

Seventh Stated Meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery

July 22, 2017

The Seventh Stated Meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery was held at 9:00 a.m., July 22, 2017 at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Orangeburg, SC.

Worship Service 9:00am	TE John Mark Patrick led the worship service by asked the congregation to stand and sing, <i>A Mighty Fortress</i> . The Call to Worship was Psalm 46 read responsively. TE Patrick prayed and then led the congregation in singing Psalm 91. Our confession of faith was from Heidelberg catechism Question #1. As the offering was collected we sang, <i>Whate'er My God Ordains is Right</i> . After corporately confessing sin and a time of silent confession. TE Patrick pronounced the Assurance of Pardon from Romans 8:1. We stood and sang the Doxology. RE David Walters, Jr. then brought a message from God's Word from the book of Nahum. TE Patrick properly fenced the Lord's Table and the Ruling Elders of Trinity assisted in the distribution of the elements. We stood and sang, <i>I Hear the Words of Love</i> . TE Patrick pronounced the benediction.
Call to Order 10:15am	<p>The Seventh stated meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery was called to order by the moderator, TE Ross Hodges at 10:17 AM in the sanctuary of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Orangeburg, SC.</p> <p>The Moderator, TE Ross Hodges, opened the meeting with prayer. The moderator then asked for any remaining Session minutes to be brought forward for review.</p>
Quorum	<p>TE Hodges asked the Stated Clerk if there was a quorum.</p> <p>The Stated Clerk declared that a quorum was present.</p>
Docket Approval	<p>M/S/C: The Stated clerk moved that the docket submitted by the Administration Committee and posted on the website and electronically distributed to presbyters be approved as presented.</p> <p>The moderator appointed TE JP Sibley and TE Howard Cole to form a Committee of Thanks.</p>
Introduction of Guests	Guests & first-time commissioners were introduced.
Presentation of Memorial	<p>TE Turner submitted a Memorial for Dr. Bill Barton on behalf of the session of Oakbrook Community Church in Summerville.</p> <p>M/S/C: that prayers of thanks be offered to our Gracious God for the life of Teaching Elder Dr. Bill Barton who so faithfully served many churches within our presbytery and that the memorial be read and entered into the minutes of this 7th stated meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery and a copy of this memorial be sent to the family by the clerk.</p>
Ministry Equipping Time 10:30am	David Brett Chapman – <i>Lifeline Christian Services</i> presented about their ministry and the great need for foster and adoptive families. Lifeline's ministry is to help equip churches meet the many needs of children with the love of Christ.

Prayer 11:00am	TE Ron Steel led in prayer for Lifeline Ministries. TE Ron Steel then led the members and commissioners of Presbytery to break into small groups to pray.
BUSINESS 11:15am	TE Ross Hodges called the presbyters to order after the season of prayer. M/S/C: to approve the minutes from the Sixth Stated Meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery held April 25, 2017 with corrections as presented and distributed to presbyters.
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. 2. Motion that the report of the commission to install TE John Mark Patrick as pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Orangeburg, SC on May 21, 2017 be approved.
Administration Committee Report	TE Mark Turner opened the Admin report in prayer. He reminded presbyters of the information contained in the docket under Administration Committee. TE Turner noted that we are still in need of invitations for the 10 th – 12 th stated meetings: Location and dates for upcoming meetings were announced: 8th – Thu, Nov 2nd, 2017 – Hilton Head Presbyterian, Hilton Head 9th – Sat, Jan 27th, 2018 – Redeemer Presbyterian, Charleston 10th – Tue, Apr 24th, 2018 – Location needed 11th – Sat, Jul 28th, 2018 – Church Creek, Charleston 12th – Thu, Nov 1st, 2018 – Location needed Report regarding upcoming need for Nominations: We will need to elect men to replace the Class of 2017 at the November 2, 2017 Presbytery meeting so that they will be ready to serve in 2018. Here is a list of the class of 2017: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TE Mark Turner – Administration ○ RE Chris Jarvis – Campus Ministries ○ RE Kurt Brewer – Church Planting & Outreach ○ TE Phil Stogner – Church Planting & Outreach ○ TE Howard Cole – Leadership Development ○ TE Tim Pitzer – Leadership Development ○ TE Ron Steel – Shepherding & Church Vitality ○ RE David Walters, Sr. -- Shepherding & Church Vitality ○ TE Michael Walters -- Shepherding & Church Vitality ○ RE Nate Arnold – Trustee Please let any member of the administrative Committee know if you have suggestions. We will be receiving nominations through Oct 1 – statedclerk@lowcountrypresbytery.org. The presbytery will then be voting on them at our November 2 nd meeting. Please check with the person you are nominating before submitting their name to make sure they are willing to serve.
Stated Clerk’s Report	The Stated Clerk, TE Chris Bennett, gave his report.

