

Stated Clerk's Notes
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Greetings, Saints!

I hope to see many of you at the March presbytery meeting in Kerrville. The packet is available in this newsletter. There will be an addendum to the packet, which will be available at the registration tables at the meeting.

- ❖ We'll vote on the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution. How we'll vote is described below. A pre-presbytery event to discuss them will be held in the Chapel at 2:00 p.m. The Rev. Tony Larson, Co-Moderator of the PC(USA), will be on hand with our GA Commissioners from 2024 to help us.
- ❖ Commissioned Pastors/Certified Ruling Elders will meet with the Connect Committee at noon for lunch and conversation. We'll have the location at the registration tables.
- ❖ I'll meet with first-time Presbytery Commissioners to review the meeting at hand. Location will be available at the registration tables.
- ❖ **We'll hear a report from your Transitional General Presbyter Nominating Committee!**
- ❖ We'll meet new ministers in Mission Presbytery (Commission on Ministry) and receive two Inquirers and one Candidate from the Committee on Preparation.
- ❖ Dr. Joey King, the newly installed President of the Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) will bring greetings. He'll be in the display area ready for conversation with you. **Our worship offering will go to PPAS.**
- ❖ Speaking of worship, Rev. Tony Larson will preach. Students from PPAS will provide part of the music. We'll celebrate Communion.
- ❖ We'll celebrate the completion of the conservation easement with John Knox Ranch
- ❖ The winner of the Super Bowl of Caring will be announced.
- ❖ We'll have regional conversations on Saturday morning.
- ❖ And more.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

I'd like to lay out as clearly as I can how we'll vote on the Proposed Amendments on Friday afternoon.

- ❖ We will vote by ballot.
Ballots will be handed out to the commissioners at the meeting.
- ❖ There will be no amendments to the motions.
- ❖ We will vote by omnibus motion, all of the amendments taken together.

- ❖ There will be a motion and a second to approve the proposed amendments.
- ❖ DON'T PANIC.
- ❖ **Time for discussion will follow the second to the motion.**
- ❖ During the discussion, you may lift any proposed amendments to deliberate.
 - To do so, go to a mic, say your name, from what church you are a commissioner, and the proposed amendment(s) you want to discuss.
 - If you cannot get to a mic, one will be brought to you; raise your hand.
 - **We are just lifting out items at this point, not debating them.**
- ❖ After everyone has had a chance to lift proposed amendments out of the omnibus motion, the rest will be approved together by vote. You do not have to mark the proposed amendments we vote on in the omnibus.
- ❖ We will commence discussion of the items lifted out and vote on them individually. You will mark your ballots for the lifted-out proposed amendments.
 - We will discuss the proposed amendments in the order that they were lifted out.

If that's not decently and in order, I don't know what is. 😊

Holy God,

Thank You for each moment as we live our lives under Your great wings.

For regular business

and for extraordinary business

we ask for Your wisdom.

We ask for Your forbearance and patience as we discern together Your will.

Thank You for giving us each other, for the ways we are different, for the ways that, together, we just might be a glimpse of Your love.

May the peace of Jesus the Christ be with us.

Amen.