

WELCOME TO THE PRESBYTERY OF THE MID-ATLANTIC!

98th Stated Meeting

April 24, 2021

Virtual Meeting held via Zoom

Rev. Kevin Cauley, Moderator

Meeting convenes at 9:00 a.m.

ATTENTION SESSION CLERKS!!!

As of January 1, 2020, we are asking Clerks of Session to submit their minutes as follows:

Coastal Mid-Atlantic Missional Region minutes are due January 1, 2021

Mountain Missional Region minutes are due April 1, 2021

Central Carolinas Missional Region minutes are due September 1, 2021

If your church was unaware of this change and your minutes are either now due or past due, please submit them as soon as possible.

If possible, please submit Session Minutes electronically to:

Stated Clerk Rev. Ron Horgan at statedclerk@pmaofepc.org

Looking ahead, the 99th meeting of the PMA, is scheduled for

Friday and Saturday

September 24 and 25, 2021.

It is our hope and desire to hold the meeting in person at Lake Forest Church, Huntersville, NC.

That decision will be made at a later date based on exigent circumstances.

Stay tuned for the announcement on location.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE FUTURE MEETINGS:

99th PMA September 24 and 25, 2021.

Tentatively scheduled for Lake Forest Church, Huntersville, NC

100th PMA Tentatively we are scheduled to meet in three regions.

Coastal Mid-Atlantic will meet on January 28 and 29, 2022.

Central Carolinas will meet on February 4 and 5, 2022.

The dates for the Mountain region have not been set yet.

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PROPOSED DOCKET
PRESBYTERY OF THE MID-ATLANTIC
98th STATED MEETING
Held Via Zoom Link
April 24, 2021

Saturday, April 24, 2021

- 9:00am Call to Order, Declaration of a quorum, opening prayer.
- 9:10am Worship – Led by TE James Banks with devotion brought by TE Rachel Toone
- 9:50am Administrative Matters – approval of minutes of 97th meeting
- 9:55am Report of the Executive Committee

- a. Motion to elect RE Scott McGregor as a Vice Moderator.
- b. Plan for September PMA meeting.
- c. Motion from Executive Council to contribute to fund establishing student social area on campus of RTS Orlando honoring outgoing Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah.

Motion: That the PMA authorize and announce to the churches of the PMA that we contribute the sum of \$2,500 for the RTS Patio Project in honor of Dr. Jeff Jeremiah. We are asking each church to make a contribution to this effort in the amount they deem appropriate and forward that check to the PMA treasurer. He will then add whatever amount is necessary to bring the total contribution up to \$2,500. This should be done not later than June 30, 2021. Each region is requested to announce this and remind attending churches of the opportunity to bless the seminary in honor of our former Stated Clerk.

- d. Other matters

10:10am Report of the Missional Director

10:20am Report of the Stated Clerk

- a. General information regarding the GA meeting
- b. RE Commissioners need to be certified by Session
- c. Flyer on GA Breakout and Seminars (offered by Bob Stauffer)
- d. Annual Church Reports are past due
- e. Vote on Descending Overture 20-A
- f. Response to PRC regarding exceptions taken to PMA minutes

- 10:40am Report of the Multiplication Task Force
- 10:45am Video on B90 Ministry
- 10:50am CDC
- i. videos from church planters and revitalization
 - ii. Report on Northampton Church Planting Network
 - iii. Plans for May 22 meetings of all regions in person/Zoom
 - iv. Other information
- 11:20am G.O. Center Report
- 11:35am Stewardship Committee – YTD financials
- 11:40pm Missions Committee
- i. Video presentations
 - ii. Committee report
- 12:05pm Ministerial Committee
- i. Omnibus motion
 - ii. Introduction of newly transferred TEs
 - iii. Other matters relating to MC
- 12:25pm Report of the Revelation 7:9 Task Force
- 12:30pm Adjourn

Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic
97th Stated Meeting
Held Saturday, January 30, 2021
Via Zoom

97.01 The 97th Stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic was called to order at 9:00am with prayer offered by TE Ron Horgan, Stated Clerk. A quorum was declared.

97.02 The following Commissioners were recorded:

Altan Presbyterian Church—TE Robert Childs
Antioch Presbyterian Church—ABSENT
Asbury EPC—CP Terry Collins, RE Cindy Joyce, RE Hersie McMillian
Banks Presbyterian Church—ABSENT
Bensalem Presbyterian Church—TE John Stone, RE Byron Sevario, Jr.
Benton Heights Presbyterian Church—TE Paul Saleeby, RE Barb Beppler, RE Jessica Teague, RE Shannon Hunsucker
Bethel EPC/Claudville VA—ABSENT
Bethel Presbyterian Church/Raeford NC—ABSENT
Bethlehem Presbyterian Church—TE Tom Pitman, RE C.A Hyatt, RE Amy Moore, RE Pat Sloan
Bishopville Presbyterian Church—TE Chris Parnell
Bouldin Presbyterian Church—RE Rickie Fulcher, RE Marie Bryant
Buffalo Presbyterian Church—TE Don Hardmon, RE Bill Osborne, RE Neal Thacker
Cameronian Presbyterian Church—ABSENT
Centre Presbyterian Church—TE Robert Howard, RE Ken Belk, RE Karen Crowell, RE Richard Sorenson
Christ Church/Anderson SC—TE Nate Wolcott, RE Phil Manly
Christ Community Church/Montreat NC—TE Richard White, TE David Taylor
Christ Fellowship Church—TE Jim Thyne
Christ Reigns Presbyterian Church—CP Alan Morrison
Christ the King Community Church—TE Frank Venable
Cleveland Presbyterian Church—ABSENT
Concord Presbyterian Church—RE Lee Warren, RE Arlene Jones
Cornerstone Church—ABSENT
Crossroads Community Church—ABSENT
Cypress Springs Presbyterian Church—TE Dorn Majure
Darlington Presbyterian Church—TE Kevin Cauley, RE Jim Dawson
Elon Presbyterian Church—TE Barry Tucker, RE William Tyler, RE Mary McAllister
Englewood Presbyterian Church—TE Rob Westlund, RE Karen Rose, RE Rick Joyner, RE Rose Burnett
EPC of Elkton—ABSENT
Faith Liberation Christian Church—ABSENT
Falling Spring Presbyterian Church—TE Mike Matlock
Fellowship of Christ EPC—TE David McLean, RE Joe McCoy

First EPC/Eden NC—ABSENT

First EPC/Roanoke VA— TE Robert Smith, RE Paula Wilkerson, RE Phil Brown

First Presbyterian Church/Martinsburg WV—TE Rufus Burton, RE Anne Turner,
RE Joan Van Brunt

Forest Hills EPC—TE Chris Greenwood, RE Karl Rech, RE John Vause

Galatia Presbyterian Church/Eagle Rock VA—RE Jerry Caldwell

Galatia Presbyterian Church/Fayetteville NC—CP Brett Johnson, RE Frank Dawson,

Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church—TE Rob Chambers

Grace Brevard EPC—TE Brian Land

Grace Haven Presbyterian (Mission)—ABSENT

Greenville Presbyterian Church—TE Donovan Campbell, RE Chuck Marion

Greenwood Presbyterian Church—ABSENT

Grove Presbyterian Church— TE Micheal Weaver, RE Walter Smith, RE Gary Beasley

Hendersonville Presbyterian Church—TE Robert McClland, RE Sara Emil,

RE Mary Jamieson

Hollywood Presbyterian Church—TE Keith Cobb

Hope Church/Hanahan SC (Mission)—ABSENT

Hope Church/Raleigh NC—TE Marty Duffell, RE Sherif Mikhael

Hope Church/Richmond VA—TE David Dwight, RE Brian Broadway, RE Brian Kenny,
RE Keith Sloane

Hope Presbyterian Community Church/Waynesboro VA—TE Glen Holman

Hope Presbyterian Church/Fredericksburg VA—TE Dorington Little, RE Nancy Bevilacqua,
RE Sue Allred

