

OUR PURPOSE

The Presbytery of Geneva lives to support and equip congregations and leaders to be Christ in the Finger Lakes and the world.

OUR VISION

Radiating the light of Christ, the Presbytery of Geneva thrives as a community of servants, lifting up every congregation and leader in ministering together.

MINUTES

The Presbytery of Geneva held a duly-called Stated Meeting on Tuesday September 25, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church, Watkins Glen, New York.

GATHERING FOR SHARED WORK

Gathering for Fellowship & Learning

.Prior to the meeting, opportunity was given for presbyters to attend one of three 30 minute study sessions: *A Taste of the Presbytery.*

- Orientation of New Commissioners – led by the Rev. Val Fowler, stated clerk
- Congregational Resources: *Life With Dementia* – the Rev. Dr. Cynthia Huling Hummel
- *Conversation with our visiting International Peacemaker* – Manolis Daparakis (from Greece)

Immediately before the convening, presbyters were called by Deb Grohman and her clarinet, to make their way to the sanctuary for the presbytery's Shared Work.

Call to Order and Opening Worship

Elder Joann Braun, Moderator Pro-tem (serving as Moderator in the absence of Moderator Katherine Griffis), called the meeting to order, a quorum being present.

The Moderator offered the opening prayer

The Moderator led the presbytery in a brief opening worship, including the lighting of the Christ Candle and the lighting of Church Candles.

ROLL

ACTIVE MINISTERS SERVING CHURCHES (P = Present; Ex = Excused; A = Absent)

Name	Jan 27	Mar 20	May 19	Sept 25	Nov 17
Austin, Amy Loving – <i>Bellona Memorial / Seneca, Seneca #9</i>	P	P	Ex	Ex	
Baker, Kirk – <i>Newark, Park (Transitional Pastor)</i>	P	Ex	Transfer	04/08/18	
Bhasker, Stanley – <i>Bath, Bath</i>	P	P	A	P	
Crimmins, Betsey – <i>Elmira, First</i>	Ex	Ex	Ex	P	
Delhagen, Kyle – <i>Palmyra, Western (RCA, Formula of Agreement)</i>	P	P	A	P	
Donnan, Ellen – <i>Dundee, First / Junius, Junius</i>	P	P	P	P	
Griffis, Katherine – <i>Hornell, United</i>	P	P	P	Ex	
Grohman, Deb – <i>Ontario, Ontario</i>	A	P	A	P	
Heimberger, Gail – <i>Sodus, First United</i>	P	P	P	P	
Incze, Bruce Imre – <i>Arkport</i>	P	P	P	A	
Kennedy, Glen – <i>Painted Post, United (Stated Supply)</i>	A	P	P	P	
Kerr, James – <i>Canandaigua, United</i>	A	P	P	Retired	07/30/18
Lester, Donald – <i>Howard, Union*</i>	A	A	A	A	
Lind-Schmitz, Deborah – <i>Geneva, The Presbyterian Church of Geneva</i>	P	P	A	P	
Lostetter, Robin – <i>Naples, Trinity Federated</i>			Rec'd 05/19	P	
McDonald, John – <i>Ithaca, First</i>	P	P	Ex	Ex	
Malles, Paul – <i>Penn Yan, First</i>	P	Ex	P	P	
Marr, Peter – <i>Addison, Addison (Stated Supply)*</i>	A	A	A	A	
Mellgard, Rob – <i>Ovid Federated</i>	P	P	P	P	
Mergener, Christopher – <i>Newark, Park</i>				A	
Milne, Cara – <i>Watkins Glen</i>	A	P	P	P	

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Ntuala, Leah – <i>Seneca Falls, First</i>	A	P	Ex	P	
O'Leary, Lucinda – <i>Rock Stream (Stated Supply)*</i>	A	A	A	A	
Peeples, Cheryl – <i>Trumansburg, First Ulysses</i>	P	P	P	P	
Preisendanz, David – <i>Elmira, North</i>	P	P	Ex	P	
Riehl, Kirianne Weaver – <i>Ithaca, First</i>	A	P	A	P	
Slater, Sabrina – <i>Spencer, Christ the King Fellowship Presbyterian Church</i>	P	P	P	P	
Tierson, A.J. – <i>Phelps / United Shortsville, Shortsville (Stated Supply)</i>	P	P	P	P	
Ugoretz, Jeffrey – <i>Corning, First</i>	A	A	A	A	
Winters, Jane – <i>Elmira, Westminster (Temp. Supply)</i>	P	P	Ex	P	
TOTAL PRESENT	17	21	12	19	
TOTAL EXCUSED	1	3	6	3	
TOTAL ABSENT	11	4	9	6	

MINISTERS IN VALIDATED MINISTRIES / MINISTERS AT-LARGE

(V = Validated ~ AL = At-large)

Name	Jan 27	Mar 20	May 19	Sept 25	Nov 17
Ashby, David (V) – <i>Interim Pastor, Honeoye Falls, NY</i>	P	Ex	A	P	
Campbell, Anne (AL)	A	A	A	A	
Delhagen, Harold (V) – <i>Synod Executive, Synod of the Northeast</i>	Ex	Ex	A	A	
Duncan, Russell (V) -- <i>United Church of Salem, Salem, VT (UCC)</i>	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Fitzgerald, Janice (V) -- <i>Robinson Memorial PC, Syracuse, NY</i>	P	P	P	Ex	
Frank, Aaron (AL)	A	A	A	A	
Haines, Todd (AL)	A	A	A	A	
Huling Hummel, Cynthia (AL)	A	A	A	P	
McCollister, Dan (AL)	A	A	A	A	
Wareham, J. Christy (AL)	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Warrington, Karl (AL)	P	A	P	A	
Weaver, Cindy (AL)	P	P	P	P	
TOTAL PRESENT	4	2	3	3	
TOTAL EXCUSED	3	4	2	3	
TOTAL ABSENT	5	6	7	6	

HONORABLY RETIRED MINISTERS (If serving a church, service is noted in parentheses)
 (Honorably Retired Ministers, if not present, are automatically marked as “excused.”)

Name	Jan 27	Mar 20	May 19	Sept 25	Nov 17
Barnard, David	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Bartel, Joanne	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Bidelspacher, Nancy Torpey	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Coffman, Fred	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Courtney, Philip	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Creelman, Gilmore	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Crego, Peter	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Edwards, Sam	Ex	P	P	Ex	
Elder, John	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Farrell, Nancy	Ex	P	Ex	Ex	
Flaherty, Scott	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Gerling, Jim	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Gould, John	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Hicks, James	Ex	P	Ex	Ex	
Hood, Kenneth	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Husted, Susan	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Johnson, Timothy	P	P	P	P	
Karr-Lyon, Beverly	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Kellam, Jeffrey	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Kerr, Jim				Ex	
Kilgore, David	P	Ex	P	P	
Knight, Jonathan	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Lostetter, Robin			Rec'd 05/19	P	

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Magley, Fred	Ex	P	Ex	Ex	
Meiser, Jr., Edward	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Montgomery, Tom	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Murray, Virginia	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Newman, James	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Otterbacher, Suzanne	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Price, Richard	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Rochelle, Robert	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Teller, Gailey	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Tennies, Herb	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Tyrrell, Jamie (<i>Presbytery Treasurer</i>)	Ex	P	Ex	Ex	
Valk, John	Ex		Ex	Ex	
Wilson, Carol			Rec.d 05/19	P	
TOTAL PRESENT	2	6	3	4	

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS WITH VOICE AND VOTE (Ministers of another Denomination or another Presbytery who are serving Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of Geneva)

Name	Jan 27	Mar 20	May 19	Sept 25	Nov 17
Badger Becker, Elder Linda -- <i>Transitional Leader (Pby of Genesee Valley)</i>	P	P	P	P	
Elfond, the Rev. Cheryl Ann -- <i>Horseheads (Pby of Susquehanna Valley)</i>	A	A	A	P	
Frigard, the Rev. Beth -- <i>Big Flats (Formula of Agreement – UCC)</i>	A	A	A	P	
Lostetter, the Rev. Robin – <i>Naples, Trinity (Presbytery of Pittsburgh)</i>	A	A	P	Rec;d 05/19	
Schwartz, the Rev. Barbara -- <i>Hector & Lodi (Pby of Susquehanna Valley)</i>	P	P	P	P	
Stuber, the Rev. Walter -- <i>Wolcott (Pby of Genesee Valley)</i>	A	P	P	A	
West, Sarah – <i>Waterloo (Disciples of Christ)</i>	A	A	Ex	Moved to Ohio	
TOTAL PRESENT	2	3	4	4	
TOTAL EXCUSED	0	0	1	0	
TOTAL ABSENT	5	4	2	1	

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS (Ministers of another denomination or another presbytery who serve the Presbytery of Geneva in roles other than pastor of a particular church. **VOICE, NOT VOTE**)

Name	Jan 27	Mar 20	May 19	Sept 25	Nov 17
Michelle Serra, serving as Temporary Supply at First, Canisteo			P	P	
The Rev. Val Fowler, Stated Clerk (<i>Presbytery of Genesee Valley</i>)	P	P	P	P	
TOTAL PRESENT			2	2	
TOTAL EXCUSED			0	0	

