

Registration for Meeting
CALL TO THE STATED MEETING
National Capital Presbytery Tuesday June 25, 2019 @ 6:00pm
National Presbyterian Church, Washington DC

Open Space 4:00 – 5:15pm

Reception 5:15 – 6pm

Stated Meeting Items:

- Omnibus Motion
- Word from Personnel Committee
- Worship in Sanctuary
- Moderator Rev. Dr. Quinn Fox preaches
- Installation of 2019-2020 Moderator Elder Miriam Dewhurst and Vice-Moderator Elder Michael Rankin

Registration Instructions

- 1) Use link below to complete your meeting registration
- 2) Member clergy: to be excused, use registration link below
- 3) Questions, send email to: scoe@thepresbytery.org or jmoody@thepresbytery.org

Registration link: <http://www.thepresbytery.org/presbytery-meeting>

*******Reminders*******

Please print and bring this packet with you – paper copies will not be available at the meeting.

A table of sweet and savory treats will be open to **all** from 5:00 until 6:00

Directions to Meeting
NATIONAL PC
4101 Nebraska Avenue
NW Washington, D. C. 20016 202/537-0800

FROM THE BELTWAY FROM THE EAST: Take I-495 to exit #33 south, Route #185 south (Connecticut Avenue). Continue on Connecticut Avenue across the District line at Chevy Chase Circle to Nebraska Avenue. Turn right on Nebraska Avenue and go through Tenley Circle (at Wisconsin Avenue). Continue on Nebraska Avenue to next traffic light (Van Ness Street). Turn left on Van Ness Street to parking lot entrance on your right.

FROM THE BELTWAY FROM THE WEST: Take I-495 to exit #39 east, Route #190 east (River Road). Continue on River Road to its end at Wisconsin Avenue. Turn right on Wisconsin Avenue to Tenley Circle. Turn right on Nebraska Avenue and go to next traffic light (Van Ness Street). Turn left on Van Ness Street to parking lot entrance on your right.

FROM CHAIN BRIDGE: Cross Chain Bridge into D.C. Turn right on Canal Road at the end of Chain Bridge. Turn left on Arizona Avenue (this is the first left after the bridge). Continue on Arizona Avenue to its end at Loughboro Road. Turn right on Loughboro Road which becomes Nebraska Avenue Continue on Nebraska Avenue past American University, through Ward Circle to church entrance on your right just after entrance to NBC. Continue past the church to parking in the rear.

FROM METRO: Take the Red Line to Tenleytown. Take the West exit onto Wisconsin Avenue Exit metro, turn right and walk south. At Tenley Circle turn right on Nebraska Avenue. Continue on Nebraska Avenue past Van Ness Street. Church is on your left in the block past Van Ness Street.

Dear Commissioners—Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Not quite three years ago when the nominating committee asked me to serve as vice-moderator, with the expectation that I would then serve as moderator—and that the first term would be 18 months rather than a year (so a total time of 2½ years), I phoned our General Presbyter to seek his perspective on the scope and responsibilities of the position. Satisfied, I concluded the conversation with an aside along the lines of, “I’ll agree to serve as long as you promise not to leave until I’m finished.” In retrospect I realize that I assumed his silence was assent to my stipulation! As it turned out, my first meeting as moderator was our farewell to Wilson Gunn! I am particularly grateful to Karen Chamis, Sara Coe and Jan Moody for their guidance, wisdom and support amidst what has turned out to be a very smooth transitional period. I am sincerely grateful to our General Presbyter Search Committee for their care in diligence in finding our new GP. And I could not be more pleased to welcome a friend and colleague, John Molina-Moore, to his new role!

