



THE DOCKET
908th Stated Meeting of Baltimore Presbytery
Catonsville Presbyterian Church
September 13, 2025

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in the name of Christ.*

- The documents that make up the Meeting Papers are available at <https://baltimorepresbytery.org/>.
- Printed copies of the docket will be available or 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.
- All times on docket are approximations only

9:30	Registration & Fellowship. Please pick up your name tag.		
10:00	Call to Order Declaration of a quorum Opening Prayer	Action Item #	RE Soung Baranowski
	***Adoption of the docket <i>Any new business must be communicated to the Stated Clerk by end of worship</i>	1	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
	Greetings from Host Church Pastor		Rev. Ken Kovacs
	Introductions—new Pastors, first-time Ruling Elder Commissioners, and guests; seating of corresponding members <i>Recognizing Susan Taylor King (Trinity)</i>		Rev. Jackie Taylor, GP
	Report of Stated Clerk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the Minutes of the 907th meeting 	2	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
	Report of Nominating Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the nominees listed in the nominations report (meeting papers) 	3	Rev. McKenna Wallen
	Land Remembrance		RE Chrystie Adams
	WORSHIP, INSTALLATION AND COMMUNION		

11:00	<i>Please raise your hand to be recognized for questions or discussion.</i>	Action Item #	
	Report of the Stated Clerk (cont) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjust the Docket, if needed 		Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
	Report of the Personnel Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renewal of Contract for GP Jackie Taylor 	4	Rev. Keith Paige, Committee chair
11:10	Report of the Dismantling Racism Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of the Reparative Justice Fund 	5-9	Rev, Cat Goodrich Dismantling Racism Team
12:00	Report of the Commission on Preparation for Ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine Inquirer RE Josh Gilhart for candidacy Examine RE Jennifer Pearson for commission as lay pastor of Babcock Presbyterian, 	10-11	Rev. Mark Phillips, CPM chair
12:20	Report of the Committee on Ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend the manual re who may appoint session moderators Approve a 2.5% COLA increase Commission Troy Bailey for Communion in any congregation Approve revised Compensation Policy (meeting papers) Approve the revised Sexual Misconduct Policy (meeting papers) 	12-16	Rev. Mary Speers, COM chair Rev. Laura Hollister, SMRT
12:30	Report of the Steering Cabinet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve Anti-Harassment policy (meeting papers) Approve revised Child & Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy (meeting papers) Amend Manual to add additional members to Steering Cabinet 	17-19	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
	Items pulled from Consent Motion New Business.		
	Adjourn		

Motions

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).

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).

The Representation and Nominating Committee recommends:

3. That presbytery elect those listed in its report to the offices indicated (see meeting papers)

The Personnel Committee recommends:

4. That Presbytery renew the contract with General Presbyter Jacqueline Taylor through August 31, 2030 (five years)

The Dismantling Racism Team with The Commission on Reconciliation recommends:

5. That Presbytery establish a Reparative Justice Fund for the Repair of Historical Harms (see meeting papers for motions 5-9)

The Commission on Preparation for Ministry recommends:

10. That Presbytery examine Inquirer Josh Gilhart on his sense of call and approve his advancement to the status of candidate.
11. That Presbytery examine Jennifer Pearson on her statement of faith and approve commissioning her as Commissioned Lay Pastor at Babcock Presbyterian Church for 3 years beginning October 1, 2025.

The Commission on Ministry recommends:

12. That Presbytery approve amending the Manual section 7.9.5.2.1 (the commission's authority to appoint session moderators) to add "***The commission may delegate this authority to the commission chair, the General Presbytery and/or the Stated Clerk, who must report appointments of moderators to the next meeting of the commission.***"
13. That Presbytery approve a 2.5% COLA increase in effective salary for installed and temporary pastoral positions. (Mandatory for those at the minimum for their factor and strongly recommended for all others)
14. That Presbytery commission CRE Troy Bailey to officiate the Sacrament of Communion at any church in the presbytery when invited by the session.
15. That Presbytery approve the revised Policy on Pastoral Compensation (meeting papers)
16. That Presbytery approve the revised Sexual Misconduct Policy as presented (meeting papers)

The Steering Cabinet recommends:

17. That Presbytery approve the proposed Anti-Harassment Policy (meeting papers)
18. That Presbytery approve the revised Child Protection Policy (meeting papers)
19. That Presbytery amend the Manual section 6.2.1 to add a member of the Nominating Committee and a member of the Dismantling Racism Team to the membership of the Steering Cabinet.

Reports

Stated Clerk's Report

The Stated Clerk reports

- That the required review of presbytery records by the Synod was completed and the Presbytery minutes approved without exception (see meeting papers)

Personnel Committee

The Committee presents for first reading the proposed personnel budget to be voted on in November

Commission on Ministry

The Commission on Ministry reports

At its Leadership Team meeting on July 2, 2025, it

- transferred TE Roger Rice (HR) to Cascades Presbytery effective July 15, 2025.
- Approved a Bridge Pastor contract between TE Jack Carlson (HR) and Good Shepherd Presbyterian
- Approved the Installation Commission for Hyiwot Teshome at St. John United Church
- Approved Babcock Presbyterian's request to consider having a commissioned lay pastor for primary pastoral leadership and will recommend that presbytery commission Jennifer Pearson to this role as she has successfully completed the course of preparation as required in the presbytery policies.

At its Credentials Team meeting on August 3, 2025,

- Approved the transfer of Rev. Kate Morrison from Lake Huron Presbytery so that she may accept the call as pastor of Light Street Presbyterian.

At its Leadership Team meeting on August 20, 2025 meeting

- Approved Commission CRE Troy Bailey to officiate at communion at any church in the Presbytery
- Approved recommending that presbytery commission RE Jenn Pearson as CLP at Babcock
- Approved Christ Memorial's factor change from 820 to 750 and approved their MDP

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

The Commission on Preparation for Ministry Reports that

- At its meeting on June 18, 2025, Certified Candidate Adena Moulton ready to receive a call and approved Inquirer and ruling elder Josh Gilhart and Inquirer and ruling elder Heather Russel to officiate at the Lord's Table when invited by a church session per G-2.0606
- At its meeting on Aug. 20, 2025, certified RE Jennifer Pearson ready to be commissioned as Commissioned Pastor at Babcock Presbyterian.

Property and Loan Commission

The Property and Loan Commission reports that, at its meeting on September 3, 2025, it

- Approved the final contract for sale of the property of Maryland Presbyterian
- Approved Ark & Dove Presbyterian's application to Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program for a \$325,000 to help finance property repairs and improvements for safety and accessibility, and recommended that the Trustees guarantee the loan as required by PILP

Gathering Team

At its meeting on August 7, 2025, confirmed the following dates for Presbytery meetings through 2026

DATES FOR 2025 STATED MEETINGS

Thursday November 20	10-noon	Hybrid
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DATES FOR 2026 STATED MEETINGS

Thursday March 12	10-noon	Zoom
Thursday May 14	10-noon	Hybrid
Saturday September 12	10-2	In person Central
Thursday November 19	10-noon	Hybrid