

Recommended Docket for the Fifth Stated Meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery

To be held: 9:00 a.m., Saturday, January 28, 2017 at Metro North PCA, Goose Creek, SC

Recommended Docket submitted by the Administration Committee:

That the following docket be approved for the Fifth Stated Meeting of the Palmetto Presbytery scheduled for January 28, 2017 at Metro North PCA, Goose Creek, SC:

- 9:00 Worship with Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Call to Order & Opening Business
1. Welcome
 2. Roll Call (by registration sign in sheets)
 3. Clerk's declaration of quorum
 4. Adoption of docket
 5. Motion to allow RE King to serve as Recording Clerk for this meeting.
 6. Introduction of Special Guests & First Time Commissioners
 7. Brief Presentation from Ashley Chandler of Charleston Christian School
 8. Presentation of Memorials
- 10:30 Ministry Equipping Time
Howard Cole - Equipping Our People to Make New Disciples
- 11:00 Prayer Time – led by Shepherding & Church Vitality Committee
- 11:15 Business & Reports
- Approval of Fourth Lowcountry Presbytery minutes for November 3, 2016
 - Presentation of Omnibus motion
 - Administration Committee
 - Report of Stated Clerk
 - Report of the Treasurer
 - Campus Ministries Committee
 - Church Planting & Outreach Committee
 - Judicial Committee – no report
 - Leadership Development Committee
 - Shepherding & Church Vitality Committee
 - Additional Business if needed & Adjournment targeted before 2:30
- 12:00 Order of the Day – Lunch

Administration Committee

TE Chris Bennett will present report.

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: TE Ross Hodges ross@christchurchcharleston.org 334-391-4931
- Health Insurance is cooperatively provided among the 3 multiplied Presbyteries through the *Stewart and Monroe Health Insurance Agency*.

- **Budget 2017:** A great big thank you to all of our churches in the Lowcountry Presbytery for your financial commitments for 2017! We were facing a budget shortfall if we fully supported our campus ministries and church planting efforts with our previous levels of giving, so the Administrative Committee offered two budgets at our last presbytery meeting – Balanced & Needed, with the balanced budget cutting significant ministry areas. At our Fourth Stated Meeting it was moved & passed *“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.”* Our Treasurer has received commitments from all of our churches for \$50,000 for 2017 which means we can meet the “Needed” budget and we do not have to make ministry cuts for 2017. In light of this the Administrative Committee recommends that we continue to operate with the previously submitted “Needed Budget for 2017” as our budget for 2017.

Upcoming Stated Meetings:

- 6th – April 25th, 2017 – Eastbridge PCA, Mt. Pleasant
- 7th – July 22nd, 2017 – Church Creek Presbyterian, Charleston
- 8th – Nov 2nd, 2017 – Hilton Head Presbyterian, Charleston
- 9th – Jan 27th, 2018 – Redeemer Presbyterian, Charleston
- 10th – Apr 24th, 2018 – Location needed
- 11th – Jul 28th, 2018 – Location needed
- 12th – Nov 1st, 2018 – Location needed

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:

After receiving 2017 commitments from the churches of Lowcountry Presbytery the Administration Committee recommends the adoption of the “2017 Needed Budget” for 2017 which was provisionally approved at the November 3, 2016.

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, [jdpchristchurch@icloud.com].

Update: RE Nate Arnold is working on licensure for our April 25, 17 Presbytery meeting.

Shepherding and Church Vitality

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

No Report.

Omnibus Motion

Omnibus Motions are collected and moved by the Stated Clerk to expedite routine business that usually does not require discussion and debate. All of these items will be included in one omnibus motion for a SINGLE vote **unless** there is a request to lift one or more for separate action during the meeting. If you have questions or would like further information about any item in the Omnibus Motion, please request that item be lifted out for special consideration.

The Omnibus Motion for the Third Stated Meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery:

1. **Motion** to form a Committee as a whole to review the Session minutes of the churches.
Please be prepared to have one of your commissioners' review the minutes of another church during the Presbytery meeting.
2. **Motion** that the Stated Clerk and Moderator be authorized to fill the Lowcountry Presbytery 2017 General Assembly Permanent Committees and Agencies 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 by February 6th, statedclerk@lowcountrypresbytery.org.