Hopewell Presbyterian Church—TE Karyn Cartier, RE Jan Rogers, RE Monty Enzor

Hurley Presbyterian Church and Roseann Presbyterian Church—CP Curtis Stacy

Indian Hill Presbyterian Church—TE Rick Brundin

Kempsville Presbyterian Church—RE Katherine Daugherty, RE Robert O'Brien

Kershaw EPC—RE Patricia Croxton

Lake Forest Church—TE Mike Moses, TE Grayson Segars, RE Allen Roes

Lebanon Presbyterian Church—TE Michael Payne

Lighthouse EPC—RE Don Kirkey, RE Nancy Wilson, RE Alex Kummerow

Living Life Church (Mission)—ABSENT

Mary's Presbyterian Church—ABSENT

McBee Presbyterian Church—TE Mark Dickinson

McLean Presbyterian Church—ABSENT

Mebane Presbyterian Church—TE Jeffrey Smith, RE Shannon Taylor, RE Ivan Tyre

Memorial Presbyterian Church—ABSENT

Midway Presbyterian Church—TE Mike Lowder, RE Wendell Robinson, RE Linda Swain

Myrtle Grove Presbyterian Church—CP Stacey Miller, RE Phil Stump

Nell Townsend Presbyterian Church—ABSENT

New Cut Presbyterian Church—RE Joseph Clark

New Hope Community Church—RE David Simms

New Life Presbyterian Church—TE Cameron Smith

New Vision Church (Mission)—ABSENT

Northminster Presbyterian Church—TE David Garrison

Norton Presbyterian Church—ABSENT

Oak Island Presbyterian Church—TE Agnes Taylor, TE Walter Taylor, RE Ken Eagle
Overbrook Presbyterian Church—TE Bill Wade, RE Robert Campbell
Park Avenue Presbyterian Church—ABSENT
Peace Presbyterian Church—TE James Banks, RE Mary Eakright, RE Ken Davis
Perrow Presbyterian Church—ABSENT
Piedmont Presbyterian Church—ABSENT
Pineland Presbyterian Church—RE Lorraine Davis, RE Judi Collins
Princeton Presbyterian Church—TE Ed Pettus
Providence Presbyterian Church/Angier NC—TE Nadia Stropich, RE John Mott, RE John Pickens
Providence Presbyterian Church/Nathelie VA—ABSENT
Restoration Church/Mechanicsville VA—TE Jeffrey Lee, TE Bill Moore, RE Dick Class
Restoration Community Church/Winston-Salem NC—TE Gary McGhee, RE Gordon Miller
Reynolda Church EPC—TE Chuck Estes, TE Eric Shipton, TE Brandon Williams, TE Alan Wright, RE Diane Brust, RE Bob Roach
Riceville Valley Community Church—ABSENT
Ridgecrest Presbyterian Church—ABSENT
River Oaks Community Church—TE David Beaty, TE Andrew Wild, TE Sonny Flowers, TE David Holcomb, RE Frank Carter
Rivermont EPC—TE Ron Cox, TE Mike Palombo, TE Shane Whelan, TE Brett Eubank, TE David Weber, RE Gary Helm
Rockville Presbyterian Church—TE Fred Hope, RE Burke Hammes, RE Karl Ohlandt
Rocky River Presbyterian Church—CP Corrina Gambrell
Roseann Presbyterian Church—*See Hurley Presbyterian Church*
Rourk Presbyterian Church—TE Shawn Morrison
Siler Presbyterian Church—TE Bruce Powell, TE Brian Martin, RE Jared Barfield, RE Butch Hill, RE Jean Morgan, RE Vann Walters, RE Gary Sharpe
Slate Mountain Presbyterian Church—ABSENT
St. Giles Presbyterian Church—TE Nate Atwood, RE Mark Jenkins
St. Matthews EPC—ABSENT
Stuart Presbyterian Church—TE Danny Redman, RE Dave Hoback, RE Ellen Renegar
The Branch (Mission), TE Jonathan Gibson
The Village Church—ABSENT
Thompson Valley Presbyterian Church—ABSENT
Threshold Church—TE Jeff Garner, RE James Rountree, RE Joy Groves
Trinity EPC—TE Matt Walton, RE Jim Johnson, RE Jim Allen
Troy Presbyterian Church—TE Stephen Wilkinson
Valley Hope Church—ABSENT
Victoria EPC (Mission), ABSENT
Walker's Presbyterian Church—RE William Hogan, RE John Goin
Walker's Creek Presbyterian Church—ABSENT
Walkersville Presbyterian Church—TE Paul Rankin, RE Betty Mosley
Warehouse 242—TE Wes Vander Lugt, TE Mike Lawrie
Warm Springs EPC—RE Lawrence Roberts
Warrenton Presbyterian Church—ABSENT
Wayside Presbyterian Church—TE Mark Carver, RE Libby Woodard, RE Donna Kennedy

Wesley EPC—TE William Smith, RE Bill Packett
Westminster Presbyterian Church/Bluefield WV—TE Jonathan Rockness,
 RE David Thomas, RE Larry Mutter
Westminster Presbyterian Church/Burlington NC—TE Powell Sykes, RE Terry Brogan,
 RE Kathy Sykes
Woodside Presbyterian Church—ABSENT
Wyliesburg Presbyterian Church—ABSENT

Other Commissioners present:

World Outreach—TE Stephanie Black
World Outreach—TE Mark Hunt
World Outreach—TE Phil Thrash

Laboring Outside of Bounds, South Lake Christian Academy—TE Eric Bartel
Laboring Outside of Bounds, DUCC—TE Robert Buchanan
Laboring Outside of Bounds, Erskine Theological Seminary— TE George Schwab
Laboring Outside of Bounds, Montreat College— TE Rachel Toone
Laboring Outside of Bounds, Reformed Theological Seminary— TE Don Fortson
Laboring Outside of Bounds, HopeWell Ministries—TE Cron Gibson
Laboring Outside of Bounds, Regent University School of Divinity—TE Mark Jumper
Laboring Outside of Bounds, Families Alive—TE Andy Koesters

Presbytery Staff—Tim Burns, PMA Treasurer
Presbytery Staff—TE Ron Horgan, Stated Clerk
Presbytery Staff—TE Bucky Hunsicker, Missional Executive Director
Presbytery Staff—TE Ken Priddy, The GO Center

Retired Member—TE Jim Braswell
Retired Member—TE James Brown
Retired Member—TE Jimmy Carr
Retired Member—TE William Enns
Retired Member—TE Ken Hicks
Retired Member—TE Ralph Mitchell
Retired Member—TE Don Neighbours
Retired Member—TE Jeff Porter
Retired Member—TE John Stone

The following Associate Members were noted:

Associate Members—
 TE Andrew Byers
 TE David Fischer
 TE Steven Strickler
 TE Christian Zebley

Chaplain, Salisbury, NC VA Hospital—TE Jason Riggs
Chaplain, U.S. Army— TE David Snyder

Without Call—TE Tom Clymer
Without Call—TE Tom Sheppard

97th PMA OBSERVERS

Commissioned Transitional Pastor— CP Jesse McDonald

Robert Barnett, Candidate to be examined, Walker's EPC
 Michael Kruger, Candidate to be examined to Labor Outside of Bounds, Reformed Theological Seminary
 Chad Smith, Candidate to be examined, House of Mercy Mission Group
 Paige Burhans, Peace Church
 Ellen Campbell Gardner, Springfield, MO
 Jane Derrick, House of Mercy, Asheville, NC
 Dona Haney
 Paul Hawkinson, House of Mercy, Asheville, NC
 Josh Herrin, Bethlehem Presbyterian Church
 Daniel Hesse, HOHIM INC
 Anita Hill, Siler Presbyterian Church
 John Johnston, Centre Presbyterian Church
 Logan Keck, Centre Presbyterian Church
 Victor Leal, Lake Forest Church
 Brooke Lefevre, House of Mercy, Asheville, NC
 Meg McCann, New Hope Community Church, Lynchburg, VA
 Genie McDill, Greenville Presbyterian Church, Donalds, South Carolina
 Scott McGregor, MC & Multiplication Team Member
 Laura Morris, Hendersonville Presbyterian Church
 Michelle Munger, Faith Inclusion Network
 Glenda Overstreet, The Village Church
 Judy Plant, House of Mercy, Asheville, NC
 Claudia Purdy, Memorial Presbyterian Church
 Lewana Richardson, First Presbyterian Church/Roanoke, VA
 Daniel Sonnenburg, Myrtle Grove EPC
 Phil Stump, Myrtle Grove EPC
 Bobby Wilson, House of Mercy, Asheville, NC

97.03 The docket was approved as published. Stated Clerk TE Ron Horgan assumed the chair. It was **moved, seconded and passed that TE Kevin Cauley be elected to serve a second term as Moderator. It was further moved, seconded and passed that TE Ed Pettus and RE Don Kirkey be elected to serve as Vice Moderators.**

97.04 IT Director RE Joe McCoy walked the presbyters through the logistics of holding this meeting via Zoom.

97.05 The presbytery was led in worship by TE James Banks reading from Matthew 17.1-8. Prayers were offered by commissioners. Music was provided by Paige Burhans singing “Fairest Lord Jesus,” “O Lord, You’re Beautiful” and “Build My Life.” TE Mark Jumper gave a devotional thought from Malachi 2.1-9.

