

**2016-2017**  
**Officers, Commissions, and Committees**  
**Green indicates eligible for re-election**  
**Red is for vacancies**

(Committee responsible for nominating or appointing is in parentheses)

**STEERING CABINET**

- *The members of the Presbytery Steering Cabinet are the Cabinet Chair (Former Moderator), Moderator of Presbytery, Vice Moderator of Presbytery, the chairs of the Commission on Thriving Congregations, the Commission on Spiritual Leader Development, and the Commission on Reconciliation, the chair of the Administration Committee, the Stated Clerk, the General Presbyter, and the Associate General Presbyter.*
- *Purpose. The Steering Cabinet is to tend the vision, coordinate the work of Commissions and Agencies of the Presbytery, care for the Presbytery as a whole, act on behalf of the Presbytery when imperative, take a balcony view, and plan and envision the future.*
- *Meets monthly, usually the fourth Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Presbytery office*

Chair: RE James Parks (Hunting Ridge)

| Presbytery officers         | Commission/Committee chairs                                 | Staff   |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| RE James Parks (Chair)      | TE Daris S. Bultena (Good Shepherd)/Reconciliation          | TE Jackie Taylor, General Presbyter                       |
| TE Jack Carlson (Moderator) | RE Keith Glennan (Catonsville)/Spiritual Leader Development | TE William W. Nickels III, Associate General Presbyter    |
| RE Adrienne Knight (Knox)   | TE John Schmidt (Central)/Thriving Congregations            | RE Catherine Blacka (First of Howard County)/Stated Clerk |
|                             | TE Lindley DeGarmo/Administration                           |   |

Ex-officio: Staff members Deb Milcarek and Debbie Schmidt

- *The Nominating Committee nominates the Vice-Moderator and Moderator to be elected in May to one-year terms. We alternate male and female, ruling elder and teaching elder. For 2017, the next vice-moderator should be a female teaching elder, as the current vice-moderator moves to the moderator slot. For 2018, the vice-moderator nominee should be a male ruling elder.*
- *The duties of the Vice-Moderator, Moderator, and Chair of the Steering Cabinet are listed at the end of this document,*

**PRESBYTERY COMMISSIONS and COMMITTEES**

**THRIVING CONGREGATIONS COMMISSION**  
**(Nominating)**

- *At least eleven members, including the Chair of the Commission, nine at-large members, and one staff member; any additional staff members will be ex-officio members.*
- *Purpose: To increase the number of congregations in Baltimore Presbytery that are clear about their purpose, equipped with competent leadership, intentional about Christian formation of members, celebrating with joyful, relevant worship, welcoming an increasing number of new Christians and worshippers, growing in generosity and stewardship, and comfortable with practicing evangelism.*
- *Meets monthly 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.*

Chair: TE John Schmidt

| Class of 2017                    | Class of 2018                                  | Class of 2019                        |
|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| RE Liz Perraud (Christ Memorial) | TE Tracey Davenport (Harundale)                | TE Jennifer Barchi (Dickey Memorial) |
| RE Rob Smith (Central)           | RE Ledonia Kimball                             | RE Susan Moody (St. John United)     |
| RE Dick Willis (Woods Memorial)  | TE Sue Lowcock Harris (First of Howard County) | TE John Schmidt (Central)            |

Staff: TE Bill Nickels

**SPIRITUAL LEADER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
(Nominating)

- **At least ten members, including the Chair of the Commission and one deacon, one person each from the Committees on Ministry and Preparation for Ministry, five at-large members, and a staff member.**
- **Purpose: To equip, encourage, and support Christian leaders, especially Teaching Elders, Ruling Elders, and Deacons, to develop a deeper sense of the divine and understanding of their faith; to enhance their skills in nurturing and sustaining thriving and reconciling congregations; and to foster a culture of spiritual renewal, ongoing learning, and vibrant growth in ministry.**
- **Meets monthly 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Faith.**

Moderator: RE Keith Glennan (Catonsville)

| Class of 2017                     | Class of 2018                    | Class of 2019                  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| TE Carrie Finch-Burriss (Kenwood) | TE Roger Rice (HR)               | RE Keith Glennan (Catonsville) |
| Vacancy                           | RE Guy Moody (St. John's United) | Vacancy                        |
| TE Jack Carlson (HR)              | Vacancy                          | Vacancy                        |

