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### 43-19 (to the floor)

#### **From the Presbytery Review Committee**

The Presbytery Review Committee recommends that the 43<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly **APPROVE** the Exceptions requiring responses and found in the 2022 minutes of 14 of our 16 Presbyteries.

#### **Alleghenies**

The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Alleghenies Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*.

- a. No record of annual session records review (G.194-A7. *Acts of Assembly* 07-08.)
- b. No record of date & time of ordination/installation of: TEs Cepek & Eatough. TEs Shefelton & Hall. TE White & TE Harris (Meetings 41, 42, & 43; 10-10D, p. 736, 41-17D, p. 739, 42-10D & 10J, pp. 759 & 761, 43-19D, p. 797, 44-15D, p. 841). (G.13-1A, G.21-1C.2. b.)
- c. TE David Shrader, an Out of Bounds Chaplain in US Air Force, period of time not recorded. (Meeting 41-10B, p. 735). (G.10-8B2.a.)

#### **Central Carolinas**

The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Central Carolinas Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*.

- a. Call of TE Charles Reed as Assistant Pastor included in Omnibus Motion with no record of exam, duration (term) of call, primary area of responsibility or position on Westminster Standards. (Meeting 01-18.2) (G.12-2-5, G.13-1-7.)
- b. Candidate Howard Quach, Westminster position not recorded (Meeting 01-18.1) (G.12-4.)
- c. Minutes not signed by the moderator. (Meeting 01). (G.19-5D.)

#### **Central South**

The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Central South Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*.

- a. No mention of the membership of the dissolved church being transferred to another church or being held by the Presbytery. (Meeting 115, p. 956, section 115.16) G.5-9
- b. No definite period listed for TE serving Out of Bounds. (Mtg 115, p. 958, section 115.24) G.10-8B.2. a.

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## Coastal Mid-Atlantic

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

- a. Called Presbytery meeting minutes of June 14 were approved. No minutes of June 14 called meeting were submitted for review. (Meeting 1, p. 1, section 1.06). (G.19-5D, *Rules for Assembly* 9-12G.1.)
- b. “Parity” report simply listed the count of TEs, REs attending the current meeting. No list of churches invited to send additional REs. (Meeting 1, p. 3, section 1.15). (G.19-2A.4b *Acts of Assembly* 05-08.)
- c. The report stated that a list of churches who had submitted Session Minutes was presented but the list was not included in the minutes. (Meetings 100, p. 638, Stated Clerk Report). (G.19-4A7 requires reviewed. G.19-4A7, *Acts of Assembly* 07-08.)
- d. Date and time were not given for the installation of the Pastor of the Newly established Restoration Community Church (Meeting 100, p. 639, first paragraph) (G.13-1A, G.21-1C.2. b.)
- e. Change of call to Out of Bounds, no term was listed (Meeting 101, p. 665, section 101.59.3C, G.10-8B.2, *Acts of Assembly* 05-08.)
- f. The calling of an Assistant Pastor did not list the duration of the call (Meeting 101, p. 666, section 101.60) Assistant Pastor Josh Schatzle, no duration of call recorded (Meeting 101.58, p. 665); Assistant Pastor Matt Hartman, no duration of call recorded (Meeting 001.28, p. 7). (G.10-6A.)
- g. No record of candidates’ position on Westminster Confession (Meeting 001.28, p. 7). (G.12-4.)
- h. Candidate Drew Daniels was ordained by the Presbytery at the meeting. No record of installation plans for others. (Meeting 001.29, p. 7). (G.13-1A.)
- i. TE Mark Hunt, laboring Out of Bounds: No duration of call recorded 1. (Meeting 01.59-3C, p. 665). (G.10-8B.2 a.)
- j. Candidates Katie Macturk and Noah Austin, no mention of Session endorsement (Meeting 101.57, p. 664). (G.11-2A.)

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## **East**

The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the East Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*.

