

Minutes of the 900th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Baltimore

September 16, 2023, at 10:00 am

Mt Paran Presbyterian Church

The day began with a spirited and moving service of worship which included the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The presbytery was honored to welcome Rev. Warren Lesane, Stated Clerk and Executive Director of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, and Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, Executive Director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency as co-celebrants. The choirs from the Christian Men and Christian Women Fellowships, under the direction of Grace Bih and Dickson Easkenong led the "call and response" music and singing. Outgoing Moderator, RE Cecil Phillips preached on the Hebrews 12:1-2, and presided at the installation of officers 2023-24.

Following a brief break, Moderator, Andrew Connors, called the 900th stated meeting of the Presbytery of Baltimore to order at 11:20 AM. He opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was present.

He called on the Stated Clerk, Mary Gaut who moved the adoption of an amended Docket. It was seconded and **APPROVED** by common consent.

CRE Anita Bishop-Johnson, pastor of Mt. Paran Presbyterian, welcomed everyone on behalf of the Mt Paran congregation, giving some history of this, the oldest presbyterian church in Maryland. The church traces its history to 1715, when it served as a sanctuary for Presbyterians who had been persecuted in Virginia by the Church of England. She called on former pastor, CRE Ed Terry, to give some of the more recent history. The church membership had declined by the early 2000s but experienced a renaissance shortly after. Today, the congregation is over 200 members, mostly African immigrants, who have flocked there over the last decade in response to the congregation's community outreach and ministries including helping with the immigration process.

General Presbyter, Jackie Taylor, welcomed first time ruling elders and guests and announced some pastoral changes within the presbytery. She moved that Rev. Warren Lesane (Charlotte Presbytery), Rev. Diane Moffett (Salem Presbytery) and Rev. Fern Cloud (Dakota Presbytery), Clayton Roscoe (Shanandoah) and Ted Churn (New Hope) be seated as corresponding members. The motion was seconded and **PASSED** by common consent.

Warren Lesane brought greetings from the Synod and expressed thanks for the work of the expanded delegation to the last assembly from Baltimore. He also thanked specific individuals for their service to the work of the synod. Diane Moffett brought greetings from the Mission Agency and spoke of the importance of the Matthew 25 initiative.

RE Bob Steppling invited the presbytery to remember the Native Americans on whose land we reside in accord with our standing rule to begin each meeting with such a remembrance.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND CONSENT MOTION

Following devotions, the Moderator called upon the Stated Clerk who presented the consent motion:

- The approval of the minutes of the 899th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Baltimore, May 11, 2023, as posted on the website. (www.baltimorepresbytery.org).
- That Manual section 7.9.5.4 “Empowerments and Responsibilities concerning Commissioned Pastors” be amended by replacing the current section with a revised section (see meeting papers)
- That Manual section 7.8.5.3 “Commissioned Ruling Elders/Commissioned Pastors” be amended by replacing the current section with a revised section (see meeting papers)
- The approval from the Presbytery of Baltimore for the serving of the Lord’s Supper at the upcoming Cuba Partners Network Annual Gathering at Sandy Cove retreat center in Northeast, Maryland. The Gathering will occur October 24-27, 2023, and will include up to 90 attendees. Rev. Deborah McEachran (Co-convenor of the Cuba Partners Network and member of the Presbytery of Baltimore), together with another Presbyterian minister of Word and Sacrament, will officiate.

No motions were removed from the consent motion. The motion was seconded and **APPROVED** by common consent.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MINISTRY GROUPS

The chair of the Ministry Group Conveners Group, Rev. Renee Mackey, was recognized by the moderator to present an annual update of the work of ministry groups.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Rev. Mary Speers, chair of COM was recognized. She moved on behalf of the COM that the cost-of-living adjustment for effective salaries be set at 3.5%. This increase would be required of all at the minimum level for their factor and encouraged for all others. The motion was **APPROVED**.

She then moved that candidate Jennifer McCullough (Los Ranchos Presbytery) be examined on her sense of call to the position of associate pastor at Ark and Dove Presbyterian and, if sustained, to request that Los Ranchos ordain her on how behalf and transfer her to Baltimore Presbytery. She was previously examined on her statement of faith by Los Ranchos and certified by them ready to receive a call.

Following the examination, she was escorted from the room. She was **APPROVED** for ordination and welcomed back into the room to enthusiastic applause. Rev. Tim Stern, pastor of Ark and Dove, offered a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing.

