



Greetings Beloved in Christ,

On September 28, NCP will gather via zoom for our common time of learning, worship, and work.

Learn at one of two Open Space Gatherings at 4 PM via two distinct zoom meeting platforms. Open Space Gatherings are an opportunity to begin learning about something new or deepen your understanding about something happening in the life of our presbytery.

- Rev. Rachel Vaagenes, the chair of the nominating committee will lead “The Nominating Committee is Calling.” Learn about opportunities to serve God through the committees and commissions of NCP.
- Elders James Butler, Sam Guillermo and Willie Montgomery, a powerhouse team of experience in technical arts, worship, and other ministries will lead “An Introduction to NCP TECH TALKS II.” Get a taste of what this team will offer at a longer workshop in October. This is a great opportunity to develop your congregation’s hybrid ministry muscles.

Worship on a common zoom meeting platform at 5 PM. Worship is our central act as Christians, and it is also the central act for our Presbytery gathering.

- Emmanuel Indonesian Church will lead us in liturgy and music. Many thanks to Pastor Cynthia Londa Kekung, Elder Meirina Hutabarat, and Elder Natalia Angkuw Suwuh for offering their gifts to our community.
- Rev. John Molina Moore, NCP’s General Presbyter, will be preaching.

We will continue on the same zoom meeting platform at 6 PM as we conduct the work that allows our common ministry to grow in faithfulness. This month the agenda includes the following:

- The Nominating Committee will share a new plan for applying to serve on committees/commissions of NCP.
- The Committee on Ministry (COM) is bringing a recommendation to allow a formal process for the commissioning of Ruling Elders to ministry in our presbytery. Please read the background information on this action designed to allow greater flexibility to our congregations and ministries in our rapidly changing context.
- The Committee for Preparation on Ministry (CPM) will ask the body to waive the two-year requirement for Emilee Williams, in order that she might be certified ready to receive a call.

The community of NCP is called to sacred work. I trust that the Holy Spirit will continue to grow our community in faithfulness as we offer our own faithfulness to our common worship and work. I thank you in advance

- for the time you are giving to prepare for our work,
- for your presence - both to the Holy Spirit and your colleagues - in the midst of our work, and
- for your reflection via our online survey (or via a phone call if you prefer!) about how we have been faithful, and how we might be more faithful the next time we gather.

Diane Walton Hendricks, Moderator of NCP



CALL TO THE STATED MEETING

National Capital Presbytery

September 28, 2021

5:00 PM

Stated Meeting Items:

- 1) Opening worship with sermon preached by NCP General Presbyter Rev. John Molina-Moore
- 2) Omnibus Motion
- 3) Commissioning of Ruling Elders
- 4) Recommendation from the Commission on the Preparation for Ministry

Note:

A Word on the Budget Process

For planning purposes, our churches can plan on the per capita amount remaining the same for the 2022 fiscal year. In a change from recent history, **our work at this September meeting will not include a “first reading” of the budget.** One learning in this COVID time is that we can use our common meeting time on zoom more efficiently by allowing you to have more control of the amount of information you need in order to make an informed decision. In lieu of a “first reading,” Budget and Finance will provide information about the budget in a variety of formats, and well in advance of our November meeting. These ways will include:

1. An itemized budget
2. A narrative budget that tells the story of how that budget supports our mission
3. A video overview on the budget process to be watched (and re-watched!) at your leisure
4. An Open Space before the November meeting to answer any questions or concerns that you may have on the budget
5. In addition, if you are unable to attend that Open Space, you can reach out in advance to our presbytery staff to ask questions or raise concerns.

NCP leadership believes that all of those opportunities to review the information, ask questions, and offer feedback will provide better preparation for a vote on the budget in November.

For meeting information and registration use this link: <https://thepresbytery.org/presbytery-meeting/>

Stated Meeting National Capital Presbytery

September 28, 2021

Via Zoom

We Gather in Community

6:00PM CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER Rev. Diane Hendricks, Moderator

6:10PM OMNIBUS MOTION pp 2-3 Elder Jan Moody, Stated Clerk

6:15PM NOMINATING COMMITTEE Rev. Rachel Vaagenes

6:25PM TRANSITIONS Rev. John Molina-Moore, General Presbyter

ACTION ITEMS

6:35 PM Commissioning of Ruling Elders (Motion) pp 4-5 Elder David McClung

Rev. Stephen Smith-Cobbs

6:50PM Recommendation from the Commission on Preparation for Ministry (Motion) p 5 Rev. Megan Klose

BENEDICTION Rev. Diane Hendricks, Moderator

Meeting Leaders

Rev. Diane Hendricks, NCP Moderator

Elder Jan Moody, Stated Clerk

Rev. John Molina-Moore, General Presbyter

Rev. Rachel Vaagenes, Chair, Nominating Committee

Elder David McClung, Chair, Leadership Council

Rev. Stephen Smith-Cobbs, Chair, Committee on Ministry

Rev. Megan Klose, Chair, Commission on Preparation for Ministry

OMNIBUS MOTION FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 NCP MEETING

From the Stated Clerk

- The Stated Clerk moves the approval of the minutes of the June 22, 2021 NCP meeting.

