South Texas Presbytery Presbyterian Church in America One-Hundred Forty-forth Stated Meeting

Trinity Presbyterian Church 31 Ammann Rd, Boerne, Texas 78015 October 29-30, 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 October 22, 2021, for a quarterly stated meeting to be held on October 29-30, 2021, at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Boerne. Standing committees of the presbytery met prior to the convening of the session to conduct business. A special pre-presbytery event concerning the consideration of amendments to the Book of Church Order was held Friday afternoon. Afterwards 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 6:37 p.m. on Friday, October 29. The meeting was opened by the moderator with the reading of Deuteronomy 6:7-11. The presbyters then entered into a season of 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 Allen Taha who welcomed the presbyters and guests to Trinity Presbyterian Church.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

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

WORSHIP

Music. The Trinity music team led the presbytery in worship through music and song.

Sermon. TE Allen Taha preached a sermon "He Knows Not How" from Mark 4:26-29.

Communion. TE Kevin Witten presided over the administration of the Lord's Supper.

Benediction. TE Taha pronounced the benediction, and the choir and congregation sang the hymn All For Jesus.

Recess. The presbytery recessed for the day at 7:40 p.m. Presbyters retired to an evening of fellowship and rest.

CALL TO ORDER

Reconvening. Moderator Peterson called the meeting back to order at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 30. The meeting was opened with a reading from Deuteronomy 30 and a brief 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 consider amendments to the Book of Church Order prior to the committee reports.

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, Daniel Young, Tom Gibbs, Guillermo Salinas, Craig Chapman, Daniel Young, Michael Barber, Danny Shuffield, John Ratliff, and Josh Eby.

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

Christ Church, *Georgetown* Covenant Church, *Harlingen*

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

Jesus Cepeda.

Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the previous stated meeting in August 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 August 2021 committee meetings were submitted as required by Standing Rule 6-3 from the following committees:

Mission to the World 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 <u>TE Eduardo</u> <u>Enrique Martorano Medoza</u> as pastor of Iglesia La Vid Presbyterian Church in Laredo.

Received minutes of the Called Congregational meeting of Iglesia Presbiteriana Dios con Nosotros on September 19, 2021, to dissolve the pastoral relationship with TE Pedro Guzman and elect a pulpit committee.

Received notice through the presbytery portal of the transfer of TE Brent Baker from North Texas to South Texas. Forwarded to Candidates and Credentials.

Received email notice from the PCA Administrative Committee of the availability of the Fall Nominations packet. Forwarded to Nominations Committee.

Received email notice from RE Tom Coyle informing the presbytery of his pending move out of state and his resignation from the Campus Ministries Committee. Forwarded to Nominations Committee.

Received email notice from TE Italo Furieri informing the presbytery of their withdrawal from hosting the stated meeting of the presbytery in January 2022. Forwarded to Administrative Committee.

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.

<u>Future meeting dates and proposed meeting locations</u> 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.

2022		
January 28-29		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 the Treasurer Ken Kieley to present the report of the treasurer to the presbytery. The report was opened with prayer.

Adoption of the 2022 budget. The treasurer distributed the proposed budget prepared and approved by the Administrative Committee pursuant to Standing Rule 7-2(i). The treasurer laid out the 2022 proposed budget and opened the floor for discussion and answered questions concerning the proposed budget.

A motion from the floor was made, seconded, and passed to amend the Campus Ministries line item by adding \$2,500 to a new line item for "Future Works."

A note was made to correct the error in the Matt Ziehr line item for \$1,200.

A motion was made to adopt the proposed budget as reported out of Administrative Committee as amended on the floor. The motion passed and the 2022 budget was adopted (*see* ATTACHMENT E).

Treasurer Ken Kieley closed the report of the treasurer to the presbytery with prayer.

2021-22 Proposed Amendments to the Book of Church Order

The moderator laid out the following proposed amendment that was sent to the presbytery from the 48th General Assembly for voting, and for advice and consent.

The moderator stated his intention to take up the Proposed Amendment Item 1, Item 3, Item 5, Item 6, Item 7, and Item 8 as an omnibus package and to take up Proposed Amendment Item 2 and Item 4 separately. There was objection.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to sever Item 1, Item 3, and Item 7 from the omnibus list. The moderator stated his intention to take each of these items up separately and to limit debate to 45 minutes on these items. There was no objection.

The moderator stated debate on Proposed Amendment Item 5, Item 6, and Item 8 would be limited to 10 minutes. There was no objection.

The presbytery took up and considered each of the following Proposed Constitutional Amendment Items in the following order with the following results recorded below (Note: the text of each item is listed below along with the final vote):

ITEM 5 FINAL VOTE:	FOR 67	AGAINST 0	ABSTENTION 1
ITEM 6 FINAL VOTE:	FOR 67	AGAINST 0	ABSTENTION 1
ITEM 8 FINAL VOTE:	FOR 67	AGAINST 0	ABSTENTION 1
ITEM 1 FINAL VOTE:	FOR 53	AGAINST 17	ABSTENTION 1
ITEM 3 FINAL VOTE:	FOR 55	AGAINST 13	ABSTENTION 2
ITEM 7 FINAL VOTE:	FOR 47	AGAINST 22	ABSTENTION 2

The Presbytery recessed at 9:33 a.m.

The Presbytery convened at until 9:47 a.m. and considered the following votes in this order:

ITEM 2 FINAL VOTE: FOR 25 AGAINST 47 ABSTENTION 2

ITEM 4 FINAL VOTE: FOR 24 AGAINST 45 ABSTENTION 3

The following are the texts of the proposed amendments considered by the presbytery.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT ITEM 1: Amend *BCO* **12-6 and 13-4** to allow Presbyteries and Sessions to establish rules for holding virtual meetings. (New wording underlined.)

[Note: The 48th GA answered in the affirmative <u>as amended</u> **Overture 26** from Philadelphia Metro West Presbytery. The Overtures Committee had amended the overture by striking the originally proposed addition to *BCO* 10-7 and by adding the following language to *BCO* 12-6 and 13-4:

- **12-6.** The Session shall hold stated meetings at least quarterly. Moreover, the pastor has power to convene the Session when he may judge it requisite; and he shall always convene it when requested to do so by any two of the ruling elders. When there is no pastor, it may be convened by two ruling elders. The Session shall also convene when directed so to do by the Presbytery. The Session, in its discretion, may for itself and its subordinate committees, commissions, adopt rules determining when videoconference or telecommunication arrangements may be used for meetings and regulating how meetings using telecommunications arrangements shall be conducted.
- 13-4. Any three ministers belonging to the Presbytery, together with at least three ruling elders, being met at the time and place appointed (which may include a teleconference or videoconference place), shall be a quorum competent to proceed to business. The Presbytery, in its discretion, may for itself and its subordinate committees, commissions, adopt rules determining when videoconference or telecommunication arrangements may be used for meetings and regulating how meetings using telecommunications arrangements shall be conducted.