M/S/C: that TE Craig Bailey (wedding preparation), TE Sam Joyner (vacation), TE Alex Mark (funeral), TE Jon Payne (family responsibilities), TE John Schley (missions) and TE Phil Stogner (sabbatical) TE Tim Pitzer be granted excused absences for today's presbytery. M/S/C.

M/S/C: M/S/C: that Grace Coastal Church and Two Rivers Presbyterian Church be granted an excused absence for Ruling Elders from today's presbytery.

Motion: that the following change to the Book of Church Order (BCO 25-3 – the underlined sentence being added regarding an increase in the quorum required or withdrawal of a church from the PCA), received in the affirmative by the 45th General Assembly via Overture 16, be approved:

25-3. The quorum of the congregational meeting shall consist of one-fourth (1/4) of the resident communing members, if the church has not more than one hundred (100) such members, and of one-sixth (1/6) of the resident communing members if a church has more than one hundred (100) such members. However, at any meeting where there will be a vote to withdraw from the Presbyterian Church in America, the quorum shall be one-half (1/2) of the resident communing members.

Motion Passed - Record of votes: Favor 15 Opposed 1 Abstain 0

The Stated Clerk shared that there are additional free copies of the book, *90 Days in Judges, Galatians & Ephesians* by Timothy Keller & Richard Coekin from the Good Book company available for your taking.

Treasurer's Report

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

Administrative Committee

M/S/C: to accept the report of the Administration Committee and the budget report as a whole. M/S/C.

TE Chris Bennett closed the report of the Administration Committee in prayer.

Leadership Development Committee

RE Dean Ezell opened in prayer.

Examination for Transfer of Ordination – TE Bill Harritt

TE Bill Harritt Biography:

Bill and his wife, Janet, moved to Durham, NC from St Louis, MO after Bill completed his Masters of Divinity at Covenant Theological Seminary (2012). Janet and Bill met while both were working in youth ministry so she is passionate about ministering to students as well. Bill graduated from the University of South Carolina (2003), and has served in youth ministry for over ten years. His ministry has brought him to serve in churches in South Carolina, Colorado, Virginia, Alabama and Missouri before his most recent position at Church of the Good Shepherd in Durham. They have two young children: a daughter, Janet and a son, William. Bill was ordained in the Eastern Carolina Presbytery in 2014 and is being called to be an Assistant Pastor of Family Ministries and Discipleship at Eastbridge.

He is to be examined in: Christian Experience, views in theology, sacraments, and church government. Any declared differences with the Westminster Standards. Assent to BCO 21-5 ordination questions.

Bill's exception to WCF— 21:8

I take exception to WCF-21:8 regarding the keeping of the Sabbath day. I do not think that Scripture sets as strict of an observance of the Sabbath as is stated in this section that seems to imply to me that recreation is not part of keeping the Sabbath day.

The Sabbath was sanctified by the Lord at creation. The Sabbath is to be a day set apart for worship and rest. It is not to be taken lightly in our observance and obedience to the commands to remember the sabbath. Scripture shows that God prohibits work on the Sabbath (Exodus 20:8-11; Deut 5:12-15), except for works of mercy (Matt 12:11-13), that we may gather for worship (Lev 23:3), but it is not clear that recreation is included in this prohibition. The Scripture encourages rest (Lev 23:3), and I find recreation to be an expression that blesses and renews a man, for as Jesus said, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27). I think that this allows activities on the Sabbath that would traditionally and by the confessions standards be considered recreation. Recreation is not the centerpiece of my sabbath, the Sabbath is honored by our family starting on Saturday as we prepare for worship, observing the Sabbath as a day of rest for our family through putting aside of worldly things that would normally consume our regular work week and built around the worship of the Lord.

