

**Stated Meeting
National Capital Presbytery
March 25, 2025
6:00PM via Zoom Teleconference
We Gather in Community**

DRAFT Minutes

The 321st Stated Meeting of National Capital Presbytery was called to order with prayer at 6:01 PM by the moderator, Elder Lou Durden. The meeting was held via Zoom Teleconference, with 185 participants registered and present.

The Moderator recognized the Stated Clerk, the Rev. David Baer, who noted that a QUORUM was present. The roll was formed by the pre-registrations to the meeting and first-time commissioners were welcomed.

MINISTERS PRESENT (90):

Anderson, Denise	Hamilton, Brian	Parker-Jones, Bernice
Baer, David	Harasty, Shelby	Patterson, Olivia
Batten-Carbaugh, Laura	Harper, Mark	Phillips, Paul
Bellis, Alice	Hayward, Larry	Rathje, Ken
Benson, Glen	Hendricks, Diane W	Richmond, Shawn
Bolton, Jacob	Herlin, Ann	Rodawla, Jacob
Braxton, Beth	Horn, Emma	Rodgers, Mary
Brinton, Henry	Hunnicutt, Patrick	Rodriguez, Adrian
Brookens, Elizabeth	Jervis, Madeline	Ross, Katherine
Brubaker, Layne	Jokela, William	Sledge, James
Brubaker, Crawford	Jones Lundeen, Allison	Smoot, Jon
Byrd, Cameron	Kekung, Cynthia	Spuhler McCabe, Tara
Cadwallader, J.C.	Kenkeremath, Lisa	Stanford, Katherine
Collins, Blake	Landers, Rachel	Strednak Singer, Katie
Counihan, Erin	Larsen, Lisa	Tewell, Alice
D'Andrea, Emily	Lee, Hope	Thompson, Keith
Deacon, Chris	Longbrake, Derek	Tilley, Carolyn
Douthett, David	Looker, Chris	Trawick, Benton
Douthett, Molly	MacDonald, Shawn	Tyler-Williams, Angela
Fields, Jeri	MacKenzie, Jeanne	Ulmer, Holly
Fitzgibbon, Laura	McElwaine, Patrick	van Gorder, Charles
Foster, Garnett	McKibben Dana, MaryAnn	Walker, Elizabeth
Friedlander Ostrowski, Beverly	Meeks, Don	Wayland, Rose
Fulp-Eickstaedt, Aaron	Melone, Robert	Weddle, Donna
Futato, Pat	Molina-Moore, John	Wilder, Susan
Gaskill, Mark	Morse, Sterling	Williams, Emilee
Golemon, Larry	Mulvihill, Kathleen	Williams, Elisabeth
Gorrell, Carla	Nabinger, Matt	Wilson-Black, Juli
Gray, David	Neal, Nancy	Wood, Shelly
Hackett, J. Campbell	Olson, Dana	Yearick, Carrie

MINISTERS EXCUSED (16):

Austell, Robert	Hylton, Raymond	Ramsey, Scott
Clark, Nancy	Jordan-Haas, Connie	Smith-Cobbs, Stephen
Crawford, Adele	Klose, Megan	Stanton-Hoyle, Lynn
Evans, Abigail	McAuliffe, Christopher	Teichert, Molly
Goss, J Beth	McDonald, Jim	
Hackworth, Matthew	Pooley, Matt	

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS PRESENT (2):

Maldarelli, Kris
Turner, LeQuan

FELLOWSHIPS and NEW WORSHIPING COMMUNITIES PRESENT:

Creekside

ELDER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT (93):

Pollock	Lynn	Arlington	Ellis Jones	Sharon	Fifteenth Street Church
Surette	Dr. Stan	Ashburn	Chamberlin	Bob	First United Dale City
Whitmire	Renee	Ashburn	Mitchell	Rick	First United Dale City
Moudji	Alain	Berwyn	Porter	Sara	First United Dale City
Ocean	Andre	Berwyn	Melberg	Evi	Gaithersburg
Russell	Norma	Boysds	Friedman	Kathy	Grace Lanham
Holcomb	Bonnie	Bradley Hills	Bustillo	Dennis	Grace Springfield
Miller	Elaine	Bush Hill	Rogers	Meg	Grace Springfield
Huggins	Mije	Bush Hill	Bishop	Lee	Greenwich
Dalton	Chantal	Capitol Hill	Barnhart	William	Greenwich
Rutkowski	Michael	Capitol Hill	Pote	Frank	Heritage
McIntosh	Amy	Catoctin	Ogilvie	Lynley	Immanuel
Blackshaw	Hille	Church of the Covenant	Johannsen	Rick	Immanuel
Murphey	William	Church of the Covenant	Hoopes	Allison	John Calvin
Davis	Kimberly V.	Clifton	Pierce	Carol	John Calvin
Winkowski	Terry	Clifton	Koenig	Karen	Kirkwood
Watts	William	Clifton	Webster	Sandra	Kirkwood
Richards	Janey	Colesville	Eplee	Gene	Laurel
Herman	Lynne	Colesville	Walcott	John	Lewinsville
Patrick	Susan	Colesville	Hager	Karen	Lewinsville
Stunder	Mark	Creekside Church	Kloster	Madison	Lewinsville
Summers	Janis	Darnestown	Williams	David	Manassas
FrencK	Roland	Darnestown	Gutliph	JoAnne	Manassas
Barker	George	Fairfax	Mack	David	National
Jones	Edward	Faith	Schottke	David	National
Warner	Clay	Falls Church	Glaser	Lewrene	National
Sarver	Marnie	Falls Church	Yamate	May	National
Volpe	Michael	Falls Church	Bennett	William W	National
Whiting, Jr.	Darrell	Fifteenth Street Church	M. Feret	Karen	New York Avenue

