



Presbytery of Coastal Carolina

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March 10, 2017

Greetings: Teaching Elders, Commissioned Ruling Elders, Clerks of Sessions, Members of Presbytery Mission Cabinet & Others

The 109th Stated Meeting of Presbytery will be held **March 25, 2017** at **First Presbyterian Church**, 1604 Arendell Street, Morehead City, NC 28557. Directions are included in the Advance Packet.

The attached Advance Packet includes the meeting agenda, detailed reports concerning the various items of business to be conducted at this meeting, and several items of information. **By going to the Presbytery's website (www.presbycc.org)**, you will find *Guidelines for a First Time Elder Commissioner. To be excused from the meeting send an email to jankrause@presbycc.org or call the Presbytery office at 910-862-8300.*

Please note that it is not necessary to print the whole packet. **You can choose to print just the pages you need/want for the meeting at www.presbycc.org.** Just view the pages on the screen and entered into the Print Command the numbers of just the pages you want. I **urge** you to study the agenda and reports ahead of time.

Concerning Registration: At each registration table there will be notebooks for you to print your name. There will be four registration groupings: (1) **Pastors**, (2) **CRE's & others eligible to vote**, (3) **Church elder commissioners who will register under their church name**, (Be aware that all "First Presbyterian" churches will be listed under "F", not under the city name.) and (4) **Church Educators**. Voting commissioners and minister members will be given a blue neck wallet. **The blue neck wallets are to be returned in collection bins at the conclusion of the meeting.** Visitors will be asked to fill out registration cards and will receive stick-on name tags.

Lunches will be available for persons making advance reservations. Cost is \$12, payable at the door. No money will be accepted prior to event. Reservations are due by Friday, March 17, 2017 and can be made online at www.presbycc.org.

Childcare will be offered with advance notice. Contact the Presbytery Office with the request and include the ages of the children (910-862-8300, ext. 2) or jankrause@presbycc.org) no later than **12:00 noon, Friday, March 17**. Be sure to bring a snack and lunch for the children that day.

In the unlikely event of **severe weather**, we will announce any postponement of the meeting on Presbytery's web site (www.presbycc.org) and/or via Presbytery's email networks.

Moderator John Bryan will call the meeting to order promptly at 9:30 AM.

William T. Reinhold
General Presbyter & Stated Clerk

First Presbyterian Church

1604 Arendell Street
Morehead City, NC
252-247-2202

From Beaufort: Come East on Route 70 across the high-rise bridge. Follow 70 past the Port and through downtown Morehead City for a distance of about 1.9 miles past the bridge. In Morehead City Route 70 is Arendell Street. The church is on your right between 16th and 17th Streets.

From Havelock and New Bern: Come West on Route 70, past Havelock. Continue on Route 70 past Wal-Mart, Lowes, and the intersection with Route 24 (which goes to Jacksonville). Continue on Route 70 for 4.2 miles past Route 24. In Morehead City Route 70 is Arendell Street. The church is on your left between 16th and 17th Streets.

From Swansboro and Jacksonville: Come East on Route 24, past Swansboro. Continue on Route 24 for a distance of about 19.5 miles past Swansboro to the intersection with Route 70. Turn Right onto Route 70 and follow it for about 4.2 miles. In Morehead City Route 70 is Arendell Street. The church is on your left between 16th and 17th Streets.

From Atlantic Beach: Follow Route 58 in Atlantic Beach to the Atlantic Beach Causeway. Turn onto the Causeway and follow Route 58 North across the high-rise bridge into Morehead City. At the end of the Causeway, Route 58 intersects with Arendell Street (Route 70). Turn right onto Arendell Street and follow it for a distance of about 0.5 miles. The church is on your left between 16th and 17th Streets.

Parking:

Lots are **behind the church** on **Bridges St.**, which runs parallel with Arendell St.

Handicap parking: turn on 16th street to access the lot adjacent to the building;

Regular parking: turn on 17th street to access a lot nearby.

Please **do not park** in the Commercial lot in front of **Family Dollar** and **Salvation Army** storefronts.

Entrance to Registration will be on the back side of the building at the entrance marked Office.

Revised Proposed Agenda
Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
One Hundred and Ninth Stated Meeting
Saturday, March 25, 2017
First Presbyterian Church, Morehead City
Rev. John Bryan, Presbytery Moderator

8:45 AM	Registration Begins	
9:30 AM	Call to Order and Opening Prayer	Rev. John Bryan, Moderator
9:32 AM	Declaration of Quorum	Rev. Bill Reinhold, Stated Clerk
9:33 AM	Welcome	Rev. Tim Havlicek, Pastor
9:35 AM	Appointments of Standing Committees Attendance, Bills & Overtures, Thanks, Temporary Clerks	Rev. John Bryan, Moderator
9:37 AM	Adoption of the Agenda [3]	Rev. Bill Goodnight, Chair of Mission Cabinet
9:40 AM	Stated Clerk's Report – Introductions & New Business*[4-15]	Rev. Bill Reinhold, Stated Clerk
9:45 AM	Morning Worship with Communion	Rev. Franklin D. Colclough, Sr., Preacher
11:00 AM	Stated Clerk's Report Continued [4-15]	Rev. Bill Reinhold, Stated Clerk
11:15 AM	Update on Hurricane Matthew Response	Mr. Jamie Tyson, PDA National Volunteer
11:30 AM	Nominations [16-20] A. Amendments to the GA and Synod Commissioners Policy [16-19] B. Nominations to Committees and Commissions of the Presbytery [20]	CRE Richard Wurtzel
11:40 AM	Committee on Preparation for Ministry [21] A. Examination for Candidacy: Mr. Alex Fischer, Westminster/Fayetteville	Rev. Philip Gladden
12:00 Noon	Reports from The Three Missional Communities (five minutes each) [22-24, 43]	
12:15 PM	Mission Cabinet [25-29] A. Finance and Property – Amendment of the Budget for 2017 [27-29] B. Recognition of Staff Changes	Rev. Bill Goodnight
12:30 PM	Commission on Ministry [30-36] A. Introduction of New Minister Members B. Presentation of Certificates [42] C. Examination of Candidate for Ordination (Robert Newman to Highland)[35-36] D. Other Action Items and Information [30-34]	Ruling Elder Jay Bender
1:00 PM	Lunch	
2:00 PM	Youth Council Report	
2:10 PM	Amendments to the <i>Book of Order</i> [37-38]	Bills and Overtures Committee
2:40 PM	Other Reports [39-42]	
2:55 PM	New Business* (if any)	
3:00 PM	Closing Prayer and Adjournment	

***All introduction of new business must be in *writing* and placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk at the outset of the meeting.**

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
Stated Clerk's Report to Mission Cabinet
March 25, 2017

Correspondence

1. Thank you note from **Matthew 28** in Haiti for funds from hunger (Centsability) funds. They report 900 children being fed in 18 feeding sites; 32 orphans and 16 other children in local schools, recovery efforts from damage caused by Hurricane Matthew, regular medical teams visiting them, and the building of a security wall and small garden plots.
2. Thank you note from **Joan Stewart** with West Virginia Advocacy and Work Camps for the cartons of socks and underwear given in response to flooding in West Virginia last year.
3. Thank you notes from social workers in **local school systems** for the cartons of socks and underwear given in response to Hurricane Matthew.
4. Invitation from Salem Presbytery to a luncheon with **GA Stated Clerk** Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson at First Presbyterian Church, Burlington, NC on Friday, September 29, 2017, from 11:30 to 1:45. The program would include a brief moment of worship at about 12:15 followed by an address by Dr. Nelson and a question and answer period. Reservations required: David Vaughan (336-766-3393, x132) or (statedclerk@salempresbytery.org).

Accusation – I have received an accusation against a minister-member of the presbytery known as 2017-A. An investigating Committee has been appointed.

Ecumenical Relations – None

Committee on Nominations – The moderator has nominated the following persons to the Presbytery's Nominating Committee for the class of 2019: John Howard Sr., Joyce Malone, Rev. Arnold G. Walker Jr., Crystal Blue, and Kim Williams. *I move their election.*

Report from Commission Formed to Examine William Dayton Wilson

The Commission elected on October 29, 2016, met on February 16, 2017, to examine Inquirer William Dayton Wilson of First Presbyterian Church, Lumberton, to become a candidate for ordination as a Teaching Elder (Minister of Word and Sacraments) under care of this Presbytery. The commission voted unanimously to enroll Mr. Wilson as a Candidate for Ordination effective October 29, 2016. *I move that the Commission be dismissed with our thanks.*

Updates on Congregations Considering Seeking Dismissal or Dissolution

1. Antioch (Jacksonville) – A pastoral team is working with them regarding possible dismissal.
2. Bowden Community – The Administrative Commission is waiting for Bowden Church to complete legal work necessary for their dissolution and the disposition of their property.
3. Clarkton – A pastoral team is working with them regarding possible dismissal.
4. Galatia – A pastoral team is working with them regarding possible dismissal.
5. Cypress – A negotiating team is working with them.
6. Harmony – an Administrative Commission has been authorized to work with them.
7. Holly Grove – an Administrative Commission has been authorized to work with them.
8. Priest Hill (Carthage) has requested a pastoral team to guide them in their discernment regarding possible dismissal.
9. Stanford (Mt. Olive) has requested a pastoral team to guide them in their discernment regarding possible dismissal.
10. Wayside – Dismissed to EPC on January 25, 2017.

Other Ongoing Administrative Commissions

1. Red Springs
2. Trinity (Laurinburg)
3. Faison Memorial (Clinton)

Next Missional Community Meetings

- **Central** – June 3, 2017 – MacPherson Presbyterian Church
- **East** – June 10, 2017 – Sneads Ferry Presbyterian Church
- **West** – June 10, 2017 – location to be determined

Next Presbytery Meeting

- October 14, 2017 – First Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville
I move that we accept this invitation.

Boundary Training and Background Checks (SafeGatherings)

Pastors new to the Presbytery continue to fulfill the requirements of SafeGatherings training and background checks. Those of us who have completed the initial training and check will need to repeat the process 3 years after the first training/check. I am working on a process to remind each of us when our anniversary comes up.

Sessional Records Review – Each Missional Community has been charged with reviewing the sessional records for its congregations. The results of these reviews are found below. Please note that the person charged with the review process in the Central Community has transferred to another presbytery and was not able to complete the review process. A new process is being organized.

Presbytery Rolls – Each year I am required to report the roll of minister-members of the presbytery. The current list is attached below. Please alert me to any errors you find in the list.

