

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 Called Meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, held electronically via Zoom.us.

GATHERING FOR SHARED WORK: OPENING BUSINESS

GATHERING

1:30 pm Registration and Fellowship Time (through 2:00 pm)

CALL TO ORDER

TE Deb Grohman (Ontario Center, First), Moderator, called the meeting to order at 2:00 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	A - Stephen Mitchell
BATH, FIRST	-----	A - Dean Chatfield	OAKS CORNERS	A - Karl Warrington	
BELLONA, MEMORIAL	Amy Loving Austin	Ex - Jane Hansen	ONTARIO CENTER, FIRST	Deborah Grohman	
BIG FLATS, FIRST	Ex - Denise Stone	Robin Fitzgerald	OVID, FEDERATED	Rob Mellgard	Judy Mellgard
BURDETT	Ex - Richard Evans (CRE)	A - Martha Evans	PAINTED POST, UNITED	David Preisendanz	
CANANDAIGUA, UNITED	EX - Wade Allen (CM)	A - Linda Werts	PALMYRA, WESTERN	-----	Philip Opdycke
CANISTEO, FIRST	Michelle Serra (G)		PENN YAN, FIRST	A - Paul Malles	Rob Anderson
COHOCTON, FIRST	-----	Linda Hodges	PHELPS, UNITED	-----	A - Peg Carlson
CORNING, FIRST	Jeffrey Ugoretz	Ex - Kay Rogus	PRATTSBURGH, FIRST	-----	
EAST PALMYRA, FIRST	-----		PULTENEY, FIRST	Don Peek (CRE)	Mary Jane Peek
ELMIRA, FIRST	A - Bill Reynolds (CM)	A - Michelle Giacchino	RED CREEK		
ELMIRA, NORTH	Evan Hansen	Ex - Annie LeFevre	ROCK STREAM	A - Lucinda O'Leary (CM)	
GENEVA, THE PC	Colin Pritchard	Chris Gerling	SENECA #9	Amy Loving Austin	Pam Ells
HAMMONDSPORT, FIRST	-----		SENECA FALLS, FIRST	Leah Ntuala	Susan Derr

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

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

Present:

James Kerr (HR) Janice Fitzgerald (VM) John Milne (HR) Jane Winters (HR)
Betsey Crimmins (HR) Tim Johnson (HR) Cynthia Huling Hummel (HR)

Excused:

Adrian Tierson (VM) David Ashby (AL) Carol Wilson (HR)

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) Bob Sell (Horseheads, First) Bessie Tyrrell (Atlanta)

PRESBYTERY STAFF (granted voice)

Present: Lea Kone (Genesee Valley Presbytery) Elena Delhagen (Albany Presbytery)

REGISTERED GUESTS (Current Meeting; granted voice)

Michelle Serra (Canisteo, First) Marjorie Ackerman (Northern Plains Presbytery)
SanDawna Ashley (Synod of the Northeast) Cathy Foerster (Penn Yan, First)
Ellen Reynolds (Geneva)

SUMMARIES FOR EACH MEETING 2022	Jan 22	Mar 29	Apr 26				
Total Minister Commissioners Present*	22	27	22				
Total Elder Commissioners Present **	32	32	31				
Parity (expressed in terms of Elders, + or -)	+10	+5	+9				
Total Minister Commissioners Absent, Unexcused***	10	4	6				
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders****	32	29	34				
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders and Pastors****	19	17	24				
Total Registered Visitors and Staff	8	9	7				
Total Registered Attendance*****	62	70	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
*** 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:

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| 1:30 PM | Registration and fellowship time (through 2:00 PM) |
| 2:00 PM | Call to Order, Declaration of Quorum, and Opening Prayer |
| 2:05 PM | Introductory Business |
| | Approval of the Docket |
| | Granting of Voice to Guests Participating in Reports |
| | Acknowledgment of the First Stewards of the Land |
| 2:10 PM | Report of General Council: Presbytery Leader Search |
| | [Elder Virginia Champlin (Geneva), Chair of General Council; and |
| | Rev. Evan Hansen (Elmira, North), Chair of Presbytery Leader Search Committee] |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Examine and approve Rev. Marjorie Ackerman (Northern Plains Presbytery) for membership in the Presbytery of Geneva.• Elect and commission the Rev. Marjorie Ackerman to serve a three-year term as the Presbytery Leader of the Presbytery of Geneva, beginning May 1, 2022.• Approve the transfer of membership of the Rev. Marjorie Ackerman from the Presbytery of Northern Plains to the Presbytery of Geneva and authorize the Stated Clerk to complete the required notifications of the election and hiring of Rev. Marjorie Ackerman to serve as the Presbytery Leader of the Presbytery of Geneva and of her being received as a member of the Presbytery of Geneva effective May 1, 2022. |
| 2:50 PM | Commissioning and Prayer |
| 3:00 PM | Benediction and Adjournment |

