

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK
Presbytery of Geneva
September 27, 2016
Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake, Dresden, NY

Stated Clerk Action Items

The stated clerk moves that the presbytery:

(Minutes, May 21, 2016 & August 2, 2016)

1. **Approve** the Minutes of the May 21, 2016 stated meeting of the Presbytery of Geneva, held at Huron Presbyterian Church, Huron, NY.
2. **Approve** the Minutes of the August 2, 2016 special meeting of the Presbytery of Geneva, held at the Presbytery Office, Penn Yan, NY.

(Report of Administrative Commissions)

3. **Receive** the report of the Administrative Commission to Ordain Cynthia A. Weaver as Teaching Elder:

Report of the Administrative Commission to Ordain Cynthia A. Weaver

Sunday April 24, 2016 ~ 2:30 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church, Ithaca, NY

Administrative Commission Members Present:

The Rev. Betsey Crimmins (Elmira, First)
Elder Elmer Ewing
The Rev. James Hicks, HR
The Rev. Kiranne Weaver Riehl (Ithaca)
Elder Richard Schied, CRE (Weston), presbytery Moderator
The Rev. Nancy Meehan Yao (Watkins Glen)

The Administrative Commission Was convened with prayer by Moderator Richard Schied, a quorum being present.

The Commission enrolled the following persons as Corresponding Members:

The Rev. Stephanie Sauve, Presbytery of Genesee Valley / Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School
The Rev. Gail Ricciuti, Presbytery of Genesee Valley / Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

The Commission enrolled the following Ecumenical Members:

Janet Lynch, clerk, Ovid Federated Church
Sr. Barbara Moore, RSM, D.Min.

The Commission elected the Rev. Kirianne Weaver Riehl as clerk of the Commission.

The Commission reviewed the order of worship, approved the minutes of the Commission, and voted to be adjourned following the benediction for the Service of Ordination.

The congregation was called to worship. The Rev. Stephanie Sauve preached the sermon, "The Spirit of the Lord is Upon YOU!" based on Luke 4:14-22.

Moderator Richard Schied stated the proceedings of the presbytery in preparation for the ordination, and asked the Constitutional Questions of the Candidate, Cynthia Weaver.

These being answered in the affirmative, the candidate knelt, and with prayer led by Moderator Richard Schied and the laying on of hands, the Commission ordained Cynthia A. Weaver as Teaching elder.

The Rev. Nancy Meehan Yao offered the charge to the newly-ordained Teaching Elder.

An offering was received for the presbytery's Candidates Grant Fund.

The worship service, and the service of the Administrative Commission, were concluded with a benediction offered by the Rev. Cynthia A. Weaver.

4. **Receive** the report of the Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. David Preisendanz:

**Report of the Administrative Commission for the Installation of Rev. David Preisdanz
to service as pastor of Elmira North Presbyterian Church**

July 10, 2016

Administrative Commission Members Present:

Elder Joann Braun (Naples), presbytery vice-moderator
The Rev. Ellen Donnan (Junius & Dundee)
Elder Barb Duryea (Elmira North)
Elder Kathy Swan (Bath)
The Rev. Jane Winters (Elmira Westminster), AC Chairperson

Absent: Ruling Elder Priscilla Andrews (Dundee)

Others: The Rev. Bronwen Boswell (Presbytery of Geneva Temp. Transitional Leader)

The Administrative Commission to Ordain was convened with prayer by Rev. Jane Winters, a quorum being present.

MOTION: Rev. Ellen Donnan moved to approve the installation worship service with the participation of the Administrative Commission and Teaching Elders Rev. Bronwen Boswell and Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins. Motion passed.

MOTION: Rev. Ellen Donnan moved to approve the installation of Rev. David Preisdanz as pastor of Elmira's North Presbyterian Church. Motion passed.

MOTION: Rev. Ellen Donnan moved to adjourn the Administrative Commission at the conclusion of the worship service. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Jane Winters, AC Chairperson

Omnibus Motion: Items for Presbytery's Information

Stated Clerk Information Items

(Review of Session Minutes - 2016)

A. The Polity & Review Committee has met and planned regional gatherings for the reading of session minutes:

- ❖ Saturday September 24 – United Church of Hornell ~ 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- ❖ Saturday October 1 – First Presbyterian, Bath ~ 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- ❖ Saturday October 8 – Park Presbyterian, Newark ~ 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- ❖ Saturday October 15 – Presbyterian Church of Geneva ~ 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- ❖ Saturday October 22 – First Presbyterian, Elmira ~ 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

(Ordination Anniversaries)

B. 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 Tennes (**57 years**, May 14, 1959)

The Rev. Dean Bemower (**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)