

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 its Stated Meeting on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, held electronically via Zoom.us.

GATHERING FOR SHARED WORK: OPENING BUSINESS

GATHERING

12:30 pm Registration and Fellowship Time (through 1:00 pm)

CALL TO ORDER

TE Deb Grohman (Ontario Center, First), Moderator, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm, a quorum being present.

The Moderator offered the opening prayer.

ROLL

CONGREGATIONS: MINISTERS & COMMISSIONERS (CM = Corresponding Member; CP = Commissioned Pastor)

CONGREGATION	MINISTER(S)	COMMISSIONER	CONGREGATION	MINISTER(S)	COMMISSIONER
ADDISON	A - Peter Marr (CM)		MARION, UNITED	A - Denise Logan (CM)	A - Frank Halstead
ANDOVER, FIRST	A - C. Mattison		MORELAND	A - Paul Yoder (CRE)	
ARKPORT, FIRST	Bruce Incze		NAPLES, TRINITY FEDERATED	A - Matthew Finch (CM)	A - Jessie Olney
ATLANTA	-----		NEWARK, PARK	Susan Frost	Stephen Mitchell
BATH, FIRST	-----	A - Dean Chatfield	OAKS CORNERS	A - Karl Warrington	
BELLONA, MEMORIAL	Amy Loving Austin	Jane Hansen	ONTARIO CENTER, FIRST	Deborah Grohman	
BIG FLATS, FIRST	Denise Stone	Robin Fitzgerald	OVID, FEDERATED	Rob Mellgard	Judy Mellgard
BURDETT	Richard Evans (CRE)	Martha Evans	PAINTED POST, UNITED	David Preisendanz	
CANANDAIGUA, UNITED	EX - Wade Allen (CM)	Linda Werts	PALMYRA, WESTERN	-----	Philip Opdycke
CANISTEO, FIRST	Michelle Serra (G)		PENN YAN, FIRST	Paul Malles	Rob Anderson
COHOCTON, FIRST	-----	A - Linda Hodges	PHELPS, UNITED	-----	Peg Carlson
CORNING, FIRST	Jeffrey Ugoretz	Kay Rogus	PRATTSBURGH, FIRST	-----	
EAST PALMYRA, FIRST	-----		PULTENEY, FIRST	Don Peek (CRE)	Mary Jane Peek
ELMIRA, FIRST	Bill Reynolds (CM)	Michelle Giacchino	RED CREEK		
ELMIRA, NORTH	Evan Hansen	A - Annie LeFevre	ROCK STREAM	Lucinda O'Leary (CM)	
GENEVA, THE PC	Colin Pritchard	Sigrid Carle	SENECA #9	Amy Loving Austin	EX - Pam Ells
HAMMONDSPORT, FIRST	-----		SENECA FALLS, FIRST	Leah Ntuala	Michelle Edmondson

HECTOR	-----		SHORTSVILLE, FIRST	Connie Franks (CRE)	
HORNELL, UNITED	Katherine Griffis	Kerm Bossard	SODUS, FIRST	Gail Heimberger	
HORSEHEADS, FIRST	Aaron Frank	Ex - Judy Sell	SPENCER, CHRIST THE KING FELLOWSHIP	Sabrina Slater	Gail Maureen
HOWARD, UNION	-----		TRUMANSBURG, FIRST ULYSSES	A - Daniel Russell	Pamela Postle
HURON		Linda Hayes	WATERLOO, FIRST	Anita Milne	
ITHACA, FIRST	Cynthia Weaver Kirianna Weaver	A - Brad McFall	WATKINS GLEN, FIRST	Cara Milne	Karen Rhodes
JASPER, UNITED	A - Brain Dieffenbacher (CM)		WESTON	-----	Barry Winters
JUNIUS	A - Ellen Donnan	A - Harriet Haynes	WOLCOTT, FIRST	A - Walter Stuber (CM)	Dolores Gingerich
LYONS, FIRST	-----	Joanne Reinhardt			

MINISTERS IN VALIDATED MINISTRIES / MINISTERS AT-LARGE / HONORABLY RETIRED MINISTERS

Present:

Carol Wilson (HR) James Kerr (HR) Janice Fitzgerald (VM) John Milne (HR)
Cynthia Huling Hummel (HR) Jane Winters (HR) David Ashby (AL)

