

## PRESBYTERY REPORTS FOR THE MARCH 22, 2022 NCP MEETING

### *From the Stated Clerk*

The Stated Clerk reports that she received the resignation of Walter Lessig, class of 2024, from the Investment Committee.

The Stated Clerk reports that she appointed Rev. Roy Howard to moderate the session meeting at Grace PC, Lanham, on February 9, 2022.

The Stated Clerk reports that she appointed Rev. Mary Austin to moderate the session meeting at Rockville PC on February 2, 2022, and the congregational meeting on February 6, 2022.

The Stated Clerk reports that she appointed Rev. Eric Beckman to moderate the session meeting at Bealeton PC on January 30, 2022.

### *From Leadership Council*

## NCP LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**February 2, 2022 12:30 p.m. via Zoom**

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

Excused: Neill Morgan

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

Guests: Dick Riegel, Molly Casteel, Barbara Mitchell, Mary Hill, and Lorethea Davis

Leadership Council (LC) Chair, Dave McClung opened the meeting with prayer at 12:32 PM. Rev. Sterling Morse offered a devotion based on Micah 6:8 and offered for LC to “act justly, walk humbly, love mercy with our God.”

Dick Riegel presented Administrative Commission on Congregational Property’s (ACCP) annual report. (The report will be available on the NCP website.) Dick acknowledged and thanked Heather Deacon for her timeliness and preparedness. Leadership Council received the report with gratitude.

Molly Casteel, PCUSA’s Assistant Stated Clerk, Manager for Equity and Representation and IDI Qualified Administrator, reported on the group’s findings. There’s interest in an in-person opportunity as a group to have a dialogue of what we might do with this information. May be helpful in how we interact and be more in tune with each other.

Heather Deacon presented the following request from Arlington Presbyterian Church:

**Motion:** Leadership Council moves to approve, as requested by Arlington Presbyterian Church, the deposit relating to the step down in the Letter of Credit (\$25,000 less fees) to the New Covenant Trust account that holds the proceeds from the sale of their building.

*Approved*

Rev. Diane Hendricks opened the discussion about the January 25, 2022 Presbytery meeting evaluations. Rev. Hendricks was commended on her work as moderator. It was suggested to consider an outdoor presbytery meeting. Rev. Diane Hendricks reported that for the presbytery meeting in March, the agenda will reintroduce “New Business.” If there is new business, it will not be addressed during the meeting but will be brought back to LC for consideration.

Rev. John Molina-Moore gave an update on property redevelopment and offered how NCP can help congregations with this effort. More information will be forthcoming at the next LC meeting.

The Continuing Education Retreat and Gathering registration closes next week. All members of LC are invited to attend.

As of January 2022, Director of Communications, LaJuan Quander is serving as an additional staff resource for the Dismantling Racism Team. A Dismantling Racism Cohort is scheduled for the spring of 2022.

Jan Moody presented a motion from Nominating Committee.

**Motion:** To recommend that Leadership Council approve appointing Rev. David Milam as Chair of Mission Coordination Committee (MCC) through the term ending in September 2022.

*Approved*

Dave McClung recommended including new business on the agenda for future LC meetings.

Pat Futato closed the meeting in prayer at 1:50PM.

The staff was excused, and Leadership Council entered into Executive Session with Personnel (Barbara Mitchell, Mary Hill and Lorethea Davis) for John Molina-Moore’s annual review.

The next meeting for Leadership Council will be Wednesday, March 2, 2022 @ 12:30PM - Devotion:  
Diane Hendricks

## NCP LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2022 12:30 p.m. via Zoom

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

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

Guest: Rev. Ashley Goff, Arlington Presbyterian

Leadership Council (LC) Chair, Dave McClung opened the meeting with prayer at 12:31 PM. Rev. Diane Hendricks offered a meditation by Rev. Emily Swann, co-founder and co-pastor of Blue Ocean Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan based on Habakkuk 2:20.

