





- 1 12. Ask presbyteries, in the case when an examination for ordination refers to acceptance  
2 of an earlier licensure examination, to provide a citation of the prior minutes where  
3 that exam is recorded. 50-0-0  
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- 5 13. Remind presbyteries that they should be aware that “meetings” by email are not valid  
6 meetings according to *RONR* (11th ed.). Presbyteries may, if they adopt it in their by-  
7 laws, approve meetings by telephone or video conference. 50-0-0  
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- 9 14. Remind presbyteries that some actions must be taken annually, including review of  
10 session records, receiving reports from TEs without call, receiving reports from TEs  
11 laboring out of bounds, receiving reports from candidates under care, and that record  
12 of such reports should be included in their minutes. Additionally, reports on interns  
13 must be received at each stated meeting. 50-0-0  
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- 15 15. Encourage presbytery stated Clerks to attend the annual clerks’ meeting in December.  
16 50-0-0
- 17 16. Remind presbyteries that Clerk’s email address should be included in the Directory in  
18 order to facilitate communication regarding the minutes. 51-0-0  
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- 20 17. Request that the directories that are supplied to CRPR include the status (Pastor,  
21 Without Call, Out of Bounds, etc.) of each TE in the list of TEs and their addresses  
22 since that information is necessary to determine whether or not annual reports are  
23 required. 51-0-0  
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- 25 18. Remind Presbyteries to ensure that a quorum is present in order to conduct business.  
26 Further, any actions made at a meeting without a quorum must be ratified at a  
27 subsequent meeting. 50-0-0  
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- 29 19. **Amend RAO 16-4.c.1** to add “and their status” after “with their addresses” in  
30 reference to the current directory.  
31 c. In addition to the minutes themselves, the presbytery shall submit three  
32 (3) copies of the following items:  
33 1) A current Directory of Presbytery, including (1) a list of all teaching  
34 elders, with their addresses; and of all churches and missions with  
35 the address of the church, and the name and address of the Clerk of  
36 Session, (2) a listing of all officers and committee members of the  
37 regular committees of presbytery, and (3) a list identifying all  
38 candidates under care, interns, and licentiates of the presbytery with  
39 their addresses and their status.  
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- 41 Rationale: If the status is not present, there is no way to determine whether annual  
42 reports were received for teaching elders without call or laboring out of bounds.  
43 49-0-0
- 44 20. **Amend RAO 16-4.a** as follows:  
45 a. The stated clerk of each presbytery is to provide the Stated Clerk of the  
46 General Assembly with ~~three (3)~~ copies of all minutes to be reviewed,

1 in one of two formats: (1) four bound, paginated hard-copies or 2) two  
2 bound, paginated hard-copies and one paginated digital copy  
3 (preferably as a single document).

4 51-1-0

5 **21. Amend RAO 16-4.d** as follows:

- 6 d. The minutes are to be reviewed and the items listed under 16-4c shall  
7 be mailed to the office of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly ~~not~~  
8 ~~less than sixty (60) days prior to the opening of the Assembly by March~~  
9 15 each year.

10 51-1-0

11 Sub-Committee Rationale for amendments to RAO 16-4 a and d

- 12 1. The dates would be as follows: Presbyteries file Minutes by March 15. Minutes  
13 are sent to Read Committees by April 1. Read Committees electronically file their  
14 reports May 1.
- 15 2. This will expedite RPR business.
- 16 3. This will provide a more thorough review because three RPR members, rather than  
17 two, will read the entirety of a Presbytery's minutes.
- 18 4. Unlike our present practice, the new rule requires the three-reader committee to  
19 interact on a Presbytery's minutes in order to adopt a recommendation for each of  
20 four items: (1) judgment on Responses, (2) any exceptions of substance, (3) any  
21 exceptions of form, and (4) any notations.
- 22 5. RAO only requires: "Each set of Presbytery minutes and other material submitted  
23 under RAO 16-4c should be read by at least two members of the Committee on  
24 Review of Presbytery Records." (RAO 16-6.b). RAO does not require second  
25 readers.
- 26 6 This would allow all initial motions for each Presbytery to be in hand prior to the  
27 convening of the RPR meeting in May.
- 28 7. Presbyteries would be encouraged to also file its minutes electronically, which  
29 could be forwarded to the Read Committees. This would also allow Read  
30 Committees to cut-and-paste directly from Minutes (e.g., the exact wording of an  
31 examinee's stated difference).

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33 See pp. 1254-55 for background information on procedures followed in the Committee  
34 on Review of Presbytery Records, May 30, 2019, as related to the proposed  
35 amendments to RAO 16-4.a and d.

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37 **VI. Report Concerning the Minutes of Each Presbytery:**

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39 1. That the Minutes of **Arizona** Presbytery: 43-0-1  
40 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 26-27, 2018; Apr 27-28, 2018; and Aug 23-24,**  
41 **2018.**  
42 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Sep 11, 2018.**  
43 c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**  
44 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**

- 1 2. That the Minutes of **Ascension** Presbytery: 51-0-0  
2 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 27, 2018; Apr 28, 2018; Jul 28, 2018; and**  
3 **Nov 3, 2018.**  
4 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**  
5 c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**  
6 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
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- 8 3. That the Minutes of **Blue Ridge** Presbytery: 52-0-1  
9 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 26-27, 2018 and Nov 9-10, 2018.**  
10 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Jan 9, 2017 and Apr 27-28, 2018.**  
11 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
12 **Exception: Aug 11, 2018 (BCO 43-2) – A complaint is presented but no date is given**  
13 **for the complaint.**  
14 **d. That the following responses be found satisfactory:**  
15 **Exception: Jan 27-28, 2017 (BCO 40-1) – Minutes of January 9 Called Meeting**  
16 **referenced, but not submitted for review.**  
17 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception and will submit the minutes for  
18 **review in 2019.**  
19 **Exception: Jan 27-28, 2017 (BCO 36-7) – Censures of deposition and excommunication**  
20 **not correctly administered; no record of required language.**  
21 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and will amend the minutes to the  
22 **correct language and resubmit that part of SM 53 minutes for review.**  
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- 24 4. That the Minutes of **Calvary** Presbytery: 28-21-3  
25 a. Be approved without exception: **None.**  
26 b. Be approved with exception of form: **General; Jan 27, 2018; Apr 26, 2018; Jul 28,**  
27 **2018; and Oct 25, 2018.**  
28 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:  
29 **Exception: Jan 27, 2018 and Apr 26, 2018 (BCO 38-2; 46-8) – TEs not assigned to**  
30 **the membership of particular churches.**  
31 **Exception: Apr 26, 2018 (BCO 23-1; 13-11) – Presbytery dissolved pastoral relation**  
32 **with no explanation.**  
33 **Exception: Oct 25, 2018 (BCO 19-2.b.3) – Presbytery omitted examination in church**  
34 **government for licensure candidate without explanation.**  
35 **Exception: Oct 25, 2018 (Preliminary Principle #7) – Presbytery adopted a statement**  
36 **asserting its right to “declare certain exceptions unteachable.” Presbytery may rule**  
37 **any stated difference unacceptable but may not “make laws to bind the conscience.”**  
38 **d. That the following responses be found satisfactory:**  
39 **Exception: Apr 27, 2017 (BCO 21-4.f) – The presbytery erred by revisiting a theological**  
40 **examination after it was sustained and arrested with a motion to reconsider.**  
41 **Response:** Calvary Presbytery agrees with the RPR that, regrettably, we erred by  
42 **revisiting a theological examination after it was sustained and arrested without a**  
43 **motion to reconsider. In response, at our July 27, 2018 meeting, we adopted the**  
44 **following motion to provide clarity going forward: “Presbytery must deal with the**  
45 **‘handling of exceptions’ within a man’s examination on the same day and on the floor**

1 of presbytery during his formal presbytery examination unless a motion to reconsider  
2 is properly received and taken after the fact.” In addition, we acknowledge that the  
3 restricting of TE’s teaching of his exception on LC 109 was procedurally out of order  
4 and no longer consider it in effect.

5 **Exception: Oct 22, 2015** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) Stated differences not judged  
6 with the prescribed categories.

7 **Response [2018]:** Regrettably, Calvary Presbytery failed to identify the nature of the  
8 exception granted to transfer candidate [name omitted] on LC 109. Though his  
9 exception was properly recorded (see Appendix 2-G), it should have been approved  
10 with the following prescription: “more than semantic, but ‘not out of accord with any  
11 fundamental of our system of doctrine,’” per *RAO* 16-3.e-5. This was the intent of the  
12 court in allowing the exception.

13 **Rationale [2018]:** While the Presbytery reported the difference, they did not judge  
14 the stated difference according to the prescribed categories.

15 **Response [2019]:** On October 25, 2018, Calvary Presbytery voted to grant TE’s  
16 [name omitted] exception on LC 109 as “more than semantic, but ‘not out of accord  
17 with any fundamental of our system of doctrine,’” per *RAO* 16-3.3-5. Regrettably, this  
18 action should have taken place on Oct. 22, 2015 when he first filed his difference with  
19 the presbytery. We trust that this action satisfies the concerns of the RPR.

20 **e. That the following response be found unsatisfactory, therefore a new response**  
21 **must be submitted to the following GA:**

22 **Exception [2018]: Apr 27, 2017** (*Preliminary Principle* 1) – The resulting prohibition  
23 whereby a TE was prevented from teaching his accepted view is contrary to our  
24 practice of good faith subscription and the first preliminary principle.

25 **Response [2019]:** In contrast to the 2017 RPR’s judgment, Calvary Presbytery  
26 respectfully asserts its constitutional prerogative to restrict the public teaching of  
27 certain exceptions to the Westminster Standards for the following reasons:

28 **1. The Practice is in Harmony with Preliminary Principles #1 and #2:**

29 We would vigorously defend Preliminary Principle #1, as it affirms liberty of  
30 conscience, specifically that, “the rights of private judgment in all matters that  
31 respect religion are universal and inalienable.” At the same time, we affirm the  
32 “perfect consistency” with Preliminary Principle #2 which states that “every  
33 Christian Church, or union or association of particular churches, is entitled to  
34 declare terms of admission into its communion and the qualifications of its  
35 ministers and members, as well as the whole system of its internal government  
36 which Christ has appointed.” Since Calvary Presbytery is necessarily vested with  
37 this power to declare terms of its admission, we acted in accord with both  
38 principles. It should be especially noted that the court did not injure the liberty of  
39 conscience of said TE. In accord with Preliminary Principle #1 this restriction did  
40 not injure “the rights of his private judgment at all,” because he was able to hold  
41 his difference, teach it to his family, and answer honestly if asked about it  
42 privately. We only restricted the public teaching and preaching of his view, which  
43 is in accord with Preliminary Principle #2. Furthermore, as Preliminary Principle  
44 #2 states, granting membership is a “right,” and even if its terms of communion  
45 are “either too lax or narrow...it does not infringe upon the liberty or the rights

1 **of others...**” As TE Guy Prentiss Waters has written, church office “is a privilege  
2 (not a right) that the court grants to those whom it deems qualified.” Calvary  
3 Presbytery merely exercised this right in harmony with both preliminary  
4 principles.

5 **2. This Practice is in Harmony with PCA Polity**

6 In the history of our own presbytery, we have occasionally restricted a man’s  
7 teaching concerning exceptions. Our Stated Clerk, TE Roy Taylor, in response to  
8 our inquiry on the question of PCA Polity & practice of restricting the teaching of  
9 certain views, said that “this issue was debated while hammering out the terms of  
10 Good Faith Subscription.” He asserts that it “has never been resolved,” and that  
11 “we have lived with differences of procedure among Presbyteries.” While there  
12 are several constitutional procedures concerning our method of subscription and  
13 the handling of examples (*BCO* 13-6, 13-7, 19-2.f, 21-4.b,e,f and *RAO* 16-3.e.5),  
14 yet none of these rules prohibit Presbytery from restricting a man from publicly  
15 teaching an exception. Furthermore, Calvary Presbytery in its consultation with  
16 other PCA Presbyteries concerning their practice of “Restricting the Teaching of  
17 Certain Views” has concluded that our view is not unique or isolated with the  
18 history and practice of PCA Polity. Therefore, Calvary Presbytery acted in  
19 harmony with polity within the PCA.

20 **3. The Practice is in Harmony with Historic Rulings of the SJC**

21 As TE Guy Prentiss Waters demonstrates\*, “not fewer than three Assemblies  
22 upheld the right of Presbytery to forbid a member from teaching his exception.”  
23 In 1992, the SJC upheld the action of James River Presbytery, by stating:  
24 “Presbyteries may exercise such power over the preaching and teaching of its  
25 members short of a determination that the forbidden teaching is heresy, without  
26 necessarily binding the consciences of the men under its care. . . . We must defer  
27 to presbytery, therefore, as the court most able to determine what may be harmful  
28 to the spiritual welfare of the churches under its care.” The SJC also upholds the  
29 right of the court to restrict teaching six years earlier, at the 14<sup>th</sup> GA: “When a man  
30 is ordained with the allowance of exceptions to his full acceptance of the PCA  
31 standards, he thereby obtains (1) approval of his suitability to function within the  
32 ordained office, and (2) liberty to believe and live in some way not fully in accord  
33 with some portion of those standards. This allowance, however, does not warrant  
34 his teaching or preaching of that matter so as to disturb the peace and purity of the  
35 church.” Finally, in 1990, the SJC also affirmed the right of presbyteries to restrict  
36 teaching of exceptions: “Presbyteries do have jurisdiction over TEs and have the  
37 authority to restrict a minister from preaching views which the presbytery is  
38 convinced may be harmful to the spiritual welfare of churches under its care (*BCO*  
39 13-9 and 34-5).” Therefore, Calvary Presbytery acted in harmony with historic  
40 rulings of the SJC.

41 In closing, again we respectfully disagree with the RPR’s judgment of an  
42 exception of substance concerning the restricting of a minister at our April 27,  
43 2017 meeting. As we have demonstrated, this practice is not in opposition to  
44 “Good Faith Subscription,” but is in harmony with PCA polity. It is also not  
45 opposed to the 1<sup>st</sup> Preliminary Principle, but upholds liberty of conscience while

1 harmonizing with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Preliminary Principle's establishment of presbytery's  
2 right to determine its membership. Therefore, we request that the exception of  
3 substance be removed and that our minutes be approved.

4 **Rationale [2019]:** (*Preliminary Principles* 1, 7, *WCF* 20.1) Presbytery's response  
5 differs with the judgment of the 45th General Assembly that a TE was prevented from  
6 teaching his accepted view and is contrary to our practice of good faith subscription  
7 and the first and seventh preliminary principles.

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- 9 5. That the Minutes of **Canada West** Presbytery: 49-0-1
- 10 a. Be approved without exception: **Mar 2-3, 2018 and Oct 12-13, 2018.**
- 11 b. Be approved with exception of form: **General.**
- 12 c. Be approved with exception of substance:
- 13 **Exception: Jun 1, 2018 (BCO 20-1)** – No record of call to a definite work.
- 14 **d. That the following response be found satisfactory:**
- 15 **Exception: Oct 13-14, 2017 (BCO 13-11)** – Presbytery went into Executive Session,  
16 but no minutes recorded.
- 17 **Response:** Canada West acknowledges the error and apologizes for the oversight. The  
18 minutes of the Executive Session are attached with this response, having been  
19 approved at our Stated October Presbytery Meeting in 2018.
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- 21 6. That the Minutes of **Catawba Valley** Presbytery: 53-0-1
- 22 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 27, 2018 and May 22, 2018.**
- 23 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Sep 25, 2018.**
- 24 c. Be approved with exception of substance:
- 25 **Exception: Nov 29, 2018 (BCO 13-6; 21-4.c.1.b)** – No record of an examination of  
26 original languages or seminary degree accepted in lieu of such an examination of a  
27 candidate from another denomination (OPC).
- 28 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**
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- 30 7. That the Minutes of **Central Carolina** Presbytery: 54-0-0
- 31 a. Be approved without exception: **Feb 24, 2018; May 22, 2018; Aug 25, 2018; and**  
32 **Nov 13, 2018.**
- 33 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**
- 34 c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**
- 35 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**
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- 37 8. That the Minutes of **Central Florida** Presbytery: 51-0-1
- 38 a. Be approved without exception: **None.**
- 39 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Jan 9, 2018; Apr 9, 2018; and Aug 14, 2018.**
- 40 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:
- 41 **Exception: Mar 10, 2018 (BCO 13-4; Presbytery Standing Rules Article 2)** – No  
42 quorum, only two REs, needs three.
- 43 **Exception: Mar 10, 2018 (BCO 13-12; RAO 16-3.c.2)** – No record of 10-day notice  
44 for this called meeting.



1           **Exception: Apr 9, 2018** (*RAO* 16-3.c.8; *RONR* p. 348) – Minutes of March 10, 2018  
2 called meeting approved without a vote to ratify the actions of the March 10, 2018  
3 meeting which were taken without a quorum.

4           **Exception: Apr 9, 2018** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) – The full record of three  
5 commissions not included in minutes.

6           **Exception: Apr 9, 2018** (*BCO* 23-1) – No record of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of presbytery vote to allow  
7 congregation to call Associate Pastor to succeed Senior Pastor.

8           **Exception: Aug 14, 2018** (*BCO* 21-4) – Stated differences not recorded in candidate’s  
9 own words.

10           **Exception: Nov 13, 2018** (*BCO* 23-1) – No record of congregational vote to dissolve  
11 pastoral relation.

12 **d. That the following responses be found satisfactory:**

13           **Exception: Jan 17, 2017 and Aug 17, 2017** (*BCO* 23-1) – No record of congregational  
14 meeting to dissolve pastoral relationship.

15           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exceptions as recorded in the minutes of  
16 January 17, 2017. This concerns TE [name omitted]. He was an Assistant Pastor so a  
17 congregational meeting was not required. The minutes incorrectly listed him as an  
18 Associate Pastor. The Presbytery approved a correction to the records at the November  
19 13, 2018 stated meeting of Presbytery.