97.06 The minutes of the 96th meeting were approved as amended.

97.07 The Moderator prayed and then gave the report of the Executive Council. He noted the passing of TE Perry Mobley and TE Jack Maxwell. Both were gifted and gracious leaders of the EPC and the PMA and although we rejoice that they are with the Lord in heaven, their presence is greatly missed. The Moderator also reported that Westminster EPC, Florence, South Carolina, has been dissolved and its property was given to Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, a PCA congregation in Florence, South Carolina. **The Executive Council made the following motion which was subsequently amended by the presbytery and adopted:**

The Executive Council moves that the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic authorize the Ministerial Committee to serve as an administrative commission of Presbytery pursuant to BOG 21-1-A-2, 21-1-C and 21-2-D-2-e. The commission shall be given the power to act on those individuals seeking to:

1. Come under care of presbytery.
2. Be commissioned as Commissioned Pastors.
3. Be ordained and installed as teaching elders in the PMA.
4. Transfer the credentials of teaching elders from churches in the Reformed tradition.
5. Transfer calls of Teaching Elders within the PMA and dissolve calls as may be requested by the Pastor or the Congregation and all other responsibilities per BOG 21-1-C with the exception of authorities and responsibilities relating to 21-1-C-b.
6. The Ministerial Committee acting as a commission of presbytery must unanimously approve all candidates for ordination. Any candidate not unanimously approved by the Committee must be approved by the entire presbytery at its next Stated Meeting. (Amendment adopted per underscore)

The PMA further grants authority to the Church Development Committee acting as a Commission of the PMA in all matters relating to 21-1-C-b.

The commissions authorized herein will make a written report of all of actions and said reports will be inserted in the minutes of Presbytery. The authority of these commissions

will expire on September 24, 2021 or on the date that the next Stated Meeting of the PMA is held in person. (BOG 21-1-A-2).

97.08 The report of the Missional Director, Dr. Bucky Hunsicker, was opened with prayer. Unity, connection and alignment all with the Lord, was the theme of Bucky's remarks. The enemy has been trying to destroy our unity over the last year. Many experienced loss, but God reigns. We not only survived but we thrived in 2020. There is a hopefulness for 2021. We must continue to seek unity, connection and alignment with the Lord. h provided breakout time for each of the three regional mission groups to meet.

97.10 After the conclusion of the Order of the Day the meeting was recessed for lunch.

97.11 The presbytery reconvened with worship led by TE James Banks, reading from Mark 9.14ff. Paige led in singing "This I believe" and "Psalm 62."

97.12 TE Ron Horgan, Stated Clerk, reported. Ron stated that 254 commissioners registered for this meeting. Ron reflected on the fact that the churches of the PMA have continued to struggle with COVID-related issues. A number of teaching elders have found themselves extremely weary and in need of pastoral or mental health care. Pastors are urged that if they find themselves in need of professional care, the EPC health plan has benefits available. Also, the CDC is preparing a presentation for each of the regions, a portion of which will address the continuing relational and mental health needs of pastors and congregants. More on that from the CDC report.

Some churches are back to holding in-person services while others have had to retreat and go back to meeting entirely on-line. Unfortunately, a few congregations have been unable to do either most often because they are unable to handle the technology issues. Most others though, are finding their way through the various meeting issues. Several have expressed inability to hold BOG-required congregational meetings. Particularly in the area of congregational meetings churches are reminded that if they hold virtual meetings they must provide an opportunity for the virtual attendees to both hear and speak if they so desire. And "mail-in" ballots are not authorized under any circumstances. A person must be present either in person or virtually during the meeting to have their vote recorded.

Ron reminded the PMA that Sessions are **required** to submit their Session Minutes **annually**

The following churches have submitted their session minutes for 2020. These are broken out by region.

Central Carolinas: Benton Heights, Bethlehem, Centre, Christ Community, Christ Church EPC, Christ Fellowship, Grace Haven (mission), Greenville, Kershaw, Lighthouse, McBee, Nell Township, Overbrook, Roark, St. Giles, Troy, Valley Hope.

Coastal: Bishopville, Darlington, Englewood, Fellowship of Christ, Hope (Raleigh), Hope (Richmond), Hopewell, Midway, Myrtle Grove, Oak Island, Providence (Angiers), Restoration (Mechanicsville), Wayside.

Mountain: Asbury Pres., Bouldin Pres., Elon Pres, EPC of Elkton, Falling Springs, First Pres (Martinsburg), Galatia (Eagle Rock), Hope Community, McLean Pres, Mebane, Memorial, Northminster, Princeton, River Oaks, Rivermont, Walker's EPC.

The following churches have not submitted their minutes in the last year.

Central Carolina: Altan, Banks, Bensalem, Cameronian, Faith Community, Garden Memorial, Grace Brevard, Hendersonville, Indian Hills, Lake Forest, New Cut, New Vision, Park Ave, Riceville Valley, Ridgecrest, Rocky River, Siler, Threshold, St. Matthews, The Village Church, Walkersville, Warehouse 242, Warrenton.

Coastal: Antioch, Bethel, Christ the King, Concord, Cornerstone, Crossroads, Cypress, Forest Hills, Galatia (Fayetteville), Grace, Grove, Hollywood, Hope (Hanahan), Hurley/Roseann, Kempsville, Peace, Pineland, Rockville, Trinity, Victoria (mission), Wesley.

Mountain: Bethel, Buffalo, Christ Reigns, Cleveland, First EPC (Roanoke), First EPC (Eden), Greenwood, Hope Pres (Fredericksburg), Lebanon, Mary's/Thompson Valley, New Hope (mission), New Life, Norton, Perrow, Piedmont, Reynolda, Restoration (Winston-Salem), Slate Mountain, Stuart, Warm Springs, Westminster (Blue Ridge), Westminster (Burlington), Woodside, Wyliesburg.

The same is true for TE and CP annual reports. Many are sending them in but many are not. The names of those teaching elders who have not submitted their reports have been forwarded to the Ministerial Committee.

The Stated Clerk reported that he has reviewed the attendance of each Teaching Elder and church for the last two years and has identified a list of churches and Teaching Elders that have not attended any meetings of the PMA for the last 2 years. Exceptions were made for those who are not required to attend meetings, e.g., Retired TEs, Associate TEs. This list has been given to the Ministerial Committee and the leadership of the various regions so that they can follow up. Our desire is not to cajole or embarrass anyone but rather to try to connect with our churches and TEs to fulfill our responsibility to "bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6.2)

Ron continues to meet with the three regional teams as we navigate the uncharted waters of multiplying into three presbyteries from one. He has drafted a proposed working Position Description for those who will serve as the Stated Clerks in the new presbyteries and is looking forward to working with them. Others are working on position descriptions for Missional Director, Treasurer and the various other committees. Being good Presbyterians, we're nothing if we're not well-organized.

Parity Annual Adjustment:

Short version: 63 of our churches will be able to bring an additional ruling elder commissioner to our 2021 meetings.

In order to reach parity, the following churches (assigned alphabetically) will be assigned an additional elder (this will take effect at the April meeting): Indian Hills, Kempsville, Kershaw, Lake Forest, Lebanon, Lighthouse, Mary's, McBee, McLean, Mebane, Memorial, Midway, Myrtle Grove, Nell Townsend, New Covenant, New Cut, New Hope, New Life, Northminster, Norton, Oak Island, Overbrook, Park Avenue, Peace, Perrow, Piedmont, Pineland, Princeton, Providence (Angiers), Providence (Nathelie), Restoration (Mechanicsville), Reynolda, Riceville, Ridgecrest, River Oaks, Rivermont.

Ron concluded his report with prayer.

97.13 A video presentation was made by Scott and Ellen McElvey, missionary candidates from Christ the King EPC and are seeking a call to serve WEC through EPC World Outreach. A video presentation was also made by Lance and Lisa, missionaries to refugees in the Middle East.

97.14 TE Bill Enns led in prayer and gave the report of the Multiplication Team. Bill reported that the team has been assisting the regions in developing ministry teams to serve the new presbyteries. Bill also reported that the PJC has approved the language allowing the multiplication of the PMA into the three new presbyteries.

97.14 TE Rob Westlund prayed and gave the report of the CDC. He first presented a video of Pastor Victor Leal and "The Good Samaritan Church," a Hispanic church plant of Lake Forest Church and the PMA. TE Jon Gibson reported on the work of church planting in the midst of the pandemic. God continues to lead as we're forming a church planting network. Each church is being challenged to live into the vision of church planting. Each church is being asked to be either a patron, a partner or a planter. Elizabeth Gibson, director of the Northampton Church Planting Network gave her report. She is working with various professionals to ensure things are done well and good structure is built. She has obtained 501C(3) status for the network. Bylaws are being developed. TE Jeff Gardner shared that in a few weeks, each missional region will host a 1 ½ hour resource time sharing best practices in light of the current COVID situation, next practices as things begin to change, pastoral care for our teaching elders and resources available in the area of technology. Rob made the following motion on behalf of the CDC: **Moved that the Presbytery appoint TE Chad Smith (pending his successful examination) to serve as evangelist church planter for The House of Mercy Mission Group. He is authorized to serve the sacraments, perform weddings, receive new members and work to bring the Mission Group into Mission Church status.** The motion carried.

97.15 The report of the G.O. Center was opened with prayer by TE Ken Priddy. Ken then reported that the G.O. Center is working with several other presbyteries in the EPC and also with groups outside the EPC. He is working with the Presbytery of the Alleghenies, Presbytery of the East and Presbytery of the Midwest. TE Larry Jung, EPC TE in the northwest and TE David

Zook, EPC TE in the West (Phoenix area) are working with the G.O. Center. “Pitstop” is a monthly webinar assisting anyone desiring to sharpen their Great Commission Skills. “The One Thing Initiative” is also available to provide one on one coaching. Pastors may contact Ken about this. Ken is hoping to get 32 churches involved with the G.O. Center in revitalization.

