



**THE DOCKET**  
**897<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of Baltimore Presbytery**

On-line via Zoom  
 November 12, 2022

*Our vision is a church of empowered leaders, engaged churches and embodied justice and inclusivity in the name of Jesus Christ. Our mission is to encourage, challenge and equip our leaders and congregations.*

- The documents that make up the Meeting Papers are available on-line.
- 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](mailto:mgaut@baltimorepresbytery.org).

9:30	Registration & Fellowship.  <b>Virtual Notes:</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 <u>commissioner</u> , please rename yourself by adding TE or RE after your name. <b>Orientation will begin around 9:55</b>		
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***Stories and Celebrations...***

10:00	Call to Order Declaration of a quorum Opening Prayer	Action Item #	Vice-Moderator, Rev. Andrew Connors
10:05	Adoption of the docket (any requests to remove and item from the consent motion must be given to the stated clerk by the conclusion of worship)	1	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
10:05	Introductions—new Pastors, first-time Ruling Elder Commissioners, and guests; seating corresponding members. Welcome Kathryn Green, Certified Christian Educator at Woods <b>Virtual Notes:</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		
10:15	Report of Conflict Resolution Training Attendees		Rev. Cat Goodrich
10:20	Worship		

***Discernment and Decisions***

	<b>Virtual Notes:</b> Please use the raise hand function to be recognized for questions or discussion and to vote	Action Item #	
11:00	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 the listed Proposed Amendments to the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity and the Directory of Worship</li> <li>• COM recommends renewing the validated ministries included in its report (meeting papers)</li> </ul> Voting on additional proposed amendments to the Directory for Worship	2-12          13-14	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
11:10	The Commission on Preparation for Ministry recommends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That Candidate Blake Collins be examined on his statement of faith and be certified ready to receive a call.</li> <li>• That Candidate Nicole Reibe be examined on her statement of Faith and be certified ready to receive a call</li> <li>• That Inquirer Carroll Fitzgerald be examined on his sense of call and be advanced to candidacy status</li> </ul>	15-17	Rev. Cat Goodrich
11:30	Report of the General Presbyter		Rev. Dr. Jackie Taylor
11:40	The Committee on Representation & Nominations recommends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That presbytery elect the persons named in their report to the positions indicated</li> </ul>	18	RE Lynn Carlson, committee member
11:45	The Commission on Ministry recommends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approving position of Senior</li> </ul>	19-20	Rev Jack Carlson, chair of COM credentials team

	<p>Consultant and Lead Trainer for Unburdened, Inc., held by Rev. Shannon Weston, as a validated ministry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approving the position of staff attorney, Post-Conviction Relief Unit of the First Judicial District, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, held by Rev. Tanya Denley, as a validated ministry.</li> </ul>		
12:00	Report of the Commissioner to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic		RE Ed Terry
12:05	<p>The Committee on Administration recommends that the Presbytery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• approve the Staff Compensation Budget for 2023</li> </ul>	21	Rev. John Schmidt, committee chair
12:15	Items pulled from Consent Motion New Business.		
12:15	Adjourn		

## 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).

### Consent Motion

(Please see Separate document for full text of proposed amendments in the consent motion)

**The Stated Clerk recommends:**

2. THE APPROVAL of the minutes of the 896<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Baltimore, September 8, 2022, as posted on the website. ([www.baltimorepresbytery.org](http://www.baltimorepresbytery.org)).
3. THE APPROVAL of proposed amendment 22-A to amend F-1.0302c
4. THE APPROVAL of proposed amendment 22-AA to amend W-5.0204
5. THE APPROVAL of proposed amendment 22-B to amend F-1.0404
6. THE APPROVAL of proposed amendment 22-BB to amend W-5.0204
7. THE APPROVAL of proposed amendment 22-V to amend W-3.0414
8. THE APPROVAL of proposed amendment 22-W to amend W-4.0403
9. THE APPROVAL of proposed amendment 22-X to amend W-5.0104
10. THE APPROVAL of proposed amendment 22-Y to amend W-5.0104
11. THE APPROVAL of proposed amendment 22-Z to amend W-5.0201

**The Commission on Ministry recommends:**

12. THE APPROVAL of the validated ministries listed in the meeting papers

## Motions for Action on the Floor of Presbytery

**The 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly places before the Presbytery the following proposed amendments to the Constitution** (see full text in the separate document):

13. Proposed amendment 22-T to amend W-3.0205
14. Proposed amendment 22-U to amend W-3.0409

**The Commission on Preparation for Ministry recommends:**

15. That candidate Blake Collins, be examined on his Statement of Faith and certified to receive a call.
16. That Candidate Nicole Reibe, Maryland Presbyterian Church, be examined on her statement of faith and certified to receive a call.
17. That inquirer Carroll Fitzgerald be examined on his sense of call and be advance to candidacy.

