

## REGISTRATION FORM

Presbytery of the James CALLED MEETING  
Southminster Church, 7500 Hull St. Rd., N. Chesterfield, VA  
AUGUST 8, 2017

### RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS & VISITORS

Print this form, complete and bring to meeting.

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT YOUR NAME ABOVE

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of \_\_\_\_\_ Presbyterian Church

NAME OF CHURCH

My church is located in \_\_\_\_\_ City/County/Town

CITY. COUNTY OR TOWN

Place an **“X”** in the appropriate box below. Mark only one box.

**Ruling Elder Commissioner** (with voice and vote)

**Visitor** (no voice, no vote)

MINISTERS, TEAM AND POJ MODERATORS OR  
CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS  
GO THROUGH EXPRESS LINE AND PICK UP YOUR NAME TAG.  
**NO FORMS NEEDED.**

*GENERAL INFORMATION*  
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**PLEASE BRING THIS PACKET WITH YOU TO THE MEETING  
OR DOWNLOAD TO YOUR LAPTOP.**

- ◆ At its earliest opportunity, each church is requested to put this packet in the hands of the Elder Commissioners representing their church.

◆ Presbytery convenes promptly at **4:00 PM**. Registration begins at **3:00 PM**.  
Registration will be held inside the foyer of the Sanctuary.

- ◆ Persons with disabilities will find the main church is accessible.
- ◆ All ministers and sessions are reminded that written excuses are required for anticipated absences. Please plan to stay for the entire meeting and attend to all matters. Send excuses to [franklinr@pbyjames.org](mailto:franklinr@pbyjames.org)

**2017-18 STATED MEETINGS**

October 21, 2017 ..... Tuckahoe Church  
February 17, 2018..... Grace Covenant Church  
June 19, 2018..... Westminster Canterbury Richmond  
October 20, 2018 ..... First Church Charlottesville

# DOCKET

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## \*ORDER OF THE DAY

- \*4:00** Call to Order..... Moderator Rev. Stephen Hodges, Providence Forge  
Welcome .....Rev. Caitlin Deyerle, Southminster
- A. Election of Temporary Stated Clerk .....Rev. Charles Grant (p. 6)
- B. Committee on Ministry ..... Ruling Elder Greg Govan, Cove
- That Candidate Chad Rhodes (POJ) be examined for ordination  
to become Pastor of Lawrenceville, Ogden, and Concord Churches,  
Brunswick County (p. 6-8)
- Adjournment
- Closing Prayer.....Rev. Stephen Hodges, Providence Forge

**PREBYTERY OF THE JAMES**  
A brief guide and reference sheet to  
Robert's Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order is a guide for conducting meetings and making decisions. Its primary purpose is to enable assemblies of any size, with due regard for every member's opinion, to arrive at the general will on the maximum number of questions of varying complexity in a minimum amount of time and under all kinds of internal climate ranging from total harmony to hardened or impassioned division of opinion" (Robert's Rules, 2011 edition). Originally published in 1876, it is the set of procedures that the Book of Order instructs councils of the PC(USA) to use in conducting their meetings (G-3.0105). It is hoped that this simplified summary can provide Commissioners with helpful information to follow and participate in the meetings of the body.

PRECEDENCE ORDER	DESCRIPTION	Second Required?	Debatable?	Amendable?	Vote Required?
<b>MAIN MOTIONS</b>					
1	Main (Principal) - to present a recommendation for consideration by the body	No – if coming from a committee Yes – if coming from the floor	Yes	Yes	Majority
<b>SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS</b> In order of precedence					
2	Postpone indefinitely	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
3	Amend - substitution, inserting, striking out, or striking out and replacing	Yes	Yes	Yes, but only one at a time	Majority
4	Refer / Commit to a Committee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
5	Postpone - to a later time in the meeting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
6	Limit or Extend Debate	Yes	No	No	2/3 vote
7	Call for the Previous Question - to end debate	Yes	No	No	2/3 vote
8	Lay on the table until later in the meeting - to take up more urgent business	Yes	No	No	Majority
<b>PRIVILEGED MOTIONS</b>					
9	Order of the Day	No	No	No	Chair decides
10	Question of Privilege	No	No	No	Chair decides
11	To Recess	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
12	To Adjourn	Yes	No	No	Majority
13	To Fix a Time to adjourn	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
<b>INCIDENTAL MOTIONS</b>					
	Point of order	No	No	No	Chair decides
	Request for Information	No			
	Parliamentary Inquiry	No	No	No	No vote taken
	Question a Voice Vote	No	No	No	No vote taken
<b>OTHER MOTIONS</b>					
	Reconsider - can only be made by a person on the prevailing side and for a decision of the same day	Yes	Yes - if the motion being reconsidered is debatable)	No	Majority

NOTE – the above list does not include all possible motions or actions included in Robert's Rules of Order.