20           **Exception: Jan 17, 2017; Apr 11, 2017; Aug 17, 2017; and Nov 14, 2017** (*BCO* 21-4)  
21 – No record of examination in Church History (i.e. no record of examination in all  
22 areas).

23           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exceptions and apologizes for not entering  
24 information into the records. The Presbytery assures that the examinations were done  
25 correctly but there was a failure in recording the action in the minutes. Hopefully our  
26 seriousness in correcting these exceptions in the 2018 minutes will show adherence to  
27 21-4.

28           **Exception: Aug 17, 2017** (*BCO* 13-2) – TE laboring out of bounds, without  
29 concurrence of Presbytery in whose bounds he labors.

30           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception. The Presbytery permitted a long  
31 term TE who was without a call to accept a job offer in another Presbytery who wanted  
32 to remain in the Central Florida Presbytery to see how things would work out for him.  
33 At the November 13, 2018 meeting of Presbytery, the Presbytery removed its  
34 permission for him to labor out of bounds.

35           **Exception: General** (*BCO* 15-1) – No completed records of commissions to ordain  
36 and install.

37           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception.

38                     January 17, 2017 [name omitted]

39                     April 11, 2017 [name omitted]; [name omitted]

40                     August 15, 2017 [name omitted]

41                     November 14, 2017 [name omitted]; [name omitted]

42           The Presbytery agrees with the exception. All commission reports for the installation  
43 of six Teaching Elders have been located or reconstructed and received and entered in  
44 the records by action of the April 9, 2019 Presbytery meeting.

1       **Exception: General** (*BCO* 13-9b) – No record of review of session records.

2       **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception. In 2018 all session records but  
3       two were reviewed. A workshop was held in March of 2018 to help sessions with  
4       these records. An experienced stated clerk in Presbytery has volunteered to help any  
5       local church with their record keeping.

6       **e. That the following responses be found unsatisfactory, therefore new responses  
7       must be submitted to the following GA:**

8       **Exception: Nov 14, 2017** (*BCO* 46-8) – TE was divested but was not assigned to a  
9       church.

10      **Response [2019]:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception. The TE involved was  
11      without call for several years and eventually chose another occupation. He remained  
12      in the church he had attended for several years.

13      **Rationale [2019]:** Still not clear if he has been assigned membership in a local  
14      congregation.

15      **Exception: Aug 17, 2017** (*BCO* 23-1) – No record of congregational meeting to  
16      dissolve pastoral relationship.

17      **Response [2019]** – This concerns TE [name omitted]. The Chairman of Presbytery’s  
18      committee “Minister and His Work” reported he was very involved with the situation  
19      at the church and he has assured Presbytery that the congregation approved his  
20      dissolution.

21      **Rationale [2019]:** There needs to be a congregational meeting record.

22      **Exception: Aug 19, 2014; Aug 18, 2015; and Nov 3, 2015** (*BCO* 15-1) – Presbytery  
23      Minutes record receipt of commission reports; but the minutes of commissions were  
24      not entered in Presbytery Minutes for installation of TE [name omitted].

25      **Response [2018]:** The CFP agrees with these exceptions of substance. It recognizes  
26      the failure to send or receive commission reports and including in the official records.  
27      Many hours have been spent reconstructing, finding and interviewing various people  
28      to locate or affirm the commissions. The Presbytery knows it is an important part of  
29      the record to have commission reports and is correcting the situation.

30      **Rationale [2018]:** Unclear how Presbytery is correcting the problem of not entering  
31      commission minutes into Presbytery minutes given no evidence of correction of these  
32      omissions in subsequent minutes.

33      **Response [2019]:** The Central Florida Presbytery agrees with these exceptions.

34      **Rationale: [2019]:** Presbytery has not shown how the problem of not entering the  
35      record of actions by a commission into Presbytery minutes is being corrected.

36      **Exception: Aug 19, 2014**

37      This commission involves the installation of [name omitted]. A commission was  
38      elected at the April 22, 2014 Presbytery meeting and the TE was installed on April 27,  
39      2014. A commission report has been reconstructed and entered into the minutes with  
40      the approval of Presbytery at its stated meeting on November 13, 2018.

41      **Rationale [2019]:** Unclear which date [name omitted]’s commission was elected and  
42      performed work. Was it 2014 or 2015? Exception 11 and 12 differ on these dates.

43      **Exception: Aug 18, 2015**

44      This exception involves two TE’s [names omitted]. The commission to install [name  
45      omitted] was elected at the April 21, 2015 meeting and the installation was held on

1 April 24, 2015. The commission report has been found and entered into the Presbytery  
2 records as approved by the Presbytery at its November 13, 2018 stated meeting.  
3 The commission to install TE [name omitted] was elected at the January 27, 2015  
4 meeting. He was installed on March 1, 2015. The commission report has been found  
5 and placed in Presbytery minutes as approved by the November 13, 2018 stated  
6 meeting of Presbytery.

7 **Rationale [2019]:** Unclear which date [name omitted]’s commission was elected and  
8 performed work. Was it 2014 or 2015? Exception 11 and 12 differ on these dates.

9 **Exception: Nov 3, 2015**

10 This exception involves two TE’s [names omitted]. The minutes mistakenly entered  
11 another TE’s name and the minutes have been corrected. At the April 21, 2015 stated  
12 meeting of Presbytery a commission was elected to install Lee Wright. His  
13 commission report has been located and placed in the records at the November 13,  
14 2018 stated meeting.

15 At the August 18, 2015 Presbytery meeting, a commission was elected to install TE  
16 [name omitted]. A commission report has been reconstructed and entered into the  
17 Presbytery minutes on November 13, 2018.

18 **Summary:** The Presbytery approved a motion receiving, approving and placing the  
19 five commission reports omitted in the August 19, 2014, August 18, 2015 and  
20 November 15 Presbytery records. It also approved a motion correcting the November  
21 2015 minutes to substitute the name [name omitted] for [name omitted].

22 Presbytery has also appointed a Commission to Review Records of Presbytery and to  
23 lead Presbytery in a committed effort to improve record keeping in all areas.

24 **Rationale [2019]:** November 13, 2018 minutes do not include the records of these  
25 commissions.

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27 9. That the Minutes of **Central Georgia Presbytery:** 51-0-0

28 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 19-20, 2018 and Jun 14, 2018.**

29 b. Be approved with exception of form: **May 8, 2018.**

30 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

31 **Exception: Sep 11, 2018 (BCO 38-1)** – No record of the steps required for a case  
32 without process per *BCO* 38-1 have been followed. No full statement of facts, no  
33 statement by individual of intent to confess and permit the court to render the judgment  
34 without process.

35 **d. That the following response be found satisfactory:**

36 **Exception: Jan 20-21, 2017 (BCO 13-9)** – Session record review not included.

37 **Response:** The report of the Sessional Records Committee at the January meeting was  
38 preliminary, in that churches have until the September meeting to have their records  
39 reviewed and approved. As such, we recorded only that the Committee Chairman gave  
40 a report, without providing details of his report.

41 In the future, CGP agrees to record the narrative of the Committee report at every  
42 meeting in which a report is given.

43 With respect to the January 21, 2017 Stated Presbytery meeting, CGP minutes will  
44 be amended to include the following report which was given orally by the Chairman  
45 of the Sessional Records Committee.

- 1 1. Prayer
- 2 2. Overall submission of the 2016 minutes was better and much more timely
- 3 than last year. Eleven churches emailed their minutes in and seven were
- 4 brought in for review today. All minutes indicate nothing was done
- 5 contrary to good order.
- 6 3. Clerks need to be more careful to document 1) Reports from Presbytery
- 7 meetings, 2) Deacons Minutes review. 3) Annual Statistical Reports and
- 8 4) A listing of baptisms, marriages, deaths (recommend you put these
- 9 items in the minutes of your last meeting of the year).
- 10 4. Some facts. CGP churches held 103 Stated Meetings, 27 Called Meetings
- 11 and 8 Congregational Meetings.
- 12 5. The best minutes were from [church names omitted].
- 13 6. Prayer.

14 At the CGP Stated Presbytery meeting on September 11, 2018, a motion was moved,

15 seconded and passed to approve the above response to RPR. This response will be

16 included in the minutes of the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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18 10. That the Minutes of **Central Indiana** Presbytery: *54-0-0*

- 19 a. Be approved without exception: **May 11, 2018; May 31, 2018; and Sep 14, 2018.**
- 20 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Directory; Feb 9, 2018; Jul 31, 2018; and**
- 21 **Nov 9, 2018.**
- 22 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:
- 23 **Exception: General (BCO 13-9.b) – No record of reviewing session minutes.**
- 24 **d. That the following responses be found satisfactory:**
- 25 **Exception: May 12, 2017 (BCO 21) – Stated differences not recorded in the**
- 26 **candidate’s own words.**
- 27 **Response: Line 41 was a typing error, in which the clerk inadvertently entered**
- 28 **duplicate information. The full stated difference was recorded in the candidate’s own**
- 29 **words beginning on line 42 of the same page.**
- 30 **Exception: Feb 10, 2017; May 12, 2017; and May 26, 2017 (BCO 19-2.d; 21-4.c.4)**
- 31 **– During licensure and ordination exams Presbytery accepted audio file for sermon**
- 32 **requirement instead of preaching in front of committee or Presbytery.**
- 33 **Response: We humbly apologize for our failure to comply with the Book of Church**
- 34 **order in this manner. For future licensure and ordination exams, the sermons will be**
- 35 **preached in front of either the Presbytery or a committee of the Presbytery.**
- 36 **Exception: General (BCO 13-9.b) – Results of review of records of church Sessions**
- 37 **not stated.**
- 38 **Response: We apologize for not recording the results of the review of records of**
- 39 **church Sessions in our Presbytery minutes. We will endeavor to more clearly indicate**
- 40 **such results henceforth.**

41

42 11. That the Minutes of **Chesapeake** Presbytery: *49-0-1*

- 43 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 9, 2018; Mar 13, 2018; May 8, 2018; Sep 11,**
- 44 **2018; and Nov 13, 2018.**
- 45 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**

- 1 c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**  
 2 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
 3
- 4 12. That the Minutes of **Chicago Metro** Presbytery: 50-0-1  
 5 a. Be approved without exception: **Oct 18, 2018.**  
 6 b. Be approved with exception of form: **General; Jan 17, 2018; Apr 18, 2018; and**  
 7 **Jul 18, 2018.**  
 8 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
 9 **Exception: Jan 17, 2018 and Apr 18, 2018** (BCO 13-11; BCO 15-2 & 3) – Complaint  
 10 sent to Presbytery not recorded in minutes, nor approval or disapproval of judgment  
 11 (full and accurate record) – see also RAO 16-3.e.7.  
 12 **Exception: General** (BCO 13-9.b) – No record of review of records of church  
 13 Sessions.  
 14 **d. That the following response be found satisfactory:**  
 15 **Exception: Jul 19, 2017** (BCO 20-1) – No record of call to definite work.  
 16 **Response:** We agree that we failed to note that the call for this TE was to a particular  
 17 church in our Presbytery. We will correct our minutes to note the church that issued  
 18 our call.  
 19
- 20 13. That the Minutes of **Columbus Metro** Presbytery: 53-0-0  
 21 a. Be approved without exception: **None.**  
 22 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**  
 23 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
 24 **Exception: General** (BCO 13-9b) – No record of review of records of church Sessions.  
 25 **Exception: Jan 23, 2018; May 15, 2018; and Nov 13, 2018** (BCO 13-4, 11; SR 12.1, 4;  
 26 RONR 347-8) It does not appear from the record or roll of Presbytery that a quorum  
 27 of at least 3 TEs and 3 REs was present. By failing to immediately adjourn, and instead  
 28 to continue to conduct business without a quorum, the Presbytery put itself at risk that  
 29 a future meeting would fail to ratify their actions. Actions taken at a meeting without  
 30 a quorum are by themselves null and void. (Note: An ordination exam occurred at one  
 31 of these meetings.  
 32 **Exception: Mar 20, 2018** (BCO 13-4, 11 and RONR 347-8) – Actions from the  
 33 January stated meeting taken without a quorum were not placed before the court for  
 34 ratification.  
 35 **Exception: Sep 18, 2018** (BCO 13-4, 11 and RONR 347-8) – Actions from the May  
 36 stated meeting taken without a quorum were not placed before the court for  
 37 ratification.  
 38 **Exception: Sep 18, 2018** (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5) – Stated differences not recorded  
 39 in candidate’s own words.  
 40 **Exception: Sep 18, 2018** (BCO 15-1) – Records of two ordination commissions not  
 41 entered.  
 42 **Exception: Sep 18, 2018** (BCO 13-6; 21-4) – Incomplete record of transfer exam.  
 43 **Exception: General** (RAO 16-10a) – Response to exceptions provided but no record  
 44 of responses having been approved by Presbytery.  
 45

- 1       **d. As no responses were received, responses must be submitted to the following GA:**  
2       **Exception: General** (BCO 13-9.b) – No record of session record review.  
3       **Exception: May 16, 2017** (BCO 5-3) – No record of provisional session appointed to  
4       mission work.  
5       **Exception: Nov 28, 2017** (BCO 19-2.a) – No record of statement of Christian  
6       experience.  
7
- 8   14. That the Minutes of **Covenant** Presbytery: 50-0-0  
9       a. Be approved without exception: **Feb 6, 2018 and Oct 2, 2018.**  
10       b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**  
11       c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
12       **Exception: May 15, 2018** (BCO 18-3) – No record of candidates’ examination in  
13       experiential religion and motives for seeking the ministry.  
14       **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
15
- 16   15. That the Minutes of **Eastern Canada** Presbytery: 50-0-0  
17       a. Be approved without exception: **Feb 23, 2018 and Jun 1, 2018.**  
18       b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**  
19       c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
20       **Exception: Oct 26, 2018** (BCO 19-2.f; RAO 16-3.e.5) – No record of Presbytery’s  
21       judgment on licensure candidate’s second stated difference.  
22       **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
23
- 24   16. That the Minutes of **Eastern Carolina** Presbytery: 51-0-1  
25       a. Be approved with exception: **Jan 27, 2018; Apr 21, 2018; May 10, 2018; May 30,**  
26       **2018; Jul 21, 2018; Oct 17, 2018; and Nov 17, 2018.**  
27       b. Be approved with exception of form: **General.**  
28       c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
29       **Exception: Nov 17, 2018** (BCO 21-4.e; 40-2; RAO 16-3.e.5.c; and WCF 8-2) – The  
30       following sentence in a man’s licensure exam appears to demonstrate a faulty christology  
31       *that strikes at the vitals of religion*: “... since Christ became a man and has a physical  
32       body, and since we worship him for his divinity, not his humanity, I believe that images  
33       of the incarnate Christ used for the purposes of art and education are permissible and  
34       do not violate the second commandment” (emphasis added). This was in his statement  
35       of difference with WLC 109, but the issue being cited involves christology and not  
36       images, per se.  
37       **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
38
- 39   17. That the Minutes of **Eastern Pennsylvania** Presbytery: 51-0-0  
40       a. Be approved without exception: **Apr 17, 2018.**  
41       b. Be approved with exception of form: **General and Feb 17, 2018.**  
42       c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
43       **Exception: Sep 15, 2018 and Nov 13, 2018** (BCO 21-4 and RAO 16-3.e.5) – No  
44       record of PCA history exam.

- 1           **Exception: Nov 13, 2018 (BCO 21-4)** – Candidate examined for ordination at  
 2           September 15, 2018 meeting and commission minutes indicate that candidate was  
 3           installed without ordination.
- 4           **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**
- 5
- 6   18. That the Minutes of **Evangel** Presbytery: 50-0-1
- 7       a. Be approved without exception: **None.**
- 8       b. Be approved with exception of form: **Directory; Feb 13, 2018; May 8, 2018; Aug 14,**  
 9       **2018; and Nov 13, 2018.**
- 10      c. Be approved with exception of substance:
- 11           **Exception: Feb 13, 2018 (BCO 21-4.d; 13-6)** – Use of extraordinary clause not  
 12           explained. Presbytery received a letter from a church asking for extraordinary clause  
 13           and stating rationale, but no rationale was adopted by the Presbytery.
- 14      **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**
- 15
- 16   19. That the Minutes of **Fellowship** Presbytery: 48-0-1
- 17      a. Be approved without exception: **September 27, 2018.**
- 18      b. Be approved with exception of form: **Directory; Jan 27, 2018; and Apr 28, 2018.**
- 19      c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**
- 20      **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**
- 21
- 22   20. That the Minutes of **Georgia Foothills** Presbytery: 50-0-1
- 23      a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 20, 2018 and Sep 18, 2018.**
- 24      b. Be approved with exception of form: **Directory and Apr 17, 2018.**
- 25      c. Be approved with exception of substance:
- 26           **Exception: Apr 17, 2018 (BCO 13-6)** – No record that minister transferring into  
 27           presbytery was examined for Christian Experience and views.
- 28      **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**
- 29
- 30   21. That the Minutes of **Grace** Presbytery: 52-0-0
- 31      a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 9, 2018; Feb 27, 2018; May 8, 2018; Jul 31,**  
 32      **2018; and Sep 11, 2018.**
- 33      b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**
- 34      c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**
- 35      **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**
- 36
- 37   22. That the Minutes of **Great Lakes** Presbytery: 52-0-0
- 38      a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 13, 2018; May 5, 2018; and Sep 14-15, 2018.**
- 39      b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**
- 40      c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**
- 41      **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**
- 42
- 43   23. That the Minutes of **Gulf Coast** Presbytery: 50-0-0
- 44      a. Be approved without exception: **Feb 5-6, 2018; Mar 12, 2018; and May 8, 2018.**
- 45      b. Be approved with exception of form: **Nov 13, 2018.**

- 1 c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**
- 2 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**

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4 24. That the Minutes of **Gulfstream** Presbytery: 50-0-1

- 5 a. Be approved without exception: **None.**
- 6 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Directory; Jan 16, 2018; Apr 17, 2018; and**
- 7 **Oct 16, 2018.**
- 8 c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**
- 9 **d. That the following response be found satisfactory:**

10 **Exception: Jan 17, 2017 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16.3.e.5) – Three examined candidates**  
11 **gave identical, verbatim stated differences. Our rules require that candidates express**  
12 **their stated differences “in their own words.”**

13 **Response: Gulfstream acknowledges this mistake. The minutes of January 17, 2017**  
14 **have been amended to include the following statements:**

15 Item 9.b. TE [name omitted], [church name omitted], transfer exam from Presbytery  
16 of Central Florida [PCA]

- 17 ● When asked about changes in previous view of *Confession, Catechisms, or Book*  
18 *of Church Order*, TE [name omitted] replied,

- 19 ○ [In reference to *WCF*, Ch. XXI, Paragraph 8, & *WLC* 117, & *WSC* 60] “I  
20 do not believe that Scripture excludes all forms of recreation on the  
21 Sabbath Day. Recreation, especially when understood in the context of  
22 the fellowship of God’s people, and not taken to extremes, can be a means  
23 to enjoy both rest and fellowship. (Gen. 2:2-3; Ex. 16:30; 31:15-17; Mark  
24 2:27). I understand that this exception is more than semantic, but not out  
25 of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrines

- 26 ○ [In reference to *WLC* 109] “Regarding sins forbidden in the second  
27 commandment and specifically the ‘making of any representation of God,  
28 of all or of any of the three persons, either inwardly in our mind, or  
29 outwardly in any kind of image or likeness of any creature whatsoever;’:  
30 I believe that images of Christ, either in one’s mind or used for  
31 pedagogical purposes, do not in all cases violate the second  
32 commandment. Scripture itself gives narratives of Jesus. It is difficult, if  
33 not impossible, to avoid forming mental pictures of Jesus regarding his  
34 humanity while reading those narratives. I understand that this exception  
35 is more than semantic, but not out of accord with any fundamental of our  
36 system of doctrines.”

