



The Docket
891st Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Baltimore
May 13, 2021

Meeting held electronically 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 10:00AM on meeting day.
- New main motions and amendments must be filed in writing with the Stated Clerk by email and notice of the email placed in the CHAT
- As long as we are having gatherings via zoom, any announcements should be given to the moderator prior to the meeting.
- Minutes of the last gathering may be found with the meeting papers at www.baltimorepresbytery.org -> Gatherings ->

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	Call to Order Opening Prayer	Action Item #	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		Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
10:10	Remembrance of Native Americans		RE Robert Stepling, Chair of the Baltimore Dakota Learning Camps Steering Committee,
10:15	Morning Prayer		

Discernment and Decisions

10:30	Updates on the Presbytery's implementation of its Dismantling Racism Policy		RE Guy Moody & RE Charese Jordan Moore
10:40	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) Reading of the PJC decision	2-5	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
10:50	Report of the General Presbyter		Rev. Dr. Jackie Taylor
11:00	Committee on Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual Changes 	6-8	TE John Schmidt
11:10	Commission on Preparation for Ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination of Inquirer Blake Collins for Candidacy status • Examination of RE Paul Martin for commissioning to officiate the sacraments at Havre de Grace 	9-10 11-12	RE Leslie Owsley
11:30	Committee on Representation and Nominations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Moderator • (Election of Vice-Moderator) 	13 (14)	TE Deborah McEachran
11:35	Items pulled from Consent Motion New Business; Adjournment		
	Adjourn with Prayer		Vice-Moderator Sue Lowcock Harris
	PRESBYTERY LUNCH BUNCH: Stay on, unmute, and enjoy conversation with your colleagues during this lunch break.		
12:30PM	OPEN SPACE/DISCUSSION GROUPS		

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 890th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Baltimore, March 11, 2021, as posted on the Presbytery website (www.baltimorepresbytery.org).

The Commission on Ministry recommends:

3. That the 2021 Terms of Call be approved (included in the meeting papers)

The Nominating Committee recommends:

4. That Presbytery elect the following persons to the positions indicated:

Thriving Congregations:

Class of 2024—TE Tim Hughes Williams (Light Street); TE Michele Ward (Brown)
Chair: RE Rob Smith (Central)

Spiritual Leader Development:

Class of 2022- TE Amy Carlson(Second);
Class of 2023—RE Heather Russell (Westminster); RE Peter McCallum (Highland)
Class of 2024 -- RE Bill Daniel (Woods); TE Joel Strom (Towson); TE Jacob Snowden (Woods)
Chair: TE Becca Crate (Springfield)

Reconciliation:

Class of 2024 RE Chrystie Adams (Brown), _____(Cuba Partnership to select); TE Barbara Renton (HR)
Chair: TE Karen Brown (Hope)

Commission on Ministry:

Class of 2024 RE Neil Nemser (Faith); RE Carol Eshelmann (Light St.); TE Jack Carlson (HR);
TE Mihee Kim-Kort (First, Annapolis); TE Andy Nagel (Central); TE Kimberly Secrist-Ashby (Mt. Hebron)
Chair: TE Matthew Glasgow (Westminster)

Commission on Preparation for Ministry:

Class of 2024--TE Cat Goodrich (Faith); TE Shannon Weston (Ashland); CRE Anita Bishop-Johnson (Mt. Paran)
Chairs: TE Eric Meyers (Frederick), RE Leslie Owsley (Second)

Property and Loan:

Class of 2024 TE Elizabeth McLean (Prince of Peace); RE Paul Martin (Havre de Grace)
Chair: RE Claudia Scarborough (Highland)

Personnel:

Administration:

Class of 2023-- TE Morton Harris (First of Howard)

Nominating/Representation:

Class of 2024-- RE Sarah Walker (Knox); RE Barbara Yancy (Lochearn)

PJC:

Class of 2026—RE Doug Irminger (Woods)

Trustees:

Class of 2024-- TE Andy Kort (First, Annapolis); TE Carrie Finch-Burriss (Kenwood)

SYNOD:

Representative, Jubilee Fund:

Synod Nominating Committee, Class of 2023: TE Jacob Snowden (Woods)

Synod PJC, Class of 2027: TE Anita Hendrix (HR)

The Administration Committee recommends:

5. that the Presbytery Manual 7.11.5.1.3 (COM empowerments) be amended to include approval of temporary contracts.