Past Members of the PJC – Those who have served on the Permanent Judicial Commission and whose terms have expired within the past six years are: (D-5.0206b)

Class	Name	Class	Name	Class	Name
2008	Rodda, Richard D.	2010	Ludlum, Garrett	2014	Hix, Douglas W.
2008	Ward, Joyce	2012	Giles, J. William	2014	Phillips, Robbie
2010	Davis Jr., R. Ted	2012	Griffin, John	2014	Tabor, J. William
2010	Havlicek, Timothy	2012	Highfill, June Hicks	2014	Williams, Betty

Past and Present Moderators of Presbytery

Date	Name	Elder	R/E	Community
2005	Doris Dees	RE	AA	Central
2006	Sandy Williams	TE	C	West
2007	John Monroe, Jr	RE	C	East
2008	Chris Bobo	TE	C	West
2009	Meredith Hudson	RE	C	West
2010	Mamie Hooker	TE	AA	West
2011	Rick Martindale	TE	C	West
2012	Jay Bender	RE	C	East
2013	Hannah Vaughan	TE	C	East
2014	Marye Jeffries	RE	AA	Central
2015	Josh Bower	TE	C	Central
2016	Sue Lowery	RE	C	East
2017	John Bryan	TE	C	Central

RE = Ruling Elder; TE = Teaching Elder; AA = African American; C = Caucasian

Elder Necrology – Attached below is a list of those elders (ruling and teaching) whose death was reported to my office as part of the annual statistical reporting. They will be recognized as part of the worship service today.

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March, 2017

2016 Teaching Elder Necrology

Rev. William M. Alexander
Rev. Ladson M. Brearley
Rev. Robert R. Childs
Rev. Eugene B. Davis
Rev. Eugene C. Ensley
Rev. Robert D. Miller

Rev. Daniel E. Norman
Rev. John M. Reagan
Rev. Earle D. Roberts
Rev. John C. Ropp
Rev. Robert M. Urie

2016 Ruling Elder Necrology

ANTIOCH/JACKSONVILLE: Sandra Mihalcik
ANTIOCH/RED SPRINGS: Harriett McDonald
BARBECUE: James (Jimmy Lee) Clark, Phillip
D. Smith

BETHESDA: Lee Snipes Buchan

BISCOE: Billy Thomas Woodard

BLUFF: Carolyn Macfield Culbreth

BROWNSON MEMORIAL: Chesley Michael
(Mike) Haney, Norris L. Hodgkins, William
E. (Bill) Robertson, Sandra Lawson, Don
Bredeson

BURGAW: Lois Peterson Johnson

CALYPSO: Dan Grady

CAMERON: Leon Keith, Mack Womble, Lois
Prigden-Barnes

CAPE CARTERET: Lucy Leister, Phyllis
Dusenbery, Emory Trainham, Charlotte
Maddox

CAPE FEAR/LILLINGTON: Jessie Johnson
Cannady

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT: David
Darden, Sr.

COLLEGE HEIGHTS: Fannie Willis, Catheren
Warren

COMMUNITY: Jamie Denton, Martha Phifer

CULDEE: Harold Black, Gussie M. Marion,
Florence C. Clapp

EBENEZER: Joey Travis Johnson

FIRST DUNN: Carl Evander Fitchett, Jr.

FIRST FAYETTEVILLE: Reginald M. Barton,
Sr., Mary Elizabeth Johnson McBryde,
Thomas Jefferson Barnes

FIRST JACKSONVILLE: John D. Phillips

FIRST MOREHEAD: James A Privette

FIRST WILMINGTON: James Stewart Hare,
Linda Patton Nance, Charles C. Crissey, III,
Maryan Field Rein, Murry Wister Ferguson

GRACE: Audrey Murdock

GROVE/DUNN: Haywood H. Turner, Donald
Bruce Johnson

HAYMOUNT: Cynthia Garrett

HIGHLAND: Larry Priest, Bob Muncy

HORSESHOE: Peggy Nall Foushee

IONA: Hazel W. Smith

JONESBORO: Luke Gunter, Jr., Joyce
Nicholson, Gary Lyons, Jean Price

LAKE WACCAMAW: Carrie Lou Stone

LEAFLET: Wayne C. Lee
MCDONALDS CHAPEL: Leonard Tufts
MONTPELIER: Bob Young, Lynn Shaw
NEW HOPE: Helen Frances Taylor
OAK PLAIN: James O. Kilpatrick
PANTHERSFORD: Allene Blue, Elizabeth
 Rozier, Curtis McNeill
PEACE: Thomas N. Holmes, Jr., Clydia Smith
PHILIPPI: Flora "Louise" Hood
POLLOCKSVILLE: Jessie Ray Eubanks
REILLY ROAD: Elizabeth(Lib) Trawick
 McKethan, Rebecca Sue Davis, Leslie Ann
 Wharrey Koston
SHALLOTTE: Richard Dixon, Charles (Pat)
 Patterson
SNEADS FERRY: Harold F. Jones
SOUTHPORT: Eddie Wilson
ST. ANDREWS-COVENANT: Emily Weeks
 Barefoot, John William Walton, Jr.

TEACHEY: Ruby C. Henderson
TOPSAIL: Julian Sykes
TRINITY/HAVELOCK: Mary Stutz
TRINITY/LAURINBURG: Jackie Lankford
VILLAGE: Joseph H. Lundberg
WALLACE: Thomas C. Edgerton, Newton Hill
 Carter, Philip Worth Longest
WEST END: Jack Allen, Dorothy Mulready,
 Sandra Easter, Nympie Gordon
WESTMINSTER/WILMINGTON: Durwood
 Baggett, Dottie Nichols, Robert Herring
WINDERMERE: Orian (Pat) Cavanaugh, Jean
 Brown Hall

*We thank God for the faithful service of
these saints.*

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
Roll of Teaching Elders – March 25, 2017

Albertson, Garrett E.	Causey, John N.	Giles, J. William
Albright, Fred P.	Chandler, Gray V.	Gladden, Nancy J.
Allen, Karen C.	Childress, Melvin O.	Gladden, Philip K.
Allen, Robert R.	Coffey Jr., David G.	Goodman, John R.
Aragon, Miguel A.	Coker Jr., John W.	Goodnight Jr., William C.
Atkinson, John (Jay)	Cone, Marie	Gordon, Edmund W.
Augustus, David L.	Connette, Edward G.	Grammer, Allen K
Bacot, John S.	Cook, Mark	Gray, Robert W.
Baker, Michael	Cooper, Nancy L.	Graybeal, Dawes B.
Bankhead, Robert C.	Crawford, W. Dudley	Guess, J. Decherd
Bardeen, Robert	Croft, Timothy L.	Hage, John Christian
Batten, Glenn T.	Crossley, Ronald C.	Hallead, Glen J.
Bayley, Robert G.	Currie, Marion H.	Hammersley, Jason
Beach, Kathy	Cushing, Doug	Harley, P. Emile
Belle, James	Davis, Kathleen	Harrison, J. Evan
Bellis, Eddie	Davis, Terry	Hartsell, Vaughn Earl
Bellomy, Hank	Davis, Willis Milton	Havlicek, Timothy J.
Bennett, Johnie	Dendy, Robert S.	Hayes, William C.
Bland Jr., William H.	DePriter, Richard L.	Haywood, Robert W.
Bobo, Christopher J.	Dinkins, Walter M.	Hedin, Barbara Ann
Bock, Warren L.	Doles, Brian C.	Hein, Steven Earl
Bowerman, David	Doll, Aaron	Henderson, Matthew
Bowerman, Lucy S.	Dudley Jr., Howard	Henry, Sally
Bowling, Jonathan	Dudley, David M.	Herring, Billy H.
Boyd, Richard C.	Dudley, Kathryn	Herring, H. Dewey
Bradham, Robert D.	Edgerton, Glenn S.	Highfill, June Hicks
Bremer, Randal L.	Elliott, Charles D.	Highfill, Madison M.
Brewton, Roy	Ellis, Larry Hoyt	Hinson-Hasty, G. Lee
Brickhouse, D. Lyle	Evans, Ralph M.	Hix, Douglas W.
Bright, Ralph G.	Ewing, James D.	Horne, Roger E.
Brinson, Ann	Ezell Jr., W. Bruce	Houston, B. Douglas
Bron, Jerry D.	Fauntleroy, Whitney	Howell, Gary E.
Brown, William P.	Fisher, Mark	Hudson, David L.
Bryan, John L.	Fitzgerald, Steven Earl	Hudson, Susan M.
Bumgardner, James H.	Fletcher, Patricia M.	Jahnes, Ann B.
Burleson, Thomas	Fontana, Joseph J.	Jean, Kevin
Burrows, W. Benjamin	Forester, Elizabeth G.	Jenkins, David B.
Bush, David A.	Francis, Barbara T.	Johnson, J. Ernest
Campbell, Donald G.	Freeman, Cynthia	Johnson, William E.
Carlisle, Christopher	Gamble Jr., Claude D.	Jones, William R.
Carmical, Marian Jean	Ganzel, Jean Yvonne	Kelley, Jonathan R.
Carmichael, Henrietta J.	Garrett, Michael	Lapp, Robert H.
Carriker II, James E.	Gettys, William M.	Lax, Bruce

Layton, Paul Austin
Lee Jr., Charles D.
Lee, JoAnne M.
Lee, Robert R.
Link, Robert S.
Link, Steuart T.
Locklear, Helen
Love, Charles R.
Love, Jane
Lupton, Laura
Lynde, Kenneth J.
Lyon, Larry
Manning, Harold
Marshall, Thomas E.
Martindale, Richard T.
McCann, Jerry C.
McCoy III, James
 Benjamin
McDonald, David D.
McDuffie, Rick
McGehee, Michael L.
McInnis, David F.
McKnight, Mary C.
McKnight, Thomas
McLean, Rufus
Medford, Debbie H.
Mendenhall, Raymond W.
Miller Jr., Gene D.
Miller, Keith A.
Moore Sr., Edward
 Leonidas
Moore, Lardner C.
Moore, Richard Gary
Moreno, Eduardo A.
Morgan, James L.
Murrell, N. Samuel
Neil, Frank A.
Neuhs, Jon O.
Nielsen, Nicholas
Oliver, Preston C.

Olney, Willard W.
Oltman, Robert B.
Orders, J. William
Owens, Shane
Page, Clarence
Page, W. Murray
Parato, LaVera Monroe
Parker, Billy L.
Patton, Brown Butler
Pauley, William E.
Peebles, Mills J.
Perryman, Grady J.
Pflug, John
Phifer, Homer C.
Phillips, Robbie
Pitchford, Bertrand C.
Pollock, Robert E.
Poole, Scott
Rabun, Patrick Thomas
Randall Jr., James W.
Randall Jr., Rogers E.
Read, Sanders G.
Reinhold, William T.
Rodda, Richard D.
Rogers, Shirley
Russell, Holly D.
Ruth, David
Sanderford, J. Lewis
Sherrod, David B.
Shields, Paul J.
Siebbeles, Philip
Simpson, Suzanne S.
Skinner, Donald L.
Slomanski, Pat
Southam, Patrick James
Spence, Thomas Kendall
Stealing, Kenneth P.
Stephens III, William F.
Stoker, Dawn Russell
Stoker, Ronald

Stone, Harold M.
Stone, Roderick D.
Strickland, Cynthia J.
Taber, J. William
Taber, Pamela L.
Taylor, Catherine
Taylor, Lillian M.
Taylor, Samuel Johnson
Thompson, Beverly
Thompson, George
Townsend, Edwin G.
Tucker, David
Vanderbilt, David
Vaughan Jr., E. Douglas
Walters Jr., Carl F.
Walton, George M.
Ward, Michael Lee
Ward, P. Joseph
Washburn, Joseph
Watson, Jonathan C.
Weaver, Michael S.
West, Benjamin S.
West, Jonathan D.
White Jr., James W.
White, Shuford S.
Whitehouse, Robert B.
Whitehurst, Howard H.
Wilkinson, Whitney
Williams, Alexander B.
Williams, Thomas T.
Williams, Tyler A.
Wilson-Hooker, Mamie L.
Winkler, Patrick H.
Wiser, A. Clark
Womack Jr., Francis M.
Woodall Jr., Paul D.
Young, Jake
Young, William G.

