

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 Special Meeting on Tuesday July 9, 2019 at the Memorial Presbyterian Church, Bellona, New York, for the purpose of taking action on items pertaining to the recommendation of the Search Committee to approve the call of Ruling Elder Susan B. Orr to the position of Presbytery Leader effective July 15, 2019; and the recommendation of the General Council that the Rev. Aaron Frank (Horseheads) be elected to serve on the Committee on Representation, class of 2019.

GATHERING FOR SHARED WORSHIP AND WORK

GATHERING

12:30 pm Registration and Fellowship Time

CALL TO ORDER

Elder Rob Anderson, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., a quorum being present.

The Moderator offered the opening prayer

ROLL

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

Name	Jan 26	Mar 19	May 28	July 9	Sept 24	Nov 19
Bhasker, Stanley – Bath, Bath	Ex	P	Ex	P		
Crimmins, Betsey – Elmira, First	Ex	P	P	P		
Delhagen, Kyle – Palmyra, Western (RCA, Formula of Agreement)	P	P	Ex	P		
Donnan, Ellen – Dundee, First / Junius, Junius	P	P	P	P		
Griffis, Katherine – Hornell, United	P	P	P	P		
Grohman, Deb – Ontario, Ontario	P	P	P	A		
Heimberger, Gail – Sodus, First United	P	P	P	A		
Incze, Bruce Imre – Arkport	P	P	P	P		
Kennedy, Glen – Painted Post, United (Stated Supply)	Ex	Ex	P	P		
Lester, Donald – Howard, Union*	A	A	A	A		
Lind, Deborah – Geneva, The Presbyterian Church of Geneva	P	P	P	P		
Loving Austin, Amy – Bellona Memorial / Seneca # 9	P	P	P	P		
Lostetter, Robin – Naples, Trinity Federated	Ex	Ex	Ex	A		
Malles, Paul – Penn Yan, First	P	Ex	P	A		
Marr, Peter – Addison, Addison (Stated Supply)*	A	A	A	A		
Masters, Ben – Hector & Lodi	P	P	P	A		
Mellgard, Rob – Ovid Federated	P	P	P	A		
Mergener, Christopher – Newark, Park	P	P	Ex	P		
Milne, Anita -- Waterloo	P	A	P	A		
Milne, Cara – Watkins Glen	P	A	P	A		
Ntuala, Leah – Seneca Falls, First	Ex	P	P	P		
O'Leary, Lucinda – Rock Stream (Stated Supply)*	A	A	P	Ex		
Peoples, Cheryl – Trumansburg, First Ulysses	P	P	P	Ex		
Riehl, Kirianne Weaver – Ithaca, First	A	P	A	Ex		
Slater, Sabrina – Spencer, Christ the King Fellowship Presbyterian Church	P	P	Ex	Ex		
Stone, Denise – Big Flats	P	A	A	P		

**PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA
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REV. AMY LOVING AUSTIN, PASTOR**

**CALLED MEETING
JULY 9, 2019
1:30 PM**

Tierson, A.J. – <i>Phelps / United Shortsville, Shortsville (Stated Supply)</i>	P	Moved	UCC		PA	
Ugoretz, Jeffrey – <i>Corning, First</i>	A	P	Ex	A		
TOTAL PRESENT	18	18	17	12		
TOTAL EXCUSED	6	3	6	4		
TOTAL ABSENT	5	6	4	11		

MINISTERS IN VALIDATED MINISTRIES / MINISTERS AT-LARGE

(V = Validated ~ AL = At-large)

Name	Jan 26	Mar 19	May 28	July 9	Sept 24	Nov 19
Ashby, David (V) – <i>Interim Pastor, Corning, NY</i>	P	A	P	P		
Campbell, Anne (AL)	A	A	A	A		
Delhagen, Harold (V) – <i>Synod Executive, Synod of the Northeast</i>	A	Ex	Ex	Ex		
Duncan, Russell (V) -- <i>United Church of Salem, Salem, VT (UCC)</i>	Moved	Transfer	--		Hudson	River
Fitzgerald, Janice (V) -- <i>Interim Pastor, Perinton PC, Fairport, NY</i>	P	Ex	P	P		
Frank, Aaron (AL)	P	P	P	P		
Haines, Todd (AL)	A	A	A	A		
Huling Hummell, Cynthia (AL)	A	P	P	A		
McCollister, Dan (AL)	A	A	A	A		
McDonald, John (AL)	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex		
Preisendanz, David (AL)	Ex	Ex	Ex	A		
Tierson, A.J. (V) – <i>Edinburgh UCC, Schwanksville, PA</i>		Ex	Ex	Ex		
Wareham, J. Christy (AL)	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex		
Warrington, Karl (AL)	A	A	A	A		
Weaver, Cindy (AL)	P	P	Ex	P		
Winters, Jane (V) – <i>Chaplain, Elmira</i>	P	P	P	A		
TOTAL PRESENT	5	4	5	4		
TOTAL EXCUSED	3	7	6	4		
TOTAL ABSENT	6	5	4	7		

