



The Docket
884th Gathering of the Presbytery of Baltimore
 St. John United Church
 Columbia, MD
 September 12, 2019

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.

Worship, Stories and Celebrations... The Sanctuary

10:00 am	Call to Order Opening Prayer	Item #	Moderator RE Guy Moody
10:05	Welcome by host church		Rev. Mary Ka Kanahan
	Adoption of the docket	1	Rev. Jack Carlson, Stated Clerk
	Introductions—new Pastors, first time Ruling Elder Commissioners; seating corresponding members Welcome from Native Americans		Rev. Jackie Taylor, General Presbyter RE Chrystie Adams
10:15	Worship and Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Installation of the Moderator RE Guy Moody and Vice-Moderator Rev. Michael Moore		Rev. Mary Ka Kanahan, preaching
11:15	A Conversation on The Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Center Leadership 		Rev. Kate Foster Connors, members of the Gathering Team and Center Steering Committee
11:45	Life in the Presbytery and Beyond COLA—General Assembly 224		Rev. Carrie Finch Burris
12:00	Lunch with Thanks to the Host Church		
12:45	Resume conversations on Center		

1:00 Open Space—Various Locations

Discernment and Decisions...The Sanctuary

2:30	Reconvene with Prayer for Discernment and Decisions		Moderator Guy Moody
2:35	Report of the Stated Clerk, Consent Motion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Minutes • CPM and COM recommendations • Nominating Committee 	2-5	Rev. Jack Carlson, Stated Clerk
2:40	Steering Cabinet recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual changes 	6-7	RE Adrienne Knight Rev. Mary Gaut, Deputy Stated Clerk

2:55	Budget First Reading		Administration Committee
3:05	Report of the Commission on Ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COLA approval Final examination of Courtney Ducharme 	8-10	RE Bill Daniel
3:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Items removed from Consent Motion New Business		Rev. Jack Carlson
3:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjourn with Prayer 		Vice-Moderator Michael Moore

- The documents that make up the Meeting Papers are available on-line.
- Printed copies of any documents referred to herein **will not be available** at the Gathering. You are urged to **download** the documents and save them on your electronic device, or **print** your own copies and bring them to the meeting. There is WiFi at the church, but we may experience a challenge if everyone tries to access the meeting papers online during the meeting.
- New Business must be given to the Stated Clerk by 12:00 p.m.
- 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 -> Gatherings -> May 9, 2019, OR <http://www.baltimorepresbytery.org/septembergathering>

Motions

Adoption of the Docket

The Stated Clerk recommends:

1. THAT the Docket be approved as published (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 883rd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Baltimore, May 9, 2019, as posted on the Presbytery website (www.baltimorepresbytery.org). You may download the minutes to an electronic device or print the minutes, if you desire a paper copy.
3. The approval of the following dates and times for Presbytery Gatherings for 2019-20:
 - a. September 12, 2019, St. John United, Columbia, 10 a.m.
 - b. November 16, 2019, First of Annapolis, 10 a.m.
 - c. February 13, 2020, Catonsville, 1 p.m..
 - d. May 14, 2020, Christ Memorial, 4 p.m.
4. The approval of the final report of the Taneytown Administrative Commission Appendix A, along with the following recommendations of the committee:
 - a. That the Administrative Commission be dismissed.
 - b. That the Presbytery offer thanks to God for the 190 years of ministry of the Taneytown Presbyterian Church, its ministers, and its members.

- c. That the Presbytery seek God's blessing upon the St. James the Apostle Orthodox Church for its on-going ministry in the place where generations of faithful Presbyterians have worshipped and served.

The Nominating Committee recommends:

5. That Presbytery elect the following persons:
 - a. Elder Robin Bissell (First Pres of Cumberland) to Commission on Reconciliation class of 2020
 - b. Elder Lynn Carlson (Highland) to COM class of 2022
 - c. Rev. Edwin Lacy (Harundale) to COM class of 2022
 - d. Rev. Adrian Pratt (Mt Hebron) to COM class of 2022
 - e. Rev. Tanya Wade (Grace) to COM class of 2022
 - f. Rev. Jon Nelson to CPM class of 2021
 - g. Rev. John Schmidt (Central) to Trustees class of 2022
 - h. Elder Claudia Scarborough (Highland) to Trustees class of 2022
 - i. Rev. Deborah McEachran (Hunting Ridge) to Nominating Committee class of 2022 and Chairperson of the Committee.
 - j. Elder Cynthia Prevatte (Good Shepherd) to Personnel class of 2022
 - k. Rev. Brett Morgan to PJC class of 2022
 - l. Rev. Melissa Lopez to PJC class of 2024