Sessional Records Review Report for 2015 Central Missional Community

Note: The person charged with organizing the review of sessional records in the Central Community left the presbytery during the year and the review process was not completed.

Central Community	Approved	Approved
Church	W/o Exceptions	With Exceptions
Acme		
Amys Chapel		
Ashpole	3/5/2016	
Beth Car		
Bethany (Lumberton)		
Big Rockfish		
Black River		
Bluff		
Central		
Centre		
Chadbourn		
Church of the Covenant		
Clarkton	3/5/2016	
College Heights		
Dothan		
Elizabethtown		
Elizabethtown Second		
Faison Memorial		
First (Fairmont)		
First (Fayetteville)		
First (Lumberton)		
First (Maxton)		
First (Spring Lake)		
First (Whiteville)		
Galatia	3/5/2016	
Godwin		
Graves Memorial		
Harmony		
Haymount		
Highland		
Highland		
Holly Grove		
Hope Mills		

Iona		
Lake Waccamaw		
Lumber Bridge		
MacPherson		
Mars Hill		
McMillan		
Midway	3/5/2016	
Mount Horeb		
Mount Olive		
Mount Pelier		
Palestine		
Panthersford		
Parkton		
Peace		
Philadelphus		
Red Springs		
Red Springs		
Reilly Road		
Rex		
Rowland		
Sardis		
Sherwood	3/5/2016	
Southview		
Spout Springs		
St. Pauls		
Sunnyside		
Vaughn Memorial		
Village		
Westminster (Fayetteville)		
Westminster (Whiteville)		
White Plains		
Wilson Chapel		

**Sessional Records Review Report for 2015
East Missional Community**

East Community	Approved	Approved
Church	W/o Exceptions	With Exceptions
Antioch (Jacksonville)		Not Reviewed
Bethany (Wilmington)	7/26/2016	
Bethel (Beulaville)	9/23/2016	
Beulaville	6/22/2016	
Bowden Community		Not Reviewed
Bridge		Not Reviewed
Burgaw	7/17/2016	
Calypso	8/14/2016	
Cape Carteret	7/2/2016	
Cape Fear (Wilmington)	12/4/2016	
Carolina Beach	9/15/2016	
Caswell	11/5/2016	
Chestnut Street	9/28/2016	
Chinquapin		Not Reviewed
Croatan	9/27/2016	
Faison	8/31/2016	
First (Jacksonville)	6/11/2016	
First (Morehead City)		Not Reviewed
First (Wilmington)	3/5/2016	
Fuente de Agua Viva		7/8/2016
Grace	7/22/2016	
Grove Kenansville		7/20/2016
Hallsville		8/18/2015
Harper Southerland	3/5/2016	
Hopewell		Not Reviewed
Little Chapel on the Boardwalk	9/8/2016	
Maple Hill	8/28/2016	
McClure Memorial	7/20/2016	
Mount Zion	9/26/2016	
New Hope	3/5/2016	
Oak Grove		Not Reviewed
Oak Plain	8/16/2016	
Pearsall Memorial		6/26/2016
Pike-Rocky Point		6/23/2016
Pink Hill	3/5/2016	

Pleasant View (Albertson)	7/26/2016	
Pollocksville	11/27/2016	
Potts Memorial	3/5/2016	
Rios de Agua Viva		Not Reviewed
Rockfish	8/28/2016	
Shallotte	3/5/2016	
Smith	11/27/2016	
Sneads Ferry	10/6/2016	
Southport	7/19/2016	
St. Andrews-Covenant	3/5/2016	
Stanford		12/28/2016
Teachey	3/5/2016	
Topsail	3/5/2016	
Trinity (Havelock)		12/15/2016
Wallace	8/27/2016	
Warsaw	11/14/2016	
Westminster (Wilmington)	6/22/2016	
Wildwood		Not Reviewed
Windermere	9/19/2016	
Winter Park	7/20/2016	
Woodburn		12/26/2016

**Sessional Records Review Report for 2015
West Missional Community**

West Community	Approved	Approved
Church	W/o Exceptions	With Exceptions
Antioch (Red Springs)		7/10/2016
Barbecue	7/17/2016	
Bensalem		Not Reviewed
Bethel (Raeford)	3/5/2016	
Bethesda	7/24/2016	
Biscoe	7/24/2016	
Blandonia	7/17/2016	
Broadway	7/17/2016	
Brownson Memorial	9/25/2016	
Buffalo	7/24/2016	
Bunnlevel	7/17/2016	
Cameron	7/24/2016	
Cameron Hill		9/25/2016
Cape Fear (Lillington)	3/5/2016	
Church in the Pines		Not Reviewed
Community	7/24/2016	
Culdee		9/25/2016
Cypress	7/24/2016	
Ebenezer	7/24/2016	
Edgewood	8/28/2016	
Elise		9/25/2016
Ephesus	3/5/2016	
Erwin	3/5/2016	
Euphronia	7/17/2016	
Eureka		Not Reviewed
Faith	7/10/2016	
First (Carthage)	9/25/2016	
First (Dunn)	3/5/2016	
First (Lillington)	7/17/2016	
First (Sanford)	9/25/2016	
Freedom East		Not Reviewed
Grove Dunn	7/17/2016	
Horseshoe		7/24/2016
Ingram Branch		Not Reviewed
Jackson Springs	3/5/2016	

John Hall		Not Reviewed
Jonesboro	3/5/2016	
Lakeview		Not Reviewed
Laurel Hill	7/10/2016	
Laurinburg	7/10/2016	
Leaflet	3/5/2016	
Lillington	8/28/2016	
Manly	9/25/2016	
McDonalds Chapel	7/24/2016	
Montpelier		7/10/2016
Morningside		Not Reviewed
Mount Pisgah	8/28/2016	
Olivia	3/5/2016	
Philippi	3/5/2016	
Pleasant View (Laurinburg)		7/10/2016
Pocket		
Priest Hill	7/24/2016	
Providence		Not Reviewed
Raeford		Not Reviewed
Raven Rock	7/17/2016	
Salem (Sanford)	9/25/2016	
Shiloh	3/5/2016	
Silver Hill		Not Reviewed
Spout Springs	7/17/2016	
St. Andrews	7/17/2016	
Summerville	7/17/2016	
Trinity (Laurinburg)	7/10/2016	
Union	7/24/2016	
Vass	9/25/2016	
Wayside	7/17/2016	
West End	7/24/2016	
Westminster (Laurinburg)		Not Reviewed
White Hill	7/17/2016	
Williams Chapel		9/25/2016

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
Committee on Nominations and ~~Volunteer Development~~
**Guidelines for the Nomination of
Commissioners to Synod and General Assembly**

Based on the June 26, 1998 Policy as revised on December 7, 2006

(**Note:** Proposed deletions are marked with ~~strikeouts~~ while proposed insertion are underlined.)

Rationale:

Whereas the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina uses a rotation system to select the delegates to attend the General assembly, and

Whereas there are now only 23,601 members in ~~490~~ 186 churches in the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina and only eight six delegates are to be selected, and
[**Note:** Presbytery membership declined below 24,000 members – see G-3.0501]

Whereas there is a need to afford greater opportunities for a more representative delegation, and

Whereas there is a need to select those with extraordinary gifts to attend regardless of the rotation,

on March 25, 2017, the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina is being asked to adopt the following changes to its policy for the nomination and the election of presbytery commissioners to the Synod and General Assembly.

I. General

- A. Commissioners to meetings of the Synod Mid-Atlantic and to biennial meetings of the General Assembly (even-numbered years) will be nominated by the Committee on Nominations and ~~Volunteer Development~~ for election by Presbytery. At the present time the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina is authorized to send two commissioners to the Synod Assembly and ~~eight~~ six commissioners and one Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the General Assembly.
- B. Two commissioners (one teaching elder and one ruling elder) will be selected from each of the three communities. Teaching elder commissioners must meet the criteria for teaching elders listed below. The churches from which the ruling elder commissioners will be chosen must meet the criteria for churches listed below (II. C. 1.) and the ruling elders must meet the criteria for ruling elder listed below (II. C. 2).
- ~~C. The two remaining commissioners are designated as “at-large” positions and will be nominated by the Committee on Nominations and Volunteer Development based on the criteria listed below to assure balance and diversity.~~
- D. The Presbytery Youth Council will recommend a young adult to serve as the Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) based on a system of rotation among the three communities of the Presbytery. Young Adult Advisory Delegates must be between the ages of 17 and 23 on the date General Assembly begins.
- E. Alternate commissioners to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic and to General Assembly shall be nominated from the same communities as the principal commissioners.

- F. Persons elected as commissioners who must withdraw or who decline to serve will have their names placed at the bottom of the eligibility list.
- G. The nomination of commissioners shall be in accordance with the *Book of Order* F-1.0403 and G-3.0103.
- H. Commissioners and Delegates for Synod Assembly and General Assembly will ~~include equal numbers of~~ be as balanced between teaching and ruling elders and ~~equal numbers of~~ as possible women and men and attention shall be given to assure inclusion of racial ethnic and age representation.
- I. All candidates for nomination as commissioners to the General Assembly or as a YAAD shall complete the application provided by the Committee on Nominations ~~and Volunteer Development~~.
- ~~J. Honorably Retired Teaching Elders will only be eligible for the "at large" positions and must complete an application and meet the eligibility criteria for consideration.~~
- K. Commissioners must commit to attending General Assembly training offered by the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina and attending sessions during the entire General Assembly period. Any commissioner who cannot make this commitment will relinquish his/her position to the alternate commissioner.
- L. No person who has attended the General Assembly as a commissioner in the prior ten year period ~~representing the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina~~ will be eligible for consideration by the Nominating Committee to be a commissioner.

II. Criteria for Selection of Nominees

- A. All Candidates for Nomination as Commissioners to the General Assembly must:
 - 1. be willing to commit to:
 - a. read over 1,000 pages of reports and overtures provided to them electronically before the General Assembly begins
 - b. attend Presbytery sponsored orientation meeting(s).
 - c. attend the committee meetings and plenary sessions of the General Assembly
 - d. being open to the leading of the Holy Spirit as they vote on the issues before the Assembly
 - e. report back to the Presbytery on the actions taken by the General Assembly and on their experiences as a commissioner to a meeting of the Presbytery and, when possible, to congregations upon their request.
 - 2. be able to use effectively electronic devices (laptop computers, smart tablets, etc.) to read documents and take notes before and during the General Assembly.
- B. Teaching Elder Commissioners
 - 1. Those teaching elders who are eligible for consideration for nomination shall ordinarily be considered on a seniority basis. The following factors shall be used in determining seniority:
 - a. Length of membership in the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.
 - b. Length of service since ordination.
 - c. Date of last General Assembly or Synod attended.