In spite of the occasional quip to the effect that I was eager for my term to end, I want to say what a privilege it has been to serve as vice-moderator, as General Assembly commissioner, and for the past 12 months as your moderator. I’ve learned a thing or two along the way. Far more significant than that, I have gotten to know our dedicated presbytery staff, as well as several others who serve in leadership of National Capital Presbytery; I have made several new friends and good colleagues along the way. I have been honored to represent the presbytery at ordinations and installations. I also have a far deeper appreciation for the work of our presbytery staff. Those who serve in leadership positions in National Capital Presbytery could not begin to do the work we do to lead this complex organization without them. In sum, I have been greatly blessed the past 30 months. Thank you for electing me back in November 2016!

As summer arrives in Washington we will meet one last time before taking a welcome break (indeed, several to whom I have spoken will already be into the new seasonal rhythm, with mission trips or family vacations in process). We still have important work to do however, and so we will gather on June 25. There will be open space; we have a few items of business to approve in Stone Hall, **including and especially expressing our sincere appreciation to Karen Chamis for her extraordinary leadership during our interim period**; then we will proceed to worship. At that time, **we will install Ruling Elder Miriam Dewhurst as our new moderator and Ruling Elder Michael Rankin as vice-moderator**; I have great confidence in both of them and look forward to their leadership.

Worship will take place in the National Presbyterian Church sanctuary. As is our custom, the outgoing moderator will preach. My sermon theme will be, “The Parable of the Presbyterian.”

I look forward to being with you June 25!

With joy and gratitude,

Quinn Fox- Moderator

Stated Meeting of the National Capital Presbytery

June 25, 2019

The National Presbyterian Church, Washington DC

6:00PM CALL TO ORDER WITH PRAYER	Rev. Dr. Quinn Fox Moderator
6:05PM OMNIBUS MOTION p.10	Stated Clerk Sara Coe
6:10PM WORD FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE	Elder Dr. Tressie Muldrow

(Meeting continues with worship in the Sanctuary.)

6:25PM CALL TO WORSHIP Elder Michael Rankin

What shall we return to the Lord
for all the good things God has done for us?

Ps. 116:12–13

**We will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

HYMN # 439 *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer*

CALL TO CONFESSION Elder Miriam Dewhurst

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Church in Rome:

The proof of God's amazing love is this:
While we were sinners Christ died for us.
Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

Rom. 5:8; Heb. 4:16

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves,
and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.**

**In your great mercy forgive our sins
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will**

**and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isa. 43:1, 19

Do not fear, says the Lord,
for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.
God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

CALL TO FAITHFULNESS

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you,
you also should love one another.
By this everyone will know
that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.

John 13:34–35

THE PEACE

May mercy, peace, and love
be yours in abundance.

Jude 2

The peace of our Lord
Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Signs of Christ's peace and reconciliation may be exchanged.

HYMN # 298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 15:11-32

Rev. Karen Chamis

SERMON

The Parable of the Presbyterian

Moderator Quinn Fox

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 33:1-4

CHORAL RESPONSE

In my Father's House

Craig Courtney

In my Father's house, you will find a place in the warm embrace of an open door.
In my Father's house, leave the past behind, come inside and find what you're longing for.
In my Father's house, solace can be found, comfort will surround the bruised and broken.

In my Father's house, children live in peace, strife and hatred cease, and love is spoken.
 In my Father's house, pardoned from all sin, free from what has been, life can start again.
 In my Father's house, prodigals come home, no one walks alone, come and enter in.

(Pamela Martin, alt.)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Elder Michael Rankin

**This is the good news
 which we have received,
 in which we stand,
 and by which we are saved,
 if we hold it fast:
 that Christ died for our sins
 according to the scriptures,
 that he was buried,
 that he was raised on the third day,
 and that he appeared
 first to the women,
 then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
 and then to many faithful witnesses.
 We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
 the Son of the living God.
 Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
 the beginning and the end;
 he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

*1 Cor. 15:1–6; Mark 16:1–9;
 Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28*

INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR AND VICE MODERATOR

Rev. Dr. Quinn Fox

As many of you as were baptized into Christ
 Have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**There is no longer Jew or Greek,
 There is no longer slave or free,
 There is no longer male and female;
 For all are one in Christ Jesus.
 Lead a life worthy of the calling
 To which you have been called,
 Making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit
 In the bond of peace.**

There is one body and one Spirit,
 Just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,

**One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
 One God and Father of all,
 Who is above all and through all and in all.**

We are called by God

To be the church of Jesus Christ,
 A sign in the world today
 Of what God intends for all humankind.

