

**Subject: *Recommended Agenda for 9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 26, 2012 Stated Meeting of Palmetto Presbytery being held at Cornerstone Church, Columbia***

**To: Members & Ruling Elder Commissioners of Palmetto Presbytery**

## ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

### Part One: Report of the Administration Committee

#### **Information:**

1. You are reminded that the address for both the Stated Clerk & Treasurer is:  
*Palmetto Presbytery, P. O. Box 212007, Columbia, SC 29221-2007*
2. Locations of future stated meetings of Palmetto Presbytery:
  - April 26, 2012: **Faith Church, Cheraw**
  - July 26, 2012: **Columbia International University, Columbia** (Tentative)
  - October 25, 2012: Need a host location *outside of* the Midlands/Greater Columbia area
  - January 24, 2013: Need a host location *in* the Midlands/Greater Columbia area
3. Palmetto Presbytery health insurance agents Don Stewart & Ashley Stewart of the *Stewart & Monroe Health Insurance Agency* will be available for consultation during the January 26 stated meeting.
4. You are reminded that if each local church will give to Palmetto Presbytery in 2012 an amount at least equal to 1% of its 2011 "Tithes & Offerings," we will make and exceed the amount needed to fund our 2012 budget. You can see your church's giving to Presbytery for 2011 on page 8 of the Financial Report. If there is something additional the Administration Committee can do to encourage or aid your church, please contact committee member TE George Crow at 803.331.1919 cell or [crowpreach@aol.com](mailto:crowpreach@aol.com), or TE Dale Welden at 803.760.6285 cell or [welden@sapc.net](mailto:welden@sapc.net).
5. Update on Palmetto Presbytery health care contract. It is expected that pastors & non-ordained employees employed full-time by the member churches of Palmetto Presbytery (who are not covered by a spouse's plan, the military, etc.) use the Palmetto Presbytery Health Insurance in order to provide protection for our brothers and sisters in ministry who, due to previous health issues, would not otherwise be able to obtain affordable health insurance. Palmetto Presbytery took a huge "hit" in 2011, but thankfully our members and their families were well covered. May God be pleased to grant us better health in 2012, and may we be pleased to gratefully & appropriately "fan into flame" (through exercise, diet, rest, etc.) whatever gift of good health God has provided each of us.

#### **Recommendations:**

1. That the following docket be approved for the 113<sup>th</sup> stated meeting of Palmetto Presbytery scheduled for January 26, 2012 at Cornerstone Church, Columbia:

**7:45 – 8:45 Presbytery pre-meeting time of prayer**

**9:00 Pre-meeting worship with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (09:00-10:00)**

(20-min Communion Meditation by ordination candidate Todd Weedman, New Covenant, Aiken)

**10:15 Call to Order & Opening Business (10:15-10:30)**

1. Welcome
2. Roll Call (by registration sign-in sheets)
3. Clerk's declaration of a quorum
4. Adoption of docket
5. Introduction of special guests
6. Presentation of Memorials

**10:30 PERMANENT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Administration Committee (10:30-10:50)—20 minutes
2. Mission to North America Committee (10:50-11:00)—10 minutes
3. Campus Ministries (11:00-11:10)—10 minutes
4. Mission to the World Committee (11:10-11:20)—10 minutes
5. Judicial Committee (11:20-11:40)—20 minutes
6. Candidates & Credentials Committee (11:40-12:40)—60 minutes
7. Shepherding Committee (12:40-12:55)—15 minutes

**12:55 Worship Committee Resolution of Thanks****12:59 Adjournment if business is completed, lunch recess if not****1:00 Lunch**

2. That the minutes of the 112<sup>th</sup> stated meeting of Oct 25, 2011 (held at Kingstree Church) be approved as written, corrected and posted on the Presbytery website at [www.palmettopresbytery.net](http://www.palmettopresbytery.net) (under “Upcoming Events” at the bottom of the page click on “113<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting” then “Minutes 112<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting—Unapproved”).
3. That **RE?????????** be elected to serve on the Palmetto Presbytery Judicial Committee “Class of 2014” [No Ruling Elder yet found to serve in this capacity]
4. That Palmetto Presbytery receive and attach to its minutes the Financial Statement Package for January 1, 2011-December 31, 2011. (Attached.) Please ask the church you attend or the ministry you serve to make any hard copies you might desire.
5. That the Palmetto Presbytery Administration Committee be authorized to fill the **Palmetto Presbytery 2012 General Assembly Committees of Commissioners positions** from those Presbyters who will be attending the 40th meeting of the General Assembly being held in Louisville, KY, June 19-22, 2012. The following are the 2012 Committees of Commissioners assignments for Palmetto Presbytery. If you will be attending and are interested in serving on a Committee of Commissioners this year, please contact TE George Crow at 803.331.1919 or [crowpreach@aol.com](mailto:crowpreach@aol.com).
  - a. **Teaching Elders:** Covenant College, PCA Retirement & Benefits, Mission to the World, Reformed University Ministries, Ridge Haven
  - b. **Ruling Elders:** Administration, Christian Education & Publications, Covenant Seminary, Interchurch Relations, Mission to North America, Overtures, PCA Foundation
  - c. **One Ruling Elder AND one Teaching Elder:** Overtures

Palmetto Presbytery will pay the registration fee for ONE commissioner who agrees to serve as a **Floor Clerk** the *entire* week of General Assembly—this does NOT apply to Communion Elders. Scholarship granted on first come/first serve basis. Contact TE George Crow if interested.

