

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
Proposed Agenda Updated
March 7, 2020 Presbytery Meeting

9:30 AM Call to Order and Opening Prayer Rev. Marie Cone, Moderator

- Declaration of Quorum Rev. Jerrod Lowry, Stated Clerk
- Welcome Rev. T. Wes Moore, Pastor, Pollocksville PC
- Appointment of Standing Committees Rev. Marie Cone, Moderator
(Attendance, Bills and Overtures, Thanks, and Temporary Clerks)
- Adoption of Agenda (3,35) Elder Janet Brower-Penn, Moderator
- Stated Clerk's Report – Introductions, Call for New Business Rev. Jerrod Lowry, Stated Clerk

9:45 AM Morning Worship/ Commissioning of GA Commissioners /Communion/Necrology

11:15 AM Break

11:30 AM Stated Clerk's Report (4-14, 36) Rev. Jerrod Lowry, Stated Clerk

- Bills and Overtures/GA amendments (15-17, 37-38) Rev. Charles Elliott
- Nominations (39) Elder Michael Fox
- Finance and Property (18) Elder Gayle Boykin, Treasurer
- Personnel Committee Report and Gayle Appreciation Rev. John Taylor
- Youth Report (19-20) Erin Wehrmeister, Youth Associate

12:30 PM Lunch & Convo with Rev. Lyman Smith

1:15 PM Music by the Singing Senator, Charlie Albertson

1:30 PM

- Central Community Report (21) Rev. Matt Bowman
- Installation of Vice Moderator Rev. Marie Cone, Moderator
- West Community Report (22) Rev. Shane Owens
- COM Report (23-28) Elder Jay Bender
- East Community Report (29) Rev. William Young

2:15 PM

- Other reports in packet (30-35) Elder Naomi Newton, Vice Moderator
- New business Rev. Jerrod Lowry, Stated Clerk
- Attendance Rev. Jerrod Lowry, Stated Clerk

2:30 PM Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Stated Clerk's Supplemental Report

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Action:

I move approval of travel reimbursement at .30 cents per mile for presbytery volunteers. The IRS business rate is 57.5 cents per mile and the charity/volunteer rate is 14 cents per mile.

Information:

1. Update on Presbytery Business Manager staff position

Additions to 2019 Necrology:

FIRST MOREHEAD: Rick Johnson, Jeannette Lindgren

2019 Continuing Education Report for Commissioned Ruling Elders

Donald Fischer, Palestine, 14 hours

Correction to COM Report

Action Item:

2. e. Ruling Elder – James Boney, Teachey Presbyterian Church

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT
Committee on Bills and Overtures
Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
March 7, 2020

Since the Presbytery's Commissioners' Handbook was distributed, we received from the Presbytery of New Hope requests for our concurrence with two overtures, one to the General Assembly, and the other calling for presbytery support and advocacy for raising the minimum wage in North Carolina. The Committee has reviewed both documents.

- I. The first New Hope overture asks the 224th (2020) General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to instruct the Office of the General Assembly to update the video resource, "Who Are We Presbyterians," with an accompanying study guide. It also asks that OGA create a plan to update and finance this denominational video and study guide every 5 years.**

The resource was created in 2001, and was a tool for church school, officer training, new members' classes, confirmation classes, retreats, midweek gatherings, and more. While it was very useful initially, it is now 19 years old and needs to be updated for use in today's Church. Also, the original resource was in DVD format, and the new resource would be more useful in an online or other platform that could easily be shown to groups or viewed by individuals.

Furthermore, a plan for financing and updating such a resource would ensure that ministries of the church do not have to rely on out-of-date materials that fail to communicate accurately the life and witness of the Presbyterian Church. The Committee is recommending concurrence.

- II. The second New Hope overture originated in the Session of the Church of Reconciliation in Chapel Hill. It asks the Presbytery to support legislation in the next North Carolina General Assembly legislative session to increase the NC minimum wage incrementally to \$15 per hour by 2024; and to inform the governor and legislative leaders of that support; and to invite other NC presbyteries to concur and to take similar actions.**

The committee considered this request, reviewed the rationale for it, and analyzed the calculations offered in support for it. We do not oppose the goal of raising the minimum wage to ensure that hourly workers receive fair and livable pay. We know it has been more than 11 years since the minimum wage in North Carolina was raised. And we understand that this is a highly-charged political issue.

Yet we have concerns about this particular overture. One concern is that the numbers given to argue for the increase are flawed and do not compute. Another concern is that a specific minimum hourly wage is suggested without providing documentation or justification for that number. A third concern is that the rationale contains a political opinion which may or may not be correct, but which is most surely divisive.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. The Committee on Bills and Overtures recommends that the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina concur in the overture to the General Assembly from the Presbytery of New Hope concerning updating the resource, “Who Are We Presbyterians?”**
- 2. The Committee on Bills and Overtures recommends that the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina take no action at this time on the overture from New Hope Presbytery concerning legislation regarding the minimum hourly wage in North Carolina.**

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee on Bills and Overtures
Charles D. Elliott, Chair

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
The Committee on Nominations Report
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The following items are submitted for Presbytery approval:

Strategic Planning and Organizational Review:

Rev. Joanna Hipp, Class of 2022
2020 Chair - Rev. Martha Highsmith,

Commission on Ministry:

West: Gary Danford, Class of 2022
2020 Chair - Mr. Jay Bender

Information:

Mexico Partnership Subcommittee:

Ms. Randi Taylor, Mr. Harry Taylor and Rev. Stephen Wilkins

New Church Development: Ms. Crystal Blue, Ms. Rebecca Chater, and Mr. John Camping are nominated to serve on the New Church Development Committee. Rev. Howard Dudley will serve as chair.