The presbyters thoughtfully and prayerfully considered and discussed the proposed amendment and recorded the following vote on the proposal:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT No. 1 VOTE: 53 FOR

17 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

The passage of the amendment was announced to the presbytery.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT ITEM 2: Amend *BCO* **16** by adding a clause (16-4) that prohibits ordination of men who self-identify as "gay Christians," "same sex attracted Christians," "homosexual Christians," "or like terms." (New wording underlined.)

[Note: The 48th GA answered in the affirmative <u>as amended</u> **Overture 23** from Gulf Coast Presbytery. The Overtures Committee had amended the overture by striking the originally proposed addition to *BCO* 17 and by adding a new clause (16-4) to *BCO* 16:

16-4. Officers in the Presbyterian Church in America must be above reproach in their walk and Christlike in their character. Those who profess an identity (such as, but not limited to, "gay Christian," "same sex attracted Christian," "homosexual Christian," or like terms) that undermines or contradicts their identity as new creations in Christ, either by denying the sinfulness of fallen desires (such as, but not limited to, same sex attraction), or by denying the reality and hope of progressive sanctification, or by failing to pursue Spirit-empowered victory over their sinful temptations, inclinations, and actions are not qualified for ordained office.

The presbyters thoughtfully and prayerfully considered and discussed the proposed amendment and recorded the following vote on the proposal:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT No. 2 VOTE: 25 FOR

47 AGAINST 2 ABSTAIN

The passage of the amendment was announced to the presbytery.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT ITEM 3: Amend *BCO* **20-4, 24-3, and 24-4** regarding election of pastor, associate pastor, and officers. (New wording underlined.)

[Note: The 48th GA answered in the affirmative <u>as amended</u> **Overture 5** from Calvary Presbytery. The Overtures Committee had amended the original proposals by adding the parenthetical phrase "(excluding blanks and abstentions)" to each section.]

Amend BCO 20-4 as follows:

20-4. Method of voting: The voters being convened, and prayer for divine guidance having been offered, the moderator shall put the question:

Are you ready to proceed to the election of a pastor?

If they declare themselves ready, the moderator shall call for nominations, or the election may proceed by ballot without nominations. In every case a majority of all the voters present votes cast (excluding blanks and abstentions) shall be required to elect.

Amend BCO 24-3 as follows:

24-3. All communing members in good and regular standing, but no others, are entitled to vote in the election of church officers in the churches to which they respectively belong. A majority of those present votes cast (excluding blanks and abstentions) is required for election.

Amend *BCO* **24-4** as follows:

24-4. The voters being convened, the moderator shall explain the purpose of the meeting and then put the question:

Are you now ready to proceed to the election of additional ruling elders (or deacons) from the slate presented?

If they declare themselves ready, the election may proceed by private ballot without nomination. In every case a majority of all the voters present votes cast (excluding blanks and abstentions) shall be required to elect.

The presbyters thoughtfully and prayerfully considered and discussed the proposed amendment and recorded the following vote on the proposal:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT No. 3 VOTE: 55 FOR

13 AGAINST 2 ABSTAIN

The passage of the amendment was announced to the presbytery.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT ITEM 4: Amend *BCO* **21-4; 24-1 (Overture 37)** clarifying moral requirements for church office (Note: Overtures 16 and 30 were answered with reference to Overture 37.)

[Note: The 48th GA answered in the affirmative <u>as amended</u> **Overture 37** from Eastern Pennsylvania Presbytery. The Overtures Committee had amended the original proposals by removing from both added paragraphs the parenthetical phrase "(e.g., homosexual desires, etc.)" after the words "...<u>he must not be known by reputation or self-profession according to his remaining sinfulness."</u>

Amend *BCO* **21-4** to add a new sub-paragraph 21-4.e, as follows, with the subsequent sub-paragraphs [21-4.e-h] re-lettered [to be 21-4.f-i]:

BCO 21-4

e. In the examination of the candidate's personal character, the presbytery shall give specific attention to potentially notorious concerns, such as but not limited to relational sins, sexual immorality (including homosexuality, child sexual abuse, fornication, and pornography), addictions, abusive behavior, racism, and financial mismanagement. Careful attention m ust be given to his practical struggle against sinful actions, as well

as to persistent sinful desires. The candidate must give clear testimony of reliance upon his union with Christ and the benefits thereof by the Holy Spirit, depending on this work of grace to make progress over sin (Psalm 103:2-5, Romans 8:29) and to bear fruit (Psalm 1:3; Gal. 5:22-23). While imperfection will remain, he must not be known by reputation or self-profession according to his remaining sinfulness, but rather by the work of the Holy Spirit in Christ Jesus (1 Cor. 6:9-11). In order to maintain discretion and protect the honor of the pastoral office, Presbyteries are encouraged to appoint a committee to conduct detailed examinations of these matters and to give prayerful support to candidates.

Amend BCO 24-1 by the addition of a second paragraph (addition underlined):

24-1. Every church shall elect persons to the office of ruling elders and deacon in the following manner: At such times as determined by the Session, communicant members of the congregation may submit names to the Session, keeping in mind that each prospective officer should be an active male member who meets the qualifications set forth in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. After the close of the nomination period nominees for the office of ruling elder and/or deacon shall receive instruction in the qualifications and work of the office.

Each nominee shall then be examined in:

- a. his Christian experience, especially his personal character and family management (based on the qualifications set out in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9),
- b. his knowledge of Bible content,
- c. his knowledge of the system of doctrine, government, discipline contained in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America (*BCO* Preface III, The Constitution Defined),
- d. the duties of the office to which he has been nominated, and
- e. his willingness to give assent to the questions required for ordination (*BCO* 24-6).

In the examination of each nominee's personal character, the Session shall give specific attention to potentially notorious concerns, such as but not limited to relational sins, sexual immorality (including homosexuality, child sexual abuse, fornication, and pornography), addictions, abusive behavior, racism, and financial mismanagement. Careful at t ent ion must be given to his practical struggle against sinful actions, as well as to persistent sinful desires. Each nominee must give clear testimony of reliance upon his union with Christ and the benefits thereof by the Holy Spirit, depending upon this work of grace to make progress over sin (Psalm 103:2-5; Romans 8:29) and to bear fruit (Psalm 1:3; Gal. 5:22-23). While imperfection will remain, he must not be known by reputation or self-profession according to his remaining sinfulness, but rather by the work of the Holy Spirit in Christ Jesus (1 Cor. 6:9-11). In order to maintain discretion and protect the honor of church office, Sessions are encouraged to appoint a committee to conduct detailed examinations into these matters and to give prayerful support to nominees.