6. That **TE Art Scott**, Honorably Retired, Myrtle Beach, be re-elected to serve as the 2012 Palmetto Presbytery liaison to PresWIC, and that he and/or the PresWIC president at this time be invited to present a brief report to Presbytery.

7. That the "Palmetto PresWIC 2011 Annual Report" be received & added to the permanent record:

**Palmetto PresWIC 2011 Annual Report**

Dear Elders/Overseers of Palmetto Presbytery,

The purpose of Your PresWIC is to **Equip, Edify, and Encourage** the 5000+ women of our Presbytery. Simplify and Streamline is our goal as we write new guidelines to:

1. Provide Retreats and Other Events for Spiritual Growth and Fellowship;
2. Communicate PCA Resources and Opportunities; and
3. Provide help to local WIC organizations.

These 3 goals have been established to maintain our historical distinctive as well as reaching out to the younger generations.

One area of PresWIC is to minister to the wives of our Teaching Elders. Our goal is to foster an opportunity to reach out, encourage and share our unique struggles and joys with one another by establishing relationships that can turn into friendships as we get to know one another. The Shepherding Committee has also asked us to come alongside the widows of our TE's who are sometimes forgotten.

The third area of PresWIC is our Scholarship Committee for students going into ministry. Women from local churches have given over \$60,000 since 2004. Check our web site for more information.

During 2011, the last Annual Meeting was held at Metro North with Kathy Bailey as speaker. The Spring Gathering was at Orangeburg with breakout sessions lead by different women from our presbytery. The weekend Fall Retreat was at Litchfield Resort and Carolyn Roman, spoke. Also, many of our women attended the Atlanta WIC International Conference.

In conclusion, I thank the Lord for the women who have worked with me this year on our Leadership Team. They have served well, especially as some have continued on for extra years due to the lack of new Council officers.

Sharon Scott, President

***PLEASE PRAY FOR THE WOMEN IN OUR CHURCHES AND FOR  
THE PresWIC LEADERSHIP TEAM IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS.***

1. **PLEASE PARTICIPATE** - Encourage the women in your church to be a part of the retreats and events. There is a need for several women to serve on the council. Can you suggest someone?
2. **PLEASE GIVE** - Our operating budget has been cut because of the lack of support from the local WIC organizations. Only 21 churches out of our 45 have supported us this last year. Consider adding PresWIC to your church budget.
3. **PLEASE COMMUNICATE** - Make sure that there is at least one woman in your church who can be a contact with us in our efforts to minister and encourage one another. This can be done via email: [preswic@gmail.com](mailto:preswic@gmail.com) or the web site [www.palmettopreswic.org](http://www.palmettopreswic.org)

***PLEASE NOTIFY***

**YOUR WOMEN OF THE FOLLOWING 2012 EVENTS:**

***MARCH 10 - SPRING GATHERING AT NORTHEAST PCA***

***OCTOBER 5-7 - FALL RETREAT- TARA BARTHEL, SPEAKER  
AT SPRINGMAID BEACH CONFERENCE CENTER, MYRTLE BEACH***

**Information at: [www.palmettopreswic.org](http://www.palmettopreswic.org)**

**THEME VERSE:** Hebrews 12:1-2

*"Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us fixing our eyes on Jesus..."*

**ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**  
**Part Two: Report of the Stated Clerk**

**Information:**

1. The statistical forms for churches are due in the Atlanta office by February 13. According to the 2011 Yearbook of the PCA (reflecting 2010 statistics), approximately 1/3 of Palmetto Presbytery particularized churches did not turn in 2010 statistics. The forms for 2011 statistics were mailed directly to the churches. Please send a copy to the clerk's office in Palmetto Presbytery (P. O. Box 212007; Columbia, SC 29221-2007). *Statistics may also be submitted online at the PCA website ([www.pcanet.org](http://www.pcanet.org)): Click on "Administrative Committee" and look under "PCA Statistics: Stats Online Submission."*
2. Because the nominations for permanent committees (including the Nominating Committee and the Review of Presbytery Records Committee) and agencies, special committees and the SJC must be received by February 20, 2012, *any elders who would like to be nominated, should contact the stated clerk before the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of Presbytery so that the names may be properly approved by Presbytery.*

**Recommendations:**

1. That the following report of the commission to install T. E. Lane Keister be received and approved.

**Report of the Commission to Install**  
**The Reverend Lane Benton Keister**  
**as Pastor of Lebanon Presbyterian Church**  
**Winnsboro, South Carolina**

The Commission met Sunday, November 13, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at Lebanon Presbyterian Church. A quorum was declared to be present.

