri-presbytery Church Planting coordinator shared briefly about his recent health issues.

The Church Planting and Outreach Committee report was closed with a season of prayer.

Motion: M/C that the report be received as presented.

Campus
Ministries
Committee

TE Sam Joyner opened in prayer.

TE Danny Clark gave a brief report on the work at the College of Charleston.
TE Phil Stogner shared briefly about the RCF at the Citadel.

Motion: M/S/C that Presbytery approve TE Clark's housing allowance be approved at \$34289 per IRS Code Section 107 for the year 2017.

Motion: M/C that the report be received as presented.

TE Sam Joyner closed the report in prayer.

Leadership
Development
Committee

TE Jon Payne gave the report.

TE Jon Payne closed the report of the Leadership Development Team in prayer.

Motion: M/C that the report be received as presented.

Shepherding
& Church
Vitality
Committee

TE Ron Steel opened the report in prayer.

Motion: M/S/C that presbytery approves TE Bill Schweitzer's LOB report for 2016 and that Presbytery approve his continuing to labor outside of bounds as a MTW missionary in England working with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales (EPCEW)

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

Motion: M/S/C a motion of thanks to RE David Walters, Jr. for faithfully serving as the first moderator of Lowcountry Presbytery. Passed Unanimously.

Motion: that the report of the Shepherding Committee be received.

Adjournment

Motion: M/C that the Fourth meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery be adjourned.

TE Joyner closed the meeting in prayer at 1:32pm.

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. Budget Situation Figures – 2017
6. Report of Commission to Particularize Christ Church Presbyterian
7. Housing Resolution for TE Danny Clark for 2017
8. Committee Reports

Attachment #1:

Teaching Elder Attendance for November 23, 2016 Stated Meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery:

Bailey, Crag	Redeemer Church, Charleston	P
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	P
Konopa, Ben	HR, Eastbridge, Mt. Pleasant	P
Mark, Alex	Beaufort Church Plant, Beaufort	P
McCutchen, William	Hilton Head Church, Hilton Head	P
Olson, John	Church Creek Church, Charleston	X
Patrick, John Mark	Trinity Church, Orangeburg	P
Payne, Jon	Christ Church Plant, Charleston	P
Pitzer, Tim	Hilton Head Church, Hilton Head	P
Schley, John	Metro North Church, Goose Creek	P
Schweitzer, Bill	MTW, England	ME
Shank, Andrew	Hilton Head Church, Hilton Head	P
Sibley, J.P.	Orangeburg Church Plant, Orangeburg	P
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:

John	Baker	P	Hilton Head Presbyterian
Ken	Crovo	P	Hilton Head Presbyterian
Larry	Decker	P	Grace Coastal Church
Nathan	Holleman	P	Two Rivers PCA
Jim	Rowland	P	Grace Coastal Church
Michael	Salley	P	Trinity Presbyterian

Maury	Tepper	P	Hilton Head Presbyterian
David	Walters, Jr.	P	Church Creek Presbyterian
David	Walters, Sr.	P	Church Creek Presbyterian
Ralph	Woodie	P	Hilton Head Presbyterian
Rich	Wylly	P	Eastbridge Presbyterian

Church Delegate Summary Report:

Church Creek Presbyterian	TE & RE
Eastbridge Presbyterian	TE
Grace Coastal Church	TE & RE
Hilton Head Presbyterian	TE or RE
Metro North PCA	TE
Oakbrook Community Church	TE
Redeemer Presbyterian Church	TE
Trinity Presbyterian	TE & RE
Two Rivers Presbyterian	TE & RE

Attachment #3:

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

RE Nathan Holleman – Two Rivers nathan@holleman.us

RE John Duncan – jduncan@firstscotsorg

RE Mark Senn – msenn@bmhsc.org

TE Kevin Thumpston – Watershed Fellowship – Church planting coordinator

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

Attachment #5: Treasurer's Report – Budget Situation

2017 Balanced Budget

Lowcountry Presbytery Administration Committee Approved: 10/24/2016
 P.O. Box 31775
 Charleston, SC 29417-1775

EXPENSES	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	% Budget Change
Administration	\$4,640	\$3,841	\$4,690	1.1%
Campus Ministries	\$15,010	\$15,010	\$15,010	0.0%
Church Planting & Outreach	\$26,375	\$17,917	\$20,000	-31.9%
Judicial	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
Leadership Development	\$0	\$0	\$150	100.0%
Shepherding and Church Vitality	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100	100.0%
Total	\$46,025	\$36,768	\$39,950	-15.2%

Funds scheduled to be spent

Administration	\$790
Church Planting & Outreach	\$3,333
Total remaining to be spent in 2016	\$4,123

