

Report of the Stated Clerk – National Capital Presbytery Stated Meeting – September 26, 2023

Administrative Commissions

1. On June 5, 2023, the Administrative Commission for Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church acted in accordance with the authority conferred by the Presbytery on March 28, to **DISSOLVE** Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Commission remains responsible for carrying out the following, in accordance with its charge:
 1. The continued exercise of original jurisdiction, in accordance with Book of Order G- 3.0303e.
 2. Pastoral care of the members.
 3. An appropriate celebration of the ministry and mission of the congregation.
 4. The orderly dismissal of members to other congregations of their choosing.
 5. Securing, holding, and using of the properties of the congregation, including the maintenance of property and liability insurance.
 6. The making of recommendations to the Presbytery about the sale or disposition of such property.
 7. Conveying all original church records (minutes, rolls, and registers) and historically important documents or artifacts to the Stated Clerk of the presbytery for preservation.
 8. Dissolving the legal corporation, once all property has been transferred or disposed of.

2. In accordance with the Presbytery's PNC/Session Handbook, the Stated Clerk has approved the formation of the following commissions:
 - a. To install the Rev. Robert M. Austell, Jr., as Associate Pastor, Vienna Presbyterian Church
Date and Time: September 17, 2023, 4:00 p.m.
Place: Vienna Presbyterian Church
Members: Elder Shani McIlwain (Moderator), Rev. Dr. Hope Lee, Rev. Shannon Kiser, Elder Dr. Bill Carter (Vienna), Elder Alan Wisdom (Georgetown)

 - b. To install the Rev. Dr. Raymond I. Hylton, Sr., as Pastor, National Presbyterian Church
Date and Time: September 24, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
Place: National Presbyterian Church
Members: Elder Shani McIlwain (Moderator), Rev. Dr. Peter James, Rev. Mark Greiner, Elder Katherine Pippert (National), Elder Rufus McKinney (Redeemer)

Ecumenical Representatives: Rev. Dr. Brian Relford, Union Wesley AME Zion Church

- c. To install the Rev. Emilee Williams as Associate Pastor, Fairfax Presbyterian
Date and Time: October 1, 2023, 4:00 p.m.
Place: Fairfax Presbyterian Church
Members: Rev. Dr. Chris Deacon (Moderator), Rev. Juli Wilson-Black, Rev. Shelby Etheridge Harasty, Elder Jason Howell (First Arlington), Elder Nataleigh Cromwell (Fairfax)

- d. To ordain Mr. Matthew Nabinger to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament
Date and Time: October 8, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
Place: Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
Members: Rev. Dr. Chris Deacon (Moderator), Rev. Emilee Williams, Rev. Keith Thompson, Elder Linda McReynolds (Bradley Hills), Elder Shani McIlwain (Faith)
Corresponding Members: Rev. Lee Catoe (Middle Tennessee)
Other Participants: Cali Brinkema (Queerly Gathered), Paige Bach (Providence), Diane Maloney (Falls Church), Rev. Billy Kluttz (First Arlington), Ivana Miranda (Fifteenth Street)

Higher Councils

The Synod of the Mid-Atlantic has APPROVED the 2022 Minutes of National Capital Presbytery without exception.

Changes to the Rolls

The Stated Clerk received word of the death of the Rev. John R. Winter on August 14, 2023.

Other changes to the rolls, including additions following successful examination for membership, removals due to transfer of membership, and changes in status, may be found in the report of the Commission on Ministry.

Please note: Routine items from the clerk requiring presbytery action are included in the Omnibus Motion, which is part of the Presbytery Packet document.

Committee on Representation
Report to NCP Leadership Council - 2023

May 19, 2023

a. How does your committee support the presbytery mission?

1. Ensures timely submission of reports for mandated reporting
2. Provides information on leadership diversity to assist NCP leadership in decision making and direction

b. What were the significant events (positive or negative) for your committee last year?

- Positive
 - Successful turn over for committee reporting mechanics from outgoing Chair to incoming Chair
- Negative
 - Need to develop a collaborative means to involve all committee members

c. What issues are most pressing on your committee's docket right now?

Recruitment of and training for new and existing committee members

d. What direction do you see your committee's work going over the next three to five years?

Increased committee size and enabling others to participate in the committee's work

e. How can the Leadership Council be of help to your committee?