97.15 The PMA next viewed a video presented by EPC TE Phil Thrash. Phil leads the prayer effort for EPC global workers around the world and encouraged PMA members to pray for the global workers, especially those who are struggling in light of COVID. He encouraged PMA churches to consider supporting global workers that are being sent out through the PMA.

97.16 RE John Johnston reported for the Stewardship Committee. He reported that God has been gracious to the PMA in the area of finances. The packet included a listing of all churches in reference to “Per Member Askings.” He reported that a non-EPC church has fully paid a loan issued to them by the GA and guaranteed by the PMA. He also reported that the loan from the GA guaranteed by the PMA to Christ Church Anderson, SC has also been paid in full. John reported that for 2020 expenses were approximately \$96k under budget. “Per Member Askings” were up \$28k from the previous year. We ended the year with almost \$63k, most of which was designated for missions, etc., but approximately \$10k was unrestricted. **Moved by the Stewardship Committee that the unrestricted excess be allotted for the Missional Regions to be distributed by the Multiplication Team.** Moved, seconded and passed.

97.17 The report of the Missions Committee was given by TE Jeff Smith. Jeff informed us that almost \$18k has been given to the Missionaries Emergency Fund (which had an initial goal of \$5k). He also called attention to the world outreach funds available to PMA churches. If churches are pursuing short-term mission funds are available. Contact Jeff. The report was closed with prayer offered by Jeff Smith.

97.18 TE Stephanie Black, EPC seminary professor and global worker through Serge (formerly World Harvest), gave a brief report on her work and thanked the PMA for its support. Stephanie is currently based out of Ireland but is currently in Virginia for the time being.

97.19 A video presentation from TE Mark Hunt and family, global workers in La Paz, Bolivia was presented. Mark pastors an international, interdenominational church. His church also supports several outreach organizations in the community. Another video presentation was made by Robert, a missionary seeking to serve in the Arab world.

97.20 The report of the Ministerial Committee was opened with prayer offered by the MC Chairman, Tom Pitman. TE George Schwab introduced the following candidates seeking to come into the PMA either as transfers within the Reformed tradition or as transfer EPC Teaching Elders. He presented Dr. Michael Kruger, President of RTS, Charlotte, who seeks to transfer to the PMA from the PCA, Rev. Robert Barnett, who seeks to transfer from the Presbytery of the East to serve as pastor of Walker’s EPC, Pamplin, VA and Rev. Chad Smith who seeks to transfer from the PCA to pursue a call as Evangelist/Church Planter for PMA Mission Group “House of Mercy.” Each candidate gave a testimony of their Christian experience of the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ and progress in spiritual growth. This portion of the examination was arrested with the candidates giving acceptable responses. Under the leadership of TE

Schwab the candidates were examined on their views in the areas of Theology and Sacraments, English Bible, the Book of Order, the history of the Church and the Reformed tradition and the nature of the office of Teaching Elder. All candidates gave satisfactory answers to all questions in each of these areas and these areas of the examination were arrested.

The candidates were then questioned as to their exceptions, if any, to the Westminster Standards. Michael Kruger stated his exceptions. Robert Barnett stated his exceptions. Chad Smith stated his exceptions. All exceptions were allowed by the presbytery.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the examination of TE Michael Kruger be sustained in all parts and as a whole. He will be serving out of bounds as President of Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte, and as professor at that seminary. He was welcomed and received as a Teaching Elder in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the examination of TE Robert Barnett be sustained in all parts and in the whole. He was welcomed and received as a transfer from the Presbytery of the East into the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic. He will be installed as pastor of Walker's EPC, Pamplin, VA. Specifics of the installation are as follows: Terms of call submitted and are on file with the Ministerial Committee and the Stated Clerk but not recorded in PMA minutes. Installation commission for **EPC Transfer TE Robert Barnett** comprised of Chair TE Lowell Sykes (PMA Retired), TE David Wood (Wyliesburg), RE Michael Goin (Walker's), RE John Goin (Walker's), RE Bill Hogan (Walker's), and RE Phil Stump (Myrtle Grove). A service of installation at 6 p.m. on March 14, 2021 at Walker's EPC, Pamplin, VA is planned.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the examination of TE Chad Smith be sustained in all parts and in the whole. TE Smith will be called as Evangelist for The House of Mercy. Terms of call will be established by the Church Development Committee per authority of the motion adopted in this meeting. It was noted that pursuant to BOG 12-3-C the PMA conducted a careful review through the Ministerial Committee and in Executive Session of the PMA and that pending charges were insufficient for refusal of membership. The vote in favor of TE Smith was 93% with 3% opposed and 4% abstaining.

The Moderator asked the Constitutional Questions of candidates transferring from a denomination in the Reformed tradition to TE Michael Kruger and TE Chad Smith. The questions were answered in the affirmative. Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

It was noted that the Ministerial Obligation has been signed by all and submitted to the Stated Clerk.

The Ministerial Committee also made the following motion:

Recommendations adopted by the PMA via the OMNIBUS MOTION):

1. Approve requests to be excused received from Teaching Elders & CPs: TE Bryan Slater, TE Nicole Unice, TE Doug Vinez, TE Adam Snow, CP Jamie Smith, TE Chris Greenwood, TE Benjamin Williams and TE Ken Thomas.
2. Approve requests to be excused received from local churches: McLean Presbyterian Church
3. TE Changes:
 - A. Approve change of call for TE Rob Buchanan to Resident Chaplain for the UVA Medical Center, Charlottesville, VA effective January 1, 2020.
 - B. Approve renewal of commissioned pastorate for an additional three years for CP Jamie Smith at McLean Presbyterian Church effective October 7, 2020.
 - C. Concur with the congregation of Wayside Presbyterian Church, Cameron, NC in the call of TE Mark Carver as Pastor effective April 18, 2021; Terms of Call - Salary \$18,720.00, Housing Allowance \$18,720.00, Study leave/Books \$500.00, Other \$1,500.00; Installation Commission: TE Bucky Hunsicker (Chair, PMA), TE Steve Wilkinson (Troy), RE Libby Woodard (Wayside), RE Gordon Miller (RiverOaks), RE Duke Lineberry (Myrtle Grove) to conduct a service of installation at 2 p.m., April 18, 2021 at Wayside Presbyterian Church, Cameron, NC.
 - D. Concur with the congregation of Lighthouse EPC, Mooresville, NC in dissolution of the pastoral relationship with TE Ken Chivers effective January 24, 2021, per Session request.
 - E. Release TE Ken Chivers to the Presbytery of the Southeast.
 - F. Approve TE Robert Howard to serve as Interim Moderator for Lighthouse EPC, Mooresville, NC, effective January 6, 2021.
 - G. Concur with the congregation of Memorial EPC, Greensboro, NC in dissolution of the pastoral relationship with TE Andy Koesters effective December 31, 2020, per his request.
 - H. Approve TE Andy Koesters to serve Outside of Bounds as Pastor to Churches and Families with FamiliesAlive effective January 1, 2021.
 - I. Approve TE Tom Clymer to serve as Transitional Pastor for Memorial EPC, Greensboro, NC, effective February 7, 2021.

J. Concur with the congregation of Bensalem Presbyterian Church, Eagle Springs, NC in dissolution of the pastoral relationship with TE Bill Catoe effective November 19, 2020, per his request.

K. Approve change of call for TE Bill Catoe to Without Call and Associate Member of the PMA effective November 19, 2020.

L. Approve TE John Stone to serve as Interim Moderator for Bensalem Presbyterian Church, Eagle Springs, NC, effective November 19, 2020.

M. Approve renewal of commissioned pastorate for an additional three years for CP Stacie Miller at Myrtle Grove Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, NC effective October 7, 2020.

[End of Omnibus Motion]

The Omnibus motion was adopted.

Further motions from the Ministerial Committee:

1. Pending successful examination by Presbytery (through the Ministerial Committee acting as a commission), approve Reformed Transfer TE Logan Keck:
 - A. Call as Associate Pastor for Centre Presbyterian Church, Mooresville, NC. He will serve in the areas of small groups and pastoral care.
 - B. Terms of call:

Salary	\$50,000.00
Housing Allowance	\$20,000.00
EPC Medical	
EPC Retirement	
 - C. An installation commission comprised of Chair TE Robert Howard (Centre), TE Mike Moses (Lake Forest), RE Ken Belk (Centre), RE Joe Mitchell (Centre), RE Mike Woods (Lighthouse), to conduct a service of installation at 7 p.m. on April 27, 2021 at Centre Presbyterian Church in Mooresville, NC.
2. Pending successful examination by Presbytery (through the Ministerial Committee acting as a commission), approve EPC Transfer TE Chrishon Ducker:
 - A. Call as Assistant Pastor for Hope Community EPC with the following duties: Oversee small groups and assist with other ministry needs of the church.
 - B. Terms of call:

Salary	\$35,000.00
Housing Allowance	\$20,641.56
EPC Medical	\$20,641.56
EPC Dental	\$ 1,227.72
EPC Vision	\$ 217.08
Life Insurance	\$ 473.64
Auto	\$ 1,200.00
EPC Retirement	\$ 5,706.00

Social Security	\$ 4,055.00
Relational Expense	\$ 400.00
Continuing Education	\$ 400.00
Books	\$ 500.00

- C. Approve an administrative installation commission comprised of Chair TE Brett Eubank (Rivermont) TE Shane Whelan (Rivermont), with the following Ruling Elders of Hope Community EPC RE Colt Hagmaier, RE Sue Allred, RE Nancy Bevilacqua, RE Ray Scott, RE Dennis Gagnon, RE Robert Thompson, RE Karen Cockrell, RE Carri Franklin, RE Robin Woodard, and RE Phil Stump (Myrtle Grove) to conduct a service of installation at 5 p.m. on February 21, 2021 at Hope Community EPC – Frederick

These motions were adopted. It was understood that the Ministerial Committee acting as a commission will examine these transfer candidates in the near future.