On behalf of the commission, she moved the approval of a revision of the *Policy on Pastoral Compensation*. It did not require a second. Rev. Randy Clayton, a member of the drafting team, explained the proposed revision incorporates the new Book of Order requirement that all installed calls include 12 weeks of family medical leave. It also extends this requirement to temporary calls and includes recommendations for sick leave. Following a brief discussion, the motion was **APPROVED**.

Finally, Rev. Speers moved, on behalf of the commission, that presbytery approve a revision of the *Sexual Misconduct Policy*. The motion required no second. Rev. Laura Hollister, a member

of the Sexual Misconduct Response Team (SMRT) explained that the major revisions included changing the mandated training from every five to three years, expanding the categories of persons required to take the training, and eliminating all sections referring to reporting and investigations. These changes all conform to the new requirements of the Book of Order including reporting and investigations following the provisions of Church Discipline. The revised policy was **APPROVED**.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION AND NOMINATIONS:

Rev. Deborah McEachran, chair of the committee, was recognized by the moderator. She moved that the following be elected:

RE Richard Jones, Annapolis, class of 2024 CPM
TE Christa Burns, HR, class of 2026, CPM
TE Mary Speers, HR, class of 2025, Nominating
RE Brooke Schumm, Howard County, class of 2026, Trustees
TE David Welton, HR, class of 2026, Trustees
RE Susan Jaeger, Catonsville, class of 2025, Thriving Congregations
RE Bill Daniel, Woods, class of 2026, COM
TE Ken Kovacs, Catonsville, class of 2024 COM

The motion did not require a second and there were no nominations from the floor. The motion was **APPROVED**. She listed some of the continuing vacancies, urging members of presbytery to keep alert for ministers and ruling elders who may have gifts and talents appropriate to these positions.

REPORT OF THE SYNOD COMMISSIONERS

The moderator recognized Rev. Carl Wilton to present the report of the 252nd Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Assembly. CRE Ed Terry, our ruling elder commissioner, was unable to attend the assembly due to surgery and Rev. Wilton reported that Ed's faithful service was recognized by the assembly as his term comes to an end in December. The historic assembly, held at Massanetta Springs Conference Center, launched the Next Generation Initiative (NGI) which focuses dedicated attention to African American Churches and their Leaders who have been marginalized in a predominately white denomination. RE Guy Moody reported on the conversations and planning around the NGI. RE Charese Jordan Moore spoke on the intersections between the NGI and the Matthew 25 initiative, urging the POB to become a Matthew 25 presbytery.

REPORT OF THE STEERING CABINET

Chair of Steering Cabinet, RE Cecil Phillips, was recognized and moved that section 11, The Center, be removed from the Presbytery Manual, along with other references to the Center, [5.3.10, 6.2.1, 7.12.1]. Rev Sue Lowcock Harris, past chair of the Steering Cabinet and the Strategic Planning Team, spoke to the motion. She referenced a letter that went out to the Presbytery from the Cabinet explaining the recommendation to remove the Center as an entity of the presbytery. Going forward the Cabinet remains committed to supporting the strategic goals of youth ministries and community engagement in other ways.

RE Susan Moody moved that the vote on the motion be deferred (postponed) until the November 9 meeting of presbytery to allow time for the Center Steering Committee to make a recommendation on the disposition of the funds remaining in the Center account as part of the Center's legacy. The motion was seconded. On request, accountant Laura Mullen reported that the total of remaining funds was approximately \$175,000. A question was asked about the authority of the committee to make a decision about the disposition of the funds. After consulting the Presbytery Manual, the stated clerk agreed that the manual gives that authority to the Center Steering Committee. The question was called and the motion to end debate was **APPROVED**. The motion to defer until November the vote on removing the Center from the Manual while the Steering Committee decides the disposition of the remaining Center funds was **APPROVED** 38 to 24.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR GLEN BURNIE KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Tim Stern and Rev. Michele Ward presented the report of the Administrative Commission for Glen Burnie Korean Presbyterian Church. After first providing some history and context they reported that the church sold its property on August 31, 2023. They will use the proceeds of the sale to support ministry in their new location, currently at the Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church in Ellicott City. As a symbol of their new beginning, they have voted to rename the church Bridge Presbyterian Church. Please see the full report in the Appendix to these minutes.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER

Rev. Jackie Taylor ended the meeting with an enthusiastic affirmation of the current ministry and future direction of the presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk

APPENDIX A

Attendance Detail

| Category | Present | Excused | Absent |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Teaching Elders Serving Churches | 35 | 7 | 11 |
| Specialized Teaching Elders. (non-resident TEs are permanently excused) | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| New Worshiping Community Leaders | 2 present in other categories | 0 | 0 |
| Honorably Retired Teaching Elders | 15 | - | - |
| CREs & Commissioned Pastors | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Ruling Elder Commissioners (Including officers and Commission members) | 33 | 0 | 49 |
| Former Ruling Elder Moderators | 3 | - | - |
| Former Ruling Elder Stated Clerks | 0 | - | - |
| Certified Educators | 0 | - | - |
| Subtotal voting members | 95 | | |
| Corresponding Members | 5 | - | - |
| Youth Advisory Delegates (Non-voting) | 0 | - | - |
| Guests and Presbytery Staff (Non-voting) | 33 | - | - |
| Candidates and Inquirers (Non-voting) | 3 | - | - |
| Subtotal non-voting attendees | 41 | | |
| TOTAL PRESENT | 136 | 11 | 66 |

TEACHING ELDERS SERVING CHURCHES:

PRESENT: Tim Stern, (Ark& Dove), Michele Ward (Ashland), Andrew Connors (Brown); Dorothy Boulton and Ken Kovacs (Catonsville); Keith Paige (Cherry Hill); Jeff Young (Christ Our King); Steve Nofel (Churchville), Jose Lopez (Fallston), Catherine Goodrich (Faith); Alison Peters (First Cumberland), Sue Lowcock Harris, Morton Harris (First of Howard), Matthew Glasgow (First Westminster); Steve Nofel (First and Franklin), Sungjin Kim (Glen Burnie Korean), Kerry Slinkard (Good Shepherd), Tanya Wade (Grace), Kim Nofel (Granite) Harold Bennett (Grove), Susan Boucher (Harundale), Jennifer DiFrancesco (Havenwood and *Slate*); Ray Meute (Highland), Karen Brown (Hope), Deborah McEachran (Hunting Ridge); Carrie Finch-Burriss (Kenwood), Jeong Hoon Han (Korean United); Tim Hughes Williams (Light Street); McKenna Lewellen (Maryland) Amy Carlson (Mt Hebron), Elizabeth McLean (Prince of Peace); Randy Clayton (Second), Mary Ka Kanahan (St. John United), Rebecca Crate-Price (Springfield), Randy Bush,

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Rob Carter (Towson) Mark Hannah (Roland Park); Scott Hoffman (Christ Memorial) Jessie Lowry (Christ Our Anchor); Dan Melton (St. Andrew's), Eric Myers (Frederick), Joel Strom (Towson),

ABSENT: Todd Smith (Bethel), Andy Gathman (Chestnut Grove), Andy Nagel (Central); Andrew Kort. Mihee Kim-Kort (First of Annapolis); Melissa Lopez (First Bel Air); Thomas Harris, (Govans); Teresa Martin-Minnich (Hancock), Phyllis Felton (Madison Ave.), Mark Sandell (St. Andrew), Nancy Lincoln-Reynolds (Woods),

NEW WORSHIPING COMMUNITY LEADERS:

PRESENT: *Jennifer DiFrancesco (Slate. Listed under Havenwood), Jose Lopez-Chapa (Comunidad. Listed under Fallston)*

RESIDENT SPECIALIZED CLERGY

PRESENT: Jennifer Barchi; Brandon Brewer, Michael Cuppett, Edwin Lacy, Jackie Taylor, Shannon Weston,

Excused: Cathy Bayshore

Absent: Sarah Diehl; Richard Jones, Stephen Mann; Charles Thomas, Sr., David Willerup,

NONRESIDENT SPECIALIZED CLERGY:

PRESENT:

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Tom Blair, John Boulware, Tanya Denley Rob Hoch, Stacy Martin, Michael Moore

HONORABLY RETIRED

PRESENT: Don Boardman, Doris Cowan, Mary Gaut, Anita Hendrix, Stephen Price-Gibson & Caroline Price-Gibson, Laura Hollister, Rosemary Noga Welton, Renee Mackey Nicole Reibe, Claire Pula, Barbara Renton, Mary Speers, David Welton, Carlos Wilton
EXCUSED:

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS: Warren Lesane (Charlotte Presbytery), Diane Moffett (Salem Presbytery) Fern Cloud (Dakota Presbytery), Clayton Roscoe (Shanandoah) and Ted Churn (New Hope)

RULING ELDER OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY'S STEERING CABINET AND COMMISSIONS

PRESENT: Chrystie Adams (Brown), Cecil Phillips (Dickey Memorial), Soung Baronowski (Havre de Grace) Karen Garrett (Knox),

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS FROM CONGREGATIONS:

ARK AND DOVE, Ellen Makar; BROWN, Rose Glorioso; CATONSVILLE, Stephanie Stevens; CHESTNUT GROVE, Debbie Schmidt; CHURCHVILLE, Bonnie Jones; FAITH, Bobbie Hall; FALLSTON, Sharon Tyler; FIRST OF ANNAPOLIS, Helen Krone; FIRST OF CUMBERLAND, Carolyn Mathews; FIRST OF HOWARD CO., Janice Agazio, Carol Roberts; FRANKLINVILLE, Ed Stuebing; GOOD SHEPHERD, Cindy PreVatte; GROVE,

Carroll Fitzgerald; HAMILTON, Janice Howard; HARUNDALE, Melissa Vand Mark; HAVENWOOD, Stephen Plano; HIGHLAND, Peter McCallum; HUNTING RIDGE, Vivian Smith; KNOX, Charese Jordan Moore; LIGHT STREET, Hannah Cox; Christine Hinds, MT. HEBRON; PRINCE OF PEACE, Jennifer Mclean, St. JOHN UNITED, Susan Moody; SECOND, Scott Silverwood; SPRINGFIELD, Bob Stepling; WOODS MEMORIAL, Dee Robinson, Dawn Eggen-Mona, Ellen Oakes.

CONGREGATIONS WITHOUT ELDER REPRESENTATION Churches listed in ORANGE had elders present but listed in a different voting category:

ASHLAND, BABCOCK, BARRELVILLE, BETHEL, CENTRAL, CHERRY HILL, CHRIST MEMORIAL, CHRIST OUR ANCHOR, CHRIST OUR KING, **DICKEY MEMORIAL**, , EMMITSBURG, FIRST OF BEL AIR , **FIRST OF WESTMINSTER**, **FIRST AND FRANKLIN**, FREDERICK, FROSTBURG, GOVANS, GLEN BURNIE KOREAN, GRACE, GRANITE, HAGERSTOWN, HANCOCK, **HAVRE DE GRACE**, HOPE, HUGHES MEMORIAL, KENWOOD, KOREAN UNITED, LOCHEARN, MADISON AVE, MARYLAND, **MT PARAN**, PERRY HALL, ROLAND PARK, ST. ANDREW, ST. ANDREW'S, TOWSON, **TRINITY**

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS

PRESENT: Ed Terry (Hamilton), Paul Martin (Havre de Grace), Anita Bishop-Johnson (MT Paran),

EXCUSED: Stanley Howes (First Frostburg-Huntingdon Presbytery), Donna Lea (Mt Paran), Cleoda Walker (Knox)

ABSENT: John Brewington (Lochearn),

CANDIDATES AND INQUIRERS: Troy Bailey (Fallston), Heather Russell (First Westminster), Jennifer McCullough (Los Ranchos Presbytery),

FORMER RULING ELDER MODERATORS (with vote): Adrienne Knight (Knox), Audrey Trapp (Faith), James Schroll (First and Franklin),

FORMER RULING ELDER STATED CLERKS:

OTHER PRESBYTERY STAFF (without vote): Chuck Brawner, Laura Mullen, Frank Perrelli, Felicia Scott, Susan Krehbiel

GUESTS (without vote): Lon Swartzentruber (DGI), Katie Nilsen-Johnson, Grace Nilsen-Johnson (Ark & Dove) Tyler McPherson, Courtland Robinson, Juliette Hanks (Brown), Carolyn Nabat (Chestnut Grove), Suzanne Lawson (Dickey Memorial), Jeff Kollar (Harundale), Dave and Judy Binkley (Havenwood), Carroll Baranowski (Havre de Grace), Kenneth Walter, Sarah Walker, Marcia Boyd, Yvette McEachern (Knox), Mary Kaye Kent (Good Shepherd), Keith Thompson, Gina Sammons and Norman Parker (Madison Ave.), Stephen Abunaw (Mt Paran), Melissa Patterson (Maryland), Emily Park (Second), Roberta Smith (Trinity) Geral Hemminger, Linda Blue, Karen Oden (Dakota Presbytery), Jiyeon Bae (Candidate from Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian)