37 Item 9.c. TE [name omitted] [church name omitted] transfer exam from Presbytery of  
38 Central Florida [PCA]

- 39 ● When asked about changes in previous view of *Confession, Catechisms, or Book*  
40 *of Church Order*, TE [name omitted] replied:

- 41 ○ [In reference to *WCF*, Ch. XXI, Paragraph 8 (likewise *WLC* 117 and 119  
42 and *WSC* 60)] “I do not agree that the necessary implication of Scripture  
43 teaches the unlawfulness of all forms of recreation on the Sabbath. The  
44 Sabbath was initiated by God and also instituted by him (Gen 2:2)  
45 primarily for the purpose of rest from labor (Ex 20:9-11, 31:15-17). To



1 the extent that such recreations are indeed restful and moreover not sinful  
 2 in themselves, I find their exercise fully permissible on the Sabbath. I  
 3 believe this exception to be more than semantic, but not out of accord with  
 4 any fundamentals of our system of doctrines.”

- 5 ○ [In reference to WLC 109] “The prohibition against ‘making any  
 6 representation of God ... inwardly in our mind’ seems to me to be not  
 7 only unreasonable but also contrary to the pattern of Scripture, which  
 8 itself describes visible manifestations of God (Luke 3:22 and Rev 1:13-  
 9 16, for example). I believe the second commandment would prohibit the  
 10 making of any mental images of our *own* design apart from Scripture,  
 11 however we do not sin in creating mental representations of that which  
 12 Scripture describes to us, so long as such images are not objects of our  
 13 worship. I believe this exception to be more than semantic, but not out of  
 14 accord with any fundamentals of our system of doctrines.”

15 Item 9.d. Rev. [name omitted], [church name omitted] transfer exam from Evangelical  
 16 Presbyterian Church [EPC]

- 17 ● When asked about differences with the *Confession, Catechisms, or Book of*  
 18 *Church Order*, Rev. [name omitted] replied,  
 19 ○ [In reference to WCF 21.8, WLC 117, WSC 60] “I do not believe the  
 20 Word of God demands we lay down all “works, words, and thoughts” on  
 21 the Lord’s Day. These can be given to the Lord and done unto His glory.  
 22 I also believe that recreation can be done unto the glory of God on the  
 23 Sabbath and can in fact produce rest that leads to the worship of God and  
 24 wholeheartedness.  
 25 ○ [In reference to WLC 109] “I believe the second commandment prohibits  
 26 us from creating mental images of our own making. However, when  
 27 Scripture leads us to form mental images directly from the descriptions of  
 28 scripture, we do not sin or fall into error. I believe this exception to be  
 29 more than semantic, but not out of accord with any fundamentals of our  
 30 system of doctrines.”

31 Said minutes were amended by action of Gulfstream Presbytery on April 30, 2019.  
 32 Please note further that Gulfstream, during its January 17, 2017 Stated Meeting, gave  
 33 full consideration of the stated differences, with further questioning and amplification.  
 34 In each instance, Gulfstream Presbytery judged the stated difference to be “to be more  
 35 than semantic, but ‘not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine’”  
 36 [BCO 21-4, RAO 16-3.e.5)c]

37 Copies of the amended minutes are available for inspection upon request.  
 38

- 39 25. That the Minutes of **Heartland** Presbytery: 53-0-1  
 40 a. Be approved without exception: **Feb 23, 2018.**  
 41 b. Be approved with exception of form: **General.**  
 42 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
 43 **Exception: November 2-3, 2018 (BCO 19-16)** – Three-fourths vote for waiving  
 44 internship requirement not recorded.

1 **d. That the following response be found satisfactory:**

2 **Exception: March 11-12, 2016** (*BCO* 15-1) – Minutes of commission not entered in  
3 Presbytery minutes (see also *RAO* 16-3.e.4).

4 **Response:** Commissions are mentioned in the minutes. We include our documents of  
5 those reports, and apologize these documents were not included in our submitted 2016  
6 minutes.

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8 26. That the Minutes of **Heritage** Presbytery: *49-0-0*

9 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 27, 2018; May 8, 2018; Sep 8, 2018; and**  
10 **Nov 17, 2018.**

11 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**

12 c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**

13 **d. That the following response be found unsatisfactory, therefore a new response**  
14 **must be submitted to the following GA:**

15 **Exception: Sep 9, 2017** (*BCO* 13-6) – Incomplete record of transfer examination:  
16 minutes do not reflect that TE [name omitted] was examined in his Christian experience;  
17 also he apparently was examined on Bible rather than his view on sacraments.

18 **Response:** Heritage Presbytery has reviewed the exception of substance to our 2017  
19 minutes and concluded that we indeed erred in our transfer examination of TE [name  
20 omitted] who should have been examined in re his views on The Sacraments. We have  
21 reviewed his views accordingly and find them in accord with the Standards. Thank  
22 you for pointing out this exception; we will attempt to be more diligent in the future.

23 **Rationale:** TE still needs to be examined on his Christian experience.  
24

25 27. That the Minutes of **Hills and Plains** Presbytery: *46-0-0*

26 a. Be approved without exception: **Feb 10, 2018**

27 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Directory.**

28 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

29 **Exception: May 8, 2018** (*RAO* 16-3.e.5) – Stated differences were approved but not  
30 recorded.

31 **Exception: Oct 9, 2018** (*BCO* 19-2, *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – No specific requirements of  
32 licensure exams recorded.

33 **Exception: General** (*BCO* 13-9.b) – No record of review of the records of church  
34 sessions.

35 **d. As no responses were received, responses must be submitted to the following GA:**

36 **Exception: Nov 15, 2017** (*BCO* 18-2; 18-3; and 18-4) – Record of proper steps to  
37 receive a candidate under care not included.

38 **Exception: Nov 15, 2017** (*BCO* 20-9) – Record of call of TE to definite work not  
39 found.

40 **Exception: Nov 15, 2017** (*BCO* 13-6) – Record of transfer exam for TE not recorded.

41 **Exception: Nov 15, 2017** (*BCO* 5-9) – Record of petition for mission status,  
42 establishment of oversight committee, or organizing commission not established or  
43 recorded.

- 1 28. That the Minutes of **Houston Metro** Presbytery: 49-0-2  
2 a. Be approved without exception: **Nov 12, 2018.**  
3 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Jan 19, 2018; Apr 20, 2018; and Aug 20, 2018.**  
4 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
5 **Exception: Aug 20, 2018** (*BCO* 13.9.a; and *BCO* 38) – Removed TE from rolls  
6 without explanation.  
7 **Exception: General** (*BCO* 12-7; *BCO* 12-8; and *BCO* 13-9.b) – No record of review  
8 of records of church sessions.  
9 **d. That the following response be found unsatisfactory; therefore a new response**  
10 **must be submitted to the following GA:**  
11 **Exception: Aug 21, 2017** (*BCO* 15-1) – Records of commission not entered in  
12 subsequent Presbytery minutes.  
13 **Response:** Review of Presbytery Records is correct in noting this exception of  
14 substance. Houston Metro Presbytery will be more diligent to include commission  
15 notes in future minutes.  
16 **Rationale:** The record of the commission’s actions needs to be recorded in the  
17 Presbytery’s minutes.  
18
- 19 29. That the Minutes of **Illiana** Presbytery: 46-0-2  
20 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 20, 2018; Apr 14, 2018; and Oct 20, 2018.**  
21 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**  
22 c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**  
23 **d. That the following responses be found satisfactory:**  
24 **Exception: Oct 17, 2015** (*BCO* 13-2) – No record of concurrence from home  
25 presbytery for TE examined for licensure.  
26 **Response [2016]:** To begin, this was an unorthodox situation. TE [name omitted] was  
27 a TE in Missouri Presbytery, neighboring Illiana to the West, serving in a revitalization  
28 work when their former pastor exited quickly. TE [name omitted] expressed to the  
29 congregation that he did not intend to move his credentials to Illiana, however he was  
30 willing to serve in this church in this capacity. Due to some theological concerns  
31 expressed by members of the body, Illiana was seeking a respectful measure of  
32 accountability to a man ministering within our borders while not belonging to our  
33 body. The option C&C took was to proceed with the process of licensing him to  
34 preach within our borders. Concurrence from the home presbytery was not considered  
35 in the discussion and omitted.  
36 **Rationale [2016]:** Presbytery did not follow *BCO* 13-2, nor did Presbytery seek  
37 concurrence from home presbytery of TE. *BCO* 13-2 states: “When a minister labors  
38 outside the geographical bounds of, or in a work not under the jurisdiction of his  
39 Presbytery, at home or abroad, it shall be only with the full concurrence of and under  
40 circumstances agreeable to his Presbytery, and to the Presbytery within whose  
41 geographical bounds he labors, if one exists.” No reason given why TE’s home  
42 presbytery was not consulted for concurrence.  
43 **Response [2017]:** To begin, this was an unorthodox situation. TE [name omitted] was  
44 a TE in Missouri Presbytery, neighboring Illiana to the West, serving in a revitalization  
45 work when their former pastor exited quickly. TE [name omitted] expressed to the

1 congregation that he did not intend to move his credentials to Illiana, however he was  
2 willing to serve in this church in this capacity. Due to some theological concerns  
3 expressed by members of the body, Illiana was seeking a respectful measure of  
4 accountability to a man ministering within our borders while not belonging to our  
5 body. The option C&C took was to proceed with the process of licensing him to preach  
6 within our borders. Concurrence from the home presbytery was not considered in the  
7 discussion and omitted.

8 **Rationale [2017]:** Presbytery did not follow *BCO* 13-2, nor did Presbytery seek  
9 concurrence from home presbytery of TE. *BCO* 13-2 states: "When a minister labors  
10 outside the geographical bounds of, or in a work not under the jurisdiction of his  
11 Presbytery, at home or abroad, it shall be only with the full concurrence of and under  
12 circumstances agreeable to his Presbytery, and to the Presbytery within whose  
13 geographical bounds he labors, if one exists." No reason given why TE's home  
14 presbytery was not consulted for concurrence.

15 **Response [2019]:** It was Illiana's understanding that TE [name omitted] had obtained  
16 concurrence of his presbytery at the time. This was also Illiana's understanding of the  
17 reading of (*BCO* 13-2). The presbytery now recognizes the error of this oversight of  
18 not documenting it properly and will endeavor to document this more diligently in the  
19 future. If the revitalization work had been successful Illiana would have taken steps  
20 as soon as possible to correct this inaction and followed *BCO* 13-2 direction. By God's  
21 providence this TE's ministry in Illiana ended soon after these actions and this  
22 particular work closed not long after this TE returned to his home presbytery

23 **Exception: Jan 21, 2017 p. 2 lines 97-99** (*BCO* 21-4) – Stated differences are not in  
24 candidate's own words.

25 **Exception: Jan 21, 2017** (*BCO* 21-4) – Stated differences not judged with prescribed  
26 categories

27 **Response [2019]:** Illiana recognizes the error and will strive to accurately and fully  
28 document identified differences in the future. The presbytery found that TE's [name  
29 omitted] stated differences, included here in his own words, were not exceptions as  
30 his view on recreation on the Sabbath is commonly held, his view on creation  
31 conforms to the analogical day position accepted by the PCA General Assembly, and  
32 neither of these views were found to be hostile to the system nor striking at the vitals  
33 of religion.

34 The only exception I take to the Standards is in WCF 21.8 regarding the  
35 prohibition on "recreations," also found in WLC 117 and WSC 60 and 61. My  
36 rationale for this is twofold.

37 First, to the best of my knowledge, the only proof text that addresses this  
38 directly is Isa 58:13, which speaks of "going your own ways, or seeking your  
39 own pleasure" on the Sabbath. While at first blush this appears to prohibit  
40 recreation, in my opinion, Isa 58:3 helps to interpret what the prophet means  
41 by "pleasure": "Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,  
42 and oppress all your workers." In other words, "pleasure" here refers not to  
43 common and lawful recreations, but injustice.

44 Second, the consistent and repeated Sabbath prohibitions throughout  
45 Scripture are related to work and commercial activity (e.g., Ex 20:10; Jer

1 17:19ff.; Neh 13). Therefore, I believe this is the thrust of what we are resting  
 2 from, in order that we may worship the Triune God on the Lord's Day. In  
 3 short, so long as we prioritize public and private worship, as well as acts of  
 4 necessity and mercy, on the Lord's Day -- which will necessarily consume the  
 5 majority of the day -- I do not believe it is sinful to engage in limited amounts  
 6 of non-commercial recreation.

7 I hold to an analogical view of the creation days. In short, this means that  
 8 I see the thrust of the creation account being God's pattern-setting for His  
 9 creation -- six days of work, plus one day of rest (Ex 20:9-11). There is a  
 10 certain similarity between man being made in God's image, and man's days  
 11 being made in the likeness of God's days. And just as God went out to work  
 12 and then rest, so do we -- in a similar way, but not in an identical way.  
 13 Regarding the length of the days, I am persuaded by the analogical view's  
 14 appreciation for their unspecified length. After all, the Hebrew "yom" can take  
 15 on many meanings and does not force a 24-hour view. Likewise, other  
 16 passages speak to the mystery of how God relates to time (e.g., Job 10:5; Ps  
 17 90:4; 2 Pet 3:8).

18 In terms of my understanding of the Confession's use of the clause "in the  
 19 space of six days," I see this primarily as a reaction against an instantaneous  
 20 creation view (e.g., Augustine). While the private writings of several divines  
 21 indicate they held to ordinary days, their omission of 24-hour language calls  
 22 into question whether they intended to bind men on this point, especially  
 23 within a consensus document. Moreover, the fact that there is but one allusion  
 24 to the length of the days suggests that this topic was not of first importance,  
 25 as creation ex nihilo and Adam's federal headship were.

26 **e. That the following response be found unsatisfactory; therefore a new response**  
 27 **must be submitted to the following GA:**

28 **Exception: October 17, 2015** (*BCO* 13-11; 38-3) – Presbytery’s release of TE does  
 29 not specify the judgment of the court as to the fidelity of the receiving body in  
 30 maintaining the Word and Sacrament in their fundamental integrity.

31 **Response [2016]:** TE [name omitted] had taken a call to an independent congregation.  
 32 He was not present when this action was taken. No note of input from either the Senior  
 33 Pastor or the Session is included, as the question was probably not asked.

34 **Rationale [2016]:** There was no record of a determination whether the  
 35 new/independent church was faithful in maintaining the Word and Sacraments in their  
 36 fundamental integrity

37 **Response: [2019]** Illiana recognizes the necessity to release TEs into works that will  
 38 maintain the Word and Sacrament in their fundamental integrity. At this particular  
 39 meeting neither the Senior Pastor at the time or this particular TE was present. The  
 40 action was brought by a member of the Session present and the question was not asked.  
 41 Since that time, the Senior Pastor at that time has been contacted and he is aware of  
 42 conversations with this particular church and is willing to affirm that they do indeed  
 43 maintain the Word and Sacrament in their fundamental integrity and that this  
 44 particular TE was released to a new ministry that is faithful to the scriptures.

1           **Rationale [2019]:** The court has yet to specify their judgment as to the fidelity of the  
2 receiving body.

- 3       **f. As no response was received, a response must be submitted to the following GA:**  
4       **Exception: General (BCO 13-9)** – No record of review of session minutes.

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6       30. That the Minutes of **Iowa** Presbytery: 39-0-1

- 7       a. Be approved without exception: **Mar 10, 2018.**  
8       b. Be approved with exception of form: **Jul 14, 2018; Aug 18, 2018; and Nov 10, 2018.**  
9       c. Be approved with exception of substance:

10       **Exception: Standing Rules (BCO 5-1; 13-1)** – Standing Rules provision redefines  
11 composition of Presbytery, by granting mission churches voting delegates to  
12 Presbytery.

- 13       **d. That the following response be found satisfactory:**

14       **Exception: Mar 11, 2017; May 6, 2017; Jul 8, 2017; and Nov 11, 2017 (BCO 15-1;**  
15 **and RAO 16-3.e.4)** – No minutes from commission for Cono.

16       **Response:** Regarding the dates cited by RPR, in the following places, the minutes of  
17 Iowa Presbytery meetings indicate that the commission reported to the presbytery on  
18 issues with which they were dealing and actions they had taken.

