



**The Docket**  
**885<sup>th</sup> Gathering of the Presbytery of Baltimore**  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 Annapolis, MD  
 November 16, 2019

*Called to community by God, disciplined by Jesus Christ, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, Baltimore Presbytery encourages, challenges and equips our congregations to thrive spiritually and be apostles for reconciliation.*

*Worship, Stories and Celebrations... The Sanctuary*

10:00	Call to Order with Prayer Welcome by host church	Item #	RE Guy Moody Rev. Lisa Rzepka
10:05	Adoption of the Docket	1	Rev. Jack Carlson, Stated Clerk
10:10	Morning Prayer		
10:25	Keynote Address		Dr. Jonathan Walton
11:20	Conversations with Dr. Walton		
12:00	Introductions—new Pastors, first time Ruling Elder Commissioners; corresponding members Welcome from Native Americans		Dr. Jacqueline Taylor, GP  RE Chrystie Adams Rev. Fern Cloud
12:15	Lunch with thanks to the Host Church		Fellowship Hall
12:45	Life in the Presbytery and Beyond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COLA—General Assembly 224</li> <li>• SLDC—Family Retreat</li> <li>• Board of Pensions</li> </ul>		Rev. Carrie Finch Burris SLDC Martha Reisner
1:00	Open Space—Various Locations to be announced		

*Discernment and Decisions...The Fellowship Hall*

2:00	Reconvene with Prayer for Discernment and Decisions		Moderator Guy Moody
2:05	Report of the Stated Clerk, Consent Motion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of Minutes</li> <li>• CPM and COM recommendations</li> <li>• Nominating Committee</li> <li>• Administration Committee--Manual</li> </ul>	2-5	Rev. Jack Carlson, Stated Clerk
2:15	Administration Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of Budget 2020</li> </ul>	6	Rev. Dr. Jackie Taylor
2:30	Report of the Nominating Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of Commissioners to 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly</li> </ul>	7-9	Rev. Deborah McEachran

2:40	Report of the Commission on Ministry • Retirement of Rev. Jennifer Williams		RE Bill Daniel, Rev. Tom Harris
2:50	General Presbyter's Report		Rev. Jackie Taylor
3:00	Update on The Center		
3:20	• Items removed from Consent Motion • New Business		Rev. Jack Carlson
3:30	• Adjourn with Prayer		Vice-Moderator Michael Moore

- The documents that make up the Meeting Papers are available on-line.
- Printed copies of any documents referred to herein **will not be available** at the Gathering. You are urged to **download** the documents and save them on your electronic device, or **print** your own copies and bring them to the meeting. There is WIFli at the church, but we may experience a challenge if everyone tries to access the meeting papers online during the meeting.
- New Business must be given to the Stated Clerk by 12:00 p.m.
- New main motions and amendments must be pre-filed in writing with the Stated Clerk
- Minutes of the last Gathering may be found on [www.baltimorepresbytery.org](http://www.baltimorepresbytery.org) -> Gatherings ->September 12, 2019, OR <http://www.baltimorepresbytery.org/septembergathering>

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## Motions

### Adoption of the Docket

**The Stated Clerk recommends:**

1. THAT the Docket be approved as published (and as it may have been modified by announcement of the Moderator and/or Stated Clerk prior to its adoption).

### Consent Motion

**The Stated Clerk recommends:**

2. THE APPROVAL of the minutes of the 884th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Baltimore, September 12, 2019, as posted on the Presbytery website ([www.baltimorepresbytery.org](http://www.baltimorepresbytery.org)). You may download the minutes to an electronic device or print the minutes, if you desire a paper copy.