- a. Minutes must report the membership of the Presbytery's Ministerial Committee at its first meeting each year to define for that year that its ratio of Teaching Elders to Ruling Elders meets the requirements of G.21-2 for that Committee. (Meeting 124-17, 001274). (G.21-2.)
- b. No mention of Circleville commission being dismissed (Meeting 126, p. 1401, section 26.17). G.21-1 Judicial Committee comments from last year.
- c. No statement of primary responsibilities for renewing an Assistant Pastor. (Meeting 136, p. 1423, section 126-36L). (G.10-6.)
- d. No statement of primary responsibilities for Associate Pastor that was previously an Assistant Pastor (Meeting 126, p. 1423, section 126-36N). (G.10-6A.)

## **Florida and the Caribbean**

The Committee recommends that the Minutes of Florida and the Caribbean Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*.

- a. No Quorum declared, even though it is in the Section heading. (Meeting 96 & 97, p. 96/1, section 96.01, p.97/1, section 97.01). (G.19-5C.)
- b. No mention of additional RE assigned to churches to maintain a 1:2 TE to RE ratio. (Meeting 95, 96, & 97). (G.19-2A.4 *Acts of Assembly* 05-08 3.)
- c. No list of specific areas of responsibility for Associate Pastor (Carlos Sierra) (Meeting 96, p. 10, section 96-10). (G.10-5.)
- d. No record of Session minutes being reviewed for each church by name. (Meeting 95, 96, & 97). (G.19-4A.7. *Acts of Assembly* 07-08.)

## **Great Plains**

The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Great Plains Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*.

- a. TE Ken Ferguson: Assistant Pastor position requires call to be for a definite period of time, none shown (Meeting 25.07-2, p. 575, 576). (G.10-6A.)
- b. TE Josh Weeks: Call as Associate Pastor approved but does not stipulate areas of responsibility as required. (Meeting 26.03-B.4, p. 582). (G.10-5.)
- c. TE Timothy Janiszewski: No duration (term) of call specified as required for an Out of Bounds call (Meeting 25.07-1, p. 575). (G.10-8. B2a.)
- d. TE Christopher Lemmon: No duration (term) of call specified as required for an Out of Bounds call (Meeting 27.04-1, p. 601). (G.10-8.B2a.)



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### **Gulf South**

The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Gulf South Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*.

- a. No mention that Congregation of Faith Vietnamese Mission Church voted to dissolve (Meeting 23, p. 93, section 23.22 1). (G.5-9.)
- b. No mention of how the property of Faith Vietnamese Mission Church was disposed of (Meeting 23, p. 93, section 23.22 1). (G.5-9.)

### **Mid-America**

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

- a. Terms of call must state length of term for an Assistant Pastor (Meeting 94.11, p. 1392, section 94.1). (G.10-5, 10-6.)

### **Midwest**

The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Midwest Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*.

- a. Item 6 – Although “All members of Grace Chapel who wish to do so will have their membership transferred to Ward Church.” The minutes did not include the statement that all others membership would be held by the presbytery until they requested transfer. (Meeting 175, p. 12, 13, section 175-18). (G.5-9.)
- b. The report on an Executive Session included the fact that Motions were made and passed and are available in the Stated Clerk’s Office. There is no provision in the EPC Constitution for maintaining a second (“secret”) set of Minutes. While discussions may be had in Executive Session, motions must be made in the open session. A person’s identity may be protected, if need be, by referring to him/her as TE “X” or RE “B” (Meeting 177, p. 14, section 09). (G.2-4A.)

### **New River**

The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the New River Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*.

None

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### **Pacific Northwest**

The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Pacific Northwest Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*.

- a. Listed 14 churches whose Session minutes were due to be reviewed and recorded that 8 had been reviewed but didn't say which 8. (Meeting 14, p. 274, section 14-8)
- b. There was a vermal (?) report of "Session Minutes reviewed to date" and a list of churches scheduled to reviewed in October, but no list of churches that had been reviewed. Minutes must list the churches, by name, that have had their Session minutes reviewed. (Meeting 15, p. 8, section 15-1). (G.19-4A7. *Acts of Assembly* 07-08.)

### **Pacific Southwest**

The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Pacific Southwest Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*.

Lacking the list of commissioners and date for installation for Candidate Wright (Meeting 13, p. 158, section 13-10). (G.13-1A, G.21-1C.2. b.)

### **Rivers and Lakes**

The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*.

None

### **Southeast**

The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the Southeast Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*.

