

**PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**PRESBYTERY OFFICES, PENN YAN, NY  
August 2, 2016**

**Special Meeting ~ Presbytery of Geneva  
Tuesday August 2, 2016  
Presbytery Office, Penn Yan, New York**

*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 August 8, 2016 at the Presbytery Office in Penn Yan, New York. The purpose of the meeting was to:

*Act on the request of the Ovid Federated Church, Ovid, NY to call the Rev. Rob Mellgard (a minister member of the Presbytery of Huntingdon) as Pastor, effective August 3, 2016.*

**CONVENING**

Elder Dick Schied CRE, moderator, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., a quorum being present. The Moderator offered the opening prayer.

**ROLL**

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

Name	Jan 30	Mar 15	May 21	Aug 2	Sept 27	Nov 12
Austin, Amy Loving – Bellona Memorial Seneca, Seneca #9	P	P	Ex			
Baker, Kirk – Newark, Park (Transitional Pastor)	P	P	P			
Bhasker, Stanley – Bath, Bath	P	P	A	P		
Crimmins, Betsey – Elmira, First	P	P	Ex			
Donnan, Ellen – Dundee, First / Junius, Junius	P	P	P	P		
Duncan, Russell – Lyons, First	Ex	P	A	P		
Griffis, Katherine – Hornell, United	P	Ex	P			
Grohman, Deb – Ontario, Ontario	P	A	A			
Heimberger, Gail – Sodus, First United	P	P	P			
Kennedy, Glen – Painted Post, United (Stated Supply)	P	P	A			
Kerr, James - Canandaigua, United	Ex	P	Ex			
Knight, Jonathan – Horseheads, First	A	P	<b>Honorably</b>		<b>Retired</b>	
Lester, Donald – Howard, Union*	A	A	A			
Lind-Schmitz, Deborah – Geneva, First	P	P	Ex			
McDonald, John – Ithaca, First	P	P	A			
Malles, Paul – Penn Yan, First	Ex	P	P			
Marr, Peter – Addison, Addison (Stated Supply)*	A	A	A			
Mellgard, Rob – Ovid Federated						
Ntuala, Leah – Seneca Falls, First	P	P	A			
O'Leary, Lucinda – Rock Stream (Stated Supply)*	P	P	Ex	P		
Peebles, Cheryl – Trumansburg, First Ulysses	Ex	P	P			
Price, Richard – Big Flats, Big Flats	P	P	<b>Honorably</b>		<b>Retired</b>	
Riehl, Kirianne Weaver – Ithaca, First	A	P	P			
Roth, Russ – Huron, Huron	P	P	P			
Smith, Paul – Marion, Marion*	A	A	A			
Tierson, A.J. – Phelps, United Shortsville, Shortsville (Stated Supply)	P	P	Ex	P		
Ugoretz, Jeffrey – Corning, First	P	A	A			
Weaver, Cindy (Ovid Federated)	<b>Ordained</b>	<b>04/24/16</b>	P	P		
West, Sarah – Waterloo, First (Temporary Supply)*	A	P	A			
Winters, Jane – Elmira, Westminster (Temp. Supply)	P	P	P	P		
Yao, James – Lodi, Lodi Hector, Hector (Co-Pastor)	P	Ex	P	P		
Yao, Nancy Meehan – Hector, Hector (Co-Pastor) Hammondsport, First (Stated Supply)	P	P	P	P		
<b>TOTAL PRESENT</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>		

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<b>TOTAL EXCUSED</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>			
<b>TOTAL ABSENT</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>			

