

Stated Meeting ~ Presbytery of Geneva
Tuesday January 27, 2015
First Presbyterian Church, Penn Yan, New York
The Rev. Paul Malles, Pastor

*Together, we pray, play, and energize our congregations to live out the Good News of Jesus Christ.
 Together, we lift up each other in love.
 Together, we call others into the circle of God's grace.*

MINUTES

The Presbytery of Geneva held a duly-called Stated Meeting on Tuesday January 27, 2015 at the First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan, New York.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CONVENING

The Rev. Cheryl Peeples, Presbytery moderator, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., a quorum being present.

The Moderator offered the opening prayer.

ROLL

ACTIVE MINISTERS SERVING CHURCHES (P = Present; Ex = Excused; A = Absent)

Name	Jan 27	Mar 14	May 19	Sept 19	Nov
Baker, Kirk – Newark, Park (Transitional Pastor)	P				
Barnard, David – Jasper, Jasper (Stated Supply)	A				
Bhasker, Stanley – Bath, Bath	P				
Bond, Bryan – Pulteney, First (Stated Supply)	A				
Bond, Norma - Canisteo	A				
Campbell, Anne – Moreland, Moreland (Stated Supply)	Resigned	01-15			
Crimmins, Betsey – Elmira, First	P				
Diffenbacher, Bryan - Hedgesville	A				
Donnan, Ellen – Dundee, First Junius, Junius	P				
Duncan, Russell – Lyons, First	P				
Dygart, Steve – Almond, Union of Churches	A				
Farrell, Nancy – Palmyra, Western	Ex				
Grohman, Deb – Ontario, Ontario	P				
Heimberger, Gail – Sodus, First United	Ex				
Hicks, Jim – Spencer, Christ the King Fellowship	P				
Karr-Lyon, Beverly – Watkins Glen, First	P				
Kennedy, Glen – Painted Post, United (Stated Supply)	A				
Kerr, James - Canandaigua, United	P				
Knight, Jonathan – Horseheads, Horseheads	A				
Lester, Donald – Howard, Union*	A				
Lind-Schmitz, Deborah – Geneva, First	P				
Loving, Amy – Bellona, Bellona Memorial Seneca, Seneca #9	Ex				
Malles, Paul – Penn Yan, First	P				
Marr, Peter – Addison, Addison (Stated Supply)*	A				
Moore, Banu – Corning, First	Ex				
Moore, James – Corning, First	Ex				
Ntuala, Leah – Seneca Falls, First	P				
O'Leary, Lucinda – Rock Stream (Stated Supply)*	A				
Peeples, Cheryl – Trumansburg, First Ulysses	P				
Price, Richard – Big Flats, Big Flats	A				
Prong, Lee – Williamson, Williamson (Interim)*	P				
Riehl, Kirianne Weaver – Ithaca, Ithaca	P				
Roth, Marjory – Huron, Huron	P				
Smith, Paul – Marion, Marion*	A				

Stuber, Walter – <i>Wolcott, Wolcott</i>	A				
Tierson, A.J. – <i>Phelps, United (Stated Supply)</i> <i>Shortsville, Shortsville (Stated Supply)</i>	P				
Yao, James – <i>Lodi, Lodi</i> <i>Hector, Hector (Co-Pastor)</i>	P				
Yao, Nancy Meehan – <i>Hector, Hector (Co-Pastor)</i> <i>Hammondsport 1st (Stated Supply)</i>	Ex				
Waters, Kathleen – <i>Elmira, North (Interim)</i>	A				
West, Sarah – <i>Waterloo, First (Temporary Supply)*</i>	P				
Winters, Jane – <i>Elmira, Westminster (Temp. Supply)</i>	P				
TOTAL PRESENT	20				
TOTAL EXCUSED	6				
TOTAL ABSENT	15				

MINISTERS IN VALIDATED MINISTRIES / MINISTERS AT-LARGE

(V = Validated ~ AL = At-large)

