



TRINITY  
*Presbyterian Church, PCA*

*Proclaiming Jesus as the way,  
the truth, and the life.*

October 2, 2019

Fathers and Brothers,

The officers and congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church are getting ready to host the South Texas Presbytery meeting on October 25 and 26, 2019.

We hope your trip to Boerne is encouraging and refreshing as we worship, engage in kingdom work and enjoy fellowship together.

Committee chairmen, please let us know if you need space for a meeting and what time your committee will convene. We will make arrangements to have those rooms ready for Presbytery business.

Attached are directions to Trinity and information on Boerne hotels. If you prefer to stay in a host home, please let the church office know.

We look forward to seeing you on October 25 and 26 and welcome you here as we work together for His glory.

All for Jesus,

Allen Taha  
Senior Pastor

# PROPOSED DOCKET

South Texas Presbytery, 138th Stated Meeting  
October 25-26, 2019  
Trinity Presbyterian Church  
31 Ammann Road, Boerne, Texas 78015  
(830)815-1212

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

Standing committee meetings	noon
Shared meal for presbyters and guests	5:30 pm
Convene, <i>Moderator RE Tim Rountree</i>	6:30 pm
Welcome, <i>TE Allan Taha</i>	
Resolution of Thanks	
Season of Prayer	
Worship	
Lord's Supper	
Time for Fellowship	8:00 pm

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Breakfast	7:15am
Call to order, <i>Moderator RE Tim Rountree</i>	8:00 am
Roll call and quorum	
Adoption of the docket	
Report of the Stated Clerk, <i>TE Greg Davidson</i>	
Treasurer's Report, <i>RE Ken Kieley</i>	
Committee Reports:	
Administrative, <i>RE Gordon Landreth</i>	
Sessional Records, <i>RE Michael Simpson</i>	
Nominations, <i>RE Alan Tysinger</i>	
Campus Ministries, <i>TE Steve Johnson</i>	
Mission to the World, <i>TE Andrew Triolo</i>	
Mission to North America, <i>TE Luke Evans</i>	
Ministerial Relations, <i>TE Michael Singenstru</i>	
Candidates and Credentials, <i>TE Michael Novak</i>	
New Business	
Consideration of proposed amendments to the BCO	
Election of a moderator for 2020	
Election of a Stated Clerk for a three-year term	
Announcement of time and place of next meeting	
Closing hymn and Benediction	
Adjournment	noon

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#### 2020

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October 23-24	CrossPointe – Austin	North

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**2019-2020**  
**BCO AMENDMENTS SENT DOWN TO PRESBYTERIES**  
**BY THE 47<sup>th</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**FOR VOTING, and for ADVICE AND CONSENT**

**ITEM 1:** Amend *BCO* 42-4, 43-2, and 43-3 Regarding Method and Deadlines of Filing Cases as follows (proposed additional wording underlined):

**42-4.** Notice of appeal may be given the court before its adjournment. Written notice of appeal, with supporting reasons, shall be filed by the appellant with both the clerk of the lower court and the clerk of the higher court, within thirty (30) days of notification of the last court's decision.

Notification of the last court's decision shall be deemed to have occurred on the day of mailing (if certified, registered or express mail of a national postal service or any private service where verifying receipt is utilized), the day of hand delivery, or the day of confirmed receipt in the case of e-mail or facsimile. Furthermore, compliance with such requirements shall be deemed to have been fulfilled if a party cannot be located after diligent inquiry or if a party refuses to accept delivery. No attempt should be made to circularize the courts to which appeal is being made by either party before the case is heard.

**[NOTE: There is no change to 43-2.]**

**43-3.** If, after considering a complaint, the court alleged to be delinquent or in error is of the opinion that it has not erred, and denies the complaint, the complainant may take that complaint to the next higher court. If the lower court fails to consider the complaint against it by or at its next stated meeting, the complainant may take that complaint to the next higher court. Written notice thereof shall be filed with both the clerk of the lower court and the clerk of the higher court within thirty (30) days of notification of the last court's decision.

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**Grounds:** The amendments proposed by Overture 9 give helpful clarifying language that it is the notification of the last court's decision that starts the running of the clock on complaints and appeals without definitively prohibiting electronic filings to all courts.