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS ENROLLED FOR THIS MEETING

Name	Presbytery / Agency
Manolis Dabarakis	PCUSA International Peacemaker -- Greece

COMMISSIONERS FROM CHURCHES

Church Name	Jan 27	Mar 20	May 19	Sept 25	Nov 17
Addison, Addison	A	A	A	A	
Almond Union	A	A	A	Dissolved 05-19	
Andover, First	A	A	A	A	
Arkport, First	A	P	P	A	
Atlanta, Atlanta	A	A	A	A	
Bath, First	A	A	A	Barbara Scudder	
Benton, Bellona	A	A	A	A	
Big Flats, First	A	A	A	Robin Fitzgerald	
Burdett, Burdett	A	A	A	Marty Evans	

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Canandaigua, United	P		A	A	Ken Allen	
Canisteo, Canisteo		A	P	P	Barb Stephens	
Cohocton, First		A	A	A		A
Corning, First		A	A	A		A
Dundee, First	Dissolved	12/31/17				
Elmira, First	P	P		Ex	Rehana Stanley	
Elmira, Lake Street		A	A	A		A
Elmira, North	P	P		P	Jeff Richards	
Elmira, Westminster		A	A	A		A
Fayette, W. Fayette		A	A	A		A
Geneva (1)	P	P		P	Ellen Reynolds	
Geneva (2)	P	P		Ex	Gary Harman	
Hammondsport, First		A	A	A		A
Hector, First	P	P		A	Sue Rochell	
Hornell, United	P	P		P		A
Horseheads, First		A	A	A	Phil Yoder	
Howard, Howard Union		A	A	A		A
Huron, Huron		A	A	A	Lois Wafler	
Ithaca, First		A	P	P		A
Jasper, Jasper		A	A	A		A
Junius, Junius	P	P		P		A
Lodi, Lodi		A	A	P		A
Lyons, First		A	P	A	Tracy Rankart	
Marion, United	P	P		A		A
Moreland, Moreland		A	A	A	Bob Bellman	
Naples, Trinity Fed.	P	P		A	Jessie Olney	
Newark, Park		A	P	P	Paul Salisbury	
Oaks Corners	P	P		P		A
Ontario, First		A	A	A		A
Ovid Federated		A	P	P	Judy Mellgard	
Painted Post, United		A	A	A		A
Palmyra, East Palmyra		A		A		A
Palmyra, Western	P	P		A	Phil Opdyke	
Penn Yan, First	P	P		P	Rob Anderson	
Phelps, United		A	A	P	Nan Clark	
Prattsburg, First		A	A	A		A
Pulteney, First	P	P		A		A
Red Creek	P	P		A		A
Rock Stream	P	P		A	Priscilla Andrews	
Romulus	P		A	Dissolved	04/04/18	
Seneca Falls, First		A	A	A	Marc Smith	
Seneca, Seneca #9		A	A	A		A
Shortsville, First		A	A	P		A
Sodus, First United		A	A	A		A
Spencer, Christ the King Fellowship	P	P		A	Kermit Bossard	
Trumansburg, First of Ulysses	P	P		P	Carol MacLeod	
Waterloo, First		A	A	A	Ruth Eads	
Watkins Glen, First		A	P	A	Kathy Mareijergen	
Weston, Weston		A	A	A	Vera Dykes	
Williamson		A	Dismissed	01/27/18		
Wolcott	P	P		P	Carol Merrel	
TOTAL PRESENT	20	25	16	28		
TOTAL EXCUSED	0	0	2	0		
TOTAL ABSENT	39	32	39	28		

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ADDITIONAL ELDER COMMISSIONERS
 (Appointed by presbytery to correct elder-clergy imbalance)

Name	Church	Relationship	Jan 27	Mar 20	May 19	Sept 25	Nov 17
Anderson, Rob	Penn Yan	222 nd GA Commissioner	A	P	P		
Baker, Phoebe		Nominating	P	P	P	P	
Bailey, Tom	Spencer	Budget & Finance		P	P	P	
Beals, Steven	West Fayette	CRE / Personnel	P	P	P	A	
Braun, Joann	Naples, Fed	Past Moderator	P	P	P	P	
Champlin, Virginia	Geneva	SNE Min. & Mission	P	Ex	P	P	
Colvin, Donna	Pulteney	Synod Commissioner	A	A	P	P	
Evans, Richard	Burdett	CRE	A	A	A	Ex	
Frost, Carleen	Oaks Corners	CRE	P	A	P	A	
Frost, Susan	Weston	CRE				P	
Gingerich, John	Wolcott	CRE / Council Chair	P	P	P	P	
Novack, Joy	Romulus	CRE	P	A	Romulus	dissolved	
Peek, Donald	Canisteo	CRE	P	Retired			
Richmond, Lucille	Red Creek	CRE		A	A	P	
Schied, Dick	Weston	CRE	P	P	Deceased		
Werts, Linda		P.W. President	P	P	P	P	
TOTAL PRESENT			10	8	10	9	
TOTAL EXCUSED			0	1	0	1	
TOTAL ABSENT			3	5	2	2	

REGISTERED Guests (current meeting)
 Includes CREs not serving churches

Fran Phayer	Moreland Presbyterian
Deb Campner	Newark, Park Presbyterian
Ruth Marshall	Waterloo, First Presbyterian
Mary Jane Peek	Pulteney

SUMMARIES FOR EACH MEETING	Jan 27	Mar 20	May 19	Sept 25	Nov 17
Total Minister Commissioners Present*	25	31	21	26	
Total Elder Commissioners Present	30	35	26	37	
Parity (expressed in terms of Elders, + or -)	+5	+4	+5	+11	
Total Minister Commissioners Absent, Unexcused**	21	14	18	12	
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders***	39	32	40	28	
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders and Pastors	23	18	33	19	
Total Registered Visitors	4	2	15	4	
Total Registered Attendance****	66	68	63	73	

* Includes Corresponding Members with voice and vote. Does not include Corresponding Members, with voice, not vote. Includes Validated, At-large, and Honorably Retired

** Does not include Corresponding Members with voice only; and Honorably Retired Ministers

*** Includes churches marked "excused"; does **not** include Additional Elder Commissioners, as they are not elected by sessions.

**** Includes Corresponding Members without vote

Opening Business: “The Presbytery of Geneva lives....” Part 1
(Declaration of a Quorum)

The stated clerk confirmed that a quorum is present for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

The presbytery VOTED to approve the docket for the meeting:

9:45 a.m.

Gathering for Shared Work

9:45 a.m.

Call to Order & Opening Worship

9:50 a.m.

Opening Business: “The Presbytery of Geneva lives....” Part 1

Declaration of a Quorum

The presbytery is the council serving as a corporate expression of the church within a certain district and is composed of all the congregations and ministers of the Word and Sacrament within that district. Congregations are represented at presbytery meetings by ruling elders elected by sessions as commissioners.

(Book of Order G-3.0301)

The Presbytery of Geneva is composed of 55 congregations and 73 ministers of the Word and Sacrament. A quorum consists of three ruling elders from three different churches and three ministers of Word and Sacrament.

Consent Agenda: Approval of Docket, Enrollment of Corresponding Members, privilege of the floor,

Welcome of New Elder Commissioners

Welcome from the Host Church

Appoint composer of a *Resolution of Thanks* approval of Docket

10:00 a.m.

Business Related to Congregations and Leaders: “... to support and equip congregations and leaders....”

The presbytery is to serve as pastor, counselor, and advisor to its pastors and congregations. (Book of Order, G-3.0307; see all of G-3.03 for details)

Good News from the Churches

General Council, Part 1 – Elder John Gingerich (Wolcott), Chair of General Council

Almond Union of Churches Dissolution Service

Administrative Commissions (see written reports)

Dundee, First – the Rev. Paul Malles (Penn Yan)

Romulus – Elder Kermit Bossard (Spencer)

Elmira, Westminster – Elder Jeff Richards (Elmira, North)

Committee on Ministry – the Rev. Ellen Donnan and the Rev. Adrian Tierson, co-chairs

Pastor Emerita/Emeritus Policy

Healthy Boundaries Policy

Recommending an Administrative Commission for Installation (Newark, Park)

Commissioning of Elder Susan Frost, CRE to Weston Presbyterian Church

Small Church Network Report – Marti Evans, Burdett

Committee on Preparation for Ministry – Elder John Gingerich (Wolcott), chair

CRE Formation Program: recommendation for revisions to the educational process

11:30 a.m.

Business related to Mission: “. . . to be Christ in the Finger Lakes and the world.”

International Peacemaker – Manolis Ntamaprakkis, Int'l Peacemaker from Greece

General Council, Part 2 – the Rev. Leah Ntuala (Seneca Falls)

Camp Whitman Strategy

Committee on Representation – Elder Marc Smith (Seneca Falls)

Presbyterian Women – Elder Virginia Champlin (Geneva)

223rd General Assembly

Commissioners: Elder Linda Werts (Newark) & the Rev. Glen Kennedy (Painted Post)

YAAD: Cherokee Lane (Palmyra, Western)

* General Assembly Hymn and Blessing for Lunch

12:15 p.m.

