

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative day #11

RESOLUTION NO. 134 - 2026

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment – Rev. Ian C. Collier– Interfaith Advisory Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Rev. Ian C. Collier to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.

Introduced and read first time on Sep 8, 2026.

By order

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on Sep 22, 2026.

By order

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ☒, Adopted with amendments___, Failed___, Withdrawn ___ by the County Council on Oct 5, 2026.

Certified by

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

WHEREAS, Section 404 of the Howard County Charter and Section 6.300 of the Howard County Code provide for the County Executive to appoint and for the County Council to confirm nominees to Howard County Boards and Commissions created by law; and

WHEREAS, Sections 6.352 and 12.222 of the Howard County Code provide for an Interfaith Advisory Commission in Howard County; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has proposed the appointment of Rev. Ian C. Collier as a member of the Interfaith Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, the County Council ratifies the County Executive's special trust and confidence in the abilities of the nominee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland this 5 day of October, 2026 that the following person is appointed as a member of the Interfaith Advisory Commission to serve from the passage of this Resolution to October 5, 2029 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:

Rev. Ian C. Collier
Ellicott City, Maryland

The Rev. Ian Collier

Education

Duke University Divinity School	Durham, NC
Master of Divinity, <i>summa cum laude</i>	May 2019

Georgetown University	Washington, DC
Bachelor of Arts in Theology and Philosophy, <i>summa cum laude</i>	May 2016

Employment

Linden Linthicum United Methodist Church	Clarksville, MD
<i>Local Parish of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church</i>	

Senior Pastor	July 2024 – Present
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- Serve as Chief Spiritual Officer, leading the congregation in services of worship, weddings & funerals, pastoral counseling, and religious education for adults, youth, and children
- Manage the implementation of the church budget, including project management for repairs and renovations of the building, and the planning, staffing, and execution of religious programming
- Lead & supervise a staff team of two full-time and four part-time employees
- Provide personal outreach to community organizations and serve as organizational liaison to community partners

Wesley Theological Seminary	Washington, DC
<i>Theological Seminary of The United Methodist Church</i>	

Course of Study Instructor	June 2025 – Present
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- Design and teach course in United Methodist History & Doctrine for Licensed Local Pastors

Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church	Eldersburg, MD
<i>Local Parish of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church</i>	

Associate Pastor	July 2019 – June 2024
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- Supervised Church Administrator, overseeing organizational communications and building use & maintenance
- Regularly preached and presided at sacramental celebrations
- Supervised lay congregational care teams, visitation ministry, and Stephen Ministers
- Provided pastoral oversight to Adult Small Groups
- Created and implemented a curriculum review and ordering process for Adult Small Groups
- Worked collaboratively with senior staff to provide pastoral guidance to Youth Ministry
- Officiated Weddings and Funerals

Mount Bethel United Methodist Church	Bahama, NC
<i>Local parish of the North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church</i>	

Pastoral Intern	September 2018 – April 2019
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- Assisted in the planning and leadership of two weekly worship services (including preaching)
- Co-led Lenten small group study with the Senior Pastor
- Taught Youth and Adult Sunday School
- Designed and led supplemental Youth programming

Faith Harbor United Methodist Church	Surf City, NC
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Local parish of the North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church

Pastoral Intern

May 2017 – August 2017

- Assisted in the planning and leadership of two weekly services
- Accompanied Assistant Pastor on home and hospital visits
- Assisted in guiding the congregation through a change in leadership in the Senior Pastor position
- Assisted Youth and Children's ministries with VBS and the annual youth mission trip
- Provided office support for regular church activities

Georgetown University Office of Campus Ministry

Washington, DC

Institutional department devoted to serving the pastoral needs of the university community, integrating faith and learning, and guiding each community member to develop his or her unique faith life regardless of tradition.

Ecumenical Student Supervisor

August 2015 – May 2016

- Supervised 3-5 student workers across Catholic & Protestant Chaplaincies and the Worship & Liturgy Staff
- Oversaw logistical and sacramental support for Anglican/Episcopal and Interdenominational Services
- Acted as Lead Student Editor and primary technological support of the Advent and Lent Georgetown Devotionals, a daily devotional with a readership of over 10,000
- Led Fall Ecumenical Chaplaincy-sponsored small group studying the Church's understanding of the creeds
- Student Editor of the Protestant Weekly Newsletter with a subscriber base of over 2,000

Previously held: Protestant Ministry Assistant (August 2013 – May 2015)

Additional Qualifications

Ordained Elder in the Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church

Completion, Financial Leadership Academy – MidAtlantic Faith Foundation

Lancaster, PA

April 2024 – October 2025

- 50-hour course focused on the financial management of Churches

CPE Level I Certification - Duke University Hospital Chaplain Services

Durham, NC

May 2018 – August 2018

- Provided regular spiritual care of patients in the oncology units
- Engaged in interfaith collaboration with other chaplains to ensure specific religious needs were fulfilled
- Facilitated communication between patients and medical teams when requested

Honors: UMC Council of Bishops UMEIT/NWCU Scholarship (April 2018); William L. Carson Scholarship (September 2016); Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society (May 2016); Georgetown University Theology Department Brennan Medal (May 2016); Theta Alpha Kappa Theology / Religious Studies Honor Society (April 2015)