

1                                   **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON**  
2                                   **REVIEW OF PRESBYTERY RECORDS**  
3                                   **TO THE FIFTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
4                                   **OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**  
5                                   **June 2024**

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7   **I. A list of Presbytery Minutes received by the Committee (See VI below)**  
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9   **II. A list of Presbyteries that have not submitted all approved responses to exceptions of**  
10 **previous General Assemblies:**

11       Arizona  
12       Columbus Metro  
13       Illiana  
14       Korean Southwest  
15       Korean Southwest Orange County  
16       Lowcountry  
17       South Coast

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

21       Central Indiana - (Printed)  
22       Chicago Metro - (Printed)  
23       Columbus Metro - (Printed)  
24       Gulf Coast - (Responses received late)  
25       Gulfstream - (Print)  
26       Houston Metro - (Printed)  
27       Illiana - (Printed)  
28       Iowa - (Printed)  
29       James River - (Printed)  
30       Korean Capital - (Printed)  
31       Korean Northwest - (Print)  
32       Korean Southern - (Print)  
33       Korean Southwest - (Digital and Print)  
34       Korean Southwest Orange County - (Printed)  
35       Lowcountry - (Print)  
36       Mississippi Valley - (Printed)  
37       Northern Illinois - (Printed)  
38       Northwest Georgia - (Printed Minutes, Standing Rules and Directory not Submitted)  
39       Pacific Northwest - (Printed)  
40       Palmetto - (Print)  
41       Philadelphia - (Printed)  
42       Rio Grande - (Printed)  
43       Savannah River - (Print Directory)  
44       South Coast - (Printed)  
45       South Texas - (Printed)

1 Suncoast Florida - (Printed)  
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3 **IV. Citations**

- 4 1. Cite the Columbus Metro Presbytery (*cf.* VI.13.g.b) to appear, per *BCO* 40-5, before the  
5 PCA’s Standing Judicial Commission which the 51st GA constitutes its commission to  
6 adjudicate this matter, by representative or in writing, at the SJC’s fall stated meeting, to  
7 “show what the lower court has done or failed to do in the case in question,” following the  
8 Operating Manual for the SJC, particularly chapter 15  
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- 10 2. Cite the Metropolitan New York Presbytery (*cf.* VI.44.f.2.b) to appear, per *RAO* 16-10.c.  
11 and *BCO* 40-5, before the PCA’s Standing Judicial Commission pursuant to the Operating  
12 Manual for the SJC, particularly chapter 15, at a time and date appointed by the SJC  
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- 14 3. Cite Korean Southwest Presbytery (*cf.* VI.40.5) to appear before the Committee on Review  
15 of Presbytery Records at its 2025 meeting (date to be determined by the Administrative  
16 Committee) with responses to the 51st General Assembly and improved responses to  
17 previous General Assemblies.  
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- 19 4. Cite South Coast Presbytery (*cf.* VI.74.e) to appear, per *RAO* 16-4.e and 16-10.c, and *BCO*  
20 40-5, before the PCA’s Standing Judicial Commission which the 51<sup>st</sup> GA constitutes its  
21 commission to adjudicate this matter, by representative or in writing, at the SJC’s fall stated  
22 meeting, to “show what the lower court has done or failed to do in the matters in question,”  
23 following the Operating Manual for the SJC, particularly chapter 15.  
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25 *Note: RE Jay Neikirk, member of the Standing Judicial Commission abstained from*  
26 *discussion and all votes with regard to Columbus Metro, North Florida, and Northwest*  
27 *Georgia. All members of the Standing Judicial Commission who are serving on CRPR*  
28 *abstained from discussion and all votes with regard to Metropolitan New York.*  
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30 **V. General Recommendations**

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- 32 1. Thank Dr. Bryan Chapell, Margie Mallow, Ashley Davis, Karen Frey, Angela Nantz,  
33 Karen Cook, Heidi Harrison, TE Billy Park, and the rest of the AC staff who covered  
34 their responsibilities in addition to their attentive support, friendly welcome, and support  
35 to the officers. 57-0-0  
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- 37 2. Thank the staff of Mission to the World who allowed the Committee to use their building,  
38 and who endured disruption in their workplace during the meeting of the Committee.  
39 57-0-0  
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- 41 3. Commend the 2024 Committee on Review of Presbytery Records officers: TE Jon  
42 Anderson, TE Eddie Lim, TE Jacob Gerber, and TE Thomas Rickard for their work.  
43 57-0-0  
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- 1 4. Commend RE Patrick Sewell and TE Thomas Rickard for their tremendous labors in  
2 developing a system to automate the submission of read team reports and to develop the  
3 draft report of the Committee. *57-0-0*  
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- 5 5. Request the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly send a letter to the presbyteries through  
6 the stated clerks of the presbyteries to include the following points: *57-0-0*  
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- 8 a. Commend clerks for their hard work to create, keep, and submit their records, and  
9 every presbytery who sent delegates to serve on the Committee on Review of  
10 Presbytery Records.  
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- 12 b. Urge those presbyteries who failed to send delegates to do so in the future, noting the  
13 great learning opportunities that exist through participation in the review process. Note  
14 that 74 of 88 presbyteries had representatives appointed to the committee this year,  
15 with 66 attending the meeting (including 43 TEs and 23 REs).  
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- 17 c. Encourage presbyteries and clerks to review carefully the “Guidelines for Keeping  
18 Presbytery Minutes” from *RAO* 16-3 and the “Guidelines for Responding to General  
19 Assembly” from *RAO* 16-10, and to be sure that the requirements included in those  
20 sections are reflected in their minutes.  
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- 22 d. Note the following list of the 10 most common exceptions of substance found during  
23 the 2024 review process (which matters accounted for over 25% of all exceptions of  
24 substance) and urge clerks and presbyteries to be particularly attentive to addressing  
25 these issues in their minutes, including, if necessary, correction of minutes from  
26 meetings in 2024 that occurred prior to the reception of this letter.  
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- 28 1. Minutes of commissions not entered in presbytery minutes and/or executive session  
29 minutes not provided for review. (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4, 7)  
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- 31 2. Stated differences not included in the examinee’s own words and/or not judged with  
32 the prescribed categories. (*BCO* 13-6; 19-2.e, f; 21-4.e, f; and *RAO* 16-3.e.5)  
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- 34 3. Incomplete record of ordination exam. (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5)  
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- 36 4. No record of review of the records of church sessions. (*BCO* 13-9.b; 40-1)  
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- 38 5. All specific requirements of licensure exam not recorded. (*BCO* 19-2; *RAO* 16-3.e.5)  
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- 40 6. No record of six-month church membership for man coming under care. (*BCO* 18-  
41 2, 3)  
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- 43 7. No record of call to a definite work for TE being ordained or received by transfer.  
44 (*BCO* 13-5; 20-1)  
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1 8. Purpose of called meeting not recorded verbatim in the minutes and/or 10 day notice  
2 not demonstrated. (*BCO* 13-12; *RAO* 16-3.c.1)  
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4 9. No record of sessional endorsement for man coming under care. (*BCO* 18-2)  
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6 10. No record of annual reports of candidates, TEs serving out of bounds, and TEs  
7 without call, and no record of reports on interns at each stated meeting. (*BCO* 8-7;  
8 13-2; 18-6; 19-12)  
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10 e. Encourage presbytery stated clerks to attend the annual Presbytery Clerks' Meeting in  
11 December. 57-0-0  
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13 6. Amend *RAO* 16-3.e.5 57-0-0

14 5. Minutes of presbytery relating to examinations must list all specific requirements and  
15 trials for licensure, ~~and/or ordination, and/or transfer~~ which have been accomplished.  
16 This does not mean that a separate vote on each item must be recorded.

17 6. Minutes of presbytery shall record that each candidate being examined for licensure,  
18 ordination, or transfer from another denomination was required to "state the specific  
19 instances in which he may differ with the Confession of Faith and Catechisms in any  
20 of their statements and/or propositions" (*BCO* 13-6; 19-2; 21-4). ~~This does not mean~~  
21 ~~that a separate vote on each item must be recorded.~~ Presbytery minutes shall record  
22 ministers' and ministerial candidates' stated differences with our Standards in their  
23 own words. Each presbytery shall also record whether:  
24 a. the candidate stated that he had no differences; or  
25 b. the court judged the stated difference(s) to be merely semantic; or  
26 c. the court judged the stated difference(s) to be more than semantic, but "not out of  
27 accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine" (*BCO* 19-2; 21-4); or  
28 d. the court judged the stated difference(s) to be "out of accord," that is, "hostile to the  
29 system" or "strik[ing] at the vitals of religion" (*BCO* 19-2; 21-4).

30 Renumber 16-3.e  
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32 7. Amend *RAO* 16-6.c.1) 57-0-0

33 1. Exceptions of substance: Apparent violations of the Scripture or serious irregularities  
34 from the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America, actions out of accord  
35 with the deliverances of the General Assembly, and matters of impropriety and  
36 important delinquencies, and any noncompliance with *RAO* 16-3.e.5-6 should be  
37 reported under this category.  
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## 39 **VI. Report Concerning the Minutes of Each Presbytery:**

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41 1. That the Minutes of **Arizona** Presbytery: 65-0-1

42 a. Be approved without exception: **Apr 27, 2023; May 29, 2023; Aug 24, 2023**

43 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Jan 19, 2023**

44 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

1           **2024-1: General 2023** (*BCO* 13-12; *RAO* 16-3.c.1) — Notice for called meeting not  
2 in order (call not recorded in minutes)

3           **2024-2: Mar 30, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4.c; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of  
4 ordination exam.

5 **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

6           **2021-1: Aug 20, 2020** (*BCO* 38-1) — Full *BCO* 38-1 statement not recorded in  
7 minutes.

8           **Response:** We were negligent to not record the statement in the minutes. We will  
9 be more watchful in the future.

10           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
11 Presbytery has not yet submitted the full *BCO* 38-1 statement.

12           **Response:** My error. Statement included in 24 August minutes and prior minutes  
13 corrected at Presbytery then to include statement.

14           **2022-1: Jan 21, 2021** (*BCO* 19-2.b.3) — Candidate licensed after *BCO* exam  
15 expressly not sustained.

16           **Response:** We were negligent to not record the candidate’s eventual passage of all  
17 aspects of his exam, including on the *BCO*, in the minutes. We will be more watchful  
18 in the future. As a note, the then-candidate is no longer part of the Presbytery.

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

20           **Response:** My error. Statement included in 24 August minutes and prior minutes  
21 corrected at Presbytery then to include statement.

22           **2022-2: Jun 15, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Stated differences not recorded  
23 in the minister’s own words.

24           **Response:** We were negligent to not record his own words in the minutes. We will  
25 be more watchful in the future.

26           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
27 Presbytery has not submitted the candidate’s stated differences in his own words for  
28 review.

29           **Response:** Record corrected at 24 August Presbytery where minister’s own words  
30 of differences recorded and submitted for record.

31           **2022-3: Nov 11, 2021** (Standing Rules I.C.1; *BCO* 13-12; *RAO* 16-3.c.1) — Meeting  
32 improperly classified as stated instead of called; purpose of called meeting not  
33 recorded verbatim in the minutes.

34           **Response:** We were negligent to improperly classify this meeting. We will be more  
35 watchful in the future and explicit in our purposes for called meetings.

36           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its actions (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
37 Presbytery has not recorded the purpose verbatim and ratified the work of the meeting.

38           **Response:** Record corrected at 24 August meeting and adopted to reflect was  
39 called meeting and for the purpose of: acting upon changes to Standing Rules  
40 concerning TE attendance and participation in Presbytery matters and selection of  
41 leads; to change appointment of Team members from Moderator to Chairs; to approve  
42 a commission to particularize [church name omitted]; to thank and dismiss  
43 commission to respond to GA exceptions; to propose internship funding; and to  
44 remove TE [name omitted] from rolls. Work as stated above ratified at 24 August  
45 meeting.

1           **2022-4: Jun 15, 2021** (*BCO* 13-6) — Incomplete record of examination of TE  
2 transferring into Presbytery.

3           **Response:** We failed to observe the requirements of *BCO* 13-6 for transfers and  
4 will correct going forward. Many apologies.

5           **Rationale:** No indication that Presbytery corrected its record or its actions (*BCO*  
6 13-6; *RAO* 16-10.b.1).

7           **Response:** Record corrected at 24 August meeting to reflect examination done on  
8 item and completion of examination according to *BCO* 13-6.

9           **2023-1: Jan 28, 2022; Apr 29, 2022; May 26, 2022; Jun 16, 2022; Aug 26, 2022**  
10 (*BCO* 8-7) — No record of annual report(s) of TE(s) laboring out of bounds.

11           **Response:** Our apologies for our negligence. We have remedied in requiring  
12 reports annually to be submitted for our August stated meetings. Reports attached in  
13 24 August minutes.

14           **2023-2: Apr 29, 2022; Jun 16, 2022; Aug 26, 2022** (*BCO* 20-1) — No record of call  
15 to a definite work.

16           **Response:** Calls of TEs [names omitted], respectively adopted and ratified at 24  
17 August Presbytery. Calls attached in 24 August minutes.

18           **2023-3: Apr 29, 2022** (*BCO* 20-1) — No record of the reasons why Presbytery  
19 considers an out-of-bounds work to be a valid Christian ministry.

20           **Response:** Written submission from school submitted at 24 August stated meeting,  
21 statement by TE [name omitted] , and formal determination made on 24 August his  
22 work is a valid work

23           **2023-4: Apr 29, 2022** (*BCO* 8-7) — No record that the Presbytery is assured that an  
24 out-of-bounds TE will have full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our  
25 Church.

26           **Response:** Written submission from school submitted at 24 August stated meeting,  
27 statement by TE [name omitted] , and formal determination made on 24 August his  
28 work is a valid work.

29           **2023-5: Apr 29, 2022** (*BCO* 8-7) — No record that out-of-bounds TE is engaged in  
30 preaching and teaching the Word.

31           **Response:** Written submission from school submitted at 24 August stated meeting,  
32 statement by TE [name omitted] , and formal determination made on 24 August his  
33 work is a valid work.

34           **2023-6: Apr 29, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of ordination  
35 exam. (Greek/Hebrew/PCA history)

36           **Response:** Candidate was examined in committee on all areas, including the items  
37 above and subject to examination at April 29 Presbytery. Minutes corrected at 24  
38 August 2023 meeting to reflect this. In the future, our minutes will properly reflect  
39 examinations in all areas in detail required by the *BCO*.

40           **2023-7: Apr 29, 2022** (*BCO* 13-6) — Incomplete record of examination of TE  
41 transferring into Presbytery. (Sacraments)

42           **Response:** Transfer candidate was examined in Ordination Team committee on all  
43 four areas of *BCO* 13-6 and subject to open examination at called Presbytery on all  
44 areas. In the future, our minutes will properly reflect examinations in all areas in the

1 detail required by the *BCO*. Our apologies for this omission. Minutes corrected at 24  
2 August meeting.

3 **2023-11: May 26, 2022; Jun 16, 2022** (*BCO* 13-12; *RAO* 16-3.c.1) — Purpose of  
4 called meeting not recorded verbatim in the minutes.

5 **Response:** Corrected at 24 August meeting, amending minutes

6 **2023-12: May 26, 2022** (*BCO* 13-6; 21-4) — Incomplete record of exam for minister  
7 seeking admission from another denomination.

8 **Response:** Candidate was examined in committee on all areas, including the items  
9 above and subject to examination at May 26 Presbytery. Minutes corrected at 24  
10 August 2023 meeting to reflect this. In the future, our minutes will properly reflect  
11 examinations in all areas in detail required by the *BCO*.

12 **2023-13: Jun 16, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4) — Incomplete exam of TE from another  
13 denomination - Greek, Hebrew, Etc.

14 **Response:** TE was a transfer from the PCA. He was examined in Ordination Team  
15 committee on all four areas of *BCO* 13-6 and subject to open examination on all areas  
16 at Presbytery. In the future, our minutes will properly reflect examinations in the detail  
17 required by the *BCO*. Minutes corrected at 24 August meeting

18 **2023-14: Aug 26, 2022** (*BCO* 15-2) — Commission appointed to respond to CRPR  
19 report does not meet the minimum requirement for a commission.

20 **Response:** Error noted at 24 August 2023 meeting and any actions taken ratified  
21 at meeting. Commission was thanked and concluded at said meeting.

22 **2023-15: Aug 26, 2022** (*RAO* 16-10.a) — No record in minutes of exceptions taken  
23 by GA.

24 **Response:** Error noted and record corrected at 24 August 2023 meeting to include  
25 exceptions for previous calendar year

26 **e. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
27 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

28 **2023-8: Apr 29, 2022; Aug 26, 2022** (*BCO* 15-2) — Presbytery’s “Administrative  
29 Commission” does not meet the minimum requirement for a commission.

30 **Response:** Error noted and corrected at 24 August meeting with adoption of  
31 change to Standing Rules and addition of required RE to the AC.

32 **Rationale:** Change to standing rules does not result in a constitutional quorum.

33 **2023-9: Apr 29, 2022; Aug 26, 2022** (*RONR* (12th ed.) 8:1-10; 9:31-36; Standing  
34 Rules) — Presbytery’s “Administrative Commission” conducted business and  
35 effectively approved a summary of multiple electronic videoconference sessions over  
36 a several month span, but without adhering to the rules of an official meeting.

37 **Response:** Actions taken outside the confines of deliberative meetings on those  
38 dates ratified at 24 August Presbytery.

39 **Rationale:** The corrective action (pg 75, Item 7) did not ratify specific actions, but  
40 sought to legitimize the meetings. Response did not address how the presbytery will  
41 remedy this going forward.

42 **2023-10: Apr 29, 2022; Aug 26, 2022** (*BCO* 15-1) — No record of quorum for  
43 commission meetings.

44 **Response:** Actions taken outside the confines of deliberative meetings on those  
45 dates ratified at 24 August Presbytery.

1           **Rationale:** The corrective action (pg 75, Item 7) did not ratify specific actions, but  
2 sought to legitimize the meetings. Response did not address how the presbytery will  
3 remedy this going forward.

4       **f. That responses shall be submitted to the following GA as no responses were**  
5       **received in 2024:**

6       **2023-16: Aug 26, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of ordination  
7 exam.  
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9       2. That the Minutes of **Ascension** Presbytery: *61-0-1*

10       **a.** Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Jan 28, 2023; Apr 29, 2023; Jul 29,**  
11       **2023; Nov 04, 2023**

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

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

14       **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

15       **2023-1: Apr 23, 2022** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — Minutes of commission not  
16 entered in Presbytery minutes.

17           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets its failure to include  
18 the minutes of the commission. The minutes of the meeting of April 23, 2022, are  
19 hereby amended at 22-22 to show that the commission minutes were omitted and are  
20 appended to the minutes of the November 2023 stated meeting. Reviewers for the 51st  
21 General Assembly will be able to review the commission minutes at that point

22       **2023-2: Nov 05, 2022** (*BCO* 38-3.a.) — Presbytery may not permit TE to withdraw if  
23 he is not in good standing; furthermore, it may not “withdraw from him all authority  
24 to exercise his office” if the Presbytery does not judge the branch the TE has affiliated  
25 with “as failing to maintain the Word and Sacraments in their fundamental integrity”  
26 (*BCO* 38-3.b.).

27           **Response:** Presbytery respectfully disagrees with this exception.  
28 The minutes of our July meeting make clear that Presbytery was unwilling to accept  
29 the TE’s statement that he was “leaving you.” Presbytery reminded him of his  
30 ordination vows, and of Presbytery’s desire to see the man repent and be restored to  
31 office. Presbytery’s communication to the TE also stated “...we continue to hold and  
32 vouch for your credentials as a minister of the Gospel, albeit under Indefinite  
33 Suspension from Office. As a Presbytery we will continue to pray for you and your  
34 restoration and will periodically communicate with you through the Minister and  
35 Church Care Committee, but we cannot simply remove you from the rolls of  
36 Presbytery.” (See *22-60.1*)

37           By the November meeting, however, the situation had changed. The minutes of that  
38 meeting show that the Stated Clerk had received a communication from the Pastor of  
39 an independent Baptist Church saying the TE had been received as a member there.  
40 Further, it was Presbytery’s understanding that the leadership of that Church was aware  
41 of the circumstances of the TE’s indefinite suspension by Presbytery. Presbytery was  
42 now confronted with the question of how to deal with a TE who has joined what is, so  
43 far as we can tell, another branch of the true Church while under the censure of  
44 indefinite suspension from office.  
45       *BCO* 38-3.a discusses how a Presbytery should deal with a situation where a TE who



1 is in good standing chooses to affiliate with another church that maintains the Word  
2 and Sacraments in their fundamental integrity, but does so without being transferred.  
3 It also tells us how to handle the situation where a TE joins a branch of the true Church  
4 when there is an investigation in progress or when there are charges pending. That  
5 paragraph, however, does not tell courts how to deal with the situation where a TE  
6 who has already been convicted and censured with indefinite suspension from office  
7 (as was the case here) then joins another communion. Indeed, we can find nothing in  
8 the *BCO* that tells a Presbytery how to deal with a TE who is not in good standing and  
9 who joins another branch of the true church. Thus, we had to use wisdom and the  
10 inferences from other sections of the *BCO* in determining how to handle this situation.

11 We do agree that we should not have cited *BCO* 38-3.b in our action, and we  
12 understand that may be the point that caused confusion. If that is the only point of the  
13 exception we happily agree. We hereby strike “(cf., *BCO* 38-3.b)” from our minutes at  
14 22-71.4. It does not, however, appear to us, that the exception is limited to the passage  
15 we cited in support for our action. It is our understanding that the heart of the exception  
16 is that a Presbytery cannot act on a TE who is under the censure of indefinite  
17 suspension and who joins another branch of the true Church by “withdrawing from  
18 him all authority to exercise his office as derived from this Church” (which is the full  
19 quote of Presbytery’s action omitting the citation we voted to strike). At that point we  
20 disagree.

21 The authority to exercise one’s office is conveyed to the individual by a particular  
22 communion. In ordinary circumstances, that authority is accepted by another branch  
23 of the true Church when it receives the TE by transfer. *BCO* 38-3 discusses the  
24 **membership status** of a TE who affiliates with another communion. But, it does not  
25 and cannot mandate that the communion the TE joins must accept that TE’s authority  
26 to minister the Word and Sacraments. If the communion receives the TE by means  
27 other than transfer, then it is the other communion that must determine whether the  
28 man is properly serving in the office of teaching elder. This is consistent with  
29 Preliminary Principle 2: “...every Christian Church, or union or association of  
30 particular churches, is entitled to declare the terms of admission into its communion  
31 and the qualifications of its ministers....” Thus, if the independent congregation the TE  
32 joined wishes to consider him as having a valid ordination, that is their business. In  
33 our judgment, however, what the man cannot do, is say “I am now a member of Church  
34 X but I continue to exercise my ministerial authority as derived from the PCA (rather  
35 than Church X).” When the TE joins another communion without benefit of transfer  
36 he (and the other communion) are, in essence, saying that the man has renounced his  
37 ministerial authority as derived from the PCA. That conclusion must have even more  
38 force when one considers that the man in this situation was already indefinitely  
39 suspended from the exercise of office. If this should have been recorded in some other  
40 way, we are happy to be instructed. But if, as we understand it, the exception means  
41 that a Presbytery cannot say to a TE who joins another true Church without being  
42 transferred and who is under indefinite suspension “you can no longer administer the  
43 Word and Sacraments based on your PCA credentials,” then we dissent.  
44 Further, we note there is no remedy for this situation. Robert’s Rules of Order lists  
45 among the actions that cannot be rescinded “c) when a resignation has been acted upon,

1 or a person has been elected to or expelled from membership or office, and the person  
2 was present or has been officially notified of the action.” [RRONR, 12th ed., 35:6]  
3 Robert’s goes on to say that the only way to reverse an expulsion is to follow the  
4 principles prescribed for admission. Surely that is not tenable in this case. That  
5 conclusion is reinforced by the fact that the minutes are clear that Presbytery did not  
6 take its action by way of additional censure against the TE. The action was taken  
7 explicitly in response to the fact that the TE had been received into the membership of  
8 another Church (as is its right under Preliminary Principle 2, particularly when the  
9 man had not been suspended from the Sacraments by Presbytery). Presbytery was  
10 simply seeking to make the man aware of the implications of that action.

11 We are also persuaded that the one alternative apparently offered in the exception  
12 (“Presbytery may inflict the censure of deposition before transferring the TE to another  
13 branch (*cf. BCO 46-8*)”) simply does not fit in this situation. This is not a matter of a  
14 transfer. Further, *BCO 46-8* must envision the assignment of the deposed TE to a PCA  
15 church as we have no authority to assign someone to a church in another communion,  
16 but the TE in question had already joined a non-PCA church. Also, before Presbytery  
17 could censure the TE with deposition, we would have to restore him to the roll of  
18 Presbytery, and, as was shown above, this is not possible. Most importantly, we do not  
19 believe it would be good for the man’s soul (or the Congregation he previously  
20 pastored) to somehow try to force him back into a relationship with the Presbytery of  
21 the Ascension.

22 Finally, we want to assure the 51st General Assembly that if it does not accept this  
23 response we will comply in any future analogous situation with the Constitutional  
24 interpretation suggested by the exception, but we disagree with that interpretation and  
25 we believe there is nothing more that can be done in this case.  
26

27 3. That the Minutes of **Blue Ridge** Presbytery: 64-0-0

- 28 **a.** Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Nov 08, 2023**  
29 **b.** Be approved with exception of form: **Jan 27, 2023; Aug 12, 2023; Nov 04, 2023**  
30 **c.** Be approved with exception of substance:  
31 **2024-1: Apr 28, 2023** (*BCO 18-2*) — No record of six-month membership for  
32 candidate.  
33 **2024-2: Apr 29, 2023** (*BCO 12-1*) — Presbytery improperly cited the session of  
34 [church name omitted] for “failure to vote to allow TE [name omitted] Assistant Pastor,  
35 to attend Session meetings.” The report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Review of  
36 Sessional Records appended to the minutes states as follows: “TE [name omitted] was  
37 not approved to sit on Session meetings. As an assistant pastor he is not a member of  
38 the Session”.  
39 **2024-3: Apr 29, 2023** (*BCO 18-2*) — No record of six-month membership for  
40 candidate  
41 **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**  
42 **2023-1: Jan 29, 2022; Apr 22-23, 2022** (*BCO 23-1*) — No record that congregation  
43 concurred with dissolution of pastoral relations.

1           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with these exceptions and will be careful in the  
 2 future. Presbytery has received these documents and will amend their minutes under  
 3 to amend a previous action at the Stated Meeting January 26-27, 2024.

4           **2023-2: Apr 22-23, 2022 (BCO 18-2)** — No record of endorsement by candidates’  
 5 Session.

6           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with these exceptions and will be careful in the  
 7 future. Presbytery has received these documents and will amend their minutes under  
 8 to amend a previous action at the Stated Meeting January 26-27, 2024.

9           **2023-3: Apr 22-23, 2022 (BCO 18-2)** — No record of six-months membership for  
 10 candidates.

11           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with these exceptions and will be careful in the  
 12 future. Presbytery has received these documents and will amend their minutes under  
 13 to amend a previous action at the Stated Meeting January 26-27, 2024.

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 15 4. That the Minutes of **Calvary** Presbytery: *63-0-1*  
 16     a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 28, 2023; Apr 27, 2023; Jul 22, 2023; Oct 26,**  
 17     **2023**  
 18     b. Be approved with exception of form: **General 2023**  
 19     c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None**  
 20     d. **No response to previous assemblies required.**

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 22 5. That the Minutes of **Canada West** Presbytery: *61-4-0*  
 23     a. Be approved without exception: **None**  
 24     b. Be approved with exception of form: **Directory**  
 25     c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
 26         **2024-1: Mar 04, 2023 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** — Incomplete record of ordination  
 27         exam.  
 28         **2024-2: Mar 04, 2023 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** — Incomplete record of ordination  
 29         exam.  
 30         **2024-3: Oct 13, 2023 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** — Incomplete record of ordination  
 31         exam.  
 32         **2024-4: Mar 04, 2023 (BCO 23-1)** — No record that Congregation concurred with  
 33         dissolution of pastoral relation.  
 34         **2024-5: General 2023 (BCO 13-9.b; BCO 40-3)** — Results of review of records of  
 35         church Sessions not stated.  
 36         **2024-6: Mar 04, 2023 (BCO 21-4.g; RAO 16-3.e.5)** — Presbytery did not require the  
 37         candidate to state the specific instances in which he may differ with the Confession of  
 38         Faith and Catechisms in any of their statements and/or propositions.  
 39         **2024-7: Mar 04, 2023 (BCO 21-4.g; RAO 16-3.e.5)** — Presbytery did not require the  
 40         candidate to state the specific instances in which he may differ with the Confession of  
 41         Faith and Catechisms in any of their statements and/or propositions.  
 42         **2024-8: Oct 13, 2023 (BCO 21-4.g; RAO 16-3.e.5)** — Presbytery did not require the  
 43         candidate to state the specific instances in which he may differ with the Confession of  
 44         Faith and Catechisms in any of their statements and/or propositions.

1       **2024-9: Oct 13, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4) — No record of requiring statement of differences  
2 with our Standards.

3       **2024-10: Oct 13, 2023** (*BCO* 19-16; *BCO* 21-2) — 3/4 vote for waiving internship  
4 requirement not recorded.

5       **2024-11: General 2023** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — Minutes of commission not  
6 entered in Presbytery minutes, and these must be presented for review next year.

7       **2024-12: Oct 13, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4.g; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Presbytery did not require the  
8 candidate to state the specific instances in which he may differ with the Confession of  
9 Faith and Catechisms in any of their statements and/or propositions.

10       **2024-13: Oct 13, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4.g) — Presbytery granted a doctrinal exception that  
11 appears to be out of accord with the fundamentals of our doctrinal standards.  
12 Candidates stated difference, "*WLC* 177 – worthy participation of the Lord's Supper I  
13 am more than willing to submit in teaching and practice to the confessional position  
14 of requiring a public profession of faith from covenant children before admitting them  
15 to the Lord's Table. I am strongly against Federal Vision and I am intentionally  
16 distancing myself from such distinctive teachings in the CREC (to which I never  
17 agreed). However, it seems to me that, within the context of faithful family nurture  
18 and given the place of covenant children in both the old and new covenants, we should  
19 expect that our children already possess the prerequisite faith from the earliest age,  
20 and that they will gradually, organically, display this faith in an age-appropriate  
21 manner. While we do not know whether our children are elect or not, and we cannot  
22 peer infallibly into their hearts, I think we should treat them with the judgment of  
23 charity expressed, for instance, in Canons of Dordt 1.17 and Luke 18:15ff, teaching  
24 them to pray "Our Father in heaven" and to sing "Jesus loves me" in the full sense of  
25 the words. Nevertheless, as I said, I am very happy to abide by the confessional  
26 requirements of a public profession of faith (*WLC* 177; *DFW* 56- 4.j) and have already  
27 spoken with my own children about doing so. To administer the Supper and fence the  
28 table in this way would pose no harm to my conscience whatsoever."

29       **2024-14: Mar 04, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4.b) — Minutes show the Presbytery examined the  
30 candidates in biblical counseling. While this may be prudent, it is not an area of  
31 examination for ordination according to the *BCO*, nor does Presbytery include it in its  
32 Standing Rules.

33       **2024-15: Oct 13, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4.b) — Minutes show the Presbytery examined the  
34 candidates in biblical counseling. While this may be prudent, it is not an area of  
35 examination for ordination according to the *BCO*, nor does Presbytery include it in its  
36 Standing Rules.

37 **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

38       **2023-1: Mar 03, 2022** (*BCO* 19-2.d, f) — Incomplete record of licensure exam.

39       **Response:** Both candidates were examined for licensure in the previous Presbytery  
40 meeting of March 4, 2022 in which these requirements were examined and evaluated  
41 and found to be satisfactory. Those minutes also recorded what stated differences  
42 either candidate had and Presbytery's response to it. Their relative positions were  
43 reconfirmed at the time of ordination but not reflected in the minutes. The Clerk  
44 apologizes for the oversight

1 **2023-2: Mar 3, 2022; Sep 30, 2022 (BCO 21-4.c (2) and (3) —** Incomplete record of  
 2 ordination exam. [name omitted]: no record of exegetical and theological papers, or  
 3 their approval for ordinands; [name omitted]: no record of a sermon preached or 3/4  
 4 majority vote, no record of stated differences, no theological papers; [name omitted]:  
 5 no record of a sermon preached or 3/4 majority vote, no record of stated differences,  
 6 no theological papers; [name omitted]: no record of stated differences; [name omitted]:  
 7 no record of stated differences.]

8 **Response:** TE [name omitted] has been a candidate and licentiate for over five (5)  
 9 years in the Presbytery up to this point. A summary of his credential process is outlined  
 10 in the “Executive Session” minutes of March 4, 2022. The recording of his credentials  
 11 goes back many years. The issues surrounding [names omitted] above were recorded  
 12 in the March 4, 2022 Stated Meeting minutes. [name omitted] had no stated differences  
 13 for the Presbytery to consider. Thiis was reported but inadvertently left out of the  
 14 minutes. The Clerk apologizes for the error and has corrected it. The minutes included  
 15 in the package sent to RPR for the Autumn Stated Meetings are almost always in  
 16 “draft” form as the Presbytery does not meet the following year in time to approve the  
 17 minutes and get them to RPR on time. Therefore, required corrections can generally  
 18 be made to the minutes in time to approve them after exceptions are received.  
 19 [name omitted] had stated differences as per below which were examined at the time.  
 20 The Presbytery judged them to be more than semantic, but “not out of accord with any  
 21 fundamental of our system of doctrine” (BCO 21-4) (RAO 16-3.e.5). The minutes have  
 22 been corrected to reflect this.

23 **TE [name omitted] stated exceptions:** *WLC* 109 – images

24 *WLC* 109 forbids "the making any representation of God, of all or of any of the three  
 25 persons, either inwardly in our mind, or outwardly in any kind of image or likeness of  
 26 any creature whatsoever." While I certainly agree that no image can fully capture the  
 27 being or attributes of God, and that, due to the idolatrous propensity of the human  
 28 heart, it is unwise to have such images in places of public worship (so Tyndale and  
 29 Luther), it seems to me that God himself has revealed aspects of his being and  
 30 character using visible forms such as the burning bush and the descending dove. These  
 31 sights surely imprinted themselves on the minds of the eyewitnesses and their  
 32 description has been recorded for us in Holy Scripture, thereby giving us a warrant (I  
 33 think) to use them respectfully and carefully for didactic purposes (e.g. children's  
 34 books). In particular, the incarnation of Christ resulted in a true, visible body,  
 35 mysteriously united to and yet distinct from his divine nature, which body was seen,  
 36 touched, and surely remembered by the apostles, both before and after his resurrection  
 37 (*cf.* 1 Jn 1). While I would be perfectly happy never to see another pictorial  
 38 representation of Christ (I am not zealous about this by any means!), I would have a  
 39 hard time requiring my congregation to get rid of their otherwise sound storybook  
 40 Bibles on the basis of the second commandment.

41 *WCF* 21.8 - Sabbath

42 I understand and know well the arguments for the enduring nature of the sabbath  
 43 (especially being a GPTS grad!), and I certainly see the benefit and wisdom of ceasing  
 44 from all labour and worldly recreations on the Lord's Day. As for me and my house,  
 45 we endeavour keep the sabbath, I would readily encourage this for the *bene esse* of the

1 church. However, the explicit statements of the NT that seem to abrogate the sabbath  
2 (e.g. Col 2; Rom 14) give me enough pause as to be somewhat reluctant to discipline  
3 a sincere believer who is, for instance, attending public worship faithfully every Lord's  
4 Day and engaging in the life and fellowship of the church, but then going off to work  
5 or spending some Sunday afternoons watching or playing organized sports. I would  
6 certainly urge such a person toward what would be best for him (devoting that time to  
7 spiritual commerce on “the market day of the soul”), but at this point I'm not sure that  
8 I could say he was positively sinning until he did so. This is something I am still  
9 thinking through.

10 *WLC 177 – worthy participation of the Lord’s Supper*

11 I am more than willing to submit in teaching and practice to the confessional position  
12 of requiring a public profession of faith from covenant children before admitting them  
13 to the Lord's Table. I am strongly against Federal Vision and I am intentionally  
14 distancing myself from such distinctive teachings in the CREC (to which I never  
15 agreed). However, it seems to me that, within the context of faithful family nurture  
16 and given the place of covenant children in both the old and new covenants, we should  
17 expect that our children already possess the prerequisite faith from the earliest age,  
18 and that they will gradually, organically, display this faith in an age-appropriate  
19 manner. While we do not know whether our children are elect or not, and we cannot  
20 peer infallibly into their hearts, I think we should treat them with the judgment of  
21 charity expressed, for instance, in Canons of Dordt 1.17 and Luke 18:15ff, teaching  
22 them to pray "Our Father in heaven" and to sing "Jesus loves me" in the full sense of  
23 the words. Nevertheless, as I said, I am very happy to abide by the confessional  
24 requirements of a public profession of faith (*WLC 177; DFW 56-4.j*) and have already  
25 spoken with my own children about doing so. To administer the Supper and fence the  
26 table in this way would pose no harm to my conscience whatsoever.

27 **2023-3: Sep 30, 2022 (RAO 16-10.a)** — Responses to CRPR by the presbytery not  
28 included in the minutes.

29 **Response:** The documented exception responses were not recorded in the minutes  
30 by the Clerk. This was an oversight and has been corrected by the Clerk. They have  
31 been added to the official minutes. The Clerk apologizes for the error

- 32 e. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
33 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

34 **2022-1: Mar 5-6, 2021 (BCO 21-4.f; 40-2)** — Presbytery granted a doctrinal  
35 exception that may be hostile to our system of doctrine (*WCF 1.1-10*). More  
36 information or clarity is needed on the exception.

37 **Response:** The Candidates expressed view is that, the gifts of tongues and  
38 prophecy, though no longer normative, still occur in a manner that can be defined by  
39 such terms. There have been individuals who have reportedly received, in a miraculous  
40 manner, the gift of knowing (speaking and/or reading) a language they have had no  
41 previous experience or training in. He believes these gifts can be given as a means of  
42 grace from God and would categorize this in the realm of the “gift of tongues”. Also,  
43 individuals may at times be blessed with extraordinary insight on a certain issue for  
44 which they may have not previously demonstrated any particular knowledge, expertise  
45 or have no training in. The Candidate defines such situations as being in the realm of

1 the “gift of prophecy”, using its wider definition. “Prophecy” being looked at as per 1  
 2 Corinthians 14:3-4 as speaking to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and  
 3 consolation... (to) build up the church.” It would be defined as: “the gift of  
 4 communicating and enforcing revealed truth”. Though such situations could also come  
 5 under the definition of being gifts of “wisdom”, “knowledge”, and/or “discernment”,  
 6 the definition of “prophecy” as an over-arching term for such is also acceptable for  
 7 such circumstances. The Candidate agrees that “prophecy” defined as new revelation  
 8 from God to a person that is “extra-Biblical” or outside of God’s revealed and complete  
 9 Word, does not exist.

10 **Rationale:** Presbytery does not acknowledge any biblical support for the  
 11 continuation of such gifts, nor does it provide any rationale as to how a person can  
 12 meaningfully differentiate between modern day “prophecy” and Scripture.

13 **Response:** The candidate affirmed that the supreme judge by which all  
 14 controversies of religion are to be determined, and all decrees of councils, opinions of  
 15 ancient writers, doctrines of men, and private spirits, are to be examined, and in whose  
 16 sentence we are to rest, can be no other but the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scripture  
 17 (Mat 22:29; Mat 22:31; Eph 2:20; Act 28:25).

18 **Rationale:** Presbytery did not address the issue the Assembly took with its  
 19 previous response. Presbytery provides no “biblical support for the continuation of  
 20 such gifts, nor does it provide any rationale as to how a person can meaningfully  
 21 differentiate between modern day “prophecy” and Scripture,” in its response. Further,  
 22 its response is merely a citation of *WCF* 1.10, and so provides the Assembly with no  
 23 new information, as the candidate stated no difference with that portion of the  
 24 Standards.  
 25

26 6. That the Minutes of **Catawba Valley** Presbytery: 60-0-0

27 a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Jan 28, 2023; Sep 23, 2023**

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

29 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

30 **2024-1: May 20, 2023 (BCO 23-1)** — No record that congregation concurred with the  
 31 dissolution of pastoral relations.

32 **2024-2: Nov 11, 2023 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** — Stated differences not judged  
 33 with the prescribed categories.

34 **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

35 **2023-2: May 24, 2022 (BCO 46-8)** — No record that divested minister was assigned  
 36 to a particular church.

37 **Response:** CVP demitted a TE [name omitted] at his request, following a second  
 38 vote on the matter, according to *BCO* 46-8. At that time, it was entered in the minutes  
 39 under the Shepherding Committee report, “The Committee was asked to inquire where  
 40 his church membership is to be remanded, and report this back to presbytery.” CVP  
 41 Presbytery acknowledges that this inquiry was not completed by the next meeting of  
 42 presbytery, but CVP has corrected this omission at our Fall meeting, Sept 2023 and  
 43 approved a recommendation to commend Mr. [name omitted] to the [church name  
 44 omitted] in West Asheville NC at his request, as that is where he has been attending.  
 45 CVP recognizes that since the Anglican Communion is outside the jurisdiction of the

1 PCA, we are unable to “assign” him to that congregation, as *BCO* 46-8 requires  
2 (“When a Presbytery shall divest a minister of his office without censure, or depose  
3 him without excommunication, it shall assign him, to membership in some particular  
4 church, subject to the approval of the Session of that church.”), but CVP has received  
5 verbal confirmation from Mr. [name omitted] that he is under the care of [church name  
6 omitted] in Asheville, NC

- 7 **e. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
8 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

9 **2023-1: Jan 22, 2022** (*BCO* 43-8) — Four timely and orderly complaints dismissed  
10 without a hearing.

11 **Response:** CVP responds by noting that these four complaints were in fact  
12 adjudicated by a Commission but the Commission was unable to proceed after  
13 reviewing the complaints, finding all four complaints to be “out of order  
14 administratively,” in that they were not filed against an action of a court (*BCO* 43-1).  
15 CVP was also notified by the Complainant’s civil attorney that the Complainant desired  
16 to withdraw his complaints and to receive no further interaction with CVP concerning  
17 these matters.

18 **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its actions (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
19 Presbytery has not rescinded the unconstitutional denial of the complaints. The  
20 complaints were, in fact, against actions of a court (*BCO* 43-1), and it was improper  
21 to dismiss the complaints as “out of order administratively” on the stated grounds  
22 without affording the Complainant the right of a hearing. A purported subsequent  
23 withdrawal of a complaint could dispose of a complaint only after an unconstitutional  
24 action is rescinded.

- 25  
26 7. That the Minutes of **Central Carolina** Presbytery: *62-0-1*

27 **a.** Be approved without exception: **General 2023; May 23, 2023; Nov 14, 2023**

28 **b.** Be approved with exception of form: **Feb 25, 2023; Aug 26, 2023**

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

- 30 **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

31 **2023-1: May 24, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4) — 3/4 vote for ordination candidate sermon given  
32 to committee not recorded.

33 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and has corrected its minutes to  
34 reflect that both ordination sermons preached before the Committee were unanimously  
35 accepted by Presbytery. Presbytery regrets its error and promises to be more careful in  
36 the future.

- 37  
38 8. That the Minutes of **Central Florida** Presbytery: *66-0-0*

39 **a.** Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Aug 22, 2023; Nov 14, 2023**

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

41 **c.** Be approved with exception of substance:

42 **2024-1: Jan 17, 2023** (*BCO* 20-8) — No record commissioners appointed by the  
43 church presented and prosecuted the call of a TE before Presbytery.

44 **2024-2: Apr 18, 2023** (*BCO* 20-8) — No record commissioners appointed by the  
45 church presented and prosecuted the calls of TEs before the Presbytery.



1 **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

2 **2023-1: General 2022 (BCO 8-7)** — No record that the Presbytery is assured that out-  
 3 of-bounds TEs will be engaged in preaching and teaching the Word and will have full  
 4 freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our Church.

5 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception. The terms of call for TEs laboring  
 6 out of bounds are reviewed and approved when they come before presbytery, though  
 7 presbytery has failed to explicitly record in its minutes its assurance that the TEs will  
 8 be engaged in preaching and teaching the Word and will have full freedom to maintain  
 9 and teach the doctrine of our Church, in keeping with *BCO* 8-7. Presbytery commits  
 10 to be more careful to record this assurance in the future. By action of the 189th Stated  
 11 Meeting the following was inserted into the respective Minutes for 183rd meeting -  
 12 [names omitted] 184th meeting – [names omitted], 185th meeting – [name omitted]  
 13 will be engaged in preaching and teaching the Word and will have full freedom to  
 14 maintain and teach the doctrine of our Church, in keeping with *BCO* 8-7 [added by  
 15 189th 8/22/23]

16 **2023-2: General 2022 (BCO 8-7)** — No record of annual report from some TEs  
 17 laboring out of bounds.

18 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception. While most of the TEs who serve  
 19 out of bounds in the presbytery submitted annual reports, not all of them did.  
 20 Presbytery commits to be more diligent in obtaining these reports in the future.

21 **2023-3: Jan 25, 2022; Apr 26, 2022; Aug 23, 2022; Nov 15, 2022 (BCO 18-2)** — No  
 22 record of endorsement by candidate’s Session or six-months membership for  
 23 candidate.

24 **Response:** Presbytery respectfully disagrees with the exception. In each of these  
 25 cases, presbytery’s Candidates Committee reported the session’s endorsement and six  
 26 months’ membership. These records can be found in the appendices of the respective  
 27 minutes. However, Presbytery will make specific mention of these facts in the  
 28 Minutes.

29 **2023-4: Jan 25, 2022; Apr 26, 2022; Aug 23, 2022; Nov 15, 2022 (BCO 19-9)** — No  
 30 record that Presbytery received statement of inward call to the ministry of the Word  
 31 from internship applicants.

32 **Response:** Presbytery respectfully disagrees with the exception. The actions cited  
 33 are for persons who were taken under care as Candidates and at the same meeting  
 34 became Interns. In each case, the person gave testimony of his call to gospel ministry.  
 35 It is true that the words “inward call” are not in the Minutes, but the words “call to  
 36 ministry” are in the Minutes. Our Minutes state in each case: M/S/C to hear the  
 37 personal testimony and call to ministry of...M/S/C that Presbytery, having heard the  
 38 testimony and call to gospel ministry of Mr. \_\_\_\_, and finding his examination and  
 39 testimonial to be satisfactory according to *BCO* 18-3

40 **2023-6: Jan 25, 2022; Apr 26, 2022 (BCO 15-3)** — Presbytery did not vote to approve  
 41 judgments of judicial commissions.

42 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and commits to be more careful  
 43 in the future. By action of the 189th Presbytery the following notation was inserted in  
 44 the Minutes of January 25 and April 26, 2022. Presbytery approved of the judgment  
 45 of the Commission [Amended 8 -22-23]

1           **2023-7: Apr 26, 2022** (*BCO* 39-2; 45-1) — Protest admitted by a member who did not  
2 have a right to vote in a case.

3           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception. This was an oversight on the part  
4 of presbytery. The following notation was inserted in the Minutes of April 26, 2022:  
5 The action to allow the Protest was determined to be out of accord with *BCO* 45-1 –  
6 Noted 8/22/23 (189th Stated Meeting).

7           **2023-8: Apr 26, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4) — 3/4 vote for extraordinary clause for ordination  
8 candidate not recorded.

9           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception. A 3/4 vote was taken, but it was  
10 not recorded. Presbytery promises to be more careful in the future. The April 26th  
11 record has been so noted

12           **2023-9: Apr 26, 2022 ES** (*BCO* 31-8) — Presbytery policy that accusations from a  
13 specific communing member be “automatically denied” on the basis of *BCO* 31-8  
14 exceeds the scope “great caution” permitted.

15           **Response:** Presbytery respectfully disagrees with the exception. This action was  
16 taken after a three-year period of numerous complaints and charges that, in the  
17 judgment of presbytery, rose to the level of exhibiting “a malignant spirit” and a  
18 “litigious, rash or highly imprudent” character (*BCO* 31-8). The action was not all-  
19 encompassing but was specifically limited to complaints “that are in any way  
20 connected to [the complainant’s] ongoing vendetta against [church name omitted]  
21 and/or their Teaching Elders.” Later unrelated complaints from this individual were  
22 admitted. Further, the issue is now moot as the individual has been excommunicated  
23 from the Church.

24           **2023-10: Aug 23, 2022** (*BCO* 5-2; 13-1; 13-9) — Presbytery assigned oversight of  
25 mission churches within its bounds to a different Presbytery.

26           **Response:** Presbytery respectfully disagrees with the exception. *BCO* 5-2 states  
27 that mission churches “ordinarily” are established within the boundaries of a  
28 presbytery, a qualifier that allows for non-ordinary circumstance. The non-ordinary  
29 circumstance was explained in the motion: “Whereas the transfer of Pasco County  
30 from CFP to SWP has been delayed due to an administrative error on the part of our  
31 Presbytery and not because the 49th General Assembly rejected it; and whereas it is  
32 strongly anticipated that the 50th General Assembly will approve the transfer of Pasco  
33 County from CFP to SWP next year; and whereas any new church plants in Pasco  
34 County between now and then will eventually be overseen by and included within  
35 SWP; be it resolved that any new church plants in Pasco County from this point  
36 forward will be evaluated, approved, and overseen by SWP, as if those church plants  
37 were within the geographical bounds of SWP. This motion is dependent on the  
38 approval of SWP before it will take effect.” This arrangement was discussed with the  
39 PCA Stated Clerk at the 49th General Assembly when the administrative error was  
40 discovered and was judged to be a reasonable solution. Further, there were no Central  
41 Florida Presbytery churches in Pasco County at the time of this temporary  
42 arrangement. Finally, the issue is now moot, since the 50th General Assembly has  
43 acted to transfer Pasco County to the Southwest Florida Presbytery.

44           **2023-11: Aug 23, 2022** (*BCO* 5-9) — All specific requirements of particularization of  
45 church not recorded.

1           **Response:** Presbytery respectfully disagrees with the exception. *BCO* 5-9 lists the  
 2 following steps for organizing a particular church: receive a petition (*BCO* 5-9.g),  
 3 appoint an organizing commission (*BCO* 5-9.h), and set a date and time of the  
 4 organizing service (*BCO* 5-9.h). The Minutes include the petition as Appendix E. The  
 5 Minutes show that a commission was appointed and a date and time set. The  
 6 organization service was held on September 18, 2021, and the report of the organizing  
 7 commission is included in the November 15, 2021 Minutes detailing all the particulars.  
 8 **2023-12: Nov 15, 2022** (*BCO* 25-11; Preliminary Principle 6) — Presbytery approved  
 9 the withdrawal of a church from the PCA, when withdrawal is not conditional on  
 10 Presbytery approval.

11           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception. While presbytery’s approval is  
 12 not required for a church to withdraw from the PCA, *BCO* 25-11 notes that a  
 13 congregation should be given “at least thirty-days’ notice of any meeting where the  
 14 congregation is to vote on a proposed withdrawal.” Presbytery was striving to honor  
 15 its responsibility to see that this requirement be observed and did not intend to imply  
 16 that its approval was necessary for the congregation to withdraw. Presbytery promises  
 17 to be clearer in the future.

- 19 9. That the Minutes of **Central Georgia** Presbytery: 66-0-0  
 20     a. Be approved without exception: **Aug 07, 2023**  
 21     b. Be approved with exception of form: **None**  
 22     c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
 23         **2024-1: Jan 28, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of ordination  
 24 exam  
 25         **2024-2: Jan 28, 2023** (*BCO* 13-5) — TE included on roll of Presbytery without  
 26 explanation.  
 27         **2024-3: Jan 28, 2023** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — Minutes of commission not  
 28 entered in Presbytery minutes, and these must be presented for review next year.  
 29         **2024-4: May 09, 2023** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of six-month membership for  
 30 candidate.  
 31         **2024-5: Jan 28, 2023** (PP 6) — No record that members of the provisional Session  
 32 were called by the congregation.  
 33         **2024-6: Jan 28, 2023** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record that congregation concurred with  
 34 dissolution of pastoral relation.  
 35         **2024-7: Jan 28, 2023** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record that Session concurred with  
 36 dissolution of pastoral relation.  
 37         **2024-8: General 2023** (*BCO* 40-3; *BCO* 13-9.b) — Results of review of records of  
 38 church sessions not stated.  
 39         **2024-9: May 09, 2023** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record that congregation concurred with  
 40 dissolution of pastoral relation.  
 41         **2024-10: Sep 12, 2023** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — Minutes of commission not  
 42 entered in Presbytery minutes, and these must be presented for review next year.  
 43     d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**  
 44         **2023-1: General 2022** (*BCO* 13-9.b; 40-1) — No record of review of records of  
 45 church sessions.

1           **Response:** Central Georgia Presbytery acknowledges this significant oversight in  
2 our minutes and states that we did in fact examine Sessional records in 2022. We are  
3 correcting this for current and future minutes of Presbytery.

4           **2023-2: May 10, 2022 (BCO 21-4)** — No record of requiring statement of differences  
5 with our Standards.

6           **Response:** Central Georgia Presbytery agrees with the RPR committee and will  
7 correct the minutes to include the fact that Teaching Elder [name omitted] took no  
8 exceptions to the Westminster Standards at the time of his ordination examination on  
9 the floor of Presbytery.

10  
11 10. That the Minutes of **Central Indiana** Presbytery: 63-0-0

12       **a. Not be approved** because it is unclear that all the minutes were approved. Further,  
13 that all minutes and responses to exceptions submitted in 2023 be submitted next year.

14  
15 11. That the Minutes of **Chesapeake** Presbytery: 63-0-1

16       **a.** Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Jan 21, 2023; May 09, 2023; Sep 12,**  
17 **2023; Nov 11, 2023**

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

19       **c.** Be approved with exception of substance:

20           **2024-1: Mar 14, 2023 (BCO 19-2.f; RAO 16-3.e.5)** — Presbytery approved a  
21 candidate for licensure whom they judged held a view that was hostile to the system  
22 or striking at the vitals.

23       **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

24           **2023-1: Sep 13, 2022 (BCO 19-2.d; RAO 16-3.e.5)** — Incomplete record of licensure  
25 exam.

26           **Response:** The Stated Clerk apologizes for this unintended oversight and has  
27 corrected the meeting minutes to include the following statement: “MSA that the  
28 written and orally delivered sermon presented to the LDC on Matthew 5:1-5 entitled  
29 ‘Blessed are the Meek’ be approved.”

30  
31 12. That the Minutes of **Chicago Metro** Presbytery: 60-1-2

32       **a.** Be approved without exception: **Mar 30, 2023**

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

34       **c.** Be approved with exception of substance:

35           **2024-1: General 2023 (BCO 18-6)** — Annual reports of candidates not included.

36           **2024-2: General 2023 (BCO 19-12)** — Annual report of interns not included.

37           **2024-3: General 2023 (BCO 19-12)** — Reports on every intern by the committee  
38 charged with the oversight of interns at each stated meeting not included.

39           **2024-4: General 2023 (BCO 8-7)** — No record of annual report of TEs laboring out  
40 of bounds.

41           **2024-5: General 2023 (BCO 13-2)** — No record of annual report of TEs without call.

42           **2024-6: Feb 15, 2023 (BCO 19-2; RAO 16-3.e.5)** — All specific requirements of  
43 licensure exam not recorded.

44           **2024-7: May 17, 2023 (BCO 15-1; RAO 16-3.e.4)** — Minutes of commission not  
45 entered in Presbytery minutes, and these must be presented for review next year.

- 1           **2024-8: May 17, 2023** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record that Session concurred with  
2 dissolution of pastoral relations.
- 3           **2024-9: Aug 16, 2023** (*BCO* 19-2; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — All specific requirements of  
4 licensure exam not recorded.
- 5           **2024-10: Aug 16, 2023** (*BCO* 19-2; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — All specific requirements of  
6 licensure exam not recorded.
- 7           **2024-11: Aug 16, 2023** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — Minutes of commission not  
8 entered in Presbytery minutes, and these must be presented for review next year.
- 9           **2024-12: Nov 11, 2023** (*BCO* 19-2; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — All specific requirements of  
10 licensure exam not recorded.
- 11           **2024-13: Nov 11, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5; *BCO* 21-2) — Incomplete record  
12 of ordination exam.
- 13           **2024-14: Nov 11, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5; *BCO* 21-2) — Incomplete record  
14 of ordination exam.
- 15           **2024-15: Nov 11, 2023** (*BCO* 46-6; *BCO* 13-7) — No record regarding the reception  
16 of a certificate of dismissal from transferring presbytery.
- 17           **2024-16: Nov 11, 2023** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record that Session concurred with  
18 dissolution of pastoral relations.
- 19           **2024-17: Nov 11, 2023** (*BCO* 21-9) — For a TE whose call changed from Assistant to  
20 Associate, there is no record of appointing a commission to install.
- 21       **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**
- 22           **2022-1: Aug 18, 2021** (*BCO* 19-2.e; 19-2.f) — Licensure candidate’s stated difference  
23 makes a separation between the Old Testament Sabbath and the Lord’s Day that seems  
24 to be hostile to our system of doctrine.
- 25           **Response:** The Presbytery respectfully disagrees. While we agree that the  
26 candidate's position is indeed a difference with our standards, we interpret the  
27 candidate’s position to be consistent with the Continental or Calvinistic view of the  
28 Sabbath (as expressed in the Heidelberg Catechism Q&A.103, which the candidate  
29 affirms) and do not believe this view is hostile to the system or strikes at the vitals of  
30 religion.
- 31           **Rationale:** Presbytery stated how they believed that this view was consistent with  
32 other confessional traditions but not how it was consistent with our doctrinal standards.  
33 Candidate’s stated difference appears to make a separation between the Old Testament  
34 Sabbath and the Lord’s Day that seems to be out of accord with our system of doctrine.  
35 Further clarification is needed. (*BCO* 19-2.e; 19-2.f)
- 36           **Response:** Following Charles Hodge, the Chicago Metro Presbytery contends that  
37 the “fundamentals of our system” are those doctrines which belong “to the integrity of  
38 the Augustinian, or Reformed System” (Hodge, *Discussions in Church Polity*, 1878,  
39 p. 336). The candidate’s stated affirmation of HC Q&A 103, a central doctrinal  
40 statement of our Continental Reformed brethren, demonstrates that, though he differs  
41 with the teaching of the Westminster Standards on this matter, his difference is not  
42 hostile to the integrity of the “Reformed System.” More specifically, while the  
43 candidate states that he does not believe that “the Sabbath day...has now become the  
44 Lord’s Day,” the candidate nevertheless agrees with the Westminster position that the  
45 moral law expressed in the 10 Commandments is the “perfect rule of righteousness”

1 and “doth forever bind all,” himself declaring that we must “keep the moral command  
2 to fulfill the Sabbath by resting in Christ and from all our strivings.” The candidate  
3 also follows Westminster's recognition of the first day of the week in affirming that  
4 “the Lord’s Day is a day to be observed through public worship and private rest.”  
5 Given these considerations, we determined that “the candidate’s declared difference is  
6 not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine because the  
7 difference is neither hostile to the system nor strikes at the vitals of religion.” Finally,  
8 CMP notes that *RAO* requires RPR, when citing an exception of substance, to “include  
9 citation of any relevant scriptural and/or constitutional references, and provide the  
10 committee’s rationale for finding the exception of substance” (16-7.c.3). CMP  
11 respectfully suggests that replying is difficult when RPR omits citations or theological  
12 reasoning for its assertion that a candidate’s position “seems to be hostile to our  
13 system.

14 **2023-1: Jan 19, 2022; Sept 29, 2022 (BCO 13-12)** — Notice for called meeting not  
15 in order (no record of 10-day notice, no verbatim meeting call).

16 **Response:** The notice for both called meetings were in order, but Presbytery erred  
17 in not recording it in the minutes. This was the verbatim meeting call for the January  
18 19, 2022 meeting, which was made on January 4, 2022.

19 **2023-2: Feb 16, 2022 (BCO 19-2)** — Use of extraordinary clause for licensure  
20 candidate not explained.

21 **Response:** The candidate had not been a member of his church for six months but  
22 had received an endorsement from his church’s session. He had also previously been  
23 under the care of Missouri Presbytery, where he completed his internship  
24 requirements. Presbytery erred in stating that he had been a member of his church for  
25 at least six months, and we will be careful in the future to record such information  
26 accurately.

27 **2023-3: Feb 16, 2022 ES (BCO 18-2)** — Use of extraordinary clause for licensure  
28 candidate not explained.

29 **Response:** As stated in the minutes, the candidate had been under care of the  
30 Southern New England Presbytery seeking to be dismissed to Chicago Metro  
31 Presbytery. He had moved to the area for doctoral studies and received an endorsement  
32 from the Session of his new church. Presbytery was following the process of *BCO* 18-  
33 7, but we will be careful to note the details of the candidate’s situation more carefully  
34 in the future.

35 **2023-4: May 18, 2022 (BCO 19-2.e; 19-2.f)** — Ordination candidate’s stated  
36 difference appears to make a separation between the Old Testament Sabbath and the  
37 Lord’s Day that seems to be out of accord with our system of doctrine. Further  
38 clarification is needed.

39 **Response:** Presbytery’s response to this citation is in reference to the citation of  
40 the August 18, 2021 licensure exam.

41 **2023-5: May 18, 2022 (BCO 20-1)** — No record of the reasons why Presbytery  
42 considers an out-of-bounds work to be a valid Christian ministry.

43 **Response:** Presbytery considered the church to be a valid out-of-bounds work  
44 because the TE will be allowed to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments with  
45 full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our church (*BCO* 8-7). Two other

1 TEs had already been approved for out-of-bounds calls to the same church in prior  
 2 years and continue to serve there with such freedom, but we erred in failing to include  
 3 such a note in the approval of this particular call. In the future Presbytery will be more  
 4 careful to note why it considers out-of-bounds works as valid Christian ministry.