**MINISTERS IN VALIDATED MINISTRIES / MINISTERS AT-LARGE**

(V = Validated ~ AL = At-large)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Jan 30</b>	<b>Mar 15</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b>Aug 2</b>	<b>Sept 27</b>	<b>Nov 12</b>
Ashby, David (V) <i>Interim Pastor, Honeoye Falls, NY</i>	Ex	Ex	P	Ex		
Campbell, Anne (AL)	A	A	A			
Delhagen, Harold (V) <i>Synod Executive, Synod of the Northeast</i>	A	Ex	A			
Fitzgerald, Janice (V) <i>Pultneyville, Reformed</i>	P	P	P	P		
Haines, Todd (AL)	A	A	A			
Huling Hummell, Cynthia (AL)	A	A	A			
McCollister, Dan (AL)	A	A	A			
Moore, Banu (AL)	A	Ex	Ex			
Moore, James (AL)	P	Ex	Ex			
Roth, Marjorie (V) <i>Chaplain, Friendly Home, Rochester, NY</i>	A	A	P			
Wareham, J. Christy (AL)	A	Ex	A			
Warrington, Karl (AL)	A	Ex	A			
Weaver, Cindy (AL)						
<b>TOTAL PRESENT</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>		
<b>TOTAL EXCUSED</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>			
<b>TOTAL ABSENT</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>			

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Jan 30</b>	<b>Mar 15</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b>Aug 2</b>	<b>Sept 27</b>	<b>Nov 12</b>
Barnard, David	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Bartel, Joanne	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Bembower, Dean	Ex	Ex	Deceased			
Bidelspacher, Nancy Torpey	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Bollinger, Zane	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Coffman, Fred	Ex	P	P			
Courtney, Philip			Ex			
Creelman, Gilmore	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Crego, Peter	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Edwards, Sam	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Elder, John	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Farrell, Nancy	Ex	Ex	P			
Flaherty, Scott	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Gerling, Jim	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Gould, John	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Hicks, James	Ex	P	Ex	P		
Hood, Kenneth	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Husted, Susan	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Johnson, Timothy	P	P	P			
Karr-Lyon, Beverly	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Kellam, Jeffrey	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Kilgore, David	P	P	P			
Knight, Jonathan			Ex			
Magley, Fred	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Meiser, Jr., Edward	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Montgomery, Tom	Ex	P	Ex			
Murray, Virginia	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Newman, James	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Otterbacher, Suzanne	Ex	Ex	Ex			
Oттerson, Hugh	Deceased	01/18/16				

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

**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 30	Mar 15	May 21	Aug 2	Sept 27	Nov 12
Boswell, the Rev. Bronwen ( <i>Temporary Transitional Leader / Presbytery of Western New York</i> )	P	P	P	P		
Elfond, the Rev. Cheryl Ann ( <i>Elmira, North / Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley</i> )	A	P	A			
Gasparri, the Rev. Francis ( <i>Williamson / American Baptist Church</i> )	A	P	A			
Lostetter, the Rev. Robin ( <i>Palmyra, Western / Presbytery of Pittsburgh</i> )	A	P	A			
Shevlin, the Rev. Linda ( <i>Naples, Trinity Federated / United Methodist Church</i> )	P	A	A			
Stuber, the Rev. Walter ( <i>Wolcott / Presbytery of Genesee Valley</i> )	Ex	Ex	A			
<b>TOTAL PRESENT</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		
<b>TOTAL EXCUSED</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>TOTAL ABSENT</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>			

**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	Jan30	Mar 15	May 21	Aug 2	Sept 27	Nov 12
The Rev. Val Fowler, Stated Clerk ( <i>Presbytery of Genesee Valley</i> )	P	P	P	P (late)		
<b>TOTAL PRESENT</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		
<b>TOTAL EXCUSED</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			

**COMMISSIONERS FROM CHURCHES**

Church Name	Jan 30	Mar 15	May 21	Aug 2	Sept 27	Nov 12
Addison, Addison	A	A	A			
Almond Union	A	A	A			
Andover, First	A	A	A			
Arkport, First	A	A	A			
Atlanta, Atlanta	A	A	A			
Bath, First	P	Ex	P			
Benton, Bellona	P	P	P			
Big Flats, First	A	A	A			
Burdett, Burdett	A	A	A			
Canandaigua, United	A	P	A			
Canisteo, Canisteo	A	A	A			
Cohocton, First	A	A	A			
Corning, First	A	P	A			
Dundee, First	A	A	A	Priscilla Andrews		
Elmira, First	P	P	A			
Elmira, Lake Street	A	P	A			
Elmira, North	A	P	P			
Elmira, Westminster	A	A	A			

