

**CALL TO THE STATED MEETING**

**National Capital Presbytery June 30, 2020 @ 6:00pm**

**Via Zoom**

**Stated Meeting Items:**

- 1) National PC Seeking of Loan
- 2) Sermon preached by Moderator Miriam Dewhurst
- 3) Communion of the People (please bring communion elements which can be as simple as crackers and juice)
- 4) Installation of Moderator and Vice-Moderator

**Registration Instructions:**

To register for the meeting, go to the following link: <https://thepresbytery.org/presbytery-meeting/>

June 30, 2020

Greetings, Siblings in Christ,

The past twelve months have gone by so quickly, especially this last one. A month ago, at this writing, most of us were sheltering from the Covid pandemic and George Floyd was alive.

Our June meeting will again take place online. There will be Open Space this month at the usual 4pm time. One of the sessions will be hosted by our commissioners to General Assembly and will allow for discussion of that gathering, which is also online this year. In addition, Interim Stated Clerk Jan Moody and Director of Communication LaJuan Quander will lead an orientation for new commissioners, and General Presbyter Rev. John Molina-Moore and Transitional Director of Congregational Development and Mission Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe will lead a discussion on dismantling racism.

We will have some business to conduct and then we will move to a worship service wherein Elder Mike Rankin and Rev. Diane Hendricks will be installed as Moderator and Vice Moderator respectively. The service will include communion, so please bring communion elements. They can be as simple as crackers and juice. God knows our circumstances.

Thank you for your participation in this meeting. We hope that it will go as smoothly as possible. Thank you for your patience.

My term as your moderator is nearly over. It has been a great privilege to serve in this capacity and it has been a wonderful experience for me. Thank you.

Let us continue to hold one another and our country in prayer.

In Christ's service,

Miriam Dewhurst  
Moderator

**Stated Meeting of the National Capital Presbytery,  
June 30, 2020  
National Capital Presbytery Office, Via Zoom**

6:00PM CALL TO ORDER WITH PRAYER Elder Miriam Dewhurst, Moderator

6:05PM Omnibus Motion p. 7 Elder Jan Moody, Interim Stated Clerk

6:10PM National PC Seeking of Loan /Motion p. 8 Elder Dick Reigel, Chair of ACCP  
Elder Charles Barber, LC Chair

6:30PM TRANSITIONS Rev. John Molina-Moore, General Presbyter

6:05PM CALL TO WORSHIP Elder Miriam Dewhurst

Holy God, you have brought us to this time,  
Not to shield us from heartache and the pain of human life,  
But to heal and inspire us, to gently redirect us,  
Till we see all our neighbors as you do and love them with your love.  
Let us worship God.

HYMN #401 “Here in This Place”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Diane Hendricks

God of all grace and compassion, we bring our prayers of confession to you.

**We grieve the ways in which we create division between people whom Christ has created for community. We grieve that we have segregated and broken our communities along worldly constructs of race, class, ideology, and belief.**

Joined together as one body, we commit ourselves toward the work of the kingdom of God.

**We commit to move beyond like-minded choruses that reinforce our biases, joining the community that reflects God’s grace, Christ’s kingdom, and the Spirit’s action. We commit to dismantle white supremacy, including societal structures that maintain and protect white privilege. We defy attempts to target and ostracize fellow human beings on the basis of blood and soil.**

In these ways we grieve and confess, and in these ways we commit ourselves.

We pray these things in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

*(Excerpted from the NEXT CHURCH Sarasota Statement, Part 1)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rev. Diane Hendricks

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 17:20-21

SERMON

“ONENESS”

Elder Miriam Dewhurst

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from a Brief Statement of Faith)

Elder Michael Rankin

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.****In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.****But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.****Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve condemnation.****Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.****In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.****Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.****Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.****Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR AND VICE-MODERATOR

Elder Miriam Dewhurst

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 of Elder Rankin and Rev. Hendricks*