If there are candidates eligible for the election, the Session shall report to the congregation those eligible, giving at least thirty (30) days prior notice of the time and place of a congregational meeting for the elections.

If one-fourth (1/4) of the persons entitled to vote shall at any time request the Session to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing additional officers, it shall be the duty of the Session to call such a meeting on the above procedure. The number of officers to be elected shall be determined by the congregation after hearing the Session's recommendation.

The presbyters thoughtfully and prayerfully considered and discussed the proposed amendment and recorded the following vote on the proposal:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT No. 4 VOTE: 24 FOR

45 AGAINST 3 ABSTAIN

The passage of the amendment was announced to the presbytery.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT ITEM 5: Amend *BCO* **22-2** regarding process for Assistant to Associate Pastor.

[Note: the 48th GA answered in the affirmative as amended **Overture 31** from Northwest Georgia Presbytery. The Overtures Committee had removed the phrase "who has provided satisfactory service for one-year in this congregation," after the words "An existing assistant pastor."

Amend *BCO* 22-2 by the addition of a new second sentence as follows:

22-2. The pastor and associate pastor are elected by the congregation using the form of call in *BCO* 20-6. An existing assistant pastor may be elected by the congregation as an associate pastor at the recommendation of the Session without the election of a pulpit committee. Being elected by the congregation they become members of the Session.

The presbyters thoughtfully and prayerfully considered and discussed the proposed amendment and recorded the following vote on the proposal:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT No. 5 VOTE: 67 FOR

0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

The passage of the amendment was announced to the presbytery.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT ITEM 6: Amend *BCO* **24-1** to clarify that a session has discretion on the timing of some parts of the exam of officer nominees.

[Note: the 48th GA answered in the affirmative as amended **Overture 18** from Pacific Northwest Presbytery, giving Sessions discretion on the timing of some parts of the exam of officer nominees. The Overtures Committee had amended the original proposal by removing from the first paragraph the phrase "After the close of the nomination period" and adding to the an introductory phrase "Notwithstanding the above," to the new second paragraph.] (Note: Overture 6 was answered by reference to Overture 18.)

Amend *BCO* **24-1**, first paragraph, by the deletion of the introductory phrase in sentence three and one word ("then") in the last sentence, and by the addition of one sentence after 24-1.e, as follows (addition underlined):

BCO 24-1. Every church shall elect persons to the offices of ruling elder and deacon in the following manner: At such times as determined by the Session, communicant members of the congregation may submit names to the Session, keeping in mind that each prospective officer should be an active male member who meets the qualifications set forth in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus. After the close of the nomination period, nNominees for the office of ruling elder and/or deacon shall receive instruction in the qualifications and work of the office.

Each nominee shall then be examined in:

- a. his Christian experience, especially his personal character and family management (based on the qualifications set out in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9).
- b. his knowledge of Bible content,
- c. his knowledge of the system of doctrine, government, discipline contained in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America (*BCO* Preface III, The Constitution Defined),
- d. the duties of the office to which he has been nominated, and
- e. his willingness to give assent to the questions required for ordination. (*BCO* 24-6)

Notwithstanding the above, the Session may render a decision on Christian experience at any point in the process, and based on that decision, may judge him ineligible for that election.

If there are candidates eligible for the election, the Session shall report to the congregation those eligible, giving at least thirty (30) days prior notice of the time and place of a congregational meeting for elections.

If one-fourth (1/4) of the persons entitled to vote shall at any time request the Session to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing additional officers, it shall be the duty of the Session to call such a meeting on the above procedure. The number of officers to be elected shall be determined by the congregation after hearing the Session's recommendation.

The presbyters thoughtfully and prayerfully considered and discussed the proposed amendment and recorded the following vote on the proposal:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT No. 6 VOTE: 67 FOR

0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

The passage of the amendment was announced to the presbytery.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT ITEM 7: Amend *BCO* **32-20** regarding time considerations for offenses, by deleting the current paragraph (32-20) and substituting the following paragraph.

[Note: the 48th GA answered **Overture 22** in the affirmative as amended. The OC had amended the overture's substitute paragraph by deleting its first sentence as well as the first word of the second sentence.]

Amend BCO 32-20 by deleting the current paragraph 32-20 and substituting the following:

32-20. The accused or a member of the court may object to the consideration of a charge, for example, if he thinks the passage of time since the alleged offense makes fair adjudication unachievable. The court should consider factors such as the gravity of the alleged offense as well as what degradations of evidence and memory may have occurred in the intervening period.

The presbyters thoughtfully and prayerfully considered and discussed the proposed amendment and recorded the following vote on the proposal:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT No. 7 VOTE: 47 FOR

22 AGAINST 2 ABSTAIN

The passage of the amendment was announced to the presbytery.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT ITEM 8: Amend *BCO* **38-1** regarding confession document for case without process.

[Note: the 48th GA answered in the affirmative **Overture 33** from Pacific Northwest Presbytery, regarding a Confession Document for a case without process.]

Amend *BCO* **38-1** be amended as follows. (Strike-through for deletions, underlining for new wording.)

38-1. When any person shall come forward and make his offense known to the court, a full statement of the facts shall be recorded and judgment rendered without process. In handling a confession of guilt, it is essential that the person intends to confess and permit the court to render judgment without process. Statements made by him in the presence of the court

must not be taken as a basis of a judgment without process except by his consent. In the event a confession is intended, a full statement of the facts should a written Confession (i.e., a sufficient summary of the facts, the person's specific confession, and any expression or evidence of repentance) must be approved by the accused, and by the court, before the court proceeds to a judgment, and the co-signed document shall be appended to the minutes (regular or executive session). No other information may be presented without written consent from the accused and the court, and this prohibition includes individuals, prosecutors, committees, and commissions. The accused person has the right of complaint against the judgment.

The presbyters thoughtfully and prayerfully considered and discussed the proposed amendment and recorded the following vote on the proposal:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT No. 8 VOTE: 67 FOR

0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

The passage of the amendment was announced to the presbytery.

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 who indicated there was no report to give.

The moderator then recessed the presbytery for 10 minutes at 11:24 a.m.

The moderator reconvened the presbytery at 11:34 a.m.

