

# 151<sup>st</sup> Stated Meeting Presbytery of South Louisiana



Tuesday, June 7, 2022

## **First Presbyterian Church Lake Charles**



4590 Corbina Road  
Lake Charles, LA 70607  
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## **Meeting Information Presbytery of South Louisiana Tuesday, June 7, 2022**

This packet contains the major business to be considered at the 151<sup>st</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of South Louisiana as we seek to discern and do the will of God for God's church in South Louisiana. The meeting will be held at **First Presbyterian Church in Lake Charles**. Any reports not received in time to get them to commissioners and members of Presbytery by email prior to the June 7, 2022 meeting will be considered as new business.

**Registration** opens **9:00 a.m.** on Tuesday. Registration lists will be moved to the Clerk's desk after lunch. Late comers must register there, and those desiring to leave early should present a written request for excuse to the Clerk.

**Display Space** may be secured by calling **First Presbyterian Church, phone: (337) 794-5852**

**Voting Members of Presbytery**: The membership of the Presbytery consists of those Teaching Elders called through the Presbytery and those Ruling Elders commissioned by the Sessions of its constituent churches. (Book of Order) In addition, Elders who are elected officers or professional staff of Presbytery, or chairpersons of Presbytery committees, or Commissioned Lay Pastors, or the Recording Clerk, or the Parliamentarian, or the Moderator of Presbyterian Women shall be a member of Presbytery with voice and vote. Certified Christian Educators may be given vote in Presbytery meetings, during the time of their service.

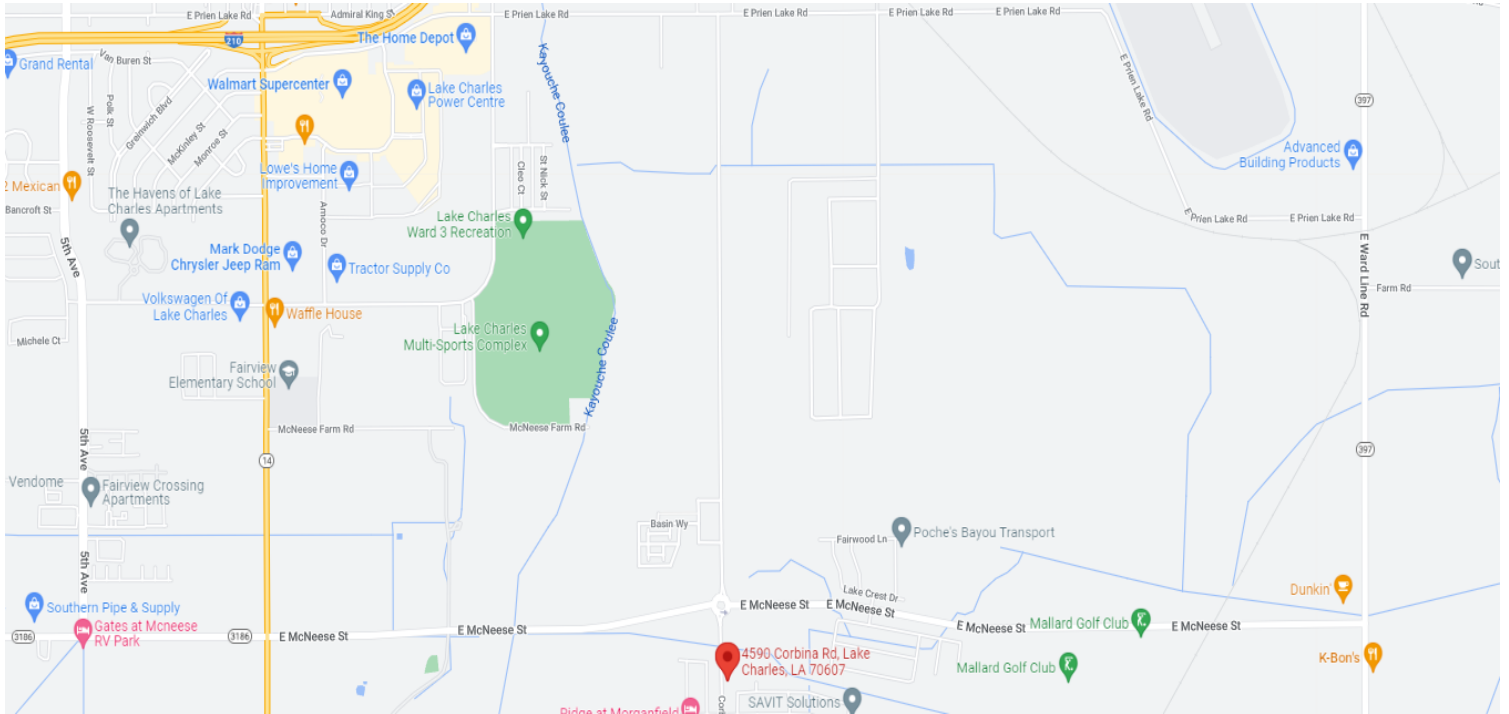
**Those Who May Be Given Permission To Speak At Presbytery**: Elected officers or professional staff of Presbytery, or chairpersons of Presbytery committees, or the Moderator of Presbyterian Women, who are not Elders, or past Moderators of the Presbytery of South Louisiana and Certified Christian Educators shall have the privilege of the floor at meetings of Presbytery. Official representatives of other presbyteries or higher governing bodies who are present, Christian Educators who are not certified, and any Minister of another presbytery who is serving in the Presbytery of South Louisiana as a stated supply or interim pastor of any of our congregations, plus any other Minister of the Word and Sacrament who is seated as a corresponding member may be given permission to speak. (Permission may be requested by a commissioner to Presbytery.) This group may not make a motion or vote, but may enter into debate.