5 **2023-6: May 18, 2022 (BCO 38-3.b)** — Presbytery erred when they invoked 38-3.a  
 6 to divest without censure a TE pursuing membership at Holy Cross Antiochian Church  
 7 of Grand Rapids, MI.

8 **Response:** Presbytery agrees that it erred in how *BCO* 38.3a-b was invoked and  
 9 that we erred in not reconsidering the earlier vote to handle the matter properly. We  
 10 will be more careful in the future to handle these matters in good order.

11 **2023-7: Aug 17, 2022 (BCO 18-2)** — No record of endorsement by the candidate’s  
 12 Session.

13 **Response:** Both candidates had been endorsed by their Sessions, and those  
 14 endorsements were reviewed by the Candidates and Credentials Committee.  
 15 Presbytery’s historical practice, for which we have hitherto never been cited, has been  
 16 to note Session endorsements without including the text of those endorsements in the  
 17 minutes.

18 **2023-8: Aug 17, 2022 (BCO 18-2)** — Use of extraordinary clause for individual taken  
 19 under care not explained.

20 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges that “pastoral residency” is not a *BCO*  
 21 category. It is often used in churches to describe a higher level training program for  
 22 those who have completed or nearly completed their graduate education. It is not used  
 23 as a constitutional statement nor do any of the parties understand it to be so used. The  
 24 extraordinary clause was invoked for the specific reasons cited in the minutes; namely,  
 25 that whereas the candidate had not been a member of the church for six months, the  
 26 Session was eager not to delay establishing a formal relationship with Presbytery as  
 27 he began his training program at the church.

28 **2023-9: Aug 17, 2022 (BCO 13-10)** — No record of transfer or dismissal of members  
 29 upon dissolving a church.

30 **Response:** The commission to handle the transfer and dismissal of members did  
 31 not have its first meeting until 2023 so record of their work is included in our 2023  
 32 minutes.

33 **2023-10: Aug 17, 2022 (BCO 19-2.e; 19-2.f)** — Presbytery granted an exception for  
 34 a stated difference on the grounds that the stated difference was more than semantic  
 35 but not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine. Candidate’s  
 36 stated difference with *WLC* 109 claims that it “can be spiritually helpful for our  
 37 children in particular, to allow God the Son to be represented for the purpose of  
 38 illustration.” Presbytery needs to provide further clarification as to how the quoted  
 39 material is not hostile to our system of doctrine.

40 **Response:** At the time of his examination Presbytery considered these stated  
 41 differences to be consistent with similar exceptions which were judged as not hostile  
 42 to our system of religion. We have not sought additional clarification on the candidate’s  
 43 views because he transferred to Pee Dee Presbytery in August 2022.

44 **2023-11: Aug 17, 2022; Nov 16, 2022 (BCO 23-1)** — No record that Session  
 45 concurred with dissolution of pastoral relations.

1           **Response:** The Sessions of both pastors concurred in the dissolution of their  
2 respective pastoral relations, but Presbytery erred in not recording those concurrences.  
3 We will be more mindful in the future to record such matters.

4       **e. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
5 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

6       **2022-2: Aug 18, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4.f; 40-2) — Presbytery granted a doctrinal exception  
7 that may be hostile to our system of doctrine. More information or clarity is needed on  
8 the exception, wherein the candidate expresses his belief that images of Christ may be  
9 suitable “for purposes of instruction and (with great care) **public worship**” (emphasis  
10 added).

11           **Response:** [2023] The candidate was referring to depictions of Jesus in such  
12 instances as instructional material and Christmas pageants; not to iconography,  
13 crucifixes, or other images that are venerated in other religious traditions. Hence, we  
14 judged his view to be not hostile to our system of doctrine.

15           **Rationale:** The response does not explain how use of images of Christ might be  
16 appropriately used in public worship.  
17

18 13. That the Minutes of **Columbus Metro** Presbytery: 64-0-2

19       **a.** Be approved without exception: **May 16, 2023; Jun 21, 2023**

20       **b.** Be approved with exception of form: **Feb 09, 2023; General 2023; Sep 19, 2023**

21       **c.** Be approved with exception of substance:

22           **2024-1: Jan 17, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of ordination  
23 exam.

24           **2024-2: Mar 21, 2023** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of endorsement by candidate’s  
25 Session.

26           **2024-3: Nov 21, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of ordination  
27 exam. No record of candidate being examined thoroughly in Bible, Theology, and  
28 Church Government. No record of examination in languages. No record of exegetical  
29 and theology papers.

30       **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

31           **2022-1: Apr 20, 2021** (*BCO* 13-12) — Requirements for called meeting not shown to  
32 have been met.

33           **Response:** We agree with this exception. We reviewed minutes and electronic  
34 correspondence. We identified that the call for the meeting was issued at the March  
35 16, 2021 meeting, with the concurrence of the 3 TEs and 3 REs from four churches.  
36 This action was one month prior to the actual called meeting. We will improve our  
37 record keeping.

38           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
39 Presbytery has not provided proof of correction of minutes clarifying that requirements  
40 were met.

41           **Response:** NB: Minutes amended to reflect unanimous vote for April 20, 2021  
42 Called Meeting. We agree with this exception. We reviewed minutes and electronic  
43 correspondence. We identified that the call for the meeting was issued at the March  
44 16, 2021 meeting, with the concurrence of the 3 TEs and 3 REs from four churches.



1 This action was one month prior to the actual called meeting. We will improve our  
 2 record keeping. See Addendum RPR-2021-03

3 **2022-2: Apr 20, 2021; Jun 8, 2021 (BCO 23-1)** — No record of congregational vote  
 4 to dissolve pastoral relationship.

5 **Response:** We agree with this exception. With respect to the April 20, 2021,  
 6 meeting, no action to dissolve a pastoral relationship was taken at this meeting. With  
 7 respect to the June 8, 2021, meeting, please see below: “Session representatives from  
 8 [church name omitted] verbally present... We will improve our record keeping in the  
 9 future.”

10 **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
 11 Presbytery has not provided proof of corrected minutes.

12 **Response:** Amend Presbytery Minutes to reflect that a review of [church name  
 13 omitted]) Session Minutes record a congregational meeting occurring on June 6, 2021.  
 14 [church name omitted] minutes reflect the unanimous vote to dissolve the pastoral  
 15 relationship between TE [name omitted] and [church name omitted]. We agree with  
 16 this exception. With respect to the April 20, 2021, meeting, no action to dissolve a  
 17 pastoral relationship was taken at this meeting. With respect to the June 8, 2021,  
 18 meeting, please see below: “Session representatives from [church name omitted]  
 19 verbally present... We will improve our record keeping in the future.” See Addendum  
 20 RPR-2021-06

21 **2022-3: Jun 08, 2021 (BCO 13-12)** — Notice for called meeting not in order; 10-day  
 22 notice, verbatim meeting call, etc., not indicated/recorded.

23 **Response:** We agree with this exception. We reviewed electronic communications.  
 24 We note that a request for a called meeting from the stated clerk was emailed on May  
 25 28, 2021, and that the request was supported by three teaching and ruling elders from  
 26 three churches. The notice of the call issued by the Moderator follows: “On behalf of  
 27 [church name omitted] Church, I request a Called Meeting of the Columbus Metro  
 28 Presbytery on June 8 for the following business: 1) Motion to dissolve TE [name  
 29 omitted] ’s relationship with [church name omitted]; 2) Motion to approve TE [name  
 30 omitted] ’s request to labor out of bounds; 3) Motion to approve TE [name omitted] ’s  
 31 call and terms of call by 3/4 vote contingent upon [church name omitted]’s 4/5  
 32 affirmation; 4) Motion to form a CMP Commission for TE [name omitted] ’s  
 33 Installation as Pastor of [church name omitted] on TBD contingent upon [church name  
 34 omitted]’s affirming vote.” Session representatives from [church name omitted]  
 35 verbally presented the results of the congregational meeting to dissolve TE [name  
 36 omitted] ’s pastoral relationship. The vote was unanimous to dissolve the relationship.  
 37 We regret that the minutes of the June 8, 2021, meeting do not reflect that. The call for  
 38 the meeting included matters relative to TE [name omitted] , but these matters were  
 39 not discussed at the June 8, 2021, meeting. We will improve our record keeping in the  
 40 future.

41 **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
 42 Presbytery has not provided proof of concurrence of call for meeting from 3 TEs and  
 43 3 REs from at least three different churches (*BCO* 13-12).

44 **Response:** The call for the CMP meeting was issued on May 28, 2021. [names  
 45 omitted] concurred with the call for this meeting., We agree with this exception. We

1 reviewed electronic communications. We note that a request for a called meeting from  
2 the stated clerk was emailed on May 28, 2021, and that the request was supported by  
3 three teaching and ruling elders from three churches. The notice of the call issued by  
4 the Moderator follows: “On behalf of [church name omitted] Church, I request a  
5 Called Meeting of the Columbus Metro Presbytery on June 8 for the following  
6 business: See Addendum RPR-2021-06

7 **2022-5: General** (*BCO* 13-9.b; 40-1) — No record of review of records of church  
8 Sessions.

- 9 **Response:** We will do better moving forward. Session Records reviewed in 2023.  
10 e. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
11 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

12 **2022-4: Sep 04, 2021** (*BCO* 20-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.6) — Specific arrangements of call not  
13 shown to be approved.

14 **Response:** We reviewed this exception. No actions to dissolve a pastoral  
15 relationship were taken at the April 20, 2021 meeting. Did not take action at that  
16 meeting, took action at May 2021 Meeting. See Addendum RPR-2021-04 :Amended  
17 May 2021 Minutes to reflect vote

- 18 f. **That responses shall be submitted to the following GA as no responses were**  
19 **received in 2024:**

20 **2023-1: Directory** (*RAO* 16-4.c.1) — No Directory provided.

21 **2023-2: Standing Rules** (*RAO* 16-4.c.2) — No Standing Rules provided.

22 **2023-3: General 2022** (*BCO* 13-9.b; 40-1) — No record of review of records of  
23 church Sessions.

24 **2023-4: May 17, 2022; Aug 18, 2022** (*BCO* 13-11; *RAO* 16-3.e.7) — Minutes of  
25 executive session not included.

26 **2023-5: Aug 18, 2022** (*BCO* 13-11) — Minutes of called meeting not included.

27 **2023-6: Nov 15, 2022** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — Minutes of commission not  
28 entered in Presbytery minutes.

- 29 g. **That the General Assembly** cite Columbus Metro Presbytery to appear before the  
30 Standing Judicial Commission according to the provisions of *BCO* 40-5 for “a credible  
31 report” of “an important delinquency or grossly unconstitutional proceedings”:

32 1. Find that the October 6th, 2023 letter from [name omitted] et al. is a “credible  
33 report” of “an important delinquency or grossly unconstitutional proceedings”  
34 (*BCO* 40-5): specifically, there is evidence that (1) Presbytery dissolved a  
35 congregation without following correct process (*BCO* 13-10), and (2) the  
36 Presbytery acted improperly by acquiring the property and assets of a congregation  
37 removing one of the few rights a congregation holds in the PCA (*BCO* 25-6, 7, 9);

38 2. Cite the Columbus Metro Presbytery to appear, per *BCO* 40-5, before the PCA’s  
39 Standing Judicial Commission which the 51st GA constitutes its commission to  
40 adjudicate this matter, by representative or in writing, at the SJC’s fall stated  
41 meeting, to “show what the lower court has done or failed to do in the case in  
42 question,” following the Operating Manual for the SJC, particularly chapter 15; and

43 3. Direct the CRPR Officers to appoint one or more representatives of the GA and  
44 Report (*OMSJC* 15.2) to present this case to the SJC.

1 4. Further, that the nonspecific allegations in the final paragraph of [name omitted]’s  
 2 letter against a Teaching Elder do not constitute a credible report of a “important  
 3 delinquency or grossly unconstitutional proceeding.”

4 **Rationale:** Congregations within the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) maintain  
 5 limited but crucial rights under its governing documents. These rights include the  
 6 election of leaders (PP 6), the ability to affiliate with the denomination (BCO 25-11),  
 7 and ownership of property (BCO 25-9). However, on June 21, 2023, the Columbus  
 8 Metro Presbytery, in an executive session, took action that deprived the congregation  
 9 and her members of these fundamental rights.

10 While it is true that the Presbytery possesses the authority to dissolve a church  
 11 under certain circumstances (BCO 13-9.f or BCO 5-2.c), this authority is  
 12 circumscribed by the boundaries set forth in the PCA's constitution (BCO 13-10). The  
 13 immediate dissolution of a church and the acquisition of its assets, as executed by the  
 14 Presbytery, exceeds the parameters of its granted authority. As articulated by FP  
 15 Ramsay, "As the churches have no other sort of welfare, this is equivalent to saying  
 16 welfare. Here, again, the Presbytery is not by this clause given any power beyond  
 17 limitations or contrary to regulations elsewhere laid down." Ramsay's elucidation  
 18 underscores the Presbytery's obligations, namely "to devise measures for the  
 19 enlargement of the Church within its bounds" and to attend to matters pertaining to the  
 20 spiritual welfare of the churches under its care. However, the actions taken by the  
 21 Presbytery precluded the congregation from exercising their rights, such as the election  
 22 of new elders, seeking dismissal to a new denomination, or their right of ownership of  
 23 their property. The presbytery acted outside of their constitutional authority which in  
 24 the view of the Assembly is an important delinquency, and grossly unconstitutional  
 25 proceedings.

26 Given the importance of the situation, recourse must be sought through the  
 27 Standing Judicial Commission (SJC), which possesses the authority to address and  
 28 rectify the Presbytery's alleged misconduct.  
 29

30 *RE Jay Neikirk abstained from discussion and all votes with regard to Columbus Metro.*

31  
 32 14. That the Minutes of **Covenant** Presbytery: 63-0-1

- 33 a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023**
- 34 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None**
- 35 c. Be approved with exception of substance:
  - 36 **2024-1: Feb 07, 2023** (BCO 38-3) — No record that upon an attempt of a PCA TE to
  - 37 transfer to the PC(USA) that Presbytery judged whether or not the PC(USA) is failing
  - 38 to maintain the Word and Sacraments in their fundamental integrity.
  - 39 **2024-2: May 16, 2023** (BCO 43-8) — A complaint may not be dismissed, and the
  - 40 Presbytery “shall hear the complaint,” unless there is evidence that the complainant
  - 41 currently does not have standing or has withdrawn or abandoned his complaint.
  - 42 **2024-3: Oct 03, 2023** (BCO 34-10) — No record of 2/3 vote to divest TE.
- 43 d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**
  - 44 **2023-1: Feb 1, 2022; May 17, 2022** (BCO 23-1) — No record that
  - 45 Congregation/Session concurred with dissolution of pastoral relations.

1           **Response:** Covenant Presbytery acknowledges the exception of substance noted  
2 in the RPR report regarding the minutes of Feb 1, 2022 and May 17, 2022: the failure  
3 to comply with *BCO* 23-1. The minutes have been corrected with the notation after  
4 154-17.4 as follows: [Note – These minutes failed to properly report the request of TE  
5 [name omitted] to have the pastoral relationship dissolved and the concurrence of the  
6 congregation of [church name omitted] TN, per their action at a duly called  
7 congregational meeting November 14, 2021.] and after 154-17.6 [Note – These  
8 minutes failed to properly report the request of TE [name omitted] to have the pastoral  
9 relationship dissolved and the concurrence of the congregation of [church name  
10 omitted] TN, per their action at a duly called congregational meeting January 23,  
11 2022.] The minutes have been corrected with the notation after 155-13.3 [Note - These  
12 minutes failed to properly report the request of TE [name omitted] to have the pastoral  
13 relationship dissolved and the concurrence of the congregation of [church name  
14 omitted] MS, per their action at a duly called congregational meeting May 8, 2022.]  
15 In the future we will strive to be more careful to record in our minutes that the  
16 requirements of *BCO* 23-1 have been met.

17 **2023-2: Feb 01, 2022** (*BCO* 15-1) — Commission must consist of at least two TEs  
18 and two REs.

19           **Response:** Covenant Presbytery acknowledges the exception of substance noted  
20 in the RPR report regarding the minutes of February 1, 2022. This commission was  
21 acting as a temporary Session. We wrongfully applied *BCO* 12-1 instead of *BCO* 15-  
22 1. Ruling elders having been duly elected, the temporary Session having been  
23 disbanded, and with no complaints having been issued regarding any action taken by  
24 the temporary session, and there being no corrective action needed (RRNR § 35:6.b),  
25 Covenant Presbytery acknowledges the mistake and promises to endeavor to be more  
26 careful in the future. In addition, the following note will be added to the minutes of  
27 the 154th Stated Meeting as follows: following 154-17.3 [Note – Covenant Presbytery  
28 erred in not having at least two teaching elders and two ruling elders to this  
29 commission, in violation of *BCO* 15-1.]

30 **2023-3: May 17, 2022** (*BCO* 8-7) — No record that the Presbytery is assured that an  
31 out-of-bounds TE will have full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our  
32 Church.

33           **Response:** Covenant Presbytery acknowledges the exception of substance noted  
34 in the RPR report regarding the minutes of May 17, 2022. Presbytery did receive that  
35 the minister operating outside the bounds had the full freedom to maintain and teach  
36 the doctrine of our church from the floor, but it was not accurately recorded in the  
37 minutes. Upon approval of this response, the minutes will be changed to read “155-  
38 13.5 The motion was seconded and approved to allow TE [name omitted] to labor out  
39 of jurisdictional bounds as Senior Minister at [church name omitted]. Presbytery notes  
40 the irregularity of TE [name omitted]’s acceptance of this call having asked to be  
41 designated as honorably retired at the previous meeting of Covenant Presbytery. The  
42 commissioners questioned TE [name omitted] about the circumstances surrounding  
43 the call and the beginning of this new church. Upon hearing the explanation, and  
44 having been given assurance that TE [name omitted] will have full freedom to maintain  
45 and teach the doctrine of our Church: after debate, permission was granted. TE [name

1 omitted] prayed for TE [name omitted] informed Presbytery that the committee took  
 2 up the power of a commission to approve TE [name omitted] as stated supply at  
 3 [church name omitted] per their request for the remainder of the 2022 year. [Note – This  
 4 action should have been ratified at the 157th Stated Meeting but the matter was not  
 5 considered. The stated supply relationship having ended, no further action is needed.]  
 6 **2021-1: Oct 01, 2019** (*BCO* 13-11; *RAO* 16-3.e.7) — Complaint sent to Presbytery  
 7 not recorded in minutes (“full and accurate record”).

8 **Response:** [2022]: Covenant Presbytery acknowledges the two exceptions of  
 9 substance noted in the RPR report regarding the minutes for October 1, 2019 and will  
 10 endeavor to comply with *BCO* requirements.

11 **Rationale:** [2022]: Presbytery has not corrected their minutes to address the  
 12 exception and submitted for review (*RAO* 16-10.b).

13 **Response:** [2023]: Covenant Presbytery acknowledges the exception of substance  
 14 noted in the RPR report regarding the minutes of October 1, 2019: the failure to note  
 15 a complaint being sent to Presbytery. The complaint was sent to the judicial  
 16 commission hearing the complaint on behalf of presbytery on October 10, 2019, posted  
 17 to the members only page of Presbytery’s website prior to the meeting on October 1,  
 18 2019, and available to any.

19 **Rationale:** [2023]: No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-  
 20 10.b.1). Presbytery has not submitted the complaint for review (*BCO* 13-11).

21 **Response:** [2024]: Covenant Presbytery acknowledges the exception of substance  
 22 noted in the RPR report regarding the minutes of October 1, 2019: the failure to note  
 23 a complaint being sent to Presbytery. The complaint was sent to the judicial  
 24 commission hearing the complaint on behalf of presbytery on October 10, 2019, posted  
 25 to the members only page of Presbytery’s website prior to the meeting on October 1,  
 26 2019, and available to any member upon request. The minutes of October 1, 2019, will  
 27 be amended by adding the following “[Note – The appendix to the minutes failed to  
 28 attach the complaint received by Covenant Presbytery and assigned to a *BCO* 15-3  
 29 judicial commission which had been made available to the members on the website  
 30 and upon request]. In the future we will strive to be more careful to record in our  
 31 minutes that the requirements of *BCO* 23-1 have been met. Also, the complaint is  
 32 attached to this response for review in accordance with *BCO* 13-11 and the complaint  
 33 added to the appendix of the 147th Stated Meeting. \*NOTE – The complainant filed  
 34 two complaints within a matter of weeks surrounding the same issue. The complaints  
 35 were adjointed and heard as one complaint. There was no objection.  
 36

37 15. That the Minutes of **Eastern Canada** Presbytery: 62-1-1

38 a. Be approved without exception: **Oct 27, 2023; Dec 01, 2023**

39 b. Be approved with exception of form: **General 2023**

40 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

41 **2024-1: Feb 24, 2023** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of endorsement by candidate’s  
 42 Session.

43 **2024-2: Feb 24, 2023** (*BCO* 15-1) — No record of quorum for meeting of a  
 44 commission.

1       **2024-3: Apr 28, 2023** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of endorsement by candidate’s  
2 Session.

3       **2024-4: Feb 24, 2023** (*BCO* 18-2) — Extraordinary clause “invoked” to waive six-  
4 month membership of a candidate without a vote by presbytery.

5       **2024-5: Feb 24, 2023** (*BCO* 18-2) — Extraordinary clause “invoked” to waive six-  
6 month membership of a candidate without a vote by presbytery.

7       **2024-6: Jun 02, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4.c) — Extraordinary clause “invoked” to waive  
8 theological and exegetical papers without a vote by presbytery.

9       **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

10       **2022-1: Jun 04, 2021** (*BCO* 19-1) — Presbytery permits a church’s pulpit to be  
11 regularly filled by an unlicensed minister from another denomination.

12       **Response:** We agree; we failed to uphold this particular mandate. We will assign  
13 a pastoral committee to investigate the nature of the relationship between [church  
14 name omitted] Church, [name omitted] , and the Presbytery.

15       **Rationale:** Presbytery has not yet demonstrated that it has remedied this situation.

16       **Response:** We agree with the exception. In regards to [church name omitted] the  
17 minister in question was licensed at the stated meeting of the Presbytery on October  
18 27, 2023. In regards to [church name omitted], the interim Session called a  
19 congregational meeting on January 13, 2024, and the congregation voted to withdraw  
20 from the PCA (*BCO* 25-11).

21       **2023-1: Apr 22, 2022** (*BCO* 13-12; *RAO* 16-3.c.1) — Purpose of called meeting not  
22 recorded verbatim in the minutes.

23       **Response:** We disagree with the exception. Under the title on p1012, the minutes  
24 state “The meeting was called for the Presbytery to decide upon the recommendations  
25 of the *BCO* 31-2 investigation into allegations made against TE [name omitted], in  
26 light of the findings of the third party investigation initiated by [church name  
27 omitted].”

28       **2023-2: Apr 22, 2022** (*RAO* 16-3.e.1) — Reasons for a chair’s ruling on a point of  
29 order not given.

30       **Response:** We agree with the exception: we ought to have recorded the reason for  
31 the chair’s ruling. Moderator [name omitted] ruled the motion out of order because, in  
32 his opinion, it fell outside the stated purpose for calling the special meeting. We will  
33 correct the minutes as follows: “The motion was ruled out of order because, in the  
34 opinion of the Moderator, it fell outside the stated purpose for the special meeting.”

35       **e. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore  
36 new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

37       **2023-3: Jun 03, 2022** (*BCO* 18) — Potential candidate not a member of PCA church;  
38 presbytery voted to “waive” requirement, but *BCO* 18 makes no such provision for  
39 waiving this requirement.

40       **Response:** We agree with the exception. Our intention was to invoke the  
41 extraordinary circumstance permitted in *BCO* 18-2: an applicant for care shall be a  
42 member of the congregation for at least six months ... “except in those cases deemed  
43 extraordinary by the Presbytery.” The Presbytery judged this to be an extraordinary  
44 case for the following reasons: 1) Mr. [name omitted] is pastoring his own church full  
45 time, making it difficult to attend or become a member of a PCA church, 2) Mr. [name

1 omitted] had been undergoing supervision and training by the pastors of [church name  
 2 omitted, and 3) Mr. [name omitted] desires to bring his church into the PCA. We will  
 3 correct the minutes as follows: “MSC to waive the 6 month membership requirement  
 4 by invoking the extraordinary clause of *BCO* 18-2 for the following reasons: 1) Mr.  
 5 [name omitted] is pastoring his own church full time, making it difficult to attend or  
 6 become a member of a PCA church, 2) Mr. [name omitted] had been undergoing  
 7 supervision and training by the pastors of [church name omitted], and 3) Mr. [name  
 8 omitted] desires to bring his church into the PCA.”

9 **Rationale:** The situation presented still does not resolve the issue that there is no  
 10 provision in *BCO* 18 for approving a candidate that is not a member of the PCA (i.e.,  
 11 “the Church” in *BCO* 18-1). The “extraordinary clause” is not applicable to cases of  
 12 membership in the Church in full communion.

13 **2023-4: Jun 03, 2022** (*BCO* 8-7; 20-1) — No record that the Presbytery is assured  
 14 that an out-of-bounds TE will have full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of  
 15 our Church; presbytery approved a call not from a church, Presbytery, or General  
 16 Assembly without making “a record of the reasons why it considers the work to be a  
 17 valid Christian ministry.

18 **Response:** We agree with the exception. The Presbytery judged that a  
 19 professorship of ministry at Redeemer University is a valid call to gospel ministry,  
 20 considering that he will be equipping and teaching students for ministry in the church.  
 21 We will correct the minutes as follows: “MSC that the Presbytery accept the terms of  
 22 call for TE [name omitted] to serve as Assistant Professor of Ministry at Redeemer  
 23 University because a professorship of ministry at Redeemer University is a valid call  
 24 to gospel ministry, considering that he will be equipping and teaching students for  
 25 ministry in the church (*BCO* 8-7, 20-1).”

26 **Rationale:** Presbytery's response fulfills the requirements of *BCO* 20-1, as  
 27 Presbytery judged this to be a valid call. However, Presbytery's response fails to fulfill  
 28 the requirements of *BCO* 8-7, as the response does not indicate that it received  
 29 assurance that an out-of-bounds TE will have full freedom to maintain and teach the  
 30 doctrine of our Church.

31  
 32 16. That the Minutes of **Eastern Carolina** Presbytery: 62-0-0

33 a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Jan 28, 2023; Apr 15, 2023; Jul 15,**  
 34 **2023; Oct 21, 2023**

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

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

37 d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

38 **2023-1: Apr 23, 2022** (*WCF* 29-4; *BCO* 58-3, 4) — Error to conclude that celebration  
 39 of Lord’s Supper by the Session of [church name omitted] Church without  
 40 congregation present was not an exception of substance.

41 **Response:** We are pleased to concede and agree with the Committee on Review  
 42 of Presbytery Records of the 50th General Assembly in their judgment that the session  
 43 of [church name omitted] erred in its celebrating the Lord's Supper non-publicly at a  
 44 joint meeting of their session and diaconate, without the congregation present.  
 45 Furthermore, we will inform the session of [church name omitted] of our new

1 judgment—that we now regard this event as an exception of substance—and require  
2 their response.  
3

4 17. That the Minutes of **Eastern Pennsylvania** Presbytery: 64-0-0

5 a. Be approved without exception: **Feb 11, 2023; Nov 14, 2023**

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

7 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

8 **2024-1: Sep 09, 2023 (BCO 38-3)** — No record that presbytery made determinations  
9 required by *BCO* 38-3.

10 **2024-2: Sep 09, 2023 (BCO 38-3)** — No record that presbytery made determination  
11 required by *BCO* 38-3

12 **2024-3: General 2023 (RAO 16-10.a)** — No record in minutes of approval of response  
13 to GA for 2022 citation.

14 d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

15 **2022-1: Sep 11, 2021; Nov 16, 2021 (RONR 9:34)** — Motion approved at assembly  
16 lacking opportunity for simultaneous aural communication (minimum requirement for  
17 a deliberative meeting, not met by email).

18 **Response:** We agree that business requiring deliberation should not be conducted  
19 via email. There are however noncontroversial matters that arise which require no  
20 discussion. When such matters arise and require timely action by the Presbytery, it has  
21 been our practice to attempt a vote by email. Presbyters are informed that a single “no”  
22 vote or a request for discussion will nullify the process and demand a face to face  
23 meeting. Since there is no provision for this practice in *RONR*, we will amend our  
24 Standing Rules to formally adopt this practice for our presbytery.

25 **Rationale:** Every motion by its nature requires a deliberative meeting, which an  
26 email vote does not permit. The Presbytery continued the practice of e-mail voting in  
27 2022 and made changes to their Standing Rules to permit email voting. This cannot  
28 correct the error of not allowing a deliberative meeting.

29 **Response:** This is a new response, given that our previous response to the 50th  
30 GA was found unsatisfactory. Having reconsidered this matter, the presbytery concurs  
31 with the ruling of RPR, and will now end its longstanding practice of email voting on  
32 timely non-controversial matters.

33 **2023-1: General 2022 (BCO 13-9.b; 40-1)** — No record of review of records of  
34 church sessions.

35 **Response:** We regret the delay regarding this matter. A mechanism for the review  
36 of records of church sessions has been reestablished, and the process has begun again.  
37 We expect to report this year that the backlog of unreviewed minutes is diminishing.

38 **2023-3: Feb 12, 2022 (BCO 21-4)** — Incomplete record of ordination exam.

39 **Response:** We regret the oversight in reporting here. As is our regular practice, TE  
40 [name omitted] was in fact examined on the floor in Bible, theology, and church  
41 government. We will take greater care to note this in the future. In addition, the minutes  
42 of Feb. 12, 2022 will be amended to reflect the full examination.

43 **2023-4: Sep 10, 2022 (RONR 9-34)** — Presbytery conducted business via email,  
44 which does not constitute a deliberative body.



**Response:** Having reconsidered this matter, the presbytery concurs with the ruling of RPR, and will now end its longstanding practice of email voting on timely non-controversial matters. In deference to the position of RPR, several email votes that took place in the spring of 2023 were subsequently ratified unanimously at our September 9 stated meeting of Presbytery.

**2023-5: Nov 15, 2022 (RONR 9-34)** — Presbytery approved a change in standing rules to allow for “non-controversial” business to be done via email, which does not constitute a deliberative body.

**Response:** To comply with the ruling of RPR and with Robert’s Rules of Order, we have ended our practice of email voting, and have voted to amend our Standing Rules to remove the newly added section allowing for non-controversial business to be done via email.

- e. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

**2023-2: Feb 12, 2022 (BCO 19-1)** — All specific requirements of licensure exam not recorded.

**Response:** We regret the failure to report the fulfillment of this requirement. Mr. [name omitted] did indeed preach a sermon approved by the elders at [church name omitted] in fulfillment of the requirements for his licensure. We will be more diligent about recording these things in the future. In addition, the minutes of Feb. 12, 2022 will be amended to reflect that a sermon had been preached

**Rationale:** Licentiate sermons must be preached before presbytery or before a committee of presbytery (BCO 19-2.d) and approved by presbytery action, not session action.

- 18. That the Minutes of **Evangel Presbytery:** *63-0-1*

- a. Be approved without exception: **Sep 14, 2021; Feb 14, 2023; Aug 08, 2023; Dec 11, 2023**

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

- c. Be approved with exception of substance:

**2024-1: General 2023 (BCO 23-1)** — No record that Congregation or Session concurred with dissolutions of pastoral relations.

**2024-2: May 09, 2023 (BCO 15-1; RAO 16-3.e.4)** — Minutes of commission not entered in Presbytery minutes, and these must be presented for review next year.

**2024-3: Nov 14, 2023 (BCO 21-4.b)** — No record of requiring licentiate to indicate whether he has changed his previous views.

- d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

**2022-1: Sep 14, 2021 (BCO 13-12)** — Minutes of called meeting not submitted (see Nov 9, 2021 [2.1.c.ii]).

**Response:** The presbytery agrees with this exception. We approved the minutes of the Sept 14, 2021 called meeting at our November 2021 stated meeting but neglected to submit those minutes to RPR.

**Rationale:** Minutes were not submitted and need to be submitted for review (Sep 14, 2021).

1           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception. Our Sep 14, 2021 minutes will  
2 be submitted to RPR along with our 2023 minutes.

3           **2023-1: General 2022** (*BCO* 13-9.b; 40-1) — No record of review of records of  
4 church Session [Mentioned in 2/8/22, but nothing noted that it was completed.]

5           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception. Feb 8, 2022 minutes, page 18,  
6 provides a “Reminder to submit session minutes by Aug 31.” Nov 15, 2022 minutes  
7 ... While our Administrative Committee did review session records (as indicated in  
8 the appendix, page 18, we failed to record such in the minutes. The minutes should  
9 have reflected “The Administrative Committee fulfilled its duty to review session  
10 minutes (*BCO* 13-9b; 40-1).” At the 180th Stated Meeting (Feb 13, 2024), presbytery  
11 voted to amend the minutes of the Feb 2022 minutes to correct the error.

12           **2023-2: Feb 08, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4.a.1; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of  
13 ordination exam.

14           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception. The ruling of the court on the  
15 differences TE [name omitted] had with the *WCF* should have indicated, “The  
16 committee recommends this be ruled as more than semantic but not striking at the  
17 vitals of religion out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine.” At  
18 the 180th Stated Meeting (Feb 13, 2024), the presbytery voted to amend the minutes  
19 of the Feb 2022 minutes to correct the error

20           **2023-3: Mar 31, 2022** (*BCO* 13-12) — Notice for called meeting not in order (10-day  
21 notice)

22           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception. While notice of this meeting was  
23 sent at least 10 days in advance (sent March 20, 2022), this was not reported in the  
24 called meeting minutes. At the 180th Stated Meeting (Feb 13, 2024), the presbytery  
25 voted to amend the minutes of the March 2022 minutes to correct the error

26           **2023-4: Mar 31, 2022** (*BCO* 13-12; *RAO* 16-3.c.1) — Purpose of called meeting not  
27 recorded verbatim in the minutes.

28           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception. While the minutes note that the  
29 moderator explained the purpose of the meeting, the purpose (as stated in the notice)  
30 was not included in the minutes. At the 180th Stated Meeting (Feb 13, 2024), the  
31 presbytery voted to amend the minutes of the March 2022 minutes to correct the error.

32           **2023-5: Aug 09, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4) — No record of requiring statement of differences  
33 with our Standards.

34           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception. The ruling of the court on the  
35 differences TE [name omitted] had with the *WCF* should have indicated “The  
36 committee recommends this be ruled as more than semantic but not striking at the  
37 vitals of religion out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine.” At  
38 the 180th Stated Meeting (Feb 13, 2024), the presbytery voted to amend the minutes  
39 of the Feb 2022 minutes to correct the error.

- 40  
41 19. That the Minutes of **Fellowship** Presbytery: 64-0-0  
42     a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Apr 22, 2023; Sep 28, 2023**  
43     b. Be approved with exception of form: **Jul 18, 2023**  
44     c. Be approved with exception of substance:

1           **2024-1: Jan 28, 2023** (*BCO* 13-11; *RAO* 16-3.e.7) — Executive session not included  
 2 and these must be presented for review next year.

3           **2024-2: Jan 28, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Stated differences not judged  
 4 with the prescribed categories.

5           **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**  
 6           **2023-1: Sep 22, 2022** (*BCO* 15-1, 15-2; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — No record that  
 7 congregation/session concurred with the dissolution of the pastoral relationship.

8           **Response:** Fellowship Presbytery acknowledges that, in its 84th Stated Meeting  
 9 on September 22, 2022, it erred when it failed to record a congregation’s concurrence  
 10 with the dissolution of a pastoral relationship. The congregation had in fact concurred.  
 11 Presbytery regrets its error, and has amended its Minutes of September 22, 2022, to  
 12 reflect the concurrence.

13  
 14           20. That the Minutes of **Georgia Foothills Presbytery:** *64-0-0*

15           **a.** Be approved without exception: **Jan 21, 2023; Apr 18, 2023; Jun 30, 2023; Sep 19,**  
 16 **2023**

17           **b.** Be approved with exception of form: **Mar 13, 2023; Apr 13, 2023**

18           **c.** Be approved with exception of substance:  
 19           **2024-1: General 2023** (*BCO* 8-4) — No record of receipt of report from teaching  
 20 elder laboring out of bounds.

21           **2024-2: General 2023** (*BCO* 18-6) — Annual reports of candidates not included.

22           **2024-3: General 2023** (*BCO* 19-12) — Reports on every intern by the committee  
 23 charged with the oversight of interns at each stated meeting not included.

24           **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**  
 25           **2021-1: Jun 11, 2019; Sep 17, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Stated differences  
 26 not judged with prescribed categories.

27           **Response:** The clerk sent the Response to Exceptions to the 48th General  
 28 Assembly as an email to the Stated Clerk’s office but failed to include the Response to  
 29 Exceptions in the complete minutes sent to RPR. Here was the *The clerk acknowledges*  
 30 *his mistake and will record the Presbytery’s evaluation of the difference using the exact*  
 31 *language of RAO 16-3.*

32           **Rationale:** Still no record of presbytery’s evaluation being made, or being  
 33 recorded in minutes.

34           **Response:** The Stated Clerk acknowledges he misunderstood what was being  
 35 asked and the appropriate way to respond. The Stated Clerk reviewed the stated  
 36 differences from Jun 11, 2019 and Sep 17, 2019 with Presbytery and the court affirmed  
 37 the following regarding those stated differences: the court judged the stated  
 38 differences(s) to be more than semantic, but “not out of accord with any fundamental  
 39 of our system of doctrine” (*BCO* 21-4).

40           Here are the stated differences from Jun 11, 2019 –  
 41 *My only difference is with Westminster Confession of Faith, 21:8 where it says "...*  
 42 *about their worldly employments and recreations, but also taken up, the whole time,*  
 43 *in the public and private exercises of his worship, in the duties of necessity and mercy."*  
 44 *I agree that one day and seven should be set aside to rest from our work (Genesis 2)*  
 45 *and that on that one day, we should not do any of our work that we do the other six*

1 *days (Exodus 20) with the exception of deeds of necessity and mercy. However, in my*  
2 *view, the Confession crosses the line from setting apart the Sabbath day to make it holy*  
3 *into binding the conscience with the prohibition of recreation and the proscription of*  
4 *spending the entire day in private and public exercise of worship. Jesus gave more*  
5 *liberty as to what can be done when setting a part one day from the other seven, when*  
6 *he said, "The sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath" (Mark, 2), as he*  
7 *approved of his disciples walking through the grain fields, plucking heads of grain.*  
8

9 Here are the stated differences from Sep 17, 2019 –

10 **1. WCF 21.5:** “...singing of psalms with grace in the heart...” *While I support the*  
11 *singing of Psalms in worship, I am not a proponent of exclusive psalmody. I believe*  
12 *Eph. 5:19 and Col. 3:16 (Eph. 5:19, “addressing one another in psalms and hymns*  
13 *and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart.” Col.*  
14 *3:16, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one*  
15 *another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with*  
16 *thankfulness in your hearts to God.”) .”) allow for singing any number of*  
17 *theologically-accurate songs in worship.*

18 **2. WCF 21.8; WLC #117, #119; WSC #60, #61; WCF 21.8:** “*This Sabbath is then*  
19 *kept holy unto the Lord, when men, after a due preparing of their hearts, and ordering*  
20 *of their common affairs beforehand, do not only observe an holy rest, all the day, from*  
21 *their own works, words, and thoughts about their worldly employments and*  
22 *recreations, but also are taken up, the whole time, in the public and private exercises*  
23 *of his worship, and in the duties of necessity and mercy.”*

24 *My wife and I treat Sunday as a day of rest but in good conscience we engage in*  
25 *various forms of recreation: hosting friends for meals after church, trips to the beach,*  
26 *playing sports together, etc. These are all activities that I believe is in keeping with the*  
27 *principle of rest.*

28 **2023-1: General 2022 (BCO 8-7)** — No record of annual reports of TEs laboring out  
29 of bounds.

30 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges that we have not been diligent in receiving  
31 annual reports of TEs laboring out of bounds. Presbytery has directed the Stated Clerk  
32 to send a communication to all TEs laboring out of bounds to submit an annual report.

33 **2023-2: Jan 22, 2022 (BCO 21)** — No record of appointment of commission to install  
34 (which later reported).

35 **Response:** Presbytery reviewed the matter and acknowledges their failure to  
36 approve and record the commissioners who served at these installations. The call of  
37 these associate pastors installed as senior pastors and the installation reports of both  
38 TEs were reviewed and the Presbytery determined that the interests of presbytery were  
39 carried out even though the men were not formally approved to serve as  
40 commissioners

41 **2023-3: Jan 22, 2022; Apr 19, 2022 (BCO 5-2.c; 13-10)** — No record of transferal or  
42 dismissal of members upon dissolving a church.

43 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges the failure to record the transfer or dismissal  
44 of members upon dissolving a church. Those that helped this church move through the

1 dissolution process affirmed to Presbytery that attention was given to make sure that  
 2 all members were cared for during the dissolution process.

3 **2023-4: Jun 10, 2022** (*BCO* 13-12; *RAO* 16-3.c.1) — Purpose of called meeting not  
 4 recorded verbatim in the minutes, nor a record of 10-day notice.

5 **Response:** It was recorded in the minutes (see below the “Roll Call”) that the  
 6 Moderator stated verbatim the purpose of the meeting. Regrettably, the Stated Clerk  
 7 failed to record the 10-day notice. However, Presbytery confirmed that the Stated  
 8 Clerk’s records indicate that a 10-day notice was given.

9 **2023-5: Jun 10, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Stated differences not judged  
 10 according to prescribed categories [Some language is present; some is missing].

11 **Response:** The Presbytery reviewed its minutes from Jun 10, 2022 and affirms  
 12 that it did in fact use the prescribed categories. Here is the text from the minutes: “TE  
 13 [name omitted]’s stated differences with the standards were judged to be more than  
 14 semantic, but “not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine”  
 15 (*BCO* 21-4). His stated differences are as follows: ...”

16 **2023-6: Sep 20, 2022** (PP 6) — No record that members of provisional session were  
 17 approved by the congregation.

18 **Response:** Presbytery acknowledges their mistake. The provisional session  
 19 described in those minutes has since been disbanded. A new provisional session has  
 20 been appointed to serve this church and Presbytery has instructed the church to hold a  
 21 congregational meeting to approve this session and send those meeting minutes to the  
 22 Stated Clerk.

23  
 24 21. That the Minutes of **Grace** Presbytery: 63-0-0

25 a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023**

26 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Mar 30, 2023**

27 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

28 **2024-1: Jan 10, 2023** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record Presbytery cited the church to appear  
 29 by its commissioners to show cause why the resignation of a TE should be accepted.

30 **2024-2: May 09, 2023** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record Presbytery cited the church to appear  
 31 by its commissioners to show cause why the resignation of a TE should be accepted.

32 **2024-3: Sep 12, 2023** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record Presbytery cited the church to appear  
 33 by its commissioners to show cause why the resignation of a TE should be accepted.

34 **2024-4: Sep 12, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Stated differences not judged  
 35 with the prescribed categories.

36 **2024-5: Jan 10, 2023** (*BCO* 13-2; *BCO* 34-10) — Process of *BCO* 13-2 and 34-10 not  
 37 followed in cases of TEs without call for three or more years

38 **2024-6: May 09, 2023** (*BCO* 24-1; *BCO* 12-1) — Presbytery approved REs to  
 39 “augment” church sessions apart from constitutional election.

40 d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

41 **2023-1: Jan 11, 2023** (*BCO* 21-6) — In ordination/installation of assistant pastor,  
 42 vows propounded to congregation instead of to session.

43 **Response:** Presbytery regrets the error of having congregational vows in the  
 44 installation of Assistant Pastors in the Orders of Worship and points out that the

1 Charges were given to the Session in both instances. Future Presbytery Commissions  
2 will be reminded of this distinction when installing Assistant Pastors.

3 **2023-2: Sep 13, 2022 (BCO 21-1)** — No record that congregation concurred with  
4 dissolution of pastoral relations.

5 **Response:** Presbytery regrets the error of not recording the congregation's  
6 concurrence in the dissolution of the pastoral relationship. The Minutes of the  
7 Congregational Meeting were provided after the publication of the White Book and  
8 were inadvertently omitted from the Minutes. The Minutes of the Congregational  
9 Meeting follow.

10  
11 22. That the Minutes of **Great Lakes Presbytery:** *63-0-1*

12 a. Be approved without exception: **Jul 07, 2023; Sep 15, 2023**

13 b. Be approved with exception of form: **General 2023**

14 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

15 **2024-1: Jan 14, 2023 (BCO 18-7)** — Candidate under care removed from rolls without  
16 explanation.

17 **2024-2: May 06, 2023 (BCO 13-6)** — Incomplete record of transfer examination for  
18 TEs.

19 d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

20 **2023-1: Apr 30, 2022; Sep 15-16, 2022 (BCO 13-6; 21-4)** — Incomplete record of  
21 transfer exam for minister from another denomination.

22 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception, corrects its records, and will  
23 strive to more carefully document these exams in the future. Note: the candidate did  
24 receive the full transfer examination which was sustained in its entirety.

25  
26 23. That the Minutes of **Gulf Coast Presbytery:** *63-0-0*

27 a. Be approved without exception: **Feb 13, 2023; Jun 06, 2023; Oct 10, 2024**

28 b. Be approved with exception of form: **General 2023**

29 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

30 **2024-1: Oct 10, 2023 (RAO 16-3.e.5)** — No record of candidate's six month  
31 membership requirement or endorsement from candidate's session. (all three stated  
32 meetings)

33 **2024-2: May 09, 2023 (RAO 16-4.b)** — No minutes included for May 23 called  
34 meeting.

35 **2024-3: May 09, 2023 (BCO 5-9.g.8)** — Record of particularization incomplete.  
36 Commission report missing.

37 **2024-4: Oct 10, 2023 (BCO 8-7)** — Reports from TEs working out of bounds not  
38 received.

39 d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

40 **2023-1: General 2022 (BCO 15-1)** — No reports of commissions, including  
41 commissions to install.

42 **Response:** Gulf Coast Presbytery regrets failing to attach a copy of the reports  
43 from the following commissions. We have approved amending the appropriate 2022  
44 minutes with the following reports; 1) Feb 7: report from installation commission of  
45 [name omitted] March 27, 2022, at [church name omitted] (ATTACHMENT: PDF

1 title, "ADD to Feb 7 - Install [name omitted] "); 2) May 10: report from installation  
 2 commission of [name omitted] May 22, 2022, at [church name omitted]  
 3 (ATTACHMENT: PDF titled, "ADD to May 10 – [name omitted] Installation"); 3)  
 4 May 10: report from installation commission of [name omitted] May 29, 2022, at  
 5 [church name omitted] (ATTACHMENT: PDF titled, "ADD to May 10 – [name  
 6 omitted] Installation"); 4) Oct 11: report from installation commission of [name  
 7 omitted] Oct 10, 2022, at – [church name omitted] (ATTACHMENT: PDF titled,  
 8 "ADD to Oct 11 - Commission report re TE [name omitted] ) Please see the pdfs in  
 9 document.

10 **2023-2: Feb. 7, 2022; May 10, 2022** (BCO 18-7; 46-6) — TEs and a candidate are  
 11 received from other PCA presbyteries but no evidence of action of other Presbytery.

12 **Response:** Regarding the incoming transfers of TEs [names omitted] we could  
 13 have more clearly stated (as is our custom) in the "Communications" from the Stated  
 14 Clerk that the Stated Clerk had received necessary confirmation of approval from the  
 15 other presbyteries. Gulf Coast Presbytery will make a point to keep record in the Stated  
 16 Clerk's report of "communications" confirmation of appropriate action by other  
 17 presbyteries in future minutes.

18 **2023-3: Feb. 7, 2022** (BCO 18-2) — No record of endorsement by candidate's Session  
 19 nor of six-months membership for candidate.

20 **Response:** Gulf Coast Presbytery acknowledges neglecting to record and attach  
 21 confirmation of the Session's endorsement of Mr. [name omitted].

22 **2023-4: Feb. 7, 2022; March 1, 2022; March 15, 2022** (BCO 32-3, 4, 5) — No  
 23 evidence of an indictment, no copy of a citation to the man being charged, and no  
 24 verification that the indictment and citation were delivered to the individual.

25 **Response:** Gulf Coast Presbytery regrets not attaching appropriate documentation  
 26 to the minutes in question regarding the discipline of TE [name omitted] Proof  
 27 Delivery 1" & PDF titled "ADD to Mar 15 – [name omitted] Proof Delivery 2" & PDF  
 28 titled "ADD to THREE - [name omitted] Citation 1-2 and Suspension").

29 **2023-5: May 10, 2022** (BCO 8-7; 13-2; 13-5; 20-1; 21-1) — Presbytery accedes to a  
 30 request from another PCA Presbytery that a TE member of the other Presbytery be  
 31 allowed to labor in the bounds of Gulf Coast Presbytery in a non-PCA work. There is  
 32 nothing in the minutes about why this arrangement is necessary. No record that the  
 33 Presbytery is assured that the TE will have full freedom to maintain and teach the  
 34 doctrine of our Church. No record of the reasons why Presbytery considers an out-of-  
 35 bounds work to be a valid Christian ministry.

36 **Response:** Because TE [name omitted] was to be serving with a Christian school  
 37 that is related to one of the congregations of Gulf Coast Presbytery, it was readily  
 38 known that he would be able to maintain and teach the doctrine of the Church freely.

39 **2023-6: May 10, 2022; Oct. 11, 2022** (BCO 23-1; 46-6) — The minutes record that a  
 40 man has been transferred to another Presbytery. No record that congregation concurred  
 41 with dissolution of pastoral relations, that Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relation,  
 42 nor that Presbytery voted to release the TE to a different Presbytery.

43 **Response:** Gulf Coast Presbytery acknowledges a failure to take appropriate  
 44 actions at the meeting in question regarding TE [name omitted].

1           **2023-7: Oct. 11, 2022 (BCO 23-1)** — The minutes report that a pastoral relationship  
2 is dissolved. There is no evidence that either a commission or the Presbytery voted on  
3 this, nor that Presbytery heard from the Session the man was serving.

4           **Response:** The body of Gulf Coast Presbytery acknowledges the lack of recording  
5 full details. The Stated Clerk had received email communication from the Session of  
6 [church name omitted] that it was their desire for the relationship with TE [name  
7 omitted] to be dissolved as they supported his accepting the call to ministry at another  
8 congregation in our presbytery (actions taken in the same meeting). Representatives  
9 from both congregations and TE [name omitted] were present at this meeting. The  
10 body was aware of the consent and propriety of all actions. We will endeavor to more  
11 fully and accurately record details required by the *BCO*.

- 12       **e. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
13 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

14           **2023-8: Oct. 11, 2022 (BCO 13-2)** — No evidence of annual reports for TEs without  
15 call.

16           **Response:** The Chairman of Gulf Coast Presbytery's "Ministers & Candidates"  
17 committee diligently solicits and reminds TEs without call of their duty to submit  
18 annual reports. It was not the will of the body to take further action for men without  
19 submitted reports at the October 11, 2022, meeting.

20           **Rationale:** No record that presbytery has corrected its records (*RAO* 16.10.b.1)

- 21  
22       24. That the Minutes of **Gulfstream** Presbytery: 63-0-2

23       **a. Be approved without exception: Apr 18, 2023; Oct 17, 2023**

24       **b. Be approved with exception of form: Jan 17, 2023**

25       **c. Be approved with exception of substance:**

26           **2024-1: General 2023 (BCO 13-9.b; 40-3)** — Results of review of records of church  
27 Sessions not stated. In addition, given the duty of the Presbytery to review Session  
28 records at least once a year and approve, disapprove or correct them, and given a  
29 previous exception of substance for incomplete review of records, reviews and results  
30 of reviews should address previous year(s) records.

31           **2024-2: General 2023 (BCO 13-2)** — No record of reports received from TEs without  
32 call.

33           **2024-3: General 2023 (BCO 8-4)** — No record of reports from TEs in work needful  
34 to the church.

- 35       **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

36           **2021-1: Jan 21, 2020 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** — All specific requirements for  
37 ordination exam not recorded; seminary degree, thesis paper/ examination on  
38 knowledge of Greek and Hebrew; did not preach a sermon.

39           **Response:** [2022]: Gulfstream regrets the inadequacy of its minutes. In preparing  
40 its minutes, Gulfstream has always relied upon Form 039- Checklist for Ordination,  
41 as found in the Clerks Handbook. The specific omissions named in this exception have  
42 always been examined as part of the preliminary checklist, and may not have been  
43 included in the minutes. Nor have some other elements of the preliminary checklist.  
44 Gulfstream will endeavor to include these details in future minutes.



1           **Rationale:** [2022]: Presbytery needs to correct the inadequacy in their minutes and  
2 submit for review.

3           **Response:** [2023] Gulfstream has amended its minutes accordingly.

4           **Rationale:** [2023] Minutes of presbytery relating to examinations must list all  
5 specific requirements and trials for licensure and/or ordination which have been  
6 accomplished, including that each candidate being examined for ordination was  
7 required to “state the specific instances in which he may differ with the Confession of  
8 Faith and Catechisms in any of their statements and/or propositions” (*BCO* 21-4).

9           **Response:** The specific requirements of the candidates ordination were fulfilled,  
10 and the minutes have been amended to reflect this.

11           **2021-2: Oct 20, 2020** (*BCO* 19-2.d) — Licensure exam with no mention of written  
12 sermon.

13           **Response:** [2022]: Gulfstream regrets the inadequacy of its minutes. Gulfstream  
14 will endeavor to include this detail in future minutes.

15           **Rationale:** [2022]: Presbytery needs to correct the inadequacy in their minutes and  
16 submit for review.

17           **Response:** [2023] Gulfstream has amended its minutes accordingly.

18           **Rationale:** [2023] Minutes of presbytery relating to examinations must list all  
19 specific requirements and trials for licensure and/or ordination which have been  
20 accomplished, including that each candidate being examined for ordination was  
21 required to “state the specific instances in which he may differ with the Confession of  
22 Faith and Catechisms in any of their statements and/or propositions” (*BCO* 21-4).

23           **Response:** The specific requirements of the candidates ordination were fulfilled,  
24 and the minutes have been amended to reflect this.

25           **2021-3: Oct 15, 2019** (*BCO* 13-6; 21-4.c.2-3) — Incomplete record of transfer exam  
26 for minister from another denomination. No record of thesis, no record of exegetical  
27 paper.

28           **Response:** [2022]: Gulfstream regrets the inadequacy of its minutes. In preparing  
29 its minutes, Gulfstream has always relied upon Form 041- Checklist for Reception of  
30 Minister From Another Denomination, as found in the Clerks Handbook. The two  
31 specific omissions have not previously been itemized on the checklist form.  
32 Gulfstream will endeavor to include these details in future minutes.

33           **Rationale:** [2022]: Presbytery needs to correct the inadequacy in their minutes and  
34 submit for review.

35           **Response:** [2023] Gulfstream has amended its minutes accordingly.

36           **Rationale:** [2023] Minutes of presbytery relating to examinations must list all  
37 specific requirements and trials for licensure and/or ordination which have been  
38 accomplished, including that each candidate being examined for ordination was  
39 required to “state the specific instances in which he may differ with the Confession of  
40 Faith and Catechisms in any of their statements and/or propositions” (*BCO* 21-4).

41           **Response:** *BCO* 13-6 states that if applicants come from other denominations, the  
42 presbytery shall examine them thoroughly in knowledge and views as required by  
43 *BCO* 21-4. We have taken that to mean the examinations outlined in *BCO* 24-1, since  
44 it specifically begins with the phrase "a careful examination as to:"

1 We have understood that the thesis and exegetical paper are part of the "trial for  
2 ordination" that new candidates must undergo, not those transferring from another  
3 denomination.

4 **2022-1: Jan 19, 2021** (*BCO* 34-10, 38-2) — No record of 2/3 vote and requires two  
5 stated meetings.

6 **Response:** [name omitted] was notified and given a written letter according to  
7 *BCO* 34-10 and this was noted in previous minutes.

8 **Rationale:** No mention of whether a 2/3 vote was recorded at the previous  
9 meeting. Review of the October 20, 2020 meeting minutes (previous stated meeting)  
10 does in fact record there was a motion passed, however there is no record there of a  
11 2/3 vote.

12 **Response:** Minutes have been amended to show that there was indeed a 2/3 vote  
13 prior to the letter being sent.

14 **2022-2: Jan 19, 2021** (*BCO* 34-10, 38-1, 38-3.b) — The court did not make full record  
15 of the matter and did not notify the offender of its action.

16 **Response:** TE [name omitted] was given an opportunity to “be heard in his own  
17 defense,” but chose no to do so and even made an effort to note to the court that he  
18 does not object in any way.

19 **Rationale:** Presbytery should have treated this as a case without process (*BCO* 38-  
20 1, 38-3.b) and does not indicate whether the church the TE transferred to maintains  
21 Word and Sacrament in fundamental unity.

22 **Response:** The court treated this as a case under *BCO* 34-10. Since the court did  
23 not treat this is a *BCO* 38-1 matter, we did not take the corresponding actions.

24 **2022-3: Jan 19, 2021** (*BCO* 19-2.d, 21-4.c.(4)) — Candidate is required to preach a  
25 sermon before the Presbytery or committee thereof, upon 3/4 vote.

26 **Response:** This motion does not negate the *BCO* requirement of a candidate to  
27 preach a sermon before the presbytery or a committee of the presbytery. This motion  
28 ensures the presbytery hears and reads a sermon prior to the meeting.

29 **Rationale:** Distributing recordings of a candidate’s sermon prior to the meeting of  
30 presbytery in order to evaluate it contradicts the *BCO* requirement to preach a sermon  
31 in the presence of the presbytery or a committee thereof. [The motion, as worded “to  
32 evaluate the sermon of candidates before the presbytery” implies the sermons will only  
33 be evaluated based on the recordings. If it were worded along the lines of “Motion to  
34 help evaluate the sermon of candidates before being presented before the  
35 presbytery...” that would seem to not contradict the *BCO* requirement. *BCO* 19-2.d  
36 “Provide his written sermon on an assigned passage of Scripture embodying both  
37 explanation and application, and present orally his sermon or exhortation before  
38 Presbytery or before a committee of Presbytery.” *BCO* 21-4.c.4 “He shall further be  
39 required to preach a sermon before the Presbytery or committee thereof, upon three-  
40 fourths (3/4) vote.” *BCO* 21-4.c “No Presbytery shall omit any of these parts of trial  
41 for ordination except in extraordinary cases, and then only with three-fourths (3/4)  
42 approval of Presbytery.” Minutes text was: “Motion to evaluate the sermon of  
43 candidates before the presbytery by distributing a written manuscript along with an  
44 audio and/or video recording of the whole sermon to the presbytery (*BCO* 19-2-d; 21-  
45 4-c-(4)). APPROVED”]

1           **Response:** The court now recognizes that this motion goes against the *BCO*  
2 requirement and has since amended the motion and required candidates to preach in  
3 person before the presbytery.

4           **2022-4: Oct 19, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Unclear record of ordination  
5 exam.

6           **Response:** Gulfstream Presbytery regrets this omission from its records. The  
7 candidate did complete a written exam, which was disseminated to the presbytery for  
8 review, as well as an oral examination of all areas noted in *BCO* 21-4. The minutes  
9 have been amended accordingly.

10          **Rationale:** Minutes of presbytery relating to examinations must list all specific  
11 requirements and trials for licensure and/or ordination which have been accomplished,  
12 including that each candidate being examined for ordination was required to “state the  
13 specific instances in which he may differ with the Confession of Faith and Catechisms  
14 in any of their statements and/or propositions” (*BCO* 21-4).

15          **Response:** The specific requirements of the candidates ordination were fulfilled,  
16 and the minutes have been amended to reflect this.

17          **2022-5: Oct 19, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — All specific requirements of  
18 ordination exam not recorded.

19          **Response:** Gulfstream Presbytery regrets this omission from its records. The  
20 candidate did complete an ordination exam that covered all areas noted in *BCO* 21-4.  
21 The minutes have been amended accordingly.

22          **Rationale:** Minutes of presbytery relating to examinations must list all specific  
23 requirements and trials for licensure and/or ordination which have been accomplished,  
24 including that each candidate being examined for ordination was required to “state the  
25 specific instances in which he may differ with the Confession of Faith and Catechisms  
26 in any of their statements and/or propositions” (*BCO* 21-4).

27          **Response:** The specific requirements of the candidates ordination were fulfilled,  
28 and the minutes have been amended to reflect this.

29          **2022-6: Oct 19, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4) — Use of extraordinary clause for ordination  
30 candidate not explained.

31          **Response:** Gulfstream Presbytery regrets this omission from its records.  
32 Presbytery noted this irregularity and discussed the reason for it, but it was not noted  
33 in the minutes. The minutes have been amended accordingly.

34          **Rationale:** Minutes of presbytery relating to examinations must list all specific  
35 requirements and trials for licensure and/or ordination which have been accomplished,  
36 including that each candidate being examined for ordination was required to “state the  
37 specific instances in which he may differ with the Confession of Faith and Catechisms  
38 in any of their statements and/or propositions” (*BCO* 21-4).

39          **Response:** The specific requirements of the candidates ordination were fulfilled,  
40 and the minutes have been amended to reflect this.

41          **2023-1: General 2022** (*BCO* 8-4) — No record of annual reports received from TEs  
42 doing work needful to the Church.

43          **Response:** Gulfstream regrets this omission from its records and will endeavor to  
44 include these reports in future mintes.

1       **2023-2: General 2022** (*BCO* 13-9.b; 40-1) — Incomplete record of review of records  
2 of church Sessions.

3       **Response:** Gulfstream has attempted to retrieve minutes from several churches  
4 within its bounds to no avail. We have since implemented a system for better retrieving  
5 and reviewing records of church sessions, so this should not be a problem in the future.

6       **2023-3: General 2022** (*BCO* 13-2) — No record of annual reports received from TEs  
7 without call.

8       **Response:** Gulfstream regrets this omission from its records and will endeavor to  
9 include these reports in future minutes.

10       **2023-5: Jan 18, 2022** (*BCO* 19-2; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — All specific requirements of  
11 licensure exam not recorded.