The following Palmetto Presbytery commission members participated in the installation:

TE Richard B. Hodges	RE Michael R. Mills
TE Ryan M. McGraw	RE Robert C. Caldwell, Jr.
TE James I. Riley (HR)	RE Hennies J. Pope, Sr.

The commission meeting was opened with prayer by the convener, TE Hodges who was then elected chairman and secretary. The commissioners reviewed the order of service and voted to entrust the writing of the minutes and their approval to the chairman. The commission recessed for the service with prayer by TE McGraw.

The chairman presided in the service, stating briefly the previous proceedings of Presbytery, and pointing out the nature and role of the installation commission (BCO 21-5). The service opened with singing, Scripture reading, and a prayer by RE Pope. TE Riley preached the sermon from Joshua 1.

RE Mills propounded the constitutional questions to the Minister (BCO 21-9) and to the congregation (BCO 21-10). These questions all being answered in the affirmative, the Rev. Lane Keister knelt, and all teaching and ruling elders present laid hands on him while RE Jason Pope prayed. Rev. Mr. Keister rose, and the members of the commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. The chairman then declared that Rev. Mr. Keister had been regularly elected and installed as Pastor of Lebanon Presbyterian Church in accordance with BCO 21-7.

TE McGraw charged the minister from John 16:29-33 and TE Hodges charged the congregation from Heb. 13:7-9, 17-18 (BCO 21-7). Following a closing hymn and a prayer for God's blessing by RE Caldwell, the new pastor pronounced the benediction.

The commission, having voted to entrust the writing of the minutes and their approval to the chairman, was adjourned with the benediction.

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Richard B. Hodges  
Chairman and Secretary

2. That Palmetto Presbytery, having previously received the BCO Amendments sent down by the General Assembly for the 2011-2012 year, vote on these amendments (attached).
  - a. **The Palmetto Presbytery Stated Clerk recommends passage of BCO Item 1** because it gives the presbytery the authority, when so requested by a congregation without a session, to appoint a commission to serve as the interim session. The language does clarify the ability of a presbytery to assist a church without a session but at the same time, it preserves the integrity and rights of the congregation (so that no temporary session can be forced upon it).
  - b. **The Palmetto Presbytery Stated Clerk recommends passage of BCO Item 2.** It has been suggested in order to clear up confusion as to what is required in the examination of an intern. Whereas previously licensure was required, with the change of the BCO 18-2 and 19-9 by the 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, only candidate status and the examination for coming under care are required. This amendment equalizes the examination for an intern in the original Presbytery and in the Presbytery to which he might transfer his internship. There is no reason to make the exam more difficult for the one who transfers an internship.

## MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE

### Information:

1. Church Planting Sub-committee:
  - a. Carolina Forest- The Task Force reported that after several face to face interviews with a potential candidate the decision was to continue the search process.
  - b. Blythewood Mission- Sixty-two family units are in average attendance. They are considering a 16 acre tract of land as a future location for the mission. They have begun to be involved in mission work, both local and overseas.
  - c. Watershed Fellowship in Lexington- Is continuing to do creative outreach events with encouraging results. Their attendance is averaging between 45-50 people. Their annual review with the Lexington PCA and MNA Committee Task Force is scheduled for January of 2012.
2. Church Health Sub-committee- The sub-committee recommended that "evangelism" be their 2012 goal and the MNA Committee approved the recommendation. TE Perry Bowers made a presentation concerning evangelism and encouraged the MNA Committee to lead by example.
3. Disaster Response Sub-committee- RE Paul Graham reported regional coordinators have been recruited and a meeting is planned for early 2012. A training event is being planned for spring 2012.
4. Finance Sub-committee- RE David Rose reported the sub-committee is projecting a planned short fall in giving against expenditures which will be covered by the reserve account. The sub-committee will

consider how the MNA committee can best manage the 5 + 5 and Expansion funds which were assigned to the MNA committee by Presbytery. A video presentation will be prepared during 2012 for use at Presbytery and distribution to our churches for their use with their congregations.

