

Presbytery Reports for NOVEMBER 15, 2022

Report from the Acting Stated Clerk

The Acting Stated Clerk reports approval of the commission to install Rev. Denise Diaab on October 16, 2022 at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 3:00 pm.

The Acting Stated Clerk reports approval of the commission to ordain Matthew Hackworth on November 5, 2022 at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church at 3:30 pm.

The Acting Stated Clerk reports that John Molina-Moore moderated a session meeting at Northeastern PC on September 14 and September 21.

Report form Leadership Council

NCP LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Minutes

October 5, 2022, 12:30PM

Via Zoom

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Present: Rev. Brian Clark, Rev. Dr. Chris Deacon, Elder Miriam Dewhurst, Rev. David Douthett, Rev. Quinn Fox, Elder Pat Futato, Rev. Dr. Diane Walton Hendricks, Elder Shani McIlwain, Rev. Dr. Sterling Morse, Rev. Nancy Neal, Elder Michael Rankin, Elder Le Quan Turner

Excused: Elder Lee Bishop, Rev. Neill Morgan

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

Guest: Elder Erik Kloster, Budget & Finance Chair

At 12:30 PM, Leadership Council (CL) Chair, Rev. Dr. Diane Walton Hendricks, called the LC meeting to order and opened with prayer. Elder Miriam Dewhurst provided the devotion based on Thessalonians 5:16-24.

Dr. Hendricks welcomed new Leadership Council members, Rev. Dr. Chris Deacon and Rev. David Douthett and LC looks forward to their service.

Budget & Finance Chair, Elder Eric Kloster, presented the Operating and Mission Budgets for 2023.

Budget and Finance Recommendation:

The NCP Budget and Finance Committee recommends to the Leadership Council a \$1,116,639.17 operating budget for 2023, which reflects the following change in per capita rates from 2022.

	<u>2023 Per Capita Rate</u>	<u>2022 Per Capita Rate</u>
General Assembly	\$9.85	\$8.98
Synod	\$1.15	\$1.15
National Capital Presbytery	\$36.13	\$32.54
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Total	\$47.13	\$42.67

Motion: The Leadership Council moves that the proposed 2023 Operating Budget of \$1,116,639.17 be approved and presented for vote at the November 15, 2023 NCP meeting. ***Approved***

Budget & Finance Recommendation: The NCP Budget and Finance Committee recommends to the Leadership Council a \$891,336.66 mission budget for 2023.

Motion: The Leadership Council moves that the proposed 2023 Mission Budget of \$891,336.66 be approved and presented for vote at the November 15, 2023 NCP meeting. ***Approved***

NCP Staff confirmed there will be an Action Item Dialogue before the next presbytery meeting. LC received the budgets and thanked Elder Kloster and the committee for their work.

LC received chair recommendations for NCP committees and commissions.

Motion: The Leadership Council moves to approve the Nominating Committee’s recommendations for committee/commission chairs, September 2022- August 2023:

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

Motion: The Leadership Council moves to approve Rev. Shelby Ethridge Harasty and Rev. David Milam as new members to the Nominating Committee. ***Approved***

LC reviewed evaluation responses following the September 27 stated presbytery meeting. The November meeting begins via Zoom at 5:00 PM and will focus on the 2023 Operating and Mission Budgets. Noted that evaluations are taken seriously, and comments are addressed by the appropriate NCP staff member if needed. Elder McIlwain was commended on her first presbytery meeting with full support of LC.

Rev. Dr Perzavia Praylow, requested new business and recommended that Leadership Council act intentionally in supporting our African American churches. It was suggested by Leadership Council for John Molina-Moore first reach out to Rev. Denise Anderson and Dr. Perzavia Praylow to see what they

had in mind before we start doing things and get a sense of direction before we act.

Updates:

Rev. Brian Clark updated LC on Faith Chapel. Activity at Faith Chapel has increased significantly. We are seeing community ownership and trying to establish a new worshipping community of NCP.

Elder Shani McIlwain reported a Garden Memorial AC is just about filled. Those who have agreed include Rev. Bernice Parker-Jones (chair), Rev. Ruth Hamilton, Rev. Mark Gaskill, Elder Sandra Barrett (Garden Memorial) and waiting on two others. AC will report back to LC in October and December.

Rev. John Molina-Moore reported the Stated Clerk Search Team has been at work. Requested written responses by four finalists. Team will meet on Monday, October 17 to discuss. Team plans to have interviews through October/November and potentially have a meet and greet prior to the November presbytery meeting.

Attending to Churches in Need is NCPs roll in proactively keeping up with the needs of churches who may be in need.

