

November 18, 2017, Report to the Presbytery of Geneva
from the Presbytery Committee on Nominations

In response to a request for more information on nominees put forward to fill Presbytery offices or committees, included in this report is some brief biographical information on some of the nominees to be acted upon at this meeting. In consideration of space, while still trying to be true to the sharing of their participation in the life of their churches, some of the information submitted was edited. The Presbytery Committee on Nominations thanks the nominees for sharing their information and you for taking this opportunity to become better acquainted with these Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders.

At this time the Committee on Nominations thanks the Rev. Cynthia Huling Hummel, Class of 2017, for her work on the committee as she leaves the committee at the end of her term. Her input will be missed.

Also, the committee extends a thank you to all who prayerfully considered invitations to serve.

Submitted by Phoebe Baker, Chair, Presbytery Committee on Nominations

The Presbytery Committee on Nominations puts forward the following nominees to serve as an officer of the Presbytery or to serve on Presbytery committees. The names of the nominees to be acted upon at the November 18th meeting of the Presbytery are in bold print.

Moderator of the Presbytery of Geneva: (TE) Katherine Griffis (Hornell, United), Class of 2019
Vice Moderator of Presbytery of Geneva: (TE) Kirk Baker, Newark, Park, Class of 2020.

2018 General Council

General Council is comprised of the following members:

Chair, General Council (RE) John Gingerich, Wolcott, First;

Vice Chair, General Council: (TE) Amy Loving Austin, Bellona/Seneca #9

Past Chairperson, (RE) Ellen Reynolds, Geneva

Moderator of the Presbytery (TE) Rev. Katherine Griffis, Hornell, United, Class of 2019;

Vice Moderator of Presbytery: to be elected

Treasurer of the Presbytery: (TE) Jamie Tyrell, HR

Representative to the Synod Mission Council: (RE) Virginia Champlin, Geneva

Synod Commissioners: TE Leah Ntuala, Seneca Falls, First; (RE) Jeff Richards, Elmira, North

Young Adult Advisory Delegate for Synod *vacant*

The Commissioners to 223rd General Assembly (2) to be elected

Young Adult Advisory Delegate to 223rd General Assembly: Cherokee Lane, Palmyra, Western

Chairpersons of the following committees (*determined by committees*): Budget and Finance, Nominating, Committee on Ministry, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Personnel

Presbyterian Women Representative; *to be determined*

Three at large persons from among those who have served on a Presbytery unit in the last three years:

(TE) Tim Johnson, HR, *two vacancies*

Committee on Budget and Finance

2018	2019	2020
(RE) Jim Hopkins (Sodus, First)	(RE) Irene Fadden (Palmyra, Western)	(RE) Barb Squires (Elmira, First)
(RE) Don Braun (Naples, Trinity Federated)	(RE) Henry Stephens (Newark, Park)	(RE) Tom Bailey (Spencer, First)
(TE) Deborah Lind-Schmitz, (Geneva)	(RE) Jeff Richards (Elmira, North)	(TE) David Ashby (Validated Ministry)
Ex Officio Member as Treasurer of the Presbytery: (TE) Jamie Tyrell, HR		

Committee on Ministry

2018	2019	2020
(RE) Priscilla Andrews (Dundee, First)	(TE) Rob Mellgard (Ovid, Federated)	(TE) Stanley Bhasker (Bath, First)
(RE) Kerm Bossard (Spencer, First)	(RE) Carol Merrell (Wolcott, First)	(TE) Ellen Donnan (Junius/Dundee, First)
(TE) James Kerr (Canandaigua, United)	(RE) Dick Schied (Weston)	(RE) Bessie Tyrrell (Naples, Trinity Federated)
(TE) A. J. Tierson (Phelps, United/Shortsville, First)	(TE) James Hicks (HR)	(TE) Gail Heimberger (Sodus, First)
(RE) Jim Varner (Hornell United)	<i>vacancy pending</i>	(RE) Rehana Stanley (Elmira, First)
		(RE) Regie Stover (Arkport, First)

Committee on Presbytery Personnel

2018	2019	2020
(RE) Ernie Danforth (Corning,First)	(TE) Leah Ntuala (Seneca Falls,First)	(RE) Stephen Beals (Seneca Falls, First)
(RE) Harriett Potter (Pulteney,First)	(TE) Cheryl Peoples (Trumansburg,First Ulysses)	(TE) Deborah Grohman (Ontario Center, First)

Committee on Property for the Presbytery of Geneva

2018	2019	2010
(RE) Jim Hopkins (Sodus,First)	(RE) Dexter Benedict (PC of Geneva)	(RE) DonBraun (Naples,Trinity Federated)
<i>vacancy</i>	<i>vacancy</i>	Mr. Alan Doan (Penn Yan, First)

Committee on Polity and Review

2018	2019	2020
(RE) Amanda McGonigal (Lodi)	(RE) Kris Alling (Trumansburg,First Ulysses)	(TE) Katherine Griffis (Hornell, United)
(TE) Cara Milne (Watkins Glen, First)	(TE) Bruce Incze (Arkport,First)	(RE) Carol Merrell (Wolcott,First)

