

THE DOCKET (Draft) 902nd Stated Meeting of Baltimore Presbytery Faith Presbyterian Church & Zoom Platform March 14, 2024

- 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.

| 9:30 | Registration & Fellowship. | |
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| | In person: Please pick up your name tag and | |
| | enjoy a cup of coffee while greeting colleagues. | |
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| | 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 <u>commissioner</u> , please rename | |
| | yourself by adding TE or RE after your name. | |

Stories and Celebrations...

| 10:00 | Call to Order | Action | |
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| | Declaration of a quorum | Item # | Moderator, |
| | Opening Prayer | | |
| 10:05 | ***Adoption of the docket | 1 | Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk |
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| 10:05 | Greetings from Host Church Pastor | | Rev. Cat Goodrich |
| 10:10 | Introductions-new Pastors, first-time Ruling | | Rev. Jackie Taylor, GP |
| | Elder Commissioners, and guests; seating | | |
| | corresponding members | | |
| | Virtual: If you are attending virtually and are a | | |
| | first-time commissioner, please send your name | | |
| | and congregation through the Chat function. | | |
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| | Greetings from, Office of Ministry | | D. S. Unabas |
| | Engagement & Support PCUSA | | R. Sy Hughes |

| | Remembrance of Native Americans | | |
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| 10:25 | Morning Devotions | New Worshiping Communities: The Slate Project, Li Presbyterian and Comunidad Presbyte Trinidad | - |

Discernment and Decisions

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| | Virtual : Please use the raise hand function to be recognized for questions or discussion. Virtual attendees will also vote by the raised hand. | Action Item # | |
| 10:40 | Report of the Stated Clerk Adjust the Docket, if needed Consent Motion Approval of the Minutes of the 901st Stated Meeting and of the Called meeting on Dec. 12, 2023 Approve the 2024 Terms of Call for Installed Pastors (blue section of report) | 2-3 | Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk |
| 10:40 | Report of the General Presbyter | | Rev. Jackie Taylor |
| 10:50 | The Committee on Administration recommends that the Presbytery: Approve the 2024 Budget as presented in the meeting papers | 4 | Rev. Jackie Taylor |
| 10:55 | Presentation of Rebate Checks from Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (Ark & Dove, Christ Memorial, First & Franklin, St Andrew) | | Catherine Lynch |
| 11:00 | The Committee on Representation & Nominations recommends: That presbytery elect: RE Judson Arnold, Brown Memorial, Permanent Judicial Commission class of 2028 and RE Jim Schroll, First and Franklin, COM, class of 2026 | 5 | Rev. Deborah McEachran, committee chair. |
| 11:05 | The Commission on Ministry recommends that the Presbytery: Examine CRE Paul Martin on his sense of call to Havre de Grace and, if sustained, to commission him as Commissioned Lay Pastor of the Church. | 6 | Rev Jack Carlson, COM liaison to Havre de Grace PC |

| | • Honor the retirement of Rev. Randy Clayton | | Rev. John Schmidt |
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| | Concur in Overture 008 (Mid- Kentucky Presbytery): On Amending Specified Periods of Service in Temporary Pastoral Relationships in G-2.0504b | 7 | Rev. Mary Speers, COM chair |
| 11:25 | The Commission on Preparation for Ministry recommends that the Presbytery | | Rev. Michael Cuppett, chair of the CPM |
| | • Examine Candidate Elizabeth Cahoon on her statement of faith and certify her ready to receive a | 8 | |
| | call Examine Candidate Carroll Fitzgerald on his statement of faith and certify him ready to receive a | 9 | |
| | call Concur with Overture 011 (Highland Presbytery): On Appointing a committee to Review the Preparation for Ministry Process | 10 | Rev. Claire Pula, member of CPM |
| 11:50 | The Commission on Reconciliation recommends that Presbytery Concur with the Overture 029 (Western NC Presbytery): On Support of the People of Guatemala | 11 | Rev. Stephen Price-Gibson, member of COR and the Guatemala Partnership |
| 12:00 | The Steering Cabinet recommends that Presbytery Amend Manual Section 9.6.5 to remove the percentages of net proceeds of property sales to the Enduring Witness Fund | 12 | RE Brooke Schumm, President of Trustees and member of the Steering Cabinet |
| | Items pulled from Consent Motion New Business. | | |
| 12:15 | Adjourn and Lunch | | |