Motions for Action on the Floor of Presbytery

The Steering Cabinet recommends:

6. That Presbytery APPROVE replacing the manual sections on Commission on Ministry, Administration Committee, Personnel Committee, Officers, and Meetings with the revisions as presented (see Appendix B, posted separately on the website).
7. That Presbytery APPROVE removing Section 20 on Terms of call and APPROVE it as a separate policy: ***The Baltimore Presbytery Policy on Pastoral Compensation.*** (Going forward, revisions must be approved by Presbytery.)

The Commission on Ministry recommends:

8. That Presbytery APPROVE the COLA for 2020 as 0.8%. This figure is based on the CPI average for the Baltimore/Columbia/Towson area. The minimum increase must be applied to the minimum effective salary for each factor.
9. That Presbytery examine Candidate Courtney Ducharme (Woods Memorial) as to her call to serve as chaplain at Golisano Children's Hospital. (Only questions concerning the nature of the call to serve in this particular ministry will be entertained.)
10. That, if the way be clear, the Presbytery of Baltimore ordain her on behalf of the Presbytery of Peace River and transfer her to the Presbytery of Peace River.

Reports

Stated Clerk's Report

The Stated Clerk reports:

- The resignation of Rev. Heather Shortlidge from Chair of the Commission on Preparation for Ministry.
- The minutes of the Gatherings of the Presbytery of Baltimore for 2018 have been reviewed by the Synod and APPROVED WITHOUT EXCEPTION.
- The Session minutes of the following churches have been read and APPROVED: Ark and Dove; Ashland; Babcock; Barrelville; Bethel; Brown Memorial; Catonsville, Central; Chestnut Grove; Christ Memorial; Christ Our Anchor; Christ Our King; Churchville; Covenant; Dickey Memorial; Fallston; First and Franklin; First, Bel Air; First, Cumberland; First, Howard County; First, Westminster; Good Shepherd; Govans; Granite; Grove; Hamilton; Hancock; Harundale; Havenwood; Highland; Hope; Hughes Memorial; Hunting Ridge; Kenwood; Knox; Light Street; Maryland; Mount Paran; Northminster; Prince of Peace; Roland Park; Saint John United; Second; Springfield; Towson; Trinity.
- The Session minutes of the following churches have NOT been presented for review: Cherry Hill; Emmitsburg; Faith; First, Annapolis; Franklinville; Frederick; Glen Burnie Korean; Grace; Hagerstown; Havre de Grace; Korean United; Lochearn; Madison Avenue; Perry Hall; Saint Andrew (Williamsport); Saint Andrew's (Mt. Airy); Woods Memorial.

Steering Cabinet Report

The Steering Cabinet reports the following:

- It has approved the budget for 2020 and presents it to the Presbytery as a First Reading (see addendum available on the website). It will be brought for approval by the Presbytery in November.
- Concerning Personnel
 - Jackie Taylor has requested budgeting for one FT and one PT associate, figuring they may start in 2020.
 - Chuck Brawner is developing more forms to enhance our records, and has had his hours increased to up to 30 hours per week.
 - Frank Perrelli has been engaged as a contract employee to rebuild our website. We are moving to a more corporate style website. Eventually he will move into social media.
 - We have hired Felicia Scott for the Director of Administrative Services position.
- Third Annual Leadership Consultation will be looking at the Nominating process, among other things.

Commission on Reconciliation

The Commission on Reconciliation reports: We spent considerable time discussing the plan for processing the Enduring Witness Fund Community Engagement Grant applications which are due on July 1st. COR will skip its regular June meeting and instead meet on July 17th for sole purpose of reviewing applications with intent of making funding decisions. Members will be sent applications to review prior to the meeting.

Commission on Spiritual Leader Development

The Commission reports: SLDC has sponsored a clergy retreat and "Soul Shop," an event dealing with youth suicide.

Commission on Thriving Congregations

The Commission reports: We have finished the first round of Enduring Witness applications.