LUNCH

1:00 p.m.

Presbytery Reconvenes

Internal Business: “The Presbytery of Geneva lives” Part 2

Budget & Finance Committee – Elder Tom Bailey (Spencer)

Presbytery Transitional Leader – Elder Linda Badger Becker

Presbytery Nominating Committee – Elder Phoebe Baker (Penn Yan)

General Council, Part 3 – Elder John Gingerich, Chair (Weston)

Call for Special Presbytery Meeting, October 23, 2018 at Bellona

Closing Matters
Resolution of Thanks
Additional announcements

1:30 p.m. Gathering for Worship and Sending
The Candles: Time of Individual Silence and Reflection / Prelude
Presbytery Worship Service
Extinguishing of candles

2:15 Adjournment and Benediction

ENROLLMENT OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

The presbytery VOTED to enroll the following persons as Corresponding Members:
Manolis Dabarakis – PCUSA International Peacemaker from Greece

STATED CLERK CONSENT AGENDA

The following will be presented as a single motion. You may ask to have any item removed, if you would like it to be discussed. Simply be recognized by the Moderator and say, "Madam Moderator, I would like to lift [say the item number] for discussion."

The presbytery VOTED to:

(Approval of Presbytery Minutes):

1. **Approve** the minutes of the May 19, 2018 stated meeting, held at Wolcott Presbyterian Church, Wolcott, NY.

(Privilege of the Floor)

2. **Grant** privilege of voice to non-commissioners who will make a presentation or participate in a report to the presbytery.

(Report of Previous Members of the Presbytery Permanent Judicial Commission)

3. **Receive** the following report of the Roster of Permanent Judicial Commission Members who have served during the past six years. [NOTE: The *Book of Order* requires the stated clerk to maintain and report annually a roster of persons who have served on the Permanent Judicial Commission in the previous six years. The roster is to be listed by class, in alphabetical order. If the current Permanent Judicial Commission needs to maintain a quorum, the stated clerk will begin with the person who has served most recently, moving through the list alphabetically, until a quorum is established.]

Class of 2016

Ruling Elder Sue Goodrich (Penn Yan)
The Rev. Timothy Johnson, HR

Class of 2014

The Rev. Betsey Crimmins (Elmira, First)
The Rev. Amy Loving Austin (Bellona / Seneca #9)
Ruling Elder Kevin Mosier (Elmira, First)

Class of 2012

Ruling Elder Hank Schur (Big Flats)

(Ordination Anniversaries)

4. The following are the significant ordination anniversaries of ministers that will occur this year (listed in 5-year increments):

15 years (2003)

The Rev. Kirianne Riehl (March 30, 2003 – Presbytery of New York City)
The Rev. Gail Heimberger (October 5, 2003 – Presbytery of Geneva)

20 years (1998)

The Rev. Deborah Grohman (January 24, 1998 – Presbytery of Ohio Valley)
The Rev. Gailey Teller (September 18, 1998 – Presbytery of Lackawanna)
The Rev. Todd Haines (October 18, 1998 – Presbytery of Hudson River)

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The Rev. Paul Malles (October 25, 1998 – Presbytery of Chicago)

25 years (1993)

The Rev. Ellen Donnan (July 11, 1993 – Presbytery of Geneva)

30 years (1988)

The Rev. Nancy Bidlespacher (November 27, 1988 – Presbytery of Geneva)

The Rev. Dan McCollister (August 7, 1988 – Presbytery of Geneva)

35 years (1983)

The Rev. Nancy Farrell (August 14, 1983– Presbytery of Chicago)

40 years (1978)

The Rev. Jonathan Knight (February 19, 1978 – Presbytery of Cayuga Syracuse)

The Rev. Susan Husted (November 19, 1978 – Presbytery of Geneva)

50 years (1968)

The Rev. Robert Rochelle (October 5, 1968 – Presbytery of Newton)

Over 50 years

The Rev. Timothy Johnson (**51 years** May 28, 1967 – Presbytery of Lake Huron)

The Rev. Jim Hicks (**52 years**, July 29, 1966 – Presbytery of The Western Reserve)

The Rev. Sam Edwards (**53 years**, May 23, 1965 – Presbytery of Central Washington)

The Rev. Gilmore Creelman (**55 years**, June 18, 1963 – Presbytery of Mahoning)

The Rev. John Valk (**57 years**, October 15, 1961 – Presbytery of Newark)

The Rev. John Elder (**58 years**, May 20, 1960 – Presbytery of Northern New England)

The Rev. Herb Tennes (**59 years**, May 14, 1959)

The Rev. Fred Coffman (**68 years**, July 1, 1950 – Presbytery of Philadelphia)

The Rev. Fred Magley (**70 years**, October 13, 1948 – Presbytery of Newark)

WELCOME OF NEW ELDER COMMISSIONERS

The presbytery welcomed new and first-time elder commissioners from the following congregations:

Penn Yan

Naples, Trinity

WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

The Rev. Cara Milne welcomed the presbytery, on behalf of First Presbyterian Church, Watkins Glen. She reminded the presbytery that First Watkins Glen has just celebrated their 200th anniversary as a congregation.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

The Moderator appointed Jeff Richards (Elmira, First) to prepare a *Resolution of Thanks*, to be presented at the end of the meeting.

Business Related to Congregations and Leaders: “...to support and equip congregations and leaders...”

GOOD NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

The moderator called for brief expression of good news in the lives of churches in the Presbytery of Geneva.

Elmira, Westminster

Geneva

Penn Yan

Seneca Falls

Sodus

Elmira First

Cohocton

Spencer

Hornell

Presbyterian Women

The presbytery celebrated the Peacemaking Banquet, held in Seneca Falls on Friday, September 21. Twelve congregations named Congregation Peacemakers, who were honored. Almost 100 people were present.

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The presbytery shared the news that Dick Evans was taken to the hospital this morning, for assessment and observation.

The presbytery VOTED to make the Small Church Network report the next item of business so that presenter Marty Evans would be free to leave, to be with her husband.

SMALL CHURCH NETWORK REPORT: Burdett Presbyterian Church, Burdett, NY

Marty Evens noted that the Burdett church hosted the March 2018 gathering of the Small Church Network. That meeting confirmed for her the ability of small churches to **persevere**.

On February 14, 1826, seventeen people decided to form a church. For ten years, they worshiped in many buildings in the community, including homes. After that first ten years they were able to erect a sanctuary.

The Burdett church has a long history of mission. Mission is long-rooted in the church's history. Marty found some records of the congregation's mission giving through the successive years, commenting, "Translated into current dollars, the giving of our little congregation is astounding."

She found a grave stone in the cemetery, with the slogan, "Born a slave ... Died free." The woman whose grave is so marked was one of the persons Harriet Tubman led to freedom. She came to Burdett through the Underground Railroad.

The last person buried in the cemetery was the first mechanical engineer to graduate from Georgia Tech. Researching his name (he was a member of the Burdett congregation) she learned that he had a full, productive, and inspiring career which touched hundreds of lives. "I will sum this report up by saying, Be inspired by your roots."

Joann Braun led the presbytery in prayer for the Evans family.

GENERAL COUNCIL REPORT, Part 1

John Gingerich, Chair, presented the report of the General Council. He announced that the *Service of Dissolution* of the Almond Union of Churches as a PCUSA congregation will be held on Sunday October 14, 2018 at the Almond Church, at 10:30 a.m. He offered an invitation to attend to all who are able.

GENERAL COUNCIL REPORT TO THE PRESBYTERY

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First Presbyterian Church, Watkins Glen, NY

[From the regular meetings of 06/12, 08/14, 09/11 and the 08/07 special meeting.]

ITEMS FOR THE PRESBYTERY'S ACTION

The General Council VOTED to recommend that the presbytery:

There were no items before the General Council that require presbytery action.

ITEMS FOR THE PRESBYTERY'S INFORMATION

The General Council VOTED to:

(Request to the Synod for Original Jurisdiction)

1. **Request** the Synod of the Northeast to assume original jurisdiction of the disciplinary case involving allegations against a member of the Presbytery of Geneva; and **direct** the stated clerk to transmit this request to the stated clerk of the Synod of the Northeast.

NOTES:

(a) The details of this request are, by necessity, confidential to the General Council.

(b) The stated clerk transferred the request—along with all supporting information for the request—to the stated clerk of the Synod of the Northeast, by certified mail/return receipt requested.

(c) The stated clerk received confirmation of receipt of the request.

(d) As of the date of preparation of this report, the stated clerk has not received notification as to whether the request has been granted by the Synod.

(Transitional Leader: Compensatory Time and Vacation)

2. **Grant** the Transitional Leader two weeks of vacation in July, plus an additional three weeks of compensatory time, comprising July 1 through August 4, 2018.

Background & Rationale

The Transitional Leader is engaged at 60% time (26 hours per week). Events in February and March (including two major issues and the death of a Commissioned Ruling Elder) required significant time beyond the parameters of the position. The above dates are the best way to make up for those additional hours, at minimal impact on the working of the presbytery. The Transitional Leader is hired by the General Council and supervised through the Personnel Committee, so the recommendation needs concurrence of the Personnel Committee.