Adoption of the Docket

The Stated Clerk recommends:

1. THAT the Docket be approved as posted (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 901st Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Baltimore, November 9, 2023, and the called meeting on Dec. 12, 2023, as posted in the meeting papers

The Commission on Ministry recommends:

3. The approval of 2024 terms of call as reported in the meeting papers. (Contract terms are reported only)

Motions for Action on the Floor of Presbytery

The Committee on Administration recommends

4. That the Presbytery approve the 2024 operating budget as presented in the meeting papers.

The Representation and Nominating Committee recommends:

 The election of RE Judson Arnold, Brown Memorial, Permanent Judicial Commission class of 2028 and RE Jim Schroll, First and Franklin, COM, class of 2026

The Commission on Ministry recommends:

- 6. That Presbytery examine CRE Paul Martin on his reasons for seeking this expanded role and be commissioned as Commissioned Lay Pastor at Havre de Grace Presbyterian
- 7. That Presbytery Concur in Overture 008 (Mid-Kentucky Presbytery): On Amending Specified Periods of Service in Temporary Pastoral Relationships in G-2.0504b.

The Commission on Preparation for Ministry recommends:

- 8. That Candidate Elizabeth Cahoon be examined on her statement of faith and, if sustained, be certified ready to receive a call.
- 9. That Candidate Carroll Fitzgerald be examined on his statement of faith and, if sustained, be certified ready to receive a call.
- 10. That Presbytery concur with Overture 011: On Appointing a Committee to Review the Preparation for Ministry Process

The Commission on Reconciliation recommends

11. That Presbytery Concur with the Overture 029 (Western NC Presbytery): On Support of the People of Guatemala

The Steering Cabinet recommends:

12. That Presbytery approve amending The Manual of Operations section 9.6.5 be amended as follows:

After the obligations as required by each particular sale have been met, the Trustees are to place 66% of the net proceeds into the Enduring Witness Fund, and 17% into The Emergency Assistance Property Grant Fund use a portion of the net proceeds for the Enduring Witness Fund and the Emergency Assistance Property Grant Fund at a level to be determined by the Presbytery on the recommendation of the Steering Cabinet. The Trustees shall invest and manage the remaining monies in accordance with their duties. Any expenditure of these remaining funds requires approval of the Presbytery, upon receipt of the advice of the Trustees and the Steering Cabinet.

Reports

Stated Clerk's Report

The Stated Clerk reports

- That RE Steve Derby (1st Annapolis) has resigned from the PJC
- The 2023 statistical reports show total congregational membership in the Presbytery of 10,108 at the end of 2023, a decrease of 177 members over 2022. (Summary membership report is included in meeting papers.)

Steering Cabinet

No report

Commission on Reconciliation

No report

Commission on Ministry

The Commission reports

- At its meeting on November 6, 2023, the Credentials Team approved the transfer of Kenneth Page from Grand Canyon Presbytery to serve as Interim Pastor of First Presbyterian of Howard County.
- At its meeting on December 12, 2023, The Credentials Team approved the transfer of Mark Phillips from Detroit Presbytery to accept the call of First and Franklin as pastor.

- By common consent via email approval the Leadership Team approved the Bridge Pastor contract between Renee Mackey and St. John United Presbyterian.
- At its meeting on February 19, 2024, the Credentials Team approved the Bridge Pastor contract between Shannon Weston and Govans Presbyterian.
- At its meeting on February 26, 2024, the Credentials Team approved the Bridge Pastor Contract between Sue Lowcock Harris and Second Presbyterian.
- At its meeting on March 6, 2024, the COM approved
 - The retirement of Randy Clayton on March 1, 2024
 - The dismissal of Scott Hoffman to Huntingdon Presbytery April 1, 2024
 - The Dismissal of Randy Bush to Milwaukee Presbytery April 15, 2024
 - The Dismissal of Tom Harris to San Jose Presbytery March 1, 2024

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

The Commission reports,

 It appointed the following as ordination examination readers for 2024: RE Lisa Beacham (Govans), RE Leslie Owsley (Second), TE Eric Myers (Frederick), TE Keith Paige (Cherry Hill)

Commission on Spiritual Leader Development

The Commission reports,

• At its meeting on January 18, 2024, on behalf of the presbytery it elected RE Bobby Hall (Faith) as ruling elder commissioner to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic class of 2026.