Dewhurst	Miriam	New York Avenue	Moore	Jacquelyn	Sargent Memorial
Singelmann	Olivia	New York Avenue	Walker	Johnny	Sargent Memorial
Davis	Lorethea	Northminster	Sims	Michele	Sargent Memorial
Stevenson	Mimi	Northminster	White	Don	Southminster
Littlejohn	Jesy	Oaklands	McGeehan	Janis	Southminster
Parker	Jenny	Old Presbyterian Meeting House	Owens	Marcia	St. Andrew
Carl	Melissa	Old Presbyterian Meeting House	Lawson	Kurt	Takoma Park
Pommerer	Susan	Old Presbyterian Meeting House	Westfall-McGrail	Jennifer	Trinity, Arlington
Winslow	William	Old Presbyterian Meeting House	Merkel	Patrick	Trinity, Arlington
Smouse	David	Patuxent	Miller	PJ	Trinity, Herndon
Lorek	Sarah	Patuxent	Wilkinson	Virginia	Trinity, Herndon
Flanigan	Flanny	Pilgrims	Vollmer	Nancy	United Christian Parish of Reston
Daugherty	Nancy	Pilgrims	Allen	Chuck	Vienna
Barnes	Karla	Redeemer	Eakin	Mark	Warner Memorial
Herzfeld	Michael	Rockville	Zelinsky	Anna	Western
		Rockville United Church	Bagley	Becca	Westminster, Alexandria
Cooper-Martin	Elizabeth	Rockville United Church	Woods	John	Westminster, Alexandria
Kopp	Leta	Church	Shaw	Timothy	Westminster, Alexandria

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED BY ELDER COMMISSIONERS:

Adelphi, Aldie, Bealeton, Boyds, Brambleton, Brentsville, Burke, Calvary, Chesterbrook Taiwanese, Chevy Chase, Christ Presbyterian, Christ the King, Christian Community, Clarendon, Covenant, Eastminster, Ebenezer, Emmanuel Indonesian, Fairlington, First Arlington, First Annandale, Furnace Mountain, Geneva, Georgetown, Good Samaritan, Hermon, Hope, Idlywood, Knox, Korean Presbyterian Church of Rockville, Leesburg, Litchfield, Little Falls, Mizo, Mount Vernon, New Hope, Northeastern, Northern Virginia Korean, Northwood, Poolesville, Potomac, Prince George's Community, Providence, Redeemer, Riverside, Rock, Saint Mark, Silver Spring, Sixth, St. Matthew, Taiwanese Presbyterian, United Korean, United Parish of Bowie, Westminster DC, Wheaton

New commissioners were welcomed.

The Stated Clerk, the Rev. David Baer, presented the proposed docket, which was distributed with the meeting materials. Upon a motion properly made and seconded, the presbytery voted to APPROVED the docket.

Rev. Baer presented the omnibus motion. He noted that the minutes of the January Stated Meeting had not been posted to the presbytery's web site, suggesting that the presbytery act to approve them at the May Stated Meeting, after an opportunity to review them. The omnibus motion was APPROVED by the presbytery as amended.

OMNIBUS MOTION

From the Stated Clerk

- The Stated Clerk recommends that the Presbytery **ACCEPT** the resignation of Elder Noel de Santos from the Administrative Commission on Congregational Property.

From the Commission on Ministry

- The Commission on Ministry recommends that the Presbytery **APPOINT** Elder Charles Barber (Northeastern) as a sixth member of the Administrative Commission for Northwood Presbyterian Church.

