

**PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA
SPECIAL MEETING**

**PRESBYTERY OFFICE, PENN YAN, NY
AUGUST 1, 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 Special Meeting on Tuesday September 1, 2017 at the Presbytery Office, Penn Yan, New York.

CONVENING

Elder Joann Braun, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., a quorum being present.

The Moderator offered the opening prayer. The purpose of the meeting was to:

Examine the Rev. Cara Sutton Milne for membership in the Presbytery of Geneva and if the way be clear enroll her as a member of the Presbytery of Geneva;;

and

Approve the call to the Rev. Cara Sutton Milne as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Watkins Glen, New York;

and

Approve the transfer of membership of the Rev. Jim Yao to the Presbytery of Shenandoah.

ROLL

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

Name	Jan 28	Mar 28	May 20	June 6	Aug 1	Sept 26	Nov 18
Austin, Amy Loving – Bellona Memorial Seneca, Seneca #9	P	P	Ex				
Baker, Kirk – Newark, Park (Transitional Pastor)	A	P	Ex	P			
Bhasker, Stanley – Bath, Bath	Ex	Ex	P	P			
Crimmins, Betsey – Elmira, First	Ex	P	P	Ex			
Delhagen, Kyle – Palmyra, Western (RCA, Formula of Agreement)	A	P	A				
Donnan, Ellen – Dundee, First / Junius, Junius	P	Ex	P	P			
Frigard, Beth – Big Flats (Interim)	A	A	P	Ex			
Griffis, Katherine – Hornell, United	P	P	P	Ex			
Grohman, Deb – Ontario, Ontario	Ex	P	Ex				
Heimberger, Gail – Sodus, First United	P	P	Ex				
Incze, Bruce Imre – Arkport		P	P	Ex			
Kennedy, Glen – Painted Post, United (Stated Supply)	P	A	Ex				
Kerr, James – Canandaigua, United	A	P	A				
Lester, Donald – Howard, Union*	A	A	A				
Lind-Schmitz, Deborah – Geneva, First	P	P	P				
McDonald, John – Ithaca, First	A	P	P	P			
Malles, Paul – Penn Yan, First	P	P	Ex				
Marr, Peter – Addison, Addison (Stated Supply)*	A	A	A				
Mellgard, Rob – Ovid Federated	P	P	P				
Ntuala, Leah – Seneca Falls, First	A	P	Ex				
O'Leary, Lucinda – Rock Stream (Stated Supply)*	Ex	A	P	P			
Peeples, Cheryl – Trumansburg, First Ulysses	P	P	P				
Preisendanz, David – Elmira, North	A	P	P	Ex			
Riehl, Kirianne Weaver – Ithaca, First	P	P	A	P			
Roth, Russ – Huron, Huron	Ex	P	P				
Tierson, A.J. – Phelps, United Shortsville, Shortsville (Stated Supply)	P	P	Ex	P			
Ugoretz, Jeffrey – Corning, First	A	Ex	P	Ex			
West, Sarah – Waterloo, First (Temporary Supply)*	P	P	P				
Winters, Jane – Elmira, Westminster (Temp. Supply)	A	P	P	P			
Yao, James – Lodi, Lodi Hector, Hector (Co-Pastor)	Ex	P	P	P			

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Yao, Nancy Meehan – <i>Hector, Hector (Co-Pastor) Hammondsport, First (Stated Supply)</i>	P	P	Transfer 04/10				
TOTAL PRESENT	13	23	17	9			
TOTAL EXCUSED	6	3	8	6			
TOTAL ABSENT	11	5	5				

MINISTERS IN VALIDATED MINISTRIES / MINISTERS AT-LARGE

(V = Validated ~ AL = At-large)