Excused: Betsey Crimmins (HR) Adrian Tierson (VM)

ADDITIONAL ELDER COMMISSIONERS (appointed by Presbytery to correct elder-clergy imbalance)

Present:

Virginia Champlin (Geneva) Irene Fadden (Palmyra, Western) Beth Newell (Geneva)
Tom Bailey (Spencer, Christ the King) Carleen Frost (Sodus, First) Jeff Richards (Elmira, North)
Donna Colvin (Pulteney, First) John Gingerich (Wolcott, First) Pricilla Andrews (Rock Stream)
Joanne Tunison (Elmira, First)

Excused: Bob Sell (Horseheads, First)

PRESBYTERY STAFF (granted voice)

Present: Lea Kone (Genesee Valley Presbytery) **Excused:** Elena Delhagen

REGISTERED GUESTS (Current Meeting; granted voice)

Michelle Serra (Canisteo, First) Carolyn Grohman (Genesee Valley Presbytery)
Barbara Squires (Elmira, First) Jim Varner (Spencer, Christ the King)
Ellen Reynolds (Geneva) Natalie Lemmon (Newark, Park)
Gregory J. Bentley (224th General Assembly Co-Moderator, North Alabama Presbytery)
Elona Street-Stewart (224th General Assembly Co-Moderator, Synod of Lakes and Prairies)

SUMMARIES FOR EACH MEETING 2021	Jan 22	Mar 29					
Total Minister Commissioners Present*	22	27					
Total Elder Commissioners Present **	32	32					
Parity (expressed in terms of Elders, + or -)	+10	+5					
Total Minister Commissioners Absent, Unexcused***	10	4					
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders****	32	29					
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders and Pastors****	19	17					
Total Registered Visitors and Staff	8	9					
Total Registered Attendance*****	62	70					

- * Does not include Corresponding Members, with voice, not vote. Does include Validated, At-large, and Honorably Retired
** Includes Corresponding Members with voice and vote
*** Does not include Corresponding Members with voice only; Honorably Retired Ministers; and Excused Minister Members.
**** Includes churches marked "excused"; does **not** include Additional Elder Commissioners, as they are not elected by sessions.
***** Includes Corresponding Members without vote

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

The presbytery VOTED to approve the docket for the meeting:

12:30 PM	Registration and fellowship time (through 1:00 PM)
1:00 PM	Call to Order, Declaration of Quorum, and Opening Prayer
1:05 PM	Introductory Business
	Call for New Business & Approval of the Docket
	Acknowledgment of the First Stewards of the Land [TE Katherine Griffis (Hornell, United)]
1:10 AM	Consent Agenda
1:15 PM	A Visit with the Co-Moderators of the 224th General Assembly of the PC(USA) [TE Gregory J. Bentley and RE Elona Street-Stewart]
2:15 PM	Worship and the Lord's Supper [TE Katherine Griffis (Hornell, United), presiding]
2:50 PM	Committee on Operations [TE David Ashby (VM)]
2:55 PM	Committee on Ministry [RE Beth Newell (Geneva)]
	Recommissioning of CREs
3:05 PM	Camp Whitman [RE Lea Kone (Camp Director)]
3:10 PM	Committee on Mission and Witness [RE Linda Werts (Canandaigua, United)]
	Matthew 25 Grants
	Refugee Resettlements
3:15 PM	Committee on Representation [TE Sabrina Slater (Spencer, Christ the King)]
3:25 PM	Installation of the Stated Clerk
3:30 PM	Good News from Congregations
	* To include your news in the minutes, please email a written copy to: statedclerk@presbyteryofgeneva.org
3:40 PM	Resolution of Thanks [RE Jeff Richards (Elmira, North)]
3:45 PM	Benediction and Adjournment

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE FIRST STEWARDS OF THE LAND

TE Katherine Griffis (Hornell, United) offered acknowledgement of the first stewards of the land where we live and serve.

The land of the beautiful Canisteo Valley has nurtured human life for at least 12,000 years. For at least the last 1000 years, people have cared for the Valley and grown food here to feed themselves and others.