Rationale: The Commission on Ministry, which brought the recommendation to form an Administrative Commission to carry out matters related to the dissolution of Northwood Presbyterian Church to the January Stated Meeting, had approached Mr. Barber about serving on the commission, but his availability was not confirmed in time for him to be elected at that meeting. Mr. Barber has served previously on commissions charged with carrying out the dissolution of congregations (Unity, Garden Memorial), and is the former chair of the Presbytery Leadership Council. While the Moderator has the power to fill vacancies, action of the presbytery is needed to add a new member beyond the five that were elected in January.

From the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee places the following names in nomination for election:

Stewardship:

Barbara Heck (TE, Bush Hill), Class of 2027

Session Records:

Janis Summers (RE, Darnestown), Class of 2028

Budget and Finance:

Cary Pugh (RE, OPMH) - Class of 2028

Church Development Commission:

John Lee (TE, The Rock), Class of 2026

Mission Coordinating Committee

Perry Austin (Lay member, FPC Arlington), Class of 2027

OUR LIFE AS A COMMUNITY

The Moderator recognized the General Presbyter, the Rev. John Molina-Moore, who discussed upcoming events and recognized:

- The Rev. Dr. Chris Deacon, who recently began serving as Pastor of Laurel Presbyterian Church, and
- The Rev. Sung Lee, who began serving in August as Stated Supply Pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Molina-Moore led the assembly in prayer.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

The Rev. Juli Wilson-Black presented the commission's report. On behalf of the commission, she moved the following:

MOTION: The Commission on Ministry, pursuant to Book of Order G-2.0504(c) and the Presbytery's Policy on Changes in Pastoral Roles within a Congregation, recommends that the Presbytery **GRANT** an **EXCEPTION** to allow the Rev. Olivia Patterson, who is currently serving as an Associate Pastor (Stated Supply) at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, to be eligible to be called and installed as Associate Pastor.

NOTE: Approval of this exception requires a three-fourths majority.

Rationale: The Book of Order states that a pastor serving in a temporary pastoral relationship is "ordinarily" not eligible to become the installed pastor (G-2.0504b), but allows the presbytery to grant an exception by a three-quarters vote (G-2.0504c). The NCP Policy on Changes in Pastoral Role provides a process whereby the CTC is able to bring such a recommendation for a minister who has been serving for at least 12 months. In accordance with this policy, Rev. Patterson has communicated her request in writing and met with representatives of the CTC, who have recommended granting the exception.

Olivia Patterson became the Associate Pastor (Stated Supply) for Youth and Young Adults at Westminster in the fall of 2021. Over the past three years, the congregation has come to value her gifts and her leadership. In April 2024, she contacted the CTC to request an exception so that she might become an installed associate pastor at the church. With the agreement of the CTC, the church adapted its staff review process, which includes feedback from the congregation, to meet the needs of the congregational discernment process outlined in the Policy on Changes in Pastoral Role. The co-chairs of CTC received confirmation that this process had been completed, and that the session, having consulted with the congregation, wished to proceed with requesting an exception under G-2.0504(c).

Following a period of discussion, the Presbytery **VOTED** to **GRANT** the exception, by the required three-fourths majority.

REPORT OF THE BILLS AND OVERTURES COMMITTEE

The Moderator recognized Elder Mark Eakin (Warner Memorial), the chair of the Bills and Overtures Committee, to present the committee's report on items referred to the presbytery from the General Assembly. Mr. Eakin presented several items in the form of a **CONSENT MOTION**. Following an opportunity for members of the assembly to remove items for separate consideration, the Presbytery **VOTED**, by the two-thirds majority required to suspend the Standing Rules:

That the Presbytery SUSPEND Standing Rule 3 ("A Special Rule of Order for the consideration of proposed amendments to the Book of Order"), by the required two-thirds majority, and answer the following items proposed by the 226th General Assembly with an AFFIRMATIVE vote:

- 24-B, 24-E, 24-G, 24-H, 24-J, and 24-L

Mr. Eakin continued, presenting each of the remaining items in turn, as required by Standing Rule 3. After a period of discussion, a vote was taken on each item, with the results as follows:

- 24-D: AFFIRMATIVE
- 24-F: AFFIRMATIVE
- 24-I: NEGATIVE
- 24-K: AFFIRMATIVE
- 24-M: AFFIRMATIVE

Mr. Eakin concluded his report with an update on the results of voting on amendments 24-A and 24-C by other presbyteries. Amendment 24-A has received the affirmative votes of a majority of the presbyteries and will therefore be incorporated into the next edition of the Book of Order. Amendment 24-C

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was offered.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

The Moderator, the Elder Lou Durden, adjourned the meeting with a closing benediction at 7:25 p.m.

Faithfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David A. Baer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. David A. Baer, Stated Clerk