

PRESBYTERY REPORTS

Report from the Acting Stated Clerk

- The Acting Stated Clerk reports the appointment of the Rev. Mary Austin to moderate session meeting at Rockville Presbyterian Church on January 5, February 2, April 6, and May 4, 2022.
- The Acting Stated Clerk reports the appointment of the Rev. Susan Graceson to moderate session meeting at Rockville Presbyterian Church on March 9, 2022.
- The Acting Stated Clerk reports the appointment of the Rev. Currie Burris to moderate session meeting at Northwood Presbyterian Church on June 20, 2022.
- The Acting Stated Clerk reports the appointment of the Rev. Rick Snyder to moderate session meeting on June 14, 2022, and the congregational meeting at Christian Community Presbyterian Church on June 19, 2022.
- The Acting Stated Clerk reports the appointment of the Rev. Brian Clark to moderate session at Christ Presbyterian in Fairfax on June 20, 2022.
- The Acting Stated Clerk received the report from the following commission and dismisses with thanks:
 - The commission to install Rev. Becca Messman as pastor at Burke PC on May 15, 2022.
 - The commission to install Rev. Willie Keaton as pastor at Redeemer PC on June 5, 2022.
- The Acting Stated Clerk reports the appointment of the Rev. Brian Clark to moderate session at Christ Presbyterian Fairfax on June 20, 2022.
- The Acting Stated Clerk reports the appointment of the Rev. Rick Hays (non NCP) to moderate session at Christian Community Presbyterian Church on June 9, 2022, and July 19, 2022.
- The Acting Stated Clerk reports the appointment of the Rev. Jo Ann Staebler to moderate a congregational meeting at Manassas Presbyterian Church on July 24, 2022.
- The Acting Stated Clerk reports the appointment of the Rev. Mary Austin to moderate session at Sixth Presbyterian Church on August 2, 2022, and August 15, 2022.
- The Acting Stated Clerk reports the dismissal of Rev. Stephany Ellen Crosby to the Denver Presbytery effective August 10, 2022.

Report from the Leadership Council

NCP LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Meeting/Retreat

June 1, 2022 – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Arlington Presbyterian Church

918 S Lincoln St #1, Arlington, VA 22204

Sent by the Triune God to be agents of salvation, reconciliation, and justice, we empower and challenge our congregations to be Missional, Pastoral and Prophetic

Present: Lee Bishop, Rev. Brian Clark, Miriam Dewhurst, Rev. Diane Walton Hendricks, David McClung, Shani McIlwain, Rev. Neill Morgan, Rev. Sterling Morse, Rev. Nancy Neal, Michael Rankin

Excused: Rev. Quinn Fox, Pat Futato, Elsie Reid, Le Quan Turner

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

Guests: Rev. Megan Klose

The Leadership Council (LC) Chair, David McClung, called the meeting/retreat to order and opened with a word of prayer at 10:09 AM. The meeting/retreat was hosted by Arlington Presbyterian Church. General Presbyter Rev. John Molina-Moore offered a devotion, and we shared in small groups our brief encounters with God.

Chair David McClung welcomed Rev. Megan Klose, Chair of Commission on Preparation for Ministry. Rev. Klose presented the Annual Report. Rev. Klose acknowledged that the new CRE program is affecting the CPM program. LC received the CPM report with gratitude.

The CPM Scholarships motion was presented by Rev. Megan Klose. There was discussion. LC voted on the following recommendation from the Commission on Preparation for Ministry:

Motion: Approve scholarship awards recommended by the scholarship committee. (The committee will provide a document for the minutes.) Received three. \$40k available. Nancy, Barbara, and Alan met and made these recommendations:

Andrew Hall- \$20,098

Kenneth W. Rathje, Jr. - \$15,000

Connie Moore - \$5,000 (*received as an Inquirer at CPM mtg 5/19/22*)

Approved

LC thanked Megan and the Scholarship Committee for their service.

