

South Texas Presbytery
Presbyterian Church in America
One-Hundred Forty-third Stated Meeting
2111 Alexander Ave, Austin, Texas 78722
(512) 708-1232
August 13-14, 2021

GATHERING

Pursuant to Book of Church Order for the Presbyterian Church in America and to the Standing Rules of the South Texas Presbytery, presbyters from Presbyterian churches located in South Texas were called together by an announcement made and distributed on July 30, 2021, for a quarterly stated meeting to be held on August 13-14, 2021, at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Austin. Standing committees of the presbytery met prior to the convening of the session to conduct business. Presbyters and guests shared a meal Friday evening for supper.

CALL TO ORDER

The Moderator of the Presbytery TE Chris Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, August 13. The meeting was opened by the moderator with prayer.

The moderator restated the concerns surrounding the continuing novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic and asked the presbyters and guests to follow the guidelines graciously established and posted by the host session.

WELCOME

The moderator introduced TE Eric Landy who welcomed the presbyters and guests to Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

The moderator read a resolution of thanks and presented it volunteers and staff of Redeemer Presbyterian Church for their warm hospitality and generosity (see ATTACHMENT A).

WORSHIP

Music. Rev. Dr. George Dupree and the Redeemer choir and musicians led the presbytery in worship through music and song.

Sermon. TE Eric Landry preached a sermon “The Apocalypse” from Mark 7:14-12.

Communion. TE Landry presided over the administration of the Lord’s Supper.

Benediction. TE Landry pronounced the benediction, and the choir and congregation sang from Numbers 6:24-26.

Recess. The presbytery recessed for the day at 7:50 p.m. Presbyters retired to an evening of fellowship and rest.

CALL TO ORDER

Reconvening. Moderator Peterson called the meeting back to order at 8:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 24. The meeting was opened by the Psalm 93 with followed by a brief season of prayer.

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Stated Clerk TE Greg Davidson reviewed the roll and determined that the Standing Rule requiring the presence of five teaching elders and five ruling elders elected by their sessions from at least three different churches was met (see ATTACHMENT B). The moderator declared a quorum to be present.

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket was distributed to the members on July 30, 2021, and a revised proposed document on August 10, 2021, by email.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the docket as amended (see ATTACHMENT C).

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

TE Greg Davidson opened the report of the stated clerk with prayer.

Recognition of Guests of the Presbytery. The moderator noted the presence of guests of the presbytery and asked presbyters to introduce and recognize their guests.

Absences Excused. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve excused absences for the following teaching elders:

Mark McKellen, Ervid Reyes, Chad Montgomery, Keith Goode, Tim Hoke, Tom Gibbs, Guillermo Salinas, Craig Chapman, Rob Bailey, Mike Singenstru. Steve Cairns, Whitney Anderson, Steve Johnson, Billy Crain, Matt Beham, Brad Tubbesing. Italo Furieri, Keith Howard, and Andrew Triolo.

Churches Without Representation Excused. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve excused absences of the following churches without representation:

All Saints Church, *Austin*
Christ Church, *Georgetown*
Christ Church, *Victoria*
Christ Church, *Kerrville*
Christ Church, *San Antonio*
Grace+Peace Church, *Austin*
Grace Church, *McAllen*
Trinity Grace, *San Antonio*

The following teaching elders were noted as being absent without excuse:

Curtis Castleberry, Josh Eby, John Tripp, Bryce Waller

Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the previous stated meeting in April 2021 were distributed electronically prior to the presbytery meeting for review. Corrections were noted and made from the floor. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the April 2021 stated meeting and to permit the stated clerk to make corrections to perfect the final copy of the minutes.

Correspondence Received. The following correspondence received by the stated clerk was presented to the presbytery.

Committee minutes from the April 2021 committee meetings were submitted as required by Standing Rule 6-3 from the following committees:

Sessional Records Committee
Administrative Committee
Campus Ministries Committee
Ministerial Relations Committee

Committee minutes were noted and filed in permanent presbytery records.

Commission reports from commissions or committees acting on behalf of the presbytery were received (see ATTACHMENT D):

Report of the Commission of South Texas Presbytery to ordain and install Adam Lopez as Assistant Pastor at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Cedar Park.

Report of the Commission of South Texas Presbytery to install TE Matt Beham as Associate Pastor at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in San Antonio.

Report of the Commission to install TE Italo Furieri as Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Harlingen, Texas.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes of all reports and commissions of the presbytery previously referenced and dismiss the commissions with gratitude and thanks from the presbytery.

The stated clerk made several announcements.

Future meeting dates and proposed meeting locations were presented. A request was made that elders consider these dates when scheduling weddings, church events, vacations, and other events that might conflict with their obligation to attend quarterly presbytery meetings.

2021

October 29-30	Trinity – Boerne	Central
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2022

January 28-29	Covenant – Harlingen	South
April 29-30	All Saints – Austin	North
August 8-9	Faith – San Antonio	Central
October 28-29	CrossPointe – Austin	North

The report of the stated clerk was received and TE Davidson closed the report with prayer.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The moderator recognized TE Greg Davidson to present the report of the treasurer to the presbytery. The report was opened with prayer.