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**ITEM 2: *BCO* 32-8, 32-13, and 35-10 to Allow for Video Testimony by Witnesses**

**32-8.** When the offense with which an accused person stands charged took place at a distance, and it is inconvenient for the witnesses to appear before the court having jurisdiction, that court may either (a) appoint a commission of its body, or (b) request the coordinate court contiguous to the place where the facts occurred, to take the testimony for it, or (c) have the testimony taken by videoconference, which shall employ technical means that ensure that all persons participating in the meeting can see and hear each other at the same time, and which allows for live cross-examination by both parties. The accused shall always have reasonable notice of the time and place of the meeting of this commission or coordinate court.

**32-13.** In order that the trial may be fair and impartial, the witnesses shall be examined in the presence of the accused (as permitted by *BCO* 32-8), or at least after he shall have received due citation to attend. Witnesses may be cross-examined by both parties, and any questions asked must be pertinent to the issue.

**35-10.** When it is not convenient for a court to have the whole or perhaps any part of the testimony in any particular case taken in its presence, a commission shall be appointed, or coordinate court requested, to take the testimony in question, which shall be considered as if taken in the presence of the court.

Due notice of the commission or coordinate court or videoconference, and of the time and place of its meeting, shall be given to the opposite party, that he may have an opportunity of attending. If the accused shall desire on his part to take testimony at a distance for his own exculpation, he shall give notice to the court of the time and place at which it shall be taken, in order that a commission or coordinate court, as in the former case, may be appointed for the purpose. Testimony may be taken on written interrogatories by filing the same with the clerk of the court having jurisdiction of the case, and giving two weeks' notice thereof to the adverse party, during which time he may file cross-interrogatories, if he desire it. Testimony shall then be taken by the commission or coordinate court in answer to the direct and cross-interrogatories, if such are filed, and no notice need be given of the time and place of taking the testimony.

**Grounds:** The amendments proposed by Overture 17 give courts the option to use modern technology to take testimony from witnesses, in addition to creating a commission or using a coordinate court. The Overture Committee's amendments to this overture addressed the concerns of CCB about consistency in application in two other sections of the *BCO*.

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## Hotels in Boerne

### Fairfield Inn and Suites

6 Cascade Caverns Road, Boerne, Texas 78006

830-368-4167

Discounted rates: Reference South Texas Presbytery

King Room - \$129 + tax    Double Queen Room - \$139 + tax    King Suite - \$149 + tax

Reservations need to be made by **Oct 11** to receive discount

[Click Here for Fairfield Inn Website](#)

### Best Western Inn and Suites

33756 IH-10 West, Boerne, Texas 78006

830-249-1212

[Click Here for Best Western Inn and Suites](#)

### The Bevy Hotel

101 Herff Rd, Boerne, TX 78006

1-830-816-5606

[Click Here for The Bevy Hotel, a DoubleTree by Hilton](#)

### Comfort Inn and Suites

35000 IH-10 West, Boerne, Texas 78006

830-249-6800

[Click Here for Comfort Inn and Suites](#)

### Hampton Inn and Suites

34935 IH-10 West, Boerne, Texas 78006

830-816-8800

[Click Here for Hampton Inn Website](#)

### Motel 6

1228 South Main Street, Boerne, Texas 78006

830-249-3562

[Click Here for Motel 6](#)

### Ye Kendall Inn

128 West Blanco, Boerne, Texas 78006

830-249-2138

[Click Here for Ye Kendall Inn](#)



## Directions to Trinity Presbyterian Church, Boerne, Texas

31 Ammann Road, Boerne, Texas 78015

You can find us on [Google Maps here](#).

### From San Antonio

Take I-10 West and exit 542 toward Boerne

Continue onto US-87 BUS N, turn right onto River Road/Hwy 46 East

Continue on River Road, pass Valero, continue straight, turn right onto Ammann Road

Trinity is located on the right less than 1 mile down Ammann Road

### From the North

Take I-10 East and exit 537 toward Boerne

Continue on US-87 BUS south and turn left onto River Road/Hwy 46 East

Continue on River Road, pass Valero, continue straight, turn right onto Ammann Road

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### From the east on Hwy 46 West

Take Hwy 46 West towards Boerne

Turn left onto Ammann Road (across from Rittiman Plumbing sign)

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