

PRELIMINARY Recommended Docket for the Sixteenth Stated Meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery

To be held: 9:00 a.m., Thursday, November 7, 2019 at Eastbridge PCA, Mt. Pleasant, SC

Recommended Docket submitted by the Administration Committee:

That the following docket be approved for the Sixteenth Stated Meeting of the Palmetto Presbytery scheduled for November 7, 2019 at Eastbridge PCA, Mt. Pleasant, SC

- 9:00 Worship with Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Mr. Michael Bauer, preaching
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. Approval of the Minutes from the 15th Stated Meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery which met on July 27, 2019
 6. Introduction of Special Guests & First Time Commissioners
 7. Presentation of Memorials
- 10:30 Prayer Time – led by Shepherding & Church Vitality Committee
10:50 Business & Reports
- Candidates and Credentials Committee
 - MNA & MTW Committee
 - Campus Ministries Committee
 - Church Planting & Outreach Committee
 - Judicial Committee – no report
 - Shepherding & Church Vitality Committee
 - Additional Business if needed & Adjournment targeted before 2:30
 - Administration Committee
 - Report of Stated Clerk
 - Report of the Treasurer
- 12:00 Order of the Day – Lunch

Candidates and Credentials Committee (C&C)

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

The Candidates and Credentials Committee met and examined two candidates:

Steve Walton for transfer from Southeast Alabama Presbytery, and

Michael Bauer for ordination.

We heartily recommend both to be received for ordination in our presbytery.

Examination for Transfer of Ordination: TE Steve Walton -- (Christian Experience, views in theology, sacraments, and church government, BCO 13-6). Rev. Steve Walton is currently in the Southeast Alabama Presbytery. Rev Walton has received a call from First Scots Presbyterian in Beaufort, SC.

Biography: TE Steve Walton:

"I was born to Christian parents who raised me in the faith. I grew up in Texas, got degrees in music from the University of Houston and the Juilliard School. I enlisted in the Army Band in 1993 and served until 1999. My wife and I met and got married in 1994; we have two adult sons. From 1999-2008 I taught at a Christian school, and then, sensing the call to ministry, enrolled full-time in seminary. Upon graduation I returned to the Army, this time as a

Chaplain in the reserve. My family and I moved to Germany in December of 2012 to plant a PCA church in Stuttgart. Since that time, our sons have grown up and left the home. The church here has grown to almost 100 regular attenders and 36 communicant members. The time has come for my wife and me to return to the US, and a pastoral successor has been appointed for the church in Stuttgart."

Rev. Walton takes no exceptions to the Westminster Standards.

Examination for Ordination: Mr. Michael Bauer. (Christian Experience, Call to Ministry, Bible, Theology, Sacraments, Church Government, Rules of Discipline, Church History, History of the PCA, written and preached sermon, exegesis paper, theology paper, biblical languages).

Bio for Mr. Michael Bauer:

I grew up in a Christian home with parents who lovingly and faithfully raised me in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. At a young age I placed my faith in Christ, and when I was 16 I felt the Lord calling me into some sort of ministry. I pursued that sense of call to Lancaster Bible College, in Lancaster, PA, where I studied the Scriptures and met my wife Sarah. While in college, I came to understand the Doctrines of Grace and the Reformed faith and started attending a PCA church. After graduating from college I worked for the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals as the Editorial Coordinator until enrolling in the M.Div. program at Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC.

All throughout my time in college and afterward, I continued to feel the Lord calling me to full time ministry. Sitting under the preached Word at the PCA church and studying God's Word in college, that internal calling was beginning to be affirmed externally and I sensed the Lord calling me to the pastorate. During my time at RTS I was an intern at a small ARP church in Mooresville, NC and was involved in much of the ministry that took place at the church. I was able to teach and preach regularly, honing my skills and gaining experience in many different areas of pastoral ministry, all while learning from some of the best scholars in the Reformed world at RTS. The Lord continued to bless me throughout my schooling, bringing people alongside me to encourage my growth and development and continued faithfulness upon the Lord. After graduation we moved down to Charleston to begin serving Christ Church Presbyterian. Sarah and I have been married for five years and in September the Lord blessed us with our first child, Michael Victor, III.

Mr. Michael Bauer has been called to be the Assistant Pastor at Christ Church Presbyterian, Charleston, SC.

Mr. Bauer comes to us from the ARP where he has been a candidate under care. The committee recommends that we receive all that he did in the ARP (see details below) in lieu of our own candidacy internship requirements.

Summary of Mr. Bauer's internship under the care of the ARP:

Pastoral Intern October 2015 – May 2019

Coddle Creek Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

- Led the church's youth group of sixth- through twelfth-graders
- Taught the church's growing college and careers Sunday school class
- Prepared and taught in-depth, biblical lessons for weekly youth meetings and Sunday school classes on various topics and biblical texts
- Planned, organized, and led youth group outings, retreats, and missions' trips
- Assisted the pastor each week in the pulpit, leading the congregation in calls to worship, singing hymns, praying, and reading Scripture
- Preached God's Word on Sunday mornings approximately five times per year

Motion: That the internship of Mr. Bauer while under care of the ARP be accepted as meeting the requirements of BCO 19.

MNA & MTW Committee

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

We extended a call to TE Nathan Francis at the Fifteenth Stated Meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery as a Church Planter within Lowcountry Presbytery.

