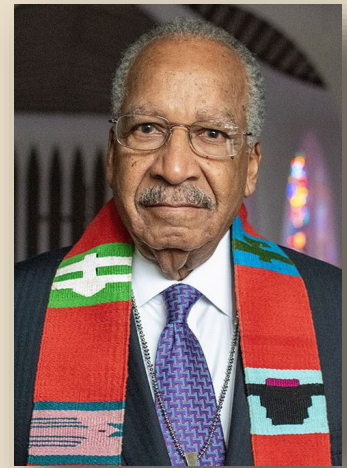


Siblings in Christ,

Greetings!

It is hard to believe that this upcoming Stated Meeting will be the last one I will moderate in its entirety. Serving as your moderator over the past year has been both an honor and a privilege. Throughout this time, I've had the joy of visiting various churches and learned a great deal about our presbytery. I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to serve our community in this role.



One of our PCUSA confessions, the Belhar Confession, reminds us that unity is “both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must be continually built up to attain (Eph. 4:1-16).”

As we have done and will continue to do, let us commit to both celebrating and pursuing the unity in Christ which is God’s gift.

I look forward to gathering with you at the upcoming Stated Meeting of the National Capital Presbytery on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

May God’s peace and joy be with you throughout this year.

Faithfully,

Lou Durden

Moderator, National Capital Presbytery

**Stated Meeting**  
**National Capital Presbytery**  
**May 20, 2025**  
**5:00PM at National Presbyterian Church**  
**We Gather in Community**

5:00 PM CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER	Elder Lou Durden, Moderator
5:05 PM APPROVAL OF DOCKET, OMNIBUS MOTION (p. 3).	Rev. David Baer, Stated Clerk
5:10 PM SERVICE OF WORSHIP	
• Rev. John Molina-Moore, Preaching; Rev. Billy Kluttz, Music	
• Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	
5:45 PM TRANSITIONS / PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION	Rev. John Molina-Moore, General Presbyter
5:55 PM NOMINATING COMMITTEE (p. 5)	Rev. Patrick Hunnicutt, Chair
• Election of Moderator and Vice Moderator	
6:15 PM COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (p. 6)	Rev. Juli Wilson-Black & Rev. Carla Gorrell
• Exception for Rev. Lisa Larsen to become an installed Associate Pastor at NPC	
• A word on when to call COM	
6:30 PM LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (p. 7)	Rev. Jeri Fields, Chair
• First reading of proposed amendment to Standing Rule #3	
6:40 PM NEW BUSINESS	Elder Lou Durden, Moderator
CHARGE AND BLESSING	Elder Lou Durden, Moderator

**Meeting Leaders**

Rev. David A. Baer, Stated Clerk  
Elder Lou Durden, Moderator  
Rev. Jeri Fields, Chair, NCP Leadership Council  
Rev. Carla Gorrell, Co-Chair, Commission on Ministry  
Rev. Patrick Hunnicutt, Chair, Nominating Committee  
Rev. Billy Kluttz, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Arlington  
Elder Jesy Littlejohn, NCP Vice Moderator  
Rev. John Molina-Moore, General Presbyter  
Rev. Juli Wilson-Black, Co-Chair, Commission on Ministry

*This document, the Packet, contains the **action items** for the Stated Meeting.  
Please refer to the additional reports posted on the NCP web site  
for important information about the work of our officers and committees.*

### **OMNIBUS MOTION FOR THE MAY 20, 2025, PRESBYTERY MEETING**

#### ***From the Stated Clerk***

- The Stated Clerk recommends the **APPROVAL** of the minutes of the NCP Stated Meetings held on January 23, 2025, and March 25, 2025. [NB: Due to an oversight, the January minutes were not posted in advance of the March meeting and therefore still need to be approved.]
- The Stated Clerk recommends the **DISMISSAL** with thanks of the Commission to install the Rev. Adrian Rodriguez as Associate Pastor at Vienna Presbyterian Church on March 30.
- The Stated Clerk recommends the **DISMISSAL** with thanks of the Commission to install the Rev. Dr. Chris Deacon as Pastor at Laurel Presbyterian Church on May 4.
- The Stated Clerk recommends the **DISMISSAL** with thanks of the Commission to install the Rev. Olivia Patterson as Associate Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church (Alexandria) on May 11. (This Commission was formed in accordance with the Presbytery's PNC/Session Handbook, as reported in the Stated Clerk's Report of the Reports document for this meeting.)

