

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT
May 23, 2023
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[From the meetings of 04/04/2023 and 05/02/2023]

ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY'S ACTION

The Committee on Ministry recommends the Presbytery of Geneva VOTE to:

Examine Michelle Serra (Candidate for Ministry; Hornell, United) for Ordination, **sustain** the examination, and **approve** her Ordination to the Ordered Ministry of Minister of Word and Sacrament.

Approve the following Administrative Commission to Ordain Michelle Serra to the Ordered Ministry of Minister of Word and Sacrament on Saturday, July 8, 2023, at 2:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Canisteo:

RE Jeffrey Richards, Moderator (Elmira North)

TE Rev. Bruce Incze (Arkport)

TE Rev. Katherine Griffis (Hornell, United)

RE Lisa Sanford (Hornell, United)

RE Elaine Pierce (Canisteo)

TE Aaron Frank (Horseheads);

to **approve** the Celebration of the Lord's Supper at this service of Ordination;

to **grant** the moderator or his designee the authority to make any necessary and appropriate changes to the Administrative Commission to Ordain;

and to **dismiss** the Administrative Commission with thanks, upon the completion of the Service of Ordination.

ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE PRESBYTERY

The Committee on Ministry VOTED to:

Authorize on behalf of the Presbytery Ruling Elders Victoria Bolton and Michael Allen to preside over and administer communion at First Presbyterian Church of Cohocton at the direction of the session.

Authorize on behalf of the Presbytery Ruling Elder Anne Rogers to preside over and administer communion at Park Presbyterian Church, Newark, at the direction of the session.

Approve the request of Rev. Robin E. Lostetter to be added to the pulpit supply list.

Approve the MIF for an Interim Pastor for the United Presbyterian Church in Hornell, NY, and allow them to move forward with the search process.

Authorize on behalf of the Presbytery Ruling Elders William Howles and Vera Dykes to preside over and administer communion at Weston Presbyterian Church at the direction of the session.

Authorize on behalf of the Presbytery Ruling Elder Patti Smith to preside over and administer communion at the First Presbyterian Church of Watkins Glen at the direction of the session.

Approve the appointment of Rev. Bruce Incze as moderator of the session and congregation of the United Presbyterian Church, Hornell, effective June 1, 2023.

Approve the appointment of Ruling Elder James Varner as moderator of the session and congregation of the Howard Union Presbyterian Church, effective June 1, 2023.

Approve removing Rev. Val Fowler from the pulpit supply list, at his request.

Approve the appointment of Rev. Jane Winters as moderator of the session and the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Canisteo, effective June 1, 2023 until the ordination of Michelle Serra.

Approve on behalf of the Presbytery of Geneva the Agreement for Dissolution and Termination of Pastoral Relationship between the Rev. Katherine Griffis and the United Presbyterian Church, Hornell, NY, effective May 31, 2023, pending congregational approval.

Approve the request for waiver to term limits from the First Presbyterian Church of Cohocton for Ruling Elders Barbara Goodrich and Linda Hodges to serve additional 3 year terms on Session, according to the provisions of the Book of Order, G-2.0404.

ITEMS FOR THE PRESBYTERY'S INFORMATION

The Committee on Ministry VOTED to:

Receive and Approve the updated 2023 Terms of Call for First Presbyterian Church of Arkport and Rev. Bruce Incze.

Receive and Approve the updated 2023 Terms of Call for First Presbyterian Church of Big Flats and Rev. Denise Stone.

Receive and Approve the updated 2023 Terms of Call for Christ the King Fellowship of Spencer Presbyterian Church and Rev. Sabrina Slater.

Receive and Approve the updated 2023 Terms of Call for Corning First Presbyterian Church and Rev. Jeffrey Ugoretz.

Receive and Approve the updated 2023 Terms of Call for First Presbyterian Church of Horseheads and Rev. Aaron Frank.

Receive and Approve the updated 2023 Terms of Call for the North Presbyterian Church of Elmira and Rev. Evan Hansen.

Receive and Approve the updated 2023 Terms of Call for First Presbyterian Church of Ulysses and Rev. Susan Joseph Rack.

Approve the Covenant for Temporary Supply Pastor between the CRE Richard Evans and the Burdett Presbyterian Church for 2023 with waiver on including study leave allowance. This covenant is effective January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023 (¼ time) at the following terms:

Cash Salary:	\$ 4,662
Housing Allowance:	8,743
SECA offset:	5,228
Travel Allowance:	all church related travel vouchered at IRS rate
Study Leave:	\$ 250
Study Leave Time:	2 weeks including 2 Sundays
Vacation Time:	4 weeks, including 4 Sundays

Receive and accept the clearance interview of a pastor candidate conducted by Beth and Paul.

Receive and Approve the updated 2023 Terms of Call for the First Presbyterian Church of Seneca Falls and Rev. Leah Ntuala.

Receive and Approve the updated 2023 Terms of Call for the Ovid Federated Church and Rev. John Robert Mellgard.

Receive and Approve the updated 2023 Terms of Call for the First Presbyterian Church of Penn Yan and Rev. Paul Malles.

Approve "Section 6 – Other Matters for Teaching Elders" in the COM Guidebook.

Approve the Covenant for Services as a Covenanted Pastor between the United Church of Painted Post and Rev. David Preisendanz. This covenant is effective May 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024 (full time) at the following terms:

Cash Salary:	\$ 44,959
Housing Allowance:	20,500

Board of Pensions:	22,528
Travel Allowance:	all church related travel vouchered at IRS rate
Study Leave:	\$ 1,000
Professional Exp:	625
Study Leave Time:	2 weeks including 2 Sundays
Vacation Time:	4 weeks (31 days), including 4 Sundays, plus 2 additional Sundays

Approve the Covenant for Services as a Covenanted Pastor between First Presbyterian Church, Canisteo and (upon her ordination) Rev. Michelle Serra, including appointing her as moderator of the session and the congregation. This covenant is effective upon her ordination at the following terms (half-time):

Salary	\$ 13,805
Housing	\$ 20,000
SECA offset	\$ 2,586
BOP	\$ 13,184
Travel	all church mileage at current IRS rate for business
Study Leave	\$ 1,000
Study Leave	2 weeks including 2 Sundays
Vacation	31 days including 4 Sundays