- a. 6. TOC for assistant did not specify period of time. (Meeting 117, pp. 189-190, section 117-18.9; pp. 191-192, section 117-18.10). (G.10-5, 10-6.)
- b. No advisor for Candidate Long is named. (Meeting 115, p. 124). (G.11-2E.)
- c. Length and boundaries of call for CPs Hawkins and Hodges are not given. Meeting 116, pp. 152-153, pp. 153-154). (G.9-11A.)

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## West

The Committee recommends that the Minutes of the West Presbytery be approved with the following *exceptions*.

- a. No list of TEs attending, excused or unexcused. (Meeting 125, p. 1). Minutes shall list the names of each Teaching Elder member of the Presbytery and note that person's attendance as present, excused, or unexcused. (*Acts of Assembly* 00-11.)
- b. No list of RE commissioners attending (Meeting 125, p. 1, section 125.4). Minutes shall list the names of all Ruling Elders serving as Commissioners for each Church. Minutes shall also list all visiting Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders who have been enrolled as corresponding members with the privilege of the floor. (*Acts of Assembly* 03-04.4.)
- c. No record of Associate Members and their attendance at the meeting. (Meeting 125, p. 1, section 125.4). Presbytery Minutes shall record the roll of Associate Members and their attendance at meetings. (*Acts of Assembly* 16-25.)
- d. No notation of advisors appointed for candidates Chad Johnson and John MacCarthy noted (Meeting 125, p. 3, section 125.11.II); Advisor assigned to candidate (G.11-2E); Presbyteries must follow the provision of G.11-2E, namely that the advisor of a candidate coming under care should not ordinarily be the candidate's pastor. (*Acts of Assembly* 06-08.)
- e. Notation of TEs, REs and the rest present, however no notation of excused or unexcused absences for TEs not present (Meeting 126 p. 4, section 126.20). Minutes shall list the names of each Teaching Elder member of the Presbytery and note that person's attendance as present, excused, or unexcused. (*Acts of Assembly* 00-11.)
- f. No notation of exceptions or no exceptions to WCF noted or approved for Mr. Hubbard. (Meeting 126, p. 6, section 126.7). Minutes must report that the examination of all Teaching Elders for ordination and/or installation shall include an approval of that person's position with respect to the Westminster Standards - either with no stated exceptions or an acceptance of any stated exception(s). These exception(s) are not recorded in the Minutes. (G.12-4.) When a minister or candidate takes no exceptions to the Westminster standards, presbytery minutes must state that fact. (G.12-4. *Acts of Assembly* 03-04.)
- g. Membership of the Ministerial Committee is not shown to verify the TE/RE ratio for that Committee is 50/50. (Meeting 125, February 2022). (G.12-21.)
- h. Summary of each Descending Overture is not included. (Meeting 125.8, February 2022 p. 2). (G.19-4C2, *Acts of Assembly* 07-08.)
- i. 2022 budget was approved, but not included in the minutes. (Meeting 125.15, p. 5). (*Rules for Assembly* IX 9-12 G.15.)



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- j. A list of TEs absent either excused or unexcused is not included (Meeting 126.6.B), May 2022 p. 5). (*Acts of Assembly* 00-11.)
- k. Inadequate examination description for TE Rohrbach (Meeting 126.10, May 2022 p. 7). (**G.12-3.**)
- l. The content of the examination of Candidate Pent was not included in the minutes. (Meeting 127.9A, October 2022, p. 6). (**G.12-2B.**)
- m. The content of the examination of TE Smith was not included in the minutes. (Meeting 127.11A, October 2022, p. 8). (**G.12-2B.**)
- n. The content of the examination of TE Smith was not included in the minutes. (Meeting 127.11A, October 2022, p. 8). (**G.12-2B.**)
- o. The content of the examination of RE Pettus was not included in the minutes. (Meeting 127.11B, October 2022, pp. 8-9). (**G.11-A.**)
- p. No review of Session Minutes is shown by Church (Meeting 125, 126, 127). (**G.19-4A.7; Acts of Assembly** 07-08.)
- q. Parity List for 2022 not shown in the Minutes. (Meeting 125, 126, 127). (**G.19-2A.4b.**)
- r. No starting time recorded. (Meeting 125, 127). (**G.19-5A.**)
- s. No starting time recorded. (Meeting 125, 127). (**G.19-5A.**)

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