12       **Response:** In looking at the minutes, it seems that all the requirements of the  
13 licensure exam are recorded almost verbatim, according to what is listed in *BCO* 19-  
14 2. If there is some specific requirement missing, please advise.

15       **2023-6: Jan 18, 2022** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of six-months membership for  
16 candidate.

17       **Response:** The minutes of January 18, 2022 list that an endorsement was received  
18 for both [names omitted] from their respective sessions. *BCO* 18-2 states that this  
19 endorsement should include 1) testimonials of his Christian character, 2) promise of  
20 usefulness in the ministry, 3) the activities of ministry the applicant has participated in  
21 with brief evaluation, 4) and that he shall be a member for at least 6 months. Should  
22 all these requirements be listed in the minutes, or does a statement that endorsement  
23 was received suffice?

24       **2023-7: Jan 18, 2022** (*BCO* 22-4) — No record of request from congregation to a  
25 change of call from assistant pastor to associate pastor.

26       **Response:** Gulfstream regrets this omission from its minutes. The congregation  
27 did vote and approve this change prior to the presbytery meeting, as was shown in the  
28 minutes of the congregational meeting, but it was not stated in the minutes. The  
29 minutes have been amended accordingly.

30       **2023-8: Oct 18, 2022** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record that Congregation/Session concurred  
31 with dissolution of pastoral relations.

32       **Response:** Gulfstream regrets this omission from its minutes. The congregation  
33 did vote and approve this dissolution prior to the presbytery meeting, as was shown in  
34 the minutes of the congregational meeting, but it was not stated in the minutes. The  
35 minutes have been amended accordingly.

36 e. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
37 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

38       **2023-4: General 2022** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — Minutes of commission not  
39 entered in Presbytery minutes.

40       **Response:** Gulfstream regrets this omission from its records and will endeavor to  
41 include these reports in future minutes.

42       **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
43 Presbytery has not submitted the minutes for review [or summarized the actions taken  
44 during session and recorded them in its minutes]. The actions of a commission are the

1 actions of Presbytery, thus subject to the general review and control of General  
2 Assembly “for the preservation both of truth and duty” (*BCO* 40; PP II.3).  
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4 25. That the Minutes of **Heartland** Presbytery: 59-0-1

5 **a.** Be approved without exception: **Jul 18, 2023**

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

7 **c.** Be approved with exception of substance:

8 **2024-1: Feb 04, 2023** (*BCO* 6-2; *BCO* 57) — Presbytery accepts a response from a  
9 session that had “received members while imposing conditions on their membership.”  
10 While session admitted their error and promised not to repeat it in the future, there is  
11 no evidence that they removed the “conditions” from the members in question.

12 **2024-2: Apr 28-29, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4.g) — Presbytery granted a doctrinal exception  
13 that appears to be out of accord with the fundamentals of our doctrinal standards. The  
14 examinee’s stated different was: “2. *WLC* Q. 109. What are the sins forbidden in the  
15 second commandment? A. The sins forbidden in the second commandment are, all  
16 devising, counselling, commanding, using, and anywise approving, any religious  
17 worship not instituted by God himself; tolerating a false religion; the making any  
18 representation of God, of all or of any of the three persons, either inwardly in our mind,  
19 or outwardly in any kind of image or likeness of any creature whatsoever... My  
20 exception here is in regards to the phrase “of any of the three persons...” With reference  
21 to Jesus Christ, no image should be made depicting His divinity. However He has  
22 appeared in the flesh, presenting to us His image. To image the humanity of Christ I  
23 do not believe is forbidden in the second commandment. Thus by application, I have  
24 no problem with the making of films depicting the life of Christ. God has imaged  
25 Himself in the Son. Secondly, the phrase “or outwardly any kind of image or likeness  
26 of any creature whatsoever...” I take to be specifically prohibited for the purpose of  
27 worship. To disconnect it from that qualifier makes the commandment itself reduce to  
28 absurdity because it would prohibit all paintings, art, photography or anything else that  
29 represents any creature of God’s creation.”

30 As it stands, this statement seems to say we can make “images” that picture the  
31 incarnate second person of the Trinity as opposed to merely representing his humanity.  
32 If that is the position it would seem to strike at the vitals of religion.

33 **2024-3: Apr 28-29, 2023** (*BCO* 20-1) — No record of why Presbytery considered a  
34 call from a non-PCA source to be a valid Christian ministry.

35 **2024-4: Aug 26, 2023** (*BCO* 20-1; *BCO* 21-1) — A man is examined for ordination  
36 without Presbytery having the call in its hands.

37 **2024-5: Aug 26, 2023** (*BCO* 18-2; *BCO* 18-7) — No record of a man being a candidate  
38 in this or any other presbytery prior to his being examined for “transfer of license and  
39 ordination.”

40 **2024-6: Sep 29-30, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4.c(4)) — Presbytery establishes a 6 member  
41 committee to hear licensure and ordination sermons for the next 3 years. For ordination  
42 this would require a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote.

43 **2024-7: Oct 28, 2023** (*BCO* 18-7) — No record of a certificate of dismissal for a  
44 candidate coming from another PCA presbytery.

1           **2024-8: General 2023** (*BCO* 18-6; *BCO* 19-12) — No record of annual reports of  
2 candidates nor of reports on interns at each stated meeting.

3           **2024-9: General 2023** (*BCO* 8-7; *BCO* 13-2) — No record of annual reports for one  
4 of the men serving out of bounds or for two of the three men without call.

5       **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

6           **2023-1: Apr 22-23, 2022; Nov 4-5, 2022** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of six-months  
7 membership for candidates.

8           **Response:** The Heartland Presbytery agrees with this Exception of Substance. It  
9 was a clerical error in that we failed to record that each candidate mentioned had  
10 fulfilled the six-month membership requirement. This requirement was affirmed  
11 within each endorsement from the respective Session. We will be more diligent in the  
12 future to record both the Session endorsement and fulfillment of the six-month  
13 membership requirement separately in our minutes.

14           **2023-2: Nov 4-5, 2022** (*BCO* 18-7) — Insufficient reason given for removing  
15 candidate from the roll.

16           **Response:** The Heartland Presbytery agrees with this Exception of Substance. It  
17 was a clerical error in that we failed to record the reasons for removing the candidate  
18 from the roll. The candidate, [name omitted] , moved to South Carolina to study at  
19 Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and has become a candidate under the  
20 care of Calvary Presbytery. We will be more diligent in the future to fully record the  
21 reasons for removing candidates from the roll.

22  
23       26. That the Minutes of **Heritage** Presbytery: 62-0-0

24       **a.** Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Mar 14, 2023**

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

26       **c.** Be approved with exception of substance:

27           **2024-1: Jan 28, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4c.(1)(a)) — Incomplete record of Ordination Exam,  
28 specifically examination as to “his acquaintance with experiential religion, especially  
29 his personal character and family management...”

30           **2024-2: May 09, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4 c.(1)(a)) — Incomplete record of Ordination Exam,  
31 specifically examination as to “his acquaintance with experiential religion, especially  
32 his personal character and family management...”

33           **2024-3: Sep 09, 2023** (*BCO* 19-2.d) — All specific requirements of licensure exam  
34 not recorded

35           **2024-4: Nov 18, 2023** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of six month membership for  
36 candidate or Session endorsement

37       **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

38           **2023-1: Feb 04, 2022** (*BCO* 13-12) — Notice for called meeting not in order.

39           **Response:** The Stated Meeting scheduled for January 29, 2022 was cancelled due  
40 to snow. We called a meeting for February 4, 2022 to take care of approvals that needed  
41 to meet deadlines, prior to our next Stated meeting in May 2022. At that time, we did  
42 not realize the 10-day notice was necessary. We apologize and thank you for this  
43 notification. We have made this correction and will continue to do moving forward.  
44 Note: Since then, we have had the need for another Called meeting. Having been  
45 reminded of the 10-day advanced notice, we did so and will in the future.

- 1       e. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
 2       **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**  
 3       **2022-1: May 11, 2021 (BCO 38-3)** — No determination of a judgment by presbytery  
 4       as to the withdrawal of a minister from the PCA to another body.  
 5       **Response:** The Heritage Presbytery moved/seconded and approved the motion  
 6       [p.1] to accept the resignation of then TE [name omitted] , at the May 11, 2021 124th  
 7       Stated Meeting). This action was predicated on the email we received from the TE  
 8       documented on page 18 of the approved Minutes from the May 11, 2021, 124th Stated  
 9       Meeting, resigning from the Heritage Presbytery and the PCA. This report was  
 10      approved at the 131st Heritage Presbytery Meeting on January 28, 2023.  
 11      **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to judge the matter under *BCO* 38-2 or the  
 12      appropriate section of *BCO* 38-3.  
 13      **Response:** [2023] [Name omitted] was divested under 38-2, removed as  
 14      irregularity under provision of 38-3 (a) because he affiliated with another branch of  
 15      the visible church the presbytery recognized as maintaining the word and sacraments  
 16      in their fundamental integrity.  
 17      **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to judge the matter under *BCO* 38-2 or the  
 18      appropriate section of *BCO* 38-3. The Presbytery still needs to judge the matter in  
 19      either provision. If he is divested, he no longer falls under *BCO* 38-3.  
 20
- 21   27. That the Minutes of **Highlands** Presbytery: 59-0-1  
 22       a. Be approved without exception: **Aug 05, 2023; Nov 14, 2023**  
 23       b. Be approved with exception of form: **None**  
 24       c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
 25       **2024-1: May 02, 2023 (RAO 16-3.e.5)** — Stated difference offered not judged with  
 26       prescribed categories.  
 27       **2024-2: Feb 25, 2023 (BCO 23-1)** — No record that Congregation or Session  
 28       respectively concurred with dissolution of pastoral relations.  
 29       **2024-3: General 2023 (BCO 18-6)** — Annual reports of candidates not included.  
 30       d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**  
 31       **2023-1: Feb 26, 2022 (BCO 21-4)** — No record of requiring a statement of differences  
 32       with our Standards.  
 33       **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets not recording that we  
 34       followed this requirement. At its November 14, 2023, Stated Meeting, the Highlands  
 35       Presbytery took the following action: MSC: Amend the minutes of the Feb 26, 2022,  
 36       meeting to include the following clause: “TE [name omitted] indicated he takes no  
 37       stated differences with the Standards.”  
 38       **2023-2: Feb 26, 2022 (BCO 20-1)** — No record of the reasons why Presbytery  
 39       considers an out-of-bounds work to be a valid Christian ministry.  
 40       **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets not recording the  
 41       reasons why Presbytery considers an out-of-bounds work to be a valid Christian  
 42       ministry. At its November 14, 2023, Stated Meeting, the Highlands Presbytery took  
 43       the following action: MSC: Amend the minutes of the Feb 26, 2022, meeting to include  
 44       the following clause: “Presbytery considers this work to be a valid Christian ministry  
 45       because it involves the following pastoral services at the Billy Graham Evangelistic

1 Association: 1) Pastor-in-residence (PIR), 2) Seminar Emcee, 3) Guided Personal  
2 Spiritual Retreat instructor/counselor/facilitator. The candidate described these  
3 services as follows: “As PIR my duties are to counsel, pray with and serve seminar  
4 participants spiritual needs during agreed upon seminars. As Seminar Emcee my duties  
5 are to serve our Bible teacher, facilitate the flow of the seminar’s program, pray and  
6 point participants to the spiritual opportunities and resources offered during their stay  
7 at The Cove. As Guided Personal Spiritual Retreat Leader (GPSR) my role is lead four  
8 3-day & 4-Day spiritual retreats as pastor/host providing Biblical instruction, personal  
9 counseling/coaching and setting the stage for people to connect with God.””

10 **2023-3: May 03, 2022 (BCO 23-10)** — No record that the Congregation/Session  
11 concurred with dissolution of pastoral relations.

12 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets not recording that the  
13 Congregation concurred with the dissolution of the pastoral relations. At its November  
14 14, 2023, Stated Meeting, the Highlands Presbytery took the following action: MSC:  
15 Amend the minutes of the May 3, 2022, meeting to include the following clause from  
16 the Shepherding Committee report at the same meeting: “At a properly called meeting  
17 on February 27, 2022, the congregation voted unanimously to accept the resignation.”

18 **2023-4: May 3, 2022; Nov 1, 2022 (RAO 16-3.e.1)** — Reasons for chair’s ruling on a  
19 point of order not given.

20 **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets not recording the  
21 reasons for chair’s ruling on a point of order. Due to the passage of time, we are unable  
22 to reconstruct the record to include the rationale. Presbytery will aim in the future to  
23 record the reasons given by the chair for his rulings on points of order.

24  
25 28. That the Minutes of **Hills and Plains** Presbytery: 66-0-0

26 a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Jan 19, 2023; Dec 08, 2023**

27 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Oct 10, 2023**

28 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

29 **2024-1: Feb 11, 2023** (Standing Rules, 6-2.b; *RONR* [12th ed.] 23:6.(e); 25-10) —  
30 Rule protecting fundamental rights of absentees suspended (requirement of notice for  
31 amendment to standing rules).

32 **2024-2: Feb 11, 2023 (BCO 13-2)** — No action of Presbytery to receive ordinand  
33 candidate into membership.

34 **2024-3: Apr 17, 2023 (RAO 16-3c.6; BCO 13-4)** — No record of the delegates in  
35 attendance at the meeting.

36 **2024-4: May 02, 2023 (BCO 18-2)** — No record of endorsement by the Session nor  
37 of six month membership for the candidate.

38 **2024-5: Jun 30, 2023 (RAO 16-3c.6; BCO 13-4)** — No record of the delegates in  
39 attendance at the meeting.

40 d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

41 **2022-1: Feb 13, 2021 (BCO 15-1; 21-5)** — No record of appointment of an ordination  
42 commission.

43 **Response:** In a severe oversight, no commission was ever established and Rev.  
44 [name omitted] never had an installation service. He has been in the service of the  
45 presbytery as chaplain and TE since 2020. He has recently been hired as a part-time



1 assistant within the presbytery (in addition to his current duties) and we will administer  
 2 all the formalities at that installation service. Those records will be included in the  
 3 2022 minutes.

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

5 **Response:** Because of a significant oversight, this wasn't done until 2022. It has  
 6 now been rectified. The establishment of the commission was recorded in the minutes  
 7 of October 11, 2022

8 **2023-1: General 2022** (*BCO* 12-7; 40-1) — No evidence of review of Session records  
 9 in 2022 or from outstanding sessional records from 2017 to present.

10 **Response:** This continues to be true for 2022, but is now rectified as of this  
 11 response (see minutes of October 2023 for details). HPP formed a review of session  
 12 record committee at the October 2022 presbytery meeting which completed a special  
 13 mandate to complete the review 2017 through 2022 by the end of the 2023 calendar  
 14 year. The 2023 minutes show that all outstanding review of session records have been  
 15 performed.

16 **2023-2: Feb 25, 2022; May 10, 2022** (*BCO* 19-9) — All specific requirements of  
 17 internship not recorded (inward call to the ministry of the Word).

18 **Response:** Feb 25, 2022: Mr. [name omitted] gave a statement of his inward call  
 19 to the ministry of the Word. (*BCO* 19-9) May 10, 2022: Mr. [name omitted] gave a  
 20 statement of his inward call to the ministry of the Word. (*BCO* 19-9).

21 **2023-3: Mar 5, 2022; Dec 10, 2022** (*BCO* 13-12) — Notice for called meeting not in  
 22 order (10-day notice not recorded).

23 **Response:** March 5, 2022: Notice of the special meeting was sent, February 24,  
 24 2022, ten days in advance to each teaching elder and to the Clerk of Session of every  
 25 church. (*BCO* 13-12) Dec 10, 2022: Notice of the special meeting was sent, November  
 26 17, 2022, more than ten days in advance to each teaching elder and to the Clerk of  
 27 Session of every church. (*BCO* 13-12)

28 **2023-4: Mar 5, 2022; May 10, 2022; Oct 11, 2022** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) —  
 29 Minutes of commissions not entered in Presbytery minutes.

30 **Response:** Mar 5, 2022 re: [name omitted] : HPP Respectfully disagrees. These  
 31 minutes were submitted to RPR for 2021 and were approved by RPR without  
 32 exception. May 10, 2022 re: Judicial Commission: These minutes will be included as  
 33 part of the 2023 submission. Oct 11, 2022 re: [name omitted]: These minutes will be  
 34 included as part of the 2023 submission.

35 **2023-5: May 10, 2022** (Standing Rules, 6-2.b; *RONR* [12th ed.] 23:6.(e); 25:10) —  
 36 Rule protecting fundamental rights of absentees suspended (requirement of notice for  
 37 amendment to standing rules).

38 **Response:** HPP sincerely apologizes. HPP was unaware that we could not suspend  
 39 standing rule 6-2.b per 6-2.a in order to expedite changing standing rules. We will not  
 40 continue this practice in the future.

41 **2023-6: May 10, 2022** (*BCO* 18-2; 18-3) — All specific requirements of coming under  
 42 care not recorded (six-months membership; experiential religion and motives for  
 43 seeking the ministry).

44 **Response:** Mr. [name omitted], having been a member of a PCA church in excess  
 45 of 6 months, as recorded in his application, was examined by the Presbytery on

1 experiential religion and on his motives for seeking the ministry. (*BCO* 18-3) Mr.  
2 [name omitted], having been a member of a PCA church in excess of 6 months, as  
3 recorded in his application, was examined by the Presbytery on experiential religion  
4 and on his motives for seeking the ministry. (*BCO* 18-3)

5 **2023-7: May 10, 2022** (*BCO* 13-6) — Incomplete record of examinations of TEs  
6 transferring into Presbytery (views in theology, the Sacraments, and church  
7 government).

8 **Response:** TE [name omitted] was examined on Christian experience, and also  
9 touching his views in theology, the Sacraments, and church government. His  
10 examinations were approved. TE [name omitted] was examined on Christian  
11 experience, and also touching his views in theology, the Sacraments, and church  
12 government. His examinations were approved. (*BCO* 13-6).

13 **2023-8: May 10, 2022** (*BCO* 21-1) — Unclear whether call had been finalized  
14 (“pending changes”) when approved by Presbytery.

15 **Response:** HPP respectfully disagrees. Pending changes for finalization of call and  
16 approval of call is clearly recorded under item V. on [pg. 91 (pg. 2)] in the report of  
17 commission of ordination and installation, which was in accordance with the scope  
18 of the commission assigned for the ordination and installation.

19 **2023-9: Oct 11, 2022** (*BCO* 15-2) — Membership and scope of authority for  
20 commission not recorded.

21 **Response:** The Moderator appointed a commission of TEs [names omitted], and  
22 REs [names omitted] to proceed with the installation of TE [name omitted] as assistant  
23 pastor of [church name omitted] on November 27, 2022, (*BCO* 15-2) with special  
24 instructions to also perform the ordination vows and laying on of hands that, in great  
25 error, has previously been neglected

26 **2023-10: Oct 11, 2022** (*BCO* 19-2; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — All specific requirements of  
27 licensure exam not recorded (inward call to preach the gospel).

28 **Response:** As part of his licensure examination, RE [name omitted] gave a  
29 statement of his Christian experience and inward call to preach the Gospel. (*BCO* 19-  
30 2).

31 **2023-11: Dec 10, 2022** (*BCO* 13-12) — Business conducted that exceeded the scope  
32 of notice (appointment of temporary Session commission).

33 **Response:** RPR is correct. Furthermore, this action never should have been taken.  
34 See response to “Dec 10, 2022 [p. 157 (p. 2)] (Preliminary Principle 6)

35 **2023-12: Dec 10, 2022** (PP 6) — Temporary Session appointed over a congregation  
36 without record of consent of congregation.

37 **Response:** RPR is correct that the presbytery erred. Special note is taken that this  
38 is out of order so that we never do so again. No actions were ever taken by the  
39 temporary session and the congregation has since properly elected and the presbytery  
40 has installed a pastor there such that the church once again has a properly established  
41 session.

42  
43 29. That the Minutes of **Houston Metro** Presbytery:

59-0-1

44 a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023**

- 1       **b.** Be approved with exception of form: **Jan 20, 2023; Mar 27, 2023; Aug 18, 2023;**  
2       **Nov 13, 2023**
- 3       **c.** Be approved with exception of substance: **None**
- 4       **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**
- 5       **2022-1: General (BCO 13-9.b)** — No record of review of records of Session  
6       completed and approved by action of Presbytery.
- 7       **Response:** Our Review of Sessional Records Committee has reviewed records of  
8       Sessions, but has not brought a report in some time. We will include such a report in  
9       our next set of minutes and endeavor to be more diligent about reporting in the future
- 10       **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery has corrected its actions (*RAO* 16-10.b.1)  
11       and provided a report. The Presbytery has been cited again this year for not reporting  
12       the status of its reviews.
- 13       **Response:** HMP reviewed records of Sessions at its April 11, 2022, meeting  
14       through its Review of Session Records Committee report. This is reflected in our April  
15       11, 2022, minutes. HMP apologizes for this oversight and will work diligently to make  
16       sure all reports are clearly and completely documented in the future
- 17       **2023-1: General 2022 (BCO 13-9.b; 40-1)** — No record of review of records of  
18       church Sessions.
- 19       **Response:** HMP acknowledges this error in our minutes for 2022. While reports  
20       of the Review of Sessional Records Committee were not listed, the Committee’s  
21       reports were approved by Presbytery at the April and November 2022 Stated Meetings  
22       but were not part of the Minutes for these respective meetings. HMP will amend our  
23       minutes to reflect this fact. HMP apologizes for this oversight and will work diligently  
24       to make sure all reports are clearly and completely documented in the future.
- 25       **2023-2: General 2022 (BCO 8-7)** — No record of annual reports of TEs laboring out  
26       of bounds.
- 27       **Response:** HMP apologizes for this oversight and will work diligently to make  
28       sure all reports are clearly and completely documented in the future. HMP will include  
29       a report of TEs who labored out of bounds in 2023 in our 2024 minutes.
- 30       **2023-4: Jan 21, 2022; Aug 19, 2022 (BCO 21-1)** — No record that  
31       Congregation/Session concurred with dissolution of pastoral relations.
- 32       **Response:** HMP apologizes for this oversight and will work diligently to make  
33       sure all reports are clearly and completely documented in the future. The January 21,  
34       2022, minutes do indicate that a congregational meeting of [church name omitted]  
35       PCA was held on November 28, 2021, and those minutes were submitted to presbytery.  
36       With respect to the minutes from August 19, 2022, the Session did concur with the  
37       dissolution of the pastoral relations and submitted its minutes to presbytery. We will  
38       amend our minutes to reflect that fact.
- 39       **2023-5: Jan 21, 2022; April 11, 2022 (BCO 15-1, RAO 16-3.e.4)** — Minutes of  
40       commission not entered in Presbytery minutes.
- 41       **Response:** HMP apologizes for this oversight and will work diligently to make  
42       sure all reports are clearly and completely documented in the future. Attached you will  
43       find the missing minutes.
- 44       **2023-6: Apr 11, 2022 (BCO 5-9.a.i)** — Incomplete record of particularization service.

1           **Response:** HMP apologizes for this oversight and will work diligently to make  
2 sure all reports are clearly and completely documented in the future

3           **2023-7: Apr 11, 2022 (BCO 18-2)** — No record of six-months membership for  
4 candidate or record of endorsement by candidate’s session.

5           **Response:** A testimonial from the session of six-months membership was  
6 submitted to HMP. HMP apologizes for not including this in its minutes and will work  
7 diligently to make sure all reports are clearly and completely documented in the future.

- 8           **e. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
9 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

10           **2023-3: Jan 21, 2022 (BCO 13-11; RAO 16-3.e.7)** — Minutes of executive session  
11 not included.

12           **Response:** HMP apologizes for this oversight and will work diligently to make  
13 sure all reports are clearly and completely documented in the future. Attached you will  
14 find the missing minutes.

15           **Rationale:** Purported executive minutes were not attached.

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17 30. That the Minutes of Illiana Presbytery: 60-0-0

- 18           **a.** Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Jan 21, 2023; Apr 01, 2023; Oct 21,**  
19 **2023**

- 20           **b.** Be approved with exception of form: **Directory**

- 21           **c.** Be approved with exception of substance: **None**

- 22           **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

23           **2021-1: Oct 17, 2020 (BCO 21-4)** — Use of extraordinary clause for ordination  
24 candidate not explained, and 3/4 vote not recorded.

25           **Response:** Vote to approve extraordinary clause was unanimous.

26           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO 16-10.b.1*). The  
27 3/4 vote was explained by an unrecorded unanimous vote, but not the reason for using  
28 the extraordinary clause (*BCO 21-4.d*).

29           **Response:** [name omitted] came to us being ordained in another denomination and  
30 he, upon examination by our C&C Committee and Illiana Presbytery proved to have  
31 extraordinary gifts and experience in the ministry, thus Presbytery ordained him under  
32 the extraordinary clause (*BCO 13-6 & 21-4h*)

33           **2021-2: Oct 17, 2020 (BCO 22-5; Preliminary Principle 6)** — No record of Sessions’  
34 approval of men serving as Stated Supply.

35           **Response:** Clerk does not understand this exception. If the man is approved by  
36 Presbytery to serve as Stated Supply it is assumed the Session requests his ministry,  
37 what is additionally required to indicate their approval?

38           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its actions (*RAO 16-10.b.1*). It  
39 cannot be assumed that the Session approves of the Stated Supply solely on the basis  
40 of the Presbytery’s approval.

41           **Response:** Included are [church name omitted] Session minutes where it was  
42 discussed to finalize plans to approve TE [name omitted] as Stated Supply. This would  
43 have been voted on at the October Presbytery meeting. The clerk of session, brought  
44 a motion to the floor of Presbytery through Candidates & Credentials to appoint TE

1 [name omitted] as Stated Supply of [church name omitted] at which time it was  
2 approved.

3 **2021-3: Jan 18, 2020** (*BCO* 13-9.c; 23-1) — No record of congregational meeting to  
4 consider pastoral resignation.

5 **Response:** The resignation and dissolution of the pastoral relationship came from  
6 the [church name omitted] Session to Presbytery. Congregational meeting details were  
7 not provided by C&C.

8 **Rationale:** Presbytery should ensure that the congregation's voice was heard in  
9 the dissolution of pastoral relationship (*BCO* 23-1).

10 **Response:** Attached are [church name omitted] Congregational meeting minutes  
11 from 2/20/20 and Session minutes from 3/28/20 show dissolution of pastoral  
12 relationship with TE [name omitted] resigned as a RE at [church name omitted] and  
13 withdrew his membership, so his request to suspend his Internship was denied since  
14 he was no longer a member of the PCA. I believe this business was finalized at our  
15 October 2021 meeting. Minutes from 10/13/21 where it was discussed that intern  
16 [name omitted] left the PCA and wanted to end his internship. Minutes from 1/6/22  
17 indicate internship was formally ended.

18 **2022-2: General** (*RAO* 16-4.c.2) — Standing Rules not included.

19 **Response:** Clerk had intended and believed that Standing Rules were included  
20 with the Submission. They are part of the 2023 minutes.

21 **2022-3: General** (*RAO* 16-10.a) — No record in minutes of exceptions taken by GA,  
22 and no responses to the Assembly concerning disposition of an exception of substance.

23 **Response:** Responses to exceptions were accomplished by a Commission  
24 established by Illiana Presbytery to create, authorize, and submit said responses. Clerk  
25 will enter into minutes of the Spring Stated Meeting 2024 the report of RPR in order  
26 to accomplish these dispositions.

27 **e. That responses shall be submitted to the following GA as no responses were**  
28 **received in 2024:**

29 **2023-1: General 2022** (*BCO* 13-9.b; 40-1) — No record of review of records of  
30 church Sessions.

31 **2023-2: General 2022** (*BCO* 8-7) — No record of annual report(s) of TE(s) laboring  
32 out of bounds.

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34 31. That the Minutes of Iowa Presbytery: 56-4-3

35 **a. Be approved without exception: Mar 18, 2023; Aug 24, 2023**

36 **b. Be approved with exception of form: Jul 08, 2023; General 2023**

37 **c. Be approved with exception of substance:**

38 **2024-1: Oct 09, 2023** (*BCO* 8-7) — No record that TE working out of bounds will  
39 have full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our church.

40 **2024-2: Nov 11, 2023** (*BCO* 13-9.b; *BCO* 40-3) — Results of review of church session  
41 minutes not stated or recorded.

42 **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

43 **2022-1: Jul 10, 2021** (*BCO* 42-1.e; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Stated differences not judged  
44 with prescribed categories.

1           **Response:** Brothers, as noted in the minutes cited, while the clerk was not present  
2 at the meeting, he did contact the man who had been examined to have from him a  
3 written recording of his own words regarding any exceptions he might have. The clerk  
4 sought to make clear to the presbytery (and to RPR) that we do recognize the  
5 importance of listing such differences and that the exception was included verbatim in  
6 the minutes. However, since the clerk could not be certain of the exact language shared  
7 at the presbytery meeting, it did not seem either truthful nor wise to put words into the  
8 mouth of the presbytery such as “merely semantic” or “more than semantic, but “not  
9 out of accord”. If you were to read minutes of previous years you would know that  
10 that has been and remains our normal recording of this part of examinations. Yet, not  
11 wanting to record an unusual event as if it were “normal” the minutes were recorded  
12 as they were. We cannot change what was recorded and remind RPR that we will seek  
13 to return to our “normal” method of recording such things just as we have sought  
14 faithfully to do since the beginning of this presbytery.

15           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its actions (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
16 Presbytery has not reconsidered the stated differences in order to judge with prescribed  
17 categories.

18           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and corrects its record to reflect  
19 the proper wording regarding our judgment. We will seek to be more careful in the  
20 future.

21 **2023-1: Feb 15, 2022** (*BCO* 13-12; *RAO* 16-3.c.1) — Purpose of called meeting not  
22 recorded verbatim in the minutes.

23           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and has corrected the record to  
24 state that the called purpose was for the transfer of TE [name omitted] into the Iowa  
25 Presbytery from the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery of the PCA.

26 **2023-2: Feb 15, 2022** (*BCO* 13-4) — No record of three TEs and three REs calling  
27 meeting.

28           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and while unable to correct the  
29 record, we promise to be more careful in the future.

30 **2023-3: Feb 15, 2022; Mar 12, 2022; Jul 9, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) —  
31 Stated differences not judged with the prescribed categories.

32           **Response:** February 15, 2022 – The TE did not have a change in his views upon  
33 transferring into Iowa Presbytery from the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery. As such  
34 the stated differences posted in the minutes were not the subject of the examination  
35 and were likely added for sake of thoroughness, which added unintended confusion.  
36 Moving forward, we will not post stated differences when, during a transfer exam, no  
37 changes in previous views are recorded.

38 March 12, 2022 – The previous clerk noted “as per checklist” as a way of implying  
39 that the exam was completed as required by *BCO* 21-4 & *RAO* 16-3.e.5. We recognize  
40 that this is insufficient and presbytery agrees with the exception. We apologize and  
41 will work to be clearer in the future. For the record, the candidate was examined in all  
42 areas and his stated differences were deemed as exceptions neither striking at the vitals  
43 of our religion nor hostile to our system of doctrine.

1 July 9, 2022 – The candidate’s stated exceptions were examined at the previous  
 2 meeting (*cf.* March 12, 2022). We regret including his stated differences a second time,  
 3 thus creating the confusion.

4 **2023-4: Jul 09, 2022 (BCO 21-4)** — No record of exam in PCA History.

5 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and has corrected the record. The  
 6 candidate, when examined in Church History, was also examined in PCA Church  
 7 History. We regret the conflation of our records to make it appear as though this did  
 8 not happen. We will strive to be more careful going forward.

9 **2023-5: Jul 09, 2022 (BCO 19-16)** — 3/4 vote for waiving internship requirement not  
 10 recorded.

11 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and has corrected the record. We  
 12 regret forgetting to note this in our minutes. The candidate had over 20 years of  
 13 ministry experience and the vote to waive the internship requirement was unanimous.  
 14 We will seek be more careful going forward.

15 **2023-6: Jul 09, 2022 (BCO 19-1)** — No record of licensure exam in body of the  
 16 minutes.

17 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and has corrected the record.  
 18 Regrettably, we did not clearly note the examination of candidate [name omitted] for  
 19 licensure. Lines 37 & 38 of page 2 which read, “MSC to agree with committees’  
 20 recommendation that exceptions do not strike at core of reformed faith or our system  
 21 of doctrine. (See Appendix E and F),” refers to our actions respecting candidate [name  
 22 omitted] ’s stated differences. We apologize for the oversight and will seek to avoid  
 23 anything like this moving forward.

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 25 32. That the Minutes of **James River Presbytery:** 63-0-0

26 **a.** Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Jul 20, 2023; Oct 14, 2023**

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

28 **c.** Be approved with exception of substance:

29 **2024-1: Jan 21, 2023 (RAO 16-3.c.6)** — No record of the names of ruling elders in  
 30 attendance.

31 **2024-2: Apr 15, 2023 (BCO 20-1; RAO 16-3.e.6)** — Specific arrangements of call not  
 32 shown to be approved.

33 **2024-3: Apr 15, 2023 (BCO 13-6, 21-4)** — No record of requiring statement of  
 34 differences with our Standards for reception from another denomination.

35 **2024-4: Apr 15, 2023 (BCO 21-4.d)** — Incomplete record of the trial parts omitted for  
 36 reception from another denomination.

37 **2024-5: Apr 15, 2023 (BCO 13-6; BCO 21-4.i)** — Incomplete record of extraordinary  
 38 circumstances of the church or proven extraordinary gifts of the man when invoking  
 39 the extraordinary provisions of *BCO* 21-4 for reception from another denomination.

40 **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

41 **2023-1: Jan 15, 2022 (BCO 19-7; 19-16)** — Internship less than one year, with no  
 42 record of 3/4 affirmative vote.

43 **Response:** The JRP acknowledges and agrees with the Assembly's taken exception  
 44 of substance, and expresses its commitment to comply with all of the *BCO*'s  
 45 requirements for recording the steps in particularization of new churches in the future.

1 While we followed what is written in *BCO* 19-7 and 19-16 by approving the internship  
2 with more than a 3/4 vote, we acknowledge that we failed to record that in our minutes  
3 **2023-2: Jan 15, 2022; April 9, 2022; July 21, 2022; October 8, 2022** (*BCO* 13-4) —  
4 Quorum declared but attendance sheet records no REs present.

5 **Response:** The JRP disagrees with this exception of substance. While names of  
6 attending ruling elders were not included in the minutes, the record shows on the listed  
7 pages that churches were either considered present or absent (noted by the "P" and the  
8 "U" next to the names of each church) by the presence of commissioned ruling elders.  
9 *BCO* 13-1 makes it clear that a Presbytery is comprised of TEs and her churches, not  
10 the specific ruling elders. We consider our record sufficient to satisfy *BCO* 13-4. With  
11 that said, we will endeavor to include our scanned attendance forms in future years'  
12 minutes.

13 **2023-3: Jul 21, 2022** (PP 6; *BCO* 16-2) — No record that members of temporary  
14 Session were approved by congregation.

15 **Response:** The JRP acknowledges and agrees with the Assembly's taken exception  
16 of substance, and expresses its commitment to comply with Preliminary Principle 6  
17 and *BCO* 16-2. We created an oversight commission on a church in an emergency  
18 without explicit prior approval from the congregation. After the commission was  
19 made, the congregation gave verbal acquiescence to the temporary session. But this  
20 was a failure on our part and we will endeavor to more properly follow the *BCO* if this  
21 were to arise again.

- 22  
23 33. That the Minutes of **Korean Capital Presbytery:** 63-0-1  
24 a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023**  
25 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None**  
26 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
27 **2024-1: Apr 03, 2023** (*BCO* 13-10; Preliminary Principle 3) — No record of transfer  
28 or dismissal of members upon dissolving a church  
29 **2024-3: Apr 03, 2023** (*BCO* 13-9.b; *BCO* 40-1) — Incomplete record of review of  
30 records of church Sessions.  
31 **2024-4: Jun 04, 2023** (*BCO* 13-12) — Notice for called meeting not in order (10-day  
32 notice and verbatim meeting call not recored in minutes).  
33 **2024-5: Jul 20, 2023** (*BCO* 13-12) — Notice for called meeting not in order (10-day  
34 notice and verbatim meeting call not recored in minutes).  
35 **2024-6: Jul 20, 2023** (*BCO* 31-2; *BCO* 32-2; 32-3) — No record of a *BCO* 31-2  
36 investigation that raised a “strong presumption of guilt” or a written charge made out  
37 against the accused TE before the Presbytery appointed a prosecutor to prepare the  
38 indictment and designated a commission to conduct the trial.  
39 **2024-7: Jul 20, 2023** (*BCO* 32-5) — No record that Presbytery specified “the times,  
40 places and circumstances” for accused to make his defense” against the indictment.  
41 **2024-8: Oct 02, 2023** (*BCO* 13-9b; *BCO* 40-1) — Results of review of records of  
42 church Sessions not stated.  
43 **2024-9: Oct 02, 2023** (*BCO* 13-5; *BCO* 20-1) — No record of call to a definite work  
44 for a TE transferring from another denomination.



1           **2024-10: Dec 31, 2023** (*BCO* 13-12) — Notice for called meeting not in order (10-  
2 day notice and verbatim meeting call not recored in minutes).

3 **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

4           **2022-1: Oct 04, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — All specific requirements of  
5 transfer exam not recorded.

6           **Response:** We apologize for not recording all the details fully. TE [name omitted]  
7 was ordained at the Evangelical Church Alliance. We will note the minutes  
8 accordingly.

9           **Rationale:** Presbytery has not demonstrated that the specific requirements were  
10 fulfilled.

11           **Response:** We regret the oversight. All two TE(minister) admission(transfer)  
12 candidates passed all the requirements of the minister admission exams which are the  
13 same as the ordination exam requirements in our presbytery. We have revised the  
14 minutes accordingly and it is attached to this response.

15           **2022-2: Apr 05, 2021** (*BCO* 13-11) — No Record of the February 26, 2021 Presbytery  
16 meeting.

17           **Response:** The “2/26/2021 meeting” mentioned in the middle of p. 5 is not  
18 referring to a regular presbytery meeting but an action commission meeting. Our  
19 bylaw allows the action commission to act on the matters of member resignation and  
20 other non-controversial nature on behalf of the presbytery (note below), which calls  
21 for a timely decision. The action commission includes at least two teaching elders and  
22 two ruling elders so that it can act as a commission. Korean Capital Presbytery  
23 ByLaws 4.2.2 The Action Commission 4.2.2.1 It shall resolve on the petitions which  
24 was received from the stated clerk and the matters submitted by the Presbytery, and it  
25 shall submit them to the Presbytery for an approval. Especially, when a pastor who has  
26 to leave his field before the next stated presbytery meeting requests for a dissolution  
27 of the pastoral relations, the commission may, within its judgment, decide to take up  
28 and resolve on the petition.

29           **Rationale:** The Presbytery has not provided the commission’s minutes for review.

30           **Response:** The Action Commission reported its action through a summary of its  
31 important actions in a summary form, which was attached in Appendix E.1 (page 24)  
32 of the Apr 5, 2021 stated presbytery meeting minutes. That summary reads:“Action  
33 Committee Report submitted on 4/4/2021; 2/26/2021 [Korean Text Omitted]  
34 Approved TE [name omitted] Out-of-bounds status change(from assistant pastor at  
35 [church name omitted] to without call) and the Transfer to Korean Southwest (O.C.)  
36 presbytery at 2/26/2021 meeting.” In the above summary, “2/26/2021 meeting” refers  
37 to the Action Commission meeting, not a presbytery meeting. The name “Action  
38 Commission” was in place effective 4/5/2021 meeting after the bylaw amendment  
39 approved that day, but the Action Committee was already authorized to approve TE  
40 ministry status change before that amendment. We made sure that the committee could  
41 act as a commission with proper quorum of both TEs and REs. We attach the minutes  
42 with the appendices to this new response for the RPR’s review.

43           **2023-1: Apr 4, 2022; Oct 3, 2022** (*RAO* 16-10.a) — No record in minutes of  
44 exceptions taken by GA.

1           **Response:** We were unable to review the exceptions until the following year. The  
2 Action Commission on Mar 24, 2023 approved the responses before they were  
3 submitted to the RPR and that action was reported at the following presbytery meeting  
4 on Apr 3, 2023 as part of the Action Commission report. The Apr 3, 2023 Presbytery  
5 Stated Meeting Minutes reflects that report

6 **2023-2: Apr 04, 2022** (*BCO* 19-2; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — All specific requirements of  
7 licensure exam not recorded.

8           **Response:** We regret the oversight. Both candidates were examined all specific  
9 requirements of licensure exam on the floor (Christian experience and inward call to  
10 ministry, Theology, Bible content and *BCO*). We have revised the minutes accordingly  
11 and it is attached to this response

12 **2023-3: Apr 04, 2022** (*BCO* 19-16) — 3/4 vote for waiving internship requirement  
13 not recorded.

14           **Response:** We regret the oversight. The required 3/4 vote for waiving internship  
15 requirement was met on the floor. We have revised the minutes accordingly and it is  
16 attached to this response

17 **2023-4: Apr 04, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of ordination  
18 exam.

19           **Response:** We regret the oversight. All three candidates passed all the  
20 requirements of the ordination exams. We have revised the minutes accordingly and it  
21 is attached to this response.

22 **2023-5: Apr 04, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Stated differences not judged  
23 with the prescribed categories.

24           **Response:** We regret the oversight. All three ordination candidates had calls to a  
25 definite work and they were reviewed and approved by the presbytery. We have revised  
26 the minutes accordingly and it is attached to this response.

27 **2023-6: Apr 04, 2022** (*BCO* 20-1) — No record of call to a definite work.

28           **Response:** We regret the oversight. All three ordination candidates had calls to a  
29 definite work and they were reviewed and approved by the presbytery. We have revised  
30 the minutes accordingly and it is attached to this response.

31 **2023-7: Apr 04, 2022** (*BCO* 13-6) — No record of examination of TE transferring  
32 into Presbytery.

33           **Response:** We regret the oversight. All two candidates passed all the requirements  
34 of the ordination exams. Their ministry calls were also reviewed and approved. We  
35 have revised the minutes accordingly and it is attached to this response.

36 **2023-8: Apr 04, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Stated differences not judged  
37 with the prescribed categories.

38           **Response:** We regret the oversight. All licensure, ordination, and TE transfer  
39 candidates were examined as to their stated differences to the Westminster Standards  
40 and their exceptions were judged according to the prescribed categories of *RAO* 16-  
41 3.e.5. We have revised the minutes accordingly and it is attached to this response.

42 **2023-9: Apr 04, 2022** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of endorsement by candidates'  
43 Sessions.

1           **Response:** We regret the oversight. The session endorsements for all three  
 2 candidates of the gospel ministry were reviewed by the presbytery. We have revised  
 3 the minutes accordingly and it is attached to this response.

4           **2023-10: Oct 03, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of ordination  
 5 exam.

6           **Response:** We regret the oversight. The candidate was not examined for the  
 7 ordination but for transfer from another denomination. He passed all the requirements  
 8 of the minister admission exams which are the same as the ordination exam  
 9 requirements in our presbytery. We have revised the minutes accordingly and it is  
 10 attached to this response.

11           **2023-11: Apr 4, 2022; Oct 3, 2022** (*BCO* 20-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.6) — No record that call  
 12 was approved.

13           **Response:** We regret the oversight. All ordination, TE transfer and TE admission  
 14 candidates had calls to a definite work and they were reviewed and approved by the  
 15 presbytery. The minutes are revised to reflect that action.

16           **2023-12: Apr 04, 2022** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of six-months membership for  
 17 candidates.

18           **Response:** We regret the oversight. The presbytery reviewed and confirmed that  
 19 all candidates of the gospel ministry had at least six-month membership at the churches  
 20 under the oversight of the endorsing sessions. We have revised the minutes accordingly  
 21 and it is attached to this response.

22  
 23 34. That the Minutes of **Korean Central** Presbytery: *63-0-1*

24       a. Be approved without exception: **Oct 10, 2022; Apr 19, 2023; Oct 10, 2023**

25       b. Be approved with exception of form: **General 2023**

26       c. Be approved with exception of substance:

27           **2024-1: Oct 11, 2022** (*BCO* 24-1; 40-4; 11-4; Preliminary Principle 6) — Minutes  
 28 contain several references to men being examined for the office of ruling elder. This  
 29 appears to be the presbytery exercising oversight over the election of ruling elders.

30           **2024-2: Oct 11, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of ordination  
 31 exam.

32           **2024-3: Oct 11, 2022** (*BCO* 38-2; 38-3) — Demission/withdrawal requires more  
 33 information according to *BCO* 38-2; 38-3.

34           **2024-4: Oct 11, 2022** (*BCO* 18-2) — Incomplete examination for candidates for the  
 35 gospel ministry

36           **2024-5: Oct 11, 2023** (*BCO* 24-1; 40-4; 11-4; Preliminary Principle 6) — Minutes  
 37 contain several references to men being examined for the office of ruling elder. This  
 38 appears to be the presbytery exercising oversight over the election of ruling elders.

39           **2024-6: Apr 18, 2023** (*BCO* 13-6; 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of  
 40 examination for transfer from outside the PCA.

41           **2024-7: Oct 11, 2023** (*BCO* 13-6) — Incomplete exam for transfer from another  
 42 presbytery within the PCA

43           **2024-8: Oct 11, 2023** (*BCO* 13-6; 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of  
 44 examination for transfer from outside the PCA. Portions of the exam may be omitted  
 45 by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of presbytery.

1           **2024-9: Oct 11, 2023** (*BCO* 43-1; 43-3) — In a single meeting, presbytery sustained  
2 and dismissed a *BCO* 43-1 complaint. Dismissal is not an adequate category for  
3 dealing with complaints—*BCO* 43 delineates denial of complaints. Moreover,  
4 complaints cannot be both sustained and dismissed/denied. Please clarify.

5           **2024-10: Jan 10, 2023** - Minutes of Called Meeting 1/10/2023 missing/not received  
6 by RPR.

7           **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

8           **2022-2: Jul 13, 2021** (*BCO* 13-11) — Complaint sent to Presbytery not recorded in  
9 Presbytery’s minutes.

10           **Response:** Korean Central Presbytery respectfully disagrees with this exception.  
11 The original complaint was not included with the minutes for this called meeting due  
12 to our understanding of *BCO* 40-3: “Proceedings in judicial cases, however, shall not  
13 be dealt with under review and control when notice of appeal or complaint has been  
14 given the lower court.” At the time CRPR held its meeting in June 2021, this complaint  
15 was being adjudicated by the SJC. Now that the SJC has issued its final decision on  
16 this case, we have submitted the complaint to the 50th General Assembly for review.

17           **Rationale:** While the CRPR does not have any judicial authority in cases being  
18 adjudicated by a higher court such as the SJC, a full and accurate record of minutes  
19 (including all referenced appendices, etc.) has not yet been submitted for review. (see:  
20 *RAO* 16-3.e.8)

21           **Response:** [2023] KCP appreciates CRPR’s clarification on this exception. The  
22 original Complaint in question will be submitted for review.

23           **2023-3: Exceptions: Oct 12-13, 2021** (*RAO* 16-4.c.1; *BCO* 40-4) — A number of TEs  
24 are named to be investigated but no record or explanation of their connection to the  
25 Korean Central Presbytery or the PCA can be found in the minutes or directory.

26           **Response:** Korean Central Presbytery respectfully disagrees with the exception.  
27 The motion to investigate failed to meet the majority vote threshold to carry. Since this  
28 meeting, four TEs mentioned in this failed motion have departed from our Presbytery,  
29 including: 1) TE [name omitted]: transferred to the Presbytery of Northern Illinois; 2)  
30 TE [name omitted]: transferred to another denomination; 3) TE [name omitted]:  
31 demitted the ministry; 4) TE [name omitted]: demitted the ministry

32           **2023-4: Oct 12-13, 2021** (*BCO* 8-7; 20-1; *RAO* 16-3.c.1) — TEs laboring out of  
33 bounds with missing information as to how and where they are serving.

34           **Response:** Korean Central Presbytery agrees with the exception. We will increase  
35 our efforts to gather reports from our members serving out of bounds per *BCO* 8-7 and  
36 include these documents when we submit our records.

37           **2023-5: Apr 5-6, 2022** (*BCO* 24-1, 40-4; Preliminary Principle 6) — Agenda item 10  
38 indicates that the presbytery voted to add 2 new ruling elders to Vineyard Presbyterian  
39 Church. This is out of order and in conflict with the *BCO*. Each congregation decides  
40 how many ruling elders to elect.

41           **Response:** Korean Central Presbytery agrees with the exception. The details from  
42 this Stated Meeting’s records are admittedly vague. The church in question had sought  
43 the Presbytery’s approval to add two REs to its Session, and the Presbytery simply  
44 acknowledged the request. In retrospect, this item should not have been on our meeting

1 agenda since this matter is under the jurisdiction of the local congregation per *BCO*  
 2 24-1. We apologize for the error, and we will be more careful in the future.

3 **e. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
 4 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

5 **2021-1: Oct 13-14, 2020** (*BCO* 31-2) — There is no record in the minutes as to how  
 6 the Presbytery disposed of accusations against TE [Name Omitted], TE [Name  
 7 Omitted], and TE [Name Omitted].

8 **Response:** Korean Central Presbytery appreciates the Committee of Review of  
 9 Presbytery Records attention to this matter but respectfully disagrees with this  
 10 exception. The minutes from our October 2020 stated meeting specifically record our  
 11 decision to form an ad-committee to investigate the accusations against these Teaching  
 12 Elders and report their findings at the next stated meeting (see page 10 under agenda  
 13 item 8).

14 **Rationale:** Presbytery misunderstands the nature of the exception. The accusations  
 15 from the October 13-14 meeting list several ministers as accused, and while an ad  
 16 interim committee is formed, the April 2021 meeting says that there was a “session of  
 17 court” against only one of the TEs in question, but makes no mention of any of the  
 18 other previously mentioned TEs. Presbytery records have no indication as to what  
 19 happened to those members, nor are they listed in their directory.

20 **Response:** [2023] Korean Central Presbytery appreciates the CRPR’s clarification  
 21 on this exception. The minutes of our 70th Stated Meeting in April 2021 indicate that  
 22 Presbytery decided to accept the recommendations of the Ad-Interim Committee (p.  
 23 11). Regarding the three TEs in question, the Ad-Interim Committee’s  
 24 recommendation was to “admonish [them] to act in accordance to the guidelines  
 25 provided by the *BCO* as a way of preserving and protecting the purity of the church”  
 26 (pp. 5-6 of the Committee Report). Since this April 2021 Stated Meeting, one of the  
 27 TEs in question has transferred his membership to another Presbytery in the PCA,  
 28 another has demitted from the ministry, and the third remains on KCP’s roll as a TE  
 29 without a call.

30 **Rationale:** Admonition and deposition are censures inflicted by church courts  
 31 which ordinarily require process (*BCO* 30-1). If this is a case without process,  
 32 confession of guilt is required and should be noted in the minutes (*BCO* 38-1).

33 **2022-1: Apr 13-14, 2021** (*BCO* 13-11, 31-2, 32-2, 32-3, 32-4, 32-5, 36-1, 36-5, 37-3)  
 34 — There is insufficient record in the minutes of actions taken by the Presbytery (as  
 35 well as documents in support of those actions) pursuant to their handling of an  
 36 ecclesiastical trial against TE [Name Omitted], such as, but not limited to the  
 37 allegations against him, the recommendations from an ad interim committee appointed  
 38 to consider these allegations, the indictment of the prosecutor, the imposition and  
 39 removal of censure, and several additional motions related to this situation. These  
 40 missing items need to be either recreated or collected and submitted to the 50th  
 41 General Assembly.

42 **Response:** Korean Central Presbytery agrees with this exception and humbly  
 43 apologizes for our oversight in this matter. We are submitting the following documents  
 44 to the 50th General Assembly in response to this request by CRPR: (1) the original  
 45 allegations against the TE as submitted to the Presbytery; (2) the findings and

1 recommendations of the ad-interim committee as summarized in their report as  
2 received by the Presbytery; and (3) the minutes from this stated meeting, which  
3 summarizes our actions on the committee’s recommendations. In addition, some of the  
4 actions from this April 2021 were the subject of a complaint that was adjudicated by  
5 the Standing Judicial Commission in June 2022 (SJC Case 2021-11).

6 **Rationale:** While the SJC sustained the complaint against some of Presbytery’s  
7 procedural errors in this matter, it also ruled that many of these defects were no longer  
8 correctable, including the absence of an indictment from the prosecutor.

9 **Response:** Though Presbytery acknowledges their error and has sent some  
10 documents, the report from the interim committee seems to be missing their respective  
11 and referenced appendices (see: *RAO* 16-3.e.8), in addition to a letter of confession  
12 from the confessing TE.

13 **Rationale:** Appendices have been received; confession letter has not been  
14 received.

15 **2023-1: Oct 12-13, 2021; Apr 5-6, 2022** (*BCO* 24-1, 40-4, 11-4; *BCO* Preliminary  
16 Principle 6) — Minutes contain several references to men having passed ‘the  
17 examination for ruling elders.’ This appears to be the presbytery exercising oversight  
18 over who may be elected as a ruling elder.

19 **Response:** Korean Central Presbytery (hereafter “KCP”) acknowledges CRPR’s  
20 concern about the possibility of the Presbytery exercising undue oversight over local  
21 congregations. But we also respectfully note that the churches in our Presbytery elect  
22 their own ruling elder candidates. KCP examines these nominees only at the request  
23 of these church Sessions who deem themselves unable to administer these  
24 examinations on their own. The churches then install the RE nominees after they  
25 successfully complete their examinations by presbytery. While this seems to be a  
26 common practice among some Korean-language Presbyteries in the PCA, KCP  
27 acknowledges it is not ideal. We hope to move in a direction where our local church  
28 Sessions can examine their own nominees for Ruling Elders per *BCO* 12-5.b and *BCO*  
29 24-1.

30 **Rationale:** Presbytery did not respond according to *RAO* 16-10.b. Presbytery can  
31 either agree with the exception or respectfully disagree with the exception.

32 **2023-2: Oct 12-13, 2021; Apr 5-6, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Stated  
33 differences not recorded in the minister’s/candidates own words.

34 **Response:** Korean Central Presbytery agrees with the exception. At our October  
35 2021 Stated Meeting, an ordination candidate, [name omitted] , noted the following  
36 stated difference:

37 *I have a different view of the “Sabbath” than WFC Chapter 21-8. I affirm with the*  
38 *Westminster statement that man needs to “observe a holy rest” on the Sabbath or*  
39 *Lord’s day. This means that man is to be separate from work, so that the Sabbath day*  
40 *looks different from other days. I affirm that man is not good at resting, there are many*  
41 *activities that one may consider resting that in fact is “profaning the day by idleness”*  
42 *(WLC 119). I believe that the specific definition of “holy rest” being that one should*  
43 *rest from “their works, words, and thoughts about their worldly employments and*  
44 *recreations” goes too far in its prohibitions. The statement “spend the whole time in*  
45 *public and private exercises of worship” fails to allow for creational rest and*

1 *refreshment that can include such recreational activities as running, walking, and*  
 2 *other God-glorifying, family nurturing actives as WLC 121 affirms. To do Sabbath*  
 3 *worship and duties “all the day” and “the whole time” would seem at tension with the*  
 4 *great significance Scripture also teaches on rest.*

5 KCP adopted its Candidates and Credentials Committee’s recommendation to judge  
 6 this stated difference to be “more than semantic but ‘not out of accord with any  
 7 fundamental system of our doctrine.’”

8 At our April 2022 Stated Meeting, a licensure candidate, [name omitted], noted the  
 9 following stated difference from WCF 21-8, WLC 117 and 119, and WSC 60-61:

10 *I have a scruple concerning the forbidding of worldly recreations on the Lord’s day. I*  
 11 *believe that recreation, such as the playing of sports or games can be a lawful form of*  
 12 *rest on the Lord’s day.*

13 KCP adopted its Candidates and Credentials Committee’s recommendation to judge  
 14 this stated difference to be “more than semantic but ‘not out of accord with any  
 15 fundamental system of our doctrine.’”

16 We apologize for not including these stated differences in our minutes, and we promise  
 17 to be more careful in the future.

18 **Rationale:** Presbytery apologized and promises to be more careful in the future,  
 19 but needs to amend the record and indicate as such in responses (RAO 16-10.b.1).

20  
 21 35. That the Minutes of **Korean Eastern** Presbytery: 65-0-1

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

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

24 **c.** Be approved with exception of substance:

25 **2024-1: Sep 19, 2023** (BCO 8-7; BCO 20-1) — Presbytery approved an out-of-bounds  
 26 call without assurance that the TE will have full freedom to maintain and teach the  
 27 doctrine of our church (8-7), without record that the TE is engaged in preaching and  
 28 teaching the Word (8-7), and without stating reasons why it considers the out-of-  
 29 bounds work to be a valid Christian ministry (20-1).

30 **2024-2: Sep 12, 2023** (BCO 19-2.f) — No record of requiring statement of differences  
 31 with our Standards

32 **2024-3: Sep 12, 2023** (BCO 19-2) — All specific requirements of licensure exam not  
 33 recorded.

34 **2024-4: Mar 14, 2023** (BCO 19-2) — All specific requirements of licensure exam not  
 35 recorded.

36 **2024-5: Mar 14, 2023** (BCO 13-6) — Incomplete record of examination of TE  
 37 transferring into Presbytery

38 **2024-6: Mar 14, 2023** (BCO 13-6; BCO 21-4) — Incomplete record of exam for  
 39 minister seeking admission from another denomination.

40 **2024-7: Mar 14, 2023** (BCO 21-4; BCO 13-6) — No record of requiring statements  
 41 of differences with our Standards.

42 **2024-8: General 2023** (BCO 13-6; BCO 21-5) — A minister admitted from another  
 43 denomination was not asked the questions put to candidates at their ordination.

44 **2024-9: General 2023** (BCO 13-9.b; BCO 40-1) — No record of review of records of  
 45 church Sessions.

1       **2024-10: General 2023** (*BCO* 8-7) — No record of annual report(s) of TE(s) laboring  
2 out of bounds.

3       **2024-11: General 2023** (*BCO* 18-6) — Annual reports of candidates not included.

4       **2024-12: Mar 14, 2023** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — Minutes of commission not  
5 entered in Presbytery minutes, and these must be presented for review next year.

6       **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

7       **2019-1: Mar 18, 2018** (*BCO* 13-6) — Received as a member but no record of  
8 mechanism how it happened.

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

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

14       **Response:** [2023] The TE's membership status was discussed on the floor and the  
15 KEP approved to grant him a continual membership with the promise of attending  
16 stated meeting and pay membership fee as required by the presbytery.

17       **Rationale:** [2023] A teaching elder's membership status must be recorded in the  
18 Presbytery's minutes when he is received. A teaching elder must have a call to a  
19 definite work or be received as Without Call (*BCO* 13-5; 20-1). Presbytery's response  
20 does not address the previous rationale.

21       **Response:** [2024] Thank you for the rational but this matter is heading toward  
22 wrong direction. The TE had a call and was a KEP member for many years. KEP  
23 discussed his membership status because he missed many stated meetings. Now the  
24 TE attends the meeting faithfully, so we sincerely ask to drop this exception before it  
25 causes more confusion.

26       **2021-1: Mar 10, 2020** (*BCO* 20-1) — No record that teaching elder transferring into  
27 the presbytery has a call to a definite work.

28       **Response:** The presbytery admits the mistake. The minister served an independent  
29 church in Pittsburg, PA as senior pastor from September 2019. In March 2020, he  
30 requested to transfer his membership to PCA from the General Assembly of  
31 Presbyterian Church in Korea (Hapdong). At the same stated meeting the independent  
32 church in Pittsburg (PKPC) made a request to join KEP. PKPC submitted  
33 congregational meeting result for joining KEP. KEP formed commission with 5 TEs  
34 and 3 REs (P.4 of March 10, 2020 minutes).

35       **2021-3: Mar 10, 2020** (*BCO* 13-8) — No record of examination of elders for a church  
36 that has petitioned to join the PCA.

37       **Response:** The presbytery apologizes for not including commission report with  
38 the stated meeting minutes. The Commissioners for PKPC met on June 9, 2020 with  
39 5 TEs and 4 REs. The commissioners met with PKPC ruling elders. The  
40 commissioners explained PCA doctrine and polity and made sure the elders  
41 understand. Stated clerk asked the elders of PKPC questions from *BCO* 24-6, and they  
42 answered affirmatively. After the vote, commissioners unanimously approved PKPC's  
43 joining KEP.

44       **2021-6: Sep 15, 2020; Mar 16, 2021** (*BCO* 20-1) — No record of call to a definite  
45 work.



1           **Response:** The Presbytery admits the mistake for not recording the call for the TE.  
2 TE [name omitted] was called by [church name omitted] PA. The call letter can be  
3 found in the docket page 45 of the September 15, 2020 stated meeting.

4           **2021-7: Sep 15, 2020; Mar 16, 2021 (BCO 21-4)** — No record of requiring statement  
5 of differences with our Standards.

6           **Response:** KEP apologizes the oversight of not recording the stated differences  
7 for licensure and ordination exam. Mr. [name omitted] , Mr. [name omitted] , and Mr.  
8 [name omitted] had no differences to the Westminster standards.

9           **2023-3: May 15, 2022; Sep 13, 2022 (BCO 18-2; 18-3)** — No record of endorsement  
10 by candidate’s Session; no record of six-months membership for candidate; no record  
11 of charges administered to candidate.

12           **Response:** KEP apologizes for not including docket that has all the information of  
13 the candidates. All the under care candidates had 6 months membership and endorsed  
14 by their session. Each candidate took the vows found in *BCO* 18-3 and brief charge  
15 was given. The Presbytery will make sure to submit the docket materials in future  
16 minutes

17           **2023-4: May 15, 2022 (BCO 15-2)** — Presbytery formed a commission to oversee a  
18 church with fewer than two teaching elders and two ruling elders.

19           **Response:** We believe this exception is for March 15, 2022. We do not meet on  
20 May. KEP admits that it has made a mistake to leave out some commissioners’ name  
21 (a TE and a RE) in March 2022 minutes. KEP will be more cautious in the future to  
22 record accurately.

