

1                                   **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON**  
2                                   **REVIEW OF PRESBYTERY RECORDS**  
3                                   **TO THE FORTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
4                                   **OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**  
5                                   **June 2022**

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7    **NOTE: INCLUDES AMENDMENTS MADE BY 49th GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**  
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9    **I. A list of Presbytery Minutes received by the Committee (See VI below)**

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11   **II. A list of Presbyteries that have not submitted approved responses to exceptions of**  
12   **previous General Assemblies:**

13    Columbus Metro  
14    Georgia Foothills  
15    Houston Metro  
16    Illiana  
17    Korean Northwest  
18    Korean Southwest Orange County  
19    Pittsburgh  
20    Rio Grande  
21    Rocky Mountain  
22    South Florida

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24   **III. A list of Presbyteries that have submitted Minutes after the March 15 deadline**  
25   **required by *RAO 16-4.d*:**

26    Arizona  
27    Columbus Metro (Printed Minutes, Standing Rules, Directory)  
28    Eastern Carolina (Printed Minutes)  
29    Evangel (Printed Minutes, Standing Rules, Directory)  
30    Georgia Foothills  
31    Gulfstream  
32    James River (Printed Minutes)  
33    Korean Capital  
34    Korean Northwest  
35    Korean Southern  
36    Korean Southwest Orange County (Responses)  
37    Metropolitan New York  
38    New River  
39    New York State (Printed Minutes)  
40    Northwest Georgia (Printed Minutes)  
41    Pacific Northwest (Printed Minutes)  
42    Philadelphia (Responses)  
43    South Florida  
44    Southeast Alabama (Printed Minutes)  
45    Southern Louisiana  
46    Tidewater (Printed Minutes)  
47    Warrior (Printed Minutes)

**IV. Citations**

- 1 1. Cite the following Presbyteries to appear before the *Standing Judicial Commission*  
2 according to the provisions of *BCO* 40-5 for “a credible report” of “an important  
3 delinquency or grossly unconstitutional proceedings”:

4 None

5 ~~Korean Central Presbytery~~

6 ~~Northwest Georgia Presbytery~~

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8 **V. General Recommendations**

- 9 1. Thank Dr. Bryan Chapell, Margie Mallow, Amanda Burton, Ashley Davis, Karen  
10 Frey, Priscilla Lowrey, Angela Nantz, and the rest of the AC staff who covered their  
11 responsibilities in addition to their attentive support, friendly welcome, and support to  
12 the officers. 42-0-0

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14 2. Commend the 2022 Committee on Review of Presbytery Records officers,  
15 TE Hoochan Paul Lee, TE Stephen Tipton, TE Eddie Lim, and TE Freddy Fritz for  
16 their work. 38-0-4

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18 3. Commend all Presbyteries for submitting minutes for review. Only 2 Presbyteries  
19 have not submitted physical copies. 42-0-0

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21 4. The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly send a letter to the Presbyteries through the  
22 Stated clerks of the Presbyteries to:

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24 a. Commend those Clerks who sent records for their hard work to create, keep,  
25 and submit their records, and every Presbytery who sent delegates to serve on  
26 the Committee on Review of Presbytery Records. 42-0-0

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28 b. Encourage Presbyteries to establish commissions to review their records early  
29 in the year so that the records may be sent in by the deadline. 42-0-0

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31 c. Urge those who failed to send reports or delegates to do so in the future. Note  
32 that 68 of 88 presbyteries had representatives appointed to the committee this  
33 year, with 54 attending the meeting (including 45 TEs and 9 REs). 42-0-0

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35 d. Remind Presbyteries that records (both hard-copies and digital) must be  
36 submitted by the deadline of March 15 of each year. 42-0-0

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38 e. Remind Presbyteries that records must be submitted in one of two formats: (1)  
39 four bound, paginated hard-copies or (2) two bound, paginated hard-copies  
40 and one paginated digital copy (preferably as a single document). 42-0-0

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42 f. Urge Presbyteries, when recording an examinee’s stated differences to the  
43 Confessional Standards, to record judgment on each stated difference

- 1 using the wording of one of the four categories explicitly spelled out in  
2 *RAO* 16-3.e.5.a through d. 42-0-0
- 3 g. Remind Presbyteries that the actions of their commissions are the actions of  
4 that presbytery, and the full record of each commission's proceedings must be  
5 included in subsequent presbytery minutes, either in the body of the minutes  
6 or as an addendum thereto (*BCO* 15-1). 42-0-0
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- 8 h. Remind Presbyteries that when GA takes exception to a Presbytery's minutes  
9 for failure to record or take a required action, and Presbytery agrees with the  
10 exception, a satisfactory response should indicate that they have taken the  
11 required action, if possible, and properly recorded the same in their minutes,  
12 amending and resubmitting relevant portions of past minutes if necessary.  
13 Furthermore, remind Presbyteries to follow the guidelines for responding to  
14 GA in *RAO* 16-10. 42-0-0
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- 16 i. Remind Presbyteries that responses to GA's exceptions must be approved by  
17 the Presbytery, and such approval and the responses must be recorded in their  
18 minutes. 42-0-0
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- 20 j. Request that Presbyteries approve their responses to GA exceptions in the  
21 same calendar year in which the exceptions were taken. If not approved in the  
22 calendar year, Presbytery should supply a copy of minutes in which responses  
23 were approved. 42-0-0
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- 25 k. Remind Presbyteries that when exceptions of substance relate to items missing  
26 in the minutes, that action be taken to correct the minutes to remedy the  
27 exception. 42-0-0
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- 29 l. Ask Presbyteries, in the case when an examination for ordination refers to  
30 acceptance of an earlier licensure examination, to provide a citation of the prior  
31 minutes where that exam is recorded. 42-0-0
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- 33 m. Remind Presbyteries that they may, if they adopt it in their by-laws, approve  
34 meetings by telephone or video conference. 42-0-0
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- 36 n. Remind Presbyteries that some actions must be taken annually, including  
37 review of Session records, receiving reports from TEs without call, receiving  
38 reports from TEs laboring out-of-bounds, receiving reports from interns,  
39 receiving reports from candidates under care, and that record of such reports  
40 should be included in their minutes. Additionally, reports of interns by the  
41 committee charged with the oversight of interns must be received at each stated  
42 meeting. 42-0-0
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- 44 o. Request that the directories that are supplied to CRPR include the status  
45 (Pastor, Without Call, Out-of-Bounds, etc.) of each TE in the list of TEs and

- 1                    their addresses since that information is necessary to determine whether or not  
2                    annual reports are required. 42-0-0  
3                    p. Remind Presbyteries to ensure that their minutes are paginated. 42-0-0  
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5                    q. Request Presbyteries to encourage candidates to clarify their stated differences  
6                    to the Standards when writing them in their own words to accurately reflect  
7                    their view as presented to Presbytery. 42-0-0  
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9                    r. Remind Presbyteries that only actionable motions need to be recorded in the  
10                    minutes. 42-0-0  
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12                    s. Remind Presbyteries to be attentive to making the appropriate edits to the  
13                    ordination/installation template according to the particular context when  
14                    creating minutes of these services. 42-0-0  
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16                    5. Encourage Presbytery Stated Clerks to attend the annual Presbytery Clerks' meeting  
17                    in December. 42-0-0  
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19                    6. **Amend RAO 16-4.c** as follows (~~strike-through~~ for deletions, underlining for new  
20                    wording):  
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22                    c. In addition to the minutes themselves, the presbytery shall submit ~~three~~  
23                    ~~(3) copies~~ a corresponding number of copies, in accordance with 16-4.a,  
24                    of the following items:  
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26                    So that the rule reads:  
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28                    c. In addition to the minutes themselves, the presbytery shall submit a  
29                    corresponding number of copies, in accordance with 16-4.a, of the  
30                    following items:  
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33 **VI. Report Concerning the Minutes of Each Presbytery:**

- 34 1. That the Minutes of **Arizona** Presbytery: 49-0-1  
35                    a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**  
36                    b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Jun 15, 2021; Nov 11, 2021.**  
37                    c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:  
38                    **Exception: Aug 20, 2020 (BCO 38-1)** – Full *BCO* 38-1 statement not recorded in  
39                    minutes.  
40                    **Exception: Jan 21, 2021 (BCO 19-2.b.3)** – Candidate licensed after *BCO* exam  
41                    expressly not sustained.  
42                    **Exception: Apr 22, 2021; Aug 20, 2021; Nov 11, 2021 (Standing Rules)** – No record  
43                    of  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to amend *Standing Rules*.  
44                    **Exception: Jun 15, 2021 (BCO 13-6)** – Incomplete record of examination of TE  
45                    transferring into Presbytery.

1           **Exception: Jun 15, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – Stated differences not recorded  
2 in the minister’s own words.

3           **Exception: Nov 11, 2021** (*Standing Rules* I.C.1; *BCO* 13-12; *RAO* 16-3.c.1) –  
4 Meeting improperly classified as stated instead of called; purpose of called meeting  
5 not recorded verbatim in the minutes.

6           **Exception: General** (*BCO* 13-9.b; 40-1) – Incomplete record of review of records of  
7 church Sessions.

8       **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

9           **Exception: Apr 25, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4) – Stated differences not recorded in minister’s  
10 own words.

11           **Response:** We were negligent to not record the minister’s stated differences and the  
12 ruling of Presbytery. We did however receive the minister’s stated differences and  
13 ruled on those exceptions. Presbytery ruled that his stated differences were more than  
14 semantic but not striking at the vitals of the faith. We will be more watchful in the  
15 future.

16           In his own words, the exception is included below.

17           **Exception: WLC 119 & WCF XXI.8 “recreational clause on Sabbath”**

18           Games/activities on the Sabbath.

19           *“I believe it is lawful, and restful for people to exercise on the Lord’s Day/Sabbath,*  
20 *but not to the point of fatigue as it would strike at the vitals of the fourth*  
21 *commandment.”*

22           **Exception: Aug 23, 2019** (*BCO* 23-1; 13-11) – No record of congregational vote to  
23 dissolve pastoral relationship.

24           **Response:** If this exception is in regards to the record of congregation vote for TE  
25 [name omitted], who was an Assistant Pastor, no congregational vote would be  
26 needed. If, however, this particular exception deals with the record of TE [name  
27 omitted], our response is as follows:

28           *“Per the request of TE [name omitted], and the affirmative vote of the congregation of*  
29 *King of Kings Church on August 4, 2019, Presbytery approves to dissolve the*  
30 *relationship between TE [name omitted], and [name omitted] Church.”*

31           This action was taken, but not included properly in the minutes. This was our mistake  
32 and we will be more watchful going forward.

33           **Exception: Aug 23, 2019** (*BCO* 13-11; *RAO* 16-3.e.7) – Complaint sent to Presbytery  
34 not recorded in minutes (“full and accurate record”).

35           **Response:** We apologize for not giving a full and accurate record of these complaints.  
36 Presbytery will amend our records accordingly and appended referenced complaints  
37 to this document.

38           **Exception: Jan 23-24, 2020; Apr 24, 2020** (*BCO* 20-1) – No record of call to a  
39 definite work for TEs [names omitted].

40           **Response:** All mentioned TEs were called to definite works; however we failed to  
41 include them in our minutes. These calls will be entered into the minutes in their  
42 entirety and are appended to this document.

43           Jan 24, 2020

44           1. Presbytery approved the Call to [name omitted] to undertake the office of  
45 Senior Pastor of [church name omitted].

1           2. Presbytery approved the Call to [name omitted] to undertake the office of  
2           Assistant Pastor of [church name omitted].

3           3. Presbytery approved the Call to [name omitted] to undertake the office of  
4           Church Planter (Evangelist).

5           Apr 24, 2020

6           1. Presbytery approved the Call to [name omitted] to undertake the office of  
7           Church Planter (Evangelist).

8           **Exception: Oct 15, 2020 (BCO 23-1)** – No record of dissolution of call for TEs  
9           [names omitted].

10          **Response:** We apologize for not giving a full and accurate account of the following  
11          actions taken by Presbytery:

12          April 24, 2019

13           [1] Presbytery receives and approves of a motion from the Session of [church  
14           name omitted] to dissolve its relationship with TE [name omitted] and change his  
15           call to Without a Call, effective May 31, 2019.

16          August 23, 2019

17           [1] Presbytery receives and approves of the motion from Session of [church name  
18           omitted] to dissolve its relationship with TE [name omitted] and change his call to  
19           Without a Call.

20          **Exception: Nov 20, 2020 (BCO 19-2)** – No record of requiring statement of  
21          differences with our Standards.

22          **Response:** We were negligent to not record the minister's stated differences and the  
23          ruling of Presbytery. We did however receive the minister's stated differences and  
24          ruled on those exceptions on Nov 20, 2020. Presbytery ruled that his stated differences  
25          were more than semantic but not striking at the vitals of the faith. We will be more  
26          watchful in the future.

27          In his own words, the exception is included below.

28          **Stated Difference: WLC 119 & WCF XX1.8 "recreational clause on Sabbath"**

29           *"Our Lord taught, "the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."  
30           Based on this statement, I believe and teach that the Lord's Day should be  
31           viewed as a gift to be enjoyed rather than a burden to be endured. While I  
32           have no issue with those who choose to abstain from recreation on Sunday, I  
33           am not convinced that this practice is a Scriptural requirement*

34          **Exception: General 2020 (BCO 13-11)** – Minutes of Aug 20, 2020 meeting not  
35          included.

36          **Response:** We now recognize that the minutes for the Aug 20, 2020 meeting were not  
37          included for your review, but we do have the accurate minutes for this meeting. This  
38          was an oversight and we apologize for not including them. These minutes have been  
39          appended to this document.

40          See attachment

41          **Exception: General 2020 (BCO 13-11; RAO 16-3.e.7)** – Minutes from executive  
42          session not included. Reference was made to a meeting held on Aug 20 2020 on p. 24  
43          of the Nov 20 meeting, presumably in executive session.

44          **Response:** We now recognize that the minutes for the executive session were not  
45          included for your review, but we do have the accurate minutes for this meeting. This

1 was an oversight and we apologize for not including them. These minutes have been  
2 appended to this document.

3 **Exception: General 2020 (BCO 13-11)** – No record of minutes of previous meetings  
4 being approved.

5 **Response:** Presbytery will establish a better system for approving the minutes of  
6 previous meetings, going forward. Below are the actions taken in 2020 regarding this  
7 exception.

8 1. On January 24, 2020, the Administrative Commission MSP to approve the  
9 minutes of the Presbytery Stated meeting on August 22-23, 2019.

10 2. On April 24, 2020, the Administrative Commission MSP to approve the  
11 minutes of the Presbytery Stated meeting on January 23-24, 2020.

12 3. On August 20, 2020, the Presbytery MSP to approve the minutes of the  
13 Presbytery Stated meeting on April 23-24, 2020.

14 **Exception: Jan 23-24, 2020 (BCO 21-4)** – All specific requirements of ordination  
15 exam not recorded (Christian experience, call to ministry).

16 **Response:** We did not specify in our minutes that [name omitted] had been examined  
17 on Christian experience and call to ministry. However, we are certain that these  
18 requirements of ordination were examined and approved by the candidate. We  
19 apologize for leaving them out of our records and will be more watchful going forward.

20 **Exception: Apr 25, 2019 (BCO 13-6)** – No record of individual parts of transfer exam.

21 **Response:** Regarding the minister's transfer exam, all individual parts of the exam  
22 were conducted and approved by Presbytery. To not include this record of individual  
23 parts was a mistake. We apologize and will include such records going forward.

24 **Exception: Nov 20, 2020 (BCO 30-1)** – No record of judicial action previously  
25 recorded in minutes.

26 **Response:** We now recognize that minutes for the judicial action taken on Aug 20,  
27 2020, referenced in the minutes of Nov 20, 2020, was not included for your review,  
28 but we do have the accurate minutes for this meeting. This was an oversight and we  
29 apologize for not including them. These minutes have been appended to this document.

30 e. **That the following responses to the 49th GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore  
31 new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

32 **Exception: Jan 23-24, 2020 (BCO 13-11; RAO 16-3.e.7)** – Minutes of executive  
33 session not included.

34 **Response:** We apologize that minutes for this executive session were not taken and  
35 no record of these minutes can be found. We will improve this behavior and be more  
36 watchful in the future.

37 **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to summarize the action that was taken during Executive  
38 Session (*RONR* 9:26, 27) and record it in their minutes.

39 **Exception: Jan 23-24, 2020 (BCO 13-6; 21-4)** – Incomplete record of transfer exam  
40 from another denomination for TE [name omitted].

41 **Response:** We did not specify in our minutes that TE [name omitted] had been  
42 examined on all requirements for transfer. However, we are certain that these  
43 requirements for transfer were met by the candidate and approved by presbytery. We  
44 apologize for not providing a full and accurate record and will be more watchful going  
45 forward

1 **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its records (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).

2 **Exception: Jan 23-24, 2020** (*BCO* 13-6; 21-4) – Incomplete record of transfer exam  
3 for TE [name omitted] (Sacraments, church government).

4 **Response:** We did not specify in our minutes that TE [name omitted] had been  
5 examined on all requirements for transfer, including Sacraments and church  
6 government. However, we are certain that these requirements for transfer were met by  
7 the candidate and approved by presbytery. We apologize for not providing a full and  
8 accurate record and will be more watchful going forward.

9 **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its records (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).

10 **Exception: Apr 24, 2020** (*BCO* 13-12) – Business transacted outside the purpose of  
11 called meeting.

12 **Response:** We humbly admit that we conducted business that was outside of the stated  
13 purpose of the called meeting. We will be more diligent to conduct only stated  
14 business going forward.

15 **Rationale:** In a called meeting any action taken outside the stated purpose of that  
16 called meeting is invalid and unconstitutional and must be readdressed appropriately  
17 at a subsequent meeting. The Presbytery needs to produce records of the extraneous  
18 business having been ratified at a subsequent meeting (*BCO* 13-12).

19 **Exception: Apr 24, 2020** (*Standing Rules*) – No bylaw/standing rule provision for  
20 electronic meetings.

21 **Response:** [1] On August 20, 2021, Presbytery approved an amendment to the  
22 Standing Rules of the Arizona Presbytery as follows:

23 C. 1.

- 24 a) While matters of Presbytery are generally understood to take place in person,  
25 Presbytery may authorize a meeting to be conducted by electronic means, such  
26 as videoconferencing or teleconference, when necessary or preferred due to  
27 matters of health and safety, including pandemics or dangerous weather  
28 conditions.
- 29 b) If a meeting is done by electronic means, such as videoconferencing or  
30 teleconference, the meeting must be conducted by a technology that allows all  
31 persons participating to hear each other at the same time (and, if a  
32 videoconference, to see each other as well).
- 33 c) The right to vote in meetings done by videoconferencing or teleconference is  
34 limited to the members who are actually present on the call (or video) at the  
35 time the vote is taken.
- 36 d) All voting members must be participating in the same method of attendance.

37 **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its records (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
38 (Ratification of actions at proper meeting would be satisfactory).

39 **Exception: General 2020** (*BCO* 13-9.b) – No annual review of records of church  
40 Sessions.

41 **Response:** Annual review did not take place. Presbytery will be diligent to establish  
42 a program of regular review of records of church Sessions. This will be assigned to  
43 our administrative commission and we will conduct a proper review going forward.

44 **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its records (*RAO* 16-10.b.1). Session  
45 minutes from 2020 must be reviewed.



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2. That the Minutes of **Ascension** Presbytery: 54-0-0
- a. Be approved without exceptions: **Jan 30, 2021; Apr 24, 2021; Jul 31, 2021; Nov 6, 2021.**
  - b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **None.**
  - c. Be approved with exceptions of substance: **None.**
  - d. **That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

**Exception: Jul 27, 2019** (*BCO* 12-8) – Improperly citing two Sessions with exception of substance as follows: "Mention is made of a baptism having taken place but there is no evidence that Session previously approved the baptism. (*BCO* 12-5.e; 56-2, 3)" [church name omitted] Session's November 2 response regarding it Minutes of 4/17/18: "The Session believed it was implicitly approving these baptisms when it received the parents into membership. Upon advice of the Presbytery Stated Clerk, the Session has corrected this error ..." [Nov 2 Pby Minutes, Attach 5, item 3 and Minutes p. 5 item 4.b. – No record of [church name omitted] response in 2019.] None of the three *BCO* references in Presbytery's citation require a Session to explicitly and individually approve every baptism of infants of communing member parents. As the Session rightly observes, such baptisms are implicitly approved for communing member parents. Thus, no error needs to be corrected and no citation should be issued to the Sessions.

**Response:** inclusion of *BCO* 56-3 in the citations. We agree that the propriety of the baptism of infants of communing parents is settled at the point the Session receives the parents as members of the Congregation. Our concern is to take seriously, and to ask Sessions to take seriously, the provisions of *BCO* 15-2.e ("To exercise, in accordance with the Directory for Worship, authority over the time and place of the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments...") and 56-2 ("It [baptism] is not to be privately administered, but in the presence of the congregation under the supervision of the Session.") In both of these provisions the *BCO* is clearly stating that Session (as a court) has responsibility over the administration of the Sacraments. At a minimum, that must mean that Session must take some formal action(s), not regarding whether it is appropriate to baptize any specific child of communing parents, but with regard to when and how the baptism(s) should appropriately occur. If this power does not reside in Session, as a body, then the provisions cited would have no meaning.

Further, we have advised Sessions who have inquired that there are a number of ways they can accomplish this responsibility: they can take a formal action to approve the time and date of each individual baptism; they can act informally to approve the time and date of a given baptism and ratify that action in the minutes of their next meeting; they can adopt a standard operating procedure each year that delegates to some individual or committee the responsibility for approving when baptisms will be administered; or they can add a provision to their standing rules delegating the responsibility to some individual or group. We think any of those approaches get to the letter and, generally, the spirit of the *BCO* provisions cited. What we believe cannot happen, however, is for one individual, whether the Pastor or someone else, to approve when and how baptisms will occur without having been delegated that power

1 by Session. If our understanding is deemed not to be correct we ask the General  
2 Assembly to help us understand what it means for Session to have “authority over the  
3 administration of the Sacraments” and to have “supervision” over baptisms.

4 Finally, we note that our position is strengthened by the fact that the last clause of  
5 *BCO* 56-2 does not appear in the original draft of the PCA’s Directory for Worship,  
6 nor in the parallel passages in the constitutions of the predecessor denominations.  
7 Indeed, most of the provisions in the earlier PCUSA and PCUS books explicitly state  
8 that the minister may judge when it is expedient to administer the sacrament in private  
9 homes. The PCA removed the statement about private homes and made it explicit that  
10 it is the Session that supervises the sacrament of baptism. Our concern in taking the  
11 actions we did was to help our Sessions take seriously that joint responsibility over  
12 when and how baptism is to be administered.

13 **Exception: Jan 25, 2020** (*BCO* 20-2) – Presbytery incorrectly cited a Session with an  
14 exception of substance for failing to call a congregational meeting to elect a pulpit  
15 committee for an associate pastor. The Session had recommended the congregation  
16 vote to call the man as an associate pastor, and the congregation voted to call, but a  
17 pulpit committee had not been elected. The *BCO* does not require such.

18 **Response:** Presbytery respectfully disagrees with the exception. *BCO* 22-2 states  
19 “The pastor and associate pastor are elected by the congregation using the form of call  
20 in *BCO* 20-6.” This surely indicates that the election of both pastors and associate  
21 pastors are governed by the provisions of *BCO* 20, which would include the need for  
22 a pulpit committee (20-2). It would appear that the exception taken by the 48<sup>th</sup> GA is  
23 based on the understanding that *BCO* 20-2 applies only to the election of “senior”  
24 pastors. But, if that is so, what is the mechanism for the election of associate pastors?  
25 This narrow reading of 20-2 would force one to conclude that the *BCO* has a provision  
26 for the process by which “senior” pastors are chosen (20-2) and a process for how  
27 assistant pastors are chosen (22-3), and no process for the election of associate pastors  
28 beyond that they must somehow be elected by the congregation (22-2), but with no  
29 mechanism for how the candidate gets before the congregation. That conclusion does  
30 not seem plausible. Thus, we conclude that the only provision we have for the process  
31 by which associate pastors are brought before the congregation must be 20-2.

32 Finally, it would appear that the 48<sup>th</sup> General Assembly actually agrees with our  
33 interpretation. The proposed amendment to *BCO* 20-2, as adopted by the 48<sup>th</sup> GA,  
34 adds the following language “An existing assistant pastor may be elected by the  
35 congregation as an associate pastor at the recommendation of the Session without the  
36 election of a pulpit committee. (emphasis added) Clearly, this proposed language  
37 envisions that the normal pattern is that a pulpit committee is necessary for the election  
38 of an associate pastor, with the amendment providing an exception (which the General  
39 Assembly apparently does not believe currently exists) for a situation where an  
40 assistant pastor is being nominated as an associate pastor.

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- 42 3. That the Minutes of **Blue Ridge** Presbytery: 48-0-1  
43 a. Be approved without exceptions: **Aug 14, 2021.**  
44 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Jan 22-23, 2021; Apr 23-24, 2021.**  
45 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

1           **Exception: Apr 23-24, 2021 (BCO 34-10)** – No record of divested ministers receiving  
2 and responding to notice of divestiture.

3           **Exception: Apr 23-24, 2021; Nov 5-6, 2021 (BCO 23-1)** – No record that  
4 congregation was cited to appear by its commissioners to give a statement about  
5 pastor’s resignation.

6           **Exception: Apr 23-24, 2021 (BCO 13-10)** – No record of transfer of membership  
7 from dissolved church.

8           **Exception: Apr 23-24, 2021 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** – Stated differences not  
9 recorded in the candidate’s own words.

10           **Exception: Jun 8, 2021 (BCO 13-12)** – Notice for called meeting not in order; 10-  
11 day notice, verbatim meeting call, etc., not indicated/recorded.

12       **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

13           **Exception: Jan 24-25, 2020 (RAO 16-3.e.5)** – No record of Mr. [name omitted]’s  
14 exception to the *WCF* in his own words.

15           **Response:** Mr. [name omitted]’s exam for licensure was approved for his exam in  
16 theology. This is what he stated in his licensure exam:

17           “I have taken exception to psalm-singing only and the recreation clause regarding the  
18 Sabbath.”

19           “In some presbyteries my analogical day view of the creation days is also considered  
20 an exception.”

21           SM 62-28 Mr. [name omitted] was asked for his differences with the *BCO* and the  
22 Westminster Confession:

23           *“I have taken exception to psalm-singing only and the recreation clause  
24 regarding the Sabbath. M/S/P to accept as more than semantic but not  
25 touching on the vitals of religion or our system of doctrine and that it be  
26 answered with the presbytery’s standard answer.”*

27           *In some presbyteries my analogical day view of the creation days is also  
28 considered an exception. M/S/P to accept as more than semantic but not  
29 touching on the vitals of religion or our system of doctrine and that it be  
30 answered with the presbytery’s standard answer.”*

31           In accepting his licensure exam for ordination, we also accepted his previous  
32 statements and Presbytery’s previous response. We will seek to be more careful to  
33 make sure that it is noted in the minutes when we accept a licensure exam in lieu of a  
34 fresh exam.

35           **Exception: Aug 8, 2020 (RAO 16-3.e.5)** – No record of Mr. [name omitted]’s  
36 exception to the *WCF* in his own words.

37           **Response:** Mr. [name omitted] holds to a ‘framework’ view of creation. (Minutes of  
38 Blue Ridge Presbytery 8-8-20. These are the words which Mr. [name omitted] used  
39 on the floor of Presbytery. Presbytery did not ask Mr. [name omitted] to explain his  
40 view any further. Presbytery will ask candidates to explain their view further than a  
41 one sentence answer.

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43       4. That the Minutes of **Calvary** Presbytery: 51-0-1

44       a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**

45       b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Jan 23, 2021; Apr 22, 2021; Jul 24, 2021.**

- 1 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:  
2 **Exception: Jan 23, 2021** (*BCO* 21-5.8; 21-9) – No record of commission to install  
3 TE [name omitted] in change of call from assistant to associate pastor.  
4 **Exception: Apr 22, 2021** (*BCO* 13-4) – No record of quorum for installation.  
5 **Exception: Jul 24, 2021** (*BCO* 23-1) – No record of  $\frac{4}{5}$  majority vote of congregation  
6 or  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote of Presbytery for change in call for TE from associate to senior  
7 pastor.  
8 **Exception: Jul 24, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – Stated differences not recorded  
9 in minister’s own words.  
10 **Exception: Jul 24, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – Stated differences not recorded  
11 in minister’s own words.  
12 **Exception: Oct 28, 2021** (*BCO* 34-8) – No record of  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of presbytery to remove  
13 censure of deposition.  
14 **Exception: Oct 28, 2021** (*BCO* 13-11; *RAO* 16-3.e.7) – Presbytery did not have  
15 authority to approve as satisfactory [church name omitted]’s reason to not turn in  
16 executive session minutes.
- 17 **d. That the following response to the 49th GA to be found satisfactory:**  
18 **Exception: Jan 26, 2019** (*BCO* 25-11) – No record of 30-day notice for withdrawal  
19 vote from denomination.  
20 **Response:** We appreciate the concern of RPR, but the congregation referenced here  
21 voted to withdraw from the PCA on December 31, 2018 which was six months *before*  
22 *BCO* 25-11 was amended and adopted at the 46<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (June 25-29,  
23 2019). Therefore, the congregation and presbytery followed proper procedure and the  
24 exception of substance should be removed.  
25
- 26 5. That the Minutes of **Canada West** Presbytery: 53-0-0  
27 a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**  
28 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Directory; Oct 1, 2021.**  
29 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:  
30 **Exception: Mar 5-6, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – All specific requirements of  
31 ordination exam not recorded.  
32 **Exception: Mar 5-6, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4.f; 40-2) – Presbytery granted a doctrinal  
33 exception that may be hostile to our system of doctrine (*WCF* 1.1-10). More  
34 information or clarity is needed on the exception.  
35 **Exception: Oct 1, 2021** (*BCO* 13-11; *RAO* 16-3.e.7) – Two sets of minutes of  
36 executive sessions not included.  
37 **Exception: Oct 1, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4) – No record of requiring statement of differences  
38 with our Standards.  
39 **Exception: Oct 1, 2021** (*BCO* 13-9.b; 40-3) – Results of review of records of church  
40 Sessions not stated.  
41 **Exception: Standing Rules** (*BCO* 20; Preliminary Principle 6) – The *BCO* doesn’t  
42 provide for a second vote to confirm the election of a pastor after Presbytery  
43 deliberations. *BCO* 20-10 states in part: “The Presbytery, having heard all the parties,  
44 may, upon viewing the whole case, either recommend them to desist from prosecuting  
45 the call; or may order it to be delivered to the minister to whom it is addressed”

- 1       **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**  
2       **Exception: Oct 2-3, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4.d; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – All specific requirements of  
3       ordination not recorded, namely, PCA History, approved degree, and theological and  
4       exegetical papers.  
5       **Response:** The Presbytery, and in particular the Clerk, apologizes for not including  
6       these items in the minutes. Both the Credentials Committee of the Presbytery and the  
7       Presbytery as a whole did indeed examine the candidates in PCA History and  
8       authenticated the approved degree and approved the theological and exegetical papers  
9       for each of the candidates. For some of these candidates, these examinations were  
10      spread over several Presbytery meetings at which previous meetings had approved  
11      such portions but were not stipulated as such in the next meetings minutes. The Clerk  
12      apologizes for this oversight  
13      **Exception: Oct 2-3, 2020** (*BCO* 20-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.6) – No record of call to a definite  
14      work, specific arrangements of call not shown to be approved.  
15      **Response:** The candidates in question had already been called and were serving in  
16      ministries that were approved at previous Presbytery meetings. The candidates’ calls  
17      did not change as they progressed through the various stages of their ordination from  
18      licensure to full ordination as a TE in the Presbytery. The Presbytery apologizes for  
19      not delineating the distinction that these candidates continued to serve in a previously  
20      approved call/role within their churches/Sessions that had called them.
- 21      **e. That the following response to the 49th GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore a**  
22      **new response shall be submitted to the following GA:**  
23      **Exception: Sep 18, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4.d) – Reason for use of extraordinary clause not  
24      explained.  
25      **Response:** The use of the “extraordinary clause” was used only for the issue of PCA  
26      church governance. As the TE being examined was for the purposes of Stated Supply  
27      and would not be made a part of nor be attending Session meetings or moderating or  
28      attending any official church governance functions, it was felt that this particular issue  
29      could be exempted from the examination under this clause. The Presbytery apologizes  
30      for not making this distinction at the time of original writing.  
31      **Rationale [2022]:** Ordination does not include different classes of ordinands such as,  
32      for example, one type who will serve as a pastor of a church and another who will  
33      serve as stated supply. The Presbytery’s rationale for omitting parts of the exam was  
34      stated in their response as “for the issues of PCA church governance” and that the TE  
35      “would not be made a part of nor be attending Session meetings or moderating or  
36      attending any official church governance functions, it was felt that this particular issue  
37      could be exempted from the examination under this clause.” However, the rationale  
38      from the Presbytery is an improper reason for omitting parts of the trial for ordination.  
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- 40      6. That the Minutes of **Catawba Valley** Presbytery: 52-0-0  
41      a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**  
42      b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Sep 28, 2021.**  
43      c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:  
44      **Exception: Jan 23, 2021; May 25, 2021** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) – Minutes of  
45      commission not entered into Presbytery minutes.

1           **Exception: Sep 28, 2021** (*BCO* 13-11) – No record of complaint sent to Presbytery.

2       **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

3           **Exception: May 28, 2019** (*BCO* 13-6; 21-4) – No record of exam in the history of the  
4       PCA.

5           **Response:** We regret the oversight. Presbytery has since corrected the minutes.

6           **Exception: Sep 24, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – All specific requirements of  
7       ordination exam not recorded (theological and exegetical papers).

8           **Response:** We regret the oversight. Presbytery has since corrected the minutes of 9-  
9       25-19 as follows: “It was M/S/A to approved the examination of Mr. [name omitted]  
10      and to ordain him as a minister of gospel, accepting his seminary degree from  
11      Reformed Theological Seminary in lieu of an oral examination in the original  
12      languages (*BCO* 21-4c) and accepting his theological and exegetical papers submitted  
13      to the Examination Committee.” (Approved by action of CVP 1/23/21)

14          **Exception: Sep 24, 2019** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) – Minutes of commission not  
15      entered into Presbytery minutes.

16          **Response:** We regret the oversight. This exception has been helpful in alerting us to  
17      the need to include relevant portions of committee minutes in our presbytery’s record  
18      when said committee [Shepherding] is empowered to act as a commission. We will  
19      commit to keeping this as our practice going forward. (Approved by action of CVP  
20      1/23/21)

21          **Exception: Jan 25, 2020** (*BCO* 5-2.c; 13-10) – Presbytery dissolved a mission church  
22      without giving 60 days’ notice to the church.

23          **Response:** The dissolution of the [church name omitted] came at the end of a long and  
24      careful deliberation between the Oversight Commission and the organizing pastor that  
25      the missions was no longer viable. While CVP acknowledges that the Jan 25, 2020  
26      minutes do not record a 60 day notification before dissolution (although *BCO* 13-10  
27      addresses the dissolution of a particular church and not a mission), the congregation  
28      was informed regularly throughout the process and met to disperse its holdings and  
29      property, indication an agreement with the action of presbytery.

30          **Exception: Jan 25, 2020** (*BCO* 22-5; Preliminary Principle 6) – A teaching elder was  
31      appointed as Stated Supply without any record of Session’s concurrence.

32          **Response:** CVP concurs with Preliminary Principle 6 that “the power to elect persons  
33      to the exercise of authority in any particular society resides in that society,” so CVP  
34      did not appoint this TE as Stated Supply without concurrence of the Session: in fact,  
35      the TE was appointed at the Session’s request, but we failed to note that fact in the Jan  
36      25, 2020 minutes and will correct the master copy to read, “The Committee  
37      recommended that TE [name omitted] be established as Stated Supply at [church name  
38      omitted] at the request of the Session–approved on voice vote.” It should be noted,  
39      however, that *BCO* 22-5 specifically addresses that “a Session with the approval of  
40      Presbytery may establish a temporary relations between the church and a licentiate  
41      called Student Supply or Ruling Elder Supply” rather than with a Teaching elder.

42          **Exception: Jan 25, 2020; Sep 22, 2020** (*BCO* 15-1) – The full record of the minutes  
43      of a commission are not included in the Presbytery minutes.

44          **Response:** The only Commission reports mentioned on these pages refer to the  
45      [church name omitted] Commission, and the full record of this Commission is

1 included as Appendix #7 in the Jan 25, 2020 minutes and as Appendix #8 of the Sept  
2 22, 2020 minutes. They may have not been attached to the set of minutes reviewed by  
3 RPR, and we regret such an omission. We will make sure that they are included as  
4 part of the official record.  
5

6 7. That the Minutes of **Central Carolina** Presbytery: 51-0-0

7 a. Be approved without exceptions: **Feb 27, 2021; May 25, 2021; Aug 28, 2021;**  
8 **Nov 16, 2021.**

9 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **None.**

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

11 **d. That the following response to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

12 **Exception: May 28, 2019 (BCO 21-4.b, c)** – No record of some of the required exams  
13 for ordination. No mention of parts of examination covered in licensure examination  
14 required for ordination.

15 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and has corrected its minutes to  
16 reflect that no areas of weakness were noted in the Candidate’s licensure exam  
17 (Minutes 5/23/2017, p. 14), and that his May 28, 2019, ordination exam in the  
18 Sacraments and Church History included History of the PCA. Presbytery regrets its  
19 error and promises to be more careful in the future.  
20

21 8. That the Minutes of **Central Florida** Presbytery: 52-0-0

22 a. Be approved without exceptions: **Jan 22, 2019 ES; Aug 17, 2021.**

23 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Jan 26, 2021; Apr 27, 2021; Nov 9, 2021.**

24 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

25 **Exception: Jan 26, 2021 (BCO 13-6)** – No record of examination of TE transferring  
26 into Presbytery.

27 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory.**

28 **Exception: Jan 22, 2019; Apr 9, 2019 (BCO 13-11)** – Executive Session Minutes not  
29 submitted for review.

30 **Response:** We agree with the exception as it relates to the Minutes of Jan 22, 2019  
31 [p.3]. The Minutes of the Executive Session of Jan 22, 2019 were not submitted by  
32 error. The Minutes are submitted herewith.

33 We disagree with the exception as it relates to the minutes Apr 9, 2019 [p.29]

34 Minutes of Executive Session for Apr 9, 2019 [p.20] were submitted.

35 They are found on p. 47 of the packet originally submitted.

36 **Exception: Apr 9, 2019 (BCO 18-3)** – Candidate not shown to have been examined  
37 in Experiential religion or his motives for seeking the ministry.

38 **Response:** We disagree with the exception. Two candidates for ordination were  
39 presented.

40 The Minute for [name omitted] reads:

41 *[name omitted]’s testimony and calling, exegetical and theological papers,*  
42 *theological views paper, experiential religion and moral questionnaires,*  
43 *sermon, and written exams in Bible, Theology, Sacraments, Church and PCA*  
44 *History, and Book of Church Order were found to be satisfactory for*  
45 *ordination (as required by BCO 21-4.c).*

1 The Minute for [name omitted] reads:

2 *[name omitted]'s testimony and calling, exegetical and theological papers,*  
3 *theological views paper, experiential religion and moral questionnaires,*  
4 *sermon, and written exams in Bible, Theology, Sacraments, Church and PCA*  
5 *History, and Book of Church Order were all satisfactory for ordination (as*  
6 *required by BCO 21-4.c).*

7 To state that the candidates “testimony and calling” were all “satisfactory” is to state  
8 that the candidates were examined concerning experiential religion and motives for  
9 seeking ministry.

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

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

15 **Rationale 2019:** Still not clear if he has been assigned membership in a local  
16 congregation.

17 **Response 2020:** We agree that the language did not say we “assigned” him although  
18 we did record where he was going to church. The following action was approved by  
19 the 173<sup>rd</sup> Presbytery; “Move that the minutes of Nov 14, 2017 be amended to reflect  
20 that TE [name omitted] was in effect “assigned” to [church name omitted] in Ocala.

21 **Rationale 2020:** The language of the BCO does not refer to which church a divested  
22 TE attends, but to which church his membership has been assigned. In order to assign  
23 a divested TE, the session would have to act to receive him by letter of transfer. The  
24 minutes should reflect that a particular church has received the divested individual.

25 **Response 2021:** Presbytery agrees with the exception, noting that “assigning”  
26 requires the demitted or deposed TE become a member of the local PCA church. As  
27 to the subject TE, he was regularly attending a PCA church as we noted in our initial  
28 response. Presbytery has learned that he did not become a member of that church. He  
29 left that church to attend another PCA church, but did not become a member.  
30 Thereafter, he departed the PCA.

31 Hereafter Presbytery will be more careful concerning membership assignment in such  
32 circumstances.

33 See attachment of Executive Session Minutes.

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35 9. That the Minutes of **Central Georgia** Presbytery: 54-0-0

36 a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**

37 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Jan 23, 2021; Apr 9, 2021; May 11, 2021;**  
38 **Sep 14, 2021.**

39 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

40 **Exception: Apr 9, 2021 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** – Stated differences not judged  
41 with the prescribed categories.

42 **Exception: May 11, 2019 (BCO 22-3)** – Terms of call do not specify the pastoral  
43 relation.