Church	City	2016 Given to Date	Tithes & Offerings	1% Asking	Year
Christ Church	Mt. Pleasant	\$4,000.00	Based on estimate	\$4,000	N/A
Church Creek	Charleston	\$1,875.00	\$377,233	\$3,772	2015
Eastbridge	Mt. Pleasant	\$2,757.00	\$436,781	\$4,368	2015
Grace Coastal	Okatie	\$3,600.00	\$369,977	\$3,700	2015
Hilton Head	Hilton Head	\$9,470.00	\$947,083	\$9,471	2015
Metro North	Goose Creek	\$2,666.66	\$335,682	\$3,357	2015
Oakbrook Community	Summerville	\$1,200.00	\$148,355	\$1,484	2014
Redeemer	Charleston	\$3,642.00	\$382,834	\$3,828	2015
Trinity	Orangeburg	\$2,625.00	\$339,935	\$3,399	2015
Two Rivers	N. Charleston	\$2,554.00	\$224,400	\$2,244	2012
Total		\$34,389.66	\$3,562,280.00	\$35,623	
Presbytery Offerings				\$350	
Total Income				\$35,973	

EXPENSES	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	% Budget Change	
Administration	\$4,640	\$3,841	\$5,010	7.4%	
Campus Ministries	\$15,010	\$15,010	\$18,140	17.3%	
Church Planting & Outreach	\$26,375	\$17,917	\$24,500	-7.7%	
Judicial	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	
Leadership Development	\$0	\$0	\$250	100.0%	
Shepherding and Church Vitality	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200	100.0%	
Total	\$46,025	\$36,768	\$47,900	3.9%	Budget Deficit \$7,927

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Attachment #6: Report of Commission to Particularize Christ Church Presbyterian

Commission of Lowcountry Presbytery to organize Christ Church Presbyterian Mission Church and install their pastors.

The Commission convened on August 28, 2016, at 10:00 am, at Moultrie Middle School, Mt. Pleasant, SC.

Commission members present were: (a quorum of two TEs and two REs were present)
Teaching Elders: Chris Bennett and Alex Mark (Chairman: Chris Bennett)
Ruling Elders: David Walters, Jr. and Richard Wylly
Others present: RE Melton L. Duncan (Calvary Presbytery), TE W. Ross Hodges, TE Jon D. Payne, TE Richard D. Phillips (Calvary Presbytery), LB Carl Robbins (Calvary Presbytery), TE Rhett Sanders (Palmetto Presbytery), and TL David F. A. Strain (Mississippi Valley Presbytery)
Secretary: TL Chris Bennett

The following have been elected to the office of Ruling Elder by the members of Christ Church Presbyterian Mission Church from the list of those found qualified by the Commission: Dr. Scott Buchanan and Mr. Keith Hester.

TE Jon D. Payne has been elected as senior pastor and TE W. Ross Hodges has been elected as associate pastor by the communicant members of the Christ Church Presbyterian Mission Church.

The Commission recessed with prayer by TL Jon D. Payne for the service of Organization and Installation of the Pastors.

RE Melton L. Duncan asked the members of the mission congregation the question for entering into church covenant contained in *BCO* 5-9(3) which was answered affirmatively by the congregation verbally and with uplifted hands. RE Melton L. Duncan then declared that Christ Church Presbyterian Mission Church was constituted as a church in the PCA (*BCO* 5-9(4)).

TL Rhett Sanders stated the warrant and nature of the office of Ruling Elder together with the proper character to be sustained and the duties to be fulfilled per *BCO* 24-6. The 6 questions in *BCO* 24-6 were addressed to the Ruling Elder candidates and each responded affirmatively to the questions. The question to the congregation in *BCO* 24-6 was addressed to the congregation and they answered in the affirmative verbally and by holding up their right hands.

Dr. Scott Buchanan had previously been ordained as a Ruling Elder. The Candidates, Dr. Scott Buchanan and Mr. Keith Hester, then knelt and were set apart with prayer and the laying on of hands to the office of Ruling Elder. The new officers were then given the right hand of fellowship. TE Rhett Sanders then declared that Dr. Scott Buchanan and Mr. Keith Hester had been regularly elected, ordained and installed as Ruling Elders of the church using the words of *BCO* 24-5. TL Carl Robbins then addressed a charge to the Officers and to the church.

TL Richard D. Phillips led in the installation of TL Jon D. Payne as senior pastor and TE W. Ross Hodges as associate pastor of Christ Church Presbyterian Church. He propounded the constitutional questions (*BCO* 21-9) to the Ministers and these were answered in the affirmative. TL Richard D. Phillips then propounded the constitutional questions (in *BCO* 21-10) to the congregation of the Christ Church Presbyterian Church and these were answered in the affirmative by members verbally and by holding up their right hands. LB Richard D. Phillips

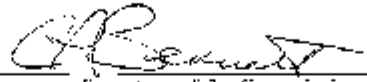
they declared that TE Jon D. Payne and TE Ross Hedges had been regularly elected, ordained, and installed as Senior Pastor and Associate Pastor of the Church, using the words of BCO 21-7.

A sermon was preached by TE David T. A. Stain on the topic/text: "Can These Bones Live?" Ezekiel 37:1-14.

Following prayer and singing, TE Jon D. Payne pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by TE Alex Mark.

