

**Reports for the Stated Meeting**  
**of the Presbytery of Geneva**  
**Tuesday, May 22, 2012**  
**held at Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake**  
**150 Whitman Road, Penn Yan, New York 14527**  
**(315) 536-7753**  
**The First Presbyterian Church of Dundee, Host Church**

**The Presbytery in Worship**

The Rev. Jim Gerling will lead our worship service.

**Justice and Peace Keynote #1**

The Presbytery of Geneva welcomes **the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson**, Director of the PC(USA)'s Public Policy Witness Office in Washington, D.C., to share with us information about the work of our office, especially in the area of justice and peace.

**1.00 The Report of the Stated Clerk**

**\*1.01** The Clerk **moves** that the minutes of the March 20, 2012 Annual Meeting and the May 3, 2012 Special Meeting be received. (The minutes are posted online with the meeting materials.)

**\*1.02** The Clerk **reports** that the Administrative Commission to install the Rev. Glenn Kennedy as pastor of the United Church of Painted Post on May 20, 2012, has completed its work. The Clerk **moves** that the Administrative Commission be dismissed with the Presbytery's thanks.

**\*1.03** The Clerk **moves** that the General Council and the Committee on Ministry be given authority to take routine actions on behalf of the Presbytery of Geneva following today's meeting and until the Presbytery reconvenes on September 25, 2012, and that all actions taken shall be reported to the Presbytery at that meeting.

**1.04** The Clerk **reports** that all communications have been forwarded to the appropriate committees.

**1.05** The Clerk **reports** that the 2012 schedule for Presbytery meetings is as follows:

Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. - Sodus

Saturday, November 17, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. – Watkins Glen

**2.00 The Report of the Committee on Ministry**

**2.01** The Committee on Ministry **moves** that the Presbytery approve the following items:

**\*2.01.1** To appoint the Rev. Betsey Crimmins as the Moderator of the First Presbyterian Church of Corning.

**\*2.01.2** To appoint the Rev. Leah Ntuala as the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Oaks Corners.

**\*2.01.3** To approve the contract between the Session of the Presbyterian Church of Burdett and Ruling Elder Richard Evans as a Commissioned Ruler Elder to Particular Pastoral Service (hereafter referred to as "CLP"). The agreement shall be for the period of 1/1/2012 to 12/31/2012. The CLP is employed on a ¼ time basis and compensated as follows: Cash salary of \$2,952.00, housing allowance of \$8,432.00, pension of \$3,658.00, travel expenses at the IRS rate, vacation for one month (4 Sundays), and study leave of \$250.00 and two weeks per year (2 Sundays).

\*2.01.4 To approve the contract between the Session of the Presbyterian Church of Prattsburgh and Ruling Elder Donald Peek as a Commissioned Ruler Elder to Particular Pastoral Service (hereafter referred to as "CLP"). The agreement shall be for the period of 4/1/2012 to 6/30/2012. The CLP is employed on a ¼ time basis and compensated as follows: Cash salary of \$1,440.00, housing allowance of \$1,446.00, pension of \$896.00, travel expenses at the IRS rate, vacation for one month (4 Sundays), and study leave of \$250.00 and two weeks per year (2 Sundays).

2.01.5 To approve the transfer of the Rev. Virginia Murray (H.R.) from the Presbytery of Hudson River to the Presbytery of Geneva.

**2.02** The committee **reports** the following items for information:

2.02.1 The First Presbyterian Church of Ontario Center has been given permission to form a Pastor Nominating Committee.

2.02.2 A triennial visit with Western Presbyterian Church in Palmyra has been completed.

2.02.3 The Rev. Russell Duncan has been approved as an addition to the Pulpit Supply List.

2.02.4 The Administrative Commission working with the First Presbyterian Church of Dundee is negotiating with the Rev. Ellen Donnan, on behalf of the presbytery, to serve up to ½ time as a stated supply pastor for the congregation.

**2.03** The committee **invites** Ruling Elder Tom Bailey (Spencer) to speak briefly with the presbytery as the Liaison to the Board of Pensions.

### **3.00 The Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

**3.01** The Committee **moves to recommend** to the Presbytery a waiver of the requirement of G-2.0607c (a candidate must produce a transcript from a theological institution showing a course of study, including Greek, with satisfactory grades in all areas of study) for Inquirer Kate Merriman (Trumansburg).

### **4.00 The Report of General Council**

**4.01** The General Council **places into nomination** the name of Rev. Leah Ntuala to serve in the Class of 2015 on the Subcommittee on Nominations.

