

**Agenda for the Stated Meeting
of the Presbytery of Geneva**
Saturday, September 15, 2014
to be held at First Presbyterian Church of Watkins Glen
The Rev. Beverly Karr-Lyon, Host 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.*

Proposed Docket

- 9:00 a.m. Registration

We Gather In God's Name

- 9:30 a.m. Call to Order/Presbytery convened with prayer
 - Declaration of a Quorum
 - Welcome of Stated Clerk Pro Tem – the Rev. Val Fowler,
Stated Clerk Genesee Valley Presbytery, Clerk Pro Tem Presbytery
of Geneva
 - Enrollment of Corresponding Members
 - Welcome of New Elder Commissioners
 - Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - Approval of the Docket
 - Welcome from the Host Church
 - Resolution of Thanks

We Hear the Word of God

- 9:45 a.m. Worship

We Respond to the Word of God

- 10:30 a.m. 1.0 Report of the Stated Clerk
- 10:45 a.m. 2.0 Report of Allison Seed, Regional Representative for the Board of Pensions
- 11:00 a.m. 3.0 Report – Report of the SARC
- 11:15 a.m. 4.0 Report of Synod Mission & Ministry (Council)
 - 4.1 Report of Synod Assembly
- 11:30 5.0 Working Towards Healing: “Getting to Know You”
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH provided by the Host Church, table conversation for those interested in talking with Moderator, Cheryl Peeples and CPM chair, Nancy Yao who have recently attended two different small church conferences. Random table seating for all others to facilitate meeting new people.
- 1:00 p.m. 6.0 Report of General Council
- 1:15 p.m. 7.0 Report of Budget and Finance
- 1:30 p.m. 8.0 Report of Nominations
- 1:45 p.m. 9.0 Report of the Committee on Ministry
- 2:00 p.m. 10.0 Report of the Committee on Preparation for the Ministry
- 2:15 p.m. 11.0 Reports of New Worshipping Communities
 - Mercy Place

We Go Forth to Share God’s Word

- 2:30 p.m. Closing prayer and adjournment

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?**

Reports for 11/15/2014 Presbytery of Geneva Meeting

Small Church Conversation over Lunch for Interested Persons –

- Moderator Cheryl Peeples attended the Wee Kirk Conference at Montreat in October and attended workshops on:
 1. A Biblical Plan to Help Congregations Achieve Unity and Freedom in Christ, Leader: Ray Hylton
 2. Spiritual Helps to Quiet the Soul, Leader: Marina Gopadze, and
 3. What Is God Doing in the World and How Can Small Congregations Be Involved in His work from a Global Perspective? Leader: Tom Widmer
- CPM Chair Nancy Meehan Yao attended Columbia theological Seminary's Lifelong Learning Conference – "Small Churches: Adventures in Vitality" in November and attended modules on:
 1. Dynamic Decline: Don't let shrinking numbers keep you from being a healthy church. Leader: Sarai Rice;
 2. Beyond Begging: Vision-centered fundraising and stewardship in the small church. Leader: Dan Hotchkiss, and
 3. Lighting the Fire: Mobilizing members in small churches. Leader: John Wimberly

6.0 Report of General Council – Elder Dick Schied

- General Council places the following names into nomination.
(This does require a vote of Presbytery.)

Nominations Committee

Chair: Sue Goodrich (Penn Yan, FE)

Class of 2015

Lean Ntuala (Seneca Falls, FC)
Jon Knight (Horseheads, MC)
Betsey Crimmins (Elmira 1st, FC)

Class of 2016

Sue Goodrich (Penn Yan, FE)
Cheryl Peeples (Trumansburg, FC)
Larry Bates (Bath, ME)

Class of 2017

Jim Gerling (HR, MC)
Cynthia Huling Hummel (HR, FC)
Phoebe Baker (Penn Yan, FE)

- **Working Toward Healing Plan - Working Draft**

Getting our head around the issues: (1) lack of trust (2) no common mission (3) more input in making decisions (4) conservatives don't feel like they fit (5) don't know each other (6) structure is directed toward presbytery, not congregations.