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Fayette, W. Fayette	A	A	A			
Geneva (1)	P	P	P	Bill Fox		
Geneva (2)	A	P	A			
Hammondsport, First	P	A	A			
Hector, First	P	A	A			
Hornell, United	P	P	A	James Varner		
Horseheads, First	P	A	P			
Howard, Howard Union	A	A	A			
Huron, Huron	P	P	P			
Ithaca, First	P	Ex	A			
Jasper, Jasper	A	A	A			
Junius, Junius	P	Ex	Ex			
Lodi, Lodi	P	P	P			
Lyons, First	A	P	A			
Marion, United	A	A	P			
Moreland, Moreland	P	P	A			
Naples, Trinity Fed.	P	A	P	Don Braun		
Newark, Park	P	A	A			
Oaks Corners	P	A	A			
Ontario, First	A	A	A			
Ovid Federated	A	P	A	Roberta Morris		
Painted Post, United	A	A	A			
Palmyra, East Palmyra	A	A	A			
Palmyra, Western	P	P	P			
Penn Yan, First	P	P	A			
Phelps, United	A	A	P			
Prattsburg, First	A	A	A	Rosanna Bates		
Pulteney, First	P	P	P			
Red Creek	A	A	A			
Rock Stream	A	A	A			
Romulus	A	A	Ex			
Seneca Falls, First	A	A	A			
Seneca, Seneca #9	A	A	A			
Shortsville, First	A	A	A			
Sodus, First United	P	A	P			
Spencer, Christ the King Fellowship	P	P	P	Kermit Bossard		
Trumansburg, First of Ulysses	A	P	A			
Waterloo, First	A	A	A			
Watkins Glen, First	P	P	A			
Weston, Weston	P	A	A			
Williamson	A	P	A			
Wolcott	A	P	P			
<b>TOTAL PRESENT</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>		
<b>TOTAL EXCUSED</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>			
<b>TOTAL ABSENT</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>43</b>			

**ADDITIONAL ELDER COMMISSIONERS**

(Appointed by presbytery to correct elder-clergy imbalance)

Name	Church	Relationship	Jan 30	Mar 15	May 21	Aug 2	Sept 27	Nov 12
Alling, Kris	Trumansburg	General Council	P	P	P			
Andrews, Priscilla	Elmira, Lake	COM	P	P	P			
Baker, Phoebe		Nominating Chair		P	P			
Beals, Steven	West Fayette	CRE	P	Ex	A			
Braun, Joann	Naples, Fed	Vice-Moderator	P	P	P	P		
Champlin, Virginia	Geneva	SNE Min. & Mission	A	P	P	P		
Colvin, Donna	Ovid	Synod Commissioner	P	P	A	P		
Erb, Milt		Presbytery Treasurer	P		A			

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Evans, Richard	Burdett	CRE	A	P	A			
Gingerich, John		CRE / CPM Chair		P	P			
Novack, Joy	Romulus	CRE	A	P	P			
Peek, Donald	Canisteo	CRE	P	A	A			
Reynolds, Ellen	Geneva	General Council	P	P	P	P		
Richmond, Lucille	Red Creek	CRE	A		A			
Schied, Dick	Weston	CRE / Moderator	P	P	P	P		
Weaver, Cindy	Ithaca	Personnel Co-chair	P	P	<b>Ordained</b>	<b>as</b>	<b>Teaching</b>	<b>Elder</b>
Wertz, Linda		P.W Representative			<b>P</b>			
<b>TOTAL PRESENT</b>			<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>		
<b>TOTAL EXCUSED</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>TOTAL ABSENT</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>			

