

**Special Meeting  
National Capital Presbytery  
July 16, 2024  
7:00PM via Zoom Teleconference  
We Gather in Community**

7:00 CALL TO ORDER Elder Lou Durden, Vice Moderator

OPENING PRAYER

FORMATION OF THE ROLL, APPROVAL OF CALL (p. 2) AND DOCKET Rev. David Baer,  
Stated Clerk

7:10 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (p. 3) Elder Miriam Dewhurst, Chair

7:40 CLOSING PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT Elder Lou Durden, Vice Moderator

Meeting Leaders

Rev. David A. Baer, Stated Clerk

Elder Miriam Dewhurst, Leadership Council Chair

Elder Lou Durden, NCP Vice Moderator

Rev. John Molina-Moore, General Presbyter

## **CALL FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING**

*The call was distributed via electronic mail to the presbytery's continuing members and congregations on July 5, 2024.*

Dear Colleagues,

Notice is hereby given for a Special Meeting of National Capital Presbytery to be held on Tuesday, July 16, at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom teleconference. The meeting has been called by the Chair of the Leadership Council, at the written request of one-third of the members of the Leadership Council, in accordance with the NCP Bylaws, for the purpose of considering a mid-year funding request from the Leadership Council, to fund the Mission Incubator program for the remainder of 2024 and provide the New Things Team with additional seed money for new projects, specifically for use with the Faith Chapel New Worshipping Community.

**[SEE NOTE BELOW]** An Action Item Dialogue will be held via Zoom on Monday, July 15, at 7:00 p.m. This gathering will feature a presentation on the funding request, which originated with the Congregational Development Commission, and will provide an opportunity for questions and dialogue about this item of business. As always, participation in the Action Item Dialogue is strictly optional, and any questions may also be posed during the regular period of discussion and debate at the special meeting. The link to the action item dialogue may be found on the website - [Action Item Dialogue - July 15, 2024 | National Capital Presbytery \(thepresbytery.org\)](#) **No registration is required\***

Please use the link below to register for the special meeting. Registration IS required. All materials will be posted on the presbytery website under Presbytery Meeting (green box) no later than Friday, July 12.

[Presbytery Meeting | National Capital Presbytery \(thepresbytery.org\)](#)

Grace and Peace,

**Rev. David A. Baer, Stated Clerk**

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**NOTE:** A video presentation explaining the action item for this meeting was distributed in lieu of the Action Item Dialogue, which was **cancelled** subsequent to the distribution of the call. The Action Item Dialogue **WILL NOT** be held on July 15.

## **NCP LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

### **ACTION ITEM #1**

**MOTION:** The Leadership Council requests that the Presbytery APPROVE a recommendation from the Church Development Commission to draw an additional \$91,332 from the New Growth Fund. The purpose of this mid-year draw is to fund the Missional Incubator program for the remainder of 2024 and provide the New Things Team with additional seed money for new projects, specifically for use with the Faith Chapel New Worshipping Community.

#### *Background and Rationale*

##### Missional Incubator

The Missional Incubator is a cohort-based model where pastors (or other leaders) can dream together about how best to pivot their churches to fresh ministries that care for their communities while also providing additional streams of revenue for the church. Some of these will be Social Enterprises (like coffee shops and ice cream parlors that are also third spaces) that create income through the sale of goods while others might be non-profits (like educational support centers) that create revenue through non-religious grants. We are not seeking to prescribe specific ministries.

The cohorts would meet in the program year one day a week and have access not only to each other but to a variety of experts: zoning, fundraising, marketing, Human Resources, etc. Connecting with these experts can support the pastors and congregations to build their new ministries. The expectation is that a member of the cohort would have a solid, executable plan to begin a new venture in the next year. Or, failing that, a great deal more information about their church and neighborhood upon which to build their next discernment.

The New Things team used the balance of its 2024 budget a few months ago to hire Rev. Brian Clark, recently retired from Riverside Presbyterian, to build the program out, develop its curriculum, recruit the first cohort, and begin building the cloud of expertise needed to help along the way.

In their presentation at the May Presbytery meeting, they shared that additional funds are needed for the balance of the year. The additional amount needed for 2024 is \$71,332.00 (budget breakout listed in this packet).

##### Faith Chapel

Faith Chapel is a new worshipping community of the National Capital Presbytery that focuses on families with young children who live in Lucketts. Some participants have been members of Faith Chapel in the past, but the majority are new. Some belong to other churches, but are seeking Christian community and fellowship here in Lucketts. These families routinely participate in Messy Church, connecting with God in a joyful, loving relationship.

Lucketts is a small, unincorporated village north of Leesburg with a long commute to employment centers. Within its boundaries are many small farms, individual homes, several HOAs, and two mobile home communities. The village presents several challenges to forming community with a lack of public spaces being the most pressing. Faith Chapel has found significant success lately providing community space where collisions with potential members happen. The worshipping community provides space for high level concerts, dances classes, and a food pantry.

Following a mid year review by the New Things team, the team unanimously felt moved by the current work of the

leadership at Faith Chapel and their recent successes to further invest in the leadership there, allowing Amanda Vela to set aside more hours for the work that is bearing fruit. Normally, the team would have done this from a reserve in their budget, but having invested in the start up of the missional incubator, it was required to request access the New Growth fund for the additional monies.

Faith Chapel has been granted \$37,000 for the year. The additional investment of \$20,000.00 would bring their annual total to \$57,000—in line with other NWC investments in the past.

New Growth Fund Information

2024 total approved draw from New Growth Fund: \$314,590.00

Balance in New Growth Fund, as of 5/31/24:

**New Growth Fund**

08-100000-01 - NGF - RJ 101YA Investment	\$1,291,342.10
08-100000-03 - Community PC Witness	\$845,111.15

**Total New Growth Fund** **\$2,136,453.25**

Balance reflects that \$292,000 of the 2024 budgeted transfer which has already been withdrawn.

		<b>New Things Team (CDC) Mid-Year Additional Funding Request</b>					
<b>Mission Incubator</b>							
<b>Funding Request, August 1st - December 31, 2024</b>							
<b>Director of Missional Incubator</b>							
	Director Salary (5 months based on \$91,313/year)					\$ 38,047.00	
	Medical (5 months)					\$ 10,912.00	
	Pension (5 months)					\$ 3,199.00	
	FICA Offset (5 months)					\$ 2,879.00	
	Miscellaneous Personnel Expenses					\$ 955.00	
	<b>TOTAL MISISONAL DIRECTOR</b>						\$ 55,992.00
<b>Missional Incubator Operations and Program</b>							
	Three Guest Experts and Evening Presenter Events					\$ 4,500.00	
	Speaker travel and lodging per event		\$ 1,000.00				
	Dinner Hosted By Presbytery for 50 per event		\$ 500.00				
	Director's Mileage					\$ 1,340.00	
	Participant's Expense					\$ 9,500.00	
	ten participants, ten lunches		\$ 1,500.00				
	Participants Expense Stipen, \$150/month, ten participants, 4 months		\$ 6,000.00				
	research, professional expenses, extra gatherings		\$ 2,000.00				
	<b>TOTAL PARTICIPANT'S EXPENSES</b>						\$ 15,340.00
	<b>TOTAL MISSION INCUBATOR FUNDING REQUEST</b>						\$ 71,332.00
<b>Seed Money For New Projects</b>							
	<b>Additional Investment into Faith Chapel</b>						\$20,000.00
	<b>TOTAL MID-YEAR FUNDING REQUEST</b>						\$ 91,332.00