23 e. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
24 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

25           **2021-2: Mar 10, 2020; Sep 15, 2020 (BCO 15-1; RAO 16-3.e.4)** — Minutes of  
26 commission not entered in Presbytery minutes.

27           **Response:** The presbytery admits the mistake for not recording the commission  
28 report for those two churches this exception is referring to. We will be more careful in  
29 this matter and make sure to include commission reports

30           **Rationale:** Presbytery has not corrected its action by providing commission  
31 minutes to RPR to review.

32           **2021-4: Sep 15, 2020; Sep 14, 2021 (BCO 8-7; 20-1)** — Teaching Elders approved to  
33 minister out of bounds but with no record of a call to a definite work where they will  
34 be “engaged in preaching and teaching the Word ... [and] will have full freedom to  
35 maintain and teach the doctrine of our church.”

36           **Response:** The presbytery apologizes for not recording the calls for 2 TE’s  
37 approved out of bounds ministry. TE [name omitted] started mission church ([church  
38 name omitted]) in Chino, California and TE [name omitted] received a call from  
39 [church name omitted] CA. Both TEs are asked for approval of out of boundary until  
40 they transfer to PCA presbytery near their geographic boundaries.

41           **Rationale:** Presbytery has not corrected the record by stating that it determined  
42 that these out-of-bounds TEs would “have full freedom to maintain and teach the  
43 doctrine of our church” as required by *BCO* 8-7.

44           **2021-5: Sep 15, 2020 (BCO 13-6)** — Details of transfer exam not recorded.

1           **Response:** TE [name omitted] was recommended by CEC for the floor exam. TE  
2 [name omitted] was a KEP member in good standing between 2010~2016 and he  
3 transferred to another PCA presbytery. So the KEP members agreed to examine him  
4 in the areas of ministry and theology. TE’s answer was satisfactory with our standards.  
5 KEP approved the TE as a member after he took the vow found in *BCO* 13-7.

6           **Rationale:** Transfer exam is incomplete. According to *BCO* 13-6, TEs transferring  
7 from other Presbyteries in the PCA “shall be examined on Christian experience, and  
8 also touching their views in theology, the Sacraments, and church government.”

9           **2023-1: General 2022** (*BCO* 13-9.b; 40-1) — No record of review of records of  
10 church Sessions.

11           **Response:** The Presbytery and Record Examination Committee apologize for not  
12 actively requesting and reviewing session minutes. Only a couple churches turned in  
13 the minutes for review. REC will continue to request the session minutes for review  
14 and promise to record the result in stated meeting minutes

15           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its action. No review of Presbytery  
16 records have been recorded for the current or past year.

17           **2023-2: General 2022** (*BCO* 8-7) — No record of annual report(s) of TE(s) laboring  
18 out of bounds.

19           **Response:** Some of OB ministers submitted their ministry report with excuse  
20 absence request, and KEP kept the report in the docket of stated meeting. KEP  
21 apologizes for submitting minutes without the docket material. The stated clerk will  
22 make sure to include OB ministers’ report when submitting the meeting minutes.

23           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record or its actions. No OB  
24 ministers’ reports have been included for the current or prior year.

25  
26 36. That the Minutes of **Korean Northeastern** Presbytery: *61-0-1*

27     a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Mar 14, 2023; Jun 21, 2023; Dec 15,**  
28     **2023**

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

30     c. Be approved with exception of substance:

31           **2024-1: Sep 12, 2023** (*BCO* 38-3) — No record that presbytery made determinations  
32 required by *BCO* 38-3.

33     d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

34           **2023-1: Mar 08, 2022** (*BCO* 8-7; 20-1) — No record that Presbytery is assured that  
35 an out of bounds TE will have full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our  
36 Church or why Presbytery considers the out of bounds work to be a valid Christian  
37 ministry.

38           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and apologizes for the lack of  
39 clarity in the minutes and will be more careful in the future. The freedom to maintain  
40 and teach the doctrine of our Church was assured per our standard denominational call  
41 package form and it was considered as a valid out-of-bounds work as it involved  
42 ministerial work as an assistant pastor.

43  
44 37. That the Minutes of **Korean Northwest** Presbytery: *61-0-0*

45     a. Be approved without exception: **Apr 10, 2024; Oct 09, 2024**

- 1       **b.** Be approved with exception of form: **Apr 10, 2023; Directory**  
 2       **c.** Be approved with exception of substance:  
 3       **2024-1: Oct 10-13, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of  
 4       ordination exam  
 5       **2024-2: Oct 10-13, 2022** (*BCO* 13-6; *BCO* 21-4) — Incomplete record of exam of TE  
 6       transferring into presbytery  
 7       **2024-3: Apr 10-12, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of  
 8       ordination exam  
 9       **2024-4: Apr 10-12, 2023** (*BCO* 13-6; *BCO* 21-4) — Incomplete record of exam of TE  
 10      transferring into presbytery  
 11      **2024-5: Oct 09-11, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4.g) — No record of action taken on TE written  
 12      exception to *WCF*  
 13      **2024-6: Oct 09-11, 2023** (*BCO* 13-8; *BCO* 24-6) — No record of REs affirmation of  
 14      officer vows.  
 15      **2024-7: General 2023** (*RAO* 16-3.c.6) — Names of REs in attendance not listed in  
 16      minutes.  
 17      **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**  
 18      **2016-2: General** (*RAO* 16-10.a) — No response to the Assembly concerning  
 19      disposition of any exceptions of substance.  
 20          **Response:** [2018]: We apologize for not responding on time. It is not the attitude  
 21      of the presbytery and its members to rebel or disrespect. It was the fault of the clerk  
 22      and he apologizes and asks for forgiveness.  
 23          **Rationale:** [2018]: Please provide responses to presbytery exceptions of substance  
 24      for 2014, 2013, and 2011.  
 25          **Response:** [2023] Again, it has been too long to provide responses to presbytery  
 26      exceptions. While apologizing about this issue, it can be assured that we will submit  
 27      the proper exception of substance in the future.  
 28          **Rationale:** [2023]: Respectfully, *RAO* 16-10.b.1 notes that when a Presbytery  
 29      agrees with an exception of substance, it should also correct its record (if possible) and  
 30      correct its actions (if possible). Please provide responses to previous exceptions.  
 31          **Response:** [2024]: Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error.  
 32      Presbytery has corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something Previously  
 33      Adopted and has made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this response.  
 34      Presbytery will be more diligent to handle this issue correctly in the future.  
 35      **2016-4: Apr 13, 2015** (*RAO* 16-3.e.5) — All specific requirements of exam not  
 36      recorded.  
 37          **Response:** [2018]: Our examination committee keeps record of all the parts and  
 38      details of the exam and just gives final report to the presbytery. We will do better job  
 39      of recording requirements in our minutes in the future. We have revised our minutes  
 40      to show required parts are approved and that the exam as a whole was approved.  
 41          **Rationale:** [2018]: Please provide a record of the revised minutes and the record  
 42      of presbytery’s revision including statement of differences in candidate’s own words  
 43      and presbytery’s categorization of the differences.  
 44          **Response:** [2023] It has been too long and I am not authorized to revise the  
 45      minutes (especially as a newly elected stated clerk); as far as I know, once approved

1 minutes cannot be revised. However, the presbytery addressed this issue and has been  
2 recording the all specific requirements of exam.

3 **Rationale:** [2023]: *RAO* 16-10.b.1 notes that when a Presbytery agrees with an  
4 exception of substance, it should also correct its record (if possible). [*RONR* (12th ed.)  
5 48:15 also allows a deliberative body to correct its minutes through a motion to Amend  
6 Something Previously Adopted.]Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the  
7 error. There was no candidate to require statement of stated difference.

8 **Response:** [2024]: Presbytery has corrected the record by a motion to Amend  
9 Something Previously Adopted and has made a marginal notation in those minutes  
10 pointing to this response. Presbytery will be more diligent to handle this issue correctly  
11 in the future.

12 **2018-1: Apr 24, 2017 (BCO 21-4)** — All specific requirements of ordination exam  
13 not recorded.

14 **Response:** This issue has been addressed and now the Examination Committee  
15 has been recording all specific requirements of ordination exam and it has been  
16 recorded in the minutes.

17 **Rationale:** [2023] *RAO* 16-10.b.1 notes that when a Presbytery agrees with an  
18 exception of substance, it should also correct its record (if possible). Please correct the  
19 minutes from this meeting.

20 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. Presbytery  
21 has corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and  
22 has made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this response. Presbytery  
23 will be more diligent to handle this issue correctly in the future.

24 **2018-4: Apr 24, 2017 (BCO 19-13)** — Approval of internship for ordination not  
25 recorded.

26 **Response:** This issue has been noted will be addressed in the future minutes

27 **Rationale:** [2023]*RAO* 16-10.b.1 notes that when a Presbytery agrees with an  
28 exception of substance, it should also correct its record (if possible). Please correct the  
29 minutes from this meeting.

30 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. Presbytery  
31 has corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and  
32 has made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this response. Presbytery  
33 will be more diligent to handle this issue correctly in the future.

34 **2018-5: Oct 09, 2017 (BCO 13-6)** — Incomplete record of transfer exam – no  
35 indication of transferee’s previous denomination

36 **Response:** This issue has been noted will be addressed in the future minutes.

37 **Rationale:** [2023] *RAO* 16-10.b.1 notes that when a Presbytery agrees with an  
38 exception of substance, it should also correct its record (if possible). Please correct the  
39 minutes from this meeting.

40 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. Presbytery  
41 has corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and  
42 has made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this response. Presbytery  
43 will be more diligent to handle this issue correctly in the future.

44 **2018-7: Oct 09, 2017 (BCO 19-2)** — All specific requirements of licensure exam not  
45 recorded.

1           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. The  
 2 candidate was indeed examined in a. a statement of his Christian experience and  
 3 inward call to preach the Gospel b. 1. basic knowledge of Biblical doctrine as outlined  
 4 in the Confession of Faith and Larger and Shorter Catechisms of the Presbyterian  
 5 Church in America. 2. practical knowledge of Bible content. 3. basic knowledge of the  
 6 government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in The Book of Church  
 7 Order. c. Be examined orally before Presbytery for his views in the areas outlined in  
 8 part b above. d. a sermon. Presbytery has corrected the record by a motion to Amend  
 9 Something Previously Adopted and has made a marginal notation in those minutes  
 10 pointing to this response. Presbytery will be more diligent to handle this issue correctly  
 11 in the future

12           **2019-2: Apr 09, 2018 (BCO 21-4)** — All specific requirements of ordination exam  
 13 not recorded.

14           **Response:** This issue has been addressed and now the Examination Committee  
 15 has been recording all specific requirements of ordination exam and it has been  
 16 recorded in the minutes.

17           **Rationale:** [2023] *RAO* 16-10.b.1 notes that when a Presbytery agrees with an  
 18 exception of substance, it should also correct its record (if possible). Please correct the  
 19 minutes from this meeting.

20           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. Presbytery  
 21 has corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and  
 22 has made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this response. Presbytery  
 23 will be more diligent to handle this issue correctly in the future.

24           **2019-3: General 2019 (BCO 13-5)** — TEs on roll without explanation. Apr 8, 2019  
 25 meeting listed 32 total TEs and Sep 30, 2019 meeting listed 36 total TEs.

26           **Response:** This issue has been addressed and the rolls has been specified in the  
 27 presbytery minutes.

28           **Rationale:** [2023] *RAO* 16-10.b.1 notes that when a Presbytery agrees with an  
 29 exception of substance, it should also correct its record (if possible). [*RONR* (12th ed.)  
 30 48:15 also allows a deliberative body to correct its minutes through a motion to Amend  
 31 Something Previously Adopted.] Please include record of ordination(s) and/or  
 32 reception of transfer(s), if applicable.

33           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. The  
 34 difference was due to mistakenly including inactive members to the roll. Presbytery  
 35 has corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and  
 36 has made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this response. Presbytery  
 37 will be more diligent to handle this issue correctly in the future.

38           **2021-1: Apr 8, 2019; Sep 30, 2019; Oct 13, 2020 (BCO 20-1; 13-7)** — No record of  
 39 call to definite work for ministers transferring from another denomination.

40           **Response:** This issue has been noted and began to be addressed from the fall  
 41 presbytery of 2022

42           **Rationale:** [2023]: *RAO* 16-10.b.1 notes that when a Presbytery agrees with an  
 43 exception of substance, it should also correct its record (if possible). [*RONR* (12th ed.)  
 44 48:15 also allows a deliberative body to correct its minutes through a motion to Amend  
 45 Something Previously Adopted.] Please correct the minutes from these meetings.

1           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. These  
2 candidates were called to definite work as pastor at an out of boundary church [name  
3 omitted] , and associate pastor at [church name omitted] [name omitted] , and pastor  
4 at [church name omitted] [name omitted] stated the following difference to our  
5 doctrinal standards: “The exception that I took with regard to Westminster confession  
6 of faith 21.8, is the confession (in its wording or language) seems to limit the definition  
7 or limitations of holy rest to private devotions and public worship and acts of mercy. I  
8 believe that other activities like going for a walk with your family, enjoying God’s  
9 creation which reflects his glory can also be valid for other means of rest. But that  
10 should not supplant the centrality of public worship and honoring the Lord.” The  
11 Presbytery judged this difference as more than semantic, but not out of accord with  
12 any fundamental of our system of doctrine (*BCO* 21-4)” (*RAO* 16.3–e.5). Presbytery  
13 has corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and  
14 has made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this response. Presbytery  
15 will be more diligent to handle this issue correctly in the future.

16 **2021-8: Oct 11, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Stated differences not judged with  
17 the prescribed categories.

18           **Response:** This issue has been noted and began to be addressed from the fall  
19 presbytery of 2022.

20           **Rationale:** [2023]: *RAO* 16-10.b.1 notes that when a Presbytery agrees with an  
21 exception of substance, it should also correct its record (if possible).

22           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. The  
23 candidate [name omitted] stated the following difference to our doctrinal standards:  
24 “The exception that I took with regard to Westminster confession of faith 21.8, is the  
25 confession (in its wording or language) seems to limit the definition or limitations of  
26 holy rest to private devotions and public worship and acts of mercy. I believe that other  
27 activities like going for a walk with your family, enjoying God’s creation which  
28 reflects his glory can also be valid for other means of rest. But that should not supplant  
29 the centrality of public worship and honoring the Lord.” The Presbytery judged this  
30 difference as more than semantic, but not out of accord with any fundamental of our  
31 system of doctrine (*BCO* 21-4)” (*RAO* 16.3–e.5). Presbytery has corrected the record  
32 by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and has made a marginal  
33 notation in those minutes pointing to this response. Presbytery will be more diligent to  
34 handle this issue correctly in the future.

35 **2021-9: Oct 13, 2020** (*BCO* 13-8) — No record of commission of Presbytery meeting  
36 with church ruling elders before receiving the church into its membership.

37           **Response:** This issue has been addressed and now the Examination Committee  
38 has been recording all specific requirements of ordination exams for the ministers  
39 transferring from another denomination and it has been recorded in the minutes.

40           **Rationale:** [2023]: *RAO* 16-10.b.1 notes that when a Presbytery agrees with an  
41 exception of substance, it should also correct its record (if possible). Please submit the  
42 commission report for review.

43           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. Presbytery  
44 has corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and

1 has made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this response. Presbytery  
2 will be more diligent to handle this issue correctly in the future.

3 **2023-1: General 2022 (BCO 13-12)** — Presbytery did not meet at least twice OR  
4 minutes not submitted (if Fall 2022 meeting happened).

5 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception and regrets the error. The minutes  
6 for the Fall 2022 meeting are now submitted. Presbytery will be more diligent to  
7 handle this issue correctly in the future

8 **2023-10: Apr 18, 2022 (BCO 18-6)** — No record of intern reports.

9 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. Presbytery  
10 regrets that it did not aware of the requirement for the annual reports of interns properly  
11 according to *BCO* 18-6. Presbytery will be more diligent to require all the interns to  
12 submit their annual reports in the future.

13 **2023-2: Apr 18, 2022 (BCO 13-6; 21-4)** — Incomplete record of exam for minister  
14 seeking admission from another denomination.

15 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception and regrets the error. The  
16 candidate seeking admission to the Presbytery was coming from The General  
17 Assembly of Presbyterian Church. The Presbytery accepted his seminary education in  
18 lieu of exams in Greek/Hebrew. Presbytery has corrected the record by a motion to  
19 Amend Something Previously Adopted and has made a marginal notation in those  
20 minutes pointing to this response. Presbytery will be more diligent to handle this issue  
21 correctly in the future

22 **2023-3: Apr 18, 2022 (BCO 21-4)** — Incomplete record of ordination exam. [No  
23 indication of candidate's previous denomination; missing knowledge of  
24 Greek/Hebrew for candidate Ha]

25 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception and regrets the error. The  
26 candidate in question was indeed was examined in Bible content and PCA History.  
27 Furthermore, Presbytery accepted the candidate's seminary education in lieu of exams  
28 in Greek/Hebrew. Presbytery has corrected the record by a motion to Amend  
29 Something Previously Adopted and has made a marginal notation in those minutes  
30 pointing to this response. Presbytery will be more diligent to handle this issue correctly  
31 in the future.

32 **2023-4: Apr 18, 2022 (BCO 21-4)** — Incomplete record of ordination exam. [Greek/  
33 Hebrew, Bible Content, PCA History for candidate Choe]

34 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception and regrets the error. The  
35 candidate was indeed examined in PCA History, and Presbytery accepted the  
36 candidate's seminary education in lieu of exams in Greek/Hebrew. Presbytery has  
37 corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and has  
38 made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this response. Presbytery will  
39 be more diligent to handle this issue correctly in the future.

40 **2023-5: Apr 18, 2022 (BCO 12-5b)** — The church Session has power to examine,  
41 ordain, and install ruling elders.

42 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception and regrets the error. Presbytery  
43 made a decision to accept the consigned exam according to the request from the church  
44 session. The presbytery only supports the church session by having consigned

1 examination. The church session ordains and installs the ruling elders. Presbytery will  
2 be more diligent to indicate that this is the consigned examination for the future

3 **2023-6: Apr 18, 2022 (BCO 20-1)** — No record of call to a definite work for two  
4 ordination candidates and one transfer candidate.

5 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception and regrets the error. These  
6 candidates were called to definite work as assistant pastor at [church name omitted]  
7 [name omitted), assistant pastor at [church name omitted [name omitted] , and pastor  
8 at [church name omitted [name omitted. Presbytery has corrected the record by a  
9 motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and has made a marginal notation in  
10 those minutes pointing to this response. Presbytery will be more diligent to handle this  
11 issue correctly in the future.

12 **2023-7: Apr 18, 2022 (BCO 19-2; RAO 16-3.e.5)** — All specific requirements of  
13 licensure exam not recorded.

14 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. The  
15 candidate was indeed examined in a. a statement of his Christian experience and  
16 inward call to preach the Gospel b. 1. basic knowledge of Biblical doctrine as outlined  
17 in the Confession of Faith and Larger and Shorter Catechisms of the Presbyterian  
18 Church in America. 2. practical knowledge of Bible content. 3. basic knowledge of the  
19 government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in The Book of Church  
20 Order. c. Be examined orally before Presbytery for his views in the areas outlined in  
21 part b above. d. a sermon from Luke 16:1-13. Presbytery has corrected the record by  
22 a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and has made a marginal notation  
23 in those minutes pointing to this response. Presbytery will be more diligent to handle  
24 this issue correctly in the future.

25 **2023-8: Apr 18, 2022 (BCO 24-1)** — No record of complete RE exam for three  
26 candidates.

27 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. The  
28 candidate was indeed examined in - Acquaintance with experiential religion, bible  
29 content, history of the PCA and principles and rules of the government and discipline  
30 of the church Presbytery has corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something  
31 Previously Adopted and has made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this  
32 response. Presbytery will be more diligent to handle this issue correctly in the future.

33 e. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
34 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

35 **2016-1: General (BCO 40-1)** — No record of review of session minutes.

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

39 **Rationale:** [2018]: Please supply a record of presbytery action reviewing 2014  
40 Session minutes.

41 **Response:** [2023] It has been too long to review of the 2014 Session minutes,  
42 while apologizing about this issue, the presbytery noted issue will record the review  
43 of the session minutes annually.

44 **Rationale:** [2023]: *RAO* 16-10.b.1 notes that when a Presbytery agrees with an  
45 exception of substance, it should also correct its actions (if possible) and correct its



1 record (if possible). Please review the 2014 session minutes, if possible. If this is no  
 2 longer possible, please include the response from the sessions in the Presbytery's  
 3 minutes.

4 **Response:** [2024]: Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error.  
 5 Presbytery has now finalized review of 2014 Session minutes. Presbytery will be more  
 6 diligent in the future to make sure that Session records are reviewed in a timely  
 7 manner.

8 **Rationale:** The minutes need to record the findings of the review of the 2014  
 9 minutes of each session. (*BCO* 40-3)

10 **2016-3: Apr 13, 2015** (*BCO* 21-4) — No record of candidate meeting all qualifications  
 11 for ordination.

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

15 **Response:** [2023]: It has been too long and I am not authorized to revise the  
 16 minutes (especially as a newly elected stated clerk); as far as I know, once approved  
 17 minutes cannot be revised. However, the presbytery addressed this issue and has been  
 18 recording of candidates meeting all qualifications for ordination.

19 **Rationale:** [2023]: *RAO* 16-10.b.1 notes that when a Presbytery agrees with an  
 20 exception of substance, it should also correct its record (if possible).

21 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. There was  
 22 no candidate to require statement of stated difference. Presbytery has corrected the  
 23 record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and has made a marginal  
 24 notation in those minutes pointing to this response. Presbytery will be more diligent to  
 25 handle this issue correctly in the future.

26 **Rationale:** The background and educational qualifications of the candidate needs  
 27 to be recorded if not already in the minutes (*BCO* 18-2,3,10; 21-4.a,b as applicable),  
 28 and the minutes must record a) if the man has any stated differences, b) his statement  
 29 of any differences, and c) how Presbytery judged those differences. If those statements  
 30 cannot be recreated Presbytery could require the man to provide the statements now.  
 31 (*BCO* 21-4.f,g)

32 **2016-5: Apr 13, 2015** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — No record of candidate's stated  
 33 differences, if any.

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

36 **Rationale:** [2018]: Please provide a record of the revised minutes and the record  
 37 of presbytery's revision including statement of differences in candidate's own words  
 38 and presbytery's categorization of the differences.

39 **Response:** [2023] It has been too long and I am not authorized to revise the  
 40 minutes (especially as a newly elected stated clerk); as far as I know, once approved  
 41 minutes cannot be revised. However, the presbytery addressed this issue and has been  
 42 recording the candidate's stated difference according to their own wording.

43 **Rationale:** [2023] *RAO* 16-10.b.1 notes that when a Presbytery agrees with an  
 44 exception of substance, it should also correct its record (if possible). [*RONR* (12th ed.)

1 48:15 also allows a deliberative body to correct its minutes through a motion to Amend  
2 Something Previously Adopted.]

3 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. There was  
4 no candidate to require statement of stated difference. Presbytery has corrected the  
5 record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and has made a marginal  
6 notation in those minutes pointing to this response. Presbytery will be more diligent to  
7 handle this issue correctly in the future.

8 **Rationale:** The minutes must record a) if the man has any stated differences, b)  
9 his statement of any differences, and c) how Presbytery judged those differences. If  
10 those statements cannot be recreated Presbytery could require the man to provide the  
11 statements now. (*BCO* 21-4.f,g)

12 **2018-2: Apr 24, 2017; Oct 9, 2017** (*BCO* 21-4) — No record of requiring statement  
13 of differences with our Standards.

14 **Response:** This issue has been noted and to be addressed from the fall presbytery  
15 of 2022.

16 **Rationale:** [2023] *RAO* 16-10.b.1 notes that when a Presbytery agrees with an  
17 exception of substance, it should also correct its record (if possible). [*RONR* (12th ed.)  
18 48:15 also allows a deliberative body to correct its minutes through a motion to Amend  
19 Something Previously Adopted.] Please correct the minutes from these meetings.

20 **Response:** [2024]: Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. All  
21 the candidates stated that there is no difference to our doctrinal standards. Presbytery  
22 has corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and  
23 has made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this response. Presbytery  
24 will be more diligent to handle this issue correctly in the future.

25 **Rationale:** The minutes must record a) if the man has any stated differences, b)  
26 his statement of any differences, and c) how Presbytery judged those differences. If  
27 those statements cannot be recreated Presbytery could require the man to provide the  
28 statements now. (*BCO* 21-4.f,g)

29 **2018-3: Apr 24, 2017** (*BCO* 20-1) — No record of call to a definite work.

30 **Response:** This issue has been noted will be addressed in the future minutes.

31 **Rationale:** [2023] *RAO* 16-10.b.1 notes that when a Presbytery agrees with an  
32 exception of substance, it should also correct its record (if possible). Please correct the  
33 minutes from this meeting.

34 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. Presbytery  
35 has corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and  
36 has made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this response. Presbytery  
37 will be more diligent to handle this issue correctly in the future.

38 **Rationale:** The nature of the man’s call and Presbytery’s action on that call must  
39 be recorded in the minutes. (*BCO* 8-6, 8-7, 21-1 as applicable)

40 **2018-6: Apr 24, 2017; Oct 9, 2017** (*BCO* 21-4) — No record of requiring statement  
41 of differences with our Standards.

42 **Response:** This issue has been noted and to be addressed from the fall presbytery  
43 of 2022.

1           **Rationale:** [2023]: *RAO* 16-10.b.1 notes that when a Presbytery agrees with an  
 2 exception of substance, it should also correct its record (if possible). Please correct the  
 3 minutes from these meetings.

4           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. All the  
 5 candidates stated that there is no difference to our doctrinal standards. Presbytery has  
 6 corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and has  
 7 made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this response. Presbytery will  
 8 be more diligent to handle this issue correctly in the future.

9           **Rationale:** The minutes must record a) if the man has any stated differences, b)  
 10 his statement of any differences, and c) how Presbytery judged those differences. If  
 11 those statements cannot be recreated Presbytery could require the man to provide the  
 12 statements now. (*BCO* 21-4.f,g)

13 **2019-1: Apr 09, 2018** (*BCO* 20-1) — No record of call to a definite work.

14           **Response:** This issue has been noted will be addressed in the future minutes

15           **Rationale:** [2023] *RAO* 16-10.b.1 notes that when a Presbytery agrees with an  
 16 exception of substance, it should also correct its record (if possible). Please correct the  
 17 minutes from this meeting.

18           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. Presbytery  
 19 has corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and  
 20 has made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this response. Presbytery  
 21 will be more diligent to handle this issue correctly in the future.

22           **Rationale:** The nature of the man’s call and Presbytery’s action on that call must  
 23 be recorded in the minutes. (*BCO* 8-6, 8-7, 21-1 as applicable)

24 **2023-9: Apr 18, 2022** (*BCO* 18-6) — Annual reports of candidates not included.

25           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. Presbytery  
 26 does not have candidates. Presbytery will be more diligent to specially indicate the  
 27 difference between candidates and interns in the future

28           **Response:** The response indicates that Presbytery examined ruling elder  
 29 candidates in areas that are not consistent with *BCO* 24-1. Presbytery must respond to  
 30 that error.

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 32 38. That the Minutes of **Korean Southeastern Presbytery:** 63-0-1

33     a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Feb 13, 2023.**

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

35     c. Be approved with exception of substance:

36           **2024-1: Apr 10-11, 2023; Jun 26, 2023; Oct 2-3, 2023** (*BCO* 12-3) — No record of  
 37 Session approval of interim moderator.

38           **2024-2: Oct 2-3, 2023** (*BCO* 8-6) — Evangelist title granted to TE in area with  
 39 sufficient REs.

40     d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

41           **2022-1: Oct 04, 2021** (*BCO* 38-3.a, b) — No record of whether departing TEs were  
 42 categorized according to *BCO* 38-3.a or b.

43           **Response:** KSEP apologizes for this error and agrees with CRPR. We have  
 44 amended our minutes to reflect that the withdrawing TEs were members in good  
 45 standing per *BCO* 38-3.a as follows: 3. Removal from Presbytery roll: The following

1 members of KSEP in good standing have requested to withdraw from the PCA to  
2 affiliate with other denominations: [names omitted]

3 **Rationale:** The issue in *BCO* 38-3 is not the standing of the TEs in the Presbytery  
4 but the nature of the denomination with which they are affiliating.

5 **Response:** Presbytery apologizes for the misunderstanding of the original  
6 exception. Some of the TEs withdrew from the PCA to join other NAPARC  
7 denominations while others withdrew from the PCA to join denominations that are  
8 deemed as not rightly maintaining the Word and Sacraments in their fundamental  
9 integrity. Unfortunately, due to the passage of a number of years KSEP does not have  
10 up-to-date contact information to follow through with the provisions of *BCO* 38-3.b.  
11 In addition, a number of these TEs who withdrew from the PCA transferred to  
12 denominations in Korea. Presbytery is fully aware of its error and will work to comply  
13 with *BCO* 38-3 when TEs request approval to transfer to another denomination.

14 **2023-1: Standing Rules (BCO 34-10)** — The process outlined in the Standing Rules  
15 is at variance with the process outlined in *BCO* 34-10.

16 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and has amended our Standing  
17 Rules to comply with *BCO* 34-10 as follows: For any Teaching Elder who shall  
18 habitually fail to be engaged in the regular discharge of his official functions,  
19 Presbytery shall follow the procedures of *BCO* 34-10.  
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21 39. That the Minutes of **Korean Southern Presbytery:** 61-0-0

- 22 a. Be approved without exception: **None**
- 23 b. Be approved with exception of form: **None**
- 24 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

25 **2024-1: Oct 17, 2022 (BCO 7-2)** — Church appoints women officers with no response  
26 from presbytery.

27 **2024-2: Oct 17, 2022 (BCO 13-4)** — No quorum competent to do business yet action  
28 is taken on business.

29 **2024-3: Apr 17, 2023 (BCO 10; BCO 5-2.c)** — Failure to provide 60 day notice to  
30 congregants.

31 **2024-4: Apr 17, 2023 (BCO 20-1)** — No record of the reason why presbytery  
32 considers an out-of-bounds work to be a valid Christian ministry

33 **2024-5: Apr 17, 2023 (BCO 13-10)** — No record of transfer or dismissal of members  
34 from dissolving church.

35 **2024-6: Apr 17, 2023 (BCO 23-1)** — No record that congregation concurred with  
36 dissolution of pastoral relation. Note if mission church, approval of temporary system  
37 of government would be required.

38 **2024-7: Apr 17, 2023 (BCO 23-1)** — No record of six month membership of  
39 candidate.

40 **2024-8: Apr 17, 2023** - No record of endorsement of candidates session.

41 **2024-9: Apr 17, 2023** - No record of the two questions being asked the candidate and  
42 affirmed.

43 **2024-10: Apr 17, 2023 (BCO 22-4)** — No record that session concurred with the  
44 dissolution of pastoral relation.

1           **2024-11: General 2023** (*BCO* 40-1) — No record of review of records of church  
 2 sessions

3           **2024-12: Apr 17, 2023** - No record of annual report(s) of TE(s) laboring out of bounds.

4           **2024-13: Apr 17, 2023** - No record that interim or provisional session member was  
 5 approved by congregation

6           **2024-14: Apr 17, 2023** - Actions referenced were approved at previous presbytery that  
 7 did not have a quorum.

8           **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

9           **2022-2: Apr 19, 2021** (*BCO* 34-10) — Presbytery adopted a rule that ministers without  
 10 call for three years are “automatically removed by the decision of the Presbytery,”  
 11 contravening the process required by *BCO* 34-10, including the requirements for a 2/3  
 12 vote, an inquiry into the cause of his dereliction, notification following the initial vote,  
 13 and a second vote at the subsequent stated meeting.

14           **Response:** We just put some limitations for the period of TE’s no call situations.  
 15 Surely, the decision of the Presbytery should follow the *BCO* 34-10. Clearly, we  
 16 referenced *BCO* 34-10 in the Article 2, Section 5 in Presbytery Standing Rules.

17           **Rationale:** While Presbytery’s diligence is commendable, the rule as presently  
 18 worded is in conflict with the required process of *BCO* 34-10 in that it contains the  
 19 phrase “shall be automatically removed.”

20           **Response:** Meeting Date: Apr 19, 2021 From now on, we will delete the Section  
 21 5 – 1 in Article 2, “A teaching elder who is without a call to a particular work shall be  
 22 listed on the roll of non- attending members for three years and shall be automatically  
 23 removed by the decision of the Presbytery from the membership roll if his status would  
 24 not be recovered to a regular member by the time of three years from the listing time.”

25           **2023-1: Standing Rules** (*BCO* 34-10) — The provision of Article 2 Section 7 appears  
 26 to have the effect of *BCO* 34-10, but without process. It automatically cancels the  
 27 membership of a supported TE laboring abroad who does not report for more than  
 28 three years.

29           **Response:** The phrase, “If he does not report more than 3 years, his membership  
 30 shall be canceled automatically.”in Article 2 Section 7, is changed to “He shall not  
 31 continue laboring at the same status for more than 3 years. When the Presbytery  
 32 cancels his membership, the cancellation shall be done according to *BCO* 34 - 10.”

33           **2023-2: Standing Rules** (*BCO* 24-1, Preliminary Principle 6) — The provision of  
 34 Article 13 Section 54 appears to conflict with *BCO* 24-1. It states, “The elected ruling  
 35 elder shall be guided by the Session to be examined by the Presbytery and be installed  
 36 within one year after passing the Presbytery’s examination.”

37           **Response:** From now on, the Section 54 in Article 13, “The elected ruling elder  
 38 shall be guided by the Session to be examined by the Presbytery and be installed within  
 39 one year after passing the Presbytery’s examination.” will be deleted.

40           **2023-3: Jul 06, 2020** (*BCO* 13-12; *RAO* 16-3.c.1) — Purpose of called meeting not  
 41 recorded verbatim in minutes.

42           **Response:** We attached to the minute the convocation notice of the called meeting  
 43 which states the purpose of the meeting. And for your reference, the revised minute is  
 44 attached to this response together with the original Korean convocation notice.

45           **2023-4: Oct 18-19, 2021** (*BCO* 13-4) — No record of quorum for meeting.

1           **Response:** Because the quorum was not met, no decisions or actions were made  
2           or taken at the gathering. Only some reports and suggestions were heard at that time.  
3           The concerned minute was approved at the immediate next Presbytery meeting in  
4           which the quorum was met.

5    **e. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
6    **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

7    **2021-1: Oct 21, 2019 (BCO 13-9, 24-1)** — Examination of RE is not under the  
8    purview of the presbytery’s jurisdiction, rather the local session.

9           **Response:** [2022]: Although the minute records the results of the RE tests in the  
10          “Report of Examination Committee” on page 10 at the item# 20, the test areas were  
11          not recorded. We are very sorry for not recording in detail. But in the future, we will  
12          pay more attention for this matter. The RE installation was not administered by the  
13          local session.

14          **Rationale:** [2022]: It is unclear how this is a response to the exception. Why was  
15          this RE reviewed by Presbytery and the installation not administered by the local  
16          Session? [p. 4, Credential Committee]

17          **Response:** [2023] At that time, the church was a mission church which had not her  
18          own Session to test a ruling elder. According to Article 13, Section 49 in Presbytery  
19          Standing Rules, “Examinations for a ruling elder shall be done by the church’s  
20          petition”, the church requested to do that work on behalf of her. So Presbytery  
21          answered to the request.

22          **Rationale:** *BCO* 5-3 provides several forms for temporary government for mission  
23          church and a mission church must have a temporary government, and that government  
24          must examine ruling elders.

25          **Response:** Meeting Date: Oct 21, 2019; When a mission church installs a RE, the  
26          procedure is to be done according to *BCO* 24-1. A RE in the Session of a particular  
27          church is to be dispatched to make a temporary Session of the mission church which  
28          can do all the RE installation processes.

29          **Rationale:** *BCO* 5-3 list the options for the temporary system of Government for  
30          a mission church. 1 RE does not make a session. This temporary government should  
31          be appointed by presbytery and remain in place until either presbytery changes  
32          members or church is particularized. *BCO* 5-3 provides several forms for temporary  
33          government for mission church and a mission church must have a temporary  
34          government, and that government must examine ruling elders.

35    **2021-2: Oct 19, 2020 (BCO 21-6)** — No congregation present at  
36    ordination/installation service of its pastor. No questions asked of the congregation.

37          **Response:** We ordained not a pastor but an assistant pastor of a local member  
38          church at the Presbytery Meeting not at the local church. There was no congregation  
39          to give questions. Later, the assistant pastor started to work at that church.

40          **Rationale:** There remains no evidence that congregation or Session was asked the  
41          questions of *BCO* 21-6.

42          **Response:** Meeting Date: Oct. 19, 2020; Next time, we will include the part of  
43          asking to and answering from the congregation even at the installation of an assistant  
44          pastor, too.

45          **Rationale:** No record that presbytery corrected these actions.

1 **2021-3: Oct 19, 2020** (*BCO* 13-6) — All specific requirements of transfer exams not  
2 recorded. Meeting Date: Oct. 19, 2020

3 **Response:** For the omission of recording the requirements of transfer exams of TE  
4 [name omitted] and TE [name omitted] at the time of their becoming Presbytery  
5 members, we will correct the points indicated.

6 **Rationale:** No record that presbytery corrected it records *RAO* 16-10.b.1.  
7 Presbytery has not listed the specific requirements and trials for ordination.

8 **2022-1: Oct 19, 2020; Apr 19, 2021** (*BCO* 13-9.b, 40-3) — Results of review of  
9 records of church Sessions not stated.

10 **Response:** Although we strongly recommend member churches to make their  
11 Session Minutes be checked by the Presbytery, the results are not good yet. Because  
12 some churches submit their Session minutes annually, every Presbytery minute can  
13 not contain the record of the review results. Anyway, we will continue encouraging  
14 the member churches regarding this matter.

15 **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to approve its review of 2020-21 Session records and  
16 report its actions to the Assembly.

17 **Response:** Meeting Dates: Oct 19, 2020; Apr 19, 202. For the churches which have  
18 a Session, their Session minutes for the years of 2020 and 2021 are to be checked  
19 during the Stated Presbytery Meeting period of October 16, 2023.

20 **Rationale:** No evidence provided that reviews ever took place.

21 **2023-5: Apr 18, 2022** (*BCO* 13-9.b; 40-1) — No record of review of records of church  
22 Sessions.

23 **Response:** For the churches which have a Session, their Session minutes are to be  
24 checked during the Stated Presbytery Meeting period of October 16, 2023. (This  
25 Presbytery has only one particular church, [church name omitted], which has a  
26 Session,)

27 **Rationale:** No evidence provided review ever took place. Missions Churches  
28 (temporary session, oversight session, oversight commission, and evangelists) are to  
29 maintain and provide its records to presbytery. Rolls do not indicate which churches  
30 are mission or particular however all must be reviewed.

31  
32 40. That the Minutes of **Korean Southwest** Presbytery: 66-0-0

33 **a. should not be approved.**

34 **b. That all responses to the 51st General Assembly be found unsatisfactory.**

35 **c.** That the 51st General Assembly empower the Moderator to appoint a commission of  
36 three (3) teaching elders and three (3) ruling elders:

37 **1.** To review all outstanding exceptions of substance to Korean Southwest  
38 Presbytery's minutes, and to determine which exceptions Presbytery shall be  
39 required to respond to, being serious irregularities that require review and  
40 correction.

41 **2.** To review the 2023 minutes of Korean Southwest Presbytery, determining which  
42 serious irregularities shall require review and correction.

43 **3.** To report their findings to Korean Southwest Presbytery 30 days prior to  
44 Presbytery's autumn stated meeting.

- 1           4. To report their findings to the 52nd General Assembly through the Committee on  
2           Review of Presbytery Records.
- 3       **d.** That the officers of the Committee on Review of Presbytery Records, in consultation  
4           with the Stated Clerk, appoint two representatives, one of whom shall have fluency in  
5           Korean and English (both written and spoken), to:
- 6           **1.** Consult with the Stated Clerk of Korean Southwest Presbytery prior to their  
7           autumn 2024 and spring 2025 stated meetings on how best to observe the  
8           Constitution.
- 9           **2.** Attend the autumn 2024 and spring 2025 stated meetings to advise the Stated Clerk  
10          and Presbytery as a whole on how best to observe the Constitution.
- 11          **3.** Advise the Stated Clerk and Presbytery as a whole on how best to respond to the  
12          outstanding exceptions to Presbytery's minutes requiring response.
- 13          **4.** Advise the Stated Clerk on how to keep a full and accurate record of Presbytery's  
14          proceedings (*BCO* 13-11, *RAO* 16-3).
- 15          **5.** Report to the Committee on Review of Presbytery Records at its 2025 meeting  
16          (date to be determined by the Administrative Committee) with a report on Korean  
17          Southwest Presbytery's progress and recommendation on whether their work needs  
18          to continue for another year.
- 19       **e.** That Korean Southwest Presbytery be cited to appear by representative before the  
20          Committee on Review of Presbytery Records at its 2025 meeting (date to be  
21          determined by the Administrative Committee) with responses to the 51st General  
22          Assembly and improved responses to previous General Assemblies.
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- 24   41. That the Minutes of **Korean Southwest Orange County** Presbytery:                                *61-0-0*
- 25       **a.** Be approved without exception: **None**
- 26       **b.** Be approved with exception of form: **None**
- 27       **c.** Be approved with exception of substance:
- 28           **2024-1: General 2023** (*BCO* 8-10) — A member of the court in good standing cannot  
29           be prevented from serving on a presbytery committee.
- 30           **2024-2: Mar 14, 2023** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — Minutes of commission not  
31           entered in Presbytery minutes, and these must be presented for review next year.
- 32           **2024-3: Mar 14, 2023** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record that Congregation or Session  
33           concurred with the dissolution of pastoral relations.
- 34           **2024-4: Mar 14, 2023** (*BCO* 38-3) — No record that Presbytery made determinations  
35           required by *BCO* 38-3.
- 36           **2024-5: Mar 14, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Stated differences not recorded  
37           in the candidate's own words.
- 38           **2024-6: Mar 14, 2023** (*BCO* 15-1) — Minutes of commission not entered in  
39           Presbytery minutes, and these must be presented for review next year.
- 40           **2024-7: General 2023** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Stated differences not judged  
41           with the prescribed categories.
- 42           **2024-8: Sep 12, 2023** (SR Article 13.1) — Presbytery allowed officers to appoint  
43           members of a commission.
- 44           **2024-9: General 2023** (*BCO* 8-7) — No record of annual reports of TEs laboring out  
45           of bounds.



1           **2024-10: Mar 14, 2023 (BCO 8-7)** — No record that the Presbytery is assured that an  
2 out-of-bounds TE will have full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our  
3 Church.

4           **2024-11: Mar 14, 2023 (BCO 18-2)** — No record of endorsement by candidate’s  
5 Session.

6 **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
7 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

8           **2021-1: Mar 10, 2020 (BCO 13-11)** — Complaint sent to Presbytery not recorded in  
9 minutes. (“full and accurate record” *RAO* 16.3.e.6).

10           **Response:** This complaint was deemed to be a private matter and it was not dealt  
11 with in the presbytery other than noting the complaint. Due to the sensitive nature of  
12 this private matter, it would be difficult to redress this issue and include the specifics  
13 in the minutes.

14           **Rationale:** The complaint and the response of the Presbytery must be included in  
15 the record of the Presbytery (*BCO* 43-3, 6) and submitted for review (*BCO* 40-1).

16           **Response:** We appreciate your diligence in addressing the matter raised in your  
17 Exception to our Minutes dated March 10, 2020, concerning the complaint sent to the  
18 Presbytery not being recorded. We acknowledge your assertion that both the complaint  
19 and the Presbytery's response should be documented in accordance with the *Book of*  
20 *Church Order (BCO)* regulations. However, we maintain that in exceptional cases  
21 involving confidential or private matters, discretion must be exercised to uphold the  
22 integrity of the process and protect the individuals involved (especially because there  
23 is no explicit requirement to print the Complaint in the Minutes in *BCO* 43). Due to  
24 the sensitive matter of the complaint, it was assigned to a Commission, which  
25 adjudicated it until it reached the final resolution which was recommended to depose  
26 the former teaching elder. At the Presbytery meeting of Sept 15, 2020, the resolution  
27 was presented in front of the presbytery to receive the Complaint and full report of the  
28 commission and accept the committee’s recommendations.

29           **Rationale:** The complaint and the response of the Presbytery must be included in  
30 the record of the Presbytery (*BCO* 43-3, 6) and submitted for review (*BCO* 40-1) and  
31 include the minutes of the commission (*BCO* 15-3). If the complaint was dealt with in  
32 executive session by Presbytery, it may be submitted under *RAO* 16-3.e.7 so that RPR  
33 will treat it confidentially. Otherwise, the complaint must be submitted through normal  
34 channels.

35 **e. That responses shall be submitted to the following GA as no responses were**  
36 **received in 2024:**

37           **2023-1: General 2022 (BCO 13-2)** — No evidence of annual reports from many of  
38 the TEs who are without call.

39           **2023-2: Mar 15, 2022 (BCO 8-7; 13-5; 20-1)** — A TE has begun to minister out of  
40 bounds. No record that Presbytery followed the appropriate *BCO* provisions to  
41 approve that.

42           **2023-3: Mar 15, 2022 (BCO 15-1; 13-8)** — A commission must be appointed by  
43 Presbytery, not a committee.

44           **2023-4: Mar 15, 2022 (BCO 13-6; 21-4)** — No evidence that men transferring in from  
45 other denominations met the educational, original language, or paper requirements.

- 1           **2023-5: Mar 15, 2022; Sep 13, 2022** (*BCO* 18-2, 3) — No record of endorsement by  
2 candidates' Sessions, six-months membership for candidates, nor of charge given to  
3 candidates.
- 4           **2023-6: Mar 15, 2022; Sep 13, 2022** (*BCO* 46-6) — TEs are received from other PCA  
5 presbyteries but no evidence of action of other Presbyteries.
- 6           **2023-7: Mar 15, 2022** (*BCO* 19-7, 8, 9, 10) — Presbytery uses candidacy examination  
7 procedures for internship, so various steps are missing, including determination of the  
8 nature of the internship.
- 9           **2023-8: Mar. 15, 2022** (*BCO* 20-1; 8-7; 13-5) — No record of calls to a definite work.
- 10          **2023-9: Mar. 15, 2022** (*BCO* 19-2.d, e, f) — No sermon and no statement of  
11 differences with the Standards for one being licensed.
- 12          **2023-10: Mar. 15, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4) — No evidence of educational requirements,  
13 required papers, or sermon for one being ordained; and no evidence the man was asked  
14 to state differences with the Standards.
- 15          **2023-11: Mar. 15, 2022** (*BCO* 5-9) — Presbytery particularizes mission works with  
16 no evidence that all required procedures were followed – specifically no evidence of  
17 congregational meeting or petition.
- 18          **2023-12: Mar. 15, 2022; Sept. 13, 2022** (*BCO* 8-7; 21-2; 23-1) — TEs are reported  
19 as resigning from or having left current calls from churches of Presbytery and/or are  
20 recorded as taking new calls, but no evidence that Presbytery dissolved pastoral  
21 relations, nor acted on the new calls, nor is there evidence that 8-7 and 21-1 were  
22 followed for out of bounds calls.
- 23          **2023-13: Mar. 15, 2022** (*BCO* 46-6) — The minutes record that a man has transferred  
24 to another Presbytery. No record that congregation concurred with dissolution of  
25 pastoral relations, that Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relation, nor that Presbytery  
26 voted to release the TE to a different Presbytery.
- 27          **2023-14: Sept. 13, 2022** (*BCO* 15-1) — Minutes show that commissions met and who  
28 was present, but there are no reports showing what the commissions did.
- 29          **2023-15: Sept. 13, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Stated difference not recorded  
30 in the candidate's own words.
- 31          **2023-16: Sept. 13, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Stated differences not judged  
32 with the prescribed categories.
- 33          **2023-17: Sept. 13, 2022** (*BCO* 20-1) — No record of call to a definite work.
- 34          **2023-18: Sept. 13, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of  
35 ordination exam. Men are approved for ordination but no evidence of education  
36 requirements, required papers, or original languages.
- 37          **2023-19: Sept 13, 2022** (*BCO* 13-6) — No record of written credentials of dismissing  
38 Presbytery (not specified) for TE transfer.
- 39          **2023-20: Sept. 13, 2022** (*BCO* 19-2; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — All specific requirements of  
40 three licensure exams not recorded. Further, those seeking licensure are not required  
41 to be examined in sacraments and church history.
- 42          **2023-21: Sept. 13, 2022** (*BCO* 38-3) — Presbytery does not follow *BCO* 38-3 for men  
43 who have joined other denominations.
- 44          **2023-22: Sept. 12, 2022** (*BCO* 46-6) — The minutes record that 2 TEs have been  
45 removed from the roll because they joined another PCA Presbytery. No record that

1 congregations concurred with dissolution of pastoral relations, that Presbytery  
 2 dissolved the pastoral relations, nor that Presbytery voted to release the TEs to the  
 3 different Presbyteries.

4 **2023-23: Sept. 13, 2022** (PP 6; *BCO* 3-1; 16-2) — Presbytery appoints an interim  
 5 pastor with no evidence of congregational request or concurrence.  
 6

7 42. That the Minutes of **Lowcountry** Presbytery: *60-0-0*

8 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 28, 2023; Nov 02, 2023**

9 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Apr 25, 2023; Jul 22, 2023**

10 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

11 **2024-1: General 2023** (*BCO* 20-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.6) — Specific arrangements of call  
 12 not shown to be approved.

13 **2024-2: General 2023** (*BCO* 19-2.f) — No record that licentiate was asked about  
 14 differences to standards.

15 **2024-3: General 2023** (*RAO* 16-4.c.3; *RAO* 16-10.a) — No response to the Assembly  
 16 concerning disposition of exceptions of substance.

17 **2024-4: General 2023** (*RAO* 16-10.a) — No record in minutes of responses to  
 18 exceptions taken by GA.

19 d. **That responses shall be submitted to the following GA as no responses were**  
 20 **received in 2024:**

21 **2023-1: General 2022** (*RAO* 16-10.a) — No record in minutes of exceptions taken by  
 22 GA.

23 **2023-2: Feb 5, 2022; Jul 23, 2022** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record that Congregation  
 24 /Session concurred with dissolution of pastoral relations.

25 **2023-3: Jul 23, 2022; Nov 3, 2022** (*BCO* 22-2, 3) — No record of calls from the  
 26 session/Congregation for Pastoral relations.  
 27

28 43. That the Minutes of **Metro Atlanta** Presbytery: *61-1-1*

29 a. Be approved without exception: **None**

30 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Directory; May 02, 2023**

31 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

32 **2024-1 General 2023** (*BCO* 13-9.b; *BCO* 40-1) — No record of review of records of  
 33 church Sessions.

34 **2024-2: Oct 03, 2023** (*BCO* 21-9; *BCO* 15-2) — No provision made for installation  
 35 of candidate.

36 **2024-3: Oct 03, 2023** (*BCO* 22-2) — No record that congregation elected existing  
 37 assistant pastor as an associate pastor on recommendation of the session.

38 **2024-4: Oct 03, 2023** (*BCO* 22-5) — No record that session requested stated supply.

39 **2024-5: Oct 03, 2023** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record that the Congregation(/Session)  
 40 concurred with dissolution of pastoral relations.

41 **2024-6: Oct 03, 2023** (*BCO* 22-6; *BCO* 19-1) — Stated supply approved without  
 42 licensure.

43 **2024-7: Jan 24, 2023** (*BCO* 22-6; *BCO* 19-1) — Stated supply approved without  
 44 licensure.

1           **2024-8: Oct 03, 2023** (*BCO* 38-1) — Censure of indefinite suspension from office  
2 administered without full record of case without process.

3           **2024-9: Oct 03, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4.g) — Presbytery granted a doctrinal exception that  
4 appears to be out of accord with the fundamentals of our doctrinal standards. It is not  
5 clear from the difference as stated if the candidate believes there are any forms of  
6 recreation that are proscribed by the commandment.

7           **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

8           **2021-1: Jan 28, 2020** (*BCO* 13-6) — Incomplete record of transfer exam for minister  
9 from another denomination (see also *BCO* 21-4).

10           **Response:** [2022]: It is unclear what RPR is taking an exception to here.  
11 “Incomplete record of transfer exam for minister from another denomination.” We are  
12 attaching the full transcript below from the January 28th meeting: Transfer into MAP  
13 - [name omitted] – [church name omitted] TE [name omitted]: from The Presbytery of  
14 the East of the EPC to [church name omitted] MSP to accept Mr. [name omitted] as a  
15 transfer from The Presbytery of the East of the EPC upon confirmation of his release  
16 from said Presbytery. TE [name omitted] was examined by the Committee on his  
17 Christian experience and his views on theology, the Sacraments and church  
18 government and was recommended by them to the court. Presbytery had the  
19 opportunity to examine him in all the areas according to *BCO* 13-6. TE [name omitted]  
20 expressed differences with the *WCF* (documented in Appendix D) were judged by the  
21 Court as more than semantic but not out of accord. MSP MSP to find Mr. [name  
22 omitted]’s call to be in order. The call was placed in Mr. [name omitted]’s hands and  
23 was accepted and received by him. (Copy of call in Appendix E) MSP to find Mr.  
24 [name omitted]’s transfer and request to be in order. Mr. [name omitted] signed the  
25 Metro Atlanta Presbytery Book of ministerial obligation. MSP to approve a  
26 commission to install Mr. [name omitted] on April 19, 2020, at [church name omitted].  
27 The commission is to consist of: [TABLE OMMITTED]. Perhaps RPR is alluding to  
28 *BCO* 21-4 “If applicants come from other denominations, the Presbytery shall examine  
29 them thoroughly in knowledge and views as required by *BCO* 21-4 and require them  
30 to answer in the affirmative the questions put to candidates at their ordination.  
31 Ordained ministers from other denominations being considered by Presbyteries for  
32 reception may come under the extraordinary provisions set forth in *BCO* 21-4.  
33 Presbyteries shall also require ordained ministers coming from other denominations to  
34 state the specific instances in which they may differ with the Confession of Faith and  
35 Catechisms in any of their statements and/or propositions, which differences the court  
36 shall judge in accordance with *BCO* 21-4 (see *BCO* 21- 4.)” MAP believes that  
37 requirement was met with the Credentials Committee, his time on the floor and his  
38 installation. Please clarify.

39           **Rationale:** [2022]: Minutes do not indicate the transfer candidate was examined  
40 in both knowledge and views, as well as the areas of Greek and Hebrew languages,  
41 church history, and the history of the PCA, as required by *BCO* 21-4.

42           **Response:** [2023] Candidate was examined in knowledge and views by the  
43 Credential Committee and on the floor and MAP failed to record.

1           **Rationale:** [2023]: Minutes do not indicate that all areas of examination noted in  
 2 the 2022 response rationale were completed. Presbytery response should indicate that  
 3 these corrections have been taken and properly recorded in their minutes.

4           **Response:** [2024] The incomplete record of a transfer exam for a minister from  
 5 another denominatio has been corrected and recorded in the October 2, 2023 minutes  
 6 to reflect that Presbytery had completed all of the *BCO* requirements per *BCO* 13-6  
 7 and 21-4. The record now reflects:

8           The Court examined Mr. [Name Omitted] in all the areas according to *BCO* 13-6  
 9 and 21-4.

10           *his acquaintance with experiential religion, especially his personal character and*  
 11 *family management (based on the qualifications set out in 1 Timothy 3:1-7, and Titus*  
 12 *1:6-9),*

13           *his inner sense of God’s calling on his life to ministry,*

14           *Bible content,*

15           *theology,*

16           *the Sacraments,*

17           *church history and the history of the Presbyterian Church in America,*

18           *the principles and rules of the government and discipline of the church*

19           *approval of a theological thesis and an exegetical study that included the use of*  
 20 *original languages*

21           *the examining committee heard a preached sermon and approved it unanimously*

22           *and, the Court accepted Mr. [Name Omitted]’s seminary degree in lieu of an oral*  
 23 *exam in the original languages.*

24           **2023-1: Jan 25, 2022 (RAO 16-3.e.5)** — Presbytery minutes misstate licentiate’s  
 25 stated difference.

26           **Response:** the misstatement of the licentiate’s differences was a clerical error. The  
 27 error and correction were documented in the October 3, 2023 minutes. Mr. [name  
 28 omitted]’s expressed differences with the *WCF* were judged by the Court as more than  
 29 semantic but not out of accord. MSP to accept his stated differences.

30           **2023-2: Jan 25, 2022 (RAO 16-3.e.5)** — Stated differences not recorded in  
 31 minister’s/candidate’s own words.

32           **Response:** Mr. [name omitted] had no differences with the *WCF*. The correction  
 33 to the Jan 25, 2022, minutes are now recorded in the October 2, 2023 minutes.

34           **2023-4: May 3, 2022; Sep 20, 2022 (BCO 8-7)** — No record that TE laboring out of  
 35 bounds will be allowed full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of the church.

36           **Response:** The records of TEs called and approved to labor out of bounds at the  
 37 May 3, 2022, and Sept. 20, 2022 minutes were corrected and recorded with the  
 38 following in the October 2, 2023 minutes: 1) Mr. [name omitted] confirms that he has  
 39 full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our Church and that he will report  
 40 to Presbytery annually on his work; 2) Mr. [name omitted] confirms that he has full  
 41 freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our Church and that he will report to  
 42 Presbytery annually on his work; 3) Mr. [name omitted] confirms that he has full  
 43 freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our Church and that he will report to  
 44 Presbytery annually on his work.

1 e. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
2 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

3 **2023-3: Jan 25, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Presbytery granted a doctrinal  
4 exception that needs further clarity for proper review. While exceptions on the  
5 application of the 4th Commandment are common (e.g. recreation clause), it is quite  
6 another thing to say that the Sabbath has been fulfilled and is to be celebrated everyday  
7 instead of weekly. This would seem to be out of accord with our system of doctrine in  
8 that it appears to radically redefine one of the Ten Commandments in a way that is  
9 contrary to our confessional standards and God’s creation ordinance.

10 **Response:** The transfer candidate was approached for clarity. He submitted the  
11 following clarification, and this was recorded in the Oct 2, 2023 minutes: “My position  
12 is that of John Calvin as he stated in (1) Institutes 2:8:30-34; (2) Geneva Catechism  
13 Questions 166-184; and (3) Calvin’s Commentary Colossians 2:16-17.”

14 **Rationale:** Candidates response is neither in his own words (*RAO* 16-3.e.5), and  
15 does not address the issue raised by the 50th Assembly. Candidates response must be  
16 in his own words, and must address the apparent abrogation of the 4th commandment  
17 implied by the Sabbath being fulfilled, and it being celebrated everyday instead of on  
18 the Lord’s Day.

19  
20 44. That the Minutes of **Metropolitan New York** Presbytery: 53-9-4

21 a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Jan 10, 2023; Mar 14, 2023; May**  
22 **09, 2023; Aug 08, 2023; Sep 19, 2023; Oct 16, 2023; Nov 14, 2023**

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

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

25 d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

26 **2022-1: Mar 09, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Stated differences not recorded  
27 in the minister’s own words.

28 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with GA and has corrected the record to clearly  
29 record the stated differences which were stated but recorded incorrectly. The minutes  
30 have been amended to reflect this.

31 a) The record of the March 9th, 2021, stated meeting recorded the candidates  
32 responses in the 3rd person.

33 b) M/S/C to amend the March 9, 2021, minutes with this response from the  
34 candidates: TE [name omitted] states that ‘I take an exception to recreation on  
35 the Sabbath.’ TE [name omitted] states that ‘I take an exception to recreation  
36 on the Sabbath.’ TE [name omitted] states that ‘I take an exception to *WCF*  
37 21:8 regarding recreation on the Sabbath.’ (Approved unanimously)

38 c) M/S/C to approve TE [name omitted] , TE [name omitted] and TE [name  
39 omitted] exceptions to the Westminster Standards as more than semantic, but  
40 not out of accord with any fundamentals of our system of doctrine (approved  
41 unanimously)

42 **Rationale:** The stated exceptions do not give any information as to the specific  
43 nature or the biblical rationale for the exceptions (*BCO* 21-4.e).

44 **Response:** TE [name omitted] stated difference

1 *I take exception to WCF 21.8 and the corresponding sections in the Catechisms: WLC*  
 2 *Q.117 and WSC Q.60, specifically the prohibitions of worldly recreations on the*  
 3 *sabbath. The 4th commandment is clear that the sabbath is a blessing for creation and*  
 4 *that, for mankind, one day out of seven is given by God to rest from labors and to*  
 5 *worship him. I do not see a prohibition of worldly recreations expressed in Scripture.*  
 6 *I believe it is in the scope of worship to enjoy God’s creation and the fruits of labor*  
 7 *(Genesis 2:2-3). We can enjoy appropriate recreation with celebration and reflection*  
 8 *of God as part of rest and worship and keeping the sabbath holy. (Nehemiah 8:9-10)*

9 **M/S/C** his exception(s) to the Westminster Standards as more than semantic, but not  
 10 out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine. (Approved  
 11 Unanimously)

12 **M/S/C** to amend the minutes of March 9th, 2021 to include the updated stated  
 13 differences of [name omitted] stated differences

14 *I take exception to the Westminster Confession 21.8 and the corresponding Larger*  
 15 *Catechism 117 and Shorter Catechism 60. The Confession states that, “This Sabbath*  
 16 *is then kept holy unto the Lord, when men, after a due preparing of their hearts, and*  
 17 *ordering of their common affairs beforehand, do not only observe a holy rest all the*  
 18 *day from their own works, words, and thoughts, about their worldly employments and*  
 19 *recreations.” I whole heartedly agree with this statement and that Scripture also talks*  
 20 *about the importance of keeping the Sabbath day holy and the importance of resting*  
 21 *as well (Gen. 2:2-3; Exod. 16:23-30; 20:8-11; 31:15; Deut. 5:12-15). However, I do*  
 22 *think that the language about recreation is a bit too restrictive and that recreation can*  
 23 *actually be a form of rest and delighting in God, that can produce robust fellowship,*  
 24 *and most importantly a celebration of who God is (Neh 8:9-10, 1 Chron 15:29).*

25 **M/S/C** his exception(s) to the Westminster Standards as more than semantic, but not  
 26 out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine. (Approved  
 27 Unanimously)

28 **M/S/C** to amend the minutes of March 9th, 2021 to include the updated stated  
 29 differences of [name omitted] to work within their bounds as stated supply (approved  
 30 Unanimously) (Appendix 11)

31 **2023-5: Jan 11, 2022 (BCO 18-2)** — No record of endorsement by candidate’s  
 32 Session.