**The Nominating Committee recommends:**

3. That Presbytery elect the following persons:
  - a. RE Ed Gilliss (Second) as member of the Trustees, class of 2022
  - b. Rev. Jacob Snowden (Woods) as member of Commission of Spiritual Leadership Development, class of 2021.
  - c. RE Jamie Wilkins (Hunting Ridge) as a member of the Synod Committee on Representation, Class of 2022
  - d. Rev. Jacob Snowden (Woods Memorial) as a member of the Synod Nominating Committee, class of 2020

**The Commission on Ministry recommends:**

4. That Presbytery grant to the Rev. Renee Mackey and the Rev. Jennifer Williams the status of Honorably Retired, with thanks for their many years of service to this Presbytery and to the PCUSA. (We will publicly recognize Rev. Williams' retirement on the floor of today's meeting, and Rev. Mackey's retirement in February.

**The Administration Committee recommends:**

5. That Presbytery APPROVE the Manual changes listed in Appendix A.

## **Motions for Action on the Floor of Presbytery**

**The Administration Committee recommends:**

6. That Presbytery APPROVE the Budget for 2020 as presented for a first reading in September.

**The Nominating Committee recommends:**

7. That Presbytery APPROVE the slate of nominees for Commissioners to the 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (Baltimore):
  - a. Rev. Kimberly Secrist Ashby (Fallston)
  - b. Rev. Doris Cowan HR
  - c. RE Darcel Glenn Cooper (Cherry Hill)
  - d. RE Robert Stepling (Springfield)
8. That Presbytery APPROVE the following nominees to serve as Alternate Commissioners to the 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly"
  - a. Rev. Amy Carlson (Second)
  - b. RE Keith Reagan (Christ Our King)
9. That Presbytery APPROVE the following person to serve as Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly:
  - a. Emma Kate Lander (First Annapolis)

## **Reports**

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### **Stated Clerk's Report**

The Stated Clerk reports:

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### **Steering Cabinet Report**

The Steering Cabinet reports the following:

- Cabinet has begun setting aside time at each regular Cabinet meeting for the work of visioning, as prescribed by our Manual.
- Cabinet approved in October the guidelines for Ministry Group Reserve Fund grants.

## **Commission on Reconciliation**

The Commission on Reconciliation reports:

The proposed schedule for the Enduring Witness Grant Community Engagement Application for 2020:

- Application forms will be available on line by 2/6/20 and at 2/13/20 Presbytery meeting
- Applications due by 4/1/20
- Applications reviewed and funding decision made during April & May COR meetings
- Notification of awardees and funding to be made in June

Dismantling Racism Training

- Reminder that all TEs need to complete training by end of 2020.
- On COR request, Dismantling Racism Team representatives will join our December meeting to discuss plans for training in 2020 and beyond, especially in regards to hiring trainer v. bringing training "in-house".

Partnership Renewals

- All three Presbytery Partnerships (Cuba, Guatemala and Dakota) are all up for renewal in 2020. Partnership teams are in conversation with partners about renewal process.
- COR will work with partnership teams and Gathering Team on bringing this before Presbytery Gathering next Fall with expectation of involving representatives from each of the partner groups.

## **Commission on Spiritual Leader Development**

The Commission reports:

- one of the major DREAM-BIG items, is an all family retreat (pastors, spouses/partners, children, etc.) that branches further from the clergy retreat. We will be continuing this discussion and discernment at our next meeting in October.

## **Commission on Thriving Congregations**

The Commission reports:

- Rev. Jose Lopez has begun work as pastor of the Comunidad congregation
- The commission is beginning to put together a "toolkit" of resources utilized by leaders within the presbytery.

## **Commission on Preparation for Ministry**

The Commission reports that:

- It has enrolled Hyiwot Teshome (Christ Memorial) as an Inquirer.

