

Summary of the 312th Stated Meeting of National Capital Presbytery

The National Capital Presbytery held a stated meeting via Zoom teleconference on May 23. After being welcomed and led in our opening devotions by the Moderator, Elder Shani McIlwain, and the Vice Moderator, Rev. Dr. Chris Deacon, the Presbytery:

- Recognized transitions for two of our ministers:
 - **Matt Nabinger**, who will be ordained to specialized ministry as the organizing pastor of Queerly Gathered, a New Worshiping Community.
 - **Rev. Michael “Mick” Burns**, upon whom the Presbytery has conferred the status of Honorably Retired, effective June 30.
- Elected the **Rev. Dr. Chris Deacon** to serve as Moderator, and **Elder Lucius “Lou” Durden** (Northminster) to serve as Vice Moderator, beginning in September 2023.
- Approved a mid-year budget request, granting the Church Development Commission \$102,000 from the New Growth fund, for the work of the Presbytery’s New Worshiping Communities.
- Waived the minimum time requirement for preparation for ministry for **Ken Rathje**, a member of National Presbyterian Church, and approved Mr. Rathje for Final Assessment by the Commission on Preparation for Ministry in June 2023.
- Acted on amendments to the *Book of Order* referred by the General Assembly, approving 32 of the amendments and disapproving 1.
- Celebrated the service of our 2022-2023 Moderator, **Elder Shani McIlwain**.

The next Stated Meeting will be held *in person* on September 26, at National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. **Please note that while the meeting will be live streamed for remote viewing, you will only be able to participate in the meeting if you are physically present.**

David Baer, Stated Clerk
National Capital Presbytery