



Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic

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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

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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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