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 the creation of a presbytery email communication and filing system and reported the project was approximately 60 percent accomplished.

The chairman stated the subcommittee on the revision of the Standing Rules will lay out proposed changes at the January stated meeting to be considered and debated at the April stated meeting.

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

Nominations Committee Report

The moderator recognized Committee Chairman RE Alan Tysinger to present the report of the Nominations Committee. RE Tysinger opened the report with prayer.

The chairman made a motion to remove TE Terry Dykstra from the Mission to the World Committee and to remove RE Randy Scott from the Candidates and Credentials Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

The chairman made a motion to add TE Marcus Serven and TE Bryant McGee to the Ministerial Relations Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

The report of the Nominations Committee (*see* ATTACHMENT F) was received by the presbytery and RE Tysinger closed the report with prayer.

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 reported that TE William Bondurant will be leaving his position as campus minister at Texas A&M University and moving to a similar position at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama.

Resolution Concerning Compensation Rental/Housing Allowance for Campus Ministers
The chairman laid out resolutions concerning that the portion of a campus minister's remuneration, designated as a rental/housing allowance by the employing church or other qualifying organization, as excludable from the minister's gross income under Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code (see ATTACHMENT G). The exclusion under IRC § 107 only applies if the employing church designates the amount of the parsonage allowance in advance of the tax year. The designation may appear in the minister's employment contract, the church minutes, the church budget, or any other document indicating official action (Treas. Reg. § 1.107-1(b)). It is the preference of the Reformed University Fellowship leadership that the presbytery officially document this action.

A motion was made to approve resolutions designating a portion of 2022 compensation as housing allowance for the following RUF campus ministers:

TE Titus Bagby, Texas A&M University – International, College Station;

- TE William Bondurant, Texas A&M University, College Station;
- TE Lee Wright, University of Texas at San Antonio;
- TE Terry Dykstra, *The University of Texas International, Austin*;
- TE Ross Lockwood, Trinity University, San Antonio; and
- TE Jordan Griesbeck, The University of Texas International, Austin.

The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

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 Tree Triolo to present the Mission to the World Committee report. TE Triolo opened the report with prayer.

The chairman recognized TE Oscar Olivares and his wife who will be ministering in Japan and Matt Zehir who will be ministering in Germany.

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

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 recognized TE Gamma Pozos who is planting The Crossing in McAllen, Texas. TE Pozo shared that he is teaching through Ephesians and that they have found space to meet on a regular basis.

TE Derek McCollum reported that Hope Mission Church in New Braunfels is close to particularlization.

TE Paul Miller from the North Texas Presbytery gave a report on Metanoia Ministries, an outreach of Mission to North America.

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 reported a motion to approve the dissolution of the call of TE Pedro Guzman and place him on the rolls of the presbytery as honorably retired effective December 31, 2021. The motion passed.

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

Candidates and Credentials Committee Report

The moderator recognized TE Michael Novak to present the report of the Ministerial Relations Committee. TE Novak opened the report with prayer.

Examination of Mr. John Weller on the English Bible

TE Matt Beham introduced Mr. Eduard Martorano. Mr. Martorano was previously examined by the presbytery in the area of Presbyterian Polity and the Book of Church Order at the August 2021 stated meeting.

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

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

Examination of TE Brent Baker for transfer from another presbytery

TE Michael Novak introduced TE Brent Baker from North Texas Presbytery. TE Baker was thoroughly examined in his knowledge and views as required by *BCO 13-6*, including an examination in Christian experience, Bible content, Theology, Sacraments, Church History and History of the PCA, and Principles and Rules of Government and Discipline of the PCA. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to sustain the examination.

TE Baker stated two differences with the *Confession of Faith* and Catechisms in his own words:

With regards to the WCF, I take an exception with regards to recreation on the Sabbath. Ch. 21, Sec. 8 states concerning the Sabbath: "...do not only observe an holy rest all the day from their own works, words, and thoughts about their worldly employments and recreations." I do think some forms of recreation restful, permissible and worshipful on the Sabbath. I fear the possible "Pharisaism" that might creep in as a result of interpreting a total prohibition of recreation. (Mt 12:1-14; Mk 2:23-28; Lk 13:10-17)

However, I do also think it wise and profitable to make the Sabbath a true rest as described by the WCF, which is difficult to do in our present day and age with distractions *and* recreations at every turn of the head. Too often worldly recreations can become the source of our rest instead of Christ!

TE Baker answered questions of the presbytery concerning his stated differences.

A motion was made and seconded to judge TE Bakers' stated differences with WCF 4.1 to be more than semantic but not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine. The motion passed.

TE Baker also stated the following difference with the *Confession of Faith* and Catechisms in his own words:

The work of creation is, God creating all things out of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good. (WSC #9). I believe in verbal creation by God alone *ex nihilo*, the special creation and historicity of Adam and Eve in his image, and the biblical themes of covenant, the *imago Dei*, and Sabbath rest. Within the acceptable positions noted by the PCA Creation Study Committee in the year 2000, I advocate the framework position, believing God's creative work has been arranged in its particular order for theological and literary, rather than sequential, reasons. This is evident in the 'days' themselves—days 1-3 are "kingdoms" and days 4-6 the filling of those kingdoms. I also think the framework view gives the best explanation of Gen 2:5ff and brings the best cohesion to Genesis 1-2 as a whole. All while upholding the inerrancy of Scripture, the historicity of Genesis 1-2, the unique creation of man and woman as the *imago dei*, and the covenant headship of Adam (and Christ!) for the human race.

A motion was made and seconded to judge TE Bakers' stated differences with WCF 21-8 to be more than semantic but not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine. The motion passed.

TE Baker stated that his views have not changed since ordination.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to sustain the examination as a whole and receive TE Baker into South Texas Presbytery and to approve TE Baker's call to labor at All Saints Presbyterian Church in Austin. The call was reviewed and approved by the presbytery.

TE Baker signed the ministerial obligation form that was placed in the permanent files of the presbytery (*see* ATTACHMENT H).

A motion was made, seconded and carried to <u>install TE Brent Baker</u> as Assistant Pastor working at All Saints Presbyterian Church in Austin. The Moderator appointed the following commission for the installation on November 14, 2021.

TE Tim Frickenschmidt, Convener
TE Josh Keller
RE Stephen Hurd
TE Craig Chapman
RE Bob Dolibois

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

TE Novak prayed for TE Crain.