The Leadership Development Committee has met and examined TE Bill Harritt in Christian Experience, views in theology, sacraments, and church government per BCO 13-6.. The committee recommends Bill Harritt for transfer into the Low country presbytery. He has successfully passed his written and oral exams, and has expressed one exception to our Confessional standards (WCF 21—8) that we deem is not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine.

RE Dean Ezell led an examination of TE Bill Harritt covering his views in theology, Sacraments, and church government.

RE Dean Ezell asked TE Bill Harritt if there had been any changes to any of his ordination vows of BCO 21-5.

He affirmed that there were no changes from his ordination vows.

TE Bill Harritt was excused from the floor of presbytery.

M/S/C: that Presbytery accept the just completed exam of TE Bill Harritt as satisfying the requirements for transfer per BCO 13-6.

M/S/C: that **TE Bill Harritt's** declared differences with the Westminster Standards regarding recreation on the Sabbath is not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine but is deemed "merely semantic" ("Rules of Assembly Operation," 16-3, c, 5).

M/S/C: that the examination for the Transfer of Ordination in its entirety be approved and that TE Bill Harritt be entered as a Teaching Elder on the rolls of Lowcountry Presbytery pending his release by Eastern Carolina Presbytery. TE Bill Harritt was invited back to the floor of presbytery.

RE Dean Ezell welcomed TE Bill Harritt and extended the right hand of fellowship to him. RE Ezell prayed for his future ministry at Eastbridge PCA and closed the report in prayer.

TE Harritt was asked to sign the Ministerial Obligation form at the Clerk's desk.

Shepherding &
Church Vitality
Committee

TE Ron Steel opened the report in prayer.

TE Bill Harritt was asked if he would accept the call as Assistant Pastor of Eastbridge Presbyterian, Mt. Pleasant, SC as presented.

TE Harritt indicated that he would gladly accept this call.

M/S/C: that Presbytery, approve the call of **TE Bill Harritt** by the congregation of Eastbridge Presbyterian Church (Mt. Pleasant, SC) as Assistant Pastor. Terms of call include the following: Salary \$43,000 per year, Housing Allowance \$31,000 per year plus 2.7% Social Security/Medicare allowance, Medical Insurance \$10,900, HSA \$750 per year, retirement +5.5%, Long term disability insurance, Life insurance plus other secondary benefits.

M/S/C: that Presbytery appoint the following **Commission to install TE Bill Harritt** as assistant pastor of Eastbridge Presbyterian Church (Mt. Pleasant, SC) at Eastbridge PCA on Sunday, August 13, 2017 at the Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10:30am. A commission consisting of at least 2 TE's and 2 RE's: TE Ron Steel, TE Danny Clark, RE David Walters, Jr., and RE Ron Hemingway, RE Rick Owens, RE Rick Raybon, and RE Rich Wyllly.

M/S/C: to use the offering from today to go towards defraying the expenses of the special joint service planned by the Presbytery on October 29, 2017 in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

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

M/S/C: that the report of the Shepherding Committee be received as presented.

Review of
Session
Minutes

M/S/C: that the Presbytery approve the 2016 minutes of the following churches be approved with notations: Church Creek.

Note: all church's session minutes have been reviewed for 2017.

M/S/C: by TE Steel to approve the following resolution of Thanks as prepared by the Committee and have it read at lunch.

*Resolution of Thanks
Trinity Presbyterian Church*

Whereas, the 2017 Summer meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery met at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Orangeburg, SC, and;

Whereas, this community was founded on the banks of the North Fork of the Edisto River in 1735 by a colony of 200 Swiss, German, and Dutch immigrants, who were drawn to its fertile land and natural beauty, and;

Whereas, Orangeburg is home to South Carolina State and Claflin Universities where historically, African-American young people from all around our state were

afforded an opportunity to receive a college education during a time of racial segregation, and;

Whereas, the city is known as the Garden City and so it maintains the Edisto Memorial Gardens, which boasts 5 acres of azaleas and some 4,800 rose plants representing over 120 varieties, and;

Whereas, Trinity Presbyterian Church was planted in 1986 to stand up for the truth of the Gospel and the trustworthiness of the Scripture, to raise up and send out laborers into God's kingdom, and to be a fragrance of life in the midst of a dead and dying world, and;

Whereas, RE David Walters read a large section of Nahum and shared a crucible in his own life in which the Lord proved to be "good, a stronghold in the day of trouble. And [the One who] knows those who take refuge in Him," and;

Therefore, be it resolved that Lowcountry Presbytery offers its praise to our Lord Jesus Christ who seized the day to purchase our salvation with his precious blood. And we give thanks to the servants here at Trinity Presbyterian for their hospitality and service to us today.