From the Nominating Committee

COM

_____ % 2024 Gary Allen, RE

CDC

_____ % 2024 Willie Montgomery, RE @ 15th Street PC

Preparation for Ministry

_____ % 2024 Catherine Taylor, TE

_____ % 2024 Megan Klose, TE

Stewardship

_____ % 2024 Patrick Jackson, TE

ACCP

_____ c/o 2024 Eric Beckman, TE

From the Committee on Ministry

- **COM Coordination Commission**

Rev. Stephen Smith Cobbs

Rev. Mary Austin

Rev. Susan Graceson

Rev. Shelby Etheridge Harasty

Elder Michael Volpe

Rev. Juli Wilson-Black

Rev. Aaron Fulp-Eickstaedt

- **COM Transition Commission**

Rev. Mary Austin

Elder Michael Volpe

Rev. Susan Wisseman

Rev. James Sledge

Elder Paul Dorman

Elder Pricilla Andre-Colton

Rev. Jay Losher

ACTION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 NCP MEETING

Motion: To approve the recommendation from the NCP Leadership Council to commission Ruling Elders to serve specific pastoral roles in NCP congregations or fellowships and grant authority to COM to appoint a team to prepare applicants to be commissioned by NCP to serve a particular congregation or fellowship for a particular time.

Background

On Feb. 3, 2021 the NCP Leadership Council approved the appointment of a Task Force to research and make recommendations for developing a process for commissioning Ruling Elders who have been trained to provide specific pastoral duties in NCP congregations. The Commissioned Ruling Elder Task Force (CRETf) includes Carolyn Fink, Warren Clayton, Kris Obom Maldarelli and staff resource, Jan Moody. The team reviewed CRE program manuals from the presbyteries of Baltimore, Geneva, Minnesota Valleys, Sheppards and Lapsley, Tampa Bay, East Iowa, Coastal Carolina and studied the training programs for CREs offered at Dubuque and Union seminaries. The team interviewed several NCP ministers who have served in presbyteries that commission Ruling Elders and gleaned the variety of ways that CREs can enhance ministries in congregations. After consultation with COM and NCP staff, the team identified more than ten NCP congregations for whom a CRE could potentially provide needed pastoral leadership.

Why Commission Ruling Elders (CREs?)

A Commissioned Ruling Elder) is a calling acknowledged by the Book of Order to ministry within the PC (USA). Using their God given gifts and talents, along with appropriate training, CREs may serve congregations and ministries within the presbytery to be faithful in Word, Sacrament and Reformed faith.

What is a Commissioned Ruling Elder?

A CRE is an elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA) who is granted a local commission by the Presbytery to limited pastoral service as assigned by the presbytery. Commissioned ruling elders(CREs) are trained to provide specific pastoral functions. Areas of study include:

- Biblical Studies
- Reformed Theology and Sacraments
- Presbyterian Polity
- Preaching
- Leading Worship (including administering sacraments when authorized)
- Pastoral Care
- Field Internship

CREs are commissioned by the NCP to a NCP congregation or fellowship for a particular time. That commission is reviewed annually.

What is the ruling elder commissioned to do?

A CRE may moderate the session of the congregation to which he or she is commissioned and administer the Sacraments. A CRE provides for the worship and nurture of the congregation. Permission for specific activities will be included in the contract established between the session of a particular church, with the approval and supervision of the Committee on Ministry. (See G-2.1001, Book of Order)

Motion: To approve, by three-fourths vote, the recommendation from the Commission on Preparation for Ministry to waive the time limitations of G-20602 that requires a 2-year minimum process for the inquiry and candidacy phases of readiness to receive a call for Candidate Emilee Williams,

Background

Emilee Williams received a Master of Divinity from Princeton Seminary in 2018. Following graduation, she began exploring the process for ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PCUSA. She joined Bush Hill Presbyterian Church and was encouraged by her minister and session to apply to become an inquirer under the care of CPM.

She wrote in her application to become an inquirer,

“Following seminary, I pursued a call in Campus Ministry as the Director of Community & Spiritual Growth, knowing ordination was a possibility. As I began working closely with Presbyterian congregations, I realized I had finally found my denominational home.”

She is in her fourth year as the Director for Community & Spiritual Growth at Arise Campus Ministry, the Protestant college ministry at George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community Colleges. She started in July of 2018 following graduation from seminary and has spent her time there growing and redeveloping the ministry. Currently, Arise is thriving being back in person and is seeing great response to their fall mission of reclaiming community, connection, and conversation on campus with God and one another.

She enrolled as an inquirer in November 2020 and was moved to candidacy in March 2021. In February 2021 she passed the Bible Content Exam and in April 2021 she passed all four of the senior ordination exams. In the summer of 2021, she completed a course in Biblical Hebrew. On September 16, CPM approved her as ready for final assessment to be certified as ready to receive a call in October 2021 pending approval of a waiver of G-20602 by NCP at its September 28, 2021 meeting..

