

General Council Report to the Presbytery
January 28, 2017
Bellona Memorial Presbyterian Church

FOR PRESBYTERY'S ACTION

The General Council VOTED to recommend that the presbytery:

(Ordination Exam Readers)

Elect the following persons as 20217 Ordination Exam Readers:

The Rev. Kirk Baker
Elder Ellen Reynolds

Alternate: the Rev. David Kilgore

ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY'S INFORMATION:

The Council VOTED to:

(Temporary Transitional Leader)

Approve the recommendation that the contract with the Rev. Bronwen Boswell be extended for six months, at the current terms of the contract, with a 30 day notice clause.

(Presbytery Meeting Schedule)

Receive the final report of locations of the stated presbytery meetings through January 2018.

January 28 (Saturday) – Bellona
March 28 (Tuesday) – Phelps
May 20 (Saturday)– Elmira, North
September 26 (Tuesday) – Geneva
November 18 (Saturday) – Waterloo
January 2018 – Elmira, Lake Street

(Task Group on Racism)

Leah Ntuala reported that an outgrowth of the 2016 Synod Meeting and a conference at Montreat, a Geneva group has met regarding the needs in Geneva Presbytery regarding anti-racism training, potentially to be provided by Crossroads Anti-Racism Training. The group has talked about numerous ideas:

- A "privilege walk"
- A presbytery-wide reading of *Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race* (Debby Irving)
- A clergy study of *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* (James Cone)
- A three-presbytery event with Crossroads leaders

(Reactivating a Christian Education / Youth Ministry Team)

Kirk Baker has convened a group of persons interested in this possibility, which group will be meeting later this week, at the presbytery office.

(Snow Cancellation)

Possibilities for weather cancellation:

- Call for meeting (process and where to check)
- Finger Lakes News Radio / Elmira connection / Ithaca connection
- Placement on the presbytery website