

## Shenandoah Presbytery Meeting Highlights

208<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting, February 28, 2026

The presbytery met on zoom as February is a tricky month for weather.

The presbytery approved the updates to the presbytery manual

The Committee on Mission and Outreach shared summer mission trip opportunities to Summerlee in West Virginia and Baja. Dave Thalman also shared the work of Open Doors, our mission giving recipient for this meeting.

We thank Kate Rascoe for providing the meaningful worship service including the necrology report.

Our new moderator the Rev. Jim Yao was installed and our outgoing moderator RE Debra Fitzgerald O'Connell was thanked for her service this past year with the gifts of a Celtic Cross and a spring flower arrangement.

The presbytery welcomed two newly retired teaching elders into the presbytery. The Rev. Alan Adams, who now lives in the Lexington area and the Rev Susi Ennis, who now lives in Winchester.

The Committee on Educational Resources had Associate GP Nancy Meehan Yao give a presentation on Artificial Intelligence (AI) after which the presbytery moved into breakout rooms for conversation. If you would like to talk further watch for upcoming information about forming a book group on this topic. Also, information about college scholarships and camping scholarships is available on the website. Deadlines are fast approaching.

On behalf of COM, Stephanie Sorge recognized the retirement of the Rev. Beth Pyles, now formerly of the McDowell congregation. Thank you for your ministry, Beth!

We adjourned early – thank you all!

The next stated meeting will be Tuesday May 19, 2026, hosted by the good folks at the Charles Town Presbyterian Church. See you then!