- 19       • March 11, 2017 - p.26 (lines 14-23) show the report of Cono Commission to the  
20 presbytery.  
21       • May 6, 2017 - p.26 (beginning at line 32) and p.46 (lines 1-21) and Appendix B  
22 of those minutes show the report of Cono Commission to the presbytery.  
23       • July 8, 2017 - p 52 (lines 19-26) record the report of that commission to the  
24 presbytery.  
25       • November 11, 2017 - p.72 (lines 25 and following) and p.73 (lines 1-18) show the  
26 final report of the commission to the presbytery

27       Because you cited those dates, we point you to those portions of minutes of those  
28 meetings.

29       But we suspect that your concern is not that of the commission reporting regularly  
30 to the presbytery but the presbytery reviewing its minutes. The final review of the  
31 minutes of the meetings of that commission was done when the Session of that  
32 congregation (the commission) submitted their final minutes. They were reviewed by  
33 the Ad.Nom. Committee and the committee's motion to approve those minutes was  
34 approved by Iowa Presbytery at its meeting on July 2, 2018.

35       We apologize for not recording such review of their records in 2017. Such review  
36 was planned to take place in the review of Session records when the commission had  
37 completed its labors. This was carried out by the Ad. Nom. Committee prior to and  
38 then approved by Iowa Presbytery at its meeting on July 2, 2018.

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40       31. That the Minutes of **James River** Presbytery: 46-0-0

- 41       a. Be approved without exception: **Jul 19, 2018.**  
42       b. Be approved with exception of form: **Jan 13, 2018; Apr 14, 2018; Oct 13, 2018; and**  
43       **General.**  
44       c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**

- 1       **d. That the following responses be found satisfactory:**  
2       **Exception: Apr 8, 2017 (BCO 19-2; 3d)** – Sermon from licentiates are required to be  
3       provided in both written and oral form.  
4       **Response:** The James River Presbytery (JRP) acknowledges and agrees with the  
5       Review of Presbytery Records Committee’s stated exception and expresses its  
6       commitment to comply with all the requirements for licensing examinations, including  
7       the presentation of a written sermon, going forward.  
8       **Exception: Apr 8, 2017 and Jul 20, 2017 (Bylaws II.B)** – No record of  $\frac{2}{3}$  required  
9       vote to pass amendment to *Bylaws*.  
10       **Response:** The JRP acknowledges and agrees with the Review of Presbytery Records  
11       Committee’s stated exception and expresses its commitment to comply with the  
12       requirements for amending its Bylaws. This exception results entirely from a failure  
13       by the Assistant Recording Clerk to properly record the vote, not from a failure to take  
14       a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote. He will aim to correctly record these votes in the future.  
15       **Exception: Jul 20, 2017 (Bylaws; Article VIII.8.7)** – Failed to identify the exact  
16       section of Bylaws to be amended.  
17       **Response:** The JRP acknowledges and agrees with the Review of Presbytery Records  
18       Committee’s stated exception and expresses its commitment to comply with the  
19       requirements for amending its Bylaws. This exception results entirely from a failure  
20       by the Assistant Recording Clerk to properly record the section of the Bylaws being  
21       amended. The Stated Clerk’s Report to the Presbytery clearly identified that section.  
22       **Exception: Oct 14, 2017 (Bylaws; Article II.B)** – No mention of  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote required for  
23       suspension of Bylaws.  
24       **Response:** The JRP acknowledges and agrees with the Review of Presbytery Records  
25       Committee’s stated exception and expresses its commitment to comply with the  
26       requirements for amending its Bylaws. This exception results entirely from a failure  
27       by the Assistant Recording Clerk to properly record the vote, not from a failure to take  
28       a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote. He will aim to correctly record these votes in the future.  
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- 30       32. That the Minutes of **Korean Capital Presbytery:** 51-0-0  
31       a. Be approved without exception: **None.**  
32       b. Be approved with exception of form: **General; Apr 2, 2018; and Oct 8, 2018.**  
33       c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
34       **Exception: Apr 2, 2018 (BCO 13-6; 21-4.c.2-4)** – Incomplete record of transfer exam  
35       for minister from another denomination. No record of requirement to preach.  
36       **Exception: Apr 2, 2018 and Oct 8, 2018 (BCO 15.1)** – Records of ordination and  
37       installation commissions not entered in Presbytery minutes.  
38       **Exception: Oct 8, 2018 (BCO 5-9.h)** – Organizing commission not appointed after  
39       approval of particularization.  
40       **d. That the following responses be found satisfactory:**  
41       **Exception: Apr 3, 2017 and Oct 2, 2017 (BCO 13-6; BCO 21-4)** – Incomplete record  
42       of transfer exam for minister of another denomination. No record of Seminary degree  
43       for languages or experiential religion.  
44       **Response:** The Korean Capital Presbytery regrets this oversight. The candidates were  
45       examined on their experiential religions and knowledge of Biblical languages. They

1 were not recorded in the Minutes due to the clerk's editing error. The Minutes were  
2 corrected and attached (p. 10 of Attachment #1 and p. 11 of Attachment #2 where  
3 corrections are highlighted.)

4 **Exception: Apr 3, 2017** (*BCO Prelim. Principle 6*) – No record that members of an  
5 interim/provisional session plus the merger of the 2 congregations were approved by  
6 each congregation (and/or new interim session members).

7 **Response:** The Korean Capital Presbytery regrets this oversight. The merger was  
8 approved by the two congregations. The records of congregational meetings for the  
9 merger are attached (Attachment #3, #4 and #5)

10 **Exception: Jun 5, 2017** (*BCO 13-6; BCO 21-4*) – Incomplete record of transfer exam  
11 for minister from another denomination. No record of exam in Christian experience  
12 and Greek and Hebrew. Candidate does not explain his difference to the Sabbath.

13 **Response:** The Korean Capital Presbytery regrets this oversight. The candidate was  
14 examined on his Christian experience and knowledge of Biblical languages. They  
15 were not recorded in the Minutes due to the clerk's editing error. The Minutes were  
16 corrected and attached (p. 2 of Attachment #6 where correction is highlighted)

17 **Exception: Dec 4, 2017** (*BCO 15-1; RAO 16-3.e.4*) – Minutes of judicial commission  
18 not entered in the minutes.

19 **Response:** The Korean Capital Presbytery regrets unclear recording of the minutes.  
20 There was no meeting of Judicial Commission, so no minutes. The Minutes that RPR  
21 reviewed was for the called meeting that the Commissioners were appointed. Since  
22 the minutes are not clear on this, it is corrected. (p. 2 of Attachment #7 where  
23 correction is highlighted)

24 **Exception: Apr 3, 2017 and Oct 2, 2017** (*BCO 21-4.c; RAO 16-3.e.5*) – All specific  
25 requirements of ordination exam not recorded. No record of exam in experiential  
26 religion or *BCO*.

27 **Response:** The Korean Capital Presbytery regrets this oversight. The candidates were  
28 examined on their experiential religions. But they were not recorded in the Minutes  
29 due to the clerk's editing error. The Minutes were corrected and attached (p. 8 of  
30 Attachment #1 and p. 9 of Attachment #2 where corrections are highlighted.)

31 The reason for no record of *BCO* exam is because candidates took the *BCO* exam and  
32 passed when they were licensed

33 **e. That the following response be found unsatisfactory, therefore a new response**  
34 **must be submitted to the following GA:**

35 **Exception: Apr 3, 2017** (*BCO 5-9.f; and g.*) – Church seemed to particularize and  
36 there is no record of a congregational vote petitioning presbytery, nor is there record  
37 of an election of a pastor and elders.

38 **Response [2019]:** The Korean Capital Presbytery does not understand this exception  
39 of substance. The minutes says, "Change of status of [church name omitted]  
40 Presbyterian Church from mission church to particular church has been delegated to  
41 the officers." It does not state that the Presbytery approved the particularization.

42 **Rationale [2019]:** The record does not show that the steps required by *BCO 5-9* for  
43 particularization have been followed. If the officers were constituted as a commission  
44 the record of their actions needs to be included in the Presbytery's minutes.



- 1 33. That the Minutes of **Korean Central** Presbytery: 48-0-0  
2 a. Be approved without exception: **None.**  
3 b. Be approved with exception of form: **General and Apr 10-11, 2018.**  
4 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
5 **Exception: General** (*RAO* 16.4.c.3) – No response to the Assembly concerning  
6 dispositions of exceptions of substance.  
7 **Exception: Apr 10-11, 2018** (*BCO* 20-1) – Ordination of TE; no record of call to a  
8 definite work.  
9 **Exception: Apr 10-11, 2018** (*BCO* 23-1) – No record of congregational vote to  
10 dissolve pastoral call.  
11 **Exception: Oct 16-17, 2018** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-4.3.e.4) – Record of commission  
12 not entered in Presbytery minutes.  
13 **d. As no response was received, a response must be submitted to the following GA:**  
14 **Exception: Apr 18-19, 2017 and Oct 10-11, 2017** – No record that calls to TEs were  
15 examined and approved by Presbytery (*BCO* 20-1; 20-6; *RAO* 16-3.e.6).  
16 **Exception: Apr 18-19, 2017 and Oct 10-11, 2017** (*BCO* 15-2) – No record of  
17 commission formed to install/ordain pastor.  
18 **Exception: Oct 10-11, 2017** (*BCO* 21-4) – Use of  $\frac{3}{4}$  extraordinary clause not  
19 explained for ordination exam.  
20 **Exception: Apr 18-19, 2017** (*BCO* 13-8) – No commission report for RE  
21 examinations for church transferring.  
22 **Exception: Oct 10-11, 2017** (*BCO* 13-10) – No record of transfer or dismissal of  
23 members of dissolved church.  
24 **Exception: Apr 18-19, 2017** (*BCO* 13-6) – Incomplete record of transfer exams.  
25 **e. That the following responses be found satisfactory:**  
26 **Exception: Apr 12-13, 2016; Oct 11-12, 2016** (*BCO* 20-1) – Ordination of TEs: no  
27 record of call to a definite work. [name omitted].  
28 **Response [2018]:** KCP agrees with this exception. All five candidates (four from  
29 April and one from October) received calls to a definite work, but the record only  
30 indicates the names of the churches from which the calls came from. We will include  
31 more detail next time.  
32 **Rationale [2018]:** Minutes need to reflect that the Presbytery acted to approve the  
33 calls of all five candidates (*BCO* 20-1, 20-6, 20-8; *RAO* 16-3.e.6).  
34 **Response [2019]:** KCP agrees with the RPR’s decision. KCP reconsidered the matter  
35 and ratified the calls of all five candidates on 2018 October meeting.  
36 **Exception: Oct 11-12, 2016** (*BCO* 21-4) – Ordination examination approved  
37 conditionally.  
38 **Response [2018]:** KCP disagrees with this exception. *BCO* 21-4 does not forbid a  
39 conditional approval of an ordination examination. Concerning the candidate in  
40 question, we checked his qualifications and examined the candidate with the subject  
41 matter prescribed in *BCO* 21-4.c. He affirmed our confessional standards with any  
42 exception. KCP’s examination committee was satisfied with the result of his  
43 examination. However, during the floor test, a few presbytery members were  
44 concerned that the candidate’s explanations on some of the issues concerning  
45 sexuality and the ordination of women seemed lacking. He affirmed our position, but

1 a few members felt that he needed extra study on the matter. KCP could have ignored  
2 the minority concern, but KCP usually tries to satisfy all of its members. Therefore,  
3 KCP decided to approve of the candidate with an instruction to write papers (2-3 pages  
4 each) concerning the two topics of sexuality and the ordination of women. KCP took  
5 a vote and it was unanimous.

6 **Rationale [2018]:** While the concept of admonishing or encouraging an approved  
7 ordinand to further study is appropriate, the language of “conditional approval” is not  
8 one acknowledged in the *BCO*. It was likely that this was not, in fact, a conditional  
9 approval, yet the response indicates it was, thus it being deemed unacceptable.

10 **Response [2019]:** KCP agrees with the RPR’s decision. KCP ratified the decision to  
11 approve his examination on October 2018 meeting.

12 **f. That the following response to a previous assembly be found unsatisfactory;**  
13 **therefore a new response must be submitted to the following GA:**

14 **Exception: Apr 12-13, 2016; Oct 11-12, 2016** (*BCO* 15-1) – Minutes of commission  
15 not entered in Presbytery minutes (see also *RAO* 16-3.e.5).

16 **Response [2018]:** KCP disagrees with this exception. We did not form any  
17 commissions or committees in 2016 except three committees for ordinations (one in  
18 April and two in October). There are reports from the committees, but there are no  
19 minutes.

20 **Rationale [2018]:** The PCA does not have committees for ordination but commissions  
21 and commissions must submit their minutes to the Presbytery and must be entered into  
22 the Presbytery minutes.

23 **Response [2019]:** KCP agrees with the RPR’s decision. First, the word was  
24 mistranslated. We have commissions for ordination, not committee. KCP’s ordination  
25 commission only produces a report. A chair of the commission, assigned by the  
26 moderator, arranges an ordination service, and he notifies commissioners on time,  
27 place and the order of service. Since there is no meeting a prior to the service, there  
28 are no minutes. Due to the long distance between members, having a prior meeting is  
29 difficult.

30 **Rationale [2019]:** A service of ordination is a part of the meeting and action of the  
31 commission and therefore requires a record (*BCO* 21-5).

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33 34. That the Minutes of **Korean Eastern** Presbytery: 48-0-0

- 34 a. Be approved without exception: **None.**  
35 b. Be approved with exception of form: **General; Sep 11, 2018; and Mar 12, 2019.**  
36 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

37 **Exception: General** (*BCO* 13-9) – No record of review of records of Sessions

38 **Exception: General** (*BCO* 13-12) – No record of two meetings in 2018 (previous  
39 minutes do not include a spring 2018 meeting)

40 **Exception: Sep 11, 2018** (*BCO* 20-1) – No record of call to a definite work

41 **Exception: Sep 11, 2018** (*BCO* 13-6; 21-4c) – Incomplete record of transfer exam for  
42 minister from another denomination

43 **d. As no response was received, a response must be submitted to the following GA:**

44 **Exception: Apr 18, 2017** (*BCO* 23-1) – After TE resigned, the Presbytery failed to  
45 cite the church to appear by its commissioners.

1           **Exception: Apr 18, 2017** (*BCO* 13-6; and 21-4) – Incomplete transfer exam; no  
 2 indication of previous denomination.

3           **Exception: Apr 18, 2017** (*BCO* 21-4) – No record of ordination exam.

4           **e. That the following response to a previous assembly be found unsatisfactory;**  
 5           **therefore a new response must be submitted to the following GA:**

6           **Exception: Sep 29, 2016** (*BCO* 13-6; 21-4) – Incomplete record of transfer exam for  
 7 minister from other denomination.

8           **Response [2019]:** The candidate from KAPC was examined according to the Standing  
 9 Rules of KEP which states that TE transferring from another denomination shall be  
 10 examined on the subjects form licensure or ordination at the discretion of the  
 11 Candidate Examination Committee.

12           The CEC decided to examine the candidates in the areas of *BCO* and Church  
 13 History only (omits Bible, Theology, Sacraments) since the minister was transferring  
 14 from KAPC which is very similar to PCA (90%). KEP will be more careful in the  
 15 future to record accurately.

16           **Rationale [2019]:** PCA rules state that ministers transferring from non-PCA  
 17 denominations shall be examined in all areas even if from a denomination similar to  
 18 the PCA. In addition, Presbytery bylaws cannot be out of accord with the *BCO* (*BCO*  
 19 13-6; 21-4).

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21           35. That the Minutes of **Korean Northeastern** Presbytery: 50-0-1

22           a. Be approved without exception: **Apr 10, 2018 and Sep 11, 2018.**

23           b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**

24           c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**

25           **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**

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27           36. That the Minutes of **Korean Northwest** Presbytery: 49-0-0

28           a. Be approved without exception: **Oct 8, 2018.**

29           b. Be approved with exception of form: **Apr 9, 2018.**

30           c. Be approved with exception of substance:

31           **Exception: Apr 9, 2018** (*BCO* 20-1) – No record of call to a definite work.

32           **Exception: Apr 9, 2018** (*BCO* 21-4) – All specific requirements of ordination exam  
 33 not recorded.

34           **d. As no response was received, a response must be submitted to the following GA:**  
 35           **Exception: General** (*BCO* 13-9b) – No record of review of records of church  
 36 sessions.

37           **Exception: Apr 24, 2017** (*BCO* 21-4) – All specific requirements of ordination exam  
 38 not recorded.

39           **Exception: Apr 24, 2017 and Oct 9, 2017** (*BCO* 21-4) – No record of requiring  
 40 statement of differences with our Standards.

41           **Exception: Apr 24, 2017** (*BCO* 20-1) – No record of call to a definite work.

42           **Exception: Apr 24, 2017** (*BCO* 19-13) – Approval of internship for ordination not  
 43 recorded.

44           **Exception: Apr 24, 2017 and Oct 9, 2017** (*BCO* 12-5) – Power to examine, ordain,  
 45 and install ruling elders belongs to the Session.

1       **Exception: Oct 9, 2017 (BCO 19-2)** – All specific requirements of licensure exam  
2 not recorded.

3       **Exception: Oct 9, 2017 (BCO 13-6)** – Incomplete record of transfer exam – no  
4 indication of transferee’s previous denomination

5       **Exception: General (BCO 40-1)** – No record of review of session minutes.

6       **Response [2018]:** We have a committee that reviews them each presbytery meeting.  
7 Many times churches forget to bring them. We will be more diligent in this matter to  
8 insure that sessional records are reviewed under *BCO* 40-1.

9       **Rationale [2018]:** Please supply record of presbytery action reviewing 2014 Session  
10 minutes.

11       **Exception: General (RAO 16-10.a)** – No response to the Assembly concerning  
12 disposition of any exceptions of substance.