44 **Exception: Sep 14, 2021 (RONR 15:5)** – No record of  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote to limit debate.

45 d. **That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**



1       **Exception: General 2019 (BCO 13-9)** – No record that session minutes were  
2 examined.

3       **Response:** The minutes of the May and September Meetings stated that an oral report  
4 was made by the Chairman of the subcommittee on Sessional Records.

5       We agree the minutes did not specifically state that sessional records were reviewed;  
6 however, in fact, the Chairman did report at the September 2019 meeting that the  
7 Subcommittee had reviewed the records and reported back to the church Sessions with  
8 exceptions and notations.

9       In the future, the Presbytery will ensure a more detailed report will be included in the  
10 Stated Meeting minutes.

11       Following is a portion of the Chairman’s notes at the September 2019 meeting:

12               *Records of all but 2 churches have been submitted to Presbytery and*  
13               *reviewed. Minutes from six churches were found to have had no exceptions*  
14               *or notations. For the remaining churches, the Subcommittee cited their*  
15               *exceptions or notations and provided a report to each of the church Sessions.*

16       **Exception: Jan 11-12, 2019 (RAO 16-3.e.5)** – Stated differences not judged with  
17 prescribed categories—need to be more specific.

18       **Response:** The minutes of the meeting stated the following:

19       “TE [name omitted] expressed one exception to the standards regarding the Fourth  
20 Commandment as stated: “WCF 21.8 - the application of keeping the Lord’s Day - I  
21 affirm the fourth commandment that we are to set aside one day in seven as a Sabbath.  
22 I affirm that it is a day of worship and rest, and that we should refrain from our normal  
23 activities. I affirm that the primary activity of this day should be worship both private  
24 and corporate. However, that being stated, I do not have a problem of conscience with  
25 certain activities of recreation on the Sabbath. I believe that it is within the bounds of  
26 the fourth commandment to relax/enjoy fellowship with family and friends by  
27 enjoying God and his creation.”

28       MSP to allow the exception to the standards expressed by TE [name omitted] as not  
29 striking at the vitals of our religion.

30       TE [name omitted] that none of his views have changed since taking his ordination  
31 vows.”

32       We are not sure what is meant by “prescribed categories” and have asked for, but not  
33 yet received, clarification from RPR. The statement in our minutes is clear about  
34 which Confession and Commandment to which the candidate has an exception. Also,  
35 the minutes are clear that the exception “does not strike at the vitals of our  
36 religion.” However, if RPR is requesting the specific *RAO* reference on which the  
37 approval is based, it is *RAO 16-3.e.5.c* - “the court judged the stated difference to be  
38 more than semantic, but “not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of  
39 doctrine.”

40       The Presbytery will be more specific in the future.

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42       10. That the Minutes of **Central Indiana** Presbytery: 52-0-0

43       a. Be approved without exceptions: **Feb 12, 2021; May 14, 2021; Jun 24, 2021; Jul 15,**  
44       **2010; Sep 10, 2021; Nov 12, 2021.**

45       b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Jul 7, 2021.**

1 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

2 **Exception: Jan 8, 2021; Mar 5, 2021; Jun 22, 2021; Jul 7, 2021; Jul 12, 2021; Jul**  
3 **30, 2021; Oct 21, 2021** (*BCO* 13-12) – Notice for called meeting not in order; 10-day  
4 notice not reported.

5 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

6 **Exception: Feb 8, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4.c.1.c) – No record of examination in Bible content  
7 either from previous licensure exam or during ordination exam.

8 **Response:** We apologize for the error. This was a mistake in neglecting to record the  
9 examination in Bible content from the candidate's previous licensure exam.

10 **Exception: Sep 13, 2019** (*Standing Rules* IV.A.1; *RONR* p. 491, I.26-32) – Standing  
11 committee created without amending Presbytery bylaws.

12 **Response:** Thank you for pointing out this error. This committee no longer meets. We  
13 will be sure that any future proposed standing committees are created by amending  
14 Presbytery bylaws.

15 **Exception: Nov 8, 2019** (*BCO* 5-9) – Mission church organized into a particular  
16 church in the PCA without reflecting whether officers were elected (*BCO* 5-9.c, d)  
17 and without appointing a commission for an organization service (*BCO* 5-9.h, i).

18 **Response:** We apologize for not clearly detailing in the minutes all the steps in *BCO*  
19 5 that were taken in the process of organizing this church into a particular church. We  
20 will be more diligent about detailing all such actions for future mission churches.

21 **Exception: Jan 13, 2020; June 5, 2020; Jun 19, 2020** (*RAO* 16-3.c.1) – Purpose of  
22 called meeting not recorded verbatim in the minutes.

23 **Response:** We apologize for the oversight and will be sure to include the specific  
24 language for the purpose of called meetings going forward.

25 **Exception: Jun 5, 2020** (*RAO* 16-3.c.1) – Exceeded the purpose of the called meeting  
26 by taking up additional items of business.

27 **Response:** The purpose of the meeting was to vote on a bylaws amendment. Our  
28 bylaws require that, "Amendments to the bylaws will require an affirmative vote of  
29 two-thirds (67%) of the commissioners present and voting in two consecutive  
30 meetings..." At the time of the meeting, we assumed scheduling this second meeting  
31 would be within the purpose of the meeting. Thank you for pointing out this error, and  
32 we will be more diligent in not exceeding the purpose of future called meetings

33 **Exception: Sep 11, 2020; Nov 13, 2020** (*BCO* 15-1) – Commission exceeded the  
34 business referred to it by creating another commission.

35 **Response:** Both of these instances happened when commissions were used to examine  
36 candidates. We no longer use commissions to examine candidates. Thank you for  
37 pointing out this error, and we will remind future commissions of the restrictions of  
38 the business referred to them.

39 **Exception: Nov 13, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4.f; 13-6) – Presbytery examined and sustained  
40 an ordination examination on the Sacraments as to the candidate's views alone,  
41 without also examining his knowledge.

42 **Response:** This is an error in the minutes. The candidate was examined in his  
43 knowledge of the sacraments, and it was not properly recorded. We apologize for the  
44 error.

- 1 e. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore  
2 new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:  
3 **Exception: General (BCO 13-9.b)** – No record of reviewing session minutes.  
4 **Previous Response:** We acknowledge and apologize for our tardiness in reviewing  
5 session minutes for 2018. We have recently changed our process for reviewing session  
6 records, hoping this will produce a more timely review.  
7 **2021 New Response:** We apologize for not remedying this in 2020. A committee has  
8 begun a review of session records from 2018-2020. This committee will give a partial  
9 report on their review progress at our February 2022 Stated Meeting.  
10 **Rationale:** The presbytery has still not begun the process of reviewing sessional  
11 records. Although there is a committee to work on it, it has made no progress.  
12 **Exception: General 2020 (BCO 13-9.b Bylaws III.B.i)** – No record of review of  
13 records of church Sessions.  
14 **Response:** We apologize for not reviewing session records in 2020. A committee has  
15 begun a review of session records from 2018-2020. This committee will give a partial  
16 report on their review progress at our February 2022 Stated Meeting.  
17 **Rationale:** The presbytery has still not begun the process of reviewing sessional  
18 records. Although there is a committee to work on it, it has made no progress.  
19 **Exception: Feb 8, 2019 (BCO 29-1; 31-2)** – A committee of Presbytery gave a report  
20 concerning the Christian character of a TE without the Presbytery initiating a BCO  
21 31-2 investigation or determining whether a strong presumption of the guilt existed.  
22 **Response:** We apologize for the error. We have amended our bylaws to formalize a  
23 new process to handle any allegations concerning the Christian character of a TE. This  
24 new process requires the formation of a 31-2 investigative committee with a time limit  
25 for how long such an investigation can take.  
26 **Rationale:** The Presbytery needs to indicate how it disposed of the report concerning  
27 the TE’s Christian character.  
28 **Exception: Feb 8, 2019; May 10, 2019 (BCO 15-1; RAO 16-3.e.4)** – Minutes of  
29 commission not entered into Presbytery minutes.  
30 **Response:** We apologize for the oversight. We will be sure to enter the minutes of  
31 future commissions into Presbytery minutes.  
32 **Rationale:** Minutes of commission must be submitted for review.  
33 **Exception: Feb 14, 2020 (BCO 15-1)** – The full record of the minutes of a  
34 commission are not included in the Presbytery minutes.  
35 **Response:** We apologize for the oversight. We will be sure to enter the minutes of  
36 future commissions into Presbytery minutes.  
37 **Rationale:** The minutes of the commission must be submitted for review.  
38 **Exception: Jul 10, 2020 (BCO 13-11; RAO 16-3.e.7)** – Complaint sent to Presbytery  
39 not recorded in minutes.  
40 **Response:** We acknowledge this error and will be sure to include any future  
41 complaints within the minutes of the meeting where they are presented.  
42 **Rationale:** Complaints must be submitted for review.  
43  
44 11. That the Minutes of **Chesapeake** Presbytery: 50-0-0  
45 a. Be approved without exceptions: **May 11, 2021; Sep 14, 2021; Nov 9, 2021.**

- 1 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **None.**
- 2 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:
- 3 **Exception: Jan 12, 2021; Mar 13, 2021** (*BCO* 13-9.b; 40-1) – Incomplete record of
- 4 review of records of church Sessions.
- 5 **Exception: Feb 13, 2021; Jul 10, 2021** (*BCO* 13-12; *RAO* 16-3.c.1) – Purpose of
- 6 called meetings not recorded verbatim in the minutes.
- 7 **Exception: Mar 13, 2021** (*RAO* 16- 3.e.1) – Reason for a moderator’s ruling on a
- 8 point of order not given.
- 9 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**

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11 12. That the Minutes of **Chicago Metro** Presbytery: *49-1-1*

- 12 a. Be approved without exceptions: **Nov 17, 2021.**
- 13 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Directory; Feb 17, 2021; Aug 18, 2021.**
- 14 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:
- 15 **Exception: Feb 17, 2021** (*RAO* 16-3.e.1) – Reason for a chair’s ruling on a point of
- 16 order not given.
- 17 **Exception: Feb 17, 2021** (*BCO* 18-2) – Use of extraordinary clause for candidate not
- 18 explained.
- 19 **Exception: May 19, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4.f; 40-2) – Presbytery granted a doctrinal
- 20 exception that may be hostile to our system of doctrine. More information or clarity
- 21 is needed on the exception.
- 22 **Exception: Aug 18, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4.f; 40-2) – Presbytery granted a doctrinal
- 23 exception that may be hostile to our system of doctrine. More information or clarity
- 24 is needed on the exception, wherein the candidate expresses his belief that images of
- 25 Christ may be suitable “for purposes of instruction and (with great care) **public**
- 26 **worship**” (emphasis added).
- 27 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**
- 28 **Exception: Feb 19, 2020** (*RAO* 16-3.e.5) – No record of candidate’s [name omitted]
- 29 differences with standards.
- 30 **Response:** We erred in not including in our minutes the candidate’s stated differences
- 31 to the standards; these differences were read at the meeting and judged as recorded in
- 32 the minutes, but we failed to include them in our record. The said candidate’s
- 33 differences were:

- 34 1) Representations of Jesus Christ in religious art (WCF 109). I am in full agreement
- 35 with the Westminster Standards that at no time should God the Father or God the
- 36 Holy Spirit be depicted in physical form—such is a clear act of idolatry in violation
- 37 of the Second Commandment. Humans are created in God’s image; they must
- 38 never create God in their image. However, because Jesus Christ is the incarnate
- 39 Son of God, the God-man, I believe that there are occasions when it is permissible
- 40 to depict his human form in religious art for purposes of instruction and (with great
- 41 care) public worship. In doing so, Christians affirm and celebrate the fact that our
- 42 Lord took on human flesh and is fully human like us (John 1:14; Hebrews 2:14; 1
- 43 John 1:1-3). Even so, Christian leaders are wise to recognize, with Calvin, that
- 44 sinful human nature “is a perpetual factory of idols” (*Institutes* I.xi.8), and that

1 physical representations of Jesus Christ can easily be misused and become the  
2 objects of idolatrous worship.

3 2) The Christian Sabbath or Lord’s Day (WCF 21; WLC #117; WSC #59-61). From  
4 the time that I was a sophomore at university, I have set aside my schoolwork and  
5 professional duties on Sundays so that I might worship God with my family,  
6 experience spiritual refreshment and physical rest, and serve others. I have found  
7 this practice to be an immeasurable blessing, and I remain firmly committed to the  
8 “Sabbath principle” of observing a rhythm of work and rest that obeys the Fourth  
9 Commandment and reflects God’s creative work in Genesis 1 and 2 (“In the  
10 beginning God created. . . and on the seventh day he rested from all his work.”).  
11 With that said, however, I have a slight disagreement with the Westminster  
12 Standards at two points:

13 a. My present understanding of the Christian Sabbath or Lord’s Day has been  
14 significantly shaped by the theology of John Calvin who distinguished  
15 between the weekly Jewish Sabbath (observed on the seventh day; prefiguring  
16 spiritual rest in Christ; fulfilled in Christ’s life and ministry) and the  
17 Christian’s Sabbath rest (a perpetual, daily, spiritual rest denoting freedom  
18 from sin and newness of life in Christ; cf. Hebrews 4:1-11). For Christians, the  
19 Fourth Commandment has not been abrogated; it remains in force and must be  
20 obeyed. Practically speaking, this means that Christians should set aside the  
21 Lord’s Day (Acts 20:7), or Sunday, for corporate worship, biblical instruction,  
22 private meditation, works of service, and spiritual renewal, so as to celebrate  
23 and enjoy the spiritual rest that is theirs through the gracious salvation  
24 provided by Jesus Christ (Hebrews 10:25).

25 b. I am not convinced that sins committed on Sunday or the Lord’s Day are more  
26 grievous than those practiced at other times of the week (WLC #151). All sins  
27 committed by unregenerate men and women are acts of open rebellion against  
28 a holy God and deserving of his righteous wrath and condemnation (Romans  
29 1:18-2:13). Likewise, in contrast to WLC #117 and WSC #60-61, I do not  
30 believe that “recreations” on the Lord’s Day are prohibited by Scripture when  
31 they are undertaken with moderation and gratitude to God who is the giver of  
32 all good gifts. Sabbath rest was ordained not only for the spiritual health of  
33 God’s people, but also for their emotional and physical well-being (cf. Mark  
34 2:27).

35 **Exception: Aug 19, 2020 (RAO 16-3.e.5)** – No record of stated differences for transfer  
36 of TE [name omitted]

37 **Response:** We erred in not including in our minutes the stated differences to the  
38 standards of the transferring TE; these differences were read at the meeting and judged  
39 as recorded in the minutes, but we failed to include them in our record. The said  
40 candidate’s differences were:

41 **WCF 21.8; (see also LC 117, 119; SC 60, 61)**

42 While I believe Sabbath rest is meant for the holy worship of God and the rhythms of  
43 Sabbath rest being a creation ordinance are still binding on the Christian, I believe that  
44 the restrictions of the Westminster Standards go beyond what Scripture requires.  
45 Some forms of recreation can be restful and worshipful. Why I take exception to this

1 standard is two-fold: first, the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment does not explicitly restrict recreation.  
2 Second, what the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment does seem to restrict on the Sabbath are work and/or  
3 commerce (Gen 2:1-3; Exod 20:8-11). LC 117 states that recreations are lawful on  
4 other days and are not *inherently* unholy or worldly. I believe that recreation can be  
5 a legitimate expression of Sabbath keeping in that it tangibly demonstrates a person's  
6 ceasing and resting from normal rhythms of work.

7 **WLC 109 - Representations of God & the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment**

8 The Confession here prohibits "the making of any representation of God, of all or of  
9 any of the three persons, either inwardly in our mind, or outwardly in any kind of  
10 image or likeness of any creature whatsoever." I believe that the LC here goes beyond  
11 Scripture in its prohibition of images of Jesus, the Second Person of the Trinity, and  
12 mental images of God as portrayed in Scripture.

13 According to Colossians 1:15, Christ "is the image of the invisible God." Furthermore,  
14 descriptions of God are given in several places in the Bible. Daniel 7:9-10 describes  
15 God as having hair "like pure wool." Ezekiel 1:26-28 provides additional descriptions  
16 of God, including describing him as "a likeness with a human appearance." It is  
17 impossible to read these passages without imagining in one's head what Ezekiel and  
18 Daniel saw

19 I believe, therefore, that images of the incarnate Second person of the Trinity and  
20 mental images of God as He is portrayed in His theophanic glory in the Biblical text  
21 do not violate the second commandment. We ought not, however, worship these  
22 mental images, nor form them into idols to be venerated.

23 **Exception: Jan 17, 2018 and Apr 18, 2018** (BCO 13-11; BCO 15-2 & 3) – Complaint  
24 sent to Presbytery not recorded in minutes, nor approval or disapproval of judgment  
25 (full and accurate record) – see also RAO 16-3.e.7.

26 **2021 Response:** We appointed a commission to handle the complaint but erred in not  
27 including the complaint or minutes of the commission in our meetings and did not  
28 clearly record the voting on the commission's report. The commission found the report  
29 administratively out of order and this finding was accepted by the Presbytery without  
30 debate, but this was not recorded properly in our minutes. In approving this response,  
31 the Presbytery approves the findings of the commission. The complaint and  
32 commission minutes are included with this response

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

35 **2021 Response:** We review the previous year's session records throughout the year  
36 at our meetings and have the Presbytery approve the report of the review; the list of  
37 churches reviewed and findings are included in our minutes at each meeting. In 2018,  
38 we reviewed all particular and mission churches under oversight of the presbytery  
39 except for one church and have been seeking to get their records for review. This  
40 church has seen turnover in leadership which has contributed to the difficulty of  
41 getting their records.

- 42  
43 13. That the Minutes of **Columbus Metro** Presbytery: 51-0-0  
44 a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**

- 1 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Directory; Jan 19, 2021; Mar 16,**  
2 **2021; Apr 20, 2021; May 18, 2021; Jun 8, 2021; Sep 4, 2021; Nov 16, 2021.**
- 3 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:
- 4 **Exception: Apr 20, 2021 (BCO 13-12)** – Requirements for called meeting not shown  
5 to have been met.
- 6 **Exception: Apr 20, 2021; May 18, 2021 (RONR 25:10; 40:6-10)** – Quorum was not  
7 present – by declaration of the moderator. By failing to immediately adjourn, and  
8 instead to continue to conduct business without a quorum, the Presbytery put itself at  
9 risk that a future meeting would fail to ratify their actions. Actions taken at a meeting  
10 without a quorum are by themselves null and void.
- 11 **Exception: Apr 20, 2021; May 18, 2021 (BCO 13-4)** – Standing rules cannot be  
12 suspended without quorum, cannot suspend *BCO* requirements for quorum.
- 13 **Exception: Apr 20, 2021; Jun 8, 2021 (BCO 23-1)** – No record of congregational  
14 vote to dissolve pastoral relationship.
- 15 **Exception: Jun 8, 2021 (BCO 13-12)** – Notice for called meeting not in order; 10-  
16 day notice, verbatim meeting call, etc., not indicated/recorded.
- 17 **Exception: Jun 8, 2021 (BCO 23-1)** – No record of congregational vote to dissolve  
18 pastoral relationship.
- 19 **Exception: Sep 4, 2021 (BCO 20-1; RAO 16-3.e.6 )** – Specific arrangements of call  
20 not shown to be approved.
- 21 **Exception: General (BCO 13-9.b; 40-1)** – No record of review of records of church  
22 Sessions.
- 23 **d. That the following response to the 49th GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore a**  
24 **new response shall be submitted to the following GA:**
- 25 **Exception: Sep 18, 2018 (BCO 13-6; 21-4)** – Incomplete record of transfer exam.
- 26 **Response:** [Adopted, 12-0-0] The description of this exception is unclear to  
27 Presbytery. The record of the exam is included below, and after further review—to  
28 the eyes of Presbytery—the exam is in fact complete in accordance with *BCO* 13-6  
29 and 21-4. The transfer exam from outside of our denomination included knowledge,  
30 views and exceptions as required by these two articles in the *BCO*.
- 31 1. Transfer/Ordination Exam, *BCO* 13-6 with 21-4
- 32 ● TE [name omitted] invited Rev. [name omitted] ([church name omitted]) to  
33 introduce himself to the men of presbytery and share his sense of call and  
34 experience of Christian religion
- 35 ● TE [name omitted] then proceeded to ask the Rev. [name omitted] questions  
36 about any exceptions he might have with the Westminster Confession and the  
37 Catechisms, and then his views in theology, the Sacraments, and church  
38 government, in accordance with the examination requirements set forth in  
39 *BCO* 13-6
- 40 ● Rev. [name omitted] Exception: [name omitted] declared his exception with  
41 *WLC* 109 that “the use of images of Jesus contained in pedagogical resources  
42 is not in conflict with this doctrinal statement.” In regard to Rev. [name  
43 omitted]’s exception on *WC* 109, the court judged the stated difference(s) to  
44 be more than semantic, but “not out of accord with any fundamental of our  
45 system of doctrine” (*BCO* 21-4).

- 1           2. TE [name omitted] continued the examination by asking questions of the candidate  
2           in his knowledge and views as set forth and required in *BCO* 21-4, as stated in 13-  
3           6.
- 4           3. TE [name omitted] opened the examination to receive questions from the floor of  
5           Presbytery.
- 6           4. **Motion:** to arrest the exam and dismiss the ordinand. **MSA**
- 7           5. **Motion:** to sustain Rev. [name omitted]’s examination. **MSA**

8           TEs [names omitted] and Rev. [name omitted] were invited to the floor. TE [name  
9           omitted] read the questions from 21-5 to the three men and each answered in the  
10          affirmative. TE [name omitted] then prayed for the men and the right hand of  
11          fellowship was offered to each by the members of presbytery.

12          **Rationale [2021]:** Clarification: *RAO* 16-3.e.5 specifies: “Minutes of presbytery  
13          relating to examinations must *list all specific requirements* and trials for licensure  
14          and/or ordination which have been accomplished, ...” The minutes should list out the  
15          various areas of examination, not just reference the overarching *BCO* sections.

16          **2021 New Response:** [Adopted, 12-0-0] The description of this exception is unclear  
17          to Presbytery. The record of the exam is included below, and after further review—to  
18          the eyes of Presbytery—the exam is in fact complete in accordance with *BCO* 13-6  
19          and 21-4.

20          The CMP submits this response to the 2022 RPR Committee to be received as  
21          satisfactory:

22          Having done a full review of the minutes of September 18, 2018, the Presbytery  
23          affirms that the TE in question was in fact examined by both Committee and  
24          Presbytery by touching on his views in theology, the Sacraments, and church  
25          government (*BCO* 13-6).

26          In addition, the Presbytery affirms again—after full review of the minutes of  
27          September 18, 2018—that the candidate for transfer, [name omitted], was in fact  
28          examined by both Committee and Presbytery for ordination in accordance with *BCO*  
29          21-4, *specifically* in the areas of:

- 30           1) his Christian experience, personal character and family management
- 31           2) his knowledge of the Greek and Hebrew languages; (**see exception below**)
- 32           3) English Bible
- 33           4) Theology, including basic knowledge of Bible content as described in
  - 34               a) the Westminster Confession of Faith and
  - 35               b) the Larger and Shorter Catechisms
- 36           5) the Sacraments
- 37           6) History of the Church
- 38           7) History of the PCA
- 39           8) The principles and rules of the government of the church: the Book of Church  
40           Order, and the government of the PCA
- 41           9) He shall prepare a thesis on some theological topic assigned by Presbytery.  
42           (**see exception below**)
- 43           10) The candidate shall prepare an exegesis on an assigned portion of Scripture,  
44           requiring the use of the original language or languages. (**see exception below**)



1 11) He shall further be required to preach a sermon before the Presbytery or  
2 committee thereof, upon three-fourths (3/4) vote. **(see exception below)**

3 12) **Exception:** In regard to the requirements listed in 21-4.c.2-4, the Columbus  
4 Metro Presbytery voted unanimously to grant an exception to [name omitted]’s  
5 requirement for knowledge of Greek and Hebrew, theological paper,  
6 exegetical paper and sermon preached with regard of his many years in  
7 pastoral ministry.

8 13) CMP asked if Rev. [name omitted] had any exceptions to the Standards in  
9 regard to *BCO* 21-4.f. The candidate for transfer, [name omitted], declared his  
10 exception with WLC 109 that “the use of images of Jesus contained in  
11 pedagogical resources is not in conflict with this doctrinal statement.”

12 a) In regard to Rev. [name omitted]’s exception on WC 109, the court  
13 judged the stated difference(s) to be more than semantic, but “not out  
14 of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine” (*BCO* 21-  
15 4).

16 The Columbus Metro Presbytery requests that the 2022 RPR Committee finds this  
17 answer sufficient and satisfactory. [**Adopted: 13-0-0**]

18 **Rationale:** Presbytery has not demonstrated that their minutes are in conformity with  
19 *RAO* 16-3.e.5, either by showing where in the minutes these “specific requirements”  
20 are shown to have been individually listed or by amending their minutes to list the  
21 specifically required areas of examination. Section 2.3 indicates that the candidate  
22 was examined “in his knowledge of and views as set forth and required in *BCO* 21-4,  
23 as stated in 13-6,” but the minutes do not list these requirements individually as  
24 required by *RAO* 16-3.e.5. Furthermore, the September 18, 2018 minutes of Columbus  
25 Metro Presbytery do not contain any record of a motion to “grant an exception to  
26 [name omitted]’s requirement for knowledge of Greek and Hebrew, theological paper,  
27 exegetical paper and sermon preaching with regard of his many years in pastoral  
28 ministry.”

29 e. **That responses shall be submitted to the following GA as no responses were**  
30 **received in 2022:**

31 **Exception: Jan 15, 2019; Nov 19, 2019** (*BCO* 38-2; 46-8) – *BCO* 38-2 requires two  
32 meetings. The presbytery acted at the first meeting based on a letter. There was no  
33 motion to assign membership per 46-8.

34 **Exception: Apr 2, 2019** (*BCO* 19-16) – Presbytery committee recommended  
35 approving previous experience as equivalent to internship; however, no motion or vote  
36 to do so is recorded (requires 3/4).

37  
38 14. That the Minutes of **Covenant** Presbytery: 49-0-1

39 a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**

40 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Feb 2, 2021; May 18, 2021; Oct 5, 2021.**

41 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

42 **Exception: May 18, 2021** (*BCO* 19-16) – 3/4 vote for waiving internship requirement  
43 not recorded. Candidate’s internship was approved after 3.5 months with no citation  
44 of extraordinary circumstances or a recorded 3/4 vote.

1        **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
2        **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

3        **Exception: Feb 5, 2019** (*BCO* 23-1) – No record of congregation/session meeting  
4        requesting Presbytery to dissolve the call of TE [name omitted] with [church name  
5        omitted]; TE [name omitted] with [church name omitted]; TE [name omitted] with  
6        [church name omitted].

7        **Response:** Covenant Presbytery acknowledges the exceptions of substance noted in  
8        the RPR report regarding the minutes for February 5, 2019, and will endeavor to  
9        comply with *BCO* requirements.

10       **Rationale:** Presbytery has not corrected their minutes to address the exception and  
11       submitted for review (*RAO* 16-10.b).

12       **Exception: May 21, 2019** (*BCO* 23-1) – No record of congregation/session meeting  
13       requesting Presbytery to dissolve the call of TE [name omitted] with [church name  
14       omitted].

15       **Response:** Covenant Presbytery acknowledges the exceptions of substance noted in  
16       the RPR report regarding the minutes for May 21, 2019, and will endeavor to comply  
17       with *BCO* requirements.

18       **Rationale:** Presbytery has not corrected their minutes to address the exception and  
19       submitted for review (*RAO* 16-10.b).

20       **Exception: Oct 1, 2019** (*BCO* 23-1) – No record of congregation/session meeting  
21       requesting Presbytery to dissolve the call of TE [name omitted] with [church name  
22       omitted].

23       **Response:** Covenant Presbytery acknowledges the two exceptions of substance noted  
24       in the RPR report regarding the minutes for October 1, 2019 and will endeavor to  
25       comply with *BCO* requirements.

26       **Rationale:** Presbytery has not corrected their minutes to address the exception and  
27       submitted for review (*RAO* 16-10.b).

28       **Exception: Oct 1, 2019** (*BCO* 13-11; *RAO* 16-3.e.7) – Complaint sent to Presbytery  
29       not recorded in minutes (“full and accurate record”).

30       **Response:** Covenant Presbytery acknowledges the two exceptions of substance noted  
31       in the RPR report regarding the minutes for October 1, 2019 and will endeavor to  
32       comply with *BCO* requirements.

33       **Rationale:** Presbytery has not corrected their minutes to address the exception and  
34       submitted for review (*RAO* 16-10.b).

35       **Exception: May 19, 2020** (*BCO* 38-2; 46-8) – No record of TE divested of offices  
36       (at his request) being assigned to membership in some particular church, subject to  
37       the approval of the Session of that church.

38       **Response:** Covenant Presbytery acknowledges the exceptions of substance noted in  
39       the RPR report regarding the minutes for May 19, 2020 and will endeavor to comply  
40       with *BCO* requirements.

41       **Rationale:** Presbytery has not corrected their minutes to address the exception and  
42       submitted for review (*RAO* 16-10.b).

43       **Exception: Feb 4, 2020** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) – No record of ordination  
44       commission report for candidate.

1           **Response:** Covenant Presbytery acknowledges the exceptions of substance noted in  
2 the RPR report regarding the minutes for February 4, 2020, and will endeavor to  
3 comply with *BCO* requirements.

4           **Rationale:** Presbytery has not corrected their minutes to address the exception and  
5 submitted for review (*RAO* 16-10.b).

6           **Exception: Oct 6, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4) – No record of two ordination candidates stating  
7 their differences with the Standards.

8           **Response:** Covenant Presbytery acknowledges the exceptions of substance noted in  
9 the RPR report regarding the minutes for October 6, 2020, and will endeavor to  
10 comply with *BCO* requirements.

11           **Rationale:** Presbytery has not corrected their minutes to address the exception and  
12 submitted for review (*RAO* 16-10.b).

13

14 15. That the Minutes of **Eastern Canada** Presbytery: 51-0-0

15       a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**

16       b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Feb 26, 2021; Jun 4, 2021; Oct 22-**  
17 **23, 2021.**

18       c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

19           **Exception: Feb 26, 2021** (*BCO* 20-1) – Presbytery approved a call not from a church,  
20 Presbytery, or General Assembly without making “a record of the reasons why it  
21 considers the work to be a valid Christian ministry.”

22           **Exception: Jun 4, 2021** (*BCO* 19-1) – Presbytery permits a church’s pulpit to be  
23 regularly filled by an unlicensed minister from another denomination.

24           **Exception: Nov 19, 2021** (*BCO* 38-1) – In a case without process under *BCO* 38, the  
25 minutes do not record that the statement of facts was approved by the accused as  
26 required by *BCO* 38-1.

27           **Exception: Nov 19, 2021** (*BCO* 21-5; 27-1, 5) – Presbytery erred in instructing a  
28 Session that “they may not impose discipline of any sort upon a TE” when the  
29 constitution of the church defines discipline to include “the whole government,  
30 inspection, training, guardianship and control which the church maintains over its  
31 members, its officers and its courts”, cites scripture to specify steps of discipline such  
32 as admonishment and instruction in the Word prior to judicial process, and requires  
33 teaching elders to vow to submit to their brethren.

34       **d. That the following response to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

35           **Exception: Oct 23, 2020** (*RAO* 16-6.c.1; *RAO* 16-3.e.5; *BCO* 21-4.f) – The  
36 Presbytery did not follow the *RAO* in recording one of the four options in the final  
37 amended motion (*RAO* 16-3.e.5).

38           **Response:** We confirm that at the October 23, 2020 meeting, the presbytery did,  
39 indeed, consider the candidate’s second stated difference and made the following  
40 judgment:

41           MS that the court judge the second stated difference(s) to be merely semantic (*BCO*  
42 21-4).

43           ASC to amend the motion: that the court judge the second stated difference as not  
44 being an exception to our standards.

1 The exception indicates that the language of the amended motion is not one of the four  
2 options identified in *RAO* 16-3.e.5. We agree with the exception. Although we cannot  
3 change the minutes, as they accurately reflect the decision reached at the stated  
4 meeting, we do apologize and promise to be more careful in the future.  
5

6 16. That the Minutes of **Eastern Carolina** Presbytery: *51-0-0*

7 a. Be approved without exceptions: **Dec 1, 2021.**

8 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Jan 23, 2021; Jul 17, 2021; Oct 16, 2021.**

9 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

10 **Exception: Apr 17, 2021** (*BCO* 13-9.b, 40-1) – Incomplete record of review of  
11 records of church Sessions.

12 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
13

14 17. That the Minutes of **Eastern Pennsylvania** Presbytery: *51-0-1*

15 a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**

16 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Directory; Feb 13, 2021; Sep 11, 2021; Nov**  
17 **16, 2021.**

18 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

19 **Exception: Feb 13, 2021** (*BCO* 19-2; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – All specific requirements of  
20 licensure exam not listed (no record of sermon).

21 **Exception: Apr 20, 2021; Sep 11, 2021; Nov 16, 2021** (*BCO* 13-6; 21-4) –  
22 Incomplete record of transfer exam for minister from another denomination.

23 **Exception: Sep 11, 2021; Nov 16, 2021** (*RONR* 9:34) – Motion approved at assembly  
24 lacking opportunity for simultaneous aural communication.

25 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

26 **Exception: Feb 15, 2020** (*BCO* 20-2; 22-1) – The *BCO* does not recognize the  
27 pastoral relation of "Co-Senior Pastor." In addition, there is no record of a  
28 congregational vote by secret ballot with  $\frac{4}{5}$  approval to call the associate pastor as  
29 senior pastor and subsequent  $\frac{3}{4}$  Presbytery approval for such a call (*BCO* 23-1).

30 **Response:** The anomalous Co-Senior Pastor situation is noted and has been resolved.  
31 One of these men is now the sole pastor of this church, and the other man has taken a  
32 new call elsewhere. Regarding the calls extended to these men, the church has  
33 affirmed that both men were called by secret ballot and both received a  $\frac{4}{5}$  majority.  
34 The vote by the Presbytery to approve these calls was unanimous, and so the  $\frac{3}{4}$   
35 presbytery approval was satisfied. The Presbytery has amended its minutes to reflect  
36 these votes.

37 **Exception: Sep 12, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4.c.1.g; *RAO* 16-3.5) – Record of PCA History  
38 Exam for TE is missing.

39 **Response:** The candidate was examined in PCA history both in committee and on the  
40 floor of Presbytery. The Presbytery has amended its minutes to reflect this.

41 **Exception: Feb 16, 2019** (*RAO* 16-3) – No executive session minutes.

42 **Response:** The Eastern PA Presbytery respectfully disagrees with the exception. *RAO*  
43 16-3.e.7 states that minutes of executive sessions "shall be recorded in the presbytery's  
44 minutes." The Eastern PA Presbytery minutes of Feb. 16, 2019 (see underlined portion  
45 below) state the actions and substance of what took place during this particular

1 executive session, and so we believe that the *RAO* guidelines have been satisfied in  
2 this matter. However, the purpose of moving to executive session was so that sensitive  
3 information related to these actions could be shared and discussed. This was not stated  
4 in the minutes, and we have amended our minutes to clarify this:

5 **Reference: EPP Minutes 2019-02-16 (Licensure & Ordination Team Report)**

6 *“The Presbytery voted to go into an executive session. The Presbytery approved the*  
7 *Team’s recommendation to dissolve TE [name omitted] pastoral relationship with the*  
8 *[church name omitted] and to change his status to a “Teaching Elder without a call.”*  
9 *The relationship being dissolved was not disputed. The Presbytery voted to move out*  
10 *of the executive session.”*

11 **Exception: Apr 9, 2019 (BCO 23-2)** – A TE cannot simultaneously be honorably  
12 retired and an Associate Pastor (BCO 23-2).

13 **Response:** In light of the TE in question serving as Associate Pastor, the Presbytery  
14 has rescinded its action of April 9, 2019 to approve his status as “honorably retired.”

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16 18. That the Minutes of **Evangel Presbytery:** 51-0-0

17 a. Be approved without exceptions: **Feb 9, 2021; Feb 11, 2021 ES.**

18 b. Be approved with exception of form: **May 11, 2021; Nov 9, 2021.**

19 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

20 **Exception: Aug 10, 2021; Nov 9, 2021 (BCO 13-11; RAO 16-3.e.7)** – Minutes of  
21 executive session not included.

22 **Exception: Sep 14, 2021 (BCO 13-12)** – Minutes of called meeting not submitted.

23 **Exception: Nov 9, 2021 (BCO 9.b; 40-1)** – Incomplete record of review of session  
24 records.

25 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

26 **Exception: Feb 12, 2019 (BCO 21-4.f)** – No record of requiring statement of  
27 differences with our Standards.

28 **Response:** The presbytery agrees with this exception. Candidate was a licentiate  
29 seeking ordination and had been required to state differences with our Standards when  
30 he was examined for licensure at the 158<sup>th</sup> meeting of Evangel on May 8, 2018. It is  
31 recorded in the minutes on pp 10-11 at 5.d.vii. In the future we will cite the previous  
32 minutes.

33 **Exception: May 14, 2019 (BCO 21-4.d; RAO 16-3.e.5)** – All specific requirements  
34 of ordination exam not recorded (PCA History).

35 **Response:** The presbytery agrees with this exception. Candidate was examined on  
36 PCA history as part of church history, as recorded on p.10 at 6.c.ii. We will  
37 specifically record examination of PCA history in the future.

38 **Exception: May 14, 2019 (BCO 21-4.f)** – No record of requiring stated differences  
39 with our Standards.

40 **Response:** The presbytery agrees with this exception. Candidate was a licentiate  
41 seeking ordination and had been required to state differences with our Standards when  
42 he was examined for licensure at the 159<sup>th</sup> meeting of Evangel on August 14, 2018. It  
43 is recorded in the minutes on pp 9-10 at 6.b.vii. In the future we will cite the previous  
44 minutes.

1       **Exception: Feb 11, 2020 (BCO 21-4.f)** – No record licentiate in ordination exam was  
2 asked to state differences with the Standards.

3       **Response:** Candidate was a licentiate seeking ordination and had been required to  
4 state differences with our Standards when he was examined for licensure at the 164<sup>th</sup>  
5 meeting of Evangel on November 12, 2019. It is recorded in the minutes on pp 10-11  
6 at 6.c.v. In the future we will cite the previous minutes.

7       **Exception: Feb 11, 2020 (BCO 13-11)** – Minutes of executive session not included  
8 in the record.

9       **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception. Minutes were taken and approved  
10 but mistakenly not submitted to RPR. We will approve the minutes at our next meeting  
11 and submit the minutes as a part of this response.

12       **e. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
13 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

14       **Exception: General 2019 (BCO 13-9.b)** – Session minutes not reviewed by  
15 Presbytery (committee only).

16       **Response:** The presbytery agrees with this exception. While the minutes were  
17 reviewed by the committee as required in *BCO 13-9.b*, those actions were not reported  
18 to and approved by the presbytery. The presbytery will correct this action in the  
19 future.

20       **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to approve its review of Session records and report its  
21 action to the Assembly.

22       **Exception: General 2020 (BCO 13-9.b)** – Minutes of church session not reviewed by  
23 Presbytery (committee only).

24       **Response:** The presbytery agrees with this exception. While the minutes were  
25 reviewed by the committee as required in *BCO 13-9.b*, those actions were not reported  
26 to and approved by the presbytery. The presbytery will correct this action in the  
27 future.

28       **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to approve its review of Session records and report its  
29 action to the Assembly.

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31       19. That the Minutes of **Fellowship** Presbytery: *51-0-0*

32       a. Be approved without exceptions: **Jan 23, 2021.**

33       b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Apr 24, 2021.**

34       c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

35       **Exception: Sep 23, 2021 (BCO 19-1)** – Candidate “regularly fills pulpits in  
36 Fellowship Presbytery” while not being licensed.

37       **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

38       **Exception: Apr 27, 2019 (BCO 38-2)** – Minister divested with no record of facts or  
39 reason for divestiture at previous meeting.

40       **Response:** Fellowship Presbytery acknowledges that its action on **April 27, 2019** to  
41 divest a minister (without censure, at his own request) appears to have been out of  
42 order in that there is no mention of the record of the facts or reason for divestiture in  
43 the minutes of the previous meeting on **January 26, 2019**. That information, however,  
44 had been reported by presbytery’s Membership Committee at presbytery’s **September**  
45 **27, 2018** meeting. A minister who had been a member of presbytery for 18 years, and

1 who had labored out of bounds for the previous 11 years, was considering requesting  
 2 divesture, and had sought the presbytery’s counsel. The committee was to report back  
 3 with recommended action at the **January 26, 2019** meeting. However, because of an  
 4 overloaded docket at that meeting, the scheduled report of the committee and its  
 5 recommended divesture of the minister was postponed until the **April 27, 2019**  
 6 Meeting.

7 **Exception: May 30, 2020** (*BCO* 11-2; Fellowship Presbytery Manual 1.04, 1.05;  
 8 *RONR* (12th ed.) 25:10) – Standing Rules that protect the rights of absent members,  
 9 such as this rule that requires two readings of a proposed change to the manual, may  
 10 not be suspended.