**4.02** The Council **moves** that the Presbytery approve the following people to serve as an Administrative Commission to explore the possibility of a New Church Development in the Spencer-Van Etten area, under the leadership of the Rev. Bryan Bond: Rev. David Ashby (Chair), Ruling Elder Tom Bailey (Spencer), Ruling Elder Bob Bell (Elmira, First), Ruling Elder Linda Kataskas (Shortsville), and Rev. Cheryl Peeples. Information about this new church development may be found as Appendix A.

**4.03** The Council **reports** that the Session of North Presbyterian Church of Elmira has moved the following question: "Shall the North Presbyterian Church of Elmira request dismissal to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church?" In keeping with the "Guidelines Concerning Dissolving or Dismissing a Congregation of The Presbytery of Geneva," a congregational meeting will be held on May 20, 2012 to discuss this motion. A congregational vote to take action on the motion will occur in September.

**4.04** The Council **reports** on the financial situation of the presbytery as found in Appendix B.

## **Justice and Peace Keynote #2**

The Presbytery of Geneva welcomes former Moderator of the PC(USA), **Ruling Elder Rick Ufford-Chase**, co-director of Stony Point Center, Executive Director of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, and founder of BorderLinks Ministries. Elder Ufford-Chase will be addressing issues of immigration as part of our year-long study of justice and peace issues.

## **PROPOSAL FOR A NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT**

Mercy Church - "Broken Lives, Broken World....Amazing Grace"

- Vision/Goals:
1. We will be all-inclusive (ALL are welcome)
  2. We will be missional (Intentionally outward-focused)
  3. We will be theologically minimal (Jesus, the cross/resurrection, sacraments)
  4. We will be communal (Doing life together, bearing burdens and sharing joys)

Believing that salvation is a freely given gift from God (it's ALL of grace, from first to last), and believing that this gift is intended for all people, Mercy Church will seek, welcome, and involve persons of every race, socio-economic status, religious background, sexual orientation, age and lifestyle in all of the activities, programs, and groups of the congregation.

We affirm that we are sincere in our intent to be all-inclusive in the sharing of the Good News of God's unconditional love and acceptance in Jesus. We especially emphasize our intention to be an open, accepting community for those who have been traditionally been alienated from, or rejected by the Church. We are ALL beggars and seekers. Our desire to be inclusive, therefore, is not to be understood as being motivated by self-righteousness, nor is it to be seen as patronizing in nature. All that we do at Mercy Church is motivated by a desire to share the Gift: life and hope as revealed in Jesus Christ.

We will offer a blend of tradition and innovation, sincere worship, and healthy skepticism. We seek to create a place where questions are encouraged, where you will not be handed a checklist of orthodoxy, asked to climb a moral improvement ladder, or told who to vote for. Mercy Church also believes that ambiguity is not the enemy of faith, but its partner. You may occasionally be led to suspend your reason. But you will not be required to sacrifice it.

We want Mercy Church to be a place for people to truly call home, and we take community and relationships very seriously. But, above all, we want Mercy Church to be a place for people who don't have it all together to come every week and re-hear and personally re-embrace the good news that Jesus has forgiven all of your sins: we have a welcoming God!

**Why in the Spencer-Van Etten area? This is a different theological perspective than is represented in the local congregations, Bryan has already made these contacts over two years of meeting people in the area, and this will not look like any of the organized versions of religion currently found in the area.**

**NCD Proposed Budget**

	<b>6 Month</b>	<b>Annual</b>	<b>18 Months</b>	<b>30 Months</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>				
Pastor's Salary	17,500	35,000	52,500	87,500
Housing Allowance	6,125	12,250	18,375	30,625
Benefits (BOP)	7,797	15,595	23,392	38,987
Mileage	1,000	2,000	3,000	5,000
Study Leave	500	1,000	1,500	2,500
Payroll Taxes/WC	500	1,000	1,500	2,500
<b>Pastor Total</b>	<b>33,422</b>	<b>66,845</b>	<b>100,267</b>	<b>167,112</b>
Church Expenses	3,500	7,000	10,500	17,500
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>36,922</b>	<b>73,845</b>	<b>110,767</b>	<b>184,612</b>
<b><u>INCOME:</u></b>				
Local	3,500	7,000	10,500	17,500
Presbytery	18,422	31,845	50,267	82,112
Synod		10,000	10,000	20,000
NCD Grant		25,000	25,000	50,000
Bequest	15,000		15,000	15,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>36,922</b>	<b>73,845</b>	<b>110,767</b>	<b>184,612</b>

# Introduction to Starting a New Church

Starting a new church is not rocket science — it is much more complicated! A new church is the work of the Holy Spirit, which immediately puts this task way beyond our ability to understand. The following guide is linear, a series of 17 gatherings with assignments and steps a team could complete that take you from zero to a new church. Unfortunately, starting a new church is not linear; it is organic, contextual, and based on relationships between God and people. It is reformed and always reforming.