Examination of TE Bryant McGee for transfer from another presbytery

TE Michael Novak introduced TE Bryant McGee, who is a retired member from North Texas Presbytery. TE McGee was thoroughly examined in his knowledge and views as required by *BCO 13-6*, including an examination in Christian experience, Bible content, Theology, Sacraments, Church History and History of the PCA, and Principles and Rules of Government

and Discipline of the PCA. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to sustain the examination.

TE McGee stated his differences with the *Confession of Faith* and Catechisms in his own words:

Like many others, I would cite the "recreation clause" in 21.8 as a potential exception but may only be a point of clarification. I am definitely Westminster in my Sabbath view and there are many things I do not do on Sun, binding my own conscience from my understanding of what the Spirit is speaking to me. I don't mow my yard or work on my car on Sun because that is nothing but work for me. I did not let my girls play organized sports on Sun and communicated that to the coach from the beginning. That said, I have no problem kicking a ball with my grandkids on Sun. When not providentially hindered, the day begins gathering for corporate worship and then I try to keep the day devoted to God and different from the others.

TE McGee answered questions of the presbytery concerning his stated differences.

A motion was made and seconded to judge TE McGee's stated differences with WCF 21.8 to be more than semantic but not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine. The motion passed.

TE McGee stated that his views have not changed since ordination.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to sustain the examination as a whole and receive TE McGee into South Texas Presbytery and to approve TE McGee's call to labor at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Boerne. The call was reviewed and approved by the presbytery.

TE McGee signed the ministerial obligation form that was placed in the permanent files of the presbytery (see ATTACHMENT H).

A motion was made, seconded and carried to <u>install TE Bryant McGee</u> as Assistant Pastor working at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Boerne. The Moderator appointed the following commission for the installation on November 21, 2021.

TE Allen Taha, Convener

TE Kevin Witten

TE Britton Price

RE Mike Kelley

RE Scott Norris

RE Al Velo

RE Ruben Valdez

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

TE Novak prayed for TE McGee.

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 TE Novak closed the report with prayer.

The moderator reminded all the presbyters to greet TE Bryant and TE McGee 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 laid out the following new business for the presbytery to consider.

Election of Moderator for the Term Ending in 2022

The moderator read Standing Rule 3-1 of the South Texas Presbytery which states "the Moderator shall be elected by the Presbytery for a period of one year at the October meeting and will assume office at the conclusion of that meeting. Nominations for Moderator shall come from the floor of Presbytery. The office will alternate between a Teaching Elder and a Ruling Elder."

The moderator for 2021 was RE Chris Peterson from Westminster Church, Bryan. The floor was opened the floor for nominations for a ruling elder to serve as moderator for 2022.

The name of <u>TE Luke Evans</u> of Christ Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, was placed into nomination.

No other names were placed into nomination.

A motion from the floor was made that nominations cease and that TE Evans be elected by acclamation to the position of Moderator of the South Texas Presbytery for 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of a Treasurer

Standing Rule 1-7 says the officers of the Presbytery shall be a Moderator, a Stated Clerk, and a Treasurer. Standing Rule 5-1 says the Treasurer shall be elected for a term of three years at the October meeting and may be elected to additional three year terms. Nominations for Treasurer shall come from the floor of Presbytery. The Treasurer shall be a Teaching Elder in the Presbytery, or a Ruling Elder or Deacon in a church of the Presbytery.

Standing Rule 5-2 says the treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the Presbytery and shall receive, deposit, and disburse such funds as directed by the Presbytery. The Treasurer is required to prepare, or have prepared, such reports of the financial condition of the Presbytery

for each stated meeting. The Treasurer must comply with fiscal internal controls and operating procedures established by the Administrative Committee. The Treasurer serves as a member of the Administrative Committee. However, if the Treasurer is a Deacon, he will be a non-voting member of this Committee.

The treasurer for the previous 3-year term was Deacon Ken Kieley of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Austin. It was noted that Deacon Kieley performd his duties admirably during his term of office and the presbytery offered its thanks to him for his service.

The floor was opened the floor for nominations to serve as treasurer for a 3-year term beginning in 2022.

The name of Deacon Ken Kieley of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Austin, was placed into nomination.

No other names were placed into nomination.

A motion from the floor was made that nominations cease, and that Deacon Kieley be elected by acclamation to the position of Treasurer of the South Texas Presbytery for a term of office from 2022 to 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of a Stated Clerk for Unexpired Term

At the August stated meeting of the presbytery, TE Greg Davidson stated his intent to step down as stated clerk of the presbytery effective on December 31, 2021. Standing Rule 1-7 says the officers of the Presbytery shall be a Moderator, a Stated Clerk, and a Treasurer. The Stated Clerk shall be elected at the October meeting and will begin service at the January Meeting, serving for a period of three years, with the privilege of serving additional terms when so elected. Any Ruling or Teaching Elder shall be eligible to be elected. Nominations for Stated Clerk shall come from the floor of Presbytery. A Recording Clerk may be elected by Presbytery to assist the Stated Clerk when necessary and desired.

The floor was opened the floor for nominations to fill the unexpired 3-year term for the year 2022.

The name of RE Mike Simpson of Faith Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, was placed into nomination.

No other names were placed into nomination.

A motion from the floor was made that nominations cease, and that RE Simpson be elected by acclamation to the position of Stated Clerk of the South Texas Presbytery for the unexpired term of office set to expire in 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT STATED MEETING

The Moderator announced the time and place of the next stated meeting at 6:30 p.m. on January 29-30, 2022, and that it will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Bryan, Texas.

Westminster Presbyterian Church 3333 Oak Ridge Dr, Bryan, Texas 77802 Phone: (979) 776-1185

HYMN

The presbyters stood and sang the doxology.

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

The moderator prayed to close the meeting and the benediction was delivered by TE Allen Taha

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn. The one hundred forty-fourth stated meeting of the South Texas Presbytery adjourned at 12:50 p.m. on Saturday, October 20, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

TE Greg Davidson
Stated Clerk

South Texas Presbytery 144th Stated Meeting Minutes



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, Trinity Presbyterian Church in Boerne 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-fourth meeting of the South Texas Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America express its sincere thanks to the session, staff, volunteers, and the entire Trinity 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 October 29, 2021

CHURCH	TEACHING ELDERS	RULING ELDERS
Capitol Area Churches:		
All Saints Church Austin	Tim Frickenschmidt Craig Chapman Josh Keller Jordan Griesbeck	Stephen Hurd Matt Heininger Bob Dolobis
Christ Church Georgetown	Whit Anderson	
Christ the King Church Austin	Tim Fox	Larry Laine
CrossPointe Church Austin	Steve Johnson Matt Southerland	Mitch Young
Emmanuel Church Cedar Park	Greg Ward	Joel Altsman
Grace+Peace Church Austin	John Sweet	Brent Coley
Redeemer Church Austin	Eric Landry Bryce Waller Marcus Serven	Bret Mercer Barry McBee Josh Torrey Randy Scott Rick Bocock