NO YOUTH DELEGATES OR CERTIFIED LAY EMPLOYEES

Note on Attendance Detail: *The number of TEs with vote includes all active pastors and resident specialized ministers plus retired ministers who attended a presbytery meeting at least once in the past year. The number of REs with vote includes elder commissioners from churches, former and current RE moderators and clerks, and RE members of COM, CPM, Thriving, SLD, Reconciliation, Steering Cabinet, Administration & Personnel. (See Manual section 2). Each year a calculation is run to be sure there is a balance of ruling and teaching elders on the roll. The number of absent RE commissioners is calculated by subtracting ALL eligible voting elder commissions from the number present.*

APPENDIX B

Stated Clerk's Report

The Stated Clerk reports:

- that the annual review of records was completed and found to be in order with a minor exception (see report in meeting papers.)
- RE Mike Kahn resigned from COM effective 8/3/2023 and TE Jack Carlson resigned from COM effective 8/31/2023.

APPENDIX C

Commission and Committee reports of actions taken On behalf of Presbytery

The Commission on Preparation for Ministry Report

- Inquirers Julie Finch, Jody Morris and Emma Warman have withdrawn from the preparation for ministry process.
- At its meeting on June 21st, it enrolled Akilah Atkinson (Govans) and Joshua Gilhart (First of Cumberland) as Inquirers.

Commission on Ministry

The Commission on Ministry reports

- That Candidate Blake Collins was duly ordained at First Presbyterian Church of Howard Co. on August 27, 2023 at 3PM, and transferred to National Capitol Presbytery effective on that date. Baltimore Presbytery members of the ordination commission were: The Rev. Sue Lowcock Harris, chair, and The Rev. Morton Harris, First of Howard County; The Rev. Eric Myers, Frederick; The Rev. Cat Goodrich, Faith; Elder Catherine Blacka, First of Howard County; Elder Cecil Phillips, Dickey Memorial. Corresponding Members were: The Rev. Shawna Bowman, Chicago Presbytery; The Rev. Emily McGinley, San Francisco Presbytery; The Rev. Meredith Cox, Middle Tennessee Presbytery; The Rev. Neill Morgan, National Capitol Presbytery; The Rev. Richard Williams, South Louisiana Presbytery; Elder Jen Cole, Darnestown Presbyterian Church, National Capitol Presbytery; Elder Samantha Fowler, Darnestown Presbyterian Church, National Capitol Presbytery; Elder Pat Curran, First of Howard County. The commission was dissolved with the benediction.
- That Candidate Nicole Riebe was duly ordained to a validated ministry at Loyola University at Maryland Presbyterian Church, on August 27, 2023, at 10:30AM. Members of the Commission were: Rev. McKenna Lewellen (MPC), Rev. Shannon Weston (VAL), Elder Carol Mason (MPC), Elder Cecil Philips (Dickey), Elder Deb Baer, (Brown). Corresponding Members: Dr. Heather Miller Ruben, ICJS; Dr. Claire Mathews McGinnis, Loyola U. The commission was dissolved with the benediction.

At the Credentials Team meeting on May 22, 2023

- approved receiving Rev. Susan Boucher from Denver Presbytery and approved her Transitional Pastor contract with Harundale Presbyterian.
- Approved the Temporary Supply contract between Rev. Kim Nofel and Granite Presbyterian Church

- Affirmed Rev. Steve Nofel's position as Bridge Pastor at First and Franklin Presbyterian Church. (Rev. Nofel's contract is with the Presbytery as the staff interim)

At its credentials team meeting on June 5,

- approved recommending Jennifer McCullough for examination for ordination to the position of Associate Pastor at Ark and Dove and approved terms of call pending successful examination.

At the Leadership Team Meeting on June 7, 2023,

- Approved the Interim Pastor renewal contact between Rev. Randall Clayton and Second Presbyterian Church

At the Leadership Team meeting on Aug. 2, 2023,

- approved the call of Fallston Presbyterian to Jose Lopez-Chapa effective September 1, 2023.

At the Credentials team meeting on 8/7

- approved the contract between Ashland Presbyterian Church and Rev. Michel Ward as their Transitional Pastor effective September 15, 2023.