11 **Response:** Fellowship Presbytery acknowledges that it erred when, in its **May 30,**  
 12 **2020 Stated Meeting**, it acted to suspend presbytery’s rules in order to amend its  
 13 manual (bylaws) without a second reading at a subsequent meeting. Presbytery failed  
 14 to recognize that *RONR (12<sup>th</sup> ed) 25:10* specifies that “[r]ules protecting absentees  
 15 cannot be suspended even by unanimous consent or actual unanimous vote.”  
 16 Presbytery has remedied its error by confirming its previous amendment to its manual  
 17 with a second reading and approval of the amendment at its September 23, 2021  
 18 Meeting.

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 20 20. That the Minutes of **Georgia Foothills Presbytery:** 49-0-0

21 a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**  
 22 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Jan 23, 2021; Apr 20, 2021; Sep 21,**  
 23 **2021.**

24 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:  
 25 **Exception: Apr 20, 2021; Sep 21, 2021** (*BCO* 13-9.b; 40-1) – Incomplete record of  
 26 review of records of church Sessions.

27 **Exception: Sep 21, 2021** (*BCO* 13-10) – No record of transfer or dismissal of  
 28 members upon dissolving a church; no record of 60-day notice to the local church.

29 **Exception: General** – No record that Presbytery’s responses to the 49th GA were  
 30 approved by the Presbytery.

31 **d. That responses shall be submitted to the following GA as no approved responses**  
 32 **were received in 2022:**

33 **Exception: General 2019** (*RAO* 16-10a) – No record in minutes of exceptions taken  
 34 by GA.

35 **Exception: Jan 26, 2019; Sep 17, 2019** (*BCO* 13-11, 14-6.c, 40-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.7) –  
 36 Minutes of executive session not included.

37 **Exception: Jun 11, 2019; Sep 17, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – Stated  
 38 differences not judged with prescribed categories.

39 **Exception: General 2020** (*BCO* 13-9b) – No record of review of records of church  
 40 Sessions.

41 **Exception: Sep 15, 2020** (*BCO* 25-11) – No record of congregational vote to  
 42 withdraw from the PCA.

43  
 44 21. That the Minutes of **Grace Presbytery:** 54-0-0

45 a. Be approved without exceptions: **Jan 12, 2021; May 11, 2021; Sep 14, 2021.**

- 1        b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **None**.  
2        c. Be approved with exceptions of substance: **None**.  
3        d. **No response to previous assemblies required.**  
4
- 5    22. That the Minutes of **Great Lakes** Presbytery: *49-1-0*  
6        a. Be approved without exceptions: **Jan 9, 2021**.  
7        b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Directory; May 1, 2021; Sep 17-18, 2021**.  
8        c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:  
9            **Exception: May 1, 2021 (BCO 13-6; 21-4)** – Incomplete record of transfer exam for  
10            minister from another denomination.  
11            **Exception: General (BCO 13-9.b)** – Incomplete record of review of records of church  
12            Session.  
13        d. **That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**  
14            **Exception: Sep 19, 2020 (BCO 21-7n3)** – In assistant pastor ordination commission  
15            minutes, chairman propounded questions to the congregation instead of the Session.  
16            **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception. The secretary of the commission cut  
17            and pasted and formatted the incorrect party. Every effort will be made to see that this  
18            is corrected and resubmitted, and Presbytery will be more cautious in the future. Note:  
19            chairman propounded questions to the Session as required.  
20            **Exception: Jun 20, 2020 (BCO 13-6, 21-4.a, 21-4.d)** – Transfer exam from candidate  
21            outside of the PCA without record of Bible exam or an exception granted.  
22            **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exceptions, corrects its records, and promises  
23            to be more careful in the future. Note: the candidate was examined in English Bible  
24            by the Presbytery, and the candidate did not take any exceptions to the Westminster  
25            Standards  
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- 27    23. That the Minutes of **Gulf Coast** Presbytery: *49-0-0*  
28        a. Be approved without exceptions: **None**.  
29        b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Feb 9, 2021; May 11, 2021; Oct 12, 2021**.  
30        c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:  
31            **Exception: Feb 9, 2021 (BCO 13-10)** – No record of transfer or dismissal of members  
32            upon dissolving a church.  
33            **Exception: May 11, 2021 (BCO 13-11)** – Presbytery recorded the particularization of  
34            a church while the previous meeting’s minutes indicate the motions to particularize  
35            were not approved.  
36            **Exception: Jun 22, 2021 (BCO 13-12)** – Business transacted other than that named  
37            in the notice of call meeting.  
38            **Exception; Oct 12, 2021 (BCO 18-3)** – All specific requirements of a candidate exam  
39            not recorded.  
40        d. **That the following response to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**  
41            **Exception: Sep 8, 2020 (BCO 13-12; RAO 16-3.c.1)** – Call for called meeting not in  
42            order – 10-day notice; purpose for call not stated.  
43            **Response:** That Gulf Coast Presbytery respond to RPR regarding a cited exception of  
44            Substance on Sept. 8, 2020, as follows:



- 1           ● “Gulf Coast Presbytery acknowledges an exception of substance in its minutes of  
2           September 8, 2020 regarding its failure to state the purpose of said called meeting.  
3           The presbytery regrets this error of omission and determines going forward to be  
4           more circumspect in this regard.”  
5           ● Motion was *approved*.  
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- 7   24. That the Minutes of **Gulfstream** Presbytery: 39-9-3  
8       a. Be approved without exceptions: **None**.  
9       b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Apr 20, 2021; Oct 19, 2021**.  
10      c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:  
11       **Exception: Jan 19, 2021** (*BCO* 34-10, 38-2) – No record of 2/3 vote and requires two  
12       stated meetings.  
13       **Exception: Jan 19, 2021** (*BCO* 34-10, 38-1, 38-3.b) – The court did not make full  
14       record of the matter and did not notify the offender of its action.  
15       **Exception: Jan 19, 2021** (*BCO* 19-2.d, 21-4.c.(4)) – Candidate is required to preach  
16       a sermon before the Presbytery or committee thereof, upon  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote.  
17       **Exception: Apr 20, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4.f) – Presbytery did not require the candidate to  
18       state specific instances in which he may differ from the Westminster Confession and  
19       Catechisms.  
20       **Exception: Apr 20, 2021** (*BCO* 24-6; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – Presbytery approves candidate  
21       exception whose stated difference with WCF 24.3. appears to be “out of accord,” that  
22       is, “hostile to our system” or “stik[ing] at the vitals of religion” by stating that “In  
23       regard to the Biblical prohibitions on marriage, I believe the standards go too far in  
24       forbidding marriage to ‘Papists’.” More specificity is needed from the candidate  
25       regarding the future practice of the potential spouse, the raising of children, and family  
26       worship.  
27       **Exception: Oct 19, 2021** (*BCO* 23-1) – No record that congregation concurred with  
28       dissolution of pastoral relations.  
29       **Exception: Oct 19, 2021** (*BCO* 23-3) – No provision for elder emeritus in case of TE.  
30       Only “pastor emeritus” for TE (*BCO* 23-3) or “elder emeritus” for RE (*BCO* 24-10).  
31       **Exception: Oct 19, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – Unclear record of ordination  
32       exam.  
33       **Exception: Oct 19, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – All specific requirements of  
34       ordination exam not recorded.  
35       **Exception: Oct 19, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4) – Use of extraordinary clause for ordination  
36       candidate not explained.  
37       **Exception: General** (*BCO* 13-9.b; 40-1) – Incomplete record of review of records of  
38       church sessions.  
39       **Exception: General** (*BCO* 13-9b; 40-3) – Results of review of records of church  
40       sessions not stated.  
41       **Exception: Standing Rules 6-8; 6-5** (*BCO* 15-2, *RAO* 16-3.e.4) – Power of  
42       commission not constitutionally prescribed for Credentials Committee to allow TEs  
43       to move onto field prior to presbytery approval. Quorum of commission must be 2  
44       more than half membership AND at least 2 TEs and 2 REs. Criteria not met by rules  
45       for committee and so cannot act with power of commission.

1        **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
2        **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

3        **Exception: Oct 15, 2019** (*BCO* 13-6; 21-4.c.2-3) – Incomplete record of transfer  
4        exam for minister from another denomination. No record of thesis, no record of  
5        exegetical paper.

6        **Response:** Gulfstream regrets the inadequacy of its minutes. In preparing its minutes,  
7        Gulfstream has always relied upon *Form 041- Checklist for Reception of Minister*  
8        *From Another Denomination*, as found in the Clerks Handbook. The two specific  
9        omissions have not previously been itemized on the checklist form. Gulfstream will  
10       endeavor to include these details in future minutes.

11       **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to correct the inadequacy in their minutes and submit for  
12       review.

13       **Exception: Jan 21, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – All specific requirements for  
14       ordination exam not recorded; seminary degree, thesis paper/ examination on  
15       knowledge of Greek and Hebrew; did not preach a sermon.

16       **Response:** Gulfstream regrets the inadequacy of its minutes. In preparing its minutes,  
17       Gulfstream has always relied upon *Form 039- Checklist for Ordination*, as found in  
18       the Clerks Handbook. The specific omissions named in this exception have always  
19       been examined as part of the preliminary checklist, and may not have been included  
20       in the minutes. Nor have some other elements of the preliminary checklist. Gulfstream  
21       will endeavor to include these details in future minutes.

22       **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to correct the inadequacy in their minutes and submit for  
23       review.

24       **Exception: Oct 20, 2020** (*BCO* 19-2.d) – Licensure exam with no mention of written  
25       sermon.

26       **Response:** Gulfstream regrets the inadequacy of its minutes. Gulfstream will  
27       endeavor to include this detail in future minutes.

28       **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to correct the inadequacy in their minutes and submit for  
29       review.

30       **Exception: General 2020:** (*BCO* 13-9.b) – No record of review of church session.

31       **Response:** Gulfstream agrees that there was no review of church session records  
32       during 2020. Sadly, some important activities were not achieved in the midst of the  
33       pandemic. Gulfstream has begun to catch up on the review of minutes. We  
34       acknowledge that CRPR will want to see progress in this activity before this exception  
35       is cleared, however, we do request your patience as we move forward.

36       **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to correct the inadequacy in their minutes and submit for  
37       review.

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39       25. That the Minutes of **Heartland** Presbytery: 52-0-0

- 40       a. Be approved without exceptions: **Jan 12, 2021; Nov 5-6, 2021.**  
41       b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Mar 9, 2021; Apr 23-24, 2021.**  
42       c. Be approved with exceptions of substance: **None.**  
43       **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

44       **Exception: Feb 22-23, 2019** (*BCO* 23-1) – No record or date of congregation voting  
45       to dissolve pastoral relationship.

1 **Response:** “Heartland Presbytery acknowledges that the minutes omitted the details  
2 noted in the exception, and amends its 2/22-2/23/19 minutes as follows:

3 *“TE [name omitted], chair of Care of Churches committee, reported that*  
4 *TE [name omitted] submitted a 12/2/18 letter of resignation as Pastor of*  
5 *[church name omitted]. The congregation at a duly called January 13, 2019*  
6 *congregational meeting (i) approved the resignation of Pastor [name*  
7 *omitted] and dissolution of the pastoral relationship by unanimous vote; (ii)*  
8 *heard the session’s intent if empowered as a pulpit committee to nominate*  
9 *Associate Pastor [name omitted] as Pastor and thereafter nominate [name*  
10 *omitted] as Associate Pastor; and (iii) voted to empower the session as the*  
11 *pulpit committee. The Evangel congregation at a duly called February 10,*  
12 *2019 congregational meeting approved the call of Associate Pastor [name*  
13 *omitted] as candidate for Pastor by 96%; approved the terms of the call; and*  
14 *identified the session RE delegates as commissioners to prosecute the call*  
15 *before the Heartland Presbytery at the February 22-23 meeting.”*

16 **Exception: Aug 2, 2019 (BCO 20-1)** – No record of call to a definite work of a  
17 transferring minister.

18 **Response:** Heartland presbytery agrees that there was no record of a call to a definite  
19 work of a transferring minister but does not believe that 20-1 is by itself the  
20 appropriate citation in the case of a transfer of an ordained TE relocating from another  
21 PCA presbytery without call. Heartland shall amend its 8/2/2019 minutes as follows:

22 *“TE [name omitted] introduced TE [name omitted], a TE who is seeking to*  
23 *transfer his membership from Northern California where he was continued on*  
24 *the roll without call (See BCO 13-2, 13-5 and BCO 34-10). TE [name omitted]*  
25 *has relocated within the bounds of Heartland Presbytery, continues to seek a call*  
26 *to a definite work, but is currently engaged in a counseling professional position*  
27 *that presbytery does not now view as appropriate for a BCO 8-7 call due to the*  
28 *secular nature and secular restraining terms of the position, which preclude TE*  
29 *[name omitted] in the opinion of Heartland from teaching freely. He is therefore*  
30 *seeking a BCO 13-5 transfer to enable his brothers and fathers in Heartland,*  
31 *rather than the remote transferring presbytery of Northern California, to exercise*  
32 *administration of BCO 27-1 “sense (a)” discipline, as well as BCO 13-2 and*  
33 *BCO 34-10 shepherding during his search for a definite call.”*

34 **Exception: Feb 28, 2020 (BCO 20-1)** – No record of call to a definite work for TE  
35 [name omitted].

36 **Response:** The minutes reflect reinstatement to an uninterrupted service as chaplain  
37 begun prior to transfer to Heartland Presbytery. TE [name omitted] served as an army  
38 chaplain. In anticipation of his retirement from military service and beginning service  
39 as an organizing pastor of a mission church in Topeka, KS, Heartland received TE  
40 [name omitted] as a transfer from Nashville Presbytery, approved a call for TE [name  
41 omitted] as the organizing pastor of the [church name omitted] (February 22-23,  
42 2019), formed a session for the mission church (November 2019) and installed him as  
43 organizing pastor (August 2019). Presbytery notes the irregularity of an anticipatory  
44 (pre military retirement) call and installation, which was viewed by Heartland  
45 Presbytery as most suitable for Heartland’s oversight and MNA’s support of a

1 successful transition and startup of the Topeka mission work. Prior to TE [name  
2 omitted]’s retirement and moving onto the field in Topeka, TE [name omitted] elected  
3 not to retire from chaplaincy and submitted a resignation for the office of organizing  
4 pastor of the Topeka work. Presbytery acted to reinstate or reassign TE [name omitted]  
5 to his call to serve (continuing) as an army chaplain. However, Presbytery  
6 acknowledges that the record of reinstatement to his previous call reinstates a  
7 chaplaincy call approved by TE [name omitted]’s transferring Nashville Presbytery  
8 prior to TE [name omitted]’s transfer but not by Heartland Presbytery following TE  
9 [name omitted]’s transfer. Heartland Presbytery apologizes for this irregularity  
10

11 26. That the Minutes of **Heritage** Presbytery: 50-0-0

- 12 a. Be approved without exceptions: **Sep 11, 2021; Nov 20, 2021.**  
13 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **None.**  
14 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

15 **Exception: Jan 30, 2021; May 11, 2021 (BCO 25-11)** – Record unclear as to when  
16 congregation withdrew from the PCA and whether 30-day notice was given.

17 **Exception: May 11, 2021 [pp. 1, 18] (BCO 38-3)** – No determination of a judgment  
18 by presbytery as to the withdrawal of a minister from the PCA to another body.

- 19 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

20 **Exception: General 2019 (BCO 12-7; 13-9.b)** – No record of completion of review  
21 of 2018 Session Records of [church names omitted]. Presbytery should submit an  
22 excerpt from Minutes of a 2020 meeting at which those Records are reviewed.

23 **Response:** Updated by the Heritage Presbytery Session Record Review Team.  
24 2018 Records

- 25 ● [church name omitted]: SRRT review of 2018 records completed and findings  
26 prepared January 20, 2022. Pending Presbytery’s adoption of SRRT findings.
- 27 ● [church name omitted]: 2018 records received by SRRT on November 15,  
28 2021. Pending SRRT review.
- 29 ● [church name omitted]: No longer part of the PCA.

30 **Exception: Sep 14, 2019 (BCO 38-1)** – TE was deposed from office after a confession  
31 at a stated meeting (i.e., without process) but Minutes don't indicate the provisions of  
32 BCO 38-1 were followed. BCO 38-1 stipulates “a full statement of the facts shall be  
33 recorded” but there is none in the Minutes and there were no executive session  
34 Minutes filed.

35 **Response:** Attached at the end of this form are the Executive Meeting Minutes and  
36 the signed confession as requested in this exception.

37 (See attachment)

38 **Exception: Nov 21, 2020 (BCO 12-7; 13-9.b; RAO 16-3.e.6)** – Record does not  
39 indicate that all 2019 Session Records were reviewed by Presbytery in 2020.

40 **Response:** According to the Session Records Review Team, all records submitted in  
41 2019 were reviewed in 2020.

42 2019 Records.

- 43 ● [church name omitted]: December 2019 – December 2020 records received by  
44 SRRT on November 15, 2021. Pending SRRT review.

- 1           ● [church name omitted]: January 2019 – July 2021 records not yet received by  
2           SRRT.
- 3           ● [church name omitted]: April 2019 – March 2020 records received by SRRT  
4           on May 7, 2021. Pending SRRT review.
- 5           ● [church name omitted]: SRRT review of October 2019 – September 2020  
6           records completed. SRRT findings adopted by the Presbytery on November  
7           20, 2021.
- 8           ● [church name omitted]: November 2019 – October 2020 records received by  
9           SRRT on June 28, 2021. Pending SRRT review.

10           See attachments

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12   27. That the Minutes of **Highlands** Presbytery: 50-0-0

13   a. Be approved without exceptions: **Feb 27, 2021; Feb 27, 2021 ES; May 4, 2021; Aug**  
14   **7, 2021; Aug 7, 2021 ES; Nov 9, 2021; Nov 9, 2021 ES1 and ES2.**

15   b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Directory.**

16   c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

17   **Exception: Jan 13, 2021 (BCO 13-12)** – Notice for called meeting not in order; 10-  
18   day notice not indicated or recorded.

19   **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

20   **Exception: May 7, 2019 (BCO 15-1; 15-2)** – Presbytery appoints commission to  
21   investigate dissolution of pastor call, no report of commission contained in minutes.

22   **Response:** At its November 9, 2021, Stated Meeting, the Highlands Presbytery took  
23   the following action.

24   MSC: Respond to the Review of Presbytery Records Committee regarding the  
25   exception of substance from the May 7, 2019, minutes as follows:

26   *The Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets not including the report of the*  
27   *commission. The report has been located and is attached to the minutes. Presbytery*  
28   *will be more careful in the future.*

29   **Exception: Nov 10, 2020 (BCO 21-04)** All specific requirements of ordination exam  
30   not recorded (PCA History (see also *RAO* 16- 3.e.5).

31   **Response:** At its November 9, 2021, Stated Meeting, the Highlands Presbytery took  
32   the following action:

33   MSC: Respond to the Review of Presbytery Records Committee regarding the  
34   exception of substance from the November 10, 2020, minutes as follows:

35   *The Presbytery respectfully disagrees with the exception because the*  
36   *candidate for ordination had previously been licensed (as referenced in the*  
37   *minutes) and thus already met several of the requirements for the ordination*  
38   *exam. Specifically, the minutes of the August 2019 stated meeting record that the*  
39   *candidate “was examined for licensure per BCO 19-2 in the areas of Christian*  
40   *experience, call to ministry, church government, sacraments, English Bible and*  
41   *theology.” Therefore, since the candidate did meet all the specific requirements*  
42   *for ordination, albeit during two different exams, the Highlands Presbytery refers*  
43   *the exception back to the Assembly.*

1 28. That the Minutes of **Hills and Plains** Presbytery:

2 a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**

3 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Feb 13, 2021; Oct 12, 2021.**

4 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

5 **Exception: General** (*BCO* 13-9.b; 40-1; *Standing Rules* 2-7; 5-3.f) – No record of  
6 review of records of church Sessions.

7 **Exception: Feb 13, 2021; May 4, 2021; Oct 12, 2021** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) –  
8 Minutes of commission not entered in Presbytery minutes.

9 **Exception: Feb 13, 2021** (*BCO* 13-6) – All specific requirements of transfer exam  
10 not recorded for honorably retired TE.

11 **Exception: Feb 13, 2021** (*BCO* 15-1; 21-5) – No record of appointment of an  
12 ordination commission.

13 **Exception: Oct 12, 2021** (*BCO* 23-1) – No record of congregational concurrence in  
14 the dissolution of pastoral relationship.

15 **Exception: Oct 12, 2021** (*BCO* 21-2; 18-2) – No approval of completed internship  
16 for ordination candidate.

17 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

18 **Exception: General 2019** (*RAO* 16-10.a) – No record in minutes of exceptions taken  
19 by the General Assembly.

20 **Response:** Presbytery agrees that exceptions were not acknowledged and commits to  
21 correct this in the future.

22 **Exception: Feb 9, 2019** (*BCO* 13-11) – Overture received by Session as  
23 communication to Presbytery not attached.

24 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not attached to minutes, and will  
25 include them as part of minutes in the future.

26 **Exception: Mar 26, 2019** (*BCO* 13-11) – Minutes of the called meeting not included  
27 (i.e., that part of the meeting that is not in executive session).

28 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges that minutes were recorded improperly. The  
29 called meeting minutes and executive session minutes were not made separately, but  
30 as one document. This will be done correctly in the future.

31 **Exception: Mar 26, 2019** (*BCO* 15-3; 32-15; 36-1) – Presbytery approved of a  
32 judgment of its commission calling for a specific censure against the accused. Per  
33 *BCO* 32-15, a ‘judgment’ is the determination of guilt or innocence. Per *BCO* 36-1,  
34 the infliction of a censure commences only after the individual is found guilty. Per  
35 *BCO* 15-3, a determination of guilt or innocence by a judicial commission is not final  
36 until it is approved by the presbytery. Therefore, a separate motion (even if by  
37 recommendation of the commission) would have to be made to inflict a censure.

38 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded correctly. The party plead  
39 guilty and the commission’s decision were received before censures were  
40 commenced. It is possible a separate motion was not made, but should have been. HPP  
41 intends to more closely follow procedure in the future.

42 **Exception: May 4, 2019** (*BCO* 13-11) – Incomplete Record: referenced guidelines  
43 not attached to minutes.

44 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges the oversight and will attach all proper  
45 documentation in the future.

- 1           **Exception: May 4, 2019** (*BCO* 13-11; 14-6.c; *RAO* 16-3.e.6) – Minutes of executive  
2 session not included.
- 3           **Response:** Presbytery must acknowledge that these minutes have somehow been lost.  
4 This is a grave oversight and will not happen again.
- 5           **Exception: Feb 8, 2020** (*SR* 6-2.a) – Standing rules amended without record of a 2/3  
6 vote.
- 7           **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded and will be more careful  
8 to record votes in the future.
- 9           **Exception: May 5, 2020** (*BCO* 36-1; 13-11) – Minutes record the expiration of one-  
10 year definite suspension from office, yet there is no indication in the previous year’s  
11 minutes of any trial or case without process.
- 12           **Response:** The minutes that would indicate this have been lost, as indicated. Far  
13 stricter record keeping has been instituted since this time.
- 14           **Exception: Jun 30, 2020; Aug 4, 2020** (*RAO* 16-3c.1) – Purpose of called meeting  
15 not specified.
- 16           **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges that the reason for the called meetings was not  
17 correctly recorded and promises to rectify this in the future.
- 18           **Exception: Oct 13, 2020** (*BCO* 13-11) – Petition to particularize not attached.
- 19           **Response:** Presbytery respectfully disagrees. The petition was attached to the minutes  
20 as an index.
- 21       **e. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
22 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**
- 23           **Exception: General 2019; General 2020** (*BCO* 13-9.b) – No record of review of  
24 Session records having been conducted.
- 25           **Response:** Presbytery agrees that no review has been conducted. This will be rectified  
26 with a review of all session minutes from 2017 to 2021
- 27           **Rationale:** The minutes of Presbytery in 2021 indicate no action to fulfill its  
28 responsibility to review Session records not yet reviewed.
- 29           **Exception: Feb 9, 2019** (*BCO* 13-6; 21-4.c.1) – No record of all of the parts of  
30 examination having been conducted for a man transferring in from another  
31 denomination.
- 32           **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded and the record will be  
33 amended.
- 34           **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
35 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
36 required to construct an accurate record of the actions taken at the earlier meeting.”  
37 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)
- 38           **Exception: Feb 9, 2019; Oct 1, 2019** (*BCO* 13-6; 21-4.f) – No record that candidate  
39 for transfer from another denomination was required to state his differences with the  
40 *Westminster Standards* in his own words.
- 41           **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded and the record will be  
42 amended.

1       **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
2 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
3 required to construct an accurate record of the actions taken at the earlier meeting.”  
4 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

5       **Exception: Feb 9, 2019** (*BCO* 19-2) – No record of all of the parts of a licensure exam  
6 having been conducted.

7       **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded and the record will be  
8 amended.

9       **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
10 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
11 required to construct an accurate record of the actions taken at the earlier meeting.”  
12 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

13       **Exception: Feb 9, 2019; May 4, 2019; Oct 1, 2019** (*BCO* 19-2.f) – Candidate for  
14 licensure’s stated differences not recorded in his own words.

15       **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded and the record will be  
16 amended.

17       **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
18 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
19 required to construct an accurate record of the actions taken at the earlier meeting.”  
20 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

21       **Exception: Feb 9, 2019** (*BCO* 15-3; 31-2) – Presbytery formed a commission (which  
22 it calls a ‘Council’) to conduct a 31-2 investigation (referencing both 31-2 and 15-3)  
23 of a TE regarding whom the minutes state that a committee of Presbytery has met with  
24 “many parties” and “believe there is a ‘strong presumption of guilt.’” This is in  
25 contradiction to both 15-3 (which establishes a judicial commission to adjudicate a  
26 trial) and 31-2 (the purpose of which is to determine if there is a strong presumption  
27 of guilt).

28       **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges that this was not recorded correctly and will  
29 amend the minutes to rightly reflect the actions taken.

30       **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
31 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
32 required to construct an accurate record of the actions taken at the earlier meeting.”  
33 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

34       **Exception: Feb 9, 2019** (*BCO* 13-11) – No record of the moderator having appointed  
35 the “Special Judicial Council”.

36       **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges to oversite in recording this, and the record will  
37 be amended.

38       **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
39 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
40 required to construct an accurate record of the actions taken at the earlier meeting.”  
41 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

42       **Exception: Mar 26, 2019** (*BCO* 15-3; 31-2; 32-2, 3) – The Presbytery received a  
43 report from the Judicial Commission that had been formed to “investigate” a matter  
44 per *BCO* 31-2. There was, at the point this commission was formed, no “judicial case”



1 per *BCO* 15-3 for it to adjudicate (i.e., no charges had been laid, no prosecutor has  
2 been appointed, etc.).

3 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges that the minutes where these charges were laid,  
4 etc., have been lost. This is a grave oversight that is irremediable. However, there is a  
5 thorough email and other paper trail that shows charges were made, prosecutors  
6 appointed, and the case was handled decently and in order. The presbytery vows to  
7 never let such a grave oversight occur again.

8 **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to record in their minutes the specific matters of the  
9 judicial procedure such as the charges that were filed, who the prosecutor was, what  
10 the outcome was. (See *RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

11 **Exception: Mar 26, 2019** (*BCO* 13-11) – Per the purpose of the called meeting, a  
12 “full statement of the case and the judgment rendered” not attached to the Executive  
13 Session minutes.

14 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not included and will amend.

15 **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
16 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
17 required to construct an accurate record of the actions taken at the earlier meeting.”  
18 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

19 **Exception: Mar 26, 2019** (*BCO* 15-3; 32-15) – Presbytery approved of the judgment  
20 of its commission without there being any declaration of guilt on the part of the  
21 accused.

22 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges that the declaration of guilt was not recorded  
23 correctly. The party did plead guilty.

24 **Rationale:** Minutes need to be amended and approved by Presbytery to reflect this  
25 declaration of guilt and resubmitted.

26 **Exception: May 4, 2019** (*BCO* 19-2.a) – No record of candidate for licensure giving  
27 a statement of his Christian experience and inward call to preach the Gospel (written  
28 or oral).

29 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded and will amend the record.

30 **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
31 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
32 required to construct an accurate record of the action taken at the earlier meeting.”  
33 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

34 **Exception: May 4, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4.c.1) – No record of examination of a candidate  
35 for ordination in Bible content or theology.

36 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded and will amend the record.

37 **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
38 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
39 required to construct an accurate record of the action taken at the earlier meeting.”  
40 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

41 **Exception: May 4, 2019; Oct 1, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4.g) – No record that Presbytery  
42 appointed a day for ordination.

43 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded and will amend the record.

44 **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
45 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information

1 required to construct an accurate record of the action taken at the earlier meeting.”  
2 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

3 **Exception: Oct 1, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4.c.1) – No record of examination of a candidate  
4 for ordination in Theology, knowledge of Greek/Hebrew, or Polity.

5 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded and will amend the record.

6 **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
7 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
8 required to construct an accurate record of the action taken at the earlier meeting.”  
9 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

10 **Exception: Oct 1, 2019** (*BCO* 13-6) – No record of all parts of a transfer exam of a  
11 man ordained in the PCA.

12 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded and will amend the record.

13 **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
14 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
15 required to construct an accurate record of the action taken at the earlier meeting.”  
16 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

17 **Exception: Feb 8, 2020; Jun 30, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4.f; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – Stated  
18 differences not recorded in the candidate’s own words.

19 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded and will amend the record.

20 **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
21 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
22 required to construct an accurate record of the action taken at the earlier meeting.”  
23 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

24 **Exception: Feb 8, 2020; Jun 30, 2020** (*BCO* 21-2; 18-2) – No approval of candidate  
25 for ordination’s completed internship.

26 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded and will amend the record.

27 **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
28 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
29 required to construct an accurate record of the action taken at the earlier meeting.”  
30 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

31 **Exception: Feb 8, 2020; Jun 30, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4.g) – No record that Presbytery  
32 appointed a day for ordination and/or installation or established a commission for  
33 ordination and/or installation.

34 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded and will amend the record.

35 **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
36 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
37 required to construct an accurate record of the action taken at the earlier meeting.”  
38 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

39 **Exception: Feb 8, 2020** (*BCO* 13-11) – Individual is examined and preaches a sermon  
40 with no indication in the minutes as to what he was examined for or why his sermon  
41 was arrested and sustained. (Individual is listed as a candidate and an intern, but not  
42 as a licentiate).

43 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded and will amend the record.

44 **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
45 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information

1 required to construct an accurate record of the action taken at the earlier meeting.”  
2 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

3 **Exception: Feb 8, 2020; Jun 30, 2020** (*BCO* 18-3) – Man is received as a candidate  
4 without being examined on experiential religion or his motives for seeking the gospel  
5 ministry.

6 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded and will amend the record.  
7 **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
8 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
9 required to construct an accurate record of the action taken at the earlier meeting.”  
10 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

11 **Exception: Feb 8, 2020; Jun 30, 2020** (*BCO* 18-3) – Questions for candidacy not  
12 shown to have been asked or answered in the affirmative.

13 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded and will amend the record.  
14 **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
15 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
16 required to construct an accurate record of the action taken at the earlier meeting.”  
17 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

18 **Exception: Feb 8, 2020; Jun 30, 2020** (*BCO* 19-9) – Man is received as an intern  
19 without giving statement regarding his inward call to the ministry.

20 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded and will amend the record.  
21 **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
22 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
23 required to construct an accurate record of the actions taken at the earlier meeting.”  
24 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

25 **Exception: Jun 30, 2020** (*BCO* 18-3) – Charge not given to candidate for ministry.

26 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded and will amend the record.  
27 **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
28 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
29 required to construct an accurate record of the action taken at the earlier meeting.”  
30 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

31 **Exception: Jun 30, 2020** (*BCO* 23-1) – Presbytery approves a new call for a TE  
32 within the same presbytery without first dissolving the previous call by following the  
33 steps in *BCO* 23-1.

34 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded correctly and will amend  
35 the record.

36 **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
37 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
38 required to construct an accurate record of the action taken at the earlier meeting.”  
39 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

40 **Exception: Jun 30, 2020** (*BCO* 21-3) – Presbytery ordains a man to the gospel  
41 ministry without a call to a specific work (the man is listed as an assistant pastor in  
42 the next meeting’s roll).

43 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded correctly and will amend  
44 the record.

1       **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
2 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
3 required to construct an accurate record of the action taken at the earlier meeting.”  
4 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

5       **Exception: Jun 30, 2020** (*BCO* 23-1) – Presbytery dissolves the call of a TE without  
6 following the steps in *BCO* 23-1.

7       **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded correctly and will amend  
8 the record.

9       **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
10 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
11 required to construct an accurate record of the action taken at the earlier meeting.”  
12 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

13       **Exception: Jun 30, 2020** (*BCO* 13-9.c) – TE is approved as a “planting Pastor” of a  
14 mission work without the approval of a new call to that work and without approving  
15 the specific terms of the call.

16       **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded correctly and will amend  
17 the record.

18       **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
19 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
20 required to construct an accurate record of the action taken at the earlier meeting.”  
21 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

22       **Exception: Aug 4, 2020** (*BCO* 23-1) – Pastoral relation is dissolved without citing  
23 the church to appear.

24       **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded and will amend the record.

25       **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
26 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
27 required to construct an accurate record of the action taken at the earlier meeting.”  
28 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

29       **Exception: Aug 4, 2020** (*BCO* 38-3) – Presbytery transferred a TE to a denomination  
30 with whom we do not have fraternal relations without following the steps in either 38-  
31 3a or 38-3b.

32       **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded properly and will amend  
33 the record.

34       **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
35 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
36 required to construct an accurate record of the action taken at the earlier meeting.”  
37 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

38       **Exception: Oct 13, 2020** (*BCO* 18-3) – Man is received as a candidate without being  
39 examined on his motives for seeking the gospel ministry.

40       **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded and will amend the record.

41       **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
42 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
43 required to construct an accurate record of the action taken at the earlier meeting.”  
44 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

1       **Exception: Oct 13, 2020** (*BCO* 5-9.c, d) – No record of the nomination, training,  
2 examination, or election of Ruling Elders for a mission church being particularized.

3       **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded and will amend the record.

4       **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
5 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
6 required to construct an accurate record of the action taken at the earlier meeting.”  
7 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

8       **Exception: Oct 13, 2020** (*BCO* 5-9.f.1) No indication of a congregational meeting to  
9 elect a pastor.

10       **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded and will amend the record.

11       **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
12 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
13 required to construct an accurate record of the action taken at the earlier meeting.”  
14 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

15       **Exception: Oct 13, 2020** (*BCO* 5-9.h) – Church approved to be particularized without  
16 the establishment of a commission to organize the church.

17       **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this was not recorded and will amend the record.

18       **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
19 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
20 required to construct an accurate record of the action taken at the earlier meeting.”  
21 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

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

24       **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this error and will amend the record.

25       **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
26 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
27 required to construct an accurate record of the action taken at the earlier meeting.”  
28 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

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

31       **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this error and will amend the record.

32       **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action to approve the amendment(s), and either  
33 resubmit those minutes or include a motion in its current minutes “all information  
34 required to construct an accurate record of the action taken at the earlier meeting.”  
35 (*RONR*, 12th Ed., 48:15)

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

38       **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges that proper review of records has not been  
39 performed and will correct this.

40       **Rationale:** The minutes of Presbytery in 2021 indicate no action to fulfill its  
41 responsibility to review Session records not yet reviewed.

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43       29. That the Minutes of **Houston Metro** Presbytery: 45-0-2

44       a. Be approved without exceptions: **Feb 22, 2021.**

45       b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Jan 15, 2021; Apr 12, 2021; Nov 8, 2021.**

1 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

2 **Exception: General** (BCO 13-9.b) – No record of review of records of Session  
3 completed and approved by action of Presbytery.

4 **Exception: Jan 15, 2021** (BCO 19-2) – All specific requirements of licensure exam  
5 not recorded. No record of requiring a statement of differences with our Standards.

6 **Exception: Apr 12, 2021** (BCO 13-11) – Complaint sent to Presbytery not recorded  
7 in Presbytery’s minutes.

8 **Exception: Apr 12, 2021** (BCO 21-4) – No record of stated differences in transfer  
9 exam.

10 **Exception: Aug 20, 2021** (BCO 20-9; 38-3; 46-6) – TE mentioned as moved to  
11 Georgia and removed from directory without transfer or action to remove.

12 **Exception: Nov 8, 2021** (BCO 18-3) – No record of questions proposed to candidate.

13 d. **That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

14 **Exception: Jan 18, 2019** (BCO 24-6; RAO 16-3.e.5) – Presbytery approves candidate  
15 exception whose stated difference with WCF 21.7 appears to be “out of accord,” that  
16 is, “hostile to our system” or “strik[ing] at the vitals of religion” by stating that  
17 “worship on the first day of the week is a matter of church tradition and human  
18 reckoning, rather than divine revelation. Certainly, we should celebrate the Lord’s  
19 Day with and therefore on the same day as other brothers and sisters in Christ (Heb.  
20 10:25).”

21 **Response:** Presbytery has communicated to the Teaching Elder in question the  
22 exception of substance regarding the stated difference. After review and study, the  
23 Teaching Elder now states:

24 *“After studying and reflecting, my conscience no longer leads me to state this*  
25 *difference, because I no longer disagree with the language of the Westminster*  
26 *Standards. I now wholeheartedly affirm the underlined language below, with which I*  
27 *initially took issue:*

28 **WCF Ch. 21 Section 7:** “As it is the law of nature, that, in general, a due proportion  
29 of time be set apart for the worship of God; so, in his Word, by a positive, moral, and  
30 perpetual commandment binding all men in all ages, he has particularly appointed one  
31 day in seven, for a Sabbath, to be kept holy unto him: which, from the beginning of  
32 the world to the resurrection of Christ, was the last day of the week: and, from the  
33 resurrection of Christ, was changed into the first day of the week, which, in Scripture,  
34 is called the Lord’s Day, and is to be continued to the end of the world, as the Christian  
35 Sabbath:

36 **Thus, I affirm:**

37 • that the first day of the week is the Lord’s day, the day of his resurrection (Mark  
38 16:9)

39 • that churches should worship together on the Lord’s day (Revelation 1:10, Acts  
40 20:7)

41 **Exception: Aug 20, 2018** (BCO 13.9.a; and BCO 38) – Removed TE from rolls  
42 without explanation.

43 **Response:** TE [name omitted] has left the PCA and is now ministering at [church  
44 name omitted] in Cypress, TX.

- 1           **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to designate if the TE was transferred or was removed  
2 per *BCO* 38-3
- 3           **Response 2021:** At August 20, 2018 Presbytery meeting, it was moved, seconded, and  
4 carried to dismiss the TE in accordance with *BCO* 38-3a, *When a member or officer*  
5 *in the Presbyterian Church in America shall attempt to withdraw from the communion*  
6 *of this branch of the visible Church by affiliating with some other branch (BCO 2-2),*  
7 *if at the time of the attempt to withdraw he is in good standing, the irregularity shall*  
8 *be recorded, his new membership acknowledged, and his name removed from the*  
9 *roll.”* We apologize for the lack of clarity in our minutes. M/C.
- 10          e. **That responses shall be submitted to the following GA as no responses were**  
11 **received in 2022:**
- 12           **Exception: Jan 17, 2020; Aug 21, 2020** (*BCO* 18-3) – Candidates not examined on  
13 their “motives for seeking the ministry.”
- 14           **Exception: General 2020** – No record of January 2020 Minutes being approved by  
15 the Presbytery.
- 16
- 17 30. That the Minutes of Illiana Presbytery: 48-0-0
- 18          a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**
- 19          b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Jan 18, 2020; May 23, 2020; Jul 21, 2020;**  
20 **Oct 17, 2020; Jun 28, 2021.**
- 21          c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:
- 22           **Exception: Jan 18, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – All specific requirements of  
23 ordination exam not recorded (Hebrew/Greek).
- 24           **Exception: Jan 18, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4) – No record of requiring statement of  
25 differences with our Standards.
- 26           **Exception: Jan 18, 2020; May 23, 2020; Oct 17, 2020; Jan 16, 2021** (*BCO* 13-9.b;  
27 40-3) – Results of review of records of church Sessions not stated.
- 28           **Exception: Jan 18, 2020; Oct 17, 2020** (*BCO* 5-9) – All specific requirements of  
29 particularization of church not recorded.
- 30           **Exception: Jan 18, 2020** (*BCO* 13-9.c; 23-1) – No record of congregational meeting  
31 to consider pastoral resignation.
- 32           **Exception: Feb 18, 2020; Jul 21, 2020** (*BCO* 13-12) – Notice for called meeting not  
33 in order.
- 34           **Exception: Feb 18, 2020** (*BCO* 13-12; *RAO* 16-3.c.1) – Purpose of called meeting  
35 not recorded verbatim in the minutes.
- 36           **Exception: May 23, 2020** (*BCO* 13-11; *RAO* 16-3.e.7) – Minutes of executive session  
37 not included.
- 38           **Exception: General 2020 & 2021** (*BCO* 13-9.b; 40-1) – Incomplete record of review  
39 of records of church Sessions.
- 40           **Exception: May 23, 2020; Oct 17, 2020** (*BCO* 15.1; *RAO* 16- 3.e.4) – Minutes of  
41 commission not entered in Presbytery minutes.
- 42           **Exception: May 23, 2020** (*BCO* 5-3) – No record of temporary system of government  
43 appointed for mission church.
- 44           **Exception: Oct 17, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16- 3.e.5) – Stated differences not judged  
45 with the prescribed categories.