- d. In case of a tie, service within the structures of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) shall be the determining factor.
 - e. Only ministers in validated ministry or honorably retired will be considered in accordance with the *Book of Order* G-2.0503.
2. To be eligible for consideration as a candidate for nomination as a commissioner the teaching elder must:
 - a. have been a member of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina for at least five years
 - b. have participated on a committee or sub-committee of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina or one of its Missional Communities, the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, or the General Assembly ~~in three of the~~ at some point in the last five six years prior to be nominated and have attended at least four ~~of the last six~~ meetings of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina or of its Community Gatherings over the past two years.
 - c. the church which the teaching elder serves (if in active pastoral service) must have remitted to the Presbytery of coastal Carolina the full asking of *per capita* apportionment and made a contribution to the shared mission budget of the Presbytery for the two years prior to being nominated.
- C. Ruling Elder Commissioners
1. The churches from which the ruling elder commissioners will be chosen shall ordinarily be considered on a seniority basis. The following factors shall be used in determining seniority:
 - a. The last year, since the inception of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, that the congregation sent a ruling elder as a commissioner to the General Assembly.
 - b. In the case of a tie in seniority, the Committee on Nominations ~~and Volunteer Development~~ will take into account the congregation's record of support of and interest in the work of the Presbytery.
 2. To be eligible for consideration to suggest a ruling elder to be nominated as a commissioner the congregation must:
 - a. have had a ruling elder commissioner attend at least four ~~of the last six~~ meetings of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina or its Community Gatherings over the past two years.
 - b. have remitted to the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina the full asking of *per capita* apportionment and made a contribution to the shared mission budget of the Presbytery for the two years prior to being selected to suggest a ruling elder as a commissioner to the General Assembly
 - c. have had at least one member participated on a committee or sub-committee of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina or one of its Missional Communities, the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, or the General Assembly ~~in three of the~~ at some point in the last five six years prior to being asked to nominate a ruling elder as a delegate or commissioner. ~~have attended at least four of the last six meetings of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina to be nominated.~~
- D. Alternate Commissioners
1. Alternate commissioners shall be selected in the same manner as commissioners
 2. Alternate commissioners shall ordinarily become the principal commissioners to the next General Assembly *if* they have not replaced their principal at the previous Assembly and they still meet the criteria outlined above.

III. Implementation

A. Lists of Teaching Elders and Congregations

1. The Committee on Nominations ~~and Volunteer Development~~ shall form a list of all ministers currently enrolled in the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, ordering the list of eligibility for election according to II. B. 1. above.
 - a. The list shall be updated as ministers enter and leave the Presbytery.
 - b. Ministers failing to provide the requested information necessary for the compiling of this list will not be included for consideration.
2. The Committee on Nominations ~~and Volunteer Development~~ shall form a list of congregations making up the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, ordering the list of eligibility for election according to II. C. 1. above.
 - a. This list shall be updated following each meeting of the General Assembly and Synod Assembly.
 - b. Congregations failing to provide the requested information necessary for the compiling of this list will not be included for consideration.
3. These lists, as compiled, shall be kept in the Committee on Nominations ~~and Volunteer Development~~ files in the office of Presbytery and shall be available for inspection upon request.

B. Solicitation of Applications

1. Early in the year before the next biennial General Assembly the Committee on Nominations ~~and Volunteer Development~~ will develop a list of those teaching elders eligible for nomination as commissioners to the General Assembly and of those congregations eligible to suggest a ruling elder for nomination as a commissioner to the General Assembly.
2. Each teaching elder and session of a congregation that is eligible to apply for nomination will be contacted and asked if they wish to be considered.
3. Those teaching elders willing to be considered and any ruling elder(s) suggested by the session of an eligible congregation shall fill out the Application Form developed by the Committee for this purpose.

C. Nomination and Election

1. The Committee on Nominations ~~and Volunteer Development~~ will review the applications received from teaching and ruling elders and establish a slate of nominees to be presented to the Presbytery for election based on the criteria of seniority and the needs of balance and diversity called for in the *Book of Order*.
2. This slate will be announced at the ~~second meeting of the Presbytery~~ Summer Gatherings of the Missional Communities in the year before the General Assembly meets. ~~and the~~ The election of the commissioners will occur at the last stated meeting of the Presbytery of that year.
3. The right of the members of the Presbytery to nominate persons from the floor shall be maintained when the vote takes place.

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
Committee on Nominations
March 25, 2017

The Committee on Nominations places the following persons in nomination:

Vice-Moderator of Presbytery (2017, Moderator in 2018)
Rev. LaVera Monroe Parato

Synod Commissioner (Three year term beginning in
2018) Class of 2020 Luis Niño

African-American Ministries
Class of 2017 Joyce Peay

COM East
Class of 2017 Rev. David Vanderbilt
Class of 2018 Larry Tootoo
Class of 2019 Rev. Robert Bankhead, Rev. Tim Havlicek, Rachel Kennedy

COM Central
Class of 2017 Judy Greene
Class of 2018 Rev. James Randall
Class of 2019 Ken Boykin, Trinidad Martinez

Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC)
Class of 2022 Rev. Tim Verhey, Rev. Rod Stone

Preparation for Ministry
Class of 2017 Rev. David McDonald
Class of 2018 Emily Womble
Class of 2019 Jim Sills

Response Coordinating Team
Class of 2019 Marlene Dean, William Malloy

Stewardship Development
Class of 2019 Marlene Dean, Rev. Charles Love

Strategic Planning and Organizational Review (SPOR)
Class of 2017 Paul Albritton,

Presbyterian Counseling Center (Board of Directors)
Class of 2018 Ken Garrison
Class of 2019 Helen Glass, Johnnie Pickett, Joy Skinner, Carol Steen, Sue Strickland,
Meade VanPelt, Jake Young

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY
Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
February 21, 2017

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry met on Saturday, February 18, 2017 for annual consultations with Inquirers and Candidates and to consider an application for Candidate status.

For Information

1. Inquirer Dayton Wilson was unanimously received and enrolled as a Candidate for ordination on Thursday, February 16, 2017 by the commission appointed by the presbytery on October 29, 2016. Mr. Wilson's candidacy is effective October 29, 2016.

2. Following his annual consultation, Candidate Scott Cameron was approved to continue in the Candidacy process. Dr. Cameron has graduated from Duke Divinity School and is completing the Presbyterian requirements for ordination.

Action Item

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommends that the presbytery enroll Inquirer Alexander McPherson Fischer as a Candidate for ordination. Alex is a second year student at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond and is from the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, NC.

The CPM requests fifteen minutes on the March 25, 2017 agenda for a report and to act on the recommendation concerning Mr. Alex Fischer.

Roster of Inquirers and Candidates

Inquirers

Alex Fischer, Union Presbyterian Seminary/Richmond, Westminster PC/Fayetteville

Elizabeth Hipp, University of Dubuque Seminary, First PC/Wilmington

Brett Johnson, Union Presbyterian Seminary/Charlotte, First PC/Fayetteville

Abby Modlin, Wesley Theological Seminary, Community PC/Pinehurst

Chris Taylor, Pittsburgh Seminary, Brownson Memorial PC/Southern Pines

Travis "T" Worrell, Union Presbyterian Seminary/Charlotte, St. Andrews-Covenant PC/Wilmington

Candidates

Scott Cameron, Duke Divinity School (graduate), Highland PC/Fayetteville

Dayton Wilson, Union Presbyterian Seminary/Richmond, First PC/Lumberton

Luke Woodcock, Union Presbyterian Seminary/Richmond (graduate), Topsail PC/Hampstead

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
East Community Steering Team Report
Report to Presbytery - March 25, 2017

East Community Steering Team: Hank Bellomy, Pat Davis, Matt Henderson, Ann Jahnes, Robb Lapp, Curt Simpson, Matlynn Yeoman, Bill Young, and Nancy Gladden (staff resource).

As we work together, we aim to build community, empower small churches, connect people throughout our communities, encourage hand and feet ministries, celebrate together, strengthen discipleship, emphasize hospitality, and grow in the way we live out being church together.

Truly a team of mutual support, hard work, and shared ideas, the East Community Steering Team directs its work to five areas: Christian Formation, Congregational Vitality, Sessional Records, Shared Missions, and Youth Ministry. We have:

- offered two Officer Training events
- shared an East Gathering for presbytery business, congregational life, and mission with the theme “Making a Difference: Inspire, Energize, Engage”
- reviewed sessional records and provided a training session for clerks of sessions
- distributed mission grants to the Presbyterian Counseling Center, Friends of Camp Kirkwood, and five congregational sponsored programs (Backpack Buddies, Ecumenical Habitat for Humanity House, SNACS, and two for Stop Hunger Now)
- led an inspirational youth night called Re:Charge

Looking forward, we plan:

- a spring East Gathering with Jan Edmiston, Co-Moderator of PC(USA). Jan urges Presbyterians to read and discuss the book *Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* to stimulate our understanding and action in the prevalent matter of race relations.
- a summer youth mission trip to West Virginia
- a summer leadership retreat
- further officer and clerk training, youth events, and gatherings

Central Missional Community Steering Team Summary Report to Presbytery Meeting

The second gathering of the Central Missional Community (CMC) took place on Saturday, January 21, 2017. Host church was Peace PC in Fayetteville, NC. Grateful appreciation is extended to all the volunteers and churches that made this gathering a joyous time.

The following persons were elected and installed to the following CMC positions for 2017:

Moderator – Rev. Richard McDuffie, Westminster, Fayetteville, NC

Vice Moderator – RE Mr. Jerome Brown, Haymount, Fayetteville, NC

Clerk – RE Ms. Bonnie Barr, Graves Memorial, Clinton, NC

Parliamentarian – RE Mr. Scott Grumelot, MacPherson, Fayetteville, NC

The following persons were placed into nomination to fill CMC Steering Team vacancies; the floor was opened for additional nominations and none were received. Those nominated were then elected by the community and installed by Rev. Clarence Page, Central Mission Coordinator.

2018 – Mr. Fred McMillan from Bethany PC/Lumberton

2018 – Rev. Rogers Randall from Reilly Road PC/Fayetteville

2019 – Rev. Eddie Bellis from Red Springs PC/Red Springs

CMC Steering Team Members:

Cassandra (Sandy) Thomas TE, Cumberland, (2017)

Bonnie Barr RE, Sampson, *Clerk (2017)

Stan Mertz RE, Sampson, (2017)

Rogers Randall TE, Cumberland, *^Chair, (2018)

Fred McMillan RE, Robeson, *Vice-Chair, (2018)

Joyce Peay RE, Robeson, (2018)

Bebe Briggs CRES, Columbus, (2019)

Becky Raynor CRES, Bladen, (2019)

Eddie Bellis TE, Robeson, (2019)

*Represents CMC Steering Team on the Presbytery Mission Cabinet; ^Represents CMC Steering Team on the Presbytery Mission Cabinet Executive Committee

Three action items were **approved** with no discussion.