Name	Jan 27	Mar 14	May 19	Sept 19	Nov
Ashby, David (V) <i>Temporary Pastor, another denomination</i>	P				
Campbell, Anne (AL)	A				
Davis, Joelle (AL)	Ex				
Delhagen, Harold (V) <i>Synod Executive, Synod of the Northeast</i>	A				
Diffenbacher, Bryan (AL)	A				
Fitzgerald, Janice (V) <i>Pultneyville, Reformed</i>	Ex				
Haines, Todd (AL)	A				
Huling Hummell, Cynthia (AL)					
McCollister, Dan (AL)	A				
Meiser, Jr. Edward (V) <i>Chaplain</i>	A				
Roth, Russ (AL)	P				
Wareham, J. Christy (AL)	A				
Warrington, Karl (AL)	A				
TOTAL PRESENT	2				
TOTAL EXCUSED	2				
TOTAL ABSENT	6				

HONORABLY RETIRED MINISTERS (If serving a church, service is noted in parentheses) (Honorably Retired Ministers, if not present, are automatically marked as “excused.”)

Name	Jan 27	Mar 14	May 19	Sept 19	Nov
Bartel, Joanne	Ex				
Bembower, Dean	Ex				
Bidenspacher, Nancy Torpey	Ex				
Bollinger, Zane	Ex				
Coffman, Fred	P				
Creelman, Gilmore	Ex				
Crego, Peter	Ex				
Edwards, Sam	Ex				
Elder, John	Ex				
Flaherty, Scott	Ex				
Gerling, Jim	Ex				
Gould, John	Ex				
Hood, Kenneth	Ex				
Husted, Susan	Ex				
Johnson, Timothy	P				
Kellam, Jeffrey	Ex				
Kilgore, David	P				
Magley, Fred	Ex				
Meiser, Jr., Edward	Ex				
Montgomery, Tom	Ex				

Murray, Virginia – Interim, Hornell United	Ex				
Newman, James	Ex				
Otterbacher, Suzanne	Ex				
Outterson, Hugh	Ex				
Rochelle, Robert	Ex				
Teller, Gailey	Ex				
Tennies, Herb	Ex				
Tyrrell, Jamie– Interim, Atlanta	P				
Valk, John	Ex				
TOTAL PRESENT	4				

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS (Ministers of another Denomination or another Presbytery Serving Presbyterian Churches in PGV)

Name	Jan 27	Mar 14	May 19	Sept 19	Nov
TOTAL PRESENT					
TOTAL EXCUSED					
TOTAL ABSENT					

COMMISSIONERS FROM CHURCHES

Church Name	Jan 27	Mar 14	May 19	Sept 19	Nov
Addison	A				
Almond	A				
Andover	A				
Arkport	A				
Bath	Kathleen Swan				
Bellona	A				
Big Flats	A				
Burdett	A				
Canandaigua	Ron Fulle				
Canisteo	A				
Cohocton	Michael Allen				
Corning	A				
Dundee	Ex				
East Palmyra	A				
Elmira, First	Rehanna Stanley				
Elmira, Lake Street	A				
Elmira, North	Jeff Richards				
Elmira, Westminster	A				
Fairville	William Randolph				
Geneva, First (1)	Edwin Frick				
Geneva, First (2)	Bill Fox				
Hammondsport	Jim Walling				
Hector	A				
Hedgesville	<i>Dissolved 01/27</i>				
Hornell	A				
Horseheads	A				
Howard	A				
Huron	Linda Hayes				
Ithaca	Micah Beck				
Jasper	A				
Junius	Kristy Ward				
Lodi	A				
Lyons	Tracy Rankert				
Marion	A				
Moreland	A				
Naples	A				
Newark	Paul Salisbury				
Oaks Corners	A				
Ontario Center	A				
Ovid Federated	A				