Distribution of budget. The listing of contributions and disbursements was distributed to the presbyters on behalf of the treasurer for their review (see ATTACHMENT E).

TE Greg Davidson closed the report of the treasurer to the presbytery with prayer.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS REPORT

The moderator recognized members of the presbytery who attended the 48th General Assembly and served on commissions for the presbytery to report on the activities of the general assembly.

TE Eric Landry presented information on the amendments that were made to the Rules of Assembly Operation and Operating Manual of the Standing Judicial Commission. TE Landry also went through the proposed changes to the Book of Church Order.

The moderator noted the proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order will be considered at the October stated meeting of the presbytery.

The moderator noted the human sexuality report was adopted with broad consensus concerning sexuality and same sex attraction.

Questions were offered and answered from the presbytery concern the proposed amendments.

Other commissioners from the general assembly were recognized.

The moderator closed the report with prayer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The standing committees of the presbytery met in the interim between stated meetings to conduct business and report to the presbytery. The following committee reports were made to the presbytery:

Sessional Records Committee Report

The moderator recognized Committee Chairman RE Mike Simpson to present the report of the Sessional Records Committee. RE Simpson opened the report with prayer.

The chairman presented the following report from committee. The BCO requires the Presbytery to “review the records of church Sessions, redress whatever they may have done contrary to order and take effectual care that they observe the Constitution of the Church” and has established the Review of Sessional Records Committee to fulfill the Presbytery’s responsibilities review sessions’ records and report to the Presbytery its recommendations for final Presbytery Action.

The Committee has reviewed and Presbytery has received the following Sessional Minutes for 2020:

All Saints – Austin
Christ – New Braunfels
Christ Presbyterian Church – Victoria
Christ the King Presbyterian Church – Austin (2019 & 2020)
Covenant – Harlingen
CrossPointe – Austin
Faith Presbyterian Church – San Antonio
Grace – McAllen

Redeemer – Austin
Redeemer Presbyterian Church – San Antonio
Southside Community – Corpus Christi
Trinity – Boerne
Westminster – Bryan

The following Churches have not turned in their minutes for review for the year(s) indicated:

Christ – New Braunfels: 2017
Christ – San Antonio: 2019; 2018
CrossPointe – Austin: 2019; 2018; 2016
Dios Con Nosotros – Edinburg: 2019; 2018; 2017; 2016
Grace – McAllen: 2019
Iglesia La Vid – Laredo: 2019; 2018; 2017; 2016

The chairman moved the Stated Clerk communicate to the Session of the above listed churches the Presbytery's desire that they either:

(1) submit their records for review per BCO 13-9.b (which states that the Presbytery has the duty to “review the records of church Sessions, redress whatever they may have done contrary to order and take effectual care that they observe the Constitution of the Church”).

or

(2) request the Presbytery excuse their submission with a rationale why the Presbytery should forego reviewing their records.

The motion was restated, seconded, and passed.

The Committee recommended the following Sessional Minutes for 2020 be approved as submitted:

Christ Presbyterian Church – Victoria
CrossPointe – Austin
Redeemer Presbyterian Church – Austin
Redeemer Presbyterian Church – San Antonio
Westminster – Bryan

The motion was restated, seconded, and passed.

The Committee recommended the following Sessional Minutes for 2019 be approved with notations not requiring a response to Presbytery:

Christ the King – Austin

The motion was restated, seconded, and passed.

The Committee recommends the following Sessional Minutes for 2020 be approved with notations not requiring a response to Presbytery:

All Saints – Austin
Christ – New Braunfels
Christ the King – Austin
Covenant – Harlingen
Faith Presbyterian Church – San Antonio
Grace – McAllen
Southside Community – Corpus Christi

The motion was restated, seconded, and passed.

The Committee recommended the following Sessional Minutes for 2020 be approved with exceptions of substance requiring a response to Presbytery:

Trinity – Boerne: Called Congregational Meeting of September 2, 2020.
Purpose of Called Meeting not stated in the minutes. Election of Deacons and names of those eligible not announced at least 30 days prior to the meeting. BCO 24-1 (*Decision to place names before the congregation made at August 17, 2020 Session Meeting*).

The Trinity session received and discussed the exception of substance from South Texas Presbytery regarding the calling of Trinity's September 2, 2020, congregational meeting and adopted the following response on May 18, 2021:

The session of Trinity Presbyterian Church acknowledges the error cited in our August 17, 2020, minutes relating to the calling Trinity's September 2, 2020, congregational meeting. We failed to state the purpose for the congregational meeting in our minutes and did not announce the names of those eligible for election as deacons at least 30 days prior to the meeting (BCO 24-1). We apologize for the error and endeavor to be more fastidious in the future.

The motion was restated, seconded, and passed.

The information from the Sessional Records Committee was received by the presbytery and RE Simpson closed the report with prayer.

Administrative Committee Report

The moderator recognized Committee Chairman RE Gordon Landreth to present the report of the Administrative Committee. RE Landreth opened the report with prayer.

The chairman reminded the presbytery of their responsibility to attend and participate in the life of the presbytery.

