BELLONA MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH January 28, 2017

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 Saturday January 28, 2017 at Bellona Memorial Presbyterian Church, Benton, New York.

<u>CONVENI</u>NG

Elder Dick Schied CRE, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., a quorum being present. The Moderator offered the opening prayer.

<u>ROLL</u>

ACTIVE MINISTERS SERVING CHURCHES (P = Present; Ex = Excused; A = Absent)				t)	
Name	Jan 28	Mar 28	May 20	Sept 26	Nov 18
Austin, Amy Loving – Bellona Memorial	Р				
Seneca, Seneca #9	F				
Baker, Kirk – Newark, Park (Transitional Pastor)	A				
Bhasker, Stanley – Bath, Bath	Ex				
Crimmins, Betsey – Elmira, First	Ex				
Delhagen, Kyle – Palmyra, Western (RCA, Formula of Agreement)	А				
Donnan, Ellen – Dundee, First / Junius, Junius	Р				
Frigard, Beth – <i>Big Flats (Interim)</i>	A				
Griffis, Katherine – Hornell, United	Р				
Grohman, Deb – Ontario, Ontario	Ex				
Heimberger, Gail – Sodus, First United	Р				
Kennedy, Glen – Painted Post, United (Stated Supply)	Р				
Kerr, James - Canandaigua, United	A				
Lester, Donald – Howard, Union*	A				
Lind-Schmitz, Deborah – Geneva, First	Р				
McDonald, John – Ithaca, First	A				
Malles, Paul – Penn Yan, First	Р				
Marr, Peter – Addison, Addison (Stated Supply)*	A				
Mellgard, Rob – Ovid Federated	Р				
Ntuala, Leah – Seneca Falls, First	A				
O'Leary, Lucinda – Rock Stream (Stated Supply)*	Ex				
Peeples, Cheryl – Trumansburg, First Ulysses	Р				
Preisendanz, David – Elmira, North	A				
Riehl, Kirianne Weaver – Ithaca, First	Р				
Roth, Russ – Huron, Huron	Ex				
Tierson, A.J. – Phelps, United Shortsville, Shortsville (Stated Supply)	Р				
Ugoretz, Jeffrey – Corning, First	A				
West, Sarah – Waterloo, First (Temporary Supply)*	Р				
Winters, Jane – Elmira, Westminster (Temp. Supply)	A				
Yao, James – Lodi, Lodi Hector, Hector (Co-Pastor)	Ex				
Yao, Nancy Meehan – Hector, Hector (Co-Pastor) Hammondsport, First (Stated Supply)	Ρ				
TOTAL PRESENT	13				
TOTAL EXCUSED	6				
TOTAL ABSENT	11				

MINISTERS IN VALIDATED MINISTRIES / MINISTERS AT-LARGE

 $(V = Validated \sim AL = At-large)$ Mar 28 Name Jan 28 May 21 Sept 26 Nov 18 Ashby, David (V) Ρ Interim Pastor, Honeoye Falls, NY Campbell, Anne (AL) А Delhagen, Harold (V) А Synod Executive, Synod of the Northeast Duncan, Russell (V) Ex United Church of Salem, Salem, VT (UCC) Fitzgerald, Janice (V) Р Robinson Memorial PC, Syracuse, NY Haines, Todd (AL) А Huling Hummell, Cynthia (AL) А McCollister, Dan (AL) А Roth, Marjorie (V) Chaplain, Friendly Home, А Rochester, NY Wareham, J. Christy (AL) Ex Warrington, Karl (AL) А Weaver, Cindy (AL) Ρ 3 TOTAL PRESENT TOTAL EXCUSED 2 7 TOTAL ABSENT