Adjournment **M/S/C:** that the Seventh meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery be adjourned with prayer.

TE Howard Cole closed the meeting in prayer at 12:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

TE Chris Bennett
Stated Clerk

TE Ross Hodges
Moderator

Appendixes:

1. Attendance Roster – Teaching Elders
2. Attendance Roster – Ruling Elders
3. Guest List for 7th Stated Meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery
4. Stated Clerk's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Report of Commission to install John Mark Patrick
7. Memorial for TE Bill Barton

Appendix #1:

Teaching Elder Attendance for July 22, 2017 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	U
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	HR
Mark, Alex	Beaufort Church Plant, Beaufort	X
McCutchen, William	Hilton Head Church, Hilton Head	P
Olson, John	Church Creek Church, Charleston	P
Patrick, John Mark	Trinity Church, Orangeburg	P
Payne, Jon	Christ Church Plant, Charleston	X
Pitzer, Tim	Hilton Head Church, Hilton Head	X
Schley, John	Metro North Church, Goose Creek	X
Schweitzer, Bill	MTW, England	ME
Sibley, J.P.	Orangeburg Church Plant	P
Steel, Ron	Eastbridge Church, Mt. Pleasant	P
Stogner, Phil	Two Rivers Church, North Charleston	X
Turner, Mark	Oakbrook Church, Summerville	P
Walters, Michael	Without Call, Charleston	P

Appendix #2:

Ruling Elder Attendance for July 22, 2017 Stated Meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery:

Nate	Arnold		Metro North Church
Ken	Dorian		Metro North Church
Dean	Ezelle		Church Creek Presbyterian
Mark	Ford		Trinity Presbyterian
Ron	Hemingway		Eastbridge
Matt	King		Oakbrook PCA
John	Miller		Metro North Church
Michael	Salley		Trinity Presbyterian
David	Walters, Jr.		Church Creek Presbyterian
Jeff	Watford		Trinity Presbyterian
Woody	Watford		Trinity Presbyterian
Ron	Woernle		First Scots

Church Delegate Summary Report:

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

Appendix #3:

Registered Guests for July 22, 2017 Stated Meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery:

Frankie Bennett, spouse, Redeemer	Connie Iannelli-Smith, WIC, Oakbrook
Brett Chapman, Lifeline Christian Service	Shea Patrick, WIC, Trinity Orangeburg
Alleyn Cole, spouse, Metro North	Matthew Proctor, Intern, Christ Church
TE Bill Harritt, Transfer of Ordination	Laurie Sibley, WIC, New City Fellowship
Bobbi Foster, WIC, Oakbrook	Lisa Watford
Beth Hillete, WIC, Church Creek	