33 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with GA that presbytery failed to note the candidate’s  
 34 endorsement by the session of [church name omitted]. The endorsement was received  
 35 by the Leadership Development Committee and came before the presbytery. The  
 36 record has been amended. **M/S/C** to amend the January 11th, 2022, minutes that  
 37 candidate [name omitted] received his session’s endorsement from [church name  
 38 omitted] to serve as a candidate of MNYP (approved unanimously)

39 **2023-6: Sep 20, 2022 (BCO 21-4.f)** — Presbytery granted a doctrinal exception that  
 40 needs further clarity for proper review (*WLC* #183).

41 **Response:** I take exception to the *WLC* Q 183 where it says ‘nor for those that are  
 42 known to have sinned the sin unto death’ I believe only God knows who these people  
 43 are and cannot understand how we would implement the Apostle John’s admonition  
 44 TODAY. **M/S/C** to amend the September 20th, 2022, minutes to include TE [name  
 45 omitted]’s updated stated differences with the WS. (approved unanimously) **M/S/C** to

1 approve his exception to the Westminster Standards as more than semantic, but not out  
2 of accord with any fundamentals of our system of doctrine (approved unanimously)  
3 **2023-7: Nov 08, 2022** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — Minutes of commission not  
4 entered in Presbytery minutes.

5 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and has corrected its minutes.  
6 M/S/C to amend the November 8th, 2022, minutes to include the minutes of the  
7 commission (approved unanimously) (Appendix 10)

- 8 **e. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
9 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

10 **2023-3: Sep 20, 2022** (*WCF* 21-5; *WLC* 158; *BCO* 4-4; 8-5; 40-5; 58-4) — Presbytery  
11 delinquent to redress a Session who admitted to unconstitutional proceedings of: (1)  
12 permitting a woman to expound the Scriptures during a worship service on the Lord’s  
13 Day; (2) holding many worship services without preaching; and (3) serving the Lord’s  
14 Supper at many services without a preceding sermon.

15 **Response:** The matters referenced in this exception were referred to the SJC by  
16 the 50th General Assembly per *BCO* 40-5.

17 **Rationale:** Rationale: This matter is connected to, and is answered in reference to,  
18 item (g), below.

- 19 **f. Find that the following response regarding the Standing Judicial Commission,**  
20 **Case No. 2023-13, be found unsatisfactory and inadequate:**

- 21 1. Trinity’s response to the questions proposed to them by MNYP from the report of  
22 the SJC.

23  
24 **Response to the Metropolitan New York Presbytery:**

25 The Session of Trinity Presbyterian Church finds that it erred in allowing a  
26 woman to deliver the message during the Sunday worship service on October  
27 31, 2021. because doing so is inconsistent with our constitutional standards  
28 (*BCO* 4-4; 8-5; *WCF* 21.5; *WLC* 156 and 158). The Session did not intend to  
29 act contrary to our constitution in this matter. When the Senior Pastor notified  
30 the Session that he intended to invite a woman as a guest to deliver a “message”  
31 on Reformation Sunday, he advised the Session of his understanding at that  
32 time that such an invitation would not conflict with the *BCO* because the *BCO*  
33 had been interpreted to mean that the regular preaching of the Word needed to  
34 be done by ordained ministers and did not prohibit non-ordained men and  
35 women from occasionally giving a “message” in PCA churches.

36 In response to the MNYP’s request that the Session examine its views  
37 regarding women preaching the Word of God in public worship services in  
38 light of the PCA Constitution, the Session has reviewed the Constitution as  
39 well as the MNYP’s position set forth in the minutes of its August 8, 2023,  
40 meeting. The Session (including its Senior Pastor) has concluded that the  
41 interpretation of the *BCO* formerly held and described by the Senior Pastor  
42 when the invitation was extended is incorrect and that the invitation should not  
43 have been extended.

44 In summary, the Session of Trinity Church (including the Senior Pastor)  
45 believed that it was within our constitutional bounds to have a woman deliver



1 an occasional message in the place of a sermon by an ordained minister. Our  
2 views on this matter have changed, and we believe our earlier view was  
3 incorrect. We now consider having a woman deliver a message to be contrary  
4 to our constitutional standards. The Session and the Senior Pastor assure the  
5 Presbytery that they will not commit this error again.

6 Accordingly, the Session hereby takes the following actions:

- 7 1. Agrees with and adopts the MNYP’s position set forth in the minutes  
8 of its August 8, 2023, meeting as its own. Specifically, it is the position  
9 of Trinity Presbyterian Church that:
  - 10 a. An “exposition of the Word” by a woman shall not take the place  
11 of the ordinary sermon in public worship services.
  - 12 b. Only qualified men should preach to God’s people during public  
13 worship services. We do not believe that the principle that “a  
14 woman can do whatever an non-ordained man can do” is to be  
15 applied to the preaching in public worship services (*BCO* 4-4, 8-5;  
16 *WCF* 21.5; *WLC* 156, 158).
  - 17 c. It is permissible for non-ordained and unlicensed men to  
18 occasionally preach (*BCO* 19-1), but not for a woman to do so.
- 19 2. Directs that this response to the MNYP be communicated to the  
20 membership of the church no later than May 31, 2024, most likely at  
21 its April 21 congregational meeting.

22 Finally, the Session expresses its remorse for its error and for the trouble that  
23 it has brought to the MNYP and the PCA, and it humbly requests their  
24 forgiveness.

25 Adopted by the Session

26 February 13, 2024

27  
28 **Presbytery’s approval of Trinity’s response**

29 **M/S/C** MNYP presbytery approve and receive Trinity Presbyterian’s response  
30 to the questions.

31  
32 **M/S/C** that these minutes be forwarded to RPR as MNYP response to the SJC  
33 ruling.

34  
35 **Presbytery’s Further Action at its May 14, 2024 Stated Meeting**

36 **M/S/C** that Presbytery completes its work of dealing with TE [name omitted]  
37 and the Session of [church name omitted] with the confirmation that their  
38 response to the Metropolitan New York Presbytery was communicated to their  
39 church at their April 21st congregational meeting, and that we report the results  
40 to the Committee on Review of Presbytery Records for the 51st General  
41 Assembly.

42  
43 **Rationale:** The SJC opinion entered the following decision with respect to this  
44 citation:

1 The SJC remits this matter to Metropolitan New York Presbytery with the  
2 injunction that they take up and dispose of the matter in a constitutional  
3 manner. (OMSJC 15-6.c) Metropolitan New York Presbytery has addressed  
4 this matter as indicated in Minutes of August 8, 2023 and September 19, 2023.  
5 The Presbytery shall complete its work of dealing with TE [name omitted] and  
6 the Session of [church name omitted], and report the results of that work to the  
7 Committee on Review of Presbytery Records for the 51st GA.

8 Metro New York has not disposed of the matter in a constitutional matter.  
9 The report made it clear that TE [name omitted] was formerly of the view that  
10 it was acceptable for a woman to preach a Sunday morning sermon in a PCA  
11 church.

12 This response is an admission of serious theological error. It admits not  
13 only a violation of the PCA’s constitution, but of clear Scripture (e.g. 1 Tim.  
14 2:12). Not only did TE [name omitted] hold and practice a grossly erroneous  
15 view, he taught the Session, and at least by implication, the congregation, of  
16 [church name omitted], according to his erroneous view.

17 Having received this confession, which unquestionably raised a strong  
18 presumption of guilt, the Presbytery had a duty to institute process against TE  
19 [name omitted] (*BCO* 31-2), which it failed to do. Given that TE [name  
20 omitted] has confessed his error, the Presbytery, after having instituted process,  
21 “may deal with him according to its discretion.” This requires an evaluation of  
22 the considerations set forth in *BCO* 34-5, 34-6, and 34-7. Presbytery might also  
23 have conceivably dealt with TE [name omitted] via a case without process  
24 pursuant to *BCO* 38-1. However, there is a substantial open question  
25 concerning TE [name omitted]’s view of scripture that has not been addressed.  
26 There is a significant question regarding the credibility of TE [name omitted]’s  
27 statement given the clear language of Scripture.

28 **2. Therefore, that the 51st General Assembly:**

- 29 a. Find that the Presbytery’s response to SJC Case No. 2023-13 indicates the  
30 Presbytery’s persistence in an error pursuant to *RAO* 16-10.c.;
- 31 b. Cite the Metropolitan New York Presbytery to appear, per *RAO* 16-10.c. and  
32 *BCO* 40-5, before the PCA’s Standing Judicial Commission pursuant to the  
33 Operating Manual for the SJC, particularly chapter 15, at a time and date  
34 appointed by the SJC; and
- 35 c. Direct the CRPR Officers to appoint one or more representatives of the GA  
36 and Report (*OMSJC* 15.2) to present this case to the SJC.

37  
38 All members of the Standing Judicial Commission who are serving on CRPR abstained from  
39 discussion and all votes with regard to Metropolitan New York.

40  
41 45. That the Minutes of the **Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley:** *61-0-0*

- 42 a. Be approved without exception: **Mar 20, 2023; May 02, 2023; Nov 07, 2023**
- 43 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Feb 07, 2023**
- 44 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

- 1           **2024-1: General 2023** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of 6-month church membership or 1  
 2 month prior filing of application for men coming under care.
- 3           **2024-2: General 2023** (*BCO* 8-7; *BCO* 13-2) — No record of annual reports for the  
 4 majority of men serving out of bounds or without call.
- 5           **2024-3: Aug 01, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4.e) — No record that Presbytery followed *BCO* 21-  
 6 4.e (as amended at the 50th GA) in conducting an ordination examination.
- 7           **2024-4: Aug 01, 2023** (*RONR* 9:34) — Committee empowered to act as a commission  
 8 makes decisions via e-mail which does not constitute a deliberative assembly.
- 9       **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**
- 10       **2023-1: Feb 2, 2021; May 4, 2021** (*RONR* 9:34) — A commission conducted business  
 11 by email, which does not constitute a deliberative assembly.
- 12           **Response:** The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley expresses our thanks to RPR  
 13 for their careful work and for correcting us in regard to the proper practice of  
 14 commissions appointed to do the work of presbytery. We regret our error and reminded  
 15 commissions and committees that are tasked with commission responsibilities that  
 16 they are to be sure that such work is done in a deliberative assembly per *RONR* 9:34.  
 17 Again, thank you. Presbytery should ratify actions taken outside the deliberative  
 18 assembly. Once again PMV thanks the CRPR committee for their work and diligence.  
 19 We have ratified all previous records that were approved outside of a deliberative  
 20 assembly, (Nov 7 minutes). As previously stated, we have changed our practice of  
 21 approving minutes.
- 22           **Rationale:** Presbytery should ratify actions taken outside the deliberative  
 23 assembly.
- 24           **Response:** Once again PMV thanks the CRPR committee for their work and  
 25 diligence. We have ratified all previous records that were approved outside of a  
 26 deliberative assembly, (Nov 7 minutes). As previously stated, we have changed our  
 27 practice of approving minutes.
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- 29       46. That the Minutes of **Missouri** Presbytery: *60-0-1*
- 30       **a.** Be approved without exception: **Feb 11, 2023; Jul 15, 2023; Oct 17, 2023**
- 31       **b.** Be approved with exception of form: **None**
- 32       **c.** Be approved with exception of substance:
- 33           **2024-1: General 2023** (*BCO* 19-12) — Annual report of interns not included.
- 34           **2024-3: Jan 17, 2023** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record that Congregation concurred with  
 35 dissolution of pastoral relations.
- 36           **2024-4: Jan 17, 2023** (*BCO* 19-16) — 3/4 vote for waiving internship requirements  
 37 not recorded.
- 38           **2024-5: General 2023** (*BCO* 13.9.b; 40-1) — Incomplete record of review of records  
 39 of church sessions.
- 40           **2024-6: General 2023** (*BCO* 46-6; 13-7) — No record reflecting when a man who  
 41 was transferred to another presbytery was received by that presbytery.
- 42           **2024-7: General 2023** (*BCO* 8-7) — No record of annual report of TEs laboring out  
 43 of bounds.
- 44           **2024-8: Directory** (*RAO* 16-4.c.1) — No record of change of status from licensed to  
 45 senior pastor.

1       **2024-9: Oct 07, 2023** (BCO 20-3; 20-6; 22-2) — No record of vote from congregation  
2 calling pastor or record of 4/5 majority required

3       **2024-10: General 2023** (BCO 46-6) — No recording regarding the reception of a  
4 certificate of dismissal from transferring presbytery.

5       **2024-11: Apr 18, 2023** (BCO 13-11; PP II.8; BCO 40) — Allegations against a  
6 pastor(s) and session received by presbytery not recorded in the presbytery minutes.

7       **2024-12: Jan 17, 2023** (BCO 21-4.c.4; BCO 13-6) — 3/4 vote for extraordinary clause  
8 not recorded.

9       **2024-13: General 2023** (BCO 8-7) — No record that presbytery is assured that out of  
10 bounds TE has full freedom to maintain/teach doctrine of PCA.

11       **2024-14: Jan 17, 2023** (BCO 46-6) — No record that TE released from call and  
12 transferring to a different denomination was removed from the rolls.

13       **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

14       **2023-1: Oct 22, 2022** (BCO 23-2; 13-1) — A minister who is honorably retired was  
15 released to the care of a church session.

16               **Response:** The following resolution was adopted by Missouri Presbytery at its  
17 October 17, 2023 stated meeting. 2310-06 MSP to amend Resolution 2210-22 to read  
18 “2210-22 MSP to change the call of TE [name omitted] from Professor, Covenant  
19 Seminary, to Honorably Retired.” [MOP 2023 Minutes, page 2393.

21       47. That the Minutes of **Nashville** Presbytery: *62-0-1*

22       a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023; May 12, 2023; Jul 06, 2023; Sep 26,**  
23 **2023; Nov 14, 2023**

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

25       c. Be approved with exception of substance:

26       **2024-1: Aug 08, 2023** (BCO 38-2) — Presbytery approved a 38-2 request without a  
27 record of a “full deliberation” and not the “next stated meeting” from when the request  
28 was submitted. It also appears that Presbytery dissolved a call that had been previously  
29 dissolved (per the request letter).

30       **2024-2: Nov 12, 2023** (BCO 14-9.b; BCO 40-1) — No record of Presbytery action on  
31 review of Session records.

32       **2024-3: Feb 14, 2023** (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of ordination  
33 exam.

34       **2024-3: Aug 08, 2023** (BCO 23-1) — No record that Congregation(/Session)  
35 concurred with dissolution of pastoral relation.

36       **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

37       **2022-1: Feb 8, 2021; Aug 10, 2021** (BCO 18-7) — No reasons given for removing  
38 candidates from rolls.

39               **Response:** We agree with the exception. In each case our committee recommended  
40 removal for valid reasons, but this fact is not recorded in our minutes. We have since  
41 modified our practice to comply with the requirement.

42               **Rationale:** Presbytery has not yet recorded the reasons for the removal of these  
43 candidates from its rolls (BCO 18-7).

1           **Response:** In every case, the candidate was removed from the roll of candidates  
2 at his own request. We have recorded the fact with the names of the men in the minutes  
3 of November 14, 2023 and added a notation to the 2021 minutes.

4           **2023-2: Feb 8, 2022; Apr 12, 2022; Jul 18, 2022 (BCO 19-16)** — 3/4 vote for waiving  
5 internship requirement not recorded.

6           **Response:** We agree with the exception. In each case the court took notice of the  
7 requirements of *BCO 19-16* and the required procedure was followed. The error is in  
8 the recording of the action. We have adjusted our recording to bring our minutes into  
9 compliance

10          **2023-3: May 3, 2022; Jul 18, 2022 (BCO 13-12)** — Notice for called meeting not in  
11 order; no record of 10-day notice.

12          **Response:** We agree with the exception. Notice for the May 3 called meeting was  
13 sent and received on April 22. Notice for the July 18 meeting was sent and received  
14 on July 8. We have since modified our practice to record the dates and the call for the  
15 meeting verbatim in the minutes for each called meeting.

16          **2023-4: Nov 08, 2022 (BCO 23-1)** — No record that Congregation/Session concurred  
17 with dissolution of pastoral relations.

18          **Response:** We agree with the exception. The August 28, 2022 minutes of the  
19 congregational meeting were made available to the presbytery and the church spoke  
20 through her commissioners at the meeting. Nevertheless, the action of the  
21 congregation to dissolve the call—though presented to the presbytery—is not recorded  
22 in our minutes. We have since modified our recording to reflect specific action taken  
23 by the session or congregation.

- 24 e. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
25 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

26          **2023-1: General 2022 (BCO 13-9.b; 40-1)** — No record of review of records of  
27 church sessions.

28          **Response:** We agree with the exception. We have since amended our standing  
29 rules to create a particular committee charged with annual review of all session  
30 minutes and have elected the members to serve on the committee. The committee as  
31 completed a thorough review of session records and will submit its report for action at  
32 our 116th Stated Meeting (November 14, 2023).

33          **Rationale:** The Committee to review Session Records reported at the November  
34 2023 stated meeting with a sampling of the types of exceptions the committee noted  
35 in the minutes of Sessions from 2022, but no recommendations were brought forth for  
36 the Presbytery to adopt. Only the Presbytery or a commission formed for that purpose  
37 can cite a lower court with an exception to their minutes.

- 38  
39 48. That the Minutes of **New Jersey** Presbytery: 66-0-0  
40     a. Be approved without exception: **Mar 18, 2023; May 20, 2023; Sep 16, 2023; Nov 18,**  
41     **2023**  
42     b. Be approved with exception of form: **None**  
43     c. Be approved with exception of substance:

1           **2024-1: General 2023** (*BCO* 5-3.c) — TE [name omitted] was called in a meeting to  
2           serve as the church planter of [church name omitted], but was not made a member of  
3           the commission acting as that church’s session.

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

6 49. That the Minutes of **New River** Presbytery: 62-0-0

7           **a.** Be approved without exception: **Mar 04, 2023**

8           **b.** Be approved with exception of form: **General 2023**

9           **c.** Be approved with exception of substance:

10           **2024-1: Aug 05, 2023** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of endorsement by candidate’s  
11           session.

12           **2024-2: Aug 05, 2023** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of six-months membership for  
13           candidate.

14           **2024-3: Nov 04, 2023** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of endorsement by candidate’s  
15           Session.

16           **2024-4: Nov 04, 2023** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of six-months membership for  
17           candidate.

18           **2024-5: Nov 04, 2023** (*BCO* 19-2) — No record of requiring statement of differences  
19           with our Standards.

20           **2024-6: Dec 11, 2022** (*BCO* 13-12) — Notice for called meeting not in order (10-day  
21           notice, verbatim meeting call, etc., not indicated/recorded).

22           **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

23           **2022-1: General** (*BCO* 13-9.b; 40-1) — No record of review of records of church  
24           Sessions.

25           **Response:** We apologize for the delays regarding our churches’ minutes—both in  
26           reviewing and in approving them. We are in the process of reviewing the minutes for  
27           both 2021 and 2022

28           **Rationale:** No report on progress provided or included in minutes.

29           **Response:** We apologize for the lack of specificity. To repeat what we previously  
30           noted: we have made significant progress since your review of our presbytery’s 2022  
31           minutes. On August 5, 2023, at the 148th stated meeting of New River Presbytery  
32           (NRP), the chairman of our Administrative Committee reported on said committee’s  
33           review of session minutes. On November 4, 2023, at the 149th stated meeting of NRP,  
34           the chairman of our Administrative Committee once again discussed session minutes.  
35           Both of these instances are outlined in 2023 minutes from the respective stated  
36           meetings. Furthermore, the discussion and review of session minutes was brought up  
37           in our 150th Stated Meeting, held on March 2, 2024, and session minutes will continue  
38           to be discussed in some of our subsequent stated meetings.

39           **2023-1: General 2022** (*BCO* 13-9.b; 40-1) — No record of review of records of  
40           church Sessions.

41           **Response:** We apologize for not recording the review of records of our sessions,  
42           and will try to do better in the future. We have, however, made significant progress  
43           since your review of our presbytery’s 2022 minutes. On August 5, 2023, at the 148th  
44           stated meeting of New River Presbytery (NRP), the chairman of our Administrative  
45           Committee reported on said committee’s review of session minutes. On November 4,

1 2023, at the 149th stated meeting of NRP, the chairman of our Administrative  
 2 Committee once again discussed session minutes. Both of these instances are outlined  
 3 in 2023 minutes from the respective stated meetings. Furthermore, the discussion and  
 4 review of session minutes is ongoing, and will be discussed in our 150th stated  
 5 meeting.

6 **2023-2: General 2022 (RAO 16-10.a)** — No record in minutes of exceptions taken by  
 7 GA.

8 **Response:** We respectfully disagree with this exception. The summary of our  
 9 responses to exceptions made by General Assembly is as follows: 1) Exceptions from  
 10 the 49th General Assembly – These were exceptions of the 2021 minutes of NRP. On  
 11 March 4, 2023, at our 147th stated meeting, we responded to these. Although the  
 12 response did not occur within the same calendar year as the exceptions (i.e., the  
 13 exceptions occurred in 2022, but the response occurred in 2023), and such a delay is  
 14 not recommended or advised (according to RAO 16-10.a), this delay is not forbidden;  
 15 2) Exceptions from the 50th General Assembly – these are exceptions of the 2022  
 16 minutes of NRP. The response to these exceptions has been delayed until March 2024.  
 17 We believe, therefore, that this exception is unwarranted.

18 **2023-3: General 2022 (RAO 16-10.a)** — No response to the Assembly concerning  
 19 disposition of an exception of substance.

20 **Response:** We respectfully disagree with this exception for the same reasons  
 21 outlined in the preceding response

22 **2023-4: General 2022 (BCO 13-11; 40-1; RAO 16-3.e.7)** — Minutes to called meeting  
 23 not included.

24 **Response:** We apologize for the omission of the minutes from this called meeting.  
 25 On March 2, 2024, NRP approved said minutes, and the approval will be noted in the  
 26 minutes of our March 2 Stated Meeting

27 **2023-5: General 2022 (BCO 8-7)** — No record of reports of TEs laboring out of  
 28 bounds.

29 **Response:** We have two TEs serving out of bounds.

30 1) One of them, TE [name omitted] , did give an oral report at the 146th Stated  
 31 Meeting of NRP, held on November 5, 2022. This report was recorded in the minutes  
 32 and reads as follows (and is [italicized]):

33 *Chaplain [name omitted] – TE [name omitted] opened in prayer. He then gave an*  
 34 *update on his ministry. M/s/c to allow him 5 more minutes to speak. He then shared a*  
 35 *couple prayer requests, and then closed in prayer.*

36 Our stated clerk did not, however, explicitly note that TE [name omitted] is  
 37 laboring *out of bounds*, and we apologize for that omission.

38 2) The other TE laboring out of bounds is [name omitted] *was then questioned by the*  
 39 *RE’s and TE’s present on the Bible, theology of the Westminster standards, and the*  
 40 *BCO. A motion was made from the C&C Committee to grant [name omitted] ’s*  
 41 *exception, which is: “I have reservations with the wording on “recreations” for the*  
 42 *Sabbath Day. The Sabbath differs from other days in that it was set aside and explicitly*  
 43 *stated to be kept holy. I understand that restful recreation that is honoring to the Lord*  
 44 *and not done in a capricious way to be acceptable under the commandment given in*  
 45 *Scripture. If the understanding of the prohibition of “recreations” is meaning not to*

1 *watch football on television with my son or a restaurant with my family as violating*  
2 *the Standards, then I believe that goes beyond the intent of the command given in*  
3 *Scripture. I believe that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath*  
4 *and that it is an issue of the heart for what is an honoring day for the Lord for keeping*  
5 *it holy.”*

6 *The presbytery agreed (via the C&C Committee) to grant this exception, concluding,*  
7 *in the words of BCO 19-2, that “the applicant’s declared difference is not out of accord*  
8 *with any fundamental of our system of doctrine because the difference is neither hostile*  
9 *to the system nor strikes at the vitals of religion.”*

10 The minutes state clearly that the applicant’s exception (which was recorded in his  
11 own words [*cf. RAO 16-3.e.5*]) was granted by the presbytery. Furthermore, the  
12 minutes explicitly use the language (i.e., the prescribed category) taken from *BCO 19-*  
13 *2*, that “the applicant’s declared difference is not out of accord with any fundamental  
14 of our system of doctrine because the difference is neither hostile to the system nor  
15 strikes at the vitals of religion.”

16 **2023-10: Nov 05, 2022** (*BCO 18-2*) — No record of six-months membership for  
17 candidate.

18 **Response:** There were four men who came under care of New River Presbytery at  
19 this stated meeting. It was recorded in the minutes from this stated meeting, in  
20 Appendix C, that three of these four men had been members of the respective churches  
21 for longer than the six-month requirement. Even though the fourth candidate met the  
22 six-month membership requirement, there was no record of it in the minutes. For that  
23 we apologize, and our presbytery will try to do better recording this in the future.  
24

25 50. That the Minutes of **New York State** Presbytery: *60-0-0*

26 a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023; May 20, 2023; Sep 15, 2023**

27 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Jan 21, 2023**

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

29 d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

30 **2023-1: General 2022** (*BCO 8-4*) — No record of annual report by TEs called to  
31 “needful work.”

32 **Response:** The Shepherding Committee has received and considered an exception  
33 reported to you by the PCA RPR Committee regarding the 2022 Presbytery Minutes  
34 of the New York State Presbytery. This exception pointed out our failure to require  
35 yearly reports from all TEs designated as ministering either ‘without call’ or ‘out-of-  
36 bounds.’ We apologize for this failure to follow the clearly indicated procedure, and  
37 we have determined that we will require such yearly reports from now on. Note that  
38 not all the members of this committee were aware of this requirement, and this has  
39 been corrected. At our stated meeting on September 15, 2023 we approved this  
40 response statement to RPR. We believe that we have taken the steps necessary to  
41 prevent it happening again. The committee authorized and presented three of these  
42 reports at the recent (September 16, 2023) NYSP meeting; they will be included in the  
43 final minutes. We are now tracking down the other TEs who have not made reports  
44 recently and we are informing them of the deficiency. At the next meeting (January



1 2024), we expect we will have all outstanding reports completed and approved. Thank  
2 you for your patience and forbearance.

3 **2023-2: Feb 26, 2022 (BCO 13-12)** — Notice for called meeting not in order (10-day  
4 notice, verbatim meeting call, etc., not indicated/recorded).

5 **Response:** The notice of the called meeting was sent to the Presbytery on January  
6 25, 2022. It was not recorded in the minutes in oversight. But more than 10-days'  
7 notice was given.

8 **2023-3: Feb 26, 2022 (BCO 34-10)** — 2/3 vote for divesture of office requirement not  
9 recorded.

10 **Response:** The vote for divesture was unanimous. It was an oversight not to record  
11 this fact.

12 **2023-4: Feb 26, 2022 (BCO 34-10)** — Notice for grounds for proceeding against TE  
13 not in order (not indicated/recorded).

14 **Response:** Minutes note: “Committee motion to remove TE [name omitted] from  
15 the rolls of New York State Presbytery due to non-attendance for over 20 years and  
16 inability to make contact – approved.” Stated Clerk checked with the Administration  
17 Committee in Atlanta and received a reply that the Administration Committee also had  
18 no record of any contact with TE [name omitted] nor had any contact information.  
19 Since no one in the Presbytery has any knowledge of this TE nor any way to contact  
20 him, this action amounts to cleaning up the Presbytery rolls.

21 **2023-5: May 21, 2022 (BCO 13-10)** — No record of transfer or dismissal of members  
22 upon dissolving a church associated with 60-day notice.

23 **Response:** On March 6, 2022, the temporary session of [church name omitted]  
24 met with the members of [church name omitted] to discuss our intention to ask the  
25 presbytery to dissolve [church name omitted] at our May 21, 2022 meeting. On March  
26 20, 2022, the temporary session of [church name omitted] provided email notification  
27 of the same to the members of [church name omitted]. Members were encouraged to  
28 transfer their membership to other particular or mission churches. At the May 21, 2022  
29 meeting of the presbytery, in addition to dissolving [church name omitted], the  
30 presbytery placed remaining members under the oversight of a commission acting as  
31 a temporary session until such time as either a new congregation could be formed or  
32 such persons were dismissed to membership in another church, per *BCO* 13-10.3. We  
33 will make every effort to be more complete in our reporting in the future

34 **2023-6: May 21, 2022 (BCO 8-7)** — No record that the Presbytery is assured that an  
35 out-of-bounds TE will have full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our  
36 Church.

37 **Response:** Since this is a military chaplaincy, and the Presbytery is aware of the  
38 Chaplain’s Manual of the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and  
39 Military Personnel Policy and Guidance Handbook Policies for All Endorsed  
40 Chaplains (pp. 19–20), it was deemed redundant to document this in the minutes of  
41 the May 21, 2022 meeting, Since we now understand that you would like this  
42 identified specifically for military chaplains, we shall include the point that all TEs  
43 from our Presbytery who are approved to serve as military chaplains will have full  
44 freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our Church, as documented in the  
45 Chaplain’s Manual of the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and

1 Military Personnel Policy and Guidance Handbook Policies for All Endorsed  
2 Chaplains.

3 **2023-7: Sep 16-17, 2022** (BCO 25-11) — No record that Presbytery confirmed that a  
4 30-day notice was given by Session for congregational meeting to withdraw from the  
5 denomination.

6 **Response:** The information concerning the 30-day notice of the congregational  
7 meeting at [church name omitted] was obtained by the Stated Clerk of New York State  
8 Presbytery, but not recorded in the entry in the September 16-17, 2022 minutes due to  
9 oversight.

10  
11 51. That the Minutes of **North Florida** Presbytery: 63-0-1

- 12 a. Be approved without exception: **May 11, 2023; Aug 10, 2023; Aug 26, 2023**  
13 b. Be approved with exception of form: **General 2023; Feb 09, 2023**  
14 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
15 **2024-1: Nov 09, 2023** (BCO 21-4.c.(1)(b) ) — Incomplete record of ordination exam.  
16 **2024-2: Nov 09, 2023** (BCO 8-7) — No record of annual reports of TEs laboring out  
17 of bounds  
18 d. **No response to previous assemblies required.**  
19 e. That the General Assembly find the February 4, 2024, letter from [name omitted] et  
20 al. is not a report of an “important delinquency or grossly unconstitutional  
21 proceedings” (BCO 40-5).

22 **Rationale:** Without expressing an opinion as to whether the actions alleged were  
23 improper, they do not rise to the heightened standard of 40-5.

24  
25 *RE Jay Neikirk abstained from discussion and all votes with regard to North Florida.*  
26

27 52. That the Minutes of **North Texas** Presbytery: 63-0-0

- 28 a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023**  
29 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Feb 3-4, 2023; Aug 11-12, 2023**  
30 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
31 **2024-1: May 5-6, 2023** (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5) — Stated differences not recorded  
32 in the minister’s/candidate’s own words.  
33 **2024-2: Nov 3-4, 2023** (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5) — Stated differences not recorded  
34 in the minister’s/candidate’s own words.  
35 **2024-3: Nov 3-4, 2023** (BCO 21-4) — No record of requiring statement of differences  
36 with our Standards.  
37 d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**  
38 **2023-1: Feb 18-19, 2022** (BCO 21-4.c; RAO 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of  
39 ordination exam.

40 **Response:** *Regarding Mr. [name omitted]’s papers* —NTP approved the following  
41 on February 3, 2024: NTP records in its minutes that [name omitted] was in fact  
42 examined in May 2021 and February 2022 and approved according to each of the BCO  
43 21-4 requirements for ordination.

44 Candidate under care of presbytery  
45 Testimonials pertaining to candidate’s internship

- 1 Internship approved
- 2 College diploma(s)
- 3 Seminary diploma(s)
- 4 Thesis on theological topic approved by presbytery
- 5 Exegetical study approved by presbytery
- 6 Sermon preached before Presbytery
- 7 Sermon approved by Presbytery
- 8 Written call or letter certifying a call from a congregation or appropriate body
- 9 Christian Experience
- 10 Knowledge of both Greek and Hebrew (Exam or Seminary degree)
- 11 Bible Content
- 12 Theology
- 13 Sacraments
- 14 Church History and History of the PCA
- 15 Principles and Rules of Government and Discipline of PCA
- 16 No Stated Differences with Westminster Confession, and Catechisms
- 17 Examination Sustained as a Whole
- 18 Received into Presbytery

19 *Regarding examination of Mr. [name omitted] 's views--Mr. [name omitted] 's views*  
 20 *(No Stated Differences) were approved in May, 2021 and the NTP Theological*  
 21 *Examining Committee Report in the February 18-19, 2022 Docket (2022 Minutes*  
 22 *Page 25 reports regarding Mr. Miller that upon his final examinations for ordination*  
 23 *by the Theological Examining Committee, Mr. Miller had not changed his views.*  
 24 *"Please note that [name omitted] 's views were received at his licensure exams at the*  
 25 *May 2021 Presbytery meeting. His views have not changed." NTP believes this*  
 26 *statement of the Theological Examining Committee satisfies the requirement of BCO*  
 27 *21.4.b.*

28 Mr. [name omitted] 's sermon was preached and approved on November 7, 2020. See  
 29 2021 Minutes Page 4, item 2. "M/S/A to receive and accept the sermons of Messrs.  
 30 [Names Omitted]."

31 **2023-2: Aug 12-13, 2022 (BCO 21-4.f)** — Presbytery judged a stated difference as  
 32 "merely semantic." This decision needs further clarity. At a minimum the difference  
 33 appears to be an exception.

34 **Response:** During the oral floor exam, TE [name omitted] was questioned about  
 35 his stated difference and the dialogue with presbyters brought greater clarity to the  
 36 appearance of his written statements. We believe there is a real purpose to the oral  
 37 exams in addition to the written statements because they afford Presbytery an  
 38 opportunity to examine the stated differences from more angles than what a written  
 39 statement allows. For example, in the phrase "not only impossible" TE [name omitted]  
 40 was acknowledging the inability of fallen humans to perfectly fulfil the biblical  
 41 command. We found TE [name omitted]'s stated difference in this to result more from  
 42 his own conception of what the Standards require and Presbytery discussion with him  
 43 brought clarity to his understanding and provided the basis for Presbytery's decision.  
 44 Further, we believe *RAO* 16.3.e(5) allows Presbytery to determine how to classify the

1 stated differences and does not specify that Presbytery record its rationale along with  
2 the classification.

3 **2023-3: Aug 12-13, 2022 (BCO 13-6)** — Incomplete record of a transfer exam for a  
4 TE coming from a different Presbytery.

5 **Response:** The 2022 Minutes Page 285 includes the report of the NTP Theological  
6 Examining Committee which states, “The committee examined Rev. [name omitted]  
7 for transfer into the North Texas Presbytery, to serve as pastor at [church name  
8 omitted]. The committee examined [name omitted] in the areas of Christian character,  
9 calling, differences with the standards, theology, sacraments, and church  
10 government.”The 2022 Minutes Page 223 record the action of NTP that "TE [name  
11 omitted] was examined in Christian experience and views for transfer. See 149th  
12 NTPSM Docket Page 55. MSA that, for [name omitted] , the North Texas Presbytery  
13 sustain his examination in all areas and approve his transfer into the North Texas  
14 Presbytery. (BCO 21.4)"

15 **2023-4: Aug 12-13, 2022 (BCO 18-3)** — No record of candidate exam recorded.

16 **Response:** In the 2022 Minutes page 225, the action of NTP approving the  
17 candidates is likewise recorded with reference to the requirements of *BCO* 18-3. While  
18 the reference to *BCO* 18-3 was intended to refer to the elements of *BCO* 18-3 but may  
19 be insufficiently explicit, NTP did in fact examine the candidates according to the  
20 specific *BCO* 18-3 requirements of “experiential religion and motives for seeking the  
21 ministry” in the Stated Meeting.

22 **MSA that [name omitted] [church name omitted] be received as a Candidate**  
23 **(BCO 18-3).**

24 **MSA that [name omitted] [church name omitted] be received as a Candidate**  
25 **(BCO 18-3).**

26 Since our reference to *BCO* 18-3 in the report of the Candidates Committee and  
27 Minutes of the Stated Meeting has not been received by RPR as sufficiently explicit  
28 as to the examinations conducted, we will in the future list them individually along  
29 with citation of *BCO* 18-3.

30 **2023-5: Sep 17, 2022 (BCO 13-4; RAO 16-3.c.1)** — Purpose of called meeting not  
31 recorded verbatim in the minutes.

32 **Response:** The purpose of the called meeting was recorded verbatim in the 2022  
33 Minutes Page 225 as follows:

34 MSA to receive the complaint from a [church omitted] member regarding the Session  
35 decision concerning a columbarium as in order and timely filed.

36 MSA to call a special meeting to hear the complaint received in the previous motion.  
37 Per the Moderator’s recommendation, a meeting to hear the complaint is called for  
38 September 17 2022 at 9:00am.

39 The 2022 Minutes Page 341 records that at the September 17, 2022 Called  
40 Meeting, “Moderator gave background on the proceeding and the notice of the  
41 meeting.” This item in the September 17, 2022 Called Meeting cited the “notice of the  
42 meeting” which was included in the call for the meeting on August 19, 2022, “to hear  
43 the complaint.”

44 So the purpose of the meeting was recorded verbatim in the minutes (2022 Minutes  
45 Page 225) and then that notice was cited in the September 17 meeting. We do not read

1 *RAO* 16-3.c.1 to specify the sequence in which the purpose of the meeting must be  
2 recorded verbatim in the minutes of Presbytery.

3 In future minutes of Called Meetings, we will include a restatement of the purpose  
4 of the called meeting.

5 **2023-6: Sep 17, 2022** (*BCO* 43-10) — Presbytery remanded a complaint to a lower  
6 court expressing its opinion rather than giving instructions for a new hearing.

7 **Response:** How does NTP bring a past Action into conformity with RPR? M/S/A  
8 that Presbytery refer the complaint back to the lower court for a new hearing with  
9 expression of Presbytery’s concerns about the controversial nature of the question and  
10 because of the Scriptural preference for burial.

11 **2023-7: Nov 4-5, 2022** (*BCO* 18-3) — No record of candidate exams recorded.

12 **Response:** The 2022 Minutes Page 405 includes the report of the NTP Candidates  
13 Committee and states, “II.4. We examined Candidate and Intern Applicants (*BCO* 18-  
14 3).” The reference to (*BCO* 18-3) is the committee’s way of indicating that he was  
15 examined in accord with the requirements of *BCO* 18-3 which include experiential  
16 religion and on his motives for seeking the ministry.

17 For each Candidate, the committee reported that:

18 IV.1. That [name omitted] [church name omitted] be received as a Candidate (*BCO*  
19 18-3).

20 IV.3. That [name omitted] [church name omitted] be received as a Candidate (*BCO*  
21 18-3).

22 IV.6. That [name omitted] [church name omitted] be received as a Candidate (*BCO*  
23 18-3).

24 In the 2022 Minutes page 356, the action of NTP approving the candidates is  
25 likewise recorded with reference to the requirements of *BCO* 18-3. While the reference  
26 to *BCO* 18-3 was intended to refer to the elements of *BCO* 18-3 but may be  
27 insufficiently explicit, NTP did in fact examine the candidates according to the specific  
28 *BCO* 18-3 requirements of “experiential religion and motives for seeking the ministry”  
29 in the Stated Meeting.

30 Minutes Page 356

31 **MSA as an omnibus:**

32 **That [name omitted] [church name omitted] be received as a Candidate (*BCO***  
33 **18-3).**

34 **That [name omitted] [church name omitted] be received as a Candidate (*BCO***  
35 **18-3).**

36 **That [name omitted] [church name omitted] be received as a Candidate (*BCO***  
37 **18-3).**

38 Since our reference to *BCO* 18-3 in the report of the Candidates Committee and  
39 Minutes of the Stated Meeting has not been received by RPR as sufficiently explicit  
40 as to the examinations conducted, we will in the future list them individually along  
41 with citation of *BCO* 18-3.

42  
43 53. That the Minutes of **Northern California** Presbytery: 62-0-0

44 **a.** Be approved without exception: **Oct 06, 2023**

45 **b.** Be approved with exception of form: **General 2023**

- 1       c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
2       **2024-1: Feb 03, 2023** (*BCO* 20-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.6) — Specific arrangements of call not  
3       shown to be approved.  
4       **2024-2: Feb 03, 2023** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record that Congregation concurred with  
5       dissolution of pastoral relations.  
6       **2024-3: Apr 12, 2023** (*BCO* 13-12; *RONR* (12th ed.) 25:10) — Notice for called  
7       meeting not in order (10-day notice, verbatim meeting call, etc., not  
8       indicated/recorded).  
9       **2024-4: May 05, 2023** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record that Congregation concurred with  
10      dissolution of pastoral relations.  
11      **2024-5: May 05, 2023** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record that Congregation concurred with  
12      dissolution of pastoral relations.  
13      **2024-6: May 05, 2023** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record that Congregation concurred with  
14      dissolution of pastoral relations.  
15      **2024-7: May 05, 2023** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record that Congregation concurred with  
16      dissolution of pastoral relations.  
17      **2024-8: May 05, 2023** (*BCO* 20-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.6) — Specific arrangements of call  
18      not shown to be approved.  
19      **2024-9: Aug 02, 2023** (*BCO* 13-12; *RONR* (12th ed.) 25:10) — Notice for called  
20      meeting not in order (10-day notice, verbatim meeting call, etc., not  
21      indicated/recorded).  
22      **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**  
23      **2023-1: General 2022** (*BCO* 13-9.b) — No record of Presbytery reviewing Session  
24      minutes.  
25      **Response:** From the response to the 50th General Assembly, which was found  
26      acceptable: “In 2022, although we made progress in asking churches to exchange  
27      session minutes with another church and to review each other’s records, the presbytery  
28      did not review the results of those inter-church reviews. The 2022 presbytery minutes  
29      will not reflect a presbytery review of session records. At the February 2023 presbytery  
30      meeting, we have approved a plan with a timeline each year for the interchurch review  
31      of session minutes, for the sessions to submit reports of the session minute reviews to  
32      presbytery, for the presbytery to review the reports and for the presbytery to vote on  
33      exceptions of substance. Our Recording Clerk is overseeing this process.” This process  
34      is in place and will be reflected in the Presbytery’s minutes for 2023.  
35      **2023-2: Feb 04, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4, *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of ordination  
36      exam. Approval of theses and sermon not recorded.  
37      **Response:** The man in question was transferring from a sister denomination, with  
38      a PhD and many years of faithful service. The presbytery applied the extraordinary  
39      clause on the basis of his prior experience, in lieu of requiring theses from him, but we  
40      failed to record the vote of the presbytery. We will correct the record, and will be more  
41      diligent in the future.  
42      **2023-3: Feb 04, 2022** (*BCO* 38-3) — No record of following *BCO* 38-3 for two  
43      ministers withdrawing to another denomination.  
44      **Response:** *BCO* 38-3.a requires, “if at the time of the attempt to withdraw he is in  
45      good standing, the irregularity shall be recorded, his new membership acknowledged,

1 and his name removed from the roll.” Both men were in good standing, and  
 2 transferring to NAPARC denominations, which ‘irregularity’ was recorded for each in  
 3 the minutes referenced (though the word “irregularity” was not used). Since the  
 4 NAPARC Agreement on Transfer of Members, clause 1, governs these transfers, the  
 5 Presbytery believes the record as presented in the minutes meets the Constitutional  
 6 requirements.

7 **2023-4: Feb 4, 2022; May 6, 2022 (BCO 18-2)** — No record of six-months  
 8 membership for candidate.

9 **Response:** The candidates in question had, at the time of their acceptance under  
 10 care of the presbytery, each been members in good standing for the requisite period.  
 11 This was verbally noted by the Chair of the Committee, but was not recorded in the  
 12 minutes. We will amend the record and strive to be more complete in the future.

13 **2023-5: Feb 4, 2022; May 6, 2022 (BCO 23-1)** — No record that  
 14 Congregation/Session concurred with dissolution of pastoral relations.

15 **Response:** Between these two meetings, there were six ministers requesting to  
 16 resign, and none of the resignations were contested. For four of the six, the  
 17 congregation had already voted, but the word “uncontested” was omitted in the record.  
 18 For the final two, the congregational vote was to take place very soon after the  
 19 Presbytery meeting(s), but the RE delegates from the churches in question represented  
 20 that they expected the votes to be unanimous, or nearly so (as indeed, they were).  
 21 Nevertheless, we failed to make clear in the record that these were not contested: we  
 22 will amend the record and will strive to be more complete in the future.

23 **2023-6: Oct 07, 2022 (BCO 8-7)** — No record that the Presbytery is assured that an  
 24 out-of-bounds TE will have full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our  
 25 Church.

26 **Response:** The minister in question is serving at an organization well-known to  
 27 the Presbytery, and his call specifically included his full freedom to maintain and teach  
 28 the doctrine of our Church. However, that freedom was not recorded separately in the  
 29 minutes. We will correct the oversight and be more complete in the future  
 30

31 54. That the Minutes of **Northern Illinois** Presbytery: 64-0-0

32 a. Be approved without exception: **Nov 16, 2023**

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

34 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

35 **2024-1: General 2023 (BCO 13-2)** — No record of annual report of ministers without  
 36 call.

37 **2024-2: General 2023 (BCO 8-4)** — No record of annual report of minister appointed  
 38 to a needful work.

39 **2024-3: Jan 14, 2023 (BCO 23-1)** — No record that Session concurred with  
 40 dissolution of pastoral relations.

41 **2024-4: Jan 14, 2023 (BCO 8-7)** — No record that the Presbytery is assured that an  
 42 out-of-bounds TE will have full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our  
 43 Church.

44 **2024-5: Jan 14, 2023 (BCO 22-6)** — No record that the Session requested the renewal  
 45 of Stated Supply.

- 1           **2024-6: Feb 23, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of ordination  
2 exam.
- 3           **2024-7: Feb 23, 2023** (*BCO* 20-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.6) — Specific arrangements of call not  
4 shown to be approved.
- 5           **2024-8: Feb 23, 2023** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — Minutes of commission not  
6 entered in Presbytery minutes, and these must be presented for review next year.
- 7           **2024-9: May 09, 2023** (*BCO* 18-7) — Candidates dismissed from roll without record  
8 of informing former candidates.
- 9           **2024-10: May 09, 2023** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — Minutes of commission not  
10 entered in Presbytery minutes, and these must be presented for review next year.
- 11           **2024-11: Jul 25, 2023** (*BCO* 38-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.8) — Record of Case without process  
12 not recorded in minutes.
- 13           **2024-12: Sep 09, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of ordination  
14 exam.
- 15           **2024-13: Sep 09, 2023** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record of four-fifths (4/5) majority vote of  
16 congregation on petition to request that an associate pastor succeed the senior pastor.
- 17       **d. No response to previous assemblies required.**
- 18
- 19       55. That the Minutes of **Northern New England** Presbytery: *62-0-0*
- 20       a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Jan 21, 2023; May 20, 2023; Oct 21,**  
21 **2023; Dec 09, 2023**
- 22       b. Be approved with exception of form: **Feb 04, 2023**
- 23       c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None**
- 24       d. **No response to previous assemblies required.**
- 25
- 26       56. That the Minutes of **Northwest Georgia** Presbytery: *65-0-1*
- 27       a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Jan 21, 2023; Jan 21, 2023; Jan 21,**  
28 **2023**
- 29       b. Be approved with exception of form: **Directory**
- 30       c. Be approved with exception of substance:
- 31           **2024-1: Apr 04, 2023** (*BCO* 15-1) — No record commission submitted “complete  
32 minutes” of its meetings.
- 33       d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**
- 34           **2023-2: Aug 20, 2022** (*BCO* 13-11) — Complaint sent to Presbytery not recorded in  
35 Presbytery’s minutes.
- 36           **Response:** The Northwest Georgia Presbytery agrees with the exception. The  
37 minutes of the August 20, 2022 Stated Meeting of the NWGP have been amended to  
38 include the Exhibits attached to the July 21, 2022 letter sent to the Presbytery. The  
39 letter and exhibits are also submitted to the CRPR as a separate PDF attachment titled  
40 “[name omitted] et al Complaint 07.21.22”. The Stated Clerk regrets this oversight and  
41 promises to be more careful in the future. [Exhibits 1, 2, and 3 of the letter on p. 25  
42 need to be included for review.] Please see the additional pdf documents.
- 43       e. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
44 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**



1           **2022-1: Apr 13, 2021** (*BCO* 43-8) — If a complaint is properly filed, it shall be heard  
 2 by the Presbytery. A complaint may not be denied without a hearing except on narrow  
 3 administrative grounds.

4           **Response:** At the April 13, 2021 meeting of Presbytery, there was an indication  
 5 that the complainant intended to withdraw his complaint and that he would not pursue  
 6 it any further nor elevate it to a higher court. The complainant communicated such in  
 7 an email to Presbytery’s Stated Clerk on April 16, 2021. The Stated Clerk regrets the  
 8 failure to record this in the minutes.

9           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its actions (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
 10 Presbytery has not rescinded the unconstitutional denial of the complaint.

11           **Response:** The Northwest Georgia Presbytery agrees with the exception. A  
 12 complaint, timely filed and in order, must be given a hearing (*BCO* 43-8). The  
 13 Presbytery therefore erred in denying the complaint without a hearing. However, it is  
 14 not possible for the Presbytery to correct its error since the complaint has been  
 15 withdrawn by the complainant. This action to withdraw the complaint was taken by  
 16 the complainant on April 16, 2021 in a letter emailed to the Stated Clerk for circulation  
 17 to the NWGP (and submitted to the CRPR as a separate PDF attachment titled “[name  
 18 omitted] Withdrawal of Complainant”). There is therefore no complaint before the  
 19 Presbytery to take up or otherwise correct. Nevertheless, the Presbytery regrets its  
 20 error and promises to adjudicate all complaints it may receive in the future in strict  
 21 adherence to the provisions of the *Book of Church Order*. (The Presbytery also adopted  
 22 an apology to the complainants in the above cases and directed its Stated Clerk to  
 23 deliver the apology to them. The apology is submitted to the CRPR as a separate PDF  
 24 attachment titled “NWGP Ltr to Complainants 1.24.24”)

25           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its actions (*RAO* 16-10.b.1). The  
 26 Presbytery serves as an example to others in the way it apologized to the Complainants  
 27 for its incorrect actions, but Presbytery has not rescinded the unconstitutional denial  
 28 of the complaint. Acknowledgement of abandonment or withdrawal should only come  
 29 after the unconstitutional action has been rescinded because the alleged abandonment  
 30 or withdrawal occurred after the unconstitutional dismissal by the Presbytery.

31           **2023-1: Apr 05, 2022** (*BCO* 43-8) — Timely and orderly complaints (3) denied  
 32 without a hearing.

33           **Response:** The Northwest Georgia Presbytery agrees with the exception. A  
 34 complaint, timely filed and in order, must be given a hearing (*BCO* 43-8). The  
 35 Presbytery erred in adopting the decision of its judicial commission in the instant case  
 36 because the judicial commission made its recommendation without holding a hearing.  
 37 However, it is not possible for the Presbytery to correct this error since the case (one  
 38 which consolidated three complaints) has already been appealed to and ruled upon by  
 39 the SJC in two separate decisions (SJC 2022-16 [name omitted], et al. v. NWGP, &  
 40 SJC 2022-05 [name omitted] et al. v. NWGP). Even if the Presbytery could rehear a  
 41 case subsequently decided by the higher court, the complaint is now moot (as the SJC  
 42 ruled in both above cases) since the underlying issue in the consolidated cases was  
 43 resolved when the [church name omitted] Session dismissed all charges against the  
 44 accused Ruling Elders and ended the judicial process. Nevertheless, the Presbytery  
 45 regrets its error and promises to adjudicate all complaints it may receive in the future

1 in strict adherence to the provisions of the *Book of Church Order*. (The Presbytery also  
2 adopted an apology to the complainants in the above cases and directed its Stated Clerk  
3 to deliver the apology to them. The apology is submitted to the CRPR as a separate  
4 PDF attachment titled “NWGP Ltr to Complainants 1.24.24”)

5 **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its actions (*RAO* 16-10.b.1). The  
6 Presbytery serves as an example to others in the way it apologized to the Complainants  
7 for its incorrect actions, but Presbytery has not rescinded the unconstitutional denial  
8 of the complaints. Acknowledgement of judicial mootness should only come after the  
9 unconstitutional action has been rescinded because the action of the higher court  
10 occurred after the unconstitutional dismissal by the Presbytery.

- 11 **f. That the General Assembly Find that the April 22, 2024, letter from [name omitted]**  
12 **is not a report” of an “important delinquency or grossly unconstitutional proceedings”**  
13 **(BCO 40-5).**

14 **Rationale:** To the extent that unconstitutional actions may be alleged, they are  
15 being redressed through the constitutional process of review and control (*BCO* 40-3),  
16 particularly through CRPR’s recommendation that one of NWGA Presbytery’s  
17 responses to an exception of substance be found unsatisfactory (see [2022-1], above).”  
18

19 *RE Jay Neikirk abstained from discussion and all votes with regard to Northwest Georgia.*  
20

21 57. That the Minutes of Ohio Presbytery: 61-0-0

- 22 **a.** Be approved without exception: **Feb 04, 2023; May 06, 2023; Oct 07, 2023**  
23 **b.** Be approved with exception of form: **None**  
24 **c.** Be approved with exception of substance:  
25 **2024-1: General 2023 (BCO 18-6) — No annual report from candidates given.**  
26 **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**  
27 **2023-1: Feb 05, 2022 (BCO 21-1; RAO 16-3.e.6) — No record of Presbytery**  
28 **approving the call to a TE [name omitted] whose status was changed.**

29 **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with this exception and has corrected its actions  
30 by approving the call to TE [name omitted] at the October 2023 Stated meeting of the  
31 Ohio Presbytery and appointing a commission to install him to that call. The  
32 Presbytery promises to be more careful in the future

33 **2023-2: May 07, 2022 (BCO 19-2.a, d) — Incomplete record of a licentiate**  
34 **examination.**

35 **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception that we had an incomplete  
36 record of a licentiate examination. Since we have already ordained TE [name omitted],  
37 we cannot correct our mistake with regard to his previous licensure. It has been our  
38 practice to consider under care examinations “on experiential religion and on his  
39 motives for seeking the ministry” (*BCO* 18-3) as sufficient to fulfill the licensure  
40 requirement of “statement of his Christian experience and inward call to preach the  
41 Gospel” (*BCO* 19-23.a.). However, we will heed the GA’s counsel going forward that  
42 “[t]hese examinations are not interchangeable, but require increasingly close  
43 examination of the character of the candidate” (Commissioner’s Handbook 50GA  
44 4003). The Presbytery promises to be more careful in the future to not only fulfill all

1 the requirements of the licentiate examination, but also make sure that our records  
 2 adequately show that work.

3 **2023-3: Sep 30 - Oct 1, 2022** (BCO 21-4.c.4) — Incomplete record of ordination  
 4 examination.

5 **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception that our records are  
 6 incomplete with regard to the Ordination Examination of Candidate [name omitted].  
 7 The Ohio Presbytery took action on October 7, 2023, to approve his sermon. The  
 8 Presbytery promises to be more careful in the future.

9  
 10 58. That the Minutes of **Ohio Valley** Presbytery: 59-0-1

11 a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Jan 28, 2023; Apr 11, 2023; May 16,**  
 12 **2023; Oct 17, 2023**

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

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

15 d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

16 **2023-1: Feb 15, 2022** (BCO 19-2.d) — All specific requirements of licensure exam  
 17 not recorded.

18 **Response:** Presbytery respectfully disagrees with the exception. We call the  
 19 Committee’s attention to Attachment 22-X of the Minutes of the meeting in question  
 20 (15 February 2022 Special Meeting), the Report of the Candidates and Credentials  
 21 Committee (C&C), p. ii, Item B.4. which says that the Committee voted to recommend  
 22 that Presbytery “[a]pprove [the licensure candidate’s] sermon as meeting the  
 23 requirements of licensure and ordination.” While the word “written” is absent from  
 24 that recommendation, it is our practice for a candidate for licensure to “[p]rovide his  
 25 written sermon on an assigned passage of Scripture embodying both explanation and  
 26 application” to C&C and to then to “present orally his sermon or exhortation before  
 27 Presbytery” (citations from BCO 19-2.d.). The reference in Attachment 22-X  
 28 demonstrates that a records of his providing the written sermon does exist, though we  
 29 did not explicitly identify it in our Minutes as the written copy, which we will do in  
 30 the future to avoid additional misunderstanding.

31  
 32 59. That the Minutes of **Pacific** Presbytery: 60-0-0

33 a. Be approved without exception: **Mar 09, 2023; May 02, 2023; Oct 03, 2023**

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

35 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

36 **2024-1: General 2023** (BCO 13-9.b; 40-3) — Incomplete record of review of records  
 37 of church Sessions.

38 **2024-2: Jan 28, 2023** (PP 6) — No record that members of tempory session were  
 39 called by the congregation.

40 **2024-3: Nov 29, 2023** (PP 6) — No record that members of tempory session were  
 41 called by the congregation.

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

43  
 44 60. That the Minutes of **Pacific Northwest** Presbytery: 63-0-1

45 a. Be approved without exception: **Oct 13, 2023**

- 1       **b.** Be approved with exception of form: **None**  
2       **c.** Be approved with exception of substance:  
3       **2024-1: Feb 02, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of ordination  
4       exam.  
5       **2024-2: Feb 02, 2023** (*BCO* 19-16) — 3/4 vote for waiving internship requiremetns  
6       not recorded.  
7       **2024-3: May 19, 2023** (*BCO* 43-8) — Timely and orderly complaint dismissed  
8       without a hearing.  
9       **2024-4: May 19, 2023** (PP 6) — No record that members of interim/provisional  
10      Session were called by congregation.  
11      **2024-5: May 19, 2023** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record that congregation concurred with  
12      dissolution of pastoral relation.  
13      **2024-6: May 19, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Stated differences not recorded  
14      in the candidate’s own words.  
15      **2024-7: May 19, 2023** (*BCO* 19-6) — 3/4 vote for waiving internship requiremetns  
16      not recorded.  
17      **2024-8: May 19, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of ordination  
18      exams.  
19      **2024-9: May 19, 2023** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of endorsement by candidate’s  
20      Session.  
21      **2024-10: May 19, 2023** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of six-month membership for  
22      candidate.  
23      **2024-11: Oct 12, 2023** (*BCO* 8-7) — No record that Presbytery is assured that an out-  
24      of-bounds TE will have full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of the church.  
25      **2024-12: Oct 12, 2023** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record that congregation concurred with  
26      dissolution of pastoral relations.  
27      **2024-13: Oct 12, 2023** (*BCO* 13-2) — No record of TE laboring out of bounds with  
28      concurrence of Presbytery within whose bounds he labors.  
29      **2024-14: Oct 12, 2023** (*BCO* 19-2; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — All specific requirements of  
30      licensure exam not recorded.  
31      **2024-15: General 2023** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — Minutes of commission not  
32      entered in Presbytery minutes, and these must be presented for review next year.  
33      **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**  
34      **2022-2: May 20-21, 2021** (*BCO* 13-6) — Incomplete record of transfer exam.  
35      **Response:** Respectfully, Presbytery disagrees with the citation, and we regard the  
36      entry in our May 2021 Minutes (below) to be an adequate record of the transfer exam,  
37      which was the only such exam at the May 2021 meeting. However, in the future PCA  
38      transfer exams, we will record verbatim: "The transferring PCA minister was  
39      examined on Christian experience, and also touching his views in theology, the  
40      Sacraments, and church government." Hopefully, that addresses the concern in the GA  
41      citation. Here is the excerpt from p. 43 of PNW's 2021 Records: "Transfer Exam:  
42      [name omitted] . Bio ... Mr. [name omitted] holds a BA from Covenant College and an  
43      MDiv from RTS Orlando. He is a member of New Jersey Presbytery and has served  
44      most recently as [call omitted]. Motion: to examine Rev. [name omitted] on his  
45      experience and views, per *BCO* 13-6. Adopted. Motion: to arrest the exam. Adopted.

1 Rev. [name omitted] expressed the following difference from the Westminster  
 2 Standards: ... Recommendation: That Presbytery judge Mr. [name omitted]'s  
 3 difference to be more than semantic but not out of accord with any fundamental of our  
 4 system of doctrine (because the difference is neither hostile to the system nor strikes  
 5 at the vitals of religion). Adopted In accordance with Standing Rule 2.51, the  
 6 Presbytery entered closed session for the completion of Rev. [name omitted]'s transfer  
 7 exam. Recommendation: To approve the call of Rev. [name omitted] [to] [church name  
 8 omitted]. Adopted, on the condition that the terms of call be changed to 4 weeks of  
 9 vacation.

10 **Rationale:** All specific requirements of transfer exam have not been listed (*RAO*  
 11 16-3.e.5).

12 **Response:** PNW second response, to 51st GA: The transferring PCA minister was  
 13 examined on Christian experience, and also touching his views in theology, the  
 14 Sacraments, and church government. (*BCO* 13-6)”

15 **2023-1: May 19-20, 2022** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record that Congregation/Session  
 16 concurred with dissolution of pastoral relations.

17 **Response:** PNW first response, to 51st GA: We disagree with this citation. Here is  
 18 what the Minutes record: [Committee Recommendation] “That Presbytery approve the  
 19 request of TE [name omitted] and dissolve his call as Associate Pastor at [church name  
 20 omitted]. At a meeting on March 13, 2022, the congregation adopted a motion to notify  
 21 Presbytery that it did not contest the request.” (Emphasis added.)

