



**862nd MEETING
OF NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY
A Hybrid Meeting**

**Hosted by Wicomico Presbyterian Church, Salisbury, MD
with digital participation via Zoom**

SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

2:45 PM

Sign In Begins

**Entrance adjacent
to parking lot**

3:00 PM

**Pre-Presbytery Event
David Staniunas, Presbyterian Historical Society
“Our Early History as Presbyterians”**

Sanctuary

3:45 PM

Sign In Continues

You must [pre-register through the website](#) in order to receive your Zoom link. The Presbytery Zoom room will open no later than fifteen minutes prior to the meeting.

3:55 PM

Guidelines for Meeting on Zoom

- Please keep yourself muted at all times during the meeting, unless you have been recognized by the Moderator. If necessary, the Meeting Host will mute everyone and only those recognized by the Moderator will be able to speak.
- To be recognized by the Moderator, please raise your Zoom hand, located under “Reactions.”
- Voting will be conducted by using the green checkmark and the red x under “Reactions” unless otherwise specified.

**SPARKED BY GRACE TO TRANSFORM THE CHURCH
FOR THE GOOD OF THE WORLD**

DOCKET

***The meeting will be conducted in the Sanctuary with
hybrid attendance on Zoom.***

4:00 PM

Convening the Meeting

Moderator Rourke Moore

- Opening Prayer
- Welcome First Time Commissioners and Visitors
- Declaration of a Quorum
- Adoption of the Docket

All are welcome at meetings of New Castle Presbytery, but please remember that only Teaching Elder members, Ruling Elder Commissioners, and Ruling Elders identified in the annual Equalization of the Rolls have both “voice” and “vote” at presbytery meetings. The Moderator with the assistance of the Stated Clerk and Meeting Host will recognize people to speak.

4:10 PM

Welcome by the host congregation

4:15 PM

Recognition of Native Lands

Maggie Gillespie

By the action of the 223rd General Assembly (2018), Presbyteries are encouraged to begin their meetings with an acknowledgment of those who once lived on the land where we are meeting. This serves as a way to repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery and to confess our denomination’s complicity.

The following land acknowledgement is offered as a resource by the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation for events held in Lenapehoking, which includes the Delmarva peninsula where New Castle Presbytery is located:

The land upon which we gather is part of the traditional territory of the Lenni-Lenape, called “Lenapehoking.” The Lenape People lived in harmony with one another upon this territory for thousands of years. During the colonial era and early federal period, many were removed west and north, but some also remain among the continuing historical tribal communities of the region: The Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation; the Ramapough Lenape Nation; and the Powhatan Renape Nation, The Nanticoke of Millsboro Delaware, and the Lenape of Cheswold Delaware. We acknowledge the Lenni-Lenape as the original people of this land and their continuing relationship with their territory. In our acknowledgment of the continued presence of Lenape people in their homeland, we affirm the aspiration of the great Lenape Chief Tamanend, that there be harmony between the indigenous people of this land and the descendants of the immigrants to this land, “as long as the rivers and creeks flow, and the sun, moon, and stars shine.”

4:20 PM

Worship

Revs. Fred Hanna & Shannon Hanson

Our worship today will be in three movements: opening, communion before our meal break, and reconvening at the beginning of the second part of the meeting.

4:40 PM

Equipping and Educating

David Staniunas

Presbyterian Historical Society Records Archivist

5:10 PM

Vital Congregations Kick-Off

Tracy Keenan

There will be seven breakout rooms for both online and in-person attendees, one for each of the seven marks of vital congregations. We'll provide the discussion questions. You just bring your thoughts and experiences. Choose the "mark" you'd like to explore:

1. Lifelong Spiritual Growth (Lifelong Discipleship Formation)
2. Intentional Loving (Intentional, Authentic Evangelism)
3. Active, Outward Focus (Outward, Incarnational Focus)
4. Shared Gifts and Power (Empowering Servant Leadership)
5. Spirit-inspired Worship
6. Genuinely Caring Relationships
7. Healthy Accountability (Ecclesial Health)

5:50 PM

Communion

Revs. Hanna & Hanson

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6:00 PM

Meal Break

If you are physically present for the meeting, please join us in the fellowship hall for light refreshments and fellowship. If you are joining by Zoom, a breakout room will be available if you'd like to engage in conversation during the meal break.