**The great ends of the church are
 The proclamation of the gospel
 For the salvation of humankind;
 The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship
 Of the children of God;
 The maintenance of divine worship;
 The preservation of the truth;
 The promotion of social righteousness;
 And the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven
 To the world.**

The call of Christ
 Is to willing, dedicated discipleship.
 Our discipleship is a manifestation
 Of the new life we enter through baptism.
 Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment,
 An offering and a responsibility.

Constitutional Questions to Elders Dewhurst and Rankin

Rev. Dr. Quinn Fox

Constitutional Questions to all present

Do you, members of National Capital Presbytery, confirm the call of God to Elder Miriam Dewhurst and Elder Michael Rankin to serve as National Capital Presbytery Moderator and Vice Moderator in the service of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Will you support and encourage them in this ministry?

We will.

INSTALLATION PRAYER

Faithful God,
 In baptism you claimed us;
 And by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives,
 Empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling.
 We thank you for leading Miriam and Michael to this time and place.
 Establish them in your truth,
 And guide them by your Holy Spirit,
 That in your service they may grow
 In faith, hope, and love,
 And be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ,
 To whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
 Be honor and glory, now and forever.

Almighty God,

You called us into the church,
 And from among us chose leaders to direct us in your way.
 We thank you for Miriam and Michael, our Moderator and Vice Moderator.
 Enlarge their gifts
 And help them to obey you,
 So that we may enjoy good work under their guidance,
 Loyally serving Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Dr. Quinn Fox and Rev. Dr. Perzavia Praylow

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty...

Great is the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died,
 Christ is risen,
 Christ will come again.**

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Moderator-Elect Miriam Dewhurst

HYMN # 429

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

BENEDICTION

Leading Meeting

Rev. Dr. Quinn Fox, National PC, NCP Moderator
Elder Sara Coe, NCP Stated Clerk
Elder Dr. Tressie Muldrow, 15th Street PC

Worship Leaders

Elder Michael Rankin, Redeemer PC
Elder Miriam Dewhurst, New York Ave. PC
Rev. Karen Chamis, NCP Director of Congregational Development and Mission
Rev. Dr. Quinn Fox, National PC, NCP Moderator
Rev. Dr. Perzavia Praylow, 15th Street PC

Communion Servers

Elder Kristin Ford, New York Ave. PC
Rev. Dr. Nancy Fox, National PC
Elder Spencer Gibbins, New York Ave. PC
Rev. John Molina Moore, NCP
Elder Sara Porter, 1st United PC, Dale City
Rev. Scott Ramsey, Lewinsville PC
Elder Daniel Stokes, New York Ave. PC
Rev. Alice Tewell, New York Ave. PC

Music Leaders:

Todd Fickley, Organist, National Presbyterian Church
Dr. Michael Denham, Director of Music Ministries, National Presbyterian Church
Ethan Green, Baritone section leader, National Presbyterian Church Choir
Joanna Zorack-Greene, Piano Accompanist, National Presbyterian Church

OMNIBUS MOTION FOR THE JUNE 25, 2019 PRESBYTERY MEETING

From the Stated Clerk

- The Stated Clerk moves the approval of the minutes of the May 21, 2019 presbytery meeting.