1           **Exception: Oct 17, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16- 3.e.5) – All specific requirements of  
2 ordination exam not recorded (PCA History exam).

3           **Exception: Oct 17, 2020** (*BCO* 15-2) – Commission appointed with fewer than two  
4 teaching elders and two ruling elders.

5           **Exception: Oct 17, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4) – Use of extraordinary clause for ordination  
6 candidate not explained, and  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote not recorded.

7           **Exception: Oct 17, 2020** (*BCO* 22-5; Preliminary Principle 6) – No record of  
8 Sessions’ approval of men serving as Stated Supply.

9           **Exception: Oct 17, 2020** (*BCO* 5-9.h; 15-1) – No organizing commission appointed  
10 for particularization of a church.

11           **Exception: Jan 16, 2021** (*BCO* 15-1, 3) – There was a judicial commission formed  
12 at the 7/21/2020 meeting, but there was no report concerning its “full statement of the  
13 case and the judgment rendered” in 2020 or the present meeting. There is mention of  
14 the judicial commission concluding its work and the accused appealing the decision  
15 in the Stated Clerk’s Report (p. 6), but there is no record of the Presbytery’s judgment  
16 on the case.

17           **Exception: Jan 16, 2021** (*BCO* 42-6) – Motion made pursuant to *BCO* 42-6, but there  
18 is no record of a continuing judicial process in the court’s record aside from the Stated  
19 Clerk’s Report (p. 6).

20           **Exception: Jan 16, 2021** (*BCO* 42-6) – Sufficient reasons for preventing a TE from  
21 exercising all functions of office not recorded.

22           **Exception: Jan 16, 2021** (*BCO* 19-9) – No record of examination for internship.

23           **Exception: Jun 28, 2021** (*BCO* 13-2) – Notice for called meeting not in order (no  
24 record of 10-day notice).

25           **Exception: Jun 28, 2021** (*BCO* 13-6) – No record of Presbytery from which TE is  
26 transferring within the PCA.

27           **Exception: Jun 28, 2021** (*BCO* 18-2, 3) – All requirements for bringing a candidate  
28 under care are not recorded (e.g., endorsement of Session, experiential religion)

29           **Exception: Oct 16, 2021** (*BCO* 15.1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) – Minutes of judicial commission  
30 not entered in Presbytery minutes

31           **Exception: General** (*RAO* 16-4.c.2) – Standing Rules not included.

32           **Exception: General** (*RAO* 16-10.a) – No record in minutes of exceptions taken by  
33 GA, and no responses to the Assembly concerning disposition of an exception of  
34 substance.

35           **d. That responses shall be submitted to the following GA as no responses were**  
36 **received in 2022:**

37           **Exception: Feb 28, 2019** (*RAO* 16-3.e.5) – Candidate’s differences not stated in his  
38 own words.

39           **Exception: Nov 16, 2019** (*BCO* 13-12) – No evidence of proper call for meeting and  
40 reason for called meeting not stated.

41           **Exception: General** (*BCO* 13-9) – No record of review of session minutes.

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43           31. That the Minutes of Iowa Presbytery: 49-0-1

44           a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**



- 1 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Directory; General; Mar 13, 2021; July 10,**  
2 **2021.**
- 3 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:
- 4 **Exception: General** (BCO 13-9.b; 40-3) – Incomplete record of review of records of  
5 church Sessions.
- 6 **Exception: May 8, 2021** (BCO 13-6) – 10-day notice requirement was not stated for  
7 the called meeting.
- 8 **Exception: Jul 10, 2021; Nov 13, 2021** (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5) – All specific  
9 requirements of ordination exam not recorded.
- 10 **Exception: Jul 10, 2021** (BCO 42-1.e; RAO 16-3.e.5) – Stated differences not judged  
11 with prescribed categories.
- 12 **d. That the following response to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**
- 13 **Exception: Nov 14, 2020** (BCO 21-4.f; RAO 16-3.e.5) – Stated differences not judged  
14 with prescribed categories.
- 15 **Response:** Brothers at Review of Presbytery Records,  
16 Thank you for helping us catch the error in our minutes. On November 14, 2020 in  
17 examining [name omitted] prior to his ordination in December of 2020, Colin was  
18 examined thoroughly. On that day, [name omitted] took the following exceptions to  
19 the Westminster Larger Catechism and Westminster Confession of Faith. Normally  
20 they would have been included in the appendix of that meeting but our clerk  
21 inadvertently failed to include them in that place.  
22 Colin’s exceptions were as follows:
- 23 **WCF 21.8**
- 24 This Sabbath is to be kept holy unto the Lord when men, after a due preparing of their  
25 hearts, and ordering of their common affairs beforehand, do not only observe an holy  
26 rest all the day from their own works, words, and thoughts about their worldly  
27 employments and recreations, but also are taken up the whole time in the public and  
28 private exercises of His worship, and in the duties of necessity and mercy.
- 29 *“I do not believe that the pleasure of man Isaiah speaks of in chapter 58, the passage*  
30 *most often used to support the recreation clause, has recreational activities in view.*  
31 *It seems more likely that this is a continued critique of Israel’s desire to buy and sell*  
32 *on the Sabbath, which is contrary to God’s pattern of work and rest in creation.”*
- 33 **WLC Q109**
- 34 ‘What are the sins forbidden in the second commandment?... the making any  
35 representation of God, of all or of any of the three persons, either inwardly in our  
36 mind, or outwardly in any kind of image or likeness of any creature whatsoever; “  
37 Scripture gives us word pictures describing Jesus (Rev. 1:14, Is. 53:2). We are to  
38 worship God only as he commands us to in scripture, and to that end I agree with the  
39 *WCF*. However, I do believe that it is in some instances appropriate to use pictures  
40 and dramas which can help people better understand the gospel. For pedological  
41 purposes I believe it is possible to use pictures of Jesus.”
- 42 The presbytery voted unanimously that these exceptions were judged not to be merely  
43 symantic, but not striking at the vitals of our religion nor hostile to our system of  
44 doctrine and approved his examination.

1 The Lord has used Colin in great ways since his beginning to serve pastorally there at  
2 Bethany Evangelical and Reformed Church.  
3 Know that the 2020 minutes have been updated and that both our clerk and we as a  
4 presbytery will redouble our efforts to do as we have always sought to do in the past  
5 and see to it that such differences be faithfully recorded in minutes of future meetings  
6 of Iowa Presbytery.

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8 32. That the Minutes of **James River** Presbytery: 49-0-0

- 9 a. Be approved without exceptions: **Apr 10, 2021.**  
10 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Jan 16, 2020; Jul 15, 2021; Oct 9, 2021.**  
11 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance: **None.**

12 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

13 **Exception: Jan 19, 2019 (BCO 5-9)** – It is unclear which of the steps in particularizing  
14 a new church have taken place, other than a report that the requirements have been  
15 fulfilled.

16 **Response:** The JRP acknowledges and agrees with the Assembly's taken exception of  
17 substance, and expresses its commitment to comply with all of the *BCO*'s requirements  
18 for recording the steps in particularization of new churches in the future. While we  
19 followed the proper steps as written in *BCO* 5-9, we acknowledge that we failed to  
20 record the steps in our minutes

21 **Exception: Jan 19, 2019 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** – All specific requirements of  
22 ordination not recorded as having been approved by the Presbytery.

23 **Response:** The JRP acknowledges and agrees with the Assembly's taken exception of  
24 substance, and expresses its commitment to comply with all of the *BCO*'s requirements  
25 for recording the complete list of requirements for ordination as listed in *BCO* 21-4.  
26 While the ordained elder was fully qualified, and the Presbytery completely reviewed  
27 and examined his credentials, we acknowledge that we failed to record the  
28 requirements completely in our minutes.

29 **Exception: Apr 13, 2019 (BCO 21-1)** – Presbytery did not grant permission to a TE  
30 who moved onto the field prior to transfer.

31 **Response:** The JRP acknowledges and agrees with the Assembly's taken exception of  
32 substance, and expresses its commitment to not allow a candidate or licentiate to move  
33 onto the field prior to Presbytery's examination

34 **Exception: Jul 18, 2019 (BCO 20-9; 23-1)** – No record of dissolution of pastoral  
35 relationship before approving a minister to transfer to another presbytery.

36 **Response:** The JRP acknowledges and agrees with the Assembly's taken exception of  
37 substance, and expresses its commitment to comply with all of the *BCO*'s requirements  
38 for dissolving pastoral relations before approving a minister to transfer to another  
39 presbytery

40 **Exception: Oct 12, 2019 (BCO 18-7)** – No reasons stated in the minutes of the  
41 Presbytery for removing candidates from under care of presbytery.

42 **Response:** The JRP acknowledges and agrees with the Assembly's taken exception of  
43 substance, and expresses its commitment to comply with all of the *BCO*'s requirements  
44 for recording the reasons for removing candidates from under care of Presbytery.

1       **Exception: Oct 12, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – Stated difference received  
2 orally but were not recorded in candidate’s own words.

3       **Response:** The JRP humbly disagrees with the Assembly's taken exception of  
4 substance on this matter. While the candidates' own words were not written at this  
5 point in the minutes, they were included as the attachments to Leadership  
6 Development Committee's report, pp. 213-15 of the 2019 Minutes.

7       **Exception: Jan 18, 2020** (*BCO* 15-2) – The members of the commission are not  
8 named so it is unclear whether the membership included 2 TEs and 2 REs.

9       **Response:** The JRP humbly disagrees with the Assembly's taken exception of  
10 substance on this matter. While the names of the commissioners were not named at  
11 this point in the minutes, their names are recorded in the Commission Report found  
12 on page 33 of the August 2020 minutes

13       **Exception: Aug 8, 2020** (*RONR* 9:34) – Commission held a meeting by email which  
14 does not constitute a deliberative assembly.

15       **Response:** The JRP acknowledges and agrees with the Assembly's taken exception of  
16 substance, and expresses its commitment to allow for a deliberative assembly on all  
17 commissions and court meetings. We will strive to do better in the future.

18       **Exception: Aug 8, 2020** (*BCO* 23-1) – TE status changed to without call without a  
19 record of the dissolution of previous call.

20       **Response:** The JRP acknowledges and agrees with the Assembly's taken exception of  
21 substance, and expresses its commitment to comply with all of the *BCO*'s requirements  
22 for dissolving pastoral calls before changing his status to "without call". We  
23 acknowledge that we failed to record this matter in our minutes and will strive to do  
24 better in the future.

25       **Exception: Aug 8, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4.c.1.b) – No record of ordination trial for  
26 knowledge of the Greek and Hebrew languages nor statement that the seminary degree  
27 included study in the languages.

28       **Response:** The JRP acknowledges and agrees with the Assembly's taken exception of  
29 substance, and expresses its commitment to comply with all of the *BCO*'s requirements  
30 for recording the complete list of requirements for ordination as listed in *BCO* 21-4.  
31 While the ordained elder was fully qualified, and the Presbytery completely reviewed  
32 and examined his credentials, including his knowledge of Greek and Hebrew  
33 languages, and his acceptable seminary degree, we acknowledge that we failed to  
34 record the requirements completely in our minutes and will strive to do better in the  
35 future.

36       **Exception: Aug 8, 2020** (*BCO* 23-1) – Resignation request received and pastoral  
37 relationship dissolved without citing the local church to appear.

38       **Response:** The JRP acknowledges and agrees with the Assembly's taken exception of  
39 substance, and expresses its commitment to comply with all of the *BCO*'s requirements  
40 for dissolving a pastoral relationship without citing the local church to appear. We  
41 acknowledge that we failed to record this matter in our minutes and will strive to do  
42 better in the future

43       **Exception: Aug 8, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4.c.1.b) – No record of ordination trial for  
44 knowledge of the Greek language.

1           **Response:** The JRP believes this exception is the same as the exception above on Aug  
2 8, 2020 [p. 7]. We refer to the above response

3           **Exception: Oct 10, 2020** (*BCO* 5-9.d, 5-9.i.1) – It is unclear whether officers were  
4 elected for a church petitioning for particularization and whether the commission  
5 would install those officers.

6           **Response:** The JRP acknowledges and agrees with the Assembly's taken exception of  
7 substance, and expresses its commitment to comply with all of the *BCO*'s requirements  
8 for recording the election and installation of officers for the particularizing church.  
9 We acknowledge that we failed to record this matter in our minutes and will strive to  
10 do better in the future.

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12 33. That the Minutes of **Korean Capital** Presbytery: *51-0-0*

13       a. Be approved without exceptions: **May 24, 2021.**

14       b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Apr 5, 2021.**

15       c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

16           **Exception: Apr 5, 2021** (*BCO* 23-1) – No record of congregation involvement when  
17 presbytery dissolved TE's call.

18           **Exception: Apr 5, 2021** (*BCO* 13-11) – No Record of the February 26, 2021  
19 Presbytery meeting.

20           **Exception: Apr 5, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – Stated differences not judged  
21 with the prescribed categories.

22           **Exception: Apr 5, 2021** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) – Minutes of commission to  
23 install not entered in Presbytery minutes.

24           **Exception: Oct 4, 2021** (*BCO* 25-11) – Improper approval of withdrawal of church  
25 from the PCA.

26           **Exception: Oct 4, 2021** (*BCO* 15-2) – TE improperly installed as assistant minister.  
27 No record of formation of a commission to install.

28           **Exception: Oct 4, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – All specific requirements of  
29 transfer exam not recorded.

30           **Exception: Oct 4, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – Stated differences not judged  
31 with the prescribed categories.

32       **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

33           **Exception: Apr 8, 2019** (*BCO* 20-1) – No record of a call to a definite work recorded  
34 for two TEs [names omitted].

35           **Response:** We regret not properly recording the calls for these candidates. Both  
36 candidates had definite calls which were reviewed, approved, and presented to the  
37 ordinands by the presbytery. We revised the minutes to add the record.

38           **Exception: Oct 7, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4) – No record of the approval of a theological  
39 thesis, exegesis, or seminary degree in lieu of original languages for ordination  
40 candidate.

41           **Response:** We regret not properly recording the approval of a theological thesis,  
42 exegesis, and seminary degree in lieu of original languages. The ordination candidates  
43 submitted the papers and the seminary diploma and were approved during the exam  
44 committee interview and on the presbytery floor. We revised the minutes to add the  
45 record.

1 **Exception: Jun 29, 2020** (BCO 19-3; 19-4) – No record of questions for licensure  
2 asked and affirmed. Licensure not recorded in proper form.

3 **Response:** We regret not properly recording the licensure questions being asked and  
4 affirmed and not recording the licensure in the proper form. The candidate was asked  
5 the questions and he affirmed them. We revised the minutes to add the record of  
6 questioning and the proper form for licensure.

7 **Exception: Jun 29, 2020** (BCO 19-3; 19-4) – No record of questions for licensure  
8 asked and affirmed. Licensure not recorded in proper form.

9 **Response:** We regret not properly recording the licensure questions being asked and  
10 affirmed and not recording the licensure in the proper form. The candidate was asked  
11 the questions and he affirmed them. We revised the minutes to add the record of  
12 questioning and the proper form for licensure

13 **Exception: Oct 5, 2020** (BCO 23-1) – No record of congregational meeting to  
14 dissolve pastoral relationship.

15 **Response:** We regret not recording the fact that the teaching elder was an assistant  
16 pastor at an out-of-bounds ministry. We did not require the church session to produce  
17 a minutes for our review since the church is not under our jurisdiction; we only acted  
18 upon the reasonable report of the teaching elder. We revised the minutes to note this  
19 fact

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21 34. That the Minutes of **Korean Central** Presbytery: 47-0-1

22 a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**

23 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Directory; Apr 13-14, 2021; Jul 13, 2021.**

24 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

25 **Exception: General** (*Standing Rules* 2-4.2) – Presbytery did not convene two stated  
26 meetings OR minutes not submitted if Fall stated meeting convened. (Oct 13-14, 2020  
27 meeting minutes were submitted for review but these minutes were reviewed by the  
28 CRPR of the 48th GA)

29 **Exception: General** (BCO 13-9.b, 40-1) – No record of review of records of church  
30 Sessions.

31 **Exception: Standing Rules** – No provision in Standing Rules to allow for virtual  
32 Presbytery meetings.

33 **Exception: Oct. 13-14, 2020** (BCO 31-2) – There is no record in the minutes as to  
34 how the Presbytery disposed of accusations against TE (Name Omitted), TE (Name  
35 Omitted), and TE (Name Omitted).

36 **Exception: April 13-14, 2021** (BCO 13-11, 31-2, 32-2, 32-3, 32-4, 32-5, 36-1, 36-5,  
37 37-3) – There is insufficient record in the minutes of actions taken by the Presbytery  
38 (as well as documents in support of those actions) pursuant to their handling of an  
39 ecclesiastical trial against TE (Name Omitted), such as, but not limited to the  
40 allegations against him, the recommendations from an ad interim committee appointed  
41 to consider these allegations, the indictment of the prosecutor, the imposition and  
42 removal of censure, and several additional motions related to this situation. These  
43 missing items need to be either recreated or collected and submitted to the 50th  
44 General Assembly.

1           **Exception: Apr 13-14, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – Incomplete record of  
2 ordination exam. (Bible, Greek and Hebrew not included).

3           **Exception: Apr 13-14, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – All specifics requirements  
4 of ordination exam not recorded.

5           **Exception: Apr 13-14, 2021** (*BCO* 20-1) – No record of call to a definite work.

6           **Exception: Apr 13-14, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4) – Stated differences not recorded in the  
7 minister’s/candidate’s own words.

8           **Exception: Apr 13-14, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – All specifics requirements  
9 of ordination exam not recorded.

10          **Exception: Apr 13-14, 2021** (*BCO* 20-1) – No record of call to a definite work.

11          **Exception: Apr 13-14, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – Stated differences not  
12 recorded in the candidate’s own words.

13          **Exception: Apr 13-14, 2021** (*BCO* 21-5) – No record that the Presbytery or a  
14 commission of the Presbytery would be convened for candidate’s ordination.

15          **Exception: Apr 13-14, 2021** (*BCO* 13-11; *RAO* 16-3.f.1) – Motions and  
16 recommendations approved not completely recorded.

17          **Exception: Jul 13, 2021** (*BCO* 13-12; *RAO* 16-3.c.1) – Purpose of called meeting not  
18 recorded verbatim in the minutes.

19          **Exception: Jul 13, 2021** (*BCO* 13-11) – Complaint sent to Presbytery not recorded in  
20 Presbytery’s minutes.

21       **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

22           **Exception: Oct 13-14, 2020** – Stated meeting place online.

23           **Response:** Korean Central Presbytery (KCP) could not meet in person due to the  
24 States’ Covid restrictions. KCP casted a vote before we begin the meeting. The  
25 members agreed to have the meeting online via Zoom by unanimous consent.

26           **Exception: Oct 13-14, 2020** (*BCO* 20-1) – No record of call to a definite work (Mr.  
27 [name omitted])

28           **Response:** The stated clerk of KCP explains the definite work of a candidate on the  
29 floor. But it was not included on the minute traditionally. KCP will record the definite  
30 work of a candidate from now on.

31           **Exception: General** (*RAO* 16.4.c.3) – No response to the Assembly dispositions of  
32 exceptions of substance.

33           **Response:** KCP will make sure to submit responses on time from now on

34           **Exception: Apr 10-11, 2018** (*BCO* 20-1) – Ordination of TE; no record of call to a  
35 definite work.

36           **Response:** The stated clerk of KCP explains the definite work of a candidate on the  
37 floor. But it was not included on the minute traditionally. KCP will record the definite  
38 work of a candidate from now on

39           **Exception: Apr 10-11, 2018** (*BCO* 23-1) – No record of congregational vote to  
40 dissolve pastoral call.

41           **Response:** The re-entry of the senior pastor of the church to the United States was  
42 rejected. The church was not even able to have a congregational meeting. KCP tries  
43 to all the time to follow the appropriate guidelines of PCA’s *BCO*.

44           **Exception: Oct 16-17, 2018** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-4.3.e.4) – Record of commission  
45 not entered in Presbytery minutes.

1 **Response:** KCP does not recall any commission formed in that Presbytery meeting  
2 except commission for ordination. Korean Central Presbytery (KCP) is divided into  
3 four chapters according to regions, and each chapter is composed of TEs and REs of  
4 the presbytery. The duty of install/ordain pastor delegates to the chapter, where the  
5 ceremony would take place (Presbytery Bylaw 13-4). From now on, KCP will include  
6 the name of a TE or a RE of the chair of a chapter

7 **Exception: Apr 18-19, 2017; Oct 10-11, 2017 (BCO 15-2)** – No record of  
8 commission formed to install/ordain pastor.

9 **Response:** Korean Central Presbytery (KCP) is divided into four chapters according  
10 to regions, and each chapter is composed of TEs and REs of the presbytery. The duty  
11 of install/ordain pastor delegates to the chapter, where the ceremony would take place  
12 (Presbytery Bylaw 13-4). From now on, KCP will include the name of a TE or a RE  
13 of the chair of a chapter

14 **Exception: Apr 18-19, 2017 (BCO 13-8)** – No commission report for RE  
15 examinations for church transferring.

16 **Response:** The record of RE examinations for church transferring to KCP is left out.  
17 They all took the exam and passed. KCP acknowledges its mistake. We will make  
18 sure to keep and report the record of commissions from now on.

19 **Exception: Oct 10-11, 2017 (BCO 13-10)** – No record of transfer or dismissal of  
20 members of dissolved church.

21 **Response:** The church did not accept the intervention of the presbytery. We will make  
22 sure to keep the record of all the details from now on.

23 **Exception: Apr 18-19, 2017 (BCO 13-6)** – Incomplete record of transfer exams.

24 **Response:** KCP did not record in detail for the transfer candidates because they failed  
25 exam. We will make sure to keep the record in detail even for the candidates who fail  
26 exam from now on.

27 **e. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
28 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

29 **Exception: Oct 13-14, 2020 (BCO 21-4)** – Stated difference not recorded in  
30 candidate's own words.; not judged according to prescribed categories (Mr. [name  
31 omitted]; Mr. [name omitted]).

32 **Response:** All the candidates of KCP are required to submit the difference in written  
33 form. KCP will attach candidate's written form from now on. KCP believes that we  
34 judged according to prescribed categories.

35 **Rationale:** Presbytery must submit the stated differences for review.

36 **Exception: Oct 13-14, 2020 (BCO 21-14)** – Stated difference not recorded in  
37 candidate's own words.; not judged according to prescribed categories (Mr. [name  
38 omitted]).

39 **Response:** All the candidates of KCP are required to submit the difference in written  
40 form. KCP will attach candidate's written form from now on. KCP believes that we  
41 judged according to prescribed categories.

42 **Rationale:** Presbytery must submit the stated differences for review.

43 **Exception: Oct 13-14, 2020 (BCO 21-4)** – All specific requirements of ordination  
44 exam not recorded (Mr. [name omitted]).

45 **Response:** KCP acknowledges the mistake, and we will be careful next time.

1 **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to submit amended minutes reflecting all specific  
2 requirements of ordination exam were administered.

3 **Exception: Apr 18-19, 2017; Oct 10-11, 2017** (*BCO* 20-1; 20-6; *RAO* 16-3.e.6) – No  
4 record that calls to TEs were examined and approved by Presbytery.

5 **Response:** KCP believes that there is no TEs who were not examined and approved  
6 by Presbytery. We will keep making sure that all TEs who wants to transfer to KCP  
7 will be examined properly.

8 **Rationale:** The exception addresses the TE’s call to a definite work and not their  
9 examination. Presbytery must examine and review the call to a definite work.

10 **Exception: Oct 10-11, 2017** (*BCO* 21-4) – Use of  $\frac{3}{4}$  extraordinary clause not  
11 explained for ordination exam.

12 **Response:** KCP acknowledges its mistake, and we will be careful next time. There  
13 were three (3) transfer candidates at the October 2017 meeting. They came from  
14 another denomination (Presbyterian Church in Korea – *Hapdong*). Ordinarily, a  
15 transfer candidate takes written exams on all subjects, but for these three (3)  
16 candidates, we conduct a part of the exam in *viva voce*. Also, KCP allowed a recorded  
17 sermon substituting the floor sermon.

18 **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to provide an explanation as to why it chose to omit these  
19 parts by use of the extraordinary clause.

20 ~~f. **BCO 40-5 Citation:**~~

21 ~~The CRPR recommends that the 49<sup>th</sup> General Assembly:~~

22 ~~a. Find that the Korean Central Presbytery’s proceedings on October 13-14, 2020,~~  
23 ~~April 13-14, 2021, and July 3, 2021 in the minutes of the Presbytery constitute a~~  
24 ~~“credible report” of “an important delinquency or grossly unconstitutional~~  
25 ~~proceedings” (BCO 40-5) regarding the handling of the accusations against TE~~  
26 ~~[name omitted], TE [name omitted], TE [name omitted], and TE [name omitted];~~

27 ~~b. Cite the Korean Central Presbytery to appear, per BCO 40-5, before the PCA’s~~  
28 ~~Standing Judicial Commission which the 49<sup>th</sup> GA constitutes its commission to~~  
29 ~~adjudicate this matter, by representative or in writing, at the SJC’s fall stated~~  
30 ~~meeting, to “show what the lower court has done or failed to do in the case in~~  
31 ~~question,” following the Operating Manual for the SJC, particularly chapter 15;~~  
32 ~~and~~

33 ~~e. Direct the RPR Officers to appoint one or more representatives of the GA and~~  
34 ~~Report (OMSJC 15.2) to present this case to the SJC.~~

35  
36 35. That the Minutes of **Korean Eastern Presbytery:** 51-0-0

37 a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**

38 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Directory; Mar 10, 2020; Sep 15,**  
39 **2020; Mar 16, 2021; Sep 14, 2021.**

40 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

41 **Exception: Mar 10, 2020** (*BCO* 20-1) – No record that teaching elder transferring  
42 into the presbytery has a call to a definite work.

43 **Exception: Mar 10, 2020; Sep 15, 2020** (*BCO* 15.1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) – Minutes of  
44 commission not entered in subsequent Presbytery minutes.



- 1       **Exception: Mar 10, 2020 (BCO 13-8)** – No record of examination of elders for a  
2 church that has petitioned to join the PCA.
- 3       **Exception: Sep 15, 2020; Sep 14, 2021 (BCO 8-7; 20-1)** – Teaching Elders approved  
4 to minister out of bounds but with no record of a call to a definite work where they  
5 will be “engaged in preaching and teaching the Word ... [and] will have full freedom  
6 to maintain and teach the doctrine of our church.”
- 7       **Exception: Sep 15, 2020 (BCO 13-6)** – Details of transfer exam not recorded.
- 8       **Exception: Sep 15, 2020; Mar 16, 2021 (BCO 20-1)** – No record of call to a definite  
9 work.
- 10       **Exception: Sep 15, 2020; Mar 16, 2021 (BCO 21-4)** – No record of requiring  
11 statement of differences with our Standards.

1 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

2 **Exception: Mar 18, 2018 (BCO 21-4)** – No record of stated differences.

3 **Response:** KEP apologizes the oversight of not recording the stated differences for  
4 ordination exam. The candidate had no differences to the standards. We will be more  
5 cautious in the future.

6 **Exception: Mar 18, 2018 (BCO 20-9)** – No record of terms of call.

7 **Response:** The transfer candidate was properly called to a particular work. The terms  
8 of call was in the docket page 82, but not in the meeting minutes. We will be more  
9 careful to organize meeting minutes with the clarity in the future

10 **Exception: Mar 18, 2018 (BCO 20-9)** – Transferred out of presbytery with no record  
11 of destination.

12 **Response:** TE was approved to transfer to Eastern PA Presbytery. We will be more  
13 careful in the future to include the detail in meeting minutes.

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

15 **Response:** The presbytery apologizes for not recording the term of call for the  
16 candidate. The TE approved for the Out of Boundary went to Trinity Evangelical  
17 Divinity School to pursue his study

18 **Rationale:** A course of study is not a definite work to which a call can be issued.

19 **New Response:** KEP apologizes for not being clear about the TE's call. We were able  
20 to clarify that the TE was serving at RCC as the out of boundary while studying at  
21 TED school. We will be more cautious in the future not to miss the detail in meeting  
22 minutes

23 **e. That the following response to the 49th GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore a  
24 new response shall be submitted to the following GA:**

25 **Exception: Mar 18, 2018 (BCO 13-6)** – Received as a member but no record of  
26 mechanism how it happened.

27 **Response:** The TE's membership status was discussed on the floor and the KEP  
28 approved to grant him a continual membership with the promise of attending stated  
29 meeting and pay membership fee as required by the presbytery.

30 **Rationale:** A teaching elder must have a call to a definite work or be received as  
31 Without Call (BCO 13-5; 20-1).

32  
33 36. That the Minutes of **Korean Northeastern** Presbytery: 50-0-0

34 a. Be approved without exceptions: **Mar 9, 2021; Sep 14, 2021.**

35 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **None.**

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

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

38  
39 37. That the Minutes of **Korean Northwest** Presbytery: 51-1-0

40 a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**

41 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Directory; Oct 11, 2021.**

42 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

43 **Exception: General (BCO 13-12)** – Presbytery did not meet at least twice OR minutes  
44 not submitted.

- 1           **Exception: Standing Rules** – No provision in Standing Rules to allow for virtual  
2           Presbytery meetings.
- 3           **Exception: Oct 11, 2021** (*BCO* 19-2; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – All specific requirements of  
4           licensure exam not recorded.
- 5           **Exception: Oct 11, 2021** (*BCO* 19-3) – No record of questions for licensure.
- 6           **Exception: Oct 11, 2021** (*BCO* 13-6; 21-4) – Incomplete record of transfer exam for  
7           minister from another denomination.
- 8           **Exception: Oct 11, 2021** (*BCO* 20-1, 20-9; 21-1) – No record of a call to a definite  
9           work for ministers transferring from another denomination.
- 10          **Exception: Oct 11, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16- 3.e.5) – Stated differences not recorded  
11          in the candidate’s own words.
- 12          **Exception: Oct 11, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – Stated differences not judged  
13          with the prescribed categories.
- 14          **Exception: Oct 11, 2021** (*BCO* 13-9.b; 40-1) – No record of review of records of  
15          church Sessions.
- 16          **Exception: Oct 11, 2021** (*BCO* 5-3) – No record of temporary government for  
17          organizing a mission church.
- 18          **d. That responses shall be submitted to the following GA as no approved responses**  
19          **were received in 2022.**
- 20          **Exception: General** (*BCO* 13-9b) – No record of review of records of church sessions
- 21          **Exception: Apr 24, 2017** (*BCO* 21-4) – All specific requirements of ordination exam  
22          not recorded.
- 23          **Exception: Apr 24, 2017; Oct 9, 2017** (*BCO* 21-4) – No record of requiring statement  
24          of differences with our Standards.
- 25          **Exception: Apr 24, 2017** (*BCO* 20-1) – No record of call to a definite work.
- 26          **Exception: Apr 24, 2017** (*BCO* 19-13) – Approval of internship for ordination not  
27          recorded.
- 28          **Exception: Apr 24, 2017; Oct 9, 2017** (*BCO* 12-5) – Power to examine, ordain, and  
29          install ruling elders belongs to the Session.
- 30          **Exception: Oct 9, 2017** (*BCO* 19-2) – All specific requirements of licensure exam  
31          not recorded.
- 32          **Exception: Oct 9, 2017** (*BCO* 13-6) – Incomplete record of transfer exam – no  
33          indication of transferee’s previous denomination
- 34          **Exception: Apr 9, 2018** (*BCO* 20-1) – No record of call to a definite work.
- 35          **Exception: Apr 9, 2018** (*BCO* 21-4) – All specific requirements of ordination exam  
36          not recorded.
- 37          **Exception: General** (*BCO* 40-1) – No record of review of session minutes.
- 38          **Response [2018]:** We have a committee that reviews them each presbytery meeting.  
39          Many times, churches forget to bring them. We will be more diligent in this matter to  
40          ensure that sessional records are reviewed under *BCO* 40-1.
- 41          **Rationale [2018]:** Please supply a record of presbytery action reviewing 2014 Session  
42          minutes.
- 43          **Exception: General** (*RAO* 16-10.a) – No response to the Assembly concerning  
44          disposition of any exceptions of substance.
- 45

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

4       **Rationale [2018]:** Please provide responses to presbytery exceptions of substance for  
5       2014, 2013, and 2011.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31      **Exception: General 2019 & 2020 (BCO 13-9.b)** – No record of review of church  
32      Session records.

33      **Exception: General 2019 (BCO 13-5)** – TEs on roll without explanation. Apr 8, 2019  
34      meeting listed 32 total TEs and Sep 30, 2019 meeting listed 36 total TEs.

35      **Exception: Apr 8, 2019 (BCO 13-11)** – Inaccurate record of attendance. No list of  
36      excused/unexcused absences, no list of churches represented.

37      **Exception: Apr 8, 2019; Sep 30, 2019; Oct 13, 2020 (BCO 20-1; 13-7)** - No record  
38      of call to definite work for ministers transferring from another denomination.

39      **Exception: Apr 8, 2019; Sep 30, 2019 (BCO Preliminary Principle 6; BCO 24-1)** –  
40      Improper exercise of Presbytery authority. Presbytery may not require churches to  
41      request Presbytery permission to elect Ruling Elders.

42      **Exception: Apr 8, 2019; Sep 30, 2019 (BCO 12-3)** – No record that interim  
43      moderators were approved by Sessions.

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- 1           **Exception: Oct 13, 2020 (BCO 13-8)** – No record of commission of Presbytery  
2 meeting with church ruling elders before receiving the church into its membership.  
3           **Exception: Apr 8, 2019; Sep 30, 2019; Oct 13, 2020 (BCO 21-4; 13-6)** - Incomplete  
4 record of transfer exams for ministers transferring from another denomination.  
5
- 6   38. That the Minutes of **Korean Southeastern** Presbytery: 46-0-1  
7       a. Be approved without exceptions: **None**.  
8       b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Apr 5, 2021; Oct 4, 2021**.  
9       c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:  
10           **Exception: Oct 4, 2021 (BCO 13-9; 40-1)** – Incomplete record of review of records  
11 of church Sessions.  
12           **Exception: Oct 4, 2021 (BCO 38-3.a, b)** – No record of whether departing TEs were  
13 categorized according to *BCO* 38-3.a or b.  
14       **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
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- 16   39. That the Minutes of **Korean Southern** Presbytery: 49-0-0  
17       a. Be approved without exceptions: **None**.  
18       b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Oct 19, 2020; Apr 19, 2021**.  
19       c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:  
20           **Exception: Oct 19, 2020 (BCO 20-1)** – No record of call to a definite work.  
21           **Exception: Oct 19, 2020 (BCO 13-6, 21-4)** – No record of requiring statement of  
22 differences with our standards.  
23           **Exception: Oct 19, 2020 (BCO 21-5)** – No record that Presbytery installed pastor  
24 following approved exam.  
25           **Exception: Oct 19, 2020 (BCO Part II)** – Unclear record of a judicial matter.  
26           **Exception: Oct 19, 2020 (BCO 21-6)** – No congregation present at  
27 ordination/installation service of its pastor. No questions asked of the congregation.  
28           **Exception: Oct 19, 2020 (BCO 13-6)** – All specific requirements of transfer exams  
29 not recorded.  
30           **Exception: Oct 19, 2020 (BCO 23-1)** – All specific requirements of ordination exam  
31 not recorded.  
32           **Exception: Oct 19, 2020; Apr 19, 2021 (BCO 13-8)** – Presbytery received a new  
33 church into its membership without examining its ruling elders.  
34           **Exception: Oct 19, 2020 (BCO 13-10)** – No record of transfer or dismissal of  
35 members upon dissolving a church.  
36           **Exception: Oct 19, 2020; Apr 19, 2021 (BCO 13-9.b, 40-3)** – Results of review of  
37 records of church Sessions not stated.  
38           **Exception: Apr 19, 2021 (BCO 34-10)** – Presbytery adopted a rule that ministers  
39 without call for three years are “automatically removed by the decision of the  
40 Presbytery,” contravening the process required by *BCO* 34-10, including the  
41 requirements for a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote, an inquiry into the cause of his dereliction, notification  
42 following the initial vote, and a second vote at the subsequent stated meeting.  
43       **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**  
44           **Exception: Oct 15, 2018 (BCO 13-6)** – No indication of how TE was/were examined,  
45 per *BCO* 13-6; not clear if TE’s were transfers.  
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1 **Response:** Actually, the examination was not for a TE but for a licentiate candidate.  
2 And the tested subjects were recorded in the “Report of Examination Committee” on  
3 page 12 at the item # 18 in the minute. We will record more clearly in the future how  
4 candidates are examined.

5 **Exception: Oct 15, 2018 (BCO 20-1)** – No record of call for TEs.

6 **Response:** At this Presbytery Meeting, there was no call for any TEs. On the contrary,  
7 there were two resigning cases for TEs without further calls at that time.

8 **Exception: Oct 15, 2018 (BCO 40-1; RAO 16-4)** – Several of the pages from these  
9 minutes were not included in the binder we received. We acknowledge this was likely  
10 a copying mistake. However, since these pages were not reviewable, they should be  
11 submitted next year for review.

12 **Response:** We are so sorry for that. We resubmit the very minute together with this  
13 response to exceptions for review

14 **Exception: Apr 22, 2019 (BCO 19-2. f; 21-4)** – The licensure exam did not list some  
15 of the required areas of testing (e.g. sermon and church government). There is also no  
16 record of how stated differences with our standards (if any) were disposed.

17 **Response:** The exam areas were recorded in the “Report of Examination Committee”  
18 on page 15 at the item # 25 in the minute.

19 **Exception: Apr 22, 2019 (RAO 16-4.c.2)** – Did not record 2/3 majority vote required  
20 per presbytery *Standing Rules* for amending bylaws (Article 15 – Appendix. Section 1).

21 **Response:** The amending was made unanimously and the result was not recorded. We  
22 are sorry for that. In the future, we surely will record amending cases even though  
23 they are done unanimously as well as the voting cases.

24 **Exception: Apr 22, 2019 (BCO 13-8)** – No record of adherence to *BCO* 13-8,  
25 including commission to examine and ordain elders.

26 **Response:** These cases were just allowances only for the local churches to be able to  
27 elect REs by the Presbytery’s checking the local church’s situations. Tests would be  
28 done after these allowances through the due processes

29 **Exception: Oct 21, 2019 (BCO 15-2)** – TEs without call seem to be limited in their  
30 participation in allowable committees and commissions, i.e. membership and  
31 examination committees.

32 **Response:** TEs without call usually have tendencies not to attend Presbytery  
33 Meetings. To operate the two most important committees in the Presbytery properly  
34 without the quorum problems, the Presbytery inevitably decided to apply this decision.  
35 However, there are no other intentions or discrimination at all. If situations improve,  
36 we will reconsider this matter

37 **Exception: Jul 6, 2020 (RAO 16-3.c.8)** – No record of approval of previous minutes.

38 **Response:** This Presbytery Meeting was a specially called Meeting. In the docket,  
39 there is neither the item like “Reading the Previous Minutes” nor the approval of  
40 previous minutes as in the docket of regular Stated Meetings. The approval of minute  
41 is usually done at the next Stated Meeting.

42 e. **That the following response to the 49th GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore a**  
43 **new response shall be submitted to the following GA:**

44 **Exception: Oct 21, 2019 (BCO 13-9, 24-1)** – Examination of RE is not under the  
45 purview of the presbytery’s jurisdiction, rather the local session.

1           **Response:** Although the minute records the results of the RE tests in the “Report of  
2 Examination Committee” on page 10 at the item# 20, the test areas were not recorded.  
3 We are very sorry for not recording in detail. But in the future, we will pay more  
4 attention for this matter. The RE installation was not administered by the local session.  
5           **Rationale:** It is unclear how this is a response to the exception. Why was this RE  
6 reviewed by Presbytery and the installation not administered by the local Session?  
7

8 40. That the Minutes of **Korean Southwest Presbytery:** 48-2-0

9     a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**

10    b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Directory.**

11    c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

12           **Exception: General (BCO 13-9.b; 40-1)** – No record of review of records of church  
13 Sessions.

14           **Exception: General (By Laws, Article 9, BCO 8-9)** – Presbytery shall not restrict  
15 eligibility for office to teaching elders only. Ruling elders possess the same authority  
16 and eligibility.

17           **Exception: Mar 10, 2020 (BCO 5-3)** – No establishment of a temporary system of  
18 government for Mission Church.

19           **Exception: Bylaws (BCO 24-1)** – Ruling elders are called by local churches and  
20 examined by their session. Presbytery is not the court of original jurisdiction.

21           **Exception: Jan 19, 2021 (BCO 13-4)** – No quorum present; moderator does not have  
22 the authority to change *BCO* requirements for a quorum. Quorum declared with only  
23 two RE’s present.

24           **Exception: Jan 19, 2021 (BCO 19-2; RAO 16- 3.e.5)** – All specific requirements of  
25 licensure exam not recorded.

26           **Exception: Jan 19, 2021 (BCO 21-4, RAO 16-3.e.5)** – No record of requiring  
27 statement of differences with our Standards.