Painted Post	A				
Palmyra	Philip Opdyke				
Penn Yan	Sue Goodrich				
Phelps	A				
Prattsburg	Diane Muck				
Pulteney	Hariette Potter				
Red Creek	A				
Rock Stream	A				
Romulus	A				
Seneca Falls	A				
Seneca #9	A				
Shortsville	A				
Sodus	A				
Spencer	C. Thomas Bailey				
Trumansburg	Kris Alling				
Waterloo	Helen Wadsworth				
Watkins Glen	A				
West Fayette	A				
Weston	Vera E. Dykes				
Williamson	A				
Wolcott	A				
TOTAL PRESENT	22				
TOTAL EXCUSED	1				
TOTAL ABSENT	40				

ADDITIONAL ELDER COMMISSIONERS

(Appointed by presbytery to correct elder-clergy imbalance)

Name	Church	Relationship	Jan 20	Mar 21	May 26	Sept 22	Nov 17
Andrews, Priscilla		CRE	Ex				
Beals, Steve	West Fayette	CRE	P				
Colvin, Donna		SNE Comm. 2015	P				
Evans, Richard	Burdett	CRE	A				
Limner, Carol		Presbytery Women	P				
Novack, Joy	Romulus	CRE	A				
Peek, Donald	Prattsburg	CRE	A				
Reynolds, Ellen	Geneva	General Council	P				
Richmond, Lucille	Red Creek	CRE	A				
Richards, Jeff		SNE Comm. 2016	A				
Schied, Dick	Weston	CRE	P				
TOTAL PRESENT			5				
TOTAL EXCUSED			1				
TOTAL ABSENT			5				

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS ENROLLED FOR THIS MEETING

Name	Presbytery / Agency
The Rev. Val Fowler	Stated Clerk Pro-Tem / Member, Presbytery of Genesee Valley
The Rev. Jim Renfrew	Synod Administrative Review Committee / Member, Presbytery of Genesee Valley
Elder Karen Pryor	Synod Administrative Review Committee / Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY
Elder Nancy Sprenkle	Synod Administrative Review Committee / First Presbyterian Church, Pittsford, NY
The Rev. Jim Hicks	Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley (to be received as a member of this presbytery)

REGISTERED Guests (current meeting)

Includes CREs not serving churches

Mary Kilgore	Hornell
Rosanna Bates	Pulteney
Josh Dorfner	Williamson
Mary Jane Peek	Pulteney

SUMMARIES FOR EACH MEETING	Jan 27	Mar 14	May19	Sept 19	Nov
Total Minister Commissioners Present*	26				
Total Elder Commissioners Present	27				
Parity (expressed in terms of Elders, + or -)	+1				
Total Minister Commissioners Absent, Unexcused**	21				
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders***	36				
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders and Pastors	19				
Total Registered Visitors	4				

* Does not include Corresponding Members, as they have only voice, not vote; includes Validated, At-large, and Honorably Retired

** Does not include Corresponding Members or Honorably Retired Ministers

*** Includes churches marked "excused"

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

(Corresponding Members)

The presbytery VOTED to enroll the following persons as Corresponding Members:

The Rev. Val Fowler (Presbytery of Genesee Valley / Honeoye Falls, NY)

The Rev. Jim Hicks, HR (Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley)

The Rev. Jim Renfrew (Presbytery of Genesee Valley / Byron, Synod Administrative Review Committee)

Ruling Elder Nancy Sprenkle (Presbytery of Genesee Valley / Pittsford, First; Synod Administrative Review Committee)

Ruling Elder Karen Pryor (Presbytery of Genesee Valley / Third; Synod

(New Commissioners / Guests)

The presbytery welcomed the new elder commissioners and guests from the following congregations:

Weston Geneva Cohocton

The presbytery welcomed guests present for the meeting

The presbytery welcomed the Rev. Stanley Bhasker, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Bath, NY.

(Approval of Docket)

The presbytery VOTED to approve the final docket for the meeting.