Coastal Bend and Plains Churches:

Christ Church Victoria	Mike Singenstreu	Russell Bagnall Troy White
Southside Community Church Corpus Christi	Rob Bailey	Gordon Landreth
Westminster Church	Wade Coleman	Chris Peterson

Andrew Triolo

Ben Hailey

Rio Grande River Churches:

Bryan

Covenant Church	Italo Furieri
Harlingen	

Dios Con Nosotros Church

Edinburg

Pedro Guzman

Robert James Jose Reyna

Grace Church

McAllen

Thomas McKeon

Moses Flores Edmundo Garza

Iglesia La Vid Church

Laredo

Eduardo Martorano

Desi Vasquez Jose Ramos

San Antonio Area Churches:

Christ Church

San Antonio

Luke Evans

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Christ Church

New Braunfels

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Mike Gamble Fred Willard

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Faith Church San Antonio

Keith Howard

Mike Simpson

Kerrville Church

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Redeemer Church San Antonio

Victor Martinez Matthew Beham Brad Tubbesing Jeremy Whitley John Fitch Jason Smith

Scott Norris

Trinity *Boerne*

Allen Taha Kevin Witten

Al Velo Thaxter Price

Trinity Grace

San Antonio

Michael Novak Mike Valdes

Mission Churches:

Hope Mission Church

New Braunfels

Derek McCollum

Westminster Church Plant

College Station

Ben Hailey

TEACHING ELDERS PRESENT:

Chaplains Michael Barber, St. David's Medical Center, Austin

Keith Goode, U.S. Army Chaplain (E)

Mark McKellen, U.S Air Force Chaplain (E)

South Texas Presbytery 144th Stated Meeting Minutes October 29-30, 2021 Page 101 Chad Montgomery, U.S. Air Force Chaplain (E) Ervid Reyes, National Guard Chaplain (E)

RUF Campus Ministers Titus Bagby, Texas A&M University – Intl., College Station

William Bondurant, Texas A&M University, College Station

Lee Wright, University of Texas at San Antonio
Terry Dykstra, The University of Texas – Intl., Austin
Wil Nettleton, Trinity University, San Antonio
John Trapp, The University of Texas, Austin (A)

Laboring Out of Bounds Chris Fisher, Young Life, Austin

Danny Shuffield, Shepherding Ministries, Austin (E)

Laboring Out of Bounds – Missionaries

Wesley Baker, Christian Missionary Society, Peru (E)

Tim Hoke, African Bible Colleges, Uganda

Guillermo Salinas, Zihuatanejo - Guerrero, Mexico (E)

Daniel Young, MTW Border Ministry, McAllen/Monterrey (E)

Without Call Jesus Cepeda, Edinburg (A)

Josh Eby, Austin (E)

Oscar Olivares, *San Antonio* John Ratliff, *Austin* (E)

Honorably Retired Steven Cairns, *Boerne*

Ken Campbell, Grand Rapids, Michigan (not in attendance)

Greg Davidson, Austin

Curtis Goodson, Cedar Park (not in attendance)

Jon Green, Houston

Greg Grooms, Austin (not in attendance)
Jerry Rahm, Austin (not in attendance)

Mark Spence, Kerrville

Mike McCrocklin, Corpus Christi (not in attendance)

Byron Smith, Round Rock (not in attendance)

Edward Sungman Kim, Fountain Valley, California (not in attendance)

Isaias Uc, McAllen (not in attendance)
Jeffrey Weir, Austin (not in attendance)

GUESTS OF THE PRESBYTERY

Candidates Under Care: John Weller

Will Young

Guests of the Presbytery: Natalie Weller, *Christ the King, Buda*

Raquel Ramos, La Vid, Laredo

Hannah and Jay Brown, Downtown Presbyterian, Greenville, South

Carolina

Bryant McGee, *Great Lakes Presbytery*Matt Ziehr, *Mission to the World, Austin*Connie Lane, *Christ the King, Austin*Chris Rodriguez, *All Saints, Austin*

Austin McCann, RUF, Charlotte, North Carolina

South Texas Presbytery 144th Stated Meeting Minutes Lane Joffrion, Christ Church, Georgetown Zachory Bagnall, Christ Church, Victoria Pablo Chaurria, Redeemer, San Antonio Cathy Clark, Redeemer, San Antonio Arraseno Rodriguez, Edinburg J. T. Borah, Redeemer, Austin Jack Borah, Redeemer, Austin Tracy Taha, Trinity, Boerne William Admirre, Redeemer, Austin Cawbles Bowie, Redeemer, Austin Joel Spence, Mission to the World, Russia Clay Robinson, Hope, New Braunfels Ana Graza, Grace, McAllen Ester Fabela, Grace, McAllen Donna Davidson, Crosspointe, Austin Austin, Alex, and Henry McCann Britton Price, South New England Presbytery Jennie Tchilinguirian, Christ, New Braunfels Natalie Well, Chrsit the King, Buda

Bryan Lee, North Carolina Presbytery, Garden Ridge, North Carolina

PROPOSED DOCKET

South Texas Presbytery, 144th Stated Meeting October 29-30, 2021 Trinity Presbyterian Church 31 Ammann Rd, Boerne, TX 78015 (830) 815-1212

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

Standing committee meetingsnoonPresbytery presentation on BCO amendments4:00 pmShared meal for presbyters and guests5:30 pmConvene6:30 pm

Welcome

Lord's Supper

Resolution of Thanks Season of Prayer Worship

Fellowship 8:00 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

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 Committee Reports:

Sessional Records

Administrative Nominations

Campus Ministries

Mission to the World Mission to North America

Ministerial Relations

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Candidates and Credentials

New Business

Consideration of proposed amendments to the BCO

Election of a moderator for 2022 (teaching elder)

Election of a Stated Clerk (to fill unexpired term)

Announcement of time and place of next meeting

Closing hymn and Benediction

Adjournment noon

ATTACHMENT D: Report of the Stated Clerk

REPORT OF COMMISSION TO ORDAIN/INSTALL

Report of the Commission to ordain/install **Mr. Eduardo Enrique Martorano Mendoza** as Pastor of *Iglesia La Vid Presbyterian Church (PCA)*.

The Commission met on August 29, 2021, at 9:40AM at Iglesia La Vid Presbyterian Church (PCA).

A quorum was present.