Our prayer is that you will let the Holy Spirit lead you. Our goal is to lay out a process that encourages you to address key aspects of starting a new church, while leading you to listen to the sometimes still voice of God, rather than ours or anyone else's. This process of discernment does not guarantee success, but we do believe it will help keep you focused on the one who starts new churches.

That said, we urge you not to fear failure, because God might be leading you to fail. Many of the Martyrs would be considered failures by our standard, yet their witness changed the world. Jesus gathered a mere 120 people who were considered his followers according to the first chapter of the book of Acts. That's hardly a great new church; in fact, most of us would have had Jesus attend a seminar led by Peter, who, in his first sermon, gathered 3,000 believers. Only God knows what God wants to accomplish through you and the new churches the Holy Spirit is placing on your heart. Trust God. Strive to be faithful rather than successful. Faithfulness brings a success beyond our imagination and wildest dreams.

Each of the 17 gatherings suggests a Bible study and an extended time of prayer. We encourage you to engage this process *slowly*. Resist the temptation to rush through the Bible studies and prayerful reflection. New church development is not the implementation of successful models and techniques; it is the faithful discernment of God's leading and the faithful implementation of God's mission. Wrestle with the scriptures, listen, and fall on your knees in humility.

Church planters and those who are attracted to beginning new churches are often "doers." We can't wait to get started, bring in the kingdom, make it happen and happen now. Remember Jesus told his "doers" to go back to Jerusalem, pray and wait until God's right time. We hope that all of you fellow "doers" will resist the temptation to start doing and will take the time to discuss, listen, discern, and wait for God's right time. We have countless stories of teams who were delayed in their plans and the finding of the right leadership took longer than expected, yet in hindsight those delays led the team to the "perfect timing."

*From "Starting New Churches: A Process of Discernment (Version 3.0)," developed by Brian Clark, Jan Edmiston, Philip Lotspeich, and Craig Williams, edited by Anne Crecraft.*

**PROFIT AND LOSS SUMMARY THROUGH MARCH 2012**

	<b>Jan - Mar 12</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
<b>1000 - CAMP WHITMAN INCOME</b>			
1000_W · Camper Fees	13,582.50	4,400.00	115,000.00
1050_W · Rental Group Fees	1,500.00	0.00	9,500.00
1150_W · Camp Store	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
1200_W · Fund Raising/Grants	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
1250_W · Government Milk Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	750.00
<b>Total 1300_W · Camp Mission/Scholarship Income</b>	<b>30,523.00</b>	<b>29,800.00</b>	<b>52,000.00</b>
1600_W · Misc. Income	0.00	150.00	1,250.00
<b>Total 1000 · CAMP WHITMAN INCOME</b>	<b>45,605.50</b>	<b>34,350.00</b>	<b>181,000.00</b>
<b>Total 3000 · MISSIONS INCOME</b>	<b>249,801.67</b>	<b>262,543.39</b>	<b>263,668.39</b>
<b>Total 4022_O · Per Capita</b>	<b>283,456.00</b>	<b>283,456.00</b>	<b>283,456.00</b>
4220_O · Grants	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
<b>Total 4440_O · Miscellaneous</b>	<b>4,423.67</b>		
4500_O · Interest Income	187.19	253.00	1,000.00
4520_O · Investment Gains	1,136.98		
4700_O · Sale of Books	192.50	253.00	1,000.00
<b>Total 4000 · OPERATIONS INCOME</b>	<b>289,396.34</b>	<b>303,962.00</b>	<b>305,456.00</b>
<b>Total 7000 · DEDICATED INCOME</b>	<b>33,494.82</b>		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>618,298.33</b>	<b>600,855.39</b>	<b>750,124.39</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>618,298.33</b>	<b>600,855.39</b>	<b>750,124.39</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>2111 · CAMP WHITMAN EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>Total 2000_W · Salaries</b>	<b>1,785.84</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>94,000.00</b>
<b>Total 2150_W · Insurance</b>	<b>3,480.51</b>	<b>4,995.50</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>
<b>Total 2200_W · Program Expense</b>	<b>3,285.63</b>	<b>2,820.00</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>
<b>Total 2300_W · Utilities</b>	<b>172.88</b>	<b>5,530.00</b>	<b>6,500.00</b>
<b>Total 2400_W · Swimming Pool</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>
<b>Total 2500_W · Lakefront</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
<b>Total 2550_W · Committee Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>
<b>Total 2600_W · Medical</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>600.00</b>
<b>Total 2700_W · Kitchen</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>25,050.00</b>
<b>2750_W · Permits/Memberships</b>	<b>275.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>400.00</b>
<b>Total 2800_W · Vehicle Maintenance</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>
<b>Total 2900 · General Maintenance</b>	<b>550.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10,700.00</b>
<b>Total 2111 · CAMP WHITMAN EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>9,549.86</b>	<b>13,595.50</b>	<b>181,000.00</b>