5. Personnel Sub-committee- TE Jason Brewer took part in an on line seminar designed to help Presbyteries to locate potential church planters. The sub-committee is encouraging men to attend the Assessment Center as they seek men to be candidates for church planting.
6. Mini-cluster Report- TE Bill Barton reported that all five of the regional mini-clusters are meeting and that attendance has been good. The fellowship and support among those participating has been rewarding. If you are not presently attending a mini-cluster meeting and you would like attend please see Bill Barton. All Teaching Elders are invited to be apart.
7. Sub-committee appointments- The members of the committee were assigned to sub-committees. Chairmen were appointed with the exception of the Church Health sub-committee. TE Walt Kendall was the chairman and a new chairman will be elected at the sub-committees first meeting in 2012.
8. MNA GA Southeastern Vision Meeting- MNA GA is conducting a training event in January 2012 in Atlanta. Rhett Sanders, chairman of the church planting sub-committee and Bill Barton were approved to represent the MNA Committee of Palmetto Presbytery.

**Recommendations:** None

## CAMPUS MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

### **Information:**

1. **College of Charleston:** Danny Clark is having his most fruitful year ever with enthusiastic involvement of students at every level; large group, small group, and leadership. His faithful efforts in intense discipleship are bearing fruit in many ways. His ministry ended the year in the black thanks to generous giving from personal friends and others outside the bounds of Presbytery. He would welcome any opportunities to build relationships with your church and offers himself to come serve you by leading a men's group, teaching Sunday School or preaching. **We would like Danny to raise an additional \$300 per month in support to strengthen the financial position of the work at College of Charleston. His wife, Aspa, has begun a part time job working thirty hours a week to help make ends meet; but the additional \$300 would allow her to cut back to 20 hours a week and devote the additional hours to the College of Charleston RUF ministry.** For more information contact Danny at 843.261.3146 or [dclark@ruf.org](mailto:dclark@ruf.org).
2. **USC:** Sammy Rhodes preached a wonderful message for us at our last Presbytery, so you got a taste of the fine teaching the USC students are receiving. His work is going very well on campus, and he continues to make significant strides in reaching that campus. Coming from Georgia Southern has been a very good move overall. However, he did lose a significant amount of financial support when he came to serve the students as USC. **Sammy is required to raise \$101,902 per year (of which only \$54,000 is salary & housing). For July – Dec 2011, he received only \$33,358 leaving a six-month shortfall of approximately \$17,000. To sustain this ministry will require an additional average of almost \$3,000 per month.** For more information contact Sammy at 912.481.9702 or [srhodes@ruf.org](mailto:srhodes@ruf.org).
3. **Citadel:** Phil Stogner continues to go above and beyond the call of duty in caring for the Citadel cadets. In addition to his own church's needs he goes one afternoon a week to the Citadel campus to lead a Bible study and do one-on-one discipleship. One of the more encouraging things to happen

recently is three men coming forward to seek the Lord's call to ministry. Two hope to attend seminary within a year and one hopes to do an RUF internship. Pray for Phil as he continues to guide these three men as they seek the Lord's will.

**Recommendation:** That TE Sammy Rhodes be given ten minutes to report on the work at USC.

### MISSION TO THE WORLD COMMITTEE

**Information:** None

**Recommendations:** None

### JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

A report and recommendation concerning TE Bob Bates, Okatie.

### CANDIDATES & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

**Information:**

1. The committee will next meet **March 3, 2012** on the campus of Columbia International University at 9 a.m. in the Rikard Dining Room upstairs in the Rossi Student Center. Other quarterly committee meetings for **2012** are **June 2, August 25 and December 1** also on the CIU campus. **Note: Sessions: TEs and REs, please share this information with men under your care to assist them in coming before the committee in a timely manner.** The deadline for submitting any written work to be reviewed at the **March 3** meeting (applications to come under care, session certifications, written examinations, written sermons, exegesis papers, theology papers, etc.) is **February 1**. The deadline for submitting any written work to be reviewed at the **June 2** meeting is **May 1**. Written work submitted after the published deadline will be delayed until the next regularly scheduled meeting.
2. Men desiring to come under care must meet with the Candidates Sub-committee prior to coming before the full committee. The sub-committee meets at Lexington Presbyterian Church **Feb. 4** at **10 a.m.** Contact the sub-committee chairman, TE John Crosby, (803) 359-9501 (Office) or (803) 719-7900 (Cell), or jcrosby@lexingtonpca.org.
3. Men desiring to establish internships must meet with the internship sub-committee at one of its quarterly meetings. Contact the sub-committee chairman, TE Jim Riley, (803) 815-5887 (Home) (803) 718-7488 (Cell) or jriley48@truvista.net for details.
4. The deadline for items to be included on the **March 3** full committee meeting docket is **Feb. 18**. Contact TE Richard Hodges with proposed docket items. Telephone: (803) 635-6097 (Home) or (803) 718-2807 (Cell) or email at rhodges50@gmail.com. Items not included on the docket by the **Feb. 18** deadline will be delayed until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**Recommendations & Examinations:**

1. **Examination to Come Under Care** (Christian Experience, Call to Ministry) **Timothy Brown**, Northeast Presbyterian Church, Columbia (BCO 18-3).

