



THE DOCKET
903rd Stated Meeting of Baltimore Presbytery
Woods Memorial Presbytery and Zoom
May 16, 2024

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.
- 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.

10:00	Registration & Fellowship. In person: Please pick up your name tag. 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.		
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Stories and Celebrations...

10:30	Call to Order Declaration of a quorum Opening Prayer	Action Item #	Moderator,
10:35	***Adoption of the docket	1	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
10:35	Greetings from Host Church Pastor		Rev. Nancy Lincoln Reynolds
10:40	Introductions—new Pastors, first-time Ruling 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.		Rev. Jackie Taylor, GP
	Remembrance of Native Americans		,

10:45	Devotions and Commissioning of the Commissioners to the 226 th General Assembly		Gathering Team
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Discernment and Decisions

	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 #	
10:55	Report of the Stated Clerk Adjust the Docket, if needed Consent Motion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of minutes or 902nd stated meeting The Steering Cabinet recommends that Presbytery amend Manual section 6.2.1 to include a representative from the Commission on Preparation for Ministry, and amend 7.8.6 by striking the words “<i>may</i> be represented on Cabinet” 	2-3	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
11:00	The Personnel Committee recommends that the Presbytery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elect Stated Clerk TE Mary Gaut to a second 3year term to conclude May 2027. 	4	Rev. Keith Paige, member of committee
11:10	The Committee on Representation & Nominations recommends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That Presbytery elect RE Soung Hee Baranowski as Moderator 2024-25 That Presbytery elect TE Barbara Renton as Vice-Moderator 2024-25 That presbytery elect the persons named in its report to the positions indicated 	5-7	Rev. Deborah McEachran, committee chair. <i>Rev. McKenna Lewellen and RE Sarah Walker report on congregational participation in presbytery.</i>
11:25	Report of the Commissioners to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic (see meeting papers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awarding of Grant to Hope Presbyterian 		Rev. Carl Wilton and RE Bobby Hall
11:30	The Commission on Ministry recommends that the Presbytery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission RE Troy Bailey as CLP Bridge Pastor at Dickey Memorial 	8	Rev. Ken Kovacs

11:45	Report of the General Presbyter		Rev. Jackie Taylor
11:55	The Steering Cabinet recommends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend the Trustees Emergency Property Assistance Grants Policy as indicated (see meeting papers) The approval of a Revised Enduring Witness Grants Policy to replace the current EW policy (see meeting papers) 	9-10	TE/GP Jackie Taylor
12:10	Old Business (Postponed from March) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend Manual Section 9.6.5 to remove the percentages of net proceeds of property sales to the Enduring Witness Fund <p><i>If defeated, as Cabinet recommends, a new motion will be made</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend Manual Section 9.6.5 to change the percentages of net property sales funding Enduring Witness Grants and Emergency Property Repair grants to 45% and 15% respectively. 	11 (12)	TE/GP Jackie Taylor
12:20	Items pulled from Consent Motion New Business.		
	Adjourn		

Motions for Action on the Floor of Presbytery

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

2. The Stated Clerk recommends the approval of the minutes of the 903rd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Baltimore, May 12, 2022, as posted on the website. (www.baltimorepresbytery.org).
 - a. The Steering Cabinet recommends amending the Manual regarding membership on the Steering Cabinet to correct ambiguity as follows: 6.2.1....and one representative to be elected by and from each of the following: the ministry group conveners, the Commission on Ministry, *the Commission on Preparation for Ministry*, and the Trustees...

- b. Amend 7.8.6: The Commission reports to the Presbytery and may be represented on the Steering Cabinet.

The Personnel Committee recommends:

3. That Presbytery elect Rev. Mary Gaut to a second three-year term as Stated Clerk (Manual section 4.6.25)

The Representation and Nominating Committee recommends:

4. That RE Soung Hee Baranowski be elected Presbytery Moderator for the 2024-25 program year.
5. That TE Barbara Renton (HR) be elected Presbytery Vice-Moderator for the 2024-25 program year.
6. That Presbytery elect those named in its report to the positions indicated

The Commission on Ministry recommends:

7. That RE Troy Bailey (Fallston) be commissioned as a Commissioned Lay Pastor at Dickey Memorial (including moderating session, officiating at Sacraments, and conducting weddings and funerals.) The commission term will be six months, beginning on June 1, 2024, for 10 hours/week.

The Steering Cabinet Recommends

9. That Presbytery amend the Trustees Emergency Property Assistance Grants Policy as indicated on the document with the meeting papers.
10. That Presbytery amend the Enduring Witness Grants Policy by replacing it with the Revised Enduring Witness Grants Policy as presented in the meeting papers

Old Business

- 11 That Presbytery approve amending The Manual of Operations section 9.6.5 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.

*If the prior motion is defeated **as is recommended by the Steering Cabinet:** The Steering Cabinet will move the following motion: (12) That Presbytery approve amending The Manual of Operations section 9.6.5 as follows:*

*After the obligations as required by each particular sale have been met, the Trustees are to place ~~66% of the~~ **45% of the net proceeds into the Enduring Witness Fund, and 17% into 15% into The Emergency Assistance Property Grant Fund.** 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

Redress Of Imbalance Report 2024 (Based on 2023 Statistics)

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

Church	Total Membership As of 12/31/2023	Additional Number of Elder Commissioners
Woods Memorial	1205	2
First of Annapolis	656	1
First of Howard County	559	1
Total		4

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 12/31/2022.

Ministers on the Roll	152
Ministers who are Non-Resident	15
Ministers who are Honorably Retired, not attending	44
TOTAL (A - (B + C))	93

All churches	63
Additional Elders from churches with > 500 members	4
Elder Officers and Commission members	17
Certified Christian Educators	1
Commissioned Ruling Elders	6
Former RE Moderators attending	5
Former RE Stated Clerks attending	1
TOTAL	97

The number of ruling elders enrolled in the membership of presbytery in 2023 exceeds the number of enrolled ministers and therefore no additional elders from congregations are needed.

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

At its meeting on March 20, 2024, it enrolled Sarah Wilson (Woods) as an Inquirer and enrolled Jennifer Pearson (Babcock) in the CRE/CLP program

Commission on Ministry

At its 4-3-24 Leadership Team meeting

- changed Jennifer Barchi's Membership status to Member at Large.
- approved May 19, 3PM installation of Mark Phillips with the following commission members: TE Andrew Connors, Presbytery Moderator, Brown Memorial; Rev. Phyllis Felton, HR & Madison Ave.; Rev. David Harris, HR; Rev. Kenneth Kovacs, Catonsville; Rev. Steve Nofel, Presbytery Staff; Rev. Mary Speers, HR; RE Barbara Cook, Brown Memorial; RE Susan Krehbiel, Catonsville; RE Alex Mendelssohn, First and Franklin; RE Bobbie Tilghman, Madison Ave; and corresponding members Rev. Dr. Meta Cramer, Eastminster Presbytery; and CRE Deborah Lennis, Detroit Presbytery

At the Credentials Team meeting on March 18, 2024

- Approved Carl Wilton as Bridge Pastor at Light Street Presbyterian for 15 hours per week April 1-June 30.

At its COM meeting on May 1

- Approved temporary supply contract between Hope and Karen Brown.

At a called meeting on May 13,

- approved recommending RE Troy Bailey to be commissioned as Bridge CLP for Dickey Memorial June 1 – November 30, 2024, 10 hours per week. He will be presented at presbyter on May 16, 2024, for commissioning.