From about 1000 AD, Iroquois-speaking Woodland Culture peoples lived and farmed here, first the Susquehannock and then, after 1678, the Seneca, after the Susquehannock population had been largely wiped out, probably from European-introduced diseases. One hundred years later, in 1779, agriculture in southern Steuben County suffered a crushing blow during the Revolutionary War when Seneca and British forces were defeated by the American colonists' Continental forces. "Many of the [Seneca] villages," wrote a local author, "were of neat construction – hewed log or frame – and the surrounding orchards were of apple, peach and pear trees. The land was of unexampled fatness...Orchards, corn and wheat fields vanished before the destruction that wasted at noonday."¹

War has always been and remains the greatest threat to food security, but the damages of war were not the end. In treaties from 1784 through 1826, more and more Seneca land was appropriated by the new United States, usually with no representation from the Seneca. Encroachments have continued down to our own day, through at least the 1960s.

Today Steuben County is home to 95,000 people from many backgrounds and the Canisteo Valley is still providing food. We acknowledge that, while we and our ancestors have also cared for this land, we benefit from the care of all who have gone before us. We ourselves are to hold this land in stewardship for future generations and to honor those who have called this place "home" before us.

¹ William M. Stuart, *Stories of The Kanisteo Valley*, 3rd ed., facsimile copy of the 1935 edition c. 1978 and sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Canisteo, p. 39.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Presbytery VOTED to approve the following:

1. **Approve** the minutes of the January 22, 2022 stated meeting, held via Zoom.us.
2. **Grant** privilege of voice to non-commissioners who will make a presentation or participate in a report to the presbytery.
3. **Receive** the February Operating Statement, Balance Statement, and Treasurer's report.
4. **Receive** the 2021 Presbytery Statistics Report.
5. **Approve** the election of TE Amy Loving Austin to serve as the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Geneva (3-year term, 2022-2024).
6. **Approve** the request of the session of the First Presbyterian Church of East Palmyra, NY, for a waiver of the term limit requirements for Judi Langdon, Betty Hoad, and Josh McCrossen, according to the provisions of the Book of Order, G-2.0404.
7. **Approve** the request of the session of the First Presbyterian Church of Lyons, NY, for a waiver of the term limit requirements for Beth Whitbeck, according to the provisions of the Book of Order, G-2.0404.
8. **Approve** the commissioning and/or re-commissioning of the following Ruling Elders to service in the Presbytery of Geneva:
 - Commissioned to service to particular congregations in the Presbytery of Geneva:
 - CRE Richard Evans (Watkins Glen, First), commissioned to the Burdett Presbyterian Church of Burdett
 - CRE Connie Franks (Ontario Center, First), commissioned to the First Presbyterian Church of Shortsville
 - CRE Paul Yoder (Horseheads, First), commissioned to the Moreland Presbyterian Church of Moreland
 - Commissioned to service to the Presbytery of Geneva (Pulpit Supply, able to serve communion) at the direction of the Committee on Ministry:
 - CRE Priscilla Andrews (Rock Stream)
 - CRE Carleen Frost (Sodus, First)
 - CRE John Gingerich (Wolcott, First)
 - CRE Don Peek (Pulteney, First)
 - CRE Bob Sell (Horseheads, First)
 - CRE Bessie Tyrrell (Atlanta)
9. **Approve** the election of RE Sandy Ansley (Geneva) to serve on the Committee on Operations, Class of 2023.
10. **Approve** the election of TE Susan Frost (Newark, Park) to serve on the Committee on Ministry, Class of 2022.

ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY'S INFORMATION FROM YOUR STATED CLERK

1. Today, we are welcoming the Co-Moderators of the 224th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), TE Gregory J. Bentley and RE Elona Street-Stewart. You can learn more about them here: <https://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga-co-moderators/mod/>
2. The required annual statistical reports for the Presbytery of Geneva have all been submitted and accepted by the OGA. 41 of our 51 churches submitted their required statistical reports for 2021.
3. RE Marion Nicastro (Weston) has unfortunately needed to withdraw from serving as Geneva's Ruling Elder Commissioner to the 225th General Assembly. RE Virginia Champlin (Geneva), who was elected in November 2021 to serve as the Alternate RE Commissioner, will now serve in that role. Our elected General Assembly Commissioners will be commissioned at our Presbytery meeting in May.
4. The ordination of the Rev. Susan Frost was held on Saturday, February 5, 2022, at Park Presbyterian Church, Newark, NY.
5. Any persons interested in proposing overtures to the 225th General Assembly (scheduled for the Summer of 2022) will need to follow the following deadlines. Detailed information about how to propose an overture can be found at <https://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga/> and <https://www.pcusa.org/resource/how-submit-overture/>.
 - 225th General Assembly Business Deadlines
 - April 19, 2022
 - Overtures with financial implications
 - May 4, 2022
 - All other overtures
 - First concurrence
 - Comments
 - May 19, 2022
 - GANC Nominations Slate

