

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT**  
**May 20, 2017**  
**North Presbyterian Church, Elmira, NY**

The following items are from the April 4, 2017 and May 2, 2017 meetings of the Committee.

**ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY'S ACTION**

The Committee VOTED to request that the presbytery:

**(Romulus Administrative Commission)**

1. **Elect** Elder Kermit Bossard (Spencer) to the Administrative Commission for the Romulus Presbyterian Church.  
[NOTE: Elder Bossard serves as the COM liaison with the Romulus church.]

**ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY'S INFORMATION**

The Committee on Ministry VOTED to:

**(Horseheads / Mission Study)**

1. **Approve** the Mission Study of the First Presbyterian Church, Horseheads, NY.
2. **Grant permission** for the congregation to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee.

**(Park, Newark / Ministry Information Form)**

3. **Approve** the Ministry Information Form for Park Presbyterian Church, Newark, NT and **authorize** submission of the Form to Church Leadership Connection.

**(Hammondsport / Elder Dick Schied, CRE)**

4. **Grant** a temporary waiver of presbytery policy to allow the service of Elder Dick Schied, CRE as "Stated Pulpit Supply" for First Presbyterian Church, Hammondsport, NY, for a period of 8 months. During 6 months of that time, the church will develop a Ministry Information Form to facilitate the search for a half-time Pastor.

[NOTE: Elder Dick Schied, CRE was previously commissioned to the Pulpit Supply List, with authorization to serve communion at the invitation of a session.]

**(Watkins Glen / the Rev. Cindy Weaver)**

5. **Approve** the Temporary Supply Covenant (1/4 time) between the session of First Presbyterian Church, Watkins Glen, NY and the Rev. Cindy Weaver, for one year effective April 5, 2017 at the following terms:

Cash Salary	7,195.00
Housing Allowance	4,262.00
SECA offset	931.54
Pension	1,339.47

Mileage at the current IRS rate

Vacation & Study leave per presbytery guidelines for ¼ time.

The Committee noted that the Pastor Nominating Committee is active, and is seeking a call for a full-time Pastor.

**(Liaison Assignments -- Revisions)**

6. (Action in March) **Approve** the following liaison assignments for the congregations assigned to the Rev. Nancy Meehan Yao:

Lyons – Ellen Donnan  
Geneva – Rob Mellgard  
Phelps – Ellen Donnan  
Romulus – Kermit Bossard  
Oaks Corners – A.J. Tierson

7. (Action in April) **Appoint** the Rev. Jim Kerr as COM Liaison to the following churches:

Lyons  
Geneva  
Phelps  
Oaks Corners

The revised Liaison Assignments list is **Attachment A**.

**(Exit Interviews)**

- 8. **Receive** the Exit Interview with the Rev. Nancy Meehan Yao (Interim Pastor, Watkins Glen) conducted by the Rev. Jim Hicks, COM liaison.

**(Emergency Assistance for Clergy)**

- 9. The Transitional Leader reported that she had received from one of our clergy members a request for assistance, for unanticipated health-related expenses. In the past, there was an "Executive Discretionary Fund" but that fund no longer exists, and there are no resources for such assistance.

The Board of Pensions does have an Assistance Program, but that program is designed to provide matching funds from the presbytery. A few Committee members shared the assistance practices of neighboring presbyteries.

Stanley Bhasker agreed to work with the Transitional Leader to develop a proposal for an Assistance Program, to be presented to the COM in June.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Liaison Assignments** Revised April 4, 2017

**Kirk Allen:**

Addison  
Big Flats  
Jasper  
Painted Post  
Westminster, Elmira

**Priscilla Andrews:**

Bath  
Hammondsport  
Penn Yan  
Pulteney  
Rock Stream,  
Weston

**Stanley Bhasker:**

Corning  
Corning Chinese Christian Church  
Cohocton  
Hornell

**Kerm Bossard:**

Burdette  
Hector  
Lodi  
Romulus  
Trumansburg

**Ellen Donnan:**

Newark  
Red Creek

**Bill Fox:**

Canandaigua  
Huron  
Ontario Center  
Sodus  
Wolcott

**Jim Kerr:**

Lyons  
Geneva  
Oaks Corners  
Phelps

**Jim Hicks:**

Ithaca  
Ovid  
Watkins Glen

**Rob Mellgard:**

Bellona  
Seneca Falls,  
Seneca #9  
Waterloo,  
West Fayette

**Carol Merrell:**

East Palmyra  
Junius  
Marion  
Shortsville

**AJ Tierson:**

Palmyra Western

**Dick Schied:**

Atlanta  
Dundee  
Moreland  
Naples  
Prattsburgh

**Jim Varner:**

Almond  
Andover  
Arkport  
Canistota  
Howard Union

**Jane Winters:**

Elmira North  
Elmira Lake Street & Fusion on Fire  
Elmira First  
Horseheads  
Spencer