From the Leadership Council

- The Leadership Council nominates and recommends to the presbytery the following for chairs of committees and commissions for the period ending 9-1-20:

AC on Congregational Property – **Richard Riegel**, RE, Chevy Chase PC
 Bills and Overtures – **Quinn Fox**, MWS, National PC
 Budget and Finance – **Mark Stunder**, RE, Boyds PC
 Church Development – **Mary Hill**, RE, Old Presbyterian Meeting House
 Committee on Ministry – **Stephen Smith-Cobbs**, MWS, Trinity PC (Herndon)
 COM Transitions – **Harriet Hopkins**, RE, Fairfax PC (co-chair)
 COM Transitions – **Lyman Smith**, MWS, Specialized (co-chair)
 Investment – **Karl Hoffman**, Layman, New York Avenue PC
 Mission Coordination – **Mark Eakin**, RE, Warner Memorial PC
 Personnel – **Ann Herlin**, MWS, Old Presbyterian Meeting House
 Preparation for Ministry – **Charles Van Gorder (Van)**, MWS, At Large
 Representation – **Kevin Powell**, MWS, At Large
 Stewardship – **Karl Mattison**, RE, Georgetown PC

- The Leadership Council nominates and recommends to the presbytery the following to serve on the Nominating Committee, Class of 9-1-22:
 - **Linda Rice-Johnston**, RE, Knox PC
- The Leadership Council approves the request from the Commission on Preparation for Ministry and moves approval of the following distribution of Scholarship Funds:
 - Matthew Hackworth: \$10,205.50
 - Tamarah Bush: \$10,205.50
 - Nat Amarquaye: \$10,205.50
 - Beatrice Laryea: \$10,205.50

From the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee nominates and recommends to the presbytery the following to serve on the indicated commission or committee:

- *Church Development*
 Class of 9-1-22: **Jeri Fields**, MWS, Clifton PC

- Committee on Ministry
Class of 9-1-22: **Edward Jones**, RE, Faith PC
Stephen Smith-Cobbs, MWS, Trinity PC (Herndon)
- Preparation for Ministry
Class of 9-1-21: **Megan Klose**, MWS, Specialized [correction of class from March presbytery meeting omnibus]
- Permanent Judicial Commission
Class of 9-1-25: **Rick Snyder**, MWS, HR
- Personnel
Class of 9-1-22: **Barbara Mitchell**, RE, National PC
- Stewardship
Class of 9-1-22: **David Gray**, MWS, Bradley Hills PC

From the COM Coordinating Commission

The COM Coordinating Commission nominates and recommends the following COM members to be on the COM Coordinating Commission and the Congregational Transitions commission for the year ending September 1, 2020:

COM Coordinating Commission

Stephen Smith-Cobbs, MWS, Trinity (Herndon)
Joan Erickson, RE, Heritage
Lyman Smith, MWS, Specialized
Harriet Hopkins, RE, Fairfax
Wayne Blaser, MWS, HR
Mick Burns, MWS, Providence
Aaron Fulp-Eickstaedt, MWS, Immanuel
Shelby Etheridge Harasty, MWS, Saint Mark

Congregational Transitions Commission

Lyman Smith, MWS, Specialized
Harriet Hopkins, RE, Fairfax
Jeri Fields, MWS, First United Dale City
Jay Losher, MWS, Gaithersburg
Mike Volpe, RE, Falls Church
Brian Mickle, MWS, First Arlington
Paul Dornan, RE, New York Avenue

Beth Williams, MWS, United Christian Parish
MaryAnn McKibben Dana, MWS, At Large
Priscilla Andre-Colton, Certified Christian Educator

From the Session Records Review Committee

Based on a review conducted May 29, 2019, the committee moves approval of the minutes of Geneva Presbyterian church with exceptions noted and communicated to the Clerk of Session.

Based on a review conducted June 5, 2019, the committee moves approval without exception of the minutes, registers, and rolls of Westminster Presbyterian Church (DC).

Based on a review conducted June 12, 2019, the committee moves approval of the minutes, rolls, and registers of Northminster Presbyterian Church with exceptions noted and communicated to the Clerk of Session.