Name	Jan 28	Mar 28	May 21	June 6	Aug 1	Sept 26	Nov 18
Ashby, David (V) <i>Interim Pastor, Honeoye Falls, NY</i>	P	P	P				
Campbell, Anne (AL)	A	A	A				
Delhagen, Harold (V) <i>Synod Executive, Synod of the Northeast</i>	A	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Duncan, Russell (V) <i>United Church of Salem, Salem, VT (UCC)</i>	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Fitzgerald, Janice (V) <i>Robinson Memorial PC, Syracuse, NY</i>	P	P	P				
Haines, Todd (AL)	A	A	A				
Huling Hummell, Cynthia (AL)	A	Ex	P				
McCollister, Dan (AL)	A	A	A				
Roth, Marjorie (V) <i>Chaplain, Friendly Home, Rochester, NY</i>	A	A	Ex				
Wareham, J. Christy (AL)	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Warrington, Karl (AL)	A	A	A				
Weaver, Cindy (AL)	P	P	Ex	P			
TOTAL PRESENT	3	3	3	1			
TOTAL EXCUSED	2	4	5	3			
TOTAL ABSENT	7	5	4				

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	June 6	Aug 1	Sept 26	Nov 18
Barnard, David	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Bartel, Joanne	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Bidelspacher, Nancy Torpey	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Coffman, Fred	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Courtney, Philip	Ex	P	Ex	Ex			
Creelman, Gilmore	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Crego, Peter	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Edwards, Sam	Ex	P	Ex	Ex			
Elder, John	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Farrell, Nancy	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Flaherty, Scott	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Gerling, Jim	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Gould, John	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Hicks, James	Ex	Ex	Ex	P			
Hood, Kenneth	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Husted, Susan	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Johnson, Timothy	P	P	P	Ex			
Karr-Lyon, Beverly	P	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Kellam, Jeffrey	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Kilgore, David	P	P	P	Ex			
Knight, Jonathan	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Magley, Fred	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Meiser, Jr., Edward	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Montgomery, Tom	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Murray, Virginia	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Newman, James	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Otterbacher, Suzanne	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			

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Price, Richard	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Rochelle, Robert	Ex	P	Ex	Ex			
Teller, Gailey	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Tennies, Herb	P	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Tyrrell, Jamie-- <i>Interim, Atlanta</i>	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Valk, John	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex			
TOTAL PRESENT	4	5	2	1			

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	June 6	Aug 1	Sept 26	Nov 18
Badger Becker, Elder Linda (<i>Transitional Leader / Presbytery of Genesee Valley</i>)			P	P			
Elfond, the Rev. Cheryl Ann (<i>Elmira, North / Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley</i>)	A	A	A	A			
Lostetter, the Rev. Robin (<i>Palmyra, Western / Presbytery of Pittsburgh</i>)	A	A	Ex	A			
Shevlin, the Rev. Linda (<i>Naples, Trinity Federated / United Methodist Church</i>)	A	A					
Slater, Sabrina (pending ordination) (<i>Christ the King Fellowship Presbyterian Church, Spencer, NY</i>)					P		
Stuber, the Rev. Walter (<i>Wolcott / Presbytery of Genesee Valley</i>)	A	P	A	A			
TOTAL PRESENT	1	2	1	1	1		
TOTAL EXCUSED	0	0	1	0			
TOTAL ABSENT	4	3	2	3			

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	June 6	Aug 1	Sept 26	Nov 18
The Rev. Val Fowler, Stated Clerk (<i>Presbytery of Genesee Valley</i>)	P	P	P	P	P		
Juhara (Jay) Shazer (<i>Lake Street / Fusion on Fire</i>)	A	A	P	A			
TOTAL PRESENT	1	1	1	1	1		
TOTAL EXCUSED	0	0	0	0			

COMMISSIONERS FROM CHURCHES

Church Name	Jan 30	Mar 15	May 21	June 6	Aug 1	Sept 26	Nov 18
Addison, Addison	A	A	A				
Almond Union	A	P	A				
Andover, First	A	A	A				
Arkport, First	A	P	P				
Atlanta, Atlanta	A	P	A				
Bath, First	P	A	P				
Benton, Bellona	P	A	A				
Big Flats, First	A	A	P				
Burdett, Burdett	A	A	A				
Canandaigua, United	A	A	A				
Canisteo, Canisteo	P	P	A				
Cohocton, First	A	A	A				
Corning, First	A	A	A				
Dundee, First	P	A	P	P	P		
Elmira, First	P	P	A				
Elmira, Lake Street	A	A	P				
Elmira, North	P	P	P				

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Elmira, Westminster	A	A	A				
Fayette, W. Fayette	A	A	A				
Geneva (1)	P	P	P	P			
Geneva (2)	P	P	P				
Hammondsport, First	A	A	A				
Hector, First	A	A	A		P		
Hornell, United	P	P	P				
Horseheads, First	P	A	A				
Howard Union	A	A	A				
Huron, Huron	P	P	P				
Ithaca, First	A	A	P				
Jasper, Jasper	A	A	A				
Junius, Junius	Ex	P	A				
Lodi, Lodi	P	P	P				
Lyons, First	A	P	A				
Marion, United	A	A	P				
Moreland, Moreland	A	A	A				
Naples, Trinity Fed.	P	P	P				
Newark, Park	P	P	A				
Oaks Corners	A	A	A				
Ontario, First	A	A	A				
Ovid Federated	P	P	P				
Painted Post, United	A	A	A				
Palmyra, East Palmyra	A	A	A				
Palmyra, Western	A	P	P				
Penn Yan, First	A	P	Ex				
Phelps, United	P	A	P	P			
Prattsburg, First	A	A	A				
Pulteney, First	A	A	A	P	P		
Red Creek	P	P	A				
Rock Stream	A	P	P	P			
Romulus	A	A	A				
Seneca Falls, First	A	A	A				
Seneca, Seneca #9	A	A	A				
Shortsville, First	A	A	A				
Sodus, First United	A	P	A				
Spencer, Christ the King Fellowship	A	P	P	P	P		
Trumansburg, First of Ulysses	P	P	P				
Waterloo, First	A	P	P				
Watkins Glen, First	A	A	A		P		
Weston, Weston	P	A					
Williamson	A	A	A				
Wolcott	P	P	A				
TOTAL PRESENT	20	25	22	6	5		
TOTAL EXCUSED	1	0	1				
TOTAL ABSENT	39	36	37				

ADDITIONAL ELDER COMMISSIONERS

(Appointed by presbytery to correct elder-clergy imbalance)

Name	Church	Relationship	Jan 28	Mar 28	May 20	June 6	Aug 1	Sept 26	Nov 18
Anderson, Rob	Penn Yan	222 nd GA Commissioner	Ex	P	P				
Baker, Phoebe		Nominating Chair	P	P	P		P		
Beals, Steven	West Fayette	CRE	A	P	A				
Braun, Joann	Naples, Fed	Moderator	P	P	P	P	P		
Champlin, Virginia	Geneva	SNE Min. & Mission	Ex	P	P	P			
Colvin, Donna	Ovid	Synod Commissioner	A	A	A	P	P		
Erb, Milt		Presbytery	A	A	A				

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		Treasurer							
Evans, Richard	Burdett	CRE	A	A	A				
Frost, Carleen		CRE	Ex	P	A				
Gingerich, John	Wolcott	CRE / CPM Chair	P	P	P	P			
Novack, Joy	Romulus	CRE	P	Ex	A				
Peek, Donald	Canisteo	CRE	P	A	A				
Reynolds, Ellen	Geneva	General Council	P	P	P	P	P		
Richmond, Lucille	Red Creek	CRE	A	A	A				
Schied, Dick	Weston	CRE / Moderator	Ex	P	P	P	P		
Werts, Linda		P.W Representative	Ex	P	Ex	Ex			
TOTAL PRESENT			7	10	9	6	5		
TOTAL EXCUSED			5	1	1	1			
TOTAL ABSENT			5	6	8	9			

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS ENROLLED FOR THIS MEETING

Name	Presbytery / Agency
The Rev. Cara Sutton Milne	Presbytery of Central florida

REGISTERED Guests (current meeting)

Includes CREs not serving churches

John King	Watkins Glen – PNC
Ann Centerelli	Watkins Glen – PNC
Harriet Farrell	Watkins Glen – PNC
Dannie Brown	Watkins Glen – PNC

SUMMARIES FOR EACH MEETING	Jan 28	Mar 28	May 20	June 6	Aug 1	Sept 26	Nov 18
Total Minister Commissioners Present*	21	33	22	11	11		
Total Elder Commissioners Present	27	35	31	12	10		
Parity (expressed in terms of Elders, + or -)	+ 6	+2	+9	+1	-1		
Total Minister Commissioners Absent, Unexcused**	22	13	13				
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders***	39	35	37				
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders and Pastors	29	22	32				
Total Registered Visitors	17	3	3	1	4		
Total Registered Attendance****	66	71	56	24	25		

* 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 VOTED to approve the agenda for the meeting, as stated in the purpose noted above.

(Welcomes)

The presbytery welcomed the Rev. Cara Sutton Milne and members of First Presbyterian Church, Watkins Glen, NY.

(Enrollment of Corresponding Members)

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The presbytery VOTED to enroll the Rev. Cara Sutton Milne (the Presbytery of Central Florida) as a Corresponding Member of the Presbytery of Geneva.

(Privilege of Voice)

The presbytery voted to grant privilege of voice to non-commissioners who will be making or participating in reports to the presbytery.

EXAMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

(Examination for Ordination and membership)

Members of the Watkins Glen Pastor Nominating Committee described their work since September 2016. Beginning in January 2017 they reviewed Personal Information forms. Cara Sutton Milne remained at the top of the list throughout the process. A Neutral Pulpit experience was held in May at First Presbyterian Church, Horseheads, NY. The nomination to the congregation by the PNC was unanimous, as was the vote of the congregation. The call will be effective August 18, 2017; Cara's first Sunday in the pulpit will be August 27, 2017.

The presbytery proceeded with the examination for membership, having previously received from Cara Milne her Biography and her Statement of Faith.

The presbytery VOTED to:

1. **Sustain** the examination.
2. **Request** transfer of membership from the presbytery of Central Florida; and **authorize** the stated clerk to communicate the results of the examination to the stated clerk of the Presbytery of Central Florida.
3. **Receive** the Rev. Cara Sutton Milne as member of the Presbytery of Geneva.

(Approval of Call)

The presbytery VOTED to:

1. **Approve** the call of First Presbyterian Church, Watkins Glen, NY to the Rev. Cara Sutton Milne as Pastor (full-time), effective August 18, 2017, at the following terms:

Cash Salary	37,659.00
Housing (fair value of Manse)	12,000.00
Total Effective Salary	49,659.00

SECA Offset	3,798.00
Travel	IRS @ 0.54 / mile
Professional expense	500.00
Study Leave (cumulative up to 3 years)	1,000.00

Vacation: 31 days including 4 Sundays
Study Leave: 2 weeks including 2 Sundays

Reasonable moving expenses

The call fulfills presbytery / denominational AA/EEO requirements.

2. **Enroll** the Rev. Cara Sutton Milne as a member of the Presbytery of Geneva, effective August 18, 2017.
3. **Appoint** the Rev. Cara Sutton Milne as moderator of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Watkins Glen, NY, effective August 18, 2017].

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

The presbytery VOTED to:

Approve transfer of membership of the Rev. Jim Yao from the Presbytery of Geneva to the Presbytery of Shenandoah, effective August 1, 2017; and **direct** the stated clerk to process the transfer.

CLOSING

The presbytery VOTED to close the meeting. Ellen Donnan offered the closing prayer.

Attest: Val Fowler, Stated Clerk

Next meeting of the presbytery: Stated Meeting, September 26, 2017 at Waterloo.