

Fourteenth Stated Meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery

April 23, 2019

The Fourteenth Stated Meeting of the Lowcountry was held at 9:00 a.m., April 23, 2019 at Trinity Presbyterian in Orangeburg, SC.

Worship Service 9am	TE John Mark Patrick welcomed presbyters and led the presbyters in singing Psalm 146. He then led a responsive Call to Worship from Ephesians 2. The congregation sang <i>Ancient of Days</i> . TE Patrick led a Confession of Sin and gave an Assurance of Pardon from Psalm 32:2-5. An offering was collected while singing <i>His Mercy is More</i> . TE Patrick read Isaiah 30:1-8 and preached a message entitled, <i>Gospel Intolerance</i> . The congregation stood and sang <i>Alas and Did My Savior Bleed</i> . After properly fencing the table, TE Patrick and the elders of Trinity PCA served the Lord's Table. TE Patrick pronounced the Benediction.
Call to Order	The Fourteenth Stated Meeting of the Lowcountry Presbytery was called to order by the moderator, TE Michel Walters at 10:16AM in the sanctuary of Trinity Presbyterian in Orangeburg, SC. The Moderator, TE Michael Walters, opened the meeting with prayer.
Quorum	TE Michael Walters asked the Stated Clerk if there was a quorum. The Stated Clerk declared that a quorum was present.
Docket Approval	M/S/C: that the modified docket for the 14th Stated meeting of Lowcountry presbytery submitted by the Administration Committee and posted on the website and electronically distributed to presbyters be approved as presented.
Introduction of Guests	Guests & first-time commissioners were introduced.
Presentation of Memorials	The Moderator asked if there were any memorials. There were none. M/S/C: The Moderator appointed TE JP Sibley and TE Bill Harritt to the Committee of Thanks.
Ministry Equipping Time 10:20	<i>MNA Committee – Church Planting Discussion.</i> TE Craig Bailey led the presbytery in a discussion regarding Church Planting and the work of his committee.
Prayer Time 10:50am	The presbyters broke into groups and spent time in a season of prayer for the churches and ministries within the Lowcountry Presbytery, especially that God would bless us with the rampant spread of the Gospel within the Lowcountry.
11:05pm BUSINESS	TE Michael Walters called the presbyters back to order after the season of prayer to conduct the business of the presbytery. Motion to approve the of 13th Lowcountry Presbytery minutes for January 26, 2019 with modifications.
Campus Ministries Committee 30 minutes	TE Joyner opened the report in prayer. TE Joyner reported that they are still looking for a campus minister at SC State. Mark Brooks and Justin Parish are currently helping with the campus ministry at the Citadel.

TE Danny Clark gave a report. He showed a video that the students put together to keep their donors up to date on what RUF College of Charleston does. He also gave an update on RUF ministry.

TE Joyner closed the report in prayer.

M/S/C: to receive the report of the Campus Ministries Committee as presented.

Review of
Session
Minutes

M/S/C to form a Committee as a whole to review the Session minutes of the churches.

Minutes of the various Churches were handed out for review along with a Minutes Review form.

Shepherding &
Church Vitality
Committee:

TE Steel opened the report in prayer.

M/S/C: that TE Ross Hodges be released from Lowcountry Presbytery pending his acceptance by the Southeast Alabama Presbytery for his new call to Eastwood PCA.

M/S/C to release approve of the release of Tim Pitzer from Low Country Presbytery pending the approval of his transfer to Palmetto Presbytery to take a call at The Watershed Fellowship, where he is being called as an assistant pastor.

M/S/C to direct the offering from today's worship service to Phil Stogner and to help defray his moving expenses.

TE Ron Steel closed the report of the Shepherding & Church Vitality Committee in prayer.

M/S/C: to receive the report of the Shepherding & Church Vitality Committee as presented.

**Administrative
Committee**
10 minutes

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 Ross Hodges statedclerk@lowcountrypresbytery.org 843-606-0572
- 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*.
- REMINDER: churches are asked to submit their annual statistical reports either via signed original or through the web to be received by the PCA Administrative Committee by February 15, 2018.