28           **Exception: Jan 19, 2021 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16- 3.e.5)** – Stated differences not recorded  
29 in the minister’s/candidate’s own words.

30           **Exception: Jan 19, 2021 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16- 3.e.5)** – Stated differences not judged  
31 with the prescribed categories.

32           **Exception: Jan 19, 2021 (BCO 20-1)** – No record of call to a definite work.

33           **Exception: Jan 19, 2021 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** – Unclear record of ordination  
34 exam.

35           **Exception: Jan 19, 2021 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** – All specific requirements of  
36 ordination exam not recorded.

37           **Exception: Jan 19, 2021 (BCO 20)** – No record of congregational votes of election  
38 of pastor(s).

39           **Exception: May 25, 2021 (BCO Preliminary Principle 6; 24-1, 3)** – Church shall have  
40 authority to elect elders. Presbytery may not set limit of how many elders the church  
41 can have.

42           **Exception: May 25, 2021 (BCO 15-1)** – No record of quorum for commission  
43 meeting.

44           **Exception: May 25, 2021 (BCO 15-1; RAO 16-3.e.4)** – Minutes of commission not  
45 entered in Presbytery minutes.

1       **Exception: May 25, 2021 (BCO 21-5-8)** – Referred to as a committee and not a  
2 commission.

3       **Exception: May 25, 2021 (BCO 21-5-8)** – No record of commission being appointed  
4 by presbytery at previous meeting.

5       **Exception: May 25, 2021 (BCO 21-5-8)** – No record of required portions of  
6 ordination service.

7       **Exception: May 25, 2021 (BCO 21-9; 21-10)** – No record of *BCO* 21-9 and 21-10  
8 questions being asked and answered in the affirmative.

9       **Exception: May 25, 2021 (BCO 15-1; RAO 16-3.e.4)** – Minutes of commission not  
10 entered in Presbytery minutes.

11       **Exception: Sep 14, 2021 (BCO 46-6)** – Teaching elder did not remain under the  
12 jurisdiction of the Presbytery until received by the other.

13 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

14       **Exception: Sep 11, 2018; Oct 18, 2018; Mar 12, 2019; Sep 10, 2019 (BCO 15-1;**  
15 **RAO 16-3.e.4)** – Minutes of commission not entered in Presbytery minutes.

16       **Response:** We have erred. It has been our practice to include the Commission’s report  
17 in the presbytery minutes, but not the minutes of the commission. Going forward, we  
18 will included them in our presbytery minutes.

19       **Exception: Oct 18, 2018; Mar 12, 2019 (BCO 23-1)** – No record that the  
20 congregation voted on dissolution.

21       **Response:** We have erred in failing to include this in our minutes. Both churches of  
22 concern did hold congregational meetings and our presbytery stated clerk received the  
23 results of the vote, but it was not included in the minutes. We will correct this error  
24 and amend our minutes accordingly

25       **Exception: Oct 18, 2018; Oct 15, 2019 (RAO 16-3.c.1)** – The purpose of the meeting  
26 is not recorded in the Minutes.

27       **Response:** For the called presbytery meeting, the agenda does show the purpose of  
28 the meeting, but we will make sure that “the purpose of the meeting” is more clearly  
29 stated in future minutes.

30       **Exception: Mar 12, 2019 (BCO 18-3)** – No record that the candidate was examined  
31 by the Presbytery before being received as a candidate.

32       **Response:** The candidate was examined by the Examination Committee and was  
33 sustained and approved by the presbytery. We will do better to record this more  
34 accurately – that the candidate stood before the presbytery to be examined and the  
35 Examination Committee’s recommendation was approved.

36       **Exception: Mar 12, 2019 (BCO 13-6)** – Incomplete record of transfer exam for  
37 minister from another denomination (see also *BCO* 21-4).

38       **Response:** The transfer examination included: Bible, Systematic Theology,  
39 Westminster Standards, *BCO*, Church/PCA History, Sermon, Theological Position  
40 Papers (Soteriology, Trinity, Scripture, Sacraments, Women’s Ordination). The  
41 details were in the Examination Committee report. We failed to include it in the  
42 presbytery meetings that the transferring minister stood before the presbytery to be  
43 examined on these topics and the examination committee’s recommendation was  
44 sustained and approved.



1           **Exception: Mar 12, 2019; Sep 10, 2019; Oct 15, 2019** (*BCO* 20-1) – No record of  
2 call to a definite work.  
3           **Response:** We failed to include the call to a definite work in our minutes. We will  
4 do our best to correct this and amend the minutes to include the calls of concern for  
5 2019.  
6           **Exception: Mar 12, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4) – All specific requirements of ordination exam  
7 not recorded (see also *RAO* 16-3.e.5).  
8           **Response:** The details were in the Examination Committee report. We failed to  
9 include it in the presbytery meetings that the ordination candidate stood before the  
10 presbytery to be examined on these topics and the examination committee’s  
11 recommendation was sustained and approved. (Topics: Bible, Systematics, *BCO*,  
12 Church/PCA History, Theological Paper, Exegetical Paper)  
13           **Exception: Sep 10, 2019** (*BCO* 21-7, 8, 9, 10) – No record that the steps of installation  
14 were carried out, simply who was in charge.  
15           **Response:** This concerns a licensure exam not an ordination or installation.  
16           **Exception: Sep 10, 2019** (*BCO* 20-1; 21-5, 6, 7, 8) - No record that the ordinand was  
17 installed.  
18           **Response:** This was not an ordination but a transfer. The installation service was  
19 carried several weeks after presbytery meeting. We will make sure to better record  
20 this.  
21           **Exception: Sep 10, 2019** (*BCO* 24-1; 11-4) – The right to determine the number of  
22 officers to be elected resides with the congregation, not the presbytery.  
23           **Response:** At our 76<sup>th</sup> stated meeting, we changed our presbytery standing rules so  
24 that it does not conflict with the *BCO*. We agree that the right to determine the number  
25 of officers to be elected resides with the congregation.  
26           **Exception: General 2019** (*BCO* 13-6; 21-4) – There is usually no indication in the  
27 record of transfer exams from where the TE is transferring. Without this information  
28 it is not possible to tell whether the examination included the required elements.  
29           **Response:** We have erred in this oversight. We will record the denomination from  
30 where the TE is transferring.  
31           **Exception: General 2019** (*BCO* 13-9.b) – No record of review of records of church  
32 Sessions.  
33           **Response:** At our 76<sup>th</sup> presbytery meeting, this issue was discussed, and we are taking  
34 steps to fix this problem. The moderator appointed reviewers  
35           **Exception: General 2019** (*RAO* 16-10.a) – No record in Minutes of exceptions taken  
36 by GA. There is mention of communication regarding exceptions, but no record of  
37 approving responses.  
38           **Response:** We have erred. We will do this from now on and include the record of the  
39 exceptions and approving of responses.  
40           **Exception: Standing Rules** (*BCO* 34-10) – These provisions of the Standing Rules  
41 appear to have the effect of *BCO* 34-10, but without process.  
42           **Response:** We will consider changing our Standing Rules to be more consistent with  
43 *BCO* 34-10.

1       **Exception: Standing Rules (BCO 24)** – The provisions of Article 23 appear to usurp  
2 the role of the Session and congregation. Particularly #2 requiring RE candidates first  
3 be ordained as Deacons is not a biblical requirement.

4       **Response:** At our 76<sup>th</sup> stated meeting, we changed our presbytery standing rules so  
5 that it does not conflict with the *BCO*. Article 23-1, 2 have been deleted from our  
6 standing rules

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

9       **Response:** We have asked church Sessions to submit their minutes for review but we  
10 acknowledge that there is a culturally rooted issue in Korean churches where church  
11 Sessions have apprehension about the details of their Session meetings becoming  
12 known by other churches. As a Presbytery we are unsure of how to rectify this in order  
13 to comply with *BCO* requirements.

14       **Rationale:** Although we understand the cultural apprehension with regard to  
15 examining Session Minutes, nevertheless it is a requirement of our polity to which the  
16 Elders have agreed to submit in their Ordination and Installation vows.

17       **New Response:** At our 76<sup>th</sup> presbytery meeting, this issue was discussed, and we are  
18 taking steps to fix this problem. The moderator appointed reviewers.

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

21       **Response:** During the 74<sup>th</sup> stated presbytery meeting on March 10, 2020, the floor  
22 called the *By-laws* committee to formulate and propose a response to the exception for  
23 the following stated presbytery meeting to be held on September 15, 2020. To give  
24 some context, in Korean churches/culture this practice is common in efforts to  
25 cultivate a heart of service and humility among ruling elders.

26       **Rationale:** Although the intent behind Article 23 may be a good one, it remains that  
27 the requirements of Article 23 are out of accord with the *BCO* and the article should  
28 be stricken, which requires Elders to be elected and ordained as Deacons first, and for  
29 all Elder nominees to be approved by Presbytery.

30       **New Response:** At our 76<sup>th</sup> stated meeting, we changed our presbytery standing rules  
31 so that it does not conflict with the *BCO*. Article 23-1, 2 have been deleted from our  
32 standing rules

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

35       **Response:** This was a clerical error on our part. The credentials committee received  
36 the call from the church before recommending the candidate for ordination and  
37 indicated so in their report. However, as with the above exceptions, the report of the  
38 committee indicating the record of call to a definite work was not transcribed into the  
39 Presbytery minutes. We acknowledge that this kind of recording error has been  
40 occurring multiple times. We will make sure to record the full report of the committee.

41       **Rationale:** Simply recording the Committee report is insufficient. The call must be  
42 acted upon by the Presbytery.

43       **New Response:** We failed to include the call to a definite work in our minutes. We  
44 will do our best to correct this and make sure the call to a definite work is included  
45 and acted upon by our presbytery.

- 1           **Exception: General (BCO 13-9.b)** – No record of review of session records.  
2           **Response:** We have asked church Sessions to submit their minutes for review but we  
3           acknowledge that there is a culturally rooted issue in Korean churches where church  
4           Sessions have apprehension about the details of their Session meetings becoming  
5           known by other churches. As a Presbytery we are unsure of how to rectify this in order  
6           to comply with *BCO* requirements.  
7           **Rationale:** Although we understand the cultural apprehension with regard to  
8           examining Session Minutes, nevertheless it is a requirement of our polity to which the  
9           Elders have agreed to submit in their Ordination and Installation vows.  
10           **New Response:** We are working on fixing this. We agree this is an important part of  
11           our polity and needs to be corrected
- 12    e.   **That the following response to the 49th GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore a**  
13    **new response shall be submitted to the following GA:**  
14           **Exception: Sep 10, 2019 (BCO 22-2)** – No record of congregational meeting and call,  
15           no record of terms of call being approved, no record of installation.  
16           **Response:** The church of concern is not a PCA church, therefore it was not under our  
17           jurisdiction. The minister was serving out of bounds.  
18           **Rationale:** Although the church is out of bounds, the terms of the call still need to be  
19           approved by the Presbytery (*BCO* 8-7).  
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- 21    41. That the Minutes of **Korean Southwest Orange County** Presbytery:                    49-0-0  
22           a.   Be approved without exceptions: **None.**  
23           b.   Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Directory; Sep 14, 2021.**  
24           c.   Be approved with exceptions of substance:  
25               **Exception: Mar 16, 2021 (BCO 13-6)** – Incomplete record of examination of TEs  
26               transferring into Presbytery.  
27               **Exception: Mar 16, 2021 (BCO 13-6)** – TE was transferred into Presbytery as an  
28               “Associate Member.” No such designation exists in the PCA.  
29               **Exception: Mar 16, 2021; Sep 14, 2021 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** – All specific  
30               requirements for ordination exam not recorded.  
31               **Exception: Mar 16, 2021; Sep 14, 2021 (BCO 11-4; 24-1)** – Presbytery appointed  
32               ruling elders to a church; which it has no authority to do.  
33               **Exception: Sep 14, 2021 (BCO 19-2; RAO 16-3.e.5)** – All specific requirements of  
34               licensure exam not recorded.  
35               **Exception: Sep 14, 2021 (BCO 21-4)** – No record of requiring statement of  
36               differences with our Standards.  
37           d.   **That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**  
38               **Exception: Sep 12, 2017; Mar 13, 2018 (BCO 15-1)** – Minutes of Commission not  
39               entered into Presbytery minutes.  
40               **Response:** We apologize for this error. We understand that the actions of a  
41               commission are the actions of the Presbytery which require minutes for review.  
42               Unfortunately, we do not have the minutes of the commission to submit for review.  
43               We will be more diligent to include commission minutes into the Presbytery record.  
44               **Exception: Sep 12, 2017 (BCO 13-6; 21-4)** – Incomplete record of transfer exam for  
45               minister from another denomination.

1       **Response:** We apologize for neglecting to record the full examination for a minister  
2 that transferred from another denomination as required according to the *BCO*. We  
3 understand that ministers transferring from another denomination are subject to a full  
4 ordination exam and it has been our practice to do so, however we failed to record the  
5 full examination in our minutes. We will make sure to be more diligent to record it in  
6 detail.

7       **Exception: Sep 12, 2017; Mar 13, 2018 (BCO 21-4)** – No record of requiring  
8 statement of differences with our standards.

9       **Response:** We apologize for failing to record whether these candidates had any  
10 differences with our standards. We understand that any differences must be included  
11 in the minutes in the candidate’s own words along with Presbytery’s judgment of those  
12 stated differences according to the prescribed categories in *RAO* 16-3.e.5. While these  
13 particular candidates did not have any stated differences with our standards, we failed  
14 to record as such.

15       **Exception: Sep 12, 2017; Mar 13, 2018 (BCO 20-1)** – No record of call to definite  
16 work.

17       **Response:** We apologize for this recording error. The ministers who were examined  
18 for ordination did have proper calls but we failed to record that the calls were received,  
19 read aloud, and accepted by the respective candidates. We will make sure to record  
20 this properly.

21       **Exception: Sep 12, 2017; Mar 13, 2018 (BCO 21-4)** – All specific requirements of  
22 ordination exam not recorded.

23       **Response:** We apologize for this clerical error. We examined the ordination  
24 candidates according to the requirements outlined in *BCO* 21-4 however we failed to  
25 record it in detail. We will make sure to record the specific requirements of ordination  
26 exams.

27       **Exception: Sep 12, 2017; Mar 13, 2018 (BCO 19-13; 21-4.a)** – Approval of  
28 internship for ordination not recorded.

29       **Response:** We apologize for this clerical error. Internships are approved by our  
30 credentials committee. While the committee reported that these candidates’  
31 internships were approved, we failed to record it in our minutes. We will make sure  
32 to record it properly

33       **Exception: Sep 12, 2017; Mar 13, 2018 (BCO 13-9.b)** – No review of church session  
34 records found.

35       **Response:** We agree with RPR’s exception here. Since our inception as a Presbytery,  
36 we struggled to have sessions submit their records for review. As of our 15th stated  
37 meeting (2019) sessions have been submitting their records and we have been  
38 reviewing them

39       **Exception: Sep 12, 2017 (BCO 12-5)** – Power to examine, ordain, and install REs  
40 belongs to the Session.

41       **Response:** We agree that the power to examine, ordain, and install REs belongs to the  
42 session. In this particular case, the church was particularizing and had requested the  
43 Presbytery to conduct the examination, ordination, and installation of REs

44       **Exception: Sep 12, 2017 (BCO 23-1)** – No record that congregation was cited to  
45 appear to give a statement about pastor’s resignation.

1           **Response:** We agree with RPR on this exception. The pastor tendered his resignation  
2 and relocated to Korea before the Presbytery was able to inquire and hear from the  
3 congregation

4           **Exception: Sep 12, 2017 (BCO 34-10)** – Process for divesting TE from office not in  
5 accordance with *BCO*.

6           **Response:** We apologize for this recording error. We followed the process as outlined  
7 in *BCO 34- 10*, however we failed to record the specific process in our minutes. We  
8 will make sure to keep a full and accurate record

9           **Exception: Sep 12, 2017 (BCO 5-2.c; 13-10)** – Process of dissolving mission church  
10 not in accord with *BCO*.

11           **Response:** We apologize for an incomplete record regarding the dissolution of a  
12 mission church. The Presbytery sent a letter to the church to encourage the  
13 congregation to transfer to other churches which they did. We failed to properly record  
14 this action of the Presbytery.

15           **Exception: Mar 13, 2018 (BCO 13-1)** - Certificate of Presbytery membership issues  
16 to REs. REs are not members of the presbytery.

17           **Response:** We apologize for the confusion here. It seems this is due to a mistranslation  
18 in our minutes. We do not issue certificates of membership to REs. In this case, we  
19 issued a certificate of ordination to the RE as his church had requested the Presbytery  
20 to examine, ordain, and install

21           **Exception: Standing Rules (BCO 24)** – Election of RE out of accord with *BCO*.

22           **Response:** We agree with RPR’s exception regarding the election of REs. We have  
23 amended our Standing Rules to comply with the *BCO*.

24           **Exception: Sep 14-15, 2015; Mar 14, 2016 (BCO 13.9.b)** – No record of the review  
25 of session records.

26           **Response:** We agree with RPR’s exception here. Since our inception as a Presbytery,  
27 we struggled to have sessions submit their records for review. As of our 15th stated  
28 meeting (2019) sessions have been submitting their records and we have been  
29 reviewing them

30           **Exception: Sep 14-15, 2015; Mar 14, 2016 (BCO 19-2)** – All specific requirements  
31 for licensure exams not recorded.

32           **Response:** We apologize for this clerical error. We examined the licensure candidates  
33 according to the requirements outlined in *BCO 19-2* however we failed to record it in  
34 detail. We will make sure to record the specific requirements of ordination exams.

35           **Exception: Mar 15, 2016 (BCO 20-1)** – No record of call to a definite work.

36           **Response:** We apologize for this recording error. The ministers who were examined  
37 for ordination did have proper calls but we failed to record that the calls were received,  
38 read aloud, and accepted by the respective candidates. We will make sure to record  
39 this properly

40           **Exception: Mar 15, 2016 (BCO 21-4)** – All specific requirements of ordination exam  
41 not recorded.

42           **Response:** We apologize for this clerical error. We examined the ordination  
43 candidates according to the requirements outlined in *BCO 21-4* however we failed to  
44 record it in detail. We will make sure to record the specific requirements of ordination  
45 exams.

1       **Exception: Mar 15, 2016 (BCO 21-4)** – No record of candidate meeting requirements  
2 for ordination (education, languages, etc.).

3       **Response:** We apologize for this clerical error. All requirements for ordination are  
4 reviewed by the credentials committee and candidates are only recommended to the  
5 floor for oral examinations only when those requirements are met satisfactorily. These  
6 candidates met those requirements however we failed to record it. We will make sure  
7 to record it properly.

8       **Exception: Mar 15, 2016 (BCO 38-2)** – Request to be divested of office was acted  
9 upon at the same meeting.

10       **Response:** We apologize for this error. We agree with this exception as we did not act  
11 on the request to be divested of office at the next stated meeting. We had never had a  
12 minister request to be divested of office and did not know the *BCO* procedure.

13       **Exception: Sep 13, 2016 (BCO 13-6; 21-4)** – Incomplete record of examination of  
14 TE transferring into Presbytery from another denomination.

15       **Response:** We apologize for neglecting to record the full examination for a minister  
16 that transferred from another denomination as required according to the *BCO*. We  
17 understand that ministers transferring from another denomination are subject to a full  
18 ordination exam and we will make sure to record as such

19       **Exception: Sep 13, 2016 (BCO 21-4)** – No record of requiring statement of  
20 differences with our Standards.

21       **Response:** We apologize for failing to record whether these candidates had any  
22 differences with our standards. We understand that any differences must be included  
23 in the minutes in the candidate’s own words along with Presbytery’s judgment of those  
24 stated differences according to the prescribed categories in *RAO* 16-3.e.5. While these  
25 particular candidates did not have any stated differences with our standards, we failed  
26 to record as such.

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

30       **Response:** The churches that were received were mission churches. We apologize for  
31 not specifying the status of the churches received.

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

34       **Response:** We agree with RPR’s exception here. Since our inception as a Presbytery,  
35 we struggled to have sessions submit their records for review. As of our 15th stated  
36 meeting (2019) sessions have been submitting their records and we have been  
37 reviewing them

38       **e. That responses shall be submitted to the following GA as no responses were**  
39 **received in 2022:**

40       **Exception: General 2019 (BCO 13-9.b)** – No record of review of records of church  
41 sessions.

42       **Exception: Mar 12, 2019 (BCO 13-6; 21-4.c; 21-4.f)** – Incomplete record of transfer  
43 exams, specific requirements of licensure exam not recorded. No record of asking for  
44 differences with Standards.

45       **Exception: Mar 12, 2019 (BCO 20-1)** – No record of calls to definite works.

- 1           **Exception: Mar 12, 2019** (*BCO* 19-2, 19-9) – Specific requirements of licensure  
2 exam not listed, included differences with Standards.
- 3           **Exception: Mar 12, 2019** (*BCO* 19-9; *BCO* 18) – Incomplete record of internship.  
4 No record of session endorsement, six-months membership, details of exam for  
5 candidate.
- 6           **Exception: Mar 12, 2019** (*BCO* 13-10) – No record of member transfer or dismissal  
7 upon dissolution of the church.
- 8           **Exception: Sep 10, 2019** (*BCO* 15-01; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) – Minutes of commissions not  
9 entered in minutes. Incomplete record of Session internship, endorsement, six-months  
10 membership.
- 11           **Exception: Sep 10, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4; 13-6) – No record of requirement to state  
12 differences with standards. No record of *BCO* Exam. No record of details of transfer  
13 exam.
- 14           **Exception: Sep 10, 2019** (*BCO* 19-2) – All specific requirements of licensure exam  
15 not recorded.
- 16           **Exception: Sep 10, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – Specific requirements of  
17 ordination exam not recorded.
- 18           **Exception: Sep 10, 2019** (*BCO* 20-1) – No record of calls to definite works.
- 19           **Exception: Mar 10, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – All specific requirements of  
20 ordination exam not recorded.
- 21           **Exception: Mar 10, 2020** (*BCO* Preliminary Principle 6) – Interim pastors appointed  
22 without call/vote of congregations.
- 23           **Exception: Mar 10, 2020** (*BCO* 13-11) – Complaint sent to Presbytery not recorded  
24 in minutes. (“full and accurate record” *RAO* 16.3.e.6).
- 25           **Exception: Mar 10, 2020** (*BCO* 20-01; *RAO* 16-3.e.6) – Specific arrangements of  
26 call not shown to be approved.
- 27           **Exception: Mar 10, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4) – No report of requiring statement of  
28 differences with Standards.
- 29           **Exception: Mar 10, 2020** (*BCO* 19-2) – All specific licensure exam requirements not  
30 recorded.
- 31           **Exception: Mar 10, 2020** (*BCO* 20-1) – No record of call to definite work.
- 32           **Exception: Sep 15, 2020** (*BCO* 23-1) – No Presbytery action taken on  
33 resignation/dissolution of pastoral relationship.
- 34           **Exception: Sep 15, 2020** (*BCO* 5-12) – No record of call to or Presbytery  
35 establishment of pastoral relationship.
- 36           **Exception: Sep 15, 2020** (*BCO* 38-1) – No record that deposed minister appeared  
37 before the court.
- 38           **Exception: Sep 15, 2020** (*BCO* 13-11; *BCO* 38-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.8) – The minutes  
39 approved by the presbytery and submitted to RPR do not include a full and accurate  
40 record of investigation, confession and deposition of a TE, including a written  
41 statement of confession recorded in the TE’s own words, or a statement of facts as  
42 required by *BCO* 38-1.
- 43           **Exception: Sep 15, 2020** (*BCO* 46-8) Presbytery did not assign a deposed TE  
44 membership in a local church with concurrence of the receiving Session.

1           **Exception: Sep 15, 2020 (BCO 13-6; 21-4)** – Incomplete record of transfer exam for  
2 minister from another denomination.

3           **Exception: Sep 15, 2020 (BCO 13-6)** – Incomplete record of transfer exam.

4           **Exception: Sep 15, 2020 (BCO 19-2; RAO 16-3.e.5)** – Requirements of licensure  
5 exam not recorded.

6  
7 42. That the Minutes of **Lowcountry** Presbytery: 49-0-0

8     a. Be approved without exceptions: **Jan 23, 2021; Jul 24, 2021; Nov 4, 2021.**

9     b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Directory; Apr 27, 2021.**

10    c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

11           **Exception: Feb 16, 2021 (BCO 13-12)** – Notice for called meeting not in order; 10-  
12 day notice not indicated/recorded.

13           **Exception: Apr 27, 2021 (BCO 15-1)** – No record of quorum for commission  
14 meeting.

15           **Exception: Apr 27, 2021 (RAO 16-3.c.8)** – No record of approval of minutes of Feb.  
16 16, 2021 called meeting

17    d. **No response to a previous assembly is required.**

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19 43. That the Minutes of **Metro Atlanta** Presbytery: 48-0-0

20     a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**

21     b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Jan 26, 2021; May 4, 2021; Sep 21,**  
22 **2021.**

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

24    d. **That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

25           **Exception: Sep 17, 2019 (RAO 16-10a)** – No record in minutes concerning Presbytery  
26 response to exceptions of substance cited by General Assembly within calendar year.

27           **Response:** MAP erred. MAP recorded the responses at the January 2020. Extract from  
28 January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020, minutes follows:

29           *Response to 47<sup>th</sup> GA RPR Exceptions [p.1]*

30           • *MAP response to exception noted for Jan 23, 2018, minutes regarding*  
31 *commission report – see APPENDIX F [pg. 31-32]*

32           • *MAP response to exception noted for Jan 23, 2018, minutes regarding Mr.*  
33 *[name omitted]'s differences – see APPENDIX G [p. 33]*

34           **Exception: Sep 15, 2020 (BCO 40-1)** – BCO requires annual review of Session  
35 records. (In the previous year 7 were reviewed; 17 were not reviewed; 9 have no record  
36 of review; per Table on page 15.)

37           **Response:** MAP requests grace from RPR for 2020. Due to COVID MAP did not  
38 want to pass paper and MAP met by hybrid. For 2021 MAP is establishing a Review  
39 of Session Records Committee and will have much higher compliance in 2022.

40           **Exception: Sep 15, 2020 (BCO 38-2)** – No record of two stated meetings for  
41 demission of TE.

42           **Response:** This meeting was the first meeting to “MSP – to approve the request of TE  
43 [name omitted] to demit from the ministry.

44           **BCO 38-2 says,** “*A minister of the Gospel against whom there are no charges, if fully*  
45 *satisfied in his own conscience that God has not called him to the ministry, or if he*



1 *has satisfactory evidence of his inability to serve the Church with acceptance, may*  
2 *report these facts at a stated meeting of Presbytery. At the next stated meeting, if after*  
3 *full deliberation the Presbytery shall concur with him in judgment, it may divest him*  
4 *of his office without censure.”*

5 TE [name omitted] reported the facts in September 2020. The demitting should be  
6 recorded in January 2021. However, it was not. MAP erred. Map will concur with him  
7 (TE [name omitted]) at the September 2021 meeting to correct the record.

8 **Exception: Sep 15, 2020 (BCO 46-8)** – TE that demitted did not have membership  
9 assigned to a local church.

10 **Response:** TE [name omitted] reported the facts in September 2020. The demitting  
11 should be recorded in January 2021. However, it was not. MAP erred. MAP will  
12 concur with him ([name omitted]) at the September 2021 meeting to correct the record  
13 and will record which church his membership was assigned to.

14 **Exception: Sep 15, 2020 (BCO 13-6)** – TE from another denomination was received  
15 without requisite examination in Christian experience and views.

16 **Response:** MAP would ask RPR for clarification. Pages 4 and 5 of the September 15,  
17 2020, minutes are extracted below. There was not a TE from another denomination  
18 received.

19 *EXTRACT:*

20 1. Ordination

- 21 ● [name omitted] – Assistant Pastor, [church name omitted]

22 Mr. [name omitted]

23 Mr. [name omitted] having sustained his examination for licensure at the January 2018  
24 stated meeting of the Metro Atlanta Presbytery. The credentials committee confirmed  
25 the following regarding Mr. [name omitted]:

- 26 ■ confirmation of his candidacy as a candidate under care of MAP,  
27 ■ received testimonials pertaining to his internship within MAP,  
28 ■ approval of his completion of his MAP internship,  
29 ■ acknowledgement of his college and seminary training,  
30 ■ approval of theological thesis and exegetical study,

31 The court examined Mr. [name omitted] on the following:

- 32 ■ his acquaintance with experiential religion, especially his personal  
33 character and family management (based on the qualifications set out  
34 in 1 Timothy 3:1-7, and Titus 1:6-9),  
35 ■ his inner sense of God’s calling on his life to ministry,  
36 ■ Bible content,  
37 ■ theology,  
38 ■ the Sacraments,  
39 ■ church history and the history of the Presbyterian Church in America,  
40 ■ the principles and rules of the government and discipline of the church  
41 ■ Mr. [name omitted]’s expressed differences with the WCF  
42 (documented in Appendix D) were judged by the Court as more than  
43 semantic but not out of accord. MSP  
44 ■ the court approved the sermon preached in Mr. [name omitted]’s  
45 licensure exam in lieu of an ordination sermon

- 1 ■ MSP to sustain His examination in each of these areas.
- 2 ■ MSP to receive the Credentials committee certification of Mr. [name
- 3 omitted]’s successful completion of Metro Atlanta Presbytery's Plan of
- 4 Internship.
- 5 ■ MSP to accept Mr. [name omitted]’s Master of Divinity degree from
- 6 Metro Atlanta Seminary in lieu of an examination in the original
- 7 languages.
- 8 ■ MSP to approve Mr. [name omitted]’s theological paper on a topic
- 9 assigned by and found acceptable by the Credentials Committee.
- 10 ■ MSP to approve Mr. [name omitted]’s exegesis using the original
- 11 languages on a text assigned by the Credentials Committee which
- 12 found it acceptable.
- 13 ■ MSP to approve Mr. [name omitted]’s examination as a whole.
- 14 ■ MSP to find Mr. [name omitted]’s call to be in order. The call was
- 15 placed in Mr. [name omitted]’s hands and was accepted and received
- 16 by him. (Appendix E)
- 17 ■ MSP to approve a commission to ordain and install Mr. [name omitted]
- 18 on October 4, 2020, at [church name omitted]. The commission is to
- 19 consist of:

Teaching Elders:	Ruling Elders:
[name omitted] (Moderator)	[name omitted]
[name omitted]	[name omitted]

- 20 [name omitted] signed the MAP ministerial obligation.
- 21 2. Transfer into MAP
- 22 ● [name omitted] – Without Call from Chicago Metro Presbytery
  - 23 ● [name omitted] – Assistant Pastor [church name omitted]
  - 24 ● [name omitted] – Senior Pastor [church name omitted]
  - 25 ● [name omitted] – Assistant Pastor [church name omitted]
  - 26 ● [name omitted] – Senior Pastor, [church name omitted]
- 27 TE [name omitted]: from The Chicago Metro Presbytery to Without Call in MAP
- 28 ● MSP to accept Mr. [name omitted] as a transfer from The Metro Chicago
  - 29 Presbytery upon confirmation of his release from said Presbytery.
  - 30 ● Mr. [name omitted] expressed differences with the WCF (documented in
  - 31 Appendix D) were judged by the Court as more than semantic but not out of
  - 32 accord. MSP
  - 33 ● MSP to find Mr. [name omitted]’s transfer to be in order.
  - 34 ● MSP to find Mr. [name omitted]’s transfer and request to be in order.
  - 35 ● Mr. [name omitted] signed the Metro Atlanta Presbytery *Book of ministerial*
  - 36 *obligation*.
  - 37 ● MSP to approve Mr. [name omitted]’s transfer to MAP.
- 38 TE [name omitted]: from Northern Illinois Presbytery to Assistant Pastor, [church
- 39 name omitted]
- 40 ● MSP to accept Mr. [name omitted] as a transfer from Northern Illinois
  - 41 Presbytery upon confirmation of his release from said Presbytery.

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- TE [name omitted] was examined by the Committee on his Christian experience and his views on theology, the Sacraments and church government and was recommended by them to the court. Presbytery had the opportunity to examine him in all the areas according to *BCO* 13-6.
- TE [name omitted] expressed differences with the WCF (documented in Appendix D) were judged by the Court as more than semantic but not out of accord. MSP
- MSP to find Mr. [name omitted]’s call to be in order. The call was placed in Mr. [name omitted]’s hands and was accepted and received by him. (Copy of call in Appendix E)
- MSP to find Mr. [name omitted]’s transfer and request to be in order.
- Mr. [name omitted] signed the Metro Atlanta Presbytery *Book of ministerial obligation*.
- MSP to approve a commission to install Mr. [name omitted] on September 20, 2020 at [church name omitted]. The commission is to consist of:

Teaching Elders:	Ruling Elders:
[name omitted] (moderator)	[name omitted]
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**e. That the following response to the 49th GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore a new response shall be submitted to the following GA:**

**Exception: Jan 28, 2020** (*BCO* 13-6) – Incomplete record of transfer exam for minister from another denomination (see also *BCO* 21-4).

**Response:** It is unclear what RPR is taking an exception to here. “Incomplete record of transfer exam for minister from another denomination.”

We are attaching the full transcript below from the January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting:

Transfer into MAP - [name omitted] – [church name omitted]

*TE [name omitted]: from The Presbytery of the East of the EPC to [church name omitted]*

*MSP to accept Mr. [name omitted] as a transfer from The Presbytery of the East of the EPC upon confirmation of his release from said Presbytery.*

*TE [name omitted] was examined by the Committee on his Christian experience and his views on theology, the Sacraments and church government and was recommended by them to the court. Presbytery had the opportunity to examine him in all the areas according to *BCO* 13-6.*

*TE [name omitted] expressed differences with the WCF (documented in Appendix D) were judged by the Court as more than semantic but not out of accord. MSP*

*MSP to find Mr. [name omitted]’s call to be in order. The call was placed in Mr. [name omitted]’s hands and was accepted and received by him. (Copy of call in Appendix E)*

*MSP to find Mr. [name omitted]’s transfer and request to be in order.*

*Mr. [name omitted] signed the Metro Atlanta Presbytery *Book of ministerial obligation*.*

*MSP to approve a commission to install Mr. [name omitted] on April 19, 2020, at [church name omitted]. The commission is to consist of:*

Teaching Elders:	Ruling Elders:
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[name omitted] (Moderator)	[name omitted]
[name omitted]	[name omitted]
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1 **Perhaps RPR is alluding to BCO 21-4** *“If applicants come from other*  
2 *denominations, the Presbytery shall examine them thoroughly in knowledge and views*  
3 *as required by BCO 21-4 and require them to answer in the affirmative the questions*  
4 *put to candidates at their ordination. Ordained ministers from other denominations*  
5 *being considered by Presbyteries for reception may come under the extraordinary*  
6 *provisions set forth in BCO 21-4. Presbyteries shall also require ordained ministers*  
7 *coming from other denominations to state the specific instances in which they may*  
8 *differ with the Confession of Faith and Catechisms in any of their statements and/or*  
9 *propositions, which differences the court shall judge in accordance with BCO 21-4*  
10 *(see BCO 21- 4.)”*

11 MAP believes that requirement was met with the Credentials Committee, his time on  
12 the floor and his installation. Please clarify.

13 **Rationale:** Minutes do not indicate the transfer candidate was examined in both  
14 knowledge and views, as well as the areas of Greek and Hebrew languages, church  
15 history, and the history of the PCA, as required by BCO 21-4.

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17 44. That the Minutes of **Metropolitan New York Presbytery:** 50-0-1

- 18 a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**
- 19 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Mar 9, 2021; Nov 9, 2021; Dec 27,**  
20 **2020 Commission Minutes and May 23, 2021 Commission Minutes.**
- 21 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:
- 22 **Exception: General (BCO 13-9.b, 40-3)** – No record of review of church Sessions.
- 23 **Exception: Mar 9, 2021 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** – Stated differences not recorded  
24 in the minister’s own words.
- 25 **Exception: Mar 9, 2021 (BCO 13-6)** – All specific requirements of transfer exam not  
26 recorded; no record of examination on Christian experience.
- 27 **Exception: Dec 27, 2020 (BCO 21-6)** – Presiding minister did not propose questions  
28 to the Session as required by BCO 21-6.
- 29 **Exception: May 11, 2021 (BCO 23-1)** – Presbytery must dissolve the call before a  
30 minister leaves the field or take some other action if he leaves the field prior to  
31 Presbytery dissolving the call other than retroactively dissolving the call.
- 32 **Exception: Sep 21, 2021 (BCO 38-2)** – Presbytery did not consider a minister’s  
33 request to be divested of office at the subsequent stated meeting as required by BCO  
34 38-2.
- 35 **Exception: Sep 21, 2021 (BCO 21-4)** – All specific requirements of ordination exam  
36 not recorded. Minutes do not record that the candidate preached before presbytery,  
37 and minutes do not record a ¾ vote to approve preaching before a committee.
- 38 **Exception: Sep 21, 2021 (BCO 23-1)** – Presbytery must dissolve the call before a  
39 minister leaves the field or take some other action if he leaves the field prior to  
40 Presbytery dissolving the call.

1           **Exception: Sep 21, 2021 (BCO 23-1)** – No record of congregation having approved  
2 the dissolution of call of the former pastor.

3           **Exception: Sep 21, 2021 (BCO 22-5)** – Temporary pastoral relation established  
4 without Presbytery’s approval. [name omitted], on Presbytery’s role as honorably  
5 retired, began serving as interim pastor of [church name omitted] in September 2021  
6 without the establishment of a stated supply relationship approved by Presbytery.

7           **Exception: Sep 21, 2021 (BCO 8-7, 20-1)** – Presbytery recorded a TE’s call to an  
8 organization outside the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church in America without  
9 approving the call, without receiving assurance that he will have full freedom to  
10 maintain and teach the doctrine of our Church, and without making “a record of the  
11 reasons why it considers the work to be a valid Christian ministry.”

12           **Exception: Sep 21, 2021 (BCO Preliminary Principle 6; 5-9; 13-9.f)** – Presbytery  
13 established a new particular church without first establishing a temporary government,  
14 without receiving either a petition or from members of the proposed church or a  
15 request for division from an existing church, without interviewing nominated ruling  
16 elders, without forming an organizing commission, and without holding a service of  
17 organization.

18           **Exception: Sep 21, 2021 (BCO 5-9, 13-9.f)** – Presbytery transferred members to a  
19 different church without their consent or request.

20           **Exception: Sep 21, 2021 (BCO Preliminary Principle 6; BCO 5-9, 24-1)** – Presbytery  
21 assigned ruling elders to a church without the consent of the congregation.

22           **Exception: Sep 21, 2021 (BCO Preliminary Principle 6; BCO 5-9, 20-2)** – Presbytery  
23 assigned teaching elders to a church without the consent of the congregation and  
24 without receiving a call.

25           **Exception: Sep 21, 2021 (BCO 5-9)** – Presbytery did not approve the particularization  
26 of [church name omitted] prior to organization of the church and following petition  
27 by congregation.

28           **Exception: Sep 21, 2021 (BCO 15-1)** – Presbytery’s commission exceeded the  
29 powers delegated to it.

30           **Exception: Nov 9, 2021 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** – Stated differences not recorded  
31 in the minister’s own words.

32 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

33           **Exception: Jun 18, 2019 (BCO 13-11)** – Minutes of executive session not included  
34 (see also *BCO* 14-6c; 40-1; and *RAO* 16-3e.6).

35           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and promises to be more careful in  
36 the future. Presbytery went into executive session, but apparently no minutes were  
37 recorded because no action was taken as noted in the called stated meeting minutes.  
38 In the future, executive session minutes will be kept more accurately and included in  
39 the end of the year omnibus.

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

44           **Response:** GA is correct that there was no record of a provisional session being  
45 approved by the congregation. We apologize and will correct our practice next time.

1 The church has since dissolved and no longer exists, thus no further action can be  
2 taken.

3 **Rationale:** Presbytery reports the church no longer exists. If the church no longer  
4 exists, then the presbytery has on-going responsibility to see the members of the  
5 former church are cared for (*BCO* 5-2.c, 13-10).

6 **New Response:** GA is correct in that presbytery had a responsibility to see that the  
7 members of the former church were cared for. The members of the church were invited  
8 to join with [church name omitted] or other churches. Their pastor TE [name omitted]  
9 worked with the members to help them find places of worship. Regretfully, the  
10 commission did not record this information in its minutes. In the future, presbytery  
11 endeavors for commissions to do a better job in recording their actions in minutes.

12 e. **That the following responses to the 49th GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
13 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

14 **Exception: General 2019** (*BCO* 13-9b) – No record of review of church Sessions  
15 found in presbytery minutes.

16 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and promises to be more careful in  
17 the future. The committee that has this responsibility has struggled in the past few  
18 years to complete these tasks. We are working on rectifying this situation.

19 **Rationale:** As of 2021 minutes, there is still no record of review of church Session  
20 found in Presbytery minutes.

21 **Exception: Jan 8, 2019** (*BCO* 18-3) – No record that the candidate was examined in  
22 experiential religion and the motives for gospel ministry.

23 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and promises to be more careful in  
24 the future. Presbytery is working with our LDT committee to remind them of the *BCO*  
25 requirement of candidate ordination and floor examination.

