

Recommended Docket for the Tenth Stated Meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery

To be held: 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at Grace Coastal PCA, Okatie, SC

Recommended Docket submitted by the Administration Committee:

That the following docket be approved for the Tenth Stated Meeting of the Palmetto Presbytery scheduled for April 24, 2018 at Grace Coastal PCA, Okatie, 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. Introduction of Special Guests & First Time Commissioners
 6. Presentation of Memorials
- 10:30 Ministry Equipping Time
Jobs for Life: John Ring, presenting.
11:00 Prayer Time – led by Shepherding & Church Vitality Committee
11:15 Business & Reports
- Approval of Ninth Lowcountry Presbytery minutes for January 27, 2018
 - Presentation of Omnibus motion
 - Administration Committee 10 min
 - 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 the 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: Moderator: RE Rich Wylly rhwyly@gmail.com 843-412-9090
- Health Insurance is cooperatively provided among the 3 multiplied Presbyteries through the *Stewart and Monroe Health Insurance Agency*.

Upcoming Stated Meetings:

- 11th – Sat, Jul 28th, 2018 – Church Creek Presbyterian, Charleston
- 12th – Thu, Nov 1st, 2018 – Hilton Head Presbyterian, Hilton Head
- 13th – Sat, Jan 26, 2019 – location needed
- 14th – Tues, Apr 23, 2019 – location needed
- 15th – Sat, Jul 27, 2019 – location needed
- 16th – Thurs, Nov 7, 2019 – location needed

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
- RE Mike Slay – Campus Ministries
- TE Craig Bailey – Church Planting & Outreach
- RE Rich Wyllly – Church Planting & Outreach
- TE David Donovan – Judicial Committee
- TE John Payne – Leadership Development
- RE Dean Ezell – Leadership Development
- TE Alex Mark – Leadership Development
- TE Ben Konopa – Shepherding & Church Vitality
- RE Tony Paladino-- Shepherding & Church Vitality
- TE John Mark Patrick -- Shepherding & Church Vitality
- RE Jim Rowland – Trustee

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 2nd meeting. If these men are re-elected they will be the class of 2021.

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.

Motion: (First Reading) to amend the Lowcountry Presbytery Standing Rules to reflect the following Committee name 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.

Report of Stated Clerk & Treasurer

- Stated Clerk's report
- Treasurer's report
 - The Administration Committee wants you to know that the Treasurer handles finances by adding to each committee's account their percentage of the askings as

contributions are received. At the end of each calendar year, their ending balance becomes the beginning balance of the new year.

Church Planting and Outreach Committee

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

We ask that the Church Planting and Outreach Committee be renamed to the **MNA & MTW Committee** to match the mainstream of the PCA. The wording would be changed at the following places in the Standing Rules: 4.1.3; 4.7; 4.7.1; and 5.5.4 – handled under Administration Committee Report.

Campus Ministries Committee

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

Report: Lowcountry Presbytery Campus Ministry Committee January 27, 2018

Actions- Approved sending \$2500 from our campus ministry account to help with the Spring Missions Trip of RUF at College of Charleston as they go to Costa Rica.

Recommended Motion for Presbytery- Lowcountry Presbytery to establish an RUF Campus Ministry at South Carolina State University/Claflin University.

This would be run under the new RUF Campus Resident Program.

It is our goal to budget funds from Presbytery beginning January 1, 2019.

Work on campus will begin in the fall of 2019.

Significant support would be sought from all the presbyteries in South Carolina.

JP Sibley would give much local support and oversight.

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 Alex Mark, Chairman, First Scots PCA, [amark@firstscotsbeaufort.org].

There are currently no licentiates, candidates, or men under care.

We ask that the Leadership Development Team be renamed to the **Candidates and Credentials Committee** to match the mainstream of the PCA – handled under Administration Committee Report.

Shepherding and Church Vitality

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

Two Rivers PCA held a called meeting of the congregation after the worship service on April 8, 2018. The stated purpose of the meeting was to approve the session's recommendation to accept Phil Stogner's request to be released from his call as pastor of Two Rivers PCA. Phil addressed the congregation and read his request to the congregation. The motion to approve the session's recommendation to accept Phil's request was approved by unanimous vote (Yes: 34 / No:0). The Shepherding Committee by email vote approved the request to be sent to the presbytery. The dissolution of the Pastoral relation will be the date of the presbytery's approval (April 24, 2018 if so adopted) in accordance with BCO 23-1.

Motion: that presbytery approve that the pastoral relation between TE Phil Stogner and the Two Rivers Presbyterian Church be dissolved by mutual consent and that TE Stogner be placed on the rolls as “without call” by Lowcountry Presbytery.

Resolution of Thanks

Last order of business before Lunch – approve resolution of thanks to host church.

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 Tenth 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. **The following churches have not yet submitted their 2017 minutes for review: Hilton Head Presbyterian, Trinity Presbyterian.**
2. **Motion** that the Stated Clerk and Moderator be authorized to fill the Lowcountry Presbytery 2018 General Assembly Committee of Commissioners positions from those Presbyters who will be attending the 46th meeting of the General Assembly being held in Atlanta, GA June 12-15, 2018. 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.

Campus Ministries Report to Be Shared with Sessions:

New RUF Work at South Carolina State/ Claflin Universities

The Campus Ministry Committee has been praying for ten years for a work at one of the historically black colleges in South Carolina to begin. Several years ago some momentum was achieved as we talked with a candidate who came through RUF at Winthrop and was enrolled at Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson. In God's providence that did not come together. However five years later, that momentum seems to be moving forward again. As JP Sibley has been in Orangeburg now for two years and networked in various settings, one of the most responsive communities to his ministry has been the university setting at both SCSU and Claflin. These two schools are literally next door to each other and overlap in a number of ways. At our fall meeting of Presbytery he asked our campus committee if there was "any way" we could get a man on campus for the students there were just crying out for anyone to help them, and he felt like he needed to stay true to his primary call of planting a church and couldn't give the students the attention they needed. Thus some calls were made to RUF and we found out that they have just approved a new type of campus minister for situations like this. The Campus Resident Minister has some theological training but does not have a full Masters of Divinity Degree. He would work under the close supervision of a local pastor.

To get the ball rolling we need to send an initial deposit of \$5000 to RUF this year, and they will begin a search for a qualified candidate, train him, and help him with fundraising.

We would have to put a new line item in our budget for 2018 for this work. In all likelihood the financial obligations of a new ministry would require us to contact the other presbyteries and churches to see what funding is out there. We have already heard that at least one church in another presbytery has been setting money aside for this work for several years. So our committee believes that this ministry could be funded without our taking on obligations that we cannot keep

Would you speak to your Session or missions committee about this exciting opportunity? If you would like to give to this need or want more information, we would be glad to contact them.

Prayer needs

1. Finding the right man for the job
2. Finding the funds from a variety of sources (presbyteries, individuals, businesses, churches).
3. When to start- our goal is the fall of 2019.
4. For this to be one tangible outworking of all the discussions we have had in the last few years at General Assembly, Presbytery, and within our churches.
5. For this to be used mightily to bring students to Christ and disciple them in the Reformed Faith
6. For this to be a shining example of the transformational power of the gospel in bringing such a divided world together.
7. For this to change the state of South Carolina and heal many old wounds.