#### ***From the Nominating Committee***

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

#### **Chairs for 2025-26 committees (with the concurrence of the Leadership Council)**

- Mike McAdoo Chair, ACCP
- Mark Stunder (RE, Boyds) for Chair of Budget and Finance
- Mark Gaskill (TE, Good Shepherd) for Chair of CDC
- Blair Moorhead (TE, Immanuel) for Chair of CPM

#### **ACCP**

- Madison Kloster (RE, Lewinsville), ACCP c/o 2028

#### **Budget and Finance Committee**

- Matt Baker, TE Providence, for Budget & Finance c/o 2028

#### **Congregational Development Commission**

- Casey Wait, TE John Calvin, for CDC c/o 2028
- Dorothe Ngo Ikoula (RE Silver Spring), CDC c/o 2028

#### **Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

- Molly Douthett (TE, Furnace Mountain), c/o 2028
- Matt Pooley (TE, Patuxent), c/o 2028

- Denise Diaab (TE, Bradley Hills), c/o 2028
- Eve Jelstrom (RE, Lewinsville), c/o 2028
- Amanda Kemery (TE, St. Andrew), c/o 2028
- Mary Casper (RE, St. Mark), c/o 2028

#### Mission Coordinating Committee

- Marco Grimaldo (RE, NYAPC), c/o 2028

#### ***From the Leadership Council***

The Leadership Council places the following names in nomination for election:

#### Nominating Committee c/o 2028

- Katie Murchison Ross (TE Grace Springfield)
- Jen Dunfee (TE Lewinsville)
- Mike Volpe (RE Falls Church)
- Denise Anderson (TE specialized ministry)

#### Nominating Chair for 25-26

- Katie Murchison Ross (TE Grace Springfield)

## ACTION ITEMS FOR MAY 20, 2025 NCP MEETING

### ACTION ITEM #1

#### Nominating Committee – Election of the Moderator and Vice Moderator

The committee nominates **Elder Jesy Littlejohn** (Oaklands) to be Moderator of the National Capital Presbytery for 2025-2026.

The committee nominates **Rev. Rachel Vaagenes** to be Vice Moderator of the National Capital Presbytery for 2025-2026.

### Biographies of Nominees



**2025-2026 Moderator – Elder Jesy Littlejohn (Oaklands)** (they/them) is the Director of Operations at More Light Presbyterians, the Social Media Producer for *Presbyterian Outlook*, a coach with NEXTChurch, and they do administrative and communications work for three churches in National Capital Presbytery. Jesy serves on multiple teams and committees in the presbytery and the denomination. They also cohost the Embracing Race Podcast: Conversations with Truth and Intention. Jesy is married to their favorite person, Sara, and they have two awesome kids, Toby and Charlie. They live in a state of perpetual hope and disappointment as an avid Pittsburgh Pirates fan. They love jolly ranchers and vehemently dislikes peas and ham!



**2025-2026 Vice-Moderator – Rev. Rachel Vaagenes** (she/her) has been active in NCP for nearly 15 years, serving at Georgetown Presbyterian for ten, and currently at the Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church. She served on the Nominating Committee for as long as Jacob labored in Laban's fields, and has also served on MCC, along with contributing to the refugee network, dismantling racism efforts, and NCP Pride events. Having heard the call to ministry, Rachel left Los Angeles and her dream of being an extra in Hallmark movies and headed to seminary in New Jersey. She ended up in DC and has loved it ever since. She is bisexual, and cares deeply about making sure everyone feels welcome and knows that they are loved by God! Rachel lives in Glover Park with her librarian husband Adrian; their two teen daughters Maewynn and Evangeline; dogs

Ladybird and Lucy; and 100 rescued houseplants.

## **ACTION ITEM #2**

### **Recommendation from the Commission on Ministry**

**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. Lisa Larsen, who is currently serving as an Associate Pastor (Stated Supply) at National Presbyterian Church, 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.

The Rev. Lisa Larsen began serving as Associate Pastor (Stated Supply) for Care in February 2022. In accordance with this policy, Rev. Larsen communicated her request in writing and consulted with representatives of the CTC, which then approved the request to explore this change in pastoral role and advised the session on conducting a discernment process with the congregation of National Presbyterian Church. This discernment process was completed in March, and the session reported the results in a letter to the CTC.

The session reports that in her more than three years of service at the church, Rev. Lisa Larsen "has cultivated strong relationships with members of NPC. Many members express gratitude for her guidance, support, and compassionate care. During her tenure she has revitalized our Deacon ministry, established a vital Prayer Team, and restarted the impactful Grief Support program for those experiencing profound loss. ... Comments received from congregants and staff ... confirm that members of the NPC community do not view Lisa as a temporary pastor. Indeed, numerous participants in the discernment process have expressed surprise that she is not already an installed pastor. Accordingly, we believe that members and staff alike would enthusiastically welcome her becoming a called-and-installed pastor at NPC and would have no difficulty adjusting to her transition from a temporary pastoral role to an installed position." The session also noted its desire to support and continue the initiatives Lisa has undertaken, and weighed her strong performance in her role against the uncertain possibility of finding an equally satisfactory candidate in an open search.

For these reasons, the COM recommends that the Presbytery grant the requested exception.

## **ACTION ITEM #3**

### **Recommendation from the Leadership Council**

The Leadership Council PRESENTS FOR A FIRST READING the following amendment to NCP Standing Rule #3. (Text to be inserted is shown in underlined italics. Text to be removed is ~~struck through~~.)

#### **Standing Rule # 3 (SR-3)**

##### **A Special Rule of Order for the consideration of proposed amendments to the Book of Order**

When proposed amendments to the Book of Order are before the presbytery for debate and vote, the Chairperson of Bills and Overtures Committee shall present the committee's judgment and recommendation in the form of a report, not a motion.