It was requested that the Ministerial Committee examine the language regarding “sustaining” portions and examinations as a whole. It was also requested that the Ministerial Committee explore issues regarding the parameters of acceptable positions regarding “cessationism v. continuationism” and “complementarian v. egalitarian” views.

97.20 Report of the GA Nominating Committee was given by RE Joe McCoy. He invited those desiring to serve on committees of the GA to get in contact with him.

97.21 At this point the meeting of the PMA was adjourned with prayer offered by TE Keith Cobb.

97.22 Respectfully submitted,

TE Kevin Cauley
Moderator

TE Ronald W. Horgan
Stated Clerk

Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic
Executive Council
Minutes
April 12, 2021
Held Via Zoom

The meeting of the Executive Council was called to order with prayer offered by the Moderator, TE Kevin Cauley, at 6:30pm. A quorum was declared. Present were: Kevin Cauley, Ron Horgan, Tom Clymer, Jeff Smith, Joe McCoy, Bucky Hunsicker, Ken Priddy, John Johnston, Rob Westlund, Scott McGregor, Don Kirkey, Ed Pettus and Tom Pitman.

The docket was approved as published.

The Moderator reported on the informal gathering that took place on the campus of Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC. The purpose of the conversation was to discuss how we move forward with issues currently facing the PMA (particularly the Ministerial Committee) as well as how the three new presbyteries may choose to deal with those matters moving forward. A good amount of time was spent recalling the history of the EPC as it came into being and the major issues that its founding fathers were attempting to address regarding the uniqueness of the new denomination. The group also discussed the perception of some that the examination of candidates and transfers feels, at times, a bit rushed and commissioners don't feel the freedom to ask questions. It was generally felt that the current examination process is excellent but we want to make sure that no one feels shut down with regard to questions from the floor.

The Moderator also reported on some thinking of the informal group regarding the September meeting of the PMA. It is likely that the September meeting will be the last time that all the PMA gathers together (we hope) and we want to plan a great celebration of our past as well as launch the new efforts with strength and courage. The EC heard the proposal from the informal group and then adopted the recommendation of that group. At this point, as part of the September meeting the Order of the Day will feature presentations by four speakers on the subjects of what it means for us to be Evangelical (Jumper), Presbyterian (Fortson), Reformed (Miller) and Missional (Moses). We will likely ask incoming EPC Stated Clerk Dean Weaver to participate in this event if he is available.

Transitional Missional Director Bucky Hunsicker reported that, for the most part, churches are finding their way through the pandemic and are beginning to open up. There is continued enthusiasm to have more face to face meetings and cohorts are being developed and forming for that purpose. Bucky also reported that he and Stated Clerk Ron Horgan will be attending the meeting of the General Assembly in person at Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN. At that meeting the proposed multiplication of the PMA into the three new presbyteries will be voted on. At this point, everything seems to be on target for that to occur.

Ken Priddy reported on behalf of the G.O. Center. He is currently serving 8 churches directly with revitalization efforts. Ken has several other irons in the fire and will present several opportunities to the attenders of the presbytery meeting. He is also working to establish a

relationship with a PCA pastor who is working on revitalization with the Presbyterian Church in Mexico. Finally, Ken will be meeting with a church planting pastor to establish a bulkhead for church planting in the metro-Phoenix area.

The Stated Clerk reported that he will include a flyer in the PMA packet announcing two seminars at the GA meeting that will deal with Transitional Pastoral ministry and “What Does a Healthy Presbytery Look Like?” both to be presented by Bob Stauffer. We are not sure whether these meetings will be offered via Zoom. Stay tuned. There will be a Descending Overture, “Overture 20-A,” that will be voted on by the PMA at the April meeting. A copy will be included in the packet. The proposed changes are largely for the purpose of clarifying certain ordination vows and are not deemed controversial. Ron will present his proposed responses to the PRC’s exceptions they took to our previous PMA minutes. He is also working on finalizing the docket for the April meeting as well as preparing the packet.

It was moved, seconded and passed that TEs Jeff Gardner and Andy Koesters be included in future meetings of the EC as having voice but no vote. They are the probable Missional Directors for the Central Carolinas and Mountain presbyteries.

Tom Clymer reported on his work as the PMA Chaplain. Tom continues to pray with and for PMA pastors.

Scott McGregor reported on the work of the Multiplication Task Force. The work seems to be on schedule for each of the three new presbyteries to hold their first official meetings in September, 2022. That will depend on how the COVID situation develops in each of the states.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the EC recommend Scott McGregor as an additional Vice-Moderator of the PMA with the thought that Scott may fill the role of Moderator when the Presbytery of the Coastal Mid-Atlantic is finally constituted.

The Stewardship Committee report was given by John Johnston. John reported that the PMA finances YTD are equal to or better than they were at this time last year. The reports will be finalized and presented in the packet for the April meeting.

Tom Pitman gave the report of the Ministerial Committee. Tom reported that there will be no examinations of candidates or transfers at the April meeting. The committee, acting as a commission, has worked diligently and has received several transfers and may receive several more in the next few months. Tom has asked that we give time for four newly received transfers to give a brief testimony. That was approved by the EC.

Rob Westlund gave the report of the Church Development Committee. The CDC will host regional meetings in each of the regions on May 22 for the purposes of vision, information and fellowship. More details to follow but each region will be responsible for its own docket. He reported that we currently have 9 church planters in process. There will be three video reports on church plants in the PMA during the April meeting. We will also hear an update on the Northampton Church Planting Network.

The report of the World Outreach Committee was presented by Jeff Smith. There will be 4 video presentations by PMA World Outreach workers and well as other reports on potential mission trip opportunities.

Each of the Regional Team Leaders presented a brief report. Things are going well and there is excitement about the May 22 live event to be held in each of the regions.

Ron Horgan will work with James Banks regarding the worship time for the April meeting. It is anticipated that there will be a time of singing, prayer and a short devotional message.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer offered by TE Tom Pitman.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald W. Horgan
Stated Clerk

Report of the PMA Stated Clerk
TE Ronald W. Horgan

God continues to work in us, through us and bless us even more than we can possibly imagine. It's a great privilege to serve as your Stated Clerk. I continue to work with our churches, receive inquiries from those interested in joining us, work with the regions and generally try to keep things "decent and in order." (That's what Stated Clerks do!)

With the 41st meeting of the General Assembly approaching I need to make you aware of several items. As you may be aware, this meeting will be held both in person and virtually via Zoom. You can register for either, but you should register soon. The OGA is not making any provision for hotel rooms so you're on your own if you choose to attend in person. If you plan to attend virtually, please be aware that only the business sessions, plenary sessions and worship services will be available. You will not be able to see the Leadership Institute, networking lunches or dinner presentations.

Ruling Elder commissioners are reminded that your Session needs to elect you to serve as a commissioner and you must send the certification document from your church to the OGA by May 15 in order to attend and vote (either in person or virtually). If you don't have a copy of this document go to the EPC website. Teaching elders do not require the same certification. They are considered commissioners by virtue of their status as a teaching elder in the EPC. However, teaching elders must also register to attend and vote. The fees for all aspects of the meeting DOUBLE on June 1 so don't delay.

We will be voting during this 98th PMA meeting on Descending Overture 20-A. A copy is included in this packet. Please review it and if you have questions, call or email me. This being a Descending Overture, please remember that we need a specific number count and no amendments can be made to the Overture. We simply vote it up or down. It is then reported back to the coming GA meeting and dealt with accordingly.

The session minutes are due from the Mountain region. If you are in the Mountain or Coastal regions and have not sent them in for 2020, please do this ASAP. Thank you for your help.

Finally, each year every church in the EPC is required to submit the Annual Church Report (aka the ACR). This is a document that can be filled out online and your data is saved each year so that when you log in, all you have to do is update the numbers. The information is password protected. This data is then accumulated and reported out to the churches and presbyteries. It is important information. The ACR was due February 28. If your church has still not filled out the ACR, please do that immediately. If you don't, you will be receiving a call either from the Office of the General Assembly or one of the officers of the PMA.