26 **Rationale:** When GA takes exception to a Presbytery's minutes for failure to record  
27 or take a required action, and Presbytery agrees with the exception, a satisfactory  
28 response should indicate that they have taken the required action, if possible, and  
29 properly recorded the same in their minutes, amending and resubmitting relevant  
30 portions of past minutes if necessary.

31 **Exception: Jan 8, 2019** (*BCO* 23-1) – No record of congregation having approved  
32 the dissolution of call of the former pastor.

33 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and will correct its record and  
34 promises to be more careful in the future.

35 **Rationale:** When GA takes exception to a Presbytery's minutes for failure to record  
36 or take a required action, and Presbytery agrees with the exception, a satisfactory  
37 response should indicate that they have taken the required action, if possible, and  
38 properly recorded the same in their minutes, amending and resubmitting relevant  
39 portions of past minutes if necessary.

40 **Exception: May 14, 2019** (*BCO* 18-3) – No record that the candidate was examined  
41 in experiential religion and the motives for gospel ministry.

42 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and promises to be more careful in  
43 the future. Presbytery is working with our LDT committee to remind them of the *BCO*  
44 requirement of candidate ordination.

1       **Rationale:** When GA takes exception to a Presbytery's minutes for failure to record  
2 or take a required action, and Presbytery agrees with the exception, a satisfactory  
3 response should indicate that they have taken the required action, if **possible**, and  
4 properly recorded the same in their minutes, amending and resubmitting relevant  
5 portions of past minutes if necessary.

6       **Exception: Sep 17, 2019 (BCO 18-3)** – No record that the candidate was examined  
7 in experiential religion and the motives for gospel ministry.

8       **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and promises to be more careful in  
9 the future. Presbytery is working with our LDT committee to remind them of the *BCO*  
10 requirement of candidate ordination.

11       **Rationale:** When GA takes exception to a Presbytery's minutes for failure to record  
12 or take a required action, and Presbytery agrees with the exception, a satisfactory  
13 response should indicate that they have taken the required action, if possible, and  
14 properly recorded the same in their minutes, amending and resubmitting relevant  
15 portions of past minutes if necessary.

16       **Exception: Jan 7, 2020 (BCO 13-11)** – Complaint sent to Presbytery not recorded in  
17 minutes ('full and accurate record').

18       **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and in the future will properly record  
19 a complaint in the minutes. The ROC has the complaint listed with the judicial  
20 commission that was formed.

21       **Rationale:** When GA takes exception to a Presbytery's minutes for failure to record  
22 or take a required action, and Presbytery agrees with the exception, a satisfactory  
23 response should indicate that they have taken the required action, if possible, and  
24 properly recorded the same in their minutes, amending and resubmitting relevant  
25 portions of past minutes if necessary.

26       **Exception: Jan 7, 2020 (BCO 23-1)** – No record of a congregation meeting to  
27 dissolve pastoral relationship.

28       **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and in the future will properly record  
29 the action by noting the session or congregation approval of the dissolution in the  
30 minutes.

31       **Rationale:** When GA takes exception to a Presbytery's minutes for failure to record  
32 or take a required action, and Presbytery agrees with the exception, a satisfactory  
33 response should indicate that they have taken the required action, if possible, and  
34 properly recorded the same in their minutes, amending and resubmitting relevant  
35 portions of past minutes if necessary.

36       **Exception: Nov 20, 2020 (BCO 20-1)** – No record of approval of new call to TE  
37 laboring out of bounds.

38       **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and promises to be more careful in  
39 the future.

40       **Rationale:** When GA takes exception to a Presbytery's minutes for failure to record  
41 or take a required action, and Presbytery agrees with the exception, a satisfactory  
42 response should indicate that they have taken the required action, if possible, and  
43 properly recorded the same in their minutes, amending and resubmitting relevant  
44 portions of past minutes if necessary.

1       **Exception: Nov 20, 2020 (BCO 23-1)** – No record of congregational meeting to  
2 dissolve pastoral relationship.

3       **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and will correct its record. Presbytery  
4 promises to be more careful in the future.

5       **Rationale:** when GA takes exception to a Presbytery's minutes for failure to record or  
6 take a required action, and Presbytery agrees with the exception, a satisfactory  
7 response should indicate that they have taken the required action, if possible, and  
8 properly recorded the same in their minutes, amending and resubmitting relevant  
9 portions of past minutes if necessary.

10       **Exception: Nov 20, 2020 (BCO 23-1)** – No record of a session meeting to dissolve  
11 pastoral relationship.

12       **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and will correct its record. Presbytery  
13 promises to be more careful in the future

14       **Rationale:** when GA takes exception to a Presbytery's minutes for failure to record or  
15 take a required action, and Presbytery agrees with the exception, a satisfactory  
16 response should indicate that they have taken the required action, if possible, and  
17 properly recorded the same in their minutes, amending and resubmitting relevant  
18 portions of past minutes if necessary.

19       **Exception: Nov 5, 2016 (BCO 21-4.b)** Candidate not “asked to indicate whether he  
20 has changed his previous views concerning any points in the *Confession of Faith*,  
21 *Catechisms*, and *Book of Church Order* of the Presbyterian Church in America.

22       **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and promises to be more careful in  
23 the future.

24       **Rationale:** When GA takes exception to a Presbytery's minutes for failure to record  
25 or take a required action, and Presbytery agrees with the exception, a satisfactory  
26 response should indicate that they have taken the required action, if possible, and  
27 properly recorded the same in their minutes, amending and resubmitting relevant  
28 portions of past minutes if necessary.

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30 45. That the Minutes of the **Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley:** 48-0-0

31       a. Be approved without exceptions: **Aug 3, 2021; Nov 2, 2021.**

32       b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **May 4, 2021.**

33       c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

34       **Exception: Feb 2, 2021; May 4, 2021 (RONR 9:34)** – A commission conducted  
35 business by email, which does not constitute a deliberative assembly.

36       **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

37       **Exception: Aug 6, 2019 (BCO 21-10)** – Constitutional questions for assistant pastor  
38 installation propounded to the congregation rather than to the Session.

39       **Response:** We acknowledge that presbytery did not pick up on the error that RPR  
40 correctly cites. We regret the error and promise to remind presbyters of the appropriate  
41 *BCO* rules governing ordination and installation procedures

42       **Exception: Aug 6, 2019 (BCO 13-6; 21-4)** – Incomplete record of transfer exam for  
43 minister from another denomination.

44       **Response:** PMV would report that the error regarding the incomplete transfer exam  
45 from another (NAPARC) denomination was a clerical recording error which omitted



1 the fact that he was examined in both “knowledge and views.” Both the Credentials  
2 Chairman who did the exam as well as the man examined remember the full  
3 examination required by *BCO* 13-6, 21-4 being completed. The Stated Clerk regrets  
4 the error and the confusion caused. He will correct the minutes with this report

5 **Exception: Nov 5, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4.f) – No record of requiring statement of  
6 differences with our Standards.

7 **Response:** RPR correctly cites the omission of the required statement concerning the  
8 candidates “statement of difference” (*BCO* 21-4f.). PMV regrets that the minutes do  
9 not reflect that we did in fact ask and received the affirmation that TE [name omitted]  
10 did not hold any difference with the Standards. Again, the Stated Clerk regrets the  
11 error and will correct the minutes with this report.

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13 46. That the Minutes of **Missouri** Presbytery: 50-0-0

14 a. Be approved without exceptions: **Jan 19, 2021; Apr 20, 2021; Jul 20, 2021; Oct 19,**  
15 **2021; Dec 11, 2021; Dec 11, 2021 ES.**

16 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Directory.**

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

18 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

19 **Exception: Jan 21, 2020** (*BCO* 18-3) – Incomplete record of exam – candidates  
20 coming under care w/o record of examination in experiential religion and sense of  
21 call.

22 **Response:** We are very sorry for this oversight in record keeping. It is our practice to  
23 examine each candidate coming under care in experiential religion and sense of call.  
24 However, that fact of the examination was not recorded in minutes. We have amended  
25 these minutes to explicitly state this examination as well as changed our practice in  
26 record keeping to ensure that the examination of experiential religion and sense of call  
27 is explicitly recorded in future minutes.

28 **Exception: Jan 21, 2020** (*BCO* 19-2.a) – Incomplete record of exam – no record of  
29 examination in experiential religion and sense of call for licentiate.

30 **Response:** We are very sorry for this oversight in record keeping. It is our practice to  
31 examine each candidate coming for licensure in experiential religion and sense of call.  
32 However, that fact of the examination was not recorded in minutes. We have amended  
33 these minutes to explicitly state this examination as well as changed our practice in  
34 record keeping to ensure that the examination of experiential religion and sense of call  
35 is explicitly recorded in future minutes.

36 **Exception: Jul 21, 2020** (*BCO* 18-3) – Incomplete record of exam – candidates  
37 coming under care w/o record of examination in experiential religion and sense of  
38 call.

39 **Response:** We are very sorry for this oversight in record keeping. It is our practice to  
40 examine each candidate coming under care in experiential religion and sense of call.  
41 However, that fact of the examination was not recorded in minutes. We have amended  
42 these minutes to explicitly state this examination as well as changed our practice in  
43 record keeping to ensure that the examination of experiential religion and sense of call  
44 is explicitly recorded in future minutes

1       **Exception: Oct 20, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – Candidates exceptions not  
2 recorded (states that they had exceptions, yet no record of such differences is  
3 included).

4       **Response:** We are very sorry for this oversight in record keeping. Each man’s stated  
5 differences were presented to the body in their own words and voted on, however the  
6 text never made it into the minutes. We have amended these minutes to include their  
7 stated differences.

- 8       **e. That the following response to the 49th GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore a**  
9 **new response shall be submitted to the following GA:**

10       **Exception: Jan 21, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4.f; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – Explanations not recorded in  
11 candidate’s own words – two candidates describe their exceptions in precisely the  
12 same words (need clarification).

13       **Response:** We apologize for this error, which was simply an error in copying/pasting  
14 the wrong exceptions for the wrong man, which resulted in the duplication. We have  
15 the correct exceptions for each man, which were presented to the body and prosecuted.  
16 This was an error in the creation of the minutes. We have amended our minutes to  
17 reflect each man’s correct exceptions.

18       **Rationale:** The corrected minutes including the candidate’s stated differences should  
19 be submitted for review.  
20

- 21       47. That the Minutes of **Nashville** Presbytery: *49-0-0*

22       a. Be approved without exceptions: **Mar 26, 2021.**

23       b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Apr 13, 2021; Jun 25, 2021; Aug 31, 2021;**  
24 **Nov 9, 2021.**

25       c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

26       **Exception: Feb 8, 2021; Aug 10, 2021** (*BCO* 18-7) – No reasons given for removing  
27 candidates from rolls.

28       **Exception: Feb 8, 2021** (*BCO* 23-1) – Dissolution of pastoral relations with no  
29 reference to congregational meeting or appearance of representatives.

30       **Exception: Apr 13, 2021** (*BCO* 23-1) – No record of Session meeting to dissolve  
31 pastoral relation.

32       **Exception: Apr 13, 2021** (*BCO* 13-10) – No record of transfer or dismissal of  
33 members upon dissolving a church.

34       **Exception: Jun 25, 2021** (*BCO* 13-12; *RAO* 16-3.c.1) – No record of notice for a  
35 called meeting; purpose of called meeting not recorded verbatim in the minutes.

36       **Exception: Aug 31, 2021; Sep 21, 2021; Dec 13, 2021** (*BCO* 13-12) – Notice for  
37 Called Meeting not in order; no record of 10-day notice.

- 38       **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory.**

39       **Exception: Apr 9, 2019; Jun 11, 2019; Aug 13, 2019** (*BCO* 13-6) – Missing  
40 examinations on sacraments and church government for transfer.

41       **Response:** Nashville Presbytery agrees with the exception. Transferring TEs are in  
42 fact examined by our presbytery with regards to the sacraments and church  
43 government as part of their transfer exam, but the minutes cited above do not record  
44 the prescribed examination. This is an oversight. We adjusted our recording in 2020  
45 to bring our minutes into compliance.

1           **Exception: Apr 9, 2019 (BCO 21-4)** – Missing PCA History exams.  
2           **Response:** Nashville Presbytery agrees with the exception. Candidates for ordination  
3 to the gospel ministry are in fact examined by our presbytery with regards to PCA  
4 history as a part of their church history exam, but the minutes cited above do not record  
5 the prescribed examination. We adjusted our recording in 2020 to bring our minutes  
6 into compliance  
7           **Exception: Feb 11, 2020 (BCO 23-1)** – Congregational vote not recorded and [church  
8 name omitted] not cited to appear before presbytery.  
9           **Response:** Nashville Presbytery agrees with the exception. The dissolution of the call  
10 of the assistant pastor was approved by the Session and the church documents showing  
11 the needed approval for the dissolution were reviewed by our committee before  
12 recommending dissolution of the pastoral relationship. We will be more careful in the  
13 future to make sure the churches are cited to appear, and that the citation is entered in  
14 the body of our minutes.  
15           **Exception: Nov 10, 2020 (BCO 23-1)** – Congregational votes not recorded for TE  
16 [name omitted] or TE [name omitted].  
17           **Response:** We agree with the exception. For each of the churches noted in the  
18 exception, the dissolution was approved by the Session (for assistant pastors) or  
19 congregation (for associate pastors or pastors), and the church documents showing the  
20 needed approvals for the dissolution were reviewed by our committee before  
21 recommending dissolution of the pastoral relationship to presbytery. The body of our  
22 minutes does not record congregational votes or session action for any of the pastoral  
23 relationships that were dissolved. We have adjusted our recording to bring our  
24 minutes into compliance.  
25           **Exception: Nov 10, 2020 (BCO 23-1)** – Churches not cited to appear before  
26 presbytery ([church names omitted] churches).  
27           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception and will make sure we ask churches  
28 to appear in the context of 23-1 and record that action in our minutes. For each of the  
29 churches noted in the exception, the dissolution was approved by the Session (for  
30 assistant pastors) or congregation (for associate pastors or pastors), and the church  
31 documents showing the needed approvals for the dissolution were recorded in the  
32 minutes. We will be more careful in the future to make sure the churches are cited to  
33 appear, and that the citation is entered in the body of our minutes.  
34           **Exception: Nov 10, 2020 (BCO 13-10)** – None of *BCO* 13-10 is recorded as having  
35 been followed.  
36           **Response:** Nashville Presbytery agrees with this exception and will make sure we  
37 handle *BCO* 13-10 procedures in accord with the constitution in the future. This was  
38 a challenging situation where the church was dissolved after the planting pastor’s  
39 catastrophic and disabling accident. As a church plant, things were handled more  
40 informally than was required. There were follow-up meetings for the congregation,  
41 and all the members were contacted by the provisional Session. The Session provided  
42 members with information concerning churches to which the members could transfer.  
43 There were a relatively small number of members, and this process was handled  
44 informally by the provisional Session with oversight by the Presbytery’s Church

1 Planting Committee. We will be more careful in the future to make sure the provisions  
2 of *BCO* 13-10 are followed when a member church is dissolved.

3  
4 48. That the Minutes of **New Jersey** Presbytery: 49-0-0

5 a. Be approved without exceptions: **Mar 20, 2021; May 15, 2021; Sep 18, 2021; Nov**  
6 **20, 2021.**

7 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **None.**

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

9 **d. That the following response to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

10 **Exception: Mar 16, 2019 (BCO 38-2)** – No record of prior meeting report of desire  
11 to demit before vote by the Presbytery.

12 **Response:** New Jersey Presbytery acknowledges that it did not strictly follow the  
13 procedure outlined in *BCO* 38-2 regarding a minister indicating his desire to demit the  
14 ministry. However, the unusual nature of this case necessitated our action after a long  
15 and ongoing discussion with the minister who had been living out of the area for  
16 several years.

17 He became a minister without call on September 21, 2013 and moved to another state  
18 with his family. NJ Presbytery attempted to transfer the minister to the Presbytery into  
19 whose geographical bounds he had moved, but they refused because he did not have  
20 a call in that area. He was working in secular employment in order to support his  
21 family. Despite our appeals to that Presbytery, they continued to refuse to receive him  
22 without a call. Therefore, he remained under our care and jurisdiction.

23 Throughout the following years, the ministerial Committee remained in contact with  
24 the minister reminding him of the requirements of *BCO* 13-2 and 34-10. In November  
25 2017, the minister informed the Presbytery of the possibility of being received into  
26 the ARP as he was currently assisting the pastor of a small church near his home. The  
27 Presbytery agreed to allow him to remain on our rolls so that he could pursue that call  
28 and have his credentials transferred to the ARP. The Presbytery again agreed to extend  
29 that time in May 2018.

30 In December 2018, the minister informed the Chairman of the ministerial Committee  
31 via email that “the time has come for me to resign my ministerial credentials.” A call  
32 in the ARP was no longer an option. In March 2019, the Presbytery agreed that it was  
33 long overdue to act on these matters and moved to accede to his request to demit the  
34 ministry according to *BCO* 38-2.

35  
36 49. That the Minutes of **New River** Presbytery: 49-0-1

37 a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**

38 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Mar 6, 2021; Nov 6, 2021.**

39 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

40 **Exception: General (BCO 13-9.b; 40-1)** – No record of review of records of church  
41 Sessions.

42 **Exception: Aug 7, 2021; Nov 6, 2021 (BCO 46-6)** – Teaching Elder did not remain  
43 under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery until received by the other.

44 **Exception: Aug 7, 2021 (BCO 23-1)** – There is no record that presbytery received  
45 report that the congregation concurred with the dissolution of the pastoral relation.

1           **Exception: Aug 7, 2021** (*RAO 16-3.e.5 BCO 19-2.d*) – Incomplete record for a  
2 licensure exam.

3           **Exception: Nov 6, 2021** (*BCO 13-2*) – No record of TE laboring out of bounds with  
4 concurrence of Presbytery within whose bounds he labors.

5       **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

6           **Exception: Aug 3, 2019** (*BCO 21-5, 6, 7*) – No record that ordination and installation  
7 steps were completed (missing sub-attachment).

8           **Response:** The Ordination Commission’s Minutes reference that there was, “MSC to  
9 approve [name omitted] to deliver the sermon, along with the entire ordination and  
10 installation service of [name omitted] (See attachment).” The attachment was not sent  
11 to RPR, though we recognize that it should have been. The attachment was a copy and  
12 pasted print out of *BCO 21-5, 6, & 7*, showing that the ordination and installation steps  
13 were followed, including the questions to the candidate, the congregation, and the  
14 pronouncement. We will include these steps in the body of future Installation  
15 Commission Reports.

16           **Exception: Nov 2, 2019** (*BCO 21-7*) – Record does not show that the commission  
17 conducted the laying on of hands, extended the right hand of fellowship, or made the  
18 pronouncement.

19           **Response:** Attachment B of November’s Minutes show that “TE [name omitted] to  
20 lead the service and give the charge to the Rev. [name omitted] per *BCO 21-7* from 2  
21 Timothy 4:1-6.” In recording that TE [name omitted] gave the charge per *BCO 21-7*  
22 we intended to show that all of 21-7 was followed, including the laying on of hands,  
23 extending the right hand of fellowship, and making the pronouncement. All of these  
24 things were done in accordance with *BCO 21-7*, but in the future we will list each  
25 component separately in the minutes.  
26

27       50. That the Minutes of **New York State** Presbytery: *51-0-0*

28       a. Be approved without exceptions: **Mar 27, 2021; May 22, 2021; Sep 17-18, 2021;**  
29       **Sep 18-19, 2021.**

30       b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Directory.**

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

32       **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

33           **Exception: Jun 15, 2019** (*BCO 19-3*) – No record of candidate answering questions  
34 for licensure.

35           **Response:** New York State Presbytery acknowledges the exception and offers the  
36 following response. While there was no record of the candidate answering questions  
37 for licensure, the candidate, [name omitted] did answer the questions affirmatively.  
38 *BCO 19-3* was followed, though it was not recorded in the minutes. The moderator  
39 also prayed for Mr. [name omitted] and addressed him with the words from *BCO 19-*  
40 *4*. This is recorded on the checklist for the floor examination that was used by the  
41 former chairman of the committee during his floor exam. We apologize for the  
42 oversight and will seek to accurately reflect all parts of our licensure exams in our  
43 minutes.

1       **Exception: Oct 4-5, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4.b) – Presbytery accepted the licensure exam by  
2 another presbytery as fulfilling the requirements for ordination, nor a record of  
3 sermon, exegesis paper.

4       **Response:** The New York State Presbytery acknowledges the exception and offers  
5 the following response. The Leadership Committee was provided the licensure  
6 examinations from the Pittsburgh Presbytery for TE [name omitted]. The committee  
7 was satisfied with his answers to the questions on the exams. While we discussed  
8 Doctrine, Church Government, and the Scriptures in our Committee meeting, we  
9 failed to have a portion of time allotted for each of these areas on the floor during his  
10 examination.

11       However, there was a time when the floor was opened for questions from any area  
12 after the Church History and Sacraments portions of the examination were arrested.

13       It is generally our practice to do licensure and ordination exams at separate meetings.  
14 *BCO* 21-4.b states “If the Presbytery previously approved all parts of the licensure  
15 examination, it need not re-examine the intern in those area at this time.” Since we did  
16 not examine the candidate for licensure, we acknowledge our error.

17       Regarding the sermon, the candidate preached a sermon as well as submitted a  
18 manuscript of the sermon. The text was Philippians 1:3-11 and its title was “Four  
19 Words of Encouragement from Paul, a Loving Pastor.” We apologize for not recording  
20 that in our record.

21       Regarding the exegesis paper, TE [name omitted] submitted an exegesis paper which  
22 was accepted by the Leadership Committee which is still on record with us, along with  
23 a theology paper which was also accepted. This is recorded on the checklist for the  
24 floor examination that was used by the former chairman of the committee during his  
25 floor exam. It was reported on the floor of presbytery that the candidate submitted his  
26 exegetical paper and that it was approved. This was accidentally omitted from the  
27 minutes

28       **Exception: Jan 18, 2020** (*BCO* 5-9.h) – Commission appointed to install pastor and  
29 ordain and install ruling elder of a mission that has petitioned to be organized as a  
30 particular church, but not empowered to organize it.

31       **Response:** New York State Presbytery acknowledges the exception. We did err in not  
32 explicitly referring to the commission appointed to install pastor and ordain and install  
33 ruling elder as an organizing commission appointed to install pastor and ordain and  
34 install elder, per *BCO* 5-9.h. We apologize for the oversight.

35  
36 51. That the Minutes of **North Florida** Presbytery: *49-0-0*

37       a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**

38       b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Feb 11, 2021; May 13, 2021; Aug 12, 2021;**  
39       **Nov 4, 2021.**

40       c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

41       **Exception: May 13, 2021** (*BCO* 19-2.d) – All specific requirements of licensure  
42 exam not recorded.

43       **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

44       **Exception: May 9, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.E.5) – All specific requirements of  
45 ordination exam not recorded (PCA history).

1       **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception. The candidate was examined in  
2 both church history and the history of the Presbyterian Church in America, but the  
3 record did not specifically state the inclusion of PCA history in the history exam. The  
4 minutes will be corrected to explicitly state the inclusion of PCA history in the  
5 candidate’s ordination exam. We will be more careful in the future.

6       **Exception: Aug 13, 2020 (BCO 23-1)** – No record of congregation vote to dissolve  
7 relationship with pastor.

8       **Response:** Presbytery respectfully disagrees with this exception. The minutes record  
9 that the dissolution of two pastoral relationships were approved by the presbytery at  
10 the Aug. 13, 2020 meeting. The first was a solo pastor concerning whom the record  
11 states “that the congregation, at a duly constituted meeting, voted to receive his  
12 resignation.” The second was an assistant pastor who resigned to accept a call at  
13 another PCA congregation. Concerning this assistant pastor, the record states “that the  
14 session of [church name] voted to receive [assistant pastor’s name] resignation.”  
15 Since an assistant pastor is called by the session (BCO 22-3), and “the relationship of  
16 the assistant pastor to the church is determined by the Session” (BCO 22-4), the  
17 requirement of BCO 23-1, which states that “whether the minister or the church  
18 initiates proceedings for a dissolution of the relation, there shall always be a meeting  
19 of the congregation called and conducted in the same manner as the call of the pastor,”  
20 does not apply to an assistant pastor since he is called by the session, not the  
21 congregation.  
22

23       52. That the Minutes of **North Texas** Presbytery: 50-0-0

- 24       a. Be approved without exceptions: **Nov 5-6, 2021.**
- 25       b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General.**
- 26       c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

27       **Exception: May 7-8, 2021; Aug 13-14, 2021 (BCO 13-11; RAO 16-3.e.7)** – Minutes  
28 of executive session not included.

29       **Exception: Aug 13-14, 2021 (BCO 20-1)** – No record of call to a definite work.

- 30       d. **That the following response to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

31       **Exception: May 3-4, 2019 (BCO 15-1)** – No record of establishment of a commission  
32 for installation of a minister, nor are minutes of said commission entered in Presbytery  
33 minutes.

34       **Response:** See 1 and 2 below

- 35       1. This exception involves a matter occurring prior to the term of the current Stated  
36 Clerk, but my correspondence with the Assistant to the Stated Clerk of the PCA  
37 leads us (North Texas Presbytery) to the conclusion that no installation by North  
38 Texas Presbytery is required for an RUF Area Coordinator. Please see the email  
39 from Rev. Bob Hornick below.

40       *Steve,*

41       *Sorry for the mix-up on the meeting of North Texas Presbytery.*

42       *In response to your question regarding the installation of TEs. I checked with Dr.*  
43       *Taylor concerning your question. He is of the opinion as am I, that the BCO only*  
44       *requires Pastors, Assistant & Associate Pastors to be installed by their*  
45       *presbyteries. I would acknowledge that many of our presbyteries would add*

1 *Organizing Pastors (Church Planters) and RUF Campus ministers as well. I think*  
2 *a good argument can be made that any TE serving in a capacity that is under the*  
3 *ecclesiastical authority of presbytery should be installed in that position (RUF*  
4 *Campus ministers, etc.).*

5 *Out of Bounds calls approved by presbytery organizations that do not operate*  
6 *under the ecclesiastical oversight of presbytery are not, ordinarily installed by*  
7 *their presbytery. This would include seminary and college professors, Military*  
8 *Chaplains, TEs called by a PCA committee or agency, etc. (When I spoke to Dr.*  
9 *Taylor about this, he noted that he was not installed as Stated Clerk of the GA or*  
10 *as a RTS professor.)*

11 *It is not unusual for PCA presbyteries to conduct a type of commissioning service*  
12 *for Military Chaplains and missionaries but, in my opinion, it is not required by*  
13 *the BCO.*

14 *In regards to the termination of an out of bounds call, presbytery simply notes the*  
15 *change in its minutes. (In my opinion, since PCA committees are not under the*  
16 *ecclesiastical authority of a presbytery they are considered to be an out of bounds*  
17 *call.)*

18 *I hope this helps. Please do not hesitate to contact if you would like further*  
19 *clarification.*

20 *Blessings,*

21 *Rev. Bob Hornick,*

22 *Assistant to the Stated Clerk*

23 *Presbyterian Church in America*

24 *1700 North Brown Road, Suite 105*

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- 28 2. We have been in conversation with RUF Area Coordinator [name omitted] and  
29 also Stated Clerk [name omitted] and we have expressed that the BCO does not  
30 provide clear direction on the calling, hiring, installation, oversight, and  
31 employment relationships involving PCA Committee TE personnel and individual  
32 presbyteries. We have been informed that this matter is being discussed and  
33 worked out by the PCA Stated Clerk and the various PCA Committee  
34 Coordinators. We look forward to the results of these discussions and the  
35 clarification of the roles and responsibilities of the Presbyteries and Committees  
36 in concert with BCO direction in these matters.

37  
38 53. That the Minutes of **Northern California** Presbytery: 50-0-0

- 39 a. Be approved without exceptions: **May 7, 2021; Oct 1, 2021.**  
40 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Standing Rules; Feb 5, 2021; Nov 12, 2021.**  
41 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance: **None.**  
42 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**  
43 **Exception: May 3, 2019 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5) – Only one stated difference out**  
44 **of two appears to be judged by Presbytery.**



1       **Response:** Both stated differences were judged by the Presbytery, but the Presbytery’s  
2 judgment was conflated into a single response. We will list each stated difference and  
3 judgment individually in the future

4       **Exception: Jun 18, 2020 (BCO 13-12)** – Call of meeting not in order (no record of  
5 10-day notice given or explicit purpose listed).

6       **Response:** The sole purpose of the meeting was to approve [church name omitted]’s  
7 call of [name omitted] as pastor and to empower the Moderator to appoint a  
8 commission regarding his installation. We attach a copy of the June 8, 2020 email to  
9 the presbytery by which the 10 day notice requirement was met. In the future, for any  
10 called meetings we will be more diligent to make the purpose of the meeting evident  
11 and to provide documentation of compliance with the notice requirement.

12       **Exception: Oct 2, 2020 (BCO 21-7)** – In assistant pastor ordination commission  
13 minutes, chairman propounded questions to the congregation instead of the Session.

14       **Response:** This was an error by the commission’s chair. We will work to ensure such  
15 error is not repeated. However, as the members of the Session answered the questions  
16 along with the rest of the congregation, we do not believe further action is necessary  
17 at this time.

18       **e. That the following response to the 49th GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore a**  
19 **new response shall be submitted to the following GA:**

20       **Exception: General 2020 (BCO 13-9b)** – No record of Presbytery reviewing Session  
21 minutes.

22       **Response:** The Presbytery had a system for the inspection of minutes outside of the  
23 Stated Meeting times in place, but neglected to include record of the oversight of this  
24 system in the minutes. We will be more diligent in the future in recording such work.

25       **Rationale:** While the presbytery committed to be more diligent in the future, the  
26 minutes of 2021 include an incomplete record of inspection of Session minutes (*BCO*  
27 13-9.b; 40-1).

28

29       54. That the Minutes of **Northern Illinois** Presbytery: 48-0-0

30       a. Be approved without exceptions: **Jan 9, 2021; Jan 9, 2021 ES; Sep 11, 2021.**

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

32       c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

33       **Exception: May 11, 2021 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** – Stated differences not judged  
34 with prescribed categories.

35       **Exception: Dec 15, 2021 (BCO 13-12)** – Notice for called meeting not in order; 10-  
36 day notice not indicated or recorded.

37       **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

38       **Exception: May 26, 2020 (BCO 13-12)** – 10 Day notice for called meeting not given.

39       **Response:** “We thank the Review of Presbytery Records Committee for its diligence  
40 in helping us keep our presbytery records in line with the *Book of Church Order*. We  
41 have discovered the exception (10 day notice for called meeting not given). Though  
42 the minutes do not reflect the day the called meeting notice was sent to the presbytery,  
43 that meeting was actually called 13 days before the meeting, on May 13<sup>th</sup>. We have  
44 corrected the records to reflect the date the meeting was called. We will be more

1 careful in the future to make sure the date of calling a called meeting is properly  
2 recorded

3 **Exception: May 26, 2020** (BCO 19-2. C; 20-12) – No record of “floor exams.

4 **Response:** We are thankful for the assistance the Review of Presbytery Records  
5 committee gives us in recording our meeting minutes properly. Licentiate [name  
6 omitted] appeared before the presbytery in person on May 26, 2020 to undergo  
7 examination for ordination in order to accept the call of presbytery to plant a PCA  
8 congregation in Springfield, Illinois. All of the appropriate examinations reflected in  
9 the meeting minutes took place on the floor of presbytery and were conducted after  
10 the Presbytery Credentials Committee examined him previous to this called meeting.  
11 We will be more careful to specify such a situation in future minutes of meetings.  
12

13 55. That the Minutes of **Northern New England** Presbytery: 54-0-0

14 a. Be approved without exceptions: **Feb 6, 2021; May 15, 2021; Oct 16, 2021.**

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

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

17 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
18

19 56. That the Minutes of **Northwest Georgia** Presbytery: 47-0-0

20 a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**

21 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Jan 16, 2021; Apr 13, 2021; Aug**  
22 **21, 2021.**

23 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

24 **Exception: Apr 13, 2021** (BCO 43-8) – If a complaint is properly filed, it shall be  
25 heard by the Presbytery. A complaint may not be denied without a hearing except on  
26 narrow administrative grounds.

27 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

28 **Exception: Jan 19, 2019** (BCO 15-3) – Written report of judicial commission not  
29 included in the record.

30 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges the error and has amended the minutes to include  
31 the report and the minutes of the judicial commission

32 **Exception: Jan 19, 2019** (BCO 15-1) – Minutes of the judicial commission were not  
33 included in the record.

34 **Response:** Presbytery erred in not recording the reason some parts of the examination  
35 were not recorded. The said licentiate had been previously ordained as a PCA minister  
36 and received in the former “North Georgia Presbytery.” The licentiate took no  
37 exceptions to the Westminster Standards. He was received under the extraordinary  
38 clause and not examined further in basic knowledge of biblical doctrine, or knowledge  
39 of Bible content (BCO 19-2).

40 **Exception: Apr 2, 2019** (BCO 19-2) – All specific requirements of licensure exam  
41 not recorded. Some parts omitted without explanation.

42 **Response:** Presbytery erred in not recording the reason some parts of the examination  
43 were not recorded. The said licentiate had been previously ordained as a PCA minister  
44 and received in the former “North Georgia Presbytery.” The licentiate took no  
45 exceptions to the Westminster Standards. He was received under the extraordinary

1 clause and not examined further in basic knowledge of biblical doctrine, or knowledge  
2 of Bible content (*BCO* 19-2).

3 **Exception: Aug 17, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4) – All specific requirements of ordination exam  
4 not recorded.

5 **Response:** The reason for omission is recorded in the minutes. The said ordination  
6 candidate was received under the extraordinary clause by a unanimous vote, as the  
7 man had been previously a minister in both the OPC and PCA (*BCO* 21-4.c.(4)).

8 **Exception: Jan 18, 2020** (*BCO* 15-1) – Minutes of commission not entered in  
9 Presbytery minutes (Appendix J).

10 **Response:** Presbytery erred in failing to record these minutes. The Jan 19, 2020  
11 minutes were amended to include the commission minutes

12 **Exception: Jan 27, 2018; Apr 3, 2018; Aug 18, 2018** (*RAO* 16.3.e.7) – No executive  
13 minutes provided.

14 **Response:** No actions were taken in executive session. It was a private discussion,  
15 and all actions were voted on in open session.

16 **Rationale:** Though no official actions were taken in executive session, minutes still  
17 need to be taken and submitted to General Assembly.

18 **New Response:** No actions were taken in executive session. Thereby, due to the  
19 inexperience of the clerk, no minutes were recorded. Presbytery apologizes for the  
20 failure in record keeping and will exercise greater diligence in the future.

21 **Exception: Jan 27, 2018** (*BCO* 13-11, 23-1) – No record of congregational meeting  
22 to dissolve relationship with pastor.

23 **Response:** This record was inadvertently left out. The congregation voted on 1/21/18  
24 to receive the resignation of said teaching elder and thereby dissolve the pastoral  
25 relationship.

26 **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to take action by amending minutes to record the  
27 congregational meeting in question.

28 **New Response:** Presbytery acknowledges the error of failing to record the  
29 congregational meeting. Presbytery has amended the minutes to make a record of the  
30 dissolution of the relationship

31 **Exception: General** (*BCO* 8-6) – TE listed as evangelist but no record of his  
32 commission being renewed.

33 **Response:** This is an error of Presbytery, which we will rectify by renewing his status.

34 **Rationale:** Presbytery must take and record action to renew status

35 **New Response:** Presbytery acknowledges the failure to renew the status of said TE  
36 designated Evangelist. However, the TE in question has now been enrolled in the  
37 church triumphant.

38 e. **Recommendation VI.e** failed adoption by the General Assembly and was therefore  
39 effectively recommitted to next year's CRPR.

40 ~~e. **BCO 40-5 report referred to CRPR on decision of the SJC, Case No. 2021-02:**~~

41 ~~— The CRPR recommends that the 49<sup>th</sup> General Assembly:~~

42 ~~a. Find that the February 14, 2021 letter from RE [name omitted] et al. is a “credible~~  
43 ~~report” of “an important delinquency or grossly unconstitutional proceedings”~~  
44 ~~(BCO 40-5): specifically, there is evidence that (1) the calls to the three candidates~~  
45 ~~were constitutionally deficient, so implementing them was unconstitutional, and~~

- 1           ~~(2) the Presbytery acted improperly in approving the calls and installing the three~~  
2           ~~candidates;~~  
3           ~~b. Cite the Northwest Georgia Presbytery to appear, per BCO 40-5, before the PCA's~~  
4           ~~Standing Judicial Commission which the 49<sup>th</sup> GA constitutes its commission to~~  
5           ~~adjudicate this matter, by representative or in writing, at the SJC's fall stated~~  
6           ~~meeting, to "show what the lower court has done or failed to do in the case in~~  
7           ~~question," following the Operating Manual for the SJC, particularly chapter 15;~~  
8           ~~and~~  
9           ~~e. Direct the RPR Officers to appoint one or more representatives of the GA and~~  
10           ~~Report (OMSJC 15.2) to present this case to the SJC.~~

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12 57. That the Minutes of **Ohio** Presbytery: 50-0-0

- 13     a. Be approved without exceptions: **May 1, 2021; Oct 1-2, 2021; Dec 13, 2021.**  
14     b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Feb 6, 2021.**  
15     c. Be approved with exceptions of substance: **None.**  
16     **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**  
17       **Exception: May 4, 2019 (BCO 13-6)** – A PCA TE was given a *BCO 13-6* transfer  
18       exam, but Minutes indicate he was only examined on his views in theology,  
19       Sacraments and church government *in committee*. Minutes record *the Presbytery* only  
20       examined him in Christian experience.  
21       **Response:** The Ohio Presbytery agrees with this exception and has corrected the  
22       Minutes of May 4, 2019 to indicate that the TE transferring into the Presbytery “was  
23       examined in Christian Experience and his views in theology, the Sacraments, and  
24       church government pursuant to *BCO 13-6*.” The Ohio Presbytery promises to be more  
25       careful with its records in the future.  
26       **Exception: Oct 3, 2020 (BCO 12-7; 13-9.b)** – Record does not indicate that all 2019  
27       Session records were reviewed by Presbytery in 2020.  
28       **Response:** The Ohio Presbytery agrees with this exception and has now reviewed the  
29       Session Minutes from 2019. The Ohio Presbytery promises to be more careful in  
30       reviewing records in the future.

31  
32 58. That the Minutes of **Ohio Valley** Presbytery: 54-0-0

- 33     a. Be approved without exceptions: **Jan 30, 2021; May 18, 2021; Jul 31, 2021; Oct 19,**  
34       **2021 ES; Oct 19, 2021; Nov 5, 2021.**  
35     b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **None.**  
36     c. Be approved with exceptions of substance: **None.**  
37     **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**

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39 59. That the Minutes of **Pacific** Presbytery: 49-0-0

- 40     a. Be approved without exceptions: **Aug 7, 2021; Dec 1, 2021.**  
41     b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Mar 2, 2021.**  
42     c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:  
43       **Exception: May 4, 2021 (BCO 19-2.d)** – All specific requirements of licensure exam  
44       not recorded.

1           **Exception: Oct 5, 2021** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) – Minutes of commission not  
2 entered in Presbytery minutes.

3 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

4           **Exception: May 1, 2018 [p. 32]** (*BCO* 46-8) – Divested TE not assigned to  
5 membership in a particular church.

6           **Response:** “We acknowledge and apologize for this error and will attempt follow up  
7 with both former TE [name omitted] and the [name omitted] Session to see where he  
8 and his wife are worshipping currently. If we discover that they are not at a PCA  
9 church or another evangelical church, we will make every effort to direct them to one.  
10 Further, we commit ourselves, by God’s grace, to avoiding this error in the future.”

11           **Rationale:** The Presbytery needs to accomplish the assignment of the divested TE and  
12 report to the Assembly.

13           **New Response:** “We again acknowledge and apologize for our error, and we have  
14 passed a motion at our October 5, 2021 Stated Meeting, assigning former TE [name  
15 omitted] to the membership of a particular church, [church name omitted], in San  
16 Marino, CA, per *BCO* 46-8.”

17           **Exception: Oct 6, 2018 [p.7]** (*BCO* 13-10) – Disposition of remaining members of  
18 dissolved church left unresolved.

19           **Response:** “We acknowledge and apologize for this error, and the stated clerk has  
20 already secured an accurate roll of the remaining members of [name omitted]  
21 Presbyterian Church, Torrance, CA, at the time of its dissolution on July 1, 2018. We  
22 will seek to determine if they have joined other churches, and how many, if any, have  
23 not done so. Further, if necessary, the stated clerk shall issue letters of dismissal to  
24 those individuals. We commit ourselves, by God’s grace, to avoiding this error in the  
25 future.

26           **Rationale:** The Presbytery needs to accomplish the assignment of the remaining  
27 members and report to the Assembly.

28           **New Response:** “Stated Clerk TE Jerrard Heard has granted letters of dismissal to all  
29 individuals remaining at [church name omitted] at the time of its dissolution on July  
30 1, 2018, per *BCO* 13-10-2, and TE Heard has confirmed that all remaining members  
31 have been received, as of October 5, 2021, into the membership of other churches.  
32 Hence, we view the matter as closed. We again commit ourselves to the avoidance of  
33 our previous error in the future.”  
34

35 60. That the Minutes of **Pacific Northwest** Presbytery: *49-0-1*

36 a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**

37 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Feb 5, 2021; May 20-21, 2021; Oct**  
38 **14-15, 2021.**

39 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

40           **Exception: Feb 5, 2021** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) – Minutes of commission not  
41 entered in Presbytery minutes.