Commission members present were:

TE Rev. Gamaliel Pozos RE Mr. Jose Maria Ramos
TE Rev. Dr. Jon Greene RE Mr. Eduardo Acevedo

TE Rev. Daniel J. Young, Chairman RE Dr. Desi Vásquez

RE Mr. Robert James

Official guests ordained men present: **RE Dr. John Fitch, RE Mr. Jeremy Whitley,** and **TE Rev. Pablo Chavarria,** representing the Iglesia Nacional Presbiteriana México.

- 1. The Commission meeting was called to order and opened with prayer.
- 2. TE Rev. Daniel J. Young (Chairman) was elected Convener of the Commission.
- 3. RE Dr. Desi Vásquez was elected Secretary of the Commission.
- 4. The Docket (including The Order of Worship) was reviewed and approved by the Commission.
- 5. Commission recessed meeting with prayer.
- REs Acevedo, Ramos, and Vásquez of La Vid led in the regular worship of the congregation, which included reading of the holy Scripture, singing, and prayer. TE Rev. Daniel J. Young preached on the text of Titus 1:5-9, 2:11-14.
- Following the Worship Service, the Chairman/Convener TE Rev. Daniel J. Young briefly stated
 the previous proceedings of the Presbytery and pointed out the nature and importance of the
 ordination/installation ordinance and commenced.
- 8. **REs Mr. Eduardo Acevedo** and **Dr. Desi Vásquez** posed the constitutional questions to the Candidate/Minister (BCO 21.0) and these were answered in the affirmative.
- RE Mr. Robert James then propounded the constitutional questions to the congregation (BCO 21.10), and these were answered in the affirmative by the church members holding up their right hands.
- 10. The Candidate then kneeled and was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer and the laying on of hands by the Commission and the official ordained guests.
- 11. TE Rev. Daniel J. Young and RE Mr. Jose Ramos led in prayer as Candidate Mr. Eduardo Enrique Martorano Mendoza was installed as Pastor of the congregation. Mr. Eduardo Enrique

REPORT OF COMMISSION TO ORDAIN/INSTALL

Martorano Mendoza then rose, and the members of the Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship.

- 12. The Chairman/Convener then declared that **TE Rev. Martorano** had been regularly elected, ordained, and installed as Pastor of the Church.
- 13. A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by TE Rev. Gamaliel Pozos.
- 14. A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by **TE Rev. Dr. Jon Greene**.
- 15. Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor was pronounced the benediction.
- 16. Following the benediction and exit of the congregation and new Pastor to the Fellowship Hall for a reception the Commission gathered. Motion made, seconded, and carried to approve the Minutes contingent on their completion, perfection, and review by TE Rev. Daniel Young.
- 17. **RE Mr. Robert James** prayed to close the business of the commission at 11:48AM. The meeting was adjourned.

Enclosures

Docket (August 29, 2021)

Boletín La Vid (Agosto 29, 2021)

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All Saints Church-Austin	\$ 5,972.82	\$ 5,972.82	\$ 7,719.69		\$ 19,665.33		
Christ Church-Georgetown	949.83	949.83	887.13		2,786.79		
Christ Church Presbyterian-Kerrville	1,875.00				1,875.00		
Christ Church-New Braunfels							
Christ Church-New Braunfels-UK Retirement	450.00	450.00	450.00		1,350.00		
Christ Church-San Antonio	525.00	787.50	787.50		2,100.00		
Christ Church-Victoria	300.00	300.00	300.00		900.00		
Christ the King Church-Austin	450.00	450.00	450.00		1,350.00		
Covenant Church-Harlingen	00.006	900.00	900.00		2,700.00		
CrossPointe Church-Austin	937.50	625.00	937.50		2,500.00		
Emmanuel Church-Cedar Park							
Faith Church-San Antonio	250.00	250.00			200.00		
Grace + Peace Church-Austin							
Grace Church-McAllen							
Hope Presbyterian - New Braunfels	644.31	644.31	644.31		1,932.93		
Iglesia La Vid-Laredo							
Oakwood Church-San Antonio							
Redeemer Church-Austin	2,499.99	2,499.99	2,499.99		7,499.97		
Redeemer Church-San Antonio	4,582.00	4,582.00	4,582.00		13,746.00		
Southside Community Church-Corpus Christi	300.00	300.00	300.00		900.00		
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Trinity Church-Boerne	4,000.00				4,000.00		
Westminister Church-Bryan	1,220.50	1,220.50	813.66		3,254.66		
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Category	Mar-21	Jun-21	Sep-21 [Dec-21	Actual	% of Budget	Budget	Budget
Campus Ministries								
RUF Texas Area Coordinator	575.00	1,150.00	862.50		2,587.50	75%	2,587.50	3,450.00
Texas A&M University College Station RUF	693.16	1,386.32	1,039.74		3,119.22	75%	3,119.25	4,159.00
Texas A&M University College Station, RUF Intl.	693.16	1,386.32	1,039.74		3,119.22	75%	3,119.25	4,159.00
Texas A&M University Corpus Christi RUF	693.16	1,386.32	1,039.74		3,119.22	75%	3,119.25	4,159.00
Trinity University RUF, San Antonio	693.16	1,386.32	1,039.74		3,119.22	75%	3,119.25	4,159.00
University of Texas at Austin, RUF	693.16	1,386.32	1,039.74		3,119.22	75%	3,119.25	4,159.00
University of Texas at Austin, RUF Intl.	693.16	1,386.32	1,039.74		3,119.22	75%	3,119.25	4,159.00
University of Texas San Antonio RUF	693.16	1,386.32	1,039.74		3,119.22	75%	3,119.25	4,159.00
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Barnabas Fund						%	750.00	1,000.00
Cano Family Support						%	•	
Total Designated Ministry	750.00	750.00	750.00		2,250.00	26%	3,000.00	4,000.00
Candidates and Credentials								
Candidate Meal Expenses						%		
Total Candidates and Credentials						%	•	
Total Expenses	\$ 16,968.78	\$ 20,979.21	\$ 19,657.65	₩	57,605.64	72%	\$ 59,897.25 \$ 79,863.00	\$ 79,863.00
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South Texas Presbytery 144th Stated Meeting Minutes

ATTACHMENT F: Nominations Committee Report

COMMITTEES OF SOUTH TEXAS PRESBYTERY October 2021 (TE RE) Bold: meeting changes/approval