Motions for Action on the Floor of Presbytery

The Committee on Administration recommends:

amending Presbytery Manual sections related to the Trustees as follows (3 motions #6-8):

6. Section 8.7.5.2.2 to read “Presbytery staff compensations are approved, *and the Trustees present an oral report on the content of the audited financial statement for the previous calendar year [Manual 9.5.10] at the second meeting of the program year.* (new text in italics conforms to actual practice and realistic audit schedules).

7. Replace the wording of Section 9.4 “Authority” with the following (to reflect the language of the Trustees Bylaws, and renumber as 9.2:

The corporate charter grants to the Trustees certain powers.

9.2.1. The corporation may provide in its bylaws for the number, tenure, election, and qualification of the Trustees.

9.2.2 The corporation “shall have the power to pass such rules, regulations or by-laws as shall not be repugnant to any provision of the Constitution or Laws of this State or of the United States;”

9.2.3. The corporation “shall have full power and authority to acquire, take and hold by subscriptions, contributions, legacies, devises or any other method, money or real or personal property, of every kind and description for its said corporate purposes, and the same to invest, and the proceeds to apply for the said corporate purposes as shall from time to time be most expedient;”

9.2.4 The corporation “shall have the right to sell, grant, dispose of, alien or demise all said property in such manner and upon such terms as it shall deem proper.”

9.2.5. The corporation is limited in that, “...nothing herein contained shall enlarge, restrict or in any manner affect the power or authority which said Presbytery of Baltimore now hath, or may exercise or claim over the churches in connection with said Presbytery or the members thereof....”

8. Delete Section 9.7 “Funds.” (This description of various funds and fund names in which the Trustees are to hold assets is overly prescriptive, out of date, and has not been the actual practice for quite some time).

The Commission on Preparation for Ministry recommends

9.. That Inquirer Blake Collins be examined on his Sense of Call

10. That he be enrolled as a Candidate if the examination is sustained.

11. That RE Paul Martin be examined on his faith journey and reason for seeking commissioning to officiate the sacraments at Havre de Grace

12. That RE Paul Martin be commissioned to officiate the sacraments at Havre de Grace PC for the term of his current contract ending 12/31/2021

The Committee on Representation and Nominations recommends

13.. That TE Sue Lowcock Harris be elected 2021-2022 Moderator of the Presbytery

Reports

Stated Clerk’s Report

The Stated Clerk reports that

- The Stated Clerk reports the redress of imbalance between Teaching and Ruling Elders as follows

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

Church	Total Membership As of 12/31/2020	Number of Elder Commissioners
Woods Memorial	1777	4
First of Annapolis	639	2
First of Howard County	573	2
Total		8

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 12/31/2020.

Ministers on the Roll	157
Ministers who are Non-Resident	18
Ministers who are Honorably Retired, not attending	41
TOTAL (A - (B + C))	98

All churches	65
Additional Elders from churches with > 500 members	5
Elder Officers and Commission members	20
Certified Christian Educators	1
Commissioned Ruling Elders	4
Former RE Moderators attending	4
Former Stated Clerks attending	1
TOTAL	100

98 < 100, therefore **no additional elders are needed.**

- That the Permanent Judicial Commission has rendered a decision in a disciplinary case which will be read to the presbytery and entered into the Minutes as required by The Rules of Discipline D-11.0701.

Commission on Ministry

The Commission on Ministry reports that,

- They approved the interim contract between TE Kerry Slinkard and Good Shepherd Presbyterian effective May 1, 2021
- They approved a contract between RE Paul Martin as “Standing Pastoral Supply” and Havre de Grace Presbyterian effective March 17, 2021.
- They recommend commissioning RE Paul Martin to officiate the Sacraments at Havre de Grace during the term of his contract pending certification by CPM and approval of the Presbytery.
- They dismissed TE Lisa Rzepka to National Capital Presbytery effective April 1, 2021
- Rev Sungjin Kim was installed as the pastor of Glen Burnie Korean Presbyterian Church on April 25, 2021.

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

The Commission reports that

- It has enrolled Adena Moulton as an Inquirer. She is a member of Dickey Memorial PC and is currently studying at Yale Divinity School.
- It has enrolled Julie Finch as an Inquirer. She is a member of First Presbyterian of Annapolis and studying at Fuller Theological Seminary