*The committee's report may designate one or more amendments to be included in a consent agenda. Following the presentation of the committee's report, an opportunity shall be given to any voting member of the assembly to remove items from the consent agenda for regular consideration. Once all such removals have been made, the Moderator shall declare that the items not removed have been answered in accordance with the committee's recommendations.*

Immediately thereafter, the Moderator of the meeting shall *proceed with each of the items in the committee's report that the presbytery has not yet acted upon, saying:*

"Amendment \_\_\_\_ is now before the presbytery. (And, following discussion and debate, the Moderator shall continue) All in favor of Amendment \_\_\_\_ say "aye"; all opposed say "no". Amendment \_\_\_\_ is approved/is not approved."

The third option which is available, "take no action" would require a motion to the effect "I move that the presbytery take no action on Amendment \_\_\_\_" which would be made before the Moderator has called for the vote on the Amendment. It would be handled in the same manner as any main motion.

**Rationale:** The last two General Assemblies sent many proposed amendments to the presbyteries for consideration. As NCP engaged in discernment with respect to these proposed amendments, it emerged that only a small number required the careful review and debate of the whole body of the presbytery. To expedite voting on the amendments, the Bills and Overtures Committee each time recommended that the Standing Rules be suspended so that most items could be approved by means of a consent agenda. Suspension of the standing rules requires a two-thirds majority and is rightly perceived as a course deviating from the standard practice. The proposed amendment regularizes this process without abridging the right of any voting member of the assembly to require individual consideration, including a period of discussion, for any item presented by the Bills and Overtures Committee.

In accordance with Standing Rule #1, any amendments to the proposal offered at this meeting—along with less formal feedback—will be referred to Leadership Council for consideration. The proposed amendment will be presented for final approval at the September Stated Meeting.



Stated Meeting  
National Capital Presbytery  
May 20, 2025

Presbytery Reports

The reports in this section contain information about the work undertaken by the Presbytery's committees, commissions, and officers. Items requiring action by the Presbytery have been included in the separate Presbytery Packet document.

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**Report From the Administrative Commission on Congregational Property**  
5/13/2025

***Important Information for Churches***

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**G-4.0206 Selling, Encumbering, or Leasing Church Property from the Book of Order**

**a. Selling or Encumbering Congregational Property**

A congregation shall not sell, mortgage, or otherwise encumber any of its real property and it shall not acquire real property subject to an encumbrance or condition without the written permission of the presbytery transmitted through the session of the congregation.

**b. Leasing Congregational Property**

A congregation shall not lease its real property used for purposes of worship, or lease for more than five years any of its other real property, without the written permission of the presbytery transmitted through the session of the congregation.

**All leases executed by NCP Sessions must contain the following language:**

"Notwithstanding anything contained in this Lease/License to the contrary, in the event that the Landlord as a religious organization is dissolved, Lessee or the National Capital Presbytery may terminate this Lease/License, provided that notice of such dissolution is provided to Lessee at least ninety (90) days prior to the anticipated date of dissolution, and (ii) the Lease/License shall not terminate for ninety (90) days after the date of such dissolution unless otherwise agreed by the Parties."

The Presbytery has empowered the Administrative Commission on Congregational Property with the powers of an Administrative Commission to consider and approve requests from churches to lease, sell or encumber the real property of a church. Any action in this regard by a congregation without the Presbytery's permission will not be recognized as legally valid.

**If your church is considering leasing, selling, or encumbering real property** please contact the Senior Director of Finance & Operations, Heather Deacon, [hdeacon@thepresbytery.org](mailto:hdeacon@thepresbytery.org).

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No action has been taken since our last report.

**Commission on Ministry**  
**Report to Presbytery**  
**May 20, 2025**

**Exams**

**Rounds, Deborah** – Sustained the examination of Rev. Deborah Rounds and recommended that she be received into the Presbytery as a Member at Large [CC 4/15/25]

**Greniven, Rebekah** – Sustained the examination of Rebekah Greniven and recommended that she be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament and received as a member of National Capital Presbytery [CC 4/15/25]

**Contracts/Terms of Call**

**Heck/Bush Hill** – Approved the stated supply contract between Bush Hill Presbyterian Church and Rev. Barbara Heck, effective January 1, 2025 for one year, and request that the Coordinating Commission waive the NCP Compensation Policy requirement for medical dues. [CTC 4/3/25]

**Neal/Southminster** – Approved the stated supply contract between Southminster Presbyterian Church and Rev. Nancy Neal, effective beginning January 26, 2025 and ending on April 27, 2025. [CTC 4/3/25]

**Larsen/National** – Approved the stated supply contract between National Presbyterian Church and Rev. Lisa Larsen as a stop gap contract while NPC moves to have Rev. Larsen installed. [CTC 4/3/25]

**Greniven/Manassas** - Approved the creation of the Associate Pastor position at Manassas Presbyterian Church, with responsibilities as outlined in the contract between the church and Mrs. Rebekah Greniven. Approved the contract for a Stated Supply relationship, pending Mrs. Greniven's ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament and reception as a member of NCP, and subject to the approval of the medical dues exception. [CTC 4/3/25]

**Gaithersburg/Hodges** – Approved the Stated Supply contract between the Rev. LeAnn Hodges and Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church, effective May 1-December 31, 2025 [CTC 5/1/25]