#### **Biographical Sketch – Timothy Brown**

Tim was born and raised in Anderson, SC and placed his faith in Christ as Savior at the age of 9. He attended Southside Christian High School in Greenville, SC where he met his current wife Laurie. After graduating with a B.S. degree in Business Administration from The Citadel in 1982, he married Laurie and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Finance Corps. Laurie graduated from Bob Jones University in 1980 with a

major in Education. They spent three years at Fort Campbell, KY where their first Son, Scott, was born in 1983. Tim left active duty in 1985 to take a position with Duke Power Company, Charlotte, NC, as an accountant. Tim & Laurie began attending Westminster Presbyterian (PCA) in Rock Hill, SC where he began to sense God's calling to the ministry. He co-led a young married couples Sunday school class and began to lead small group Bible studies. Tim was ordered back to active duty in the Army in 1988 and began to lead or support small-group Bible studies during each of his subsequent Army assignments. He and Laurie were blessed with two more sons while in Rock Hill, Josh, in 1986 and James in 1989. They have moved their membership to several PCA churches throughout their Army career. Tim's career has been focused on Financial Management where he has served as an Army Comptroller. He has a MA degree in Finance from Webster University. Tim is currently assigned at Fort Jackson, SC, and he and Laurie are members of Northeast Presbyterian Church. He is attending Columbia International University and has completed 32 hours of the M.Div. program. As a Colonel with 32 years of service, he plans to retire in the spring of 2012 and complete his M.Div. degree as a full-time student. He will be an Intern at Northeast PCA and plans to enter the ministry after graduation in 2013. He meets the six-month church membership requirement and his Session has certified him as a man worthy to seek candidacy in Palmetto Presbytery.

2. **Examination to Come Under Care** (Christian Experience, Call to Ministry) **Thomas Shirk**, Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, Columbia (BCO 18-3).

#### **Biographical Sketch – Thomas Shirk**

I grew up in a good, middle-class home and attended a local church on Sundays. In 1955, at the age of nine, I made a statement of faith in the Methodist Church where I accepted Jesus as the only source of my salvation. Later, in 1963 as a teenager on a summer mission trip to the slum district of Chicago, Christ moved from being an academic reality to a deeply personal reality. The inner-city teens we worked with were all members of a Chicago street gang. They were portrayed to us as evil kids who wouldn't hesitate to harm us. But after we had spent several days working with them and getting to know them, I realized we were more alike than we were different. I realized that I wasn't really any different from them! In the face of a Holy God, I was just as evil a sinner as they were. I had accepted Christ several years earlier, and that was certainly true but there were two spiritual concepts that I didn't fully appreciate at that time: Sin and Repentance. Whereas I once felt that I had nothing to repent from, I now came to see clearly that I, like the street kids and all others, was a sinner in God's sight. I saw clearly that repentance is not simply a change of life style, but a change of the heart. For years I had known that Jesus had gone to the Cross in atonement for the sins of those who trust in Him. But now I saw clearly that He had done that for *me* and for *my* sins. and that knowledge did result in my repentance. I acknowledge that I am a sinner, I have repented of my sins, I have in faith trusted in Jesus alone to be my Lord and Savior. He is my only hope of salvation. Thomas meets the six-month church membership requirement and his Session has certified him as a man worthy to seek candidacy in Palmetto Presbytery.

3. The Moderator will ask the candidates to answer the constitutional questions of **BCO 18-3** if the way be clear. TE Jeff Brunsink will deliver a charge to the new candidates. (Needs confirmation.)
4. That Timothy Brown be placed under internship with Palmetto Presbytery to be served at Northeast PCA, with TE George Crow as Field Elder and RE Don Jones as Internship Sub-committee Representative.
5. **Examination for Transfer of Ordination** (Christian Experience, Views in Theology, Sacraments, and Church Government) (BCO 13-6, 20-9): **TE Sean Sawyers**, a member in good standing of Missouri Presbytery (PCA), has been called to be the Senior Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Orangeburg, S.C.

#### **Biography – TE Sean Sawyers**

Sean is a native of Memphis, Tenn. and grew up in a church-attending family. He became a Christian in high school, and was very active in his youth group where he discerned a call to ministry. He attended Baylor University, and then the Jackson, Miss. campus of Reformed Theological Seminary. During seminary he worked in the Youth Ministry of two different PCA churches, and in 2000, Sean was ordained as an assistant pastor in a non-denominational church in Colorado. Since then Sean has been a church-planter in Colorado and then stated supply

in Covenant Presbytery. He and his wife, Nikki, moved to the St. Louis area in 2006 when Sean was ordained into the PCA and installed as the pastor of Heritage PCA in Wildwood, Missouri. He serves the community as the Chaplain for the Eureka Fire Protection District, where he is also a reserve firefighter, and he helped establish the Eureka Gospel Alliance, bringing area churches together for the cause of Christ. Sean likes good books, being outdoors, archery, and running. He and Nikki, who have been married since 1996, are the proud parents of four children: Shaylea Elizabeth (11 years), Joseph David (7 years), Emma Catherine (2), and Isla Noelle (6 months). Sean has been called to be the Senior Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Orangeburg, SC. He has no declared differences with the Westminster Standards.