**PRESBYTERY OF THE JAMES**

## Best Practices for Faithful and Effective Meetings

These points are intended to assist the Presbytery and its members and commissioners in understanding the 'ground rules' of a meeting. It is hoped that these points will help ensure a smooth, effective, and efficient meeting, demonstrating the love of Christ and His people and the presence of the Holy Spirit, in conducting the business of the Church.

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As required in the Book of Order (G-3.0105), the meeting will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. To provide some references and to assist commissioners in understanding the appropriate parliamentary motions and their uses, a chart of motions and criteria that might reasonably be encountered during a Presbytery meeting is included in the presbytery packet.

Please go to and use a microphone for all discussions and comments from the floor. Identify yourself (name, Teaching or Ruling elder, church) with each comment. While you might be heard without a microphone, it is important that everyone else know who you are and can clearly hear you. You may not be recognized by the Moderator if you try to speak from the floor.

All motions that are made from the floor must be given to the Stated Clerk, in writing and as quickly as possible.

Meetings usually have a full docket. To keep the meeting moving along, people making reports should make their way to the podium at the front just before the report is to be made.

There are often Orders of the Day on the day's docket. As the time arrives for each, the business will be interrupted for the Order's business.

Please turn all electronic devices to "OFF" or "VIBRATE" as a courtesy to the body and your neighbors. If you must monitor or use the device, please sit near the exit and leave the room as necessary.

Visitors are not given voice or vote for the meeting. They will be identified by the use of red name tags for the day.

All comments during discussion of motions should be addressed to the Moderator, as appropriate debate protocol.

There may be some items on the docket of any meeting for which passions and opinions run high. Outbursts, cheers, groans, and/or applause from and by anyone in attendance are inappropriate and will be ruled 'out of order.'

Rev. Stephen Hodges  
2017 Moderator

## ELECTION OF TEMPORARY STATED CLERK

In the Presbytery of the James, I serve as General Presbyter and as Stated Clerk. Many presbyteries have two different persons serving in these roles. Whenever the Stated Clerk learns of information that could result in a judicial case and becomes a witness to the particular case, he cannot serve as the Stated Clerk as it would jeopardize due process for the accused.

Recently, this situation has occurred and is the reason that the election of a temporary Stated Clerk is necessary. Rev. Grant has agreed to serve if elected.

H. Carson Rhyne, Jr.  
Stated Clerk

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### **Chad Anthony Rhodes**

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90 Hebron Lane, P. O. Box 831, Lawrenceville, VA 23868

**Ecclesiastical Status:** Candidate

**Membership Presbytery:** James

**Candidacy Date:** April 26, 2016

**Formal Education:** Asbury College; Wilmore, KY; 2006; B.A.

Union Theological Seminary-PSCE; Richmond, VA 2009; M.Div.

**Continuing Education:** Clinical Pastoral Education Unit; Richmond, VCU

**Employment Type:** Bi-vocational

**Leadership Competencies:** Compassionate, Preaching and Worship Leadership, Lifelong Learner, Spiritual Maturity, Public Communicator, Media Communicator

**Organizational Leadership:** Culturally Proficient

**Interpersonal Engagement:** Bridge Builder, Personal Resilience, Flexibility

**Languages:** English

**Clergy Couple:** No

**Minimum Effective Salary:** \$20,000

**Housing Type:** Housing Allowance

**Work Experience:** Browns Presbyterian Church: Pulpit Supply; Farmville, VA; Small Church; 6 months (Jan-Sept 2013). Ogden Presbyterian Church: Post-graduate Intern; Charlie Hope, VA; Small Church; Sept. 2013-current. Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church: Post-graduate Intern; Lawrenceville, VA; Small Church; Sept. 2013-current. Concord Presbyterian Church: Post-graduate Intern; Rawlings, VA; Small Church; Jan 2016-current.

### **Describe a moment in your recent ministry that you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.**

For the past year, I have been working with an individual who has been attending one of our churches, but was not a confessing Christian. This individual has no past history in the church, but came to me with questions about the faith. We have spent a lot of time discussing the faith, reading scripture, talking about prayer, etc. This individual has come to believe and confesses Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and is now preparing for baptism and is ready to join the church. To that end we have been reading a catechism, the Book of Confession, and the Book of Order.

**Describe the ministry setting to which you believe God is calling you.**

I believe God has called me to serve in small, rural churches. I have spent most of my life in rural areas. I understand the culture, the people, and the struggles of those in rural areas. I have spent most of my preparation in ministry serving rural churches. I understand that “tent ministry” is probably the most effective way for me to maintain financial stability while serving in a rural area. To that end, I have maintained non-church employment while serving small, rural churches. The small, rural church and the rural community is where my heart is. I not only believe my ministry is to rural churches, but to the communities in which they are situated. To that end, I am involved in local projects such as The Brunswick Literacy Council and The Old Brunswick Circuit Foundation.