6. Please take advantage of the (FREE) Synod of the Northeast Webinars: <https://www.synodne.org/webinars>

A VISIT WITH THE CO-MODERATORS OF THE 224TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PC(USA)

The Moderator introduced TE Gregory J. Bentley (North Alabama Presbytery) and RE Elona Street-Stewart (Synod of Lakes and Prairies), Co-Moderators of the 224th General Assembly of the PC(USA).

Elona Street-Stewart shared greetings from the national church, and she offered words of thanks for the Leadership Team and Staff of the Presbytery of Geneva. She lifted up the memory of the Rev. Harold Delhagen (HR), who passed away on Saturday, March 26, 2022, after a valiant battle with cancer, noting her work with him in the past.

Gregory Bentley shared about their vision and hope for the PC(USA) - speaking particularly to the need for the Church to take active steps toward making right the wrongs against Indigenous communities and people of color. Rev. Bentley referred to the "seven Rs" (remembrance, remorse, repentance, repair, reconciliation, resurrection and rejoicing) as steps along our path toward flourishing as people of God.

WORSHIP AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Presbytery of Geneva engaged in a service of worship, led by TE Katherine Griffis (Hornell, United). Worship included a sermon given by the Rev. Katherine Griffis, as well as the celebration (online) of the Lord's Supper.

COMMITTEE ON OPERATIONS

TE David Ashby (AL), chair of the Committee on Operations, presented the report.

ITEMS FOR THE PRESBYTERY'S ACTION

The Committee moved that the Presbytery approve the request by The United Presbyterian Church of Hornell:

The United Presbyterian Church, Hornell, NY seeks the approval of the Presbytery of Geneva to repair and upgrade the church's stonework. The projected cost of the project is \$230,700, which exceeds our annual budget (which is about \$146,000). We have a highly qualified, well-respected contractor lined up to do the work. The congregation approved the stonework project and the financial plan to pay for it at a special meeting held on 13 March. We will finance the project through 1) a loan from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, which we intend to repay within two years, 2) donations, 3) funds from our endowment (only if needed), and 4) grants (if any are obtained).

The Presbytery VOTED to **approve** the proposed repair and upgrade to the stonework at The United Presbyterian Church of Hornell, NY; the projected cost of the project is \$230,700, and it will be financed through 1) a loan from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, which the church intends to repay within two years, 2) donations, 3) funds from the church's endowment (only if needed), and 4) grants (if any are obtained).

ITEMS FOR THE PRESBYTERY'S INFORMATION

1. Financial reports are provided by the Treasurer.
2. The \$110,800.02 received from the sale of the West Fayette Presbyterian Church building to Lakeside Mennonite Church were distributed 1) \$44,320 to the Seneca County House of Concern; 2) \$22,160 to Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes; 3) \$22,160 to Pathway Home, Seneca Falls; 4) \$22,160 to the Varick Volunteer Fire Department. The remaining 2¢ was added to the Two Cents Per Meal account. A great write-up with photos of the presentation of checks to the organizations appeared in the Finger Lakes Times, which can be read at https://www.fltimes.com/photos/bigger-picture-the-small-church-with-a-big-heart/article_c4ff3522-ea9e-5475-b55c-84cf3066cf5e.html. **No** funds from the sale of the building have gone to presbytery operations. Our Committee commends and thanks the West Fayette Administrative Commission for their excellent and faith-filled ministry to preserve and extend the witness of the congregation through the organizations of their community.
3. *How can the Operations Committee help your congregation?*

As we have been reviewing our presbytery's policies, the Mid-Council Financial Group reminded us of five policies that we should have, and we believe they are wise for congregations to have as well. They are 1) a conflict-of-interest policy, 2) an accountable reimbursement policy and vouchering system, 3) a whistleblower policy, 4) a document retention and destruction policy, and, perhaps most important, 5) a gift acceptance and refusal policy. But there are other policies to have, too. You must have a children and youth safety policy, and a workplace sexual harassment prevention policy and training as required by New York State. You should also have your essential legal documents easily accessible and copies readily available. These would usually be your articles of incorporation (and know whether you are incorporated by the state or county), your standing rules or bylaws, your federal tax ID and 501(c)(3), your state sales tax exemption, the deed and abstract for any church property, including non-sanctuary property like manses or property given to the church over the years (which is why you need the ability to refuse donations such as far-away real estate), and your insurance policies. It is wise to have building use policies and fees.