Descending Overture from the 40th General Assembly Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Descending Overture 20-A

To amend *Book of Government* G-13, “The Ordination and/or Installation of Officers.”

Current Book of Government (2018-19):	Proposed: PJC Amendment; Additions shown in <i>bold italics</i> ; deletion striketrough
<p>Administration of vows and questions Ordination vows The person presiding shall administer the following ordination vows for those being ordained and for those coming into the Evangelical Presbyterian Church from some other denomination: Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your own personal Lord and Savior? Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, totally trustworthy, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, the supreme, final, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice? Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?</p>	<p>Administration of vows and questions Ordination vows The person presiding shall administer the following ordination vows for those being ordained and for those coming into the Evangelical Presbyterian Church from some other denomination: Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your own personal Lord and Savior? Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, totally trustworthy, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, the supreme, final, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice? Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?</p>
<p>Do you promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with the system of doctrine as taught in the Scriptures and as contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?</p> <p>Do you affirm and adopt the “Essentials of Our Faith” without exception?</p> <p>Do you subscribe to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church?</p>	<p>Do you promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with the system of doctrine as taught in the Scriptures and as contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery (<i>or to your Session in the case of Ruling Elders and Deacons</i>) the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?</p> <p>Do you affirm and adopt the “Essentials of Our Faith” without exception?</p> <p>Do you subscribe to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church?</p>

Do you promise subjection to your fellow Presbyters in the Lord?¹

Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy Ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the gospel of His Son? Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?

Installation vows:

The person presiding shall administer the following installation vows for those being installed to office in an EPC congregation: Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a Teaching Elder/Ruling Elder/Deacon, whether personal, or interpersonal, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the congregation of which God is making you overseer?

Are you now willing to accept the call of this church as Pastor/Associate Pastor/Ruling Elder/Deacon, and, relying upon God for strength, promise to discharge to it the duties required of that office?²

Questions to the congregation

When the person being ordained has responded affirmatively to these vows, the person presiding shall address the following questions to the congregation:

Are you, the members of this congregation ready to receive _____ as your *(name of office to which the person is being ordained/installed)*?

Do you promise to submit to _____ in matters of spiritual discipline, and to

Do you promise subjection to your fellow Presbyters in the Lord?¹⁰⁹

Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy Ministry *(or the office of Ruling Elder or Deacon)* from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the gospel of His Son?

Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?

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The person presiding shall administer the following installation vows for those being installed to office in an EPC congregation:

Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a Teaching Elder/Ruling Elder/Deacon, whether personal, or interpersonal, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the congregation of which God is making you overseer?

Are you now willing to accept the call of this church as Pastor/Associate Pastor/Ruling Elder/Deacon, and, relying upon God for strength, promise to discharge to it the duties required of that office?¹¹⁰

Questions to the congregation

When the person being ordained has responded affirmatively to these vows, the person presiding shall address the following questions to the congregation:

Are you, the members of this congregation ready to receive _____ as your *(name of office to which the person is being ordained/installed)*?

Do you promise to submit to _____ *(Teaching/Ruling Elders only)* in matters of

¹ For Deacons, the vow is "Do you promise subjection to your fellow Church Officers in the Lord?" (G.13-7B)

² In the case of an Assistant Pastor, the phrase "Are you now willing to accept the call of the Session as Assistant Pastor..." is appropriate.

<p>receive with humility and love the word of truth?</p> <p>Do you promise to support _____ (<i>name</i>) with your prayers, to give encouragement and assistance in every way as _____ (<i>name</i>) seeks to instruct you in the things of the Lord and to lead you in the building of the Kingdom of God in this place?</p> <p>Do you commit yourselves to fulfill the terms of the call you have extended and to make provision for _____ (<i>name</i>) needs that the name of Christ might be glorified?</p>	<p>spiritual discipline, and to receive with humility and love the word of truth?</p> <p>Do you promise to support _____ (<i>name</i>) with your prayers, to give encouragement and assistance in every way as _____ (<i>name</i>) seeks to instruct you in the things of the Lord and to lead you in the building of the Kingdom of God in this place?</p> <p>Do you commit yourselves to fulfill the terms of the call you have extended and to make provision for (Teaching Elder only) _____ (<i>name</i>) needs that the name of Christ might be glorified?</p>
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<p>13-3 The Act of Ordination</p> <p>Following the congregation's affirmation, those being ordained shall kneel and members of the ordaining court or Commission shall lay hands on the Ordinand(s).</p> <p>An appropriate prayer shall be offered and the Ordinand(s) shall thereby be set apart to the office of Teaching Elder/Ruling Elder/Deacon.</p> <p>The presiding person shall state: "By the authority of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery of _____, I declare that _____ has been ordained to the office of (Teaching Elder/Ruling Elder/Deacon), and that he/she has been duly and properly installed as (Pastor/Associate Pastor/Assistant Pastor/Ruling Elder/Deacon) of this congregation, in accord with the Word of God and the laws of this Church. As such _____ (name) is entitled to be given support, encouragement, honor, and obedience in the Lord. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."</p>	<p>The Act of Ordination</p> <p>Following the congregation's affirmation, those being ordained shall kneel and members of the ordaining court or Commission shall lay hands on the Ordinand(s).</p> <p>An appropriate prayer shall be offered and the Ordinand(s) shall thereby be set apart to the office of Teaching Elder/Ruling Elder/Deacon. The presiding person shall state: "By the authority of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery of _____, I declare that _____ has been ordained to the office of (Teaching Elder/Ruling Elder/Deacon), and that he/she has been duly and properly installed as (Pastor/Associate Pastor/Assistant Pastor/Ruling Elder/Deacon) of this congregation, in accord with the Word of God and the laws of this Church. As such _____ (name) is entitled to be given support, encouragement, honor, and obedience in the Lord. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."</p>
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<p>It is appropriate that a charge be given to the Ordinand(s) and to the congregation suitable for the occasion. Following the installation, it is appropriate that the members of the congregation or the Officers and their representatives demonstrate their reception of and commitment to the Ordinand(s) by coming forward and giving an appropriate greeting.</p> <p>The event shall be recorded in the minutes of the Commission (if appointed) and the ordaining/installing Court.</p>	<p>It is appropriate that a charge be given to the Ordinand(s) and to the congregation suitable for the occasion. Following the installation, it is appropriate that the members of the congregation or the Officers and their representatives demonstrate their reception of and commitment to the Ordinand(s) by coming forward and giving an appropriate greeting.</p> <p>The event shall be recorded in the minutes of the Commission (if appointed) and the ordaining/installing Court.</p>
<p>The ordination and installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons</p> <p>The person presiding shall administer the vows prescribed in G.13-2A for the affirmation of those being ordained and installed and for those who have been ordained previously in some other denomination and are being installed.</p> <p>For Deacons, the seventh vow of ordination (G.13-2A) shall be:</p> <p>“Do you promise subjection to your fellow Church Officers in the Lord?”</p> <p>The person presiding shall then proceed with the vows of installation, the questions to the congregation, and the act of ordination prescribed in G.13-2B, G.13-2C, and G.13-3.</p>	<p>The ordination and installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons</p> <p>The person presiding shall administer the vows prescribed in G.13-2A for the affirmation of those being ordained and installed and for those who have been ordained previously in some other denomination and are being installed.</p> <p>For Deacons, the seventh vow of ordination (G.13-2A) shall be:</p> <p>“Do you promise subjection to your fellow Church Officers in the Lord?”</p> <p>The person presiding shall then proceed with the vows of installation, the questions to the congregation, and the act of ordination prescribed in G.13-2B, G.13-2C, and G.13-3.</p>
<p>The installation of previously ordained Ruling Elders and Deacons</p> <p>The procedure for installing a Ruling Elder or Deacon who has been previously ordained will be the same as that for ordination except that the following question shall be substituted for vows 1 through 9 (G.13-2A):</p> <p>“Do you now reaffirm the vows you took upon your ordination and do you recommit yourself to them in the discharge of your obligations?”</p> <p>The person presiding shall then administer the vows of installation as prescribed in G.13-2B. The laying on of hands for ordination shall be omitted.</p> <p>D. The person presiding shall ask the questions to the congregation as prescribed in G.13-1C.</p>	<p>The installation of previously ordained Ruling Elders and Deacons</p> <p>The procedure for installing a Ruling Elder or Deacon who has been previously ordained will be the same as that for ordination except that the following question shall be substituted for vows 1 through 9 (G.13-2A):</p> <p>“Do you now reaffirm the vows you took upon your ordination and do you recommit yourself to them in the discharge of your obligations?”</p> <p>The person presiding shall then administer the vows of installation as prescribed in G.13-2B. The laying on of hands for ordination shall be omitted.</p> <p>D. The person presiding shall ask the questions to the congregation as prescribed in G.13-1C.</p>

MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE REPORT
98th PMA MEETING
April 24, 2021

RECOMMENDATIONS (BY OMNIBUS MOTION):

1. Approve requests to be excused received from Teaching Elders & CPs: TE Mike Kruger
2. Approve requests to be excused received from local churches: None
3. TE Changes:
 - A. Release TE Bill Catoe to the Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest effective May 16, 2021.
 - B. Approve change of status for TE Peter Smith to retired with inactive status effective July 1, 2021.
 - C. Approve change of status for TE David Snyder to retired with active status effective June 30, 2021.