The chairman discussed the creation of a presbytery email communication and filing system.

The report of the Administrative Committee was received by the presbytery and RE Landreth closed the report with prayer.

Nominations Committee Report

No report was made. TE Ben Hailey asked any presbyters interest in serving on permanent committees, boards, or commissions of the Presbyterian Church in America to contact him or RE Alan Tysinger prior to the October stated meeting.

Campus Ministries Committee Report

The moderator recognized Committee Chairman TE Derek McCollum to present the report of the Campus Ministries Committee. TE McCollum opened the report with prayer.

The chairman shared reports from TE Terry Dykstra from RUF International and Jordan Griesbeck at RUF at the University of Texas at Austin.

The report of the Campus Ministries Committee was received by the presbytery and TE Derek McCollum closed the report with prayer.

Mission to the World Committee Report

The moderator recognized Committee Chairman TE Matt Sutherland to present the Mission to the World Committee report. TE Sutherland opened the report with prayer.

TE Sutherland reported on the missionaries laboring overseas and how they are most all in a waiting pattern seeking guidance and direction on future work for borders to open. Reports were heard in committee from work in Africa, Mexico, and long the border, Europe, and Japan.

The report of the Mission to the World Committee was received by the presbytery and TE Sutherland closed the report with prayer.

The moderator announced at recess of the presbytery at 9:20 a.m.

The presbytery was called back from recess at 9:30 a.m.

Mission to North America Committee Report

The moderator recognized Committee Chairman TE Luke Evans to present the report of the Mission to North America report. TE Evans opened the report with prayer.

The chairman announced the next meeting of Reach South Texas on Monday, September 20, 2020, at All Saints Presbyterian church in Austin. TE Ricky Jones from River Oaks Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, will be the guest speaker.

The Chairman introduced RE Mark Becker, MNA Disaster Response Associate Specialist, South Central Region. RE Becker discussed the process by which MNA Disaster Response can assist PCA churches during disasters such as the recent winter storm in February. RE Becker asked for continued prayer and involvement in disaster response preparation.

The report of the Mission to North America Committee was received by the presbytery and TE Evans closed the report with prayer.

Ministerial Relations Committee Report

The moderator recognized Committee Chairman TE Ben Hailey to present information from the Ministerial Relations Committee. TE Hailey opened the report with prayer.

The chairman made a motion to renew the appointment of TE Wes Baker according to BCO 8-6 to the work of an evangelist to the work of an evangelist in a foreign country where there are no other PCA churches within a reasonable distance so that he is commissioned for a renewable term of twelve months to preach the Word, to administer the Sacraments, to receive and dismiss members of mission churches, and to train potential officers. The motion was seconded and passed.

The chairman made a motion to state the Presbytery finds this to be an extraordinary situation and to commission TE Baker to examine, ordain and install ruling elders and deacons and organize churches. The motion was seconded and passed.

The report of the Ministerial Relations Committee was received by the presbytery and TE Hailey closed the report with prayer.

Candidates and Credentials Committee Report

The moderator recognized RE Jeremy Whitley to present the report of the Ministerial Relations Committee. RE Whitley opened the report with prayer.

Examination of Mr. Eduardo Martorano on Sacraments, Church History, and Ordination

RE Jeremy Whitley introduced Mr. Eduard Martorano. Mr. Martorano was previously examined by the presbytery for licensure at the April 2021 stated meeting.

TE Jordan Griesbeck led the examination of Mr. Martorano in his knowledge of the sacraments.

The floor was opened for questions in the area of the sacraments. Answers were received.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to sustain this portion of Mr. Martorano's exam.

TE Will Bondurant led the examination of Mr. Martorano in his knowledge of church history.

The floor was opened for questions in the area of church history. Answers were received.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to sustain this portion of Mr. Martorano's exam.

RE Whitley reported Mr. Martorano successfully researched and wrote an exegetical and theological paper that was reviewed and approved by the committee.

RE Whitley also reported Mr. Martorano successfully passed his preaching examination by the committee.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to sustain Mr. Martorano's examination for ordination as a whole.

A motion was made and carried to accept Mr. Martorano's internship.

A motion was made and carried to approve Mr. Martorano's call to minister at Iglesia La Vid Church in Laredo as pastor.

A motion was made and carried to receive Mr. Martorano as a member into South Texas Presbytery.

The call was placed in the hands of Mr. Martorano and he indicated his desire to accept the call.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to allow the moderator to appoint a commission to ordain and install Mr. Martorano as pastor to be held at Iglesia La Vid Presbyterian Church in Laredo, Texas on August 29, 2021. The moderator appointed the following commission:

TE Dan Young, *Convener*
TE Jon Green
TE Gama Pozos

RE Eduardo Acevedo
RE Jose Ramos
RE Bob James
RE Desi Vasquez

The quorum required for the commission was set as two teaching elders and two ruling elders.

TE Dan Young prayed for Mr. Martorano.

Mr. Martorano signed the ministerial obligation (*see* ATTACHMENT F).

Examination of Mr. John Weller on the Book of Church Order and Presbyterian Polity

RE Jeremy Whitley introduced Mr. John Well. TE Tim Fox led the examination of Mr. Weller in his knowledge of the Book of Church Order and presbyterian polity.