LC discussed the May 24th Presbytery Meeting Evaluations. Moderator Rev. Diane Hendricks noted the Action Item Dialogue on Monday, May 23rd to discuss the CRE Program was well-attended. Action Item Dialogue replaces Open Space. There was discussion about in person, virtual and hybrid presbytery meetings.

NCP's Director of Business Affairs, Heather Deacon, gave an update on the Community Presbyterian Church property. At the next LC meeting, ACCP will bring a recommendation about the property.

LC Chair David McClung asked the council for any new business. There was none.

The business portion of the meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. Neill Morgan at 11:05 AM.

John Molina-Moore began the Visioning Retreat at 11:15 AM. Leadership Council will spend the next two months talking about Visioning.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 12:30PM via Zoom – Devotion: ?

The retreat ended at 2:13 PM.

NCP LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Meeting

July 13, 2022

Via Zoom

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

Excused: Rev. Neill Morgan, Elder Elsie Reid (resigned)

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

The Leadership Council (LC) Chair, David McClung, called the meeting to order, declared a quorum and opened with a word of prayer. The meeting began at 12:32 PM. Rev. Quinn Fox offered a devotion about baseball and Angelo Bartlett Giamatti's reflections to help us see how the Gospel story of leaving home and returning is the story; not just in baseball but in our lives as followers of Jesus Christ.

Chair Dave McClung presented Commission on the Preparation for Ministry's (CPM) Recommendation to reduce its membership from 27 to 19.

Motion: To approve the recommendation from CPM to reduce its membership to 19.

Approved

Background: Megan Klose, the CPM chair; Rachel Kaufmann, the Vice Chair, and the conveners met. They agreed that given the trend toward a smaller number of candidates (this year they will have 15), it makes sense to reduce the number of members on the commission. CPM recommends 18 members plus a chair, for a total of 19 members. That will give CPM 3 liaison groups with six members, including a convener. That gives us enough people to have productive meetings.

Requires a change to the Manual of Administrative Operations to provide that the membership for the Commission on the Preparation for Ministry to read: "Commission shall be composed of eighteen (18) ruling and teaching elders divided into three (3) equal classes, one of which is elected each year by the Presbytery in addition to a chair for a total of 19 members. Term of Service is three (3) years with an individual eligible to serve up to six (6) consecutive year.

General Presbyter, John Molina-Moore, presented the motion to the MIF for Stated Clerk Position.

Motion: To approve and post the MIF for the Stated Clerk position on Church Leadership Connect.

Approved

Those serving on the Stated Clerk Search Committee include Rev. Brian Clark, Riverside; Rev. Juli Wilson-Black, Fairlington; Elder Sally Shiomichi, Oaklands; Elder Norman Cobb, Dale City; Rev. Sterling Morse, Church of The Redeemer, Rev. Elizabeth Brookens-Sturman, Brambleton; Rev. John Molina-Moore, General Presbyter.

General Presbyter, Rev. John Molina-Moore spoke more about NCP’s visioning plan and roles of the GP, Director of Congregational Development & Mission, and the Stated Clerk. There was discussion. More will be presented at the next Leadership Council meeting.

General Presbyter, Rev. John Molina-Moore presented the Leadership Council Calendar for 2022-23 and the Presbytery Calendars for 2022-23 and 2024. There was discussion.

Motion: To approve the Leadership Council Calendar for 2022-23 and the Presbytery Calendars for 2022-23 and 2024 as presented.

Approved

2022-2023 schedule for Leadership Council and NCP Meetings and 2024 NCP Meetings

Leadership Council Meetings	Presbytery Meetings
September 7, 2022	
	September 27, 2022
October 5, 2022	
November 2, 2022	
	November 15, 2022
December 7, 2022	
January 4, 2023	
	January 24, 2023
February 1, 2023	
March 1, 2023	
	March 28, 2023
April 5, 2023	

May 3, 2023	
	May 23, 2023
June 7, 2023	
September 6, 2023	
	September 26, 2023
October 4, 2023	
November 1, 2023	
	November 14, 2023
December 6, 2023	

Presbytery Meetings in 2024: January 23, March 26, May 21, September 24, November 19

Elder Dave McClung asked for any new business.