Committee	2022	<u>2023</u>	2024
Candidates & Credentials	Matt Beham Dirk Russell Mike Simpson Bryce Waller Jeremy Whitley Michael Novak	Ed Arvin Josh Eby Dan Hermann William Bondurant- Jordan Griesbeck Joshua Torrey	Steve Cairns Johnny Cotton Tom McKeon Timothy Fox Greg Ward
Campus Ministries	Rob Bailey Wade Coleman Luke Evans <i>Tim Holliday</i> <i>Chris Corley</i>	Whit Anderson Tom Gibbs <i>Bob Hardister</i> Steve Johnson Derek McCollum	Tim Frickenschmidt Greg Grooms Bret Mercer Greg Ward Billy Crain
Ministerial Relations	Dan Allen Todd Finch Ben Hailey Larry Laine Mike Singenstreu Jim Fritsch	Jesus Cepeda Oscar Olivares Mark Spence <i>Tim Rountree</i> John Ratliff <i>Stephen Hurd</i> Titus Bagby	Michael Barber Paul Gonzales Jon Green Gordon Landreth Allen Taha Marcus Serven Bryant McGee
Mission to North America	Tim Frickenschmidt Stephen Hurd Eric Landry John Bennett Dan Young	Whit Anderson Chris Peterson Victor Martinez Fred Willard Mitch Young Luke Evans	Chris Fisher John Fitch Tom Gibbs Josh Keller Dirk Russell Mike Gamble
Mission to the World	Tim Holliday Larry Laine Tree Triolo Berdj Tchilinguirian Troy White Russell Bagnall Brad Tubbesing	Matt Southerland Lee Wright	<i>Joel Pafford</i> Kevin Witten Gama Pozos
Nominations	Mark Spence Alan Tysinger	Keith Howard	Gilbert Sauceda Ben Hailey
Sessional Records		Mike Simpson	Rob Bailey

ATTACHMENT G: Resolution Concerning Compensation Rental/Housing Allowance for Campus Ministers

Resolution of the _South Texas Presbytery of The Presbyterian Church in America Designating a Portion of The Reverend <u>Processed</u> 's 2022 Compensation as Rental/Housing Allowance	
Whereas, Internal Revenue Code Section 107, as well as the associated Regulation and Revenue Rulings, provide that the portion of a minister's remuneration, designated as a rental/housing allowance by the employing church or other qualifying organization, is excludable from the minister's gross income under Section 107 of the Code; and	е .
Whereas,South TexasPresbytery, is a qualifying organization,	
Now, Therefore, be it Resolved that \$40,000.00 of the compensation paid The Reverend during 2022 is designated as a rental/housing allowance in accordance with the provisions of Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code; and	
Be it Further Resolved that the amounts so designated as rental/housing allowance are excludable from gross income of the recipient only to the extent that said amounts are used to rent or provide a home. Further, the amount eligible for the Section 107 exclusion may not exceed the fair rental value of the minister's home (including furnishings and appurtenances) plus the cost of utilities. To the extent a greater amount is designated as rental/housing allowance, the designation will be ineffectual with respect to such amount.	r al a
This Resolution is applicable for calendar year 2022 and all future years unless otherwise provided by the Affiliated Committee.	,
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Whereas, Internal Revenue Code Section 107, as well as the associated Regulation and Revenue Rulings, provide that the portion of a minister's remuneration, designated as a rental/housing allowance by the employing church or other qualifying organization, is excludable from the minister's gross income under Section 107 of the Code; and	
Whereas,South Texas Presbytery, is a qualifying organization,	
Now, Therefore, be it Resolved that \$30,000.00 of the compensation paid The Reverend during 2022 is designated as a rental/housing allowance in accordance with the provisions of Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code; and	
Be it Further Resolved that the amounts so designated as rental/housing allowance are excludable from gross income of the recipient only to the extent that said amounts are used to rent or provide a home. Further, the amount eligible for the Section 107 exclusion may not exceed the fair rental value of the minister's home (including furnishings and appurtenances) plus the cost of utilities. To the extent a greater amount is designated as rental/housing allowance, the designation will be ineffectual with respect to such amount.	
This Resolution is applicable for calendar year 2022 and all future years unless otherwise provided by the Affiliated Committee.	
Adopted this 30th day of October 2021,	
South Texas Presbytery	
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RUF TE (Campus Minister)	

Resolution of the _South Texas_____ Presbytery of

The Presbyterian Church in America Designating a Portion of The Reverend Terry Dykstras
2022 Compensation as Rental/Housing Allowance
Whereas, Internal Revenue Code Section 107, as well as the associated Regulation and Revenue Rulings, provide that the portion of a minister's remuneration, designated as a rental/housing allowance by the employing church or other qualifying organization, is excludable from the minister's gross income under Section 107 of the Code; and
Whereas,South TexasPresbytery, is a qualifying organization,
Now, Therefore, be it Resolved that \$36,400.00 of the compensation paid The Reverend during 2022 is designated as a rental/housing allowance in accordance with the provisions of Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code; and
Be it Further Resolved that the amounts so designated as rental/housing allowance are excludable from gross income of the recipient only to the extent that said amounts are used to rent or provide a home. Further, the amount eligible for the Section 107 exclusion may not exceed the fair rental value of the minister's home (including furnishings and appurtenances) plus the cost of utilities. To the extent a greater amount is designated as rental/housing allowance, the designation will be ineffectual with respect to such amount.
This Resolution is applicable for calendar year 2022 and all future years unless otherwise provided by the Affiliated Committee.
Adopted this 30th day of October 2021,
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Resolution of the _South Texas_____ Presbytery of

The Presbyterian Church in America Designating a Portion of The Reverend <u>UCE Wright</u> 's 2022 Compensation as Rental/Housing Allowance	
Whereas, Internal Revenue Code Section 107, as well as the associated Regulation and Revenue Rulings, provide that the portion of a minister's remuneration, designated as a rental/housing allowance by the employing church or other qualifying organization, is excludable from the minister's gross income under Section 107 of the Code; and	
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Now, Therefore, be it Resolved that \$36,000.00 of the compensation paid The Reverend during 2022 is designated as a rental/housing allowance in accordance with the provisions of Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code; and	
Be it Further Resolved that the amounts so designated as rental/housing allowance are excludable from gross income of the recipient only to the extent that said amounts are used to rent or provide a home. Further, the amount eligible for the Section 107 exclusion may not exceed the fair rental value of the minister's home (including furnishings and appurtenances) plus the cost of utilities. To the extent a greater amount is designated as rental/housing allowance, the designation will be ineffectual with respect to such amount. This Resolution is applicable for calendar year 2022 and all future years unless otherwise provided by the Affiliated Committee. Adopted this 30th day of 2020,	
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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, Breve N. Bake, 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.

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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, DRYANT CLAIG MCGEE , 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:

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