13       **Response [2018]:** We apologize for not responding on time. It is not the attitude of  
14 the presbytery and its members to rebel or disrespect. It was the fault of the clerk and  
15 he apologizes and asks for forgiveness.

16       **Rationale [2018]:** Please provide responses to presbytery exceptions of substance for  
17 2014, 2013, and 2011.

18       **Exception: Apr 13, 2015 (BCO 21-4)** – No record of candidate meeting all  
19 qualifications for ordination.

20       **Response [2018]:** Our examination committee keeps record of all the parts and details  
21 of the exam and just gives final report to the presbytery. We will have requirements  
22 in our minutes in the future. We have revised our minutes to show required parts are  
23 approved and that the exam as a whole was approved.

24       **Rationale [2018]:** Please provide a record of the revised minutes and the record of  
25 presbytery’s revision including statement of stated differences in candidate’s own  
26 words and presbytery’s categorization of the differences.

27       **Exception: Apr 13, 2015 (RAO 16-3.e.5)** – All specific requirements of exam not  
28 recorded.

29       **Response [2018]:** Our examination committee keeps record of all the parts and details  
30 of the exam and just gives final report to the presbytery. We will do better job of  
31 recording requirements in our minutes in the future. We have revised our minutes to  
32 show required parts are approved and that the exam as a whole was approved.

33       **Rationale [2018]:** Please provide a record of the revised minutes and the record of  
34 presbytery’s revision including statement of differences in candidate’s own words and  
35 presbytery’s categorization of the differences.

36       **Exception: Apr 13, 2015 (BCO 21-4, RAO 16-3.e.5)** – No record of candidate’s stated  
37 differences, if any.

38       **Response [2018]:** We will keep clear record of statement of differences with standards  
39 in the future.

40       **Rationale [2018]:** Please provide a record of the revised minutes and the record of  
41 presbytery’s revision including statement of differences in candidate’s own words and  
42 presbytery’s categorization of the differences.

- 44 37. That the Minutes of **Korean Southeastern** Presbytery: *50-0-1*  
45     a. Be approved with exception: **None.**

- 1 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Apr 9, 2018 and Oct 8, 2018.**  
 2 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
 3 **Exception: Apr 9, 2018 and Oct 8, 2018 (BCO 21-4)** – All requirements for  
 4 ordination exam were not recorded (two candidates in April; one candidate in October).  
 5 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
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 7 38. That the Minutes of **Korean Southern** Presbytery: 51-0-0  
 8 a. Be approved without exception: **None.**  
 9 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Oct 16, 2017 and Apr 16, 2018.**  
 10 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:  
 11 **Exception 1: Oct 16, 2017 and Apr 16, 2018 (BCO 13-9.b)** – No record of review of  
 12 session records.  
 13 **Exception 2: Apr 16, 2018 (BCO 21-4)** – Stated differences with our Standards not  
 14 recorded (see *RAO* 16-3.e.5).  
 15 **Exception 3: Apr 16, 2018 (BCO 13-6; 21-4)** – No record of transfer exam.  
 16 **d. That the following responses be found satisfactory:**  
 17 **Exception: Oct 19, 2015 (BCO 21-4)** – Incomplete record of ordination exam (missing  
 18 terms of call, education, stated differences with standards, ministerial obligation, etc.)  
 19 **Response [2018]:** The mentioned TE had been already ordained at another  
 20 denomination before joining this Presbytery. So this Presbytery did not compose the  
 21 ordination committee. This Presbytery only tested him according to *BCO* 21-4(c) and  
 22 Presbytery *Standing Rule* 46 –2 in Article 11, especially focusing on PCA history and  
 23 *Westminster Confession with Larger and Shorter Catechisms*. He successfully passed  
 24 all the areas of the test and Presbytery did not find any differences. Although the test  
 25 result was written in general terms, Presbytery will record in more detail in the future.  
 26 **Rationale [2018]:** 1. No record of examination of *BCO* 21-4 (a) and (b); 2. All specific  
 27 requirements of ordination exam not recorded; and 3. Stated Differences not recorded  
 28 in candidate’s own words (*BCO* 21-4 (a, b, c) and *BCO* 13-6).  
 29 **Response [2019]:** Although we reviewed and tested very carefully the transferring TE  
 30 from another denomination, we failed to record the results in the minute in detail. At  
 31 the page 10 of the minute, the test subjects are recorded. However, we did not record  
 32 the specifics such as the stated differences with standards even though we found no  
 33 differences. We will make sure to record them from now on. We regret our failure to  
 34 do it.  
 35 **Exception: Oct 17, 2016 (BCO 21-4)** – No record of TE ordination exam.  
 36 **Response [2019]:** All the requirements and elements of TE exam were properly  
 37 administered according to *BCO*. However, we failed to record it in the minute. We are  
 38 sorry for that. We will do better to record our procedure more clearly in the presbytery  
 39 minute from now on.  
 40 **Exception: General (BCO 13-9)** – No record of review of records of church sessions.  
 41 **Response [2019]:** We are aware of this and continue to encourage member churches  
 42 to submit their session records. We think that there are some improvements in this  
 43 area. But it may take a while to have all the member churches to submit their minutes.

1           **Exception: Oct 17, 2016, and Apr 17, 2017 (RAO 16-10a)** – No record in minutes of  
2 exceptions taken by General Assembly.

3           **Response [2019]:** We will record in minutes the exceptions taken by GA.

- 4           **e. That the following response to a previous assembly be found unsatisfactory;**  
5 **therefore a new response must be submitted to the following GA:**

6           **Exception: Apr 17, 2017 (BCO 13-11 and BCO 43)** – Incomplete record of complaint  
7 sent to presbytery.

8           **Response [2019]:** We decided not to record the details because of some private and  
9 groundless contents in it. We will be more careful about this matter from now on.

10           **Rationale [2019]:** A complete record of a complaint submitted to Presbytery should  
11 be recorded in the minutes.

- 12  
13 39. That the Minutes of **Korean Southwest** Presbytery:

14           a. Be approved with exception: **None.**

15           b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**

16           c. Be approved with exceptions of substance: **None.**

- 17           **d. As no response was received, a response must be submitted to the following GA:**

18           **Exception: Mar 14, 2017 (BCO 19-2)** – All specific requirements of licensure not  
19 recorded.

20           **Exception: Sep 12, 2017 (BCO 13-6, 21-4)** – Incomplete record of transfer exam of  
21 TE coming into the Presbytery.

22           **Exception: General (BCO 13-9b)** – No record of review of minutes of church  
23 Sessions.

24           **Exception: General (RAO 16-10)** – No record in minutes of 2013, 2014, 2015  
25 exceptions taken by GA and/or Presbytery approval of responses to the exceptions

26           **Exception: Mar 10, 2015 and Sep 15, 2015 (BCO 18; 19-7)** – No record of  
27 candidates ever coming under care of Presbytery or entering internship.

28           **Response [2018]:** Our credentials committee does the work of making sure  
29 candidates' credentials are in order. We simply failed to record it in our minutes. We  
30 will make sure that the committee's work is recorded in our minutes.

31           **Rationale [2018]:** The Presbytery itself should be doing this work and recording it in  
32 its minutes. (BCO 18-3)

33           **Exception: By-laws (BCO 24-1)** – By-laws for electing ruling elders are out of accord  
34 with the BCO [Article 23].

35           **Exception: March 11, 2014 (BCO 20-1)** – Ordination of TE: no record of call to a  
36 definite work.

37           **Exception: March 15, 2016 (BCO 21-4, RAO 16-3.e.5)** – Not all specific  
38 requirements of ordination exam recorded [66.9].

39           **Exception: March 15, 2016 and September 12, 2016 (BCO 13-6)** – No record of  
40 transfer exam [66.8-3e, 67.8].

41           **Exception: August 20, 2016 (BCO 15-1)** – Minutes of commission not included  
42 [66.1-4].

43           **Exception: General (BCO 13-9.b)** – No record of review of session records.

- 1 40. That the Minutes of **Korean Southwest Orange County** Presbytery:
- 2 a. Be approved with exception: **None.**
- 3 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**
- 4 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance: **None.**
- 5 **d. As no response was received, a response must be submitted to the following GA:**
- 6 **Exception: Sep 12, 2017, and Mar 13, 2018 (BCO 15-1)** – Minutes of Commission
- 7 not entered into Presbytery minutes.
- 8 **Exception: Sep 12, 2017 (BCO 13-6; 21-4)** – Incomplete record of transfer exam for
- 9 minister from another denomination.
- 10 **Exception: Sep 12, 2017 and Mar 13, 2018 (BCO 21-4)** – No record of requiring
- 11 statement of differences with our standards.
- 12 **Exception: Sep 12, 2017 and Mar 13, 2018 (BCO 20-1)** – No record of call to definite
- 13 work.
- 14 **Exception: Sep 12, 2017 and Mar 13, 2018 (BCO 21-4)** – All specific requirements
- 15 of ordination exam not recorded.
- 16 **Exception: Sep 12, 2017, and Mar 13, 2018 (BCO 19-13; 21-4.a)** – Approval of
- 17 internship for ordination not recorded.
- 18 **Exception: Sep 12, 2017 and Mar 13, 2018 (BCO 13-9.b)** – No review of church
- 19 session records found.
- 20 **Exception: Sep 12, 2017 (BCO 12-5)** – Power to examine, ordain, and install REs
- 21 belongs to the Session.
- 22 **Exception: Sep 12, 2017 (BCO 23-1)** – No record that congregation was cited to
- 23 appear to give statement about pastor’s resignation.
- 24 **Exception: Sep 12, 2017 (BCO 34-10)** – Process for divesting TE from office not in
- 25 accordance with *BCO*.
- 26 **Exception: Sep 12, 2017 (BCO 5-2.c; 13-10)** – Process of dissolving mission church
- 27 not in accord with *BCO*.
- 28 **Exception: Mar 13, 2018 (BCO 13-1)** - Certificate of Presbytery membership issues
- 29 to REs. REs are not members of the presbytery.
- 30 **Exception: Standing Rules (BCO 24)** – Election of RE out of accord with *BCO*.
- 31 **Exception: Sep 14-15, 2015 and Mar 14, 2016 (BCO 13.9.b)** – No record of the
- 32 review of session records.
- 33 **Exception: Sep 14-15, 2015 and Mar 14, 2016 (BCO 19-2)** – All specific
- 34 requirements for licensure exams not recorded.
- 35 **Exception: Mar 15, 2016 (BCO 20-1)** – No record of call to a definite work.
- 36 **Exception: Mar 15, 2016 (BCO 21-4)** – All specific requirements of ordination exam
- 37 not recorded.
- 38 **Exception: Mar 15, 2016 (BCO 21-4)** – No record of candidate meeting requirements
- 39 for ordination (education, languages, etc).
- 40 **Exception: Mar 15, 2016 (BCO 38-2)** – Request to be divested of office was acted
- 41 upon at the same meeting.
- 42 **Exception: Sep 13, 2016 (BCO 13-6; 21-4)** – Incomplete record of examination of
- 43 TE transferring into Presbytery from another denomination.
- 44 **Exception: Sep 13, 2016 (BCO 21-4)** – No record of requiring statement of
- 45 differences with our Standards.

1           **Exception: Sep 13, 2016** (*BCO* 5-2.b; 5-3) – Unclear if churches received into  
2 presbytery are missions churches or particularized; if particularized, no record of  
3 designation of commission to meet with church elders.

4           **Exception: Sep 13, 2016** (*BCO* 13-9.b) – No record of review of records of church  
5 sessions.

6  
7 41. That the Minutes of **Lowcountry** Presbytery: 51-0-0

8       a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 27, 2018 and Apr 24, 2018.**

9       b. Be approved with exception of form: **Directory and Nov 1, 2018.**

10      c. Be approved with exception of substance:

11           **Exception: Jul 28, 2018** (*BCO* 13-11) – Presbytery adopted a motion for a called  
12 meeting with no subsequent record of that meeting.

13           **Exception: Nov 1, 2018** (*BCO* 19-2.f and *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – No record of requiring the  
14 candidate [in a licensure exam] to state the specific instances in which he may differ  
15 with the *Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms* in any of their statements and/or  
16 propositions. And, if any were stated, there’s no record of how Presbytery judged them.

17      **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**

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19 42. That the Minutes of **Metro Atlanta** Presbytery: 51-0-1

20      a. Be approved without exception: **May 1, 2018 and Sep 18, 2018.**

21      b. Be approved with exception of form: **Directory.**

22      c. Be approved with exception of substance:

23           **Exception: Jan 23, 2018** (*BCO* 21-4) – Stated differences with our Standards not  
24 recorded (see *RAO* 16-3.3.5).

25           **Exception: Jan 23, 2018** (*BCO* 15-1) – Records of Commission not entered in  
26 presbytery minutes (for [name omitted], Appendix F).

27      **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**

28  
29 43. That the Minutes of **Metropolitan New York** Presbytery: 52-0-0

30      a. Be approved without exception: **Sep 18, 2018 and Oct 30, 2018.**

31      b. Be approved with exception of form: **Nov 3, 2018.**

32      c. Be approved with exception of substance:

33           **Exception: Jan 9, 2018** (*BCO* 5-3, 13-9) – Presbytery received as information a report  
34 that a church “has become a mission church.” No record of presbytery designating its  
35 status, nor to assume jurisdiction per *BCO* 13-9, in order to establish a temporary  
36 system of government per *BCO* 5-3.

37           **Exception: January 9, 2018** (*BCO* 21-4) – No record of ordinand required to state  
38 differences with *WSC* nor of him stating them in his own words.

39           **Exception: March 13, 2018** (*BCO* 13-11) – Appeal of a Session action sent to  
40 presbytery but not included in minutes.

41           **Exception: May 8, 2018 and November 3, 2018** (*BCO* 12-5.e) – Presbytery errantly  
42 requiring sessions to record guest preacher’s ministerial qualification in their minutes.

43      **d. As no response was received, a response must be submitted to the following GA:**

44           **Exception: September 20, 2016** (*BCO Preliminary Principle* 6) – No record  
45 provisional session approved by congregation [p. 1633].



- 1 44. That the Minutes of the **Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley:** 51-0-0  
2 a. Be approved without exception: **Feb 6, 2018; May 1, 2018; Aug 4, 2018; and Nov**  
3 **6, 2018.**  
4 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**  
5 c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**  
6 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
7 **e. Matter referred to CRPR from the Office of the Stated Clerk**  
8 Whereas: The SJC ruled that this matter was not properly before them but could only  
9 be referred to them by the General Assembly; and  
10 Whereas the SJC Chairman and the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly referred  
11 this matter to the CRPR; and  
12 Whereas: *BCO* 40-5 states that "When any court having appellate jurisdiction shall  
13 receive a credible report with respect to the court next below of any important  
14 delinquency or grossly unconstitutional proceedings of such court," thus the  
15 General Assembly must decide whether this report is a credible report; and  
16 Whereas: *BCO* 40-5 continues, "the first step shall be to cite the court alleged to have  
17 offended to appear before the court having appellate jurisdiction, or its  
18 commission, by representative or in writing, at a specified time and place, and to  
19 show what the lower court has done or failed to do in the case in question," thus  
20 if the General Assembly decides that this report is credible, it shall cite the lower  
21 court in question to appear before it or its commission; and  
22 Whereas: the SJC is a commission of the General Assembly that is especially equipped  
23 to hear a *BCO* 40-5 case and to adjudicate it; and  
24 Whereas: A *BCO* 38-4 case is non-judicial by definition (*BCO* 27.1.a)  
25 Therefore, the CRPR recommends the 47th GA rule the allegation of Ms. [name  
26 omitted] is a "credible report" involving "an important delinquency or grossly  
27 unconstitutional [proceeding]," and thus, per *BCO* 40-5, the 47th GA cites the  
28 Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to appear before the PCA's Standing Judicial  
29 Commission, which the 47th GA constitutes its commission to adjudicate this  
30 matter, by representative or in writing, at the SJC's fall stated meeting, to "show  
31 what the lower court has done or failed to do in the case in question," following  
32 SJC Manual 15, the 47th GA directs the SJC Officers to appoint an SJC member  
33 to be the representative of the report.  
34 Specifically, the GA requests the Presbytery to at least answer these questions  
35 initially:  
36 1. Where in the Session's or Presbytery's official record ("Record"), or elsewhere,  
37 is there record of a clear demonstration that Ms. [name omitted] "made it  
38 known she had no intention of fulfilling the church vows?" (*BCO* 38-4)  
39 2. If a church member declines to follow advice or counsel from a Session, is that  
40 automatically evidence of failing to submit to the government and discipline  
41 of the church? (i.e., the offense for which the Session indicted her)  
42 3. Where in the Record, or elsewhere, is there record of the Session fulfilling the  
43 "pastoral discipline/reminding" responsibility of *BCO* 38-4, which occurs after  
44 a member's expression of "no intention" but before the action of removal?