(Check-Signing Authorization)

3. **Continue** Rob Anderson's authorization to be one of the two check-signers on behalf of the presbytery, even after he leaves service on the General Council. [NOTE: This action came by request of the Budget & Finance Committee.]

(Annual Audit)

4. **Receive** the Audit Report for the 2017 financial year.
The Annual Audit, conducted by Heveron & Heveron, has been completed. The General Council reviewed the cover letter and the summary report. The audit found no material weaknesses in the financial management of the presbytery. All of the special funds have been restored, and faster than was initially anticipated.

The General Council offered its gratitude to the Budget & Finance Committee for their diligent and excellent work on behalf of the Presbytery.

(November Presbytery Meeting)

4. **Accept** the invitation of First Presbyterian Church, Bath, NY to host the November 17, 2018 stated meeting of the Presbytery of Geneva.

(Special Presbytery Meeting – October)

5. **Call** a special meeting of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley for Tuesday October 23, 2018, 9:30 a.m. through 2:00 p.m., for the purpose of engaging in strategy work (possibly including structure and staffing of the presbytery). If the way be clear, the location will be Bellona Presbyterian Church.

(Camp Whitman / Executive Coaching)

6. **Approve** a grant of \$1,000 from the Vittum Fund to Lea Kone for a second year of executive coaching. She has completed a year of executive coaching through the PCUSA Camp and Conference Center Program. The Executive Coaching is designed specifically for camp and conference center directors. The request came through the Camp Whitman Advisory Committee.

(Camp Whitman / Camp Renovations)

7. **Authorize** the Camp Director to employ donated funds and anticipated donations to begin the first-stage renovation project, which will include the floor of the lodge and new tables and chairs for the lodge.
8. **Authorize** the Camp Director and the Camp Whitman Advisory Committee to begin fund-raising for the remainder of the renovation project funds.

Background and Rationale

The appraisal of the Camp Whitman property has been completed. The total property is valued at \$1.75 million (as-is). A significant part of that value is the waterfront. The property is currently zoned for seasonal use (not year-round). The appraisal confirmed that the best use of the property is recreational use.

The Camp Director shared information about an initial renovation project (involving improvements to the lodge, and improvements to the cabin areas). The cost would be \$200,000, and very soon the presbytery will receive almost \$100,000 toward the renovation project (a portion coming from the sale of the Laurelton Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY property).

The Run River consultants have been invited to attend the September meeting of the General Council.

(Camp Whitman Membership Association)

9. **Authorize** the formation of a *Friends of Camp Whitman Association* to be made up of persons committed to seeing the success of Camp Whitman.
10. **Direct** The Camp Whitman Advisory Committee—along with interested General Council members—to develop the plan for implementing a *Friends of Camp Whitman Association*, and communicate those plans to the General Council prior to implementation.

Background & Rationale

This action was taken after much discussion. The Transitional Leader reviewed the assessment of the Run River Consultants:

There is no long-term future for Camp Whitman unless

1. The facilities are upgraded. [In June, the General Council approved an initial \$200,000 upgrade of the lodge and some of the cabins, as a start. Most of the money is in hand; some will need to be raised. The initial project for improvement of the Lodge was delayed by the start of the 2018 camp program.]
2. Steps are taken to bring the service of the Camp Director to full-time.
3. Significant volunteer support is developed.

The proposal for a *Friends of Camp Whitman Association* was conceived as a way of developing a financial support base, as members might join the Association with an annual payment (\$65 was offered as a suggestion). Those persons would also provide a contact base for encouraging further support of Camp Whitman, by increasing opportunities for their volunteer service to the Camp, or by facilitating their outreach to persons who might volunteer their service to the Camp. The \$65 donation was suggested in recognition of the approaching 65th Anniversary of Camp Whitman.

(Camp Whitman: Logging Proposal)

11. **Approve** the recommendation of the Camp Whitman Advisory Committee for logging; and **directed** that the proceeds of the logging project initially be placed in the Operating Fund, with any remaining balance to go to the Capital Fund for Camp Whitman improvements. [Background and Rationale: see Activity Report below.]

Background & Rationale

Dugan Creek Lumber is proposing a selective harvesting on Camp Whitman. All trees of significant monetary value will be harvested, with the exception of any trees or areas designated by the camp. All harvested trees will be pulled to specific landing areas that will be shown and approved by the Camp Director. After trees are in these areas, an independent buyer will be chosen by Dugan Creek. The buyer at the time will be selected according to whomever is currently paying the highest market price.

After the log sale, Camp Whitman will receive 60% of the total value of the harvested trees, with the remainder going to Dugan Creek Lumber. At the conclusion of the sale, Jason Klemmer (principal owner) will walk and inspect the camp grounds to make sure work is satisfactory. Before any harvesting, Dugan Creek's proof of insurance will be forwarded to Camp Whitman.

They estimate that our profit from timber sales could be upwards of \$40,000 - \$50,000.

(Camp Whitman Advisory Committee)

12. **Appoint** the Rev. Leah Ntuala as a member of the Camp Whitman Advisory Committee.

(Presbytery Office Building)

13. **Authorize** reducing the advertised price of the building to \$225,000. The vote was 9/4.

14. **Establish** \$202,000 as the lowest acceptable sale price for the building. [There was one “no” vote.]

Background & Rationale

The realtor for the sale of the Presbytery Office Building has suggested a reduction of \$25,000 in the asking price for the building. The Budget & Finance committee has suggested an additional \$10,000 negotiating room. The General Council must act on those requests before they can be implemented.

During the discussion, it was noted that:

- The layout of the building is not easily managed.
- There are several building issues that have needed attention.
- The mortgage payments and building maintenance cost the presbytery @\$29,000 per year
- The original purchase price was \$202,000

(Invitation to General Assembly Moderator)

15. **Authorize** the Transitional Leader to submit the application extending the invitation to the co-moderators of the 223rd General Assembly (or one of them) to visit our presbytery at a date convenient to them.

(PCUSA Presbytery Moderator Training)

16. **Send** moderator-elect to the PCUSA Moderator Training event in October 2018, if the way be clear (if funds are left in the General Assembly budget line). This will prepare the moderator-elect for service as moderator.

(Authorization for Check Signers)

17. **Remove** the name of the previous Treasurer from the list of check-signers.

18. **Add** Phoebe Baker to the list of check-signers, in light of Donna Colvin’s current recuperation period.

(Synod Meeting – Young Adult Advisory Delegate)

19. If the way be clear, **provide** the cost of a hotel room for the Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the Synod meeting to attend the Anti-Racism Training the day before the Synod meeting. Virginia Champlin will ask the session of Geneva Presbyterian Church (of which the YAAD is a member) to provide the support if the presbytery cannot.

(Lodi Flooding / PDA Grant)

20. **Authorize** the Chair of General Council and the Transitional Leader to administer the PDA grant.

- An idea from the Lodi church is to use a portion of the funds to replace appliances that were lost in the flooding.

21. **Announce** that the Presbytery of Geneva will receive funds for Seneca Lake Recovery.

- Donations received through the presbytery will be placed in this special fund, which is separate from the PDA grant. If funds remain from the PDA grant, they will be transferred to the Seneca Lake Recovery fund.

22. **Direct** that the offering received during the September 25, 2018 stated meeting of the presbytery be designated to the Seneca Lake Recovery fund.

Background & Rationale

During a recent storm, serious flooding occurred along the east side of Seneca Lake, taking out most of Lodi Point. In response to a request from the Lodi Presbyterian Church, the Transitional Leader

secured a \$7,500 grant from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Three Presbyterian churches were very involved in the immediate response efforts: Lodi, Hector, and Ovid (Ovid was an emergency shelter location).

A PDA team will visit Wednesday through Sunday of this week, and will participate in worship in the three churches. Thursday morning, led by the Rev. Rob Mellgard, the team will tour the damaged areas.

(Additional Hours Allocation for Camp Whitman Director)

23. **Approve** an additional 75 hours of work for the Director of Camp Whitman through the end of the year.

- The additional hours will be related to the renovation work being done at Camp Whitman, and work related to the Capital Campaign for Camp Whitman.
- The cost of the additional hours (compensation and Board of Pensions) will be approximately \$2,500 and will come from the Camp Whitman Budget (and, if necessary, from the Vittum Fund).

(2019 Per Capita)

24. **Keep** the 2019 Per Capita request at \$50 per member: the same as 2018. (There was one NO vote.)

NOTE: The Budget & Finance Committee will propose a Temporary 2019 Budget which will follow the 2018 Budget until the 2019 situation is clearer.

RUN RIVER PRESENTATION ON CAMP WITMAN

During the September 11, 2018 meeting, the General Council welcomed the Rev. Pam Harris and the Rev. Gary Stevens of Run River Associates, who have been working with the Camp Whitman Advisory Committee and leaders of the Presbytery of Geneva and the Presbytery of Genesee Valley for the past year.