Stated Clerk's Report
for the July 22, 2017 meeting of
Lowcountry Presbytery

1. Correspondence:

- a) Received an email from TE Andrew Shank stating that he had undergone examination by Western Carolina Presbytery for transfer, and everything went very well. He further stated that his call to RUF @ WCU was approved, his transfer of ordination was accepted, and he was extended the right hand of fellowship by all the brothers there.
- b) Provided TE Craig Bailey with a list of all the correspondence I have had with Independent Presbyterian Church of Savannah, GA.
- c) Emailed the names of the six TEs who were appointed to Committees of Commissioners (CoC) to the 2017 General Assembly.
- d) Created the Official Change of Presbytery Rolls form for TE Andrew Shank and emailed it to the Stated Clerk of Western Carolina Presbytery.
- e) Emailed the members of Presbytery to inform them of the request from Ric Springer for volunteers to serve as floor clerks at the General Assembly.
- f) Emailed all presbyters an announcement of upcoming training provided by the Christian Discipleship Ministries (CDM) Children's Ministry Conferences.
- g) Received the Report of the Commission to Install TE John Mark Patrick.
- h) Received an email from TE Ross Hodges proposing Brett Chapman from Lifeline Children's Services to be the speaker for our July stated meeting ministry equipping time.
- i) Responded to an email from Chris Shoemaker, a reviewer of Presbytery minutes, asking a question about our 2016 minutes.
- j) Contacted the PCA Administration Committee to check into why our CoC appointees were not included in the Commissioners Handbook for the General Assembly.
- k) Received an email from TE Ron Steel with the call for TE Bill Harritt to Eastbridge Presbyterian Church, unanimously approved by the Shepherding & Church Vitality Committee.
- l) Received a request from Westminster Seminary to fill out a survey on any graduates our Leadership Development Team has examined for licensure or ordination. I answered that we had not had any such examinations.
- m) Emailed the following documents to all the members of Presbytery: Dr. Roy Taylor's report of Actions of the 45th General Assembly, Report of the *Ad Interim* Committee on Women Serving in Ministry in the Church, Overture 16 for Presbytery action, and the 2018 Partnership Shares Report.

2. Administration:

- a) Attended the 45th General Assembly.
- b) Updated the directory, the PCA Clerk's online database, and the attendance sign-in sheets to reflect the transfer of TE Andrew Shank.

3. Excused absence requests. Request for excused absence received for this meeting: TE Sam Joyner (vacation), TE Jon Payne (family responsibilities), TE John Schley (missions), TE Phil Stogner (sabbatical). I also received requests for excused absence from Grace Coastal Church which is unable to send any RE delegates to the July 22 stated meeting.

4. Recommendations:

- a) **Motion** that the excused absence requests of TE Sam Joyner, TE Jon Payne, TE John Schley, TE Phil Stogner, and Grace Coastal Church be approved.
- b) **Motion** that the following change to the Book of Church Order (BCO 25-3 – the underlined sentence being added regarding an increase in the quorum required for

withdrawal of a church from the PCA), received in the affirmative by the 45th General Assembly via Overture 16, be approved.

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5. **Information.** Three additional copies of the free book, *90 Days in Judges, Galatians, & Ephesians* by Timothy Keller & Richard Coekin, from The Good Book Company will be set out for your taking.

Respectfully submitted,
TE Chris Bennett
Stated Clerk

Appendix #5: Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report

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

Updated: 7/15/17

Treasurer's Report July 15, 2017

Year to Date Income

Member church contributions	\$21,938.42
Desiganted church contributions	\$3,850.00
Presbytery offerings	\$159.00
Individual offerings	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$35.11
Total Income	\$25,982.53

Year to Date Income by Committee

Administration Committee	\$3,135.88
Campus Ministries Committee	\$8,332.94
Church Planting & Outreach Committee	\$15,106.43
Judicial Committee	\$0.00
Leadership Development Committee	\$112.70
Shepherding & Church Vitality Committee	\$92.81
Presbytery Designated Offering	\$0.00
Total	\$26,780.75

Year to Date Expenditures

Administration Committee	\$2,666.96
Campus Ministries Committee	\$9,070.00
Church Planting & Outreach Committee	\$6,959.70
Judicial Committee	\$0.00
Leadership Development Committee	\$0.00
Shepherding & Church Vitality Committee	\$0.00
Designated Gift	\$0.00
Total	\$18,696.66

Cash Flow

	\$468.92
	-\$737.06
	\$8,146.73
	\$0.00
	\$112.70
	\$92.81
	\$0.00
Total	\$8,084.09

Unrestricted Fund Balances

Administration Fund	\$14,314.74
Campus Ministries Fund	\$4,577.31
Church Planting & Outreach Fund	\$44,673.51
Judicial Fund	\$0.00
Leadership Development Fund	\$112.70
Shepherding & Church Vitality Fund	\$500.62
Total Unrestricted Funds	\$64,178.87

Restricted Fund Balances

Disaster Relief Fund (MNA)	\$432.88
MNA Expansion (5:10) Fund	\$2,557.97
Pastor Relief Fund	\$6,116.01
Total Loan Funds	\$9,106.86

Current Bank Balances

Checking	\$14,556.20
Money Market	\$58,729.53
Total	\$73,285.73

Respectfully submitted,
TE Chris Bennett
Treasurer

REPORT OF COMMISSION TO ORDAIN/INSTALL

Report of the Commission to ordain/Install Mr./Rev. John Mark Patrick
as Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church

The Commission met on May 21, 2017, at 10:15 a.m./p.m.
at the church (or at _____). A quorum was present.