1. CMC Steering Team members selected, from within the Steering Team to be Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk, will be CMC representatives to the Mission Cabinet. The Chair will be representative on the Mission Cabinet Executive Committee.
2. CMC Steering Team will select a 5-person nominating committee for a 3-year term to provide viable CMC members representing the 5 CMC counties to be on the Steering Team and for any other electable position within the CMC. Nominating Committee shall consider the diversity of persons representing a cross-section of the CMC.
3. The Central Missional Community meets on: Saturday, June 3, 2017 at MacPherson PC in Fayetteville, NC and Saturday, January 27, 2018, location to be determined.

Approved Expenditures from Dec. 2, 2016 CMC Steering Team Meeting, Expensed in 2017

1. Shared Mission. At 2017 CMC Winter Gathering, churches competed in chili cook-off and homemade dessert bake-off competitions. Top three winners in each category take home “bragging rights”, a ribbon, and a “check” to the identified mission they sponsored. Thank you to all the churches supporting the Share Missions activity for the CMC Winter Gathering with delicious chili and homemade goods. The winning churches and their sponsored ministries for the 2017 CMC Winter Gathering Chili Cook-Off and Homemade Goods Bake-Off are as follows:

Chili Cook-Off Winners

1st Place	John Santy	Rex PC	International Action Ministries	\$300.00
2nd Place	Katif Peay	Mount Pelier PC	Seniors Valentine/Youth Trip	\$200.00
3rd Place	Debbie Viets	1st PC-Whiteville	"Chick to Stick"	\$100.00

Homemade Baked Goods Bake-Off Winners

1st Place	Lester Bussey	Westminster/Fay	Westminster SpringFest	\$300.00
2nd Place (tie)	Ethelene Shaw	Rex PC	International Action Ministries	\$150.00
	Adelia Baker	Mount Pelier PC	Baskets/Youth Summer Trip	\$150.00

2. Shared Mission. 2017 CMC Winter Gathering offering was divided 50-50 between HASM Community Choir, an ecumenical choir that keeps alive hymns, anthems, sacred and patriotic music, that performed in worship for the Gathering and W. H. Knuckles Elementary School in Lumberton, NC slowly recovering from Hurricane Matthew disaster. The Steering Team voted in 2016 for a maximum donation to each non-profit organization of \$300.00.
3. Christian Education. Confirmation Retreat to be held February 3-5, 2017 at Camp Monroe. A motion was made and passed to fund 20 scholarships for a total of \$1,000 to any Central Missional Community youth needing funding to attend at cost of \$50 per youth. This will be first come/first serve. \$600.00 was accessed by churches for attending the retreat.
4. Leadership/Christian Education. CMC Steering Team approved to have one printed copy of the Amendments to the Book of Order sent to each CMC church.
5. Church Vitality. June 3, 2017 CMC Summer Gathering to have guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Alice Ridgill, founding pastor of New Faith PC in Greenwood, SC. Honorarium, travel, and expenses. Other funds as needed for host church, MacPherson PC, to sponsor the Gathering.
6. 2017 Approved Expenses To-Date:
 - a. \$1,000.00 approved under Church Vitality for supporting West Community-sponsored Pastor's Retreat (April 30-May 2, 2017)

Sessional Records Reviews. In addition to the CMC Winter Gathering, two more opportunities for CMC churches to have sessional records reviewed will be scheduled before the June Gathering.

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
Mission Cabinet
Report to Presbytery
March 25, 2017

Meetings – Since the last Presbytery meeting the Mission Cabinet has meet in person on January 18, 2017, and by conference call on March 9, 2017.

Minutes of Presbytery –Minutes of the West Gathering held on December 10, 2016 were approved, minutes from the Central Gathering held on January 21, 2017 were approved and the minutes of the October 29, 2016, meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina were approved by the Mission Cabinet on January 18, 2017.

Membership – The current membership of the Mission Cabinet is as follows:

1. Rev. Bill Goodnight, Chair*
2. Rev. Pat Rabun, Vice Chair
3. Matlynn Yeoman, East Community Representative*
4. Bill Young, East Community Representative
5. Robb Lapp, East Community Representative
6. Rogers Randal, Central Community Representative*
7. Fred McMillan, Central Community Representative
8. Bonnie Barr, Central Community Representative
9. Jason Hammersley, West Community Representative
10. Bill Ingle, West Community Representative
11. John Taylor, West Community Representative*
12. Rev. John L. Bryan – Moderator of Presbytery
13. _____, Vice Moderator of Presbytery

Ex Officio Members

1. Rev. Bill Reinhold, General Presbyter*
2. Ms. Gayle Boykin, Treasurer*
3. Rev. Nancy Gladden, Mission Coordinator East
4. Rev. Clarence Page, Mission Coordinator Central
5. Rev. Laura Lupton, Mission Coordinator West

* *Serves on Executive Committee of Mission Cabinet*

Youth Ministry

The Mission Cabinet concurred with the hiring of Ms. Erin Wehrmeister as part-time (one day per week) Youth Minister. She shares her time with Westminster Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville with the permission of their session. Compensation is \$1,000 per month with the understanding that some weeks/months will take more time than others.

Christian Formation

One of the core functions of our life together as the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina is Christian Formation. As this function is woven into the life of our Missional Communities, the Mission Cabinet decided not to hold a Presbytery-wide event this year (2017) but to see where the energy and interest bubbles up from the three communities and, if possible, to coordinate their various efforts.

Hurricane Matthew Recovery

Following the flooding caused by Hurricane Matthew on October 8, 2016, churches and members of the Presbytery have been very active in the recovery process. There was an outpouring of socks and underwear given for both the West Virginia floods and for our schools and communities. Many

congregations have given generously to support the recovery efforts. The entire Presbytery thanks you!

We have also been blessed with strong support from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Immediately following the storm a four person team visited to assist with evaluation and to share information. Subsequently other volunteers from nearby states came to assist those who were gathering locally to help to better understand the nature of disasters and how to access the help needed for “the long haul” including emotional support for the care givers. More recently a team of other volunteers came with the National Director of PDA to meet with members of the Presbytery who are working on various Long Term Recovery Committees (LTRC). One of these national volunteers is Jamie Tyson, a member of the Topsail Church in Hampstead. He will be addressing the Presbytery today.

As the various LTRCs get organized people from our Presbytery who have been very closely engaged in this work have begun to draft a grant request to PDA for funding to assist with unmet needs. These are needs beyond what FEMA or other federal or state funds can do and for people who do not fit all of the criteria for such assistance. A number of these pastors and members of our churches are leaders in the LTRCs. In order for them to request funds to be used by the LTRCs the Presbytery needs to endorse this request as the way that funds given to PDA for Hurricane Matthew recovery will be used in our Presbytery.

Recommendation:

That the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina endorse the grant request to PDA for funding for Hurricane Matthew recovery efforts to be used through the LTRCs in those counties where the Presbytery is active in recovery efforts and that these funds may be used for staffing needs of the LTRCs or for other unmet needs.

Amendment to Separation Policy

The Presbyterian Historical Society has informed the Stated Clerk that photocopies of sessional records are not acceptable surrogate to fulfill the requirements of the *Book of Order* G-3.0107. The original records become the property of the Presbytery when a congregation is dismissed to another Reformed body. Congregations can make copies for their own use, but the originals must be given to the Presbytery. Accordingly we **propose the following amendment** to the *Policy for Congregations Seeking to Separate from the Presbyterian Church (USA)*. (Text ~~marked out~~ is to be deleted.)

Recommendation: We propose the this amendment to Section IC. E. 3. of the Separation Policy:

IV. E. 3. In accord with the *Book of Order* G-3.0107, all session and congregational minutes, congregational registers, and any other ecclesiastical records of the congregation through the date of dismissal from the PC(USA) shall be deposited with the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. ~~In lieu of original documents, copies of the documents may be given to the Stated Clerk,~~ who will transfer them to the Presbyterian Historical Society for permanent safekeeping.

Presbytery Coaches

George and Beverly Thompson will be leaving their Co-Interim Pastor position at First Whiteville at the end of March. They are requesting that up to \$30,000 of the compensation that they will receive from the Presbytery be designated as housing allowance.

Recommendation: That up to \$30,000 of Thompson’s compensation be designated as Housing Allowance for IRS purposes.

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
The Finance and Property Committee of Presbytery Mission Cabinet

Report to Presbytery: Action and Informational Items
March 25, 2017

1. Discussion of 2016 Finances and amending 2017/2018 budgets: The net income for 2016 was \$36,663.73.

Shared Mission Support in 2016 was \$53,226 less than in 2015 and is expected to be significantly less in 2017 due to decreased support from the churches; therefore, Finance and Property is recommending a \$50,000 cut in the 2017 and 2018 budgets. We are currently \$22,836.77 behind for the same period in 2016 for Shared Mission and \$2,490.49 behind 2016 in Per Capita receipts.

Most of the decrease will come from not filling two staff positions that were vacated due to retirement and resignation.

Action Item: The 2017 and 2018 budgets were approved at the Presbytery meeting in Oct. 2016 subject to being amended in 2017 after looking at the 2016 figures. The Finance and Property Committee requests that the 2017 and 2018 budgets be amended by a decrease of \$50,000 each.

2. Update on Youth Ministries and Database issues.
 - a. Erin Wehrmeister started work January 1, 2017 as the Youth Minister with a \$12,000 salary.
 - b. Approved exploring new database – |cbase| out of Colorado – which specializes in databases and websites for Presbyteries and Churches.
3. The purchase of a piece of property in Leland for The Bridge has been completed.
4. The property on College Road in Wilmington has been sold for \$250,000, as approved by Presbytery. Chestnut Street PC will receive reimbursement for expenses incurred (\$10,000) while they were looking at building a new church on the property, which did not work out.
5. Miscellaneous
 - a. Investment Report: Balance on 12/31/2016 was \$1,915,033.73 and on 2/23/2017 was \$2,016,316.55. On 12/31/2015, the balance was \$1,883,610.41.
 - b. No updates on other properties at this time: Faith, Emmanuel, Mt. Hebron, and Gibson properties.