**Gaithersburg/Maldarelli** – Approved an extension of the CRE contract between Elder Kris Maldarelli and Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church, effective June 1-December 31, 2025. [CTC 5/1/25]

**Covenant/Culp** – Approved the Stated Supply contract between the Rev. Caitlin Culp and Covenant Presbyterian Church, effective September 1, 2025-August 31, 2026, contingent on her satisfactory examination for NCP membership and ordination. [CTC 5/1/25]

**Jhee/Rockville Korean** – Approved the Stated Supply contract between the Rev. Sun Mook Jhee and Rockville Korean Presbyterian Church for a period of three months [May 1-July 31, CTC 5/1/25]

## **Policy Exceptions**

**Heck/Bush Hill** - Approved the waiver of the NCP compensation policy requirement for medical dues in the CTC-approved stated supply contract between Bush Hill Presbyterian Church and Rev. Barbara Heck, effective January 1, 2025 for one year. [CC 4/15/25]

**Greniven/Manassas** - Approved the waiver of the NCP compensation policy requirement for medical dues in the CTC-approved stated supply contract between Manassas Presbyterian Church and Rebekah Greniven. [CC 4/15/25]

**Patterson/Westminster Alexandria installation** – approved the request for Rev. Olivia Patterson’s installation take place during the regular 11am service on Sunday, May 11, 2025. [CC 4/15/25]

## **Moderators**

Approved the Rev. David Baer to serve as moderator of the session of Grace Presbyterian Church in Lanham for a meeting held on April 13, 2025. [CC 4/15/25]

## **COM Motions**

**Carla Gorrell expenses** – Approved request for Rev. Carla Gorrell to be reimbursed for mileage and expenses outside the beltway on COM business. [CC 4/15/25]

**Brambleton PNC** – Approved the request of Brambleton Presbyterian Church to form a Pastor Nominating Committee [CTC 5/1/25]

**Larsen/National exception** – To present the request for the Presbytery to approve an exception allowing the Rev. Lisa Larsen (Associate Pastor, Stated Supply) to become an installed Associate Pastor [CTC 5/1/25]

## Report of the Stated Clerk

*The Stated Clerk reports the following as items of information. Items for action by the presbytery are included in the omnibus motion, which can be found in the Presbytery Packet.*

### Administrative Commissions

1. In accordance with the Presbytery's PNC/Session Handbook, the Stated Clerk has approved the formation of the following commissions:

- To install the Rev. Olivia Patterson as Associate Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church (Alexandria).

Date and Time: May 11, 2025, 11:00 a.m. [EXCEPTION approved by the Coordinating Commission of COM]

Place: Westminster Presbyterian Church (Alexandria)

Members: Elder Jesy Littlejohn (acting on behalf of the Moderator), Rev. Jacob Bolton, Rev. Patrick Hunnicutt, Elder Tara West (Westminster, Alexandria), Elder Warren Clayton (Grace, Springfield)

Note: At the March 25 Stated Meeting, NCP voted to grant an exception to allow Rev. Olivia Patterson, who had been serving the church as Associate Pastor (Stated Supply), to become an installed associate pastor.

- To ordain Ms. Rebekah Greniven, a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church (Alexandria), to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Date and Time: June 21, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

Place: Bush Hill Presbyterian Church

Members: Elder Lou Durden (Moderator), Rev. Patrick Hunnicutt, Rev. Barbara Heck, Rev. Laura Fitzgibbon, Elder Lauren Beyea (Westminster, Alexandria), Elder Steve Andrews (Bush Hill), Elder Jim Short (Manassas)

Note: The Commission on Ministry conducted and approved Ms. Greniven's examination for ordination, and it has approved the terms of a temporary pastoral relationship as Associate Pastor (Stated Supply) at Manassas Presbyterian Church. These actions are reported above in the Report of the Commission on Ministry.

2. In accordance with *Book of Order*, G-3.0109, the Administrative Commission for Northwood Presbyterian Church reports that it:

- Dissolved Northwood Presbyterian Church, effective March 31, 2025.

3. The Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church of Annandale reports the following:

“On 08 MAY 2025, the Administrative Commission informed the FPCA Session of its findings to be later submitted in a report to NCP and provided the Session with a deadline for corrective actions that will be expected to be addressed by the end of the summer, which time the Administrative Commission will be able to provide a further update.”

### Equalization Plan

The Book of Order requires each presbytery to adopt and communicate “a plan for determining how many ruling elders each session should elect as commissioners to presbytery, with a goal of numerical parity of ministers of the Word and Sacrament and ruling elders” (G-3.0301). NCP’s Equalization Policy provides a method for determining the number of commissioners for each session, and entrusts the Stated Clerk with the responsibility of carrying out this calculation in accordance with the statistical information reported by the sessions. Having communicated these figures to sessions on April 7, the Stated Clerk now reports the completion of the equalization process:

### National Capital Presbytery Ruling Elder Equalization Plan 2025-2026

Beginning with the **Stated Meeting on May 20, 2025**, and continuing through the **March 2026 Stated Meeting, and any Special Meeting that may occur before the May 2026 Stated Meeting**, each session is invited to appoint the number of Ruling Elder Commissioners indicated below:

Adelphi	3	Calvary	3
Aldie	2	Capitol Hill	3
Arlington	2	Catoctin	3
Ashburn	3	Chesterbrook Taiwanese	3
Bealeton	2	Chevy Chase	4
Berwyn	3	Christ (Fairfax)	3
Bethesda	2	Christ the King	3
Boyd	3	Christian Community	3
Bradley Hills	4	Church of the Covenant (Arlington)	2
Brambleton	3	Church of the Pilgrims	3
Brentsville	2	Church of the Redeemer	3
Burke	4	Clarendon	4
Bush Hill	3	Clifton	4

Colesville	4	Prince Georges Community	3
Covenant (Woodbridge)	4	Providence	3
Darnestown	4	Riverside	3
Eastminster	3	Rockville	3
Ebenezer	4	Rockville United	3
Emmanuel Indonesian	3	Saint Mark	3
Fairfax	4	Sargent Memorial	3
Fairlington	3	Silver Spring	3
Faith	2	Sixth	3
Falls Church	3	Southminster	3
Fifteenth Street	3	St Andrew	3
First (Annandale)	3	St Matthew	3
First (Arlington)	3	Taiwanese PC of Washington DC	3
First United Dale City	3	Takoma Park	3
Furnace Mountain	2	The Rock	3
Gaithersburg	4	Trinity (Arlington)	4
Geneva	3	Trinity (Herndon)	4
Georgetown	4	United Christian Parish	3
Good Samaritan	3	United Korean	3
Grace (Lanham)	3	United Parish	2
Grace (Springfield)	3	Vienna	6
Greenwich	4	Warner Memorial	3
Heritage	3	Western	3
Hermon	2	Westminster (Alexandria)	5
Hope	3	Westminster (DC)	3
Idylwood	2	Wheaton Community	2
Immanuel	4		
John Calvin	3		
Kirkwood	3		
Knox	3		
Korean Presbyterian Church of Rockville	3		
Laurel	3		
Leesburg	3		
Lewinsville	4		
Litchfield	2		
Little Falls	3		
Manassas	3		
Mizo	3		
Mt Vernon	3		
National	6		
New Hope	2		
New York Avenue	4		
Northeastern	3		
Northern Virginia Korean	3		
Northminster	3		
Oaklands	3		
Old Presbyterian Meeting House	5		
Patuxent	3		
Poolesville	3		
Potomac	3		

### Calculation

1. Number of Teaching Elder members on the roll	337
2. Assign Ruling Elder Commissioners based on church size *	208
3. Ruling Elder Presbytery Officers, Committee Chairs, members of Leadership Council, and CREs	17
4. Total Ruling Elder Commissioners before equalization	225
5. Remaining Ruling Elder Commissioners needed for parity (subtract line 4 from line 1)	112
6. Assign one additional RE Commissioner to each church	102
7. Assign one additional RE Commissioner each to 10 churches in alphabetical order, beginning with "Church of the Pilgrims"	10
8. Total number of Ruling Elder Commissioners (add lines 4, 6, and 7)	337

\* According to the NCP equalization policy, all sessions are invited to appoint one Ruling Elder Commissioner. Based on the number of active members reported as of December 31 on the prior calendar year, sessions are invited to appoint *additional* commissioners as follows:

Between 51 and 400 members	1
Between 401 and 800 members	2
Between 801 and 1200 members	3
Between 1201 and 1600 members	4
Between 1601 and 2000 members	5
More than 2000 members	6



**Commission on Preparation for Ministry  
for May 20<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting**

The following actions were taken at CPM's May 5<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting:

CPM voted to disburse \$23,700 of its \$47,537 in scholarship funds this spring, with the remaining half to be disbursed in October 2025. Disbursements are pending approval by Leadership Council.

Connie Moore advanced to candidacy, effective March 27, 2025 as voted on by CPM.

VLC Vanlalhriatrenga advanced to candidacy, effective March 3, 2025, as voted on by CPM.

Erin Sanzero advanced to candidacy, effective May 1.

Daniel Simpkins advanced to inquiry, effective March 28.

Briana Windhausen's summer intensive supervised ministry placement was approved.

The following CPM members read ordination exams the week of May 5-9:

Eric Akyeampong, RE

Molly Douthett, TE

Blair Moorhead, TE

Emilee Williams, TE

CPM members intend to reach out to Sessions who are walking with individuals under care. If that is you – expect an email! Or email [bmoorhead@ipcmclean.org](mailto:bmoorhead@ipcmclean.org) to start the conversation.

CPM expresses its gratitude to the Nominating Committee, and Rev. Jen Dunfee in particular, for their efforts to recruit new members to CPM for Fall 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Blair Moorhead, she/her, RE, Chair of CPM

## National Capital Presbytery

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### Committee on Representation Report for 2024 May 2025 Contextual Statistics

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#### Total Membership for 2024

- 21,811 Active Members (A decrease of 646 Active Members from 2023)
- 103 congregations (No change from 2023)
- Of 20,122 Active Members who reported gender identity, 59.0% are female, 40.8% are male .2% are non-binary
- Of 126 Leadership Positions, 48.4% were fulfilled by females (55.1% female in 2021; 46.9% in 2022; 52.2% in 2023)

#### Age

- Of Active Members 25 years old and under, 0 serve in NCP Leadership positions (no change from 2023)
- Of Active Members 26-64 years old, 85 serve in NCP Leadership positions (a decrease of 7 from 2023) - Of Active Members 65+ years old, 41 serve in NCP Leadership positions (a decrease of 3 from 2023)

#### Ethnicity

Of the 21,811 Active Members during 2024 there were 126 Leadership positions (a decrease of 10 from 2023)

1. An estimated 6.9% of Active Members were Asian American; Six Asian Americans were in Leadership positions (10 in 2023)
2. An estimated 16.5% of Active Members were African American/African; Nineteen African Americans/African were in Leadership positions (19 in 2023)
3. An estimated 1.5% of Active Members were Hispanic or Latino; One Hispanic/Latino was in a Leadership position (3 in 2023)
4. There were an estimated seventy-five Middle Eastern/North African members and an estimated nineteen Native American members. These groups were not represented in NCP Leadership positions in 2023 or 2024
5. 20.6% of NCP Leadership Positions were held by Active Members other than Caucasian (25.1% in 2021; 24.2% in 2022; 26.5% in 2023)
6. Four of the twelve members of Leadership Council were other than Caucasian (5 of 14 in 2023)

**Observations** - (1) There was a decrease in overall Leadership positions in 2024, from 136 to 126 or an 7.4% decrease. The leadership numbers in the 26-64 year old bracket in 2024 decreased from 92 to 85 or a 7.6% decrease.

(2) The number of members serving on multiple committees during 2024 is similar to 2022 and 2023

**Growing Edge** - Positive growth in recruiting members in the 'Young Adult' age category to leadership positions showing an increase of two from 8 to 10 Young Adult leaders. 'Youth 25 and Under' are absent in any leadership positions. "Senior Adult" category remains stable at 34.9% of all leadership positions.

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## **Minutes of the Leadership Council**

### **Leadership Council Meeting Minutes 3.5.2025**

In Attendance: Rev. Jeri Fields, Rev. Dr. Sterling Morse, Elder Lou Durden, Elder Mike Rankin, Elder Jesy Littlejohn, Rev. David Douthett, Rev. Dr. Diane Walton Hendricks, Elder Shani McIlwain, Rev. Dr. Chris Deacon, Rev. Mary Rodgers, Rev. Nancy Neal, Rev. Shelby Etheridge Harasty

Guests: Elder Mark Stunder- Chair of Budget & Finance

NCP Staff: Heather Deacon, Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe, Dina Bickel, Rev. David Baer, Rev. John Molina-Moore, Tempest Davis

Call to Order and Lighting of the Christ Candle Rev. Jeri Fields

Devotional provided by Rev. David Douthett

Heather Deacon NCP Senior Director of Finance & Operations gives an update on the 2023 Audit Update

Elder Mark Stunder explains the role of Budget & Finance and presents the NCP Unified Mission Giving for the last 11 years (2013-2024).

Several of the members of Leadership Council present their concerns and suggestions about how the Presbytery moves forward with the conversations around Unified Mission Giving. It is agreed upon that this needs to be an ongoing conversation.

### **Action Items:**

February Meeting Minutes approved unanimously.

Communion at 2025 Continuing Education Retreat at Hyatt Regency Cambridge Approved

### **Updates:**

Heather Deacon gives an update on Garden Memorial; building is secured, and a hearing is scheduled for Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Report from Stated Clerk David Baer:

Greenwich PC-

Rockville Korean-

MAO-

AC for First Pres. Annandale-

Elder Jesy Littlejohn gives report and update on DRT

No new business

Closing Prayer- Rev. Dr. Diane Hendricks

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**National Capital Presbytery Leadership Council**

DRAFT Minutes

May 7, 2025

The Leadership Council of National Capital Presbytery held a meeting via Zoom teleconference on May 7, 2025. The meeting was called to order by the chair, the Rev. Jeri Fields, at 12:30 p.m., and Rev. Fields invited Elder Mike Rankin to offer the opening devotions.

In Attendance: Rev. Jeri Fields, Rev. Dr. Sterling Morse, Elder Lou Durden, Elder Mike Rankin, Elder Jesy Littlejohn, Rev. David Douthett, Rev. Dr. Diane Walton Hendricks, Elder Shani McIlwain, Rev. Dr. Chris Deacon, Rev. Nancy Neal, Rev. Shelby Etheridge Harasty

NCP Staff: Heather Deacon, Dina Bickel, Rev. David Baer, Rev. John Molina-Moore.

Excused: Rev. Mary Rodgers; Tempest Davis and Tara Spuhler-McCabe (NCP staff)

The Leadership Council APPROVED the Minutes of the March Leadership Council Meeting.

The Leadership Council APPROVED the following nominations to be presented to the Presbytery:

**Chairs for 2025-26 committees (concurrence with Nominating Committee)**

Mike McAdoo Chair, ACCP

Blair Moorhead Chair, CPM

**Nominating Committee c/o 2028**

Katie Murchison Ross (TE Grace Springfield)

Jen Dunfee (TE Lewinsville)

Mike Volpe (RE Falls Church)

Denise Anderson (TE specialized ministry)

**Nominating Chair for 25-26**

Katie Murchison Ross (TE Grace Springfield)

The Leadership Council AUTHORIZED the celebration of the Lord's Supper at the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery on May 20, with the Rev. John Molina-Moore presiding.

Elder Lou Durden, the Presbytery Moderator, presented the evaluations of the March presbytery meeting.

The Stated Clerk presented his report, discussing the upcoming Stated Meeting; the work of the Administrative Commissions for Northwood Presbyterian and First Presbyterian Church of Annandale; and the recent Synod Assembly, which celebrated the upcoming retirement of the Synod Executive and Stated Clerk, Rev. Warren Lesane. He provided an update on the work of the Greenwich Discernment Team, and received questions and feedback regarding a possible joint congregational witness as an alternative to dismissal of the congregation to ECO.

Lastly, the Stated Clerk presented a proposed revision to NCP Standing Rule #3, regarding the consideration of constitutional amendments from the General Assembly. Upon a motion properly made and seconded, the Leadership Council VOTED to present the following to the Presbytery for a first reading. (Text to be inserted is shown in underlined italics.)

### **Standing Rule # 3 (SR-3)**

#### **A Special Rule of Order for the consideration of proposed amendments to the Book of Order**

When proposed amendments to the Book of Order are before the presbytery for debate and vote, the Chairperson of Bills and Overtures Committee shall present the committee's judgment and recommendation in the form of a report, not a motion.

*The committee's report may designate one or more amendments to be included in a consent agenda. Following the presentation of the committee's report, an opportunity shall be given to any voting member of the assembly to remove items from the consent agenda for regular consideration. Once all such removals have been made, the Moderator shall declare that the items not removed have been answered in accordance with the committee's recommendations.*

Immediately thereafter, the Moderator of the meeting shall *proceed with each of the items in the committee's report that the presbytery has not yet acted upon, saying:*

"Amendment \_\_\_\_ is now before the presbytery. (And, following discussion and debate, the Moderator shall continue) All in favor of Amendment \_\_\_\_ say "aye"; all opposed say "no". Amendment \_\_\_\_ is approved/is not approved."

The third option which is available, “take no action” would require a motion to the effect “I move that the presbytery take no action on Amendment \_\_\_\_” which would be made before the Moderator has called for the vote on the Amendment. It would be handled in the same manner as any main motion.

Rationale: The last two General Assemblies sent many proposed amendments to the presbyteries for consideration. As NCP engaged in discernment with respect to these proposed amendments, it emerged that only a small number required the careful review and debate of the whole body of the presbytery. To expedite voting on the amendments, the Bills and Overtures Committee each time recommended that the Standing Rules be suspended so that most items could be approved by means of a consent agenda. Suspension of the standing rules requires a two-thirds majority and is rightly perceived as a course deviating from the standard practice. The proposed amendment regularizes this process without abridging the right of any voting member of the assembly to require individual consideration, including a period of discussion, for any item presented by the Bills and Overtures Committee.

Heather Deacon presented her report. With respect to the quiet title action filed by the presbytery for the property of the former Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church, the court has ruled in the presbytery’s favor. An appeal was received after the deadline, and we are waiting for a response from the Court of Appeals.

Ms. Deacon drew the Leadership Council’s attention to a proposed Memorandum of Understanding addressing the use of the property of the former Northwood Presbyterian Church. The property has always been held in the name of National Capital Presbytery, but with the dissolution of the congregation, the management of the property now reverts to the presbytery. The listening sessions held with the city have gone well, and there may be a change of zoning that could open up possibilities with the unfolding of the University Quarter plan. We are concerned about losing a witness at this location, and so an important question is how to redevelop the property in a way that allows for this witness to continue.

Nonetheless, this process will take time, and we don’t want to lose the property’s tax exemption. The proposed arrangement with allows for the use of the space by a worshipping congregation while we explore our options. It was the consensus of the Leadership Council that the final agreement could be approved via an eVote when it is available.

Ms. Deacon announced that the 2023 audit is complete. Upon a motion properly made and seconded, the Leadership Council VOTED to receive the audit presentation in the form of a video recording from a future meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee.

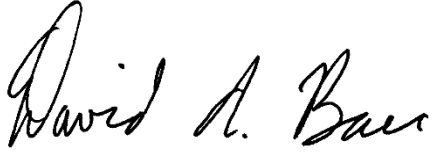
After hearing the recommendation of the Budget & Finance Committee regarding selection of the firm to perform the 2024 Financial Audit, Leadership Council approves the decision to engage Anderson, Davis & Associates for the purpose of conducting the 2024 Financial Audit.

The Leadership Council reviewed a report from Mark Stunder, the Chair of Budget and Finance, with regard to the Presbytery’s finances. They also reviewed a list of grantees prepared by Ms. Deacon.

The Chair, Rev. Jeri Fields, reviewed upcoming events. The next Leadership Council Meeting will take place on June 4.

For the closing devotional, Rev. Fields invited members of the Leadership Council to reflect on things for which they are grateful. She adjourned the meeting with prayer at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Baer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'D'.

Rev. David A. Baer, Stated Clerk



**National Capital Presbytery, Inc.**  
**Statement of Financial Position Summary**  
**March 31**

	<b>2025</b>
<b>Assets</b>	
<b>Cash</b>	
Presbytery Cash	\$ 570,309.01
General Directors Cash	844,785.69
Receiving Center Cash	352,951.28
<b>Total Cash</b>	<u>1,768,045.98</u>
<b>Prepaid Expense</b>	<u>-</u>
<b>Investments</b>	
Presbytery	299,379.24
Garden	10,384.87
General Directors	191,332.26
PM	171,672.30
Resurrection	5,184,416.10
Other	1,688,456.69
Church Funds	6,777,178.05
New Growth	2,113,621.28
Scholarships	1,228,258.98
<b>Total Investments</b>	<u>17,664,699.77</u>
<b>Receivables</b>	
Other Receivables	25,663.90
General Directors - Loans Receivable	159,726.36
PCUSA - Mortgage Grants Receivable	34,300.00
<b>Total Receivables</b>	<u>219,690.26</u>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<u>26,341.04</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><b>\$ 19,678,777.05</b></u>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$ -
Taxes Payable	6,337.62
Annuity	177.17
Insurance Payable	7,911.24
FSA Payable	2,523.03
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>16,949.06</u>
<b>Other Liabilities</b>	
Funds Held for Arlington - Presby Foundation	6,650,538.20
Funds Held - Arlington Collateral	126,118.58
<b>Total Other Liabilities</b>	<u>6,776,656.78</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>6,793,605.84</u>

**National Capital Presbytery, Inc.**  
**Statement of Financial Position Summary**  
**March 31**

	<u>2025</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	
<b>With Donor Restrictions</b>	1,444,481.93
<b>Without Donor Restrictions</b>	
Board Designated	1,059,370.61
Prior Years' Net Balance	10,188,955.79
Current Year Net Balance	<u>192,362.88</u>
<b>Total Without Donor Restrictions</b>	<u>11,440,689.28</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<u>12,885,171.21</u>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<u><b>\$ 19,678,777.05</b></u>

<b>Cash Available for General Operations</b>	
<b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>\$ 19,432,745.75</b>
<b>Less:</b>	
Current Liabilities	16,949.06
Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	1,444,481.93
Net Assets With Board Designations	<u>1,059,370.61</u>
<b>Total Unavailable</b>	<u>2,520,801.60</u>
<b>Total Cash Available for General Operations</b>	<u><b>\$ 16,911,944.15</b></u>

**National Capital Presbytery, Inc.**  
Statement of Activities Summary  
For the 3 Months Ending March 31, 2025

	Current Month Actual	Year-to-Date Actual	Annual Budget	Budget Remaining	YTD Actual as % Annual Budget
<b>OPERATING</b>					
Income					
Operating Income	\$ 161,738	\$ 545,527	\$ 1,148,219	\$ 602,692	48%
Transfers - Non-Revenue	-	-	187,537	187,537	0%
<b>Total OPERATING ACTIVITY Income</b>	<b>161,738</b>	<b>545,527</b>	<b>1,335,756</b>	<b>790,229</b>	<b>41%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Per Capita / Assessments	37,493	95,421	290,277	194,865	33%
Office Expense	14,226	42,950	136,737	93,787	31%
Commission on Preparation for Ministry	(364)	6,821	57,323	50,502	12%
Care Team	-	-	3,000	3,000	0%
Transitions Team	-	-	500	500	0%
Relations Team	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	100%
Other	-	51	4,000	3,950	1%
Middle Governing Body	6,362	12,168	145,120	132,952	8%
Administrative Staff Costs	72,753	231,491	702,116	470,625	33%
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>132,471</b>	<b>390,902</b>	<b>1,341,073</b>	<b>930,171</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Change in Operating Net Balance</b>	<b>29,267</b>	<b>154,625</b>	<b>(5,317)</b>	<b>(159,942)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>MISSIONS</b>					
Income					
Missions Income	78,996	119,554	1,074,759	965,205	11%
<b>Expenses</b>					
Mission Coordination Committee	4,500	4,785	29,000	24,215	17%
Grants - General	5,875	14,875	190,000	175,125	9%
Grants - Specific	43	151,638	637,000	485,362	24%
Mission Staff Costs	-	-	218,759	218,759	0%
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>10,418</b>	<b>171,298</b>	<b>1,074,759</b>	<b>903,461</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Change in Missions Net Balance</b>	<b>68,577</b>	<b>(51,745)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(903,461)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>OTHER ACTIVITIES</b>					
Other Activities Income	-	-	-	-	N/A
Other Investment Income	(106,339)	195,883	6,000	(189,883)	3265%
Other Activities Expense	34,104	106,400	630,803	524,403	17%
<b>Change in Other Activities Net Balance</b>	<b>(139,443)</b>	<b>89,483</b>	<b>(624,803)</b>	<b>(714,286)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Combined Change in Net Balance</b>	<b>\$ (41,599)</b>	<b>\$ 192,363</b>	<b>\$ (630,121)</b>	<b>\$ (1,777,689)</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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

**DRAFT Minutes**

The 321<sup>st</sup> 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).

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

Rev. David A. Baer, Stated Clerk