



THE DOCKET
911th Stated Meeting of Baltimore Presbytery
May 14, 2026
First Presbyterian of Westminster and Zoom

Empowering leaders, engaging churches and embodying justice and inclusivity in the name of Christ.

- 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: 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.		
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Stories and Celebrations...

10:00	Call to Order Declaration of a quorum Opening Prayer	Action Item #	Moderator,
10:05	***Adoption of the docket	1	TE Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
10:05	Greetings from Host Church Pastor		
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.		TE Jackie Taylor, GP Corresponding Members: TE Carrie Mitchell TE Flo Barbee-Watkins
	Greetings from the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic		TE Flo Barbee-Watkins
	Land Acknowledgment		RE Christie Adams, Dakota Partnership
10:20	WORSHIP & COMMISSIONING		

Discernment and Decisions

	Virtual: Please use the raise hand function to be recognized for questions and to vote	Action Item #	
10:50	Report of the Stated Clerk Adjust the Docket, if needed Consent Motion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of minutes of the 910th Stated Meeting • Amend Child Protection Policy as indicated in meeting papers • Dismiss the AC for Ashland PC with gratitude for their work 	2-4	TE Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
10:55	Report of the General Presbyter		TE Jackie Taylor
11:00	Presbytery Communications Presentation		Frank Perrelli VIDEO
11:10	The Committee on Representation & Nominations recommends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Presbytery elect RE Rob Smith (Central PC) as Moderator 2026-27 • That Presbytery elect as Vice-Moderator 2026-27 TE Cat Goodrich (Faith PC) 	5-6	TE McKenna Wallen, chair.
11:15	PRESENTATION FROM BOARD OF PENSIONS		TE Carrie Mitchell
11:35	Report of the 257 th Synod Assembly		RE Bobby Hall, commissioner
11:40	The Commission on Preparation for Ministry recommends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Presbytery commission RE Ann Carlson to officiate at Communion at Kenwood Presbyterian (a 3-year renewable commission) • That Kathy Welsh Smith be examined on her statement of faith and sense of call as Transitional Pastor to Hunting Ridge PC and approved for ordination. 	7-8	TE Mark Phillips, chair
12:00	UPDATE ON ORGANIZATION PROGRESS FOR THE REPARATIVE JUSTICE FUND <i>Docket continued on next page</i>		TE Cat Goodrich, member of the Dismantling Racism Team

	The Dismantling Racism Team, a special committee of the Commission on Reconciliation, recommends that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mt Paran be added to the list of prioritized congregations for RJF 	9	
	Items pulled from Consent Motion New Business.		
12:20	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 910th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Baltimore, March 12, 2026 as posted on the website. (www.baltimorepresbytery.org).
3. AMEND the Child Protection Policy to remove the names of specific training courses. (*the policy retains the requirement of Insurance Board required training courses but removes the specific titles since they are subject to regular changes*)
4. On recommendation from the Commission on Ministry, DISMISS the Administrative Commission for Ashland Presbyterian Church

Motions for Action on the Floor of Presbytery

The Representation and Nominating Committee recommends:

5. That Presbytery ELECT RE Rob Smith as Presbytery Moderator 2026-27
6. That Presbytery ELECT as Vice-Moderator 2026-27

The Commission on Preparation for Ministry recommends:

7. That Presbytery EXAMINE and COMMISSION RE Ann Carlson to officiate at the Lord's Table at Kenwood Presbyterian Church through May 2029.
8. That Presbytery EXAMINE Candidate Kathy Welsh Smith on her statement of faith and sense of call to transitional pastor at Hunting Ridge Presbyterian and APPROVE her for ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament

The Dismantling Racism Team, a special committee of the Commission on Reconciliation recommends:

- 9. ADD Mt. Paran Presbyterian Church to the list of prioritized Baltimore Presbytery congregations to benefit from the Reparative Justice Fund

Reports

Stated Clerk’s Report

The Stated Clerk reports:

Redress Of Imbalance Report 2026
(Based on 2025 Statistics)

These churches are entitled to additional elder commissioners due to the number of members on their rolls:

Church	Total Membership As of 12/31/2025	Additional Number of Elder Commissioners
Woods Memorial	1224	2
First of Annapolis	654	1
Total		3

The computations involved in determining the redress of the imbalance between Ministers and Elders, as found in the Presbytery Manual 2.3, are represented in the following tables. Counts are as of 12/31/2025.

Ministers on the Roll	144
Ministers who are Non-Resident	16
Ministers who are Honorably Retired, not attending	47
TOTAL (A - (B + C))	81

All churches	63
Additional Elders from churches with > 500 members	3
Elder Officers and Commission members	20
Certified Christian Educators	1
Commissioned Ruling Elders	8
Former RE Moderators attending	6
Former RE Stated Clerks attending	1
TOTAL	102

The number of ruling elders enrolled in the membership of presbytery in 2024 exceeds the number of enrolled ministers and therefore no additional elders from congregations are needed.

Commission on Ministry

The Commission on Ministry reports

At its meeting on April 1, 2026, it

- Approved sabbatical time from June 1, 2026 – August 31, 2026, for Rev. Jeong Han of Korean United Presbyterian Church
- Approved Rev Byeong Cheol Yoon of Peniel Korean Methodist Church as pulpit supply during the sabbatical at Korean United during Rev. Han's Sabbatical
- Approved recommending an honorarium of \$100 for officiating communion if not also preaching on a given Sunday
- Approved the request of Kenwood Presbyterian for RE Ann Carlson to officiate communion if commissioned by the Presbytery to this function
- Approved the contract between Springfield Presbyterian and RE Heather Marko Russell as for pastoral services through Oct. 4 pending her meeting with Credentials.

At its meeting on May 6, 2026

- Approved validating the ministry of TE Stacy Martin as interim pastor at Ascension Lutheran Church in Savannah Georgia and gave her permission to labor outside our bounds.
- Approved a pension assistance grant for TE Ji Kim
- Approved Mt Hebron's request to move toward installing their transitional pastor, TE Amy Carlson
- Approved the contract terms for Kathy Welsh Smith as transitional pastor at Hunting Ridge pending a successful ordination examination by the Presbytery on May 14.
- Received the final report of the Administrative Commission for Ashland Presbyterian and recommend Presbytery dissolve the commission with thanks.

Property and Loan Commission

The Property and Loan Commission reports that, at its meeting on April 15, 2026, it approved the contract for sale of the Maryland Presbyterian Church Property at 1105 Providence Road, Towson, MD for \$1.55 million. (The church retains the proceeds of the sale)