**Those Expected To Attend Presbytery** are Elders elected by their Session and Minister members. Honorably retired teaching elders who are not serving a congregation, teaching elders who are infirm, military chaplains on assignment outside the bounds of Presbytery, minister members who have been approved to do study outside of bounds, and teaching elders who have approval to labor outside of bounds, shall all be excused from meetings of Presbytery. However, all other active members of Presbytery who are in good health shall be expected to attend meetings of Presbytery and participate in all other ways as active members.

**If You Must Leave Before The Meeting Ends**: Any Minister or Elder who must retire from the meeting prior to the stated time for adjournment should present a request for excuse in writing to the Clerk in order to be excused.

**Lunch and Refreshments**: **\$10** per person charge for continental breakfast, lunch and snacks.

**Child Care**: Child care will be provided at the Presbytery meeting. You may call **First Presbyterian Church, phone: (337) 794-5852** to reserve space for your child/children at this meeting.



**First Presbyterian Church,  
4590 Corbina Road, Lake Charles, LA**

- Exit I-10 onto I-210
- Exit I-210 Exit 8 (Cameron Exit) – from east, turn left at the light, head south
- from west, take far right lane, head south

You should be on Gerstner Memorial Blvd./Hwy.14

Pass Walmart on left  
Pass Fairview Elementary on left

Next traffic light is East McNeese Street – turn left onto McNeese

Drive east until you come to the traffic circle

Make the first right turn heading south.  
This is Corbina Road.  
First Presbyterian is the first building on left

## HOTELS CLOSEST TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

WoodSpring Suites Lake Charles \$69 - \$89

3202 North Power Centre Parkway, Lake Charles, LA 70615



[Go to WoodSpring Suites](#)

Quality Inn & Suites Lake Charles South \$79

3211 Venture Park Drive, Lake Charles, LA 70615



[Go to Quality Inn and Suites](#)

Best Western Plus Prien Lake Inn & Suites \$110

1245 E Prien Lake Rd , Lake Charles, 70601



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## PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

### ***Meetings of the Presbytery of South Louisiana***

1. Any main motion introduced on the floor should be written legibly and given to the Stated Clerk.
2. Microphones are placed on the floor for commissioners to use. Find your nearest mike and go to it promptly whenever you wish to address the Presbytery.
3. The proper procedure is to say, "Mr. Moderator," or "Madame Moderator," and wait for the Moderator to recognize you before speaking.
4. The person making the motion is entitled to speak first in debate, after the motion has been seconded and has been stated by the Moderator, providing the motion is debatable.
5. The newest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* is the parliamentary authority.
6. At times the Moderator may rule on a matter without taking a vote. If there is no objection, it will be considered unanimous (or general) consent. If there is an objection, it should be made known immediately. If even one objects, a vote must be taken.
7. If you want to make or change a motion or policy and do not know the correct procedure:
  - 1) Get recognized by the Moderator;
  - 2) Say what you want to do;
  - 3) Ask the Moderator how to do it.

