

**National Capital Presbytery  
Stated Meeting  
November 27, 2007  
A Note from the Moderator**

The November Presbytery meeting is about endings and beginnings: endings, as we celebrate and give thanks for the lives of those elders and Ministers of Word and Sacrament who have entered the church triumphant during these past 12 months, and recognize the retirement of the Rev. Wally Harman (although I feel sure that Wally will continue to be an active presence in our midst); and beginnings, as we elect officers for 2008, take action to charter the Mizo Presbyterian Church as a new congregation, examine a candidate to begin the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, and receive new minister-members of this presbytery.

The November Presbytery meeting also signals the start of the ramp-up to the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, to be held June 2008 in San Jose, Calif. National Capital Presbytery had the privilege several years ago of endorsing the candidacy of the Rev. Susan Andrews for G.A. Moderator. This year the Rev. Bill Teng, pastor of the Heritage Presbyterian Church, has decided to stand for Moderator of the 218<sup>th</sup> G.A. We will be asked at our meeting to endorse his candidacy and appoint him as a GA commissioner (any candidate for Moderator must be a commissioner to the Assembly). It says a lot about our presbytery that two of our members - who I believe and hope were nurtured and enriched by their service here -- have felt called to this ministry to the wider church.

We continue to be in prayer for our Vice Moderator, the Rev. Ed Harding, who is recovering from surgery and unable to be with us November 27<sup>th</sup>.

This meeting also signals the end of my year as Moderator. Although I'll get to pound the gavel one more time in January to call the meeting to order, by the mid-point of that meeting we will have installed our new Moderator and Vice Moderator. Perhaps it's fitting that I end the year with more questions than when I started. What is the role of a presbytery in a 21<sup>st</sup> century church? How does the connectional church - the church that comes out of our Reformed heritage - engage with, and be enriched by, the missional church? How does it engage with, and be enriched by, the emergent church? I know that many people are asking these kinds of questions, and I hope that we can spend time together during 2008 in conversation around these issues.

Cindy Bolbach

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- ❖ **Childcare deadline:** Childcare is available for children age 4 years and under. Please phone in your request to the presbytery office's general mailbox, 240.482.1566, by close of business, **Tuesday, November 20.**

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4101 Nebraska Avenue NW  
Washington, D. C. 20016  
202/537-0800

**FROM THE BELTWAY FROM THE EAST:**

Take I-495 to exit #33 south, Route #185 south (Connecticut Avenue).  
Continue on Connecticut Avenue across the District line at Chevy Chase Circle to Nebraska Avenue.  
Turn right on Nebraska Avenue and go through Tenley Circle (at Wisconsin Avenue).  
Continue on Nebraska Avenue to next traffic light (Van Ness Street).  
Turn left on Van Ness Street to parking lot entrance on your right.

**FROM THE BELTWAY FROM THE WEST:**

Take I-495 to exit #39 east, Route #190 east (River Road).  
Continue on River Road to its end at Wisconsin Avenue.  
Turn right on Wisconsin Avenue to Tenley Circle.  
Turn right on Nebraska Avenue and go to next traffic light (Van Ness Street).  
Turn left on Van Ness Street to parking lot entrance on your right.

**FROM CHAIN BRIDGE:**

Cross Chain Bridge into D.C.  
Turn right on Canal Road at the end of Chain Bridge.  
Turn left on Arizona Avenue (this is the first left after the bridge).  
Continue on Arizona Avenue to its end at Loughboro Road.  
Turn right on Loughboro Road which becomes Nebraska Avenue  
Continue on Nebraska Avenue past American University, through Ward Circle to church entrance on your right just after entrance to NBC.  
Continue past the church to parking in the rear.

**FROM METRO:**

Take the Red Line to Tenleytown.  
Take the West exit onto Wisconsin Avenue  
Exit metro, turn right and walk south.  
At Tenley Circle turn right on Nebraska Avenue.  
Continue on Nebraska Avenue past Van Ness Street.  
Church is on your left in the block past Van Ness Street.

**CALL TO THE STATED MEETING**  
National Capital Presbytery  
Tuesday, November 27, 2007, 6:00 p.m.  
National Presbyterian Church

Major items for the meeting:

- Recognizing Wally Harman's Honorable Retirement
- Receiving ministers: Ken Eimer, Norm Gordon, Casey FitzGerald
- Examining Candidate Maggie Hayward for ordination.
- Electing NCP officers and GA commissioners
- Voting to incorporate Meadowkirk

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

**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.

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Meals are no longer provided at evening presbytery meetings.



**Registration Form**

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

Please **print clearly** so we can accurately record your attendance.

Minister Member

Certified Church Educator

Elder Commissioner

*Are you a first time Elder commissioner?*

Yes    No

Excused

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STATED MEETING  
Tuesday, November 27, 2007-- 6:00 p.m.  
National Presbyterian Church**

<b><u>GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME</u></b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
Call to Order Adoption of the Docket Approval of the Omnibus Motion Report of the General Presbyter	
<b><u>GATHERING FOR WORSHIP</u></b>	<b>6:15 p.m.</b>
<b><u>BIBLE STUDY—Rev. Frances Taylor Gench</u></b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
"Arguing About Scripture: Johannine Epistles, Presbyterians, and Dirty Laundry"	
<b><u>CELEBRATING OUR CONNECTIONALISM</u></b>	
Black Presbyterians United—Rev. Gayraud Wilmore	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Nominating Committee—Rev. Jay Click, Chairperson Election of NCP Officers Election of General Assembly Commissioners	<b>7:05 p.m.</b>
Business Advisory Committee—Rev. Steve Robertson, Chairperson Resolution to Establish the BAC as an Administrative Commission on Property—First reading	<b>7:25 p.m.</b>
Bills & Overtures Committee—Elder Steve Morse, Chairperson Proposed Overtures to General Assembly—First reading	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Church Development Committee—Rev. Carrie Yearick, Chairperson Chartering Mizo Presbyterian Church	<b>7:35 p.m.</b>
<b><u>CARING FOR CLERGY, EDUCATORS, LAYPERSONS</u></b>	<b>7:45 p.m.</b>
Committee on Ministry—Rev. Roy Howard, Chairperson Retirement Recognition—Rev. Wally Harman Receiving ministers: Ken Eimer (Interim Pastor, Gaithersburg PC); Norm Gordon (Associate Pastor, Gaithersburg PC); Casey FitzGerald (Assoc. Pastor, Westminster PC) Examining for Ordination: Maggie Hayward (Assoc. Pastor, Falls Church PC) Clergy Covenant—First reading Dissolution of pastoral relationship at Northeastern PC	
<b><u>CELEBRATING OUR CONNECTIONALISM (continued)</u></b>	
Presbytery Council—Rev. Beth Braxton, Chairperson Meadowkirk Incorporation—Second reading	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>
Camp & Retreat Ministries—Ms. Sheryl Tompkins, Chairperson Motion To Increase Meadowkirk's Net Indebtedness if required	
<b><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></b>	<b>9:00 p.m.</b>

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