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 26	Mar 19	May 28	July 9	Sept 24	Nov 19
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	P	Ex		
Creelman, Gilmore	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex		
Crego, Peter	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex		
Edwards, Sam	P	Ex	Ex	Ex		
Elder, John	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex		
Farrell, Nancy	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex		
Flaherty, Scott	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex		
Gerling, Jim	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex		
Gould, John	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex		
Hicks, James	Ex	Ex	Ex	P		
Hood, Kenneth	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex		
Husted, Susan	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex		
Johnson, Timothy	P	P	P	Ex		
Karr-Lyon, Beverly	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex		
Kellam, Jeffrey	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex		
Kerr, Jim	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex		
Kilgore, David	P	P	Ex	Ex		
Knight, Jonathan	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex		
Magley, Fred	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex		
Meiser, Jr., Edward	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex		
Montgomery, Tom	Ex	Ex	P	Ex		

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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	Ex	P	Ex	Ex		
Valk, John	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex		
Wilson, Carol	P	P	P	Ex		
TOTAL PRESENT	4	4	4	1		

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 26	Mar 19	May 28	July 9	Sept 24	Nov 19
Badger Becker, Elder Linda -- <i>Transitional Leader (Pby of Genesee Valley)</i>	P	P	P	Retired		
Elfond, the Rev. Cheryl Ann -- <i>Horseheads (Pby of Susquehanna Valley)</i>	A	A	A	A		
Kone, Elder Lea -- <i>Camp Whitman Director (Downtown Pres., Rochester)</i>	P	P	P	Ex		
Stuber, the Rev. Walter -- <i>Wolcott (Pby of Genesee Valley)</i>	Ex	A	A	A		
TOTAL PRESENT	2	2	2	0		
TOTAL EXCUSED	1			1		
TOTAL ABSENT	1	2	2	2		

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 26	Mar 19	May 28	July 9	Sept 24	Nov 19
Michelle Serra, serving as Temporary Supply at First, Canisteo	P	P	Ex	P		
The Rev. Val Fowler, Stated Clerk (<i>Presbytery of Genesee Valley</i>)	P	P	Retired		(3/20/19)	
TOTAL PRESENT	2	2	0	1		

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS ENROLLED FOR THIS MEETING

Name	Presbytery / Agency

COMMISSIONERS FROM CHURCHES

Church Name	Jan 26	Mar 19	May 28	July 9	Sept 24	Nov 19
Addison, Addison	A	A	A	A		
Andover, First	A	A	A	A		
Arkport, First	P	Lance Schroeder	A	A		
Atlanta, Atlanta	A	A	A	A		
Bath, First	P	Kathleen Swan	A	Barb Scudder		
Bellona, Memorial	A	A	A	Jane Hansen		
Big Flats, First	P	A	A	A		
Burdett, Burdett	A	A	A	A		
Canandaigua, United	P	Ken Allen	Ken Allen	Ken Allen		
Canisteo, Canisteo	P	Barbara Stephens	A	A		
Cohocton, First	A	A	A	A		
Corning, First	A	A	A	A		
Elmira, First	P	A	Ex	Rehana Stanley		