The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, Inc.
Amended 2017/2018 Biennial Budgets
Approved Amendment at Dec. 5, 2015 Called Presbytery Meeting

	YTD Actual 2016	Approved Amended 2017	Proposed Amended 2017	Approved Amended 2018	Proposed Amended 2018
Revenue-Budgeted Mission Support and Per Capita:					
Shared Mission Support--Supports Programs of Presbytery & GA Missions	764,560	770,000	720,000	770,000	720,000
Per Capita--100% of apportionment to GA and Synod for their Governance budgets-this figure is for 2017	220,025	204,586	204,586	204,586	204,586
Designated Funds-Revitalization Contract(Thompsons)- Campbellton-Friendship Funds (\$24,000)/PCUSA Grant(24,000)/NCD (9,000)	24,800	57,000	57,000	0	0
Transfer from Designated Hispanic Ministry Fund to help offset Moreno travel to Hispanic Missions-As Validated	0	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Assistance from Fuente de Agua Viva Church for support of Eduardo Moreno as their Teaching Elder	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Two Cents a Meal Administrative (5%) Assistance--helps offset adm costs of offering	3,132	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Monroe Camp and Conf Ctr-from Misc designated Funds on a declining basis	20,000	10,000	10,000	5,000	5,000
Total Projected Revenue	1,038,517	1,053,586	1,003,586	991,586	941,586
Expenses-Budgeted:					
GA Support:					
GA Shared Mission Support--remitted to GA and includes General Mission support received	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
Per Capita: Presbytery is constitutionally mandated to pay this from reserves or mission funds if churches fail to remit their fair share					
GA Per Capita Apportionment --100% or amount collected 7.50 in 2017 24,649 mbrs	186,985	184,867	184,867	184,867	184,867
Synod Per Capita Apportionment--100% or amount collected .80 in 2017 24,649 mbrs.	21,010	19,719	19,719	19,719	19,719
Presbytery Mission Cabinet and Staff:					
Presbytery Staff--Salaries, Benefits, Prof. Exp.	624,301	655,200	608,000	655,200	608,000
Presbytery Cabinet--Office Supp, Bldg Maint & Equip.(new AC), Audit, Ins.increase, Utilities increase, Comm of Cabinet expenses, NC Council/Churches, Presbytery, Cabinet, & Regional Meetings support as needed, and expenses for other committees if required	74,960	82,500	82,500	82,500	82,500
Sub-committees of Cabinet:					
Sub-committee for Christian Education-Resource Center and E3 if continued	1,425	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Sub-committee for Communications	0	500	500	500	500
Sub-committee for Hunger-Administers Cents-a-bility offering-travel	0	250	250	250	250
Sub-committee for New Church Development--Adm/travel exp-oversee New Church Development Fund	173	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Sub-committee for Peacemaking-Administers Peacemaking offering-travel, Admin. Expenses	0	250	250	250	250
Youth Ministries-Youth Activities/Events	5,418	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Committee for African-American Ministries--Committee expenses and activities	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
Committee on Bills and Overtures	88	600	600	600	600
Committee for Latino/Hispanic Ministries-committee expenses and activities	659	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
Commission on Ministry--Provides oversight of churches and ministers, church visitations	6,342	10,000	9,000	10,000	9,000
Committee on Nominations--recruits committee members and works with Comm on Representation	435	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Committee on Preparation for Ministry-Oversight of Inquirers and Candidates, annual consultation	985	3,500	2,500	3,500	2,500
Committee on Representation-Travel/adm exp.--ensures proper representation on committees	0	400	400	400	400
Committee on Stewardship-publicize and emphasize stewardship within Presbytery	0	800	0	800	0
Committee on Strategic Planning & Organiz. Review-Reviews/evaluates programming within Presbytery	409	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Permanent Judicial Committee--Travel/adm exp.	0	100	100	100	100
Designated Funds-Revitalization Contract(Thompsons)- Campbellton-Friendship Funds (\$24,000)/PCUSA Grant(24,000)/NCD (9,000)	24,800	57,000	57,000	0	0
Monroe Camp and Conf Ctr-from Misc designated Funds on a declining basis	20,000	10,000	10,000	5,000	5,000
Total Budgeted Expenses	980,790	1,053,586	1,003,586	991,586	941,586
Subtotal-Budgeted	57,727	0	0	0	0
Plus Income-Opportunity Fund	3,927				
	61,654				
Less Expenses-Opportunity Fund	-24,990				
Net Income-Budgeted and Opportunity Fund	36,664				
			1/16/2017		1/16/2017
Opportunity Fund-For Regional Activities (\$8,000 ea.), Mexican Partnership(\$2,000), Special Unfunded Project as requested, Emergency Grants(\$4,000).		30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Designated Funds Accounts Available:					
1 From General Benevolence Reserve Account -Established Opportunity Fund in 2013 and replenished as approved annually: (These are supplemental funds available to committees for special projects or needs as requested and approved by the individual committees, Finance & Property, and Council. Guidelines are established in the Asset Management Manual.)					

The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, Inc.
2017 Salaries-Amended

0% Raise in 2016 and 2017												
1% Raise in 2015												
0% Raise in 2014												
1% Raise in 2013												
1% Raise in 2012												
2% Raise in 2011												
0% Raise in 2010												
Name	Salary	Utilities/ Housing	Effective Salaries	Est. Medical	12.00% BOP	Employer 0.0765 FICA/SECA	Travel	Con't Ed	Total Package	Less Grants	Net Salary Package	Per Hr
2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016
General Presbyter/Stated Clerk	57,489	18,000	75,489	18,495	9,059	5,775	6,000	2,200	117,018		117,018	36
Mission Coordinator-East	37,291	10,000	47,291	11,586	5,675	3,618	6,000	1,000	75,170		75,170	23
Mission Coordinator-West	28,710	20,000	48,710	11,934	5,845	3,726	6,000	1,000	77,216		77,216	23
Mission Coordinator-Central	23,000	20,000	43,000	10,780	5,160	3,290	6,000	1,000	69,230		69,230	21
Treasurer/Bus Mgr	47,384	0	47,384	14,582	5,686	3,625	1,000	1,000	73,277		73,277	23
Hispanic Evangelist	24,710	18,000	42,710	10,780	5,125	3,267	3,000	1,000	65,882	9,000	56,882	21
Assoc for Youth Ministries	12,000	0	12,000	0	0	918	1,000	0	13,918		13,918	29
Resource Center/Database	12,000	0	12,000	0	0	0	0	0	12,000		12,000	
Admin. Assist./Recording Clerk/Financial Admin.	39,300	0	39,300	14,582	4,716	3,006	0	0	61,604		61,604	19
Receptionist/Adm Asst/Database Mgr-3/4	23,274	0	23,274	12,856	2,793	1,780	0	0	40,703		40,703	15
Total Salaries/Benefits	305,159	86,000	391,159	105,595	44,059	29,006	29,000	7,200	606,019	9,000	597,019	
Budgeted for Staff-Salaries/Benefits/Travel									608,000			
Balance Available for contingencies									1,981			
Notes:												
Source of Funds for Budgeted Salaries/Benefits/Related Contingencies:												
Designated Hispanic Ministry-Moreno Travel			3,000									
Fuente de Agua Viva-E. Moreno is their Installed Teaching Elder			<u>6,000</u>									
			9,000									
									Rev			
									1/17/2017			

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
Commission on Ministry
Report to Presbytery
3-25-2017

Action Items:

A. Examination of Candidate

That Candidate, Robert “Bobby” Newman, under the care of St. Andrews Presbytery be admitted to the floor for examination for ordination.

(Faith and Bio Statements pages)

B. Call of a Senior Pastor

That the Presbytery concur with the action of First Fayetteville congregation to call Rev. Dr. Michael Garrett as their senior installed pastor. Since Rev. Garrett is the current interim of the same congregation, this will require a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the Presbytery per G-2.0504c

C. The Full Commission on Ministry proposes the following changes to its *Manual of Operations*:

1. Clarification of Vacation and Study Leave

The ministry is a profession, not a job. Although it requires hours of work, it is not accomplished by time spent, but by a life spent. Vacation time for a minister is not simply days off the clock, but a kind of Sabbath rest for the soul, bringing renewal to the individual and to the ministry of the church. For the health of your minister and the health of your congregation, COM requires the following for all calls and contracts:

For all full-time positions, an annual minimum of:

- a. Vacation of 4 weeks including 4 Sundays.
- b. Study Leave of 2 weeks including 2 Sundays. The purpose of Study Leave will be planned in consultation with the Session.

For all part-time positions, an annual minimum of:

- a. The equivalence of an ordinary 4-week month of typical duties. (see below)
- b. The equivalence of an ordinary 2 weeks of typical duties, but in no case less than one week with one Sunday off for Study Leave.

The purpose of Study Leave will be planned in consultation with the Session.

Examples

If a minister is typically expected to preach only two Sundays a month but is responsible for pastoral duties even when he/she is not scheduled to preach, then vacation time would be a total of 4 weeks off, including 2 “preaching Sundays” off, and 2 non-preaching Sundays off.

If she/he ordinarily preaches 3 Sundays a month, then vacation includes 3 preaching Sundays (and 1 non-preaching Sunday) off.

In any case, all pastors must be provided time off from pastoral duties four weeks a year, with Study Leave determined in a similar manner.

2. Adjustment to Honorarium for Volunteer Moderators of Sessions – adjust Manual B. 2. f-g

f. A small honorarium (\$25-50) per session meeting is appropriate. The session should not expect the moderator to do additional ministry and no pay (see 3 below) is expected. The moderator may, however, assist in seeking pastoral oversight in the case of deaths, funerals and other emergency needs.

g. **Expenses** - Travel shall be reimbursed, by the church, at the current IRS rate used by presbytery.

Information:

Membership in the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina

1. David McKirachan, HR, from the Monmouth Presbytery
2. Meg Dudley from St. Andrew Presbytery (Bluff Presbyterian Church)
3. Patrick J. Southam from Southern Kansas Presbytery (St Pauls Presbyterian Church)

Administrative Commissions Approved/Dismissed:

1. Installation Commission to install R. Shane Owens on October 30, 2016 at 2:30 PM as Pastor at Union Presbyterian Church: Teaching Elders: Tom Currie, Kathryn Dudley, Barbara Hedin, Ruling Elders: Ray Barrows, Catherine McRae, George McRae. The report from the commission was found to be in order and they were dismissed with our thanks.
2. Commissioning of Allen McLean on November 6, 2015 at 3:00 PM as Commissioned Ruling Elder at Blandonia Presbyterian Church: Teaching Elders; Laura L. Lupton, David M. Dudley, Zelda T. Howington, Ruling Elders: Wayne S. Hooker, W. Tom Brady. The report from the commission was found to be in order and they were dismissed with our thanks.
3. Installation commission to install Lyle Brickhouse as pastor on November 12, 2016 at 6:00 PM at Faison Presbyterian Church: Teaching Elders: Nancy Gladden, Eduardo Moreno, Nick Nielsen, Ruling Elders: Rachel Kennedy, Jeanette McNeill, Kim Lloyd. The report from the commission was found to be in order and they were dismissed with our thanks.
4. Commissioning of John R. Baker, III, on November 20, 2016 at 3:00 PM as Commissioned ruling Elder at Montpelier Presbyterian Church: Teaching Elders: Rick Martindale, David Hudson, Ruling Elders: Crystal Blue, Willie McCaskill, Debbie Neuerve. The report from the commission was found to be in order and they were dismissed with our thanks.
5. Commissioning of Willie Junior McCaskill, II on November 27, 2016 at 3:00 PM as Commissioned Ruling Elder at Freedom East Presbyterian Church: Teaching Elders: Clarence Page, Laura Lupton, Bill Reinhold, Ruling Elders: Sheryl Thompson, Crystal Blue, Jeanne Anderson, Jim Smith. The report from the commission was found to be in order and
6. Installation commission to install Rev. Dr. Doug Cushing as pastor at the bridge Presbyterian Church on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 2:30 PM. Teaching Elders: John Causey, Nancy Gladden, Robb Lapp, Ruling Elders: Lora Armstrong, Ellison Hunter, Arlene Holmes. The report of the commission was found to be in order and they were dismissed with our thanks.
7. Installation commission to install Margaret “Meg” Dudley as Pastor at Bluff Presbyterian Church on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 3:00 PM. Teaching Elders: Howard Dudley, Dawn Stoker, Rogers Randall, Ruling Elders: Kim Murphy, Lynn Godwin. The report of the commission was found to be in order and they were dismissed with our thanks.
8. Installation commission to install Howard Dudley as Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Dunn, on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 4:00 PM. Teaching Elders: Jason Hammersley, Bill

Goodnight , Whitney Fauntleroy, Ruling Elders: Ben Thomas, Linda Hayes. The report of the commission was found to be in order and they were dismissed with our thanks.