The floor was opened for questions in the area of the Book of Church Order and presbyterian polity. Answers were received.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to sustain this portion of Mr. Weller's exam.

Reports of Candidates and Interns. Reports of candidates under care of the presbytery and interns were received.

The report of the Candidates and Credentials Committee was received by the presbytery and RE Whitley closed the report with prayer.

The moderator reminded all the presbyters to greet Mr. Martorano with the right hand of fellowship at the conclusion of the presbytery meeting today.

OLD BUSINESS

The Moderator announced there was no old business for the presbytery to consider.

NEW BUSINESS

The Moderator announced there was no new business for the presbytery to consider.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT STATED MEETING

The Moderator announced the time and place of the next stated meeting at 6:30 p.m. on October 29-30, 2021, and that it will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Boerne, Texas.

Trinity Presbyterian Church
31 Ammann Rd, Boerne, TX 78015
(830) 815-1212

HYMN

The presbyters stood and sang "How Deep the Father's Love for Us."

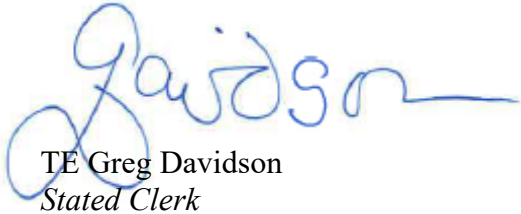
PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

The moderator prayed to close the meeting and the benediction was delivered by TE Eric Landry

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn. The one hundred forty-second stated meeting of the South Texas Presbytery adjourned at 10:16 a.m. on Saturday, August 14, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,



TE Greg Davidson
Stated Clerk

ATTACHMENT A: *Resolution of Thanks*



South Texas Presbytery

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

WHEREAS, the South Texas Presbytery gathers four times a year for fellowship and encouragement to conduct the normal business of the presbytery in an effort to assist congregations in South Texas fulfill the Great Commission; and

WHEREAS, each of these stated meetings of the presbytery would not be possible without the warmth, generosity, and hospitality of the various congregations in the presbytery; and

WHEREAS, in the midst of a pandemic, Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Austin graciously opened its facilities to host the presbytery; and

WHEREAS, the members and guests of the presbytery enjoyed a delicious meal lovingly served by the session and members of the congregation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the One-Hundred Forty-third meeting of the South Texas Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America express its sincere thanks to the session, staff, volunteers, and the entire Redeemer church family, for their warm hospitality, substantial generosity, and loving preparations to provide for this meeting of the presbytery; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution of thanks be delivered to the session of the church as a mark of the presbytery's sincere gratitude for their hospitality and service.

Chris Peterson, *Moderator*

Austin, Texas
August 14, 2021

ATTACHMENT B: Attendance and Representation by Church and Guests of the Presbytery

CHURCH	TEACHING ELDERS	RULING ELDERS
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Capitol Area Churches:

All Saints Church
Austin

Tim Frickenschmidt
Greg Grooms
Craig Chapman (E)
Josh Keller
Jordan Griesbeck

Christ Church
Georgetown

Whit Anderson (E)

Christ the King Church
Austin

Tim Fox

Todd Finch
Larry Laine
Bob Hardister
Chris Corley

CrossPointe Church
Austin

Steve Johnson (E)
Matt Southerland

Mitch Young

Emmanuel Church
Cedar Park

Greg Ward

Joel Altsman
Douglas Hancock

Grace+Peace Church
Austin

John Sweet

Redeemer Church
Austin

Eric Landry
Bryce Waller (A)
Marcus Serven

Bret Mercer
Dan Allen
Landy Ligon
Randy Scott
Joshua Torrey

Coastal Bend and Plains Churches:

Christ Church
Victoria

Mike Singenstreu

Russell Bagnall
Troy White

Southside Community
Church
Corpus Christi

Rob Bailey (E)

Gordon Landreth

Westminster Church
Bryan

Wade Coleman
Andrew Triolo (E)
Ben Hailey

Chris Peterson

Rio Grande River Churches:

Covenant Church <i>Harlingen</i>	Elias Gamaliel “Gama” Pozos	Jim Frost
Dios Con Nosotros Church <i>Edinburg</i>	Pedro Guzman (E)	Robert James Jose Reyna
Grace Church <i>McAllen</i>	Thomas McKeon	
Iglesia La Vid Church <i>Laredo</i>		Desi Vasquez

San Antonio Area Churches:

Christ Church <i>San Antonio</i>	Luke Evans	Alan Tysinger
Christ Church <i>New Braunfels</i>	John Bennett Berdj Tchilinguirian	Ace Horan Mike Gamble Fred Willard
Faith Church <i>San Antonio</i>	Keith Howard (E)	Mike Simpson
Kerrville Church <i>Kerrville</i>	Billy Crain (E)	
Redeemer Church <i>San Antonio</i>	Victor Martinez Matthew Beham (E) Brad Tubbesing (E)	Jeremy Whitley
Trinity <i>Boerne</i>	Allen Taha Kevin Witten	Russell Dirk
Trinity Grace <i>San Antonio</i>	Michael Novak	