GRANTING OF VOICE

The Presbytery VOTED to **grant voice** to all guests participating in reports for this meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE FIRST STEWARDS OF THE LAND

TE Amy Loving Austin (Seneca #9 and Bellona, Memorial), Stated Clerk, offered acknowledgement of the first stewards of the land where we live and serve.

Today we acknowledge the first people of this Finger Lakes region, the Seneca and Cayuga people of the Haudenosaunee, also known as the Iroquois Confederacy and the 6 Nations of New York State, which had a democratic government that predates the U.S. Constitution. We say thank you for stewarding this land for centuries before settlers claimed to "discovered" it. We bless you and your elders, past, present, and emerging.

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNCIL: PRESBYTERY LEADER SEARCH

RE Virginia Champlin (Geneva), chair of the General Council, presented the motion from General Council:

The General Council moves that the Presbytery of Geneva:

- Examine and approve TE Marjorie Ackerman (Northern Plain Presbytery) for membership in the Presbytery of Geneva.
- Elect and commission the TE Marjorie Ackerman to serve a three-year term as the Presbytery Leader of the Presbytery of Geneva, beginning May 1, 2022.
- Approve the transfer of membership of the TE Marjorie Ackerman from the Presbytery of Northern Plains to the Presbytery of Geneva and authorize the Stated Clerk to complete the required notifications of the election and hiring of TE Marjorie Ackerman to serve as the Presbytery Leader of the Presbytery of Geneva and of her being received as a member of the Presbytery of Geneva effective May 1, 2022.

The Chair of the General Council introduced TE Evan Hansen (Elmira, North), chair of the Presbytery Leader Search Committee, who acknowledged the other members of the search committee and introduced the TE Marjorie Ackerman to be examined by the Presbytery.

The Presbytery examined the TE Marjorie Ackerman for membership in the Presbytery of Geneva and election to serve as the Presbytery Leader.

Following several minutes of questions and conversation, the Presbytery of Geneva VOTED to **sustain** the examination. TE Marjorie Ackerman was excused to the Waiting Room while the Presbytery discussed the motions. The Presbytery of Geneva VOTED to:

- **Elect** and commission the TE Marjorie Ackerman to serve a three-year term as the Presbytery Leader of the Presbytery of Geneva, beginning May 1, 2022.
Presbytery Leader's monetary compensation:

Cash Salary	\$33,500.00
Housing Allowance / Fair Rental Value of Manse	\$16,500.00
TOTAL EFFECTIVE SALARY	\$50,000.00
SECA offset	\$ 3,825.00
Board of Pensions	\$18,500.00
Travel Reimbursement Allowance:	\$ 5,000.00
Study Leave Reimbursement Allowance	\$ 1,000.00
Coaching Reimbursement Allowance	\$ 2,400.00
TOTAL PACKAGE:	\$80,725.00
Other One-Time Expenses:	Reimbursement of Reasonable Moving Expenses from Fargo, ND to New York State.
Non-Monetary:	Study Leave time: Two (2) Weeks. PTO: Five (5) Weeks.
Employment Term.	This is a renewable, three (3) year contract position.
- **Approve** the transfer of membership of the TE Marjorie Ackerman from the Presbytery of Northern Plains to the Presbytery of Geneva and **authorize** the Stated Clerk to complete the required notifications of the election and hiring of TE Marjorie Ackerman to serve as the Presbytery Leader of the Presbytery of Geneva and of her being received as a member of the Presbytery of Geneva effective May 1, 2022.

The Presbytery warmly welcomed TE Ackerman back into the Zoom room.

COMMISSIONING OF THE PRESBYTERY LEADER

The Vice Moderator led the Presbytery of Geneva in the Service of Commissioning for the Presbytery Leader, TE Marjorie Ackerman, elected to serve a 3 year term.

BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

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

The Vice Moderator offered prayer and the Moderator pronounced the meeting to be adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Attest: Amy Loving Austin, Stated Clerk