[End of Omnibus Motion]

For Information

The Administrative Commission acted upon the following items:

1. **EPC Transfer TE Daniel Sonnenberg** was examined and approved to serve Outside of Bounds with Two Timothy Project International.
2. **Reformed Transfer TE Jennifer Cooper** was examined and approved to serve as a Chaplain in the U.S. Army.
3. **Commissioned Pastor RE William Smith was examined and approved for:**
 1. Call as commissioned pastor for Wesley EPC, Weems VA; to preach, teach, administer the sacraments, officiate weddings and moderate Session.
 2. His commissioning as Commissioned Pastor in accord with **G.9-11** to preach the Word, evangelize, moderate a Session, administer the sacraments, perform marriages, preside at funerals and provide pastoral care.
 3. Terms of Call:

Salary	\$24,000.00
Social Security	\$ 1800.00
 4. To appoint TE Tom Pitman as his supervisor.

4. Commissioned Pastor RE Lawrence Roberts was examined and approved for:

1. Call as commissioned pastor for Warm Springs EPC, Warm Springs, VA; to preach, teach, administer the sacraments, officiate weddings and moderate Session.
2. His commissioning as Commissioned Pastor in accord with **G.9-11** to preach the Word, evangelize, moderate a Session, administer the sacraments, perform marriages, preside at funerals and provide pastoral care.

3. Terms of Call:

Salary	\$50,960.00
Manse	
Auto Expense	IRS Rate
Medical	Spouse's
EPC Retirement	\$ 7,496.04
Social Security	\$ 7,101.00
Health Reimbursement	\$ 1,800.00

Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic
Statement of Financial Position
As of March 31, 2021

	Mar 31, 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Operating Account	
First Citizens Bank	267,389.04
Total Operating Account	267,389.04
Church Development Funds	
CDC- First Citizens	64,289.63
CDC- Money Market	200,175.89
Total Church Development Fu...	264,465.52
Northampton Network Fund	838,152.40
Total Checking/Savings	1,370,006.96
Total Current Assets	1,370,006.96
Fixed Assets	
Furniture and Equipment	1,795.41
Accumulated Depreciation	(718.18)
Total Fixed Assets	1,077.23
Other Assets	
Church Development Loans	
Hope Church-Hanahan, SC	6,800.00
Total Church Development Loans	6,800.00
Total Other Assets	6,800.00
TOTAL ASSETS	1,377,884.19
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
Credit Card-First Citizens B...	1,160.96
Total Credit Cards	1,160.96
Total Current Liabilities	1,160.96
Total Liabilities	1,160.96
Equity	
Unrestricted Net Assets	237,578.23
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	
Designated Gifts- PMA	
Chaplain Fund	1,726.16
Fischer/Allman Ministers F...	2,938.95
Missions	16,279.25
Missionary Emergency Fund	16,499.87
PMA Women's Fund	4,010.35
Total Designated Gifts- PMA	41,454.58
Designated Funds-CDC	
CDC	271,265.52
Total Designated Funds-CDC	271,265.52
Designated Funds	
Northampton Network	838,152.40
Total Designated Funds	838,152.40
Total Temp. Restricted Net Assets	1,150,872.50

Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic
Statement of Financial Position
As of March 31, 2021

	Mar 31, 21
Net Income	(11,727.50)
Total Equity	1,376,723.23
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,377,884.19

Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic
Consolidated Statement of Activities
 January through March 2021

	Jan - Mar 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
Per Member Asking			
Per Member Asking	74,822.64	87,497.00	(12,674.36)
Per Member Asking- Prior Year	1,400.00		
Total Per Member Asking	76,222.64	87,497.00	(11,274.36)
Presbytery Offerings	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Individual Giving	6,233.16	628.00	5,605.16
Church Giving	2,080.00	1,875.00	205.00
Investments			
Interest Income	76.98	28.00	48.98
Total Investments	76.98	28.00	48.98
Total Income	84,612.78	92,028.00	(7,415.22)
Expense			
Compensation and Benefits			
Missional Executive Director			
Salary	7,956.75	7,956.75	0.00
Housing Allowance	9,216.75	9,216.75	0.00
Tax Allowance	2,627.50	2,627.50	0.00
Employee Benefits	3,832.56	3,150.00	682.56
Retirement	1,717.26	1,717.22	0.04
Total Missional Executive Director	25,350.82	24,668.22	682.60
Stated Clerk			
Salary	8,750.01	8,749.97	0.04
Housing Allowance	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00
Tax Allowance	1,243.25	1,243.25	0.00
Employee Benefits	1,072.32	1,350.00	(277.68)
Retirement	1,625.01	1,624.97	0.04
Total Stated Clerk	20,190.59	20,468.19	(277.60)
Total Compensation and Benefits	45,541.41	45,136.41	405.00
Personnel Expenses			
Travel			
Administrative Director	2,424.32	3,750.00	(1,325.68)
Stated Clerk	0.00	750.00	(750.00)
Other PMA Travel	212.16		
Total Travel	2,636.48	4,500.00	(1,863.52)
Office Expense	991.32	1,249.97	(258.65)
Workmen's Comp Insurance	0.00		
Total Personnel Expenses	3,627.80	5,749.97	(2,122.17)
Professional Fees			
IT Manager	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Treasurer Stipend	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Payroll Service	253.88	253.00	0.88
Treasurer Expenses	95.26	628.00	(532.74)
Liability Insurance	52.35	253.00	(200.65)
Total Professional Fees	4,901.49	5,634.00	(732.51)
Committee/Commission Expenses			
Commissions	0.00	253.00	(253.00)
Executive Council	0.00	122.00	(122.00)
Ministerial Committee	765.00	3,872.00	(3,107.00)
Presbytery Meetings	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Resource Committee	100.00	628.00	(528.00)
Stewardship Committee	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
World Missions	0.00	3,000.00	(3,000.00)
Total Committee/Commission Exp...	865.00	10,125.00	(9,260.00)
Benevolence			
Ministers Assistance	0.00	253.00	(253.00)
Commissioner Assistance	0.00	122.00	(122.00)
Benevolence-Other	2,030.47	122.00	1,908.47
Total Benevolence	2,030.47	497.00	1,533.47

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Consolidated Statement of Activities
 January through March 2021

	Jan - Mar 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Church Development Committee			
Church Planting			
Church Plants			
Huntington Green-Lake For...	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Restoration- Winston Salem	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00
The Branch	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00
The Branch (Lease Assistan...	7,500.00		
Doing Life Church	6,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
New Church Plant Support	0.00	2,503.00	(2,503.00)
New Hope- Lynchburg	0.00	3,750.00	(3,750.00)
House of Mercy	2,500.00	3,750.00	(1,250.00)
Total Church Plants	27,100.00	24,103.00	2,997.00
Church Planting Coach	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Church Planter Coach Training	0.00	1,003.00	(1,003.00)
GA Church Planting Conference	0.00	3,750.00	(3,750.00)
Church Planter Training	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Planting Team Travel	124.21	2,250.00	(2,125.79)
Lake Forest Internship	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Zoom Account	149.90		
Church Plant Networking Dinn...	0.00	253.00	(253.00)
Total Church Planting	27,374.11	35,859.00	(8,484.89)
Small Church Network			
Training/Travel Conferences	0.00	561.00	(561.00)
PMA Luncheon Speakers	0.00	561.00	(561.00)
Grants	0.00	1,611.00	(1,611.00)
Total Small Church Network	0.00	2,733.00	(2,733.00)
Church Vitalization			
Vision Team Coaches Training	0.00	750.00	(750.00)
Vision Team Coach Resourcing	0.00	1,875.00	(1,875.00)
Total Church Vitalization	0.00	2,625.00	(2,625.00)
CDC/MC Transition Training			
Training Expenses	0.00	750.00	(750.00)
Total CDC/MC Transition Training	0.00	750.00	(750.00)
GO Center			
Missional Development	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00
Resource- GO Center	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Travel	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Total GO Center	12,000.00	13,500.00	(1,500.00)
Total Church Development Commi...	39,374.11	55,467.00	(16,092.89)
Total Expense	96,340.28	122,609.38	(26,269.10)
Net Income	(11,727.50)	(30,581.38)	18,853.88

