



THE DOCKET
901st Stated Meeting of Baltimore Presbytery
November 9, 2023
Via Zoom

The Mission of Baltimore Presbytery is to encourage, challenge, support and equip our leaders and congregations

- The documents that make up the Meeting Papers are available on-line.
- Please download and/or print before the meeting.
- New Business must be given to the Stated Clerk by the call to order.
- 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. Virtual: 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 before your name.		
10:00	Call to Order Declaration of a quorum Opening Prayer	Action Item #	Moderator, Andrew Connors
10:05	***Adoption of the docket	1	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
10:05	Introductions—new Pastors, first-time Ruling Elder Commissioners, and guests; seating corresponding members <i>If you are a first-time commissioner, please send your name and congregation through the Chat function.</i>		Rev. Jackie Taylor, GP
10:10	Remembrance of Native Americans		Video
10:15	MORNING DEVOTIONS		Commission on Reconciliation

	REMINDER: Please use the raise hand function for voting and to be recognized for questions or discussion.	Action Item #	
10:25	Report of the Stated Clerk Adjust the Docket, if needed Consent Motion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of minutes • Approval of per capita remaining at \$40 for 2024 • Grant Hagerstown PC session a waiver of term limits under G-2.0404 • Approval specialized ministries • Dismissal of the AC for the closing of Covenant Presbyterian (see report in meeting papers) • Elect RE Karen Garret (Knox) and RE to the Administrative Commission for Bridge Presbyterian (formerly Glen Burnie Korean PC) 	2-7	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
10:30	Report of the General Presbyter		Rev. Jackie Taylor
10:40	The Committee on Personnel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of 2024 Personnel Budget 	8	
10:55	The Committee on Representation & Nominations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominees for Commissioners to the 226th General Assembly • Elect other nominees as listed in the report 	9-10	Rev. Deborah McEachran
11:05	The Commission on Ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The retirements of Rev. Morton Harris and Rev. Sue Lowcock Harris 		Rev. Mary Speers & RE Catherine Blacka
11:15	The Commission on Reconciliation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve enrolling the Presbytery of Baltimore as a Matthew 25 Presbytery with the PCUSA Mission Agency 	11	RE Susan Krehbiel and Rev. Ray Meute
11:30	Annual Report of the Commission on Thriving Congregations		Rev. Melissa Lopez
11:45	Old Business		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of the Center Steering Committee on the Disbursement of Funds Approve Removing the Center from the Presbytery Manual 	12	RE Susan Moody
12:00	Items pulled from Consent Motion New Business.		
12:00	Adjourn		

Motions

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

The Stated Clerk recommends:

2. THE APPROVAL of the minutes of the 900th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Baltimore, [September 16, 2023], as posted on the website. (www.baltimorepresbytery.org).
3. Per Capita of \$40, (same as last year) based on 2022 membership. \$9.80 goes to the General Assembly, and \$1.15 goes to the Synod, and \$29.05 is retained by the Presbytery (From Administration Committee)
4. Grant a waiver of term limit requirements to Hagerstown Session under G-2.0404 (from COM)
5. That the following specialized ministries be VALIDATED for 2024 (from COM)

MINISTERS SERVING IN VALIDATED MINISTRIES			
NAME	Validated Ministry	Parish Associate	Report Status
Barchi, Jennifer	Associate for Congregational Vitality and Leadership	Not Required	Received
Bashore, Catherine	Nurse Chaplain, Medstar Good Samaritan Hospital	Havenwood	Received
Blair, Thomas W.	UCC Minister, laboring in bounds of Huntingdon Presbytery	Not Required ³	Received
Brewer, Brandon	Dir of Patient Experience & Hospice Chaplain at Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care of	Waived	Received

	Maryland		
Denley, Tanya	Staff Attorney, Philadelphia Court System	Not Required ³	Received
Diehl, Sarah	Psychotherapist, Private Practice	Brown	Received
Cuppett, Michael	Communications and Operations Manager, Catonsville PC	Dickey Memorial	Not Required This year
Foster, Katherine	Mid-Atlantic Director, Rails to Trails Conservancy	Faith	Received
Hoch, Robert	Dir of Theological Exploration, Urban Theology Union, Sheffield, England	Not Required ³	Received
Jones, Richard G.	Chaplain, Anne Arundel Medical Center	First of Annapolis ¹	Received
Lacy, Edwin	Associate for Congregational Care and Advocacy	Not Required	Not Required ⁱ This year
Mann, Stephen L.	Trauma Specialist	Not Required ³	Received
Nofel, Steve	Presbytery Staff Interim	Not Required	Received
Reibe, Nicole	Assistant Teaching Professor/Director of Program Operations, Loyola College	Maryland	Not Required This year
Taylor, Jacqueline	General Presbyter	Not Required	Received
Weston, Shannon	Coach and Consultant, Unburdened Inc. and DGI		Received
Zabriskie, Janine	Chaplain, Univ. of Maryland Medical System	Brown Memorial	Received

MEMBERS AT LARGE

NAME	Basis for Status	Parish Associate	Status Since	Report Status
Boulware, John	Family responsibilities	Not Required	2023	Received
Martin, Stacy	Seeking a Call	Not Required	2022	
Moore, Michael	Seeking a Call	Not Required	2023	Received
VanderWoude, Janna	Seeking a Call	Not Required	2023	Pending
Willerup, David	Illness or Disability	Not Required	2020	Received

