



**The Docket**  
 892<sup>nd</sup> Stated Meeting  
 Via Zoom Platform  
 September 9, 2021

*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.
- New Business must be given to the Stated Clerk by the beginning of “Discernments and Decisions.”
- New main motions and amendments must be pre-filed in writing with the Stated Clerk
- Minutes of the last gathering may be found on [www.baltimorepresbytery.org](http://www.baltimorepresbytery.org) -> Gatherings -> <https://baltimorepresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/891GatheringMinutes.pdf>

9:45	Registration. Once you are “in the meeting room” <b>please mute yourself</b> & use the CHAT function to greet each other and enjoy short conversations.  Also, if you are a ruling or teaching elder voting commissioner <b>please rename yourself</b> by adding TE or RE after your name.		Online check in of preregistrations
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***Stories and Celebrations...***

10:00	Welcome and brief meeting instructions		Stated Clerk, Mary Gaut
10:00	Declaration of a quorum Call to Order Opening Prayer	Action Item #	Stated Clerk, Mary Gaut Moderator, Audrey Trapp
10:05	Adoption of the docket	1	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
10:05	Introductions—new Pastors, first time Ruling Elder Commissioners; seating any corresponding members (Stephen Scott, Salem Presbytery)		Rev. Jackie Taylor, GP
10:10	Remembrance of Native Americans		RE Robert Stepling, Chair of the Baltimore Dakota Learning Camps Steering Committee,
10:15	Worship and Installation of Officers		

***Stories and Celebrations continue***

10:45	Greetings from Synod of the Mid-Atlantic		Rev. Stephen Scott, Vice-Moderator
10:50	Retirement of Laurel Underwood (and		Matthew Glasgow, Chair of

	recognition of the retirements of Len Hornick and Ed Richardson)		COM
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11:00	Updates from The Center		Rev. Kate Foster, Center Director

### *Discernment and Decisions*

11:05	Report of the Stated Clerk Adjust the Docket, if needed Consent Motion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of minutes</li> <li>• Other recommendations (see motions)</li> </ul>	2-8	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
11:10	Report of the General Presbyter		Rev. Dr. Jackie Taylor
11:20	Report of Commission on Ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to approve a change to the Ministerial Ethics Guidelines to include Plagiarism</li> <li>• Examination of Candidate Essie Koenig-Reinke for ordination to the Position of Temporary Supply at Dickey Memorial</li> </ul>	9 10-11	Rev. Matthew Glasgow
11:45	Items pulled from Consent Motion New Business; Some Good News; Adjournment		
	Adjourn with Prayer		Vice-Moderator Cecil Phillips
	PRESBYTERY LUNCH BUNCH: Stay on, unmute, and enjoy conversation with your colleagues during this lunch break.		
12:30PM	OPEN SPACE/DISCUSSION GROUPS		

## 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 891st Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Baltimore May 13, 2021, as posted on the Presbytery website ([www.baltimorepresbytery.org](http://www.baltimorepresbytery.org)).

### The Commission on Ministry recommends:

3. That the Franklinville Church be granted a waiver of term limits for the session (G-2.0404) as the church has only nine members
4. That RE Ed Terry be commissioned to moderate the Session of Hamilton Presbyterian for a period of three years (to be reviewed annually)

### The Nominating Committee recommends:

5. That Presbytery elect the following persons:
  - a. RE Marty Clayton to COR class of 2024 as Cuba Partnership representative and TE Billy Klutz (Govans) for Thriving Congregations class of 2024

### The Administration Committee recommends:

6. That Presbytery APPROVE a change to Manual section 7.13.2 [Property and Loan Commission to include “ *in the event that the General Presbyter cannot attend a meeting, the Stated Clerk may be invited by the Commission or the General Presbyter to participate in that meeting with full voting privileges.*”
7. That Presbytery APPROVE removing from the list of governing documents in Manual Appendix A the *UPC(USA) 1976 Compensation Plan*.
8. That Presbytery APPROVE a \$2.07 increase in the presbytery portion of the per capita.