Keep the committee members focused on its mandated purpose and function

National Capital Presbytery

Committee on Representation Report for 2022 May 2023 Contextual Statistics

Total Membership for 2022

- 23,504 Active Members (A decrease of 1,240 Active Members from 2021)
- 103 congregations (A decrease of 1 from 2021)
- Of 20,505 Active Members who reported gender identity, 59.1% are female, 40.8% are male .1% are non-binary
- Of 149 Leadership Positions, 46.9% were fulfilled by females (49.1% female in 2019; 49.5% in 2020; 55.1% in 2021)

Age

- Of Active Members 25 years old and under, 0 serve in NCP Leadership positions (No change from 2021)
- Of Active Members 26-64 years old, 97 serve in NCP Leadership positions (A increase of 3 from 2021)
- Of Active Members 65+ years old, 52 serve in NCP Leadership positions (An decrease of 24 from 2021)

Ethnicity

Of the 23,504 Active Members during 2022 there were 149 Leadership positions (A decrease of 18 from 2021)

1. An estimated 5.8% of Active Members were Asian American; Ten Asian Americans were in Leadership positions (12 in 2021)
2. An estimated 14.2% of Active Members were African American/African; Twenty-four African Americans/African were in Leadership positions (28 in 2021)
3. An estimated 1.0% of Active Members were Hispanic or Latino; Two Hispanic/Latinos served in Leadership positions (2 in 2021)
4. There were an estimated one hundred and one Middle Eastern/North African members and an estimated twenty Native American members. These groups were not represented in NCP Leadership positions in 2021 or 2022
5. 24.2% of NCP Leadership Positions were held by Active Members other than Caucasian (19.9% in 2019; 21.3% in 2020; 25.1% in 2021)
6. Four of fourteen members of Leadership Council were other than Caucasian (4 of 14 in 2021)

- Observations** - (1) There was a significant decrease in overall Leadership positions in 2022, from 167 to 149 or an 11% decrease. At the same time the leadership numbers in the 65+ age bracket decreased significantly from 76 to 53 or a 31.5% decrease.
(2) The number of members serving on multiple committees during 2022 is similar to 2020 and 2021

Growing Edge - Continued recruitment of members in the 'Young Adult' and 'Adult' age categories to leadership positions.

Committee on Representation Summary of Leadership Positions 2022	2019 Total	2020 Total	2021 Total	2022 Total	Male Clergy	Male Laity	Female Clergy	Female Laity	Asian Amer.	African Amer. & African	Hisp. Latino	Native Amer. (1)	Multi-Cultural (1)	Middle Eastern (1)	Caucasian	Other Self ID	Disabil. (1)	Youth 25 & Under	Young Adult 26-35	Adult 36-64	Senior Adult 65+	(2)	
COMMISSIONS																							
AC on Congregational Property	9	11	8	7	1	4	2		1	1					5					2	5		
COM Coordination	8	9	8	8	2	2	3	1							8					6	2		
COM Transition	8	14	9	6	3	1	2								6					4	2		
Permanent Judicial	6	7	7	8	3		1	4	2	1					5					4	4	2	
COMMITTEES																							
Bills & Overtures	12	10	9	2		1		1							2					1	1	2	
Budget & Finance	6	5	6	5	1	3	1								5					3	2		
Church Development	10	9	9	9	4	3	1	1	3	1					5					8	1		
Committee on Ministry	32	34	31	25	8	4	10	3	2	1	1				21				1	17	7	2	
Investments	2	2	1	3		3									3					3			
Leadership Council	13	14	14	14	6	2	2	4		4					10					11	3	2	
Mission Coordination	10	14	12	13	2	5	3	3	1	4	1				7					10	3	2	
Nominating	9	10	8	7	2	1	4			1					6				1	4	2		
Other (Chesterbrook Residences)	1	1	1	1				1							1							1	
Personnel	7	9	6	4	1	1		2		2					2						4	2	
Preparation for Ministry	19	18	21	18	2	5	8	3		5					13				1	10	7		
Representation	3	3	3	2		1		1	1						1					2			
Session Records	4	6	4	5				5		1					4					3	2		
Stewardship	6	6	5	7	3	3		1							7					6	1		
Synod	6	6	5	5		2		3		3					2						5	2	
TOTAL (3)	171	188	167	149	38	41	37	33	10	24	2	0	0	0	113	0	0	0	3	94	52		
Notes:	(1) May be under-reported due to data collection method																						
	(2) Represents the fact that at least one member of the committee is serving on another committee																						
	(3) Represents total Leadership Positions as opposed to total persons																						

**NCP LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
Minutes – APPROVED (9/10/23)**

June 7, 2023

12:30 PM 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.