Staff: Debbie Schmidt

**RECONCILIATION COMMISSION**  
(Nominating)

- **At least ten members: the Chair of the Commission, eight at-large members, and a staff member**
- **Purpose: To facilitate the work of reconciliation through the current Presbytery partnerships and by building the capacity of congregations to engage in advocacy in the Public Square and to offer congregational leaders concrete methods in which they can engage in reconciliation in their neighborhoods and the world.**
- **The Commission supports and oversees the Presbytery's Partnership relationships.**
- **Meets monthly 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Last met on Wednesday, January 28, at Faith**

Chair: Daris S. Bultena (Good Shepherd)

| Class of 2017                                  | Class of 2018                             | Class of 2019                            |
|--|---|--|
| RE Chrystie Adams (Brown Memorial Park Avenue) | TE Daris Bultena (Good Shepherd)          | TE Andy Gathman (Chestnut Grove)         |
| RE Pat Curran (First of Howard County)         | TE Caroline Kelly (First of Cumberland)   | TE Tim Hughes (BMPA)                     |
| RE JoAnne Torrie (Ashland)                     | RE Alice Haskins (First of Howard County) | TE William Hathaway (First of Annapolis) |

Staff: TE Kate Foster Connors (The Center)  
RE Susan Krehbiel (Advocacy)  
RE Deb Milcarek (Associate for Reconciliation)

**MINISTRY  
(Nominating)**

- ***Eighteen teaching elders and ruling elders elected by the Presbytery in classes for three-year terms, as evenly divided between teaching elders and ruling elders as possible.***
- ***Purpose: To serve, on behalf of the Presbytery, “as pastor and counselor to teaching elders, ruling elders commissioned to pastoral service, and certified Christian educators of the presbytery; to facilitate the relations between the presbytery and its congregations, teaching elders, ruling elders commissioned to pastoral service, and certified Christian educators; and to settle difficulties on behalf of the presbytery where possible and expedient”. [BO G-3.0307]***
- ***plenaries on the first Wednesday of every other month from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., at Faith PC, with the teams meeting on whatever schedule works for them. There are three teams: Credentials meets twice monthly on Monday mornings; Transitions meets as needed, with most of the work done with sessions and PNCs; the Pastor Parish team meets as needed. The Leadership Team, which is made up of the chair, vice-chair, and chairs of the three teams, meets monthly, sometimes by GoToMeeting, sometimes at the Presbytery office.***

Chair: TE Merritt Schatz

| Class of 2017                           | Class of 2018                           | Class of 2019                        |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| TE Dorothy Boulton (Catonsville)        | RE Bill Daniel (Woods Memorial)         | TE Terrence Alspaugh (Granite)       |
| TE Merritt Schatz (Grove)               | RE Melissa Hildebrand (Prince of Peace) | TE Brandon Brewer (Validated)        |
| RE W. Curtis Russell (Central)          | RE Pat Turner (Churchville)             | TE Deborah McEachran (Hunting Ridge) |
| RE Austin George (Roland Park)          | TE Tom Blair (Second)                   | TE Jeanne Gay (Northminster)         |
| CRE Anita Bishop-Johnson (Living Faith) | TE David Harris (First & Franklin)      | TE Bill Sitterley (Maryland)         |
| TE Rick Hill (Hagerstown)               | RE Jim Schroll (First & Franklin)       | RE Karen Gyolai (First of Bel Air)   |

Staff: General Presbyter  
Associate General Presbyter  
Secretary:

Jackie Taylor  
Bill Nickels  
Catherine Blacka

**PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY  
(Nominating)**

- ***Fifteen teaching and ruling elders elected by the Presbytery in classes for three-year terms***
- ***Purpose: To direct the preparation for ministry for those in the Presbytery who aspire to become ordained as teaching elders.***
- ***Monthly in the afternoon.***

Chair: TE Scott Hoffman

| Class of 2017                     | Class of 2018                               | Class of 2019                 |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| TE Harry Cahill (Babcock)         | TE Scott Hoffman (Christ Memorial)          | TE David Willerup (Havenwood) |
| TE Carrie Finch-Burriss (Kenwood) | TE Heather Shortlidge (First of Annapolis)  | TE Keith Paige (Cherry Hill)  |
| TE Stephen Melton (Churchville)   | TE Randy Clayton (Brown Memorial Woodbrook) | Vacancy                       |
| Vacancy                           | RE George White (Lochearn)                  | Vacancy                       |

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| Vacancy | Vacancy | Vacancy |
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Staff: Debbie Schmidt