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Elmira, Lake Street	A	A	A	A		
Elmira, North	P	Jeff Richards	Jeff Richards	Jeff Richards		
Fayette, W. Fayette	A	A	A	A		
Geneva (1)	P	Gary Harman	Ed Frick	Ed Frick		
Geneva (2)	P	Ellen Reynolds	Gary Harman	Ellen Reynolds		
Hammondspport, First	A	A	A	A		
Hector, First	P	Marie Baumgardner	A	A		
Hornell, United	P	Lisa Sanford	Lisa Sanford	A		
Horseheads, First	P	Bob Sell	Bob Sell	Bob Sell		
Howard Union	A	A	A	A		
Huron, Huron	P	Linda Hayes	Linda Hayes	Bob Hicks		
Ithaca, First	P	A	Gail Farnham	A		
Jasper, Jasper	A	A	A	A		
Junius, Junius	P	Ex	Kristi Ward	A		
Lodi, Lodi	A	A	A	A		
Lyons, First	A	Tracy Rankert	A	A		
Marion, United	P	Connie Franks	Connie Franks	A		
Moreland, Moreland	A	A	A	A		
Naples, Trinity Fed.	P	Don Braun	A	A		
Newark, Park	P	A	A	A		
Oaks Corners	P	A	Mae Schweickhard	A		
Ontario, First	A	A	A	A		
Ovid Federated	P	Judy Mellgard	Judy Mellgard	A		
Painted Post, United	A	A	A	A		
Palmyra, E. Palmyra	A	A	A	A		
Palmyra, Western	A	A	Phil Opdycke	Phil Opdycke		
Penn Yan, First	P	Rob Anderson	Rob Anderson	Rob Anderson		
Phelps, United	P	Marsha Gibbs	Marsha Gibbs	A		
Prattsburg, First	A	A	A	A		
Pulteney, First	P	Harriette Potter	Don Peek	A		
Red Creek	A	Priscilla Andrews, CRE	A	A		
Rock Stream	A	A	Joe O'Leary	A		
Seneca Falls, First	A	A	A	A		
Seneca, Seneca #9	A	A	A	A		
Shortsville, First	P	A	A	A		
Sodus, First United	A	A	Amy Johnson	A		
Spencer, Christ the King Fellowship	P	A	Tom Bailey	Gail Maureen		
Trumansburg, First of Ulysses	P	Carol MacLeod	Carol MacLeod	A		
Waterloo, First	P	A	A	A		
Watkins Glen, First	P	Rob Rossiter	Bettina King	A		
Weston, Weston	A	Barry Winters	Barry Winters	A		
Wolcott	P	Carol Merrill	Carol Merrill	Carol Merrell		
TOTAL PRESENT	29	23	23	13		
TOTAL EXCUSED	0	1	1	0		
TOTAL ABSENT	26	31	31	42		

ADDITIONAL ELDER COMMISSIONERS

(Includes those appointed by presbytery to correct elder-clergy imbalance, active CREs, & Council members)

Name	Church	Relationship	Jan 26	Mar 19	May 28	July 9	Sept 24	Nov 19
Baker, Phoebe	Penn Yan	Representation	Ex	Ex	P	Ex		
Bailey, Tom	Spencer	Operations	P	P	P	P		
Beals, Steven	W. Fayette	Vitality	P	P	P	P		
Braun, Joann	Naples, Fed	Presby. Women	P	P	P	A		
Champlin, Virginia	Geneva	SNE Min. & Mission	Ex	P	P	P		
Colvin, Donna	Pulteney	SNE Commissioner	P	P	P	P		
Evans, Richard	Burdett	CRE	A	A	A	A		
Frost, Carleen	Red Creek	CRE	P	A	A	A		
Frost, Susan	Weston	CRE	P	A	P	P		
Gingerich, John	Wolcott	Search Committee	P	P	P	Ex		
Richmond, Lucille	Red Creek	CRE	A	A	A	A		
Werts, Linda		G.A. Commissioner	P	P	P	P		
TOTAL PRESENT			8		9	6		
TOTAL EXCUSED			2			2		
TOTAL ABSENT			2		3	4		

REGISTERED Guests (current meeting)

Includes CREs not serving churches

Sue Goodrich	Penn Yan
Gary Harman	Geneva
Marjorie Aude	Geneva / Former Moderator
Susan B. Orr	Presbytery of Geneva

SUMMARIES FOR EACH MEETING	Jan 26	Mar 19	May 28	July 9	Sept 24	Nov 19
Total Minister Commissioners Present*	27	26	26	18		
Total Elder Commissioners Present **	39	33	31	19		
Parity (expressed in terms of Elders, + or -)	+ 12	+7	+5	+1		
Total Minister Commissioners Absent, Unexcused***	11	11	20	26		
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders****	26	31	32	48		
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders and Pastors	19	20	20	34		
Total Registered Visitors	5	9	13	4		
Total Registered Attendance*****	72	68	70	41		

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

** Includes Corresponding Members with voice and vote

*** 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

ENROLLMENT OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

There were no Corresponding Members to enroll at this meeting.

WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

The Rev. Leah Ntuala, Pastor, welcomed the presbytery, on behalf of the First Presbyterian Church of Seneca Falls. She offered a brief history of the church, highlighting the importance of the pulpit: Alice Stokes Paul (1885-1977) woman suffrage leader and author of the Equal Rights Amendment first proposed the ERA on July 21, 1923 at a National Woman's Party conference celebrating the 75th anniversary of the 1848 Seneca Falls Woman's Rights Convention.