## Motions for Action on the Floor of Presbytery

### The Commission on Ministry recommends:

9. That Presbytery approve the following addition to Part II of the Ministerial Ethics Guidelines:

**H. Preaching the Word.** *A member shall make her or himself available to preach the Word when her or his duties permit.*

*Ministers are to exercise diligence and discernment in the study of Scripture, listen for the voice of God through the discipline of daily prayer, theological reflection on the message of the gospel, exhibit sensitivity to the context of the congregation, be attentive to what the Spirit is saying to the church, demonstrating awareness of events in the world, and practicing consistent and personal obedience to Jesus Christ.*

*The presentation of the proclamation of others as one’s own is both plagiarism and a denial of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and is unacceptable in continuing members of this presbytery. Continuing members are expected to proclaim the Word given to them, rather than using sermons created by others, except under the most extraordinary circumstances. When using substantial portions of the language of others, credit must be given. This requirement extends to ruling elders and anyone occupying a pulpit of the Presbytery of*

*Baltimore. Plagiarism may be considered reason to terminate a contract, dissolve a call, or remove an individual from our Pulpit Supply List.*

10. That Candidate Elizabeth Koenig-Reinke (Heartland Presbytery) be examined for ordination to the position of Temporary Supply at Dickey Memorial [Manual 7.8.5.2.2]
11. If the examination is sustained, that she be approved for ordination.

## **Reports**

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

The Stated Clerk reports

- The Synod review of Presbytery minutes from 2020 was completed and the minutes were approved with minor exceptions
- The annual report to Synod on Representation was completed and is included in the meeting papers
- In response to allegations of misconduct, an Investigating Committee was appointed by the Steering Cabinet on June 30, 2021. Those appointed were TE Bill Hathaway (HR), TE Catherine Goodrich (Faith), RE Doyle Nichols (First of Howard), Second Presbyterian Trustee Beth Felder. On Aug. 9, 2021, the committee reported to the Stated Clerk that they found insufficient evidence to bring charges. The committee was dismissed with thanks.

### **Steering Cabinet Report**

The Steering Cabinet reports

- That at its July meeting it approved the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to create a presbytery staff position "Transformational Interim Minister" (in meeting papers)

### **Commission on Reconciliation**

The Commission on Reconciliation reports

- The Enduring Witness Community Engagement Grants for 2019-2021 (in meeting papers)

### **Commission on Spiritual Leader Development**

The Commission reports

- that, on behalf of the presbytery, it elected Debbie Schmidt (Central) and TE Mark Hannah (Roland Park) to the Gathering Team class of 2024

### **The Property and Loan Commission**

The Commission reports

- That at a meeting on June 3, 2021, it approved a loan for Ashland Presbyterian from Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program in an amount up to \$75,000 for needed building repairs and upgrades

### **Commission on Thriving Congregations**

The Commission has no report

## **Commission on Ministry**

The Commission on Ministry reports

- Approved an interim contract between Second Presbyterian and Rev. Dr. Randall Clayton and his transfer from New Castle Presbytery
- Approved a 3-month temporary supply contract between Fallston Presbyterian and Jack Hodges
- Approved contract extensions between Mark Hutton and Central Presbyterian and between Jennifer DiFrancesco and Havenwood Presbyterian
- Approved the terms of call for Alison Paden Peters as Pastor of Cumberland Presbyterian and her transfer from Highlands Presbytery
- Approved the Temporary Supply Contract between Dickey Memorial and Candidate Essie Koenig-Reinke
- Approved the retirements of Terrence Alspaugh (Oct. 31), Len Hornick (8/31), Laurel Underwood (8/31) and Ed Richardson (9/1)
- Recommends the COLA increase, according to the formula in the Policy on Pastoral Compensation, as 4% for 2022 terms of call.

## **Commission on Preparation for Ministry**

The Commission reports

- That it voted to accept the transfer of Elizabeth Baril, an Inquirer in Presbytery of the James, to Baltimore Presbytery, and to bring her under care. She is a member at Woods Memorial (and is also their Director of Youth Ministry).
- That it voted to extend the terms of ordination exam readers Mark Hatton, Brandon Brewer, Rae Jean Goodman, Leslie Owsley, and Keith Paige (alternate) for the Spring 2022 reading period.

## **The Committee on Administration**

The Committee reports

- That it is presenting to the presbytery for first reading the proposed presbytery staff compensations to be voted on at the October meeting (in meeting papers)

## **The Gathering Team**

The Gathering Team reports

- that the next stated meeting of the presbytery will be October 21, 2021 at 10 AM via Zoom. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. November 6 is designated as a Learning Day with a presentation by GA Co-Moderator, Elona Street-Stewart, Q&A and workshops. This event will begin at 10 AM and will also be on Zoom.