At the Credentials team meeting on August 28, 2023,

- received the Rev. David Welton and Rev Rosemary Noga Welton (retired) from Tropical Florida Presbytery

Report of the Property and Loan Commission

The Property and Loan Commission reports that at its meeting on July 26, 2023,

- it approved Hunting Ridge Presbyterian leasing its sanctuary to Evangelical Baptist Church

Through an email vote on September 7, 2023

- The commission approved an application from Faith Presbytery for a PILP loan in the amount of \$118,746 toward the cost of an update to their HVAC mechanical system.

APPENDIX D

Administrative Commission for Glen Burnie Presbyterian Church

The current Administrative Commission of the Glen Burnie Korean Presbyterian Church is grateful to the Presbytery of Baltimore, The Trustees of the Presbytery of Baltimore, The Commission on Ministry, the Commission on Thriving Congregations for all the financial, spiritual and consultative support since the Commission began its work in 2017 and 2018. We would like to thank the Rev.'s Amy Duiker, Jeong Han, Edwin Lacey and Elders Soung Hee Baranowski, Chong Ho Yi and Jay Garvin for their tireless service on the Administrative Commission in the past and our General Presbyter Jackie Taylor and our Stated Clerk Mary Gaut for their constant availability and support.

Putting the Commission's work in context, it is important to understand that when the Glen Burnie Korean Presbyterian Church was founded in the 90's there was a thriving Korean American Community in North Anne Arundel County and at its peak the Glen Burnie Korean Presbyterian Church had around 300 members. Since that time the vast majority of Korean Americans have moved to the Howard County/Ellicott City area. As Korean Americans moved to Howard County the church suffered an extensive loss of membership and resulting financial hardship. It is also important to understand that Korean American cultural and church governance practices often do not always align with PCUSA norms. The retirement of the founding pastor Chung Chang, his continuing post retirement influence, the demographic declines and resulting financial distress led to conflicts in the congregation and that is why the Commission was formed. Four pastors served in temporary positions in the years since Rev. Chung's retirement until Rev. Sungjin Kim arrived in 2017. Each of those tenures were marked by highs and lows, praises and conflicts, joys and challenges. Rev. Kim should have been installed as pastor in 2017, but for a variety of reasons he was not installed until 2021. The current Administrative Commission admires his perseverance and acknowledges the hardships he endured. We are happy to report that he has a proper salary and benefits at this time.

The closing on the sale of the property of the Glen Burnie Korean Presbyterian Church to Greater Destiny Christian Ministries took place on Thursday, August 31, 2023. Members of the Administrative Commission at the time of closing are Tim Stern, chair, Dorothy LaPenta, Michele Ward, Sungjin Kim, pastor of GBKPC. The proceeds will be used to carry forth the ministry of the Glen Burnie Korean Presbyterian in its new location at the Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church in Ellicott City.

The Administrative Commission had an opportunity to spend some time with the pastor and the church leadership of Greater Destiny Christian Ministries, the buyer of the property. This congregation has been renting space at the GBKPC church, so they know the building and the property well, and have had an excellent working relationship with Sungjin Kim. They are very active and present in the community and a growing and faithful congregation. Ministry will continue at 100 3rd Ave. SW in Glen Burnie. This is important to share, because the building is very important to the Korean American Community in Maryland and the sale does not mean an end to ministry in that location.

Sungjin Kim reports that Sunday worship services have been held at Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church since the first Sunday in June. Tim Stern, Michele Ward and Dorothy LaPenta have been consistently inspired by his reports to the Commission and his vision for the present and future at this new location. Rev. Kim intends to focus on the 1.5 generation of young bilingual Korean Americans in our area. The

leadership and members of Mount Hebron have been helpful partners in ministry, and we hope that the Presbytery will continue involvement and support of this congregation at its new location.

Glen Burnie Korean Presbyterian Church has chosen a new name to represent that God is doing a new thing. The congregation voted to change their name officially to Bridge Presbyterian Church last week. The Administrative Commission thanks you for your willingness to be a supportive Presbytery and we ask for your continued prayers for this congregation as it reforms itself in its new location. There is resurrection; from Glen Burnie Korean now comes Bridge Presbyterian essentially a NWC, a New Worshipping Community in our midst.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Stern

Dorothy LaPenta

Sungjin Kim

Michele Ward