42           **Exception: Feb 5, 2021** (*BCO* 20, 21) – No record that TE, whose call changed from  
43 Assistant to Associate, was installed as Associate Pastor.

44           **Exception: Feb 5, 2021** (*BCO* 18-3) – Incomplete record of candidate's examination.

45           **Exception: May 20-21, 2021** (*BCO* 13-6) – Incomplete record of transfer exam.

1           **Exception: May 20-21, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – Stated differences not  
2 judged with the prescribed categories.

3           **Exception: May 20-21, 2021; Oct 14-15, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – All  
4 specific requirements of ordination not recorded.

5       **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

6           **Exception: May 16-17, 2019** (*BCO* 19-3) – No record of licensure questions being  
7 asked or answered.

8           **Response:** The Minutes of our Stated Meeting on October 9, 2020 record the  
9 following response was adopted for this citation: “In January 2019, RE [name  
10 omitted] and RE [name omitted] were asked and answered the licensure questions as  
11 the first part of their ordination exams (see PNW Presbytery Minutes Jan 24, 2019, p.  
12 14, p. 18).”

13           **Exception:** No record of annual examination of Sessional records of churches of  
14 Presbytery in the May minutes. (*PNW Standing Rules* 4.51; *BCO* 13-9.b)

15           **Response:** The Minutes of our Stated Meeting on October 9, 2020, record the  
16 following response was adopted for this citation: “Presbytery agrees with this citation.  
17 Presbytery’s Admin Committee reviewed 2018 Session records, but this was not noted  
18 in their report. Record of such will be appended to our minutes from this [Oct. 2020]  
19 meeting. Presbytery commits to being more careful in recording in the future.”

20           **Exception: Oct. 8-9, 2020** (*BCO* 19-3) – No record of licensure questions being asked  
21 or answered.

22           **Response:** We failed to record it, but this was completed. We will be more diligent  
23 in the future to record something like the following: “The Moderator asked the  
24 candidate the four licensure questions from *BCO* 19-3, and he affirmed each.” We  
25 assume RPR and GA are not requiring presbyteries to reprint those four questions in  
26 the Minutes.

27           **Exception: Oct 8-9, 2020** (*BCO* 19-2.d) – No record of licensure sermons.

28           **Response:** We failed to record it, but this was completed. Our Credentials Committee  
29 is empowered in our Standing Rules (Rule 4.52.h) to act as a *BCO* 15-1 Commission  
30 to hear and approve sermons, which it did in this case. This provision in our Standing  
31 Rules was approved by a three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) vote of the Presbytery. (*BCO* 19-2.d allows  
32 licensure sermons to be preached before a committee, and *BCO* 21-4.c.(4) allows the  
33 same for ordination exam sermons with approval of three-fourths of the Presbytery.)

34           **Exception: Oct 8-9, 2020** (*BCO* 13-6) – No record that a views examination was  
35 conducted for transferring TEs.

36           **Response:** We failed to record it, but the transferring PCA minister was “examined  
37 on Christian experience, and also touching his views in theology, the Sacraments, and  
38 church government.” Each of those parts were sustained.

39           **Exception: Oct 8-9, 2020** (*BCO* 18-3) – No record that requisite questions were  
40 proposed to applicants for candidacy.

41           **Response:** We failed to record it, but both questions were asked and affirmed. We  
42 will be more diligent in the future to record something like the following: “The  
43 Moderator asked the man the two candidacy questions from *BCO* 18-3, and he  
44 affirmed each.”

1           **Exception: Oct 8-9, 2020** (*RAO* 16-3.e.5) – Incomplete record of all specific  
2 requirements for ordination examination.

3           **Response:** We failed to record that all specific requirements were completed, but they  
4 were. The ordination exam consisted of a careful examination of:

- 5           (a) his acquaintance with experiential religion, especially his personal character  
6           and family management (based on the qualifications set out in 1 Timothy 3:1-  
7           7, and Titus 1:6-9),
- 8           (b) his knowledge of the Greek and Hebrew languages (his seminary degree which  
9           included study in the original languages, was accepted in lieu of an oral  
10          examination in the original languages),
- 11          (c) Bible content,
- 12          (d) theology,
- 13          (e) the Sacraments,
- 14          (f) Church history,
- 15          (g) the history of the Presbyterian Church in America, and
- 16          (h) the principles and rules of the government and discipline of the church.

17          The examinee prepared a thesis on a theological topic and prepared an exegesis on a  
18 portion of Scripture, requiring the use of the original language or languages. He also  
19 preached a sermon before the Presbytery's Credentials Committee. (This preaching  
20 provision in our Standing Rules was approved by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of the Presbytery, in  
21 compliance with *BCO* 21-4.c.4.)

22          **Exception: Nov 28, 2020** (*BCO* 38-2) – No record of two stated meetings for  
23 demission of TE.

24          **Response:** No minister demitted or was divested at this called meeting. A motion to  
25 divest two ministers was “postponed indefinitely.” Thus, no action was taken  
26 regarding [church name omitted], or its pastors TEs [name omitted] and [name  
27 omitted], leaving our denomination for the ACNA, other than the ministers being  
28 administratively removed from the rolls via *BCO* 38.3.a.

29          **Exception: Nov 28, 2020** (*BCO* 46-8) – TE that demitted did not have membership  
30 assigned to a local church.

31          **Response:** See response to Item 8.

32          **Exception: General 2020** (*Standing Rules* 4.51; *BCO* 13-9.b) – No record of annual  
33 examination of Sessional records of churches of Presbytery.

34          **Response:** Respectfully, we think this citation is mistaken because the Minutes of our  
35 October 2020 Stated Meeting, pages 8-12, record the completion of the annual review  
36 of 2019 Session records. A report on annual reviews for each of 33 Sessions is shown.  
37 Two Sessions ([church name omitted] and [church name omitted]) did not submit  
38 2019 records and they have been exhorted to submit them for review as soon as  
39 practical.  
40

- 41          61. That the Minutes of **Palmetto** Presbytery: 47-0-1
- 42           a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**
  - 43           b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Directory; Feb 21, 2021; May 13, 2021; Nov**  
44           **11, 2021.**
  - 45           c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

1           **Exception: Feb 21, 2021; May 13, 2021 (BCO 13-6)** – No record of examination of  
2 TE transferring into Presbytery.

3           **Exception: Feb 21, 2021 (BCO 15-3; 31-10; 34; 36)** – Censure inflicted by a judicial  
4 commission without process being instituted or a judgment approved by the  
5 Presbytery.

6           **Exception: May 13, 2021; Aug 12, 2021; Nov 11, 2021 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16- 3.e.5)**  
7 – All specific requirements of ordination exam not recorded.

8           **Exception: May 13, 2021 (BCO 19-1)** – No record of licensure exam.

9           **Exception: May 13, 2021 (BCO 21-4)** – No record (or unclear record) of ordination  
10 exam.

11           **Exception: May 13, 2021 (BCO 15-2)** – A commission to ordain and install must  
12 have a minimum of two TEs and two REs for a quorum.

13           **Exception: Aug 12, 2021 (BCO 23-1)** – No record of a church being cited to appear  
14 by its commissioners to dissolve pastoral relation.

15 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

16           **Exception: Feb 14, 2019 (BCO 23-1)** – Pastoral relationship dissolved without citing  
17 local church to appear.

18           **Response:** In every case in which a pastoral relationship was dissolved, there was  
19 both a request from the pastor and minutes of the congregational meeting in which the  
20 congregation voted to approve the pastor’s resignation. The Presbytery will require  
21 that a ruling elder representative be present in future cases where a pastoral  
22 relationship is dissolved, and both the presence of the elder and the minutes of the  
23 congregation will be specified in the minutes of Presbytery

24           **Exception: Feb 14, 2019 (BCO 15-2)** – Commission comprised of insufficient  
25 numbers of both TE and RE. Second TE was from another Presbytery.

26           **Response:** The commission to ordain and install [name omitted] did have two  
27 teaching elders, but one was from another presbytery. It was not clear to this  
28 Presbytery from *The Book of Church Order* that a teaching elder from another  
29 Presbytery could not properly be counted in the quorum of a commission. Presbytery  
30 will make sure in the future that all commission members counted in the quorum are  
31 in this Presbytery.

32           **Exception: May 9, 2019 (BCO 15-1)** – No minutes for commission. Actions were  
33 reported to Presbytery, but minutes not recorded.

34           **Response:** The Presbytery admits its error in not including the minutes from the  
35 Church and ministerial Health Committee which acted as a commission (allowed by  
36 the Presbytery Bylaws) in the dissolution of the pastoral relationship. The Presbytery  
37 will be careful to include all commission reports in the future.

38           **Exception: Feb 13, 2020 (BCO Preliminary Principle 1, 7; BCO 19-2)** – Presbytery  
39 prohibited two licentiates from preaching or teaching their views to differences that  
40 were ruled as not striking at the vitals of religion.

41           **Response:** These prohibitions concerning recreation on the sabbath and visual images  
42 of deity were mistakenly put in the Presbytery minutes, and Presbytery will move to  
43 have these minutes corrected.

44           N.B. This exception places Palmetto Presbytery in a “Catch 22” situation in that if a  
45 candidate’s exam is not approved because of issues that do not strike at the vitals of



1 religion, there is a very good possibility that this Presbytery will be instructed by a  
2 higher court to re-examine the candidate and redo the action. If the candidate holds  
3 strongly to an issue such as paedo-communion, then the higher court may well side  
4 with him in holding that his views on this subject do not strike at the vitals of religion,  
5 but approving the exam in such a matter has led to confusion and disunity in our  
6 churches and could result in the loss of members, elders, and even churches.

7 **Exception: General 2019 (BCO 13-9.b)** – Incomplete results for review of session  
8 minutes.

9 **Response:** Palmetto Presbytery was cited for incomplete results of session minutes.  
10 The Presbytery admits it has not listed specific problems in those session minutes  
11 which have been approved with exceptions, but it commits itself to including these  
12 problems in future minutes.

13 **Exception: Nov 12, 2020 (BCO 13-9.b)** – No record of all the church Session records  
14 being reviewed.

15 **Response:** Palmetto Presbytery has requested all the churches to submit their session  
16 records for Presbytery examination, but some churches have not responded in a timely  
17 way, and others not at all. Presbytery admits the failure and will give greater effort in  
18 motivating churches to submit their records annually.

19  
20 62. That the Minutes of **Pee Dee Presbytery:** *46-0-1*

21 a. Be approved without exceptions: **Jan 28, 2021; Apr 22, 2021; Jul 29, 2021; Oct 28,**  
22 **2021.**

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

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

25 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

26 **Exception: Oct 27, 2019 (BCO 18-2)** – Presbytery states, “Note that ‘Sessional  
27 Certification of Applicant to Come Under Care of Presbytery’ is not required upon  
28 approval of the Extraordinary Circumstances.” An “extraordinary” circumstance  
29 changes the requirements for the time of membership in the “congregation whose  
30 session provides an endorsement,” not with whether the Session submits an  
31 endorsement.

32 **Response:** The session at [church name] PCA presented the information for  
33 endorsement which we have now added to our minutes from Oct 27, 2019 and we  
34 apologize for the oversight.

35 **Exception: Apr 29, 2020 (RAO 16-3.c.1)** – Purpose of called meeting was not  
36 recorded verbatim in the minutes.

37 **Response:** After reviewing the minutes, it was noted that though we had included the  
38 information and docket for the Called Meeting in Appendix D of the minutes, there  
39 was no clear statement of purpose for the meeting included verbatim in the minutes.  
40 We apologize for the oversight and will include the “purpose of” statement in future  
41 called meetings

42 **Exception: Oct 24, 2020 (BCO 23-1)** – Resignation request received and pastoral  
43 relationship dissolved without citing the local church to appear.

44 **Response:** Although we received approval of release from both the Pastor and the  
45 congregation and a RE from the church was present at the Presbytery Meeting to

1 present personal thanks for the service of the pastoral relationship, we are aware that  
2 we failed to “cite the church to appear by its commissioners, to show cause why the  
3 Presbytery should or should not accept the resignation”. We apologize for the  
4 oversight and will do so in the future.  
5

6 63. That the Minutes of **Philadelphia** Presbytery: 49-0-0

7 a. Be approved without exceptions: **May 15, 2021 ES.**

8 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Directory; Jan 16, 2021; Sep 18,**  
9 **2021.**

10 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

11 **Exception: Jan 16, 2021 (BCO 13-6)** – No record that minister transferring into the  
12 presbytery was examined on his views in theology, the sacraments, and church  
13 government.

14 **Exception: Mar 20, 2021 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** – Licensure candidate stated  
15 that he disagrees with the “strictness” of the Westminster Standards’ view of the  
16 Sabbath but is not clear on what his stated difference is.

17 **Exception: Sep 18, 2021 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** – Stated differences not judged  
18 with the prescribed categories.

19 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

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

22 **Response:** Presbytery did not meet on May 9, 2018 but on May 19, 2018 for its stated  
23 meeting. In reading the *BCO* – “The court shall consider the complaint at its next  
24 stated meeting” – it was our understanding that we considered the matter and then can  
25 have several options including erecting a committee or commission to answer. We  
26 also thought that, in like manner, this particular matter could be heard (“considered”)  
27 and then directed to a called meeting two weeks later. If this is not a correct reading  
28 of the *BCO*, then we will not conduct business in such a manner in the future.

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

31 **Response:** The Philadelphia Presbytery, in future minutes, will use *BCO* terminology  
32 for examinations.

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

35 **Response:** This was an oversight, for which we apologize. All dissolutions had the  
36 necessary vote by their respective congregations.

37 **e. That the following response to the 49th GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore a**  
38 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

39 **Exception: Sep 21, 2019 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3e.5)** – Candidate [name omitted]’s  
40 exceptions noted, but not recorded in his own words.

41 **Response:** We apologize for the oversight. *Mr.* [name omitted] has since transferred  
42 to Eastern Pennsylvania Presbytery (and thus his exceptions should be in their minutes  
43 when he was received). He was contacted to provide his exceptions in his own words  
44 as a result of this exception which we now have on file. We will put the candidate’s  
45 exceptions in his own words, as submitted to the Credentialing Team, in the future.

- 1           **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to submit the candidate’s stated differences in his own  
2 words for review.  
3
- 4   64. That the Minutes of **Philadelphia Metro West** Presbytery: 54-0-0  
5       a. Be approved without exceptions: **Feb 27, 2021; Mar 23, 2021; May 8, 2021; Sep 18,**  
6       **2021; Nov 16, 2021.**  
7       b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **None.**  
8       c. Be approved with exceptions of substance: **None.**  
9       **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
10
- 11   65. That the Minutes of **Piedmont Triad** Presbytery: 47-0-1  
12       a. Be approved without exceptions: **Jan 30, 2021; Apr 24, 2021; Jul 24, 2021.**  
13       b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Oct 24, 2020.**  
14       c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:  
15       **Exception: Oct 24, 2020 (BCO 13-6) – All specific requirements of transfer exam not**  
16       **recorded.**  
17       **Exception: Oct 23, 2021 (BCO 34-10, 38-2) – No record of why a minister was**  
18       **divested.**  
19       **Exception: Oct 23, 2021 (BCO 46-8) – No record that divested minister was assigned**  
20       **to membership in a particular church.**  
21       **d. That the following response to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**  
22       **Exception: Jul 25, 2020 (BCO 13-6) – TE [name omitted] was transferred from**  
23       **another presbytery without examination for Christian experience, theology,**  
24       **sacraments, and church government. The minutes only record examination with**  
25       **regard to differences from the Westminster Standards.**  
26       **Response: We apologize for this oversight. The TE in question was given a full**  
27       **transfer exam according to BCO 13-6. We will strive to include that in the minutes in**  
28       **the future and will happily oblige the RPR’s recommendation for how to repair this**  
29       **oversight.**  
30
- 31   66. That the Minutes of **Pittsburgh** Presbytery: 52-0-0  
32       a. Be approved without exceptions: **Apr 10, 2021; Jul 24, 2021; Aug 17, 2021.**  
33       b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Jan 30, 2021; Oct 16, 2021.**  
34       c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:  
35       **Exception: Oct. 16, 2021 (BCO 13-9.b; 40-1) – Incomplete record of review of**  
36       **records of church Sessions.**  
37       **d. That a response shall be submitted to the following GA as no response was**  
38       **received in 2022:**  
39       **Exception: Jul 25, 2020 (BCO 21-4 c.1.a) – Incomplete record of exam – no record**  
40       **of ordination candidate being examined in experiential religion.**  
41
- 42   67. That the Minutes of **Platte Valley** Presbytery: 44-2-1  
43       a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**  
44       b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Feb 6, 2021; Apr 24, 2021; Aug 14,**  
45       **2021; Oct 23, 2021.**

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

2 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

3 **Exception: Nov 2, 2019 (BCO 19-16)** – ¾ vote for waiving internship requirement  
4 not recorded.

5 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this exception as an error in our minutes. There  
6 was indeed a 3/4 vote for waiving the internship requirement, but this fact was not  
7 properly recorded. We will work to record this if the situation arises again in the  
8 future.

9 **Exception: Standing Rules (BCO 10-3)** – The Moderator may only be elected for a  
10 period of time up to one year. Standing Rules allow election for a period of up to 2  
11 years.

12 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges this issue as a conflict from our Standing Rules  
13 to the *BCO*. We have never had a Moderator serve longer than one year, but we have  
14 now amended our Standing Rules to bring them into conformity with the *BCO*.

15  
16 68. That the Minutes of **Potomac** Presbytery: 48-0-4

17 a. Be approved without exceptions: **Jan 26, 2021; Mar 20, 2021; Jun 1, 2021; Jul 24,**  
18 **2021; Sep 21, 2021; Nov 20, 2021.**

19 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **None.**

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

21 **d. That the following response to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

22 **Exception: Jun 25, 2019 (BCO 13-12)** – Call for meeting not in order (no record of  
23 10-day notice of meeting).

24 **Response:** Potomac Presbytery (PP) regrets setting the wrong date (date of the  
25 meeting) in the call letter that was sent out. PP should have placed the date of the call  
26 (June 15, 2019) into the letter. PP will strive to avoid such an error in future calls.

27  
28 69. That the Minutes of **Providence** Presbytery: 46-0-1

29 a. Be approved without exceptions: **May 5, 2021.**

30 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Feb 2, 2021; Aug 3, 2021; Nov 2,**  
31 **2021.**

32 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

33 **Exception: Feb 2, 2021; Aug 3, 2021 (BCO 21-4)** – All specific requirements of  
34 ordination exam not recorded.

35 **Exception: Aug 3, 2021 [p. 25] (BCO 13-6)** – All specific requirements of transfer  
36 exam not recorded.

37 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

38 **Exception: General 2019 (BCO 13-4; RAO 16-3.c.6)** – Unable to determine if  
39 quorum is present, as the names of TEs and the names of REs are not specified.

40 **Response:** Sign-in sheets are utilized to capture a record of attendance, including  
41 Ruling and Teaching Elders and which Church they represent, as well as visitors. A  
42 quorum was indeed present at all of these meetings. In the future, we will endeavor to  
43 include all of this information as a part of the Minutes.

44 **Exception: Aug 6, 2019; Nov 5, 2019 (BCO 15-1)** – Minutes of commission not  
45 entered in Presbytery minutes (see also *RAO* 16-3.e.4).

1           **Response:** Previously, we have had Commission Minutes as part of the Docket &  
2 Attachments, but have not always made sure those are inputted into the Minutes. We  
3 have made an effort to not make this mistake in our Minutes since it was brought to  
4 our attention

5           **Exception: Aug 4, 2020 (BCO 19-2.d)** – No record of a written or oral sermon.

6           **Response:** We disagree with this exception, as the minutes clearly note: “TE [name  
7 omitted] Introduced **Candidate [name omitted]** to be examined for the licensure ex-  
8 amination. Specifically, theology, Bible content, *BCO*, and **sermon**, as required in  
9 *BCO* 19- 2”. {emphasis ours} We will seek to be more specific as to whether it was  
10 written or oral, but the Minutes note the fulfillment of this *BCO* requirement, as did  
11 the docket that was before the Presbytery

12           **Exception: Aug 4, 2020; Nov 10, 2020 (BCO 23-1)** – No record of a congregational  
13 meeting to dissolve pastoral relationship.

14           **Response:** The Pastor in both cases served as an Assistant Pastor of their respective  
15 congregations and therefore no congregational meeting was required. The Minutes,  
16 how- ever, do not properly identify them as such. We will strive for greater accuracy  
17 in our Minutes.

18           **Exception: Feb 5, 2019 (BCO 22-2)** – No record of congregational meeting to  
19 approve call for pastor.

20           **Response:** This was a recording oversight on our part, though a congregational  
21 meeting to approve the call for the pastor took place on December 8th, 2018. We will  
22 endeavor to be more diligent in the future.

23           **Exception: May 7, 2019 (BCO 23-1)** – No record of a congregational meeting in the  
24 dissolution of two relationships between ministers and churches.

25           **Response:** This was a recording oversight on our part, in both cases, as the  
26 congregations held meetings to dissolve the relationship with these ministers and the  
27 Presbytery was aware of it the time of our meeting. We will endeavor to be more  
28 diligent in the future.

29           **Exception: Feb 4, 2020; Nov 10, 2020 (BCO 21-4)** – No record of requiring statement  
30 of differences with our standards.

31           **Response:** Because these men had stated their differences with our standards during  
32 their Licensure exams, which in one case was the immediately preceding meeting, we  
33 neglected to ask the Ordinands if those views had changed upon their coming to  
34 complete the Ordination process. We agree with this exception and have corrected our  
35 procedures.

36           **Exception: Aug 4, 2020 (BCO 5-9)** – Documentation of the Particularization of  
37 [church name omitted] Church is incomplete and unable to determine if there are REs  
38 or Deacons, etc.

39           **Response:** This was recording error on the part of the Stated Clerk. A completed and  
40 signed form 043-1 was submitted to the Presbytery and available for all members in  
41 the Docket, but that form and proper notes were not inserted into the Minutes. Two  
42 Ruling Elders and one Deacon were “regularly elected, ordained, and installed” as  
43 Officers of the Church. We will endeavor to not make such mistakes in the future  
44

45       70. That the Minutes of **Rio Grande** Presbytery:

43-1-1

- 1 a. Be approved without exceptions: **Jan 27-28, 2020; May 18-19, 2020; Jan 26, 2021.**  
2 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Apr 26-27, 2021; May 5, 2021.**  
3 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:  
4 **Exception: Jan 27-28, 2020 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5) – Stated differences not**  
5 **properly recorded.**  
6 **Exception: Sep 21, 2020 (Standing Rules) – No provision in the standing rules for**  
7 **conducting a meeting in this manner. The meeting may be invalid.**  
8 **Exception: Apr 26-27, 2021 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5) – Exception not properly**  
9 **recorded.**  
10 **Exception: May 21, 2021 (BCO 13-12; RAO 16-3.c.1) – Notice and purpose and those**  
11 **calling the called meeting not recorded.**  
12 **Exception: May 21, 2021 (BCO 18-19) – No record of candidate coming under care,**  
13 **licensure or ordination exams, or internship.**  
14 **d. That responses shall be submitted to the following GA as no approved responses**  
15 **were received in 2022:**  
16 **Exception: General (BCO 13-9.b) – No record of review of records of church**  
17 **Sessions.**  
18 **Exception: Apr 29-30, 2019 (BCO 13-6; 21-4) – Incomplete record of transfer exam**  
19 **of TE transferring into presbytery.**  
20 **Exception: Sep 23-24, 2019 (BCO 13-6) – Incomplete record of transfer for minister.**  
21 **Type of transfer from a Korean language presbytery or another denomination not**  
22 **specified.**  
23 **Exception: Sep 23-24, 2019 (BCO 21-4) – No record of requiring a statement of**  
24 **differences with our Standards.**  
25 **Exception: Sep 23-24, 2019 (BCO 13-6) – Incomplete record of transfer for minister**  
26 **from another presbytery.**  
27 **Exception: Sep 23-24, 2019 (BCO 13-6) – Incomplete record of transfer exam for**  
28 **minister from another denomination.**  
29  
30 71. That the Minutes of **Rocky Mountain** Presbytery: *42-0-1*  
31 a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**  
32 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Jan 24, 2019; Apr 25, 2019; Sep 23, 2021;**  
33 **Jan 28, 2021; Apr 22, 2021; Sep 23, 2021.**  
34 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:  
35 **Exception: General (BCO 13-9.b, 40-1) – Incomplete record of review of records of**  
36 **church Sessions.**  
37 **Exception: Jan 24, 2019 (BCO 21-4.c. (1)(g)) – All specific requirements of**  
38 **ordination examination not recorded.**  
39 **Exception: Apr 25, 2019 (BCO 21-4.c.(1)(g)) – All specific requirements of licensure**  
40 **exam not recorded.**  
41 **Exception: Oct 3, 2019 (BCO 21-4.d) – Apparent use of ¾ clause during transfer**  
42 **exam of minister from the OPC not explicitly demonstrated in the minutes.**  
43 **Exception: Apr 22, 2021 (BCO 13-6) – No record of Transfer being examined on**  
44 **views touching sacraments or church government.**  
45 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

- 1           **Exception: General 2020** (*BCO* 13-9.b) – No record of review of records of church  
2 Sessions.
- 3           **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery agrees with the exception and will correct  
4 our record (if possible), will correct our action (if possible), and promises to be more  
5 careful in the future.
- 6           **Exception: Aug 6, 2020** (*RAO* 16-3.c.1) – No record of call for called meeting.
- 7           **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery agrees with the exception and will correct our  
8 record (if possible), will correct our action (if possible), and promises to be more  
9 careful in the future
- 10          **Exception: Oct 1, 2020** (*BCO* 23-1) – No record of congregational vote to dissolve  
11 relationship with pastor.
- 12          **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery agrees with the exception and will correct  
13 our record (if possible), will correct our action (if possible), and promises to be more  
14 careful in the future
- 15      **e. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
16      **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**
- 17          **Exception: Oct 1, 2020** (*BCO* 13-6; 21-4.c) – Incomplete exam for transfer from  
18 another denomination.
- 19          **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery agrees with the exception and will correct our  
20 record (if possible), will correct our action (if possible), and promises to be more  
21 careful in the future
- 22          **Rationale:** Presbytery has not corrected their minutes to address the exception and  
23 submitted for review (*RAO* 16-10.b).
- 24          **Exception: Oct 1, 2020** (*BCO* 13-5) – Minister transferring from another  
25 denomination with no call to a definite work without deeming the transfer necessary.
- 26          **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery agrees with the exception and will correct our  
27 record (if possible), will correct our action (if possible), and promises to be more  
28 careful in the future.
- 29          **Rationale:** Presbytery has not corrected their minutes to address the exception and  
30 submitted for review (*RAO* 16-10.b).
- 31          **Exception: Oct 1, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4.c; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – Stated differences not  
32 recorded in the minister’s own words (the minister said, “it is possible that I have a  
33 scruple or exception in connection with the language about ‘recreations’” but never  
34 said what that scruple is).
- 35          **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery agrees with the exception and will correct our  
36 record (if possible), will correct our action (if possible), and promises to be more  
37 careful in the future.
- 38          **Rationale:** Presbytery has not corrected their minutes to address the exception and  
39 submitted for review (*RAO* 16-10.b).
- 40          **Exception: Jan 23, 2020; Oct 1, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4.a, c) – Incomplete ordination exam  
41 (no Hebrew/Greek requirement completed; no internship completed).
- 42          **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery agrees with the exception and will correct our  
43 record (if possible), will correct our action (if possible), and promises to be more  
44 careful in the future.

1       **Rationale:** Presbytery has not corrected their minutes to address the exception and  
2 submitted for review (*RAO* 16-10.b).

3       **f. That a response shall be submitted to the following GA as no response was**  
4 **received in 2022:**

5       **Exception: Feb 1, 2018; Apr 26, 2018; Oct 4, 2018** (*BCO* 23-1) – No record of  
6 congregational concurrence in dissolution of pastoral relations.

7  
8       72. That the Minutes of **Savannah River** Presbytery: *45-0-1*

9       a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**

10       b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Jul 17, 2021; Oct 19, 2021.**

11       c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

12       **Exception: Jan 23, 2021; Apr 20 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – All specific  
13 requirements of ordination exam not recorded.

14       **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

15       **Exception: Apr 17, 2018** (*BCO* 15-1) – Records of commission not entered in  
16 Presbytery minutes (cf. *RAO* 16-3.e.4).

17       **Response:** We agree that we did not include the Commission Report but we attach it  
18 here to.

19       **Exception: Apr 17, 2018** (*BCO* 13-11, *RAO* 16-3.e.7) – Overture not recorded.

20       **Response:** The subject overture was attached as ATT-007.A and ATT-007.B copies  
21 of which are hereby attached.

22       See attachment

23       **Exception: Jul 20-21, 2018** (*BCO* 13-11) – Minutes of executive session not  
24 included.

25       **Response:** The full and complete Ex Session minutes were included on Page 8 of 8  
26 and a copy is here to attached.

27       See attachment

28       **Exception: Oct 15, 2019** [ (*BCO* 42-4) – No record of the court’s action regarding a  
29 timely filed appeal.

30       **Response:** The Bills and Overtures Committee made a motion, that was approved by  
31 the court, to postpone this item to the January 2020 Stated Meeting.

32       **Exception: Jan 24-25, 2020** (*BCO* 13-6) – No record of two men transferring from  
33 another Presbytery being examined in views of the sacraments and church  
34 government.

35       **Response:** The minutes of the examination of two men state “no part of the  
36 examination being omitted”. We will make sure to be more expansive in our future  
37 minutes.

38       **Exception: May 18, 2020** (*Bylaws*, Section X) – No record of vote on motions to  
39 amend *Bylaws* (requires  $\frac{2}{3}$ ).

40       **Response:** The Moderator asked if there were any exceptions or objections to a one  
41 time change in the By Laws and, hearing none, he believed that this fulfilled the  
42 requirement to vote

43       **Exception: May 18, 2020; Jul 18, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4.c. (1) (g)) – Although it is asserted  
44 that two candidates for ordination have been examined in history of the PCA, there is  
45 no record of them being examined in this area in either their licensure or ordination.



1 **Response:** The two candidates were examined in history of the PCA but this fact was  
2 not recorded properly. We will be more diligent in the future.

3 **Exception: Jan 25-26, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4.a, c) – No record of candidate’s academic  
4 credentials, experiential religion, or sustaining exams in sacraments, church history,  
5 and languages.

6 **Response:** We believe that a careful reading of this section of our minutes show that  
7 the full examination of the candidate was made and recorded

8 **Exception: Jan 24-25, 2020; May 18, 2020; Oct 10, 2020** (*BCO* 19-1, 2) – A  
9 candidate for licensure should be examined in accordance with *BCO* 13-6 if he is a  
10 member of another Presbytery, or under 19-2 if he is not, but he should not be  
11 examined under both as minutes record to be the case with the six candidates for  
12 licensure examined at those meetings.

13 **Response:** We agree that the men involved should not have been examined under two  
14 different chapters of the *BCO* and we will be more diligent in the future.

15 **Exception: May 18, 2020 [pp. 3-5]** (*BCO* 19-2.b) – Candidates for licensure  
16 examined in the area of practical knowledge of Bible content but no record of that  
17 particular examination being approved; conversely record shows approval of an  
18 examination in the area of sacraments for both of these men that there is no record of  
19 being administered.

20 **Response:** We hereby agree that we did not properly and clearly record approval of  
21 “Bible content” examinations and also did not record examinations in “sacraments”.  
22 We hereby state that these examinations were properly made and the men were  
23 approved. We will attempt to be more accurate in the future.

24 **Exception: July 19, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4.a) – No record of academic credentials or  
25 experiential clause given for candidate for ordination.

26 **Response:** The subject candidate is a seminary graduate and we accepted his course  
27 work as fulfilling the requirement . We will be more diligent to record such items in  
28 the future.

29 **e. That the following response to the 49th GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore a  
30 new response shall be submitted to the following GA:**

31 **Exception: Oct 15, 2019** (*BCO* 41) – No constitutional basis for declaring a non-  
32 judicial reference out of order.

33 **Response:** The Moderator did not believe a “constitutional basis” was needed since  
34 the full court, by vote, agreed with him.

35 **Rationale:** Declaring a constitutionally allowed practice out of order without giving  
36 a constitutional basis is out of order.

37

38 73. That the Minutes of **Siouxlands** Presbytery: 45-0-0

39 a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**

40 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Jan 22, 2021; Apr 22, 2021; Sep 23,**  
41 **2021.**

42 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

43 **Exception: Jan 22, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16.3.e.5) – All specific requirements of  
44 ordination exam not recorded.

- 1           **Exception: Sep 23, 2021 [p. 4, 122.14] (BCO 13-6) – Incomplete record of transfer**
- 2           **exam from another Presbytery.**

- 1       **d. That the following response to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**  
2       **Exception: Sep 24, 2020** (*BCO* 21-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.6) – TE [name omitted]’s call was  
3       not included or signed.  
4       **Response:** In response to the exceptions cited by the 48<sup>th</sup> General Assembly to the  
5       Presbytery of the Siouxlans, amend the minutes of the September 24<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting  
6       to include the call of TE [name omitted]. The presbytery acknowledges its error in  
7       omitting the call in our minutes. It was presented, reviewed and approved by the  
8       Presbytery at that stated meeting, but was inadvertently not included in our minutes.  
9       We have amended our minutes to include it. We will be diligent to include the calls in  
10      the future.  
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- 12      74. That the Minutes of **South Coast** Presbytery: *44-0-0*  
13      a. Be approved without exceptions: **Jul 8, 2021; Aug 26, 2021.**  
14      b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Jan 23, 2021; Apr 24, 2021; Sep 25,**  
15      **2021 .**  
16      c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:  
17      **Exception: General** (*RAO* 16-3.e.4) – Commission minutes not provided.  
18      **Exception: General** (*BCO* 13-9.b, 40-1) – Incomplete record of review of records of  
19      church Sessions.  
20      **Exception: Apr 24, 2021** (*BCO* 34-4) – A minister was found contumacious, but  
21      Presbytery did not make “record... of the fact and of the charges under which he was  
22      arraigned.”  
23      **Exception: Apr 24, 2021** (*BCO* 23-1) – No record of the congregation having  
24      approved the dissolution of the call of the former pastor.  
25      **Exception: Aug 14, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – Stated differences not judged  
26      with the prescribed categories.  
27      **Exception: Aug 14, 2021** (*BCO* 13-6) – All specific requirements of transfer exam  
28      not recorded.  
29      **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**  
30      **Exception: Jan 25, 2020** (*BCO* 5-9.f) – No record of call/installation of Rev. [name  
31      omitted] as pastor of particularized church as listed in directory.  
32      **Response:** The call/installation was in order and received and we retroactively had to  
33      approve at the 9.25.2021 meeting  
34      **Exception: General 2020** (*BCO* 13-9.b) – No record of review of records of church  
35      sessions.  
36      **Response: General 2019, General 2020** Our administrative commission underwent  
37      significant personnel change in 2019-2020, and then with the events of 2020 was  
38      further delayed in making progress on reviewing session minutes. We have  
39      implemented a new administrative team and they will be making progress on this task  
40      this year.  
41      **Exception: Nov 17, 2020** (*RAO* 16-3.a.1) – Purpose of called meeting not stated.  
42      **Response:** This meeting was originally called at the 9.26.2020 stated meeting. Its  
43      purpose was listed in the minutes. The call to the meeting was sent out on 11.6.2020  
44      with the reason for the meeting. The clerk neglected to put the purpose in the minutes  
45      of 11.17.2020. We will do this in the future.

1 e. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore  
2 new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:

3 **Exception: Jan 26, 2019; May 4, 2019; Sep 24, 2019** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.2.4) –  
4 Minutes of commission not entered into Presbytery minutes.

5 **Response:** These minutes were received by our administrative commission and  
6 reported to the presbytery, but we failed to enter them into the minutes. We will revise  
7 our processes to include them in the future.

8 **Rationale:** When GA takes exception to a Presbytery's minutes for failure to record  
9 or take a required action, and Presbytery agrees with the exception, a satisfactory  
10 response should indicate that they have taken the required action, if possible, and  
11 properly recorded the same in their minutes, amending and resubmitting relevant  
12 portions of past minutes if necessary.

13 **Exception: Jan 25, 2020** (*BCO* 19-2.a) – No exam/statement of Christian experience  
14 and inward call.

15 **Response:** Our ordination team has historically received a statement of Christian  
16 experience and inward call when candidates come under care in the presbytery. In the  
17 future, we will make sure this is added to licensure candidates as well.

18 **Rationale:** When GA takes exception to a Presbytery's minutes for failure to record  
19 or take a required action, and Presbytery agrees with the exception, a satisfactory  
20 response should indicate that they have taken the required action, if possible, and  
21 properly recorded the same in their minutes, amending and resubmitting relevant  
22 portions of past minutes if necessary.

23 **Exception: Jan 25, 2020** (*BCO* 13-6; 21-4) – Incomplete transfer exam (no theology,  
24 Bible content or Sacraments).

25 **Response:** Our ordination team recognizes and agrees with this error and will remedy  
26 it in future transfer exams.

27 **Rationale:** When GA takes exception to a Presbytery's minutes for failure to record  
28 or take a required action, and Presbytery agrees with the exception, a satisfactory  
29 response should indicate that they have taken the required action, if possible, and  
30 properly recorded the same in their minutes, amending and resubmitting relevant  
31 portions of past minutes if necessary.

32 **Exception: July 23, 2019** (*BCO* 13-6) – Incomplete record of transfer exam (no  
33 record of questions on views of sacraments or church government).

34 **Response:** Our ordination team recognizes and agrees with this oversight and will  
35 work to conduct a complete transfer exam in the future.

36 **Rationale:** When GA takes exception to a Presbytery's minutes for failure to record  
37 or take a required action, and Presbytery agrees with the exception, a satisfactory  
38 response should indicate that they have taken the required action, if possible, and  
39 properly recorded the same in their minutes, amending and resubmitting relevant  
40 portions of past minutes if necessary.

41 **Exception: Jan 25, 2020** (*BCO* 19-7) – No indication of Mr. [name omitted] having  
42 completed his presbytery internship prior to ordination.

43 **Response:** Our ordination team agrees with this oversight and will work to insure it  
44 is completed in the future.

1           **Rationale:** When GA takes exception to a Presbytery's minutes for failure to record  
2 or take a required action, and Presbytery agrees with the exception, a satisfactory  
3 response should indicate that they have taken the required action, if possible, and  
4 properly recorded the same in their minutes, amending and resubmitting relevant  
5 portions of past minutes if necessary.

6           **Exception: Jan 25, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4) – No record that theological thesis or exegetical  
7 papers submitted.

8           **Response:** Our ordination team agrees with this oversight and will work to insure it  
9 is completed in the future.

10          **Rationale:** When GA takes exception to a Presbytery's minutes for failure to record  
11 or take a required action, and Presbytery agrees with the exception, a satisfactory  
12 response should indicate that they have taken the required action, if possible, and  
13 properly recorded the same in their minutes, amending and resubmitting relevant  
14 portions of past minutes if necessary.

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16          75. That the Minutes of **South Florida** Presbytery: 43-0-0

17           a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**

18           b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General.**

19           c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

20           **Exception: General** (*BCO* 13-9.b, 40-1) – No record of review of Session minutes.

21           **Exception: Directory** (*BCO* 15-1, 21; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) – No record of ordination for a  
22 man who is listed in the 5/18/21 and 8/17/21 minutes as licensed, but in 11/9/21  
23 minutes as ordained.

24           **Exception: Feb 11, 2020; Aug 11, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – All specific  
25 requirements of ordination exam not recorded.

26           **Exception: Nov 10, 2020** (*BCO* 15-1) – Minutes of commission not entered into  
27 Presbytery minutes.

28           **Exception: Nov 10, 2020** (*BCO* 13-6, 21-4) – Unclear record of transfer exam for  
29 minister from another denomination.

30           **Exception: Feb 9, 2021; Nov 9, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – Stated differences  
31 not recorded in minister's own words.

32           **Exception: Feb 9, 2021** (*BCO* 19-5) – No record that the examination for transfer of  
33 licensure was completed.

34           **Exception: Feb 9, 2021** (*BCO* 13-6) – No record of transfer exam from another  
35 Presbytery.

36           **Exception: Feb 9, 2021; May 18, 2021; Aug 17, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) –  
37 All specific requirements of ordination exam not recorded

38           **Exception: May 18, 2021** (*BCO* 18-5, 22-5) – Student supply approved without  
39 licensure.

40           **Exception: May 18, 2021** (*BCO* 13-6) – Incomplete record of transfer exam from  
41 another Presbytery.

42           **Exception: May 18, 2021** (*BCO* 13-6, 21-4) – Incomplete record of transfer exam for  
43 minister from another denomination.

44           **Exception: Aug 17, 2021** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) – Minutes from commission not  
45 entered in Presbytery minutes.

1 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

2 **Exception: Nov 13, 2018 (BCO 13-4)** – Minutes say no quorum present, and no record  
3 of attendance attached.

4 **Response:** Agreed, but corrected; and copy sent to one of RPR Team several months  
5 ago during review.

