



**THE DOCKET**  
**905th Stated Meeting of Baltimore Presbytery**  
**November 21, 2024, via Zoom platform**

*Empowering leaders, engaging churches and embodying justice and inclusivity in the name of Christ.*

- The documents that make up the Meeting Papers are available on-line.
- New Business must be given to the Stated Clerk by the conclusion of Devotions.
- 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	<b>Virtual:</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.		
10:00	Call to Order Declaration of a quorum Opening Prayer	Action Item #	
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 If you 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		Video
10:15	Opening Devotions		Rev. Dr. Christopher Leighton

*Please use the raise hand function to be recognized for voting, questions or discussion.*

10:25	Report of the Stated Clerk Adjust the Docket, if needed Consent Motion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of minutes of the 904<sup>th</sup> stated meeting</li> </ul>	2-14	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve commissioning CRE Ed Terry as Commissioned Lay Pastor at Hamilton Presbyterian for two years</li> <li>• Validate specialized ministries (see list under motions) for 2025</li> <li>• GA Proposed Amendments to the Constitution (24-A, 24-C-L see Motions)</li> </ul>		
10:35	The 226 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly presents for vote proposed Amendment to the Constitution 24-B:	15	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
10:40	<p>The Commission on Ministry recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approving the Position of InterVarsity Campus Staff Minister as a validated ministry and approve the transfer of Rev. Grace May from Boston Presbytery with authorization to officiate Communion in Retreat, Conference and hospital settings</li> </ul>	16	Rev. Hal Bennet Rev. Grace May Boston Presbytery
11:00	<p>The Commission on Administration recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Staff Compensations recommended by the Personnel Committee be approved</li> <li>• The draft 2025 budget for a first reading (no action required)</li> </ul>	17	Rev Keith Paige, chair of Personnel
11:10	<p>The Nominating Committee recommends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The election of the person named in its report (meeting papers)</li> </ul>	18	Rev. McKenna Wallen
11:15	Vice-Moderator's report on the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship trip to Lithuania		Rev. Barbara Renton
11:25	<p>The Commission on Reconciliation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on the Matthew 25 Summitt</li> <li>• Report on the Synod's Next Generation Project</li> </ul>		RE Charese Jordan-Moore RE Guy Moody
11:40	<p>The Trustees of the Presbytery of Baltimore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual report of Audit</li> </ul>		RE Brooke Schumm
11:50	General Presbyter's Report		Rev. Jackie Taylor
12:PM	Items pulled from Consent Motion New Business.		
	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

**The Stated Clerk recommends:**

2. THE APPROVAL of the minutes of the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Baltimore, , as posted on the website. ([www.baltimorepresbytery.org](http://www.baltimorepresbytery.org)).

**The Commission on Ministry recommends:**

3. Approve commissioning CRE Ed Terry as Lay Pastor at Hamilton Presbyterian through 2026.
4. Approve the Specialized Ministries of those whose annual reports have been received, as validated ministries for 2025: Tom Blair, Brandon Brewer, Tanya Denley, Sarah Diehl, Michael Cuppett, Kate Foster, Robert Hoch, Edwin Lacy, Stephen Mann, Steve Nofel, Jackie Taylor, Michele Wallen, Shannon Weston, Janine, Zabriskie. (see chart with meeting papers)

**The 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly recommends to the presbytery for its affirmative or negative vote,**

- 5-14. Proposed Amendments 24-A and 24-C – 24-L

### Motions for Action on the Floor of Presbytery

**The 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly recommends to the presbytery for its affirmative or negative vote**

15. Proposed Amendment 24-B

**The Commission on Ministry recommends:**

16, Approving the Position of InterVarsity Campus Staff Minister as a validated ministry with authority to officiate at Communion at retreats, conferences and hospital settings, and approving the transfer of Rev. Grace May from Boston Presbytery

**The Committee on Administration recommends:**

17. Approving the 2025 Staff Compensations recommended by the Personnel Committee (in meeting papers)

**The Representation and Nominating Committee recommends:**

18. Electing the following for the positions indicated:

Gathering Team 2025. Lea Gilmore, RE Govans Presbyterian.

Nominating 2025. Rob Smith, RE Central Presbyterian.

Nominating 2025. Charese Jordan Moore, RE Knox Presbyterian.

CPM Chair. Mark Phillips, TE First and Franklin

SLD Chair. Jenn McCollough, TE Ark and Dove

## **Reports** (including actions taken on behalf of the presbytery)

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### **Stated Clerk's Report**

The Stated Clerk reports:

- There was an excellent response to the required church records review this year. Thanks to all participating Clerks of Session and to the churches who hosted review sessions (Korean United, Maryland, First Howard Co, Frederick). **Churches that completed the review are:** Ashland, Babcock, Brown, Catonsville, Central, Cherry Hill, Chestnut Grove, Christ Memorial, Christ Our Anchor, Churchville, Dickey memorial, Faith, Fallston, First and Franklin, First Annapolis, First Bel Air, First Cumberland, First Frostburg, First Howard Co, First Westminster, Franklinville, Frederick, Good Shepherd, Govans, Granite, Grove, Hamilton, Harundale, Havenwood, Havre de Grace, Highland, Hope, Hunting Ridge, Knox, Light Street, Maryland, Mount Hebron, Mount Paran, Prince of Peace, Roland Park, St. Andrew, St. Andrew's, St John United, Second, Springfield, Towson, Trinity, Woods.  
**Review Waived:** Barrelville, Emmitsburg  
**Churches that did not complete review:** Ark & Dove, Bethel, Bridge (Administrative Commission), Grace, Hagerstown, Hancock, Hughes Memorial (pending), Kenwood, Korean United, Lochearn, Madison Ave., Perry Hall,

### **Steering Cabinet**

The Steering Cabinet reports that

- It approved a theme of "Unity in Christ" for the programmatic year 2024-25.
- It approved including \$20,000/year in the Presbytery operating budget for the next three years for the Massanetta Springs Capital Campaign (Total of \$60,000 over three years). Approval of Presbytery will be part of the budget approval process in March 2025.

### **Commission on Ministry**

The Commission on Ministry reports

At its Leadership Team meeting on October 2, 2024, it

- Approved the installation of Andy Nagel at Second Presbyterian on November 10, 4 p.m., with the following installation commission. Moderator Soung Hee Baranowski, Minister members: Ron Hankins, Govans Mihee Kim-Kort, First-Annapolis  
Elder members: Jess Gardner, Central; Karen Ruppert, Second; Corresponding members: Jeff Hoffmeyer, Plains and Peaks; Roy Howard, National Capital  
The installation commission was dismissed at the conclusion of the installation service.
- Approved transferring TE Nicole Reibe to Missouri River Valley Presbytery, as she has taken a tenured position at the University of Omaha.

- Approved removing the requirement for ministers not in parish ministry to be parish associates as this is no longer a category in the Book of Order. (Congregational involvement of some kind is still required)

At its Meeting on November 6, 2024:

- Approved Tim Hughes-Williams request to be transferred to the Presbytery of Boston.
- Approved a waiver of the records review for Barrelville and Emmitsburg
- Gave contingent approval for Hope Presbyterian to rent its sanctuary space and recommending approval by the Property and Loan Commission on the reception of all required paperwork.
- Affirmed the Chairperson's appointment of TE Keith Paige to moderate the Session of Trinity.

### **Property and Loan Commission**

The Commission reports that at its meeting on November 7, 2024, it

- Approved the request of Maryland Presbyterian to list its property for sale with Foundry, a commercial real estate service. Final sale will be contingent on subsequent approval of the buyer by the P&L commission. The Commission notes that the decision to sell the property was approved by unanimous vote of the congregation with the intention of having the resources going forward to continue to discern the shape of their ministry in the future without the burden of property maintenance
- Approved the request of Mt Hebron for a Line of Credit in the amount of \$200,000 from Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP). The LOC will be secured by the manse property and guaranteed by the POB Trustees as required by PILP