

45-42 (to the floor) From the Presbytery Review Committee

The Presbytery Review Committee recommends that the 45th General Assembly **APPROVE** the Exceptions requiring responses and found in the 2024 minutes of 12 of our 16 Presbyteries.

Alleghenies

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

- **a.** Assistant Pastor Wes Piel term not specified. 50, pg. 1085, 13C, G. 10-5, 10-6, Acts of Assembly 02-04.
- **b.** Assistant Pastor Aaron Badenhop term not specified. Assistant Pastor Rob Peterson – term not specified 51, pg. 1151, 19B, C5, pg. 1223, 09A. G. 10-5, 10-6, Acts of Assembly 02-04.
- c. Aaron Badenhop no ordination date recorded, Elija Bombeck no ordination date recorded, Rob Peterson, Mark Simonds and David O'Leary no ordination date recorded. 51, pg. 1151, pg. 1153, 19B and 19G, C5, pg. 1224, 09D, G. 13-1A. G. 21-1C.2.b
- **d.** No term specified for OOB call, TE Brian Carpenter. 49, pg. 1041, 10A-2nd bullet point, 50, pg. 1083, 13A, G. 10-8B.2a

Central Carolinas

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

- a. Candidate Drew McCarty's position on Westminster not recorded. 5, no pg.#, 19, G. 12-4.
- b. Candidate Katie Piquette no period of time recorded. Candidates Eric Bartel and Joe Carvajal – no period of time recorded. 6, no pg.#, 26, 7, no pg.#, 16:3e & f. G. 10-8B.2a.
- **c.** No details for retiring pastors TE Rob Chambers and TE Steve Wilkinson. 6, no pg.#, 27, G. 14-1, G. 15.
- d. No inactive roll listed. 5/6/7, G. 19-2. Acts of Assembly 05-08.

Central South

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

- **a.** No defined time period for TE Wayne Denny, TE John Richards, and TE Dennis Hermerding serving out of bounds. Mtg. 121, p.1073, 121.09 5.c, Mtg. 122, p.1094, 122.08 3.d, Mtg. 122, p. 1113, 122.23. G. 10-8.B.2.a.
- b. No specific duties listed for TE Sir Gregory Thornton and TE Eli Morris as Associate Pastor. Mtg. 121, p.1074, 121.09 5.h, Mtg. 123, p.1121, 123.07 4.b. G. 10-5
- **c.** No defined time period for TE Hannah Attaway as Assistant Pastor. Mtg. 121, p.1080, 121.10. G. 10-6.A
- d. No specific duties listed for TE David Bowen as Assistant Pastor even though it is a



renewal. Mtg. 122, p.1094, 122.08 3.b. G. 10-6.A

- e. No specific duties listed for the following Assistant Pastors even though they are renewals: Brett Wynne, Barton Kimbrough, Will Weir and Greg Aydt. Mtg. 123, p.1121, 123.07 4.d-g. G. 10-6.A.
- f. No defined time period for TE Damon Conley as Assistant Pastor. Mtg. 123, p.1146, 123.20. G. 10-6.A.
- **g.** No listing of additional RE representatives allocated to churches to maintain a 1:2 ratio of TEs to REs. Mtg. 121, Mtg. 122, and Mtg. 123. G. 19-2A.4.b, Acts of Assembly 05-08