9. Installation commission to install Patrick James Southam at St. Pauls Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 3:30 PM: Teaching Elders: William Reinhold, John Bryan, Clarence Page, Ruling Elders: Robert Price, Doug Bedenbaugh, Annette Budd
10. Installation commission to install Steven Earl Fitzgerald at Raeford Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 3:30 PM: Teaching Elders: Laura Lupton, Sue Hudson, Ruling Elders: Jay Bender, Julian Johnson, George Wilson
11. Installation commission to commission Mr. Donald Fischer, CRE, at Palestine Presbyterian Church at 9:00 AM on January 29, 2017. Teaching Elders: Richard McDuffie, Ben West, Ruling Elders: Jamie Bowden, Bryant Holmes, Rhonda Blackmon

Relationships approved:

1. Richard Boyd, SS, and Croatan through 12-31-2017
2. Bob Bardeen, Interim and St. Andrews-Covenant through 6/30/2017
3. Jake Young, Interim and Topsail through 3/31/2017
4. Jean Horman, TS, and Olivia through 1/1/2017
5. John Baker, CRE, and Montpelier through 3/12/2017
6. Tom Brown, CRE, and Bunnlevel through 12/31/2017
7. Robert Johnson, TS, and Wayside through 12/31/2017
8. Meg Dudley, Pastor, and Bluff
9. David Holloway, TS, and Elizabethtown through 5/31/2017
10. Debra Patterson, TS, Peace through 12/31/2017
11. Larry Hogan, CRE, and Village through 12/31/2017
12. Cassandra Thomas, TS, and College Heights through 12/31/2017
13. Donald Fischer, CRE, and Palestine through 12/31/2017
14. Delton Farmer, TS, and College Heights through 12/31/2017
15. Mark Fisher, SS, and Westminster, Whiteville, through 12/31/2017
16. Robert Dendy, SS, and First Maxton through 12/31/2017
17. Annelle Waldron, CRE, and Clarkton through 12/31/2017
18. Gene Miller, SS, and Midway through 12/31/2017
19. Gene Miller, SS, and Philadelphus through 12/31/2017
20. Doug Cushing, Pastor, and the bridge
21. Charles Love, SS, and Harper-Southerland through 12/31/2017
22. David Vanderbilt, SS, and Grove/Kenansville through 12/31/2017
23. Steve Fitzgerald, Pastor, and Raeford
24. Robert Whitehouse, SS, and McDonalds Chapel through 12/31/2017
25. Rufus McLean, TS, and Shiloh through 12/31/2017
26. George Walton, SS, and Buffalo through 12/31/2017
27. Richard Rodda, SS, and Broadway through 12/31/2017
28. Richard Hodges, TS, and Pleasant View through 12/31/2017
29. Michael Baker, TS, and Philippi through 12/31/2017
30. Fred Goins, TS, and Ingram Branch through December 2017
31. Patrick J. Southam, Pastor, and St. Pauls
32. Thom Burleson, Interim and Highland through 5/9/2017
33. Chris Carlisle, SS, and White Plains through 12/31/2017

34. Bobby Newman, Associate Pastor, and Highland
35. Ronnie Holmes, CRE, and Manly through 12/31/2017
36. Archie Stevens, TS, and Priest Hill through 12/31/2017
37. David Priddy, TS and Leaflet and Raven Rock through 12/31/2017
38. Wendell McGee, CRE, and Vass through 12/31/2019
39. Roger Horne, SS, and Cape Fear through 12/31/2017
40. Jane Love, Interim, and West End through 6/30/2017
41. Jeff Mercer, SS, and Faith through 12/31/2017
42. Thom Burleson, Interim, and Highland through 12/31/2017
43. Brett Johnson, CRE, and Galatia through 12/31/2017
44. Jake Young, Interim, and Topsail through 12/31/2017
45. Claude Gamble, SS, and Woodburn through 12/31/2017
46. Ronnie Holmes, CRE, and Manly through 12/31/2017
47. Jean Horman, TS, and Olivia through 12/31/2017
48. Daniel Owens, TS, and Blandonia through 12/31/2017

Supply List Additions:

1. Ruth Bayley
2. David McKirachan
3. Bill Altman
4. Crystal Blue
5. Julia Odom
6. Johnny Simpson
7. Willie Suggs

Moderators:

1. Mike McGehee at Philippi through 2017
2. Kathryn Dudley at Eureka
3. Tom Currie at Priest Hill
4. Bruce Lax at Horseshoe
5. Allen McLean at Blandonia effective July, 2017

Dissolutions:

1. Barbara Hedin and Cypress effective 2/28/2017
2. Annelle Waldron, CRE, and Clarkton effective 3/5/2017
3. Sally Henry and Sardis effective 3/12/2017
4. Whitney Fauntleroy and Chestnut Street effective 3/26/2017
5. David Augustus and St. Andrews-Covenant effective 4/30/2017

Honorable Retirements:

1. Helen Locklear effective 12/31/2016
2. Beverly Thompson effective 12/31/2016 (extended to 3/31/2017)
3. George Thompson effective 12/31/2016 (extended to 3/31/2017)
4. Barbara Hedin effective 3/1/2017

PNC Approvals:

1. Highland
2. Beth Car

3. Big Rockfish
4. Peace
5. Topsail
6. Trinity/Laurinburg (Interim Search)
7. Laurinburg

Dismissals:

1. Jim Moran to the Central Florida Presbytery effective 1/1/2017
2. Edward Boyce to Beaver-Butler Presbytery effective 2/26/2017

Faith Statement – Robert Newman

I believe in the Triune and Living God, one Substance in three Persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in whom we belong and is our sole focus for worship and praise.

As Creator, God brought all things into space and time that humanity may have a personal relationship with God; responding to the love of the Creator. We belong to God, the Holy One of Israel, who saved the Israelites from slavery. God spoke through the prophets and inspired a future where humanity would be freed.

As Redeemer, God's word became flesh in Jesus of Nazareth. We trust Jesus as the Messiah, both fully God and fully human. Jesus was baptized by John at the Jordan River that we may see him as the true source of salvation and consider ourselves without rank among other humans. Jesus' sinless life was a full immersion into the depths of human suffering as he blessed children, gave good news to the poor, healed the sick, and freed prisoners in all forms. Jesus then surrendered his life as ransom for the sins of all humanity to fulfill his baptism as the Lamb of God, the final sacrifice. Jesus considered himself subject to God whom he called Father, died, descended, and rose again after three days to proclaim, to share victory over death. The Holy Spirit conceived Jesus, empowered his ministry, and bestowed courage throughout his journey to restore humanity. Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior of all.

As Sustainer, God's Spirit in the beginning hovered over the waters communing the bond with Creator and Word. The Holy Spirit bounds us to God and gives us courage to seek beyond ourselves to God as the true source of light and to care for creation; nurturing a greater understanding of love as an unconditional act. The Spirit bonds us as the Church so we together may join God's mission to seek to first the Kingdom of God and proclaim the good news of the crucified and risen Christ to the world.

Jesus Christ sealed the church in grace through the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism claims humanity's connection as the church, calls for the greater purpose of fulfilling the kingdom of God, and affirms new life comes through the grace of Christ alone. The Lord's Supper furthers communion with Christ and one another where at the Lord's Table we give thanks to God for pouring out grace through Jesus Christ as we are lifted into his presence.

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired and authoritative canon from God. We are called by name to faith as the prophets and apostles instilled the promise and fulfillment of God's love and salvation through the grace of Jesus Christ. I seek the Holy Spirit to illumine the Scripture so that it may be spoken in a way to be properly heard and preached in a manner that God's will be done; the Scripture properly proclaimed. God granted faith through grace to share this good news with all creation.

In faith, our gaze is upon God, because focusing on ourselves will only lead to darkness in our sinfulness. In election, we are pointed to the sovereignty of God. God welcomes all individually and as the church to accept, witness and to live out the grace given through Jesus Christ. We seek God, because we were first sought by God. We love God, because we were first loved by God. We share gifts, because they are Spiritual gifts given by God for the purpose of the church. As disciples, we actively learn and live into Christ's act for new life, because its implications are not merely meant for fruition after physical death.

In hope, we await the second coming of Jesus Christ when God will wipe every tear from every eye, when hunger will be no more, when every knee will bow, and when every tongue will confess that Christ is Lord; the Kingdom of God fully revealed.

Biography – Robert Newman

I was born in Memphis, Tennessee into rich traditions of the reformed faith; paternal leanings toward the Lutheran church while my mother's family bore the Presbyterian torch. The church affirmed God's claim on my life as I received infant baptism at Evergreen Presbyterian Church where my family attended from the early 60s and across the street from Rhodes College where various family members were educated.

My mom, older brother by ten and a half months, and I relocated to the hill top country of North Mississippi to the city of Olive Branch before I started school. My parents were divorced after my birth. My father was a transportation engineer, which he would say is just a fancy way of saying truck driver. He supported us well in his absence and his love was always present. At times, I sensed that he was more present for my brother and I more so than some of my friends' fathers. In our phone conversations my dad would always end our chats with a question, "What's the most important thing in your life?" to which my brother I would respond, "To put God first, and everything will fall into it's proper place." I will always carry this alongside other warm memories of my dad for the rest of my life.

At the age of 10, mom was diagnosed with melanoma which she fought, embraced recovery in remission, and continued treatment when it returned. She passed away in December 2000 when my brother was thirteen and I was twelve. She had gone back to college to become attacher and was only one semester way from receiving a Bachelor of Education degree. Eight months later, my brother and I moved to boarding school. We matriculated at The Webb School in Bell Buckle, TN where I attended from eighth through twelve grade. I experienced a vibrant culture of diversity where distinctions between faith traditions grew from various Christian denominations to living and growing with people of Hinduism, Islam, Buddhist and Judaism traditions; people of all over the United States and the world. I enjoyed playing team sports year round; cross country in the fall, basketball in the winter, and lacrosse in the Spring.

