



## THE DOCKET

### 910<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of Baltimore Presbytery

March 12, 2026, via Zoom Platform

*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 online.
- 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](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 #	Moderator, Sue Lowcock Harris
10:05	***Adoption of the docket (announcement of conversation following meeting)	1	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk  RE Rob Smith
10:10	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
10:15	PILP Presentation of Rebate Checks		Clayton Thomas (PILP)
10:20	Remembrance of Native Americans		RE Chrystie Adams Baltimore Dakota Partnership
	MORNING DEVOTIONS		RE Lea Gilmore (organizer)

	<b>REMINDER:</b> Please use the raise hand function for voting and to be recognized for questions or discussion.	Action Item #	
10:35	Report of the Stated Clerk Adjust the Docket, if needed Consent Motion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of minutes</li> <li>• Approval of the celebration of communion at the 2026 Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conf. 9.21.26 at the Renaissance Hotel</li> <li>• Approval of 2026 terms of call (see meeting papers)</li> </ul>	2-4	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
10:40	Report of the General Presbyter		Rev. Jackie Taylor, GP
10:50	The Committee on Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption of the 2026 budget as presented in the meeting papers</li> </ul>	5	Rev. John Schmidt
11:00	Committee on Representation & Nominations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invitation to Leadership</li> </ul>		Rev. McKenna Wallen
11:05	The Commission on Ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retirement of Nancy Lincoln-Reynolds</li> </ul>		Rev. Mary Speers Rev. J.C. Austin
11:15	The Commission on Reconciliation recommends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concur with Overture 005 to the 227<sup>th</sup> GA</li> <li>• Concur with Overture 006</li> <li>• Update on Reparative Justice Fund</li> <li>• Report on Community Engagement Grants</li> </ul>	6-7	RE Chrystie Adams  Members of the Reparative Justice team
11:45	Report of the Commission on Thriving Churches and Leaders (15 minutes)		Rev. Jeff Young
	Items pulled from Consent Motion New Business.		
	Adjourn		

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## 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). ( Rob Smith will speak to a conversation taking place at the end of the meeting)

**Consent Motion:**

2. THE APPROVAL of the minutes of the 909<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Baltimore, as posted on the website. ([www.baltimorepresbytery.org](http://www.baltimorepresbytery.org)).
3. Approval of the celebration of communion at the 2026 Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conf. 9.21.26 at the Renaissance Hotel, Baltimore.
4. Approval of 2026 terms of call. (see meeting papers)

**The Committee on Administration recommends:**

5. Approval of the 2026 Budget as presented

**The Commission on Reconciliation recommends:**

6. That Presbytery concur with Overture 005 to the 227<sup>th</sup> GA, Call to Review the Restructuring of the PC(USA) World Mission
7. That Presbyter concur with Overture 006 to the 227<sup>th</sup> GA, Calling for a New Missiological Statement for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**Items Removed from the Consent Motion**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

## Reports

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### Stated Clerk's Report

The Stated Clerk reports

- Rev. Carl Wilton resigned as Commissioner to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, effective February 12, 2026
- The statistical reports for 2025 have been completed. Total membership at the end of 2025 was 9552 members, a net loss of 490 members since 2024. 55% of membership is over the age of 55. Approximately 62% of members identify as women, 41.5% identify as men and less than ½ of 1% identify as non-binary. Watch for additional information in Tidings. Please contact the stated clerk with specific questions.

### The Gathering Team

The Gathering Team reports future meetings:

- May 14, 2026, 10AM, First Presbyterian Westminster (tentative) HYBRID
- September 12, 2026, 10AM Central Presbyterian, IN PERSON ONLY
- November 19, 2026, First Presbyterian Cumberland, HYBRID

### Commission on Ministry

The Commission on Ministry Reports:

At its meeting on December 3, 2025, the COM

- gave permission to labor inside our bounds to CRE Stanley Howes (Huntington) and Rev. Scott Winnette (Nat. Cap)
- Approved the ordination of and ordination commission for Adena Moulton on January 11, 2026, at 4PM at Dickey Memorial Presbyterian Church.
- Approved the installation of and installation commission for Rev. Kate Morrisson to Light Street Presbyterian church on January 4, 2026, at the morning worship service.
- At a called meeting on December 18, 2025, the COM approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship of Rev. Rebecca Crate and the Springfield Presbyterian Church.

At its meeting on February 4, 2026

- approved the transfer of Revs Steve and Kim Nofel to Denver Presbytery
- approved the bridge pastor contracts for 19 hours per week for Rev. David Harris at Govans and Rev. Gene Gordon at Hunting Ridge. Both are retired minister members of Baltimore Presbytery, and both are scheduled to be interviewed by the Credentials Team on Monday.
- approved allowing Rev. Ted Churn, a retired member and former presbytery executive of New Hope Presbytery residing within our bounds to moderate sessions of our churches when appropriately appointed.

- Gave permission to Perry Hall PC to move forward in considering a Commissioned Lay Pastor

At its Credentials team meeting on February 9, 2026

- Approved short-term Bridge contracts for Rev. Mary Speers and Rev. Rosemary Noga Welton at First of Howard until Rev. Sausville arrives

At its meeting on March 4, 2026

- Approved the transfer of Rev. gretchen Sausville from Denver Presbytery effective 03/04/2026.

Reports that

- At the request of New Castle Presbytery, the Ordination of Adena Moulton took place at 4PM on January 11, 2026, at Dickey Memorial. Members of the commission were: Moderator Rev. Sue Lowcock Harris, chair; Rev. Claire Pula, Rev. Jennifer Barchi, Rev. Melissa Lopez, RE Bill Minor (Second) and RE Lynn Bernhardt (Dickey Memorial). The Rev. Stephany Graham Walker, Hanover Street Presbyterian Church, Wilmington DE was seated as a corresponding member. The commission was dismissed with the benediction at the conclusion of the service. The Stated Clerk transferred Rev. Moulton to New Castle Presbytery.
- The Installation of Rev. Kate Morrison as pastor of Light Street Presbyterian Church took place at 11AM on January 4, 2026, at Light Street. Members of the Commission were: Moderator Rev. Sue Lowcock Harris, chair; Rev. Carlos Wilton, HR; RE Heri Jenson, (Light Street), RE Alma Hayes (Light Street), RE Kenny Walker (Knox). RE Roy Morrison and RE Joy Morrison (First Presbyterian Church, Statesville, NC), Kate's parents, were seated as corresponding members. The commission was dismissed with the Benediction at the close of worship.

### **The Commission on Preparation**

The Commission on Preparation for Ministry reports:

At its meeting on January 24, 2026,

- Awarded JJ Smith scholarships in the amount of \$4000 each to Candidates Joshua Gilhardt and Kristofer Stinson

At it's meeting on Feb.25, 2026,

- Appointed the following 2026 Ordination Exam Readers: RE Leslie Owsley (Second), RE Cheryl Spezzano (Granite), RE Mark Phillips (First& Franklin), TE Claire Pula (HR)
- Enrolled RE Ann Carlson (Kenwood) as a CRE candidate
- Approved Inquirer Sarah Wilson to officiate at Communion when invited by a session.

### **Property and Loan Commission**

The Property & Loan Commission reports:

- On an email vote on December 18, 2025, the commission unanimously approved the request of Perry Hall Presbyterian Church to rent its sanctuary space to the Presbyterian Church of East Africa – Baltimore City. The PCEA is in global partnership and in correspondence with the PCUSA.