INSTALLATION OF 2015 MODERATOR AND VICE-MODERATOR

The presbytery proceeded to the Service of Installation for the 2015 Moderator of Presbytery, the Rev. David Kilgore; and the 2015 Vice-Moderator, Ruling Elder Dick Schied, CRE.

Scripture ~ Galatians 3:27-28 and Ephesians 4:1-4

Call to Discipleship

Installation Questions

Installation Prayer

Declaration of Installation & Charge ~ Colossians 3:17

Blessing ~ I Thessalonians 5:23

The presbytery offered appreciation to the Rev. Cheryl Peoples for her service as Moderator during 2014.

Moderator David Kilgore assumed leadership of the meeting.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

Stated clerk pro-tem, the Rev. Val Fowler presented the report.

For Presbytery's Action

Upon his recommendation, the presbytery VOTED to:

(Privilege of Voice)

1. **Grant** privilege of voice to those non-commissioners who are making or participating in reports.

(Minutes)

2. **Approve** the Minutes of the Stated Presbytery meeting, held on November 15, 2014 at the First Presbyterian Church, Watkins Glen, NY.

For Presbytery's Information

The stated clerk offered appreciation to those clerks of session who have begun reporting their Annual Statistics for 2014. He reminded the presbytery that (1) the User ID and Password for each church may be found on the presbytery's website, and (2) that the passwords are case-sensitive (all letters are capitals) and that the password ends with an exclamation point. The deadline for entering statistics is February 19, 2015 at midnight.

He encouraged clerks to call him if they have *any* problems or questions. Help is just 10 button pushes away.

The stated clerk thanked those who have contacted him with questions and for help. He encouraged clerks and pastors to call regarding polity questions and process questions.

(Welcome by Host Church / Resolution of thanks)

The Rev. Paul Malles welcomed the presbytery to First Presbyterian Church, Penn Yan.

Cheryl Peebles offered to draft a Resolution of Thanks to the host congregation for presentation at the end of the meeting.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

The presbytery gathered for a worship service, including the Service of the Lord's Supper.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

GENERAL COUNCIL REPORT

For Presbytery's Action

Upon recommendation of the General Council, the Presbytery VOTED to:

(Park Presbyterian Church / Administrative Commission)

1. **Approve** the dissolution of the Administrative Commission for Park Presbyterian Church, Newark, NY, effective January 27, 2015, with gratitude for their service on behalf of the session and the presbytery.
2. **Return** original jurisdiction to the newly-elected session, effective January 27, 2015.

The Rev. Kirk Baker expressed gratitude on behalf of the session for the work of the Administrative Commission.

For Presbytery's Information

The General Council VOTED to:

(Proposed Amendments to the Constitution)

1. **Approve distribution** of the *Proposed Amendments to the Constitution* booklet during the January presbytery meeting, with action to be taken during the March presbytery meeting.
2. **Direct** Karen Jensen to order an additional 30 copies from the Office of the General Assembly, to be available in March for those who did not previously receive copies.

(Contacts in Case of Disaster or Emergency)

3. **Designate** Elder Donna Colvin and Karen Jensen as contacts for the Yates County Sheriff's Office, in the case of an emergency or disaster.

(Corning, First / Interim Co-Pastor Contracts)

4. **Authorize** Committee on Ministry Co-Chair Deborah Lind-Schmitz to sign the as yet unsigned Co-Interim Pastor Contracts between the session of First Presbyterian Church, Corning, NY for the Rev. James Moore and the Rev. Banu Moore.

PRESBYTERY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Rev. Leah Ntuala presented the report of the Presbytery Nominating Committee.

The presbytery VOTED to elect the following persons:
Jane Winters, Committee on Ministry, Class of 2017

There are still four open places for people to serve. The Nominating Committee is always open for suggestions.

