

PRESBYTERY REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2021 NCP MEETING

From the Stated Clerk

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

- Rev. Carolyn Tilley to moderate the session meeting at Takoma Park on September 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM.
- Rev. Jo Ann Staebler to moderate the congregational meeting at Berwyn PC on September 26, 2021 at 12:30.
- Rev. Charles Van Gorder to moderate the session meeting at Northeastern PC on October 9, 2021.
- Rev. Charles Van Gorder to moderate the session meeting at Church of the Pilgrims on October 20, 2021 and November 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM.
- Rev. Charles Van Gorder to moderate the congregational meeting at Church of the Pilgrims on October 17, 2021.
- Rev. Charles Van Gorder to moderate the congregational meeting at Northeastern PC on October 24, 2021
- Rev. Jeri Fields to moderate the session meeting at Berwyn PC on October 17, 2021 at 1:00
- Rev. Mary Austin to moderate the session meetings at Rockville PC on September 15 and October 20

The Stated Clerk reports approval of commission to ordain Olivia Patterson October 23, 2021 at Westminster PC, Alexandria VA at 2:00 PM

The Stated Clerk reports approval of commission to install Layne Brubaker November 14, 2021 at Lewinsville PC at 4:00 PM

From Leadership Council

Leadership Council Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2021

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

Excused: Quinn Fox, Diane Hendricks

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

Guests: Erik Kloster, Chair of Budget & Finance

Leadership Council (LC) Chair Dave McClung opened the meeting with prayer at 12:30 PM.

Miriam Dewhurst offered a devotion.

Shani McIlwain opened the discussion about the September 28, 2021 Presbytery meeting evaluations.

Erik Kloster, Budget & Finance Chair, presented the 2022 Operating Budget.

Motion:

The NCP Budget and Finance Committee recommends to the Leadership Council a \$1,069,599.02 operating budget for 2022, which reflects no change in per capita rates from 2021.

	<u>2022 Per Capita Rate</u>	<u>2021 Per Capita Rate</u>
General Assembly	\$8.98	\$8.98
Synod	\$1.15	\$1.15
National Capital Presbytery	\$32.54	\$32.54
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Total	\$42.67	\$42.67

Approved

Erik Kloster, Budget & Finance Chair, presented the 2022 Mission Budget

Motion:

The NCP Budget and Finance Committee recommends to the Leadership Council a \$975,189.50 mission budget for 2022.

Approved

Neill Morgan closed the meeting in prayer at 1:24 PM.

Leadership Council Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2021

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

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

Guests: Rachel Vaagenes, Nominating Committee Chair; Jeri Fields, CDC Chair

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

Shani McIlwain offered a devotion.

Rachel Vaagenes, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the Annual Report of the Nominating Committee. The Council accepted the report, with gratitude. (The report will be posted on the NCP website.)

Motion: To recommend to Leadership Council the following people as 2021-22 chairs for their respective committees: Richard Riegel (ACCP), Jeri Fields (CDC), Stephen Smith-Cobbs (COM), Erik Kloster (B&F), Rachel Vaagenes (NOM), Barbara Mitchell (Personnel), Kevin Powell (COR), Janis Summers (Session Records).

Richard Riegel (ACCP) is a Ruling Elder at Chevy Chase PC and has served on ACCP since 2017.

Jeri Fields (CDC) is the Interim Pastor at Adelphi and has served on CDC since 2019 and has served on several NCP Committees including Stewardship, COM and Representation.

Stephen Smith-Cobbs (COM) is an Installed Pastor at Trinity Herndon and has served on COM for several years.

Erik Kloster (B&F) is a Ruling Elder at Lewinsville PC and has served on Budget & Finance on and off since 2011. Elder Kloster has been a CPA for 38 years.

Rachel Vaagenes (NOM) is the Designated Pastor for Capitol Hill PC and has served on Nominating since 2017.

Barbara Mitchell (Personnel) is a Ruling Elder at National PC and has served on Personnel since 2019.

Kevin Powell (Representation) is a Teaching Elder and has served on COR for several years.

Janis Summers (Session Records) is a Ruling Elder at Darnestown PC and has served on Session Records since 2017.

Approved

Motion: To reinstate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by Karen Chamis and the Clerk of Riverside PC representing said Session, dated April 15, 2019, and having expired

December 31, 2020, for a period of 6 months, beginning November 3, 2021 through May 31, 2022, thereby allowing Riverside Presbyterian Church to continue to act as trustees for the NCP property known as Faith Chapel in Lucketts, VA and to continue to explore the feasibility of a New Worshiping Community.

Approved

SUPPORTING RATIONALE:

On April 15, 2019, Karen Chamis signed the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Riverside Presbyterian Church and NCP. This document gave authorization for Riverside PC to serve as trustees of the Faith Chapel property in the absence of a worshipping community and to explore the feasibility of a New Worshiping Community. While Riverside Presbyterian Church faithfully executed their role in doing so, during the pandemic, the MOU was inadvertently not renewed.