Committee On Preparation for Ministry

2018	2019	2020
(TE) Jeffrey Ugoretz (Corning,First)	(RE) John Gingerich (Wolcott,First)	(RE) Virginia Champlin (Geneva)
(TE) Glenn Kennedy (Painted Post,United)	(RE) Lois Wafler (Huron)	(TE) Kirianne Weaver Riehl (Ithaca,First)

Committee on Representation

2018	2019	2020
(RE) Larry Bates (Bath,First)	(RE) Virginia Champlin (Geneva)	(RE) Marc Smith (Seneca Falls,First)
(TE) Kirk Baker (Newark, Park)	(TE) Jane Winters (Elmira, Westminster)	(TE) Leah Ntuala (Seneca Falls, First)

Committee on Missions

2018	2019	2020
(RE) Marilyn Benedict (Ontario Center, First)	(TE) Janes Winters (Elmira, Westminster)	(RE) Linda Werts (Newark, Park)
(RE) Sharon Schied (Weston)	(RE) Mark Palmieri (Geneva)	(TE) Sabrina Slater (Spencer,First)

Synod Commissioners

Class of 2018: (TE) Leah Ntuala, (Seneca Falls,First) (RE) Jeff Richards, (Elmira, North)

Commissioners to 223rd General Assembly

(TE) Glenn Kennedy (Painted Post, United) (RE) Linda Werts (Newark, Park)
Alternate: (TE) Rob Mellgard, (Ovid) Alternate: (RE) Virginia Champlin,
(Geneva)

Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the 223rd GA

Cherokee Lane (Palmyra, Western) Alternate: Kari Starweski, (Huron)

Brief Biographies:

TE Kirk Baker, Park, Newark: Kirk grew up in Penn Yan . He acknowledged God in his life at age 17 and, at age 20, under the tutelage of the Rev. Bill Wilcox, found his home in the First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan. He was active in the Protestant Chapel Community and Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship during his undergraduate years. After teaching as a tentmaker missionary in the People's Republic of China and working for Literacy Volunteers of Wayne County, Kirk, in 2002, enrolled in Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. In 2006 he was ordained as Stated Supply in the Williamson Presbyterian Church. Leaving to finish his dissertation on Christian colleges, he then agreed to work short-term with Park Presbyterian Church in Newark in November of 2013 where he has continued to work with the congregation for 1 ½ years on healing and reconciliation. He recently submitted his PIF to the Park Church Pastor Nominating Committee.

TE Cara Milne, Watkins Glen: Rev. Cara Milne attended Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and was ordained in Central Florida Presbytery in 2008. She was installed as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Watkins Glen in October 2017. She has an interest in spiritual education and counseling.

TE Sabrina Slater, Christ the King Fellowship Presbyterian Church, Spencer: Pastor Sabrina was born and raised in Spokane, WA. After her undergraduate years at Lehigh University, she worked in higher education in California and New York before hearing that invitation to seminary! She currently serves on the denomination's 2020 Vision Team, Presbyterian Women's 2018 Churchwide Gathering planning team (plenary), and the 2017 delegation to the World Communion of Reformed Churches Council meeting. Sabrina became one of the newest ordained members of the Presbytery on November 14, 2017. She is humbled and honored to get to love God and neighbor as a pastor requesting our prayers as she tries to walk in a way worthy of this calling.

RE Marc Smith, Seneca Falls: Elder Marc Smith grew up on a dairy farm in York near Geneseo, New York. He remained involved in agriculture as a dairy farmer, was an advisor on agricultural councils, and State Executive Director for the USDA-Farm Service Agency helping craft the 1996 Farm Bill. He also worked for Cornell as Assistant Director at the New York Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva. Marc was a member of the Howlett Hill Presbyterian Church in Camillus, N.Y., where he served as treasurer. After moving from Syracuse, he transferred his membership to the First Presbyterian Church in Seneca Falls where he currently serves as an active Elder on Session.

RE Rehana Stanley, First Elmira: Elder Rehana Stanley has been a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Elmira since 2001 where she has served as a Deacon, an Elder, and is currently an active Elder on Session. She has been active in her church by serving as the chair person for the Building and Grounds Committee, church representative to the Presbytery, and member of the church's Kitchen Renovation Committee. Rehana also is a Steven Minister.

RE Regie Stover, Arkport: Elder Regie Stover chose the following as an introduction of her description as an active member in the life of her church: Galatians 1:10 *For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.* NASV In 1989, she transferred her membership from the New Covenant Presbyterian Church in Boise, Idaho, to the First Presbyterian Church in Arkport. Since doing so she has been an active participant in the life of the church by serving as a Sunday School teacher, on the Christian Education Committee; and in the Arkport Release Time Christian Ed program. Other committees on which she has served include Nominating, Stewardship, Worship and Music, and Pastor Nominating Committees. She is currently serving as an active Elder on Session.