

**CALL TO THE STATED MEETING**

**National Capital Presbytery**

**September 27, 2022**

**5:00 PM**

**Stated Meeting Items:**

- 1) Opening worship with sermon preached by outgoing NCP Moderator, Rev. Dr. Diane Walton Hendricks
- 2) Commissioning of Ruling Elders for Service at Christ the King & Christ Presbyterian Fairfax
- 3) Installation of 2022/2023 NCP Moderator and Vice Moderator
- 4) Transitions
- 5) Omnibus Motion
- 6) Former Property of Community Presbyterian Church
- 7) Payment of Garden Memorial Taxes & Establishment of AC
- 8) Nominating Committee

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

September 16, 2022

Greetings Beloved in Christ,

As the days grow shorter and the leaves begin to fall, I am mindful of the endings and beginnings that this season brings. One ending is my term as moderator of National Capital Presbytery. When I was considering the position, I spoke with former moderator Miriam Dewhurst about what the role involves. At the end of our conversation, she said, "If you are considering whether or not to serve, I encourage you to say yes." With that encouragement I made a decision that has enriched my life, strengthened my trust in the Holy Spirit, and deepened the esteem that I have for our presbytery. NCP is not perfect, by any means. There are times when, as a community, we fail to live up to who we are called to be as witnesses to the self-giving love of Christ. But in my time as moderator, I have experienced a generosity of spirit, a willingness to grow in faithfulness, and a desire to seek the common good in the work that we do together. If you ever receive a phone call from the NCP nominating committee inviting you to consider a new role, I offer the same encouragement to say yes.



I am very excited to "pass the gavel" to Ruling Elder (RE) Shani McIlwain, whom you already know as a gifted, faithful, trustworthy leader. She will be joined by Teaching Elder (TE) Chris Deacon who brings a creative, energetic, thoughtful presence to the role of vice-moderator. In addition to installing Shani and Chris as Moderator and Vice-moderator at the September meeting, we will also be commissioning the inaugural class of Commissioned Ruling Elders. This innovation in our practice here in NCP will increase our flexibility to serve our communities and engage in ministry.

We have other important business matters to discuss at the September meeting. Thank you in advance for your diligence in reading all the background materials for our work, so that you are able to be fully present to hear the Holy Spirit speaking through the voice of others, and open to allow that same Spirit to speak through you. You will also have the opportunity, on the Monday evening before the Presbytery meeting, to hear from all of our commissioners about the actions of GA225. Please plan on joining that Action Item Dialogue via ZOOM if you are able or avail yourself of the recording that will be posted afterwards on the NCP website.

Even as I reflect with gratitude on my term as moderator, I look forward to continuing to serve you as the new chair of the Leadership Council (LC). Years ago, it was commonly the practice for outgoing moderators to serve in that capacity. Although that no longer is an automatic path, I look forward to this opportunity to serve. As I step into this new role, I give thanks to RE David McClung, who has served as chair of LC this past year (after serving as Vice-chair previously), and to RE Pat Futato who will continue to serve as Vice-chair. Please continue to reach out to me with any concerns, ideas, or questions that you might have about the life of our presbytery. Finally, I ask for your prayers not just for the staff and leaders of NCP, but for one another as we continue in our own unique settings to work for God's coming new day of grace, justice, and life in abundance.

In Christ,

Diane Walton Hendricks, outgoing Moderator of NCP



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**Stated Meeting**  
**National Capital Presbytery**  
**September 27, 2022**  
**National Presbyterian Church – Hybrid – 5:00PM**  
**We Gather in Community**

5:00PM CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER

Dr. Hendricks

GATHERING SONG

Todd Robinson

INVITATION TO PRAYER FROM THE IONA COMMUNITY

Elder McIlwain

Move among us, God; give us life;  
**Let your people rejoice in you.**  
 Give us again the joy of your help;  
**With your spirit of freedom sustain us.**  
 God, make our hearts clean,  
**Restore us in body, mind and spirit.**  
 Trusting in God's forgiveness,  
 let us in silence confess our failings  
 and acknowledge our part in the pain of the world

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

Before God,  
 With the people of God,  
 I confess to turning away from God  
 In the ways I wound my life,  
 the lives of others  
 and the life of the world.  
**May God forgive you, Christ renew you,**  
**and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**  
 Amen.  
**Before God,**  
**With the people of God,**  
**We confess to turning away from God.**  
**In the ways we wound our lives,**  
**the lives of others**  
**and the life of the world.**  
 May God forgive you, Christ renew you,  
 and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.  
**Amen.**