Rev. Ashley Goff shared the money story of Arlington Presbyterian Church and how the church used the money to do God's work. Dave McClung presented the motion:

**Motion:** Leadership Council moves to approve the request of the Arlington Presbyterian Church Session for a disbursement of \$250,000 from the Arlington Presbyterian Church investment account at New Covenant Trust to be used for Gilliam Place rent/utilities, half of the pastor and music minister salaries, liturgical furniture/art and mission/ministry related expenses as outlined below:

Expenses to be covered by investment withdrawals from the 2022 Budget:

◆ 4% of sale proceeds for 2022	\$250,000.00
Half pastor's salary, pension & exp	\$70,733.09
Half Minister of Music Salary/Benefits	\$35,045.27
Utilities	\$4,400.00
Rent	\$72,120.50
Gilliam Place additional build-out costs	\$2,760.00
Liturgical furniture & art	\$16,000.00
Garden - Maintenance & Development	\$10,100.00
VOICE - Staff	\$80,000.00
Neighborhood Mission (inc. concerts, music lessons, outreach)	\$10,293.00
Innovation/Discernment/Response	\$30,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$331,451.85</b>
Remaining from \$250K for 2022	-\$81,451.85
Withdrawal from APC's investment account	-\$80,000.00
<b>Net</b>	<b>-\$1,451.85</b>

*Approved*

Dave McClung thanked Rev. Goff for sharing the story of Gulliam Place, the eco-system in which Arlington Presbytery Church is a part of. Leadership Council looks forward to hearing about the impact the church is having on the community in years to come.

Stated Clerk, Jan Moody, shared that there have been discussions in a few committees about the need to review and consider updating the language in NCP policies. COM requested LC to consider a Task Group to review NCP's EEO/AA policy. The Task Group will include 4-5 people to look at the current document and consider changes. The Task Group will share its recommendations with LC. The Task Group will include representation from COM, Nominating and Leadership Council.

**Motion:** To appoint a Task Group to review the NCP's current EEO/AA Policy. *Approved*

Dave McClung and Jan Moody will develop a list of items for the Task Group to consider in its review of the EEO/AA Policy.

Stated Clerk, Jan Moody, gave an update about Commissioned Ruling Elders. The Committee on Ministry is drafting a CRE manual. Currently, there are five Ruling Elders enrolled in the CRE program.

Pat Futato closed the meeting in prayer at 1:27 PM.

The next meeting for Leadership Council will be Wednesday, April 6, 2022 @ 12:30 PM - Devotion: Neill Morgan

Following the last the LC meeting, the LC chair approved an eVote for a motion to recommend the addition of a new standing rule relating to the cancellation of presbytery meetings. The eVote took place on March 10, 2022. The motion was approved by eVote and will be presented at the March Presbytery meeting for consideration by the Presbytery.

**Motion:** *Leadership Council moves to approve the following Standing Rule for National Capital Presbytery:*

### **Standing Rule # 7**

An ad hoc Executive Committee is empowered to consider the cancellation of a scheduled NCP Stated Meeting for circumstances not provided for in Standing Rule 2. The ad hoc committee will include:

- The General Presbyter
- The Stated Clerk
- The Moderator of Presbytery
- The Vice Moderator of Presbytery
- The Chairperson of Leadership Council

A majority in favor of cancellation will suffice to cancel a meeting.

Items of business of the cancelled meeting will be considered at the next scheduled NCP Stated Meeting. The General Presbyter is authorized to determine the most effective means of notification of cancellation of a meeting to the presbytery.

**Background**

NCP Standing Rule # 2, adopted in 2009, provides for cancellation because of weather-related factors or other emergencies which would make travel to/from a presbytery meeting hazardous. The proposed Standing Rule # 7 provides for consideration of additional circumstances that may indicate a reason to cancel a scheduled Stated Meeting of NCP.

For example, if the General Assembly is scheduled to gather at the same time as a scheduled NCP Stated Meeting, this may be a circumstance that indicates a need to consider cancelling the scheduled NCP Stated Meeting.