August 28, 2016 _____
Date


Secretary of the Commission

Resolution of the Low Country Presbytery of
The Presbyterian Church In America
Designating a Portion of The Reverend Danny Clark's
2017 Compensation as Rental/Housing Allowance

Whereas, Internal Revenue Code Section 107, as well as the associated Regulation and Revenue Rulings, provide that the portion of a minister's remuneration, designated as a rental/housing allowance by the employing church or other qualifying organization, is excludable from the minister's gross income under Section 107 of the Code; and

Whereas, Low Country Presbytery, is a qualifying organization,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved that \$34,289.00 of the compensation paid The Reverend Danny Clark during 2017 is designated as a rental/housing allowance in accordance with the provisions of Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code; and

Be it Further Resolved that the amounts so designated as rental/housing allowance are excludable from gross income of the recipient only to the extent that said amounts are used to rent or provide a home. Further, the amount eligible for the Section 107 exclusion may not exceed the fair rental value of the minister's home (including furnishings and appurtenances) plus the cost of utilities. To the extent a greater amount is designated as rental/housing allowance, the designation will be ineffectual with respect to such amount.

This Resolution is applicable for calendar year 2017 and all future years unless otherwise provided by the Affiliated Committee.

Adopted this 3 day of November 2016,

Low Country Presbytery

Stated Clerk

RUF TE (Campus Minister)

Attachment #8: 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*.
- **Budget Requests:** It is the job of the Administrative Committee to present a budget at the November Stated meeting (Nov 3, 2016). The Administrative Committee has taken input from each committee is presenting to you today with two options for a recommended budget for 2017: 1) A Balanced Budget which impacts our campus ministers and has no allocation for expanding our church planting and 2) A Needed Budget which includes what our committees would like to accomplish in 2017 for the Kingdom. The Needed Budget is not aggressive, it simply maintains what we used to do as part of the Palmetto Presbytery, however, it will require EACH of our churches to get behind it and support it financially.
- It was extremely difficult to come up with a balanced proposed budget for 2017 since we are a small presbytery without many large churches. 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 will be only able to operate minimally as a presbytery. In order for us to meet our "Needed Budget" in this coming year it will be necessary for our churches to provide **more** than the normal 1% Asking. To meet our "Needed Budget" which fully funds our campus ministries and Church planning efforts without any frills, **each church will need to prayerfully consider giving 1.5% of their Annual Budget**. This is especially important that each church participate financially so we can continue to support our Campus Ministers and plant churches! We ask that all Presbyters go back to their churches and discuss how their contributions to Presbytery heavily support Campus Ministries and Church Planting.
- **Reminder:** Our Standing Rules 5.3.1 state that All Presbytery Commissioners should attend every meeting unless providentially hindered. When providentially hindered from attendance the presbyter must request Presbytery for an excuse from the Stated Clerk, stating, via email or letter, his reason for his non-attendance. Failure to comply with this will mean his absence is unexcused. The Presbytery will determine if a requested absence is excused. Members of Presbytery are expected to arrive on time and to attend all sessions.

1. Report of Stated Clerk

- Stated Clerk's report

2. Report of the Treasurer

- Treasurer's report
- Presentation of Proposed Budgets for 2017
See Attached: Proposed Balanced Budget 2017 & Proposed Needed Budget 2017

Motions:

From Treasurer's Report:

We will entertain motions from the floor to approve EITHER the NEEDED or the BALANCED budget for 2017. The administration committee wanted to offer an opportunity for Presbyters to step up and support the Needed budget rather than make the cuts necessary to submit the Balanced budget.

Elections:

Election of Moderator – Nominations: TE Ross Hodges; TE David Donovan; Others?

Vice Moderator: Our Standing Rules 3.2.1 state: Vice Moderator shall ordinarily be the immediate past Moderator and shall serve at the request of the Moderator, or when the Moderator is unable to serve. So RE David Walters, Jr. shall serve as Vice-Moderator for 2017.

Election of Trustees – No election this year as our 1st class of Trustees serves until Nov 2017.

RE Nate Arnold (Class of 2017)

RE Matt King (Class of 2019)

RE Jim Rowland (Class of 2018)

RE David Walters, Sr. (Class of 2019)

Invitations for upcoming meetings are needed: Please volunteer your church to host the Lowcountry Presbytery on one of these dates:

5th – January 28th, 2017 @ Metro North, Goose Creek

6th – April 25th, 2017 – Location needed

7th – July 22nd, 2017 – Invited by Eastbridge PCA, Mt. Pleasant

8th – Nov 2nd, 2017 – Location needed

9th – Jan 27th, 2018 – Location needed

10th – Apr 24th, 2018 – Location needed

11th – Jul 28th, 2018 – Location needed

12th – Nov 1st, 2018 – Location needed

Church Planting and Outreach Committee

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

Particularization information for First Scots Church Plant, Beaufort

Campus Ministries Committee

TE Sam Joyner, Chairman, Grace Coastal PCA, Okatie [sam@gracecoastalchurch.com].

Brief report from TE Danny Clark about his ministry at the College of Charleston.

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 Jon Payne, Chairman, Christ Church PCA, [jdpcchristchurch@icloud.com].

No Report.

Shepherding and Church Vitality

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

No Report.