**The Representation and Nominating Committee recommends:**

18. That Presbytery elect the persons listed in the Nominations report to the positions indicated (See meeting papers)

**The Commission on Ministry recommends:**

19. Approving position of Senior Consultant and Lead Trainer for Unburdened, Inc., held by Rev. Shannon Weston, as a validated ministry
20. Approving the position of staff attorney, Post-Conviction Relief Unit of the First Judicial District, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, held by Rev. Tanya Denley, as a validated ministry

**The Committee on Administration recommends:**

21. That the 2023 Staff Compensations Budget, as presented, be approved

## Reports

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**Stated Clerk's Report** The Stated Clerk reports that the following churches have completed the annual records review as required by G-3.0108a: Ark and Dove, Ashland, Babcock, Bethel, Catonsville, Central, Chestnut Grove, Christ Memorial, Christ Our Anchor, Christ Our King, Churchville, Dickey Memorial, Faith, Fallston, First and Franklin (2018-2022), First Annapolis, First Bel Air, First Cumberland, First Frostburg, First Howard Co., Good Shepherd, Govans, Granite, Grove, Hamilton, Harundale, Havenwood, Havre de Grace, Highland, Hope, Hunting Ridge, Kenwood, Knox, Light Street, Maryland, Mt. Hebron, Perry Hall, Prince of Peace, St John United, Second, Springfield, Towson, Trinity, Woods

Barrelville and Emmitsburg have received a waiver from the Steering Cabinet because of the lack of meetings during the pandemic. Covenant has closed. Korean United is granted an extension until they can be reviewed by a Korean Speaking reviewer from the Synod. Glen Burnie Korean is under the jurisdiction of an Administrative Commission. Hughes Memorial and Franklinville have been granted an extension.

The Following Churches did not complete the required review: Brown Memorial Park Ave. Cherry Hill, First Westminster, Frederick, Grace, Hagerstown, Hancock, Lochearn, Madison Avenue, Mt. Paran, Northminster, Roland Park, St. Andrew, St Andrew's,

Rev. Jeong Hoon Han (Korean United) has resigned from the Administrative Commission for Glen Burnie Korean Presbyterian.

## **Steering Cabinet**

The Steering Cabinet reports

- At its September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting it approved a contract with Design Group International to continue its work with the Presbytery through the next phase of strategic planning
- Held an extended meeting on October 26, at Mt. Hebron Presbyterian, to consider next steps and systems analysis as part of phase II of the strategic planning.
- At its October 26 meeting appointed the follow to an Administrative Commission for the closing of Northminster Presbyterian Church: Rev. Carl Wilton (HR), RE Robert Latshaw (Towson), RE Helen Krone (First Annapolis and member of Presbytery Trustees). RE Sharon Pappas (Springfield), RE Brian Cumer (Northminster)

## **Commission on Ministry**

The Commission on Ministry reports at its meeting on September 7

- Approved transferring Rev. Kimberly Secrist Ashby to Detroit Presbytery, effective Oct. 1, 2022
- Approved Rev. Laura Batten-Carbaugh for "at-large seeking a call status" effective September 8, 2022, with the closing of Covenant Church.
- Approved increasing the recommended honorarium for pulpit supply to \$200 for one service and \$250 for two services, plus mileage and to recommend \$175 plus mileage for moderating a session

At the Leadership Team meeting on October 5

- Approved dismissing Laura Batten-Carbaugh to National Capital Presbytery

At its meeting on October 10 the Credentials Team of the COM

- Approved the transfer of Rev. Harold Bennett from the Presbytery of North Carolina to accept the call of Grove Presbyterian pending their congregational meeting on 11/6.

At its meeting on November 3, 2022

- Approved dismissing Rev. Laurel Underwood to Northwest Coast Presbytery
- Approved dismissing Rev. Alison Halsey to New Castle Presbytery
- Approved moving Rev. Stacy Martin to at-large status seeking a call

- Approved the renewal of the contract between Rev. Kevin Johnson and Knox Presbyterian
- Approved, the renewal contracts with Churchville and Granite and the presbytery for the interim services of Steve Nofel.
- Approved, if the way be clear, the ordination commission for Hyiwot Teshome and approved dismissing him to Redstone Presbytery.