- November – Visiting with Pastors and Presbytery commissioners. At Presbytery, “ice breaker” game or “get to know you” activity. Sit at tables randomly during lunch. Resource for Churches – Conversation at lunch about Small Church Conferences. Budget presented for first reading.
- December – Visiting with Pastors and Presbytery commissioners. Personal Christmas cards/notes from individual council members to individual Presbytery commissioners.
- January – Visiting Pastors and Presbytery commissioners. Another “ice breaker” game at Presbytery. Adopt the budget at the meeting. Website updated with new profiles of General Council members.
- February – Visiting Pastors and Presbytery commissioners. General Council reflect and report on recommendations of SARC.
- March – At the Presbytery meeting small group discussion of the proposed amendments. Statements on key issues by people pro and con. Voting.
- April – A retreat to determine mission and goals for the Presbytery. Incorporate Bible study and appreciative inquiry.
- May – General council reflect on results of retreat, structural changes that would implement mission goals. At meeting, present results of retreat and proposals for structural change.
- June – General Council organize small groups for the summer.
- Summer – Small group meetings throughout the presbytery to discuss new mission goals and proposed structural changes. Pros and cons.
- September – Council reflects on results of small group meetings and proposes amended new structure. First reading of new structure at September meeting.
- November – At meeting, second reading and vote on mission goals and structure. First reading of budget designed for new goals and structure. Report of Nominating Committee based on new structure.
- December - Personal Christmas cards/notes from individual council members to individual Presbytery commissioners.
- January 2016 – At meeting, second reading and vote on budget for 2016.

7.0 Report of Budget and Finance – Rev. Jim Yao, Chair

Report available following General Council Meeting on Nov. 12

8.0 Report of Nominations – Rev. Leah Ntuala, Chair

The Committee on Nominations places the following names into nomination.
(This does require a vote of Presbytery.)

General Council

Chairperson: Rev. Gail Heimberger

Vice Chairperson: Rev. Russ Roth

Presbytery Moderator: Rev. David Kilgore

Presbytery Vice-Moderator: Elder Dick Shied

Past Presbytery Moderator: Rev. Cheryl Peoples

Budget and Finance Chair: Rev. Jim Yao

Nominations Chair: *(Under General Council Report)*

PW Representative: Carol Limner

At-Large Member: Elder Ellen Reynolds

Budget and Finance Class of 2017

Rev. Beverly Karr-Lyon

Rev. Tim Johnson

Elder Barb Squires

Personnel Class of 2017

Elder Stephen Beals

Elder Cindy Weaver

COM Class of 2017

Rev. Ellen Donnan

Elder Kurt Allen

Rev. Russell Duncan

CPM Class of 2017

Elder Virginia Champlain

Rev. Kirianne Weaver Riehl

PJC Class of 2020

Rev. Sarah West

Elder Bob Sell

Alternate – Rev. Peter Crego

Ordination Readers

Rev. Nancy Meehan Yao

Elder Bob Sell

Rev. Janice Fitzgerald

Elder Bob Seem

Alternate – Rev. Russ Roth

Synod Commissioner 2016

Elder Jeff Richards

Synod YAAD 2016

Josh Dorfner

9.0 Report of Committee on Ministry – Rev. Amy Loving, Chair

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10.0 Report of Committee on Preparation for Ministry – Rev. Nancy Meehan Yao, Chair

CPM will present the CRE Handbook for a first read (*separate document*)

11.0 Report of Mercy Place

The Mercy Place Administrative Commission reports that the work has not progressed sufficiently to continue, and requests that Mercy Place be ended and that the Commission be dismissed.

Respectfully Submitted - David Ashby, Moderator of the Administrative Commission
Bryan Bond, Organizing Evangelist

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