**REPRESENTATION  
(Nominating)**

- **Three members elected by the Presbytery in classes for three-year terms. The chair appoints the Secretary. The composition of the Committee will conform to the requirements of BO G-3.0103 and G-3.0109.**
- **Purpose: To advise the councils of the church “regarding the implementation of principles of unity and diversity, to advocate for diversity in leadership, and to consult with the council on the employment of personnel, in accordance with the principles of unity and diversity in F-1.0403.” [G-3.0103]**
- **Meets as needed**

Chair: Jaime Wilkins-Parker

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| Class of 2017               | Class of 2018          | Class of 2019        |
| TE Adrian Pratt (Mt Hebron) | RE Sarah Walker (Knox) | Jaime Wilkins-Parker |

Staff: To be assigned

**TRUSTEES OF THE PRESBYTERY  
(Nominating)**

- **Ten trustees, including the Moderator of the Presbytery, ex officio, four ministers and five lay persons, at least one of whom will be a ruling elder, elected by the Presbytery in classes for three year terms.**
- **The Trustees have full power and authority to acquire, take and hold, by subscriptions, contributions, legacies, devices or any other method, money or real or personal property, of every kind and description to hold or invest and use for purposes of the Presbytery as the Presbytery will direct from time to time. The powers and duties of such Trustees will not infringe upon the powers and duties of the Presbytery.**
- **Meets quarterly in the morning at Faith**

President: Reid Spearman

Vice-President:

Secretary: Morton Harris

Treasurer: Rick Linder

Executive Committee at Large:

Investment Advisory Committee: Reid Spearman, Rick Linder, (and Jack Carlson as Moderator)

Admin: RE Reid Spearman

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| Class of 2017                          | Class of 2018                             | Class of 2019                      |
| RE Leland Van Koten (Catonsville)      | TE Christa Burns (Faith)                  | TE David Harris (First & Franklin) |
| RE John Lawson (Hope)                  | Brooke Schumm (Mt. Hebron)                | RE Jim Kucher (Second)             |
| RE Joseph Banks (Hunting Ridge)        | TE Morton Harris (First of Howard County) | RE Reid Spearman (Catonsville)     |
| TE Jack Carlson (Presbytery Moderator) | -----                                     | -----                              |

Staff: TE Jackie Taylor

**PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION  
(Nominating)**

- **Nine members, in three classes elected for six-year terms, at least three of whom will be teaching elders and three ruling elders (remaining three may be either ruling elders or teaching elders)**

- **Fulfill all of the functions of the Permanent Judicial Commission as defined in The Rules of Discipline and elsewhere in the Book of Order.**

- **Meets as needed**

Chair: Webster Brenner

Secretary: Robert Bloom

| Class of 2018                               | Class of 2020                        | Class of 2022                             |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| TE Webster Brenner (First of Howard County) | TE Deborah McEachran (Hunting Ridge) | RE Gloria Keesee (First of Howard County) |
| Vacancy                                     | RE David Hutton (Catonsville)        | TE Jeong Han (New Life)                   |
| TE Gretchen van Utt (HR)                    | RE Robert Bloom (Madison Avenue)     | TE Ron Hankins (Trinity)                  |

Additional Members:

Stated Clerk

Catherine Blacka

**APPOINTMENTS**  
*(Chair of Steering Cabinet)*

Chair: **Renee Mackey**

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| <b>TE Renee Mackey</b> | <b>TE Ron Hankins</b> | <b>TE David Harris</b> |
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**NOMINATING**  
*(Appointments)*

- **Nine persons elected by the Presbytery in classes for three-year terms, with a membership of both teaching elders and members of congregations, with at least one half being members of congregations [BO G-3.0111, G-3.0109].**
  - **Purpose: To nominate persons to fill all vacancies on continuing committees, councils, boards, and other bodies that require election by the presbytery [BO G-3.0111].**
  - **Meets as needed, mostly between January and May**
- Note – those listed in the Class of 2019 are the members of the Class of 2016 who are eligible to be re-elected for a second term. None have yet agreed to serve.**

Chair: **Vacancy**

| Class of 2017                                    | Class of 2018  | Class of 2019                           |
|--|----------------|---|
| <b>RE Ellen Nichols (First of Howard County)</b> | <b>Vacancy</b> | <b>TE Jennifer DiFrancesco (Second)</b> |
| <b>RE David Hutton (Catonsville)</b>             | <b>Vacancy</b> | <b>TE Carol Davis (Springfield)</b>     |
| <b>Vacancy</b>                                   | <b>Vacancy</b> | <b>CRE Donna Lea (Living Faith)</b>     |

