

PRESBYTERY REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 NCP MEETING

From the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk reports that she appointed the following ministers to serve as session meeting moderators:

- Rev. Eric Snyder to moderate the session meeting at Capitol Hill PC on July 6, and July 28, 2021.
- Rev. Patrick Jackson to moderate the session meeting at Northeastern PC on July 10, 2021.
- Rev. Michael Koppel to moderate the session meeting at Hermon PC on July 18, 2021.
- Rev. Jeri Fields to moderate the session meeting at Berwyn PC on August 15, 2021 at 1:00 PM.
- Rev. Nancy Clark to moderate the session meeting at Hermon PC on August 18, 2021.
- Rev. Nancy Clark to moderate the session meeting at Northeastern PC on August 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM..
- Rev, Michael Koppel to moderate the session meeting at Hermon PC on September 12, 2021.
- Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence to moderate the session meetings at Mizo PC on [June 13, August 8, September 12.](#)
- Rev. Nancy Clark to moderate the session meeting at Northeastern PC on September 15, 2021.
- Rev. Roy Howard to moderate the session meeting at Hermon PC on October 10. 2021.
- Rev. Roy Howard to moderate the session meeting at Hermon PC on November 14, 2021.
- The Stated Clerk reports approval of the commission to install Rev. Patrick McElwaine, September 26, 2021 at Geneva PC at 4:00 PM.
- The Stated Clerk reports approval of the commission to install Rev. Adele Crawford, October 17, 2021 at Warner Memorial PC at 3:00 PM.

The Stated Clerk reports approval of the commission to install Rev. Patrick McElwaine, September 26, 2021 at Geneva PC at 4:00 PM.

The Stated Clerk reports approval of the commission to install Rev. Adele Crawford, October 17, 2021 at Warner Memorial PC at 3:00 PM.

The Stated Clerk reports approval of the commission to install the Rev. Hope Lee, November 21, 2021 at Vienna PC at 3:00 PM.

From the Commission on Preparation for Ministry

The following Candidates were assessed and certified as ready to receive a call:

- Courtney Steininger, Darnestown PC
- Rebecca Leland, Falls Church PC
- Sara Sadler, Leesburg PC and Geneva PC
- Tamarah Bush, Church of the Pilgrims

From the Session Records Committee

Churches are scheduled for review of 2019/2020 Session Records on one of the following dates and locations:

- September 25- Chevy Chase PC
- October 16-Darnestown PC
- October 30-Warner Memorial PC
- November 13-Vienna PC

From the Leadership Council

Leadership Council Meeting Minutes September 1, 2021

12:30 PM via Zoom

Present: Charles Barber, Lee Bishop, Brian Clark, Laura Cunningham, Miriam Dewhurst, Quinn Fox, Pat Futato, Diane Hendricks, Dave McClung, Shani McIlwain, Neill Morgan, Nancy Neal, Michael Rankin, Elsie Reid, Le Quan Turner

Excused: Sterling Morse

NCP Staff: John Molina Moore, Jan Moody, LaJuan Quander, Tara Spuhler McCabe, Heather Deacon, Dina Bickel

Guests: Jeri Fields, CDC Chair; Mary Austin, CTC Co-Chair

Leadership Council (LC) Chair Charles Barber opened the meeting with prayer at 12:32 PM.

Brian Clark offered a devotion based on Psalms 19:14 - *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.*

Jeri Fields, Church Development Commission (CDC) Chair, presented the Annual Report of the CDC. The Council accepted the report, with gratitude. (The report will be posted on the NCP website.)

Heather Deacon provided the following 2022 NCP Operating and Mission Budget Timeline:

September 22 – Budget & Finance (B&F) to review the 2022 NCP Operating and Mission Budget Proposal.

October 6 – LC reviews the B&F Proposal

October – B&F reviews the LC comments (exact date TBD)

November 3 - LC reviews B&F Revised Proposal

November 4 – Circulate budget in the presbytery packet (Note: Presbytery meeting is the 3rd Tuesday this month. Packet is due Thursday, Nov 4 to Jan)

November 16 – Present finalized Operating and Mission Budget during Open Space for questions and present to Presbytery during business meeting.

Motion: *Leadership Council moves to approve the 2022 NCP Operating and Mission Budget Timeline Recommendation.* **Approved**

At the February 3, 2021 meeting, LC approved the appointment of a Commissioning Ruling Elder Task Force (CRETf) to research the commissioning of Ruling Elders to serve in pastoral roles in NCP. The CRETf presented a report and recommendation to COM in August. COM approved the recommendation. Mary Austin, Chair of Congregational Transitions Commission (CTC) presented the following recommendation to LC:

Motion: The Leadership Council moves to approve the following recommendations from the COM as recommended from the Commissioning Ruling Elder Task Force (CRETf) that National Capital Presbytery (NCP) approve the commissioning of 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. Within the next 18 months, the CRETf will present an updated report to the LC. **Approved**

Wheaton PC: John Molina-Moore gave an update.