6 **Exception: Feb 13, 2018 (BCO 15-1)** – Ordination commission reported but no  
7 records of proceedings attached.

8 **Response:** Agreed, Stated Clerk now attending all ordinations for proper paperwork  
9 and inclusion in minutes.

10 **Exception: Nov 13, 2018 (BCO 8-7, 13-2)** – TEs laboring out of bounds or without  
11 call reports missing.

12 **Response:** Agreed, Stated Clerk now requesting reports to be submitted.

13 **Exception: Feb 13, 2018 (BCO 13-2)** – A South Florida TE laboring out of bounds  
14 without concurrence of Presbytery within whose bounds he labors.

15 **Response:** Agreed; TE dropped from rolls in December 2018.

16 **Exception: May 8, 2018 (BCO 19-16)** – ¾ vote for waiving internship requirement  
17 not recorded.

18 **Response:** Disagree; a unanimous vote is 100%, which is more than 75%; BCO 19-  
19 16 does not require an actual head count, just more than 75% approval vote.

20 **e. That responses shall be submitted to the following GA as no responses were**  
21 **received in 2022:**

22 **Exception: Feb 13, 2018; May 8, 2018 (BCO 21-4, RAO 16-3.e.5)** – Differences of  
23 three candidates not judged to prescribed categories.

24 **Response:** Agreed. Categories now being used for all determinations of exceptions to  
25 the standards.

26 **Rationale:** Presbytery’s judgment of stated differences using the prescribed  
27 categories need to be submitted for review.

28 **Exception: May 9, 2017; Aug 8, 2017 (BCO 18-2; BCO 21-4)** – Stated difference not  
29 recorded in the minister’s/candidate’s own words (RAO 16-3.e5).

30 **Response:** Actually, it was. If the candidate says he is taking the “Continental  
31 Exception to the Sabbath per 21-8” then that is what he said in his own words.

32 **Rationale:** Candidate must state “specific instances in which he” (BCO 19-2.e) differs  
33 from WCF, LC, SC; not simply name a view.

34 **New Response:** Agreed; candidate’s actual words now being recorded.

35 **Exception: Feb 13, 2018; May 8, 2018 (BCO 21-4, RAO 16-3.e.5)** – Differences not  
36 stated in candidates’ own words.

37 **Response:** Agreed. Candidate’s words now being recorded in the minutes.

38 **Rationale:** The candidate’s own words must be recorded and entered in the minutes  
39 and submitted for review.

40  
41 76. That the Minutes of **South Texas** Presbytery:

42-0-0

42 a. Be approved without exceptions: **Oct 29-30, 2021.**

43 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Apr 23-24, 2021; Aug 13-14, 2021.**

44 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

45 **Exception: Apr 23-24, 2021 (BCO 20-1)** – No record of call to a definite work.

1           **Exception: Apr 23-24, 2021; Aug 13-14, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – All  
2 specific requirements of ordination exam not recorded.

3 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

4           **Exception: Jan 25-26, 2019** (*BCO* 13-10) – Unclear if provision of 60-day notice  
5 followed consent of members to transfer.

6           **Response:** The presbytery agrees with this exception and regrets the ambiguity. The  
7 congregational meeting to dissolve the pastoral relationship with the pastor and  
8 dissolve the church occurred on June 10, 2018. The approval of the dissolution  
9 occurred more than 6 months later and notice of dissolution pursuant to *BCO* 13-10  
10 was properly given to the members of the church at that time. That action reviewed  
11 by the appropriate committee of the presbytery while proceeding through the  
12 dissolution process and was faithfully reported to the presbytery. The members were  
13 communicated with and advised of their responsibility to transfer their membership to  
14 another particular church, and the minutes accurately record their transfer to another  
15 particular church within the presbytery.

16           **Exception: Aug 9-10, 2019** (*BCO* 20-1) – No record of a proper call for a man  
17 changing from Assistant to Associate Pastor.

18           **Response:** The presbytery agrees with this exception and regrets the oversight. The  
19 call was reviewed by the appropriate committee within the presbytery and found to be  
20 properly in order. The clerk failed to include that statement in the minutes and seeks  
21 forgiveness for the lack of attention to detail.

22           **Exception: Jan 24-25, 2020** (*BCO* 20-6; 22-2) – No record of a call being extended  
23 by a congregation to an assistant pastor being called as associate pastor of the same  
24 congregation.

25           **Response:** The presbytery agrees with this exception and regrets the oversight. The  
26 call was reviewed by the appropriate committee within the presbytery and found to be  
27 properly in order. The clerk failed to include that statement in the minutes and seeks  
28 forgiveness for the lack of attention to detail.

29           **Exception: Aug 7, 2020** (*BCO* 23-1) – No record of congregational vote to release  
30 TE [name omitted] from call.

31           **Response:** The presbytery agrees with this exception and regrets the failure to include  
32 the minutes of the congregational meeting in the presbytery minutes. The presbytery  
33 timely received the minutes of the congregational meeting held by the church on June  
34 28, 2020, in accordance with all *BCO* requirements where a motion was made and  
35 passed to release the teaching elder from his call. The presbytery will correct this  
36 oversight by including the minutes of the congregational meeting in the minutes of the  
37 next presbytery meeting with a note referencing the minutes in error.

38           **Exception: Aug 7, 2020** (*BCO* 13-5) – No record of the reasons to receive a man  
39 without a call as member of the Presbytery.

40           **Response:** The presbytery agrees with this exception and regrets the oversight. TE  
41 [name omitted] is a military chaplain. He moved into the bounds of South Texas  
42 Presbytery. He engages in unpaid ministry as a counselor. He is likely to transition  
43 back into service at some point with the military in San Antonio. He had no call  
44 because of his expectancy to returned to active duty, but wanted the accountability to  
45 the geographical presbytery where he resided. These issues were thoroughly discussed

1 in committee and on the floor of presbytery before the vote to receive him without  
2 call. In the future, the presbytery will try to ensure such explanations are included in  
3 the minutes.

4 **Exception: Oct 30-31, 2020** (*BCO* 20-1, 20-10) – No record of Presbytery extending  
5 the call to TE as pastor of mission church.

6 **Response:** The presbytery agrees with this exception and regrets the oversight. The  
7 call was reviewed by the appropriate committee within the presbytery and found to be  
8 properly in order. The clerk failed to include that statement in the minutes and seeks  
9 forgiveness for the lack of attention to detail.

10  
11 77. That the Minutes of **Southeast Alabama** Presbytery: 39-0-0

12 a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**

13 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Jan 27, 2021; Apr 27, 2021; Aug**  
14 **24, 2021; Oct 26, 2021.**

15 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

16 **Exception: General** (*BCO* 13-9.b, 40-3) – Incomplete record or review of records of  
17 church sessions.

18 **Exception: Oct 26, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16.3.e.5) – All specific requirements of  
19 ordination exam not recorded.

20 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

21 **Exception: Jan 27, 2020; Oct 27, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4) – Stated differences not judged  
22 with prescribed categories (*RAO* 16-3.e.5).

23 **Response:** Both of the minutes in question state the following in relation to the  
24 person's stated differences: "Moved and approved that Presbytery deem the  
25 candidate's difference to our doctrinal standards as enumerated above as not hostile to  
26 our system of doctrine and does not strike at the vitals of religion and therefore grant  
27 an exception to this difference."

28 While this language does come from *BCO* 21-4, it does not fit one of the prescribed  
29 categories in 16-3.e.5. Therefore, we agree with this exception and will correct our  
30 actions in the future

31 **Exception: Jan 27, 2020; Jun 2, 2020** (*BCO* 13-11; 14-6.c; 40-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.7) –  
32 Presbytery entered Executive Session but did not provide minutes.

33 **Response:** We respectfully disagree with the exception.

34 For January 27, 2020 (which should be January 28, 2020), minutes of actions taken in  
35 Executive Session are recorded between 20-1-07.F.4 and 20-1-07.F.5, from the  
36 bottom of page 3 to the top of page 4.

37 For June 2, 2020, minutes of actions taken in Executive Session are recorded between  
38 20-6-06.B.2 and 20-6-06.B.3, from the bottom of page 10 to the top of page 11.

39 **Exception: Aug 25, 2018** (*BCO* 13-12) – Call for meeting not in order or recorded.

40 **Response:** We agree with this exception and will correct our actions in the future.

41 **e. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
42 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

43 **Exception: Apr 23, 2018** (*BCO* 21-4) – Stated differences not judged with prescribed  
44 categories, and not recorded in candidates' own words.

45 **Response:** We agree with this exception and will correct our actions in the future.



1           **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to correct their minutes to include the judgment of stated  
2 differences with prescribed categories.

3           **Exception: Jun 2, 2020 (BCO 13-10)** – Dissolution of church occurred without  
4 designation of members to Presbytery’s care or another Session.

5           **Response:** We agree with this exception and will correct our actions in the future.

6           **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to submit minutes indicating that the members of the  
7 dissolved church have been designated to Presbytery’s care or another Session.

8

9       78. That the Minutes of **Southern Louisiana** Presbytery: 42-0-1

10       a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**

11       b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Jan 23, 2021; Apr 24, 2021; Oct 23, 2021.**

12       c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

13           **Exception: Jan 23, 2021 (BCO 25-11)** – No record of 30-days notice to dismiss  
14 congregation from the PCA.

15           **Exception: Jan 23, 2021 (BCO 25-11)** – No record of congregational vote to leave  
16 the PCA.

17           **Exception: Jun 23, 2021 (BCO 13-12)** – Notice for called meeting not in order; 10-  
18 days notice of meeting not indicated or recorded.

19           **Exception: Jun 23, 2021 (BCO 5-9.g)** – No record of petition to particularize.

20       **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

21           **Exception: General 2020 (BCO 13-9, b)** – No record of review of Session Minutes.

22           **Response:** Southern Louisiana Presbytery apologizes for failing to put in our records  
23 that the records of our individual sessions were reviews by the shepherding committee  
24 of presbytery and reported to the presbytery during the October 24th, 2020 meeting.  
25 Typically we return these minutes at the April meeting, but we did not meet in April  
26 2020 due to Covid restrictions and it was an oversight on my part as the clerk of  
27 Presbytery.

28           **Exception: Oct 24, 2020 (BCO 13-11; RAO 16-3.e.7)** – Complaint not recorded in  
29 the minutes.

30           **Response:** Southern Louisiana Presbytery apologizes for failing to record the  
31 complaint in our record according to *BCO* 13-11 and *RAO* 16-3.e.7. Please find the  
32 attached letter which contains the complaint.

33

34       79. That the Minutes of **Southern New England** Presbytery: 42-0-0

35       a. Be approved without exceptions: **Jan 14, 2021; Mar 13, 2021; Jul 24, 2021; Oct 23,**  
36 **2021.**

37       b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Jan 16, 2021; Apr 23-24, 2021; Sep 18, 2021.**

38       c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

39           **Exception: Sep 18, 2021 (BCO Preliminary Principle 6)** – No record that members of  
40 interim/provisional Session were called by the congregation of a particularized  
41 church.

42           **Exception: Sep 18, 2021 [p. 54] (BCO 15-2)** – No record of quorum for commission  
43 meeting.

1 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

2 **Exception: Dec 14, 2019 (RAO 16-3.c.1)** – Purpose of called meeting not stated.

3 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exceptions and promises to be more careful in  
4 the future.

5 **Exception: Sep 19, 2020 (BCO 13-9b; RAO 16-3.e.5)** – Stated differences not judged  
6 with the prescribed categories.

7 **Response:** The ordination exam in question was for [name omitted]. [name omitted]  
8 was examined for Licensure at our January 2020 stated meeting and a part of the  
9 omnibus motion passed at that time was as follows:

10 “Move to permit the candidate’s exception to the Westminster Confession of Faith  
11 and Catechisms regarding Sabbath recreation as “more than semantic, but not out of  
12 accord with any fundamental in our system of doctrine.””

13 In this light, Presbytery respectfully disagrees with this exception taken to its minutes  
14 and refers this matter back to the Assembly.

15  
16 80. That the Minutes of **Southwest Florida** Presbytery: 38-0-1

17 a. Be approved without exceptions: **Feb 13, 2021; May 11, 2021; Jun 7, 2021; Jun 22,**  
18 **2021; Aug 17, 2021; Sep 11, 2021; Nov 9, 2021; Dec 6, 2021.**

19 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **None.**

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

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

22  
23 81. That the Minutes of **Suncoast Florida** Presbytery: 39-0-0

24 a. Be approved without exceptions: **Feb 9, 2021; Sep 14, 2021.**

25 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; May 11, 2021.**

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

27 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

28 **Exception: Feb 11, 2020 (BCO 8-7)** – TE permitted to minister out of bounds but no  
29 record of Presbytery being shown that TE will have the freedom to maintain and teach  
30 the doctrine of the PCA.

31 **Response:** Presbytery has noted that it failed to include in the record that the TE does  
32 have the freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of the PCA.

33 **Exception: Apr 28, 2020 (BCO 13-12)** – No indication of 10-day notice of called  
34 meeting.

35 **Response:** Presbytery failed to note in the record that there was a 10-day notice given  
36 for the called meeting.

37 **Exception: Dec 15, 2020 (BCO 23-1)** – No record of congregational meeting to  
38 dissolve pastoral relations.

39 **Response:** Presbytery failed to note that the congregational meeting minutes were  
40 received prior to the dissolution of the pastoral relations.

41  
42 82. That the Minutes of **Susquehanna Valley** Presbytery: 40-0-0

43 a. Be approved without exceptions: **Feb 20, 2021; May 15, 2021.**

44 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Sep 21, 2021.**

45 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

- 1           **Exception: Jun 15, 2021** (*BCO* 13-6; 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – All specific requirements  
2 of transfer exam from another PCA presbytery not recorded; no mention of  
3 examination on Sacraments and Govt and Discipline of PCA.
- 4           **Exception: Sep 21, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – All specific requirements of  
5 transfer exam from another PCA presbytery not recorded; no mention of examination  
6 on Theology, Sacraments and Govt and Discipline of PCA.
- 7           **Exception: Nov 20, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – All specific requirements of  
8 transfer exam from another PCA presbytery not recorded; no mention of examination  
9 on Theology, Sacraments and Principles Govt and Discipline of PCA.
- 10       **d. That the following response to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**
- 11           **Exception: Sep 20, 2020** (*RAO* 16-3.e.6; *BCO* 14-6.c; 40-1) – No executive session  
12 minutes. No mention pp. 1759-60 (11/21/20).
- 13           **Response:** At our stated meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 (incorrectly listed  
14 as September 20 in the header of the minutes), we went into executive session at the  
15 end of the meeting (p. 1727-28) but failed to approve the executive session minutes  
16 and come out of executive session. Our minutes acknowledge this oversight and  
17 pledge to correct the error at our next stated meeting on November 21, 2020. At the  
18 November 21 meeting, we did approve the executive session meeting minutes from  
19 the September 22, 2020 meeting as recorded on page 1753 (not pages 1759-60). We  
20 apologize for our oversight and for making the matter difficult for the reviewer. We  
21 pledge to handle executive session with better care in the future.
- 22
- 23       83. That the Minutes of **Tennessee Valley** Presbytery: 39-1-0
- 24           a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**
- 25           b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Apr 17, 2021; Jul 13, 2021; Oct 19,**  
26           **2021.**
- 27           c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:
- 28           **Exception: Jan 9, 2021** (*BCO* 22-5; 20-1) – Improper status granted to TE who has  
29 no pastoral call but is stated supply, pending approval from other presbytery.
- 30           **Exception: Jul 13, 2021** (*BCO* 15-1, 2) – An individual may not take an action on  
31 behalf of a court; a commission is required.
- 32           **Exception: Oct 19, 2021** (*BCO* 19-1) – Candidate under care preaching regularly in  
33 PCA pulpits without a license.
- 34           **d. That responses shall be submitted to the following GA as no approved responses**  
35           **were received in 2022:**
- 36           **Exception: Jan 12, 2019** (*BCO* 23-1; 22-4) – Presbytery approved the dissolution of  
37 pastoral relations with no record of congregational meeting or any record of the church  
38 commissioners appearing before Presbytery.
- 39           **Exception: Jul 9, 2019** (*BCO* 21-6) – TEs installed as assistant pastors, but  
40 constitutional questions were addressed to the congregation instead of the session.
- 41           **Exception: Jul 9, 2019** (*BCO* 13-6) – The commission record indicates that  
42 presbytery re-ordained a minister transferring from another denomination.
- 43           **Exception: Jan 11, 2020** (*BCO* 19-2) – Stated differences with standards not recorded  
44 in licensure examination.

1           **Exception: Jun 13, 2020 (BCO 13-12)** – Committee report given that was not  
2 included in the purpose of called meeting.

3           **Exception: Jul 14, 2020 (BCO 13-11)** – Complaint appealed to Presbytery not  
4 recorded in the minutes.

5  
6 84. That the Minutes of Tidewater Presbytery: 38-0-0

7       a. Be approved without exceptions: **May 13, 2021.**

8       b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Directory; Feb 6, 2021.**

9       c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

10           **Exception: Feb 6, 2021 (Bylaws 7.2.1)** – Taking action at virtual meeting expressly  
11 prohibited by Presbytery bylaws.

12           **Exception: Feb 6, 2021; Oct 7, 2021 (BCO 15-1, 2)** – An individual may not take an  
13 action on behalf of a court; a commission is required.

14           **Exception: Feb 6, 2021 (BCO 15-3)** – Presbytery took action on a recommendation  
15 from a judicial commission without receiving a full statement of the case.

16           **Exception: Oct 7, 2021 (BCO 13-11)** – Complaint and Appeal sent to Presbytery not  
17 recorded in Presbytery’s minutes.

18       d. **That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

19           **Exception: Feb 2, 2019 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** – Stated differences not judged  
20 with the prescribed categories.

21           **Response:** The presbytery agrees with this caveat: During Mr. [name omitted]’s  
22 Licensure exam (recorded in minutes 10/4/2018) we recorded “Moved that Mr. [name  
23 omitted]’s Exceptions to the Westminster Standards be found as not out of accord with  
24 any fundamental of our system of doctrine because the difference is neither hostile to  
25 the system nor strikes at the vitals of religion.” This was properly recorded at that  
26 time and the view statements are included in the 10/4/18 minutes. Mr. [name omitted]  
27 was asked if his views had changed since his licensure four months before his  
28 ordination and they had not. Failure to record that question is solely the fault of the  
29 Clerk.

30           **Exception: Feb 2, 2019 (BCO 13-5)** – TE on roll of presbytery without examination  
31 or explanation.

32           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees and provides this reasoning: TE [name omitted] was  
33 already member in good standing in TWP, honorably retired. As an existing member  
34 in good standing, we did not reexamine the views of our brother.

35           **Exception: Jul 28, 2020 (BCO 13-12)** – Criteria for calling a called meeting not  
36 recorded (three TEs, three REs from three different churches).

37           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with this omission. This was purely an oversight on  
38 the part of the Clerk. Quorum the purpose of the call were noted but I failed to record  
39 that Criteria for the Call was met in the minutes. It was noted in the announcement,  
40 but not recorded in the minutes

41       e. **That the following responses to the 49th GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
42 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

43           **Exception: Feb 1, 2020 (BCO 15-1; RAO 16-3.e.4)** – Minutes of commission (to  
44 ordain and install) TEs [names omitted] not entered into presbytery minutes.

1 **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with this omission. This was purely an oversight of  
2 the Clerk. The Sessional Oversight Commission was appointed to ordain and install  
3 and I failed to note that in the minutes

4 **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to submit the commission minutes for review.

5 **Exception: Aug 1, 2019 (BCO 19-5)** – Incomplete record of a licensure transfer exam.

6 **Response:** The Presbytery disagrees with this exception. We suggest that the language  
7 of 19-5 is confusing at best.

8 In the first sentence we read, “the latter Presbytery may, at its discretion, on his  
9 producing proper testimonials from the former, repeat any portion of the previous  
10 Presbytery’s examination it desires.” The following sentence then reads, “The  
11 Presbytery into whose bounds the licentiate is moving, however, must at least examine  
12 the man concerning: a. his Christian experience, b. his call to preach the Gospel, c. his  
13 views in theology, d. Bible content, e. church government.” We erred in the favor of  
14 the “at its discretion” finding the examination of the previous presbytery and the  
15 documentation provided to as sufficient and decided to only repeat his testimony and  
16 views.

17 **Rationale:** BCO 19-5 mandates a minimum exam that must be given to licentiate  
18 transfers. The whole BCO 19-2 exam need not be repeated, but the 19-5 elements must  
19 be.  
20

21 85. That the Minutes of Warrior Presbytery: 40-0-2

22 a. Be approved without exceptions: **Oct 19, 2021; Nov 16, 2021.**

23 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General; Jan 26, 2021; Apr 20, 2021.**

24 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:

25 **Exception: Jan 26, 2021 (BCO 21-4.e; RAO 16-3.e.5)** – Stated differences not  
26 recorded in the minister’s own words.

27 **Exception: Jan 26, 2021 (BCO 21-4.e; RAO 16-3.e.5)** – Stated differences not judged  
28 with the prescribed categories.

29 **Exception: Jan 26, 2021 (BCO 22-5)** – Mr. [name omitted] is regularly preaching in  
30 a local church but is specifically noted as not being licensed.

31 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

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

34 **Response:** We apologize for failing to send in responses for 2019.

35 **Exception: Apr 16, 2019 (BCO 23-1; 22-4)** – Presbytery approved the dissolution of  
36 pastoral relations with no record of congregational meeting or any record of the church  
37 commissioners appearing before Presbytery.

38 **Response:** Warrior Presbytery acknowledges our failure to accurately preserve the  
39 court record. The congregation held a meeting on March 3, 2019 and voted  
40 unanimously to dissolve the pastoral relationship. This notice was sent to our  
41 membership committee who interviewed the pastor and approved the dissolution.  
42 Representatives from the church were present at Presbytery. We will endeavor to keep  
43 a more accurate record of court proceedings.

1           **Exception: Apr 16, 2019** (*BCO* 13-6) – Record of transfer exam does not appear to  
2 be complete; no record of examining candidate’s Christian experience nor specifics  
3 concerning his views.

4           **Response:** Warrior Presbytery apologizes for the incomplete nature of this record. We  
5 did examine the Elder’s Christian experience but did not record that in the minutes.  
6 While we did note that his views were examined, we understand it is helpful to provide  
7 the specifics of his views. We have already improved on that in recent exams and will  
8 continue to do so going forward.

9           **Exception: Oct 15, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4.c) – No record of  $\frac{3}{4}$  approval of Presbytery’s  
10 use of extraordinary clause.

11           **Response:** Warrior Presbytery acknowledges our failure to provide adequate notation  
12 regarding this vote for use of the extraordinary clause. The recommendation to  
13 approve the Elder’s ordination using the extraordinary clause passed unanimously.  
14 We are thankful for the committee’s diligence and will continue to work on improving  
15 our minutes.

16           **Exception: Oct 15, 2019** (*BCO* 15-1) – Report of commission not included.

17           **Response:** Warrior Presbytery apologizes for not including the commission’s report.  
18 Unfortunately, we were unable to locate the original or copy of the commission’s  
19 report. We will endeavor to be more responsible with court documents in the future  
20 and thank the committee for notifying us of this oversight.

21           **Exception: Jan 28, 2020** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) – Minutes of commissions to  
22 install TEs [names omitted] not entered into Presbytery minutes.

23           **Response:** Warrior Presbytery apologizes for not including the minutes of  
24 commissions to install TEs [name omitted]. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate  
25 the original or copy of the commission’s report. We will endeavor to be more  
26 responsible with court documents in the future and thank the committee for notifying  
27 us of this oversight.

28           **Exception: Oct 20, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4.c.(a), (b)) – Ordinand was not examined in his  
29 seminary degree or his knowledge of the Greek and Hebrew languages.

30           **Response:** Warrior Presbytery apologizes for this oversight. The ordinand was  
31 examined in his seminary degree and his knowledge of the Greek and Hebrew  
32 languages. We will do a better job of marking out all the parts of exams, so they are  
33 more accurately reflected in the future.

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

36           **Response:** Warrior Presbytery appreciates RPR’s diligence in guarding the integrity  
37 of the pastor/church relationship and the importance of care being given in the  
38 dissolution of a call. However, in this instance, the Teaching Elder who resigned was  
39 not serving as the church’s pastor, but as Stated Supply. The court did not think that  
40 the dissolution of that temporary relationship required a congregational meeting or the  
41 approval of Presbytery.

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43 86. That the Minutes of **West Hudson** Presbytery:

- 44       a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**  
45       b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **None.**

- 1 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance: **None.**  
2 **d. As the review of the presbytery was not completed, CRPR will report on this**  
3 **Presbytery to the 50<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.**  
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- 5 87. That the Minutes of **Westminster** Presbytery: *42-0-1*  
6 a. Be approved without exceptions: **Mar 13, 2021; Jun 14, 2021; Aug 14, 2021; Nov**  
7 **13, 2021.**  
8 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **General.**  
9 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance: **None.**  
10 **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**  
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- 12 88. That the Minutes of **Wisconsin** Presbytery: *43-0-0*  
13 a. Be approved without exceptions: **None.**  
14 b. Be approved with exceptions of form: **Jan 23, 2021.**  
15 c. Be approved with exceptions of substance:  
16 **Exception: Jan 23, 2021 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5) – Presbytery policy as described**  
17 **does not require ministers/candidates to state differences in their own words.**  
18 **Exception: Jan 23, 2021 (BCO 19-2.a) – All specific requirements of licensure exam**  
19 **not recorded.**  
20 **Exception: Jan 23, 2021 (BCO 19-7) – All specific requirements of internship not**  
21 **recorded.**  
22 **Exception: Jan 23, 2021 (BCO 19-2.f; RAO 16-3.e.5) – Stated differences not**  
23 **recorded in the candidate’s own words.**  
24 **Exception: Jan 23, 2021; Apr 24, 2021; Sep 25, 20201 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16- 3.e.5)**  
25 **– All specific requirements of ordination exam not recorded.**  
26 **Exception: Jan 23, 2021 (BCO 5-2.c.; 5-3; 13-11) – Unclear why members were**  
27 **added to a provisional Session when the mission church was dissolved.**  
28 **Exception: Apr 24, 2021 (BCO 21-5) – Constitutional vows for ordination not**  
29 **propounded to two ordinands.**  
30 **Exception: Apr 24, 2021 (BCO 13-2) – All specific requirements of admitting**  
31 **ministers without call not recorded.**  
32 **Exception: Apr 24, 2021 (BCO 5-9) – All specific requirements for the organization**  
33 **of a particular church not recorded.**  
34 **Exception: Aug 7, 2021 (BCO 13-1) – Notice for called meeting not in order; 10-day**  
35 **notice not indicated.**  
36 **Exception: Aug 7, 2021 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16- 3.e.5) – All specific requirements of**  
37 **ordination exam not recorded.**  
38 **Exception: Sep 25, 2021 (BCO 5-4) – The nature of provision for pastoral ministry**  
39 **for a mission church not clearly defined.**  
40 **Exception: Sep 25, 2021 (BCO 18-2) – No record of six-months membership for**  
41 **candidates.**  
42 **Exception: Sep 25, 2021 (BCO 21-5) – Constitutional vows for ordination not**  
43 **propounded to an ordinand.**  
44 **d. That the following responses to the 49th GA be found satisfactory:**

1       **Exception: Jan 26, 2019; Apr 27, 2019; Jul 20, 2019; Sep 28, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4.f;  
2       *RAO* 16-3.e.5) – Candidates for Ordination not asked about differences with *WCF*.

3       **Response:** The Presbytery apologizes for not properly notating its asking [name  
4       omitted] at the January 26, 2019, meeting and [name omitted] at the April 27, 2019,  
5       meeting if their differences with *WCF* had changed since their licensure exams.  
6       [Name omitted] was examined for licensure in April 2018, and at that time stated that  
7       he took no exceptions to the Standards, so the Presbytery apologizes for failing to note  
8       that there was no change in his position since then in the January 26, 2019, minutes.  
9       [Name omitted] was examined for licensure in January 2019, and at that time stated  
10       that he had stated differences with *WCF* 21.8 and *WLC* 109, so the Presbytery  
11       apologizes for failing to note that there was no change in his position since then in the  
12       April 27, 2019, minutes. There was no one ordained at the July 20, 2019 and  
13       September 28, 2019, meetings, and all candidates licensed were asked about  
14       differences with *WCF*.

15       **Exception: Jan 26, 2019; Apr 27, 2019; Jul 20, 2019; Sep 28, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4.c.1,  
16       2) – No record of approval of theological papers or examination in languages.

17       **Response:** Only two candidates were ordained in these four meetings; there was no  
18       one ordained at the July 20, 2019 and September 28, 2019, meetings. The Presbytery’s  
19       receipt of theological papers and transcripts (in place of a language exam), were noted  
20       for [name omitted] during the January 26, 2019, meeting on page 3 of 15 of the  
21       minutes and for [name omitted] during the April 27, 2019, meeting on page 9 of 16.  
22       The Presbytery will do a better job of noting its approval of these portions of the exam.

23       **Exception: Jan 26, 2019; Apr 27, 2019; Jul 20, 2019; and Sep 28, 2019** (*BCO* 21-  
24       4.c) – Unclear if ordinands are being given a careful examination in Bible, Theology,  
25       and Polity as *BCO* 21-4 requires.

26       **Response:** Only two candidates were ordained in these four meetings; there was no  
27       one ordained at the July 20, 2019 and September 28, 2019, meetings.

28       During the January 26, 2019, meeting, the Presbytery did not re-examine Mr. [name  
29       omitted] in the areas of his acquaintance with experiential religion, Bible content,  
30       theology, and the principles and rules of the government and discipline of the church  
31       since Mr. [name omitted] had been previously examined for licensure in those areas  
32       during the meeting on April 28, 2018. During the April 28, 2018, meeting, the  
33       Presbytery asked Mr. [name omitted] the following questions in the corresponding  
34       areas, along with other questions from the floor that were not notated:

35       *English Bible: TE [name omitted] asked Mr. [name omitted] questions about the*  
36       *Pentateuch, he gave an outline of Genesis, answered questions about Messianic*  
37       *psalms – some more particular like Psalm 22. He discussed Isaiah 6 – God in all his*  
38       *glory, also seen in John 12. He gave a summary of Joel, talked about David and*  
39       *Goliath the Gospel of Luke, gave an outline of Philippians, spoke about the Bible’s*  
40       *teaching on prayer, Matt. 6, 1 Timothy, outlined Ephesians, spoke about what is the*  
41       *Gospel. What the Bible says about the Bible. Is Jesus God?*

42       *Theology: What is God? How does God relate to man? What is a covenant? Difference*  
43       *between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. The Offices of Christ. How does he*  
44       *execute these offices? View of Creation. Order of Salvation. Purpose of the church?*



1 *Justification. Similarities and differences between Justification and Sanctification.*  
2 *Relationship between the Kingdom and the Gospel.*

3 *Book of Church Order: Preface, difference between a committee and commission.*  
4 *Presbyterian government in the Old Testament and New Testament. Why is most of*  
5 *the directory of worship not binding?*

6 During the April 27, 2019, meeting, the Presbytery did not re-examine Mr. [name  
7 omitted] in the areas of his acquaintance with experiential religion, Bible content,  
8 theology, and the principles and rules of the government and discipline of the church  
9 since Mr. [name omitted] had been previously examined for licensure in those areas  
10 during the meeting on January 26, 2019. During the January 26, 2019, meeting, the  
11 Presbytery asked Mr. [name omitted] the following questions in the corresponding  
12 areas:

13 *Bible content: He was asked to give the theme of the book of Micah and what the book*  
14 *is about. He asked where we find the Jerusalem Council in Scripture and how that*  
15 *helped to spread the Gospel. He was asked who was king of Jerusalem when the nation*  
16 *divided. He was asked who was a good king of Israel, the northern kingdom. He was*  
17 *asked for a good king of Judah. He was asked where Jesus talks about marriage and*  
18 *divorce. He was asked where fasting is commanded in the Bible. He could not*  
19 *answer. He was asked where it was found and he could not answer that as well. He*  
20 *was asked where in Scripture you would find the means of grace not being a work.*  
21 *He was asked if there was anywhere in the OT he would look. He stated he would go*  
22 *to the prologue of the ten commandments. He was asked where in Scripture you would*  
23 *find discussion about the holiness of God and where God's people are called to be*  
24 *holy.*

25 *Theology: He was asked what justification is. He was asked how it is different from*  
26 *sanctification. He was asked if a believer can do good works. He was asked what*  
27 *exactly is a good work. He was asked what covenant theology is. He was asked what*  
28 *ecclesiology is and why it matters. He was asked if the Bible's use of the word Gospel*  
29 *is synonymous with justification. He was asked to summarize the Gospel. He was*  
30 *asked to give a Trinitarian analogy and tell us what is wrong with it. He was asked*  
31 *what his view of Creation was. He was asked if he believed in an historical Adam,*  
32 *Eve, and fall. He was asked his view of the end times and how that is practical for*  
33 *him now. He was asked why the days of Creation are analogical. He pointed to the*  
34 *lack of mention on morning and evening in the seventh day and that it seems to*  
35 *continue on. He also pointed to Genesis 2 and the natural processes being mentioned*  
36 *there, but not present in Genesis 1. He was asked what the incarnation is and why*  
37 *it's important. He was asked what his view of the atonement is, what happened when*  
38 *Christ died on the cross. He was asked what other views of the atonement are. He was*  
39 *asked how long he has been in Appleton and to point out one or two bad theologies in*  
40 *that city. He was asked how he would follow up and counsel the individuals who are*  
41 *promulgating these bad theologies. He was asked if his view that at the moment of*  
42 *justification all his sins past, present, and the future are covered and settled. He was*  
43 *then asked to give Scripture verses to support that. He could not provide scripture*  
44 *texts and was exhorted by the questioner to know the Scriptural support. He was*  
45 *asked if all his sins were forgiven when Jesus died or when an individual is justified.*

1 *BCO: He was asked who the members of the visible church are. He was asked how*  
2 *many officers of the church there are and who they are. He was asked how many*  
3 *courts there are and what they are. He was asked who is a member of Session. He*  
4 *was asked who the members of Presbytery are. He was asked the three parts of the*  
5 *BCO. He was asked what the censures of the Church are. He was asked what a case*  
6 *without process is. He was asked if all the Directory of Worship was binding. He was*  
7 *asked why the rules of discipline are good. He was asked how the rules of discipline*  
8 *help us. He was asked what discipline is for. He was asked if the BCO talks about*  
9 *marriage. He was asked if it was binding. He was asked if a believer can marry a Roman*  
10 *Catholic. He shared that he thinks there are some in the Roman Catholic church who*  
11 *do not fully understand their doctrine*

12 **Exception: Jan 26, 2019** (BCO 19-2.f; RAO 16-3.e.5) – No record of candidate’s  
13 stated difference on creation and no record of Presbytery’s adjudication of that  
14 difference.

15 **Response:** It is the Presbytery’s understanding that holding to the analogical view of  
16 creation does not require stating a difference with the Westminster Standards so it did  
17 not require the candidate to state this view as a difference.

18 **Exception: Apr 27, 2019** (BCO 19-16) – No record of  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote or explanation for  
19 extraordinary clause.

20 **Response:** The Presbytery apologizes for failing to note a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote in the minutes. Mr.  
21 [name omitted]’s prior experience of at least one (1) year in comparable ministry in  
22 St. Louis, MO and Appleton, WI was adopted as equivalent to an internship and to the  
23 best of our recollection there was no dissent to the approval of Mr. [name omitted]’s  
24 internship equivalency.

25 **Exception: Sep 26, 2020** (BCO 13-9.b) – No record of all church records being  
26 reviewed. Several churches were not recorded as having been reviewed.

27 **Response:** The Presbytery apologizes for failing to review all church records. A  
28 number of churches were added to its number in 2018 and 2019, but the  
29 Administrative Committee failed to include them in the annual review. This mistake  
30 has now been corrected and all church records will now be reviewed.

31 **Exception: Jan 26, 2019** (SR 16-1) – No record of  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to suspend the rules.

32 **Response:** The Presbytery apologizes for failing to note the  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote, but this motion  
33 was adopted with the appropriate vote count and the Presbytery simply failed to note  
34 the count.

35 **Exception: Sep 28, 2019** (BCO 19-2.f; RAO 16-3.e.5) – The recorded differences are  
36 too vague to be in candidates’ own words and sufficient for adjudication.

37 **Response:** It is unclear to the Presbytery why the recorded difference is vague and  
38 insufficient for adjudication. The candidate provided the following and the Court ruled  
39 on this:

40 *I take exception to WCF 21.8 regarding observance of the Sabbath. I believe*  
41 *the prohibition of recreation on the Sabbath goes beyond what Scripture says*  
42 *about keeping the Sabbath. I take exception to WCF 4.1 regarding the six*  
43 *days of creation. I do not believe it is necessary to affirm that God’s act of*  
44 *creation happened in six ordinary calendar days.*

1            *Regarding WCF 21.8, it is not clear in Scripture that recreation is included*  
2            *with the prohibition of work on the Sabbath (Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy*  
3            *5:12-15) so I do not believe men's consciences should be bound in that area.*  
4            *Scripture does, however, encourage rest on the Sabbath (Leviticus 23:3). I*  
5            *believe that certain forms of recreation can be legitimate means of rest and*  
6            *can be received as a blessing from the Lord on the Sabbath. This should not*  
7            *be abused as an excuse to do whatever we desire on the Sabbath. Recreation*  
8            *on the Sabbath should only be pursued as a form of rest and received as a gift*  
9            *from the Lord. Regarding WCF 4.1, I hold to the framework view of Genesis*  
10           *1-2. I believe the creation account in Genesis 1 to be historical yet structured*  
11           *topically and not chronologically. I believe this to be shown in the text by the*  
12           *paralleled structuring of days 1-3 to days 4-6 signaled by the separating of*  
13           *day and night in both days 1 and 4. I affirm that Genesis 1-2 is history and*  
14           *not myth or poetry. I affirm that God created all things out of nothing by the*  
15           *word of his power. I affirm a historical (specially created) Adam and a*  
16           *historical fall. Though there are many essential and clear elements of Genesis*  
17           *1-2, I am not convinced of the relationship between the days of creation and*  
18           *ordinary calendar time. It is my desire to continue to learn in this area and to*  
19           *humbly submit to the teaching of Scripture.*

20           It is unclear what more would be required.

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22           **VII. Officers Elected for 2022-2023**

23           Chairman: TE Hoochan Paul Lee

24           Vice-Chairman: TE Chris Wright

25           Secretary: TE Eddie Lim

26           Assistant Secretary: TE Freddy Fritz

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28           **VIII. Roster of Members Present**

<i>Presbytery</i>	<i>Representative</i>
29           Arizona	TE Tom Troxell
30           Ascension	TE Steve Tipton
31           Blue Ridge	TE Taylor Rollo
32           Calvary	TE Jon Butler
33           Catawba Valley	TE Steve Stout
34           Central Carolina	RE Flynt Jones
35           Central Florida	TE Kevin Gardner
36           Central Georgia	TE Elliot Everitt
37           Central Indiana	TE Mike McBride
38           Chesapeake	TE Donald Dove
39           Chicago Metro	TE Dan Adamson
40           Covenant	TE James Codling
41           Eastern Carolina	RE Dan Prins
42           Eastern Pennsylvania	RE Terry Carnes
43           Evangel	TE Greg Poole
44           Fellowship	TE Chip McArthur

On Site 2022:ADDITION, Amended by 49th GA

1	Grace	TE Grover Gunn
2	Great Lakes	TE Elliot Pinegar
3	Gulf Coast	TE Joshua Sparkman
4	Heartland	TE Dale Thiele
5	Houston Metro	TE Dennis Hermerding
6	Illiana	RE Keith Phillips
7	Iowa	TE Brian Janssen
8	James River	TE Robert Rumbaugh
9	Korean Capital	TE David Bae
10	Korean Central	TE Brian Park
11	Korea Eastern	TE Daniel Park
12	Korean Northeastern	TE Paul Lee
13	Korean Southeastern	TE Eddie Lim
14	Korean Southwest Orange County	TE James Park
15	Mississippi Valley	TE Chris Wright
16	Nashville	RE Bryce Sullivan
17	New Jersey	TE Stephen O’Neill
18	North Texas	RE Randall Gradle
19	Northern California	TE Brad Mills
20	Northern New England	TE Ian Hard
21	Northwest Georgia	TE Marc Harrington
22	Ohio	TE Jason Piland
23	Ohio Valley	TE Larry Hoop
24	Pacific Northwest	TE Jerid Krulish
25	Pee Dee	RE Paul Goodrich
26	Piedmont Triad	TE Ethan Smith
27	Pittsburgh	TE David Schweissing
28	Potomac	RE Mark Doehnert
29	Providence	TE Adam Tisdale
30	Savannah River	TE Ken McHeard
31	Siouxlands	TE Jeffrey Neikirk
32	Southern Louisiana	RE Ken Kostrzewa
33	Southern New England	RE Patrick Sewell
34	Southwest Florida	TE Freddy Fritz
35	Suncoast Florida	TE David Stewart
36	Tidewater	TE Ken Christian
37	Warrior	TE Paul Kooistra
38	Westminster	TE Thomas Rickard
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40	Respectfully submitted,	
41	/s/ TE Hoochan Paul Lee, Chairman	/s/ TE Edward Lim, Secretary