22 **e. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
 23 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

24 **2022-1: Feb 05, 2021** (*BCO* 20, 21) — No record that TE, whose call changed from  
 25 Assistant to Associate, was installed as Associate Pastor.

26 **Response:** Presumably the citation refers to the excerpt below from PNW's 2021  
 27 Records Package (p. 30): "Recommendation: To approve TE [name omitted] change  
 28 from Assistant to Associate Pastor at [church name omitted]. Adopted."TE [name  
 29 omitted] was installed as Associate Pastor at [church name omitted] on Sunday  
 30 morning, April 18, 2021. The Commission included TEs [name omitted] and [name  
 31 omitted] , along with REs [name omitted] and [name omitted] . We have attached those  
 32 Commission minutes to our October 2022 Minutes as well as to this Response.

33 **Rationale:** Response says that the Commission minutes were attached to their  
 34 October 2022 Minutes and also attached to this report. Minutes were not included for  
 35 review. (*RAO* 16-10.b.1)

36 **Response:** PNW second response, to 51st GA: Our Records indicate TE [name  
 37 omitted] was properly installed as Associate Pastor at [church name omitted] in  
 38 Bellevue Washington on April 18, 2021 by Presbytery's Commission of TE [name  
 39 omitted], TE [name omitted], RE [name omitted] and RE [name omitted] .

40 **Rationale:** Minutes for a commission to install must be submitted for review. If  
 41 the Commission minutes are missing, they need to be recreated.

- 42  
 43 61. That the Minutes of **Palmetto** Presbytery: 64-0-0  
 44 **a.** Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Feb 09, 2023; Nov 09, 2023**  
 45 **b.** Be approved with exception of form: **None**

1 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

2 **2024-1: May 11, 2023** (*BCO* 20-8) — No record commissioners appointed by the  
3 church presented and prosecuted the call of a TE before Presbytery.

4 **2024-2: Aug 10, 2023** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record Presbytery cited the church to appear  
5 by its commissioners to show cause why the resignation of a TE should be accepted.

6 d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

7 **2022-2: May 13, 2021** (*BCO* 19-1) — No record of licensure exam.

8 **Response:** Mr. [name omitted] was examined for licensure. Because he had been  
9 previously examined in Christian Experience and Call to the Ministry as part of his  
10 examination for candidate status, he was not reexamined in these two areas. His exam  
11 included Bible knowledge, theology, and church government. The minutes of May 13,  
12 2021 of the Licensure exam of [name omitted] do show examination in the three areas  
13 of English Bible, Theology, and Church Government. See below: 1) 22-22. That [name  
14 omitted]’s examination in English Bible be sustained. MSC; 2) 22-25. That [name  
15 omitted]’s examination in Theology be sustained. MSC; 3) 22-26. That [name  
16 omitted]’s examination in Church Government be sustained. MSC.; 4) 22-27. That  
17 [name omitted]’s written sermon be approved. MSC; 5) 22-28. That [name omitted]’s  
18 preached sermon be approved. MSC; 6) 22-29. That [name omitted]’s examination for  
19 licensure in all its parts and be sustained and he be granted licensure by Palmetto  
20 Presbytery and added to the roll of licentiates of the presbytery. MSC.

21 **Rationale:** The examination on Christian experience and inward call in *BCO* 19-  
22 2 is not the same as in *BCO* 18-3.

23 **Response:** For several years Palmetto Presbytery has understood the personal  
24 qualifications in *BCO* 18-3 and 19-2 to be synonymous and therefore did not require  
25 a re-examination in those areas in the later steps toward ordination. We submit to the  
26 interpretation of the RPR of the non-synonymous nature of 18-3 and 19-2 and have  
27 now made it our standard operating procedure to examine candidates with 3 different  
28 levels of scrutiny and expectation in the Christian experience area: (1) candidacy, (2)  
29 licensure, and (3) ordination and will make sure that our minutes reflect this difference.  
30 TE [name omitted] has transferred to another Presbytery so we cannot reexamine him.

31 **2022-3: May 13, 2021** (*BCO* 15-2) — A commission to ordain and install must have  
32 a minimum of two TEs and two REs for a quorum.

33 **Response:** (In approving the installation commission for [name omitted])  
34 Presbytery erred in approving the commission with only 1 ruling elder. We will make  
35 sure that each commission in the future has at least 2 ruling elders and 2 teaching elders

36 **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery took any action to ratify the actions of an  
37 improperly constituted commission.

38 **Response:** Palmetto Presbytery recognizes its error (we are unsure if this was a  
39 typographical error or one of serious oversight) and requests that since Chaplain (CPT)  
40 [name omitted] has been serving as a PRCC-endorsed U.S. Army chaplain for two  
41 years since the ordination, that Presbytery be forgiven for the error and that his  
42 ordination not be invalidated.

43 **2022-4: May 13, 2021; Aug 12, 2021; Nov 11, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16- 3.e.5) —  
44 All specific requirements of ordination exam not recorded.

1           **Response:** It has not been the practice of reexamining those who have been  
 2 licensed by this Presbytery in the specific areas already covered. When the licensure  
 3 and ordination exams for each of these three men: [name omitted] , [name omitted] ,  
 4 and [name omitted] , are compared, our minutes demonstrate that each was examined  
 5 and approved in Christian experience, Greek and Hebrew (by seminary transcript),  
 6 Bible content, theology, sacraments, Church history and the history of the PCA,  
 7 Church Government and Discipline, the writing of a theological thesis, the writing of  
 8 an exegesis paper, a preached sermon, and their accord with the Westminster standards.  
 9 We did not mention their undergraduate degrees which were presupposed by their  
 10 seminary or graduate degrees. We mentioned [name omitted]’s successful completion  
 11 of Greek at Hebrew in seminary but should have made it clear that he is a graduate of  
 12 RTS. It was noted that each had successfully completed the internship requirements.

13           **Rationale:** Presbytery has not demonstrated that each candidate for ordination was  
 14 examined in experiential religion, with an emphasis on personal character and family  
 15 management, as required by *BCO* 21-4.c (1) (a).

16           **Response:** All three men were examined regarding their personal character and  
 17 family management by the Candidates and Credentials Committee and the Presbytery,  
 18 though that fact was not noted in the Presbytery minutes. For several years Palmetto  
 19 Presbytery has understood the personal qualifications in *BCO* 18.3 and 19.2 to be  
 20 synonymous and therefore did not require a re-examination in those areas in the later  
 21 steps toward ordination. We submit to the interpretation of the RPR of the non-  
 22 synonymous nature of 18-3 and 19-2 and have now made it our standard operating  
 23 procedure to examine candidates with 3 different levels of scrutiny and expectation in  
 24 the Christian experience area: (1) candidacy, (2) licensure, and (3) ordination and will  
 25 make sure that our minutes reflect this difference.

26           **2022-5: May 13, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4) — No record (or unclear record) of ordination  
 27 exam.

28           **Response:** The Presbytery minutes state clearly that Mr. [name omitted] was  
 29 examined in the three areas which are required for ordination after one has been  
 30 licensed. 1) 22-30. That Mr. [name omitted]’s examination in Sacraments be sustained.  
 31 MSC. 2) 22-31. That Mr. [name omitted]’s examination in Rules of Discipline be  
 32 sustained. MSC. 3) 22-32. That Mr. [name omitted]’s examination in Church History  
 33 and the History of the PCA be sustained. MSC. 4) 22-36. That Mr. [name omitted]’s  
 34 examination for ordination in all its parts and as a whole be sustained and he be  
 35 instructed to sign the ministerial obligation forms and proceed to ordination. MSC.  
 36 The RPR has not cited our Presbytery previously for assuming that the approval of an  
 37 examination implies that he was examined in the particular area.

38           **Rationale:** Licensure requires a “statement of his Christian experience and inward  
 39 call to preach the Gospel” (*BCO* 19-2.a). Ordination, requires “A careful examination  
 40 as to...his acquaintance with experiential religion, especially his personal character  
 41 and family management (Based on the qualifications set out in 1 Timothy 3:1–7, and  
 42 Titus 1:6–9)” (*BCO* 21-4.c.(1).(a)). Thus, questions for ordination are different from  
 43 questions for licensure, requiring a higher level of Presbytery’s scrutiny. Furthermore,  
 44 “No Presbytery shall omit any of these parts of trial for ordination except in

1 extraordinary cases, and then only with three-fourths (3/4) approval of Presbytery”  
2 (*BCO* 21-4.c).

3 **Response:** For several years Palmetto Presbytery has understood the personal  
4 qualifications in *BCO* 18-3 and 19-2 to be synonymous and therefore did not require  
5 a re-examination in those areas in the later steps toward ordination. We submit to the  
6 different interpretation of the RPR of the non-synonymous nature of 18-3 and 19-2  
7 and have now made it our standard operating procedure to examine candidates with 3  
8 different levels of expectation in the Christian experience area: (1) candidacy, (2)  
9 licensure, and (3) ordination and will make sure our minutes reflect this difference

10 **2023-1: General 2022** (*BCO* 8-7) — No record of annual report(s) of TE(s) laboring  
11 out of bounds.

12 **Response:** Palmetto Presbytery confesses that it has not been consistent in  
13 requiring reports from teaching elders laboring outside of bounds. The motion was  
14 moved, seconded, and carried in the meeting of Presbytery on November 9, 2023 that  
15 (1) those TE [name omitted] be reminded of their duty to report to Presbytery at least  
16 annually (*BCO*, 8-7) and (2) the Presbytery MTW Committee be reminded of its duty  
17 (Presbytery ByLaws, Article VII, J, 6) to oversee men [name omitted] and that they be  
18 tasked to carry out this responsibility, at least in part, by obtaining reports from TE  
19 [name omitted] as required by the *BCO*, and report back to Presbytery (concerning  
20 both those TEs who have provided a report and those who have not) at each quarterly  
21 meeting, stating that these reports are on file.

22 **2023-2: May 12, 2022; Aug 11, 2022** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record that  
23 Congregation/Session concurred with dissolution of pastoral relations.

24 **Response:** The Presbytery confesses its error in these details. The motion was  
25 moved, seconded, and carried in the meeting of Presbytery on November 9, 2023 May  
26 12, 2022, previously adopted, be amended so that 26-57 states, “That the pastoral  
27 relationship between TE [name omitted] , as Assistant Pastor, and [church name  
28 omitted] be dissolved by mutual consent, and that he remain on the rolls of Palmetto  
29 Presbytery without call effective June 4, 2022. The Presbytery has written notification  
30 that the session of [church name omitted] has approved the dissolution of the  
31 relationship of assistant pastor between T. E. [name omitted] and the church. MSC.”  
32 The motion was moved, seconded, and carried in the meeting of Presbytery on  
33 November 9, 2023 August 11, 2022, previously adopted, be amended so that 27-24  
34 states, “That the relationship of associate pastor between TE [name omitted] and  
35 [church name omitted] be dissolved, by mutual request, and that he be released to  
36 Evangel Presbytery, pending his acceptance by that Presbytery. NOTE: Pastor [name  
37 omitted] of [church name omitted] affirmed that the dissolution of this call was by  
38 mutual consent of the congregation and TE [name omitted] , and the Presbytery has a  
39 copy of the minutes of the congregational meeting in which the vote was taken to  
40 approve the dissolution of the call of TE [name omitted] as associate pastor, which  
41 motion was passed.” MSC. It was moved, seconded, and carried in the meeting of  
42 Presbytery on November 9, 2023 that Presbytery confesses that in its minutes of  
43 August 11, 2022, previously adopted, in regard to 27-28 which states, “That the  
44 relationship of assistant pastor between TE [name omitted] , [church name omitted],  
45 be dissolved, by mutual request, effective 9/1/22. NOTE: Pastor [name omitted] of



1 [church name omitted] affirmed that the dissolution of this call was by mutual consent  
 2 between the Session and TE [name omitted] , MSC,” it did not request an official  
 3 confirmation from the session of [church name omitted] with a ruling elder present to  
 4 represent the session. We will endeavor to do so in the case of all future examinations.  
 5 It was moved, seconded, and passed at its meeting on November 9, 2023 that the  
 6 Presbytery charge the Church and Ministerial Health Committee that when a  
 7 resignation from a teaching elder is received from one of the churches, the church must  
 8 have a commissioner present at Presbytery to verify of the congregation’s or the  
 9 session’s approval of the resignation

10 **2023-3: Aug 11, 2022 (BCO 21-7)** — Incomplete record of ordination exam: no record  
 11 of sermon preached to presbytery.

12 **Response:** It was moved, seconded, and carried in the meeting of Palmetto  
 13 Presbytery on November 9, 2023 that under Motion 27-13, previously adopted,  
 14 concerning the ordination examination of Mr. [name omitted] , the Presbytery was  
 15 accepting Mr. [name omitted]’s preached sermon which was approved by Presbytery  
 16 as part of his licensure exam on May 12, 2022

17 **e. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
 18 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

19 **2022-1: Feb 21, 2021 (BCO 15-3; 31-10; 34; 36)** — Censure inflicted by a judicial  
 20 commission without process being instituted or a judgment approved by the  
 21 Presbytery.

22 **Response:** In the judicial case concerning T. E. [name omitted] he consented to  
 23 the recommendation made by the Judicial Committee for definite suspension. He has  
 24 pleaded neither guilty nor not guilty to the charges made; the Presbytery is waiting for  
 25 the decision of the civil court before it deals decisively with this case. However,  
 26 Presbytery should have made clearer in its minutes of the executive session that  
 27 “MSC” means that the motion was made, seconded, and carried by Presbytery.

28 **Rationale:** Presbytery’s response does not address the issue. A Presbytery may  
 29 suspend a minister from office following the conclusion of judicial process; or, under  
 30 31-10, he may be suspended from his official functions while under process.  
 31 Presbytery has not indicated that the minister is under process.

32 **Response:** The minister in question had already requested and been granted  
 33 suspension from office by an act of Presbytery on 2/11/2021 Minutes, Attachment E)  
 34 and remained under suspension from office, meaning that he could not rightly exercise  
 35 any of the functions of an ordained teaching elder. The judicial process in our  
 36 Presbytery had begun with this suspension and was intensified when further evidence  
 37 surfaced of his offenses; the Presbytery deemed it wise not to further the process until  
 38 the teaching elder’s case had been adjudicated in the civil court. The civil case took an  
 39 unusual amount of time for the adjudication to take place, and in the end the teaching  
 40 elder took an Alford plea which is allowed in civil cases by the Supreme Court of the  
 41 U.S. but not in our church courts. At the specific request of and with the approval of  
 42 the teaching elder, the church trial was postponed until after the civil case had been  
 43 settled. The civil case was concluded and the Presbytery in its meeting of May 11,  
 44 2023, resumed process against this teaching elder. Arraignment was set for the August  
 45 10, 2023 meeting of Presbytery. The teaching elder did not appear, and a motion was

1 made empowering the Stated Clerk to appoint a Judicial Commission to bring the  
2 matter to a conclusion and report back to the Presbytery. Furthermore, it was moved,  
3 seconded, and carried in the meeting of Palmetto Presbytery on November 9, 2023 that  
4 this action of the presbytery on 11/9/23 be added to this response to GA/RPR by March  
5 15, 2024.

6 **Rationale:** Presbytery has not adequately shown that the TE was suspended under  
7 one of only two methods prescribed in the *BCO*: (1) as a censure or (2) as an  
8 administrative act toward a teaching elder already under process (*BCO* 31–10). The  
9 *BCO* does not permit a presbytery to suspend a teaching elder because he requests to  
10 be suspended, nor as the first act of process.

11  
12 62. That the Minutes of **Pee Dee** Presbytery: 59-0-1

- 13 a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Apr 22, 2023; Jul 27, 2023; Oct 26,**  
14 **2023**
- 15 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Sep 26, 2023**
- 16 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
17 **2024-1: Jan 26, 2023** (*BCO* 31-2; *BCO* 12-5.a) — In adopting recommendation No 1  
18 of the commission, the presbytery constituted an investigative commission under *BCO*  
19 31-2 to investigate several matters, including “to investigate matters surrounding a  
20 scandalous incident involving an officer and two other members of Surfside PCA.”  
21 Absent accepting a reference from the session, the presbytery has no authority to  
22 conduct a 31-2 investigation into anyone other than a TE.
- 23 d. **No response to previous assemblies required.**

24  
25 63. That the Minutes of **Philadelphia** Presbytery: 63-0-0

- 26 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 20, 2023; Feb 07, 2023; Mar 18, 2023; May 20,**  
27 **2023; Aug 24, 2023; Sep 16, 2023; Nov 09, 2023; Dec 05, 2023; Dec 19, 2023**
- 28 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Jan 20, 2022; May 20, 2022; Aug 24, 2022**
- 29 c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
30 **2024-1: Mar 18, 2022** (*BCO* 43-3) — Complaint from lower court (church Session)  
31 not included in regular meeting minutes or executive session minutes.  
32 **2024-2: General 2023** (*BCO* 13.9.b; *BCO* 40-1) — No record of review of records of  
33 church sessions.
- 34 d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**  
35 **2022-1: Mar 20, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Licensure candidate stated that  
36 he disagrees with the “strictness” of the Westminster Standards’ view of the Sabbath  
37 but is not clear on what his stated difference is. *WCF* 21.8, *WLC* 117, 119 *WSC* 60, 61  
38 “I take exception to *WCF* 21.8 in that I don’t think that Scripture requires as strict of  
39 an observance of the Sabbath as the confessions seem to portray. Taking Matthew 12  
40 as exegetical support, Jesus healed, and told the healed to pick up and go home. Also,  
41 to carry the spirit of Mark 2:27, Sabbath should be focused on spiritual rest and  
42 corporate worship, not mere outward action. But of course the two affect each other. I  
43 take exception to the strictness of the confessions.”

44 **Response:** The Philadelphia Presbytery, in considering the entirety of the  
45 candidate’s fully enumerated exception provided above, deemed his differences with

1 the Westminster Standards as exceptions of substance that nonetheless do not strike at  
 2 the vitals of religion, nor are out of accord with any fundamental of our system of  
 3 doctrine.

4 **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
 5 Presbytery has not clarified what the candidate means by “I take exception to the  
 6 strictness of the confessions.” (*WCF* 21.8, *WLC* 117, 119 *WSC* 60, 61.)

7 **Response:** Presbytery will inquire of licentiate [name omitted] , who gave this  
 8 reply, to further clarify in writing what is meant by “strict.” Presbytery will then  
 9 reconsider his response as it fits within the *BCO*’s definition of exceptions. Once  
 10 received, the Stated Clerk will include his response in Presbytery’s response to RPR.  
 11 Presbytery received the following, and with this clarification, is an exception similar  
 12 to what we have received as a Presbytery in prior cases, as an exception of substance  
 13 but not hostile to nor striking at the vitals of the Christian religion: “Looked over my  
 14 answer and it does seem vague so I think the request for clarification is good. Here is  
 15 my previous response in the questionnaire and the bold portion is the addition. Please  
 16 let me know if you think I need to elaborate further before you present this to  
 17 presbytery. I was thinking about adding that I try and encourage not spending money  
 18 on the Sabbath, but didn't since that's more of an addition rather than an exception.  
 19 *WCF* 4.1, *WLC* 15, *WSC* 9 - My affirmation of the Framework view affirms that the  
 20 account in Genesis 1 is not necessarily sequential ("in the space of six days") but  
 21 literarily topical. The account of Genesis 2:5 of ordinary means of vegetation (Light,  
 22 Day 1, Luminaries, Day 4). Also, accounting the interpretive possibilities for 'yom' (Ps  
 23 90), the account in Genesis 1 seems to be literarily topical. I do acknowledge that the  
 24 weakness of the views have been to potentially think creation as non-historical, but  
 25 creation is historical. I believe Adam was a historical man, and creation happened in  
 26 the history of creation, and this historicity does not conflict with my affirmation of the  
 27 framework view of creation. I affirm Framework's strengths to be teaching covenant,  
 28 image of God, and Sabbath. *WCF* 21.8, *WLC* 117, 119 *WSC* 60, 61 – I take exception  
 29 to *WCF* 21.8 in that I don’t think that Scripture requires as strict of an observance of  
 30 the Sabbath as the confessions seem to portray. Taking Matthew 12 as exegetical  
 31 support, Jesus healed, and told the healed to pick up and go home. Also, to carry the  
 32 spirit of Mark 2:27, Sabbath should be focused on spiritual rest and corporate worship,  
 33 not mere outward action. But of course the two affect each other. By ‘strict of an  
 34 observance,’ what is intended was the allowance of recreation with spiritual  
 35 community as a means of spiritual rest and a pointing towards resting in our Lord away  
 36 from our labors.

37 **2023-1: General 2022** (*BCO* 8-7) — No record of reports of TEs laboring out of  
 38 bounds.

39 **Response:** The Philadelphia Presbytery is currently contacting all TEs laboring  
 40 out of bounds. We have done this over the years, but have not made explicit mention  
 41 in our minutes. Presbytery’s Shepherding Team will provide such updates beginning  
 42 with the January 2024 Minutes.

43 **2023-2: Standing Rules** (*BCO* 10-3) — *BCO* only allows for moderator of Presbytery  
 44 to be elected for a period of up to one year.

1           **Response:** The Philadelphia Presbytery will change its Standing Rules at some  
2 point in 2024 to correct this

3           **2023-6: Sep 17, 2022 (BCO 20-1)** — No record of the reasons why Presbytery  
4 considers an out-of-bounds work to be a valid Christian ministry.

5           **Response:** Teaching Elder [name omitted] continues to be an active member, both  
6 online and when possible, in-person, with the Philadelphia Presbytery. He has asked  
7 that he remain under the oversight of our Presbytery while he serves in this out-of-  
8 bounds church ministry, as we would similar to a chaplain or missionary work. His  
9 call is to co-pastor a very small, non-PCA church in rural Minnesota.

10       e. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
11 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

12           **2023-3: Jan 15, 2022 (BCO 13-9.b; 40-1)** — Presbytery did not fulfill its  
13 constitutional duty to review session records when it declined to review 2019 and 2020  
14 minutes.

15           **Response:** The Philadelphia Presbytery has been reviewing past Session Records,  
16 and will approve a new process at the January 2024 meeting that will ensure Session  
17 Records are reviewed in an expedited manner.

18           **Rationale:** No evidence the Presbytery has been reviewing these minutes.

19           **2023-4: Mar 19, 2022 (BCO 19-2; RAO 16-3.e.5)** — All specific requirements of  
20 licensure exam not recorded.

21           **Response:** The licentiate in question did in fact preach at Presbytery that day and  
22 had his sermon approved at the March 2022 Stated Meeting. The final minutes omitted  
23 what Presbytery actually did that day.

24           **Rationale:** The minutes for this March 2022 meeting need to be corrected to  
25 include all of the specific requirements.

26           **2023-5: May 21, 2022; Sep 17, 2022 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** — Incomplete record  
27 of ordination exam.

28           **Response:** Presbytery examined all candidates in all areas prescribed by the *BCO*,  
29 but these were omitted from the minutes. We apologize for any confusion.

30           **Rationale:** The minutes for these two meetings in May and September 2022 need  
31 to be corrected to include all of the specific requirements.

32  
33 64. That the Minutes of **Philadelphia Metro West Presbytery:** 66-0-0

34       a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Feb 25, 2023; May 06, 2023; Sep 16,**  
35 **2023; Nov 14, 2023**

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

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

38       d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

39           **2023-1: General 2022 (BCO 13-9.b; 40-1)** — Incomplete record of review of records  
40 of church Sessions.

41           **Response:** With two exceptions, all of the churches in Philadelphia Metro West  
42 Presbytery have submitted to the Presbytery for its review, and the Presbytery has  
43 reviewed, their session meeting minutes and congregation meeting minutes for  
44 calendar years 2020, 2021 and 2022. One church has been unable to submit its session  
45 meeting minutes for calendar year 2021 because the disruptions created by the Covid

1 pandemic resulted in the session (which was composed of one teaching elder [who left  
 2 the church at the end of 2021] and one ruling elder) not having regular meetings with  
 3 minutes in 2021 and not being able to provide to the Presbytery session meeting  
 4 minutes for 2021. Because of the disruptions, the church also is not able to provide to  
 5 the Presbytery congregation meeting minutes for calendar year 2021. A second church,  
 6 which in 2023 the Presbytery approved for dissolution, has submitted its session  
 7 meeting minutes for calendar years 2020, 2021 and 2022, and minutes for some, but  
 8 not all, of its congregation meetings for calendar years 2020, 2021 and 2022. The  
 9 Presbytery has requested that a search be made for the missing congregation meeting  
 10 minutes, but as yet they have not been submitted to the Presbytery.  
 11

12 65. That the Minutes of **Piedmont Triad** Presbytery: 56-0-3

- 13 a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Mar 09, 2023**
- 14 b. Be approved with exception of form: **Nov 11, 2023**
- 15 c. Be approved with exception of substance:
  - 16 **2024-1: Feb 11, 2023 (BCO 18-2)** — No record of six-month membership for
  - 17 candidate.
  - 18 **2024-2: May 13, 2023 (BCO 18-2)** — No record of six-month membership for
  - 19 candidate.
  - 20 **2024-3: Aug 12, 2023 (BCO 15-1; RAO 16-3.e.4)** — Minutes of commission not
  - 21 entered in Presbytery minutes, and these must be presented for review next year.
  - 22 **2024-4: Feb 11, 2023 (RAO 15-2)** — Presbytery allowed the same RE to serve on
  - 23 Overtures Committee for more than two consecutive assemblies without two-thirds
  - 24 vote of Presbytery.
- 25 d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**
  - 26 **2023-1: May 14, 2022 (BCO 13-10.3)** — No indication 60-days notice was given
  - 27 before dissolution of Grace Asheboro; minutes also do not indicate a commission was
  - 28 formed to care for the members who were received into the care of the presbytery as
  - 29 required by *BCO* 13-10.
  - 30 **Response:** Please forgive us for the lack of clarity on this matter. On 3/3/2022, the
  - 31 [church name omitted] session voted to dissolve the church. A congregational meeting
  - 32 was called on 3/13/2022 to make the announcement. The last worship service and
  - 33 congregational meeting were held on 4/17/2022. It was not the presbytery that
  - 34 “determined to dissolve” the church (*BCO* 13-10). Rather, the church requested the
  - 35 presbytery dissolve it during a congregational meeting, which requires 30-days notice
  - 36 (*BCO* 25-2). Before they proceeded with any of the aforementioned plans, the pastor
  - 37 of [church name omitted] sought counsel from the PCA Stated Clerk, who confirmed
  - 38 that the timeline and procedures for closing the church were correct. We are also sorry
  - 39 for not being clear about the care of [church name omitted]’s members. It was
  - 40 determined that our presbytery’s Shepherding Team would make sure members were
  - 41 cared for, but we did not establish them as a commission as required. We will do our
  - 42 best to correct our practice in the future.
  - 43 **2023-2: Nov 12, 2022 (BCO 13-10)** — No indication 60-days notice was given before
  - 44 dissolution of mission church.

1           **Response:** The attempt to form a temporary session failed, and therefore a mission  
2 church was never formally established. This was agreed upon by all of the parties  
3 involved and noted in the minutes.  
4

5 66. That the Minutes of **Pittsburgh** Presbytery: 60-0-0

- 6     a. Be approved without exception: **None**
- 7     b. Be approved with exception of form: **General 2023**
- 8     c. Be approved with exception of substance:  
9       **2024-1: Jan 28, 2023** (*BCO* 19-2.e-f.; *RAO* 16-3.e.5(a-d)) — No record of if  
10 candidates states any differences to the Westminster Standards, and if any,  
11 presbytery’s judgment of these (*RAO* 16-3.e.5(a-d) ).  
12       **2024-2: Jan 28, 2023** (*BCO* 19-12) — Incomplete review of interns’ updates.  
13       **2024-3: Apr 01, 2023** (*BCO* 19-12) — Incomplete review of interns’ updates.  
14       **2024-4: Jul 22, 2023** (*BCO* 19-12) — Incomplete review of interns’ updates.  
15       **2024-5: Oct 21, 2023** (*BCO* 19-12) — Incomplete review of interns’ updates.
- 16     d. **No response to previous assemblies required.**

17  
18 67. That the Minutes of **Platte Valley** Presbytery: 59-0-1

- 19     a. Be approved without exception: **Feb 04, 2023; Apr 29, 2023; Aug 12, 2023; Nov 30,**  
20       **2023**
- 21     b. Be approved with exception of form: **General 2023**
- 22     c. Be approved with exception of substance:
- 23     d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**  
24       **2023-1: General 2022** (*BCO* 13-9.b; 40-1) — Incomplete Record of review of records  
25 of church Sessions.

26           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception and regrets the error. Presbytery  
27 has now completed reviews of the records of church Session for both 2021 as well as  
28 2022, with the exception of three churches for 2022, which are currently still under  
29 review and which Presbytery will, Lord willing, act upon at its next stated meeting in  
30 early February of 2024. Presbytery will be more careful in the future to review all the  
31 previous year’s records of church Sessions every year, as well as to record the results  
32 of those reviews

33       **2023-2: Feb 05, 2022** (*BCO* 19-9) — Specific requirements of internship exam not  
34 recorded.

35           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception and regrets the error. The intern  
36 in question was indeed examined on his inward call to the ministry of the Word.  
37 Presbytery will be more careful in the future to record all specific requirements of  
38 internship examinations  
39

40 68. That the Minutes of **Potomac** Presbytery: 61-0-0

- 41     a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Jan 24, 2023; Mar 18, 2023; Jun 06,**  
42       **2023; Aug 08, 2023; Sep 19, 2023; Nov 18, 2023**
- 43     b. Be approved with exception of form: **None**
- 44     c. Be approved with exception of substance: **None**
- 45     d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

1 **2023-1: Jan 25, 2022; Sep 20, 2022 (BCO 21-6)** — No installation commission  
 2 appointed for associate pastor.

3 **Response:** We thank RPR for their diligent work. We agree with the exception and  
 4 as follow-up on the two instances we note that there was an original Presbytery  
 5 commission appointed on 09/16/18 in the first instance and 09/24/17 in the second  
 6 instance where the same minister was ordained at the same church congregation.  
 7 Additionally in follow-up with the two churches involved there was a ceremonial  
 8 transition involving the congregation where a clear distinction was made between  
 9 Assistant and Associate Pastors. We promise to be mindful of these transitions in the  
 10 future.

11 **2023-2: Jun 07, 2022 (BCO 13-6)** — Minister from another denomination (EPC) was  
 12 examined as if he were a transfer from within the PCA rather than as one who was  
 13 coming from outside the denomination.

14 **Response:** We thank RPR for their diligent work. We agree with the exception and  
 15 have reviewed our process for this particular transfer. The committee conducting the  
 16 examination orally presented this as an extraordinary exception in line with *BCO* 21-  
 17 4.d but this was not recorded in our minutes. We promise to be more careful in the  
 18 future when handling transfers from other Christian denominations.

19 **2023-3: Jun 07, 2022 (BCO 21-4)** — No record of transfer or dismissal of members  
 20 upon dissolving a church.

21 **Response:** We thank RPR for their diligent work. We agree with the exception  
 22 having followed up with the members on the roll at the time of the dissolution but  
 23 failing to record our previous action. There were no members listed on the roll of the  
 24 church at that time and therefore no further corrective action may be taken. We promise  
 25 to be more careful in recording our actions and hope the dissolution of churches  
 26 continues to be a rare event.

27  
 28 69. That the Minutes of **Providence** Presbytery: 63-0-0

- 29 a. Be approved without exception: **None**
- 30 b. Be approved without exception: **General 2023; May 02, 2023**
- 31 c. Be approved with exception of substance:
  - 32 **2024-1: Feb 07, 2023 (BCO 13-11)** — Executive session not included and these must
  - 33 be presented for review next year.
  - 34 **2024-2: Aug 01, 2023 (BCO 15-1; RAO 16-3.e.4)** — Minutes of commission not
  - 35 entered in Presbytery minutes, and these must be presented for review next year.
  - 36 **2024-3: Aug 01, 2023 (BCO 13-11; RAO 16-3.e.7)** — Executive session not included
  - 37 and these must be presented for review next year.
  - 38 **2024-4: Nov 07, 2023 (RAO 16-3.c.8)** — No record that previous minutes were
  - 39 approved.
- 40 d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**
  - 41 **2023-1: Feb 01, 2022 (BCO 8-7)** — No record that the Presbytery is assured that an
  - 42 out-of-bounds TE will have full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our
  - 43 Church. No record that out-of-bounds TE is engaged in preaching and teaching the
  - 44 Word.

1           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with this exception and notes that the TE in  
2 question transitioned from being a Church Planter to creating his own 501c3 ministry  
3 while serving in the same area. This new ministry has a board of directors comprised  
4 of REs and TEs from within our Presbytery. This TE continues to preach and teach in  
5 our Presbytery and through this ministry with the full freedom to maintain and teach  
6 the doctrine of our Church. We erred in not recording these details, in accordance with  
7 *BCO* 8-7 and promise to be more careful in the future

8           **2023-2: Feb 01, 2022** (*BCO* 19-1, 13-6; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — All specific requirements  
9 of licensure views exam not recorded for TE from another Presbytery being licensed.

10           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with this exception and promises to be more  
11 careful in the future. The specific requirements of the licensure views exam were  
12 fulfilled, but not properly recorded with specificity to each item. This response serves  
13 to update our records to reflect what was done during these candidates exams and we  
14 are endeavoring to keep diligent and faithful records in the future to specify all *BCO*  
15 requirements have been met

16           **2023-7: Nov 01, 2022** (*BCO* 46-8) — No record of Presbytery assigning deposed  
17 minister to membership of some particular church.

18           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with this exception and promises to be more  
19 careful in the future. The deposed minister was assigned to [church name omitted] in  
20 Madison, AL and this was known by the Presbytery via the aforementioned full  
21 statement of the case and the judgment by Judicial Commission

22 e. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
23 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

24           **2023-3: May 3, 2022; Nov 1, 2022** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — Minutes of  
25 commission not entered in Presbytery minutes.

26           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with this exception and promises to be more  
27 careful in the future. The Minutes of the Commission were received by the Presbytery,  
28 included in the Docket for the Presbytery's, but were not included in the Minutes as  
29 required. They are attached to the Minutes from the Presbytery meeting [Nov 7, 2023]  
30 that this response to RPR is approved

31           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1). [The  
32 response says that the minutes of the commission are "attached" to the end of the 7  
33 November 2023 minutes, but they are not.]

34           **2023-4: May 03, 2022** (*BCO* 34-7; 30-3) — No record of trial or case without process  
35 prior to suspending member from sacraments.

36           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with this exception and promises to be more  
37 careful in the future. On the basis of a signed confession and the desire to protect the  
38 peace and purity of the Church, we suspended the now deposed member from the  
39 Sacraments. It was a misapplication of *BCO* 34-7 that led us to that action, as we also  
40 instituted a definite suspension from ministry at the same time. A later Judicial  
41 Commission led to a final judgment of the former TE being deposed from ministry  
42 and indefinite suspension from the Sacraments.

43           **Rationale:** Report from Judicial Commission not entered into the record.

44           **2023-5: Nov 01, 2022** (*BCO* 19-2; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — All specific requirements of  
45 licensure exam not recorded.



1           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with this exception and promises to be more  
2 careful in the future. Should this Candidate come forward for Ordination, as  
3 anticipated, we will examine him in these areas and those required for Ordination.

4           **Rationale:** Presbytery’s response does not correct the error, as it is not clear that  
5 the Presbytery has actually conducted the licensure exam.

6           **2023-6: Nov 01, 2022 (BCO 15-3)** — No record of full statement of the case and the  
7 judgment rendered by Judicial Commission.

8           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with this exception and promises to be more  
9 careful in the future. The full statement of the case and the judgment rendered by  
10 Judicial Commission were properly before the Court, but not properly recorded in the  
11 Minutes. These will be appended to the Minutes in which this response is approved to  
12 correct the previous failure to include that statement in the Minutes.

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

14  
15 70. That the Minutes of **Rio Grande Presbytery:** *61-0-0*

16       **a.** Be approved without exception: **None**

17       **b.** Be approved with exception of form: **General 2023**

18       **c.** Be approved with exception of substance:

19           **2024-1: Jan 23, 2023 - Jan 24, 2023 (RAO 16-3.e.5).a-d.)** — No record of requiring  
20 statement of differences with our Standards.

21           **2024-2: Jan 23, 2023 - Jan 24, 2023 (BCO 21-4.a.)** — Incomplete record of ordination  
22 exam.

23           **2024-3: Jan 23, 2023 - Jan 24, 2023 (BCO 21-4.c.(1)(g))** — Incomplete record of  
24 ordination exam.

25           **2024-4: Jan 23, 2023 - Jan 24, 2023 (BCO 21-4.c.(1)(g))** — Incomplete record of  
26 ordination exam.

27           **2024-5: Jan 23, 2023 - Jan 24, 2023 (BCO 21-4.c.(1)(g))** — Incomplete record of  
28 ordination exam.

29           **2024-6: Apr 24-25, 2023** - Incomplete record of ordination exam.

30           **2024-7: Apr 24-25, 2023 (BCO 15-2)** — Non-members of the Presbytery listed among  
31 the quorum for the ordination commission.

32           **2024-8: Apr 24-25, 2023 (BCO 21-6)** — Ordination questions to the congregation  
33 wrongly asked of a congregation of which the TEs are not ministers.

34           **2024-9: May 21, 2023 (BCO 13-12)** — No record of required 10-day notice for  
35 scheduling a called meeting.

36           **2024-10: May 21, 2023 (BCO 20-1, 7, 8; 21-1)** — Called meeting is out of order.

37           **2024-11: Sep 25-26, 2023 (BCO 18-7)** — Required items for dismissal of a candidate  
38 not recorded.

39           **2024-12: Sep 25-26, 2023 (BCO 20-1, 7, 8; 21-1)** — Presbytery is not allowed to  
40 ordain a minister prior to taking action on an in order call from a congregation.

41           **2024-13: Sep 25-26, 2023 (BCO 23-1)** — No record presbytery cited church to appear  
42 at presbytery to agree or challenge TE’s resignation.

43       **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

44           **2021-1: Jan 27-28, 2020 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** — Stated differences not properly  
45 recorded.

1           **Response:** The text read: Mr. [name omitted]’s one exception to the Westminster  
2 Confession of Faith Sabbath day observance was noted as more than semantic but not  
3 striking to the vitals the faith. His verbatim statement is recorded in the Sept minutes  
4 of his licensure examination. The Court approved his exception. The text has been  
5 changed to: Mr. [name omitted]’s one exception to the Westminster Confession of  
6 Faith Sabbath day observance. The court judged the stated difference(s) to be more  
7 than semantic, but “not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine”  
8 (*BCO* 21-4) His verbatim statement is recorded in the September 2019 minutes of his  
9 licensure examination. The Court approved his exception.

10 **2021-2: General 2023** (Standing Rules) — No provision in the standing rules for  
11 conducting a meeting in this manner. The meeting may be invalid.

12           **Response:** Presbytery voted at the January 2023 Stated Meeting to amend our  
13 Standing Rules to include virtual meetings and to adopt all actions at the September  
14 2020 meeting. Please see the minutes in the January 2023 Stated Meeting.

15 **2021-3: Apr 29-30, 2019** (*BCO* 13-6; 21-4) — Incomplete record of transfer exam of  
16 TE transferring into presbytery.

17           **Response:** The original text reads: “3. Transfer examination for TE [name omitted]  
18 to the PRG from North Texas Presbytery to Associate Pastor of [church name omitted],  
19 NM as a PCA TE in good standing. The Call was received, approved by the Court, and  
20 recorded (Attachment 10). During the Ordination Committee presentation of TE  
21 [name omitted] to the court, they noted TE [name omitted] ’s *BCO* 20-9 Exception to  
22 Recreation on the Sabbath (cited verbatim below) as more than semantic but not  
23 striking to the vital tenants of the faith. TE [name omitted] was recommended with no  
24 reservations by the Ordination Committee. TE [name omitted] gave testimony of walk  
25 with the Lord and call to the ministry and christian experience, as well as questions to  
26 determine if there have been any changes in his views per *BCO*-21-4 since his  
27 ordination. During the examination, the court propounded a question on his view of  
28 the Sabbath. TE [name omitted] stated that he had an unquestioned high view of the  
29 sabbath day as the Lord’s Day but stated verbatim: “ I take exception to *WCF* 20-8,  
30 specifically, the clause which prohibits “...thoughts about their worldly employments  
31 and recreations...” on the Lord’s Day. It is my conviction that the 4th commandment  
32 does not preclude one from having thoughts of worldly employments and from  
33 engaging in recreational activity.” The Court approved a motion from the floor to arrest  
34 examination as a whole. An omnibus Motion was made by the committee to approve:  
35 the exam, statement of experiential religion, and the exemption to the Westminster  
36 Confession of Faith. The motion was approved.” The text has been changed to read:  
37 “3. Transfer examination for TE [name omitted] to the PRG from South Texas  
38 Presbytery to Associate Pastor of [church name omitted], NM as a PCA TE in good  
39 standing. TE [name omitted] was examined on Christian experience, and also touched  
40 on views concerning theology, the Sacraments, and church government (*BCO* 13-6.  
41 The Call was received, approved by the Court, and recorded (Attachment 10). During  
42 the Ordination Committee presentation of TE [name omitted] to the court, they noted  
43 TE [name omitted]’s *BCO* 20-9 Exception to Recreation on the Sabbath (cited  
44 verbatim below) as more than semantic but not striking to the vital tenants of the faith.  
45 TE [name omitted] was recommended with no reservations by the Ordination

1 Committee. TE [name omitted] gave testimony of walk with the Lord and call to the  
 2 ministry and Christian experience, as well as questions to determine if there have been  
 3 any changes in his views per *BCO*-21-4 since his ordination. During the examination,  
 4 the court propounded a question on his view of the Sabbath. TE [name omitted] stated  
 5 that he had an unquestioned high view of the sabbath day as the Lord's Day but stated  
 6 verbatim: "I take exception to *WCF* 20-8, specifically, the clause which prohibits  
 7 "...thoughts about their worldly employments and recreations..." on the Lord's Day. It  
 8 is my conviction that the 4th commandment does not preclude one from having  
 9 thoughts of worldly employments and from engaging in recreational activity." The  
 10 Court approved a motion from the floor to arrest examination as a whole. An omnibus  
 11 Motion was made by the committee to approve: the exam, statement of experiential  
 12 religion, and the exemption to the Westminster Confession of Faith. The motion was  
 13 approved."

14 **2021-4: Sep 23-24, 2019** (*BCO* 13-6) — Incomplete record of transfer for minister.  
 15 Type of transfer from a Korean language presbytery or another denomination not  
 16 specified.

17 **Response:** The Ordination Committee presented TE [name omitted] to the Court  
 18 for transfer from the Korean Presbytery per *BCO* 21. The text has been changed to  
 19 read: "The Ordination Committee presented TE [name omitted] to the Court for  
 20 transfer from the Korean Southwest Presbytery per *BCO* 21" (see attached file)

21 **2021-5: Sep 23-24, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4) — No record of requiring a statement of  
 22 differences with our Standards.

23 **Response:** The text read: "TE [name omitted] was examined per *BCO* 21-4 for  
 24 Ordination in the PCA in all areas." The text has been changed to read: "TE [name  
 25 omitted] was Christian experience, and also touched on views concerning theology,  
 26 the Sacraments, and church government (*BCO* 13-6). TE [name omitted] was also  
 27 examined concerning his differences with the Standards, which he had None

28 **2021-6: Sep 23-24, 2019** (*BCO* 13-6) — Incomplete record of transfer for minister  
 29 from another presbytery.

30 **Response:** The text read: "The Ordination Committee presented TE [name  
 31 omitted] for transfer in good standing from the Tennessee Valley Presbytery with a  
 32 Call to SERGE Ministries (Call at Attachment 15). The court examined TE [name  
 33 omitted] on his views." The text has been changed to read: "The Ordination Committee  
 34 presented TE [name omitted] for transfer in good standing from the Tennessee Valley  
 35 Presbytery with a Call to SERGE Ministries. (Call at Attachment 15). TE [name  
 36 omitted] was examined on Christian experience, and also touched on views concerning  
 37 theology, the Sacraments, and church government (*BCO* 13-6). TE [name omitted]  
 38 was also examined concerning his differences with the Standards, which he had None"  
 39 (See pdf)

40 **2021-7: Sep 23-24, 2019** (*BCO* 13-6) — Incomplete record of transfer exam for  
 41 minister from another denomination.

42 **Response:** The text read: "Ordination Examination for TE [name omitted]  
 43 [RPCNA Pastor/currently under a call as an Army Chaplain] per *BCO*-21-4 with full  
 44 examination in all *BCO* areas and acceptance of Ministerial Credentials and previous  
 45 ordination vows. The Ordination Committee presented TE [name omitted] to the Court

1 for transfer into the PCA from the RPCNA [per *BCO* 21, Letter of Good Standing at  
2 Attachment 12]. TE [name omitted] presented a testimony of his Christian experience  
3 and call to the ministry; and path of the call: TE [name omitted] was examined by the  
4 court on all areas of *BCO* 21-4.” The text has been changed to read: “Ordination  
5 Examination for TE [name omitted] [RPCNA Pastor/currently under a call as an Army  
6 Chaplain] per *BCO*-21-4 with full examination in all *BCO* areas and acceptance of  
7 Ministerial Credentials and previous ordination vows. The Ordination Committee  
8 presented TE [name omitted] to the Court for transfer into the PCA from the RPCNA  
9 [per *BCO* 21, Letter of Good Standing at Attachment 12]. TE [name omitted] presented  
10 a testimony of his Christian experience and call to the ministry; and path of the call:  
11 TE [name omitted] was examined on Christian experience, and also touched on views  
12 concerning theology, the Sacraments, and church government (*BCO* 13-6).”

13 **2022-1: Apr 26-27, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Exception not properly  
14 recorded.

15 **Response:** The text read: (M/S/C) Receive exceptions as not striking at the vitals,  
16 see Attachment 5. The text has been changed to: Mr. [name omitted] has three  
17 exceptions to the Westminster Confession of Faith as noted in Attachment 5. The court  
18 judged the stated difference(s) to be more than semantic, but “not out of accord with  
19 any fundamental of our system of doctrine” (*BCO* 21-4).

20 **2022-3: General 2023** (*BCO* 18-19) — No record of candidate coming under care,  
21 licensure or ordination exams, or internship.

22 **Response:** The previous records are from the April 2021 Stated Presbytery  
23 meeting concerning Mr. [name omitted] . [name omitted] was licensed and ordained  
24 at the April 26-27, 2021 Presbytery meeting.

25 **2023-1: Jan 31, 2022; Apr 25-26, 2022** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of six-months  
26 membership for candidate.

27 **Response:** In reviewing the minutes, we do accept that an error was made. Mr.  
28 [name omitted] was not a member for six months. We will promise to be more diligent  
29 in the future.

30 **2023-2: Sep 26-27, 2022** (*RAO* 16-10.a) — No response to the Assembly concerning  
31 disposition of exceptions of substance approved in Presbytery’s minutes.

32 **Response:** We will be submitting responses to all of the exceptions of substance  
33 this year.

34 **e. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
35 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

36 **2022-2: General 2023** (*BCO* 13-12; *RAO* 16-3.c.1) — Notice and purpose and those  
37 calling the called meeting not recorded.

38 **Response:** The previous stated clerk forgot to attach the call to the minutes. The  
39 following is the call: “Dear Brothers, Please see the attached docket and documents  
40 for the called Presbytery meeting on May 21, 2021 in Las Cruces. This meeting  
41 addresses TE [name omitted] being called as pastor to [church name omitted], [name  
42 omitted] being called as intern by [church name omitted] and changes in the affiliation  
43 of [church name omitted] and [name omitted. [church name omitted] has decided to  
44 withdraw from the PCA and join the Bible Presbyterian Church. While I am sad to see  
45 them leave and will miss seeing leaders from [church name omitted] at Presbytery, I

1 honor their decision. At this time, TE [name omitted] wishes to remain as Honorably  
 2 Retired in our Presbytery. The call letter to [name omitted] will be sent to you when I  
 3 receive it. Yours in Christ, [name omitted] , Temporary Clerk”

4 **Rationale:** No reference as to whether PRG has corrected its minutes. PRG must  
 5 resubmit corrected minutes

6 **2022-4: General (BCO 13-9.b)** — No record of review of records of church Sessions.

7 **Response:** Noted in the minutes that I do have record that Presbytery reviewed the  
 8 minutes of the sessions

9 **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery approved review of session minutes (April  
 10 25-26, 2022).

11 **2023-3: Sep 26-27, 2022 (BCO 13-5, 23-2)** — Presbytery adopted a policy requiring  
 12 honorably retired ministers to transfer their membership upon relocation to another  
 13 Presbytery. [BCO 13-5 specifically excludes honorably retired ministers from the  
 14 expectation that they must become members of the Presbytery in the area they reside.]

15 **Response:** In correspondence with the Stated Clerk’s office, we adopted a policy  
 16 that stated it is up to the will of the Presbytery body to determine if a candidate should  
 17 remain in our Presbytery, even if honorably retired. In this case, we had a retired  
 18 minister who lived 2,000 miles away, making repeated requests of Presbytery even  
 19 though he had no involvement in our body. We are willing to modify our language or  
 20 rescind the policy if it violates the will of RPR.

21 **Rationale:** BCO 13-5 does not apply to an honorably retired TE.

22  
 23 71. That the Minutes of **Rocky Mountain** Presbytery: 63-0-0

24 a. Be approved without exception: **Nov 27, 2023**

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

26 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

27 **2024-1: Jan 26, 2023 (Preliminary Principle 6)** — No record that members of interim  
 28 Session were called by the congregation.

29 **2024-2: Jan 26, 2023 (BCO 15-1; RAO 16-3.e.4; BCO 15-3)** — Minutes of  
 30 commission not entered in Presbytery minutes, and these must be presented for review  
 31 next year.

32 **2024-3: General 2023 (BCO 18-7)** — No record that candidate was notified of the  
 33 reasons that he was removed from the roll.

34 **2024-4: Apr 27, 2023 (BCO 34-10)** — No record of advance notice to minister or of  
 35 2/3 vote to divest him of his office without censure.

36 **2024-5: Oct 05, 2023 (BCO 22-5)** — No record that session requested stated supply.

37 **2024-6: Oct 05, 2023 (BCO 23-1)** — No record that Congregation or Session  
 38 concurred with dissolutions of pastoral relations.

39 d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

40 **2019-1: Feb 1, 2018; Apr 26, 2018; Oct 4, 2018 (BCO 23-1)** — No record of  
 41 congregational concurrence in dissolution of pastoral relations.

42 **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery agrees with the exception and will correct  
 43 our record (if possible), will correct our action (if possible), and promises to be more  
 44 careful in the future

1           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1). The  
2 Presbytery should act to include appropriate documentation in its record.

3           **Response:** [2023] Rocky Mountain Presbytery apologizes for failing to correct our  
4 minutes as required and will make CORRECTIONS to our minutes as indicated below:  
5 From 1) Feb. 1, 2018; Moved and carried to approve the dissolution of TE [name  
6 omitted] as associate pastor of [church name omitted] and to change his status to  
7 without call. The congregation of [church name omitted], MT voted January 24, 2018  
8 to concur with this action. 2) From Apr. 26, 2018; Approval of dissolution of the  
9 pastoral relationship of [name omitted] at [church name omitted] in Billings and  
10 approve his call to minister out of bounds at Westminster Theological Seminary,  
11 Philadelphia, PA as of July 1, 2018. The congregation of [church name omitted] in  
12 Billings, MT voted March 18, 2018 to concur with this action.; 3) From Oct. 4, 2018  
13 Moved and carried the dismissal of TE [name omitted] to OPC presbytery of Southern  
14 California; to approve the pastoral dissolution of TE [name omitted] and [church name  
15 omitted] and to change his status to without call; the dismissal of TE [name omitted]  
16 to Pacific Presbytery pending their reception of him; to change the terms of call of TE  
17 [name omitted] from assistant pastor to associate pastor of [church name omitted]; to  
18 dismiss TE [name omitted] to Savannah River Presbytery, pending their reception of  
19 him. "The congregation of [church name omitted] in Wheat Ridge, CO voted to concur  
20 with the dissolution of their relationship with TE [name omitted] . The congregation  
21 of [church name omitted] voted to concur with dissolution of their relationship with  
22 Associate Pastor TE [name omitted] . TEs [name omitted] was an Assistant Pastor, and  
23 TE [name omitted] is Honorably Retired."

24 **2021-1: Jan 24, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4.c.(1)(g)) — All specific requirements of ordination  
25 examination not recorded. (No record of examination in history of PCA.)

26           **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery agrees with the exceptions and corrects its  
27 record (if possible), corrects its action (if possible), and promises to be more careful  
28 in the future. (*RAO* 16-10, b, 1)

29           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1). The  
30 Presbytery should act to include appropriate documentation in its record.

31           **Response:** [2023] Rocky Mountain Presbytery agrees with this exception,  
32 apologizes for the error, and promises to be more careful in the future. RMP also  
33 apologizes for not correcting its minutes earlier, and the following CORRECTION  
34 will be made to the minutes of the 2019 Winter Stated Meeting of Rocky Mountain  
35 Presbytery: "Candidate for ordination [name omitted] was examined in the area of  
36 PCA History and his examination was sustained."

37 **2021-3: Oct 03, 2019** (*BCO* 21-4.d) — Apparent use of 3/4 clause during transfer  
38 exam of minister from the OPC not explicitly demonstrated in the minutes.

39           **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery agrees with the exceptions and corrects its  
40 record (if possible), corrects its action (if possible), and promises to be more careful  
41 in the future. (*RAO* 16-10, b, 1)

42           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1). The  
43 Presbytery should act to include appropriate documentation in its record.

44           **Response:** [2023]After reviewing and researching the actions taken at the original  
45 meeting on Oct 3, 2019, Rocky Mountain Presbytery respectfully disagrees with the

1 original exception. As required in *BCO* 13-6, all areas specified by *BCO* 21-4 for  
 2 examination were done and the 3/4 clause was not used. We regret that the minutes of  
 3 Oct 3, 2019 did not reflect this. The following CORRECTION will be added to  
 4 minutes of Oct 3, 2019: “TE [name omitted]’s examination included all areas specified  
 5 by *BCO* 13-6 and *BCO* 21-4, (1), a – h.” (Correction does not list each category [a  
 6 through h] because of the limited space available to insert the correction into the  
 7 minutes of Oct 3, 2019.)

8 **2022-1: Apr 25, 2019; Apr 22, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4.c.(1)(g)) — All specific requirements  
 9 of licensure exam not recorded. (Apr 25, 2019 - No record of written sermon; Apr 22,  
 10 2021 - No record of approval of sermon)

11 **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery agrees with the exceptions and corrects its  
 12 record (if possible), corrects its action (if possible), and promises to be more careful  
 13 in the future. (*RAO* 16-10, b, 1)

14 **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1). The  
 15 Presbytery should act to include appropriate documentation in its record.

16 **Response:** 2023 RESPONSE: RE: April 25, 2019 [p. 57] Rocky Mountain  
 17 Presbytery respectfully disagrees with this exception. The minutes recorded on p. 57  
 18 of the 2019 Rocky Mountain Presbytery Minutes state the candidate’s (Mr. [name  
 19 omitted]) sermon was approved. RE: April 22, 2021 [p. 34, 37] Rocky Mountain  
 20 Presbytery agrees with this exception and promises to be more careful in the future.  
 21 Four candidates were examined for ordination on that date; minutes record approval  
 22 of sermon for two of them ([Names Omitted]). The other two candidates examined for  
 23 ordination on that date (p. 34 – [name omitted] and p. 37 – [name omitted] ) will have  
 24 the following CORRECTION inserted into the minutes of April 22, 2021: “Moved and  
 25 carried to sustain the candidate’s sermon.)

26 **2022-2: Apr 22, 2021** (*BCO* 13-6) — No record of Transfer being examined on views  
 27 touching sacraments or church government.

28 **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery agrees with the exceptions and corrects its  
 29 record (if possible), corrects its action (if possible), and promises to be more careful  
 30 in the future. (*RAO* 16-10, b, 1)

31 **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1). The  
 32 Presbytery should act to include appropriate documentation in its record.

33 **Response:** [2023] Rocky Mountain Presbytery agrees with this exception,  
 34 apologizes for its oversight, and promises to be more careful in the future. The four  
 35 candidates for transfer into RMP were examined in their views touching sacraments  
 36 and church government. CORRECTION will be made to the minutes for transfer  
 37 candidates TE [name omitted], TE [name omitted], TE [name omitted], TE [name  
 38 omitted] to state the following: “The candidate was examined regarding his views in  
 39 the area of Sacraments. Moved and carried to arrest this portion of the examination.”  
 40 and “The candidate was examined regarding his views in the area of Church  
 41 Government. Moved and carried to arrest this portion of the examination.”

42 **2023-1: General 2022** (*BCO* 8-7) — No record of annual reports of TEs laboring out  
 43 of bounds.

44 **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery agrees with the exception and will  
 45 encourage the RMP Shepherding Committee to secure annual reports from TEs

1 laboring outside the bounds of Rocky Mountain Presbytery in all years, with special  
2 attention paid to doing so in 2024.

3 **2023-2: General 2022** (*BCO* 13-9.b; 40-1) — No record of review of records of  
4 church Sessions.

5 **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery respectfully disagrees with this exception  
6 on the grounds Session record reviews were recorded as follows: 1) Minutes of 2022  
7 Winter Stated Meeting (pg. 16) record review of Session minutes; 2) Minutes of 2022  
8 Spring Stated Meeting (pg. 37) record review of Session minutes; 3) Minutes of 2022  
9 Fall Stated Meeting (pg. 68) record review of Session minutes.

10 **2023-3: Jan 27, 2022; April 21, 2022; Oct 6, 2022** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of  
11 endorsement by candidate's session or six-months membership for candidate.

12 **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery agrees with this exception and promises  
13 to be more careful in the future. Endorsement by a candidate's session and six-month  
14 membership are part of the normal process carried out by the RMP Christian Education  
15 Committee, but recording these things in the minutes of Presbytery did not happen.  
16 CORRECTION will be made to the minutes of Jan 27, 2022; April 21, 2022; and Oct  
17 6, 2022 to state: "The candidate was endorsed by his session and meets the six-month  
18 membership requirement."

19 **2023-5: Jan 27, 2022** (PP 6) — No record that members of interim/provisional Session  
20 were called by the congregation.

21 **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery respectfully disagrees with this exception  
22 on the grounds that as a Mission Church no congregation exists. The temporary session  
23 was formed to provide oversight for the church planter.

24 **2023-6: Jan 27, 2022** (*BCO* 18-3) — No record of examination of candidates in  
25 experiential religion and motives for seeking the ministry.

26 **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery respectfully disagrees with this exception  
27 on the grounds the following statement was a part of record on pg. 14, "TE [name  
28 omitted] presented five men to come under care of the Rocky Mountain Presbytery.  
29 Each shared their testimony and call to ministry." RMP will be careful in the future to  
30 make the record of candidate exams more clearly identified.

31 **2023-7: Jan 27, 2022** (*BCO* 8-6) — Presbytery acted to move TE from Evangelist to  
32 Church Planter with temporary Session, then acted to renew terms as Evangelist.

33 **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery agrees with this exception and apologizes  
34 for its error. Action will be taken at the 2023 Fall Stated Meeting on October 5, 2023  
35 to clarify the status of TE [name omitted]. (Presbytery did not take action on this matter  
36 at the Oct 5, 2023 meeting but did take action at the 2024 Winter Stated Meeting on  
37 Jan 25, 2024.) TE [name omitted] is provided oversight by the temporary Session and  
38 did not have his Evangelist status renewed. CORRECTION: The minutes of Jan 27,  
39 2022 will be corrected to state: "TE [name omitted] did not have his status as an  
40 Evangelist renewed."

41 **2023-8: Jan 27, 2022; Apr 21, 2022; Oct 6, 2022** (*BCO* 13-6) — Incomplete record  
42 of examination of TE transferring into presbytery.

43 **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery agrees the minutes of Jan 27, 2022 and  
44 April 21, 2022 do not record examinations in Sacraments and Church Government for  
45 those two transfer candidates. Those examinations were done but were not recorded.



1 CORRECTIONS will be made to those minutes that state “The candidate was also  
 2 examined in the areas of the Sacraments and Church Government.” Rocky Mountain  
 3 Presbytery respectfully disagrees with the exception for the Oct 6, 2022 meeting.  
 4 Transfer candidate [name omitted] was examined in the Sacraments and Church  
 5 Government as noted on pg. 65 “Moved and Carried to sustain the candidate’s  
 6 examinations in Testimony, Calling, Bible, Sacraments, Church Government, and  
 7 *BCO*.”

8 **2023-9: Jan 27, 2022** (*BCO* 19-2,3,4, *RAO* 16.e.5) — All specific requirements of  
 9 licensure exam not recorded.

10 **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery agrees with this exception, especially  
 11 noting the absence of any reference to the candidate’s sermon. Minutes indicate all  
 12 other requirements were recorded. CORRECTION will be made to the minutes of Jan  
 13 27, 2022 to state “The candidate’s sermon was approved.”

14 **2023-10: Jan 27, 2022** (*BCO* 19-3, 19-4) — No record of licensure questions,  
 15 response, prayer, or declaration.

16 **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery agrees with this exception and apologizes  
 17 for failure to record in our minutes these important elements of the licensure process.  
 18 CORRECTIONS will be made to our Jan 27, 2022 minutes to state for each candidate:  
 19 “Licensure questions from *BCO* 19-3 were asked and answered in the affirmative,  
 20 prayer for the candidate was offered, and the declarations of *BCO* 19-4 were made.”

21 **2023-11: Apr 21, 2022** (*BCO* 13-6, 21-4) — Incomplete record of exam for minister  
 22 seeking admission from another denomination.

23 **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery agrees with this exception in that there  
 24 appears to be no record in our minutes regarding transfer from another denomination  
 25 candidate [name omitted]’s demonstrating knowledge of Greek and Hebrew.  
 26 CORRECTION will be made to the Apr 21, 2022 minutes to state: Candidate’s  
 27 seminary degree from Covenant Theological Seminary shows evidence he has  
 28 knowledge of Greek and Hebrew.” Rocky Mountain Presbytery promises to be more  
 29 careful in the future.