Attendance: Elder Lee Bishop, Rev. Brian Clark, Elder Miriam Dewhurst, Rev. David Douthett, Rev. Dr. Diane Walton Hendricks, Elder Shani McIlwain, Rev. Dr. Sterling Morse, Elder Le Quan Turner, Rev. Dr. Chris Deacon, Rev. Quinn Fox, Rev. Nancy Neal, Elder Mike Rankin

Excused: Rev. Quinn Fox, Rev. Pat Futato, Rev. Neill Morgan

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

Guest: Rev. Blair Moorhead, CPM

At 12:31 p.m. Leadership Council (LC)'s meeting was called to order by LC Chair, Rev. Dr. Diane Walton Hendricks. She opened with devotion based on Colossians 1:17, in Christ all things hold together. LC approved the May 3, 2023 minutes.

Stated Clerk, Rev. David A. Baer, noted the receipt of annual reports from Commission on Preparation for Ministry, Permanent Judicial Commission, and Representation. No questions were asked. Rev. Baer spoke about the schedule of the upcoming presbytery meetings, noting that the September meeting will be in person with a livestream option. In order to vote or participate in discussion, commissioners will need to attend in person. We will also celebrate the Lord's supper, celebrate the installation of our new moderator and vice moderator as well as install the stated clerk. In 2024, the May and September meetings will also be in person and livestreamed. All other meetings will be virtual.

2024 Presbytery Meetings - proposed virtual and in person meetings

- September 26, 2023 (in person livestream)
- November 14, 2023 (virtual)
- January 23, 2024 (virtual)
- March 19, 2024 (virtual)
- May 21, 2024 (in person livestream)
- September 24, 2024 (in person livestream)
- November 19, 2024 (virtual)

LC Chair, Dr. Diane Hendricks, welcomed Rev. Blair Moorhead of CPM. Dr. Hendricks presented the motion and asked for questions. There was no discussion. The motion carried. Rev. Moorhead was thanked for attending.

MOTION: To approve scholarship awards recommended by CPM's scholarship committee.

APPROVED

Vanlalhriatrenga Vanlal Chhangte "VLC" (Gaithersburg) - \$8,862
Rebekah Givens (Westminster, Alexandria) - \$7,000
Andrew Hall (Trinity PC Herndon) - \$10,000
Emma Marshall (Georgetown) - \$5,000
Connie Moore (Catoctin) - \$5,000
Erin Sanzero (Fairfax)- \$7,000

LC Chair, Dr. Hendricks, asked Moderator Elder Shani McIlwain to comment on May's presbytery meeting evaluations. The body will enjoy September's in person presbytery meeting. There was discussion about the amendments and how to address them in the future.

General Presbyter, Rev. John Molina-Moore gave updates on Northeastern, Garden Memorial, New Initiatives and attending churches in need. Stated Clerk, Rev. Baer and GP, Rev. Molina-Moore participated in Northeastern's session retreat. There is good energy and healing and Rev. Greiner is doing an amazing job. Garden Memorial's AC met on Monday night and moving forward. Rev. Molina-Moore and Rev. Brian Clark met about New Initiatives and the Holy Spirit is moving. The hope is to get a position budgeted for 2024. The list of churches without stable leadership is growing and NCP is aware and thinking creatively on how to meet the need.

LC Chair, Dr. Hendricks asked for new business. Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe, Director of Congregational Development and Mission, through MCC and the Global Mission Network, invited LC to an informal brunch with a minister from Ukraine. Details will be sent separately to LC. For the last LC meeting for 2022-23, LC Chair, Dr. Hendricks would like to celebrate this council at the next meeting which will be on Sunday, September 10 at 4:00 pm for a meeting followed by a dinner at the GP's house. More information to follow.

The meeting ended in prayer by Rev. Brian Clark at 1:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: No meeting July & August unless needed; September 10 @ 4:00 p.m. meeting followed by dinner at the GP's house

Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 3:00 pm **NCP Presbytery-wide Installation Service** – Location TBD – Dr. Jonathan Lee Walton, president at Princeton Theological Seminary speaking