## **Commission on Ministry**

The Commission reports that it has approved the following transfers:

- Jeanne Gay to Maumee Valley
- Peter Nord to Twin Cities

- Lindley DeGarmo to Hudson River

The Commission on Ministry reports it has approved the ecclesiastical status of the following persons:

## Validated Ministries 2020

MINISTERS SERVING IN VALIDATED MINISTRIES			
NAME	Validated Ministry	Parish Associate	Report Status
Bashore, Catherine	Nurse Chaplain, Medstar Good Samaritan Hospital	Havenwood	Received
Boulware, John M.	Staff Chaplain, University of Kansas Health System	Not Required	Received
Brewer, Brandon	Dir of Patient Experience & Hospice Chaplain at Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care of Maryland	Waived	Received
Brown, Karen	Resources Developer, Intersection of Change, Baltimore	Grace Presbyterian	Received
Diehl, Sarah T.	Psychotherapist, Private Practice	BMPK	Received
Foster Connors, Katherine	Director, The Center	BMPK	Received
Jones, Richard G.	Chaplain, Anne Arundel Medical Center	First of Annapolis	Received
Lopez-Chapa, Jose	Pastor, Comunidad Presbiteriana La Trinidad	Not Required	Received
Martin, Stacy	VP, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services	Christ Lutheran	Approved 2018-2019
Myers, Kay	Dir Pastoral Care, Frederick Hospital	Frederick	Received
Richardson, C. Edward	Chaplain, Springfield Hospital Center	BMPK	Received
Smart, Valerie Easter	Pastor, Currie Kirk, Currie, Scotland	Not Required	Received
Taylor, Jacqueline	General Presbyter	Not Required	Received

## Members at Large 2020

MEMBERS AT LARGE				
NAME	Basis for Status	Parish Associate	Status Since	Report Status
Crihfield, Laura	Seeking a Call		2019	
Denley, Tanya	Graduate Study	Not Required	2016	Received
Mann, Stephen L.	Graduate Study	Not Required	2017	Received
Thomas Sr., Charles E.	Illness or Disability	Madison Avenue	2018	Received

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## Inactive 2020

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NAME	Status Since	Remove from Roll	Report Status
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### Administration Committee

The Administration Committee reports that it has elected Rev. Jack Hodges to a one-year term as chair of the Committee.

## APPENDICES

### APPENDIX A

#### SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED MANUAL CHANGES FOR PRESBYTERY APPROVAL

##### Membership:

- Add Commissioned Pastors to the list of continuing members
- Remove sections that have already been designated to and included in COM authority
- Reword section 2.7: Attendance. Ministers with un-excused absences will be so noted in the minutes of the meeting.

##### Meetings:

- Remove references to specific meetings for election of GA Commissioners (GA Commissioners must be elected at a time to conform to GA deadlines)

##### Agencies

- Remove language concerning agencies acting on behalf of presbytery “only if urgency mandates this.” This language has been removed in the commission descriptions. Commissions are given authorization to act on behalf of presbytery in their commission descriptions not contingent on “urgency)
- Remove all but the first sentence of 6.4.2.2 and remove reference to this section in section 7.5.6 (which authorizes the Steering Cabinet to act on matters referred to it by an agency or sub-agency)
- Move section 6.4 on quorums to Section 3 “Meetings”

##### Special Committees, Task Forces, and Advisory Committees

- Eliminate this section which is redundant with section on Agencies except for the section on term limits of special agencies.
- Move the provision of automatic term limit of special agencies and sub-agencies to Section 6 “Agencies”

### **Commissioners to Synod and General Assembly**

- Remove this section as a dedicated section.
- Move relevant and/or mandatory sections on nominations and elections to the section on Representation/Nominating
- Move the requirement for a report documenting the commissioners from the past five years to the job description of stated clerk

### **Sessions**

- Remove this section as Sessions are Councils covered by the Book of Order.
- Move section on which mandates sessions have copies of their bylaws and articles of incorporation on file with the Presbytery to the requirement for overseeing session record reviews in the stated clerks’ job description

### **Committees on Representation and Nominating**

- Combine into one committee “Representation and Nominations” retaining the responsibilities of each in the new committee (Recommended unanimously by the Nominating Committee)

**Other Editorial changes will be made to eliminate redundancy or clarify wording under the authority of Section 23.3 *“The Stated Clerk, acting with the concurrence of the Moderator of the Administration Committee, is empowered to make necessary editorial changes in this Manual to correct grammar, correct obvious wording errors, eliminate redundancy, and correct inconsistencies with the Book of Order.”***