Upon graduation, I attended the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Mississippi. During my four years of undergraduate education I, also, served as a counselor and senior staff at Hopewell Camp and Conference Center (St. Andrews Presbytery) for five summers where I heard clearer the calling to be a pastor. In this time I accepted a youth director position where I served for three years before seeking a MDiv at Columbia Theological Seminary. It was there that my sense of call to proclaim the Word, administer the sacraments, and provide pastoral care was strengthened by the study of languages (Hebrew and Greek) and a CPE internship. Before seeking a call to parish ministry and arriving in Coastal Carolina Presbytery, I completed a year-long residency as a CPE chaplain at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

The aspects of my life gifted by God that are most fruitful are my dog Hank, the great outdoors, a good biography, and a shared meal with others. My golden retriever Hank was born Easter Sunday in 2015 and he has been a great companion and dear light to me. Mainly due to his bathroom needs, I benefited from the fullness of the days God gives me by witnessing sunrises and sunsets. In the hours between, I enjoy taking the ol' boy on hikes where I let him off the leash and we can experience the freedom of open, fresh country and air. For the same reason that I feel called to journey with people in life, I am drawn to biography for the real world has in itself an abundance of excitement, joy, fear, surprise, and intrigue that doesn't require make up. However, I do not say this to put down fiction as I am still an avid fan of the Harry Potter series which was especially life giving while attending boarding school. I find it interesting that there are more references to food and eating in the New Testament than there are directly about love, so I seek food fellowship as a way of growing in deeper brotherly love for others.

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
Bills and Overtures Committee
Report to Presbytery ~ March 25, 2017

The Full Text of the Proposed Amendments can be found by searching for “2016 Proposed Book of Order Amendments PCUSA” or at

www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/2016_proposed_boa.pdf.

The Bills and Overtures Committee has requested **30 minutes** for discussion and debate on these amendments.

Process – The Bills and Overtures Committee recommends:

1. That the proposed amendments be consider in two omnibus motions and two stand alone motions. Commissioners and Minister-Members are reminded that anyone can request that any item in either of the two omnibus motions can be withdrawn for separate consideration.
2. That debate on the proposed amendments alternate between those for and those against the proposals with a limit of two (2) minutes per speaker.
3. Voting will be by show of hands or standing (if necessary) unless a member of the Presbytery calls for a secret ballot.

Action Items

A. **Procedure** – That the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina consider the Proposed Amendments in four groupings with the understanding that individual items may be withdrawn for separate consideration:

1. Proposed Amendments A, B, C:1-5, C:8, D, E, and F – omnibus motion 1.
2. Proposed Amendments C:6 and C:7 – omnibus motion 2.
3. Proposed Amendment G – stand alone motion 1.
4. Proposed Amendment H – stand alone motion 2.

B. Recommendations

1. Omnibus Motion 1 – Proposed Amendments A, B, and C-1-5, C-8, D, E, and F
Your Bills and Overtures Committee **recommends approval** of these proposals with the following comments:
 - A. Makes clear that two different “safe church” policies are required
 - B. Makes it possible to form committees even when exact parity between teaching elders and other member of the church cannot be achieved.
 - C. (1-5 and 8) Suggests a return to “Minister of Word and Sacrament” as the primary description of ordained teaching elders. Both terms are available and appropriate. (*See Omnibus Motion 2 below for recommendation on C-6 and C-7.*)
 - D. Allows for repentance and restoration but in doing so removes the statute of limitations on charges when a teaching elder (ordained minister) renounces jurisdiction during an investigation or disciplinary process.
 - E. Adds “caring for God’s creation” as one of a long list of ways church members can responsibly be involved in the ministry of the Church.

2. Omnibus Motion 2 – Proposed amendments C-6 and C-7
Your Bills and Overtures Committee **recommends disapproval** of these proposals. We do not feel that the language of “commissioned pastor” adequately captures what we mean by the current term of “commissioned ruling elder.”
3. Stand Alone Motion 1 – Proposed amendment G
Your Bills and Overtures Committee has **no recommendation** on this proposal but notes that if the proposal is passed it implies that sessions need to have a conversation about sacramental theology – especially as regards admission to the Lord’s Table. The proposal is a change from traditional Reformed sacramental theology but may well be the common practice in many churches and is part of the movement to making more such decisions at the local (sessional) level.
4. Stand Alone Motion 2 – Proposed amendment H
Your Bills and Overtures Committee has **no recommendation** on this proposal but notes that this complete revision of the *Directory for Worship* has been in process for over 6 years and that the committee that drafted it has heard from many people across the whole church during this time. This edition is shorter and clearer than the previous version and (with the exception of the change to the admission to the Lord’s Table – See Proposed Amendment G above) follows fairly closely the previous edition.

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
Committee for African American Ministries (CAAM)
Report to the Presbytery, March 25, 2017

Chairperson: Ms. Joyce Peay

Meeting Dates: 3rd Saturday or 3rd Thursday each month

Mission and Responsibilities:

To strengthen the ministries and develop unity among the African-American congregations within the Presbytery and to assist the Presbytery to become more aware of the needs and gifts of African congregations.

Information items:

The Committee held its 2017 Annual Planning Retreat at Camp Monroe on February 24th-25th. The agenda included the following items:

- 2017 Annual Gathering-----August 12, 2017
- Summer Trip to the Museum of African American History and Culture Center in Washington and Bush Gardens Amusement Park in Virginia
- National Black Presbyterian Caucus Enrollment
- Youth, Young Adult, Congregations, and Ministers Involvement
- Hurricane Matthew Church Damages-- \$100.00 donations to Dothan, Bethany, and Mount Pelier Churches.

Report submitted by: Joyce Peay (CAAM Chair)

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
Strategic Planning and Organizational Review (SPOR) Committee
Report to the Presbytery – March 25, 2017

With the full implementation of the Provocative Proposal, the Strategic Planning and Organizational Review Committee began focusing its attention on evaluating the effectiveness of the revised community structure. During its first meeting in January the Committee heard reports from Community Coordinators that outlined the current and planned activities of the Community Steering Teams. It should be noted that the summer 2016 Community meetings were highly successful, with many church visitors from Community churches participating in discussion groups during breakout sessions. Planning is underway for next summer's gatherings. It should be noted that two Communities held successful follow-up meetings in December (West) and January (Central) to continue community building activities that began during the summer.

The Committee spent a considerable amount of time in January focusing on the impact of losing two staff members in the Presbytery office. Several solutions were considered for meeting upcoming youth ministry needs during the coming months. After extensive discussion, the Committee adopted a proposal to hire Amy Wehrmeister (currently on staff at Westminster – Fayetteville) on a part-time basis (1 week per month). In this Presbytery position, she will focus on keeping the youth program functioning during 2017. It was decided that a portion of the responsibilities of the Associate for Resource Services would be handled by existing staff. The Committee will continue to discuss this vacant position at future meetings.

Beginning with the March meeting, the Committee will be fully staffed. Besides its evaluation activities, SPOR will be identifying and studying issues that will have short and long term impact on the Presbytery's programs and membership.

Seek *peace* and pursue it. Proverbs 34:14

The Mozell Howie 2017 *Peacemaking Scholarship* for High School Seniors

*The Peacemaking Committee of Coastal Carolina Presbytery
will offer two \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors
enrolling in college by the fall of 2017.*

Rules for Scholarship Consideration:

1. The student must be a senior in high school.
2. The student must be active in a Presbyterian Church in Coastal Carolina Presbytery.
3. The student is asked to submit an essay in response to the following question:
***What do you see as the most pressing peacemaking issue of our time,
and how will you seek to address it through your studies and beyond?***
4. Essay must be typed, properly referenced, not exceed 1,000 words and include the student's name, contact information, home church, and college they are attending.
5. All essays must be received by **5 p.m. on April 25**. *Email submission is preferred.*
6. The winners will be notified and then presented with their award at a regional presbytery meeting.

Essays may be submitted to:

**Rev. Whitney Wilkinson
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Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
Awarding of Certificates
March 25, 2017

**Completion of Studies in Preparation
for Qualified Ruling Elder Status
Hispanic Section**

Francisco Alejandro Manuel Manuel
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Gloria Adriana Arroyo de Moreno
Luis Eduardo Niño
Rosa Alina Sandoval
Trinidad E. Martinez Solis

**Completion of Studies for Certificate
in Missional Transformational Coaching**

Rev. Catherine Taylor
Rev. Dr. Chris, Denny
Rev. Deck Guess,
Rev. Evan Harrison
Rev. Dr. Jim Moran
Rev. John Taylor
Rev. Laura Lupton
Rev. Sally Henry

West Community Steering Team Report

March 2017 - Jason Hammersley-Chair

West Community Steering Team consists of Jason Hammersley-Chair, Elizabeth Forester, Naomi Newton, Gracie Williams, Gary Brower, Willie McCaskill, John Baker, Ron Stoker. Ex Officio: Laura Lupton, Bruce Lax, Edna Ann Loftus

Our Guiding Motto: Living as a connectional church in the Reformed tradition, we focus on Connecting Congregations, Facilitating Shared Mission, Supplementing Christian Education and Youth Ministry, Empowering Leaders, Strengthening Congregations. Together living into the Great Ends of the Church.

The West Gathering Community met at First Sanford Presbyterian Church on December 10, 2016. The presbytery meeting as a whole focused on gathering missional interests in four area work groups: **Shared Mission, Christian Formation, Congregation Vitality and Youth Ministry.**

The four work groups sensed the Spirit of God moving through visioning to help church leaders understand the causes of brokenness and mental illness challenges facing families; development of connection with in the faith community and an enrichment seminar for Sunday School teachers of “The Present Word;” hosting a Pastor Retreat for the emotional, spiritual and physical health of church leaders; educating and nurturing 40 youth at the confirmation retreat and seeking new energy in the Youth Council of the Presbytery.

To date, we have:

- offered two Officer Training events (2016-17)
- Given 4 Grants \$1,000 for Cooperative Ministry: Camp Monroe Rehab work, Gospel in the Park, Pastors’ Wellness Retreat, and Fundraiser for Harnett Co. Food Pantry.
- Connected pastors of area churches
- Sessional Records review dates for 2017: March 19, Edgewood PC; April 23-3pm-Montplier PC (Wagram) and 3pm-Summerville PC (Lillington), , June 11, 3pm-Manly PC (Southern Pines).

Looking forward, we plan:

- West Community Gatherings: Saturday-June 10; and Thursday-December 7.
- Hold Youth Advisor Training, Youth Leader Training/Social at FPC-Dunn in May.
- Promoting the Montreat Youth trip with the PYC.
- Sunday School Encouragement to help teaching and techniques for “The Present Word”
- Quarterly Enrichment Saturdays for Church leaders.
- Raising awareness and understanding of mental health challenges.
- Identifying local mission ideas that are currently engaged.