Transitional Director of Congregational Development and Mission, Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe, shared the positive response toward the virtual Bible study during Lent this year and NCP's interest in supporting laity led Bible studies during Advent 2022 and Lent 2023. NCP will organize. Interested parties should talk to Tara.

Elder Dave McClung recognized Elder Elsie Reid's resignation from LC. With deep gratitude, he thanked her for her service to NCP and wished her well in North Carolina.

Rev. Diane Hendricks returned from General Assembly. She reported there were many meaningful items that came out of GA and is curious as to how it will impact NCP. Tara Spuhler McCabe suggested these items come before NCP's Dismantling Racism Team.

Rev. John Molina-Moore acknowledged Elder Dave McClung's leadership as Chair and rotates off come September. John requests if you feel called or know of someone who is interested in the chair and vice chair positions to let him know prior to the next LC meeting.

September's presbytery meeting will be hybrid – in person and online. Communion will be served.

Elder Pat Futato closed with prayer and the meeting adjourned at 1:45PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 7 @ 12:30PM - Devotion: _____

NCP LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 7, 2022 12:30PM Via Zoom

Sent by the Triune God to be agents of salvation, reconciliation, and justice, we empower and challenge our congregations to be Missional, Pastoral and Prophetic

Present: Lee Bishop, Brian Clark, Chris Deacon, Miriam Dewhurst, Quinn Fox, Pat Futato, Diane Walton Hendricks, Dave McClung, Shani McIlwain, Neill Morgan, Sterling Morse, Nancy Neal, Mike Rankin

Absent: Le Quan Turner

Staff: Dina Bickel, Heather Deacon, Tara Spuhler McCabe, John Molina-Moore, LaJuan Quander

Guest: Dick Riegel, Chair of ACCP

Leadership Council (LC) Chair, Dave McClung opened the meeting with prayer at 12:32 PM. Reflecting on Rev. Sterling Morse's 40th anniversary of ordination, he offered a devotion based on his first sermon centered around "where is the church in the midst of this failing world?" and scripture passage Jerimiah 18:1-6.

Elder Dick Riegel, the Chair of ACCP, gave background information around the Community Church Property. The motion was presented, discussed, amended, and voted on the following recommendation from ACCP:

Motion: Leadership Council moves to approve the recommendation from ACCP 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 to fund new mission opportunities in Virginia with an African American presence. Upon the sale of the property, a commission shall be created immediately to establish a church presence in the African American tradition in the Northern Virginia area.

Approved

The Director of Business Affairs, Heather Deacon, presented the background behind Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church and the outstanding taxes owed. Leadership Council discussed and voted on the following:

Draft Motion: To pay the taxes and assert our right to the property of Garden Memorial. Move that we also send communications to all known members and inform them of our intent. The source to fund the taxes and the legal fees will come from the DC Resurrection Fund. An AC would be immediately installed with the intent to take original jurisdiction and the AC reports back to Leadership Council at least on a quarterly basis.

Approved

Revised Motion and approved by eVote 9/13/22: 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. Should the way be clear, an Administrative Commission will be appointed to assume original jurisdiction and act as the session. The commission is instructed to report quarterly to Leadership Council. **Approved**

Leadership Council directs the Director of Business Affairs to initiate legal proceedings asserting our claim to the property.

General Presbyter, John Molina-Moore, offered LC to elect officers of LC for the 2022-23 year.

Motion: Leadership Council moves to elect Rev. Dr. Diane Walton Hendricks as Leadership Council Chair and Elder Pat Futato as Leadership Council Vice Chair. **Approved**

Chair Dave McClung was thanked for his leadership on the council.

General Presbyter, John Molina-Moore gave an update on the Stated Clerk Search.

Director of Business Affairs, Heather Deacon, discussed the budget and the timeline as tracking on time. The budget will be ready for LC approval at the October meeting.

Dave McClung asked if there was any new business. There was none. He thanked everyone for being involved and a wise council especially during this challenging time.

Pat Futato closed the meeting in prayer at 2:11PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 5 @ 12:30PM - Devotion: Miriam Dewhurst