Our primary focus is supporting the work of the Presbytery with budget and financial oversight, care of our personnel, and acting as the Trustees. But the Operations Committee has also acquired quite a bit of knowledge about matters that overlap the local congregation, and we are happy to be your partners thinking about them. We can share our knowledge about personnel matters, budgeting and finance, audits, real estate transfers and legal requirements, legal matters and litigation involving religious corporations, financial recordkeeping, other things that keep your congregation serving your community and members. Our committee members have a wide breadth of hands-on experience in congregations and are willing to speak with you. Some of our policies can be adapted for local use, and we have lots of resources and contacts that we might share with your Session or staff. Just email operations@presbyteryofgeneva.org or the current chairperson, David Ashby pastorashby@stny.rr.com!

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

RE Beth Newell (Geneva) presented the report:

COMMISSIONING AND RECOMMISSIONING OF CRES

RE Kerm Bossard (Hornell, United) led the Presbytery of Geneva in the service of commissioning, to **commission** and/or **recommission** the following Ruling Elders to service in the Presbytery of Geneva:

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- CRE Richard Evans (Watkins Glen, First), commissioned to the Burdett Presbyterian Church of Burdett
- CRE Connie Franks (Ontario Center, First), commissioned to the First Presbyterian Church of Shortsville

Commissioned to service to the Presbytery of Geneva (Pulpit Supply, able to serve communion) at the direction of the Committee on Ministry:

- CRE Priscilla Andrews (Rock Stream)
- CRE Carleen Frost (Sodus, First)
- CRE John Gingerich (Wolcott, First)
- CRE Don Peek (Pulteney, First)

The following CREs will be recommissioned at the May Presbytery Meeting (due to their absence today):

- CRE Paul Yoder (Horseheads, First), commissioned to the Moreland Presbyterian Church of Moreland
- CRE Bob Sell (Horseheads, First), commissioned to service to the Presbytery of Geneva (pulpit supply, able to serve communion) at the direction of the Committee on Ministry
- CRE Bessie Tyrrell (Atlanta), commissioned to service to the Presbytery of Geneva (pulpit supply, able to serve communion) at the direction of the Committee on Ministry

ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE PRESBYTERY

The Committee on Ministry VOTED to:

Appoint Rev. Carol Wilson to serve as Moderator at Red Creek.

Approve adding the Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins to the Pulpit Supply List.

Approve adding Carleen Frost to the Pulpit Supply List as a CRE commissioned to serve Communion.

ITEMS FOR THE PRESBYTERY'S INFORMATION

The Committee on Ministry VOTED to:

Approve Michelle Serra to continue as a Candidate for Ministry.

Approve the MIF for the First Presbyterian Church of Ulysses in Trumansburg, NY.

Approve the MIF for the First Presbyterian Church of Elmira, NY.

Approve the MIF for the Hector Presbyterian Church of Hector, NY.

Approve the covenant between the Rev. Jamie Tyrrell (Genesee Valley Presbytery) the Session of the United Church of Phelps to serve as full-time Temporary Pastor, effective March 18, 2022 thru September 18, 2022 (6 months), and **appoint** Rev. Tyrrell as Moderator at Phelps. Total compensation:

Cash salary:	\$ 13,277.50
Housing:	\$ 12,500.00
SECA:	\$ 1,972.00
Pension/Medical	\$ 9,537.50
Travel Allowance:	all church mileage at current IRS business rate
Study Leave Allowance:	\$ 500.00
Study Leave Time:	7 days, including 1 Sunday
Vacation:	15.5 days, including 2 Sundays

Approve the covenant between CRE Dick Evans and the Burdett Presbyterian Church to serve as ¼-time Stated Supply Pastor (CRE), effective January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022. Total

Compensation:

Cash salary:	\$ 4,482
Housing:	\$ 8,407
Pension/Medical	\$ 4,769
Travel Allowance:	all church mileage at current IRS business rate
Study Leave Allowance:	\$ 250
Study Leave Time:	14 days, including 2 Sundays
Vacation:	31 days, including 4 Sundays, prorated to percent time employed