Mission Churches:

Hope Mission Church <i>New Braunfels</i>	Derek McCollum
Westminster Church Plant <i>College Station</i>	Ben Hailey

TEACHING ELDERS PRESENT:

Chaplains	Michael Barber, <i>St. David's Medical Center, Austin</i> Keith Goode, <i>U.S. Army Chaplain (E)</i> Mark McKellen, <i>U.S Air Force Chaplain (E)</i> Chad Montgomery, <i>U.S. Air Force Chaplain (E)</i> Ervid Reyes, <i>National Guard Chaplain (E)</i>
RUF Campus Ministers	Titus Bagby, <i>Texas A&M University – Intl., College Station</i> William Bondurant, <i>Texas A&M University, College Station</i> Lee Wright, <i>University of Texas at San Antonio</i> Terry Dykstra, <i>The University of Texas – Intl., Austin</i> Tim Mulder, <i>Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi</i> Wil Nettleton, <i>Trinity University, San Antonio</i> John Trapp, <i>The University of Texas, Austin</i>
Laboring Out of Bounds	Chris Fisher, <i>Young Life, Austin</i> Danny Shuffield, <i>Shepherding Ministries, Austin</i>
Laboring Out of Bounds – Missionaries	Wesley Baker, <i>Christian Missionary Society, Peru (E)</i> Tim Hoke, <i>African Bible Colleges, Uganda (E)</i> Guillermo Salinas, <i>Zihuatanejo - Guerrero, Mexico (E)</i> Daniel Young, <i>MTW Border Ministry, McAllen/Monterrey</i>
Without Call	Jesus Cepeda, <i>Edinburg (A)</i> Josh Eby, <i>Austin (A)</i> Oscar Olivares, <i>San Antonio</i> Jason Pickard, <i>New Zealand (E)</i> John Ratliff, <i>Austin</i>
Honorably Retired	Steven Cairns, <i>Boerne (not in attendance)</i> Ken Campbell, <i>Grand Rapids, Michigan (not in attendance)</i> Greg Davidson, <i>Austin</i> Curtis Goodson, <i>Cedar Park (not in attendance)</i> Jon Green, <i>Houston</i> Greg Grooms, <i>Austin (not in attendance)</i> Jerry Rahm, <i>Austin (not in attendance)</i> Mark Spence, <i>Kerrville (not in attendance)</i> Mike McCrocklin, <i>Corpus Christi (not in attendance)</i> Byron Smith, <i>Round Rock (not in attendance)</i> Edward Sungman Kim, <i>Fountain Valley, California (not in attendance)</i> Isaias Uc, <i>McAllen (not in attendance)</i> Jeffrey Weir, <i>Austin (not in attendance)</i>
Licentiates:	

GUESTS OF THE PRESBYTERY

Candidates Under Care: Bridger Bond, *Redeemer, San Antonio (not in attendance)*
Michael Chapa, *Grace, McAllen (not in attendance)*
Joel Cook *(not in attendance)*
Hector Flores *(not in attendance)*
Paul Gonzales, *San Antonio*
Roman Gonzalez *(not in attendance)*
James Jacques *(not in attendance)*
Tim Mulder, *Southside, Corpus Christi (not in attendance)*
Rodrigo Serna *(not in attendance)*
Ruben Valdez *(not in attendance)*
Andrew Waller
John Weller
Will Young *(not in attendance)*

Guests of the Presbytery: Mary Grace Davidson, *Austin*
Donna Davidson, *Austin*
Robin Ligon, *Austin*
Eduardo Martorano, *Laredo*
Sandy McKeon, *McAllen*
Brian Margason, *Austin*
Mark and Susan Becker, *Katy*
Natalie Well, *Austin*
Annelies Fox, *Austin*
Daniel Bunny, *Austin*
Stefanie Bennett, *New Braunfels*
Rick Bocock, *Austin*

ATTACHMENT C: *Proposed Docket as Amended*

PROPOSED DOCKET

South Texas Presbytery, 143rd Stated Meeting
August 13-14, 2021
Redeemer Presbyterian Church
2111 Alexander Ave, Austin, Texas 78722
(512) 708-1232

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

Standing committee meetings	noon
Shared meal for presbyters and guests	5:30 pm
Convene	6:30 pm
Welcome	
Resolution of Thanks	
Season of Prayer	
Worship	
Lord's Supper	
Fellowship	8:00 pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

Breakfast	7:00am
Call to order	8:00 am
Roll call and quorum	
Adoption of the docket	
Report of the Stated Clerk	
Treasurer's Report	
48 th General Assembly Committees of Commissioners Reports	
Committee Reports:	
Sessional Records	
Administrative	
Nominations	
Campus Ministries	
Mission to the World	
Mission to North America	
Ministerial Relations	
Candidates and Credentials	
New Business	
Announcement of time and place of next meeting	
Closing hymn and Benediction	
Adjournment	noon

ATTACHMENT D: Report of the Stated Clerk

Minutes of the Commission Meeting, May 2, 2021, of the South Texas Presbytery The Ordination and Installation of Adam Lopez as Assistant Pastor at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Called Commission Meeting Date: May 2, 2021