Dr. Hendricks proposed a LC Strategic Meeting to think more creatively. The meeting will begin with business followed by generative conversation and lunch. Mark calendars for January 11, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for an in person gathering at a central location.

Dr. Hendricks asked for new business. Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe called attention the variety of gatherings NCP is providing for pastors and laity. LC is encouraged to spread the word as well as take advantage of these opportunities.

Dr. Hendricks closed the meeting in prayer at 1:41PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 2 @ 12:30PM - Devotion: Diane Walton Hendricks

Note: LC by eVote approved the following motion on 9/29/22

Motion:

Leadership Council moves to approve the granting of a perpetual exclusive easement of the portion of the property located at 14188 & 14185 Chapel Lane, Lucketts, VA, as outlined in the Exhibit A of the Deed of Easement and Agreement to QLoop, LLC for the purpose of laying fiberoptic cable in exchange for \$13,000. Proceeds from this transaction to go towards physical upkeep of aforementioned property. Leadership Council authorizes National Capital Presbytery (NCP) Treasurer to sign on behalf of NCP for matters pertaining to this transaction. **Approved**

Background Information:

Brian Clark has brought forward a request from QLoop to grant an easement on the Faith Chapel property in Lucketts, VA. The purpose of the easement is to lay fiberoptic cable – as part of a 43-mile ring connecting Frederick, MD and Ashburn, VA. (More about the project: <https://quantumloophole.com/qloop/>).

The Lucketts property is a 3.23 acre parcel which fronts Lucketts Road and is bisected by Chapel Lane. We have recently been made aware that our property also includes a very thin strip of land on the other side of Lucketts Road. That portion of the property is unusable because it is just a setback from the road.

QLoop has approached the folks at Riverside about **granting an easement along that thin strip of property along the *other* side (opposite of the church) of Lucketts Rd.** Through negotiations, Riverside was able to get them to come up from their initial offer of \$1,000 to an offer of \$10,000. This week, they included an additional \$3,000 if we could sign off on the letter of intent by Thursday (today). This is particularly timely because the Faith Chapel property (which is currently being used as a community center under the direction of Riverside Church) needs a new roof.

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Guest: Rev. Jeri Fields, Church Development, Chair

At 12:31 PM, Leadership Council (LC) Chair, Rev. Dr. Diane Walton Hendricks, called LC meeting to order. She provided the devotion based on the poem, "The Facts of Life" by Pádraig Ó Tuama.

Dr. Hendricks welcomed Rev. Jeri Fields, Church Development Chair. Rev. Fields presented the report and highlighted the CAT scan, MOU with Riverside and the ribbon cutting at Fairlington as significant

events for the year. She thanked the committee for their work and LC thanked Rev. Fields for her committed service to CDC.

Heather Deacon, Director of Business Affairs, summarized the 2021 NCP Audit prepared by Mike Davis of Anderson, Davis and Associates and recommended approval by LC.

Motion: The Leadership Council moves to approve the 2021 Audit prepared by Anderson, Davis and Associates. ***Approved***

General Presbyter, Rev. John Molina-Moore gave an updated about the Garden Memorial AC. The AC elected Rev. Bernice Parker-Jones as chair and Rev. Ruth Hamilton, HR, as treasurer. There was discussion. Leadership Council offered support to the AC if needed.

The next presbytery meeting will be Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM via Zoom. There will be an Action Item Dialogue about the Operating and Mission Budgets on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 7:30 PM. Rev. Molina-Moore spoke with both Rev. Denise Anderson and Rev. Dr. Perzavia Praylow about NCP's support of our African American churches. A meeting will be scheduled between Rev. Molina-Moore, Rev. Anderson, Dr. Praylow and someone at the national level at PCUSA.

Rev. Brian Clark, Chair of the Stated Clerk Search Team, gave an update on the progress. The team has narrowed the search to three and all three are good prospects.

General Presbyter, Rev. John Molina-Moore, lifted up churches that need some attention. The General Presbyter reminded us of what the realignment might look like and there will be a discussion about it at the next LC Retreat on January 11, 2023 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Location TBD.

LC Chair, Dr. Hendricks, asked for new business. Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe, Director of Congregational Development and Mission, announced the enthusiasm around the Youth retreat, Keep Awake.

Dr. Hendricks is concerned about loneliness and disconnection among colleagues. LC members offered regional gatherings in January: Rev. Brian Clark offered for VA, Rev. Dr. Chris Deacon offered in MD, Rev. Nancy Neal and Elder Miriam Dewhurst offered for DC.

LC members requested an NCP recorded service for New Year's Eve. Rev. John Molina-Moore and Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe can make that happen.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Elder Miriam Dewhurst at 1:43 PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 7 @ 12:30PM - Devotion: Le Quan Turner