



The Docket
 894th Stated Meeting of Baltimore Presbytery
 March 10, 2022
 via Zoom platform

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 conclusion of worship.
- New main motions and amendments must be sent in writing through the Chat function or via email to the Stated Clerk with an alert sent to her through the Chat function.
- Minutes of the 893rd meeting and the special called meeting on 2/10/2022 are with the meeting papers <https://baltimorepresbytery.org/events/894th-gathering/>

9:45	Registration. Once you are “in the meeting room” please mute yourself & use the CHAT function to greet each other and enjoy short conversations. Also, if you are a ruling or teaching elder voting commissioner, please rename yourself 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 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	Presentation of Rebate Checks from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (First & Franklin, St. Andrew’s, Ark and Dove)		Catherine Lynch, PILP
10:20	Presentation on new assistance programs of the Board of Pensions		Rev. Carrie Mitchell, Regional Rep. Board of Pensions
10:30	Worship led by the Dismantling Racism Team		

Stories and Celebrations Continue

		Item #	
10:50	Retirement of Susan DeWyngaert		Matthew Glasgow, Chair of COM

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"> • Approval of minutes • Other recommendations (see motions) 	2-10	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
11:05	Report of the Trustees		RE Ed Gilliss
11:15	Report of the Personnel Committee		TE Deborah Dixon
11:25	Report of the Administration Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of 2022 Budget 	11	TE Morton Harris
11:35	Report of Commission on Ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioning of RE Paul Martin to moderate the Session of Havre de Grace 	12	TE Jack Carlson
11:40	Report of the General Presbyter		Rev. Dr. Jackie Taylor
11:45	Report of the Commission on Preparation for Ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination of Candidate Hyiwot Teshome (Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church) 	13-14	TE Eric Meyers
12:00	Items pulled from Consent Motion New Business;		
12:05	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 893rd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Baltimore, October 21, 2021, and the Called meeting on February 10, 2022, as posted on the Presbytery website. <https://baltimorepresbytery.org/events/894th-gathering/>

The Commission on Ministry recommends:

3. That the Commission to Ordain Courtney Koenig Reinke be dismissed, having reported that the ordination took place on November 14, 2021, at Dickey Memorial Presbyterian Church
4. That the Commission to Install Alison Paden Peters be dismissed, having reported that the installation took place on December 5, 2021 at First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland
5. That presbytery ratify the 12/1/2021 action of COM to validate the ministry of TE Tom Blair as pastor of St. John UCC church in Boalsburg, PA
6. That presbytery ratify the 11/3/2021 action of COM to commission RE Ed Terry to officiate the sacraments at Granite Presbyterian from 11/1/2021 – 1/2/2022.

The Administration Committee recommends APPROVAL of the following Manual Changes (changes in *bold italics*):

7. Add new sections to Commission on Ministry:
 - 7.9.5.1.10. *When, in the judgment of the COM the validation of a ministry is necessary before the next stated meeting of the presbytery, the COM or its Leadership Team may grant provisional validation provided the ministry meets the criteria of sections I.1., II.1., III.1 and IV.1 in the Validation of Ministries Policy of the Presbytery. The validation will be taken to the next stated meeting of the Presbytery for ratification.*
 - 7.9.5.2.7 approve *parish associate relationships*
8. Amend section 7.9.4.4. Approve re-commissioning a Commissioned Pastor to a new term in the same commission and *approve commissioning a previously commissioned ruling elder to limited service in a church for a period not to exceed six months. Commissioning for that same service beyond six months requires the approval of the presbytery*

9. Amend section 9.5.9. Submit annually to the Presbytery, ***at the first meeting following completion of the audit***, the financial statement for the previous calendar year audited by a certified public accountant.
10. Amend 6.2.1. Voting members: The members of the Presbytery Steering Cabinet are the Cabinet Chair (Former Moderator), Moderator of Presbytery, Vice Moderator of Presbytery, the chairs of the Commission on Thriving Congregations, the Commission on Spiritual Leader Development, and the Commission on Reconciliation, the chair of the Administration Committee, ~~the Executive Director of The Center~~ ***The chair or one co-chair of the Center Steering Committee***, the Stated Clerk, the General Presbyter, and one representative to be elected by and from each of the following: the ministry group conveners, the Commission on Ministry, and the Trustees. (These elected members shall serve for one year and may be re-elected annually by these groups to serve up to three years consecutively.)
Amend 11.3.1. The ~~Executive Director~~ ***Chair or one of the Co-chairs*** sits on the Steering Cabinet ex-officio with vote.

Motions for Action on the Floor of Presbytery

The Administration Committee Recommends:

11. That Presbytery APPROVE the 2022 Budget as presented (in Meeting Papers)

The Commission on Ministry recommends:

12. That Presbytery commission RE Paul Martin to moderate the Session of Havre de Grace through December 31, 2022.

The Commission on Preparation for Ministry recommends:

13. The Presbytery waive the requirement of G-2.0607(b), (graduation from a regionally accredited college or university) for Candidate Hyiwot Teshome
14. That candidate Hyiwot Teshome be examined on his statement of faith and be certified ready to receive a call.

Reports

Stated Clerk's Report

The Stated Clerk reports:

- Bethel, Central, Fallston, and Woods Memorial churches completed the required annual records review in 2021
- TE Becca Crate-Price has resigned from the Spiritual Leader Development Commission
- TE Terrence Alspaugh has resigned from the Sexual Misconduct Response Team
- 62 out of 65 congregations completed the annual statistical report. The Presbytery had a net membership loss of 693. (Contact the stated clerk if you are interested in additional information)

Steering Cabinet Report

The Steering Cabinet reports the following:

- That at its February meeting, it participated in an “identification of core values” exercise, led by consultants from The Design Group, as part of the Strategic Planning process.

Commission on Ministry

The Commission on Ministry reports

- That it approved the retirement of TE Susan DeWyngaert effective Jan 31, 2022
- Approved commissioning RE Ed Terry to perform the sacraments at Granite Presbyterian through January 2, 2022.
- Validated the ministry of TE Tom Blair as pastor of the St. John UCC church in Boalsburg, PA. (Action required by Board of Pensions)
- Dismissed TE Mark Hutton to New Harmony Presbytery Jan. 5, 2022

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

The Commission reports

- That at its 2/16/2022 it enrolled Nicole Reibe (Maryland Presbyterian Church) as an Inquirer

Commission on Spiritual Leader Development

The Commission reports

- That at its December 2021 meeting it elected TE Jose Lopez Chapa as the presbytery representative to the Synod Jubilee Fund class of 2022
- At its January 2022 meeting it elected TE Chris Iosso to the Administration Committee
- At its January 2022 meeting it approved the celebration of the Lord’s Supper at the May 12, 2022, and November 12, 2022, stated meetings of Presbytery

Property and Loan Commission

The Commission reports

- At a meeting on December 13, 2021, approved the sale of the Glen Burnie Korean Presbyterian Church property and recommended that the Trustees co-sign a mortgage refinance loan with PILP to lower the payments until the building is sold.