

Eleventh Stated Meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery

July 28, 2018

The Eleventh Stated Meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery was held at 9:00 a.m., July 28, 2018 at Church Creek Presbyterian Church in Charleston, SC.

Worship TE ... pronounced the benediction.
Service 9am

Call to Order The Eleventh stated meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery was called to order by the moderator, RE Rich Wylly at 10:35AM in the fellowship hall of Church Creek Presbyterian Church in Charleston, SC.

The Moderator, RE Rich Wylly, opened the meeting with prayer.

Quorum RE Rich Wylly asked the Stated Clerk if there was a quorum.

The Stated Clerk declared that a quorum was present.

Docket **M/S/C:** The docket for the Eleventh Lowcountry Presbytery submitted by the
Approval Administration Committee and posted on the website and electronically
distributed to presbyters be approved as presented.

The moderator appointed RE Jim Abbott & TE Phil Stogner to form a Committee of Thanks.

M/S/C to form a Committee as a whole to review the Session minutes of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Orangeburg, SC.

Introduction Guests & first-time commissioners were introduced.
of Guests

Presentation The Moderator asked if there were any memorials. There were none.
of Memorials

Ministry TE Dr. Ligon Duncan - *"Pastoral Counsel for Growing Gospel Diversity in Our Churches."*
Equipping Email: lduncan@rts.edu Visit: www.ligonduncan.com for further materials
Time 10:45am

Prayer Time: TE Ron Steel asked the Presbyters to break into small groups and pray.
11:15am-
12:15

12:15pm RE Rich Wylly called the presbyters back to order after prayer to conduct the
BUSINESS business of the presbytery.

Administrative Convened. at 12:15.
Committee: TE Chris Bennett opened the report in prayer.

M/S/C: To grant excused absences to the following presbyters: Danyn Clark, Howard Cole, Ross Hodges, Sam Joyner, and Tim Pitzer.

The Stated Clerk noted that Ministerial Obligation Forms need to be signed today.

The minutes of the Tenth Stated meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery held April 24, 2018 were posted on the website for review.

M/S/C: to approve the minutes from the Tenth Stated Meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery held April 24, 2018 as presented and distributed to presbyters.

RE David Walters, Jr. gave a report on the 46th General Assembly.

It was noted that we have invitations for the remainder of 2018 and we will be looking for invitations for hosting presbytery in 2019 Location and dates for upcoming meetings were announced:

- 12th – Thu, Nov 1st, 2018 – Hilton Head, Hilton Head
- 13th – Sat, Jan 26, 2019 – Metro North PCA, Goose Creek
- 14th – Tue, Apr 23, 2019 – Trinity PCA, Orangeburg
- 15th – Sat, Jul 27, 2019 – Need invitation
- 16th – Thu, Nov 7, 2019 – Eastbridge PCA, Mt. Pleasant

Nominations Upcoming:

We will need to elect men to replace the Class of 2018 at the **November 1, 2018** Presbytery meeting so that they will be ready to serve in 2019. Here is a list of the class of 2018:

- TE Chris Bennett – Administration (been re-nominated)
- RE Mike Slay – Campus Ministries
- TE Craig Bailey – Church Planting & Outreach
- RE Rich Wyly – Church Planting & Outreach
- TE David Donovan – Judicial Committee
- TE Jon Payne – Leadership Development (been re-nominated)
- RE Dean Ezell – Leadership Development (been re-nominated)
- TE Alex Mark – Leadership Development (been re-nominated)
- TE Ben Konopa – Shepherding & Church Vitality
- RE Tony Paladino-- Shepherding & Church Vitality (**Can't be re-elected as no longer in Presbytery – need nomination**)
- TE John Mark Patrick -- Shepherding & Church Vitality
- RE Jim Rowland – Trustee
- Stated Clerk – Chris Bennett – LCP Standing Rules 3.3.1 – 3 year term up
- Treasurer – Chris Bennett – LCP Standing Rules 3.5.1 3 year term up

Please let any member of the administrative Committee know if you have suggestions. We will be receiving nominations through our July meeting and voting on them at the November 1st meeting. If these men are re-elected they will be the class of 2021.

BCO Amendments from General Assembly:

ITEM 1: Amend BCO 8-1 and 8-3, Regarding Qualifications of Elders,
21 For 0 Against 0 Abstain

Order of the
Day: Lunch

RE Rich Wyly led the Presbytery in prayer for the lunch.