6. **Examination for Transfer of Ordination** (Christian Experience, Views in Theology, Sacraments, and Church Government) (BCO 13-6, 20-9): **TE William McCutchen, III**, a member in good standing of Fellowship Presbytery (PCA), has been called to be the Senior Pastor at Hilton Head Presbyterian Church, Hilton Head Island, S.C.

#### **TE William McCutchen, III**

Bill was born in Columbia, SC, February 26, 1968. He is the son of Bill and Maggi McCutchen. Bill's father was a Presbyterian pastor who served in Columbia, SC; Cape Girardeau, Missouri; and Charlotte, N.C., before going to be with the Lord in 1992. Bill came to a saving relationship with Christ at a very young age, but it wasn't until after his graduation from Presbyterian College in 1990 that he began to live his life for the glory of Christ. It was while working for a bank in Columbia that he sensed God's call to ministry. He married Lisa Clary in 1992 and has three sons (Will, Zach and Matthew). Bill received his Masters of Divinity from RTS-Jackson in 1996. He was ordained in the EPC that same year while serving as the Assistant Pastor for College & Singles at Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis, TN. He planted All Saints Presbyterian Church (EPC) in Memphis in 2000. He also served as the Assistant Pastor for Families at Community Bible Church (EPC) in Highlands, NC. He came into the PCA by transfer of ordination in November, 2005, being examined and received into Fellowship Presbytery. He currently serves as the Assistant Pastor of Shepherding at Westminster Presbyterian Church (Fellowship Presbytery) in Rock Hill, SC. He has been called to be the Senior Pastor at Hilton Head Presbyterian Church on Hilton Head Island, S.C. He has no declared differences with the Westminster Standards.

7. That, if the way be clear, TE Sean Sawyers, be received as a member of Palmetto Presbytery pending his release from Missouri Presbytery, his acceptance of a call from the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Orangeburg, and that he sign the ministerial obligations of the Presbytery and that he be entered upon the rolls of Palmetto Presbytery.
8. That, if the way be clear, TE William McCutchen, III, be received as a member of Palmetto Presbytery pending his release from Fellowship Presbytery, his acceptance of a call from the Hilton Head Presbyterian Church, Hilton Head Island, and that he sign the ministerial obligations of the Presbytery and that he be entered upon the rolls of Palmetto Presbytery.
9. **Examination for Ordination** (Christian Experience, Call to Ministry, Bible, Theology, Sacraments, Church Government, Rules of Discipline, Church History, written and preached sermon, exegesis paper, theology paper, biblical languages) **Todd Weedman** (Todd has been called to be the Director of Worship at New Covenant Presbyterian Church, Aiken.)

#### **Biographical Sketch -- Todd Weedman**

Todd was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky. He grew up in the Southern Baptist Church, and cannot recall a time in his life when he did not know and believe in Jesus Christ. At the age of six, Todd professed his faith in such a way that his church was willing to baptize him and welcome him at the Lord's Table. During junior high school he felt called into Gospel ministry. He went to Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas and Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri for his M.Div. During college and seminary he worked on staff at several churches, and served as the Chapel Director at Covenant Seminary. He is currently a part of the ministerial staff at New Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Aiken, S.C. as the Director of Worship Arts. He was previously a Candidate and Intern of the Ohio Valley Presbytery and his candidacy was transferred to Palmetto

Presbytery Oct. 27, 2011. He has successfully completed an Internship with the Ohio Valley Presbytery. He has a declared difference with the Westminster Standards (see below).