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 28	Mar 28	May 20	Sept 26	Nov 18
Barnard, David	Ex				
Bartel, Joanne	Ex				
Bidelspacher, Nancy Torpey	Ex				
Coffman, Fred	Ex				
Courtney, Philip	Ex				
Creelman, Gilmore	Ex				
Crego, Peter	Ex				
Edwards, Sam	Ex				
Elder, John	Ex				
Farrell, Nancy	Ex				
Flaherty, Scott	Ex				
Gerling, Jim	Ex				
Gould, John	Ex				
Hicks, James	Ex				
Hood, Kenneth	Ex				
Husted, Susan	Ex				
Johnson, Timothy	Р				
Karr-Lyon, Beverly	Р				
Kellam, Jeffrey	Ex				
Kilgore, David	Р				
Knight, Jonathan	Ex				
Magley, Fred	Ex				
Meiser, Jr., Edward	Ex				
Montgomery, Tom	Ex				
Murray, Virginia	Ex				
Newman, James	Ex				
Otterbacher, Suzanne	Ex				
Price, Richard	Ex				
Rochelle, Robert	Ex				
Teller, Gailey	Ex				
Tennies, Herb	Р				
Tyrrell, Jamie- Interim, Atlanta	Ex				
Valk, John	Ex				
TOTAL PRESENT	4				

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CORRESPONDING MEMBERS WITH VOICE AND VOTE (Ministers of another Denomination or another Presbytery who are serving Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Geneva)

Name	Jan 28	Mar 28	May 20	Sept 26	Nov 18
Boswell, the Rev. Bronwen (<i>Temporary</i> <i>Transitional Leader / Presbytery of Western</i> <i>New York</i>)	Р				
Elfond, the Rev.Cheryl Ann (<i>Elmira, North / Presbytery of Susquehanna</i> <i>Valley</i>)	A				
Lostetter, the Rev. Robin (<i>Palmyra, Western / Presbytery of</i> <i>Pittsburgh</i>)	А				
Shevlin, the Rev. Linda (Naples, Trinity Federated / United Methodist Church	А				
Stuber, the Rev. Walter (Wolcott / Presbytery of Genesee Valley)	А				
TOTAL PRESENT	1				
TOTAL EXCUSED	0				
TOTAL ABSENT	4				

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS (Ministers of another denomination or another presbytery who serve the Presbytery of Geneva in roles other than pastor of a particular church. **VOICE, NOT VOTE**)

Name	Jan 28	Mar 28	May 20	Sept 26	Nov 18
The Rev. Val Fowler, Stated Clerk (Presbytery of Genesee Valley)	Ρ				
TOTAL PRESENT	1				
TOTAL EXCUSED	0				

COMMISSIONERS FROM CHURCHES

Church Name	Jan 30	Mar 15	May 21	Sept 27	Nov 12
Addison, Addison	A				
Almond Union	A				
Andover, First	A				
Arkport, First	A				
Atlanta, Atlanta	A				
Bath, First	Kathleen Swan				
Benton, Bellona	Jan Newby				
Big Flats, First	A				
Burdett, Burdett	A				
Canandaigua, United	A				
Canisteo, Canisteo	Barbara Stephens				
Cohocton, First	A				
Corning, First	A				
Dundee, First	Priscilla Andrews				
Elmira, First	Gregory Lamb				
Elmira, Lake Street	A				
Elmira, North	Jeff Richards				
Elmira, Westminster	A				
Fayette, W. Fayette	A				
Geneva (1)	Bette J. Schubert				
Geneva (2)	Edwin Fisk				
Hammondsport, First	A				
Hector, First	A				
Hornell, United	Lisa Sanford				
Horseheads, First	Jim Zearfoss				
Howard, Howard Union	A				
Huron, Huron	Linda Hayes				
Ithaca, First	A				