- 1           4. Where in the Record, or elsewhere, is there record of the Session providing  
2           Ms. Lewis formal and official notification of her *BCO* 38-4 removal after the  
3           Session took the action?  
4           Approved by *BCO* 40-5 sub-committee of CRPR 5 votes for, 0 nay, 0 abstentions.  
5
- 6   45. That the Minutes of **Missouri** Presbytery: 51-0-0  
7       a. Be approved without exception: **Oct 16, 2018.**  
8       b. Be approved with exception of form: **Jul 17, 2018.**  
9       c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
10       **Exception: Jan 16, 2018 (BCO 23-1)** – No record that the steps outlined in *BCO* 23-  
11       1 were followed in the dissolution of pastoral calls.  
12       **Exception: Apr 17, 2018 (BCO 15-1)** – No record of appointment of an installation  
13       commission.  
14       **Exception: Jul 17, 2018 (BCO 15-1, RAO 16-3.e.7)** – Minutes of executive session  
15       not included. These need to be submitted for review.  
16       **d. As no responses were received, responses must be submitted to the following GA:**  
17       **Exception: Jan 17, 2017; Apr 18, 2017; and Jul 18, 2017 (BCO 15-1; RAO 16-3.e.4)**  
18       – Minutes of a commission not included.  
19       **Exception: Jan 17, 2017 (BCO 13-11; BCO 14-6c; and RAO 16-3e.b)** – Missing  
20       executive session minutes  
21
- 22   46. That the Minutes of **Nashville** Presbytery: 52-0-0  
23       a. Be approved without exception: **None**  
24       b. Be approved with exception of form: **Jun 25, 2018; Aug 14, 2018; and Nov 13, 2018.**  
25       c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
26       **Exception: Feb 13, 2018 and Aug 14, 2018 (BCO 13-6)** – Incomplete record of  
27       transfer exams (church government and sacraments).  
28       **Exception: Feb 13, 2018; Apr 10, 2018; and Jun 25, 2018 (BCO 21-6)** – Incomplete  
29       record of ordination exam (no PCA Church History).  
30       **d. That the following responses to the 47<sup>h</sup> GA be found satisfactory.**  
31       **Exception: Feb 14, 2017 and Nov 14, 2017 (BCO 21-4, RAO 16.3.e.5)** – Stated  
32       differences not judged with the prescribed categories.  
33       **Response:** We agree with the exception. Our minutes do not record the prescribed  
34       language in approving the exceptions of two transferring TEs and we have adjusted  
35       our practice to bring it into compliance.  
36       **Exception: Aug 8, 2017 (BCO 22-2)** – No record of congregational call to candidate.  
37       **Response:** We do not understand the exception and request clarification. *BCO* 22-2  
38       relates to the calls of Pastors and Associate Pastors. If the exception refers to the call  
39       of an Assistant Pastor recorded in our minutes (*2017 Minutes of Nashville Presbytery*,  
40       p. 91), *BCO* 22-2 does not apply to the action in which NP found the call to be in order  
41       (*BCO* 22-3).  
42       **Exception: Aug 8, 2017 (BCO 19-1)** – No record of licensing a TE from another  
43       presbytery to be stated supply.  
44       **Response:** We agree with the exception. It was the presbytery’s intention to license  
45       the TE to preach in our presbytery when we approved his call as stated supply under

1 *BCO 22-6*, but we did not use the specific language regarding licensure. We will  
2 include the specific language in the future.

3 **Exception: General** (*BCO 13-9*) – No record of review of records of church sessions.

4 **Response:** We agree with the exception and have modified our practice to bring it  
5 into compliance with *BCO 13-9*. (*2018 Minutes of Nashville Presbytery*, p 211).

6 **Exception: Nov 14, 2017** (*BCO 13-2, 34-10*) – TE listed w/o call for a period  
7 exceeding 3 years and no record of extending the 3 years.

8 **Response:** We agree with the exception and have modified our practice to bring it  
9 into compliance with the *BCO 13-2* and *34-10*.

10

11 47. That the Minutes of **New Jersey** Presbytery: 52-0-0

12 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 28, 2017; Mar 17, 2018; May 19, 2018; Sep 15,**  
13 **2018; and Nov 17, 2018.**

14 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**

15 c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**

16 **d. That the following response be found satisfactory:**

17 **Exception: Mar 18, 2017** (*BCO 13-11*) – No minutes for January 28, 2017 Called  
18 Meeting.

19 **Response:** Inexplicably, the minutes of the called meeting of January 28, 2017 were  
20 apparently not included in the report to RPR. They are attached hereto with apology.

21 **Exception: Nov 18, 2017** (*BCO 21-04*) – Use of extraordinary clause not explained.  
22 Actual  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote not recorded.

23 **Response:** Upon further reflection, we believe we have erred in examining the man  
24 seeking to transfer into the PCA from the Presbyterian Church of Brazil, with whom  
25 the PCA has fraternal relations. We misinterpreted the language of *BCO 13-6* to allow  
26 for us to use the extraordinary clause from *BCO 21-4* to examine him according to  
27 views only, as if he were coming from another Presbytery. We did this because of his  
28 years of experience and training. The Presbytery vote was unanimous to use the  
29 extraordinary clause in this way (though not recorded in our minutes). However, in  
30 looking at it more closely, the language of *BCO 13-6* requires (shall) that a man  
31 coming from another denomination be examined in all areas according to *BCO 21-4*  
32 (knowledge and views). We could have used the extraordinary clause at that time to  
33 omit parts of the examination based on his many years of experience in the  
34 Presbyterian Church of Brazil, several excellent references which were secured, and  
35 his work as the Director of MORE International. In that case, we would have clearly  
36 stated our reasons for doing so and recorded the  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of approval by the Presbytery.  
37 We acknowledge our error and will be careful in the future to adhere to the *BCO 13-6*  
38 procedure for examination of those men coming from other denominations

39 NOTE: the man in question is moving to North Carolina where he will continue as  
40 Director of MORE International and no doubt seek to be transferred to the Presbytery  
41 into whose bounds he moves

42 **Exception: Nov 18, 2017** (*Preliminary Principle 6*) – No approval by congregation  
43 of provisional session members.

44 **Response:** New Jersey Presbytery responds that the session referred to is a  
45 Commission of Presbytery. [Church name omitted] is a Mission Church of New Jersey

1 Presbytery and is so listed in the roll included both with the report to RPR and in the  
2 instant minutes. Presbytery acted to fill vacancies and to replace some members of the  
3 existing Presbytery Commission serving as the governing body. There is no need for  
4 congregational approval in the case of a Mission Church. (*BCO* 5-3 c.)

5 Following is the citation from the minutes of November 18, 2017, indicating that  
6 the action was part of the report of the NJ-MNA Committee. [Church name omitted]  
7 reports to Presbytery through the NJ-MNA Committee:

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9 **NJ-Mission to North America Committee**

10 TE [name omitted] reported for the committee, opening with prayer.

11 TE [name omitted] apprised the committee of the need to further augment  
12 the session of [church name omitted] due to recent losses and changes in  
13 status.

14 The committee: **Moved:** That Presbytery appoint the following elders to  
15 serve on the session for [church name omitted]: TE [name omitted], RE  
16 [name omitted], and RE [name omitted]. **This carried.**

17 TE [name omitted] presented a short report on the ministry of [church name  
18 omitted].

19 TE [name omitted] closed the report with prayer

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21 48. That the Minutes of **New River** Presbytery: *51-0-1*

22 a. Be approved without exception: **Aug 4, 2018.**

23 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Mar 3, 2018.**

24 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

25 **Exception: Nov 3, 2018** (*BCO* 38-2) – The two-meeting requirement to divest a TE  
26 was not met.

27 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**

28  
29 49. That the Minutes of **New York State** Presbytery: *53-0-0*

30 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 20, 2018; May 19, 2018; and Sep 21-22, 2018.**

31 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**

32 c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**

33 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**

34  
35 50. That the Minutes of **North Florida** Presbytery: *44-0-1*

36 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 11, 2018; April 12, 2018; Jul 12, 2018; Sep 19,**  
37 **2018; and Oct 11, 2018.**

38 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**

39 c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**

40 **d. That the following responses be found satisfactory:**

41 **Exception: Apr 20, 2017** (*BCO* 18-3) – Elements of candidate's exam not recorded.

42 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and will seek to be more careful in  
43 the future. The candidate was examined in the areas of experimental religion and  
44 motives for seeking the ministry and the minutes will be corrected.

45 **Exception: General** (*BCO* 13-9) – No record of review of records of church sessions.

1       **Response:** The Presbytery acknowledges this omission, confesses neglect of our  
 2 responsibility, and pledges compliance in the future. This neglect was reported to the  
 3 Presbytery at its January 2018 Stated Meeting, at which a committee was appointed  
 4 to improve the review process (see Jan. 11, 2018 Minutes 78-13) and reported receiving  
 5 2017 Session records for review at the April 2018 Stated Meeting (see Apr. 11, 2018  
 6 Minutes, 79-09).

7       **Exception Jan 23, 2016 (BCO 21-4)** – Differences not stated in candidate’s own  
 8 words and not judged with prescribed categories.

9       **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the committee’s noting this as an exception but  
 10 explains that the record did not accurately reflect the fact that the candidate had no  
 11 differences, stating in his own words “I do not have exceptions to the Westminster  
 12 Standards.” Presbytery pledges to be more careful in the future and has corrected the  
 13 record to state that the candidate reported no differences with the Standards.

14       **Exception: April 14, 2016 (BCO 15-1, RAO 16-3.e.4)** – Installation commission  
 15 report not included with Presbytery minutes.

16       **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this omission and pledges to approve and  
 17 include future reports in its minutes but is unable to correct the record since the  
 18 commission report is not extant.

19       **Exception: April 14, 2016 (BCO 19-2)** – All specific requirements of licensure exam  
 20 not reported.

21       **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the committee’s noting this as an exception but  
 22 explains that this paragraph, along with 71-26 and 71-27, were erroneously included  
 23 in the record and will be vacated. The said candidate was in fact NOT licensed and  
 24 his examination for coming under care and approval of internship were previously  
 25 recorded, without exceptions, in paragraph 71-24.

26       **Exception: Jul 9, 2016 (BCO 15-1, RAO 16-3.e.4)** – Installation commission report  
 27 not included with Presbytery minutes.

28       **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this omission and pledges to approve and  
 29 include future reports in its minutes but is unable to correct the record since the  
 30 commission report is not extant.

31       **Exception: Jul 9, 2016 (BCO 21-4)** – No record of stated differences or how the  
 32 Presbytery judged them.

33       **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception and pledges to properly record  
 34 candidate’s differences and Presbytery’s judgment in the future. The candidate’s  
 35 differences in his own words, which were approved as more than semantic but not out  
 36 of accord with any fundamental of the system of doctrine, will be recorded in the  
 37 minutes and were as follows.

38               **WCF-Ch 21.8.** Recreation on the Sabbath: I hold to the WCF view of the  
 39 Sabbath as a whole, but the scriptural proofs the confession uses aren’t  
 40 precise when it comes to recreation. I believe that Christ teaches plainly  
 41 that it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath (Mt. 12:12). Primarily this is  
 42 about works of necessity, but I believe this can also apply to family time  
 43 or other similar godly endeavors such as recreational time with friends. I  
 44 don’t believe it is sinful to toss a ball in the back yard with your family,  
 45 or to go on a walk with your wife on the Sabbath, or something similar.

1 Loving people well is a high calling, and is permitted to do on the Sabbath,  
2 and I do not consider that to be a form of work. However, I would not  
3 encourage families or persons to abandon worship to attend sporting  
4 events, neglect worship for travel sports, or anything similar. Isaiah 58:18  
5 indicates “pleasure” as breaking of Sabbath commands, but that pleasure  
6 in context regards conducting business activities, not recreation.

7 **LC 109.** With respect to images, I do not believe it is a violation of the  
8 2nd Commandment to use images depicting Jesus’ humanity. The Bible  
9 is clear in its instruction not to create an idol to worship; I do not believe  
10 that the text prohibits the use of images for pedagogical uses. We should  
11 be careful that we distinguish teaching versus worship. The two are not  
12 equal. It is possible to use teaching aids, and they not be worshiped in  
13 place of the Lord, one example being teaching aids for children in Sunday  
14 School. Additionally, I agree with David VanDrummen’s conclusion  
15 concerning the intent of the Westminster divines that, “If indeed the  
16 Westminster divines were of a mind to omit pictures of Christ’s humanity  
17 from the proscriptions in Larger Catechism 109, they would surely have  
18 needed to have stated this explicitly” (David VanDrunen, “Pictures of  
19 Jesus and the Sovereignty of Divine Revelation: Recent literature and a  
20 Defense of the Confessional Reformed View,” *The Confessional*  
21 *Presbyterian* 5 [2009] 214-227). Because of these noted reasons, I believe  
22 that the use of depictions of the humanity of Jesus for teaching purposes  
23 is allowed. If these images are used, then it should be stated that the images  
24 are only for teaching and not an accurate portrayal of Jesus for worship.

25 **Exception: Oct 13, 2016** (*BCO* 15-2) – No Ruling Elders appointed to commission  
26 for ordination.

27 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this omission, acknowledging our error in not  
28 recording the names of the Ruling Elders that were appointed, and promises to  
29 accurately record appointees in the future. The record will be updated to reflect that  
30 REs [names omitted] were appointed to the Commission.

31 **Exception: Oct 13, 2016** (*BCO* 21-4) – No record of stated differences or how the  
32 Presbytery judged them.

33 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception and pledges to properly record  
34 candidate’s differences and Presbytery’s judgment in the future. The candidate’s  
35 differences in his own words, which were approved as more than semantic but not out  
36 of accord with any fundamental of the system of doctrine, will be recorded in the  
37 minutes and were as follows:

38 **WCF 21-8:** This section, along with WSC 60 and WLC 117, forbids acts  
39 of recreation on the Sabbath day. I take exception to this statement because  
40 I believe it is contrary to what the Bible teaches. Jesus says that the  
41 Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. Ex. 23:12 states that  
42 the Sabbath is both for rest and refreshment – spiritually and physically.  
43 Finally, the WLC 121 helps us understand that one way to practice  
44 “remembrance” on the Sabbath is through thankful remembrance of  
45 creation. Thus, since the Sabbath was made for humans, in part for their

1 physical refreshment, and for thankful remembrance of creation, I believe  
 2 non-organized recreation, such as hiking or biking, is a practical way to  
 3 observe the Sabbath. This is because recreation can be very refreshing for  
 4 most humans and is a way to enjoy God’s creation.

5 **WLC 109:** Since Christ is the “image of the invisible God” (Col 1:15),  
 6 and the “exact imprint of his nature” (Heb 1:3), one cannot help but picture  
 7 Christ inwardly when reading the Gospels or taking the Lord’s supper.  
 8 Thus, I take exception to the statement that we cannot make any  
 9 representations of God inwardly, as the Confession states. Furthermore,  
 10 while I affirm that we cannot make any representations of God for the  
 11 purpose of worship, I believe we can use images of the humanity of Christ  
 12 for educational purposes – but not for worship.

13 **WLC 151:** Though on one level all sins are equally worthy of God’s wrath  
 14 and require Christ’s atoning blood, I affirm WLC 151 when it says that  
 15 some sins bring us more guilt and do us more damage. Thus, I affirm most  
 16 of WLC 151, such as when it says sins against a weaker brother are greater  
 17 (Rom 14:13); however, there is an aspect of WLC that I disagree with. I  
 18 take exception to the assertion that the day in which sin is committed (i.e.,  
 19 the Lord’s Day) makes it worse.

20 **WLC 191:** While I affirm that Christians should submit themselves to  
 21 governing authorities (Rom 13:1), I do not believe this implies that the  
 22 authority of the church is under the state. I therefore take exception to the  
 23 idea that the church is “countenanced and maintained by the civil  
 24 magistrate”; I believe that Christ alone is the one who supports and  
 25 maintains the church (Eph. 1:22).

- 26
- 27 51. That the Minutes of **North Texas** Presbytery: 43-0-1
- 28 a. Be approved without exception: **Feb 2-3, 2018.**
- 29 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Directory; May 4-5, 2018; Aug 10-11, 2018;**  
 30 **and Nov 2-3, 2018.**
- 31 c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**
- 32 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**
- 33
- 34 52. That the Minutes of **Northern California** Presbytery: 45-0-0
- 35 a. Be approved without exception: **None.**
- 36 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Directory; Feb 2, 2018; May 4, 2018; and**  
 37 **Oct 5, 2018.**
- 38 c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**
- 39 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**
- 40
- 41 53. That the Minutes of **Northern Illinois** Presbytery: 47-0-0
- 42 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 13, 2018; Feb 7, 2018; Jul 19, 2018; and**  
 43 **Sep 8, 2018.**
- 44 b. Be approved with exception of form: **General.**

- 1 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
2 **Exception: May 8, 2018 (RAO 14-2)** – No election of commissioners.
- 3 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
4
- 5 54. That the Minutes of **Northern New England** Presbytery: *46-0-1*  
6 a. Be approved without exception: **Feb 3, 2018; May 19, 2018; Aug 18, 2018; and**  
7 **Sep 29, 2018.**  
8 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**  
9 c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**  
10 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
11
- 12 55. That the Minutes of **Northwest Georgia** Presbytery: *44-8-1*  
13 a. Be approved without exception: **None.**  
14 b. Be approved with exception of form: **General and Aug 18, 2018**  
15 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
16 **Exception: Jan 27, 2018; Apr 3, 2018; and Aug 18, 2018 (RAO 16.3.e.7)** – No  
17 executive minutes provided.  
18 **Exception: Aug 18, 2018 (BCO PP 1, 7; WCF 20-2)** – Presbytery appears to have  
19 bound the conscience of transferring minister by restricting his teaching on a view of  
20 creation that *The Creation Study Committee* (1999) found acceptable.  
21 **Exception: Jan 27, 2018 (BCO 13-11, 23-1)** – No record of congregational meeting  
22 to dissolve relationship with pastor.  
23 **Exception: General (BCO 8-6)** – TE listed as evangelist but no record of his  
24 commission being renewed.  
25 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
26
- 27 56. That the Minutes of **Ohio** Presbytery: *52-0-0*  
28 a. Be approved without exception: **May 5, 2018 and Oct 6, 2018.**  
29 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Feb 10, 2018.**  
30 c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**  
31 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
32
- 33 57. That the Minutes of **Ohio Valley** Presbytery: *37-11-3*  
34 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 27, 2018; May 15, 2018; and Oct 16, 2018.**  
35 b. Be approved with exception of form: **General.**  
36 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
37 **Exception: Sep 4, 2018 (BCO 11-2; WCF 20.2)** – Presbytery appears to have bound  
38 a man’s conscience by forbidding him to teach his views on *WLC* 171 and 177. His  
39 views were reported in his transfer exam from another PCA Presbytery.  
40 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
41
- 42 58. That the Minutes of **Pacific** Presbytery: *52-0-0*  
43 a. Be approved without exception: **None.**  
44 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Directory.**



- 1 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
 2 **Exception: Jan 27, 2018** (*BCO* 20-2) – No record of congregational meeting and vote  
 3 to elect pastor and associate pastor.  
 4 **Exception: May 1, 2018** (*BCO* 46-8) – Divested TE not assigned to membership in a  
 5 particular church.  
 6 **Exception: Oct 6, 2018** (*BCO* 13-10) – Disposition of remaining members of  
 7 dissolved church left unresolved.
- 8 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
 9
- 10 59. That the Minutes of **Pacific Northwest** Presbytery: 52-0-1  
 11 a. Be approved without exception: **None.**  
 12 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Directory; Jan 25-26, 2018; May 17-18, 2018;**  
 13 **and Sep 27-28, 2018.**  
 14 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
 15 **Exception: May 17-18, 2018 and Sep 27-28, 2018** (*BCO* 19-3) – No record of  
 16 licensure questions being asked or answered.  
 17 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
 18
- 19 60. That the Minutes of **Palmetto** Presbytery: 46-0-0  
 20 a. Be approved without exception: **Feb 8, 2018.**  
 21 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Nov 8, 2018.**  
 22 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
 23 **Exception: May 10, 2018; Aug 9, 2018; and Nov 8, 2018** (*BCO* 20-1; and *RAO*  
 24 *16.3.e.6*) – In several instances there is no record of formally approving a call, or the  
 25 “specific arrangements” of the call:  
 26 May 10, 2018 pp. 9-10 [name omitted]; pp. 10-11 [name omitted]; pp. 11-12 [name  
 27 omitted].  
 28 Aug 9, 2018 pp. 9-10 [name omitted]; pp. 10-11 [name omitted]; pp. 12-13 [name  
 29 omitted].  
 30 Nov 8, 2018 pp. 9-10 [name omitted]; pp 11-12 [name omitted]; pp. 13-14 [name  
 31 omitted].  
 32 **Exception: Aug 9, 2018 and Nov 8, 2018** (*BCO* 21-4.f. and *RAO* 16.3.e.5) – No  
 33 record that four candidates in ordination exams were asked to “state the specific  
 34 instances in which he may differ” from the Westminster Standards, or any record of  
 35 presbytery’s judgement, if they had. Presbytery’s response should include each man’s  
 36 answer to the question of *BCO* 21.4.f. [names omitted].  
 37 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
 38
- 39 61. That the Minutes of **Pee Dee** Presbytery: 51-0-0  
 40 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 27, 2018; Apr 19, 2018; Jul 26, 2018; and**  
 41 **Oct 18, 2018.**  
 42 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**  
 43 c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**

1       **d. The following response to be found satisfactory.**

2       **Exception: Jan 23, 2016 (BCO 21-4)** – Unclear record of ordination exam [p. 2-3].