SONG OF GLADNESS

Todd Robinson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Dr. Hendricks
SCRIPTURE READING	Colossians 1:15-20	Dr. Hendricks
	For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, For the word of God within us, <b>Thanks be to God</b>	
SERMON	"Holding It Together"	Dr. Hendricks
SONG OF RESPONSE	"When We Are Living"	GTG #822 pg.9
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		Dr. Hendricks
COMMISSIONING OF RULING ELDERS TO SERVICE	at Christ the King and Christ Fairfax	
Questions to CRE candidates		Dr. Hendricks
Questions to the presbytery		Elder McIlwain
	Do you, as members of National Capital Presbytery, confirm the call of God to our siblings; Nat, Frank, and Gary to serve as Commissioned Ruling Elders in the service of Jesus Christ?	
	<b>We do.</b>	
	Will you support and encourage them in this ministry?	
	<b>We will.</b>	
INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR AND VICE-MODERATOR OF NATIONAL CAPITAL PRESBYTERY		
Constitutional Questions of Elder Shani McIlwain and Rev. Dr. Chris Deacon		Dr. Hendricks
Constitutional Questions to all present:		Dr. Hendricks
	Do you, members of National Capital Presbytery, confirm the call of God to Elder Shani McIlwain and Rev. Chris Deacon to serve as National Capital Presbytery Moderator and Vice Moderator in the service of Jesus Christ?	
	<b>We do.</b>	
	Will you support and encourage them in this ministry?	
	<b>We will.</b>	
INSTALLATION PRAYER		Dr. Hendricks
TRANSITIONS/ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION		Rev. John Molina-Moore

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Elder Shani McIlwain, Dr. Deacon

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

## COMMUNION SONG

Todd Robinson

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**BUSINESS MEETING AND ACTION ITEMS**

6:00 OMNIBUS MOTION pg.6

Rev. John Molina-Moore, Acting Stated Clerk

6:05 FORMER PROPERTY OF COMMUNITY PC pg.7

Rev. Dr. Hendricks, Leadership Council Chair

6:20 PAYMENT OF GARDEN MEMORIAL TAXES &amp; ESTABLISHMENT OF AC pg.7-8

Rev. Dr. Hendricks, Leadership Council Chair

6:35 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Patrick Hunnicutt, Nominating Committee Chair

6:40 NEW BUSINESS

Elder Shani McIlwain, Moderator Elect

6:45 CHARGE AND BLESSING

Elder Shani McIlwain, Moderator Elect

**Worship and Meeting Leaders**

Rev. Dr. Christopher Deacon, NCP Vice Moderator Elect

Rev. Dr. Diane Walton Hendricks, NCP Moderator and Leadership Council Chair

Rev. Patrick Hunnicutt, Nominating Committee Chair

Elder Shani McIlwain, NCP Vice Moderator

Rev. John Molina-Moore, Acting Stated Clerk and General Presbyter

Todd Robinson, Little Falls Director of Worship

**For the September 2022 Presbytery Omnibus Motion**

**From the Acting Stated Clerk**

The Acting Stated Clerk moves to approve the minutes from the May 24, 2022, NCP Meeting.

**From the Nominating Committee**

**B&O**

% 2025 Elder Mark Eakin (Warner Memorial)

**CDC**

% 2025 Elder Gary Mears (Christ Presbyterian, Fairfax)

**Investment**

% 2025 Elder Karl Hoffman (New York Avenue)

**LC**

% 2025 Elder Michael Rankin (Redeemer)

Rev. Nancy Neal

Rev. David Douthett

Rev. Dr. Sterling Morse

**COM**

% 2025 Rev. Mark Harper

Rev. Juli Wilson-Black

**MCC**

% 2025 Elder Roland Frenck (Darnestown)

Elder Marco Grimaldo (Pilgrims)

Elder George Kerr, III (Westminster DC)

Rev. Rachel Pacheco

Rev. Heemoon Youn

**CPM**

% 2025 Rev. Denise Diaab

Rev. Molly Douthett

**Session Records**

% 2024 Elder Kate Addo (Warner Memorial)

% 2025 Elder Ann Hayes (Gaithersburg)

**Stewardship**

% 2023 Rev. David Gray

**Chair Recommendations:**

B&O	Elder Mark Eakin (Warner Memorial)
Investment	Elder Karl Hoffman (New York Avenue)
COM	Rev. Mary Austin
MCC	Rev. Rachel Pacheco

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Patrick Hunnicutt, Chair of the NCP Nominating Committee

## ACTION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 NCP MEETING

### Former Property of Community Presbyterian Church

#### Background:

The worship property located at 1122 Oronoco St in Alexandria came under NCP care when the Community Presbyterian Church disaffiliated with NCP (May 2020). The decision was defended and upheld by the Virginia Supreme Court.

