

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 Meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, held electronically via Zoom.us.

GATHERING FOR SHARED WORK: OPENING BUSINESS

GATHERING

10:30 am Registration and Fellowship Time (through 10:55 am)
10:55 am Gathering for Shared Work

CALL TO ORDER

TE Glenn Kennedy, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m., a quorum being present.

The Moderator offered the opening prayer

ROLL

ACTIVE MINISTERS SERVING CHURCHES

Rob Mellgard (Federated, Ovid); Nancy Farrell (Huron); Kyle Delhagen (Western, Palmyra); Ellen Donnan (Junius & United, Phelps); Aaron Frank (First, Horseheads); Katherine Griffis (United, Hornell); Deborah Grohman (First, Ontario Center); Amy Loving Austin (Bellona & Seneca #9); Paul Malles (First, Penn Yan); Ben Masters (Hector & Lodi); Anita Milne (First, Waterloo); Leah Ntuala (First, Seneca Falls); David Preisendanz (United, Painted Post); Sabrina Slater (Christ the King, Spencer); Denise Stone (First, Big Flats); Cindy Weaver (First, Ithaca); Daniel Russell (First Ulysses, Trumansburg);

MINISTERS IN VALIDATED MINISTRIES / MINISTERS AT-LARGE

David Ashby (VM); Glenn Kennedy (AL); J. Christy Wareham (AL); Janice Fitzgerald (V);

HONORABLY RETIRED MINISTERS

Tim Johnson; Cynthia Huling Hummel; Jane Winters;

ELDER COMMISSIONERS FROM CHURCHES

Annie LeFevre (North, Elmira); Judy Mellgard (Federated, Ovid); Phil Opdycke (Western, Palmyra); Mary Jane Peek (First, Pulteney); Barry Winters (Weston); Dolores Gingerich (First, Wolcott); Lois Wafler (Huron); Virginia Holroyd (United, Canandaigua); Gary Harman (Geneva); Gail Farnham (First, Ithaca); Gail Maureen (Spencer, Christ the King); Jessie Olney (Trinity Federated, Naples); Mary Gier (United, Phelps); Chris Gerling (Geneva)

ADDITIONAL ELDER COMMISSIONERS

Tom Bailey (Christ the King, Spencer); Virginia Champlin (Geneva); Rob Anderson (First, Penn Yan); Pricilla Andrews (Rock Stream); Carleen Frost (First, Sodus); Connie Franks (United, Marion); John Gingerich (First, Wolcott); Phoebe Baker (First, Penn Yan); Ken Allen (United, Canandaigua); Jeff Richards (North, Elmira); Donna Colvin (First, Pulteney); Linda Werts (United, Canandaigua); Don Peek (First, Pulteney);

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS (granted voice)

Robin Lostetter (Trinity Federated, Naples);

PRESBYTERY STAFF (granted voice)

Susan Orr (Genesee Valley Presbytery); Elena Delhagen (Palmyra, Western);

REGISTERED GUESTS (Current Meeting; Granted Voice for the purpose of giving reports)

Michelle Serra (First, Canisteo); Beth Newell (Geneva); Sharon Nutting (Weston); Joel Robinson (North, Elmira); Evan Hansen (Eastern Oregon Presbytery); Susan Frost (Lodi);

EXCUSED COMMISSIONERS (Elders and Ministers)

Elder Pam Ells (Seneca #9), Rev. Lucinda O'Leary (Rock Stream); Elder Joe O'Leary (Rock Stream); ; Elder Jane Hansen (Memorial, Bellona); Elder Joanne Tunison (First, Elmira); Rev. Betsey Crimmins (HR); Elder Lisa Sanford (United, Hornell); Rev. John Milne (HR); Barbara Stephens (Canisteo); Gail Heimberger (First, Sodus); Rev. Susan Husted (HR);

SUMMARIES FOR EACH MEETING 2020	Jan 25	Mar-24	Apr 14	May 26	July 21	Sept 22	Nov 17
Total Minister Commissioners Present*	28	--	26	37	24		
Total Elder Commissioners Present **	32	--	28	35	27		
Parity (expressed in terms of Elders, + or -)	+ 4	--	+2	-2	+3		
Total Minister Commissioners Absent, Unexcused***	8	--	8	2	14		
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders****	37	--	41	36	41		
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders and Pastors****	28	--	20	22	23		
Total Registered Visitors and Staff	22	--	7	9	8		
Total Registered Attendance*****	82	--	60	82	60		

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

** Includes Corresponding Members with voice and vote

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**** 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:

- 10:30 AM Registration and fellowship time (through 10:55)
- 10:55 AM Gathering our Shared Work
- 11:00 AM Call to Order, Declaration of Quorum, and Opening Prayer
- 11:05 AM Introductory Business
 - Approval of the Docket
 - Privilege of the Floor
 - Announcements relevant to the business meeting
- 11:10 AM Internal Business - Committee on Representation
 - Motion from Committee on Representation:
 - Elect the following nominees to serve on Presbytery Committees:
 - Committee on Vitality, Class of 2020:
 - TE David Barnard (HR):
 - Committee on Vitality, Class of 2021
 - RE Bob Sell (Horseheads)
 - Committee on Vitality, Class of 2022:
 - TE Daniel Russell (First Ulysses, Trumansburg)
 - Committee on Mission and Witness, Class of 2021:
 - TE Cindy Weaver (First, Ithaca)
 - Committee on Ministry, Class of 2021:
 - TE Joanne Bartel (HR)
 - Committee on Ministry, Class of 2023:
 - RE Cathy Foerster (First, Penn Yan)
- 11:15 AM Business Related to Congregations and Leaders - Committee on Ministry
 - Motions from Committee on Ministry:

- **Examine** Candidate Evan Hansen (a Candidate under the care of the Presbytery of Eastern Oregon) for Ordination; **sustain** the examination; and **approve** his ordination.
- **Recommend Presbytery approve** the call of North Presbyterian Church, Elmira, NY to Evan Hansen to be Pastor, effective August 3, 2020 at the following terms of call:

Cash Salary	\$43,800
Manse (fair rental value)	\$16,200
Total Effective Salary	\$60,000
Pension/Medical	37% of Effective Salary (set by the BOP for 2020)
SECA Offset	7.65% of Effective Salary
Total (Pension/Medical/SECA)	\$26,790
Travel Allowance	All church mileage vouchered at IRS rate per mile
Study Leave	\$1000 (SL can be accumulated up to 3 yrs)
Vision & Dental Family	\$1,320
Vacation:	31 days, including 4 Sundays
Study Leave:	2 weeks, including 2 Sundays
Sundays out of the pulpit	6 (covered by vacation & study leave)
7th year sabbatical	12 weeks, paid at existing salary
- **Appoint** Evan Hansen as moderator of the session of North Presbyterian Church, Elmira, NY, effective August 3, 2020.
- **Appoint** the following Administrative Commission to Ordain & Install Candidate Evan Hansen as Pastor of the North Presbyterian Church of Elmira, NY on Saturday August 8, 2020, to take place in-person at the North Presbyterian Church of Elmira, NY, and broadcast via Zoom, at 4:00pm.
 - Moderator TE Glenn Kennedy (At-large), or his designee.
 - TE Ben Masters (Hector/Lodi)
 - TE Ellen Donnan (United, Phelps & Junius)
 - RE Bobbie Furness (North, Elmira)
 - RE Ken Allan (United, Canandaigua)
 - RE Rehana Stanley (First, Elmira)
- **Approve** the Celebration of the Lord's Supper at the service of Ordination and Installation of Candidate Evan Hansen at the North Presbyterian Church of Elmira, NY on Saturday August 8, 2020, to take place both in-person at the North Presbyterian Church of Elmira, NY, and broadcast via Zoom, at 4:00pm.
- **Grant** the moderator or his designee the authority to make any necessary and appropriate changes to the Administrative Commission to Ordain and Install.
- **Dismiss** the Administrative Commission with thanks, upon the completion of the Service of Ordination and Installation.
- **Approve** the transfer of membership of Evan Hansen from the Presbytery of Eastern Oregon to the Presbytery of Geneva and **authorize** the stated clerk to complete the required notifications of the Ordination of Evan Hansen, and of his being received as a member of the Presbytery of Geneva, effective August 8, 2020.

11:40 AM **Internal Business - General Council**
Report from the Chair of General Council (RE Dr. Rob Anderson):

- Plans for re-opening the Presbytery Office

12:00 PM **Benediction and Adjournment**

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

The Presbytery VOTED to:

- **Approve** the docket.
- **Grant** privilege of voice to guests and corresponding members for the purpose of participating in reports

Internal Business - Committee on Representation

The Presbytery VOTED to:

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BUSINESS RELATED TO CONGREGATIONS AND LEADERS - COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

The Presbytery **examined** Candidate Evan Hansen (a Candidate under the care of the Presbytery of Eastern Oregon) for Ordination.

The Presbytery VOTED to:

- **Call the question** to sustain the examination..
- **Sustain** the examination
- **Approve** the ordination of Candidate Evan Hansen.
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Glenn Kennedy offered prayer for Evan Hansen, North Presbyterian Church of Elmira, and the Presbytery.

INTERNAL BUSINESS - GENERAL COUNCIL

The General Council Chairperson, RE Dr. Rob Anderson (First, Penn Yan), shared the following statement regarding the reopening of the Presbytery Office:

The General Council agrees that the Presbytery Office remain closed to the public until further notice. We will again review the situation in September 2020.

All persons entering the building must follow NYS public health mandates, including use of face coverings, maintaining at least 6' of distance, washing hands and using hand sanitizer upon entry, sanitizing all surfaces touched prior to departure. Caution is urged in all things.

Staff and presbytery leadership will continue to work primarily from home, with occasional trips to the office for necessary tasks that cannot be handled from home (getting mail, document searches, filing, essential meetings of one or two individuals, etc.).

Staff travel for in-person meetings and in-person group meetings for committees and other presbytery groups will not resume at this time. The presbytery office remains unavailable for in-person group meetings until further notice. We will review this in September as well. We anticipate that we will have further guidance from state, county, and denominational sources which will aid our review.

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery VOTED to **adjourn** the meeting.

The meeting was concluded with prayer and benediction by the Moderator..

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Attest: Amy Loving Austin, Stated Clerk