3       **Response:** Minutes state that TE [name omitted] was examined in the areas of  
4       Christian Experience, Theology, Sacraments, Principles and Rules of Government and  
5       Discipline of PCA and that all examinations for transfer of ordination were approved.  
6       No declared differences or changes in previous view of Confession or Catechisms.  
7       Minutes state that Mr. [name omitted] was examined in the areas of Sacraments,  
8       Church History, PCA History and Rules of Discipline and that all examinations for  
9       ordination were approved.

10       **Rationale:** No record of *BCO* 21-4-c.1.c for Bible Content and Theology for  
11       individual examined for ordination.

12       **Response [2019]:** Mr. [name omitted] was examined in the areas of Bible Content  
13       and Theology and these examinations were approved.

14  
15       62. That the Minutes of **Philadelphia** Presbytery: 47-0-0

16       a. Be approved without exception: **May 30, 2018.**

17       b. Be approved with exception of form: **Mar 17, 2018; May 9, 2018; Sep 15, 2018; and**  
18       **Directory.**

19       c. Be approved with exception of substance:

20       **Exception: May 9, 2018 and Sep 15, 2018 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** – Candidate  
21       examination areas are not indicated – generic “all areas” not sufficient.

22       **Exception: Jan 20, 2018; May 9, 2018; and Sep 15, 2018 (BCO 23-1)** – No record  
23       of congregational or sessional vote concerning dissolution of pastoral relationships.

24       **Exception: May 9, 2018 p. 6 (BCO 43-2)** – Consideration of complaint was deferred  
25       until after the next Stated Meeting.

26       **d. That the following response be found satisfactory:**

27       **Exception: Jan 21, 2017; May 20, 2017; and Sep 16, 2017 (BCO 13-9)** – Presbytery  
28       has not reviewed Session records for 4 years.

29       **Response:** Presbytery has not reviewed Session records for 4 years. Our inaction on  
30       Session Records needs action. “As directed by the 2018 General Assembly, the  
31       Philadelphia Presbytery has begun to work to read and approve Session Minutes,  
32       beginning with 2018 and then reviewing previous years. The collection of minutes  
33       began in 2018 and the review of minutes has continued through 2019. Churches will  
34       be cited if they fail to submit their minutes to Presbytery as directed by the provisions  
35       of the *BCO*.”

36  
37       63. That the Minutes of **Philadelphia Metro West** Presbytery: 42-0-1

38       a. Be approved without exception: **Feb 24, 2018; Apr 10, 2018; Aug 9, 2018; Sep 15,**  
39       **2018; and Nov 13, 2018.**

40       b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**

41       c. Be approved with exception of substance:

42       **Exception: May 5, 2018 (BCO 13-2)** – TE laboring out of bounds without  
43       concurrence Presbytery within whose bounds he labors.

44       **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**

- 1 64. That the Minutes of **Piedmont Triad** Presbytery: 42-0-1  
 2 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 27, 2018; Apr 28, 2018; Jul 28, 2018; and**  
 3 **Oct 27, 2018.**  
 4 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**  
 5 c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**  
 6 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
 7
- 8 65. That the Minutes of **Pittsburgh** Presbytery: 47-0-0  
 9 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 27, 2018; Apr 8, 2018; May 21, 2018; Jul 28,**  
 10 **2018; and Oct 20, 2018.**  
 11 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**  
 12 c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**  
 13 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
 14
- 15 66. That the Minutes of **Platte Valley** Presbytery: 49-0-0  
 16 a. Be approved without exception: **Feb 3, 2018; Apr 28, 2018; Oct 13, 2018; and**  
 17 **Dec 13, 2018.**  
 18 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Directory.**  
 19 c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**  
 20 **d. That the following response be found satisfactory:**  
 21 **Exception: General 2014; 2015; and 2016 (BCO 13-4) – No record of declaration**  
 22 **of quorum.**  
 23 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and will plan to record said  
 24 declarations going forward. Presbytery has reviewed its records and confirmed that a  
 25 quorum was indeed present for each meeting in question.  
 26
- 27 67. That the Minutes of **Potomac** Presbytery: 48-0-1  
 28 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 23, 2018; Mar 17, 2018; Mar 27, 2018; Jun 5,**  
 29 **2018; Sep 17-18, 2018; and Nov 17, 2018.**  
 30 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**  
 31 c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**  
 32 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
 33
- 34 68. That the Minutes of **Providence** Presbytery: 48-0-0  
 35 a. Be approved without exception: **Aug 7, 2018.**  
 36 b. Be approved with exception of form: **General; May 1, 2018; and Nov 8, 2018.**  
 37 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
 38 **Exception: May 1, 2018 (BCO 21-4.c; and RAO 16-3.e.5) – All requirements of**  
 39 **ordination exam not recorded; all listed items need to be approved.**  
 40 **Exception: Nov 8, 2018 (BCO 21-4) – Stated differences not recorded in candidate’s**  
 41 **own words.**  
 42 **Exception: Nov 8, 2018 (BCO 21-4) – Stated differences not recorded in candidate’s**  
 43 **own words.**  
 44 **Exception: Nov 8, 2018 (BCO 21-4.d) – Use of extraordinary clause not explained.**

1           **Exception: Nov 8, 2018** (*BCO* 21-1; 22-2) – TE’s change in call not recorded. No  
2 record of congregational meeting for associate pastor or presbytery approval of call.

3           **Exception: Nov 8, 2018** (*BCO* 21-4) – Stated differences not recorded in candidate’s  
4 own words.

5           **Exception: General** (*BCO* 13-11) No attachments were included even though  
6 referenced throughout.

7           **d. That the following responses be found satisfactory:**

8           **Exception: Feb 14, 2017 (pg. 6, lines 36-37)** – Minutes from executive session not  
9 included.

10           **Response:** We sincerely apologize, the lack of executive session minutes as part of  
11 the Feb 14, 2017 Presbytery minutes are without excuse. The contents of the executive  
12 session consisted of a TE taking a leave of absence as an announcement. This  
13 announcement had been released to the congregation two days earlier and thus we  
14 made the announcement in Executive Session in error. Although this had been  
15 corrected in the minutes we neglected to reflect the change. A criteria for entering  
16 Executive Session has been implemented to ensure that this oversight does not occur  
17 in the future.

18           **Exception: May 9, 2017 (pg. 14, line 286)** – Minutes from executive session not  
19 included.

20           **Response:** We sincerely apologize for the oversight in the original submission. The  
21 Presbytery conducted a transition of Stated Clerks and a transition to a new file storage  
22 and distribution platform in 2017-2018. Due to an unknown error, three records were  
23 completely corrupted in their original format. We are working to reconstruct and  
24 reapprove the records, which includes the aforementioned Executive Session minutes.  
25 The substance of the Executive Session minutes were two actions: 1) the receipt of  
26 request for reference, and 2) the establishment of a commission to request for  
27 reference. The actions of this commission were captured in resolved in later executive  
28 session minutes of Presbytery.

29           **Exception: Nov 7, 2017** (*BCO* 21-4c; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – All specific requirements of  
30 ordination exam not included.

31           **Response:** TE [name omitted]’s ordination exam was split between the May, August  
32 and November Presbytery meetings. The August meeting included Christian  
33 Experience and Calling (21-4.c.1.a), English Bible (21-4.c.1.c), Theology (21-  
34 4.c.1.d), Church Government (21-4.c.1.h) and Representative Sermon (21-4.c.4). The  
35 November meeting included Church History (21-4.c.1.f), Sacraments (21-4.c.1.e),  
36 Exegetical Paper (21-4.c.3) and Theological Paper (21-4.c.2). We neglected to include  
37 an acceptance of his Seminary Degree in lieu of an oral examination of the original  
38 languages (21-4.c.1.b) in accordance with 21.c.1. We sincerely apologize for the  
39 oversight and we will be sure to explicitly call out this as part of a checklist in future  
40 meetings.

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42           69. That the Minutes of **Rio Grande** Presbytery: 48-0-0

43           a. Be approved without exception: **Apr 23-24, 2018.**

44           b. Be approved with exception of form: **Jan 29-30, 2018; Aug 27-28, 2018; and**  
45           **General.**

- 1 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
 2 **Exception: Jan 29, 2018** (*BCO* 13-6) – No record of TE transfer being examined on  
 3 Christian experience and views as explained in *BCO* 13-6.  
 4 **Exception: Jan 29, 2018** (*BCO* 20-9) – No record of release from presbytery in TE  
 5 transfer.  
 6 **Exception: Aug 27-28, 2018** (*BCO* 21-4) – Failure to record the specific areas of the  
 7 floor examination of [names omitted].  
 8 **Exception: Aug 27-28, 2018** (*BCO* 15-2) – Installation commission did not have at  
 9 least 2 REs.
- 10 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**
- 11
- 12 70. That the Minutes of **Rocky Mountain** Presbytery: 47-0-0  
 13 a. Be approved without exception: **None.**  
 14 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Feb 1, 2018; Apr 26, 2018; and Directory**  
 15 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
 16 **Exception: Feb 1, 2018; Apr 26, 2018; and Oct 4, 2018** (*BCO* 23-1) – No record of  
 17 congregational concurrence in dissolution of pastoral relations.  
 18 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**
- 19
- 20 71. That the Minutes of **Savannah River** Presbytery: 47-0-0  
 21 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 19-20, 2018; May 8, 2018; and Oct 16, 2018.**  
 22 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Apr 17, 2018 and Aug 29, 2018.**  
 23 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
 24 **Exception: Apr 17, 2018** (*BCO* 15-1) – Records of commission not entered in  
 25 Presbytery minutes (cf. *RAO* 16-3.e.4).  
 26 **Exception: Apr 17, 2018** (*BCO* 13-11, *RAO* 16-3.e.7) – Overture not recorded.  
 27 **Exception: Jul 20-21, 2018** (*BCO* 13-11) – Minutes of executive session not  
 28 included.  
 29 **d. No response to the 47<sup>th</sup> GA or previous is required.**
- 30
- 31 72. That the Minutes of **Siouxlands** Presbytery: 50-0-0  
 32 a. Be approved without exception: **None.**  
 33 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Jan 26, 2018 and Sep 27, 2018.**  
 34 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
 35 **Exception: Apr 26, 2018 and Sep 27, 2018** (*BCO* 20-1) – No record of call to definite  
 36 work.  
 37 **d. That the following responses to the 47<sup>th</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**  
 38 **Exception: Jan 27-28, 2017** (*BCO* 20-1) – No record of approval of call by  
 39 presbytery.  
 40 **Response:** The Presbytery acknowledges its failure to record the approval of the calls  
 41 by the Presbytery. However, the calls of both men were approved at the 109<sup>th</sup> stated  
 42 meeting (January 27-28, 2017) and the minutes of that stated meeting have been  
 43 amended to reflect the approval.

1           **Exception: Sep 28, 2017 (BCO 13-11)** – Minutes of executive session not included.  
2           **Response:** The Presbytery entered into Executive Session to hear a pair of written  
3           communications regarding a sensitive pastoral situation. The communications were  
4           read and the only action taken during the Executive Session was to rise out of  
5           executive session. The main minutes previously submitted for review recorded that in  
6           Executive Session the two written communications were read, and that thereafter it  
7           was moved, seconded, and approved to exit executive Session. In the future the  
8           Presbytery will endeavor to make it clear that no additional executive minutes were  
9           taken or necessary in light of what has been recorded in the main minutes.

- 10  
11   73. That the Minutes of **South Coast** Presbytery: 48-0-0  
12       a. Be approved without exception: **Nov 4, 2018.**  
13       b. Be approved with exception of form: **Apr 28, 2018 and Sep 22, 2018.**  
14       c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
15           **Exception: Jan 27, 2018 (BCO 23-1)** – No record of congregational/session meeting  
16           in dissolution of pastoral/assistant pastor relationship.  
17           **Exception: General (RAO 16-10)** – No record in minutes of 2017 exceptions taken  
18           by GA and/or Presbytery approval of responses to the exceptions.  
19       **d. As no response was received, a response must be submitted to the following GA:**  
20           **Exception: Jan 28, 2017 (BCO 21-4, RAO 16-3.e.5)** – Stated differences not judged.  
21           **Exception: Sep 23, 2017 (BCO 15-1)** – Minutes of commission not entered in  
22           Presbytery minutes (see RAO 16-3.e.4).

- 23  
24   74. That the Minutes of **South Florida** Presbytery: 50-0-0  
25       a. Be approved without exception: **None.**  
26       b. Be approved with exception of form: **Feb 13, 2018; May 8, 2018; Aug 14, 2018;**  
27       **Nov 13, 2018; and Directory.**  
28       c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
29           **Exception: Feb 13, 2018 and May 8, 2018 (BCO 21-4, RAO 16-3.e.5)** – Differences  
30           of three candidates not judged to prescribed categories.  
31           **Exception: Feb 13, 2018 and May 8, 2018 (BCO 21-4, RAO 16-3.e.5)** – Differences  
32           not stated in candidates' own words.  
33           **Exception: Nov 13, 2018 (BCO 13-4)** – Minutes say no quorum present, and no record  
34           of attendance attached.  
35           **Exception: Feb 13, 2018 (BCO 15-1)** – Ordination commission reported but no  
36           records of proceedings attached.  
37           **Exception: Nov 13, 2018 (BCO 8-7, 13-2)** – TEs laboring out of bounds or without  
38           call reports missing.  
39           **Exception: Feb 13, 2018 (BCO 13-2)** – A South Florida TE laboring out of bounds  
40           without concurrence of Presbytery within whose bounds he labors.  
41           **Exception: May 8, 2018 (BCO 19-16)** –  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote for waiving internship requirement  
42           not recorded.

- 1 **d. That the following responses be found satisfactory:**  
 2 **Exception: General** (*BCO* 13-9.a) – No record of review of records of church sessions.  
 3 **Response:** That’s because there were none performed. We agree with the exception.  
 4 Session records were reviewed at the February 14, 2017 Stated Presbytery Meeting  
 5 for the years 2015 and 2016. Directed Stated Clerk to have Session Minutes reviewed  
 6 each year  
 7 **Exception: Nov 14, 2017** (*RAO* 16-3.e5) – Stated differences not judged.  
 8 **Response:** We agree with this exception; future minutes will properly reflect the  
 9 decision of Presbytery.
- 10 **e. That the following response be found unsatisfactory, therefore a new response**  
 11 **must be submitted to the following GA:**  
 12 **Exception: May 9, 2017 and Aug 8, 2017** (*BCO* 18-2; *BCO* 21-4) – Stated difference  
 13 not recorded in the minister’s/candidate’s own words (*RAO* 16-3.e5).  
 14 **Response:** Actually, it was. If the candidate says he is taking the “Continental  
 15 Exception to the Sabbath per 21-8” then that is what he said in his own words  
 16 **Rationale:** Candidate must state “specific instances in which he” (*BCO* 19-2.e) differs  
 17 from WCF, LC, SC; not simply name a view.  
 18
- 19 75. That the Minutes of **South Texas** Presbytery: 50-0-0  
 20 a. Be approved without exception: **Oct 26-27, 2018.**  
 21 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**  
 22 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
 23 **Exception: Jan 26-27, 2018; Apr 27-28, 2018; and Aug 10-11, 2018** (*BCO* 21-4,  
 24 *RAO* 16.3.e.5) – All specific requirements of ordination exam not recorded (No record  
 25 of exegetical or theological papers. Unclear if ordinand had been previously licensed).  
 26 **Exception: Jan 26-27, 2018** (*BCO* 19-2.f) – Candidate does not state in his stated  
 27 differences from what particular part of our standards he differs.  
 28 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
 29
- 30 76. That the Minutes of **Southeast Alabama** Presbytery: 49-0-0  
 31 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 23, 2018.**  
 32 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Jan 23, 2018, Oct 23, 2018, and Directory.**  
 33 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
 34 **Exception: Apr 23, 2018** (*BCO* 21-4) – Stated differences not judged with prescribed  
 35 categories, and not recorded in candidates’ own words.  
 36 **Exception: Aug 25, 2018** (*BCO* 13-12) – Call for meeting not in order or recorded.  
 37 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
 38
- 39 77. That the Minutes of **Southern Louisiana** Presbytery: 48-0-1  
 40 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 27, 2018.**  
 41 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Apr 28, 2018; May 24, 2018; and Oct 27, 2018.**  
 42 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
 43 **Exception: April 28, 2018** (*BCO* 21-4) – Stated differences in candidates own words  
 44 referenced but left out of minutes.  
 45 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**

- 1 78. That the Minutes of **Southern New England** Presbytery: 48-0-1
- 2 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 20, 2018; Apr 27-28, 2018; and Sep 15, 2018.**
- 3 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**
- 4 c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**
- 5 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**

- 7 79. That the Minutes of **Southwest** Presbytery: 50-0-0  
(no longer in existence after December 31, 2017)

- 9 **a. That the following responses be found satisfactory:**
- 10 **Exception: General (BCO 13-6)** – Examination of views does not specify the areas  
11 listed in *BCO* 13.