### **A Declared Difference with the Westminster Standards Regarding Sabbath Recreation Todd Weedman**

**Westminster Standards and BCO:** WCF 21.8; WLC 117, 119; WSC 60-61; BCO 48-4.

**Difference:** *“I see no reason why all recreations ought to be forbidden on the Lord’s Day.”*

**Rationale:** *“I firmly believe that the Sabbath is to be kept holy. In fact, I believe this is something that has been greatly forgotten among my generation and my parents’ generation, and I desire to help Christians rediscover a love for the Sabbath and a desire to sanctify it. Still, I see no reason why all recreations ought to be forbidden on the Lord’s Day. The Sabbath is to a foretaste of resurrection life for the saints. Some recreations, such as a game in the yard with one’s children, or a summer day’s swim with friends, provide the good and redemptive opportunity for one to share fellowship with the saints, and to enjoy God’s good creation. I believe we will do these things after the resurrection, so, why should we not do them on the Sabbath? These recreations may well add richness to one’s Sabbath and further able him to glorify and enjoy God, as worldly responsibilities prevent the other days of the week. Faithful Christians ought to be free from such restriction, as the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath (Mark 2:27). While I do not believe that ‘recreation’ ought to be entirely forbidden on the Lord’s Day, I firmly oppose participation in ‘recreations’ that would prevent Christians from participating in corporate public worship on the Sabbath (e.g. – a competitive sports league, which requires participation on Sunday). Still, as we are exhorted in WLC 121 to use the Sabbath to remember the two great benefits of creation and redemption, I believe that some recreations on the Lord’s Day might actually enable the saints (1) to better enjoy God’s good creation, (2) to better fellowship with other saints (such as at a church picnic after worship), and (3) to better observe their Sabbath duties of mercy (e.g. – a recreational activity with non-believers after church, with the intention of relational evangelism).” //Signed electronic Signature// -- Todd Weedman, Jan. 9, 2012*

In the past three years Palmetto Presbytery has deemed this declared difference to be “More than semantic but not out of accord with any of the fundamentals of our system of doctrine.”

10. That Presbytery rule that Todd Weedman’s declared difference in the area of Sabbath Recreation be deemed “More than semantic but not out of accord with any of the fundamentals of our system of doctrine.”
11. That Presbytery accept Mr. Weedman’s M.Div. degree from Covenant Theological Seminary, which includes study in the original languages, in lieu of an oral examination in the original languages.
12. That Presbytery accept Mr. Weedman’s exegetical paper, “An Exegesis of Deuteronomy 4:1-8,” as satisfactory and fulfilling the BCO requirements for ordination (BCO 21-4).
13. That Presbytery accept Mr. Weedman’s theology paper, “Liberty and the Law: The Relationship between Christian Liberty and the Law of God in Reformed Theology,” as satisfactory and fulfilling the BCO requirements for ordination (BCO 21-4).
14. That Presbytery accept Mr. Weedman’s written sermon, “Stop It!” from Rom. 6:1-14 as satisfactory and fulfilling the BCO requirements for ordination (BCO 21-4).
15. That Presbytery accept Mr. Weedman’s sermon, “Stop It!” from Rom. 6:1-14 preached before the Presbytery as satisfactory and fulfilling the BCO requirements for ordination (BCO 21-4).
16. That Mr. Weedman’s Internship approved by Ohio Valley Presbytery on April 23, 2011 be accepted as fulfilling the BCO requirements for ordination (BCO 21-4).

17. That Todd Weedman's examination for ordination in its parts and the whole be approved.
18. That the following Internship Reports be entered into the minutes of the 113th stated meeting of Palmetto Presbytery (Jan. 26, 2012).

### **INTERN REPORTS -- Palmetto Presbytery -- Winter Meeting, 2012**

**Joseph "Jody" Garris** is making good and rapid progress on his internship at Faith PCA Church in Florence where he is a full-time intern and a ruling elder. He has frequent contact with his Field Elder, TE Michael Walters, and his Internship Sub-committee Representative, TE Richard Hodges. He is attending CIU full-time and plans to graduate in May 2012. His internship is about 80-85 percent complete. He and his wife have four young children

**Phillip Luther** and his wife have moved temporarily to Eutaw, Alabama. He and his wife, Kay, have met with the Greek consul recently in an encouraging meeting. They expect to receive their visas soon and are planning to move to Greece in January. They have been studying modern Greek and Greek culture. His visit to Athens (Sept.-Oct.) was extremely encouraging and fruitful; God is opening a door for ministry there. We have seen hearts open to us in ways I have not experienced before. We take this to be an indication that God is preparing a ministry for us there. Phillip recently attended an MTW conference in Turkey with Christian leaders from around the world. It was a remarkable time of mutual learning and honest humility. Because of his travel schedule and pursuit of a visa, he has not had much opportunity to complete the internship requirements.

**Andrew Halbert** continues to make satisfactory progress in his internship at Rose Hill PCA Church in Columbia where he serves as Clerk of Session. His Field Elder is T.E. Drew Kornreich. He meets with his Field Elder weekly to work on Internship opportunities. He and his wife, Julie, have selected United World Mission (UWM) for long-term work in Costa Rica. He works full-time as the Coordinator of Interpretive Services at the Eau Claire Community Health Center (Eau Claire Cooperative). They are new parents of a daughter. He and his wife will work with UWM in Tennessee for an indefinite period. He will retain his candidacy and internship in Palmetto Presbytery. He plans to come for licensure at the April meeting of Presbytery.

**John Paulling** continues his internship at Lexington Church (LPC) while pursuing his M.Div. at Columbia International University (CIU) and working at Palmetto Design and Renovation. Lexington Church RE Mark Dumais supervises John's internship. A father with a young family, John is working at least 35 hours a week in construction and carrying a full load at CIU in the M.Div. program. He has remained active in the teaching and discipleship ministry of LPC. Lacking only a few requirements that he hopes to finish in January, John plans to complete his internship this spring.