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ADDITIONAL

Jasper, Jasper		4		
Junius, Junius	Ex			
Lodi, Lodi	Steve Frost			
Lyons, First		4		
Marion, United		4		
Moreland, Moreland		4		
Naples, Trinity Fed.	Don Braun			
Newark, Park	Paul Salisbury			
Oaks Corners		4		
Ontario, First		4		
Ovid Federated	Roberta Morris			
Painted Post, United		4		
Palmyra, East		4		
Palmyra				
Palmyra, Western		4		
Penn Yan, First		4		
Phelps, United	Nan Clark			
Prattsburg, First		4		
Pulteney, First		4		
Red Creek	Ginny Kachurak			
Rock Stream		4		
Romulus		4		
Seneca Falls, First		4		
Seneca, Seneca #9		4		
Shortsville, First		4		
Sodus, First United		4		
Spencer, Christ the King Fellowship	,	٩		
Trumansburg, First of	Kristin Alling			
Ulysses				
Waterloo, First		4		
Watkins Glen, First		4		
Weston, Weston	Vera Dykes			
Williamson		4		
Wolcott	Carol Merrell			
TOTAL PRESENT	20			
TOTAL EXCUSED	1			
TOTAL ABSENT	3	9		

ELDER COMMISSIONERS

(Appointed by presbytery to correct elder-clergy imbalance)

Mar 28 Sept 26 Name Church Relationship Jan 28 May 20 Nov 18 222nd GA Anderson, Rob Penn Yan Ex Commisioner Andrews, Priscilla Ρ Elmira, Lake COM Baker, Phoebe Nominating Chair Ρ Beals, Steven West Fayette CRE А Braun, Joann Naples, Fed Vice-Moderator Ρ SNE Min. & Mission Champlin, Virginia Geneva Ex Synod Colvin, Donna Ovid А Commissioner Presbytery Erb, Milt А Treasurer Evans, Richard Burdett CRE Α CRE / CPM Chair Gingerich, John Ρ Novack, Joy Romulus CRE Ρ Peek, Donald Canisteo CRE Ρ Reynolds, Ellen Geneva General Council Ρ Richmond, Lucille Red Creek CRE А Schied, Dick Weston CRE / Moderator Ex Werts, Linda P.W Representative Еx TOTAL 7 PRESENT TOTAL 4 EXCUSED

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TOTAL ABSENT

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CORRESPONDING MEMBERS ENROLLED FOR THIS MEETING

Name	Presbytery / Agency
None	

REGISTERED Guests (current meeting)

Includes CREs not serving churches

Mark Stover	Arkport
Darla Kennell	Arkport
Richard Kennell	Arkport
Bruce Incze	Arkport (Candidate for Ordination & Installation)
Diane Incze	Arkport
Dianne Jones	Arkport
Bob Jones	Arkport
Bret J. Flint	Arkport
Kelly D. Flint	Arkport
Felicia D. Flint	Arkport
Laurie Whiteman	Arkport
Michael Whiteman	Arkport
Carleen Frosts	Red Creek
Rosanna Bates	Pulteney
Kathleen R. Johnson	Bath
Linda Kataskas	United Church of Phelps
Mary Tennies	Dundee

SUMMARIES FOR EACH MEETING	Jan 28	Mar 28	May 20	Sept 26	Nov 18
Total Minister Commissioners Present*	21				
Total Elder Commissioners Present	27				
Parity (expressed in terms of Elders, + or -)	+ 6				
Total Minister Commissioners Absent, Unexcused**	22				
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders***	39				
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders and Pastors	29				
Total Registered Visitors	17				
Total Registered Attendance****	66				

* Includes Corresponding Members with voice and vote. Does not include Corresponding Members, with voice, not vote. Includes Validated, At-large, and Honorably Retired ** Does not include Corresponding Members with voice only; and Honorably Retired Ministers

*** Includes churches marked "excused" ; does **not** include Additional Elder Commissioners, as they are not elected by sessions. **** Includes Corresponding Members without vote

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

(Approval of Docket)

The presbytery VOT	ED to approve the docket for the meeting:
9:00 a.m. Registratio	
9:30 a.m. Call to ord	er / convening with prayer (Richard Schied, Moderator)
Decla	aration of a Quorum
Enrol	Iment of Corresponding Members
Welc	ome of New Elder Commissioners
Appro	oval of the Docket
Welc	ome from Bellona Memorial (the Rev. Amy Loving Austin, Pastor)
Арро	intment of author(s) of resolution of thanks
Anno	uncements & Share Time
9:50 a.m. Repo	ort of the Stated Clerk
	 Approval of Minutes: Stated Meeting, November 12, 2016
10:00 a.m. Wors	hip (Including Installation of Moderator and Vice-Moderator; service of communion)

