



## Summary of the 320<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of National Capital Presbytery

National Capital Presbytery held a stated meeting in Stone Hall at National Presbyterian Church on January 23. The Moderator, **Elder Lou Durden**, convened the meeting with prayer.

During the meeting the presbytery:

- The Presbytery **commissioned Ruling Elder Kris Maldarelli to pastoral service** at Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church.
- Approved a **Policy to Authorize the Celebration of the Sacraments by Ministers of Other Denominations** proposed by the Commission on Ministry.
- Established two **Administrative Commissions**, one to carry out matters related to the dissolution of **Northwood Presbyterian Church**, and one to visit with and settle difficulties in the session and congregation of the **First Presbyterian Church of Annandale**.
- Approved, at the recommendation of the Commission on Preparation for Ministry, an **exception to time requirements** for two persons under care, and **alternative-means examinations** for another candidate for Ministry of Word and Sacrament.
- Acted on two proposed **amendments to the *Book of Order***:
  - Approving 24-A, an amendment to F-1.0403, “Unity in Diversity,” by a vote of 130-45.
  - Approving 24-C, an amendment to G-2.0104b, “Gifts and Qualifications,” by a vote of 89-82.
- Recognized transitions in our community:
  - We celebrated the retirement of the **Rev. Catherine McCollough** from validated ministry at the Center for Pastoral Counseling of Virginia.
  - We welcomed the newly ordained **Rev. Adrian Rodriguez**, who is serving as Associate Pastor at Vienna Presbyterian Church.

The next stated meeting will be held via Zoom teleconference on Tuesday, March 25.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. David A. Baer, Stated Clerk