**CORRESPONDING MEMBERS ENROLLED FOR THIS MEETING**

Name	Presbytery / Agency
The Rev. Rob Mellgard	Presbytery of Huntingdon (call to Ovid Federated)

**REGISTERED Guests (current meeting)**

Includes CREs not serving churches

Leon Kelly	Ovid Federated
Karen DiPerna	Ovid Federated
Janet Lynch	Ovid Federated

SUMMARIES FOR EACH MEETING	Jan 30	Mar 14	May19	Aug 2	Sept 27	
<b>Total Minister Commissioners Present*</b>	26	33	20	12		
<b>Total Elder Commissioners Present</b>	33	34	25	12		
<b>Parity (expressed in terms of Elders, + or -)</b>	+ 7	+1	+5	0		
<b>Total Minister Commissioners Absent, Unexcused**</b>	16	11	24			
<b>Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders***</b>	36	36	37			
<b>Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders and Pastors</b>	25	23	32			
<b>Total Registered Visitors</b>	14	14	0	3		

\* 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.

**INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS**

**(Enrollment of Corresponding Members)**

The Rev. Rob Mellgard (Presbytery of Huntingdon)

**(Approval of Docket)**

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

**(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.

**OVID FEDERATED CHURCH, OVID, NY**

The presbytery welcomed the Rev. Rob Mellgard and the members of the Ovid Federated Church, Ovid, NY.

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**(Examination for Presbytery Membership / the Rev. Rob Mellgard)**

The presbytery VOTED to:

1. **Proceed** with the examination of the Rev. Robert Mellgard for membership in the Presbytery of Geneva.
2. **Sustain** the examination.
3. **Receive** the Rev. Robert Mellgard as a member of the Presbytery of Geneva, effective August 3, 2016; and **request** transfer of his membership from the Presbytery of Huntingdon.

**(Ovid Federated / the Rev. Rob Mellgard)**

The presbytery heard from members of the Ovid Federated Church, Ovid, NY regarding the call of the Rev. Mellgard. They shared the process by which the call was determined and extended, and the action of the congregation to call the Rev. Mellgard as Pastor.

The presbytery VOTED to:

1. **Approve** the call of the Ovid Federated Church, Ovid, NY to the Rev. Rob Mellgard as Pastor, effective August 3, 2016 at the following terms:

Cash Salary	33,600.00
Housing (fair value of manse)	14,400.00
<b>Total Effective Salary</b>	<b>48,000.00</b>

Pension & Medical Benefits (PCUSA)	17,463.00
Reimbursable Expenses	4,500.00
[Automobile at IRS rate; study leave; professional expenses – reimbursable monthly by voucher]	

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

**(Administrative Commission to Install)**

The presbytery VOTED to:

1. **Appoint** the following persons as the Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Rob Mellgard as Pastor of the Ovid Federated Church, Ovid, NY:
  - The Moderator, Elder Dick Schied, CRE (Weston) or his designee
  - The Rev. A.J. Tierson (Phelps / Shortsville)
  - The Rev. Ellen Donnan (Dundee / Junius)
  - The Rev. Cindy Weaver (Ovid Federated, Interim Pastor)
  - Elder Roberta Morris (Ovid Federated)
  - Elder Virginia Champlin (Geneva)
  - Elder Priscilla Andrews (Dundee)

**CLOSING**

The Rev. Janice Fitzgerald voiced appreciation to the Committee on Ministry and the General Council for providing the opportunity to welcome and examine candidates for pastoral positions, and to begin the process of developing relationships.

The presbytery VOTED to adjourn the meeting. The Rev. Rob Mellgard offered the closing prayer.

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Attest: Ellen Donnan (clerk pro-tem for minutes) & Val Fowler, Stated Clerk

**Next Meeting of the Presbytery:  
Tuesday September 27, 2016 ~ Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake**