

**National Capital Presbytery Stated Meeting  
January 27, 2009**

**Meeting Notes**

- ◆ The meeting will be held at **Vienna Presbyterian Church**, 124 Park Street NE, Vienna, VA, in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. Directions and parking information can be found on the following pages. Carpooling is encouraged.



- ◆ **Available at the January 27 Presbytery meeting** - Subway sandwich, chips, cookie, and fruit - **BUT ONLY** if you reserve online by **4:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 20.** **The cost is \$8 per meal** - payable at meeting registration. Sandwiches - tuna, turkey & cheese, ham & cheese, or veggie (as available).
- ◆ To reserve click on the **Meal Reservation** link on the home page of [www.thepresbytery.org](http://www.thepresbytery.org).
- ◆ **Childcare arrangements:** Childcare will be available for children age 4 years and under. Please contact **Elaine Wright at Vienna PC, 703-938-9050 x351 or childcare@viennapres.org,** no later than **4:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 20** to make arrangements.

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- ◆ *Minister Member ID cards* are enclosed in the mail packets to the churches. Honorably Retired, Specialized, and At-Large Ministers should contact Janet Biermann at the Presbytery office, 240.482.1564 or [jbiermann@thepresbytery.org](mailto:jbiermann@thepresbytery.org) if you wish to receive your ID card by mail.



Directions to  
Vienna Presbyterian Church  
124 Park Street, NE  
Vienna, VA 22180  
(703) 938-9050

**FROM 495 (Cabin John/American Legion Bridge area):**

Take Tysons Corner exit (Route 123 South).  
Tysons Corner Shopping Center should be on your left as you exit 495. Travel 11  
lights to Park Street.  
Turn RIGHT on Park Street. VPC is the large white church on the left.

**FROM 495 (Wilson Bridge area):**

Take 495 until you get to the Route 66 West (this is a left exit).  
Take Route 66 to Vienna/Nutley Street exit.  
(When you enter onto Nutley, Marshall Road Elementary school will be  
on your right and you will be at a traffic light.)  
Counting this light, at the fourth light turn right onto Route 123 (Maple Ave.).  
Travel four lights to Park Street (the third light is a bike crossing light).  
Turn LEFT onto Park Street and the church will be on your left.

**FROM ROUTE 66 & NUTLEY STREET:**

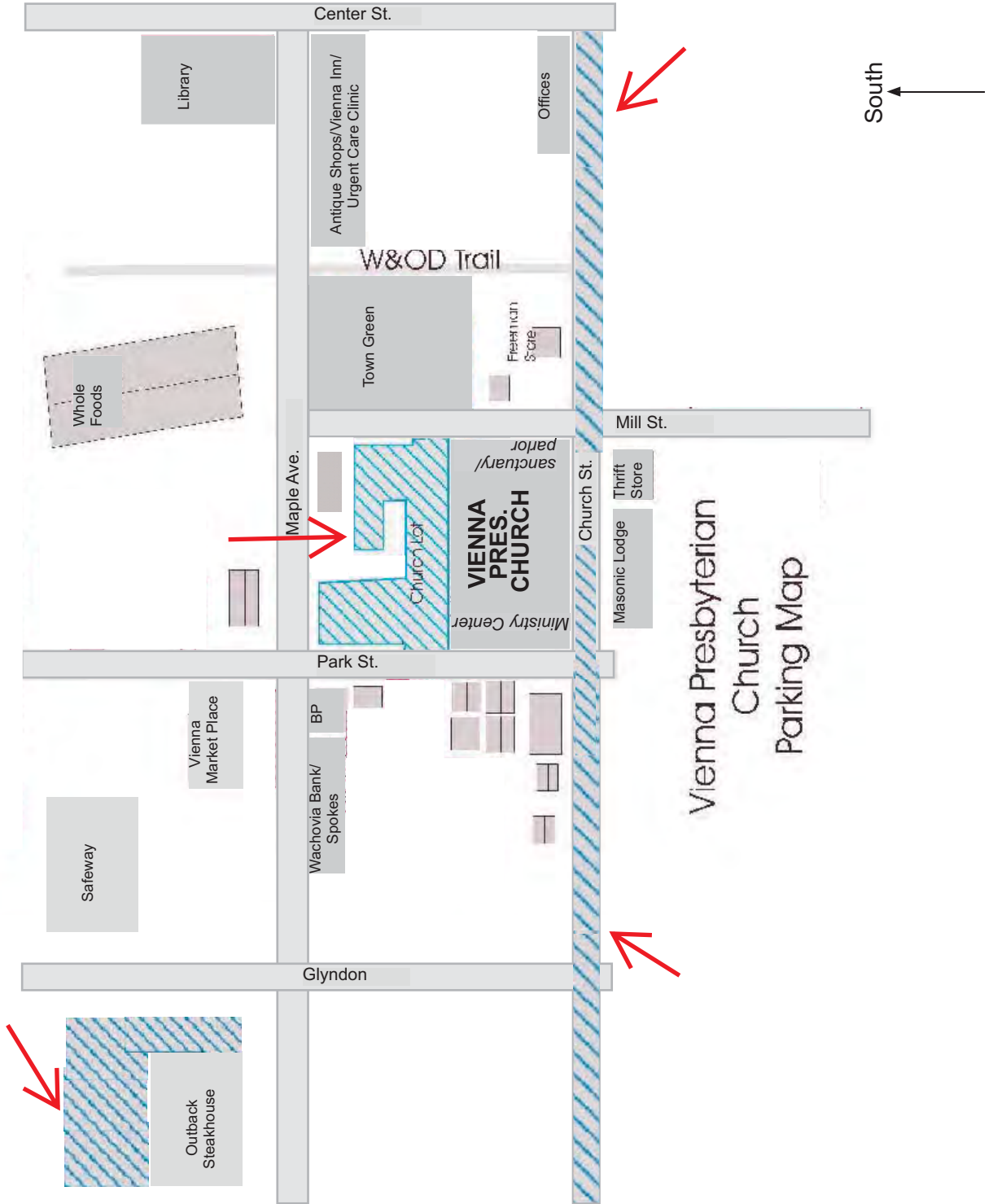
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Parking

Parking is available in the church parking lot, the Outback Steakhouse parking lot  
(Glyndon at Maple), and on Church Street. [See map on the reverse side.] A Vienna  
church shuttle van will be available to transport people from the Outback Steakhouse  
parking lot to the church. *Carpooling is encouraged.*

Parking is available for the May Presbytery meeting in striped areas on this map.



# Vienna Presbyterian Church Parking Map

**CALL TO THE STATED MEETING**  
National Capital Presbytery  
Tuesday, January 27, 2009, 10:00 a.m.  
Vienna Presbyterian Church

Major items for the meeting:

- Installing the Rev. Tim Cargal, Moderator, and Elder Doris Mabrey, Vice Moderator
- Receiving ministers: Shawn MacDonald and Andrea Saccoccio

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The December 2008 financial reports are not yet available. Please contact Mrs. Debbie Golden, Director of Finance, ([dgolden@thepresbytery.org](mailto:dgolden@thepresbytery.org)) if you wish to receive the report when it is available.

A reference guide on Rules/Tips To Get Through a Presbytery Meeting is available at the registration desk for commissioners.

In case of inclement weather, check the presbytery's website for information [www.thepresbytery.org](http://www.thepresbytery.org)

**Reminders:**

Please bring this packet with you since packets **will not** be available at the meeting. Please have the completed registration form provided below ready to submit for speed and efficiency. **Resident clergy:** call Janet Biermann at 240.482.1564, or e-mail [jbiermann@thepresbytery.org](mailto:jbiermann@thepresbytery.org) if you **cannot** attend.

Childcare is available for children **age 4 and under**. Childcare requests must be made to **Elaine Wright at Vienna PC, 703-938-9050 x351** or [childcare@viennapres.org](mailto:childcare@viennapres.org) by **4:00 p.m., TUESDAY, JANUARY 20.**

Lunches from Subway are available for **\$8.00** for those who **reserve a meal by 4:00 p.m., TUESDAY, JANUARY 20.** **MEALS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE THE DAY OF THE MEETING.**



**Registration Form**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Church** \_\_\_\_\_

Please **print clearly** so we can accurately record your attendance.  
*(for First, Grace, Trinity & Westminster churches, please note city too)*

Minister Member

Certified Church Educator

Elder Commissioner

*Are you a first time Elder commissioner?*

Yes

No

Excused



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Vienna Presbyterian Church**

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**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME** (in the Sanctuary) 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order  
Adoption of the Docket  
Approval of the Omnibus Motion  
Report of the General Presbyter  
Greetings from Rev. David McKee, Executive and Stated Clerk  
of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic

**CARING FOR CLERGY, EDUCATORS, LAYPERSONS**

Committee on Ministry – Rev. Larry Hayward, Chairperson 10:10 a.m.  
Receiving Shawn MacDonald (Specialized), Andrea Saccoccio (Specialized)  
On Giving COM Limited Power To Call a Session or Congregation Meeting  
(First Reading)  
Approval of the Rolls

**CELEBRATING OUR CONNECTIONALISM**

A New Way of Being Church: A Presbytery Whose Calling Is 10:30 a.m.  
To Bring Us Together

**COMING TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP** 11:00 a.m.

**LUNCH** (in the Great Hall) Noon

**CELEBRATING OUR CONNECTIONALISM** (continued-reconvening in the Sanctuary)

Welcoming First-Time Commissioners 12:45 p.m.

Mission Coordinating Committee—Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill 12:50 p.m.  
Immigration and the Church - Julia Thorne

NCP Board of Directors—Rev. Steve Robertson 1:35 p.m.  
Meadowkirk Motion (First Reading)

Meadowkirk Board 2:05 p.m.  
Update and Capital Campaign

Committee on Representation—C.W. Hargrave 2:15 p.m.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry—Rev. Henry Brinton 2:25 p.m.  
Enrolling Inquirer Amey Upton (Westminster PC, Alexandria) as  
a Candidate

Bills & Overtures Committee—Rev. Bill Hale 2:45 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT** 3:10 p.m.

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND PAGERS\*\*\*\*\*



## **OMNIBUS MOTION FOR THE JANUARY 2009 PRESBYTERY MEETING**

### *From the Stated Clerk*

The Stated Clerk moves the approval of the minutes of the November 18, 2008 Stated Meeting.

The Stated Clerk moves that the following commission reports be received and the commissions dismissed with presbytery's thanks:

Daniel Holland—ordination and installation—Pastor, United Parish of Bowie.

David Jordan-Haas—installation, Associate Pastor, Vienna PC.

### *From the Nominating Committee*

The committee nominates the following persons to serve as Chairpersons:

Budget and Finance Committee— Mark Stunder (Boys PC)

Church Development Committee—Rev. Carrie Yearick

Committee on Ministry—Rev. Larry Hayward

Administrative Commission on Church Property—Rev. Steve Robertson

Mission Coordination Committee—Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Personnel Committee—Eleanor Shubinski-Mosser (Providence PC)

Committee on Representation—C. W. Hargrave (Westminster PC, DC)

Session Records—Bob Berry (Burke PC)

And the committee proposes that the previously-elected members of Council be assigned to classes as follows:

Class of 2009—Timothy Cargal, Sung-Eun Choi, Dick Eagan, Jeff Krehbiel, and Charlotte Ojong

Class of 2010—Jan Edmiston, Bill Layson, Doris Mabrey, Bill Teng, and Margaret Washnitzer

Class of 2011—Juan Guthrie, Melissa Kirkpatrick, Rocky Laha, and Carol Merritt

The committee nominates the following to serve as indicated, all in Class of 2011 unless otherwise noted:

Committee on Ministry—David Hunn (Trinity PC Arlington)

Property Management Committee—Michael Green (Southminster PC)—Class of 2010

### *From Committee on Preparation for Ministry*

CPM moves that presbytery enroll as Inquirers:

Mark Zaineddin (New York Avenue PC)—effective January 27, 2009

Karen Kinney (Church of the Pilgrims)—effective retroactive to November 18, 2008

## **ACTION ITEMS FOR THE JANUARY 2009 PRESBYTERY MEETING**

### *From Committee on Ministry*

COM moves that presbytery receive Rev. Shawn MacDonald upon dismissal from Lake Michigan Presbytery based on her approved specialized ministry as a psychotherapist on the staff of the Psychological Services Center in Leonardtown, MD.

COM moves that presbytery receive Rev. Andrea Saccoccio upon dismissal from Presbytery of the Inland Northwest based on her approved specialized ministry as Director of Campus Ministries for International Justice Mission.

Committee on Ministry Limited Power to Call a Session or Congregational Meeting”

COM moves the approval of the rolls of Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, and Certified Christian Educators and Certified Associate Christian Educators effective December 31, 2008.

### *A New Way of Being the Church*

We move to suspend the format of NCP meetings as we know them for one year and replace our current meeting format with one centered on worship and study. We want to study and engage one another around the Scriptures and prayer.

### *From the Board of Directors of NCP Inc.*

The Board of Directors of NCP Inc. moves that presbytery receive as a **first reading** the following proposed actions related to Meadowkirk:

- 1) That NCP Inc. be authorized to continue as the borrower and renew the construction loan for Meadowkirk up to the current presbytery-approved borrowing limit of \$28,150MM until such time as Meadowkirk Inc. has permanent financing available (tax exempt or otherwise) to assume ownership of the property and become the named borrower on the loan or until December 31, 2009, whichever comes first.
- 2) That NCP Inc. be authorized to act as a guarantor on the permanent loans for Meadowkirk Inc, up to the current presbytery-approved borrowing limit of \$28,150MM.
- 3) That NCP Inc. be authorized to pledge the principal balance and annual income from the presbytery's United Bank Wealth Management Investment Account as may be required to secure the loan guarantee.
- 4) That NCP Inc. suspend the presbytery-approved resolutions establishing the following designated funds until such time as presbytery is released from the guaranty of the Meadowkirk loan or that the United Bank Wealth Management Investment Account is released as collateral for NCP Inc.'s guarantee:

- a. Second Alexandria Fund (established by presbytery by resolution of 9/24/2002).
- b. Hispanic Ministries Fund (established by presbytery by resolution on 11/18/2003.)
- c. New Church Development Fund (established by presbytery by resolution of September 24, 2002.)
- d. River Road Fund (established by presbytery by resolution on 9/25/2001.)
- e. CCU Proceeds (established by presbytery by resolution on 3/27/2007.)
- f. Resurrection Fund (established by presbytery by resolution on 3/27/2007)

Funding for certain projects or commitments that would have been paid for under these designated fund accounts may be approved on an individual request basis by the Council acting as the Board of the Directors, if sufficient funds are determined to be available from sources other than the presbytery's United Bank Wealth Management Investment Account.

Donor-restricted funds (Grandin Fund, Bovard Fund, Garden Endowment Fund, Toland Fund, General Scholarship Fund that Chesterbrook Scholarship Fund) are not included in this consideration.

- 5) That NCP Inc. require that any payments for operating losses, loan payments, interest payments, principal reductions, or other related costs for the operation or financing needs of Meadowkirk or Meadowkirk Inc. be taken from the Glenkirk/Meadowkirk investment portfolio invested in the United Bank Wealth management Investment account, not from the NCP Inc. United Bank Wealth Management Investment Account.
- 6) That NCP Inc. be authorized, if requested by the tax exempt bond counsel for Meadowkirk Inc to transfer the Glenkirk/Meadowkirk United Bank Wealth Management Investment Account into an irrevocable trust under the control of the Meadowkirk Inc. Board of Directors and the Investment Committee of NCP Inc.
- 7) That presbytery authorize the officers of NCP Inc. as agents of the corporation to sign any documents required to complete any and all transactions that are approved by this presbytery action.
- 8) That presbytery authorize Steve Robertson (the current Chair of the Business Advisory Committee, current President of NCP Inc. and a continuing member of the Administrative Commission on Church Property) to continue to represent the presbytery in negotiations for loans and other financial arrangements between NCP Inc. and Meadowkirk Inc. and that he report directly to the Council, acting as the Board of Directors, until such time as permanent financing loans have been closed. Thereafter responsibility for the ongoing financial monitoring of NCP' guarantee and financial relationship with Meadowkirk Inc. will be the responsibility of the Administrative Division; programmatic connections between Meadowkirk and the presbytery will continue to be the responsibility of the Ministry Division.
- 9) That presbytery request that Meadowkirk Inc. and its Board of Directors report monthly to the presbytery's Administrative Division and quarterly to the full

presbytery on the various arrangements being pursued to provide loan repayment (such as capital fundraising campaigns, real estate lot sales or development opportunities, sale and lease back arrangements, operating partners, an outright sale of the full property etc.); such reporting should continue until the presbytery is released from the guaranty of the Meadowkirk loan, or the United Bank Wealth Management Investment Account is released as collateral for NCP's guarantee.

*From Bills and Overtures Committee*

The committee makes the following recommendations on proposed constitutional amendments from the 2008 General Assembly:

Amendment 08-A Vows of membership

This amendment would provide that all new members take vows of membership as do confirmands—professing faith, renouncing evil, declaring their intention to participate fully in the life of the congregation.

**Committee recommendation: approve**

Amendment 08-E Non-Geographic Presbyteries

This amendment allows a congregation to join a non-geographic presbytery in a synod other than its own provided that the non-geographic presbytery is formed only on the basis of language; also, non-geographic presbyteries should have a sunset clause/end date.

**Committee recommendation: approve**

Amendment 08-F presbytery membership of Certified Christian Educators

This amendment makes granting privileges of the floor at presbytery meetings to Certified Christian Educators permission, not required as it currently is; and it would limit this privilege to the time period when the educator is actually working at educational ministry under the presbytery's jurisdiction.

**Committee recommendation: disapprove**

Amendment 08-I This amendment would limit the granting of privileges of the floor at presbytery meetings to Certified Christian Educators (that is, an Associate Certified Christian Educator would not be afforded this privilege).

**Committee recommendation: disapprove**

Amendment 08-J Alternative Forms of Resolution

This amendment, arising from questions posed to the Advisory Committee on the Constitution from the Stated Clerk and The Permanent Judicial Commission of National Capital Presbytery, would clarify that the only parties in an alternative form of resolution are the minister and the presbytery ( that is, the accuser/victim is not a party); also, that the accused shall be provided an advocate by the Investigating Committee, which in its discretion may provide an advocate for other interested persons. Further, the accuser/victim may not be afforded the power to veto an Alternative Form of Resolution.

**Committee recommendation: approve**

Clearance Interview Process  
for  
The Clearance Interview Teams of the Committee on Ministry

The Clearance Interview is a conversation based around the candidate's written Statement of Faith, PIF, and responses to three of the following questions. The candidate chooses two questions from among Questions 1-4 on which to submit written responses. In addition, the candidate submits a written response to Question 5. The interview will last from 1½ to two hours. It is conducted by one of the four-person Interview Teams. It covers the Statement of Faith, the PIF, the three essays the candidate has written, as well the two questions on which the candidate has not written. The interview is intended to be a wide-ranging discussion, including follow up questions and points of clarification.<sup>1</sup> Its purpose is not only to determine a candidate's viewpoints, but theological thought process and quality as well.

The questions are as follows:

1. Please reflect theologically on the meaning and practice of the Fourth Ordination Question (W-4.4003d) "Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our Confessions?"
2. Why are you in the Reformed tradition and a Presbyterian in the PC(USA)?<sup>2</sup>
3. What aspects of our Presbyterian polity do you consider most valuable? What aspects do you consider most in need of further development?
4. What do you understand to be your responsibility in furthering "the peace, unity and purity of the church" (W-4.4003g)?
5. Would you share with us your understanding of the Book of Order G-6.0106 a & b? How are you seeking to embody this understanding in your life and ministry?

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<sup>1</sup> Throughout its life, the Clearance Team will consult the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, as well as the Office of Constitutional Services of the General Assembly, so that at each step the process falls within constitutional bounds of the denomination. At the present time, the Interview Teams will follow the current advice from the Clerk concerning follow-up questions concerning G-6:10106. That advice reads as follows: *If a person does not self-acknowledge a practice that the confessions call sin, then a governing body has a positive obligation to make further inquiry only if it has direct and specific knowledge that such person is in violation of the ordination and installation standards. A hunch, gossip, or stereotype is not a sufficient ground to compel a governing body to make further inquiry.* (2003, Hart, Presbytery of San Joaquin v. Presbytery of the Redwoods)

And, from another decision: *Since the ordaining and installing governing body best knows the life and character of the candidate, initial and further inquiry as to compliance with all the standards belongs to that governing body. If that governing body has reasonable cause for inquiry based on its knowledge of the life and character of the candidate, it has the positive obligation to make due inquiry and uphold all the standards for ordination and installation.* (2002, Weir v. 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church, Ft. Lauderdale) The presbytery in 2002 adopted a document titled "Guidelines for Compliance with G-6.0106". In part, it declares "a candidate can be disqualified pursuant to G-6.0106b only upon the candidate's own plain, palpable, and obvious self-acknowledgement of a practice which the confessions call sin. ...A candidate's disclosure of his/her sexual orientation does not, standing alone, warrant inquiry by the Committee on Ministry into the candidate's sexual practice."

<sup>2</sup> Substitute for non-PCUSA candidates: "How do your faith tradition and polity align with and/or depart from the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition and polity?"

G-6.0106 a. & b.

- a. To those called to exercise special functions in the church – deacons, elders, and ministers of the Word and Sacrament – God gives suitable gifts for their various duties. In addition to possessing the necessary gifts and abilities, natural and acquired, those who undertake particular ministries should be persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship, and love for Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel in the church and in the world. They must have the approval of God’s people and the concurring judgment of a governing body of the church.
  
- b. Those who are called to office in the church are to lead a life in obedience to Scripture and in conformity to the historic confessional standards of the church. Among these standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman (W-4.9001), or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders, or ministers of the Word and Sacrament.

## **Statement of Faith**

### **Shawn V. MacDonald**

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior and I trust in him with all that I have and all that I am. I believe in one powerful and loving God: our creator, our redeemer, our sustainer. God is powerful enough to create, loving enough to redeem creation, and the one who is powerful and loving enough to sustain us all. Were it necessary to distill my faith into one simple affirmation, the one thing I hold to beyond all else is the affirmation: “God is Love.” Indeed it is that affirmation which guides my theological and ethical views and leads me to a personal faith that is joyful and open, confident in God’s unconditional and boundless love.

God’s love is shown to us most clearly in Jesus Christ. In Jesus Christ we see God’s love acted out for us in flesh and blood; through his life and teachings we are able to know the God who draws near to us all as a brother and friend. Through Christ’s death we are able to see the God who stands true in the face of oppression and spares no expense to show the depth of love for all people. And through the resurrection, we see a powerful God who is able to establish a life beyond the grasp of fear, evil, and death.

God’s love abides with us through the Spirit who enables and empowers the church and all disciples for ministry. The Church is called to witness to the love of God in our midst and to share the passion of God for all creation through our actions in creation and our care for all people. Only as the church is firmly grounded in the love of God through Jesus Christ and empowered by the Spirit is it able to faithfully live out its ministry and mission in the world and thus bring about the fullness of God’s reign of love for all people.

## Statement of Faith:

Andrea Saccoccio

*I believe in the one true and living God whom we confess as Father, Son and Holy Spirit—three persons existing eternally in perfect love and unity—who calls the people of God to be bearers of God's light and salvation to the world.*

*I believe in God whom we confess as Father, Creator and Sustainer of heaven, earth and all that exists, who created humanity out of love and in God's image. Although God created and placed humanity in perfect communion with God as stewards over creation, humanity refused to trust God's stewardship over them, disobeying God's commands. This act of disobedience impacted all of creation and is evidenced in humanity's alienation from God, one another, and the created order into which we were placed. This brokenness, sin, grows within and among us leaving us bankrupt so that poverty, sickness, murder, and greed have now become marks of human nature. In our sin we have distorted our responsibility to steward creation in God's image, leaving our world scarred and barren. Sinful though we are, we have not been abandoned to our brokenness, for in unmerited grace God reaches out to destroy the power of sin and to reclaim that which is God's own and restore us to God's intended hope for us personally and corporately.*

*I believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ, the living Word of God, who is fully God and fully human. It is Jesus who illustrates what true humanity was intended to be and likewise shows us the heart of God through his work and life on earth, bearing witness to God's reconciling passion through his death and resurrection to break the power of sin on our lives. God's sovereign power of reconciliation destroys the power of sin, restoring our humanity and redeeming the whole of creation, making us alive in Christ through God's work in and through him.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the continuing witness of Jesus Christ in our midst, sent from God the Father as Advocate, Counselor, Nurturer, and Comforter. Through the witness of the Holy Spirit revealed in Christ through the written word of God, we are convicted of sin, moved towards repentance, and weaned from self-reliance and built up to trust in God. By this Spirit we are called, adopted, and sealed in Christ Jesus. And by this same Spirit we are enabled to grow in love for God, God's Word, God's people of every ethnicity and culture, and God's kingdom purposes for the world. As we grow in our love for God, we respond by entering into joyful service and obedience, finding we are served in so doing as the imago Dei is restored in and through us.*

*I believe in the living Body of Christ, the Church. By the Holy Spirit, the Church is sustained and sent forth into the world to bear witness to Jesus Christ and to participate in God's great redemptive purpose to reconcile the world to God. As members of God's covenant family, we daily live out the new life God has given us—to walk faithfully and humbly, and to seek justice and reconciliation with our neighbor and the world in which we live. I believe that as the church participates in the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, we affirm both sign and seal of our inclusion and sustained life in the covenant community of faith throughout the ages, and the mysterious presence of God in and through the covenant community. Baptism affirms God's claim on our life once and for all, and the Lord's Supper affirms our continual participation in the covenant community until Christ comes again.*

*I believe in the authority, unique divine inspiration, and entire trustworthiness of the written word of God, the testimony of God's work in the world. By the illumination of the Holy Spirit God's Word becomes alive, drawing us to Christ and faithfulness.*

*I believe Christ will return—and in the resurrection of the body and life eternal which we await with hope and anticipation looking for that day when God will dwell with God's own, both past and present, and wipe away every tear, having defeated death forever.*

On Giving the COM Limited Power to call a Session meeting or a Congregational meeting.

One keystone to the Presbyterian way of being church is our connectionalism. There are particular powers that are unique to particular governing bodies; and there are particular responsibilities and functions which rely on interactions between governing bodies. In a previous day and age, things could wait. Some things still can wait. Yet, on occasion, given the rate of communication and change in our current context, some eventualities require a more agile approach to certain interactions between the Presbytery and a particular congregation.

The Book of Order directs the Presbytery:

- “to coordinate the work of its member churches, guiding them and mobilizing their strength for the most effective witness to the broader community for which it has responsibility.” (G-11.0103(b));
- “to provide pastoral care for the churches and members of the Presbytery, visiting sessions and ministers on a regular basis (G-11.0103(g));
- “to divide, dismiss, or dissolve churches in consultation with their members;” (G-11.0103(i));
- “to establish the pastoral relationship and to dissolve it... when it finds that the church’s mission under the Word imperatively demands it” (G-11.0103(o));
- and the Session’s responsibility to “to maintain regular and continuing relationship to the higher governing bodies of the church including ...welcoming representatives of the presbytery on the occasion of their visits” (G-10.0102(p.5)).

One problem, in the wake of the Katrina disaster on the Gulf Coast, was the inability to locate sufficient Session members to be able to call a congregational meeting at which essential actions needed to be taken. This motion would allow the COM to call such meetings they deemed appropriate in circumstances of a natural or unnatural disaster if a quorum of the session is not able to be located.

The proposed action below would create the opportunity for a conversation when a conversation is in order. No action is sanctioned beyond the COM’s ability to call and moderate a Session or a congregational meeting. Nothing in this action authorizes the COM to take any further action. Any additional authority would need to be authorized by the Presbytery itself on a case-by-case basis.

The Committee on Ministry makes the following three motions to National Capital Presbytery:

1. The Presbytery grants authority to the COM Coordinating Team to call and moderate Session meetings in the event of any exhibition of physical violence in the life of the church that, in the COM Coordinating Team’s judgment, deserves immediate attention by the Presbytery.

## First Reading

2. The Presbytery grants authority to the COM Coordinating Team to call and moderate Session meetings, and/or to call and moderate congregational meetings in the event that charges of sexual misconduct are lodged against a pastor or a certified educator that is presently working with or formerly worked with that congregation.
3. The Presbytery grants authority to the COM Coordinating Team to call and moderate congregational meetings in the event of a natural or civil disaster which affects the congregation whenever it is not possible for the Session to meet to call such a congregational meeting.

Approve the rolls of Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, Certified Christian Educators and Certified Associate Christian Educators effective December 31, 2008, in accordance with G-11.0407:

**ACTIVE**

Acker, Fay C.	Ellestad, Anne	Kim, Jin Eun
An, John	Ensign, David	Kiser, Shannon Smith
Anderson, Paul E.	Evans, Abigail R.	Klingensmith, Leslie
Andrade, Edwin	Everhart, Ruth	Koppel, Michael
Armstrong, Mark	Ferguson, Whitworth	Krehbiel, Jeffrey
Bardsley, Graham	Fields, Jeri	Kroupa, George J.
Bauer, Paul	Fincher, Michelle	Laha, Robert
Beckman, Eric	FitzGerald, Catherine	LaPenta, Dorothy
Bell, Robert E.	Fouts, Scott	Lassiter, Leonard
Bellis, Alice O.	Frimpong, Mark	Lawrence, Mary Beth
Benefield, Anne	Fulp-Eickstaedt, Aaron	Lawrence Hill, Kirby
Benjamin, Donald D.	Fulp-Eickstaedt, Judith	Lawton, James
Bobbitt, Heather	Gench, Frances Taylor	Learned, Douglas
Bower, David	Gench, Roger	Lee, Heemoon
Brassard, James	Golemon, Larry	Lee, John
Braunstein, Leslianne	Gordon, Norman	Lees, Larry
Braxton, Elizabeth	Gorrell, Carla	Leonard Lara, Tamara
Brinton, Henry	Goss, J. Beth	Liu, Kenneth
Brogan, Edward	Green, John D.	Lobenstine, Clark
Bromhead, J. Robin	Green, Walter	Lohrenz, Charlotte
Brookens-Sturman, Elizabeth	Greiner, Mark	Looker, Christopher
Burris, Currie	Gunn, Wilson	Lowrey, William O.
Cargal, Timothy	Guthrie, Juan	Lyon, Fred
Chan, Judy	Hale, William V.	McDonald, James
Chen, David	Hamilton, Brian	McFail, Richard E.
Cheng, James	Hamilton, Ruth	McGarrahan, Eunice
Cho, Hun Jung	Harding, Edward P., Jr.	McLean, Geoffrey
Choi, Sung Eun	Hayward, Larry	McMichael, Gary L.
Clark, Brian	Hayward, Maggie	McNeilly, David Rea
Clem, Donald	Henthorne, Hilaire	Meeks, Donald
Click, S. Jay	Herlin, Ann	Mercer, Joyce
Cook, Gary	Hodges, LeAnn	Merrill, Matthew
Core, Sharon	Holland, Daniel	Merritt, Brian
Craigan, Neil	Howard, Roy	Merritt, Carol
Crosby, Stephany	Hunnicut, Patrick	Messman, Rebecca
Dana, MaryAnn McKibben	Hwang, Yena	Milam, David
D'Andrea, Emily Berman	Ivory, Elenora G.	Morse, Sterling
Davie, Ann Rose	James, Peter G.	Nagel, Andrew
Davis, Holly	Jones, Michael	Nkansah, Stephen
Douthett, David	Jostes, Lynn	O'Brien, Michael
Duggan, Daniel	Kang, Joseph	Ott, Stanley
Dunfee, Jennifer	Kang, Woong Joe	Parker-Jones, Bernice
Edmiston, Janice	Kearns, Curtis	Parsons, Deborah
Edmunds, Robert	Kenkeremath, Lisa	Peterson, John E.
Ednie, Merritt	Kent, Ruth	Philbrick, Ann M.
Eimer, Kenneth	Kim, Gyeong Mok	Powell, Elliott
	Kim, Henry	Powell, Kevin

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Pullen, Mary  
 Reimers, Christine  
 Robertson, Stephen  
 Rodawla, Jacob  
 Rodgers, Mary  
 Rush, Carl  
 Rzepka, Lisa  
 Schact, Amy  
 Schatz, Merritt N.  
 Schmid, Thomas  
 Seaman, John  
 Simpkins Hoffman, Glenda  
 Smith, M. Blaine  
 Smith-Cobbs, Stephen  
 Springsted, Eric\*  
 Spuhler McCabe, Tara  
 Stanton-Hoyle, Lynn  
 Stoltzfus, Kerry L.  
 Swayze, Beverly  
 Swayze, Knox  
 Tate, Jessica  
 Taylor, Edward G.  
 Teng, William  
 Thomas, Daniel  
 Thomas, Jacalyn  
 Thomas, Richard  
 Tidd, Mark L.  
 Ulmer, Holly R.  
 Wagner, John  
 Walton, Andrew  
 Wayland, Rose  
 Williams, David  
 Wimberly, John W.  
 Winnette, Eric S.  
 Winters, Alice Ann  
 Yang, Eunice  
 Yearick, Carrie  
 Yieh, John  
 Youn, Heemoon P.  
 Young, Barry

#### **MEMBER-AT-LARGE**

Amedeka, William  
 Anderson, Alice  
 Barrett, Carol  
 Benson, Glen  
 Brickhouse, Donald

Buckner, Alan  
 Campbell, David C.  
 Chen, Joseph  
 Clark, Nancy  
 Collins-Stauffer, Mary Ann  
 Coyle, Jean  
 Craig, William  
 Dawkins, Edward  
 Douthett, Molly  
 Gray, David  
 Halverson, R. Christian  
 Hammond, Chris  
 Henderson, Lisa\*  
 Hendricks, Diane Walton  
 Hutchins, Diane  
 Icenogle, Gareth  
 Im, Byeong Moon  
 Kendall, Eugene  
 Kendall, Susan  
 Khouri, Fuad  
 Kim, Chul  
 Kim, Sungte  
 Kinzer, Lloyd W.  
 Kress, Paul  
 Mackey, Renee  
 Marsh, Donna  
 McDonald, Elizabeth  
 Michaels, Judith  
 Morrison, Carol  
 Parker, Michael  
 Reinhold, Charles  
 Renne, Eric  
 Ro, Young Chan  
 Roeroe, Senduk  
 Sharp, Erin  
 Shin, Samuel  
 Smith, Lauren  
 Smith, Lyman  
 Smoot, Jonathan  
 Suder, Teresa  
 Taylor, Evangeline  
 Troy, Anne  
 VanGorder, Charles F.  
 Wicker, S. Tad  
 Wilder, Susan  
 Williams, Marvin  
 Wurst, Richard

Yim, Christopher  
 Yoo, John Y.

#### **HONORABLY RETIRED**

Adams, James  
 Allen, James  
 Ammons, James  
 Angus, Robert  
 Atwood, James  
 Atwood, Roxana  
 Baumann, Henry A.  
 Bliss, Stanley  
 Boeve, Peter  
 Bowen, Bruce  
 Boyles, John  
 Briley, Robert  
 Byrd, Cameron Wells  
 Campbell, Gary  
 Chambers, S. David  
 Chauncey, George A.  
 Chiang, John  
 Choi, Chang Wook  
 Christensen, Richard  
 Clark, William N.  
 Click, Mary Boyd  
 Cockrum, Logan V.  
 Curry, Robert  
 Daniels, Jeanne Adams  
 Davidson, Tom A.  
 Dickson, J. Stuart  
 Doty, Karen  
 Dring, Lincoln  
 Durfee, Harold  
 Dykes, Herman T.  
 Edmonds, Leonard S.  
 Eiland, Henry  
 Feldner, Fred  
 Ferry, Henry  
 Forner, George  
 Gillon, C. Campbell  
 Glassco, Lawrence  
 Goodlake, Frank C.  
 Gravely, John  
 Gray, Jane Quinn  
 Hall, Arthur R.  
 Harris, Robert  
 Haynes, R. Talmadge

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Herrell, David  
Hoffman, William  
Hoover, Robert  
Hope, Minette  
Hopkins, Gerald  
Houghton, Richard  
Hutcheson, Richard G.  
Hwang, Su Pong  
Hyman, Amityyah Elayne  
Iddings, Margee  
Jervis, Madeline  
Johnson, Carolyn  
Johnson, Kermit D.  
Johnson, Lewis M.  
Jones, Thomas L.  
Kaseman, Mansfield  
Kim, Yunkuk David  
Kosanovich, William  
Lee, Young Min  
Long, Robert  
Lynn, Russell  
Macdonell, James G.  
MacKenzie, Jeanne  
Mathison, John  
Matthews, Joseph C.  
McClendon, Jack E.  
McDaniel, Bill T.  
McDonald, J. Riley  
Miles, O. Thomas  
Miller, Roger  
Nabors, Truman  
Nace, Theodore  
Nixon, Rhoda C.  
Ocampo, Jaime  
Oh, Kwang Sup  
Owensby, Walter L.  
Pera, George  
Peters, Sharon

Pharr, John L. Sr.  
Phillippe, William  
Pinder, Gary  
Rosche, Theodore  
Rudiselle, Suzanne  
Saunders, Albert C.  
Schneider, Gail Nicholas  
Sengel, William R.  
Shoup, Roger  
Sirbaugh, Leonard B  
Smith, Benjamin  
Son, Hallelujah Y.  
Sperduto, Theodore  
Stanhope, Norman  
Stuart, William  
Swierenga, Mary  
Takesian, Eli  
Taylor, George  
Towner, W. Sibley  
Trout, Douglas  
True, Margaret  
Turnbull, David C.  
Velazco, Jose  
Verley, Roger  
Wallace, Dewey D.  
Weddle, Donna  
Wheat, Gerald  
White, Edward A.  
White, Robert I.  
Whong, Matthew  
Wilden, Robert  
Williams, James  
Wilmore, Gayraud  
Winter, John R.  
Wood, Jeffrey  
Woods, Roger  
Wright, Charles P.  
Wright, Dorothy McKinney

Yolton, William

**INACTIVE**

Collins, Laura  
Hedges, James  
Moredock, M. Jeffrey

**TEMPORARY MEMBER**

Bell-Haynes, Joan  
Dantas Dias, Almir  
Jordan-Haas, David  
Newcomer, Duncan

**CERTIFIED**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR**

Andre-Colton, Priscilla  
Bastian, Carroll  
Burkart, Betsy  
Cammer, Ellie  
Fegley, Julia  
Fink, Carolyn  
Hartman, Cheryl  
Hipps, Sarah  
Johns, Marilyn  
Jostes, Lynn  
Kirkpatrick, Melissa  
Kulp, Ann  
Moody, Jan  
Rahal, Betty  
Werner, Karen  
White, Virginia

**CERTIFIED ASSOCIATE**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR**

Sutter, Billie

## **A New Way of Being the Church: A Presbytery Whose Calling Is to Bring Us Together**

### *Resolution and Rationale*

#### **Postponed Motion:**

We move to suspend the format of NCP meetings as we know them for one year and replace our current meeting format with one centered on worship and study. We want to study and engage one another around the Scriptures and prayer.

**Rationale** (*The Material in Points I through V is illustrative and not part of the motion itself*):

#### **I. Introduction**

Sensing that we are at a turning point for our denomination, we propose a new way of being the Presbytery for one year. We need to build relationships with one another that will allow us to more effectively represent Christ in the Washington metropolitan region. Without these relationships, we tend to talk “at” one another rather than “with” one another.

The reception of new members, celebration of retiring members, and liturgies for candidates will be done in the context of worship much as the reception of new members, confirmations and other important occasions are done in the context of congregational worship. Other routine business of current Presbytery meetings will be delegated to and done by the Council and its committees. Announcements currently made at Presbytery meetings will be handled through web-based forms of communication from the Presbytery office.

Attendance at Presbytery meetings will remain an expectation of Presbytery membership. However, our time will be spent primarily in worship and bible study. It is our hope, prayer and expectation that this will lead Presbyters to feel a stronger connection to God, one another, and the PCUSA. This, in turn, will lead to healthier decision making about how to grow our congregations and corporate witness in this metro region.

**Evaluation:** At the end of one year, the Presbytery as a whole will devote one meeting to evaluating the year of worship and study. Decisions can then be made for future meetings of Presbytery.

#### **II. Powers of a Presbytery That Should not be Delegated** (Minutes, PCUSA GA 1995, p.281-282):

- Approval of a strategic plan for the presbytery, approval of bylaws and manual, approval of the budget;
- Organizing new churches, dissolving a congregation, allowing a congregation to change location;
- Election of Presbytery Council, Committee on Representation, Committee on Ministry, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Nominating Committee, Permanent Judicial Commission;
- Acting on overtures to or from General Assembly;
- Election of a Moderator, Vice Moderator, Stated Clerk, Treasurer;

- Election of an Executive/General Presbyter.

### **III. Three Key Tasks for Presbytery Meetings/Gatherings**

- Worship
- Discussion of Biblical and Theological Issues in small groups
- Business

### **IV. Delegation of Authority**

- The reality is that most recommendations sent to the floor of Presbytery are approved by the Presbytery. Therefore, to a large extent, the locus of authority already exists within the committees.
- If 80% of the members of a committee agree on an item, it doesn't need to go to the floor of Presbytery for further discussion and approval.
- The following issues are handled by the following bodies:
  - Care of Inquirers and Candidates (through "certification of readiness to receive a call"): CPM
  - Ordination and Installation: COM
  - Scruples and Departures: Presbytery floor
  - GA Commissioner Election: Presbytery floor
  - Election of Presbytery Council, Committee on Representation, Committee on Ministry, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Nominating Committee, Permanent Judicial Commission: Presbytery floor
  - All other committees and commissioners: Nominating Committee and Omnibus Motion
  - Property sales: Administration Division
- We will need to devise a communication strategy to communicate decisions made in committees as well as important information about programs and priorities to clergy and Sessions.
- Presbytery charges the General Presbyter with the task of insuring that committees or Council do not commandeer meetings for their specific agendas.

### **V. What Will Not Be Done in Presbytery Meetings**

- All announcements will be in the Thursday mail.
- No BOP representative, seminary, or other such presentations: get a table display at the meeting.
- No Stewardship presentations—communicate in a better way.
- No preset litanies for CPM, installations, educator certification, retirement, etc.: these will be celebrated in some fashion in worship.
- No speakers for retiring ministers: speakers can talk at special retirement celebrations in the ministry context of that pastor or educator, not at called Presbytery meetings.
- No lengthy budget presentations: just a budget motion, debate and vote by the Presbytery.

## **2008 Committee on Representation Report to NCP**

The National Capital Presbytery's Committee on Representation (COR) reports to National Capital Presbytery (NCP) on the state of representation in NCP during 2008.

**Background.** The COR was reconstituted in late 2007 following efforts by the General Presbyter and ad hoc committee comprised of residents from the Ingleside Retirement Community. The NCP Nominating Committee canvassed NCP and nominated seven persons that were subsequently elected to the COR.

**Function.** Per the Book of Order (G-9.0105 (b) and (c)), the COR shall advise NCP with respect to their membership and to that of its committees, boards, agencies, and other units in implementing the principles of participation and inclusiveness to insure fair and effective representation in the decision making of the Church. In addition, the COR shall serve both as an advocate for the representation of racial ethnic members, women, different age groups, and persons with disabilities, and as a continuing resource to NCP in these areas. The COR shall review the performance of NCP in these areas and shall report annually to NCP and to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic with recommendations for any needed connective action.

**Evaluation Guidelines.** The COR, at its initial meeting in December 2007, established criteria and goal levels for NCP Committees. After a review of NCP Committee membership, the COR added additional criteria and standards for adequate representation.

**Review of NCP Committee and Other Entity Representation.** The COR used the NCP Nominating Committee database (June 2008) as the basis for evaluation of the Committees. Necessarily, the COR implemented this database for entities not currently covered by this database. The COR used the chart format established by the Synod COR as the basis for reporting to NCP and to the Synod. (See Table). Data was developed on twenty two Committees covering over two hundred members.

### **Findings.**

1. Women were represented on all NCP Committees except two.
2. Racial ethnic groups were represented on all NCP Committees except three.
3. Young adult members (Ages 26-35) were identified on only two Committees.
4. Immigrant committee membership was not determined.
5. No racial ethnic members were identified as Committee Chairs.

**Conclusions.** The state of representation and participation on NCP Committees was good.

### **Recommendations.**

1. Expansion of the NCP Nominating Committee's database to include demographic data on all persons nominated to Committees, NCP leadership positions, GA and Synod Committees.
2. Development of demographic data on all NCP staff personnel. for inclusion in the expanded Nominating Committee database.
3. Initiation of a program coordinated by the Nominating Committee with assistance from the NCP Council that would develop racial ethnic Committee Chairs.
4. Development of modified Church statistical reporting requirements that would identify immigrant community members regardless of church membership.
5. Identification of young church members (Ages 26-35) by all NCP congregations for nomination and election to membership on NCP Committees.

**Future COR Activities.** The COR will be reviewing Committee membership based on the restructured NCP Council and Committees approved in late 2008. The COR criteria will be refined to insure that racial ethnic members are fully represented on key NCP Committees. The COR will interact with the SPU and Korean ministries to provide names to the Nominating Committee for possible Committee membership.

### National Capital Presbytery Committee on Representation 2008 Review

No.	Work Unit	MC	ML	FC	FL	A	AA	H	NA	ME	W	D	Y	YA	A	SA
1	Presbytery Officers	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2				2	1
2	Presbytery Council	11	2	3	6	1	3	0	0	0	18				17	5
3	Nominating Committee	4	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	11				8	5
4	Permanent Judicial Commission	3	2	0	1	6	1	0	0	0	5					
5	2008 General Assembly Commissioners	4	2	1	3	2	2	0	0	0	6				10	
6	Stewardship & Interpretation	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	5					2	3
7	Personnel	4	2	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	7					
8	Planning & Evaluation	4	3	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	7					
9	Worship & Theology	3	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	7				5	1
10	Presbytery Staff	2	2	1	4	1	2	0	0	0	6					
11	Business Advisory	2	2	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	6					
12	Church Development	3	3	10	1	2	1	0	0	0	14					
13	Mission Coordination	3	4	2	4	1	2	0	0	0	10					
14	Meadowkirk Inc. Board	2	5	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	8				4	1
15	Committee on Ministry	7	4	10	9	3	4	0	0	0	23					
16	Preparation for Ministry	10	6	8	8	3	3	0	0	0	26			1	17	6
17	Bills and Overtures	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3				2	
18	Representation	1	2	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	3	2
19	Session Records	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4				1	1
20	Budget & Finance	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5				1	

**Gender Key:** MC - Male Clergy, ML - Male Lay, FC - Female Clergy, FL - Female Lay

**Ethnicity Key:** A - Asian, AA - African American, H - Hispanic, NA - Native American, ME - Middle Eastern, W - White, D - Person with Disability

**Age Key:** Y (Youth) - 25 and under, YA (Young Adult) - 26-35  
A (Adults) - 36-55, SA (Senior Adults) - 56 and up

## Amey R. Upton

### **A Statement of What It Means to Be Presbyterian, Indicating how that Awareness grows out of Participation in the Life of A Particular Church**

I am very at home in the Presbyterian Church. Reformed theology resounds palpably with my love of learning, my ecumenical heart, my enjoyment of dialoguing with those I differ, my inquisitive nature and contemplative soul. The centrality of the Word initially drew me to the Presbyterian Church and I found at *Westminster Presbyterian Church* a welcoming community of faithful servants who helped me to incarnate my faith in action.

I experienced precious *Presbyterian freedom* to discover answers to my many questions of faith. *Westminster's* emphasis on Christian Education encouraged both my community and personal study of the bible. God's immutable election felt through God's abiding spirit rings true to my experience, as does God's incomprehensible infallibility always willing us toward good.

My faith grew from my participation at Westminster. Through worship, sacrament and song I felt the support of God's majesty, holiness and providence that strengthen my belief that our sovereign God sustains, rules and redeems us by His love and mercy (G-2.0500). I cherish being part of a covenantal people (G-7.0103) who, through Jesus Christ, worship and do mission in the world (G-7.0103). I am freed believing that God alone is Lord of my conscience and supported by our constitutional structure that provides necessary accountability by a communal conscience. I cherish the inclusion of minority voice and diversity of discussion which enriches our collective wisdom and provides correctives to our fallibility and sinfulness as human beings.

I gladly inherit the dynamic nature of the *church reformed, always being reformed* and warmly appropriate our rule of the majority and rights of the minority to affirm unity in diversity. I believe our individual problems are better understood as shared problems. Such an approach allows for questions and permits discussion and debate. This brings our multiple lenses forward and fosters our wrestle of deep religious controversies and dilemmas. It is in the wrestle where we can meet and better come to understand God.

My participation at *Westminster* and at my internship site, *Georgetown Presbyterian Church* is formative to my faith. As I nurture children teaching Sunday school, share my faith story, welcome visitors and new members and participate as an Elder, I discover ways by which we all preserve God's truth and promote justice. We each participate in growing the Kingdom of God and as part of a priesthood of believers we live into the tension between conscience and community equally as children of God.

I more deeply own the faith I have always felt through this unique connectional system. It provides me connection between my faith and practice, between truth and mission. Standing firmly on the ground of the great ends of the Church (G-1.0200), on our historic principles (G-1.300) and our form of Government (G-1.0400), it is in mutual forbearance

I am most faithful. Mutual forbearance (Ephesians 4:1-3) requires humility, gentleness and empathy and it is here where I find strength in my witness of love, through the unity of the Spirit and God's promise of peace.

For it is "*grace alone, faith alone, Scripture alone*" that guides my faith and affirms that God alone is Lord of my conscience, within communal bounds. And, in the community of the church I am offered growth that has prompted my further love of God and humanity. My awareness of Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit, comes from the freedom of wrestling with tough questions and searching for life's meaning knowing that God is always present with us, welcoming all to enter the endless bounty and mercy God offers. This fellowship and conversation is forever enriched by God's grace, continually revealed in Scripture by a sovereign God who eternally creates, sustains and redeems us all (G-2.0500).

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. Immediately thereafter, the Moderator of the meeting shall say:**

**“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.**

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*Approved by National Capital Presbytery at its meeting January 23, 2001.*

## **REPORTS FOR THE JANUARY 2009 PRESBYTERY MEETING**

### *From the Stated Clerk*

The Stated Clerk reports resignations from committees of presbytery as follows:

Nominating Committee—Jeanette Gordy

The Stated Clerk reports that the following ministers who are engaged in approved specialized ministries have failed to report on their work in 2008:

John Green  
James Lawton  
Clark Lobenstine

And the following At-large minister members have failed to file a 2008 report:

Sungte Kim  
Carol Morrison  
Charles Reinhold  
Young Chan Ro  
Tad Wicker  
Susan Wilder

### *From Presbytery Council*

Council reports that it has approved relocation of the office of National Capital Presbytery to One Central Plaza—11300 Rockville Pike, Rockville MD on July 1, 2009.

*From the Business Advisory Committee as Administrative Commission*

**G-8.0501 and G-8.0502 from the Book of Order**

5. Selling, Encumbering, or Leasing Church Property

- G-8.0501 A particular church 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 particular church.
- G-8.0502 A particular church shall not lease its real property purposes of worship, or lease for more than five years any other real property, without the written permission of the presbytery transmitted through the session of the particular church.

The Presbytery has empowered the Business Advisory Committee 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. This is the "concluding report" of the Business Advisory Committee acting as an Administrative Commission. Future reports will be submitted by the new Administrative Commission on Congregational Property.

**If your church is considering leasing, selling or encumbering real property** call Acting Associate General Presbyter, Dick Lowery at 240-482-1577 or email [dlowery@thepresbytery.org](mailto:dlowery@thepresbytery.org).

**Actions Taken by BAC serving as an Administrative Commission in 2008:**

2/12/2008 **Providence**

Under its authority as an Administrative Commission of National Capital Presbytery (NCP), the BAC by consensus action authorized a Deed of Easement for Providence Presbyterian Church, a member in good standing, granting certain easement rights to Fairfax County Water Authority for a 10 foot easement for installation and maintenance of a water line (FFx Co Plan Number 5101-SP-002-1) on the property of Providence PC. The easement is on file at the County's offices. Further, the BAC by this action authorizes the officers of National Capital Presbytery, Inc., as agents of the corporation, to sign any documents required to complete the transaction. This authorization is for a period of one year from this date, and is subject to review by the BAC if the Easement Agreement is not signed within that one year period.

3/3/2008 **Bush Hill**

Under its authority as an Administrative Commission of National Capital Presbytery (NCP), the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) by consensus action authorized the Bush Hill Presbyterian Church (BHPC), a member in good standing of the NCP, to purchase the Jenkins property adjoining their existing church facility, described more particularly as 5927 Cauba Ct., Alexandria, VA, 22310, Fairfax Homes, Lot 7, Block B appraised for \$360,000 for a purchase price of \$360,000; and further that BHPC is authorized to borrow up to \$280,000 from Burke and Herbert Bank at 6.25% with a ½ point fee payment up front, and a 25 year amortization with a 5 year balloon payment to facilitate the purchase of the Jenkins property. The church will put up to \$90,000 in cash from its existing building fund in to make possible the purchase. This authorization is for a period of one year from this date, and is subject to review by the BAC if the purchase is not completed within that one year period. Further, the BAC by this action authorizes the officers of NCP, Inc., as agents of the corporation, to sign any documents required to complete the transaction.

4/2/08 **Mount Vernon**

Under its authority as an Administrative Commission of National Capital Presbytery (NCP), the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) by consensus action authorized the Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, a member in good standing of the NCP, to refinance their existing Line of Credit Deed of Trust with Burke and Herbert Bank, with an original balance of \$775,000 and a current outstanding balance of \$638,00 and a current maturity of April 19, 2008; the refinanced loan would be for an amount not to exceed \$460,000 at an interest rate of 6.5%, with a 17 year amortization and a 5 year maturity, with the new monthly payment of approximately \$3,700 per month. The church will be paying down the loan from its current outstanding balance to the refinanced balance from cash on hand raised through a 2007 capital campaign. Although the original loan was not guaranteed by NCP, Inc., approval of this refinance will include the approval of NCP, Inc.'s guarantee if that is required at this time. This authorization is for a period of one year from this date, and is subject to review by the BAC if the refinance is not completed within that one year period. Further, the BAC by this action authorizes the officers of NCP, Inc., as agents of the corporation, to sign any documents required to complete the transaction.

5/20/08 **Church of the Pilgrims**

Under its authority as an Administrative Commission of National Capital Presbytery (NCP), the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) by consensus action authorized the Church of the Pilgrims Presbyterian Church (CPPC), a member in good standing of the NCP, to sell the freestanding two car garage adjacent to the existing church facility (more particularly described to include the land situated underneath the garage and the driveway from the garage to the alley, any land from the edge of the driveway to the edge of the garage structure, the land between the garage structure and the alleyway abutting 2210 Q Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., any portion of such alleyway adjacent to the garage which is part of the Church Property and a strip of land seventy two inches (72") wide directly behind the rear of and running adjacent to the garage structure for the entire length of the back wall of such structure collectively, the "Garage") with an estimated current value of \$120 to 150,000 for a purchase price of \$200,000 to Theodore and Anne B. Bracken. This authorization is subject to the ability of CPPC and the purchaser to be able to subdivide the existing church property and provide a legally separate taxable and conveyable lot (with a separate legal lot number) pursuant to the laws of the District of Columbia, and that the purchase agreement prepared by the purchase be reviewed by legal counsel representing CPPC. Further, this approval is for a period of one year from this date, and is subject to review by the BAC if the sale is not completed within that one year period. Further, the BAC by this action authorizes the officers of NCP, Inc., as agents of the corporation, to sign any documents required to complete the transaction.

5/20/08 **Saint Mark Presbyterian Church**

Under its authority as an Administrative Commission of National Capital Presbytery (NCP), the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) by consensus action authorized Saint Mark Presbyterian Church (SMPC), a member in good standing of the NCP, to enter into a lease agreement with Living Spring Community Church (LSCC), a congregation of the Baptist General Conference, for the use of certain church facilities including the sanctuary worship space at SMPC, for the period June 1 to November 30, 2008 for the monthly rental amount of \$1,000 per month, based on a fully executed General Facilities Use and License Agreement and an Addendum for Living Spring Community Church to be signed by the two parties (SMPC and LSCC).

5/20/08 **Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church**

Under its authority as an Administrative Commission of National Capital Presbytery (NCP), the BAC by consensus action authorized the execution of a Road Maintenance Agreement for Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church (GSPC), a member in good standing of NCP. The Road Maintenance Agreement provides for the common reciprocal easement for ingress and egress to and from each of the Owners' Lots (GSPC and five other adjacent property owners) to the public road known as Route 5, over and across the 50 foot Right of Way Area shown and described on all the Plats of the individual lot owners, and further provides for the common responsibility for the costs of care, maintenance, improvement, and preservation of the Right of Way Area. This Road Maintenance Agreement puts into writing the verbal understanding which GSPC and the other owners had in 1985 when GSPC subdivided its property and agreed with the purchasers that GSPC would maintain the parking lot and portion of the access road abutting their parking lot and the other residents of Good Samaritan Drive would maintain the rest of the road. This approval is subject to satisfactory review of the Road Maintenance Agreement by legal counsel representing GSPC or NCP, Inc. Further, the BAC by this action authorizes the officers of National Capital Presbytery, Inc., as agents of the corporation, to sign any documents required to complete the transaction. This authorization is for a period of one year from this date, and is subject to review by the BAC if the Road Maintenance Agreement is not signed within that one year period.

**6/17/08 Clifton Presbyterian Church**

Under its authority as an Administrative Commission of National Capital Presbytery (NCP), the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) by consensus action ratified the action taken by previous email poll of the committee that authorized the Clifton Presbyterian Church (CPC), a member in good standing of the NCP, to refinance its existing outstanding loan of \$1,910,167 with United Bank; the terms of the refinanced loan will be 10 year maturity, with monthly payments of principal and interest based on 25-year amortization, with an interest rate of 6.18% fixed for 5 years, then adjusting based on US Treasuries plus 3%, with a floor of 6%; a fee of 33 basis points (\$6,300) will be collected upon closing; the loan will be secured with a first deed of trust on the church property at 12748 Richards Lane in Clifton, VA. The loan balance is to be reduced by \$80,000 on or before closing of the refinance, and the refinance will be done in three notes: one of \$1,610,000, and two of \$150,000. Further, this approval is for a period of one year from this date, and is subject to review by the BAC if refinance is not completed within that one year period. Further, the BAC by this action authorizes the officers of NCP, Inc., as agents of the corporation, to sign any documents required to complete the transaction.

**09/16/08 Laurel Presbyterian Church**

Under its authority as an Administrative Commission of National Capital Presbytery (NCP), the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) by consensus action authorized the Laurel Presbyterian Church (LPC), a member in good standing of the NCP, to sell up to 2 acres of its existing property to Sandy Spring Manor Partnership (SSMP), a new limited partnership to be formed between LPC and TM Associates for the purpose of developing affordable senior housing; the sales price will be negotiated at an approximate rate of 80% of the appraised value (currently at \$850 thousand) but not to exceed an amount which will allow for affordable rents for the projected final project and estimated at approximately \$10 thousand per projected unit, with funding for the purchase by SSMP provided by TM Associates, along with an indemnification agreement to the partnership for all financial obligations by TM Associates in connection with the development of the senior living facility. Further, BAC approves the granting of easements and rights-of-way for access and utility easements by LPC on its remaining property for the purpose of developing this senior housing project. Further, this approval is for a period of one year from this date, and is subject to review by the BAC if the sale

and transfer is not completed within that time period. Further, the BAC authorizes the officers of NCP, Inc., as agents of the corporation, to sign any documents required to complete the transaction.

**09/16/08 Capital Hill Presbyterian Church**

Under its authority as an Administrative Commission of National Capital Presbytery (NCP), the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) by consensus action authorized the Capital Hill Presbyterian Church (CHPC), a member in good standing of the NCP, to lease its sanctuary space to The Diocese of St. John the Beloved Old Catholic Church (DSJBOCC) for the period March 16, 2008 to September 28, 2008 and to be renewed upon mutual agreement, with rental amount being \$200 per month for the first six months and \$300 per month thereafter; further, DSJBOCC has provided evidence of insurance and acknowledgement of their recognition of the Presbyterian Church USA as one branch of the true church of Jesus Christ; further, this lease arrangement has been approved by the Session of CHPC.

**10/21/08 Bush Hill Presbyterian Church**

Under its authority as an Administrative Commission of National Capital Presbytery (NCP), the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) by consensus action authorized the Bush Hill Presbyterian Church (BHPC), a member in good standing of the NCP, to grant an easement for Sight Distance and Water Lines to the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, VA, and the Fairfax County Water Authority in order that BHPC may further its application for approval of a Site Plan by Fairfax County for proposed building renovations. The easements granted are more particularly described in the Deed of Easement and referenced plat dated May 23, 2008 entitled "Preliminary Plat Showing All Existing and Proposed Easements on Bush Hill Presbyterian Church Site." Further, this approval is for a period of one year from this date, and is subject to review by the BAC if the Deed of Easement is not signed and recorded within that time period. Further, the BAC authorizes the officers of NCP, Inc., as agents of the corporation, to sign any documents required to complete the transaction. Further, BAC wants to make clear to BHPC that approval of this easement request does not constitute approval or disapproval of the proposed building renovations or of any subsequent related loan request.

**10/21/08 Berwyn Presbyterian Church**

Under its authority as an Administrative Commission of National Capital Presbytery (NCP), the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) by consensus action authorized the Berwyn Presbyterian Church (BPC), a member in good standing of the NCP, to lease its sanctuary, chapel and additional classroom space to The Lord's Church (TLC) for the period October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009 with the option for an additional one-year term upon mutual agreement by both parties; the rent will be \$2,000 per month, with a security deposit of \$1,500 to be paid in three monthly installments in October, November, and December, 2008; further, the terms of this lease arrangement are fully spelled out in a detailed lease agreement between BPC and TLC, and TLC has provided evidence of insurance, a copy of TLC's Child Protection Policy, and acknowledgement of their recognition of the Presbyterian Church USA as one branch of the true church of Jesus Christ; further, this lease arrangement has been approved by the Session of BPC. Further, BAC requires that BPC be a named insured on TLC's insurance policy. Cara Luther, a member of BPC abstained.

**11/17/08 New Hope Presbyterian Church**

Under its authority as an Administrative Commission of National Capital Presbytery (NCP), the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) by consensus action authorized the New Hope Presbyterian Church (NHPC), a member in good standing of the NCP, to refinance an existing term loan with PNC Bank that matured October 29, 2008 in the new amount up to \$450,000.00 (\$100,000 will be paid down by NHPC before refinancing) with a 10 year maturity at a rate of 6.5% fixed for 10 years, with a 20 year amortization, and monthly payments of principal and interest of \$3,355.08, with the balance

due at maturity; the loan will be secured by a first deed of trust on real property, fixtures and improvements, located at 17930 Bowie Mill Road (known as NHPC), and an assignment of all leases and rents on the property; the loan will require a \$500 commitment fee, and will carry a prepayment penalty, and the loan will be guaranteed by NCP, Inc. Further, this approval is for a period of one year from this date, and is subject to review by the BAC if the refinance is not completed within that time period, and the BAC authorizes the officers of NCP, Inc., as agents of the corporation, to sign any documents required to complete the transaction.

12/16/08      **First Presbyterian Church of Annandale**

Under its authority as an Administrative Commission of National Capital Presbytery (NCP), the Business Advisory Committee (BAC), by consensus action authorized the First Presbyterian Church of Annandale Virginia (FPCA), a member in good standing of the NCP, to borrow up to \$200,000.00 for roof repairs, a replacement boiler, interior improvements, sanctuary lights and pews, parking lot resurfacing, and sound system improvements, with a 20 year amortization and a 20 year maturity, secured by a first deed of trust on real property, fixtures and improvements, located at 7610 Newcastle Drive (known as FPCA), and the loan will be guaranteed by NCP, Inc. BAC agrees to waive the requirement for a performance bond. Approval by NCP is subject to satisfactory evidence by FPCA of the approval of the loan request by the Session and the congregation. Further, this approval is for a period of one year from this date, and is subject to review by the BAC if the refinance is not completed within that time period, and the BAC authorizes the officers of NCP, Inc., as agents of the corporation, to sign any documents required to complete the transaction.

Report from the Committee on Ministry Meetings held on November 12, December 3 and 10, 2008:

1. Approve 2009 housing allowance designations for specialized ministers:

Donald Clem, Coordinator of CPE at Georgetown University Hospital - \$39,000  
Joyce Mercer, faculty member, Virginia Theological Seminary - \$10,000  
Fay Acker, Associate Dean of Rankin Memorial Chapel, Rankin Memorial Chapel,  
Howard University - \$20,000  
Clark Lobenstine, Executive Director Interfaith Council - \$38,000  
Hilaire Henthorne, Pastor, The Village Church, Greenspring Village - \$29,434  
Holly Ulmer, Chaplain at Univ. of Maryland - \$19,000

2. Concur in the call to Candidate Dwight Christenbury to be Associate Pastor of Trinity PC, Hendersonville, NC and grant permission to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina to conduct the service of ordination on our behalf.
3. Concur in the Call of United Parish of Bowie to Daniel Holland, a candidate under care of the Presbytery of Seattle, to be Pastor effective November 24, 2008. Terms (full-time):

Effective salary - \$63,500	Other professional expenses - \$1,880
Pension/medical at the required percentage (currently 31.5%)	Moving expenses - up to \$6,500
Auto expense - \$1,000	Social Security offset - \$4,857.75
Study leave - 2 weeks and \$1,000	Laptop computer - \$600
	Vacation - 4weeks

The congregation extended this Call at a meeting held on October 19, 2008.

4. Concur in the call of Trinity PC Bethesda to Designated Pastor David Williams to become Pastor effective November 1, 2008 at the terms previously approved for 2008. The congregation extended this call at a meeting on October 19, 2008.
5. Extend the Interim Pastor contract between the Rev. Jonathan Smoot and the Session of Bradley Hills PC for the period October 17 through December 14, 2008 at the previously approved terms for 2008.
6. Extend the interim Pastor contract between the Rev. Ken Eimer and the Session of Gaithersburg PC for six months, January 1 to June 30, 2009.
7. Grant permission to labor outside the bounds to Nancy Clark who is the Interim Pastor at St. Matthew's UCC in Westminster MD (Baltimore Presbytery has granted her permission to labor inside the bounds.)
8. Dismiss Richard Neff (HR) to Baltimore Presbytery where he is working as an Interim Pastor.

9. Grant the request of At-large member Minette Hope to be designated Honorably Retired effective November 12, 2008.
10. Dismiss At-large member Richard Sheffield to Baltimore Presbytery where he is the Interim Pastor of Christ Memorial PC, Columbia MD.
11. Approve the Ordination/Installation Plans for Candidate Dan Holland as Pastor at United Parish of Bowie on November 23, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Ed Harding will moderate; Clergy – Revs. Ruth Kent and James Brassard; Elders – Herb Sheppard (United Parish of Bowie) and Robert West (Christian Community); Corresponding members Elders Mary Johnson and Robin Livingston, Seattle Presbytery.
12. Grant permission to the Session of Northeastern PC to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee.
13. Approve the request of the Rev. Lou Woods that his ministry as Chaplain at Riderwood Village Church be approved as a specialized ministry.
14. Approve the request of Candidate Robbie Wellington that his ministry as Chaplain with Community Hospice of Washington be approved as a specialized ministry.
15. Elect the Revs. Michael Jones and John Lee and Elders Paul Wackerbarth (Knox) and Bobbie Whittier (First, Arlington) if they agree to serve on the Clearance Team in the Class of 2011.
16. Restore Mary Swierenga as a minister member, honorably retired, of National Capital Presbytery.
17. Approve sabbatical plans for the Rev. Ann Herlin, Associate at OPMH, January 12 – April 5, 2009.
18. Dismiss At-large member Robert Griffin to Donegal Presbytery, which received him on November 18, 2008.
19. Renew permission to labor inside the bounds for Susan Quass, a minister member of Baltimore Presbytery who is on the staff of Wellspring Conference Center in Germantown MD.
20. Renew permission to labor outside the bounds for Heather Bobbitt, Associate Pastor at St. John's UCC, Catonsville, MD.
21. Approve \$45,000 as the 2009 housing allowance designation for Jim McDonald, Vice President for Policy and Program, Bread for the World.
22. Appoint Dorothy LaPenta Moderator at Berwyn PC until an Interim Pastor is in place.

23. Grant permission to the Session of Georgetown Presbyterian Church to call a congregational meeting to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee.
24. Grant a waiver of the six-year limit for Session elders to the congregation and Session of Faith PC, as permitted in G-14.0226(c), for three years.
25. Approve the installation plans for the Rev. David Jordan-Haas as Associate Pastor of Vienna PC on Sunday January 11, at the 11am service. Elder Cynthia Bolbach (First PC Arlington) presiding as the Moderator's designee. Clergy: Pete James, Glenda Simpkins-Hoffman, and Stan Ott; elders: Bobbie Whittier (Arlington PC) and Scott Slocum (Vienna PC). Corresponding members: Greg Doll and Constance Jordan-Hass, both from Southern New England Presbytery. Ecumenical representative: Dennis W. Hass, a minister in the United Methodist Church. Other participants: Christopher Hammond (Parish Associate, Vienna PC) and Kwame Osei Reed, Area Minister for the United Church of Christ.
26. Approve the extension of the Interim Pastor contract between the Rev. Charlotte Lohrenz and First PC, Arlington, November 9, 2008 to May 9, 2009.
27. Approve the extension of the Interim Pastor contract between the Rev. Lisa Kenkeremath and Idylwood PC, October 16, 2008 to April 16, 2009.
28. Endorse the request of Faith Chapel, Furnace Mountain for a waiver of vacancy dues.
29. Approve the request of Faith Chapel that the Pastor position be a part-time position.