30 **2023-12: Apr 21, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4, *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of ordination  
 31 exam.

32 **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery agrees with this exception and promises  
 33 to be more careful in the future. We will also make CORRECTION to our Apr 21,  
 34 2022 minutes to state: “Candidate [name omitted] was examined in the area of Bible  
 35 Knowledge during his licensure exam on Jan 27, 2022 (recorded in the minutes of  
 36 2022 on pg. 12). Candidate [name omitted] exegetical paper was approved by the  
 37 Credentials Committee, and his seminary degree from Covenant Theological  
 38 Seminary gives evidence to his knowledge of Greek and Hebrew.

39 **e. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
 40 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

41 **2021-2: General** (*BCO* 13-9.b; 40-1) — Incomplete record of review of records of  
 42 church Sessions. (Received and reviewed 7 churches. At Spring Stated Meeting,  
 43 Session record of churches north of Denver are reviewed. (SR1.072) No report of  
 44 reviewed records at Fall Stated Meeting. At Fall Stated Meeting, Session records of  
 45 churches in and south of Denver are reviewed. (SR 1.072)

1           **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery agrees with the exception and will correct  
2 our record (if possible), will correct our action (if possible), and promises to be more  
3 careful in the future.

4           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1). The  
5 Presbytery should act to include appropriate documentation in its record.

6           **Response:** [2023] Rocky Mountain Presbytery respectfully asks for clarification  
7 to what year these exceptions took place so corrections can be made appropriately.

8           **Rationale:** This 2022 General exception regards the RMP minutes of 2021 (7 of  
9 35 churches reviewed, pp. 42, 70).

10          **2023-4: Jan 27, 2022** (*BCO* 15-1, *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — Minutes of commission not  
11 entered in Presbytery minutes.

12          **Response:** Rocky Mountain Presbytery agrees with this exception, will make  
13 CORRECTIONS to our minutes of Jan 27, 2022 by adding “Commission reports as  
14 Appendices F, G, H, and I.” RMP promises to be more careful in the future. [4  
15 commission reports:[name omitted] Commission, [name omitted] Commission, [name  
16 omitted] Commission, and [church name omitted] Denver Commission]

17          **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
18 Presbytery has not submitted the record for review. [4 commission reports:[name  
19 omitted] commission, [name omitted] commission, [name omitted] commission, and  
20 [church name omitted] commission].

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22 72. That the Minutes of **Savannah River** Presbytery: *59-0-1*

23      a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 20, 2023; Apr 18, 2023; Jul 15, 2023; Oct 17,**  
24      **2023**

25      b. Be approved with exception of form: **General 2023**

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

27      d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

28          **2023-1: Oct 17, 2022** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record of congregational meeting dissolving  
29 pastoral relation or presbytery approval of dissolution.

30          **Response:** The SRP concurs with the exception; however, the dissolution of the  
31 pastoral relations between TE [name omitted] and [church name omitted] occurred in  
32 a congregational meeting on October 2, 2022, and was received by the Candidates and  
33 Credentials Committee. Since TE [name omitted] was a member of Presbytery and the  
34 transfer was within the bounds of the Presbyery, the unanimous approval of the call  
35 and transfer was de facto approval of the dissolution of the pastoral relations with IPC.  
36 The October 2022 minutes will be revised to reflect the date of the Congregational  
37 Meeting dissolving the pastoral relation and the Presbytery approval of the  
38 dissolution..

39          **2023-2: Oct 17, 2022** (*BCO* 25-11) — No record that Presbytery confirmed that a 30-  
40 day notice was given by Session for congregational meeting to withdraw from the  
41 denomination.

42          **Response:** The SRP concurs with the exception; however, a letter received from  
43 the Stated Clerk of [church name omitted] dated October 5, 2022 and included in the  
44 October 2022 Docket attachments documented the Congregational Meeting was called

1 with a 30-day notice. The minutes will be revised to document Presbytery confirmation  
 2 of the 30-day notice. Please see pdf of October 2022 Minutes.  
 3

4 73. That the Minutes of **Siouxlands** Presbytery: 53-0-1

- 5 **a.** Be approved without exception: **Apr 07, 2023; Jul 14, 2023**
- 6 **b.** Be approved with exception of form: **None**
- 7 **c.** Be approved with exception of substance:

8 **2024-1: General 2023 (RAO 16-10.a)** — No response to the Assembly concerning the  
 9 disposition of the exception of substance to which the response to the 50th GA was  
 10 found to be unsatisfactory.

11 **2024-2: General 2023 (RAO 16-3.c.6)** — The minutes do not list the names of  
 12 teaching and ruling elders who are present at any given meeting. The latter is  
 13 particularly important should there be a complaint, protest, etc.

14 **2024-3: Jan 27, 2023 (BCO 19-7; 19-10)** — Presbytery establishes an internship for  
 15 a man but there is no record of how that internship will fulfill *BCO* 19-7, para 3, or  
 16 that the steps in *BCO* 19-10 were taken.

17 **2024-4: Jan 27, 2023 (BCO 21-4.g)** — Presbytery granted a doctrinal exception that  
 18 appears to be out of accord with the fundamentals of our doctrinal standards. This  
 19 statement seems to say we can make “images” that picture the incarnate second person  
 20 of the Trinity, even “placing them in a worship space,” so long as they are not made  
 21 an object of worship.

22 **2024-5: Jan 27, 2023 (BCO 21-1)** — A commission, acting as the session of a mission  
 23 church, votes to call a man as their pastor. They then offer him employment as  
 24 directory of ministry until he can complete his ordination examination. There is no  
 25 evidence that Presbytery ever granted the man permission to move onto the field prior  
 26 to his examination.

27 **2024-6: Jan 27, 2023 (BCO 46-6)** — No record regarding the reception of a certificate  
 28 of dismissal from transferring presbytery.

29 **2024-7: Apr 27, 2023 (BCO 18-7)** — Apparent improper removal of candidates from  
 30 the roll.

31 **2024-8: Apr 27, 2023 (BCO 19)** — Improper approval of internship requirement.

32 **2024-9: Apr 27, 2023 (BCO 23-1)** — Presbytery transferred a TE with no record of  
 33 first dissolving his call or citing his church to appear.

34 **2024-10: Apr 27, 2023 (BCO 15-1)** — Presbytery receives an oral report from a  
 35 commission, but no report of the commission is included in the minutes.

36 **2024-11: Sep 28, 2023 (BCO 18-2)** — No record of six-month church membership for  
 37 candidate or that his application was filed one month in advance.

38 **2024-12: Sep 28, 2023 (BCO 18-7)** — No record of proper process for candidate being  
 39 received from another presbytery.

40 **2024-13: General 2023 (BCO 8-7; BCO 13-2)** — No record of annual reports from  
 41 men without call or from some men serving out of bounds. Further, the reports that are  
 42 received come only to a committee with no record that they are shared with Presbytery,  
 43 even in summary form.

1           **2024-14: General 2023** (*BCO* 18-6) — No record of annual reports from most  
2 candidates, and the one report that is received appears to have been shared only with  
3 a committee. There is no record of Presbytery having heard the report.

4       **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

5           **2022-1: Jan 22, 2021**, (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16.3.e.5) — All specific requirements of  
6 ordination exam not recorded.

7           **Response:** Presbytery had previously examined the candidate on two separate  
8 occasions, once for licensure (Sept 2019) and once to complete the portions of the  
9 ordination exams not recorded on Jan 22, 2021 meetings minutes (the 120th meeting  
10 of Siouxlans Presbytery). We acknowledge the lack of clarification in our meeting  
11 minutes and have amended them by adding the following information to the minutes  
12 of January 22, 2021:

13           At the 117th Meeting in September 2019, the candidate was examined and sustained  
14 in the following areas for licensure: Christian experience, English Bible, theology,  
15 *BCO* church government, any stated exceptions to our Constitution, and a sermon  
16 preached by the candidate before the presbytery.

17           At the 119th Meeting in September 2020, the licentiate was examined and sustained  
18 in the following areas as a partial exam for ordination: theological paper and  
19 sacraments

20           **Rationale:** The relationship between the examinations at the September 2019 and  
21 September 2020 meetings remains unclear, and there is no evidence of examination in  
22 church history, PCA church history, or exegetical paper.

23           **Response:** At the 117th Meeting in September 2019, the candidate was examined  
24 and sustained in the following areas for licensure: Christian experience, English Bible,  
25 theology, *BCO* church government, any stated exceptions to our Constitution, and a  
26 sermon preached by the candidate before the presbytery. At the 119th Meeting in  
27 September 2020, the licentiate was examined and sustained in the following areas as  
28 a partial exam for ordination: theological paper and sacraments. At 120th meeting in  
29 January 2021, the licentiate was examined in the areas of church history, PCA church  
30 history, and exegetical paper; the ordination exam was sustained as a whole.

31           The confusion was due to the fact that licensure and ordination examinations were  
32 conducted over three meetings spanning different calendar years. Please see the copies  
33 of our 120th meeting minutes attached (see minutes 120-27 through 120-34).

34           **2023-2: Jan 28-29, 2022; Sep 22-23, 2022** (*BCO* 13-6, 19-2) — TE was examined for  
35 licensure when it appears it was a transfer from another PCA Presbytery.

36           **Response:** We believe that the TE from another PCA Presbytery was correctly  
37 examined for licensure rather than for transfer in January 2022.

38           **2023-3: Sep 22-23, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Stated differences not  
39 recorded in the candidate's own words.

40           **Response:** The applicant for transfer, an ordained TE from another PCA  
41 Presbytery, submitted a three-page document listing out stated differences. The  
42 document was attached to our minutes in the Appendix section, as part of the  
43 Candidates and Credentials Committee report. However, the stated differences were  
44 not listed separately in the minutes of the Presbytery meeting, and they do not appear  
45 in the portion of the minutes where the applicant was examined on the floor. We will

1 be more careful in the future to list the official stated differences in a more prominent  
 2 place in the minutes, and not buried in the Appendix section.

3 **2023-4: Sep 22-23, 2022 (BCO 19-16)** — 3/4 vote for waiving internship not recorded.

4 **Response:** We acknowledge our error in failing to record the required  
 5 supermajority vote threshold for taking the action to waive internship requirements in  
 6 lieu of previous experiences in comparable ministry. The Presbytery did follow the  
 7 specific voting requirement. This action was taken with an over 3/4 approval (per *BCO*  
 8 19-16). We have amended our minutes to include this fact, and we will be careful to  
 9 record the detail in the future.

10 **2023-5: Sep 22-23, 2022 (BCO 18-2)** — No record of six-months membership for  
 11 candidate.

12 **Response:** The six-month membership was noted during the committee exam on  
 13 Sept 16, 2022 (appendix – C&C One), was confirmed in the session endorsement letter  
 14 noted as an attachment in our minutes, and was orally reported on the floor of the  
 15 Presbytery. However, the information was not specifically noted in our records. We  
 16 have amended our minutes to include this fact, and we will be careful to document this  
 17 requirement in our future record-keeping going forward.

18 e. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
 19 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

20 **2023-1: Jan 28-29, 2022 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** — Stated differences not  
 21 recorded in the candidate’s own words.

22 **Response:** The incoming applicant for licensure, an ordained PCA TE from  
 23 another Presbytery, was seeking to serve as a stated supply for a particular church  
 24 within the Presbytery and was therefore examined for licensure (per *BCO* 19-1, 19-2).  
 25 He did not submit stated differences. However, in the course of his licensure  
 26 examination, both in the committee and on the floor, touching upon his views in  
 27 theology, it became clear in the judgment of the Presbytery that his view of the  
 28 acceptability of liturgical dance in worship did not conform to the teaching of *WCF*  
 29 21. In response to extra-confessional views orally expressed by the applicant on the  
 30 floor, the Presbytery took action to restrict his teaching concerning the elements  
 31 acceptable in worship, so that it conforms to *WCF* 21.3-5 as long as he’s engaged in  
 32 the ministry of the word within the bounds of our Presbytery. While the Presbytery did  
 33 examine and probe the applicant’s views beyond written materials provided, and while  
 34 the Presbytery did take measures to seek to guard the confessional integrity of the  
 35 teaching within her bounds, we do acknowledge our failure to record any differences  
 36 orally expressed in the applicant’s own words. We will be more diligent to document  
 37 any differences discovered during exams, and we will be careful to record such matters  
 38 more thoroughly.

39 **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its actions (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
 40 Presbytery has not submitted the candidate’s stated differences in his own words for  
 41 review.

42  
 43 74. That the Minutes of **South Coast** Presbytery:

59-0-1

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

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

1 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

2 **2024-1: General 2023** (*RAO* 16-10.a) — No record in minutes of exceptions taken by  
3 GA.

4 **2024-2: General 2023** (*BCO* 13-11) — Documents are consistently “approved” by  
5 Presbytery but they are not included in the minutes.

6 **2024-3: General 2023** (*BCO* 18-2; 18-3; 19-7; 19-9; 19-10) — No record of candidate  
7 applications being submitted one month in advance; of the provisions of *BCO* 18-3  
8 being carried out for men coming under care; or of the provisions of *BCO* 19-7,9,10  
9 being carried out in the establishment of internships.

10 **2024-4: General 2023** (*BCO* 21-4.g; 13-6) — Presbytery consistently either fails to  
11 state whether a man has stated differences or fails to record the content of those stated  
12 differences. This is at least the 3rd year for this exception. Recommend that the  
13 Assembly refer the matter to the Standing Judicial Commission per *RAO* 16-10.c;

14 **2024-5: Jan 24-25, 2023** (*BCO* 31-2) — Presbytery treats a *BCO* 31-2 report as a  
15 motion and defeats the motion to begin an investigation. *BCO* 31-2 requires at least  
16 some investigation and that Presbytery demand satisfactory explanations from the one  
17 against whom the report is made. There is no record that this happened.

18 **2024-6: General 2023** (*BCO* 15-1; 10-5; 13-11; *RAO* 16-3; *RONR* 9:30-36) — The  
19 Administration Commission minutes do not conform to the requirements of the *BCO*  
20 and *RAO*. Further, the Administration Commission takes actions (approving and  
21 dissolving calls, establishing commissions, etc) via “electronic correspondence.” This  
22 does not constitute a deliberative assembly. Further, there is no evidence that SCP’s  
23 ByLaws allow electronic meetings, that quorums were present when those decisions  
24 were made, or that such actions were ever appropriately ratified.

25 **2024-7: Apr 26, 2023** (*BCO* 13-4) — Presbytery conducts a meeting without a  
26 quorum. Only 2 REs were present.

27 **2024-8: Apr 26, 2023** (*BCO* 13-6; *BCO* 21-4) — Incomplete record of examination  
28 for minister seeking admission from another denomination.

29 **2024-9: Apr 26, 2023** (*BCO* 46-6) — No records of certificates of dismissal for TEs  
30 transferring in from other PCA presbyteries or other denominations.

31 **2024-10: General 2023** (*RAO* 16-3.b; *BCO* 13-11) — The minutes often reference  
32 documents that are required to be part of the minutes as being available in a dropbox.  
33 That cannot provide the permanent record required for the minutes.

34 **2024-11: Jul 17, 2023** (*BCO* 13-12) — Notice for called meeting not in order. (10-day  
35 notice not evident/recorded).

36 **2024-12: Jul 17, 2023** (*RAO* 16-3.e.7; *BCO* 13-11) — Executive session not included  
37 and these must be presented for review next year.

38 **2024-13: Sep 26, 2023 - Sep 27, 2023** (*BCO* 15-1) — Commission report not attached  
39 to the minutes.

40 **2024-14: Sep 26-27, 2023** (*BCO* 8-7) — Presbytery, on motion, dissolves a man’s call  
41 to an out-of-bounds work without the concurrence of the man or the calling body, or  
42 even evidence of communication with the calling body, and with no evidence of formal  
43 process.

44 **2024-15: Sep 26, 2023 - Sep 27, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4.e) — No record that Presbytery  
45 followed *BCO* 21-4.e (as amended in 2023) in conducting an ordination examination.

1           **2024-16: General 2023** (*BCO* 20-1) — Men are examined for transfer or ordination,  
2 but their calls are referred to the Administrative Commission that processes them at  
3 some point after the meeting.

4           **2024-17: General 2023** (*BCO* 18-6) — No record of annual reports from candidates.

5           **2024-18: General 2023** (*BCO* 19-12) — No record of reports on interns at each stated  
6 meeting.

7           **2024-19: General 2023** (*BCO* 8-7; *BCO* 13-2) — No record of annual reports on most  
8 men who are serving out of bounds or who are without call.

9           **2024-20: General 2023** (*BCO* 40-1) — No record of any review of the records of  
10 sessions.

11 **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

12           **2022-2: General** (*BCO* 13-9.b, 40-1) — Incomplete record of review of records of  
13 church Sessions.

14           **Response:** Our Administrative Commission, is working to get this back in order.  
15 We apologize and will work to correct this.

16           **2022-4: Apr 24, 2021** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record of the congregation having approved  
17 the dissolution of the call of the former pastor.

18           **Response:** Per *BCO* 34-9, the Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relationship, the  
19 congregation was informed in the case of the two former ministers deposed at this  
20 meeting (two different congregations, both deposed for cases of public scandal). In the  
21 future, we will include the communication from the congregation approving the  
22 dissolution of the pastoral relations.

23           **2023-4: Mar 12, 2022** (*BCO* 13-12; *RAO* 16-3.c.1) — Purpose of called meeting not  
24 recorded verbatim in the minutes.

25           **Response:** The purpose of the called meeting is listed on page 1818 line numbers  
26 11-13. The presbytery will do better to list the purpose verbatim in the minutes in the  
27 future.

28           **2023-8: Sep 27, 2022** (*BCO* 5-9.B.g, h, i) — No record of members of the mission  
29 church petitioning Presbytery to proceed to organization. No record of Presbytery  
30 appointing an organizing commission. No record of an organizing commission or that  
31 the service of organization included the necessary elements.

32           **Response:** We apologize for this oversight, and the records are included in this  
33 years Administrative Commission minutes

34 **e. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
35 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

36           **2022-1: General** (*RAO* 16-3.e.4) — Commission minutes not provided.

37           **Response:** Commission minutes will be provided in the future.

38           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
39 Presbytery has not submitted the minutes for review.

40           **2022-3: Apr 24, 2021** (*BCO* 34-4) — A minister was found contumacious, but  
41 Presbytery did not make “record... of the fact and of the charges under which he was  
42 arraigned.”

43           **Response:** We apologize for this error, the record of charges will be included in  
44 the future. This meeting had two depositions, and this pastor was also deposed at a  
45 later meeting. We will ensure this is carried out properly in the future.

1           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
2 Presbytery has not submitted the required records for review

3           **2022-5: Aug 14, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Stated differences not judged  
4 with the prescribed categories.

5           **Response:** We apologize again, and will include the stated differences of ministers  
6 in the prescribed categories in the future.

7           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
8 Presbytery has not submitted the candidate's stated difference in his own words for  
9 review.

10           **2022-6: Aug 14, 2021** (*BCO* 13-6) — All specific requirements of transfer exam not  
11 recorded.

12           **Response:** We apologize for not including all the specific requirements of the  
13 transfer exam in the minutes, however, the Ordination Team does follow the  
14 requirements in the *BCO* for transfer exams, this will be noted in the minutes in the  
15 future.

16           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
17 Presbytery has not amended the minutes of the meeting or submitted the required  
18 records for review.

19           **2023-1: Jan 25, 2022; Apr 26, 2022; Sep 27, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) —  
20 Stated differences not recorded in the minister's/candidate's own words.

21           **Response:** The Presbytery apologizes for not recording the stated differences of  
22 minister's/candidates in their own words in the minutes of the meeting for 1/25/22,  
23 4/26/22, and 9/27/22. We will adjust our process to include all stated differences with  
24 the Confessional Standards

25           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
26 Presbytery has not submitted the candidates' stated differences in their own words for  
27 review.

28           **2023-2: Jan 25, 2022** (*BCO* 19-16) — 3/4 vote for waiving internship requirement not  
29 recorded.

30           **Response:** The Presbytery apologizes for failing to note the 3/4 vote, but this  
31 motion was adopted with the appropriate vote count and the Presbytery simply failed  
32 to note the count.

33           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1) by  
34 amending the minutes of the meeting where the requirement was not recorded.

35           **2023-3: Jan 25 2022; Mar 12, 2022** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — Minutes of  
36 commission not entered in Presbytery minutes.

37           **Response:** These minutes were received by our administrative commission and  
38 reported to the presbytery, but we failed to enter them into the minutes. We will revise  
39 our processes to include them in the future.

40           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
41 Presbytery has not submitted the minutes for review.

42           **2023-5: Apr 26, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Stated differences not judged  
43 with the prescribed categories.

44           **Response:** We apologize again, and will include the stated differences of ministers  
45 in the prescribed categories in the future.



1           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
2 Presbytery has not judged the candidate’s stated differences in the prescribed  
3 categories.

4 **2023-6: Apr 26, 2022** (*BCO* 20-1) — No record of call to a definite work.

5           **Response:** Calls are referred to the Administrative Commission for approval, we  
6 will include the Administrative Commission minutes in the future.

7           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
8 Presbytery has not submitted the required record for review.

9 **2023-7: Apr 26, 2022** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — Minutes of commission not  
10 entered in Presbytery minutes.

11           **Response:** We apologize for this, and will include commission minutes in the  
12 future.

13           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
14 Presbytery has not submitted the minutes for review.

15 **2023-9: Sep 27, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — No record of requiring statement  
16 of differences with our Standards.

17           **Response:** The Presbytery apologizes for not recording the stated differences of  
18 minister’s/candidates in their own words

19           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
20 Presbytery has not submitted the candidate’s stated difference in his own words for  
21 review.

22 **2023-10: Sep 27, 2022** (*BCO* 18-2, 18-3, 19-9, 19-10) — No record of endorsement  
23 by candidate’s Session. No record of six-months membership for candidate. No record  
24 of charge given to candidate. No record of Examination for internship. No declaration  
25 of Internship by Moderator recorded.

26           **Response:** These were received, reviewed, and approved by the Ordination Team.  
27 However, we apologize for not including them in the minutes, we will correct this in  
28 the future to ensure they are recorded in the minutes.

29           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
30 Presbytery has not submitted the required records for review.

31 **f. That responses shall be submitted to the following GA as no responses were**  
32 **received in 2024:**

33 **2021-1: Jan 26, 2019; May 4, 2019; Sep 24, 2019** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.2.4) —  
34 Minutes of commission not entered in Presbytery minutes.

35           **Response:** [2022]: These minutes were received by our administrative  
36 commission and reported to the presbytery, but we failed to enter them into the  
37 minutes. We will revise our processes to include them in the future.

38           **Rationale:** [2022]: When GA takes exception to a Presbytery's minutes for failure  
39 to record or take a required action, and Presbytery agrees with the exception, a  
40 satisfactory response should indicate that they have taken the required action, if  
41 possible, and properly recorded the same in their minutes, amending and resubmitting  
42 relevant portions of past minutes if necessary.

43 **2021-2: Jan 25, 2020** (*BCO* 19-2.a) — No exam/statement of Christian experience  
44 and inward call.

1           **Response:** [2022]: Our ordination team has historically received a statement of  
2 Christian experience and inward call when candidates come under care in the  
3 presbytery. In the future, we will make sure this is added to licensure candidates as  
4 well.

5           **Rationale:** [2022]: When GA takes exception to a Presbytery's minutes for failure  
6 to record or take a required action, and Presbytery agrees with the exception, a  
7 satisfactory response should indicate that they have taken the required action, if  
8 possible, and properly recorded the same in their minutes, amending and resubmitting  
9 relevant portions of past minutes if necessary.

10 **2021-3: Jan 25, 2020** (*BCO* 13-6; 21-4) — Incomplete transfer exam (no theology,  
11 Bible content or Sacraments).

12           **Response:** [2022]: Our ordination team recognizes and agrees with this error and  
13 will remedy it in future transfer exams.

14           **Rationale:** [2022]: When GA takes exception to a Presbytery's minutes for failure  
15 to record or take a required action, and Presbytery agrees with the exception, a  
16 satisfactory response should indicate that they have taken the required action, if  
17 possible, and properly recorded the same in their minutes, amending and resubmitting  
18 relevant portions of past minutes if necessary.

19 **2021-4: Jul 23, 2019** (*BCO* 13-6) — Incomplete record of transfer exam (no record of  
20 questions on views of sacraments or church government).

21           **Response:** [2022]: Our ordination team recognizes and agrees with this oversight  
22 and will work to conduct a complete transfer exam in the future.

23           **Rationale:** [2022]: When GA takes exception to a Presbytery's minutes for failure  
24 to record or take a required action, and Presbytery agrees with the exception, a  
25 satisfactory response should indicate that they have taken the required action, if  
26 possible, and properly recorded the same in their minutes, amending and resubmitting  
27 relevant portions of past minutes if necessary.

28 **2021-5: Jan 25, 2020** (*BCO* 19-7) — No indication of Mr. [name omitted] having  
29 completed his presbytery internship prior to ordination.

30           **Response:** [2022]: Our ordination team agrees with this oversight and will work  
31 to insure it is completed in the future.

32           **Rationale:** [2022]: When GA takes exception to a Presbytery's minutes for failure  
33 to record or take a required action, and Presbytery agrees with the exception, a  
34 satisfactory response should indicate that they have taken the required action, if  
35 possible, and properly recorded the same in their minutes, amending and resubmitting  
36 relevant portions of past minutes if necessary.

37 **2021-6: Jan 25, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4) — No record that theological thesis or exegetical  
38 papers submitted.

39           **Response:** [2022]: Our ordination team agrees with this oversight and will work  
40 to insure it is completed in the future.

41           **Rationale:** [2022]: When GA takes exception to a Presbytery's minutes for failure  
42 to record or take a required action, and Presbytery agrees with the exception, a  
43 satisfactory response should indicate that they have taken the required action, if  
44 possible, and properly recorded the same in their minutes, amending and resubmitting  
45 relevant portions of past minutes if necessary.

- 1           **g. That the 51<sup>st</sup> General Assembly:**  
2           1. Find that South Coast Presbytery has, for at least three years, consistently failed to  
3           record whether men have stated differences or has failed to record the content of  
4           those stated differences as required by *BCO* 13-6; 19-2.e,f; 21-4.f,g (as amended  
5           by the 50th GA); and *RAO* 16-3.e.5.  
6           2. Find that South Coast Presbytery has for three years failed to provide, in violation  
7           of *RAO* 16-4.e, acceptable responses to exceptions of substance taken to their  
8           minutes in 2021.  
9           3. Find that South Coast Presbytery has for at least two years failed to provide  
10          commission minutes.  
11          4. Cite South Coast Presbytery to appear, per *RAO* 16-4.e and 16-10.c, and *BCO* 40-  
12          5, before the PCA’s Standing Judicial Commission which the 51st GA constitutes  
13          its commission to adjudicate this matter, by representative or in writing, at the  
14          SJC’s fall stated meeting, to “show what the lower court has done or failed to do  
15          in the matters in question,” following the Operating Manual for the SJC,  
16          particularly chapter 15.  
17          5. Direct the CRPR Officers to appoint one or more representatives of the General  
18          Assembly to represent the Report (*OMSJC* 15.2) and thereby present this case to  
19          the SJC.  
20
- 21   75. That the Minutes of **South Florida** Presbytery: 63-0-0  
22       **a.** Be approved without exception: **None**  
23       **b.** Be approved with exception of form: **None**  
24       **c.** Be approved with exception of substance:  
25           **2024-1: Feb 08, 2023** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of endorsement by candidate’s  
26           Session.  
27           **2024-2: Feb 08, 2023** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of six-month membership for  
28           candidate.  
29           **2024-3: Nov 14, 2023** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of endorsement by candidate’s  
30           Session.  
31           **2024-4: Nov 14, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3-e-5) — Incomplete record of ordination  
32           exam.  
33           **2024-5: Feb 08, 2023** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — Minutes of commission not  
34           entered in Presbytery minutes, and these must be presented for review next year.  
35           **2024-6: Feb 08, 2023** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — Minutes of commission not  
36           entered in Presbytery minutes, and these must be presented for review next year.  
37           **2024-7: Feb 08, 2023** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — Minutes of commission not  
38           entered in Presbytery minutes, and these must be presented for review next year.  
39           **2024-8: May 13, 2023** (*BCO* 38-1) — Full confession for a 38-2 case without process  
40           not recorded in the minutes.  
41           **2024-9: Aug 08, 2023** (*BCO* 13-6) — Incomplete record of examination of TE  
42           transferring into Presbytery. No exam of views touching on theology, the Sacraments,  
43           or church government.  
44           **2024-10: Aug 08, 2023** (*BCO* 19-2; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — All specific requirements of  
45           licensure exam not recorded. No record of written sermon.

1       **2024-11: Nov 14, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of ordination  
2 exam, specifically: educational requirements, knowledges of Greek and Hebrew  
3 languages, and exegetical papers. Additionally, no record of completion and approval  
4 of an internship.

5       **2024-12: Nov 14, 2023** (*BCO* 20-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.6) — Specific arrangements of call  
6 not shown to have been approved.

7       **2024-13: Nov 14, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4) — Incomplete record of ordination exam,  
8 specifically: theological and exegetical papers.

9       **2024-14: Nov 14, 2023** (*BCO* 19-2; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — All specific requirements of  
10 licensure exam not recorded. No written sermon.

11       **2024-15: General 2023** (*BCO* 13-9.b; 40-1) — No record of review of records of  
12 church Sessions.

13 **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

14       **2018-1: May 9, 2017; Aug 8, 2017** (*BCO* 18-2; 21-4) — Stated difference not  
15 recorded in the minister’s/candidate’s own words (*RAO* 16-3.e5).

16       **Response:** [2021]: Actually, it was. If the candidate says he is taking the  
17 “Continental Exception to the Sabbath per 21-8” then that is what he said in his own  
18 words.

19       **Rationale:** [2021]: Candidate must state “specific instances in which he” (*BCO*  
20 19-2.e) differs from *WCF, LC, SC*; not simply name a view.

21       **Response:** [2022] Agreed; candidate’s actual words now being recorded.

22       **Rationale:** [2022]: The candidate’s own words must be recorded and entered in  
23 the minutes and submitted for review.

24       **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. Lamentably,  
25 it was common practice of the Presbytery at that time that many of our candidates  
26 simply stated their views (orally, not written down) and did not cite the specific  
27 instances of our doctrinal standards where their views differed. Presbytery has  
28 corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and has  
29 made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this response (attached). Also  
30 lamentable is that with the time lapse it is difficult to know exactly what was said on  
31 the floor and many of the candidates listed have moved out of the Presbytery. Attached  
32 are written statements of two current TEs that were originally given to the  
33 Credentialing Committee (though not read before Presbytery). Presbytery apologizes  
34 for this past oversight and has been more diligent in this area since that time.

35       **2019-1: Feb 13, 2018; May 8, 2018** (*BCO* 21-4, *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Differences of  
36 three candidates not judged to prescribed categories.

37       **Response:** [2022]: Agreed. Categories now being used for all determinations of  
38 exceptions to the standards.

39       **Rationale:** [2022]: Presbytery’s judgment of stated differences using the  
40 prescribed categories need to be submitted for review.

41       **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. Candidates’  
42 stated differences with the confessional standards were implicitly judged as “more than  
43 semantic but not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine” by  
44 passing the candidate. Presbytery has corrected the record by a motion to Amend  
45 Something Previously Adopted and has made a marginal notation in those minutes

1 pointing to this response (attached). Lamentably, at that time Presbytery was not using  
 2 the prescribed categories but simply passing or denying candidates' differences.  
 3 Presbytery apologizes for this past oversight and has been more diligent in this area  
 4 since that time.

5 **2019-2: Feb 13, 2018; May 8, 2018** (*BCO* 21-4, *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Differences not  
 6 stated in candidates' own words.

7 **Response:** [2022]: Agreed. Candidate's words now being recorded in the minutes.

8 **Rationale:** [2022]: The candidate's own words must be recorded and entered in  
 9 the minutes and submitted for review.

10 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. Lamentably,  
 11 it was common practice of the Presbytery at that time that many of our candidates  
 12 simply stated their views (orally, not written down) and did not cite the specific  
 13 instances of our doctrinal standards where their views differed. Presbytery has  
 14 corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and has  
 15 made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this response (attached).  
 16 Attached are written statements of TEs that were originally given to the Credentialing  
 17 Committee (though not read before Presbytery). Presbytery apologizes for this past  
 18 oversight and has been more diligent in this area since that time.

19 **2021-7: Feb 11, 2020; Aug 11, 2020** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — All specific  
 20 requirements of ordination exam not recorded.

21 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. Each  
 22 element of ordination exams was conducted by the Credentialing Committee, but each  
 23 element was not recorded in the minutes. Presbytery has corrected the record by a  
 24 motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and has made a marginal notation in  
 25 those minutes pointing to this response (attached). Presbytery will be more diligent to  
 26 handle this issue correctly in the future.

27 **2021-8: Nov 10, 2020** (*BCO* 15-1) — Minutes of commission not entered in  
 28 Presbytery minutes.

29 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error Presbytery  
 30 has corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted to  
 31 append the minutes to the November, 10, 2020 stated meeting (attached). Presbytery  
 32 will be more diligent to handle this issue correctly in the future.

33 **2021-9: Nov 10, 2020** (*BCO* 13-6; 21-4) — Unclear record of transfer exam for  
 34 minister from another denomination.

35 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. In regard to  
 36 TE [name omitted] 's ordination examinations, given the language barrier (Chinese),  
 37 the ordination exams were determined to have been performed by a panel of TEs from  
 38 the PCA and OPC. Presbytery will be more diligent to handle this issue correctly in  
 39 the future.

40 **2022-8: Directory** (*BCO* 15-1, 21; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — No record of ordination for a  
 41 man who is listed in the 5/18/21 and 8/17/21 minutes as licensed, but in 11/9/21  
 42 minutes as ordained.

43 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. TE [name  
 44 omitted] was approved by Presbytery to be ordained at its August 11, 2020 stated

1 meeting. The directory was not updated until November 2021. Presbytery will be more  
2 diligent to keep its rolls properly updated in the future.

3 **2022-9: Feb 9, 2021; Nov 9, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Stated differences  
4 not recorded in minister’s own words.

5 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. Lamentably,  
6 it was common practice of the Presbytery at that time that many of our candidates  
7 simply stated their views (orally, not written down) and did not cite the specific  
8 instances of our doctrinal standards where their views differed. Presbytery has  
9 corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and has  
10 made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this response (attached).  
11 Attached are written statements of TEs that were originally given to the Credentialing  
12 Committee (though not read before Presbytery). Presbytery apologizes for this past  
13 oversight and has been more diligent in this area since that time.

14 **2022-10: Feb 09, 2021** (*BCO* 19-5) — No record that the examination for transfer of  
15 licensure was completed.

16 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. TE [name  
17 omitted] was not “transferring” his licensure but seeking to be licensed in a second  
18 presbytery concurrently (Gulfstream and South Florida) because of his ministry in  
19 both. He was approved for stated supply in Gulfstream Presbytery, and he was already  
20 ordained as an RE in South Florida Presbytery, where he is also a seminary professor.  
21 Dr. [name omitted] had just been examined in Gulfstream and so our Presbytery did  
22 not repeat the examinations. Nevertheless, Dr. [name omitted] was still examined  
23 concerning his Christian experience, his call to preach the Gospel, and his views in  
24 theology. Presbytery has corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something  
25 Previously Adopted and has made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this  
26 response (attached). Presbytery apologizes and will be more diligent to handle this  
27 issue correctly in the future.

28 **2022-11: Feb 09, 2021** (*BCO* 13-6) — No record of transfer exam from another  
29 Presbytery.

30 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. The minutes  
31 record that TE [name omitted] was examined on his Christian experience and his call  
32 to preach the Gospel. He was also examined on his views in theology, Sacraments, and  
33 church government by the Credentialing Committee, who then recommended him to  
34 Presbytery. The TE also answered questions on the floor of Presbytery, but this was  
35 not recorded in the minutes. Presbytery has corrected the record by a motion to Amend  
36 Something Previously Adopted and has made a marginal notation in those minutes  
37 pointing to this response (attached). The Presbytery apologizes for this oversight in  
38 recordkeeping, and we will document this fully in the future.

39 **2022-12: Feb 9, 2021; May 18, 2021; Aug 17, 2021** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) —  
40 All specific requirements of ordination exam not recorded.

41 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. Each  
42 element of ordination exams was conducted by the Credentialing Committee, but each  
43 element was not recorded in the minutes. Presbytery has corrected the record by a  
44 motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and has made a marginal notation in

1 those minutes pointing to this response (attached). Presbytery will be more diligent to  
2 handle this issue correctly in the future.

3 **2022-13: May 18, 2021** (*BCO* 18-5; 22-5) — Student supply approved without  
4 licensure.

5 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. The need for  
6 student supply was in a difficult mission field some distance from the rest of  
7 Presbytery (Puerto Rico); the student was in the final stages of his training, overseen  
8 by other TEs, and was soon ordained on August 17, 2021 (ninety days later).  
9 Presbytery has corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something Previously  
10 Adopted and has made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this response  
11 (attached). Presbytery apologizes and will be more diligent to handle this issue  
12 correctly in the future.

13 **2022-14: May 18, 2021** (*BCO* 13-6) — Incomplete record of transfer exam from  
14 another Presbytery.

15 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. The minutes  
16 record that the applicants for transfer were examined on their Christian experience and  
17 their call to preach the Gospel. They were also examined on their views in theology,  
18 Sacraments, and church government by the Credentialing Committee, who then  
19 recommended them to Presbytery. The TEs also answered questions on the floor of  
20 Presbytery, but this was not recorded in the minutes. Presbytery has corrected the  
21 record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and has made a marginal  
22 notation in those minutes pointing to this response (attached). The Presbytery  
23 apologizes for this oversight in recordkeeping, and we will document this fully in the  
24 future.

25 **2022-15: May 18, 2021** (*BCO* 13-6; 21-4) — Incomplete record of transfer exam for  
26 minister from another denomination.

27 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. The minutes  
28 record that Mr. [name omitted] was examined on his Christian experience and his call  
29 to preach the Gospel, and his views in theology. According to the Credentialing  
30 Committee, the candidate was examined and approved as detailed in *BCO* 21-4, but  
31 each element of the exam was not appropriately listed in the minutes. Presbytery has  
32 corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and has  
33 made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this response (attached). The  
34 Presbytery apologizes for this oversight in recordkeeping, and we will document this  
35 fully in the future.

36 **2022-16: Aug 17, 2021** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — Minutes from commission not  
37 entered in Presbytery minutes.

38 **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets this mistake of  
39 not including the minutes of the installation commission. An oral report was given to  
40 the Presbytery on the installation. The commission minutes are on file and Presbytery  
41 has corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted to  
42 append the minutes to the August 17, 2021 stated meeting (attached). Presbytery will  
43 be more diligent to handle this issue correctly in the future.

44 **2023-1: Feb 08, 2022** (*BCO* 13-6) — Incomplete record of examination of TE  
45 transferring into Presbytery.

1           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. The TE  
2 transferring into the Presbytery was indeed examined on his views in theology, the  
3 Sacraments, and church government by the Credentialing Committee, who then  
4 recommended him to Presbytery. The TE answered questions on the floor of  
5 Presbytery, but this was not recorded in the minutes. Presbytery has corrected the  
6 record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and has made a marginal  
7 notation in those minutes pointing to this response (attached). The Presbytery  
8 apologizes for this oversight in recordkeeping, and we will document this fully in the  
9 future

10 **2023-2: Feb 08, 2022 (BCO 13-11)** — Motions not fully recorded.

11           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets this mistake in  
12 recordkeeping. Presbytery has corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something  
13 Previously Adopted and has made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this  
14 response (attached). Presbytery will be more diligent to handle this issue correctly in  
15 the future

16 **2023-3: May 10, 2022 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5.)** — Stated differences not judged  
17 with prescribed categories.

18           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. The stated  
19 differences of each of the candidates listed were judged to be more than semantic but  
20 not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine. This was not rightly  
21 recorded, so Presbytery has corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something  
22 Previously Adopted and has made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this  
23 response (attached). Presbytery will be more diligent to handle this issue correctly in  
24 the future

25 **2023-5: May 10, 2022 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5.)** — No record of ordination exam.

26           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. The  
27 Presbytery appealed to *BCO* 13-6 where it states, “Ordained ministers from other  
28 denominations being considered by Presbyteries for reception may come under the  
29 extraordinary provisions set forth in *BCO* 21-4.” Because this applicant had originally  
30 been ordained in South Florida Presbytery before transferring to the EPC, it was  
31 deemed an exceptional case. Nevertheless, the applicant was examined on Christian  
32 experience and his views in theology, the Sacraments, and church government. This  
33 was done by the Credentialing Committee, who recommended the applicant to  
34 Presbytery. The applicant then answered questions on the floor of Presbytery about his  
35 views, especially with regard to women in ministry. This was not rightly recorded, so  
36 Presbytery has corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something Previously  
37 Adopted and has made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this response  
38 (attached). Presbytery will be more diligent to handle this issue correctly in the future

39 **2023-6: May 10, 2022; Aug 8, 2022 (BCO 38-1)** — *BCO* 38-1 Confession for a case  
40 without process not recorded in minutes.

41           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error of not  
42 including the full minutes of the Judicial Commission. Presbytery has corrected the  
43 record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted to append the minutes  
44 to the May 10, 2022 and August 8, 2022 stated meetings (attached). Presbytery will be  
45 more diligent to handle this issue correctly in the future.



1 **2023-7: May 10, 2022** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4.) — Minutes of commission not  
 2 entered in Presbytery minutes.

3 **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets this mistake of  
 4 not including the minutes of the installation commission. An oral report was given to  
 5 the Presbytery on the installation. The commission minutes are on file and Presbytery  
 6 has corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted to  
 7 append the minutes to the May 10, 2022 stated meeting (attached). Presbytery will be  
 8 more diligent to handle this issue correctly in the future.

9 **2023-8: May 10, 2022; Nov 8, 2022** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of endorsement by  
 10 candidates' Session.

11 **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets this mistake in  
 12 recordkeeping. The Session endorsements of these candidates are on file. Presbytery  
 13 has corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted and  
 14 has made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this response (attached). We  
 15 will be more diligent to record this in the minutes in the future.

16 **2023-9: May 10, 2022; Nov 8, 2022** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of six-months  
 17 membership for candidates.

18 **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets this mistake in  
 19 recordkeeping. Each of these candidates have been members of a PCA church for six  
 20 months in keeping with *BCO* 18-2. Presbytery has corrected the record by a motion to  
 21 Amend Something Previously Adopted and has made a marginal notation in those  
 22 minutes pointing to this response (attached). We will be more diligent to record this in  
 23 the future.

24 **2023-10: May 10, 2022; Nov 8, 2022** (*BCO* 13-11) — Presbytery failed to provide a  
 25 full and accurate record of judicial cases.

26 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. The  
 27 complaints and minutes of the judicial commission are on file, and Presbytery has  
 28 corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted to append  
 29 the complaints and judicial commission minutes to the November 8, 2022 stated  
 30 meetings (attached). Presbytery will be more diligent to handle this issue correctly in  
 31 the future.

32 **2023-11: Aug 08, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of ordination  
 33 exam.

34 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. TE [name  
 35 omitted] was licensed by Presbytery at the May 10, 2022 stated meeting where he  
 36 preached a sermon before a committee of Presbytery and the minutes record his  
 37 examination in Bible, theology, and *BCO*. TE [name omitted] has requisite seminary  
 38 training, study in the original languages, and produced an exegetical paper. These are  
 39 all on file. Presbytery has corrected the record by a motion to Amend Something  
 40 Previously Adopted and has made a marginal notation in those minutes pointing to this  
 41 response (attached). The Presbytery regrets this error of recordkeeping and will be  
 42 more diligent in including these things in the future.

43 e. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
 44 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

45 **2022-7: General** (*BCO* 13-9.b; 40-1) — No record of review of Session minutes.

1           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception and regrets the error. The  
2 Presbytery has created an ad-hoc committee to review Session minutes. We will be  
3 more diligent to handle this issue correctly in the future.

4           **Rationale:** No record of review of any Session records from the period cited.  
5 **2023-4: May 10, 2022 (BCO 24-4.f.)** — Presbytery implicitly granted a doctrinal  
6 exception that needs further clarity for proper review. Mr. [name omitted] appears to  
7 advocate for paedocommunion (*WLC 177*).

8           **Response:** Presbytery regrets this lack of clarity in full recordkeeping. It is correct  
9 that Mr. [name omitted] gave a stated difference with the Westminster Standards in  
10 line with what is called “paedocommunion” (though Mr. [name omitted] did not use  
11 this term). The Presbytery questioned him thoroughly about this view, especially as it  
12 touched other doctrines in our confessional system and “Federal Vision theology.” The  
13 Presbytery was satisfied with his answers, especially his commitment not to promote  
14 this view or practice it. Since the Presbytery has allowed for this exception in the past,  
15 it was deemed acceptable still. We will strive to record the full extent of the  
16 Presbytery’s examination of its candidates’ stated differences with the Standards.

17           **Rationale:** Presbytery needs to demonstrate how his views are not hostile to our  
18 system of doctrine.

19  
20 76. That the Minutes of **South Texas Presbytery:** *63-0-1*

21     **a.** Be approved without exception: **Oct 27-28, 2023**

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

23     **c.** Be approved with exception of substance:

24           **2024-1: Jan 27-28, 2023 (BCO 19-2; RAO 16-3.e.5)** — All specific requirements of  
25 licensure exam not recorded.

26           **2024-2: Jan 27-28, 2023 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** — Incomplete record of  
27 ordination exam.

28           **2024-3: Apr 28-29, 2023 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** — Incomplete record of  
29 ordination exam.

30           **2024-4: Apr 28-29, 2023 (BCO 13-1; 13-3)** — Meeting attendance roll list church  
31 with less than 350 members with three or more ruling elder commissioners present  
32 with no record of which two are voting.

33           **2024-5: Aug 11-12, 2023 (BCO 15-2; BCO 15-1; RAO 16-3.e.4)** — The Ministerial  
34 Relations Committee acted as a commission without a quorum.

35           **2024-6: General 2023 (BCO 15-1; RAO 16-3.e.4)** — Minutes of commission not  
36 entered in Presbytery minutes, and these must be presented for review next year.

37           **2024-7: General 2023 (BCO 19-12; 18-6)** — No record of annual reports received on  
38 every intern and on candidates.

39           **2024-8: General 2023 (BCO 8-4; 8-7)** — No record of receiving reports from teaching  
40 elders working outside the bounds, and no record of Presbytery approval of TE  
41 laboring outside bounds.

42     **d.** **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

43           **2023-2: Jan 28-29, 2022; Aug 12-13, 2022; Oct 28-29, 2022 (BCO 18-2)** — No  
44 record of endorsement by candidate’s Session, and/or no record of six-months  
45 membership for candidate.

1           **Response:** South Texas Presbytery concurs with the Exception and regrets its  
2 failure. The Candidates and Credentials Committee maintains records of candidates’  
3 membership qualifications Session endorsement prior to recommending the candidate  
4 for floor examination. Candidates in both cited instances met the *BCO* requirements.  
5 The Presbytery will be more diligent to include recitations of candidates meeting the  
6 requirements in future minute keeping.

7           **2023-9: Apr 29-30, 2022 (BCO 23-1)** — No record that Congregation/Session  
8 concurred with dissolution of pastoral relations.

9           **Response:** South Texas Presbytery concurs with the Exception and regrets its  
10 incomplete minutes. The Ministerial Relations Committee reported in the Chairman’s  
11 report that the Congregation and Session concurred with the dissolution of the  
12 relationship with TE [name omitted] was examined in the areas above, but the wording  
13 of our minutes inadequately reflected these elements. The Presbytery will be more  
14 diligent to ensure that a recitation of all items of the trials for licensure or ordination  
15 meetings be noted in our minutes.

16           **2023-16: Oct 28-29, 2022 (BCO 15-1)** — Committee cannot deliberate and conclude  
17 the business referred to it. It can only examine, and make recommendations in its  
18 report to the Presbytery.

19           **Response:** South Texas Presbytery concurs with the Exception and regrets its  
20 error. The extension of “without call’ status will be only upon the vote of Presbytery  
21 in the future.

22 **e. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
23 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

24           **2022-1: Apr 23-24, 2021 (BCO 20-1)** — No record of call to a definite work.

25           **Response:** South Texas Presbytery concurs with the Exception and regrets its  
26 omission. As reported by the Candidates Committee, there was a call to a definite  
27 work, however the Clerk neglected to record it. The Presbytery will ensure recitation  
28 of the calls be included in future minutes.

29           **Rationale:** The minutes need to include appropriate correction

30           **2022-2: Apr 23-24, 2021; Aug 13-14, 2021 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** — All specific  
31 requirements of ordination exam not recorded.

32           **Response:** South Texas Presbytery concurs with the Exception and regrets its  
33 error. All examination requirements of *BCO* 21-4 were met, however, the Clerk failed  
34 to record each detail of examination. The Presbytery will be more diligent in its record  
35 keeping for trials of examination in its minutes.

36           **Rationale:** There is no record that the minutes have been corrected.

37           **2023-1: General 2022 (BCO 15-1; RAO 16-3.e.4)** — No minutes of any committee  
38 empowered as commissions submitted for GA review.

39           **Response:** South Texas Presbytery concurs with the Exception and regrets this  
40 omission. the Stated Clerk has called for all Commission reports to be turned in to him  
41 to be included in the minutes. Commission minutes will be included with the 2023  
42 minutes.

43           **Rationale:** Minutes of past commissions need to be properly attached to the  
44 appropriate minutes and submitted for review.

1           **2023-3: Jan 28-29, 2022 (BCO 40-2.1)** — Minutes state that the presbytery voted to  
2 receive the commission report to ordain and install [name omitted] , but referenced  
3 Attachment speaks only of a report to Commission to Ordain/Install a Mr. [name  
4 omitted] . Minutes make no mention of Mr. [name omitted] .

5           **Response:** South Texas Presbytery concurs with the Exception regrets the oversight.  
6 The minutes should have reflected receipt of the report of the Commission to ordain  
7 and install Rev. [name omitted]. The Presbytery regrets this scrivener’s error.

8           **Rationale:** There is no record that the minutes have been corrected.

9           **2023-4: Apr 29-30, 2022; Oct 28-29, 2022 (BCO 15-1)** — It appears committees are  
10 empowered to act as if they were commissions.

11           **Response:** South Texas Presbytery concurs with the Exception and regrets the  
12 oversight. RE [name omitted]’s report included only one Committee item which needed  
13 Presbytery approval, and because there was no quorum, a motion and second was  
14 required. Our minutes were unclear on that point. Our Standing Rules empowers the  
15 Ministerial Relations Committee to act as a commission to dissolve the pastoral  
16 relations of a minister in cases “where the minister and congregation formally concur  
17 in such dissolution and when pastoral problems are not involved.” The Chairman of  
18 the committee should have asked for Presbytery ratification of the  
19 committee/commission’s actions. As for the report of the Administrative Committee  
20 on the complaint against TE [name omitted], the Standing Rules grant the Committee  
21 authority for initial investigation to determine if the complaint was in order. This is  
22 what happened. The Presbytery regrets the ambiguity of its minutes. In the case of TE  
23 [name omitted]’s theology and exegetical papers, the Stated Clerk failed to  
24 memorialize the motion of the Candidates and Credentials Committee’s motion to  
25 approve those actions. The Presbytery regrets this oversight and will endeavor to be  
26 more complete in future records keeping.

27           **Rationale:** There is no record that the relevant minutes have been corrected.

28           **2023-5: Apr 29-30, 2022 (RAO 16-3.e.5)** — Minutes do not indicate which areas  
29 transfer candidates were examined in.

30           **Response:** South Texas Presbytery concurs with the Exception and regrets the  
31 oversight. All transfer candidates are examined in their views covered in *BCO* 13-6 both  
32 by the Candidates Committee and on the floor of Presbytery. The Presbytery regrets  
33 that our minutes did not include those areas of examination and will endeavor to  
34 include them in future minutes.

35           **Rationale:** There is no record that the minutes have been corrected.

36           **2023-6: Apr 23, 2022; Aug 20, 2022 (BCO 13-6)** — Incomplete record of examination  
37 of TE transferring into Presbytery.

38           **Response:** South Texas Presbytery concurs with the Exception and regrets its  
39 oversight. Transferring TEs are examined in their views of theology in accordance with  
40 *BCO* 13-6 both in committee and on the floor of presbytery. This examination occurred  
41 by the minutes failed to memorialize the event. The Presbytery will endeavor to be  
42 more diligent in recording topics of views examination in its minutes.

43           **Rationale:** There is no record that the minutes have been corrected.

44           **2023-7: Apr 29-30, 2022 (BCO 13-1)** — Minutes indicate honorably retired TE is a  
45 member of a church.

1           **Response:** South Texas Presbytery concurs with the Exception and regrets its  
 2 mischaracterization. The minutes should have reflected TE [name omitted] attends  
 3 [church name omitted], not that he was a member. The Presbytery will take care to use  
 4 more precise vocabulary in the future.

5           **Rationale:** There is no record that the minutes have been corrected.

6           **2023-8: Apr 29-30, 2022 (BCO 8-7; 20-1)** — No record of the reasons why Presbytery  
 7 considers an out-of-bounds work to be a valid Christian ministry. No record that the  
 8 Presbytery has full assurance that the TE will have full freedom to maintain and teach  
 9 the doctrine of our Church.

10          **Response:** South Texas Presbytery concurs with the Exception and regrets its  
 11 oversight. TE additionally reported to our MTW and Candidates committees that he  
 12 would have freedom to teach the doctrines of the Confession of Faith. His work is with  
 13 the United Church of Bogota. The United Church of Bogota is over 100 years old. He  
 14 is the new senior pastor of the church, following two other PCA pastors in that role.  
 15 The Presbytery will be more diligent to record these details in future minutes.

16          **Rationale:** There is no record that the minutes have been corrected.

17          **2023-11: Apr 29-30, 2022 (BCO 13-6)** — Incomplete record of examination of TE  
 18 transferring into Presbytery.

19          **Response:** South Texas Presbytery concurs with the Exception and regrets its  
 20 error. TE [name omitted] was examined in each of the areas noted, but the details of  
 21 those examinations were inadvertently left out of the minutes for the Presbytery.

22          **Rationale:** There is no record that the minutes have been corrected.

23          **2023-12: Apr 29-30, 2022; Aug 12-13, 2022; Oct 28-29, 2022 (BCO 46-6)** — No  
 24 record of dismissal from original presbytery.

25          **Response:** South Texas Presbytery concurs with the Exception and regrets the  
 26 errors. All TEs were dismissed from their previous presbyteries in good standing; the  
 27 Clerk failed to note those details in the minutes. The Presbytery will be diligent to  
 28 include this information in the minutes in the future.

29          **Rationale:** There is no record that the minutes have been corrected.

30          **2023-13: Aug 12-13, 2022; Oct 28-29, 2022 (BCO 15-3; 36-7; 38-1; 40-2; RAO 16-**  
 31 **3.e.4)** — Minutes provide an incomplete record of cases of discipline, and complaints  
 32 received. Minutes indicate commission received confession of a TE and imposed  
 33 censures of deposition from office and indefinite suspension from the sacraments. This  
 34 may have been a *BCO* 38-1 case without process but there is no indication; it appears  
 35 from the AC report that this commission was retroactively authorized and therefore  
 36 had no authority to conduct the case or impose censure; also no indication procedures  
 37 in *BCO* 36-7 were followed; also not clear if accused was a church officer; confession  
 38 is not in minutes.

39          **Response:** South Texas Presbytery concurs with the Exception and regrets its  
 40 error. This was a case without process. The Presbytery erred in its initial handling the  
 41 case and these errors were reported by the Administrative Committee to the floor of  
 42 Presbytery. The Presbytery chose to ratify the actions of the judicial commission and  
 43 the case continued to the deposition of Mr. [name omitted] , but the Clerk failed to  
 44 note that in the minutes of the Presbytery. Mr. [name omitted] then chose to associate  
 45 with another branch of the Church, severing his relationship with the PCA. The

1 Presbytery will endeavor to avoid such irregularities in exercising discipline in the  
2 future.

3 **Rationale:** There is no record that the relevant minutes have been corrected or that  
4 the appropriate documents related to the 38-1 matter have been attached to the minutes.  
5 **2023-14: Aug 12-13, 2022 (BCO 21-2)** — Presbytery did not find extraordinary  
6 circumstance or record super-majority vote to waive six-month requirement to be  
7 taken under care.

8 **Response:** South Texas Presbytery concurs with the Exception and regrets its  
9 error. The statement concerning the waiver of the six-month requirement included in  
10 the minutes was inadequate and conclusory. The vote to take Mr. [name omitted] under  
11 care was unanimous, but the Clerk failed to record that fact. The Presbytery will  
12 endeavor to be more precise in its record keeping in the future.

13 **Rationale:** There is no record that the minutes have been corrected.  
14 **2023-15: Oct 28-29, 2022 (BCO 21-1)** — No record that transfer candidate received  
15 a call or that the presbytery approved the call.

16 **Response:** South Texas Presbytery concurs with the Exception and regrets its  
17 error. The Candidates Committee recited the call, its sufficiency and TE [name  
18 omitted]’s acceptance of his call, however, the Clerk failed to record that information  
19 in the minutes. The Presbytery will endeavor to be more complete in its recordation of  
20 calls and acceptance in future minutes.

21 **Rationale:** There is no record that the minutes have been corrected.  
22 **2023-17: Oct. 28-29, 2022 (BCO 21-1)** — No record that candidate received a call or  
23 that the presbytery approved the call.

24 **Response:** South Texas Presbytery concurs with the Exception and regrets its  
25 error. TE [name omitted] did receive a call as reported by the Candidates Committee  
26 and the Presbytery did approve the call. The Stated Clerk failed to record this  
27 information and will be more diligent in recording the actions of the floor in the future.

28 **Rationale:** The minutes need to include appropriate correction.

29  
30 77. That the Minutes of **Southeast Alabama** Presbytery: 63-0-1

31 a. Be approved without exception: **Aug 22, 2023**

32 b. Be approved with exception of form: **General 2023**

33 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

34 **2024-1: Jan 24, 2023 (BCO 19-2)** — Presbytery did not make record of the trial parts  
35 omitted in an extraordinary case of licensure.

36 **2024-2: Mar 07, 2023 (RAO 16-3.c.1)** — The portion of the call for the meeting stating  
37 the purpose of the meeting is not recorded verbatim in the minutes of the meeting.

38 **2024-3: Dec 14, 2023 (RAO 16-3.c.1)** — The portion of the call for the meeting stating  
39 the purpose of the meeting is not recorded verbatim in the minutes of the meeting.

40 **2024-4: Jan 24, 2023 (BCO 13-10)** — No record of 60 days notice of dissolution.

41 **2024-5: Apr 25, 2023 (BCO 18-2)** — No record of endorsement by candidate’s  
42 Session.

43 **2024-6: Apr 25, 2023 (BCO 18-2)** — No record of six-month membership for  
44 candidate.

- 1           **2024-7: Aug 25, 2023** (*BCO* 15-1) — No record of commission proceedings/minutes,  
2           and these must be presented for review next year.
- 3           **2024-8: Oct 24, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Stated differences not recorded  
4           in the minister’s/candidate’s own words.
- 5           **2024-9: Oct 24, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4) — No record of requiring statement of differences  
6           with our Standards.
- 7           **2024-10: Oct 24, 2023** (*BCO* 19-2.f) — No record of requiring statement of  
8           differences with our Standards.
- 9           **2024-11: Oct 24, 2023** (*BCO* 21-4) — No record of requiring statement of differences  
10          with our Standards.
- 11          **2024-12: Dec 14, 2023** (*BCO* 13-12) — Business conducted that was not stated in the  
12          purpose of the called meeting.
- 13          **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**
- 14          **2023-1: General 2022** (*BCO* 8-4) — No record of annual reports received from TEs  
15          doing work needful to the Church.
- 16                 **Response:** We are not sure to which TE this exception refers. If the TE in question  
17          is TE [name omitted] TE [name omitted] reported to presbytery on his work with  
18          CURE Montgomery on January 25, 2022
- 19          **2023-2: General 2022** (*BCO* 13-2) — No record of annual reports received from TEs  
20          without call.
- 21                 **Response:** We agree with this exception. TE [name omitted] submitted his annual  
22          report in July 2022, but we failed to include this report in presbytery’s minutes for  
23          August 2022.
- 24          **2023-3: Jan 25, 2022** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record that Congregation (/Session)  
25          concurred with dissolution of pastoral relations.
- 26                 **Response:** In its report, the Shepherding Committee did confirm that all  
27          Congregations (/Sessions) listed in 22-01-07.B.1.i-iii. concurred with the dissolution  
28          of pastoral relations. We did not list these details in our minutes.
- 29          **2023-6: Mar 31, 2022** (*BCO* 13-12; *RAO* 16-3.c.1) — Notice for called meeting not  
30          in order and purpose of called meeting not recorded verbatim in the minutes.
- 31                 **Response:** We agree with this exception and will correct our actions in the future.
- 32          **2023-7: Apr 26, 2022** (*BCO* 19-1, 22-6) — Stated supply is not listed in directory or  
33          minutes as an elder or licentiate.
- 34                 **Response:** We agree with this citation. The man in question has been Stated Supply  
35          at that particular church for close to 30 years. We were renewing his license to preach  
36          but failed to list him on our roll as such. We will correct that error.
- 37          **2023-8: Apr 26, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Incomplete record of ordination  
38          exams.
- 39                 **Response:** Because there were multiple examinations at this meeting of  
40          Presbytery, we are unclear as to which examinations were cited as incomplete. Please  
41          see answers to Exceptions 9-12, which might provide clarification on this exception.
- 42          **2023-9: Apr 26, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Stated differences not judged  
43          with the prescribed categories.
- 44                 **Response:** We agree with this exception. The committee judged Mr. [name  
45          omitted]’s differences to be “more than semantic, but not out accord with any

1 fundamental of our system of doctrine.” This was an oversight on the Committee’s  
2 part, which the Presbytery failed to catch. We will correct our actions in the future.

