

**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 August 13, 2019 at the Presbytery of Geneva Office, Penn Yan, New York, for the purpose of taking action on the request of the COM and Session of Lake Street Presbyterian Church (Elmira) to form and elect an Administrative Commission to work with the Lake Street Presbyterian Church (Elmira).

***GATHERING FOR SHARED WORSHIP AND WORK***

**GATHERING**

12:00 pm Registration

**CALL TO ORDER**

Elder Rob Anderson, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., a quorum being present.

The Moderator offered the opening prayer

**ROLL**

**ACTIVE MINISTERS SERVING CHURCHES**

Amy Loving Austin; Ellen Donnan; Aaron Frank; Katherine Griffis; Deborah Grohman; Bruce Incze; Deborah Lind-Schmitz; Ben Masters; Christopher Mergener; Anita Milne; Sabrina Slater;

**MINISTERS IN VALIDATED MINISTRIES / MINISTERS AT-LARGE**

David Ashby

**HONORABLY RETIRED MINISTERS**

James Hicks;

**CORRESPONDING MEMBERS WITH VOICE AND VOTE**

Susan Orr (Genesee Valley Presbytery);

**CORRESPONDING MEMBERS**

None.

**ELDER COMMISSIONERS FROM CHURCHES**

Ken Allen (Canandaigua); Ted Peet (Emira, Lake Street); Jeff Richards (Elmira, North); Ed Frick (Geneva); Rob Anderson (Penn Yan);

**ADDITIONAL ELDER COMMISSIONERS**

Stephen Beals (Seneca Falls); Joann Braun (Naples); Virginia Champlin (Geneva); Donna Colvin (Pulteney); Linda Werts (GA Commissioner)

**REGISTERED GUESTS (Current Meeting)**

None.

SUMMARIES FOR EACH MEETING	Jan 26	Mar 19	May 28	July 9	Aug 13	Sept 24	Nov 19
Total Minister Commissioners Present*	27	26	26	18	14		
Total Elder Commissioners Present **	39	33	31	19	11		
Parity (expressed in terms of Elders, + or -)	+ 12	+7	+5	+1	-3		
Total Minister Commissioners Absent, Unexcused***	11	11	20	26	31		
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders****	26	31	32	48	49		
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders and Pastors	19	20	20	34	36		
Total Registered Visitors	5	9	13	4	0		
Total Registered Attendance*****	<b>72</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>25</b>		

- \* 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

**APPROVAL OF DOCKET**

The presbytery VOTED to approve the docket for the meeting:

- Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum
- Opening Prayer
- Approval of Docket
- Committee on Ministry Report: Rev. Ellen Donnan (Junius & Phelps), Chair
- Motion to create and Administrative Commission for Lake Street Presbyterian Church
- Adjourn with Prayer

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

Rev. Ellen Donnan (Junius & Phelps), Chairwoman, presented the motion from the Committee on Ministry.

The presbytery discussed the motion.

The presbytery VOTED to Call the Question.

The Presbytery VOTED to **create an Administrative Commission** for Lake Street Presbyterian Church in Elmira, New York. The powers and responsibilities of the Administrative Commission shall include, but not be limited to:

- Working with the Moderator to ensure that the Session is properly elected, trained, ordained, and installed
- Work with the Moderator and Session to sort out all financial records and reports from all institutions and ministries at Lake Street, ensuring that the responsibilities described in G-3.0113 and G-3.0205 are carried out
- Clarify and Verify the incorporation status of Fusion on Fire and all other ministries at Lake Street
- Ensure that there are mechanisms for accountability (to the Session and - where appropriate - to the Presbytery) for Fusion on Fire and all other ministries at Lake Street
- Counsel with the Session and Moderator concerning any other difficulties within the congregation, ministry relationships, and leadership (as described in G-3.0303d)
- Assuming original jurisdiction of the Session of Lake Street Presbyterian Church *if it is deemed necessary by the AC and if it is demonstrated that the Session is unable or unwilling to manage wisely its affairs* (G-3.0303e).

Membership in this Administrative Commission shall be by appointment of the Moderator of Presbytery, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee on Ministry. It shall consist of at least 3 and no more than 5 members. This Administrative Commission shall keep a full record of its proceedings and shall submit that record to the Stated Clerk for incorporation into the records of the Presbytery of Geneva (G-3.0109).

This Administrative Commission shall report its actions to a future stated meeting of the Presbytery of Geneva. It shall provide the Presbytery (through the Committee on Ministry) with interim reports monthly and their warrant shall conclude with the completion of the above delegated tasks.

**ADJOURN WITH PRAYER**

The presbytery VOTED to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was concluded with prayer, offered by Rev. Katherine Griffis (Hornell).

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Attest: Amy Loving Austin, Stated Clerk