1. **Opened with Prayer:** Pastor Greg Ward, Commission Convener declared a quorum, then opened the commission meeting with prayer
2. **Purpose:**
 - a. On April 24, 2021, a commission of the South Texas Presbytery was appointed at its regularly-stated meeting for the purpose of the **ordination and installation of Adam Lopez as Assistant Pastor at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, in Cedar Park, Texas.**
3. **The Appointed Commissioners are:**
 - a. Rev. Greg Ward, Pastor, Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Cedar Park, TX
 - b. Joel Altsman, Elder, Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Cedar Park, TX
 - c. Rev. Whit Anderson, Senior Pastor, Christ Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, TX
 - d. Dan Dunn, Elder, Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Cedar Park, TX
 - e. Rev. Terry Dykstra, RUFI, University of Texas, Austin, TX
 - f. John Ellis, Elder, Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Cedar Park, TX
 - g. Doug Hancock, Elder, Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Cedar Park, TX
4. **Others Present:** Honored Guest, Rev. Dennis Hermerding, Kings Cross Church, Cypress, TX; Rev. Taylor Bradley, Pastor, Hope Church, Scranton PA; Rev. Sam Bratt, Chaplain, Ft. Hood; Tommy Connell, Elder, Emmanuel Presbyterian Church; and the congregation of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church,.
5. The **Order of Ceremony** was reviewed and unanimously approved by the commission before proceeding to the service of Ordination and Installation of Adam Lopez as Assistant Pastor at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church.
6. The commission **voted** unanimously to **adjourn** at the conclusion of the Service of Ordination with the **Benediction**.*
7. The commission meeting was **suspended** with prayer by **Rev. Whit Anderson** to be resumed in the Service of Ordination.
8. **The Order of Worship:**
 - a. Prelude: Giyong Ahn
 - b. Pastor's Welcome: Rev. Greg Ward
 - c. Hymn of Invocation
 - d. Prayer of Adoration: Rev. Greg Ward
 - e. Corporate Confession of Sin
 - f. Declaration of Absolution and The Gloria (sung)
 - g. Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Acts 8:26-40, Elder Joel Altsman
 - h. Psalter for Choir and Congregation, Psalm 46:1-5, 10
 - i. Reading of the Gospel Lesson, John 15:1-8, Elder John Ellis
 - j. Hymn of Response
 - k. Service of Ordination
 - i. Introduction, Rev. Greg Ward

- ii. Questions for Ordination, Rev. Whit Anderson
 - iii. Questions to the Session of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Rev. Whit Anderson
 - iv. Prayer of Installation and the Laying on of Hands, Rev. Terry Dykstra
 - v. Declaration of the Moderator, Rev. Greg Ward
 - vi. Reading of the Epistle Lesson, I Timothy 4:13b-16, Elder Doug Hancock
 - vii. The Charge to the Pastor and Session, Rev. Greg Ward
 - l. Prayer of Supplication and Thanksgiving, Elder Dan Dunn
 - m. The Sermon Lesson, Colossians 4:2-6
 - n. Sermon, "Kingdom Communication," Rev. Dennis Hermerding
 - o. Corporate Confession of Faith, The Apostles' Creed
 - p. Passing of the Peace
 - q. Prayer of Dedication
 - r. The Great Thanksgiving, Rev. Adam Lopez
 - i. Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration
 - ii. Communion Hymn
 - iii. Partaking of the Bread
 - iv. Partaking of the Wine
 - s. Benediction, Rev. Adam Lopez
 - t. Departing Hymn
9. ***The Commission was Adjourned with the Benediction.**

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Hancock
 Appointed Secretary of the Commission
 Ruling Elder

**Redeemer Presbyterian Church (PCA)
San Antonio, Texas
Commission Minutes**

COMMISSION MEETING OF SOUTH TEXAS PRESBYTERY

DATE: Sunday, June 13, 2021

TIME: 9:00 AM

LOCATION: Redeemer Presbyterian Church

The presence of two teaching elders and two ruling elders constituted a quorum. Those in attendance included RPC Pastor TE Tom Gibbs, Assistant Pastor TE Brad Tubessing, RPC Ruling Elders Mr. Jeff Brouillard, Dr. Zack Burkhardt, Dr. John Fitch Jr., Mr. Bob George, Mr. Winston Meeker, Mr. David Schwab and Mr. Jeremy Whitley. RPC Associate Pastor Victor Martinez, Dr. John Browning, Mr. Charley Hollimon, Mr. Henry Sauer and Mr. Alan Williams were absent. Guest present was RPC Assistant Pastor Matt Beham.

1. This was a called meeting of the Commission of the South Texas Presbytery for the purpose of installing Matt Beham as Associate pastor.
2. Pastor Tom Gibbs called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.
3. MSP: to adopt the order of worship as our order of business [Encl. 1]
4. The commission recessed until the start of the 11:00 AM worship service.
5. MSP: to conclude the meeting at the end of the 11:00 AM worship service with the benediction.

REPORT OF COMMISSION TO ORDAIN/INSTALL

Report of the Commission to ordain/install Rev. Italo Furieri as Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Harlingen, Texas

The Commission met on May 2, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at the church. A quorum was present.