- Moderator Elder Joann Braun

	 Vice-Moderator the Rev. Nancy Meehan Yao
10:45 a.m.	Report of Presbytery Nominating Committee (Phoebe Baker, Chair)
10:50 a.m.	Committee on Ministry (A. J. Tierson & Ellen Donnan, co-chairs)
	Examination of Candidate for Ordination and Installation
11:30 a.m.	Resolution of Thanks
11:35 a.m.	Adjourn with prayer (JoAnn Braun, Moderator)

(Enrollment of Corresponding Members)

The presbytery VOTED to enroll the following persons as Corresponding Members: *None were present.*

(Welcome of New Elder Commissioners)

The presbytery welcomed new and first-time elder commissioners from the following congregations: *Red Creek Geneva*

(Welcome to the Presbytery)

Amy Loving Austin, Pastor, welcomed the presbytery on behalf of Bellona Memorial Presbyterian Church.

(Resolution of Thanks)

The Moderator appointed Nancy Meehan Yao to prepare a *Resolution of Thanks*, to be presented at the end of the meeting.

(Announcements & Sharing)

Since the January stated meeting includes only necessary business, opportunity was given for persons to provide announcements for the presbytery, and sharing.

STATED CLERK REPORT

Stated Clerk Action Items

The stated clerk moves that the presbytery:

(Privilege of Voice)

1. Grant privilege of voice to non-commissioners who will be making or participating in reports to the presbytery.

(Minutes, November 12, 2016)

2. **Approve** the Minutes of the November 12, 2016 stated meeting of the Presbytery of Geneva, held at First Presbyterian Church, Corning, NY

(Annual Statistical Reports)

3. The stated clerk reminded the presbytery that the deadline for submitting Annual Statistical reports is February 13, 2017. He stressed that the report does not require congregational approval, so there is no need to wait for a congregational meeting before submitting the report.

Items for Presbytery's Information

Stated Clerk Information Items

(Ordination Anniversaries)

A. The following are the significant ordination anniversaries of ministers that will occur this year (listed in 5-year increments):

10 years (2006)

The Rev. Kirk Baker (March 12, 2006 – Presbytery of Geneva)

15 years (2001)

The Rev. Jeffrey Ugoretz (July 8, 2001 – Presbytery of West Jersey) The Rev. Karl Warrington (January 29, 2001 – Elizabeth) The Rev. Jane Winters (August 19, 2001 – Susquehanna Valley)

20 years (1996)

The Rev. Cynthia Huling Hummel (August 25, 1996 – Presbytery of Elizabeth)

30 years (1986)

The Rev. Susan Otterbacher (September 14, 1986 – Presbytery of Great Rivers)

35 years (1981)

The Rev. Beverly Karr-Lyon (July 19, 1981 – Presbytery of Geneva) The Rev. Jim Kerr (August 39, 1981– Presbytery of The Western Reserve)

40 years (1976)

The Rev. David Barnard (July 11, 1976– Presbytery of Geneva)

50 years (1966)

The Rev. Jim Hicks (July 29, 1966 – Presbytery of The Western Reserve)

Over 50 years

The Rev. Sam Edwards (**51 years**, May 23, 1965 – Presbytery of Central Washington) The Rev. Gilmore Creelman (**53 years**, June 18, 1963 – Presbytery of Mahoning) The Rev. John Valk (**55 years**, October 15, 1961 – Presbytery of Newark) The Rev. John Elder (**56 years**, May 20, 1960 – Presbytery of Northern New England) The Rev. Herb Tennies (**57 years**, May 14, 1959) The Rev. Dean Bembower (**64 years**, June 15, 1952 – Presbytery of Boston) The Rev. Fred Coffman (**66 years**, July 1, 1950 – Presbytery of Philadelphia) The Rev. Fred Magley (**68 years**, October 13, 1948 – Presbytery of Newark)

WORSHIP

The service of the Lord's Supper was led by Amy Loving Austin, and music was provided by the choir of Bellona Memorial. Amy Loving Austin served as celebrant. Communion was served by Nancy Meehan Yao, Joann Braun, Dick Schied, and Amy Loving Austin.