The Committee is working to find a candidate for the Presbytery Treasurer. She noted that there is no Job Description for the Presbytery Treasurer.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

The Rev. Deborah Lind Schmitz and Elder Paul Salisbury presented the report of the Committee on Ministry. Deb noted that over 20% of the congregations in the presbytery are in transition. Paul noted that the Committee has named Committee on Ministry Liaisons for every church in the presbytery, in the hopes of partnering with churches in a proactive way.

For Presbytery's Action

1. **Receive** the Rev. Jim Hicks, HR as a minister member of the Presbytery of Geneva, effective January 28, 2015.
2. **Direct** the stated clerk to request transfer of membership from the Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley.

(Transfer / the Rev. Daniel Zhao)

3. **Approve** the transfer of the Rev. Daniel Zhao to the Presbytery of National Capital, effective January 28, 2015, and **direct** the stated clerk to complete the transfer.

(Transfer / the Rev. J. Christy Wareham)

4. **Approve** the transfer of the Rev. J. Christy Wareham to the Presbytery of Southern New England, effective January 28, 2015, and **direct** the stated clerk to complete the transfer. *The Committee withdrew this motion, pending further work by the Committee.*

Actions Taken on Behalf of Presbytery

Acting on behalf of the presbytery, the Committee on Ministry VOTED to:

(Moderator Appointments)

1. **Appoint** the Rev. Jim Kerr as moderator of the Atlanta Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, NY.
2. **Appoint** the Rev. Kathleen Waters as moderator of the Lake Presbyterian Church, Corning, NY; if the way be clear.

For Presbytery's Information

The Committee on Ministry VOTED to:

(Corning, First / PNC)

1. **Approve** the Ministry Information Form for First Presbyterian Church, Corning, NY.

(Ovid Federated / PNC)

2. **Authorize** the Ovid Federated Church, Ovid, NY to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee.

(Ithaca, First / Associate Pastor)

3. **Approve** the formation of an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, contingent upon approval of a new Associate Pastor position.

Rationale:

Recap of recent history of pastoral relationships:

- Ithaca, First had both Head of Staff and Associate Pastor
- The Head of Staff retired and the Associate Pastors was made "acting Head of Staff."
- The Associate Pastor received a new call and the church called a new Head of Staff.
- The church is now ready to fill the Associate Pastor position, in light of even more changes in their paid staff

In light of the recent Mission Study done in the congregation for the Head of Staff search, it was agreed that a

new mission study was not needed for the APNC but a solid job description is needed.

(Fairville / Joshua Baker)

4. **Approve** extending the contract between Joshua Baker and the Session at Fairville Presbyterian Church.

(East Palmyra / Joshua Baker)

5. **Approve** extending the contract between Joshua Baker and the Session at East Palmyra Presbyterian Church.

(Park, Newark / the Rev. Kirk Baker)

6. **Approve** a 1-year Transitional Pastor Contract between the session of the Park Presbyterian Church, Newark, NY and the Rev. Kirk Baker and Park Presbyterian Church, Newark NY.

(Hammondsport / Extended Term of Service)

7. **Approve** an additional year service on session for Ruling Elder Milt Erb, if needed to meet the minimum standards of the make-up of the session according to their bylaws and /or operational guidelines.

(Waterloo / Stated Supply)

8. **Approve** the 2015 Stated Supply Contract (part-time) between the session of the First Presbyterian Church, Waterloo and the Rev. Sarah West, effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 at the following terms:

Cash Salary	18,500.00
Housing Allowance	6,700.00
Total Effective Salary	25,200.00

Pension/Medical	2,620.00
Travel Expenses	500.00
Study Leave	500.00

Vacation: one month, including 4 Sundays

Study leave: two weeks, including 2 Sundays

(Romulus / Joy Novack)

9. **Approve** extending the contract between Joy Novack and the Session at the Romulus Presbyterian Church.

(Pulteney / the Rev. Bryan Bond)

10. **Approve** extending the Stated Supply Contract (half-time) between the session of the First Presbyterian Church, Pulteney, NY and the Rev. Bryan Bond, effective January 1, 2015.