Pam and Gary noted that their final retreat with the Committee and leaders will be tomorrow, September 12, 2018.

The General Council received the report, *Strategic Planning for Camp Whitman*.

Some highlights of their report include:

- “You have one of the most spectacular settings for such a ministry that we have ever seen, both in terms of the aesthetics of the property and the theological opportunities the property provides.”
- All of the sustainability needs of the camp are possible; we discovered no “hard obstacles.”
- **Most important:** To discover a depth of mission beyond the current sense that “We have Camp Whitman because we have had Camp Whitman, and because we have always had Camp Whitman.”
- “You can really dig deep for a purpose: it is hidden in the land, hidden in the waters, and hidden within who you are. It is also hidden within your recently-stated purpose and vision.”
- With respect to the purpose and vision: “How does Camp Whitman help us accomplish the purpose and the vision for the Presbytery of Geneva?”
- “In short, you have a magnificent resource, with incredible potential to help the presbytery and its congregations to do what they are called to do.”

The General Council engaged a “walk through” of the Strategic Planning Report.

- “We have discovered in Presbyterians an important link between faith and science, faith and nature. This will be a huge help in discovering the purpose for the camp, and in moving forward.”
- Amidst the amazement at the spectacular property is the un-amazing nature of the facilities. The Dining Hall is the only part of the facilities that is structurally sound and has a minimal long-term future (and that future is minimal because it is in the wrong place, and stands in the way of the spectacular view of the lake as one enters that part of the property).

- The current cabins are essentially “garden sheds.” The Report includes suggestions for improvement of the current cabins, with an eye toward their replacement in the future.

The General Council discussed opportunities and means for placing the Run River report before the presbytery, and engaging wider vision for Camp Whitman.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS

The written reports / minutes are attached at the end of these minutes.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Adrian Tierson and Ellen Donnan co-chairs, presented the report of the Committee on Ministry.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

September 25, 2018

First Presbyterian Church, Watkins Glen, NY

[From the regular meetings of 06/05, 08/07, and 09/04, 2018]

ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY’S ACTION

The presbytery VOTED to:

(Minimum Salary Guidelines)

1. **Approve** the Minimum Salary Guidelines for 2019. [Link: www.presbyteryofgeneva.org]
 - The 2019 Guidelines include raising the minimum salary by 2.5%. [This is less than the anticipated 2019 Cost of Living increase of 3%.]
 - The Guidelines will include a challenge for congregations to meet or exceed the anticipated 3% COL increase.

(Policy for Pastor Emeritus / Emerita)

2. **Approve** the *Policy for Pastor Emeritus / Emerita*. [See **Attachment B**, below.]
3. **Approve** honoring the Rev. Beverly Karr-Lyon as Pastor Emerita of First Presbyterian Church, Watkins Glen, NY. That honor will be celebrated during Morning Worship on October 14, 2018.

(Guidelines for Promoting Healthy Boundaries Between a Departing Pastor and Congregation)

4. **Approve** the *Guidelines for Dissolution of a Pastoral Relationship*. [See **Attachment C**, below.]

A suggestion was made to include the provision that a member of presbytery be present at the final service of a departing pastor. The Committee on Ministry will consider the request during the October meeting, and will be prepared with a recommendation for the November stated meeting.

(Newark / Administrative Commission to Install a Pastor)

5. **Appoint** the following Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Christopher Mergener as Pastor of Park Presbyterian Church, Newark, NY on Sunday October 28, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.:

Moderator the Rev. Katherine Griffis or her designee
The Rev. Adrian Tierson (Phelps & Shortsville)
The Rev. Ellen Donnan (Junius)
The Rev. Kyle Delhagen (Palmyra, Western)
Elder Virginia Champlin (Geneva)
Elder Paul Salisbury (Newark, Park)
Elder Wyatt Thorn (Junius)

6. **Grant** the Moderator (or designee) the authority to make changes in the Administrative Commission to Install, as necessary and appropriate.
7. **Dismiss** the Administrative Commission to Install upon the conclusion of the Service of Installation, with the presbytery’s thanks for their service.

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(CRE Commissioning / Elder Susan Frost, CRE)

8. **Commission** Elder Susan Frost, CRE to service at Weston Presbyterian Church, Weston, NY. [See Item 13 under Information Items.]

Moderator Pro-tem Joann Braun led the *Service of Commissioning of a Commissioned Ruling Elder*.

ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE PRESBYTERY

Acting on behalf of presbytery, the Committee VOTED to:

(Moderator Appointment / Weston)

1. **Appoint** the Rev. Don Peek as moderator of the session of Weston Presbyterian Church, Weston, NY effective June 5, 2018.

(Moderator Appointment / Canandaigua)

2. **Appoint** the Rev. David Ashby as moderator of the session of the United Church of Canandaigua, Canandaigua, NY effective August 1, 2018. [See Item 8 under Information Items.]

(Waterloo / Moderator Appointment)

3. **Appoint** the Rev. Amy Loving Austin as moderator of the session of First Presbyterian Church, Waterloo, NY effective August 7, 2018.

(Moderator Appointment / Hector & Lodi)

4. **Appoint** the Rev. Cara Milne as moderator of the session of the Hector and Lodi Presbyterian Churches, effective September 5, 2018.

ITEMS FOR THE PRESBYTERY'S INFORMATION

The Committee on Ministry VOTED to:

(Horseheads / the Rev. Cheryl Ann Elfond)

1. **Approve** the Transitional Pastor Covenant between the session of First Presbyterian Church, Horseheads, NY and the Rev. Cheryl Ann Elfond, effective August 1, 2018 for 12 months, at the following terms:

*Cash Salary	25,500.00
Housing Allowance	25,500.00
Total Effective Salary	51,000.00
SECA offset	3,192.00
Pension, Medical (PCUSA)	18,870.00
Continuing Education Expense	3,851.00
Professional Expenses	1,780.00

Vacation: 6 weeks, including 6 Sundays

Study Leave: 2 weeks, including 2 Sundays

Personal time: one Sunday per three months

Sick Time: up to 10 week days per contract year

Bereavement Time: 3 days in the event of the death of a family member

*Base Salary funds will be distributed to a 403b account owned by the Transitional Pastor that is lodged with Fidelity through the denomination. The amount deducted from the base salary will be at the discretion of the Transitional Pastor.

(East Palmyra / the Rev. Ellen Donnan)

2. **Approve** the Temporary Supply Covenant between the session of East Palmyra Presbyterian Church, East Palmyra, NY and the Rev. Ellen Donnan, effective June 1, 2018 for six months, renewable, at the following terms:

PER DIEM: \$100 per service, plus mileage

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(Weston / Elder Susan Frost, CRE)

3. **Approve** the Temporary Supply Covenant (1/4 time) between the session of Weston Presbyterian Church, Weston, NY and Elder Susan Frost, CRE, effective October 11, 2018 for 11 months at the following terms (pro-rated for 11 months): \$16,423.00.

(Davidson Center reimbursements)

4. **Authorize** payment of the obligation of the presbytery for the Rev. John McDonald's participation in the Davidson (College) Center program, at 50% from the Study Leave Grant Fund and 50% from the Hay Grant Fund.

Background & Rationale

The agreement regarding the Rev. John McDonald's participation in the Davidson Center program was 1/3 presbytery, 1/3 Ithaca First, and 1/3 John McDonald. The bill to the presbytery is \$1,070.35. The only resources for payment would be the Study Leave Grant fund (\$8,820) or the Hay Grant for coaching (\$4,500).

(Waterloo / Ministry Information Form)

5. **Approve** the First, Waterloo Ministry Information Form for circulation through Church Leadership Connection.
6. If the way be clear, **authorize** the congregation to proceed with the election of a Pastor Nominating Committee. [NOTE: The session may decide to proceed with the search for a Stated Supply.]

(Hector & Lodi / Ministry Information Form)

7. **Approve** the Hector & Lodi Ministry Information Form for circulation through Church Leadership Connection.

(Canandaigua / the Rev. David Ashby)

8. **Approve** the Interim Pastor Covenant (full time) between the session of the United Church, Canandaigua, NY and the Rev. David Ashby, effective August 1, 2018 for one year at the following terms:

Cash salary & Housing	76,000.00
Total Effective Salary	76,000.00
Social Security offset	5,814.00
Pension / Medical	28,120.00
Travel (reimbursed)	IRS rate
Study leave (vouchered)	500.00

Study leave time: 2 weeks including 2 Sundays
Vacation: 31 days, including 4 Sundays

(Oaks Corners / the Rev Karl Warrington)

9. **Approve** the Stated Pulpit Supply and Pastoral Services Contract between the session of Oaks Corners Presbyterian Church, Oaks Corners, NY and the Rev. Karl Warrington, effective September 1, 2018 for 6 months at the following terms:

Sunday Worship: \$100 plus mileage
Moderator of Session: \$50 per meeting
Pastoral Services: \$20 per hour (visitation, church committee meetings, membership classes, etc.)
Travel allowance: church-related travel vouchered at IRS rate

Vacation: 2 weeks and 2 Sundays

(Watkins Glen / Pastor Emerita Status – the Rev. Beverly Karr-Lyon)

10. **Approve** the request of the First Presbyterian Church, Watkins Glen, NY to grant the status of Pastor Emerita to the Rev. Beverly Karr-Lyon following the September stated meeting of the Presbytery of Geneva.