The Moderator is there to help Presbytery accomplish what it wishes to accomplish.

### TIPS ON PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

TO DO THIS:	SAY THIS:	VOTE REQUIRED TO PASS:
Make a main motion.	"I move that..." or "I move to..."	Majority.
Modify or change a motion.	"I move to amend by..."	Majority.
Postpone consideration to another time.	"I move to postpone until..."	Majority; or 2/3 if made a Special Order.
End debate and bring to a vote.	"I move the previous question" or "I move the previous question on all pending questions."	2/3. Must be rising vote.
Refer to committee.	"I move that this matter be referred to..."	Majority.
Object to procedures.	"Point of order."	Usually the Moderator decides.
Challenge ruling of the Moderator.	"I appeal the Moderator's decision."	Majority or tie vote sustains the Moderator.
Retake the vote by rising.	"I call for a division" or simply "Division."	This demand requires a rising vote.

(The Moderator does not have to have the vote counted. If the vote is not counted and you desire that it be counted, you may move the incidental motion — "I move that the vote be counted.")

## EVALUATION OF PRESBYTERY MEETING

June 7, 2022

*Please complete and leave on the Stated Clerk's desk or  
you can complete the electronic evaluation you will receive via email.*

Typically, Presbytery meetings have been occasions for transacting ecclesiastical business, fellowship, promotion of program, worship, and celebration. Please help us make our meeting better by sharing your observations and opinions with us.

### 1. BUSINESS:

Was there sufficient time for transacting the business of the Presbytery? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Was the business transacted worth the effort? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions for improvement:

### 2. PROCESS:

Was the parliamentary process: understandable\_\_\_\_\_, expediting\_\_\_\_\_, too businesslike\_\_\_\_\_,  
a game\_\_\_\_\_, other\_\_\_\_\_.

Suggestions for improving our process:

### 3. WORSHIP AND THEME:

Describe your impression of the worship:

### 4. FELLOWSHIP:

Was sufficient time or occasion provided for fellowship? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

If no, would you welcome more time for fellowship? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

### 5. FACILITIES AND MEAL:

Were the facilities adequate for this meeting? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Was the meal OK? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

### 6. DISPLAYS:

Would you welcome fewer displays? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Would you welcome a few reports from the program committees during the business sessions of the Presbytery meeting? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

### 7. GENERAL IMPRESSIONS:

Comments:

On the following scale, please rate this meeting: Not Satisfied \_\_\_\_\_ Satisfied  
(circle one) 1 2 3 4 5

## MOTION PRESENTATION BLANK

(ALL MOTIONS MUST BE PRESENTED IN WRITING. To assist in presenting motions, use this blank. Write out your motion and be prepared to hand it promptly to the Clerk or the Moderator.)

**I MOVE:**

**MOTION NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

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ACTION: Amended Tabled  
Adopted Withdrawn  
Lost Referred

MAKER: \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

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### REQUEST FOR EXCUSE

**RETURN TO: Stated Clerk**

**Presbytery of South Louisiana  
12909 Old Hammond Highway  
Baton Rouge, LA 70816**

Date of Meeting Excuse Requested for: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE EXCUSE ME FOR:

\_\_\_\_\_ The Entire Meeting      \_\_\_\_\_ Morning Session      \_\_\_\_\_ Afternoon Session

\_\_\_\_\_ For the Hours \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

I NEED TO BE EXCUSED BECAUSE:

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SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL REQUESTS FOR EXCUSE MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING  
WITHIN 15 DAYS FOLLOWING EACH PRESBYTERY MEETING**