- With two cycles each year, the Commission decided to award \$50,000 each cycle
- Out of six requests, four were funded at various levels (none at 100%). One was referred to trustees; one will be funded out of CTC's redevelopment funds
- We were impressed by the stories of what has been happening at these churches – reading this applications has been an encouragement and a blessing.

CAT Updates

- Three additional churches are in the early stages of discernment regarding the CAT scan.
- We will be reaching out to churches that haven't completed the CAT scan in the coming months.
- We now have a presbytery dashboard that maps all of our churches on a variety of metrics.
- The Commission also discussed New Worshiping Communities
 - Comunidad
 - The two biggest issues facing Comunidad right now are a) finding a new pastor and b) issues related to the land that they lease for their community garden. Currently, they are in the process of interviewing one candidate for the part-time pastoral position.
 - Slate
 - Slate has both an online and an in-person ministry – and both are doing well. Rev. Jenn DiFrancesco manages the in-person side of the NWC, ministering to some of the most marginalized people in the city.
 - Major questions
 - What is the Presbytery's commitment to our NWC's, especially if they're ministry is to communities that may never be able to fully support them?
 - Do NWC's *need* to become self-supporting?
 - What are creative ways that we could think of to fund these important ministries?
 - We hope to discuss these at a retreat in the late summer or early fall

Commission on Ministry

The Commission on Ministry reports the following persons are serving:

- On the Commissioned Pastors Support Team: Edwin Lacy, Keith Paige, Anita Bishop-Johnson, Deborah McEachran, George White, and Ledonia Kimball (advisory).
- On the Sexual Misconduct Response Team: Carol Eshelman, Amy Carlson, Terrence Alspaugh (plus one additional person to be named).

The Commission on Ministry reports that Laura Crihfield has been moved to Member-at-Large status on the rolls of Presbytery.

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

The Commission reports that Hyiwot Teshome (Christ Memorial) has been enrolled as an Inquirer, and that Rev. Melissa Lopez (First, Bel Air) and Rev. Michele Ward (Brown Memorial), alternate, have been elected Readers of Ordination Examinations.

Property and Loan Commission

The Commission reports that, via an electronic vote on June 17, 2019, it unanimously approved the sale of a property at 19 Plain View Trail, Fairfield, Pennsylvania, owned by Frederick Presbyterian Church.

The Commission reports that, via an electronic vote on July 9, 2019, it unanimously approved the sale of 1200 Guildford Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060, owned by Harundale Presbyterian Church and known as the "Sutton House."

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A Final Report, Taneytown Administrative Commission

Minutes of the Taneytown Administrative Commission – August 1, 2019

The Administrative Commission for the Taneytown Presbyterian Church met at the Carriage House Inn in Emmitsburg, MD on August 1, 2019. All members of the commission were present: TE Renee Mackey; TE Walter Peters; and RE Ruth Ferrance. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 by TE Mackey who opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the meeting of April 8, 2019, were approved as they had been distributed.

Financial Report: TE Mackey reported that the funds that remained when the church was dissolved have been exhausted, and to date approximately \$200 of the \$3,000 bridge loan provided by the Trustees have been used. Action has been taken to close various accounts and to cancel the property insurance. Final billing and any other remaining obligations now that the property has been sold will also be met using these funds, after which TE Mackey will close the bank account and return the the remaining funds over to the presbytery's finance people. Final Report to the Presbytery: The Commission reviewed the draft report to the Presbytery. Upon motion and second, the report was adopted and will be transmitted to the Stated Clerk.

The approved version of the report is attached to these minutes.

Recommendations of the Commission to the Presbytery: The commission agreed to the following recommendations to be presented as a part of the final report to the Presbytery at the September 2019 Gathering:

1. That the Administrative Commission be dismissed.
2. That the Presbytery offer thanks to God for the 190 years of ministry of the Taneytown Presbyterian Church, its ministers, and its members.
3. That the Presbytery seek God's blessing upon the St. James the Apostle Orthodox Church for its on-going ministry in the place where generations of faithful Presbyterians have worshipped and served.

With no further business at hand, the minutes of this meeting were approved by common consent, after which the meeting was adjourned with prayer by TE Walt Peters at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Walter W. Peters, Clerk of the Commission