NCP Staff Update: John Molina-Moore reported that Elder Jesy Littlejohn was hired in August to serve as a part time NCP office administrator and Angela Goolsby was hired in August to serve as a part time NCP bookkeeper.

Allyship Training and Dismantling Racism: NCP has confirmed dates with Service Never Sleeps for 2022 training schedules for Allyship and Dismantling Racism.

Schedule: LC approved the following schedule for LC and Presbytery meetings through 2023.

Presbytery Meetings

June 22, 2021 NCP Meeting Evaluation - Elder Michael Rankin expressed gratitude for the kind words expressed in the evaluations for his service as NCP moderator. Rev. Diane Hendricks is looking forward to serving as the NCP moderator for 2021-2022.

September 28 Presbytery Meeting - Communications Director, LaJuan Quander, reported that a tech team has been recruited to assist with the September presbytery meeting. The moderator, vice moderator and some members of the NCP staff will lead the meeting in person from Falls Church PC while commissioners will participate via the Zoom platform.

Election of Officers

Motion: *Approve the election of Elder Dave McClung as Leadership Council Chair and Elder Pat Futato as Leadership Council Vice Chair.* **Approved**

Chair Charles Barber was thanked for his excellent leadership during a challenging year.

Pat Futato closed the meeting in prayer at 2:08PM

2021-2022 schedule for Leadership Council and NCP Meetings and 2023 NCP Meetings

Leadership Council Meetings	Presbytery Meetings
September 1, 2021	
	September 28, 2021
October 6, 2021	
November 3, 2021	
	November 16, 2021
December 1, 2021	
January 5, 2022	
	January 25, 2022
February 2, 2022	
March 2, 2022 (Also Ash Wednesday – Change?)	
	March 22, 2022
April 6, 2022	
May 4, 2022	
	May 24, 2022
June 1, 2022	
	June 28, 2022
September 7, 2022	
	September 27, 2022
October 5, 2022	
November 2, 2022	
	November 15, 2022
December 7, 2022	

Presbytery Meetings in 2023: January 24, March 28, May 23, June 27, September 26, November

Leadership Council Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2021

12:00 PM via Zoom

Present: Lee Bishop, Brian Clark, Miriam Dewhurst, Pat Futato, Diane Hendricks, Dave McClung, Shani McIlwain, Sterling Morse, Michael Rankin, Elsie Reid, Le Quan Turner

Excused: Quinn Fox, Neill Morgan, Nancy Neal

NCP Staff: John Molina Moore, Jan Moody, Tara Spuhler McCabe, Dina Bickel

Guests: Jeri Fields, CDC Chair

At 12:00 PM, Leadership Council (LC) Chair, Dave McClung called the LC meeting to order.

Brian Clark opened with prayer.

CDC presented for final review and approval from LC a lease between Family Services, Inc. and National Capital Presbytery. The lease was reviewed by CDC, NCP Staff, and NCP's legal counsel, John J. Matteo at Jackson & Campbell, P.C. Leadership Council moved the following:

Motion: The Leadership Council moves to approve the lease agreement between Family Services, Inc. and National Capital Presbytery. Approved

Background: The following motion was moved and approved on January 26, 2021 by NCP:

Leadership Council moves the recommendation from CDC to approve the New Things Team request that a onetime allocation of \$100,000.00 from the New Growth Fund be used to contribute to Sheppard Pratt's effort to secure funding for a Community Hub in which National Capital Presbytery (NCP) Germantown Ministry HUB will establish space to coordinate services to address the educational, health, and social inequities that exist among low-income families living in the Germantown area. This onetime allocation is consistent with the priorities of NCP and is contingent upon Sheppard Pratt purchasing an appropriate ministry site. This agreement is further contingent upon the Church Development Commission (CDC) approving the site and the terms of the 15 year no cost lease and for CDC to submit the proposed lease for Leadership Council's final approval.

Note: The lease agreement prohibits any "sectarian religious worship or instruction." LC understands that this space will be used to provide "spiritual support to interested individuals served by nonprofits and interested staff of those nonprofits" as referred to in the Jan. 26, 2021

motion. Scott Rose, the Sheppard-Pratt representative clarified that the sorts of activities that are prohibited under “sectarian worship or instruction” include:

- a worship service
- religious activity that emphasizes denomination distinction (robes, communion table, organ, offering plates, icons, baptisms, etc.)
- teaching denominational doctrine (e.g., a course on Reformed Theology, a confirmation class, etc.)

Activities permitted include:

- spiritual discussion
- time of reflection/meditation
- discipleship training
- meeting for prayer
- time of fellowship
- org. meeting for planning/strategy

Pat Futato closed with prayer at 12:13 PM.