Upcoming Stated Meetings:

- 15th – Sat, Jul 27, 2019 – Church Creek, Charleston
- 16th – Thurs, Nov 7, 2019 – Eastbridge PCA, Mt Pleasant
- 17th – Sat, Jan 25, 2020 – invitation needed.
- 18th – Tue, Apr 28, 2020 – invitation needed.
- 19th – Sat, Jul 25, 2020 – invitation needed
- 20th – Thur, Nov 5, 2020 – invitation needed

TE Ross Hodges opened the report in prayer.

He reported that there are openings on the Candidates & Credentials committee. We can take nominations.

Nominations from the floor: TE Chris Bowen to serve on C&C; TE John Olson to serve on C&C

M/S/C: That TE Chris Bowen and TE John Olson be elected to fill the two vacancies on the Candidates and Credentials committee.

TE Ross Hodges has received a call in Alabama. We need to elect a replacement Stated Clerk TODAY who will serve! Nomination: RE Rich Wyly

M/S/C: Motion to elect RE Rich Wyly to serve out TE Ross Hodges term as Stated Clerk.

Nominations Upcoming:

We will need to elect men to replace the Class of 2019 at the **November 7, 2019** Presbytery meeting so that they will be ready to serve in 2022.

Here is a list of the class of 2019:

- RE Matt King – Administration
- TE Sam Joyner – Campus Ministries
- TE Howard Cole – MNA & MTW
- RE John Schley – MNA & MTW
- RE Barry Brinson – Judicial Committee
- TE Ross Hodges – Candidates and Credentials (**moving must be REPLACED**)
- RE Rich Wyly – Candidates and Credentials
- TE J.P. Sibley – Shepherding & Church Vitality
- RE Dan Wall-- Shepherding & Church Vitality
- RE Matt King – Trustee
- RE David Walters, Sr.-- 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.

General Assembly Nominations

At the 13th Stated meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery we passed the following motion:

M/S/C: that the Stated Clerk and Moderator be authorized to fill the Lowcountry Presbytery 2019 General Assembly Committee of Commissioners and Permanent Committees and Agencies positions from those Presbyters who will be attending the 47th meeting of the General Assembly being held in Dallas, TX, June 25-28, 2019.

RE David Walters, Jr. – Overtures Committee;

TE Alex Mark – Overtures Committee;

TE JP Sibley – Ridge Haven Committee of Commissioners;

RE Ron Woernle – to begin a 3yr term (until GA 2021) as the Lowcountry presbytery representative for the PCA Nominating Committee.

Presbyters are reminded to contact the New Stated Clerk if they can serve at this year's General Assembly.

The Stated Clerk clerk summarized his report.

The Treasurer, RE David Walters, Sr. gave a brief report.

TE Ross Hodges closed the Stated Clerk's report in prayer.

Treasurer’s Report

RE David Walters, Sr. opened in prayer.

Get report from Rich Wylly...

RE David Walters, Sr. closed the report in prayer.

TE Craig Bailey asked that we pray for TE JP Sibley a church planter in Orangeburg and TE Chris Brown as Chaplain at MUSC.

TE Cole led in prayer for the work of our committee heads as they move forward the work of our presbytery for the glory of our Lord and Savior.

M/S/C the resolution of thanks presented by the Committee on Thanks be read at lunch.

M/S/C: that the 2018 minutes of the following churches Eastbridge Presbyterian and Hilton Head Presbyterian be approved with notations and that the following churches be exhorted to submit their minutes at the next stated meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery; Redeemer PCA and Two Rivers Presbyterian.

TE Alex Mark – stated a word of Thanks for TE Ross Hodges service and led us in prayer.

Adjournment

M/S/C: to adjourn the 14th Stated Meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery with prayer.

TE Alex Mark closed in prayer at 12:00pm.

Order of the Day: Lunch

TE John Mark Patrik gave lunch instructions & led in prayer for lunch at 12:09pm.