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

The presbytery VOTED to approve the docket for the meeting:

- Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum
- Opening Prayer
- Brief Welcome from Host Church
- Approval of Docket
- Appointment of Person to Offer a Resolution of Thanks
- General Council: Rev. Katherine Griffis (Hornell), Chair
 - Nomination of Rev. Aaron Frank (Horseheads) to Committee on Representation
- Presbytery Leader Search Committee: RE Ellen Reynolds (Geneva) and Rev. Kyle Delhegan (Western, Palmyra), Co-Chairs
 - Introduction of RE Susan Orr (Genesee Valley Presbytery)
 - Terms of Call
 - Service of Commissioning
- Resolution of Thanks
- Adjourn with Prayer

APPOINTMENT OF PERSON TO OFFER A RESOLUTION OF THANKS

The Moderator appointed Elder Tom Bailey (Spencer) to offer a resolution of thanks at the conclusion of the meeting.

GENERAL COUNCIL

Rev. Katherine Griffis (Hornell), Chairwoman, presented the report from General Council.

The presbytery VOTED to **elect** the Rev. Aaron Frank (Horseheads) to the Committee of Representation, Class of 2019.

PRESBYTERY LEADER SEARCH COMMITTEE

Elder Ellen Reynolds (Geneva) and Rev. Kyle Delhegan (Wester, Palmyra), Co-Chairs of the Presbytery Leader Search Committee, presented their report.

The Committee moved the nomination of Elder Susan Orr (Genesee Valley Presbytery) to serve as Leader of the Presbytery of Geneva.

Elder Susan Orr introduced herself to the Presbytery.

The Presbytery was invited to ask Elder Susan Orr questions. She offered insight into her experience, faith, and vision. When examination was arrested, Elder Susan Orr was escorted out of the room so the presbytery assembly could discuss.

Rev, Kyle Delhegan (Western, Palmyra) presented the Terms of Call:

The following agreement between the General Council of the Presbytery of Geneva, NY and Ruling Elder Susan B. Orr, Rochester, NY is for serving as Leader of the Presbytery of Geneva. The General Council hereby commits to the following covenant relationship and contract.

The purpose of this position is to provide leadership in fulfilling the purpose, vision and strategy of the Presbytery of Geneva and serving as a caring, spiritual leader for the presbytery.

The specific responsibilities are to support the purpose, vision, and strategy of the presbytery; to provide staff and support staff encouragement to committees of the presbytery; to fulfill administrative and ecclesiastical functions

This covenant shall be for a period of July 15, 2019 to December 31, 2021. The covenant may be extended for a specific period of time by action of the General Council and with the agreement of the Leader. The Leader will be accountable to the General Council through the Operations Committee and will be evaluated by the Operations Committee every six months.

This is an exempt part-time (50% of full-time) position. [equivalent to 2.5 days a week]

Annual Compensation will include:

Effective Salary*	\$35,000
Pension & 37% Medical	\$12,950 + medical
Employer contribution to FICA (7.65%)**	\$ 2,678
Reimbursable Study Leave	\$ 1,000
Reimbursable Travel and Professional Expenses (Vouchered)***	\$ 5,000
Total	<u>\$56,628</u>

Other considerations for employment include:

Paid vacation of one month annually, including four Sundays

Two weeks study leave annually, including two Sundays

Medical for one person

Termination and Transition Agreement

This covenant may be terminated by action of the General Council with written notice of at least 30 days. The General Council shall continue compensation and benefits, including any compensation for unused vacation days, for an additional 30 days after termination.

This covenant may be terminated by the Leader with written notice of at least 30 days. Compensation, including any compensation for unused vacation days, shall end on the last day of service.

* Susan Orr is not a Teaching Elder, and therefore not eligible for a housing allowance income tax exemption.

** As the employer, the Presbytery is required to pay and employer's contribution for Social Security and Medicare taxes in the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA)

*** It is anticipated that some costs (Especially travel) may exceed the allocated amount and will need to be drawn from the budgeted Contingency Fund

The presbytery VOTED to **commission** Elder Susan B. Orr, employing her under the presented terms of call.

Elder Susan B. Orr was welcomed back into the room and greeted with applause.

The Moderator led the commissioning service.

The presbytery VOTED to **dismiss with thanks** the Presbytery Leader Search Committee.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Elder Tom Bailey (Spencer) presented the resolution of thanks.

ADJOURN WITH PRAYER

The presbytery VOTED to adjourn the meeting.

The presbytery stood and held hands as the meeting was concluded at 2:14 p.m. with prayer and benediction by the Presbytery Leader, Susan B. Orr.

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Attest: Amy Loving Austin, Stated Clerk