6. Dismiss the AC for the closing of Covenant Presbyterian (see final report in meeting papers). Members of the AC are TE Walt Peters (HR), TE Terry Martin-Minnich (Hancock), RE Ed Gilliss (Second), RE Bruce Dean (Frederick), RE Anita Drummond (Covenant)
7. Elect RE Karen Garret (Knox) to the Administrative Commission for Bridge Presbyterian (formerly Glen Burnie Korean PC). Other members are TE Tim Stern (Ark & Dove), TE Michele Ward (Ashland)

The Committee on Personnel recommends:

8. That the Presbytery approve the 2024 Personnel Budget as printed in the meeting papers. (The full draft budget is included for first reading and will be voted on in March)

The Committee on Representation and Nominating recommends:

9. That Presbytery elect the following persons as commissioners to the 226th General Assembly (see bios in report in meeting papers)
10. That Presbytery elect those listed in the Nominations report to the positions indicated (See report in meeting papers)

The Commission on Reconciliation recommends:

11. That Presbytery be enrolled as a Matthew 25 Presbytery with the Presbyterian Mission Board

Items Removed from the Consent Motion

Old Business:

12. 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]

New Business

Reports

Stated Clerk's Report

The Stated Clerk reports that

- Rev. Dorothy LaPenta has resigned from the Administrative Commission for Bridge Presbyterian (formerly Glen Burnie Korean) effective 12/31/2023
- CRE John Brewington has resigned from the Commission on Preparation for Ministry effective 10/1/2023
- The following churches completed the required administrative review of session records: Ark & Dove, Babcock, Bethel, Central, Christ Memorial, Christ Our Anchor, Christ Our King, Dickey Memorial, Faith, Fallston, First & Franklin, First Annapolis, First Bel Air, First Cumberland, First Frostburg, First of Howard County, Frederick, Good Shepherd, Granite, Grove, Hamilton, Harundale, Havenwood, Highland, Hunting Ridge, Knox, Maryland, Mount Hebron, Mount Paran, Prince of Peace, St Andrew's (Mt Airy), St. John United, Second, Springfield, Towson, Trinity, Woods Memorial.
- The following Churches have not completed the required records review: Ashland, Barrelville, Brown Memorial, Catonsville, Cherry hill, Chestnut Grove, Emmitsburg, First Westminister, Franklinville, Glen Burnie Korean/Bridge (exempt due to AC having original jurisdiction), Govans, Grace, Hagerstown, Hancock, Havre de Grace, Hope, Hughes Memorial, Kenwood, Korean United (exempt pending a Korean language reviewer from OGA), Light Street, Lochearn, Madison Ave. Perry Hall, Roland Park, St. Andrew (Williamsport)

Steering Cabinet

The Committee on Administration

The Committee on Administration reports:

- That the 2024 proposed budget has been submitted for a first reading (meeting papers) and will be presented for approval at the March meeting.

The Gathering Team

The Gathering Team reports the dates for the 2024 meetings of Presbytery as:

- March 14, 2024 – Hybrid Meeting – beginning at 10AM
- May 16, 2024 – tentatively Hybrid Meeting – beginning at 10AM
- September 14 – In-Person Meeting – beginning at 10AM
- November 21 – ZOOM meeting – beginning at 10AM

The Committee on Personnel Reports

- A revised Employee Handbook for the Presbytery of Baltimore has been completed and approved by the Steering Cabinet

Commission on Ministry

The Commission on Ministry reports that

- The commission to install the Rev. Jennifer McCullough as Associate Pastor at Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church, completed its work on October 15, 2023, and was dismissed

with the benediction. Commission members were Rev. Andrew Connors, Moderator; Rev. Tim Stern, Ark and Dove; Rev. Amy Carlson, Mt Hebron; RE Linda Hanifin Bonner, First Annapolis; RE Sara Fox, RE Jim Cooper, RE Rhonda Fauntelroy, Ark and Dove.

- At its Leadership Team meeting on Nov. 1, 2023, approved moving Rev. Michael Moore from validated ministry to Member-at-large seeking a call, and approved the installation of Rev. Jose Lopez-Chapa on Dec. 3, 2023, at 4PM

The Commission on Preparation

The Commission on Preparation for Ministry reports that

- At its meeting on Oct. 18, 2023, it approved a new “Handbook for Preparation for Commissioned Ruling Elders to Particular Pastoral Service”

The Commission on Reconciliation

The Commission on Reconciliation reports

- Current Matthew 25 churches in the Presbytery of Baltimore are
 1. First Presbyterian Church of Annapolis
 2. Grace Presbyterian Church
 3. Govans Presbyterian Church
 4. Hunting Ridge Presbyterian Church
 5. Knox Presbyterian Church
 6. Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church
 7. Roland Park Presbyterian Church
 8. Christ Our King Presbyterian Church
 9. First Presbyterian Church of Bel Air
 10. First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
 11. St. John United Church
 12. Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church
 13. Mount Paran Presbyterian Church
 14. Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church
 15. Highland Presbyterian Church
 16. Maryland Presbyterian Church
 17. First Presbyterian Church of Westminster
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