At the April 2021 Leadership Council Meeting, the following motion was passed:

**Former Community PC Property** – Motion to allow continued conversations along this direction of affordable housing but any final deals would need to come back to Leadership Council for approval. ***Motion Carries.***

ACCP coordinated this work via the Affordable Housing Network. Based on their efforts, Habitat of Northern Virginia submitted an MOU to ACCP proposing 2-3 affordable housing units be constructed with NCP retaining ownership and utilizing a ground lease, allowing Habitat to manage the property.

After lengthy, thoughtful discussions over multiple meetings, it was concluded that due to the lack of onsite church presence and that the lot size would allow for only 2-3 affordable housing units, selling the land should be considered.

Leadership Council recommends the following:

**Motion:** To approve the recommendation from the NCP Leadership Council that the Community Church property, located at 1122 Oronoco Street, Alexandria, VA, be sold with the proceeds of the sale going into the New Growth Fund with intent to support a new worshipping presence in the African American tradition in Northern Virginia.

**Rationale:** Leadership Council recognizes the loss of NCP's only congregation in the African American tradition in the state of Virginia. Therefore, Leadership Council is charging the New Things Team to bring forward a proposal to use monies from the New Growth Fund to establish a worshipping presence in the African American tradition in Northern Virginia.

### Payment of Garden Memorial Property Taxes & Establishment of AC

#### Background:

Garden Memorial – 1720 Minnesota AVE SE, District of Columbia

#### Summary Statement

Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church's worship property was put up for sale and subsequently sold at the DC tax

sale in July of 2022. Records indicate that property taxes are owed for years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

The current amount of debt owed to District of Columbia is approximately \$145,000 and comprises past due taxes, legal fees and expenses.

Contact from the presbytery office was made with the congregation requesting a time to meet.

#### Relevant Background Information

In 2017, this same situation occurred, resulting in NCP paying the property taxes totaling approx. \$55,000 and incurring \$20,000 in legal fees. Garden Memorial entered into an agreement to repay the tax portion only, on a monthly, interest-free plan. Those payments were consistently made through April of 2021. The last payment received was in March of 2022. Currently, the balance on the loan is approximately \$42,000.

#### Action Information

There is a small window to pay the outstanding debt by October 31, 2022 which would halt foreclosure proceedings and reduce incurring significant legal fees.

Leadership Council recommends the following:

**Motion #1:** Leadership Council moves that the Presbytery pay outstanding taxes owed to the District of Columbia for the worship property located at 1720 Minnesota Avenue, SE, Washington, DC, known as Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church. Communication regarding this action is to be sent to all known members of the church. The DC Resurrection Fund will be used for expenses related to this action, including all legal fees incurred by the Presbytery.

**Motion #2:** Leadership Council moves that the presbytery designate an Administrative Commission (AC), members to be appointed by the moderator, to assume original jurisdiction and act as the session for Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church to assess the vitality of the congregation. The commission is instructed to report quarterly to Leadership Council.



# When We Are Living

## *Pues si vivimos*

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1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,  
2 Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.  
3 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,  
4 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find

1 *Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra Él vi - vi - mos,*  
2 *En es - ta vi - da fru - tos hay que dar*  
3 *En la tris - te - za y en el do - lor,*  
4 *En es - te mun - do por do - quier ha - brá*



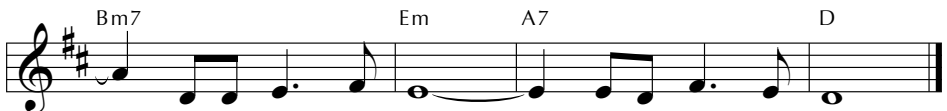
and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.  
Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.  
when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace,  
those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind,

*y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra Él mo - ri - mos.*  
*y bue - nas o - bras he - mos de o - fren - dar.*  
*en la be - lle - za y en el a - mor,*  
*gen - te que llo - ra y sin con - so - lar.*



Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,  
When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,  
wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,  
but when we help them, or when we feed them,

*Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,*  
*Sea ya que de - mos o que re - ci - ba - mos,*  
*sea que su - fra - mos o que go - ce - mos,*  
*Sea que a - yu - de - mos o que a - li - men - te - mos,*



we be - long to God; we be - long to God.  
so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.

This hymn began as an orally transmitted stanza reflecting on Romans 14:7–8 and was expanded by a Spanish-language hymnal committee to offer additional examples of the many dimensions of life, thereby strengthening the recurring affirmation that we belong to God through them all.