**What areas of growth have you identified in yourself?**

I am growing in terms of my ability to offer pastoral care. I am becoming more sensitive to when I should listen, when I should offer guidance, and when I should refer to outside care. I am also growing in terms of how to maintain busy calendar and how to maintain self-care with that busy schedule. I think this last area of growth is important as it concerns the busy schedule of “tent ministry.”

**Describe a time when you have led change.**

I have the privilege of simultaneously serving three churches in the same county. In the past, these churches were disconnected in terms of what they did together. Since I have been serving these churches we have established an annual joint worship and meal. The first annual joint worship was held at Concord Presbyterian. This year’s joint worship will be held at Ogden Presbyterian. The three churches have also been working together on community projects such as purchasing headphones for the computer lab at the local high school and planting trees on the same school’s campus.

**Statement of Faith:**

I believe in the Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) who created all that exists. All that God created is good. God created humanity (woman and man) in God’s own image. Humanity is created for life in the presence of God who loves humanity. To live as God intends is to glorify God. To not do so is disobedience. I believe that as a consequence of disobedience humanity is in a state of sin and of estrangement from God. Sin thoroughly corrupts humanity so that all we do is tainted by sin. We, on our own, are unable to overcome our state of estrangement due to sin. This state of estrangement can only be overcome by God’s grace through Jesus Christ. Grace is God’s unmerited favor. God has provided a means of redemption and reconciliation that was expressed in covenant first with the patriarchs and the Israelites, and then was fully revealed and offered in the life, teaching, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ.

I believe that at the right time God sent his Son into the world in order to reconcile humanity and all things to God. Jesus Christ is the incarnate Son of God, fully divine and fully human. Being born in time and space Jesus trusted and obeyed God, lived a sinless life, taught the will of God, was crucified, died, and was buried. In his death Jesus atones for human sin. That is, in Jesus Christ God takes upon God’s self the sin of the whole world, thus overcoming the guilt and power of sin. On the third day Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. He appeared to his disciples instructing them to baptize all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe Jesus Christ ascended into heaven where he intercedes on our behalf and is preparing a place where we will live forever in the presence of the God who loves us. I believe that Jesus’ incarnation, life, death, resurrection, and ascension are efficacious in

reconciling humanity and all things to God's self.

I believe the Holy Spirit has been sent to give witness to the truth concerning Jesus Christ, as Jesus Christ is revealed in the scriptures. I believe the Holy Spirit dwells in believers, uniting them as one church, instructing, comforting, guiding and empowering them to live according to the lordship of Jesus Christ and to God's glory.

I believe the church is the body of Christ. The church is to carry out the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ by proclaiming the good news, providing for the sacraments, living and loving as Christ did, loving all people without exception, and always seeking to bring about that which is good and just.

I believe that individuals in various times and places wrote as they were inspired by the Holy Spirit. With the witness of the Holy Spirit, the scriptures reveal the reconciling work of God, the central focus of which is Jesus Christ. In the scriptures are found God's will for the faith, life, and mission of the church.

I believe Jesus Christ has provided the church with two sacraments: Baptism and The Lord's Supper. Both are signs and seals of the covenant of grace. Baptism is a sign and seal of the forgiveness of sin, gift of the Holy Spirit, new life in Christ, and incorporation into the body of Christ. Infants of the baptized are also baptized because they too are included in the covenant of grace, which depends wholly on God's initiative, love, and grace. The Lord's Supper is a sign and seal of continued communion with Christ and his church. It is done in the remembrance of Christ's death until his return and in partaking we are nourished with the spiritual presence of Christ by the Holy Spirit.

### **Sexual Misconduct Self Certification:**

The following information related to sexual misconduct was mandated by the Sexual Misconduct Policy and Its Procedures adopted by the 203rd General Assembly (1991), and was revised by the 205th General Assembly (1993).

#### **Please check one of the following:**

***Y  I certify below that no civil, criminal, ecclesiastical complaint has ever been sustained\* or is pending\* against me for sexual misconduct; and I have never resigned or been terminated from a position for reasons related to sexual misconduct.***

***I am unable to make the above certification. I offer, instead, the following description of the complaint, termination, or the outcome of the situation with explanatory comments.***

\*The information contained in my Personal Information Form on file with Church Leadership Connection is accurate to the best of my knowledge and may be verified by the calling and employing entity. I hereby authorize the entity to which my Personal Information Form is being sent to inquire concerning any civil or criminal records, or any judicial proceeding involving me as a defendant, related to sexual misconduct. By means of this release I also authorize any previous employer, and any law enforcement agencies or judicial authorities or ecclesiastical governing bodies to release any and all requested relevant information related to sexual misconduct to the entity to which my Personal Information Form is being sent.