



**The Docket**  
**895<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of Baltimore Presbytery**  
 First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
 Columbia, MD  
 May 12, 2022

*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.*

- The documents that make up the Meeting Papers are available on-line.
- \*\*\*Please note that only those physically present may vote on the adoption of the docket and the manual change to allow for hybrid meetings.
- No printed copies of the papers will be available. Please download and/or print before arrival.
- New Business must be given to the Stated Clerk by the conclusion of worship.
- New main motions and amendments must be pre-filed in writing with the Stated Clerk and may be emailed to mgaut@baltimorepresbytery.org.

9:30	Registration & Fellowship. In person: Please pick up your name tag.  <b>Virtual:</b> Once you are “in the meeting room” please mute yourself & use the CHAT function to greet each other and enjoy short conversations. If you are a ruling or teaching elder voting commissioner, please rename yourself by adding TE or RE after your name.		
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***Stories and Celebrations...***

10:00	Call to Order Declaration of a quorum Opening Prayer	Action Item #	Moderator, Rev. Sue Lowcock Harris
10:05	***Adoption of the docket ***Approval of Manual Change to allow for hybrid meetings	1 2	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
10:05	Introductions—new Pastors, first-time Ruling Elder Commissioners and guests; seating corresponding members <b>Virtual:</b> If you are attending virtually and are a first-time commissioner, please send your name and congregation through the Chat function.		Rev. Jackie Taylor, GP
10:10	Remembrance of Native Americans		Elder Robert Stepling, Chair of the Baltimore Dakota Learning Camps Steering Committee,
10:15	Presentation from the Presbyterian Foundation		The Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley Ministry Relations Officer

			Allegheny & Chesapeake Region, Presbyterian Foundation
10:25	Worship <b>Virtual:</b> We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper and you are invited to gather bread and juice/wine so that you may be part of the community gathered at the Table.		

***Discernment and Decisions***

	<b>Virtual:</b> Please use the raise hand function to be recognized for questions or discussion. Virtual attendees will also vote by the raise hand.	Action Item #	
11:15	Report of the Stated Clerk Adjust the Docket, if needed Consent Motion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of minutes</li> <li>• Approval of 2022 Terms of Call</li> </ul>	3-4	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
11:20	Report of the Representation & Nominating Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That Presbytery elect the persons listed in the Nominations report to the positions indicated (See meeting papers)</li> <li>• That Presbytery elect TE Andrew Connors to the office of Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery for the 2022-23 program year.</li> <li>• That Presbytery elect RE Cecil Phillips to the office of Moderator of the Presbytery for the 2022-2023 program year</li> </ul>	5-7	Rev. Deborah McEachran, committee chair.
11:30	Report of Commission on Ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That Presbytery examine RE Stan Howes (Huntingdon Presbytery) on his statement of faith and, if sustained, to commission him to serve as Commissioned Pastor of Frostburg Presbyterian Church</li> </ul>	8	RE Julia Schaeffer, COM
11:45	Report of the General Presbyter		Rev. Dr. Jackie Taylor
11:55	Items pulled from Consent Motion New Business;		
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## Motions

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### Adoption of the Docket

**The Stated Clerk recommends:**

1. THAT the Docket be approved as printed (and as it may have been modified by announcement of the Moderator and/or Stated Clerk prior to its adoption).
2. THAT the Manual be amended to allow for Hybrid Presbytery Meetings (see text of proposed change posted with the Meeting Papers)

### Consent Motion

**The Stated Clerk recommends:**

3. THE APPROVAL of the minutes of the 894<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Baltimore, March 10, 2022 and the called meeting on April 26, 2022, as posted on the website. ([www.baltimorepresbytery.org](http://www.baltimorepresbytery.org)).

**The Commission on Ministry recommends:**

4. That the 2022 Terms of Call, as posted with the meeting papers, be approved.

### Motions for Action on the Floor of Presbytery

**The Representation and Nominating Committee recommends:**

5. That Presbytery elect the persons listed in the Nominations report to the positions indicated (See meeting papers)
6. That Presbytery elect TE Andrew Connors to the office of Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery for the 2022-23 program year.
7. That Presbytery elect RE Cecil Phillips to the office of Moderator of the Presbytery for the 2022-2023 program year.

**The Commission on Ministry recommends:**

8. That Presbytery examine Ruling Elder Stan Howes, a member of Bedford Presbyterian Church in Huntingdon Presbytery, on his statement of faith and, if sustained, to commission him to serve Frostburg Presbyterian Church as Commissioned Pastor through December 31, 2022, including moderating the session, officiating at the sacraments, and performing marriages as permitted in the State of Maryland during the terms of the commission. The Commission will be reviewed and is renewable each year.
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## Reports

### Stated Clerk's Report

The Stated Clerk reports

That TE David Norse Thomas resigned from the Commission on Preparation for ministry effective 3/1/2022.

### Redress Of Imbalance Report 2022

These churches are entitled to additional elder commissioners due to the number of members on their rolls:

Church	Total Membership As of 12/31/2020	Number of Elder Commissioners
Woods Memorial	1761	4
First of Annapolis	657	2
First of Howard County	568	2
Total		8

The computations involved in determining the redress of the imbalance between Ministers and Elders, as found in the Presbytery Manual 2.3, are represented in the following tables. Counts are as of 12/31/2021.

Ministers on the Roll	157
Ministers who are Non-Resident	19
Ministers who are Honorably Retired, not attending	44
TOTAL (A - (B + C))	94

All churches	65
Additional Elders from churches with > 500 members	5
Elder Officers and Commission members	18
Certified Christian Educators	1
Commissioned Ruling Elders	5
Former RE Moderators attending	5
Former Stated Clerks attending	1
TOTAL	100

94 < 102, therefore **no additional elders are needed.**

### Commission on Reconciliation

The Commission on Reconciliation reports

That it has appointed the following overture advocates to General Assembly

- Derrick Weston (Ashland) as advocate for the Baltimore overture on changing AIDS to HIV in the awareness days on the program calendar

- RE Annette Snyder (Hunting Ridge) as advocate for our concurrence with the “Apology to African Americans for the sin of Slavery” overture
- RE Robert Stepling (Springfield) as advocate for our concurrence with the “Racist Closing of the Memorial Presbyterian Church” overture
- That the budget for the Guatemala partnership was approved for 2022.

### **Commission on Ministry**

The Commission on Ministry reports

That, at its meeting on 3/9/2022 on it transferred TE Laura Crihfield (ML) to Eastern Virginia Presbytery.

At its meeting on 5/4/2022 it transferred TE Jim Young (HR) to Shenandoah Presbytery and approved TE Tom Blair’s laboring outside our bounds in Huntingdon Presbytery.

The Credentials team, at its meeting on 3/25/2022 received TE Steve Nofel from North Central Iowa Presbytery effective 6/1/2022, and TE Laura Hollister (HR) from National Capitol Presbytery.

At its meeting on 4/6/2022 approved commissioning RE Ed Terry to Moderate the Session of Granite Presbyterian through December 31, 2022 or until a transitional pastor is in place.

### **Commission on Preparation for Ministry**

The Commission reports

That at its March 2022 meeting it: 1) enrolled Kathy Smith (Central Presbyterian) as an Inquirer; 2) accepted Troy Bailey (Fallston Presbyterian) as a CRE candidate