6:45 PM

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The Offering for our service will go to the Peace and Global Witness special offering. To contribute, please go to: <https://newcastlepresbytery.breezechms.com/form/7960b22122842718447>

*The Offering from the previous Presbytery Assembly totaled \$426.
Thank you for your generosity!*

7:05

Consent Agenda

Cindy Kohlmann

*NOTE: Items for the Consent Agenda are collected and MOVED by the Stated Clerk to expedite routine business that usually does not require discussion and debate. All of these items will be included in one omnibus motion for a single vote unless there is a request to lift one or more out for separate action during the meeting. If you have questions or would like information about any item on the Consent Agenda, **please** contact the Stated Clerk prior to the meeting, or at the meeting request that item be lifted out for separate consideration.*

The Stated Clerk **MOVES** The [Consent Agenda](#):

1. Approve the [minutes](#) of the 861st Meeting of New Castle Presbytery, May 24, 2022.
2. Call a special Presbytery meeting for the purpose of acting on the proposed amendments to the PC(USA) Constitution on February 7, 2023 at 6:30 pm on Zoom.
3. Receive the [report of the Administrative Commission](#) to install Lisa Salita at Georgetown Presbyterian Church with thanks.
4. Receive the [report of the Administrative Commission](#) to install Nathaniel D. Phillips at Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church with thanks.
5. To commission Ruling Elder Anne Gunn to pastoral duties including preaching and presiding over the sacraments on behalf of the Presbytery (from COMC).
6. Receive the [CORN report to the Synod of Mid-Atlantic as submitted July 1, 2022.](#)

7:10 PM

[Connectional Presbyter Report](#)

Cindy Kohlmann

MOTION: To approve the amendments to the Manual as proposed by the Stated Clerk and approved by the appropriate committees.

SPARKING MISSION PARTNERSHIPS AND NEW CHURCH INITIATIVES

7:20 PM

[Missional Presbyter Report](#)

Tracy Keenan

7:30 PM

[Ignite Report](#)

Paula Massie/Tim Bostick

TRANSFORMING THE CHURCH THROUGH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND VITAL CONGREGATIONS

7:45 PM *Ministers and Congregations* *Maggie Gillespie*

MOTION: The Session of West Nottingham Presbyterian Church and the Committee on Ministers and Congregations requests that the Presbytery form an Administrative Commission with the following charge and responsibilities to work with the West Nottingham session and congregation. (See [separate pdf](#) for the specifics of the charge.)

8:00 PM *Perryville Administrative Commission* *Debbie Reeves*

MOTION:

1. To close the current Perryville Presbyterian Church with celebration for their life and ministry, and task the AC to write the membership a letter informing them of this decision;
2. Keep and maintain the property, with the vision of this resource “lying fallow” for a time without any activity—in anticipation of some future “seeds of new ministry” possibly sprouting up.

8:10 PM *Preparation for Missional Ministry* *Kate Morgan*

STEWARDSHIP FOR THE GOOD OF THE WORLD

8:15 PM *Representation and Nominations* *David Wall*

MOTION: To elect the slate as presented to fill unexpired terms.

MOTION: To elect Marlene Quinn as Vice Moderator, to be installed at the November 2022 meeting.

8:20 PM *Trustees/Financial Resources* *Shannon Hanson*

The [2023 Budget](#) is presented for a first read and questions.

MOTION: To approve a combined per capita of \$30.00 for 2023.

The [report from the Ad Hoc Hayloft](#) sub-committee is included.

8:30 PM *Adjourn* *Vice Moderator Matt Waters*