Coastal Mid-Atlantic

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

- **a.** This section was a narrative of the finances of the Presbytery. No tabular finance report was included. Also, no budget was included. Also, no audit or review of the financials was included. Mtg. 5, p.7, 1.12, Mtg. 6, p.6, 1.19. Rules for Assembly IX 9-12, G. 15.
- **b.** Candidate for transfer TE Michael Johnson (from RCA). His exception to Westminster Confession was detailed in the minutes. Mtg. 5, p.8, 1.14.02. Unless this has been specifically delegated the Ministerial Committee, the Presbytery would need to know what the TE's exception is, in order to allow or disallow it, but the exception should not be recorded. G. 12-4
- c. There was no listing of attendees TEs or RE's. Excused TE's were listed but their church was not recorded. Mtg. 5, Mtg. 6, Mtg. 5, p.8, 1.15.03, Mtg. 6, p.4, 1.17.01. Acts of Assembly 00-11.
- **d.** No record of Session Minutes reviewed. Mtg. 5, Mtg. 6, Mtg. 7. G. 19-4A7, Acts of Assembly 07-08.
- e. Membership of the Presbytery's Ministerial Committee at its first meeting each year was not recorded. Mtg. 5, Mtg. 6, Mtg. 7. G. 21-2.
- **f.** Minutes did not include a date for installation of TE Michael Johnson, or where he is to be installed as Assistant Pastor. Mtg 5, p.8, 1.14.04. G. 13.
- **g.** Parity: approved that Churches may field three (3) RE per TE. Did not list churches to send 3 RE's, apparently intended to mean every church in the Presbytery. Mtg 6, p.2, 1.07. Acts of Assembly 05-08.3, G. 19-2A.4b.
- Ascending Overture: There was a vote to concur with another church's Ascending Overture – but no summary of the overture was recorded. Mtg. 6, p.3, 1.11. G. 19-4C2, Acts of Assembly 07-08.
- i. RE Michelle Munger, candidate under care, no advisor recorded. Mtg. 6, p.4, 1.17.04. G. 11-2E, Acts of Assembly 06-08.
- **j.** No term of service or area of responsibility specified for TE Michael Johnson. Also confusing that the floor examination (5/7/1:14) was separate from the other details in the MC report. Mtg. 5, p.8, 1.15.06.01. G. 10-5, 10-6, Acts of Assembly 02-04.
- k. No details on retirement of TE Mark Jumper. Mtg. 6, p.4, 1.17.02. G. 15
- I. No election of moderator and stated clerk. Mtg. 5, Mtg. 6. G. 19-3.
- **m.** The scattered reporting of candidates examined, although the candidates were CPs, makes it difficult to assess. All the aspects of the exams should be reported under the Ministerial Committee and each candidates' exam should be reported



separately. Very confusing and hard to follow. Mtg. 7, p. 8, 1.26-1.27. G. 12-2 through 5, G. 13-1 through 7, G. 19-4B1-7, G. 21-1A.2, G. 21-1C.2.b.

n. Presbyteries shall submit signed copies of their approved minutes for all meetings of the completed calendar year to the General Assembly no later than March 1 of the following year. Minutes for meeting #7 submitted on April 2, 2025. G. 19-5D, Rules for Assembly 9-12G.1.

East

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

- **a.** No definite period listed for TE Nathan Cotton, TE Isaiah Nengean, and TE Jay Lee, Assistant Pastors. Mtg. 130, p.11-13, p.15, 130-14E and 14I. G. 10-6 A.
- **b.** No definite period listed for TE Anthony Bianchini and TE Art Lindsley Out of Bounds. Mtg. 130, p.14, 130-14I. G. 10-8 B.2.a.
- **c.** The minutes were not signed by the Moderator. Mtg. 130 and Mtg. 131, last pages. G. 19-5 D.
- **d.** 6 TE and 4 RE on Ministerial Committee not within 1 of each other. Mtg. 131, p.7, 131-12B, Mtg. 132, p.7, 132-13A. G. 21-2 A.
- e. No mention of election of Moderator. Mtg. 129, Mtg. 130, Mtg. 131, and Mtg. 132.
 G. 19-3 A.
- **f.** No Parity list provided to make sure there are 2 RE for each TE. Mtg. 130, Mtg. 131, and Mtg. 132. G. 19-2 A.4b, Acts of Assembly 05-08 3.
- **g.** There is no record in the Minutes that Candidates coming under Care 6 months minimum membership in an EPC church. Mtg. 130, p.10, 130-14C, Mtg. 131, p.8, 131-12D. G. 11-2A.
- h. There is no record in the Minutes that the Presbytery has received Endorsement forms from church sessions for Candidates coming under Care. Mtg. 130, p.10, 14-C, Mtg. 131, p.8, 131-12D. G. 11- 2A and Attachment 7, Procedure Manual.
- i. There is no record in the Minutes that Candidates coming under Care were assigned an advisor. Mtg. 130, p.11, 14-C. G. 11-2E.
- **j.** There is no record in the Minutes that the process of the dissolution of a local church or mission church was followed. Mtg. 132, p.29, 132-18B. G. 5-9.
- **k.** There is no record in the Minutes that the 132nd Meeting was closed in prayer. Mtg. 132, p.32, 132-29. G. 16-1A.
- 1. There is no record in the Minutes listing the members of the Ministerial Committee. "Minutes must report the membership of the Ministerial Committee....to define for that year that its ratio of Teacher Elders to Ruling Elders meets the requirements of G. 21-2 for that Committee." Mtg. 130, Mtg. 131, and Mtg. 132. G. 21-2.

Florida and the Caribbean

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

- **a.** No primary responsibilities or definite period listed for TE Charles Ruelke, TE Jude Vilma, and TE Brian Eida as Assistant Pastors. Mtg. 101, p.10-11, 101.13, Mtg. 101, p.12, 101.16, Mtg. 102, p.18-21, 102.19. G. 10-6 A.
- **b.** REs for Admin Commission for TE Zachary McIntosh need to come from at least 2



churches. The TEs came from different churches. Mtg. 101, p.13, 101.16. G. 9-6a

- c. No definite period listed for TE Mike Jones, TE Eric McEwan, and TE John Quigley for out of bounds position. Mtg. 102, p.11, 102.12 omnibus motion 02, Mtg. 102, p.14-17, 102.12, Mtg. 103, p.11, 103.12 omnibus motion 4. G. 10-8 B.2.a.
- **d.** No primary responsibilities listed for TE Lou Kaloger Associate Pastor and TE Charlie Halleran Associate Pastor. Mtg. 102, p.12, 102.12. G. 10-5. e. Purpose of Called meeting not stated. 10th Called Meeting, p.1, 10.01. G. 19-5 B

Great Plains

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

- **a.** No differentiation between active, inactive, and retired in the rolls. Mtg. 31, p.648 and p.650-654. Mtg. 32, p.1-5. Mtg. 33, p.662 and p.665. G. 19-2. Acts of Assembly 05-08
- **b.** Membership of Ministerial Committee not reported. Mtg. 31, Mtg.32, Mtg. 33. G. 21-2.

Gulf South

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

- **a.** Minutes must report actions of Commissions but not include the entire report. Mtg. 29, p.183-184, 29.09, Mtg. 30, p.198-199, 30.07-08. G. 21-1 A.2.
- **b.** No mention that candidates Mansfield and Oh were examined by the Presbytery. Mtg. 29, p.185, 29.12. G. 11-2 C.
- c. No closing prayer. Mtg. 30, p.206, 30.17. G. 16-1 A.
- **d.** No definite period listed for TE Miguel Broche as Assistant Pastor. Mtg. 31, p.222, 31.21 6. G. 10-6 A.

Midwest

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

- **a.** Approve move of TE Ian Leslie to the Retired Roll (active or inactive?). The minutes must report all the steps for retiring TE's. Mtg. 181, p.12, G. 15-1.
- **b.** A motion was made and approved in an Executive Session. "An Executive Session may be used for the discussion of sensitive and/or confidential topics, but any motions resulting from such discussion by the presbytery must be done in an open session so that the action may be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting. Mtg. 182, p.14, 01. G. 2-4A.
- **c.** There is no record of the period of time for the call of Assistant Pastor TE Ferguson. Mtg. 182, p.9, 182-01. G. 10-6A.
- d. There is no record of a congregational meeting to concur on the dissolution of the calls of TE Jerry Van Auken, TE Briyan Gregory, TE Kevin Chen, TE Jeremy McNeill, TE Brandon LaFontaine and TE Josh Boehr Mtg. 181, p.11, 181-15, Mtg. 182, p.11, 182-07, Mtg. 183, p.620, 20. G. 14-1A.
- e. There is no record of the process for dismissing a local church. Mtg. 182, p.11.08,



G. 5-9.

f. There is no record in the Minutes that the Presbytery reviewed any of the member churches Session Minutes. Mtg. 181, Mtg. 182, and Mtg. 183. Acts of Assembly 07-08.

Pacific Northwest

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

- **a.** No record in the Minutes that the Dissolution of Calls for the purposes of retirement were approved at a congregational meeting for purpose of retirement for TE George Dakin, TE Mark Toone, TE Dennis Yeung, and TE Ehud Garcia. All required Steps must be listed. Mtg 20, pg. 396, 20-34, Mtg 21, pg. 419, 21-35. G. 14.1B.
- b. No list of Churches is shown with the additional RE's needed from each to achieve a parity of two RE's for each TE at all Presbytery meetings. Mtg 19, Mtg 20, Mtg 21. G. 14-1B

Southeast

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

- **a.** No Notation of Opening with Prayer. No Notation of Closing with Prayer Mtg. 121, p.293, 121-01. Mtg. 123, p.370, 123-26. G. 16-1A, Rules for Assembly 9-12G2.
- **b.** TE Fischler was received as a member of the presbytery however, his status is not noted Pastor, Teacher, Evangelist, etc. Mtg. 122, p.328-329, 122-11.4. G. 9-5A-E

West

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

- **a.** The names of churches whose session's minutes have been reviewed are not recorded. Mtg. 132, p.4, 132-5D. G. 19-4A7, Acts of Assembly 07-08.
- b. Members of the Ministerial Commission are not listed. Mtg. 131, p.6, 131.6. G. 21-2.

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