3 **2023-10: Apr 26, 2022 (BCO 21-4, RAO 16-3.e.5)** — Candidate’s stated difference  
4 appears to be incompletely recorded.

5 **Response:** The language as received by Presbytery from the Committee is  
6 recorded in the minutes. It does not represent an incomplete record of the candidate’s  
7 differences.

8 **2023-11: Apr 26, 2022 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** — No record of requiring statement  
9 of differences with our standards.

10 **Response:** We agree with this exception. The candidate had no stated differences,  
11 but we failed to record this in our minutes.

12 **2023-12: Apr 26, 2022 (BCO 21-5, 10-4)** — Incomplete record of ordination and  
13 installation.

14 **Response:** We agree with this exception. We did follow the requirements set forth  
15 in *BCO* 21-5 but failed to record this in our minutes.

16 **2023-13: Oct 25, 2022 (BCO 13-10)** — No record of transfer or dismissal of members  
17 upon dissolving a church.

18 **Response:** We agree with this exception. The members of [church name omitted]  
19 were transferred to [church name omitted], which was reported at Presbytery, but  
20 which we failed to record in our minutes.

21 **2023-14: Oct 25, 2022 (BCO 13-10)** — At least 60-day notice to presbytery to dissolve  
22 a church not in order. (Not indicated/recorded).

23 **Response:** We agree to this exception. This action was taken in response to a  
24 request received from [church name omitted] on October 24, 2022. We took final  
25 action at our next stated meeting, and the property and members were transferred to  
26 the care of the session of [church name omitted]. We failed to include this  
27 communication in our minutes/records. We will correct our actions in the future.

28 e. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
29 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

30 **2023-4: Jan 25, 2022; Apr 26, 2022; Aug 23, 2022 (BCO 18-2)** — No record of six-  
31 months membership for candidate.

32 **Response:** We agree with the exception. In the future, we will add the following  
33 language to our minutes, “[This candidate], having met the requirements of *BCO* 18-  
34 2 and having been examined/questioned in accord with *BCO* 18-3 was received under  
35 care of SEAL Presbytery, as moved by the Committee and approved by Presbytery.”

36 **Rationale:** Presbytery must report that the minutes have been corrected.

37 **2023-5: Jan 25, 2022 (BCO 18-2)** — No record of examinations (Under Care /  
38 Internship).

39 **Response:** We agree with the exception. In the future, we will add the following  
40 language to our minutes, “[This candidate], having met the requirements of *BCO* 18-  
41 2 and having been examined/questioned in accord with *BCO* 18-3 was received under  
42 care of SEAL Presbytery, as moved by the Committee and approved by Presbytery.”

43 **Rationale:** Presbytery must report that the minutes have been corrected.

44  
45 78. That the Minutes of **Southern Louisiana** Presbytery:

64-0-0



- 1       **a.** Be approved without exception: **None**  
2       **b.** Be approved with exception of form: **Jan 21, 2023; Directory**  
3       **c.** Be approved with exception of substance:  
4           **2024-1: Apr 22, 2023 (BCO 18-2)** — No record of six-month membership or  
5           endorsement by candidate’s Session.  
6           **2024-2: Oct 28, 2023 (BCO 18-2)** — No record of six-month membership or  
7           endorsement by candidate’s Session.  
8           **2024-3: Oct 28, 2023 (BCO 20-1)** — No record of the reasons why Presbytery  
9           considers an out-of-bounds work to be a valid Christian ministry.  
10          **2024-4: General 2023 (BCO 13-9.b; 40-1; 40-3)** — No record of review of records of  
11          church Sessions.  
12          **2024-5: General 2023 (BCO 8-7)** — No record of annual report(s) of TE(s) laboring  
13          out of bounds.  
14          **2024-6: General 2023 (BCO 18-6)** — Annual reports of candidates not included.  
15          **2024-7: Oct 28, 2023 (BCO 21-5)** — No record of the ordination questions being  
16          given to a candidate during his ordination service.  
17       **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**  
18          **2023-4: Apr 23, 2022 (BCO 21-4)** — Incomplete record of ordination exam:  
19          experiential religion, especially his personal character and family management;  
20          history of the PCA.  
21                **Response:** The Clerk of SOLA Presbytery apologizes for failing to include this  
22          information in the the Minutes. It was simply an oversight on his behalf. The  
23          Presbytery did examine him both in the committee and on the floor on these topics.  
24          We will make every effort to include this information in the minutes in the future.  
25          **2023-5: Apr 23, 2022 (BCO 15-1)** — Commission minutes not recorded in Presbytery  
26          minutes.  
27                **Response:** The Clerk of SOLA Presbytery apologizes for failing to put the minutes  
28          in our record. Please see the minutes attached to this report.  
29          **2023-6: Jun 18, 2022 (BCO 21-5, 6, 7)** — Incorrect ordination procedure.  
30                **Response:** The Clerk of SOLA Presbytery apologizes for failing to include this  
31          information in our minutes. Please see the attached minutes with the correction. See  
32          pdf.  
33          **2023-8: Aug 02, 2022 (BCO 23-1)** — No record that Congregation concurred with  
34          dissolution of pastoral relations.  
35                **Response:** The Clerk of SOLA Presbytery apologizes for not including this  
36          information in our report to RPR. Please see the attached minutes from the  
37          Congregational meeting held by [church name omitted] to dissolve the pastoral tie.  
38          See pdf.  
39          **2023-9: Aug 02, 2022 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.5)** — Stated differences not judged  
40          with the prescribed categories. [TE Davison’s difference with *WCF* 4.1 on Creation]  
41                **Response:** The Clerk of SOLA Presbytery apologizes for not including the  
42          Presbytery’s judgment of TE [name omitted]’s views regarding the Sabbath. The  
43          Presbytery, in agreement with our Candidates Committee, found that his view was  
44          “more than semantic but not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of our

1 doctrine". (Please see attached minutes from Candidates Committee who  
2 recommended that we receive his stated difference in this manner). See pdf.

3 **e. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
4 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

5 **2023-1: General 2022 (BCO 8-7)** — No record of annual report(s) of TE(s) laboring  
6 out of bounds.

7 **Response:** SOLA Presbytery apologizes for not including annual reports from our  
8 TE's laboring out of bounds in our Minutes. It is our practice to hear reports from our  
9 ministers and churches at the end of our meetings. At that designated time our  
10 ministers laboring out of bounds give a report before presbytery. We will make an  
11 effort to make note of the reports when they are delivered by our Ministers laboring  
12 out of bounds going forward.

13 **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record or actions. Presbytery  
14 has not recorded its receipt of reports from out of bounds ministers.

15 **2023-2: General 2022 (BCO 13-9.b; 40-1)** — No record of review of records of  
16 church Sessions.

17 **Response:** SOLA Presbytery apologizes for failing to note the work of our  
18 Shepherding Committee who handles the Review of Sessional Records on behalf of  
19 SOLA Presbytery. It is our usual practice for the Shepherding Committee to take up  
20 the records at our Stated January meeting, review the records, and then, hand the  
21 records back at our Stated April Meeting. Last year the Committee was able to take up  
22 all records and redistribute them from January to April. It was a simple oversight on  
23 the Clerk's part to not make note of this in our minutes. We will attempt to do better  
24 in the future.

25 **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record or actions. Presbytery  
26 has not recorded its review of Session records for 2022. Presbytery is required to  
27 review the records of lower courts annually and record in its own minutes whether it  
28 approves, disapproves or corrects the records in any particular (BCO 40-1, 40-3).

29 **2023-3: Jan 22, 2022 (BCO 19-2)** — Incomplete record of licensure exam: no  
30 statement of Christian experience and inward call.

31 **Response:** The Clerk of SOLA Presbytery apologizes for failing to include this  
32 information in the Minutes. This is always the first part of the floor examination that  
33 we approve and I simply left it out. We will make every effort to include this  
34 information in the minutes in the future.

35 **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record. Presbytery has not  
36 recorded the receipt of a statement of Christian experience and inward call from the  
37 licensee.

38 **2023-7: Aug 02, 2022 (BCO 23-1)** — Presbytery did not act to dissolve a TE's call  
39 and place him on the rolls without call after his church left the denomination and he  
40 left the field.

41 **Response:** The Clerk of SOLA Presbytery apologizes for failing to include this  
42 action in our minutes. It was an oversight on the clerk's part. We will make every effort  
43 to include all actions of the Presbytery in our minutes in the future.

44 **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record. Presbytery has not  
45 recorded the dissolution of the TE's call.

1           **2023-10: Oct 22, 2022 (BCO 5-9)** — Presbytery organized a church that had not  
 2 elected ruling elders or called a pastor. [attached Dec. 19, 2022 commission minutes]

3           **Response:** The commission minutes unfortunately were incomplete and we  
 4 apologize for not completing them prior to filing our RPR report last year. Five men  
 5 were duly elected and installed as Ruling Elders and three men were duly elected and  
 6 installed as Deacons by the church. Please forgive our failure to include that  
 7 information. We will make every effort to correct this failure in the future.

8           **Rationale:** Presbytery’s response does not record the names of officer candidates  
 9 and all necessary steps for officer election and examination.

10          **2023-11: Oct 22, 2022 (BCO 21-9)** — Presbytery installed a pastor without having  
 11 received or approved a call.

12          **Response:** The commission failed to note that the TE did receive a call and it was  
 13 placed in his hands. Please forgive this failure on our part. We will make every effort  
 14 to include this information going forward.

15          **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its actions (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
 16 Presbytery has not approved the terms of call for the TE.

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 18 79. That the Minutes of **Southern New England** Presbytery: *66-0-0*

19    a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Jan 21, 2023; Mar 04, 2023; Apr 28-**  
 20 **29, 2023; Oct 21, 2023; Dec 16, 2023**

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

22    c. Be approved with exception of substance:

23          **2024-1: Sep 16, 2023 (BCO 38-3.a.)** — TE improperly permitted to withdraw from  
 24 membership and removed from roll even though he was not (1) affiliated with another  
 25 branch of the church and (2) a member in good standing.

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

27  
 28 80. That the Minutes of **Southwest Florida** Presbytery: *60-0-1*

29    a. Be approved without exception: **Feb 11, 2023; Nov 14, 2023**

30    b. Be approved with exception of form: **General 2023**

31    c. Be approved with exception of substance:

32          **2024-1: May 09, 2023 (BCO 8-7)** — No record that the presbytery is assured that an  
 33 out of bounds TE will have full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our  
 34 church.

35          **2024-2: May 09, 2023 (BCO 8-7)** — No record that out of bounds TE is engaged in  
 36 preaching and teaching the Word.

37          **2024-3: May 09, 2023 (BCO 20-1)** — No record of the reason why presbytery  
 38 considers an out of bounds work to be a valid Christian ministry.

39          **2024-4: Sep 09, 2023 (BCO 21-6)** — Installation questions for assistant pastor  
 40 addressed to congregation instead of session.

41    d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

42          **2023-1: Sep 10, 2022 (BCO 23-1)** — No record that Congregation/Session concurred  
 43 with dissolution of pastoral relations.

44          **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the Exception of Substance. The Presbytery  
 45 should have received communication from the Congregation—and not merely the

1 Session—requesting the Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relation between the church  
2 and the Teaching Elder. Since the Teaching Elder has already left the church and the  
3 Presbytery has already dissolved the pastoral relation, there is no way to remedy the  
4 error. However, the Presbytery promises to be more careful in the future to obtain the  
5 correct communication from the church requesting a pastoral dissolution.  
6

7 81. That the Minutes of **Suncoast Florida** Presbytery: 61-0-0

8 a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Jan 04, 2023; Feb 04, 2023; May 09,**  
9 **2023; Sep 12, 2023.**

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

11 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

12 **2024-1: Feb 14, 2023 (BCO 21-4)** — Candidate’s stated difference(s) not recorded

13 d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

14 **2023-1: Feb 08, 2022 (BCO 8-4; 20-1)** — No record that the Presbytery is assured  
15 that an out-of-bounds TE will have full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of  
16 our Church. No record of the reasons why Presbytery considers an out-of-bounds work  
17 to be a valid Christian ministry.

18 **Response:** When the Presbytery approved this new calling, it came from the same  
19 calling body that had previously been approved, so there was no debate regarding  
20 whether there would be “full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our  
21 Church.” Additionally, the Presbytery has full confidence in the Presbyterian and  
22 Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel. A note has been added  
23 to the minutes of Feb. 8, 2022, to read: “Presbytery is fully satisfied that the ‘TE will  
24 have full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our Church,” and that this is  
25 “a valid Christian ministry.”

26 **2023-2: May 10, 2022 (BCO 13-9a; 46-6)** — No record of vote to dismiss TEs called  
27 to other Presbyteries. Further, there is no evidence that the men were received by these  
28 other presbyteries.

29 **Response:** The Presbytery regrets not noting that the transfer had been completed.  
30 A Note was added to the minutes of May 10, 2022, to read: “TE was received into  
31 South Texas Presbytery on 6/9/2022.”

32 **2023-3: May 10, 2022; Sept. 13, 2022 (BCO 15-1)** — Report of Commission  
33 established at the May Stated Meeting to install 2 TEs is not noted or included in  
34 subsequent minutes.

35 **Response:** The Presbytery regrets the error of not including the minutes of this  
36 Commission to install 2 TEs. Those minutes were received by the Presbytery at its  
37 September 12, 2023 Stated meeting and are part of the record of that meeting.

38 **2023-5: May 10, 2022 (BCO 46-6)** — TE is received from another PCA presbytery  
39 but no evidence of action of other Presbytery.

40 **Response:** The Presbytery regrets not noting that the transfer had been completed.  
41 A Note was added to the minutes of May 10, 2022, to read: “TE was received into  
42 Pacific Northwest Presbytery on 10/18/2022.”

43 **2023-6: Nov 09, 2022 (BCO 19-1)** — Presbytery gives permission to a man to preach  
44 in a pulpit on a regular basis without proper licensure.

1           **Response:** The Presbytery undertook a full licensure exam at this meeting, but  
 2 noted some weaknesses that needed further clarification before final approval. The  
 3 Presbytery was well satisfied that they were preserving the pulpit by allowing this man  
 4 to preach for a very set time that would not be extended beyond a second examination.  
 5 The man was fully licensed at a Called Meeting on January 4, 2023.

6 **e. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
 7 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

8 **2023-4: May 10, 2022 (BCO 20-1)** — No record of the reasons why Presbytery  
 9 considers an out-of-bounds work to be a valid Christian ministry.

10           **Response:** The Presbytery regrets the error of not noting that the work is a valid  
 11 Christian ministry. A note was added to the minutes of May 10, 2022, to read: “The  
 12 ministry to which this TE is called is a valid Christian ministry.” The Presbytery also  
 13 notes that the citation regarding an “out-of-bounds ministry” in the September 13,  
 14 2022 minutes did not involve the actual approval of a call, but an inquiry by the  
 15 Presbytery regarding a TEs activity.

16           **Rationale:** No reason given for why it is a valid Christian ministry.  
 17

18 82. That the Minutes of **Susquehanna Valley** Presbytery: 58-0-0

19     **a.** Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Apr 22, 2023; May 20, 2023; Sep 19,**  
 20 **2023**

21     **b.** Be approved with exception of form: **Nov 18, 2023**

22     **c.** Be approved with exception of substance:

23           **2024-1: Feb 11, 2023 (BCO 23-1)** — No record that Congregation concurred with  
 24 dissolution of pastoral relations.

25           **2024-2: Feb 11, 2023 (BCO 8-7)** — No record that the Presbytery is assured that an  
 26 out-of-bounds TE will have full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our  
 27 Church.

28     **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

29           **2023-1: May 21, 2022 (BCO 13-6; 21-4)** — Incomplete record of transfer exam for  
 30 minister from another denomination.

31           **Response:** Our Candidates, Interns, and Examinations (CIE) committee examined  
 32 TE [name omitted] in the areas of Bible Content, Theology, Sacraments, Church  
 33 History and Church Government. The CIE committee also heard his sermon and  
 34 confirmed his educational credentials. During our floor examine, we only examined  
 35 TE [name omitted] with representative questions from theology, sacraments, and  
 36 church government as though he was transferring from another PCA presbytery. We  
 37 apologize for our negligence and will be diligent going forward to fully examine men  
 38 transferring from another denomination both in committee and on the floor of  
 39 presbytery.  
 40

41 83. That the Minutes of **Tennessee Valley** Presbytery: 64-0-0

42     **a.** Be approved without exception: **General 2023**

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

44     **c.** Be approved with exception of substance:

1       **2024-1: Jan 17, 2023** (*BCO* 13-12; *RONR* (12th ed.) 25:10) — Notice for called  
2 meeting not in order (10-day notice, verbatim meeting call, etc., not  
3 indicated/recorded).

4       **2024-2: Feb 11, 2023** (*BCO* 13-11; 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — Minutes of commission  
5 not entered in Presbytery minutes, and these must be presented for review next year.

6       **2024-3: Feb 11, 2023** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of six-month membership for  
7 candidate.

8       **2024-4: Feb 11, 2023** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record that Congregation (/Session)  
9 concurred with dissolution of pastoral relations.

10       **2024-5: Mar 23, 2023** (*BCO* 13-12; *RONR* (12th ed.) 25:10) — Notice for called  
11 meeting not in order (10-day notice, verbatim meeting call, etc., not  
12 indicated/recorded).

13       **2024-6: Mar 23, 2023** (*BCO* 30-1) — Presbytery requires additional steps after the  
14 censure of admonition is administered.

15       **2024-7: May 13, 2023** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of six-month membership for  
16 candidate.

17       **2024-8: May 13, 2023** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of six-month membership for  
18 candidate.

19       **2024-9: May 13, 2023** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of six-month membership for  
20 candidate.

21       **2024-10: Aug 08, 2023** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of six-month membership for  
22 candidate.

23       **2024-11: Aug 08, 2023** (*BCO* 8-7) — No record that the Presbytery is assured that an  
24 out-of-bounds TE will have full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our  
25 Church.

26       **2024-12: Aug 08, 2023** (*BCO* 23-1) — No record that Congregation (/Session)  
27 concurred with dissolution of pastoral relations.

28       **2024-13: Nov 07, 2023** (*BCO* 18-2) — No record of six-month membership for  
29 candidate.

30       **c. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

31       **2022-1: Jan 09, 2021** (*BCO* 22-5; 20-1) — Improper status granted to TE who has no  
32 pastoral call but is stated supply, pending approval from other presbytery.

33       **Response:** The Tennessee Valley Presbytery acknowledges and apologizes for the  
34 mistake. The Pastoral Care Committee (functioning as a commission in accord with  
35 our Standing Rules) intended only to approve of the dissolution of the TE’s current  
36 call, not to approve him as Stated Supply for another presbytery. For information that  
37 affects corrective actions, the TE has now been transferred out of the Tennessee Valley  
38 Presbytery with a new call.

39       **2022-3: Oct 19, 2021** (*BCO* 19-1) — Candidate under care preaching regularly in PCA  
40 pulpits without a license.

41       **Response:** The Tennessee Valley Presbytery acknowledges and apologizes for the  
42 mistake. The Candidate was not preaching regularly. The Candidate did use the  
43 phrases “occasionally preaching” and “preaching various times per month.” When  
44 TVP saw that language, we contacted the candidate to understand the regularity with

1 which he had preached. He acknowledged that his communication with us was not  
2 clear, and that he preached only 3 total times in 2021.

3 **2023-4: Jan 8, 2022; Apr 9, 2022; Jul 12, 2022; Oct 18, 2022** (*BCO* 46-6) — TEs  
4 are received from other PCA presbyteries but no evidence of action of other  
5 Presbytery.

6 **Response:** We erred by not recording the action of the other Presbyteries. We do  
7 now have it on record that TEs [names omitted] were all released from their respective  
8 Presbyteries

9 **d. That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
10 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

11 **2022-2: Jul 13, 2021** (*BCO* 15-1, 2) — An individual may not take an action on behalf  
12 of a court; a commission is required.

13 **Response:** The Tennessee Valley Presbytery acknowledges and apologizes for the  
14 mistake. The motion for an individual to be empowered to respond to RPR exceptions  
15 was out of order. We will not make this mistake in the future.

16 **Rationale:** Presbytery has not corrected its error by ratifying the actions in  
17 question.

18 **2023-1: General 2022** (*BCO* 40-1; *RAO* 16-10) — Report of review by GA of 2021  
19 minutes not included in the minutes of Presbytery, and no response to the Assembly  
20 concerning disposition of the exceptions of substance.

21 **Response:** We erred by not reviewing the report by GA of 2021 and by not  
22 approving a response by the deadline. We are responding now.

23 **Rationale:** *RAO* 16-10.a — No response to the Assembly concerning disposition  
24 of an exception of substance.

25 **2023-2: Jan 08, 2022** (*BCO* 15-1) — Commissions are formed to install previously  
26 ordained TEs but no commission reports are found in subsequent minutes.

27 **Response:** We erred by not including the installation reports for TE [name  
28 omitted] and TE [name omitted] was installed January 2022, and we do have his report.  
29 TE [name omitted] was installed February 2022, and we do have his report.

30 **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
31 Presbytery has not submitted the minutes for review.

32 **2023-3: Jan 08, 2022** (*BCO* 8-7; 20-1) — No record that the Presbytery is assured that  
33 an out-of-bounds TE will have full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our  
34 Church. No record of the reasons why Presbytery considers an out-of-bounds work to  
35 be a valid Christian ministry.

36 **Response:** We erred by not making sure the call had language guaranteeing that  
37 TE will have full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our Church. We erred  
38 by not recording the reasons why we consider the work of a chaplain to be a valid  
39 Christian ministry

40 **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
41 Presbytery has not submitted the minutes for review.

42 **2023-5: Apr 09, 2022** (*BCO* 19-7-10) — Presbytery “forms an internship” for a  
43 candidate, but does not approve the nature of the internship, does not examine the man,  
44 and does not address the intern as required.

1           **Response:** We erred by not recording the nature of Mr. [name omitted] ’s  
2 internship, by not specifying that this internship candidate was examined with regard  
3 to his inward call to the ministry of the Word, and that the intern was addressed  
4 according to *BCO* 19-10. We did do all of these.

5           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
6 Presbytery has not submitted the minutes for review.

7           **2023-6: Apr 9, 2022; Jul 12, 2022; Oct 18, 2022** (*BCO* 18-2; *RAO* 16-6.c.2) — No  
8 record of six-months membership requirement and one month application deadline for  
9 man coming under care. This was an Exception of Form also in the report on the 2021  
10 minutes.

11           **Response:** We erred by not recording that Mr. [name omitted] , Mr. [name omitted]  
12 , and Mr. [name omitted] satisfied all the requirements of *BCO* 18-2, including the six-  
13 month membership requirement. They did satisfy those requirements at that time.

14           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
15 Presbytery has not submitted the minutes for review.

16           **2023-7: Apr 09, 2022** (*BCO* 8-7; 15-1; 20-1; 21-1) — A TE’s status is changed from  
17 Honorably Retired to Out of Bounds, but specific arrangements of call not shown to  
18 be approved. No record that the Presbytery is assured that an out-of-bounds TE will  
19 have full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our Church. No record of the  
20 reasons why Presbytery considers an out-of-bounds work to be a valid Christian  
21 ministry.

22           **Response:** We erred by not specifying that we did in fact approve of TE [name  
23 omitted]’s call, and we erred by not including that call in the minutes. We erred by not  
24 making sure the call had language guaranteeing that TE will have full freedom to  
25 maintain and teach the doctrine of our Church. We erred by not recording the reasons  
26 why we consider the work of a chaplain to be a valid Christian ministry

27           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
28 Presbytery has not submitted the minutes for review.

29           **2023-8: Apr 9, 2022; Oct. 18, 2022** (*BCO* 15-1; 23-1) — A commission dissolves  
30 men’s call, but no evidence of congregational (or sessional) concurrence, and  
31 sometimes the matter is not included in the minutes of Presbytery.

32           **Response:** We erred by not including the minutes from congregational or session  
33 meetings where the dissolution of pastoral relationship for TE [name omitted] , TE  
34 [name omitted] , and TE [name omitted] were voted on.

35           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
36 Presbytery has not submitted the minutes for review.

37           **2023-9: Jul 12, 2022** (*BCO* 18-2, 3) — No record of endorsement by candidate’s  
38 session, six-months membership, charge given to candidate, nor of his answering the  
39 required questions.

40           **Response:** We erred by not recording that Mr. [name omitted] satisfied all the  
41 requirements of *BCO* 18-2, including the six-month membership requirement and an  
42 endorsement by the candidate’s session. He did satisfy those requirements at that time.  
43 We erred by not properly recording that we did in fact give a charge and that the  
44 candidate did answer the questions in 18-3.



1           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
 2 Presbytery has not submitted the minutes for review.

3           **2023-10: Jul 12, 2022** (*BCO* 5-9; 15-1; 24-1) — There is no report in the October  
 4 meeting of the commission to organize the mission work and to show that *BCO* 5-9.i  
 5 was followed even though the work is listed in the Directory as being organized.

6           **Response:** We erred by not including the report of particularization, which we did  
 7 have at the time and which does satisfy that *BCO* 5-9.i was followed

8           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
 9 Presbytery has not submitted the minutes for review.

10          **2023-11: Oct 18, 2022** (*BCO* 15-1; 13-6; *RAO* 16-1.e.5) — Report and minutes of  
 11 Theological Examining Committee, acting as a commission to conduct a transfer exam  
 12 not included.

13          **Response:** We erred by not attaching the TEC minutes from July 7, 2022 where  
 14 the TEC acted as a commission to conduct a transfer exam, which we do have now.

15          **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
 16 Presbytery has not submitted the minutes for review.

17

18 84. That the Minutes of **Tidewater** Presbytery: 64-0-0

19    a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023; May 01, 2023; Oct 05, 2023**

20    b. Be approved with exception of form: **Feb 03, 2023**

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

22    d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

23    **2021-1: Aug 01, 2019** (*BCO* 19-5) — Incomplete record of a licensure transfer exam.

24           **Response:** [2022]: The Presbytery disagrees with this exception. We suggest that  
 25 the language of 19-5 is confusing at best. In the first sentence we read, “the latter  
 26 Presbytery may, at its discretion, on his producing proper testimonials from the former,  
 27 repeat any portion of the previous Presbytery’s examination it desires.” The following  
 28 sentence then reads, “The Presbytery into whose bounds the licentiate is moving,  
 29 however, must at least examine the man concerning: a. his Christian experience, b. his  
 30 call to preach the Gospel, c. his views in theology, d. Bible content, e. church  
 31 government.” We erred in the favor of the “at its discretion” finding the examination  
 32 of the previous presbytery and the documentation provided to as sufficient and decided  
 33 to only repeat his testimony and views.

34           **Rationale:** [2022]: *BCO* 19-5 mandates a minimum exam that must be given to  
 35 licentiate transfers. The whole *BCO* 19-2 exam need not be repeated, but the 19-5  
 36 elements must be.

37           **Response:** [2023] The Presbytery understands its error and has taken every step to  
 38 correct this for the future. The membership committee has been apprised of the  
 39 requirements of *BCO* 19-5 and moving forward a minimum exam will be given. The  
 40 Tidewater Presbytery approved these actions in our 2/4/2023 Stated Meeting.

41           **Rationale:** [2023] No record that Presbytery corrected its actions (*RAO* 16-  
 42 10.b.1). Presbytery has not properly resolved the examination of the licentiate through  
 43 proper examination. If the man seeks to have his license renewed *BCO* 19-5 must be  
 44 followed.

1           **Response:** Presbytery now better understands this exception. Presbytery’s new  
2 Stated Clerk reviewed this matter extensively, including reviewing all related materials  
3 and interviewing individuals present at that exam. What was listed as an examination  
4 of the candidate’s views did in fact include all the elements of *BCO* 19-5, though this  
5 was not properly recorded in the minutes. Presbytery has corrected our process for  
6 transferring licentiates to avoid this error in the future. As such, should this individual’s  
7 licensure come up for renewal, Presbytery will make sure to follow *BCO* 19-5 and  
8 record the fulfillment of all the elements. Presbytery corrected the record at its next  
9 Stated Meeting on October 5, 2023, as follows: Mr. [name omitted] came for transfer  
10 of his licensure from the James River Presbytery. All appropriate documentation has  
11 been received. Mr. [name omitted] shared his testimony and call to preach the Gospel  
12 with the TWP. Mr. [name omitted] was examined by the TWP on his views in theology,  
13 Bible content, and church government. TWP notes that all elements of *BCO* 19-5 were  
14 fulfilled in this examination.

15 **2021-2: Feb 01, 2020** (*BCO* 15-1; *RAO* 16-3.e.4) — Minutes of commission (to ordain  
16 and install) TEs [names omitted] not entered into presbytery minutes.

17           **Response:** [2022]: The Presbytery agrees with this omission. This was purely an  
18 oversight of the Clerk. The Sessional Oversight Commission was appointed to ordain  
19 and install and I failed to note that in the minutes

20           **Rationale:** [2022]: Presbytery needs to submit the commission minutes for review.

21           **Response:** [2023] While I failed to record the make up of the commissions to  
22 ordain the two candidates, the minutes of these commissions were not approved until  
23 a later Stated Meeting. At the Feb 1, 2020 meeting the candidates were examined and  
24 approved for ordination, the dates and times were not set at that meeting. One  
25 candidate left the PCA before his ordination, and the other did have his ordination  
26 commission at a later date.

27           **Rationale:** [2023] No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
28 Presbytery has not submitted the commission minutes for review.

29           **Response:** Presbytery now better understands this exception. One commission  
30 met, but the presbytery neglected to record that report in its minutes. Presbytery regrets  
31 the error and corrected the record at the Stated Meeting of October 5, 2023, by  
32 reviewing and recording the commission minutes for Chris Cartwright. However, the  
33 second commission involves a very complex situation with no satisfactory remedy.  
34 [Name omitted] was examined successfully for ordination and a commission was  
35 established to ordain and install him at a later date. Prior to that date, Mr. [name  
36 omitted] left the church and the denomination. The ordination and installation  
37 commission was never able to meet, so there are no minutes to review. Presbytery  
38 acknowledges the irregularity of this situation. Presbytery updated the record at its  
39 Stated Meeting of October 5, 2023, as follows: Presbytery recognizes that the  
40 commission to ordain and install [name omitted] was never able to carry out the work  
41 assigned to it. Presbytery recognizes the irregularity of these circumstances and  
42 dissolves the commission with thanks. Presbytery notes that [name omitted] is not at  
43 this time a member of Presbytery or of the PCA.

44 **2022-1: Feb 06, 2021** (Bylaws 7.2.1) — Taking action at virtual meeting expressly  
45 prohibited by Presbytery bylaws.

1           **Response:** Due to extraordinary circumstances of that week, the Executive  
 2 Committee had to make a meeting decision. The meeting was scheduled to meet in a  
 3 school, which closed due to a Covid outbreak. The local gas prices shot up and many  
 4 stations were closed due to shortages, so the Executive Committee agreed that on the  
 5 short notice of a change, rather than cancel the meeting, to hold it virtually. The  
 6 Presbytery was in the process of making the Bylaws Change to allow this but had not  
 7 had all the necessary readings. The Bylaws have since been amended, Covid shut  
 8 downs are a thing of the past, and this will no longer be an issue.

9           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its actions (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
 10 Presbytery has not ratified the actions taken without proper authority.

11           **Response:** Presbytery now better understands this exception and agrees.  
 12 Presbytery updated the record at its Stated Meeting of October 5, 2023, to ratify the  
 13 actions taken at the virtual presbytery meeting of February 6, 2021. Presbytery  
 14 acknowledges the irregularity of the difficulties posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

15           **2022-2: Feb 6, 2021; Oct 7, 2021** (*BCO* 15-1, 2) — An individual may not take an  
 16 action on behalf of a court; a commission is required.

17           **Response:** In the Feb 6 Minutes [p4] recommendation 3 reads; “Recommendation  
 18 3 – refer to admin committee and clerk to develop a plan of action – MSP. The Admin  
 19 Committee and the Clerk were to serve together to develop the plan of action. As can  
 20 be seen in the “Report of the Commission,” a commission was appointed to adjudicate  
 21 the case and Recommendation 3, from the Commission, was for the Admin Committee  
 22 with the clerk to handle one aspect of the resolution. At no time was an individual  
 23 taking action on behalf of the court.

24           **Rationale:** The original exception related to the item on ll. 11–12 on p. 4 of the  
 25 Feb 6, 2021 minutes and ll. 33–34 on p. 4 of the Oct 7, 2021 minutes. Presbytery did  
 26 not respond to the identified exception of substance.

27           **Response:** Presbytery now better understands this exception and agrees.  
 28 Presbytery updated the record at its Stated Meeting of October 5, 2023, as follows:  
 29 Presbytery ratifies the actions of the Stated Clerk in the wake of the February 6, 2021,  
 30 and October 7, 2021, Stated Meetings to approve nominations to General Assembly  
 31 committees. Presbytery recognizes that it improperly assigned this duty to the Stated  
 32 Clerk and notes that in the future, a properly-constituted commission will be  
 33 established to take actions on behalf of Presbytery

34           **2022-3: Feb 06, 2021** (*BCO* 15-3) — Presbytery took action on a recommendation  
 35 from a judicial commission without receiving a full statement of the case.

36           **Response:** During the verbal report to the TWP, a full statement was made of the  
 37 case. Due to the sensitive nature of the case, the Commission and the TWP concurred  
 38 that a printed copy would not be distributed but the summary with the report. We will,  
 39 in the future, make sure we clearly follow 15-3.

40           **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
 41 Presbytery has not provided the statement in written form to the Presbytery or  
 42 submitted the record for review.

43           **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception. Presbytery updated the record at  
 44 its Stated Meeting of October 5, 2023, as follows: Correct the record of February 6,  
 45 2021, to include in the minutes a written version of the verbal the statement of the case

1 presented by the judicial commission. That supplemental report has now been added  
2 to the minutes of Presbytery.

3 **2022-4: Oct 07, 2021** (*BCO* 13-11) — Complaint and Appeal sent to Presbytery not  
4 recorded in Presbytery’s minutes.

5 **Response:** We were in error for not including all of the email correspondence as  
6 the majority of the complaint and appeal were handled via email conversations. We  
7 have since cleaned up our process for receiving and handling complaints and appeals.

8 **Rationale:** No record that Presbytery corrected its record (*RAO* 16-10.b.1).  
9 Presbytery has not submitted the records for review.

10 **Response:** Presbytery better understands this exception and agrees that a  
11 complaint or appeal should be published in the minutes. Further investigation of this  
12 matter revealed that only an appeal was filed with presbytery, not a complaint. The  
13 confusion about having both a complaint and an appeal stemmed from initial  
14 communications from the laypersons involved. Only an appeal was filed; there was no  
15 complaint. Presbytery updated the record at its Stated Meeting of October 5, 2023, to  
16 record the Appeal sent to presbytery in the minutes.

17 **2023-1: Feb 05, 2022** (*BCO* 15-3) — Action of Presbytery judicial commission was  
18 not approved or disapproved by vote of Presbytery.

19 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception. The action of the judicial  
20 commission was approved but not recorded in the minutes. Presbytery corrected the  
21 record at its next Stated Meeting on October 5, 2023, as follows: Correct the record of  
22 the February 5, 2022, meeting of Tidewater Presbytery to... record that Presbytery did  
23 approve the action of the TWP judicial commission.

24 **2023-2: Feb 05, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Two stated differences not judged  
25 with the prescribed categories; one stated difference not judged at all.

26 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception. Presbytery corrected the record  
27 at its next Stated Meeting on October 5, 2023, as follows: Correct the record of the  
28 February 5, 2022, meeting of Tidewater Presbytery to... Clarify that Presbytery ruled  
29 all three of [name omitted]’s exceptions (Creation, Sabbath, Images) to be more than  
30 semantic, but “not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine.”

31 **2023-3: Feb 05, 2022** (*BCO* 21-4; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — One stated difference not judged  
32 with the prescribed categories; and a difference the candidate did not state or was not  
33 recorded was judged.

34 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception. Presbytery corrected the record  
35 at its next Stated Meeting on October 5, 2023, as follows: Correct the record of the  
36 February 5, 2022, meeting of Tidewater Presbytery to... Clarify that Presbytery ruled  
37 two of [name omitted]’s exceptions (Sabbath, Images) to be more than semantic, but  
38 “not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine.” Presbytery ruled  
39 that his stated exception regarding “willful desertion” to be merely semantic. Correct  
40 the record of the February 5, 2022, meeting of Tidewater Presbytery to... record [name  
41 omitted]’s exception regarding images in his own words: As it pertains to *WLC* 109,  
42 I affirm the second commandment. I believe that for purposes of catechizing those in  
43 the Gospel of Jesus Christ, particularly young children, that it can be appropriate to  
44 show forth some kind of symbolic representation of the Lord Jesus that displays to the  
45 watching world that God the Son, did take on flesh in His incarnation. However, any

1 illustrative or pictorial representations of God the Son in His incarnation as Jesus of  
 2 Nazareth should be done with reservation and prayerful thought and not in a flippant  
 3 manner. By this, I mean that any symbolic representation of Christ should never be  
 4 portrayed or taught as being “the real Jesus”. Fundamentally, any symbolic  
 5 representation of the Lord should never be used for the purpose of worshiping Him. It  
 6 seems to me that the thrust of the second commandment is to prohibit those made in  
 7 the image of God from bowing down or serving images or representations of created  
 8 things as if they are God.

9 **2023-4: Feb 05, 2022 (BCO 15-2)** — Commission established to take action on behalf  
 10 of Presbytery without meeting minimum membership requirement.

11 **Response:** Presbytery agrees with this exception. Presbytery has taken action to  
 12 better handle nominations that arrive between the winter stated meeting and the  
 13 deadline for nominations to General Assembly Committees of Commissioners.  
 14 Presbytery corrected the record at its next Stated Meeting on October 5, 2023, as  
 15 follows: Correct the record of the February 5, 2022, meeting of Tidewater Presbytery  
 16 to... ratify the actions of the Moderator and Stated Clerk to approve nominations to  
 17 General Assembly, noting that the minimum membership requirement of Ruling and  
 18 Teaching elders was not met in the commission established for this purpose  
 19

20 85. That the Minutes of **Warrior** Presbytery: 60-0-0

21 a. Be approved without exception: **Jan 24, 2023; Mar 04, 2023; Apr 18, 2023; Oct 17,**  
 22 **2023**

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

24 c. Be approved with exception of substance:

25 **2024-1: General 2023** — Annual reports of candidates not included.

26 **2024-2: General 2023 (BCO 10-3)** — The Moderator may be elected for at most 1  
 27 year at a time. The Standing Rules state that he "shall serve until his successor is  
 28 elected", which has no limit.

29 d. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

30 **2023-1: General 2022 (BCO 8-7)** — No record of annual report(s) of TE(s) laboring  
 31 out of bounds.

32 **Response:** Warrior Presbytery apologizes for this oversight and will ensure TEs  
 33 laboring out of bounds provide an annual report. During this time period, Warrior only  
 34 had two TEs laboring out of bounds and both were present at the January 25, 2022  
 35 meeting. It is possible they gave reports and it was not recorded in the minutes,  
 36 however we are unable to verify this.

37 **2023-2: Oct 18, 2022 (BCO 15-1; RAO 16-3.e.4)** — Minutes of commission not  
 38 entered in Presbytery minutes.

39 **Response:** Warrior Presbytery apologizes for this oversight and will ensure that  
 40 minutes of commissions are entered into the minutes. At Warrior’s October 17, 2023  
 41 meeting, the October 18, 2022 minutes were corrected by appending the commission  
 42 minutes through a motion to “Amend Something Previously Adopted.”  
 43

44 86. That the Minutes of **West Hudson** Presbytery: 39-16-10

45 a. Be approved without exception: **Sep 14, 2023; Nov 16, 2023**

1       **b.** Be approved with exception of form: **Directory; May 16, 2023**

2       **c.** Be approved with exception of substance:

3       **2024-1: General 2023 (BCO 19-12)** — Reports on every intern by the committee  
4 charged with the oversight of interns at each stated meeting not included.

5       **2024-2: Feb 09, 2023 (BCO 19-6)** — 3/4 vote for waiving internship requirement not  
6 recorded.

7       **2024-3: General 2023 (BCO 18-6)** — Annual reports of candidates not included.

8       **2024-4: General 2023 (BCO 19-12)** — Annual report of Interns not included.

9       **d.** **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

10       **2023-1: General 2021; General 2022 (BCO 8-7)** — No record of annual reports of  
11 TEs laboring out of bounds.

12       **Response:** West Hudson agrees with the exception. Presbytery has begun in 2023  
13 to receive and record in its minutes reports of TEs laboring out of bounds.

14       **2023-2: May 03, 2021 (BCO 23-1)** — No record if presbytery determined “the  
15 dissolution of the pastoral relationship with the senior pastor was brought about in  
16 Christian love and good order on the part of the parties concerned.”

17       **Response:** West Hudson respectfully disagrees with the exception. There is no  
18 constitutional requirement that the words “the dissolution of the pastoral relationship  
19 with the senior pastor was brought about in Christian love and good order on the part  
20 of the parties concerned” be recorded in Presbytery’s minutes, and the operating  
21 assumption of Presbytery is that its committees are competent to discharge their duties  
22 according to the provisions of the *BCO*. Moreover, *BCO 23-1* was explicitly cited in  
23 the minutes in reference to the required vote minimums, which suggests that  
24 Presbytery was aware of its obligation to ensure that the dissolution was brought about  
25 according to our standards. Finally, both the church and the outgoing minister have the  
26 ability to complain against an action of Presbytery in the event that the dissolution was  
27 not brought about according to our standards, which did not happen. For these reasons,  
28 Presbytery does not agree that its minutes are deficient in this instance.

29       **2023-3: May 03, 2021 (BCO 15-2)** — No record of commission members or a motion  
30 to empower anyone to appoint members.

31       **Response:** West Hudson respectfully disagrees with the exception but will change  
32 its practice going forward. Presbytery’s practice has been to form  
33 ordination/installation commissions using the method of appointment by the chair  
34 (*RONR* (12th ed.) 50:13 (d)) with the added implied understanding that the chair’s  
35 designee, named ‘convener’ in the minutes, would fill out the committee membership  
36 as needed. Presbytery notes that this practice has not led to any exceptions of substance  
37 with respect to the make-up or discharge of the duties of any ordination/installation  
38 commission it has formed. Furthermore, not a single commissioner of Presbytery has  
39 ever objected to this practice. While the practice may be incautious, it has not impacted  
40 the actual work of Presbytery.

41       **2023-4: Sep 09, 2021 (BCO 8-7)** — No record of presbytery determining that a TE  
42 laboring out of bounds will “be assured he will have full freedom to maintain and teach  
43 the doctrine of our Church.”

1           **Response:** West Hudson agrees with this exception. A statement from the TEs  
 2 church, which was supplied at the time of the TEs ordination, has been included in  
 3 Presbytery’s minutes, an extract of which is attached to this form.

4           **2023-5: Nov 18, 2021 (BCO 40-4)** — Presbytery failed to “deliberate and judge in the  
 5 whole matter” regarding a report received according to *BCO* 40-4. (“Whether [church  
 6 name omitted] erred by sustaining [name omitted] as Youth Director”—the committee  
 7 chose not to make a recommendation because the person in question was no longer  
 8 employed, and presbytery approved this recommendation).

9           **Response:** West Hudson respectfully disagrees with the exception. Presbytery did,  
 10 in fact, “judge in the whole matter” by taking action on all three parts of the *BCO* 40-  
 11 4 report, as the minutes indicate. That Presbytery responded to the *BCO* 40-4 report as  
 12 it did, and not another way, may be a matter of wisdom, but in Presbytery’s judgment  
 13 it is not an instance of failing to deliberate and judge in the whole matter.

14           **2023-6: Feb 10, 2022 (BCO 23-1)** — No mention that the pastoral relationship was  
 15 dissolved “in Christian love and good order on the parties concerned.”

16           **Response:** Presbytery respectfully disagrees with the exception. There is no  
 17 constitutional requirement that the words “in Christian love and good order on the  
 18 parties concerned” be recorded in Presbytery’s minutes when acting on the dissolution  
 19 of a pastoral relation, and the operating assumption of Presbytery is that its committees  
 20 are competent to discharge their duties according to the provisions of the *BCO*. For  
 21 these reasons, Presbytery does not agree that its minutes are deficient in this instance.

22           **2023-8: May 09, 2022 (BCO 21-4)** — Presbytery granted a doctrinal exception that  
 23 needs further clarification for proper review.

24           **Response:** West Hudson respectfully disagrees with the exception. Presbytery  
 25 does not agree that the granted exception requires further clarification for the  
 26 Committee on Review of Presbytery Records to properly review the matter.

27           **2023-9: May 09, 2022 (BCO 19-1, 5)** — Presbytery transferred a licentiate without a  
 28 proper examination.

29           **Response:** West Hudson agrees with the exception. The licentiate was examined  
 30 according to *BCO* 19-5 prior to receiving him, but that examination only took place in  
 31 committee and not on the floor of Presbytery. Presbytery will endeavor to be more  
 32 careful in the future.

33           **2023-10: May 09, 2022 (BCO 38-2)** — Divesting a TE takes two meetings of  
 34 presbytery. No record that he made the request at a previous meeting of presbytery.

35           **Response:** West Hudson agrees with the exception. The teaching elder in question  
 36 was made fully aware of the process and made his request to be divested without  
 37 censure prior to Presbytery’s stated meeting. Since the teaching elder in question did  
 38 not reside in the geographic bounds of Presbytery, his request was reported and acted  
 39 on at the same Presbytery meeting. Presbytery will endeavor to be more careful in the  
 40 future.

41 e. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found unsatisfactory, therefore**  
 42 **new responses shall be submitted to the following GA:**

43           **2023-7: Apr 26, 2022 (BCO 13-6)** — No record of which presbytery TE is transferring  
 44 from and whether he is a member in good standing.

1           **Response:** As far as Presbytery can discern, this is an error from the Committee  
2 on Review of Presbytery Records. Presbytery did not meet on April 26, 2022.

3           **Rationale:** Although the Presbytery did not meet on April 26, 2022, a commission  
4 of presbytery did meet on that date to examine a TE for transfer (page 2022-20). The  
5 commission minutes fail to record which presbytery the TE is transferring from and  
6 whether he is a member in good standing.  
7

8 87. That the Minutes of **Westminster** Presbytery: 57-0-0

9     a. Be approved without exception: **Mar 11, 2023; Apr 25, 2023; Aug 01, 2023; Aug 12,**  
10 **2023; Nov 11, 2023**

11     b. Be approved with exception of substance:

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

14 88. That the Minutes of **Wisconsin** Presbytery: 62-0-0

15     a. Be approved without exception: **General 2023; Jan 28, 2023; Oct 28, 2023**

16     b. Be approved with exception of substance:

17         **2024-1: Apr 22, 2023 (BCO 38-3)** — No record that Presbytery made determinations  
18 required by *BCO* 38-3 (specifically in applying a. or b.).

19         **2024-2: Apr 22, 2023 (BCO 18-2)** — No record of six-month membership for  
20 candidates

21         **2024-3: Jul 22, 2023 (BCO 18-2)** — No record of six-month membership for  
22 candidates.

23     c. **That the following responses to the 51<sup>st</sup> GA be found satisfactory:**

24         **2022-1: Jan 23, 2021 (BCO 19-2.a)** — All specific requirements of licensure exam  
25 not recorded.

26           **Response:** As noted in the minutes, both Mr. [name omitted] and Mr. [name  
27 omitted] had been examined in the area of the “inward call to the ministry,” which  
28 included their inward call to preach the gospel, during their exams for coming under  
29 care. Mr. [name omitted] had been examined at the Stated Presbytery meeting on  
30 September 26, 2020, and Mr. [name omitted] had been examined at the Stated  
31 Presbytery meeting on April 27, 2019.

32           **Rationale:** Candidates coming under care are required to be examined “on  
33 experiential religion and on his motives for seeking the ministry” (*BCO* 18-3).  
34 Licensure requires a “statement of his Christian experience and inward call to preach  
35 the Gospel,” which seeks greater scrutiny than to come under care (*BCO* 19-2.a).  
36 Furthermore, “No Presbytery shall omit any parts of examination except in  
37 extraordinary cases; and whenever a Presbytery shall omit any of these parts, it shall  
38 always make a record of the reasons therefore, and of the trial parts omitted.” (*BCO*  
39 19-2).

40           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception; has voted to correct its  
41 minutes from January 23, 2021; and promises to be more careful in the future. The  
42 Presbytery did not think it possible to re-examine these men, who have been now been  
43 ordained, especially as they have since exhibited Godly personal character and family  
44 management in their own ministries.



1           **2022-2: Jan 23, 2021** (*BCO* 19-7) — All specific requirements of internship not  
2 recorded.

3           **Response:** Mr. [name omitted] was a candidate under the care of the Presbytery  
4 since being examined at the Stated Presbytery meeting on September 26, 2020. He had  
5 given an oral statement of his inward call to the ministry of the Word during that Stated  
6 Presbytery meeting and the Presbytery did not choose to re-examine him in this area  
7 at the Stated Presbytery in January, but accepted his statement from September 26,  
8 2020. The internship program was presented and approved, he was given the requisite  
9 charge, and he was prayed for. It is unclear what further requirements need to be  
10 recorded.

11           **Rationale:** Candidates coming under care are required to be examined “on  
12 experiential religion and on his motives for seeking the ministry” (*BCO* 18-3). The  
13 process for becoming an intern requires a statement “of his inward call to the ministry  
14 of the Word” (*BCO* 19-10). These questions are different, and a single candidate must  
15 be examined on both questions.

16           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception; has voted to correct its  
17 minutes from January 23, 2021; and promises to be more careful in the future. The  
18 Presbytery did not think it possible to re-examine the intern, who has now been  
19 ordained, especially as he has since exhibited Godly personal character and family  
20 management in his own ministry.

21           **2022-3: Jan 23, 2021** (*BCO* 19-2.f; *RAO* 16-3.e.5) — Stated differences not recorded  
22 in the candidate’s own words.

23           **Response:** Actually these are exactly the words the candidate submitted. Attached  
24 as Exhibit A is the document the Presbytery received from Mr. [name omitted] in  
25 preparation of this meeting.

26           **Rationale:** Presbytery had adopted a motion classifying the Framework  
27 Interpretation as “an allowable exception” (Jan 23, 2021, p. 4), and the candidate  
28 declared, “I humbly submit my exception to the phrase ‘in the space of six days’ as I  
29 personally hold to a Framework Interpretation.” Stating one’s differences from our  
30 confessional standards in one’s own words requires more than citing a different  
31 doctrine; a candidate must give his own biblical rationale for exactly what he believes,  
32 since “it is the right and responsibility of the Presbytery to determine if the candidate  
33 is out of accord with any of the fundamentals of these doctrinal standards and, as a  
34 consequence, may not be able to in good faith sincerely to receive and adopt the  
35 Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this Church as containing the system of  
36 doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures” (*BCO* 21-4.e).

37           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception; has voted to add the  
38 document the Presbytery received from Mr. [name omitted] referred to above as  
39 Exhibit A to its minutes from January 23, 2021, to document his rationale; and  
40 promises to be more careful in the future.

41           **2022-4: Apr 24, 2021** (*BCO* 21-5) — Constitutional vows for ordination not  
42 propounded to two ordinands.

43           **Response:** The Presbytery apologizes for this typo in its Commission’s Report.  
44 The actual questions asked and vows taken were the ones from *BCO* 21-5, not 21-9.

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

1           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception, has voted to correct its  
2 minutes from April 24, 2021, and promises to be more careful in the future.

3           **2022-5: Apr 24, 2021 (BCO 5-9)** — All specific requirements for the organization of  
4 a particular church not recorded.

5           **Response:** The Presbytery apologizes for failing to note the reception of petitions  
6 from each of the three churches. Petitions were received from the members of all three  
7 missions and can provide copies of the same upon request.

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

9           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception, has voted to correct its  
10 minutes from April 24, 2021, and promises to be more careful in the future.

11           **2022-6: Aug 07, 2021 (BCO 21-4; RAO 16- 3.e.5)** — All specific requirements of  
12 ordination exam not recorded. (No Approval of Theological/Exegetical Papers;  
13 Personal Character; Family Management.)

14           **Response:** Mr. [name omitted] had been examined in the area of his acquaintance  
15 with experiential religion, personal character, and family management at the Called  
16 Presbytery meeting in July 2019, and was not re-examined in these areas. As noted in  
17 the minutes, it was acknowledged that Mr. [name omitted] submitted the necessary  
18 theological papers, which includes the Theological and Exegetical Papers required  
19 under *BCO* 21-4(c)(2) and (3). The Presbytery does not see where *BCO* 21-4 requires  
20 it to approve of said papers, only that preparation by the candidate is necessary.

21           **Rationale:** Licensure requires a “statement of his Christian experience and inward  
22 call to preach the Gospel” (*BCO* 19-2.a). Ordination, requires “A careful examination  
23 as to...his acquaintance with experiential religion, especially his personal character  
24 and family management (Based on the qualifications set out in 1 Timothy 3:1–7, and  
25 Titus 1:6–9)” (*BCO* 21-4.c.(1).(a)). Thus, questions for ordination are different from  
26 questions for licensure, requiring a higher level of Presbytery’s scrutiny. Additionally,  
27 all parts of the trials of ordination must be approved, including submitted theological  
28 and exegetical papers, since the Presbytery must be “fully satisfied of his qualifications  
29 for the sacred office” (*BCO* 21-4.g). Furthermore, “No Presbytery shall omit any of  
30 these parts of trial for ordination except in extraordinary cases, and then only with  
31 three-fourths (3/4) approval of Presbytery” (*BCO* 21-4.c).

32           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception; has voted to approve the  
33 Theological/Exegetical Papers; has corrected its minutes from August 7, 2021; and  
34 promises to be more careful in the future. The Presbytery did not think it possible to  
35 re-examine the ordained minister, especially as he has since exhibited Godly personal  
36 character and family management in his own ministry.

37           **2022-7: Sep 25, 2021 (BCO 5-4)** — The nature of provision for pastoral ministry for  
38 a mission church not clearly defined.

39           **Response:** The Presbytery apologizes that this is not clear in its minutes, but Rev.  
40 [name omitted] was hired as the Prospective Church Planter for [church name  
41 omitted].

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

43           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception, has voted to correct its  
44 minutes from September 25, 2021, and promises to be more careful in the future.

1 **2022-8: Sep 25, 2021 (BCO 21-5)** — Constitutional vows for ordination not  
 2 propounded to an ordinand.

3 **Response:** The Presbytery apologizes for this typo in its Commission’s Report.  
 4 The actual questions asked and vows taken were the ones from *BCO* 21-5, not 21-9.

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

6 **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception, has voted to correct the  
 7 Commission’s Report in its minutes from September 25, 2021, and promises to be  
 8 more careful in the future.

9 **2023-1: Jan 22, 2022; Apr 23, 2022 (BCO 21-5)** — Constitutional vows for  
 10 ordination not propounded to an ordinand. (Vows given were installation only - *BCO*  
 11 21-9).

12 **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception, has voted to correct its  
 13 minutes from January 22, 2022, and April 23, 2022, reflecting that the vows under 21-  
 14 5 were propounded. The Presbytery promises to be more careful in the future.

15 **2023-2: Jan 22, 2022; Jul 23, 2022; Oct 22, 2022 (BCO 19-2.a)** — All specific  
 16 requirements of licensure exam not recorded. (Christian experience; Inward call to  
 17 preach the gospel.)

18 **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception; has voted to correct its  
 19 minutes from January 22, 2022, July 23, 2022, and October 22, 2022; and promises to  
 20 be more careful in the future. The presbytery did not think it possible to re-examine  
 21 those licentiates that have since been ordained, especially since they are exhibiting a  
 22 strong Christian experience and inward call to preach the Gospel on a regular basis,  
 23 but it will examine that licentiate examined on October 22 who has not yet been  
 24 ordained if he comes before the Presbytery for ordination.

25 **2023-3: Mar 08, 2022 (BCO 13-12)** — Notice for called meeting not in order (10-day  
 26 notice).

27 **Response:** Presbytery respectfully disagrees with the exception, the Notice was  
 28 sent out on Tuesday, February 22, 2022

29 **2023-4: Apr 23, 2022 (BCO 38-3)** — Teaching elder removed from the rolls without  
 30 specifying nature of removal, and without including either the “irregularity” (*BCO* 38-  
 31 3.a) or the “full record of the matter” (*BCO* 38-3.b).

32 **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception, has voted to correct its  
 33 minutes from April 23, 2022, noting the irregularity under 38-3.a. The Presbytery  
 34 promises to be more careful in the future.

35 **2023-5: Apr 23, 2022 (BCO 18-2)** — No record of six-months membership for  
 36 candidate or of endorsement by candidate’s Session.

37 **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception. It was seeking to transfer the  
 38 candidate from the Chicago Metro Presbytery, from which the candidate had received  
 39 a certificate of dismissal, in accordance with 18-7, and did not see the six-month  
 40 membership and session endorsement under 18-2 being re-invoked or still required  
 41 since he was already a candidate with Chicago Metro Presbytery. However, the  
 42 Presbytery promises to be more careful in the future.

43 **2023-6: Apr 23, 2022; Oct 22, 2022 (BCO 19-9)** — All specific requirements of  
 44 internship not recorded (inward call to the ministry of the Word).

1           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception; has voted to correct its  
2 minutes from April 23, 2022, and October 22, 2022; and promises to be more careful  
3 in the future. The Presbytery did not think it possible to re-examine those interns that  
4 have since been ordained, but it will examine those interns who have not yet been  
5 ordained if they come before the Presbytery for approval of their internships and  
6 ordination.

7           **2023-7: Apr 23, 2022; Jun 3, 2022; Oct 22, 2022 (BCO 21-4)** — Incomplete record  
8 of ordination exams. (Experiential religion, especially his personal character and  
9 family management.)

10           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception; has voted to correct its  
11 minutes from April 23, 2022, June 3, 2022, and October 22, 2022; and promises to be  
12 more careful in the future. The Presbytery did not think it possible to re-examine those  
13 men who have been ordained, especially as they have since exhibited Godly personal  
14 character and family management in their own ministries.

15           **2023-8: Jul 23, 2022 (BCO 15-1; RAO 16-3.e.4)** — Minutes of commission not  
16 entered in Presbytery minutes.

17           **Response:** The Presbytery agrees with the exception, has voted to correct its  
18 minutes from July 23, 2022, attaches a copy of the Minutes of the commission here as  
19 well to correct its actions, and promises to be more careful in the future.  
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21 **VII. Officers Elected for 2024-2025**

- 22     Chairman: TE Jon Anderson  
23     Vice-Chairman: TE Stephen Tipton  
24     Secretary: TE Thomas Rickard  
25     Assistant Secretary: TE Jacob Gerber  
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27 **VII. Roster of Members Present**

<i>Presbytery</i>	<i>Representative</i>
28     Arizona	TE Joshua Harp
29     Ascension	RE Jay Neikirk
30     Blue Ridge	TE Jon Anderson
31     Calvary	TE Robert Cathcart
32     Canada West	TE Jeremy Britton
33     Catawba Valley	RE Steve Stout
34     Central Carolina	RE Flynt Jones
35     Central Indiana	TE Mike McBride
36     Chesapeake	RE Brad Chwastyk
37     Chicago Metro	TE Caleb Hughes
38     Columbus Metro	RE Michael Mattes
39     Covenant	RE Bob Barber
40     Eastern Canada	RE Mark Hare
41     Eastern Carolina	RE Daniel Prins
42     Eastern Pennsylvania	RE Terry Carnes
43     Evangel	RE Walter Monroe
44     Fellowship	TE Corey Lanier
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1	Georgia Foothills	RE Martin A. Moore
2	Great Lakes	TE Elliott Pinegar
3	Gulf Coast	TE Stephen Tipton
4	Heartland	TE Dale Thiele
5	Heritage	TE Steve Coward
6	Highlands	TE James Curtis
7	Houston Metro	TE Mark Blalack
8	Illiana	TE Harris Adams
9	Iowa	TE Wayne Larson
10	James River	RE Matt Fender
11	Korean Capital	TE David Bae
12	Korean Central	TE Brian Park
13	Korean Northeastern	TE Paul Lee
14	Korean Southeastern	TE Eddie Lim
15	Lowcountry	TE Jacob Lee
16	Metro Atlanta	TE Rush Hill
17	Metropolitan New York	TE Jim Fredere
18	Mississippi Valley	RE Steven Holman
19	Missouri	RE Ken Leslie
20	Nashville	TE Matthew Bradley
21	New Jersey	TE Stephen O'Neill
22	New York State	TE Tim LeCroy
23	North Florida	TE Tommy Park
24	North Texas	TE Donny Friederichsen
25	Northern New England	TE Thomas Powell
26	Northwest Georgia	TE Robby Baxter
27	Ohio	TE Jason Piland
28	Ohio Valley	RE Bruce Petrie
29	Pacific	TE Nicholas Whitaker
30	Pacific Northwest	TE Adam Parker
31	Palmetto	RE Andrew Rutherford
32	Pee Dee	RE Paul Goodrich
33	Piedmont Triad	TE Derek Radney
34	Pittsburgh	TE Frank D. Moser
35	Platte Valley	TE Jacob Gerber
36	Potomac	RE Mark Doehnert
37	Savannah River	TE Ken McHeard
38	Siouxlands	RE Blake Pool
39	South Texas	RE Barry McBee
40	Southeast Alabama	TE Reed DePace
41	Southern Louisiana	RE Alec Moyer
42	Southern New England	RE Patrick Sewell
43	Southwest Florida	TE Freddy Fritz
44	Suncoast Florida	TE David L. Stewart
45	Susquehanna Valley	RE Douglas Sharp

On Site 2024: **ADDITION**

1	Tennessee Valley	TE Sean Morris
2	Warrior	TE Michael Perry
3	West Hudson	TE Christopher Diebold
4	Westminster	TE Thomas Rickard