Motion from committee:

"The MNA/MTW Committee moves that the Cane Bay Church Plant be designated as a mission church of the Lowcountry Presbytery."

Additionally that per BCO 5-3 a temporary system of government be established: Can't be 5-3a as it doesn't meet requirements of 8-6. Suggest 5-3b with a local session or 5-3c with MNA committee serving as the temporary Session of the Cane Bay Church Plant. We need motions????

Report from the MNA Committee regarding the status of the Disaster Relief Plan. At the 15th Stated Meeting the following motion was passed:

M/S/C: RE Rich Wylly made the following motion: Motion: In light of today's Ministry Equipping Time that the MNA Committee be tasked with developing a Disaster Relief Plan. In addition, that each of our individual churches are also encouraged to do an assessment of their capabilities and provide the name of a point person to the MNA Committee. That the MNA report back to the 16th Stated meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery.

Campus Ministries Committee

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

- Brief campus ministry report

Campus ministry committee report fall 2019

Motion to approve the 2020 budget as follows;

RUF at USC	7,220
College of Charleston	11,500
The Citadel	0
SCSU/Claflin U.	7,220
Total	25,940

- Approval of TE Clark's Housing allowance for 2020

Motion to approve the attached Housing Allowance Resolution for TE Danny Clark:

Resolution of the Low Country Presbytery of The Presbyterian Church in America Designating a Portion of The Reverend Danny Clark's 2020 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, Lowcountry Presbytery, is a qualifying organization,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved that \$35,289.00 of the compensation paid The Reverend Danny Clark during 2020 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 2020 and all future years unless otherwise provided by the Affiliated Committee.

Judicial Committee

TE David Donovan, Chairman, Church Creek PCA, Charleston [pastordavid@church-creek.org].
No report

Shepherding and Church Vitality

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

Note: TE Bill Schweitzer's Report was approved at 15th Stated meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery

Motion: Having received their LOB reports, that Lowcountry Presbytery affirm that the ministries of TE Chris Brown and TE Bill Schweitzer and TE Phil Stogner are approved and they may continue to labor out of bounds per the terms of BCO 13-2.

Approve call packages on 2 candidates – done under C&C??

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: RE Rich Wyllly statedclerk@lowcountrypresbytery.org 843-412-9090
 - Treasurer: RE David Walters, Sr., treasurer@lowcountrypresbytery.org 843-297-2517
 - Recording Clerk: TE Mark Turner recordingclerk@lowcountrypresbytery.org 843-224-9337
 - Moderator: TE Michael Walters mwalters@jonesford.com 843-209-3659
 - 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 1, 2019). The Administrative Committee has taken input from each committee is presenting to you today with a recommended budget for 2019.
1. **Report of Stated Clerk**
 - Stated Clerk's report
 2. **Report of the Treasurer**
 - Treasurer's report
 - Presentation of Proposed Budgets for 2020
See Attached: Proposed Balanced Budget 2020

Motions:

From Treasurer's Report:

Motion to approve the BALANCED budget for 2020 as presented.

Elections:

We will need to elect men to replace the Class of 2019 **at this Presbytery meeting** so that they will be ready to serve in 2020. **They will be the class of 2022.** These men have been nominated, Vacant slots are indicated and **NEED TO BE FILLED, please come with nominations:**

Administrative Committee: 4 at large, 1 rep from each other committee
Current: TE Mark Turner 20, Chair; RE David Walters, Sr.21

- RE David Walters, Jr., re-elect
- TE Vacancy – please nominate!

Campus Ministries Committee: at least 4 members

Current: RE Yates Jarvis 20; RE Mike Slay 21

- TE Sam Joyner, re-elect
- TE Bill McCutcheon (is he on sabbatical?), re-elect

MNA & MTW Committee: 6 members

TE Craig Bailey 21, Chair; RE Kurt Brewer 20; RE David Walters, Jr. 20; RE Rich Wylly 21

- TE Howard Cole, re-elect
- TE John Schley, re-elect

Candidates & Credentials Committee: 9 members

TE Alex Mark 21, Chair; TE Jon Payne 21; TE Howard Cole 20; RE Dean Ezell 21; TE Chris Bowen 20

- RE Jason Suddeth, re-elect
- RE Rich Wylly, re-elect
- TE Vacancy – C&C
- RE Vacancy – C&C

Judicial Committee: 2 members, 1 TE, 1 RE

TE David Donovan 21, Chair

- RE Barry Brinson, re-elect

Shepherding & Church Vitality Committee: 8 members

TE Ron Steel 20, Chair; TE Ben Konopa 21; RE Jim Abbott 21; TE John Mark Patrick 21; RE David Walters, Sr.20; TE Michael Walters 20

- TE JP Sibley, re-elect
- RE Ron Woernle

Trustees

RE Nate Arnold 20; RE Jim Rowland 21

- RE David Walters, Sr., re-elect
- RE Vacancy – please nominate!

Check Signers

RE David Walters, Sr., RE David Walters, Jr.; RE Rick Raybon

Election of Moderator: – Nominations Needed! Should BE a RULING ELDER in 2020

Suggestion: David Walters, Sr or David Walters, Jr or the floor is open for other Ruling Elders to serve!

Motion: to grant an excused absence to TE Chris Bown, covering for TE McCutcheon who is on sabbatical.