(Spencer / the Rev. Jim Hicks, HR)

11. **Approve** the Temporary Supply Contract (part-time) between the session of the First Presbyterian Church, Spencer, NY and the Rev. Jim Hicks, HR, effective January 1, 2015, at the following terms:

- \$150.00 per worship service
- \$20.00 per hour for pastoral services and meetings

12. **Appoint** the Rev. Jim Hicks as moderator of the session of First Presbyterian Church, Spencer, NY, effective January 1, 2015.

(Lakemont-Rock Stream Yoked Parish / the Rev. Lucinda O'Leary)

13. **Approve** extending the Stated Supply Contract (half-time) between the session of the Lakemont-Rock Stream Yoked Parish and the Rev. Lucinda O'Leary effective January 2, 2015.

(Weston / Richard Schied, CRE)

14. **Approve** extending the Commissioned Ruling Elder Contract (1/4 time) between the session of the Weston Presbyterian Church, Weston, NY and Ruling Elder Richard Schied, CRE and to serve as CRE effective January 1, 2015.

(Westminster / the Rev. Jane S. Winters)

15. **Approve** the Temporary Supply Contract between the session of Westminster Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Jane S. Winters.

(Hammondsport / the Rev. Nancy Meehan Yao)

16. **Approve** extending the Stated Supply Contract (half-time) between the session of the Presbyterian Church of Hammondsport , NY and the Rev. Nancy Meehan Yao effective January 1, 2015

(Status of Churches in Transition)

The Committee on Ministry reports the following status on churches in transition:

- First Presbyterian Church, Corning, NY Pastor Nominating Committee is interviewing candidates
- Hornell Presbyterian Church, Hornell, NY Pastor Nominating Committee is interviewing candidates

REPORT OF THE HEDGESVILLE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

Ruling Elder Larry Bates presented a report of the work with the Hedgesville Presbyterian Church, Hedgesville, NY. The church was founded in 1831. In 1861, the Pulteney Estate donated 100 acres of land to the Hedgesville Church. The Commission has not found the Abstract of Title, but is searching. The church is now landbound. The Commission needs the services of an attorney; and needs an awareness of how that attorney will be paid. An attorney in Pittsford is aware of the situation and has worked with the dissolution of churches.

There are 11 members (8 active). There was \$5.00 in the church's checking account; it was donated to the Woodsville Community Church. Most of the members will be attending the Woodsville Church.

Actions Taken by the Presbytery

The presbytery VOTED to:

(Hedgesville / Dissolution of Congregation)

1. **Concur** with the request to dissolve the Hedgesville Presbyterian Church, Hedgesville, NY, effective January 27, 2015; and **request** that the Administrative Commission determine a means of celebrating the ministry of that congregation.

[The motion was presented by the Committee on Ministry. The May presbytery meeting will be in Bath, which is relatively close to Hedgesville. The service also could be held on the grounds of the church, at a time convenient to the members of the dissolved church.]

(Lyons / the Rev. Russell Duncan)

1. **Concur** with the request of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Lyons, NY to call their Stated Supply (full time), the Rev. Russell Duncan, as Pastor, effective upon his installation.

[NOTE: The action requires a ¾ vote of those present and voting. The total of eligible voters was established at 47. The required majority is 35. The recommendation comes from the congregation, through the Committee on Ministry.]

The motion was **approved** by a counted vote of 44 yes, 3 no.

2. **Approve** the current terms of call as the terms of the pastoral relationship.

3. **Appoint** the following Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Russell S. Duncan as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Lyons, NY, to be held on Sunday February 22, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

The Rev. David Kilgore, HR – Presbytery Moderator, or his designee.