*Constitutional questions to all present:*

Do you, members of National Capital Presbytery, confirm the call of God to  
 Elder Michael Rankin and Rev. Diane Hendricks 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 Michael and Diane 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 Michael and Diane, our Moderator and Vice Moderator.  
 Enlarge their gifts  
 And help them to obey you,  
 So that we may enjoy good work under their guidance  
 Loyal serving Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**AMEN**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Rev. Heather G. Shortlidge

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Moderator Elder Michael Rankin

BENEDICTION

Moderator Elder Michael Rankin

**Leading Meeting:**

Elder Miriam Dewhurst, New York Avenue PC, NCP Moderator

Rev. John Molina-Moore, General Presbyter  
 Elder Jan Moody, Interim Stated Clerk  
 Elder Richard Riegal, Chevy Chase PC, Chair of ACCP  
 Elder Charles Barber, Chair of Leadership Council

**Leading Worship:**

Elder Miriam Dewhurst, New York Avenue PC  
 Rev. Diane Hendricks, Falls Church PC  
 Elder Michael Rankin, Redeemer PC  
 Rev. Dr. Heather Shortlidge, New York Avenue PC Rev. Billy Kluttz, New York Avenue PC

## OMNIBUS MOTION FOR THE JUNE 30, 2020 PRESBYTERY MEETING

### *From the Interim Stated Clerk*

- The Interim Stated Clerk moves the approval of the minutes of the May 26, 2020 presbytery meeting with corrections.
- The Interim Stated Clerk moves that presbytery receive the report of the following commission with thanks: the commission to ordain Rachel Pacheco, which ordination took place at the Church of the Pilgrims, via Zoom on May 30, 2020.

### *From the Leadership Council*

- The Leadership Council moves to approve the following recommendations from the Commission on Preparation for Ministry for the distribution of the scholarship fund to the following Inquirers and Candidates:
  - Nat Amarquaye - \$5,000 (University of Dubuque Theological Seminary)
  - Tamarah Bush - \$8,668 (Princeton Theological Seminary)
  - Nick Carson - \$8,668 (Columbia Theological Seminary)
  - Matt Hackworth - \$5,000 (Chicago Theological School)
  - Beatrice Laryea - \$5,000 (Wesley Theological School)
  - Rebecca Leland - \$8,668 (Columbia Theological School)
- The Leadership Council moves to approve the following recommendations from the Nominating Committee for the chairs of NCP committees and commissions:
 

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| ○ ACCP                          | Richard Riegel, RE, Chevy Chase. c/o 09-2023 |
| ○ Budget and Finance            | Erik Kloster, RE, Lewinsville, c/o 09- 2023  |
| ○ COM                           | Rev. Stephen Smith- Cobbs, c/o 09- 2023      |
| ○ Nominating                    | Rev. Rachel Vaagenes, c/o 09- 2022           |
| ○ Permanent Judicial Commission | Rev. David Gray, c/o 09- 2021                |
| ○ Personnel                     | Rev. Ann Herlin, c/o 09- 2021                |
| ○ Preparation for Ministry      | Rev. Charles Van Gorder, c/o 09- 2021        |
| ○ Representation                | Rev. Kevin Powell, c/o 09-2022               |
| ○ Session Records               | Janis Summers, RE, Darnestown, c/o 2022      |
| ○ Stewardship                   | Karl Mattison, RE, Georgetown, c/o 2021      |

**ACTION ITEMS FOR THE JUNE 2020 PRESBYTERY MEETING*****From the Leadership Council***

The Administrative Commission on Congregational Property (ACCP) moves the Leadership Council to approve and recommend that the presbytery approve the seeking of a loan of up to \$7 million from Trustar Bank by the National Presbyterian Church, a member in good standing of the NCP, in order to complete the financing package for the church's planned facilities improvements and mission projects. The loan will be secured by the church property or by capital campaign and facility usage fee receivables, or by a negative pledge, and/or the church's investment portfolio. This approval is contingent on National's securing approval for the planned debt financing from their Session and the congregation and notifying the ACCP thereof.



## Here in This Place

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## Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.