**Nicholas "Nick" Tyler** began his internship at First Presbyterian Church, Dillon, SC in October 2011. Nick and his wife have two young children. Nick is pursuing an M.Div. at Erskine Theological Seminary. As an intern, Nick will be assisting his Field Elder, TE John Bumgardner, in a broad spectrum of pastoral duties.

**Jesse Myers** is making good and satisfactory progress in his internship at Rose Hill Presbyterian Church in Columbia under the direction of his field elder, T. E. Drew Kornreich and his Internship sub-committee representative, R. E. John farmer. He is documenting his progress and has completed about 40 percent of the internship program. He continues to take classes at CIU and is a recipient of a Palmetto Presbytery scholarship.

**Greg Bowen** is progressing well in his internship at Grace PCA in Aiken. He has opportunity to minister in a broad spectrum of pastoral ministry categories on a continuous basis and is working in multiple categories of the internship requirements. He plans to come for licensure at the April meeting of Presbytery.

**Jim Eish** is working on his final requirements and his documentation. He is 99 percent done with his program.

19. That the attached list of current Candidates, Licentiates, and Interns of Palmetto Presbytery be entered into the minutes of the 113<sup>th</sup> stated meeting of Palmetto Presbytery (Jan. 26, 2012).

## SHEPHERDING COMMITTEE

### Information:

1. **Minutes of all Churches and Sessions** are to be presented for review by Presbytery at the January Meeting.
2. Memorial for **RE Benjamin Brice Clowney, Sr.** of the Lebanon Church of Winnsboro, SC

### Recommendations:

1. That the communion offering be given for our Palmetto Presbytery ministerial relief.
2. That **TE Timothy Hammons** be transferred to Southwest Presbytery PCA.
3. That **TE Gary Bainton** be approved as stated pulpit supply to the Session of **Longtown Presbyterian Church of Ridgeway, SC** effective January 5, 2012, the terms: \$ 250 per week for 52 weeks, with 6 weeks paid vacation; and use of the manse valued at \$750 per week; the Session acknowledges his call is not full-time and that he will have additional outside employment.
4. That **TE Gary Bainton** be appointed to serve as Moderator of the Session of the **Longtown Presbyterian Church** as they have requested in accord with BCO 12-3.
5. That if the way be clear Presbytery approve the Call to **TE Sean Swayers** as pastor from the congregation of **Trinity Presbyterian Church of Orangeburg, SC** effective January 26, 2012; the terms of the call: \$91,000 a year a year in regular monthly payments, to be broken out as he sees fit between housing allowance, annuities, insurance and salary; three weeks of vacation during this partial year of service, and associated expenses regarding relocation and moving.
6. That if the way be clear, the committee recommends to Presbytery that the following Commission be appointed to install **T. E. Sean Sawyers** as pastor, meeting at **Trinity Presbyterian Church, February 12, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.:**

T. E. Igou Hodges (convener)	R. E. Danny Sibley
T. E. Max Rogland	R. E. Wayne Walling
T. E. Danny Clark	R. E. Jeff Hawley

Rev. Joseph Rollins, visiting ARP minister, will sit with the commission and deliver the sermon. The quorum of the commission will be set at 2 ruling elders and 2 teaching elders.
7. That the assistant pastoral relationship between **TE Eric Walter** and the Session of **Hilton Head Presbyterian Church** be dissolved by mutual consent effective January 31, 2012.
8. That Presbytery approve the Call to **TE Eric Walter** as assistant pastor from the Session of **Northeast Presbyterian Church of Columbia, SC** effective February 1, 2012; the terms of the call are:
  - \$68,000 Salary of which \$50,400 is designated housing in 2012 (this includes the rent and utilities for Columbia rental and 6 months of mortgage payment on a home in Bluffton)
  - \$24,500 (approx) Benefits: 90% of cost for Palmetto Presbytery family health insurance, PCA long term disability & life insurance, 6% PCA Annuity, FICA & workers comp
  - \$5,500 Moving costs (estimated)
  - \$200 monthly rent supplement for up to six months.
  - Four weeks annual vacation
9. That Presbytery approve the pastoral relationship between **TE Charles C. Tyler** and the congregation

of **New Covenant Presbyterian Church of Manning**, SC be dissolved by mutual consent effective January 26, 2012, and the pulpit be declared vacant. That TE Charles Tyler be dismissed to New Faith Fellowship.

10. That if the way be clear, Presbytery approve the Call to **TE William McCutchen** as pastor from the **Hilton Head Presbyterian Church** of Hilton Head, SC, pending terms of the call.

Submitted by TE George Crow, Chairman  
Palmetto Presbytery Administration Committee