The Rev. Gail Heimberger (Sodus)

The Rev. Timothy Johnson, HR

Ruling Elder Carol Heald (Lyons)

Ruling Elder Elsie DeMeyers (Newark)

Ruling Elder Priscilla Andrews, CRE, retired (Dundee)

4. **Authorize** the moderator or his designee to make necessary and appropriate changes in the Commission.

5. **Dismiss** the Commission with thanks at the conclusion of the Service of Installation.

BUDGET & FINANCE

The Rev. Jim Yao, Treasurer / Chair of the Committee presented the report. Tomorrow he will place on the website (www.presbysteryofgeneva.org) the Preliminary 2014 Report (which shows a year-end deficit of @ \$21,000, which is much better than expected last summer); and a Report of Dedicated Accounts. There is money in those accounts for coaching. By next month the report should show the remaining amounts in the Study Leave Fund. The official vote on the 2015 Budget will be taken during the March meeting of the presbytery.

EXTENSION OF DOCKET

Upon motion, the presbytery VOTED to extend the docket by 15 minutes.

CAMP WHITMAN

Tom Bailey, from the Camp Operating Team, encouraged presbyters and guests to review the Camp Whitman Packet provided to the presbytery. He noted that the Camp still needs a coordinator for the Pine Camp (for those with special needs). The Committee is still searching for a Camp Nurse. The packet includes a wish list for the Camp.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

The Committee has postponed their report until the March meeting.

SYNOD ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Ruling Elder Nancy Sprenkle presented a progress report. The Report of the Committee is in the final stages of preparation, and will be presented to the March presbytery meeting.

WORKING TOWARD HEALING: TIME FOR TALKING

The moderator presented a brief report: *Working Toward Healing* (v.2)

The presbytery engaged in conversation about the "Working Towards Healing" process and timeline.

We need to remember that "The Presbytery R Us." We need to risk asking, "How can we help? How can you help?"

A question regarding the Listening Sessions: *Can you tell us what the Council will be listening for?*

Hurts that have not yet been heard

The SARC has been listening, but the Council and the presbytery need to listen to these things, as appropriate

What are our hopes, visions, opportunities, and dreams that we have in response to God's call to serve

Rodin's *Hands of God* – creation and chaos together

"Don't rush. Take time. Reflect, pray, discern."

I would like to hear from young people in our church, and our working people who have to work day-to-day.

Sharing with one another, "How we run our church good."

The listening opportunities will be put up on the presbytery website. Attendance is not restricted: anyone with visions and concerns are welcome.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Carol Limner presented the report. The next Gathering will be at Trumansburg on May 2.

The Presbyterian Women will be advertising the 2015 Women's Assembly in Minneapolis

www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

The presbytery AFFIRMED the following *Resolution of Thanks*:

The Presbytery of Geneva gives great thanks for the graciousness and hospitality of the First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan. When asked to host us they welcomed us to meet here. When the possibility of

inclement weather presented itself, the Rev. Mallets and the congregation assured us that they were at the service of the presbytery, and would happily prepare for us. If we could meet, they would welcome us, and if we couldn't, it would not be a problem. We arrived to a comfortable setting, delicious snacks and welcoming smiles and greetings.

Throughout our meeting, our needs have been anticipated and we have been well hosted.

We, the Presbytery of Geneva, give thanks for each of you at the First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan, and for the gifts you have been given by God. We give thanks to you for your willingness to share your gifts with us and the community in which you minister.

Prepared by the Rev. Cheryl Peebles (immediate past Moderator of the Presbytery of Geneva)

WE GO FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S WORD

CLOSING

The presbytery VOTED to adjourn the meeting. The Moderator offered the closing prayer.

Attest: Val Fowler, Stated Clerk Pro-Tem

As you go...

- **What have you learned about the Presbytery today?**
- **Who have you gotten to know better today?**
- **What blessings have you shared today?**

Future Presbytery Dates

- **Saturday, March 14, 2015 – Palmyra/Western Presbyterian Church**
- **Tuesday, May 19 – Bath**
- **Saturday, September 19 – Lyons**