<b>Total 50000 · MISSION EXPENDITURES</b>	41,497.20	94,047.00	94,047.00
<b>60000 · OPERATION EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>6000_O · Salaries and Benefits</b>			
<b>Total 6010_O · Executive</b>	21,829.92	22,559.61	84,288.50
<b>Total 6020_O · Stated Clerk</b>	0.00		
<b>Total 6030_O · Administrative Assistant</b>	10,280.90	11,284.03	41,509.00
<b>Total 6050_O · Camp Director</b>	6,566.30	7,706.25	27,405.00
<b>Total 6060_O · Camp Property Manager Salary</b>	6,192.34	6,889.97	24,140.00
<b>Total 6080_O · Custodial Salary</b>	0.00	8,840.00	8,840.00
<b>Total 6090_O · Communications Director</b>	8,668.73	8,138.00	29,140.00
<b>Total 6222_O · Benefits</b>	21,424.73	19,765.05	79,041.05
<b>Total 6000_O · Salaries and Benefits</b>	74,962.92	85,182.91	294,363.55
<b>Total 6500_O · Ecclesiastical Committee Exp</b>	5,088.96	5,252.00	21,000.00
<b>Total 6600_O · Office Expenses</b>	10,006.75	14,541.93	53,761.80
<b>Total 6700 · Other Operating Expenses</b>	6,823.61	6,253.00	87,993.36
<b>Total 6800 · Outside Contractors</b>	3,862.11	2,625.00	10,500.00
<b>Total 6900 · Professional Fees</b>	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
<b>Total 60000 · OPERATION EXPENDITURES</b>	100,744.35	113,854.84	470,118.71
<b>Total 8000 · DEDICATED EXPENSES</b>	1,240.00		
<b>Total 8180_D · New Church Development</b>	15,427.39		
<b>Total Expense</b>	168,458.80	221,497.34	745,165.71
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	449,839.53	379,358.05	4,958.68
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>449,839.53</u>	<u>379,358.05</u>	<u>4,958.68</u>

**BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY AS OF MARCH 2012**

	<u>Mar 31, 12</u>	<u>Mar 31, 11</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		
101 · Community Bank	161,275.77	117,907.50
102 · Community Savings	87,844.46	117,023.82
110 · Community Bank - Mexico Mission	<u>6,777.96</u>	<u>6,674.21</u>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	255,898.19	241,605.53
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>		
11000 · Accounts Receivable	<u>441,079.23</u>	<u>425,350.59</u>
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	441,079.23	425,350.59
<b>Other Current Assets</b>		
13000 · Inventory	5,925.18	5,925.18
14400 · Prepaid Expenses	<u>18,924.89</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>24,850.07</u>	<u>5,925.18</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	721,827.49	672,881.30
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
<b>Total 10000 · Presbytery</b>	<u>257,642.58</u>	<u>256,564.98</u>
<b>Total 15000 · Camp</b>	<u>1,748,619.00</u>	<u>1,333,819.00</u>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	2,006,261.58	1,590,383.98
<b>Other Assets</b>		
<b>Total 300 · Marketable Securities</b>	<u>92,096.64</u>	<u>92,453.88</u>
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<u>92,096.64</u>	<u>92,453.88</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>2,820,185.71</b></u>	<u><b>2,355,719.16</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Accounts Payable</b>		
20000 · Accounts Payable	<u>7,590.09</u>	<u>1,670.82</u>
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	7,590.09	1,670.82
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>		
26000 · CB - Building Loan	146,794.94	151,709.30
27850 · Due To - NCD Special Offering	<u>0.00</u>	<u>14,570.00</u>
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>146,794.94</u>	<u>166,279.30</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>154,385.03</u>	<u>167,950.12</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	154,385.03	167,950.12
<b>Equity</b>		
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	1,831,001.66	1,429,460.05
820 · Temp. Restricted Net Assets	384,959.49	314,468.51
Net Income	<u>449,839.53</u>	<u>443,840.48</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>2,665,800.68</u>	<u>2,187,769.04</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><b>2,820,185.71</b></u>	<u><b>2,355,719.16</b></u>