

A Note from the Stated Clerk

The COVID-19 pandemic has compelled presbytery leaders to discern new ways of connecting and engaging churches that will bring unity and focus to the work God calls us to do. I am thankful for the adaptive leadership of the many who have designed and led the virtual presbytery meetings this past year. The June 22, 2021 presbytery meeting was held via the Zoom meeting platform along with portions of the meeting being live streamed from Falls Church PC. Best practices and lessons learned from the past year will be incorporated into upcoming presbytery gatherings.

Here are some highlights from June 22, 2021 . . .

The Bills and Overtures Committee hosted at 4:00 PM an Open Space that provided updates on the 2022 General Assembly. Topics included: process for applying to serve as a GA commissioner; process for submitting an overture; and plans for a hybrid in person/virtual meeting. For more information, go to the 2022 GA page on the National Capital Presbytery website. <https://thepresbytery.org/presbytery-meeting/225th-general-assembly-2022/>

The Stated Meeting began at 5:00 PM with a call to order, prayer, and the approval of the omnibus motion. Worship followed the business part of the gathering. Moderator Elder Michael Rankin preached a sermon titled *“Something within-you must be born again”* and Rev. Sterling Morse led the Sacrament of Communion. The Church of the Redeemer Chancel Choir, directed by Sandi Lewanika, and solo singers provided music. The meeting concluded with the installation of The Reverend Diane Hendricks as Moderator and Elder Shani McIlwain (Faith) as Vice Moderator.

As we journey forward together, we will keep you posted on plans for presbytery meetings in the fall. May your summer be a time of re-creation, relaxation, and renewal.

Grace and Peace,

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