



Summary of the 319th Stated Meeting of National Capital Presbytery

National Capital Presbytery held a stated meeting in Stone Hall at National Presbyterian Church on November 19. The Moderator, **Elder Lou Durden**, called the meeting to order and invited **Elder Mark Stunder**, chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, to offer the opening devotion. The Vice Moderator, **Elder Jesy Littlejohn**, led the Presbytery in the annual Necrology, giving thanks for those ruling elders and teaching elders who had died in the past year.

During the meeting the Presbytery:

- Received the report of the **Administrative Commission for Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church** and acted to dismiss the commission, effective upon the commission installing elders to the session of the church and returning original jurisdiction to the session, which it is anticipated to do on December 8.
- **Approved the minutes and registers** of those churches which had submitted them for reviews conducted by the Session Records Committee.
- Adopted the recommendation of the Leadership Council for the **Operating and Mission Budgets for 2025**.
- Heard a presentation on the ongoing work of the **Missional Incubator program**, in which participating pastors and church leaders spoke of the benefits and challenges of engaging the communities in which their churches are situated.

The next **Stated Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at National Presbyterian Church**. *Please note both the time (a Thursday evening) and the in-person format of this meeting, which are a departure from our usual practice in January.* The Presbytery has been engaged in an extended consideration of two proposed amendments to the *Book of Order*, 24-A and 24-C, through several opportunities for dialogue and discernment beginning in September, and the Leadership Council has approved this change in time and format in order to allow this process to conclude with an in-person gathering and vote.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. David A. Baer, Stated Clerk