

**Presbytery of Detroit**  
**Report of the Coordinating Cabinet**  
**May 24, 2022**

The Coordinating Cabinet recommends that Presbytery:

1. Dissolve the call of Rev. Dr. Floretta Barbee-Watkins as Transitional General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Detroit, effective immediately. Rev. Barbee-Watkins has accepted a call as Lead Presbyter for the Presbytery of The James.
2. Approve the location of the September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 4:00PM Presbytery meeting as Detroit-Westminster (hybrid).
3. Amend the Presbytery Bylaws Article IX. Pastoral Committees and Teams, Section 3) Leadership Equipping Team by striking “d) Shall maintain oversight of the worship life of the Presbytery, to include (but not be limited to) preparing worship at all Presbytery meetings.” and insert it in Article IV. Officers, Section 4) Moderator, as b), and renumber b) to c); and also insert it in Section 5) Vice Moderator, as b) and renumber b) to c).

Rationale – The Moderator and Vice Moderator are closest to the pulse of the Presbytery and the relationship between that, themes, and the implementation of Presbytery mission and vision. In addition, they have been instrumental in developing the worshipping portion of the Presbytery meeting, and Leadership Equipping has not for several years.

4. Amend Article IV. Officers, Section 4) Moderator b) and Section 5) Vice Moderator b) to add “in collaboration with Planning and Visioning” at the end of the sentence.

Rationale – Planning & Visioning is the keeper of the mission and vision and also strives to understand the statuses of the ministry teams and committees.

5. Reinstate a brief survey at the end of each Presbytery meeting to capture feedback concerning the meeting.

Rationale – to document feedback and give all attendees the opportunity to provide that feedback for continuous improvement of our meetings.

6. Approve the distribution of the Ranney-Balch funds according to the Social Justice Ministry Team’s recommendation (Paper F-1).
7. Approve the job description for the Transitional General Presbyter. (Paper F-2).
8. Amend the 2022 budget to increase the Operations budget \$3k as a budget overrun for temporary administrative assistance in 75 hours of data entry, to be hired through a temporary hiring agency.

The Coordinating Cabinet reports the following for the information of Presbytery:

1. Cabinet approved that the Operations Ministry Team, in consultation with Strategic Planning, shall present a contract for an Acting Head of Staff to the Coordinating Cabinet for Presbytery approval, with a term of employment of six months, with terms of contract not to exceed those of the past Co-Acting Heads of Staff.

2. Cabinet determined to meet within the next 70 days, at the call of the Chair.
3. Cabinet concurred with the COVID protocols for the summer 2022 trip to Ohio submitted by Presbyterian Youth Connection.
4. Cabinet approved the service of communion on the summer 2022 trip to Ohio held by Presbyterian Youth Connection.
5. Cabinet referred the matter of a new standard file sharing platform for all Presbytery entities to a committee to be named by the Chair.
6. Cabinet discussed a recommended bylaw amendment to allow the Committee on Ministry to appoint Administrative Commissions for dissolutions and mergers. After amendment and discussion, the motion was referred to the Bylaws Committee for further discussion and recommendation.
7. Cabinet approved a motion regarding Resource Center materials, to be added to the Omnibus Motion #2.