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Dear Churches,

On September 28, National Capital Presbytery gathered for worship and business virtually.

Here are some of the highlights of the meeting:

- Worship began at 5:00. Pastor Cynthia Londa Kekung, Elder Merina Hutabarat, and Elder Natalia Angkuw Suwuh led the music and liturgy for the service and General Presbyter, Rev. John Molina-Moore, preached a sermon based on Matthew 17:14-20 about discerning authentic faith.
- The business meeting began at 6:00. The Chair of the Nominating Committee, Rev. Rachel Vaagenes, encouraged Teaching and Ruling Elders to apply to serve as members of NCP committees or commissions and/or as commissioners to the 2022 General Assembly. (For more information about the General Assembly, go to <https://thepresbytery.org/presbytery-meeting/225th-general-assembly-2022/>)

The presbytery welcomed the following new minister members:

- Rev. Layne Brubaker, Associate Pastor Christian Formation, Lewinsville PC,
- Rev. Mark Harper, Pastor, Takoma Park PC, and
- Olivia Patterson, Associate Pastor Youth and Young Adults, Westminster Alexandria

The presbytery celebrated the ministry of **Rev. Lynn Hoyle-Stanton who is now Honorably Retired.**

The presbytery approved the following action items:

- 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.
- To approve, by three-fourths vote, the recommendation for 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.

Moderator Rev. Diane Hendricks closed the meeting with prayer at 7:20 PM.

At the next presbytery meeting on November 16, in worship we will pause and remember the Ruling and Teaching Elders who have died this past year. In the business meeting we will discuss and vote on the NCP 2022 Operating and Mission budgets.

Presbytery meetings provide space for commissioners and guests to come together to remember, renew, and reimagine so that our churches can grow in service to God's mission.

Grace and Peace,

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