Commission members present were:

<u>RE Mark Ford</u>	<u>TE John Paul Sibley</u>
<u>RE Michael Salley</u>	<u>RE Sean Sawyer</u>
<u>RE Woody Watford</u>	<u>RE _____</u>
<u>RE Jeff Watford</u>	<u>RE _____</u>

Others Present: _____

The Commission meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Woody Watford.
Mr./Rev. Jeff Watford was elected chairman and
Mr./Rev. Mark Ford was elected Secretary of the Commission. The
order of Worship was reviewed and approved by the Commission. The minutes were
read and approved. Commission recessed with prayer by Michael Salley
for the ordination/installation service.

The Chairman presided in the sanctuary service, which was opened with singing, prayer
and Scripture reading. The sermon was preached by Rev. Sean Sawyer,
on the topic/text: Mark 6:1-29

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out
the nature and importance of the ordination/installation ordinance.

The Chairman propounded the constitutional questions to the Candidate/Minister (BCO
21.9) and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the
constitutional questions to the congregation (BCO 21.10), and these were answered in
the affirmative by the Members holding up their right hands. The Candidate then
kneeled and was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer and the
laying on of hands. (Or Michael Salley led in prayer as John Mark Patrick
was installed as Pastor of the congregation.) He then rose and the Members of the
Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that
Mr./Rev. John Mark Patrick had been regularly elected, (ordained),
and installed as Pastor of the Church.

A charge to the Pastor was delivered by Mr./Rev. John Paul Sibley.

A charge to the Congregation was delivered by Mr./Rev. John Paul Sibley.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction. The minutes
having been approved, the Benediction closed this portion of the Commission's business.

Mark D. Ford
Secretary

Appendix #7: Memorial for Teaching Elder Whaley (Bill) Barton, Jr.

**MEMORIAL FOR TEACHING ELDER WHALEY (BILL) BARTON, JR.
May 5, 1941-June 12, 2017**

The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.” Job 1:21

Dr. Bill Barton was born in Miami, Florida and died in Columbia, South Carolina at the age of 76 having been married to his wife Linda for 55 years.

He was faithful to the end to God, to his calling, and to his wife and family. To God be the Glory!

WHEREAS, Bill, after being called to Christ in salvation and then to the Gospel Ministry, studying at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, was ordained in 1974, and

WHEREAS, Bill served as pastor of a number of churches; Calvary Church, Marietta, Georgia; Church of the Covenant, Houston, Texas; Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church; eighteen years at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church which he planted; and New Harmony Presbyterian Church. And served as Stated Supply at Oakbrook Community Church, Summerville, SC and Interim Pastor at Lake Oconee Presbyterian Church, Eatonton, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Bill served the church on the presbytery and denominational level and served his community as a volunteer Police Chaplin for twenty three years: and

WHEREAS, Bill, developed a consulting ministry, Ministry Resource Team and helped numerous churches through that ministry; and

WHEREAS, his ministry bore much fruit to advance the Kingdom of God; and

WHEREAS, to the Church Bill leaves a legacy of a love for and faithfulness to Christ, a love for the Church Universal, for the Presbyterian Church in America, for the local church, and for other Pastors; and

WHEREAS, to his family Bill leaves the legacy, of strong faith, faithfulness in marriage, and a deep love for each one of them; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we the Lowcountry Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America, give our thanks to God for Bill Barton’s life and ministry among us and extend our prayer and support to Dr. Barton’s wife Linda, and his daughter Kathryn, his son Steve and their spouses, his thirteen grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution shall be given to the family of our beloved father and brother in the faith and that a copy be spread upon the minutes of the 7th stated meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery, July 22, 2017.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Respectfully Submitted by Teaching Elder Mark W. Turner on behalf of the Session of the Oakbrook Community Church (PCA).

July 3, 2017