The Presbyters enjoyed a hearty lunch provided by Church Creek Presbyterian. The Following Resolution of thanks from the Committee of Thanks was passed by acclamation:

Resolution of
Thanks

Whereas, the 11th meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery was to be held for the conducting of the Lord's work on July 28, 2018;

And whereas, Lowcountry Presbytery needed a gracious host to see our need for food and shelter for such meeting;

And whereas, the preparations and careful planning made by Church Creek were all manifestations of the gospel of grace at work in their invitation to worship in glad songs of praise, be strengthened from God's word, and be fed at Christ table because you saw we were hungry and you took us in;

And whereas, the refreshments and lunch were tasty and abundant to the delight of every taste and appetite, because you saw we were hungry and you took us in;

Therefore, let it be resolved, that this 11th meeting of the Presbytery of Lowcountry offers and extends the sincerest and most profound gratitude to Church Creek Presbyterian Church, her leaders and members for reflecting the very image of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who seeing that we were hungry and homeless apart from Him and He took us in.

Meeting:

Called back to order by the moderator at 1:25pm. TE Bennett led us in prayer.

BCO Amendments from General Assembly:

ITEM 2: Amend BCO 25-11, to Require Thirty-Days' Notice to Withdraw from PCA

17 For 1 Against 0 Abstain

ITEM 3: Amend BCO 30-1, Regarding Definite Suspension

18 For 0 Against 0 Abstain

ITEM 4: Amend BCO 30-3, final paragraph, Regarding Indefinite Suspension

16 For 0 Against 2 Abstain

ITEM 5: Amend BCO 32-19, to Allow Counsel by Any Communing Member in All Levels of Courts

18 For 0 Against 1 Abstain

ITEM 6: Amend BCO 35-11, Not to Disqualify Automatically a Member of a Court Who Was Called as a Witness

18 For 0 Against 1 Abstain

ITEM 7: Amend BCO 59 as follows (Vote on 1, 2, and 3 as a unit).

19 For 0 Against 0 Abstain

Proposal to change Lowcountry Presbytery Standing Rules:

To match the mainstream of the PCA, both the Leadership Development Committee and the Church Planting and Outreach Committees are asking for their committees to be renamed, the Administration Committee is in agreement with these changes:

Leadership Development Committee to become: **Candidates and Credentials Committee**

Outreach and Church Planting Committee to become: **MNA and MTW Committee.**

The wording would be changed at the following places in the Standing Rules: 4.1.5; 4.9; 4.9.1; 4.9.2.6; 4.9.2.12; 5.5.4 AND 4.1.3; 4.7; 4.7.1; 5.5.4. To amend the Lowcountry Presbytery Standing Rules (2.2) the amendment must be read at one stated meeting of Presbytery, docketed for the next stated meeting, read again and then voted on. It requires a 2/3 affirmative vote to pass at that meeting.

M/S/C: (Second Reading) to amend the Lowcountry Presbytery Standing Rules to reflect the following Committee name changes: Leadership Development Committee to become: **Candidates and Credentials Committee**; Church Planting and Outreach Committee to become: **MNA and MTW Committee.** The wording would be changed at the following places in the Standing Rules: 4.1.5; 4.9; 4.9.1; 4.9.2.6; 4.9.2.12; 5.5.4 AND 4.1.3; 4.7; 4.7.1; 5.5.4. 17 For 0,0 Motion passes.

M/S/C to approve the minutes of Trinity Presbyterian Church with notations.

Administrative
Committee

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

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

MNA & MTW
Committee

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

TE Craig Bailey opened the report in prayer.

A letter was distributed which was written by TE Bill McCutcheon.

M/S/C: to approve this letter to be sent with corrections on behalf of Lowcountry Presbytery to the Savannah River Presbytery.

TE Bailey informed presbyters that the MNA committee will be contacting existing churches within the presbytery with a questionnaire in the near future.

M/S/C: Approve the committee's initiative of the Cainhoy Peninsula as a target area for church planting. **Motion carried.**

A Motion was made to appoint the MNA Committee as a commission to extend a call to potential church planter TE Chris Hodges to begin the process of church planting within the Cainhoy Peninsula area of the Lowcountry presbytery.