Approve the covenant between CRE Paul Yoder and the Moreland Presbyterian Church to serve as ¼-time Stated Supply Pastor (CRE), effective January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022. Total compensation:

Cash salary:	\$ 8,042
Housing:	\$ 5,962
Travel Allowance:	all church mileage at current IRS business rate
Study Leave Time:	14 days, including 2 Sundays
Vacation:	31 days, including 4 Sundays, prorated to percent time employed

Approve for COM use the following call, covenant, and annual report forms

- Form 1 – Call to an installed pastor
- Form 1a – Annual report on called pastor's compensation
- Form 2 – CRE covenant
- Form 3 – Transitional Pastor covenant
- Form 4 – Temporary Pastor covenant
- Form 5 – Attestation of another denomination's call or covenant
- Form 5a – Annual report on attestation of another denomination's call or covenant
- Form 6 – Congregations without a pastor

Approve for COM use the following pulpit supply documents:

- Pulpit Supply Guidelines
- Pulpit Supply List
- Pulpit Supply Manual provisions
- Pulpit Supply Application forms (Elder or Lay Member; Non-member; CRE; Presbytery of Geneva clergy member)

CAMP WHITMAN

Lea Kone (Presbytery of Genesee Valley, Camp Whitman Director) presented the report:

- Camp Whitman is serving more than just campers these days, as it is increasing its retreat ministry. Even though traditional camping has decreased these past few years, the camp is actually serving more people through hosting a variety of retreats and other gatherings.

- Camp Whitman was awarded a Youth & Young Adult Leadership Development Grant from the Synod of the Northeast, totalling \$7,000. This grant will support the Finger Lakes Youth Ministry (FLYM), a program of Camp Whitman which is a ministry of the Presbytery of Geneva and the Presbytery of Genesee Valley. This new program aims to work collaboratively with both presbyteries to create engaging, high-quality, year-round faith formation programming for youth and adults. The program will host monthly workshops or retreats on a variety of topics for those aged 12 to 25. Programs will also be open neighboring Presbyteries.
- Camp Whitman is seeking nurses to work at the camp June 26 - July 1, July 3 - 8, and July 24 - 29.
- Be sure to visit <http://campwhitman.org> for the latest information and camp-related opportunities.

The Moderator invited Vice Moderator Jeff Richards (Elmira, North) to moderate the remainder of the meeting.

COMMITTEE ON MISSION AND WITNESS

RE Linda Werts (Canandaigua, United) presented the report:

- The Presbytery of Geneva (using additional mission money that was available) is sending \$5,000 to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program to provide emergency relief to Ukrainian refugees.
- Church World Service is still in need of hygiene kits. Details about these hygiene kits are available at <http://cwskits.org>. Information about what is needed will also be provided in the April newsletter. The United Church of Canandaigua will serve as a dropoff point.
- While the National Triennium gathering has been canceled, a regional event will be held this summer, coordinated by area presbyteries. Information will be sent to churches as it is available.

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

TE Sabrina Slater (Spencer, Christ the King) presented the report:

- The COR is looking for persons interested in serving as Synod Commissioners. Those with questions about what that involves are invited to speak with current/past commissioners, including TE Aaron Frank (Horseheads, First), TE Leah Ntuala (Seneca Falls, First), and RE Jeff Richards (Elmira, North).
- Anyone feeling called to serve is asked to contact the Committee on Representation.

INSTALLATION OF THE STATED CLERK

The Vice Moderator led the Presbytery of Geneva in the Service of Installation for the Stated Clerk, TE Amy Loving Austin (Seneca #9 & Bellona, Memorial), elected to serve a 3 year term.

GOOD NEWS FROM CONGREGATIONS

Members of the Presbytery shared good news and announcements from their congregations and ministries.

- TE Cynthia Huling Hummel (HR) would be happy to talk with you or your sessions on being a dementia friendly congregation. Feel free to reach out to her at revchh@hotmail.com. Visit <https://www.tpr.org/2/2022-03-24/living-with-alzheimers> for more information.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

RE Jeff Richards (Elmira, North) offered the Resolution of Thanks.

BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

The Presbytery VOTED to **adjourn** the meeting with prayer.

The Moderator offered prayer and pronounced the meeting to be adjourned at 3:38 pm.