Riverside PC believes God's Spirit is moving. Some emerging possibilities include

- A Spanish language worshipping community
- A community center
- A church-run coffee shop and coffee worship
- Partnerships with Volunteers in America, the Ruritans, and others
- Something yet to be named and identified.

CDC will provide the Memorandum of Understanding and it will be signed by David McClung, Moderator of Leadership Council and the Clerk of Session of Riverside PC.

John Molina-Moore presented the Healthy Boundaries Contract with Convergence. The online training is a self-paced course but can be done in 1 ½ full days.

Motion: To approve the contract with Convergence for the online Healthy Boundaries Training of 100 NCP Ministers of Word and Sacrament for a total cost of \$7,500.00 which will be drawn from 2021 Leadership Council and Response Training funds.

Approved

Jan Moody presented a proposal for Leadership Council to complete an Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI), which assesses intercultural competence. The IDI is a 50-item questionnaire available online that can be completed in 15–20 minutes. The process, expectations and proposed timeline were described.

Motion: To approve the proposal for Leadership Council to complete an Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) that includes: an individual profile, one hour group profile with interpreter from OGA, and an individual customized debrief. The total cost per person is \$96.00. Cost will be drawn from the 2021 Leadership Council funds.

Approved

John Molina-Moore gave an update on Wheaton PC. Wheaton PC has agreed to pay a monthly amount on their loan repayment. John and Heather Deacon are working on an agreement with them that will start December 15, 2021.

John Molina-Moore gave an update on Pilgrims PC. The team that Leadership Council put together, led by Charles Barber, put out a Request for Proposal. A proposal from a developer, T&H Investments, seems promising. It gives the church some manageable space along with 20-30 senior affordable housing units.

John Molina-Moore gave an update on the work of COM's Care Team & the NCP staff to provide a retreat for church minister members and church ministry program staff. The retreat is scheduled for January 10-12, 2022 at the Hyatt in Cambridge MD. Attendees will be charged \$250.00 per person/ \$81.00 for spouse/partner for shared room to cover food. Increasing the cost per person from cost charged in previous years for the Calm to the Waves Retreat will enable the presbytery to host more annual retreats.

LC suggested to inform the body of the dates for the Retreat and Healthy Boundaries class quickly for members to plan accordingly.

Brian Clark closed the meeting in prayer.

From the Riverdale Administrative Commission

Final Report to National Capital Presbytery February 2021

Riverdale Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission

At the May 17, 2020 Presbytery meeting the final dissolution of Riverdale Presbyterian Church was approved, effective May 31, 2020. The final church service was held on May 31, 2020 via Zoom and offered on YouTube. At the conclusion of the service, members were invited to share memories of the church. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, in-person activities were prohibited. The Administrative Commission continued to meet 7 more times to conduct the business of dissolving the church.

Pastoral care was provided by Rev. David Bowerman, Rev. Gloria Yi and Rev. Lucy Bowerman

Electronic Footprint: Constant Contact, Facebook page, and webpage closed down

Financial Actions:

Investments were liquidated and deposited in the church account

Staff was provided severance pay

Final bills were paid

Donations were made to Churches United Day Care and Help by Phone, local organizations with a history of ministry support from RPC

Gift approved for the newly formed Riverdale Fellowship to be administered by Tara Spuhler McCabe, Transitional Director of the Congregational Development and Mission Team when deemed appropriate

Provided funds to be set aside by the presbytery to fund a celebration of RPC after COVID restrictions are lifted

Items stored in former church building:

Congregation members were invited to review and remove and items they could use

Many items were claimed by the newly formed Riverdale Fellowship

Gifted grand piano to The Word of God Baptist Church

State Documents:

Information and signatures provided to Heather Deacon, Director of Financial Affairs to complete articles of dissolution and final report.

Report prepared by Sally Shiomichi

Riverdale Presbyterian Church AC Secretary

Additional Notes:

Church records were delivered to the presbytery office and will be sent to the Presbyterian Historical Society.

The Articles of Dissolution for a Maryland Corporation for RIVERDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) were accepted and approved for record on 9/29/2021 by the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation.

Jan Moody, Stated Clerk

From the Young Adult Volunteers



Quinn Bacon, They/Fae/She, is the 2021 Young Adult Volunteer. Quinn is a YAV working at S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat) and Isaiah House, where they assist in providing services to unhoused, housing insecure, and low-income folks. They were surrounded by these same experiences as they grew-up in Dallas, Texas. They then developed advocacy skills while attending college in Nashville, Tennessee. They are discerning whether to answer a call to formal ministry by going to seminary. They feel especially called to serve the needs of people with religious trauma, because of their own experiences with discrimination and abuse in conservative Christian churches. They hope to work towards collective liberation through a community-oriented, abolitionist framework and they're thankful for the opportunity to be a DC YAV.