Staff: TE Jackie Taylor

**PRESBYTERY GATHERING TEAM**  
*(Appointments)*

- **At least seven members, including the Moderator of the Presbytery, the Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery, at least three at-large members, the Stated Clerk, and the General Presbyter.**
- **Function and Responsibilities: To design and plan the entire meeting, allowing for worship, learning opportunities, fellowship, and the corporate business of the Presbytery.**
- **Meets monthly**

Chair: RE Adrienne Knight

| Appointed Members (7)                          |   |
|--|---|
| RE Catherine Blacka (Stated Clerk)             | -----                                   |
| TE Jackie Taylor (General Presbyter)           | RE Jay Garvin (Harundale) (2017)        |
| RE Adrienne Knight (Presbytery Vice-Moderator) | TE Michael Moore (Knox) (2016)          |
| TE Jack Carlson (Presbytery Moderator)         | TE Jennifer DiFrancesco (Second) (2018) |

**ADMINISTRATION**  
*(Appointments)*

- **At least six members, including the Chair, with one person appointed by each of the Board of Trustees, Personnel Committee, and the Property and Loan Commission. Membership will also include any at-large members deemed necessary, the Stated Clerk and the General Presbyter.**
- **Purpose: To provide the infrastructure to support the timely implementation of the vision and the ministry of the Presbytery of Baltimore and its Commissions, Ministry Groups, and Teams.**
- **Meets monthly at Faith**

Chair: TE Lindley DeGarmo

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| <b>P &amp; L: RE John Lawson</b> | <b>TE Phil Sorensen</b> | Stated Clerk: Catherine Blacka |
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| Trustees: RE Reid Spearman | TE Lindley DeGarmo | General Presbyter: Jackie Taylor |
| Personnel: <b>Vacancy</b>  |                    |                                  |

**PERSONNEL  
(Appointments)**

- **Six members, three ruling elders and three teaching elders, nominated by the Appointments Committee of the Steering Cabinet and elected by the Presbytery in classes for three-year terms**
  - **Conduct annual reviews of staff members, recommend compensation, and develop and maintain job descriptions**
  - **Meets monthly**
- Chair: Mark Hanna

| Class of 2017               | Class of 2018                  | Class of 2019                      |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| TE Mark Hanna (Roland Park) | TE Jeanne Gay (Northminster)   | TE Susan Atkinson (Havre de Grace) |
| RE Andre Lee (Trinity)      | RE Shari Jensen (Light Street) | <b>Vacancy</b>                     |

Additional Member: General Presbyter Jackie Taylor

**PROPERTY AND LOAN COMMISSION  
(Appointments, Trustees)**

- **Seven members, in three categories of members: Trustees, Presbytery representatives, and the Presbytery staff. The Executive Committee of the Trustees appoints two Trustees. The Chair of the Steering Cabinet, with the concurrence of the Steering Cabinet, appoints three Presbytery representatives, with one these representatives serving as a member of the Committee on Administration.**
  - **Purpose: To manage, review, and approve requests from churches concerning real property.**
  - **Meets as needed**
- Chair: RE John Lawson

| Members (7)                          |   |                                 |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| <i>Appointed by Cabinet</i>          | <i>Appointed by Trustees</i>                      | <i>Staff</i>                    |
| TE Alison Halsey (Christ Our Anchor) | RE John Lawson (Hope) (Brook Schumm (Mt. Hebron)) | General Presbyter Jackie Taylor |
| RE Kit Clark (Govans)                | RE Christa Burns (Faith)                          | Stated Clerk Catherine Blacka   |
| TE Lindley DeGarmo (At Large)        | -----   | -----                           |

**SYNOD OFFICES**

- *TE Tanya Wade as the presbytery's representative to the Committee on Representation of the Synod of Mid-Atlantic, elected February 1, 2014.*
- *RE Louisa Leslie is Commissioner, Class of 2017*
- *TE Aaron Frank is Commissioner, Class of 2016*
- *TE Bill Sitterley as representative to the Speer Fund, Class of 2017*
- *CRE Ledonia Kimball as representative to the Jubilee Fund, Class of 2016*
- *TE Carol Davis as member of the Nominating Committee, Class of 2017*
- *John Kazanjian, Synod PJC, Class of 2017*