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(Lyons / the Rev. Ellen Donnan)

11. **Approve** the Covenant for Temporary Pastoral Services (1/4 time) between the session of First Presbyterian Church, Lyons, NY and the Rev. Ellen Donnan, effective September 5, 2018 for one year at the following terms:

Total Compensation 17,807.54

Study leave time: 2 weeks including 2 Sundays
Vacation: 4 weeks, including 4 Sundays

[NOTE: The Rev. Donnan is currently the appointed moderator of session. This contract is for pastoral services only, as the session has decided to continue with week-to-week pulpit supply.

(Wolcott / the Rev. Walter Stuber)

12. **Approve** the Stated Pulpit Supply Covenant (1/2 time) between the session of Wolcott Presbyterian Church, Wolcott, NY and the Rev. Walter Stuber, effective September 1, 2018 for 12 months at the following terms:

Salary 8,553.00
Housing 18,500.00
Total Effective Salary 27,053.00

Pension/Medical PCUSA 13,779.96
Travel (vouchered/IRS rate) 1,500.00
Business & Prof. Exp. 500.00
Continuing Education 500.00

Vacation: 4 weeks, including 4 Sundays
Study Leave: 2 weeks, including 2 Sundays

Study leave time: 2 weeks including 2 Sundays
Vacation: 4 weeks, including 4 Sundays

(Weston / Elder Susan Frost, CRE)

13. **Approve** the Temporary Supply Covenant (1/4 time) between the session of Weston Presbyterian Church, Weston, NY and Elder Susan Frost, CRE, effective October 11, 2018 for 11 months at the following terms (pro-rated for 11 months): \$16,423.00.

(Small Church Network – A Report from a Small Church)

Elder Marti Evans spoke concerning the ministry of Burdett Presbyterian Church, Burdett, NY.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

John Gingerich, chair, presented the report.

The presbytery VOTED to:

(CRE Formation Program – Approval of Revisions)

Approve the recommended changes *Commissioned Ruling Elder Formation Program* which amend Section IV, Educational Process, Part 1: Classroom. [See **Attachment D**, below, including Background & Rationale.]

Business Related to Mission: "...to be Christ in the Finger Lakes and the world..."

(International Peacemaker)

The presbytery welcomed Manolis Dabarakis, International Peacemaker from Greece. He addressed the presbytery, relating how his work is connected with the refugee and immigration concerns throughout the world.

- A significant percentage of the world's population works away from their home.
- The UN estimates that more than 70 million people are displaced for various reasons (war, physical threat, natural disasters, the effects of climate change, etc.).

- The response of the Church is guided by the affirmation in Genesis that human beings are created in the image of God. There are no borders in the call to care for God's people with compassion and love. A key is approaching refugees not as problem, but as an opportunity to give fellow human beings a better life.

GENERAL COUNCIL, Part 2
(Camp Whitman)

The Rev. Leah Ntuala, newly-appointed member of the Camp Whitman Advisory Committee, offered a presentation on Camp Whitman Strategy. She noted that the Run River consultants have shared with the General Council the things that must be done over the next three years, if Camp Whitman is to survive and thrive.

1. Significant improvements and expansion of facilities.
 - a. Cabins: upgrades and rebuilding
 - b. Composting toilets
 - c. Upgrades to the Lodge, some of which are occurring now (the floor, replacement of tables)
2. Move to a full-time Camp Director. This is important for management, for interpretation, and for development.
3. Significant re-engagement of Volunteers and Donors.

She encouraged all to participate in the Fall Festival, October 13, 11:00-4:00 at Camp Whitman.

She encouraged churches to consider receive a special offering for Camp Whitman on a Sunday (or two ... or three).

One congregation shared that while the do not have campers in their church, they annually sponsor campers from their community.

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

Elder Mark Smith presented the report of the Committee on Representation.

The Committee has been meeting for two years. Their theme has become, "Won't you be my neighbor?" (with a nod to Mr. Rogers). This is because much of the Committee's work and conversation has essentially been framed by the concept of extending ourselves to our neighbors, and even expanding the awareness of who our neighbors are.

September 15 through October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month. As with other such celebrations, the Committee has researched resources and provided links on the presbytery web site.

The Committee is currently working on resources regarding immigration.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Elder Virginia Champlin presented the report of the Presbyterian Women of Geneva Presbytery.

Three persons attended the Church Wide Gathering of Presbyterian Women, held in Louisville, KY.: Sabrina Slater (who was on the planning committee for the event), Linda Werts, and Virginia Champlin.

Linda and Virginia attended the pre-Gathering event on preparedness training for natural disasters. Gail Farnham (a member of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Committee as well as a member of First Presbyterian Church, Ithaca) provided part of that training.

The presbytery's Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering will be held on October 27, 2018 at Ontario Center

223rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Rev. Glenn Kennedy (Painted Post, Vice-moderator)
Elder Linda Werts (Newark, Park)
YAAD Cherokee Lane (Palmyra, Western)

Linda Werts presented the report. The Theme of the 223rd General Assembly, held in St. Louis, was “Kin-dom Building for the 21st Century.”

She celebrated the faithful leaders that we have for the Presbyterian Church USA—one of the “awarenesses” that grew in her during Assembly week, through her interactions with those leaders and her observations of their work.\

The 2020 Committee laid before the denomination the vision that we will become the PCUSA: **Powerful, Courageous, United, Serving, Alive.**

Linda thanked the presbytery for providing the opportunity to serve as a Commissioner.

The presbytery joined in singing the theme hymn of the Assembly, “Draw the Circle Wider.”

DOCKET

The stated clerk announced that the presbytery was almost one hour ahead of the docket. The presbytery VOTED to complete the remaining business before lunch, and following lunch to gather for the Resolution of Thanks and the closing worship service.

Internal Business: “...The Presbytery of Geneva Lives....” Part 2

BUDGET & FINANCE / TREASURER

Elder Tom Bailey presented the report of the Budget & Finance Committee

The August year-to-date financial report shows a nice surplus in the presbytery’s financial balance. BUT, we have a ways to go. He encouraged all congregations to be faithful in their commitments to the support of the presbytery.

The Budget & Finance Committee, with the agreement of the General Council, has decided to keep the current budget for 2019, at least until the presbytery has determined what our future is. The remaining Transitional Process includes developing the presbytery’s Strategies and Staffing Pattern. It makes sense to continue the 2018 budget, until those directions become clearer.

The per capita amount will remain \$50 per member. There may be an increase in the future, but for now the amount will remain the same.

The Budget & Finance Committee is reviewing the presbytery’s Financial Policies, which were approved in 2016. The Committee will be recommending some needed changes to the presbytery.

REPORT OF THE TRANSITIONAL LEADER

Linda Badger Becker noted that her report is two sections:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

On Tuesday August 14, 2018 a strong storm caused extensive damage on the eastern shore of Seneca Lake, from Lodi Point to Sheldrake. Many homes were seriously damaged; some were later condemned.

The response of Presbyterian Churches in that area was inspiring. Ovid provided a shelter for victims of the storm, also providing food and clothing. The congregation also interfaced with the Fire Department in their response to the disaster.

Through Interim Pastor Barbara Schwartz (Hector and Lodi), and with the assistance of the Transitional Leader, the Lodi and Hector churches helped obtain a \$7500 Disaster Assistance Grant from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Linda noted that PDA is not a “first responder;” they help with the recovery, and will work with the congregation to maximize the effectiveness of the grant.

Very shortly after the disaster, representatives of PDA—one of whom was our own Gail Farnham—made an on-site visit. They visited with the Ovid, Lodi, and Hector churches and toured Lodi Point. **Seventy** homes have been condemned as a result of the storm; most of them are permanent residences, and some are over 100 years old.

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There is a line item in the presbytery Designated Funds: Presbytery Disaster Fund. Special offerings or donations will be directed to that Fund, which will be separate from the PDA Grant.

Transition Process

Linda led the presbytery in reading the Purpose Statement (showing a picture of the recent Peacemaking Honorees) and the Vision Statement (showing a picture of Sue Goodrich, who was honored during the May presbytery meeting for her life time of radiating the light of Christ through her service to the Presbyterian Church).

The next phase of the Transitional Work is **STRATEGY**. The General Council has prepared a recommended Strategy (WHAT we plan to do and WHO will do it). This strategy will be presented to the Special Meeting of the presbytery on October 23.

The last step is **STAFFING**. This step follows the strategy. The Council's goal is to present to the presbytery a staffing design during the November stated meeting of the presbytery.

Linda honored the diligent and faithful work of the General Council through this process, which began a little more than a year ago.

PRESBYTERY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elder Phoebe Baker presented the report of the Presbytery Nominating Committee.

