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## 41-28

### ***FROM THE PRESBYTERY REVIEW COMMITTEE***

The Presbytery Review Committee recommends that the 41<sup>st</sup> General Assembly **APPROVE** the Exceptions Requiring Responses (by December 31, 2021) as found in the Minutes of eight presbyteries.

#### **Alleghenies**

The committee recommends that the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies be approved with the following **exceptions**:

- A. For Mr. Justin Olivetti and 36-18A (p.664) for TE Matthew Geary must list the membership of the Commissions appointed to ordain and/or install TEs to show each member's office and church represented. Minutes must also list the location and date of that proposed activity (G.21-1A.2).
- B. 35th and 36th Meeting. The reports of the Administrative Commissions for these three activities listed above are not included in the Minutes of the 35th meeting or the 36th meeting as required by G.21-1A.2.
- C. An out-of-bounds call be approved "for a term of up to three years." No term identified for TE Cummings, TE Bowers, or TE Zampella. 34-11B, p. 635, 35-11B, p. 649 (G.10-8B2(a), p. 25-26).
- D. Call of an Assistant Pastor "shall be for a definite period of time." No time period identified for Rev. Geary. 36-18A, p. 664 (G.10-6A, p. 23).

#### **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. G.11-2E requires the Presbytery to assign a TE "in the Presbytery" as an advisor for the Candidate Under Care. Candidate Under Care Hendrickson transferred from the Presbytery of the Alleghenies to the Presbytery of Florida and the Caribbean. No mention is made of assigning a new advisor from within the Presbytery. 91.06, p. 792; (G.11-2E, p. 28).
- B. G.10-8B2(a) requires that an out-of-bounds call be approved "for a term of up to three years." No term identified for TE Vande Brake. 91.06, p. 794; (G.10-8B2(a), p. 25-26).

#### **Great Plains**

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

- A. Candidate Jordin Greer and Advisor Stan Van Den Berg, the Pastor, are from the same church, Eastminster Presbyterian Church. No justification for not following the



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requirement for “ordinarily not the Candidate’s Pastor.” 19-06B, Page 504, (G.11-2E, *Acts of Assembly* 06-08).

- B. Candidate Scott Matson and Advisor Aaron Elmore, the Pastor, are from the same church, Kirk of the Hills. No justification is presented for not following the requirement for “not ordinarily the Candidate’s Pastor.” 19-06A, page 504, (G.11-2E, *Acts of Assembly* 06-08).

### **Gulf South**

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

- A. The examination of all Teaching Elders for ordination and/or installation shall include an approval of their position with respect to the Westminster Standards— either with no stated exceptions or an acceptance of any stated exception(s). This is not recorded for Candidates Stinson, Edwards, Foster, Hutson, or Watson or for the transfer of Rev. Edwards. 17.17, 10, 13, p. 9 19.05, 13-15, p. 35. (G.12-4. p. 30).
- B. The purpose of the Called meeting should be clearly stated, as well as the details of the call. This demonstrates for the record that: 1) the requirements for calling the meeting were met, and 2) no business other than that stated as the purpose of the called meeting was conducted. C1.01, p. 18. (G.19-5.B, p. 50).

### **Midwest**

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

- A. Candidates were asked questions, but no record was provided of examinations and no details of the candidates such as church membership and Session endorsement. Does not state that the motion passed. 170-08, p. 204-205 (*Rules for Assembly* 9-12G.7, *Rules for Assembly* 9-12G.4; G.19-5D; G.11-2).
- B. No record of examinations and no details of the candidates such as church membership and Session endorsement. Does not state that the motion passed. 171-17, p. 233; (*Rules for Assembly* 9-12G.7; *Rules for Assembly* 9-12G.4; G.19-5D; G.11-2).
- C. There was an attachment showing that Session minutes were received (53 of 57 churches), that included the church name, but none had been indicated as reviewed. There was no column indicating “Reviewed.” This review information needs to be in the body of the minutes. 169th meeting, 169 Attachment B; 171-11, p. 231 (G.19-4.A.7; *Rules for Assembly* 9-12G.10; *Acts of Assembly* 07-08.1).
- D. Candidates Care Committee report: There were no details of how Matthew Grimm was examined for ordination (G.12-2).
- E. There were no details of how David Menzel was examined to come under care of the Presbytery. TE Chris Winans was approved as David Menzel’s advisor, but it was not recorded that TE Winans is not Mr. Menzel’s Pastor. 169th minutes, p. 186, section 169-16 (G.11-2).



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- F. Candidates Committee. There were no **G.11-2** details for candidate-coming-under-care Blaise Shields. The two advisors for Blaise Shields were not identified as not being Mr. Shields Pastor. There were no **G.11-2** details for candidate-coming-under-care Brandon LaFontaine. The two advisors for Mr. LaFontaine were not identified as not being Mr. LaFontaine's Pastor. There were no **G.11-2** details for candidate-coming-under-care Octavio Samaniego. The two advisors for Mr. Samaniego were not identified as not being Mr. Samaniego's Pastor. There were no **G.11-2** details for candidate-coming-under-care S.K. (full name redacted for security). The advisor for Mr. K. was not identified as not being his Pastor. 170th minutes, p. 204-205, section 170-08, **G.11-2**
- G. Ministerial Committee: Omnibus motion #1: "Move TE Paul Copeland to retired rolls." There were no details from **G.15** (Retiring Pastors) in the minutes. *Acts of Assembly* 12-11. #2: "ON MOTION: That Peace Church ... be dismissed to independence." This motion should have included details that all sections of **G.5-10** (Dismissal) were followed. 171st meeting, p. 230, continuation of section 171-09.
- H. Candidates Care Committee: Two candidates were introduced, but no details of their exam (**G.11-2C**) were recorded. Advisors for the two candidates were not noted as not being the candidate's Pastor. 171st minutes, p. 233, section 171-17 (**G.11-2**).

### **Pacific Northwest**

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

- A. Authorization for a Commissioned Pastor shall be for a term of up to 3 years and may be renewed. No term specified for RE Jim Day. 7-35, p.170. (**G.9-11.A**, p. 19).
- B. Administrative Commissions of Presbytery shall have a ratio close to 2 RE to 1 TE, have not fewer than 5 members, and shall have REs representing not fewer than two member churches. (1) None of these requirements are met for the Administrative Commission approved to install RE Spencer. (2) Administrative Commission appointed to install RE Jim Day has only 3 members and no TEs. (1) 8-13, p. 8, (2) 9-20, p. 12 (**G.21-1C2** and **21-1C2B**).

### **Pacific Southwest**

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

- A. Use of the title "Executive Pastor" for a TE. EPC Teaching Elders may hold titles of Pastor, Associate Pastor, Assistant Pastor, Transitional Pastor, Stated Supply, or Occasional Supply. "These are the only recognized callings for Teaching Elders in a congregational setting." #9/p. 117/9-8 (**G.9-5-A.1**).



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**West**

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

- a. Rev. Warmath's examination was approved and his acceptance into the Presbytery of the West was approved, but no mention is made of approval of his Out-of-Bounds Call or of approval of a term of up to three years. 121st Stated, p. 9-10, 121:12B; (G.10-8B.2.a).

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