

Recommended Docket for the Called Meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery December 9, 2019

To be held: 2:30 p.m., Monday, December 9, 2019 at Church Creek PCA, Charleston, SC

The purpose of the Called Meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery is to examine TE Jeremy Mullen for transfer of ordination.

As a presbytery we don't normally call special meetings because we meet 4 times per year. However, it has been determined that the following rationale calls for this called meeting:

- Two Rivers has been functioning for quite a while without a called pastor. It is not in their best interests to delay any longer than they must.
- Rev. Mullen is currently without call and without income. While they are financially afloat, it is disadvantageous for him to continue for another month and a half without income if we do not do a called meeting.
- Rev. Mullen has two children, and it would be in their best interest to move during a break from school rather than during a semester.
- The Mullen family currently lives in New England. Waiting until later in winter will likely add complications to the move due to the severity of weather.
- Rev. Mullen has been extremely prompt in communicating with the Candidates and Credentials process

The transfer of ordination for TE Jeremy Mullen will be the only business for this called presbytery meeting:

- 2:30 Call to Order, Prayer & Opening Business
1. Welcome
 2. Roll Call (by registration sign in sheets)
 3. Clerk's declaration of quorum
 4. Adoption of docket
 5. Candidates and Credentials Committee\
- Close in prayer

Candidates and Credentials Committee (C&C)

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

The Candidates and Credentials Committee met and examined the candidates: **TE Jeremy Mullen** for transfer from Southern New England Presbytery. The Candidates and Credentials Committee does believe that TE Mullen meets requirements for transfer into Lowcountry Presbytery.

Examination for Transfer of Ordination: TE Jeremy Mullen -(Christian Experience, views in theology, sacraments, and church government, BCO 13-6). Rev. Jeremy Mullen is currently in the Southern New England Presbytery. Rev Mullen has received a call from Two Rivers Presbyterian in North Charleston, SC.

Biography: TE Jeremy Mullen:

A native of Virginia Beach, VA, Jeremy grew up in the PCA. He attended Vanderbilt University, and benefited from the ministry of RUF. After college, he served as a U.S. Naval Officer for four years, which he let to follow his sense of call to the gospel ministry. Jeremy attended Gordon-

Conwell Theological Seminary and served as a seminary intern with Citylife Presbyterian Church (Boston, MA). He was ordained in November 2009, and he served as the RUF Campus Minister at Harvard University from 2009 to 2019.

Jeremy has served on the Leadership Development Team (comparable to a candidates and credentials committee) and Ministerial and Church Relations Team (comparable to a shepherding committee) for the Southern New England Presbytery. He has also served the General Assembly as a commissioner on the Overtures Committee in 2011 and 2012. From 2017 to 2019, he served as an advisory Campus Minister Representative to the RUF Permanent Committee.

Jeremy has been married to his wife Adrienne for nearly sixteen years, and they have two children: Lila (age 9) and Oliver (age 5).

Westminster Differences – TE Jeremy Mullen

“The space of six days” (WCF 4-1; WLC 15; WSC 9):

I understand the days of creation to operate analogously to a human work-week since the work being done by God through the word of his power occurs in heaven, on his throne. This view does not necessarily deny that each day may have been 24 hours, but I do not believe the correspondence is certain. Where the Westminster Standards refer to the days of creation as taking place in “the space of six days”, I do not believe we are bound to understand them as literal 24-hour days since the Standards offer no clarification on the length and divergent views were at least known at the time.

Images of Jesus (WLC 109):

While no representation of God (or any of the persons of the Godhead) should be made, I do not believe that images of Jesus as a fully human person is prohibited since he was visible and accessible as a human during his earthly ministry. Nonetheless, great care should be taken so that these images do not become “superstitious devices.” Thus, they should not be used in worship, and they should only be used with clear explanation of their limitations in representing the full person of Jesus in his hypostatic union, as well as in representing the spiritual aspects of his work.

“Recreations” (WCF 21-8; WLC 119; WSC 61):

I do not believe worldly “recreations” to be forbidden on the Sabbath. The commandment only requires us to cease from our labors (Ex 20:8-11; Deut 5:12-15), and so I believe the inclusion of recreations unnecessarily binds the consciences of believers. However, it must still be clear that the Lord’s Day is intended for worship (public and private) and works of mercy and necessity, and recreation ought not distract us from those God-ordained privileges and duties.

Public Reading of Scripture by Non-ordained Men and Women (WLC 156):

The Catechism does not specify who should be restricted from the public reading of God’s Word. Children are the only clear category from the proof text cited (Deut 31:13). So, I believe that any member in good standing, who is able to read the Word in a way consistent with the directions in WLC 157, should be allowed to read it.