The presbytery VOTED to elect the following persons, as presented by the Presbytery Nominating Committee:

Permanent Judicial Commission

Class of 2020

Elder Carol Heald (Lyons)
The Rev. Tom Montgomery, HR

[NOTE: Elder Bob Sell (Horseheads) was previously elected] to the class of 2020]

Class of 2022

Elder Rob Anderson (Penn Yan)
The Rev. Jim Kerr, HR

Previously elected to the Class of 2024:

Elder Ellen Reynolds (Geneva)
The Rev. Rob Mellgard (Ovid)

GENERAL COUNCIL, Part 3

John Gingerich, Chair of the General Council announced the call for a Special Meeting of the Presbytery of Geneva, to be held on October 23, 2018 at the Bellona Presbyterian Church. The purpose of the meeting is to:

**Receive and consider the proposed Strategy and Structure
of the Presbytery of Geneva.**

9:00 a.m. – Registration
9:30 a.m. – Business
12:00 p.m. – Adjournment with prayer
This is a NO-LUNCH meeting.

12:00 -- LUNCH

Vice Moderator Glen Kennedy offered grace for the meal, and the presbytery recessed for lunch, provided by the host church.

1:00 – PRESBYTERY RECONVENES

Moderator Pro-tem Joann Braun reconvened the presbytery

CLOSING MATTERS
(Resolution of Thanks)

Jeff Richards presented the Resolution of Thanks:

Thank you, First Presbyterian Church of Watkins Glen for hosting Geneva Presbytery's September 25, 2018 presbytery meeting.

We thank you for your warm welcome upon our arrival. What a treat it was to have apple cider donuts and a fresh fruit platter to share during morning registration.

We thank you for the beautiful sanctuary in which we worshiped and conducted our business. The stained glass windows that depicted the life of the church were inspirational.

We honor you as you celebrate 200 years of service to God.

The 36 church leaders that have guided your congregation from 1818 through 2018 re a testament to your commitment to serving God.

We are thankful for the comfortable sanctuary and dining areas to conduct worship and business, and to eat our meal. We could have survived in CAPT. JOHN BIVENS' barn, which was used for worship from 1818 through 1836, but your church today is much more comfortable.

We thank you for a delicious lunch that included 5 different soups and catered to everyone's needs. The assorted cold cuts allowed each of us to make a sandwich of our choice.

For all of these things, the Presbytery of Geneva thanks you!

(The Candles: Time of individual silence and reflection / Prelude for Worship)

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP AND SENDING

PRESBYTERY WORSHIP SERVICE

The presbytery entered into a time of worship, including the Service of the Lord's Supper.

(Adjournment & Benediction)

The presbytery VOTED to adjourn the meeting. _____ offered the closing prayer.

Attest: Val Fowler, Stated Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

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ATTACHMENT A

COM Liaison Assignments: September 2018

RE Priscilla Andrews

Bath
Hammondsport
Penn Yan
Pulteney
Weston

TE Stanley Bhasker

Corning
Arkport
Painted Post
Jasper
Elmira First

RE Kerm Bossard

Burdett
Hector
Lodi
Romulus
Trumansburg

TE Ellen Donnan

Newark
Sodus
Addison

TE Jim Kerr

Lyons
Geneva
Oaks Corners
Phelps

TE Gail Heimberger

Huron
Ontario Center
Red Creek
Wolcott

TE Jim Hicks

Ithaca
Ovid
Watkins Glen

TE Rob Mellgard

Bellona
Seneca Falls
Seneca No. 9
Waterloo
West Fayette

TE AJ Tierson

Palmyra Western

RE Dick Schied

Atlanta
Rockstream
Moreland
Prattsburgh
Cohocton

RE Bessie Tyrell

Canandaigua United
Howard Union
Naples

RE Rehana Stanlev

Big Flats
Elmira North
Elmira Westminster
Elmira Lake Street
Horseheads
Spencer

Generally Cared for by Co-Chairs

Almond
Andover
Canisteo
Hornell
East Palmyra
Junius
Marion

ATTACHMENT B

Pastor emerita/emeritus Guidelines and Requirements

The following guidelines and requirements provide congregations of our Presbytery with a healthy and uniform process for granting emerita/emeritus status to retired pastors.

It is important to emphasize that this is an honorary title with no inherent pastoral duties or authority and no compensation. Such a designation does not release a pastor or congregation from the obligation to maintain healthy boundaries as required by the Book of Order and the Committee on Ministry (COM).

G-2.0905 After the dissolution of the pastoral relationship, former pastors and associate pastors shall not provide their pastoral services to members of their former congregations without the invitation of the moderator of the session. *The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Part II Book of Order*

Since this is an honorary relationship built upon gratitude and affection of a congregation for their pastor or associate pastor, the COM *ordinarily* requires that there has been a pastoral tenure of 10 years prior to consideration of pastor emerita/emeritus status.

A congregation should *ordinarily* wait a minimum of one year to request of COM that pastor emeritus/emerita status be conferred. Exceptions to this time limit may be made when necessary, such as ill health of the retiring pastor.

The session shall make a formal written request to the COM with accompanying rationale for conferring this honor on a former pastor. Session representatives *may* be asked to attend a Committee on Ministry meeting to interpret the request.

Following COM's approval, the congregation at a duly called congregational meeting may elect the retired pastor or associate pastor emeritus or emerita. It is important to carefully interpret that the title is honorary with no inherent pastoral duties or authority and no compensation.

The action of the congregation requires approval by the Presbytery of Geneva.

Following all of necessary approvals, it is appropriate to arrange for a worship service to celebrate the election of this honorary relationship.

ATTACHMENT C

Promoting Healthy Boundaries Between a Departing Pastor and a Congregation

G-2.0905 After the dissolution of the pastoral relationship, former pastors and associate pastors shall not provide their pastoral services to members of their former congregations without the invitation of the moderator of the session. *The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Part II Book of Order*

The Book of Order requirement provides a base line for promoting healthy boundaries between departing pastors and congregations. Such boundaries exist to help both pastor and congregation recognize that there has been a significant change in the relationship. Upon dissolution, the role is no longer that of pastor, though friendships may remain. It is important for both a former pastor and congregation members to maintain healthy boundaries and to distinguish between friendly relationships and pastoral relationships.

Because this Book of Order requirement is sometimes misinterpreted, it is important to emphasize that any invitation to provide pastoral services must come from the moderator of the session, not from members of the congregation nor even the session itself. Therefore, it is assumed that the former pastor will always politely decline invitations from congregation members to perform any kind of pastoral services including preaching, weddings, baptisms, funerals, hospital visitation, etc. The moderator of the session has the right and responsibility to determine when it is appropriate for the former pastor to participate in a pastoral role. There is no time limit on this restriction.

The Committee on Ministry has the responsibility to insure healthy transitions for pastoral leaders and for the congregations they have served. Navigating the relationship between a former pastor and a congregation is challenging depending on the length of tenure, the circumstances of the dissolution, and the duration of the interim period between pastoral leadership. This is especially problematic when the pastor is remaining in the community where the church is located. Because people and circumstances are unique to each situation, the exact nature of the boundaries between the pastor and the congregation may indeed vary.

The Committee on Ministry needs to be aware of these unique dynamics of the situation in order to offer guidance, and, if necessary, to set forth specific requirements or restrictions. In other words, there is no one standard that can be applied to every situation.

Therefore, prior to the dissolution of any pastoral relationship, a team of Committee on Ministry representatives shall meet with the Pastor and Session to clarify the Book of Order requirement and to discuss other necessary boundaries for that situation. Ongoing communication with the Committee on Ministry will be important during the transitional period.

In most cases, the departing pastor will be asked to refrain from attending any activities at the church, including worship, for a minimum of one year in order to enable the congregation to adjust to the change in leadership. Departed pastors who have retired or have not received another call to a congregation are encouraged to seek worship and fellowship in another congregation.

To prevent misunderstanding and to assist with interpreting healthy boundaries to congregation members, a written agreement will be signed by the Clerk of Session and the departing pastor, and approved by the Committee on Ministry. This covenant will be shared with the congregation prior to the last day of service. The Book of Occasional Services offers an excellent Service of Dissolution of a Pastoral Call which can take place as part of worship on the pastor's last Sunday of service.

SAMPLE Agreement Between Congregation and Departing Pastor:

The Committee on Ministry has the responsibility to insure healthy transitions for pastoral leaders and for the congregations they have served. It is important for both a former pastor and congregation members to maintain healthy boundaries and to distinguish between friendly relationships and pastoral relationships.

Therefore, the Session of _____ and (pastor's name) understand that the following boundaries go into effect when _____ is no longer called to serve the congregation.

In compliance with the requirement stated in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Order G-2.0905:

After the dissolution of the pastoral relationship, former pastors and associate pastors shall not provide their pastoral services to members of their former congregations without the invitation of the moderator of the session,

_____ will no longer provide pastoral services to the congregation, corporately or individually, without the expressed invitation of the moderator of session assigned by the Committee on Ministry. Therefore, _____ will always politely decline invitations from congregation members to perform any kind of pastoral services including preaching, weddings, baptisms, funerals, hospital visitation, etc. All requests for pastoral services should be directed to _____.

In addition, _____ will refrain from attending any activities at the church, including worship, for a period of _____.

