THE DOCKET

Stated Meeting of Baltimore Presbytery

November 19, 2026, 10AM

First Presbyterian Church Cumberland, MD

Note: Docket may be revised up to the morning of the meeting

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- 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. 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 commissioner, please rename yourself by adding TE or RE after your name.		

Stories and Celebrations…

10:00	Call to Order Declaration of a quorum Opening Prayer	Action Item #	Moderator, RE Rob Smith
10:05	***Adoption of the docket	1	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
10:05	Greetings from Host Church Pastor		Rev. Alison Peters
10:10	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 • TE Fern Cloud, Dakota Presbytery • TE Colleen Earp Massanetta, Presbytery of the James
10:25	Remembrance of Native Americans		,
10:30	Worship – Rev. Jimmie Hawkins preaching		

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 #	
11:00	Report of the Stated Clerk Adjust the Docket, if needed Consent Motion • Approval of minutes • Validation of Specialized Ministries • Election of TE Jennifer McCollough to COR class of 2029 and to Chair	2-4	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
11:05	Proposed Amendments to the Book of Order Group 1 (blue) & 2 (red)	5-18	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
11:10	Report of the General Presbyter		Rev. Dr. Jackie Taylor
11:20	The Committee on Administration recommends that the Presbytery: • That Presbytery approve the Personnel Budget as presented in the meeting papers	19	Rev. John Schmidt
11:30	Report on the 228th Synod Assembly		RE Bobby Hall
11:35	The Commission on Ministry recommends that the Presbytery: • Examine Rev. Greg Barrett on his statement of Faith and enroll him as a temporary member of Presbytery for the duration of his ministry at Trinity PC. o Constitutional Questions o Hymn (see bottom of reports) • Examine Candidate Luke Bultena on his statement of Faith and call to Christ Memorial and approve him for ordination.	20-21	Rev. Jack Carlson RE Jim Schroll
12:00	Proposed Amendments to the Book of Order Group 3 (green) & 4 (purple)	22-32	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
12:10	The Commission on Reconciliation • RJF updates		Rev. Jessie Lowry
	Items pulled from Consent Motion New Business.		
12:15	Adjourn		

Motions

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 894th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Baltimore, May 12, 2022, as posted on the website. (www.baltimorepresbytery.org).

The Commission on Ministry recommends:

3. The approval of the validation of specialized ministries as presented in the chart in the meeting papers.

The Nominating Committee recommends:

4. The election of TE Jennifer McCollough (Ark & Dover Presbyterian) to the Commission on Reconciliation class of 2029 and to Chair of the commission.

Motions for Action on the Floor of Presbytery

The 227th General Assembly (2026) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) approved and recommends to the presbytery, for affirmative or negative vote, the following proposed changes in the language of the *Book of Order.*

5-18 ***(****Please see chart of amendment vote groupings in meeting papers****.)***

The Committee on Administration recommends:

19 The approval of the 2027 Personnel Budget as presented in the meeting papers.

The Commission on Ministry recommends:

20 That Rev. Greg Barrett, an ordained minister in the Baptist Church, be examined on his statement of faith and admitted as a temporary member of the presbytery (in accord with the policy on temporary membership approved Nov. 25, 2025) for the duration of his pastorate at Trinity Presbyterian and contingent on his answering the constitutional questions in the affirmative.

21 That Candidate Luke Bultena (National Capital Presbytery) be examined on his statement of faith and call to Christ Memorial and be approved for ordination and to pastor of Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church.

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Reports

Stated Clerk's Report

The following churches completed the required records review for 2026:

Ark & Dove, Ashland, Babcock, Catonsville, Central, Chestnut Grove, Christ Memorial, Christ Our Anchor, Christ Our King, Churchville, Dickey Memorial, Emmitsburg, Faith, Fallston, First and Franklin, First of Annapolis, First of Bel Air, First of Cumberland, First of Frostburg, First of Howard Co., First of Westminster, Franklinville, Good Shepherd, Grove, Harundale, Havenwood, Havre de Grace, Highland, Hunting Ridge, Knox, Light Street, Maryland, Mt. Hebron, Mt. Paran, Prince of Peace, Roland Park, St. Andrew, St. Andrews, St. John United, Springfield, Towson, Trinity, Woods Memorial.

Waivers for 2026 granted to: Bridge, Korean United, Frederick, Perry Hall and Second

The following churches did not complete the required review:

Barrelville, Bethel, Brown Memorial, Cherry Hill, Grace, Granite, Hagerstown, Hamilton, Hancock, Hope, Hughes Memorial, Kenwood, Lochearn, Madison Ave.,

Commission on Ministry

The Commission on Ministry reports

- Ordination of Heather Russell von Marko on…
- Installation of Andries Coetzee as pastor of Govans PC on November 8, 2026

At a meeting of the Credentials Team on September 28, 2026,

- approved receiving John Dunham, honorably retired, from De Christo Presbytery effective Oct. 1, and approve his service as Parish Associate at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church.
- Approved Rev. Khristi Adams, American Baptist, to be included on the pulpit supply list.

At its meeting on October 7. 2026

- Approved the transfer of TE Stacey Martin to Savannah presbytery 10/7/2026
- Approved November 8, 2026, at 3PM for the installation of TE Andries Coetzee as pastor of Govans Presbyterian with the following commission members: Rev. Amy Carlson (Mt. Hebron), Rev. Dr. Ronnie A. Hankins (Knox), Rev. Dr. Michele Wallen (Baltimore Presbytery), RE Adrienne Knight (Knox), RE Doug Story (Govans), RE Rob Smith (Moderator, Presbytery of Baltimore)

At a meeting of the Credentials Team on October 12, 2026

- Approved receiving Candidate Luke Bultena into the presbytery pending examination on his statement of faith at the 913th stated meeting of presbytery and the results of the Christ Memorial congregational meeting on Oct. 25, 2026, to extend a call

At a meeting of the Credentials Team on November 2, 2026,

- Approved Rev. Greg Barrett (Baptist) for temporary membership in the presbytery while serving as pastor of Trinity PC pending a successful examination at the 913th Stated Meeting of Presbytery and answering the constitutional questions in the affirmative.

At its meeting on November 5, 2026

- Recognized the retirement of Commissioned Lay Pastor Cleoda Walker
- Approved TE Edwin Lacy's ¼ time contract with First of Hagerstown
- Gave preliminary approval for a shared ministry model for Knox & Madison Ave.

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

At its meeting on November 10, 2026

- Approved Candidate Kristofer Zammitti certified ready to receive a call

Property and Loan Commission

In an email vote conducted on November 9-10

- approved the request of First & Franklin Presbyterian Church to grant an additional ten (10) year preservation easement to the Maryland Historical Trust to fulfill a requirement to receive a $100,000 grant. In total, the Maryland Historical Trust will have a 50-year easement on the sanctuary building in exchange for three $100,000 grants.

First verse of hymn 733, We All are One in Mission

We all are one in Mission; We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ the Lord of All.
A single, great commission compels us from above
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.