- 12 **Response: In BCO 13-6, the examination of ministers transferring from other**  
13 **PCA presbyteries “shall be examined on Christian experience, also touching**  
14 **their views on theology, the Sacraments, and church government.”** As stated  
15 clerk, I was incomplete and careless in recording the Presbytery’s examination of our  
16 PCA transfers. I will pass along this exception as well as all the RPR findings on our  
17 2017 minutes) to the stated clerks of the new presbyteries, which were formed from  
18 the Presbytery of the Southwest, to encourage them not to make the same errors

- 19 **Exception: Jan 19-20, 2017 (BCO 15-1)** – Minutes of commission not entered in  
20 Presbytery minutes.

- 21 **Response: The cited minutes established the commission as follows:** “It was **MSP**  
22 to approve a commission to install TE [name omitted] at 5:00 pm, Sunday, February  
23 12<sup>th</sup>, at [church name omitted] in Santa Fe, NM. The Moderator appointed the  
24 following elders as commission members:

<u>Teaching Elders</u>	<u>Ruling Elders</u>
TE [name omitted]	RE [name omitted]
TE [name omitted]	RE [name omitted]
TE [name omitted]	RE [name omitted]
	RE [name omitted]

- 30 **The commission did meet for its assigned purpose on February 12<sup>th</sup> at Christ**  
31 **Church Santa Fe in Santa Fe, NM and a report was prepared.** Because of the  
32 stated clerk’s oversight, the commission report was not included in the minutes  
33 of the April 21-22 Stated meeting. The commission report is included below for the  
34 record.

**REPORT OF COMMISSION TO INSTALL**

Report of the Commission to install Rev. [name omitted] as Assistant Pastor  
of [church name omitted].

The Commission met on Sunday, February 12, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. at the  
church. A quorum was present.

Commission members present were:

TE [name omitted]	RE [name omitted]
TE [name omitted]	RE [name omitted]
TE [name omitted]	RE [name omitted]



1 Others Present: None

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3 The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by TE [name omitted].  
4 TE [name omitted] was elected chairman and RE [name omitted] was  
5 elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed with prayer  
6 by TE [name omitted] for the installation service.

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8 Rev. Dr. [name omitted] presided in the sanctuary service, which was opened  
9 with singing, prayer and Scripture reading. The sermon was preached by  
10 Rev. Dr. [name omitted], on the topic/text: “Shepherding God’s Flock” based  
11 on I Peter 5:1-5.

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13 RE [name omitted] introduced the Commission and stated briefly the  
14 previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and  
15 importance of the installation ordinance.

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17 The Chairman propounded the constitutional questions to Rev. [name  
18 omitted] (*BCO* 21.9) and these were answered in the affirmative. The  
19 Chairman then propounded the constitutional questions to the session and  
20 the congregation (*BCO* 21.10), and these were all answered in the  
21 affirmative. The Members of the Commission gave Rev. [name omitted]  
22 the right hand of fellowship and gathered around him in prayer. The  
23 Chairman then declared that Rev. [name omitted] had been regularly elected  
24 and installed as Assistant Pastor of [church name omitted].

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26 A charge to the Pastor was delivered by Rev. Dr. [name omitted].

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28 A charge to the Congregation was delivered by Rev. [name omitted].

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30 Following prayer and singing, the Rev. [name omitted] pronounced the  
31 benediction.

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33 The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned by  
34 prayer by RE [name omitted].

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36 Charles R. Bell, Secretary

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38 80. That the Minutes of **Southwest Florida** Presbytery: *49-0-1*

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40 a. Be approved without exception: **Feb 10, 2018; May 8, 2018; Sep 8, 2018; and**

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42 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**

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44 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
45 **Exception: Standing Rules** (*BCO* 11-4, 16-2, 20-1) – Presbytery rules as written  
46 appear to forbid local churches from issuing calls prior to consulting the presbytery  
shepherding committee.

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**d. No response to previous assemblies required.**

- 1 81. That the Minutes of **Suncoast Florida** Presbytery: 50-0-0  
2 a. Be approved without exception: **May 15, 2018.**  
3 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**  
4 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
5 **Exception: Feb 13, 2018 and Sep 11, 2018 (BCO 19-16) – ¾ vote for waiving**  
6 **internship requirements not recorded.**  
7 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
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- 9 82. That the Minutes of **Susquehanna Valley** Presbytery: 51-0-0  
10 a. Be approved without exception: **Jul 2, 2018; and Nov 17, 2018.**  
11 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Feb 17, 2018; May 19, 2018; Sep 18, 2018;**  
12 **and General.**  
13 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
14 **Exception: May 19, 2018 (BCO 21-4) – No reason given for a man ordained as an**  
15 **assistant pastor to be commissioned as an evangelist.**  
16 **Exception: May 19, 2018 (RAO 11-3.c.5) – Minutes do not list all specific**  
17 **requirements for ordination**  
18 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
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- 20 83. That the Minutes of **Tennessee Valley** Presbytery: 49-0-1  
21 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 13, 2018; Apr 7, 2018; Apr 21, 2018; Jul 10,**  
22 **2018; Oct 16, 2018; and Dec 4, 2018.**  
23 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Directory.**  
24 c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**  
25 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
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- 27 84. That the Minutes of **Tidewater** Presbytery: 49-0-0  
28 a. Be approved without exception: **None.**  
29 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Feb 3, 2018; Jun 7, 2018; and Oct 4, 2018.**  
30 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
31 **Exception: Oct 4, 2018 (BCO 15-1) – The report of a judicial commission was not**  
32 **included in the appendix as noted.**  
33 **d. As no responses to a previous assembly were received, responses must be**  
34 **submitted to the following GA:**  
35 **Exception: Jun 2, 2016 and Oct 6, 2016 (BCO 21-4, RAO 16-3.e.5) – Stated**  
36 **differences not recorded in the minister’s own words.**  
37 **Response: The failure to include the differences as part of the appendices of the**  
38 **minutes of June 2, 2016 and October 6, 2016 were an oversight on the part of the**  
39 **Clerk. He has made changes to his storage and minutes preparation to prevent this**  
40 **from happening in the future**  
41 **Rationale: Stated differences not submitted.**  
42 **Exception: Jun 2, 2016 (BCO 21-4) – Stated differences not attached as noted [name**  
43 **omitted].**

1           **Response:** The failure to include the differences as part of the appendices of the  
 2 minutes of June 2, 2016 and October 6, 2016 were an oversight on the part of the  
 3 Clerk. He has made changes to his storage and minutes preparation to prevent this  
 4 from happening in the future

5           **Rationale:** Stated differences not submitted.  
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7 85. That the Minutes of **Warrior** Presbytery: 51-0-0

- 8 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 30, 2018 and Apr 17, 2018.**
- 9 b. Be approved with exception of form: **May 18, 2018 and Aug 7, 2018.**
- 10 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

11           **Exception: Oct 16, 2018 (BCO 23-1)** – No record of congregational meeting to  
 12 dissolve the call of a pastor.

13           **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
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15 86. That the Minutes of **Western Carolina** Presbytery: 52-0-0

16 a. Be approved without exception: **May 1, 2018; Jun 5, 2018; Aug 4, 2018; and Nov**  
 17 **13, 2018.**

18 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**

19 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

20           **Exception: Feb 24, 2018 (BCO 15-1)** – Shepherding Committee acted as a  
 21 commission without authorization.

22           **d. That the following response be found satisfactory:**

23           **Exception: Feb 25, 2017 (BCO 15-1)** – Minutes of commission not entered into  
 24 Presbytery minutes [name omitted].

25           **Response:** “Presbytery agrees with the exception. The minutes failed to include the  
 26 records of the commission to install the TE as required by *BCO* 15-12. That report is  
 27 included. Presbytery will be more careful in the future.”

28           **Exception: Nov 7, 2017 (BCO 21-4)** – Candidate states one difference, but Presbytery  
 29 grants two exceptions. So the second difference is not stated in his own words at the  
 30 meeting. An editing error resulted in the second exception being listed when that  
 31 candidate only and one exception. Presbytery will be more careful in the future.”  
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33 87. That the Minutes of **West Hudson** Presbytery:  
 34 (new Presbytery that did not have any meetings in 2018)

- 35 a. Be approved without exception:
- 36 b. Be approved with exception of form:
- 37 c. Be approved with exception of substance:
- 38 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
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40 88. That the Minutes of **Westminster** Presbytery: 52-0-0

41 a. Be approved without exception: **Mar 10, 2018; Aug 11, 2018; and Nov 10, 2018.**

42 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None.**

43 c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None.**

44 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**

- 1 89. That the Minutes of **Wisconsin** Presbytery:
- 2 a. Be approved without exception: **Sep 22, 2018.**
- 3 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Jan 27, 2018.**
- 4 c. Be approved with exception of substance:
- 5 **Exception: Jan 27, 2018 (BCO 13-11) – No record of call.**
- 6 **Exception: Jan 27, 2018 and April 28, 2018 (BCO 15-1) – Records of commission**
- 7 **not entered into presbytery minutes.**
- 8 **Exception: Apr 28, 2018 (BCO 13-11) – No record of call.**
- 9 **d. That the following response be found satisfactory:**
- 10 **Exception: Jan 23, 2016 (BCO 21-4) – All specific ordination requirements not**
- 11 **recorded (theology exam missing).**
- 12 **Response:** Wisconsin Presbytery acknowledges that the minutes of January 23, 2016
- 13 do not show a theology examination for Mr. [name omitted], who presbytery examined
- 14 for ordination at that meeting. Wisconsin Presbytery further acknowledges it was
- 15 negligent in not including a note explaining that presbytery gave Mr. [name omitted],
- 16 a very thorough and rigorous examination in theology at the time of his Licensure
- 17 examination on September 26, 2015 and did not think another theology exam was
- 18 necessary so soon after the September 26, 2015 exam. Presbytery also recognizes it
- 19 should have included another theology exam at the time of Mr. [name omitted]’s
- 20 ordination examination so the minutes would reflect that presbytery met the
- 21 requirements of *B CO* 21-4.
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23 Editorial Note: As of the date of this report, there are 88 presbyteries. Southwest Presbytery

24 (Presbytery #79 above) was divided into Arizona and Rio Grande Presbyteries as of December

25 31, 2017.

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27 **VII. Officers Elected for 2019-2020**

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29 The current officers were re-elected for another year.

30 Chairman: TE Kenneth McHeard

31 Vice-Chairman: TE Hoochan Paul Lee

32 Secretary: TE Eddie Lim

33 Assistant Secretary: TE Freddy Fritz

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35 **VIII. Roster of Members Present**

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<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Representative</b>
37 Arizona	TE Tom Troxell
38 Ascension	TE Stephen Tipton
39 Blue Ridge	TE Taylor Rollo
40 Calvary	TE Robert Cathcart
41 Canada West	TE Jeff Kerr
42 Catawba Valley	TE Steve Stout
43 Central Carolina	TE Stan Layton
44 Central Florida	TE Chad Townsley

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	<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Representative</b>
1	Central Indiana	TE Pat Hickman
2	Chesapeake	TE Paul Warren
3	Chicago Metro	TE Dan Adamson
4	Eastern Canada	TE Kevin Rogers
5	Eastern Carolina	RE Dan Prins
6	Evangel	TE Grant Carroll
7	Fellowship	TE Chip McArthur
8	Georgia Foothills	RE Steve Bennett
9	Great Lakes	TE Scott Korljian
10	Gulfstream	RE Dan Hudson
11	Houston Metro	TE Dennis Hermerding
12	Illiana	TE Aaron Myers
13	Iowa	TE Wayne Larson
14	Korean Capital	TE Moses Lee
15	Korean Northeastern	TE Hoochan Paul Lee
16	Korean Southeastern	TE Eddie Lim
17	Metro Atlanta	TE Dave Lindberg
18	Metropolitan New York	TE Jeffrey Choi
19	Mississippi Valley	TE Chris Wright
20	Missouri	TE Tim LeCroy
21	Nashville	TE Bryce Sullivan
22	New River	TE Seth Young
23	New York State	TE Kenneth McHeard
24	North Florida	TE Dave Burke
25	North Texas	TE Todd Gwennap
26	Northern California	TE Matt Eusey
27	Northern New England	TE Ian Hard
28	Ohio	TE Lee Hutchings
29	Ohio Valley	TE Larry Hoop
30	Pacific Northwest	RE Howie Donahoe
31	Philadelphia Metro West	TE Robbie Schmidtberger
32	Piedmont Triad	TE Ethan Smith
33	Pittsburgh	TE Frank Moser
34	Potomac	TE Danny Edwards-Luce
35	Rocky Mountain	TE Milan Norgauer
36	South Coast	TE Eric Chappell
37	South Florida	RE Terry Murdock
38	South Texas	TE Jon Anderson
39	Southern Louisiana	TE Shane Gibson
40	Southern New England	TE Curran Bishop
41	Southwest Florida	TE Freddy Fritz
42	Suncoast Florida	TE Steve Jeantet
43	Susquehanna Valley	TE Peter Rowan
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	<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Representative</b>
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2	Tennessee Valley	TE Jake Bennett
3	Tidewater	TE Ken Christian
4	West Hudson	RE Carlos Stoffel
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6 **IX. FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

7 **Background Information on CRPR meeting, May 30, 2019 – see pp. 1203-1204**

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9 Motion from Sub-Committee on Procedures:

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11 That RPR suspend Operations Manual Rule 4.1.1 (below) to allow consideration of a  
12 recommendation from the newly-formed Sub-Committee on Procedures, in order to  
13 avoid having a called RPR meeting and avoid the expense involved in a called meeting.

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15 4.1. This manual may be amended at any meeting of the Committee by  
16 a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided that  
17 4.1. Prior notice has been given by mailing a copy of such  
18 proposed amendment to each Committee member at least ten  
19 (10) days prior to such meeting.  
20 4.2. Such amendment is consistent with the Constitution and the  
21 *RAO*.

22 *Adopted by more than the required 2/3 vote*

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24 *Assuming Rule 4.1.1 is suspended—*  
25 *The Sub-Committee's recommendation for amendments to the RPR Operations*  
26 *Manual is below.*

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28 Amend Operations Manual for the Review of Presbytery Records as follows  
29 [proposed additions underlined; proposed deletions shown stricken]:

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31 2. [RPR's] Review of Records

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33 2.2. Each Presbytery's records will be read by ~~two independent first readers a~~  
34 team of three RPR members ("Read Committee"). ~~The reports of the~~  
35 ~~two readers will be reviewed by a team of two additional Committee~~  
36 ~~members.~~ *Adopted*

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38 2.4 The Stated Clerk will distribute copies of each Presbytery's  
39 records ~~for the first reader by the members of the Committee no~~  
40 ~~later than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting~~ At least two  
41 ~~members of the Committee shall read the records for exceptions~~  
42 ~~of substance, form, and notations as defined in RAO 16-6.e. to the~~  
43 members of each Read Committee by April 1. Presbyteries shall  
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be invited and encouraged to also file their records digitally, and if a Presbytery does, that digital copy shall be sent to the members of the Read Committee instead of the hard-copy. *Adopted*

2.7. ~~A team of two will conduct a final read during a final read during the annual meeting. The final readers are not to read the entire set of Presbytery Records unless there is special warrant. The final reading will review the findings of the first readers and report their findings to the full Committee using the forms provided.~~

Read Committees:

- a. The report of each Read Committee shall contain recommendations to the RPR regarding: (1) judgment on Responses, (2) any exceptions of substance, (3) any exceptions of form, and (4) any notations.
- b. RPR leadership team shall appoint a convener for each Read Committee.
- c. RPR leadership team shall organize Read Committee in such a way that each convener is an experienced RPR member.
- d. Any member of a Read Committee may file a minority report on any of the four items.
- e. Read Committee reports shall be filed by May 1.
- f. Read Committees may conduct their meetings via phone, video conferencing and/or email.
- g. Read Committees shall submit their reports electronically.
- h. RPR officers shall ensure the preliminary report is ready for review prior to the RPR stated meeting. *Adopted*

*Procedural notes for RPR Chairman*

- o Motion to suspend rules is non-debatable and requires two-thirds majority. (*RONR*, pp. 260-61).
- o While such a motion cannot be applied to a "bylaw," it can be applied to "any rule of the assembly." (*RONR* p. 261, line 7 and p. 17, ll. 22-25).
- o Neither the *RAO* nor the RPR Operations Manual say anything about called meetings of RPR. Thus, one would assume the rules of *RONR* would apply to such. We would just need to live within the AC budget for RPR.