While letting go of the pastoral relationship and role is a challenging aspect of transition, we understand that there is important wisdom and faithfulness in honoring this agreement.

Clerk of Session _____ Date of Session approval _____

Pastor _____

Committee on Ministry date of approval _____

ATTACHMENT D

Commissioned Ruling Elder Formation Program
Section IV
EDUCATIONAL PROCESS
PART 1: Classroom

Amendments approved on September 25, 2018.
Changes/additions are noted in italic print.

A. Classes

1. *One option for formal classes is offered in partnership with Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School (CRCDS) through the **School for Christian Leadership**. CRE Candidates must apply and be accepted into the program by CRCDS. Students must meet all requirements for the program. Students are responsible for all fees set by the program.*

The candidate may enter the educational process at any point allowed by the CRCDS program.

2. Formal classes will be supplemented by Experiential Learning and seminars/discussion groups.
3. Evidence of satisfactory completion of each course is required. Should a CRE candidate not satisfactorily complete a class, it will be the prerogative of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry to assess the student's progress and determine whether the class will need to be repeated or whether an alternative method of remedial study and demonstration of proficiency will be possible.

School for Christian Leadership

A three-year Certificate Continuing Education program to train Christian leaders for the 21st Century Church.

The School for Christian Leadership program is designed to prepare persons for various kinds of parish ministry, such as deacons and/or locally ordained priests in the Episcopal Church, Commissioned Lay Pastors, Lay Preachers, or other designated titles.

Those who take the full three year cycle will be awarded a certificate by CRCDS at Commencement in May of the third year of the program. Application for Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits may be made to the CRCDS Registrar for a nominal fee.

The program will meet one Saturday per month, beginning in September and concluding in April each year. Classes will be held on the CRCDS campus and will be taught by CRCDS Faculty and Faculty Associates. Breakfast and mid-afternoon hospitality on Saturday is included in the tuition.

This program is alternatively being offered online.

Christian leaders who do not wish to enroll for the full Certificate Continuing Education Program may choose to enroll

for individual Saturdays. These students are not required to write papers or take examinations, but are expected to do the reading assigned for the day in order to participate fully in the class. The individual Saturday option is dependent upon remaining space available and subject to permission of the instructor.

See <http://www.crcds.edu/lifelonglearning/continuingeducation/school-for-christian-leadership/>

4. *A second option for formal classes is being offered in partnership with Union Presbyterian Seminary (Richmond, VA) through the Pathways to Learning and Leadership Institute.*

Specifically designed for CRE programs, nine courses are offered over a two year period, four foundational courses and five practical courses. They are:

The guiding principles in creating the courses are, first, that they are be accessible and affordable, of excellent quality, and flexible for the presbyteries. To that end:

- *All courses are online—they can be taken from anywhere, without concerns for travel, lodging, and being away from family, work, and church responsibilities.*
- *Each course is five weeks long (two hours a week online, about two hours of reading and study, and about two hours of homework), for a total of 30 hours.*
- *Each Five-week course costs only \$100, plus the purchase of one book—other readings are made available at no cost.*
- *Courses are led primarily by Union Presbyterian Seminary professors; a few are led by excellent experienced practitioners.*
- *Courses are not graded; we inform the presbytery when someone has successfully completed a course.*

In response to requests from some of our presbytery partners, additional courses are sometimes offered.

See www.upsem.edu/Leadership-Institute for more details.

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE

The current CRE Formation Program was approved by presbytery in 2015. At that time the CRCDS *School for Christian Leadership* was a new opportunity for meeting the educational component of a CRE program. It then was only offered on-site. The School for Christian Leadership was, and is, an excellent educational opportunity. However, it is only offered on Saturdays, and costs (with required materials) in excess of \$5,000. It remains the preferred educational program of the Presbytery of Geneva Committee on Preparation for Ministry, and has been recommended highly by those who have completed it.

Since 2015, it has become evident that limiting the CRE educational requirements to this single option has been a factor in persons not choosing to enter the CRE program. Even though there have been several inquiries, there have been no new entrants into the program in three years. Education schedule conflicts and cost have been cited among reasons inquirers have not entered.

More recently, two additional educational options have emerged. First, the CRCDS School for Christian Leadership is now being offered online. We would like to receive approval to present that option for those who may have schedule conflict with the on-site location. Secondly, Union Presbyterian Seminary is now offering an online program tailored as a CRE educational opportunity. This *Pathways to Learning and Leadership*, while somewhat less comprehensive, is much less expensive, time consuming, and is flexible in timing. As such, it may be a more practical option, yet provide adequate educational preparation for some persons desiring to work toward CRE commissioning. The committee on Ministry and General Council support the Committee on Preparation for Ministry's request for presbytery approval of this amendment to the CRE Formation Program.

ATTACHMENT E

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

MINUTES: MEETING OF 25 JULY 2018

The Westminster P.C. Administrative Commission met at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Elmira on 25 July 2018. This was a joint meeting with the Session of the church.

Present: AC members The Rev. Jane Winters (Westminster Presbyterian Church), the Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins (First Presbyterian Church, Elmira), Ruling Elder Jeff Richards (North Presbyterian Church, Elmira), and Ruling Elder Dr. James Varner (United Presbyterian Church, Hornell); Westminster Session members Mary Margaret Silvers, Jon White, Hazel Thompson; also present was Stephanie Maslin (the Educator at the church)

OPEN WITH PRAYER

Rev. Winters opened the meeting with prayer at 10:27 AM.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Building listing and interest
Session voted to reduce the asking price to \$192,000, on the advice of the realtor. One church has visited three times; it is interested, but it is notoriously slow.
- B. Funds
Funds are being consolidated into the checking account; the Merrill Lynch funds have been liquidated; Memorial Fund balance has been transferred; the Helen Sprecher Student Loan Fund was transferred to First Presbyterian Church in Elmira with a request that they oversee the fund.
- C. Donations
Donations of \$1,500 to both Interfaith Hospitality Center (mission at the prison) and Compeer (works with disadvantaged youth) in memory of Joan Geldmecher; \$500 was sent to ARC (who has been cleaning the building); one-year severance check sent musician Jose Gomez for his faithful commitment to the music ministry of Westminster; paid the balance of per capita and mission pledge to Presbytery for 2018; pots and pans donated to the Hammond Presbyterian Church in memory of Cathy Stevenson; wrapping supplies donated to Elmira Psychiatric Center; Styrofoam cups/containers were given to EOP; a special gift (pocket watch) was given to Matthew (who has done many things in the church); Session voted to donate the pew Bibles to the Burdett Presbyterian Church
- D. Keys
Keys are being collected; nearly all are in possession of church members; Board of Elections has keys
- E. Deed
Rev. Winters found the deed and the abstract; she also found incorporation papers. Local lawyers will take care of getting the clear title, when it comes time for closing.
- F. Workers' Compensation Liability Policy
This has been cancelled, since Jose, the musician, was the only employee who needed to have this.
- G. Odds and ends
A prayer group (Westminster and Central Christian) is visiting a number of churches this summer; people are meeting every Thursday 10 to noon to work on items that either need to be packed or prepared for sale; no official date has been set for a sale of items, but it probably will be the end of August.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Pastoral care of church members
 - a. Letter to "active" members who are functionally "inactive"
The intent is to urge them to either find another church home or ask to be removed from the rolls.
 - b. Shut-ins
We hope to link shut-ins that are far away with churches that are near to them; through Jeff and Betsey, we will ask Deacons at their churches to coordinate with the Westminster Caring Friends (the group that functions like a Board of Deacons) to make contact with shut-ins who are nearby (five or six of them; four households).
 - c. No requests for letters of transfer as yet
- B. Financial matters

Session decided to keep telephone service for now, but no Internet; Betsey will suggest one or two people who are qualified to conduct the audit

- C. Session records
Session record book is up to date; rolls may need some work
- D. Secure legal rights
 - a. Incorporation?
See Old Business
- E. Building and contents
 - a. Sign-up sheet
Some people have signed up for some practical things.
 - b. Lawn tractor
This was given to a member who has some medical issues.
 - c. Packing days
See Old Business
- F. Charge to the AC
We reviewed where we are; we are on track for what needs to be done now; some things will come later

OTHER BUSINESS

Stephanie is working on a slide show for the final worship service. There are no concrete plans at the moment for a joint event with the other Elmira Presbyterian churches.

CLOSE WITH PRAYER

Rev. Winters declared the meeting adjourned and Rev. Crimmins closed with prayer at 11:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Varner
Clerk of the Administrative Commission

ATTACHMENT F

**Report from the Dundee Administrative Commission to
Presbytery – September 25, 2018**

The Dundee AC is pleased to report that we are in the final stages of selling the church building. Our attorney is finalizing the necessary legal paperwork. We anticipate that by the end of September or the first week of October the church building will have new ownership that will be respectful of the architecture, history, and original purpose of the building.

Respectfully submitted by Dundee AC Chair,
Rev. Paul Malles

ATTACHMENT G

Report of the Romulus Administrative Commission
Submitted by Stephen Beals, Chair

Since the past presbytery meeting we have reduced the asking price for the building to \$99,000.00. We are looking into finding someone to “winterize” the building.