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

Resolution of Thanks

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Lowcountry Presbytery

April 23, 2019

Whereas, the 2019 Spring meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery met at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Orangeburg, SC, and;

Whereas, the work of the clerk was described as not too bad, we declare that the work of the servants of Trinity PCA to provide lunch would be quite the opposite, and;

Whereas, it is bittersweet to send off three brothers, one to his homeland, one to his wife’s homeland, and one to the homeland of William Wallace, John Knox, and Scotch, and;

Whereas, the business of the day ended early giving us extended time for our stomachs to be filled by Master Chef JM Patrick’s ability to feed both body and soul, and;

Whereas, through the faithful preaching of God’s Word, we have found ourselves not only in a gluten-rich world full of gluten-intolerant people, but also in Gospel-rich churches full of Gospel-intolerant people, and;

Whereas, we are in need of the God who waits to pour out his mercy and grace to a self-sufficient and sick people;

Therefore, be it resolved that Lowcountry Presbytery offers its praise to our Lord Jesus Christ who has fed us with Gospel-rich food.

And we give thanks to the servants here at Trinity for their genuine hospitality and the gluten-rich food we have enjoyed today.

Submitted by:

TE Bill Harritt & TE JP Sibley

The Worship Committee

Lowcountry Presbytery

Appendixes:

- A. Attendance Roster – Teaching Elders
- B. Attendance Roster – Ruling Elders
- C. Stated Clerk’s Report

Appendix A

Teaching Elder Attendance for Apr 23, 2019 Thirteenth Stated Meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery:

P=present; X=Excused; U=Unexcused; HR=Honorably Retired

Bailey, Crag	Redeemer Church, Charleston	P
Bowen, Chris	Hilton Head Church, Hilton Head	P
Brown, Christopher	LOB, Chaplain, MUSC, Charleston	P
Clark, Danny	RUF, College of Charleston	P
Cole, Howard	Metro North Church, Goose Creek	P
Donovan, David	Church Creek, Charleston	P
Bill Harritt	Eastbridge Church, Mt. Pleasant	P
Hodges, W. Ross	Christ Church, Charleston	P
Joyner, Sam	Grace Coastal Church, Okatie	P
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	U
Pitzer, Tim	Hilton Head Church, Hilton Head	P
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	MTW Scotland	P
Turner, Mark	Oakbrook Church, Summerville	P
Walters, Michael	Church Creek, Charleston	P

Appendix B

Ruling Elder Attendance for Jan 26, 2019 Thirteenth Stated Meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery:

Barry	Brinson	Two Rivers Presbyterian
Bob	Brinson	Eastbridge Presbyterian
Chris	Jarvis	Redeemer Presbyterian
Mike	Slay	Grace Coastal Presbyterian
Dan	Steffen	Trinity Presbyterian
David	Walters, Jr.	Church Creek Presbyterian
David	Walters, Sr.	Church Creek Presbyterian
Jeff	Watford	Trinity Presbyterian
Richy	Wylly	Eastbridge Presbyterian

Church Delegate Summary Report:

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

Appendix C: Stated Clerk's Report

Stated Clerk's Report for the April 23, 2019 meeting of Lowcountry Presbytery

1. **Correspondence / Communication:**

- a. Sent nomination information to the PCA Administrative Committee for RE Ron Woernle to serve on the nominations committee.
- b. Sent nomination information to the PCA Administrative Committee for committees of commissioners nominations from the Lowcountry Presbytery.
- c. Received communication from TE Dr. Jim Carter, Executive Director and Endorser for the PRCC.
- d. Sent and Received presbytery wide communication to recruit a new Stated Clerk since I will be moving effective 4/28/19.
- e. Communicated with the Stated Clerk's office regarding the submission of the Lowcountry Presbytery's 2018 minutes.
- f. Received and sent communications in preparation for Lowcountry Presbytery Meeting 04.23.19.

2. **Administration:**

- a. Organized, printed, signed, and shipped three copies of the Lowcountry Presbytery's 2018 minutes, standing rules, and membership directory.

3. **Recommendations:**

- a. Due to my upcoming transfer, this report recommends that we take nominations from the floor and vote on those nominations for a new Stated Clerk.
- b. Due to the upcoming transfers of TE Pitzer and myself, there will be two vacancies on the Candidates and Credentials Committee . This report recommends that we take nominations for those positions from the floor and vote on those nominations.
- c. That this report be received and approved as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,
TE W. Ross Hodges, Stated Clerk