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	TOTAL	Coastal	Mountain	Piedmont
Altan Presbyterian Church	235.00	0.00	0.00	235.00
Antioch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Asbury Presbyterian Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Banks Presbyterian Church	1,750.00	0.00	0.00	1,750.00
Bensalem Presbyterian Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Benton Heights	2,012.50	0.00	0.00	2,012.50
Bethel Presbyterian	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem Presbyterian Church	780.50	0.00	0.00	780.50
Bishopville	593.75	593.75	0.00	0.00
Bouldin Memorial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Buffalo Presbyterian Church	808.75	0.00	808.75	0.00
Centre Presbyterian Church	3,800.00	0.00	0.00	3,800.00
Christ Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Christ Community Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Christ Covenant Community Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Christ Fellowship Church	600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Christ Reigns Presbyterian	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Christ the King	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church in Restoration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cleveland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Concord	2,825.00	2,825.00	0.00	0.00
Cornerstone Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cypress	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Darlington	3,732.00	3,732.00	0.00	0.00
Elon Presbyterian	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Englewood	1,668.00	1,668.00	0.00	0.00
EPC-Elkton	1,875.00	0.00	1,875.00	0.00
Faith Liberation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Falling Spring	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First EPC (Roanoke)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First Presbyterian (Eden)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First Presbyterian (Martinsburg)	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
Forest Hills	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Galatia (Eagle Rock)	337.50	0.00	337.50	0.00
Galatia (Fayetteville)	825.34	825.34	0.00	0.00
Garden Memorial	237.50	0.00	0.00	237.50
Grace Haven	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Greenville Presbyterian	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Greenwood EPC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grove Presbyterian Church	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00
Hendersonville Presbyterian	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hollywood Presbyterian	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hope (Fredericksburg)	2,105.00	2,105.00	0.00	0.00
Hope (Raleigh)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hope (Richmond)	10,328.00	10,328.00	0.00	0.00

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	TOTAL	Coastal	Mountain	Piedmont
Hope Church (Hanahan)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hope Community	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hurley Presbyterian Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Indian Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kempsville	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kershaw Presbyterian Church	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
Lake Forest Church	11,618.75	0.00	0.00	11,618.75
Lebanon EPC	456.25	0.00	456.25	0.00
Lighthouse Church	444.00	0.00	0.00	444.00
Mary's Presbyterian Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
McBee	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
McLean Presbyterian	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Mebane Presbyterian Church	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00
Memorial Presbyterian Church	625.00	0.00	625.00	0.00
Midway	2,800.00	2,800.00	0.00	0.00
Myrtle Grove	2,308.32	2,308.32	0.00	0.00
Nell Townsend	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Covenant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Cut Presbyterian Church	1,350.00	0.00	0.00	1,350.00
New Hope Community Church	181.25	0.00	181.25	0.00
New Life Presbyterian	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
New Vision Mission Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Northminster Presbyterian Church	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
Norton EPC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Oak Island EPC	1,251.00	1,251.00	0.00	0.00
Overbrook	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Peace Church	775.00	775.00	0.00	0.00
Perrow	581.25	0.00	581.25	0.00
Piedmont Presbyterian Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pineland Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Princeton	1,162.50	0.00	1,162.50	0.00
Providence Presbyterian (Angier)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Providence Presbyterian (Nathelie)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Restoration Church	537.50	537.50	0.00	0.00
Reynolda Church	4,340.32	0.00	4,340.32	0.00
Riceville Valley Presbyterian Church	1,400.00	0.00	0.00	1,400.00
Ridgecrest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
River Oaks	5,220.00	0.00	5,220.00	0.00
Rivermont	5,666.64	0.00	5,666.64	0.00
Rockville	363.00	363.00	0.00	0.00
Rocky River Presbyterian Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Roseann EPC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rourk	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Siler	3,250.00	0.00	0.00	3,250.00
Slate Mountain	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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	TOTAL	Coastal	Mountain	Piedmont
St. Giles	1,689.58	0.00	0.00	1,689.58
Stuart	2,075.00	0.00	2,075.00	0.00
The Branch	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00	0.00
The Fellowship Of Christ	3,925.00	3,925.00	0.00	0.00
The Village Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Thompson Valley	900.00	0.00	900.00	0.00
Threshold Church	1,062.00	0.00	0.00	1,062.00
Trinity EPC (Florence)	2,560.68	2,560.68	0.00	0.00
Troy	212.75	0.00	0.00	212.75
Valley Hope Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Victoria Presbyterian Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Walker's Presbyterian Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Walkers Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Walkersville Church	450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
Warehouse 242	719.80	0.00	0.00	719.80
Warm Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Warrenton	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wayside EPC	1,075.00	1,075.00	0.00	0.00
Wesley EPC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Westminster (Bluefield)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Westminster (Burlington)	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00
Woodside Presbyterian Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wyliesburg	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	105,014.43	41,422.59	27,579.46	36,012.38

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Responses to notations requiring responses to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding minutes of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery:

1. The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Mid-Atlantic be approved with the following *exceptions*.

There is no reference in the minutes to Session Records having been reviewed

annually per **G. 18-4 C.**

Response: We regret this omission. In the 97th Stated Meeting of the PMA the Stated Clerk provided a list of churches that had submitted minutes for the previous year. This list will be provided in those minutes.

2. The Committee will forward the following *notations requiring responses* to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the minutes of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery.

1. Page 503, 92.24 does not include the period of time for TE Tom Sheppard to serve as an Assistant Pastor for Hendersonville Presbyterian Church as required in **G. 10.6A.**

Response: We apologize for the omission. TE Sheppard was called for one year. The terms of his call were not subsequently renewed.

2. 91.13, p. 487 and 93.31, p. 515 – TEs Gibson and Jo were approved as Evangelists with powers not having been specified per **G. 9-5 C, 4.**

Response: It is the practice of the PMA to grant the following powers to those serving as Evangelists: to serve as a church planter, to develop the Mission Group or Mission Church, to

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conduct preparational meetings of the church in order to oversee the preparation of Elders and Deacons, to preach the gospel, to celebrate the sacraments, to perform weddings and to receive members of the mission church.

3. 90.25 3K, p. 491 -Mr. (TE, presumably) Laney was approved to serve as Stated

Supply having transferred from another ordaining body without record of having been interviewed by Presbytery or the Ministerial Committee per **G. 10-7A, 2b.**

Response: Rev. Laney is not a minister of the EPC. He was examined by the Ministerial Committee and found to be acceptable to serve as Stated Supply for the church.

4. 92.21, 3 G, p. 501 - Regarding the change of call of TE Catoe from Transitional Pastor to Pastor, minutes do not reflect that the required procedure of the establishment of a Search Committee and a 3/4 vote of Session and of the Ministerial Committee was followed. **G. 10-7B, p. 24**

Response: This was an error of omission. A duly called congregational meeting was held to constitute a Search Committee. The Search Committee recommended a call to TE Catoe as Pastor. A 3/4 vote of both Session and Ministerial Committee was approved. The vote of the Congregation was unanimous.

5. 92.21 3 H and K, p. 501 – Primary responsibilities for Associate Pastors Habecker and Williams are not reported as required by **G. 10-5.**

Response: TE Habecker was assigned duties of congregational care, small groups ministry and oversight of youth and children. TE Williams was assigned as a campus pastor for the Clemmons congregation. His specific duties are to serve in the areas of pastoral care, small groups and leadership of the various age-related ministry groups.

6. 92.22, p. 501 – Candidate Duclos is reported to have “answered questions from the Moderator”; the nature of those questions needs to be specified as complying with **G. 11-2C.** Also, the Presbytery – not the Moderator alone – is to make public examination of Candidates. There is no

mention of the Candidate's name having been placed on the Candidates' roll, given a charge or offered prayer.

Response: Respectfully, the context clearly implies that the questions asked by the Moderator were those found in BOG 11-2-C. The candidate was examined by the Presbytery via the Moderator in regard to the constitutional areas of inquiry and the floor was given the opportunity to ask additional questions. It was our error of omission in failing to note that the Candidate's name was placed on the rolls of Presbytery. A charge was given and prayer offered by TE Pitman.

7. 92.24 B, p. 503 – the definite period of time for Assistant Pastor Sheppard is not recorded as required in **G. 10-6 A.**

Response: See response to no. 1 above.

8. 93.25, p. 513 – The nature of the 'extraordinary' circumstances of TE Atwood, the Pastor of Candidate Carey's church, having been assigned to be his "mentor"/Advisor should be noted **G. 11-2E.**

Response: The BOG does not require "extraordinary circumstances" for a TE to serve as mentor to a Candidate in his church. It merely stated that "ordinarily" this is not to be the practice of a presbytery. Because of the relationship between TE Atwood and the candidate, it was deemed appropriate, in this particular circumstance, to allow TE Atwood to serve in this position.

9. 93.31, p. 515 – the reference to "EPC Reformed" transfer TE is unclear.

Response: This statement is to be read in conjunction with the previous paragraph indicating that TE Jo was already transferred earlier in the meeting and was received by the PMA. Subsequent to that, he was called as an Evangelist under the Church Development Committee.

10. Regarding the use of the term "Campus Pastor" more information is required about the primary responsibilities of Associate Pastor Estes. 93.30, p. 515; **G.10-5.**



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Response: The term “campus pastor” relates to churches developing multi-site ministry. The campus pastor serves as the “on site” pastor rendering pastoral care, oversight and ministry to the people of the site. This campus pastor oversees congregational care, small groups, age-related ministry and any administrative needs that may properly be delegated in reference to the geographical area or campus.

Respectfully submitted,

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