Worship included the installation of Moderator Joann Braun and Vice-Moderator Nancy Meehan Yao. The installation was led by outgoing Moderator Dick Schied.

Ellen Reynolds, Paul Salisbury, Joann Braun, and Gail Heimberger read the 2016 Necrology. [See **Appendix A**]

PRESBYTERY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elder Phoebe Baker, Chair, presented the report of the Presbytery Nominating Committee.

The presbytery VOTED to elect the followoing persons: Vice Chair of General Council: Elder John Gingerich, CRE

Vice Moderator of Presbytery: the Rev. Nancy Meehan Yao

Members of the Presbytery Nominating Committee [Nominated by the General Council]:

Elder Larry Bates – Class of 2019 (returning for a second term)

The Rev. Paul Malles – Class of 2019 Elder Linda Kataskas – Class of 2019

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Ellen Donnan and A. J. Tierson presented the report of the Committee on Ministry. They presented Bruce Imre Incze, a candidate for ordination and installation, who briefly introduced himself to the presbytery. In describing his sense of call, he offered a wonderful turn of phrase: "I came to realize that I am *unworthy* but not *disqualified.*"

(Examination for Ordination and Membership)

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The presbytery proceeded to examine Bruce Incze for ordination and for membership in the Presbytery of Geneva. Upon motion and approval to arrest the examination, Mr. Incze was excused from the sanctuary as the presbytery discussed the examination.

The presbytery VOTED to:

- 1. Sustain the examination, and approve his ordination on February 12, 2017.
- 2. Receive Bruce Imre Incze as a member of the Presbytery of Geneva, upon his ordination.

The presbytery welcomed Mr. Incze back to the sanctuary and celebrated the examination.

The presbytery VOTED to:

(Arkport / Bruce Imre Incze)

1. **Approve** the call of the First Presbyterian Church, Arkport, NY as Pastor, effective February 12, 2017 (upon his ordination) at the following terms of call:

Cash Salary	\$32,500.00
Housing Allowance	17,500.00
Effective Salary	50,000.00
SECA (7.65% of eff. Salary) Medical Insurance (BCBS Fed)* IRA for retirement* Continuing Ed/Study Leave Book allowance Travel/Auto at IRS rate (\$0.535)	3,825.00 6,252.00 6,000.00 1,000.00 500.00

Paid Vacation: 4 weeks, no more than 4 Sundays Study Leave: 2 weeks, no more than 2 Sundays

* Bruce Incze is a retired Naval Officer. The Terms of Call preserve the benefits to which he is entitled through the Medical and retirement benefits of the U.S. Navy. For the purposes of the Board of Pensions PCUSA he will be listed as "Teaching Elder, Other."

Appoint the Rev. Bruce Imre Incze as moderator of the session of First Presbyterian Church, Arkport, NY
effective February 12, 2017.

(Administrative Commission to Ordain & Install / Bruce Imre Incze)

3. **Appoint** the following Administrative Commission to Ordain and Install the Rev. Bruce Imre Incze as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Arkport, NY on Sunday February 12, 2017 at 4:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary of the Arkport Church:

The presbytery moderator, Joann Braun (Naples) or her designee The Rev. Katherine Griffis (Hornell) The Rev. Stanley Bhasker (Bath) Elder Lorraine Glidden (Arkport) Elder James Varner (Hornell) Elder Richard Bauer (Horseheads)

- 4. **Authorize** the moderator or her designee to make changes in the Administrative Commission, as necessary and appropriate.
- 5. **Dismiss** the Administrative Commission to Ordain & Install upon the conclusion of the Service of Ordination and Installation.

