

Clerk's Corner

September 12, 2024



Dear Friends,

Three members in my family of four spend their day in the public schools, so the transition to fall lands sharply and decisively on our household each year. Perhaps your family, like mine, is plunging into new routines or returning to a familiar schedule you had set aside for summer. In any case, as we jump into fall, I wanted to be sure to let you know about a few important upcoming events in the life of National Capital Presbytery.

Our **stated meeting on September 24 will be held in person at National Presbyterian Church at 5:00 p.m. (with pre-presbytery dialogue beginning at 3:00 p.m. – see below)**. Please remember that while this meeting will be live-streamed, members of the presbytery and session commissioners will be able to participate in deliberations and exercise the privileges of voice and vote only if they are physically present. But I encourage you all to come for what promises to be an eventful and joyful meeting. At this stated meeting we are hoping, among other business, to:

- worship God together, hearing the proclamation of the Word by our outgoing Moderator, Rev. Dr. Chris Deacon, installing our new Moderator (Elder Lou Durden) and Vice Moderator (Elder Jesy Littlejohn), and celebrating the Lord's Supper;
- welcome new members of our community and reconnect with old friends;
- engage in table conversations as a follow-up to the Landscape survey the presbytery community took in the spring; and
- hear and act on the reports of our committees, commissions, and officers.

Don't forget to join **the conversation around two proposed amendments (POL01 - began as Olympia Overture) to the Book of Order**, taking place at National Presbyterian Church on the same day, September 24, at 3:00 p.m. Please have a look at the last edition of the Thursday Mail for more information about this gathering.

I am also looking forward to **our second annual presbytery-wide installation service** at Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church on October 19 at 3:00 p.m., celebrating the individual calls of new pastors while giving thanks for the gift of shared ministry. The Rev. Jihyun Oh, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, will be our preacher, and we will be led in praise by a presbytery choir. Come and help us complete the call process as we install these new pastors in an enthusiastic and energetic service of worship.

May God bless you in this fall season of new beginnings!

Grace and Peace,

Rev. David Baer, Stated Clerk
