



**The Docket**  
 893rd Stated Meeting  
 Via Zoom Platform  
 October 21, 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, Sue Lowcock Harris
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		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 Communion		The offering today is designated for support of those attending Triennium.

### *Discernment and Decisions*

		Action Item #	
11:00	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>	2-4	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
11:06	Report of the Nominating Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of commissioners to the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly</li> </ul>	5-8	Rev. Deborah McEachran
11:20	Report of the Administration Committee Approval of Staff Compensation for 2022	9	Rev. John Schmidt
11:30	Overture from Ashland Presbyterian	10	RE Derrick Weston
11:35	Report of the General Presbyter		Rev. Dr. Jackie Taylor
11:45	Items pulled from Consent Motion New Business;		

### *Stories and Celebrations Continue*

		Item #	
11:45	Retirement of Terrence Alspaugh		Matthew Glasgow, Chair of COM
	ANNOUNCEMENTS		
	Adjourn with Prayer		
	PRESBYTERY LUNCH BUNCH: Stay on, unmute, and enjoy conversation with your colleagues during this lunch break.		
12:30PM	OPEN SPACE/DISCUSSION GROUPS		1. Elder Training resources, 2. Earth Care Congregations, 3. Helping churches improve online worship

## 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 892nd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Baltimore September 9, 2021, as posted on the Presbytery website ([www.baltimorepresbytery.org](http://www.baltimorepresbytery.org)).

### The Commission on Ministry recommends:

3. That the specialized ministries listed with the meeting papers be validated for the 2022 calendar year.

### The Nominating Committee recommends:

4. That the following be elected to the positions indicated:  
For the Nominating Committee, Class of 2022: RE Lynn Carlson (Highland)  
For the Commission on Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2024: TE Richard Jones (Annapolis)  
For the Thriving Congregations Commission, Class of 2023: RE Tina Coleman (Harundale)

## Motions for Action on the Floor of Presbytery

### The Nominating Committee recommends:

5. That Rev. Barbara Renton (HR) and Rev. Billy Klutz (Govans) be elected teaching elder commissioners to the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
6. That RE Keith Reagan (Christ our King) and RE Audrey Trapp (Faith) be elected ruling elder commissioners to the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
7. That Gayelle Sama (St. John's United), be elected Young Adult Advisory Delegate
8. That Rev. Jacob Snowden (Woods Memorial) be elected teaching elder alternate to the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.  
*(Please see Meeting Papers for Biographical Information)*

### The Administration Committee recommends:

9. That the staff compensations for 2022, as presented in the meeting papers, be approved.

### Overture from Ashland Presbyterian

10. See Overture in Meeting Papers

## Reports

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### Stated Clerk's Report

#### The Stated Clerk reports

- The following churches have completed the required annual records review: First Annapolis, Brown Memorial, Prince of Peace, Ark and Dove, Christ Our Anchor, Christ Our King, First Cumberland, Frostburg, Highland, Grove, Havenwood, Churchville,

Catonsville, Govans, Granite, Mt Hebron, Mt. Paran, Northminster, Dickey Memorial, Springfield, Christ Memorial, Harundale, Roland Park, St. John United, Frederick, St Andrews, Second, Towson, Ashland, Chestnut Grove, Babcock, Hope, Hamilton, Perry Hall, First of Howard Co., Kenwood, Maryland, Faith, Light Street, Knox, Trinity, Hughes Memorial, Franklinville, Bethel, Fallston

- The following Churches have been granted a waiver or extension: Barrelville, Emmitsburg, Korean United, Glen Burnie Korean (AC in place of session), Central, Woods Memorial, Covenant, First of Hagerstown,
- The Following Churches did not complete the administrative review: Cherry Hill, Madison Ave., Hancock, St. Andrew, Good Shepherd, Havre de Grace, First Westminster, Grace, Lochearn, First and Franklin, Hunting Ridge, First Bel Air,

*Due to continued pandemic restrictions and scheduling issues, this year's review was conducted either virtually or by in-person pairs. Thanks to all the clerks who embraced "something new" and made it work. I am deeply appreciative. Mary Gaut*

### **Steering Cabinet Report**

The Steering Cabinet reports

- That it will be engaging in a Strategic Planning Retreat, held virtually on October 25-26, facilitated by Rev. Jihyun Oh, Director of Mid-Council Ministries for the PCUSA.

### **Commission on Reconciliation**

The Commission has no report

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

The Commission report is with the Meeting Papers

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

The Commission reports

- That at a meeting on October 7, 2021, it approved the sale of the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Cemetery to the Memorial Cemetery Association in Emmitsburg, MD.

### **Commission on Thriving Congregations**

The Commission has no report

### **Commission on Ministry**

The Commission on Ministry reports

- Approval of Western MD Liaison position on COM  
This would a member of COM, preferably a member from a church in western Maryland, appointed to serve as liaison and, as such, to be a member of the COM Leadership Team. The duties of the WML will be to: provide a permanent communication conduit between the churches of Western Maryland and the presbytery, to provide information and perspective unique to Western Maryland to the COM, and to facilitate educational opportunities that will foster healthy relationship between Western Maryland and the presbytery.

- Approved the call and terms of call of Harundale Presbyterian to Rev. Emma Horn and approved receiving her from New Castle Presbytery.
- At a Credentials Team meeting on September 30, approved a six month “pastoral consultant contract” beginning January 1, 2022, between Rev. Kevin Johnson, a member of Detroit Presbytery, and Knox Presbyterian, gave permission for him to labor within our bounds and appointed him Session Moderator during the contract period.
- At a LT meeting on October 13, approved an eight-month temporary supply contract between Fallston Presbyterian and Rev. Edwin Lacy, effective November 1, 2021.

### **Commission on Preparation for Ministry**

The Commission reports

- It has enrolled Heather Russell from First Presbyterian of Westminster under care as an Inquirer

### **The Committee on Administration**

The Committee reports

- That it is presenting to the presbytery for first reading the proposed 2022 Presbytery Budget (in meeting papers) to be voted on at the March 2022 stated meeting.

### **The Gathering Team**

The Gathering Team reports

- that 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.