Ellen Donnan led the presbytery in prayer for Bruce, for the Arkport congregation, and the Presbytery of Geneva.

(Romulus / Request for Presbytery Approval)

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Nancy Meehan Yao, Committee on Ministry Liaison to the Romulus Presbyterian Church, introduced the report regarding the Romulus congregation, and their desire to proceed with sale of their building and property.

Nancy introduced Elder Joy Novack, CRE who has been serving the Romulus congregation. Joy shared a brief history of the Romulus Presbyterian Church—a history which goes back to 1796. Joy noted that the congregation has now reached the point where they can no longer effectively maintain the building, but they do want to continue as a congregation. The congregation met on January 15, 2017 to act on the recommendation of the session that the congregation proceed to sell the building and property and to rent worship space at a place to be determined. The congregation was moderated by the Rev. Nancy Meehan Yao and the congregation voted 5-1 to approve the session's recommendation.

Opportunity was given to the presbytery for discussion and questions.

The presbytery VOTED to **authorize** the congregation of the Romulus Presbyterian Church to proceed with the process of the sale of the building and property and to secure an alternative place of worship. [NOTE: Two options for future worship location are (1) the local fire hall, and (2) the West Fayette Church.]

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Nancy Meehan Yao presented the Resolution of Thanks:

We give thanks for the saints of Bellona Memorial Presbyterian Church and Seneca #9 Presbyterian Church, who provided warm hospitality, even warmer coffee, and inspiring worship. Thanks to all who baked, brewed, salted, shoveled, and welcomed.

CLOSING

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

Attest: Val Fowler, Stated Clerk

Next Meeting of the Presbytery: Tuesday March 28, 2017 ~ United Church of Phelps, NY

APPENDIX A

2016 Necrology, read during worship

Pastor

Dean Bembower Zane Bollinger Hugh Outterson

<u>Elder</u>

Joan Albern David Beckhorn Rose Mary Brace Dr. Donald Brooks, Jr. Evelyn Bumstead Harlan Bumsted Mary Bushart Doglas M. C hased Richard Cook Robert John Cornwell Marie Curran Church Ithaca Hector Painted Post Elmira, North Ithaca Ithaca Sodus Bath Geneva Phelps Palmyra, Western

Katrine (Kate) Taillie Danforth **Elsie DeMeyers** Esther Enright Janet Eygnor Walter J. Faber Lawrence Fox Ron Fulle Joan Garrison Mary Gordon Cheryl A. Green Gail Hansen Warren L. Hickman Marilyn Howe Ethel Mae Johnson Anne Knight Bruce LeClaire Lauren Lodge **Dorothy Lorenz** David Lyons Harold (Pete) Merrell Lydia Middaugh Jeanette Monterville Gary Montgomery Harlan Mullen Jeffrey Newcomb James Patzos Kenneth R. Pearsall **Cynthia Peterson** Mylie M. Pfitzenmaier Paul Plummer Paul Richardson June Rosser Janice Scriven Myron (Mike) Smith William (Bill) Tryon Ronald E. Varnum Ina Wakefield Lucile Walbridge Frances Webb Carol Wheeler Elizabeth (Betty) Kaiser Wheeler David Wickham Elizabeth (Tish) Wilson Raymond F. Wilson Phebe Wright Leonard Yaudes

Corning Newark, Park Elmira, Lake Street Huron Pulteney Lyons Canandaigua Spencer Ithaca Hornell Bellona Trumansburg Elmira, North Palmyra, Western Lodi Penn Yan Watkins Glen Seneca Falls Palmyra, Western Wolcott **Big Flats** Seneca Falls Penn Yan Almond Geneva Waterloo Addison Elmira, Lake Street Canisteo Seneca Falls Seneca Falls Ontario Center Elmira, Lake Street Painted Post Elmira. First Elmira, North Hammondsport Hammondsport Seneca Falls Junius Corning Hector Elmira, North Elmira, North Seneca Falls Elmira, First

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