**National Capital Presbytery
Teaching Elder Commissioner to the 2022 General Assembly
Nomination Form**

This form has been developed following F-1.0403 Unity in Diversity, to help the Nominating Committee give full expression to the rich diversity within our presbytery.

- Teaching Elders shall complete the form and email it to nominating@thepresbytery.org thepresbytery.org, along with a photograph.
- Reference forms (required for elder and YAAD nominees, and recommended for minister nominees) are to be submitted by the person writing the recommendation and sent to nominating@thepresbytery.org

Date:		
Name:		
Street Address:		
City, State, ZIP:		
Local Ministry (church or ministry-at-large)		Member of NCP Since:
Phone Home:	Work:	Cell:
Email:		
Year of Ordination:	Year your church or place of ministry was last represented by a Commissioner at GA (if applicable):	
Previous Commissioner to GA? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If Yes, what year:	What Presbytery:

Age Range:		Racial/Ethnic Identity: <i>Select all that apply</i>	
26-35	<input type="checkbox"/>	African American (AfrA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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65-79	<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Eastern (ME)	<input type="checkbox"/>
80+	<input type="checkbox"/>	Indigenous/Native American (NA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Caucasian/White (W)	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to specify	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Binary
	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-Identify _____	

Do you consider yourself to be a person with a disability? Yes No

Do you require special accommodations of any kind? Yes No

If Yes, what kind:

In the past two years, how often have you attended Presbytery meetings?

Local ministry responsibilities: (Past and Present)

Presbytery responsibilities: (Past and Present)

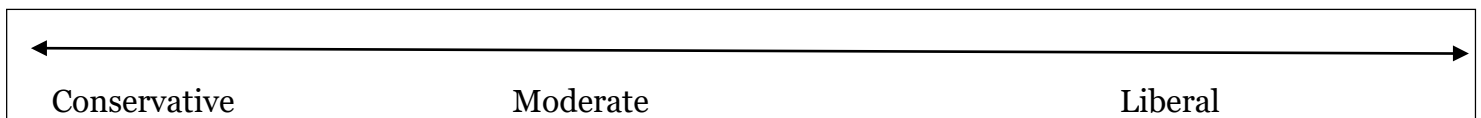
Other governing body responsibilities: (Present and Past)

Special skills, knowledge, languages, or other relevant expertise:

Other community involvement (name no more than three):

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THEOLOGICAL SPECTRUM



Why did you place yourself on the spectrum where you did?

Please list you believe are the key theological/social issues currently facing the church and society, and how they shape your experience in the church:

Please indicate why you want to represent National Capital Presbytery at the General Assembly:

A commissioner to General Assembly recognizes the importance of the following responsibilities and is willing to accept each. Please mark yes for each of the following to be considered:

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- Attend and participate in the General Assembly in its entirety. Yes
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- Serve for two years on the National Capital Presbytery's Bills and Overtures Committee after the General Assembly meeting. Yes
- Be able to use a computer before and during GA. Yes

I agree to be a nominee: (signature)

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Ruling Elder Commissioner to the 2022 General Assembly
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80+ <input type="checkbox"/>	Indigenous/Native American (NA) <input type="checkbox"/>
	Caucasian/White (W) <input type="checkbox"/>
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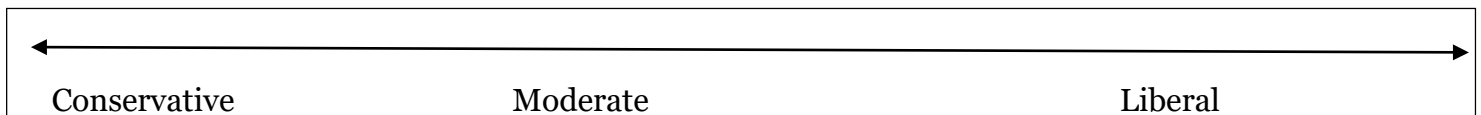
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I agree to be a nominee: (signature)

Moderator or Clerk of Session: (Ruling Elders and YAADs must be nominated by the Session of their church)

Date of Session Action:

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Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the 2022 General Assembly
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Name:		
Street Address:		
City, State, ZIP:		
Church Membership:		Member Since:
Phone Home:	Work:	Cell:
Email:		
If Ordained, Year of Ordination:	Year your church or place of ministry was last represented by a YAAD at GA (if applicable):	
Previous YAAD Commissioner to GA? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If Yes, what year:	What Presbytery:

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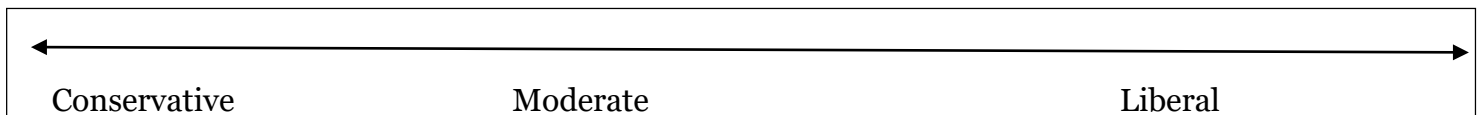
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