Commission members present were:

TE Gama Pozos	RE Carlos Tavora
TE Pedro Guzman	RE Tom Coyle
TE Tom McKeon	RE Jim Frost

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by TE Pozos. Rev. Pozos was elected chairman and Mr. Jim Frost was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed with prayer by Jim Frost for the ordination/installation service.

The Chairman presided in the sanctuary service, which was opened with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. The sermon was preached by Rev. Pozos, on the text: Ephesians 4:11-16.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the ordination/installation ordinance.

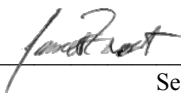
TE Guzman propounded the constitutional questions to the Candidate/Minister (*BCO* 21.9) and these were answered in the affirmative. RE Frost then propounded the constitutional questions to the Covenant congregation (*BCO* 21.10), and these were answered in the affirmative by the Members holding up their right hands. Members of the Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Rev. Italo Furieri had been regularly elected and installed as Pastor of the Church.

A charge to the Pastor was delivered by Rev. Tom McKeon.

A charge to the Congregation was delivered by Rev. Tom McKeon.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned by prayer by Pastor Italo Furieri.


Secretary

ATTACHMENT E: Financial Documents and Budget

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South Texas Presbytery Presbyterian Church in America

	Quarter Ended				YTD through Jun-21		YTD Budget	Annual Budget
	Dec-19	Dec-20	Mar-21	Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21		
Beginning Cash Balance			\$ 89,514	\$ 99,662				
Giving			27,117	22,422				
Expenses			(16,969)	(20,979)				
Ending Cash Balance		\$ 89,514	\$ 99,662	\$ 101,105				
Less donor-restricted amounts		63,417	64,317	66,417				
Unrestricted Balance		\$ 26,096	\$ 35,344	\$ 34,687				
Total Giving		\$ 27,117	\$ 22,422					
Total Expenses		16,969	20,979					
Giving less Expenses		\$ 10,148	\$ 1,443					
Mission to North America		8,000	6,750					
Mission To The World		1,967	1,800					
Ministerial Relations		375	375					
Total Missions Expense		\$ 10,342	\$ 8,925					
Campus Ministries		5,427	10,854					
Designated Ministry		750	750					
Administrative Expense		\$ 450	\$ 450					
Candidates and Credentials		-	-					
Total Expenses		\$ 16,969	\$ 20,979					
Restricted Cash								
San Marcos Church Plant	\$ 42,885	\$ 42,885	\$ 42,885					
PCA Pastoral for Widows	2,400	3,000	3,600					
Reverend Cano Support	18,132	18,432	19,932					
Total Restricted Cash	\$ 63,417	\$ 64,317	\$ 66,417					
Cano giving	12,507.00	9,357.05	300.00	1,500.00				
Cano spending	(1,407.00)	(2,325.00)	-	-				
Net	11,100.00	7,032.05	300.00	1,500.00				

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Category	Quarter Ended				YTD through Jun-21		Annual Budget
	Mar-21	Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21	Actual	% of Budget	
Cash Balances							
Beginning Balance	\$ 89,513.70	\$ 99,661.87			89,513.70		
Giving	27,116.95	22,421.95			49,538.90		
Expenses	(16,968.78)	(20,979.21)			(37,947.99)		
Ending Balance	\$ 99,661.87	\$ 101,104.61	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101,104.61		
Giving							
All Saints Church-Austin	\$ 5,972.82	\$ 5,972.82			\$ 11,945.64		
Christ Church-Georgetown	949.83	949.83			1,899.66		
Christ Church Presbyterian-Kernville	1,875.00	-			1,875.00		
Christ Church-New Braunfels	-	-			-		
Christ Church-New Braunfels-UK Retirement	450.00	450.00			900.00		
Christ Church-San Antonio	525.00	787.50			1,312.50		
Christ Church-Victoria	300.00	300.00			600.00		
Christ the King Church-Austin	450.00	450.00			900.00		
Covenant Church-Harlingen	900.00	900.00			1,800.00		
CrossPointe Church-Austin	937.50	625.00			1,562.50		
Emmanuel Church-Cedar Park	-	-			-		
Faith Church-San Antonio	250.00	250.00			500.00		
Grace + Peace Church-Austin	-	-			-		
Grace Church-McAllen	-	-			-		
Hope Presbyterian - New Braunfels	644.31	644.31			1,288.62		
Iglesia La Vid-Laredo	-	-			-		
Oakwood Church-San Antonio	-	-			-		
Redeemer Church-Austin	2,499.99	2,499.99			4,999.98		
Redeemer Church-San Antonio	4,582.00	4,582.00			9,164.00		
Southside Community Church-Corpus Christi	300.00	300.00			600.00		
Southside Community-Corpus Isaias Uc	60.00	90.00			150.00		
Trinity Church-Boerne	4,000.00	-			4,000.00		
Westminster Church-Bryan	1,220.50	1,220.50			2,441.00		
Presbytery Meeting Offerings	-	-			-		
Reverend Cano Support	300.00	1,500.00			1,800.00		
PCA Pastoral for Widows	600.00	600.00			1,200.00		
Private Gifts	300.00	300.00			600.00		
Total Giving	\$ 27,116.95	\$ 22,421.95			\$ 49,538.90		