Attest: Amy Loving Austin, Stated Clerk

ADDENDUM A: Presbytery of Geneva 2021 Statistical Report

2021 Presbytery Statistical Report

Presbytery Geneva
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Phone 315-536-7753 **Fax** 315-536-2128
Email officeadmin@presbyteryofgeneva.org
Web Site



Membership			
Prior Active Members	3947	Adjusted membership	3970
Gains		Losses	
Certificate	20	Certificate	21
Youth Professions	7	Deaths	110
Professions & Reaffirmations	25	Deleted for any Other Reason	284
Total Gains	52	Total Losses	415
Total Ending Active Members	3607		
Baptisms		Average Weekly Worship Attendance	1254
Presented by Others	24	Female Members	2215
At Confirmation	3	Friends of the Congregation	765
All Other	8	Ruling Elders on Session	301
		Do you have Deacons? Yes / No	23 / 16
Age Distribution of Active Members		People with Disabilities	
25 & Under	144	Hearing impairment	192
26 - 40	254	Sight impairment	44
41 - 55	393	Mobility impairment	153
56 - 70	770	Other impairment	171
Over 70	954		
Total Age Distribution	2515		
Christian Education			
Birth - 3	29	Grade 7	31
Age 4	14	Grade 8	15
Kindergarten	11	Grade 9	29
Grade 1	14	Grade 10	16
Grade 2	22	Grade 11	15
Grade 3	24	Grade 12	14
Grade 4	29	Young Adults	36
Grade 5	28	Over 25	279
Grade 6	21	Teachers/Officers	105
		Total Christian Education	732
Racial Ethnic			
Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian	45	Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous	0
Black/African American/African	18	White	3159
Middle Eastern/North African	3	Multiracial	9
Hispanic/Latino-a	18		
		Total Racial Ethnic	3252
Financial Data			
Annual Income	6,186,616	Mission Expenses	614,846
Annual Expenses	4,987,722	Personnel Expenses	3,121,301
		Facilities Expenses	1,475,863

ADDENDUM B: Additional Written Reports Provided to the Presbytery on March 29, 2022

GENERAL COUNCIL REPORT TO THE PRESBYTERY

March 29, 2022-- Zoom.us

[From the meetings of 02/08/2022 and 03/08/2022]

ITEMS FOR THE PRESBYTERY'S ACTION: None

ITEMS FOR THE PRESBYTERY'S INFORMATION

The General Council VOTED to:

(Presbytery Leader Search)

Approve the following process for hiring the next Presbytery Leader: the search committee will make their recommendation to the General Council; Council will vote to approve and nominate that individual to serve; the Presbytery will then vote to elect the individual to serve a specified term as Presbytery Leader.

(Leader Care)

Approve not reading the dates of ordination during future necrology reports.

Approve the committee's development of an online library of pre-recorded services available for pastors/churches to use when a minister is absent.

(Manual of Administrative Operations)

Empower the Stated Clerk to form a Task Group to work with her to review and prepare suggested edits to the Presbytery's Manual of Operations.

VITALITY REPORT TO THE PRESBYTERY

March 29, 2022

From the regular meetings of Vitality: Jan 13th, Feb 17th and March 17th.

ITEMS FOR THE PRESBYTERY'S ACTION

The Vitality Committee MOVES the Presbytery to:

- No action items at this time.

ITEMS FOR THE PRESBYTERY'S INFORMATION

- Vitality has sent out a church officer form. This form is used at the Presbytery for a variety of reasons. 1. to make sure Presbytery has the most up to date information. 2. to be used by the nominating committee to find volunteers for the committees.
- Our committee is attempting to put together a Time, Talent and Treasure List. We want to know when you have Bible Studies or Youth activities or annual fundraisers so that we can join in and support one another. We want to know if you have people in your church with skill sets that they are willing to use throughout the Presbytery. We are looking to know what kind of treasures you have, like a backhoe, this way we can lend and loan to one another. The purpose of this list is to share and partner with one another.
- We are interested in hearing stories from around the Presbytery. For instance, 10 years ago The First Presbyterian Church of Seneca Falls partnered with other churches and the local food pantry to provide meals throughout the summer to the children in our community who participated in the school backpack program. We deliver bags of food, assembled by Foodlink, twice a week to the homes of the kids in our community. The cost is small and the impact is priceless.