



**THE DOCKET**  
**896<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of Baltimore Presbytery**  
 Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church and Zoom  
 Columbia, MD  
 September 8, 2022, 10AM

*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.
- 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.  <b>Virtual:</b> Once you are “in the meeting room” please mute yourself & 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, Rev. Sue Lowcock Harris
10:05	***Adoption of the docket	1	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
10:05	Greetings from Host Church Pastor		Rev. Scott Hoffman, pastor of Christ Memorial
10:10	Introductions—new Pastors, first-time Ruling Elder Commissioners, and guests; seating corresponding members  <b>Virtual:</b> If you are attending virtually and are a first-time commissioner, please send your name and congregation through the Chat function.		Rev. Jackie Taylor, GP
10:15	Remembrance of Native Americans		Elder Robert Stepling, Chair of the Baltimore Dakota Learning

			Camps Steering Committee,
10:15	Report of Overture Advocate to the 225 <sup>th</sup> GA, Part I		Elder Bob Stepling
10:20	Worship & Installation of Officers		

***Discernment and Decisions***

	<b>Virtual:</b> Please use the raise hand function to be recognized for questions or discussion. Virtual attendees will also vote by the raised hand.	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> </ul>	2	Rev. Mary Gaut, Stated Clerk
11:00	The Commission on Preparation for Ministry recommends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That Inquirer Nicole Reibe be examined on her sense of call and advanced to Candidacy</li> <li>That presbytery approve alternate means of ascertaining readiness for ministry (see meeting papers)</li> </ul>	3-4	Rev. Eric Myers, outgoing commission co-chair
11:10	The Committee on Representation & Nominations recommends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That presbytery elect the persons named in their report to the positions indicated</li> </ul>	5	Rev. Deborah McEachran, committee chair.
11:15	Report of Commissioners to the 225 <sup>th</sup> GA, Part II		Rev. Billy Klutz, Elder Audrey Trapp & Elder Gayelle Sama
11:25	The Committee on Administration recommends that the Presbytery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>approve raising the presbytery portion of per capita by \$1 to \$29 (Total per capita =\$40)</li> </ul>	6	Rev. John Schmidt, committee chair
11:35	The Commission on Ministry recommends that the Presbytery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>approve the position of Mid-Atlantic Trail Developer at “Rails to Trails” (Rev. Kate Foster) as a validated ministry</li> <li>approve the position of Chaplain with Johns Hopkins Medicine as a validated ministry with permission to officiate sacraments</li> <li>the transfer of Rev. Michael</li> </ul>	7-10	Rev Jack Carlson, chair of COM credentials team and Mary Speers, COM chair

	<p>Cuppett from the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee in the approved validated ministry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presbytery approve a Cost of Living Adjustment of 4.5% (mandated for those at the minimum compensation level)</li> </ul>		
11:55	<p>Report of the Administrative Commission to facilitate the closing of Covenant Presbyterian Church and that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presbytery approve the closing of the church effective Sept. 8, 2022, with thanksgiving to God for their faithful ministry for more than 60 years</li> </ul>	11	Rev. Walt Peters, chair of the Commission
12:10	Report of Commissioners and Advocates to the 225 <sup>th</sup> GA Part III		Rev. Barbara Renton, Elder Keith Reagan, Elder Annette Snyder, Derrick Weston
12:20	Strategic Plan Overview		Rev. Jackie Taylor, GP
12:35	Items pulled from Consent Motion New Business.		
12:40	Adjourn		

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## 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 894<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Baltimore, May 12, 2022, as posted on the website. ([www.baltimorepresbytery.org](http://www.baltimorepresbytery.org)).

### Motions for Action on the Floor of Presbytery

**The Commission on Preparation for Ministry recommends:**

3. That Inquirer Nicole Reibe, Maryland Presbyterian Church, be examined on her sense of call and advanced to Candidacy

4. That Presbytery approve the CPM's alternate means of assessing readiness for ministry (see meeting papers)

**The Representation and Nominating Committee recommends:**

5. That Presbytery elect the persons listed in the Nominations report to the positions indicated (See meeting papers)

**The Committee on Administration recommends:**

6. That the 2023 presbytery portion of per capita apportionment be raised by \$1 to \$29 (total per capita = \$40)

**The Commission on Ministry recommends:**

7. That the position of Mid-Atlantic Trail Developer at "Rails to Trails" (Rev. Kate Foster) as a validated ministry
8. That the position of Chaplain with Johns Hopkins Medicine be approved as a validated ministry with permission to officiate sacraments
9. That the transfer of Rev. Michael Cuppett from the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee be approved to assume the position of Chaplain with Johns Hopkins Medicine
10. That the presbytery approve a Cost of Living Adjustment in pastoral compensation of 4.5% for 2023 (mandated for those at the minimum and recommended for all others)

**The Administrative Commission for the Closing of Covenant Presbyterian recommends:**

11. That Presbytery approve the closing of the church effective Sept. 8, 2022, with thanksgiving to God for their faithful ministry for more than 60 years

## **Reports**

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

The Stated Clerk reports

- That the annual representation report was submitted to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic (see meeting papers)
- That the required review of presbytery records by the Synod was completed and the Presbytery minutes approved with one exception (see meeting papers)
- RE Chong Yi (Korean United) and RE Soung Hee (Good Shepherd) have resigned from the Administrative Commission for Glen Burnie Korean Presbyterian Church

### **Steering Cabinet**

The Steering Cabinet reports that

- At a special meeting on June 23, the Cabinet approved mission and value statements and strategic priorities for the presbytery (GP Jackie Taylor to present)

## **Commission on Reconciliation**

The Commission on Reconciliation reports

- The following congregations were the recipients of 2022-23 Enduring Witness Grants for Community Engagement (see report in meeting papers): First Presbyterian of Cumberland, Brown Memorial Presbyterian, Faith Presbyterian, First and Franklin Presbyterian and Hope Presbyterian

## **Commission on Ministry**

The Commission on Ministry reports

- At its Credentials Team meeting on May 26, received Rev. Carl Wilton from Lackawanna Presbytery and Rev. Claire Pula from Highlands Presbytery
- At its Leadership Team meeting on June 1, approved the retirement of Rev. Keith Roberts effective June 1, 2022.
- By email vote on 6/28 it approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Jacob Snowden and Woods Memorial effective June 30, 2022.
- At its meeting on July 6, moved Rev. Jacob Snowden To ML status; Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev Jon Nelson and Ark and Dove Presbyterian effective July 1, 2022 and dismissed him to North Central California; received Rev. Joe Condro HR from Shenandoah Presbytery, and Granted Barrelville and Emmitsburg a waiver from records review
- At its meeting on August 3, dismissed Rev. Bill Hathaway to New Castle Presbytery and Rev. Easter Smart to Donegal Presbytery