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Disbursements							
Administrative Expenses							
Administration/Insurance	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	-%
Website	-	-	-	-	-	-	-%
Review of Sessional Records	-	-	-	-	-	-	-%
Stated Clerk Supplies and Materials	-	-	-	-	-	-	-%
Stated Clerk Stipend	450.00	450.00	450.00		900.00	50%	900.00
Treasurer Supplies and Materials	(0.02)	-	-	-	(0.02)	0%	450.00
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-%	100.00
Suspense	-	-	-	-	-	-%	-
Total Administrative Expense	449.98	450.00			899.98	16%	2,800.00
Mission To North America							
Northwest San Antonio Church Plant	833.34	-			833.34	-%	-
Redeemer College Station (prev Westminster)	1,250.01	1,250.01			2,500.02	50%	2,500.00
New Braunfels Church Plant	416.67	-	-	-	416.67	-%	-
Austin Church Plant	-	-	-	-	-	-%	1,000.00
Gene Bowman, HLI (aka HLI, El Paso)	1,000.00	999.99			1,999.99	50%	2,000.00
Mission to the World, McAllen (Dan Young)	1,000.00	999.99			1,999.99	50%	2,000.00
Chris Fisher, (aka Young Life, Northeast Austin)	1,000.00	999.99			1,999.99	50%	2,000.00
The Crossing, McAllen	2,499.99	2,499.99			4,999.98	50%	5,000.00
Total Mission to North America	8,000.01	6,749.97			14,749.98	51%	14,500.00
Mission To The World							
African Bible University, Kampala, Uganda	916.67	750.00			1,666.67	56%	1,500.00
Mission to the World, Harlingen	450.00	450.00			900.00	50%	900.00
Isalah 55 Ministries, Reynosa, Mexico	300.00	300.00			600.00	50%	600.00
Mission to the World, Peru (Pekarek)	300.00	300.00			600.00	50%	600.00
Total Mission To The World	1,966.67	1,800.00			3,766.67	52%	3,600.00
Ministerial Relations							
Presbyterian Reformed Commission on Chaplains	375.00	375.00			750.00	50%	750.00
Total Ministerial Relations	375.00	375.00			750.00	50%	1,500.00
Total Missions Expense	10,341.68	8,924.97			19,266.65	51%	18,850.00

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Campus Ministries								
RUF Texas Area Coordinator	575.00	1,150.00			1,725.00	50%	1,725.00	3,450.00
Texas A&M University College Station RUF	693.16	1,386.32			2,079.48	50%	2,079.50	4,159.00
Texas A&M University College Station, RUF Intl.	693.16	1,386.32			2,079.48	50%	2,079.50	4,159.00
Texas A&M University Corpus Christi RUF	693.16	1,386.32			2,079.48	50%	2,079.50	4,159.00
Trinity University RUF, San Antonio	693.16	1,386.32			2,079.48	50%	2,079.50	4,159.00
University of Texas at Austin, RUF	693.16	1,386.32			2,079.48	50%	2,079.50	4,159.00
University of Texas at Austin, RUF Intl.	693.16	1,386.32			2,079.48	50%	2,079.50	4,159.00
University of Texas San Antonio RUF	693.16	1,386.32			2,079.48	50%	2,079.50	4,159.00
Total Campus Ministries	5,427.12	10,854.24			16,281.36	50%	16,281.50	32,563.00
Designated Ministry								
Rev. Isaias Uc, Retirement Account	750.00	750.00			1,500.00	50%	1,500.00	3,000.00
Barnabas Fund	-	-			-	--%	500.00	1,000.00
Cano Family Support	-	-			-	--%	-	-
Total Designated Ministry	750.00	750.00			1,500.00	38%	2,000.00	4,000.00
Candidates and Credentials								
Candidate Meal Expenses	-	-			-	--%	-	-
Total Candidates and Credentials	-	-			-	--%	-	-
Total Expenses	\$ 16,968.78	\$ 20,979.21			\$ 37,947.99	48%	\$ 39,931.50	\$ 79,863.00
Giving less Expenses	\$ 10,148.17	\$ 1,442.74			\$ 11,590.91			

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MINISTERIAL OBLIGATION

(see BCO 13-7)

Believing the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice; and

Sincerely receiving and adopting the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and further promising that if at any time I find myself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, I will on my own initiative, make known to my Presbytery the change which has taken place in my views since the assumption of my ordination vows; and

Approving of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America as being in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity; and


Promising subjection to my brethren in the Lord; and

Having been induced, as far as I know my own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His son; and

Promising to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto me on that account; and

Engaging to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all my duties as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in my manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make me overseer; therefore

I, Eduardo E. Martorano M., do sincerely receive and subscribe to the above obligation as a just and true exhibition of my faith and principles, and do resolve and promise to exercise my ministry in conformity therewith.

Signed: 
Date: August 14, 2021
Work: pastor
Date ordained: 8-29-2021
By whom: South Texas