M/S/C: To make Substitute Motion the Main motion -

Substitute motion: that Lowcountry Presbtery would have a specially called meeting on Saturday Sept 8 at 9am at Redeemer Presbyterian for the purpose of discussing the issue of extending a call to TE Chris Hodges within the Cainhoy Peninsula area of the Lowcountry presbytery. **Motion carries.**

RE Rich Wyll on gave a brief report of Eastbridge's mission trip to Slovakia

TE Bill Nikides, PEF missionary gave a brief report on his missionary work.

TE Phil Stogner shared on his work with MTW as he goes to Scotland to serve Scottish church planters.

TE Phil Stogner closed the report in prayer.

M/S/C to receive the report of the MNA & MTW Committee.

Campus
Ministries
Committee

TE Bailey opened the report in prayer.

Savannah Shelby gave a report on her work as Campus Staff at the College of Charleston with TE Danny Clark.

TE JP Sibley closed the report in prayer

Candidates
and
Credentials
Committee:
Shepherding &
Church Vitality
Committee

TE Alex Mark – brief noted to the presbyters these dates:
Written Sept 18. Committee Work Oct 9

TE Ron Steel, Chairman, Eastbridge PCA, Mt. Pleasant [ron.steel48@gmail.com].
TE Ron Steel opened the report in prayer.

M/S/C: That today's offering be given to Brenda Busch, wife of Rev. George Busch who was called home on 4/24/2018 due to pancreatic cancer.

Motion: Having received TE Bill Schweitzer's report, that Lowcountry Presbytery affirm that his ministry is approved, and he may continue to labor out of bounds per the terms of BCO 13-2

TE Ron 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.

Adjournment

It was noted that the next meeting of Lowcountry Presbyter will be held on November 1st at Hilton Head Presbyterian Church in Hilton Head, SC.

M/S/C: that the Eleventh meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery be adjourned with prayer

RE Nate Arnold closed the meeting in prayer at 1:34pm.

Appendixes:

- A. Attendance Roster – Teaching Elders
- B. Attendance Roster – Ruling Elders
- C. Guest List for 9th Stated Meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery
- D. Stated Clerk's Report
- E. Treasurer's Report
- F. Memorial for RE Eugene Walpole, Jr.

Appendix A**Teaching Elder Attendance for July 28, 2018 Tenth 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	X
Cole, Howard	Metro North Church, Goose Creek	X
Donovan, David	Church Creek, Charleston	P
Bill Harritt	Eastbridge Church, Mt. Pleasant	P
Hodges, W. Ross	Christ Church, Charleston	X
Joyner, Sam	Grace Coastal Church, Okatie	X
Konopa, Ben	HR, Eastbridge, Mt. Pleasant	HR
Mark, Alex	First Scots, Beaufort	P
McCutchen, William	Hilton Head Church, Hilton Head	P
Olson, John	Church Creek, Charleston	P
Patrick, John Mark	Trinity Church, Orangeburg	P
Payne, Jon	Christ Church, Charleston	P
Pitzer, Tim	Hilton Head Church, Hilton Head	X
Schley, John	Metro North Church, Goose Creek	P
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	P
Turner, Mark	Oakbrook Church, Summerville	P
Walters, Michael	Church Creek, Charleston	P

Appendix B**Ruling Elder Attendance for July 28, 2018 Stated Meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery:**

Jim	Abbott		Eastbridge Presbyterian Church
Kurt	Brewer		Redeemer Presbyterian
Todd	Christian		Redeemer Presbyterian
Dean	Ezell		Church Creek Presbyterian
John	Greaves		Grace Coastal Presbyterian
John	Miller		Metro North Church
Mark	Senn		First Scots Presbyterian
David	Walters, Jr.		Church Creek Presbyterian
David	Walters, Sr.		Church Creek Presbyterian
Dean	Walters		Church Creek Presbyterian
Richy	Wylly		Eastbridge Presbyterian

Church Delegate Summary Report:

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

Guests & Visitors:

Nate Arnold, RE – Metro North Church
TE Bill Nikides, Great Plains Gathering
Carter Wright, Metro North
Peter Mathias, Redeemer
Amanda Dolinski, Redeemer
Laurie Sibley, Redeemer
Henry Thompson, Church Creek

Appendix C

Wendy Alsup, New City Fellowship
Nathan Holleman, RE – Two Rivers Presbyterian
Jarod Carlson, Redeemer
Jason Dolinski, Redeemer
Rosie Riddle, Redeemer
Shea Patrick, Redeemer
Bobbi Foster, Oakbrook Community