

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

September 26, 2023

North Presbyterian Church, Elmira & Zoom.us

[From the meetings of 06/06/2023, 07/11/2023, 08/01/2023, and 09/05/2023]

ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY'S ACTION

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

Grant Honorably Retired status to the Rev. Dr. Janice Fitzgerald, effective September 26, 2023.

Approve the First Presbyterian Church of Elmira's election of the Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins as Pastor Emerita.

Approve the proposed Presbytery of Geneva Minimum Salary Requirements for 2024. (Document 02e)

Approve the following Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Ho Dong Hwang to the position of Pastor of the Western Presbyterian Church, Palmyra, NY, on November 12, 2023, at 3:00pm at the Western Presbyterian Church, Palmyra, NY:

RE Jeffrey Richards (Elmira North), Moderator

TE Susan Frost (Newark, Park)

TE Colin Pritchard (Geneva)

TE Nancy J. Farrell (HR)

TE Leah Ntuala (Seneca Falls, First)

CRE John Gingerich (Wolcott, First)

RE Kerm Bossard (Spencer, Christ the King Fellowship)

RE Janet Manktelow (Palmyra, Western)

Approve the celebration of the Lord's Supper at this service of installation.

Grant the moderator or his designee the authority to make any necessary and appropriate changes to the Administrative Commission to Install.

Dismiss the Administrative Commission with thanks, upon the completion of the Service of Installation.

Approve the proposed amendments to the Healthy Boundaries policy. (Document 02f)

ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE PRESBYTERY

The Committee on Ministry VOTED to:

Authorize on behalf of the Presbytery the following Ruling Elders to preside over and administer communion at the church listed at the direction of the session of that church:

RE Judy Van Norstrand	Red Creek Presbyterian Church
RE Michael Van Norstrand	Red Creek Presbyterian Church
RE Lynn Dinehart	First Presbyterian Church of Prattsburgh
RE Rhonda Burdin	Howard Union Church
RE Kermit Bossard	Christ the King Fellowship Presbyterian Church
RE Frank Koehler	Christ the King Fellowship Presbyterian Church
RE Susan Sholar	First Presbyterian Church & Society of Seneca Falls
RE Marion Crull	First Presbyterian Church & Society of Seneca Falls
RE Michele Edmonson	First Presbyterian Church & Society of Seneca Falls
RE Donna Colvin	First Presbyterian Church, Pulteney
RE Joy Roesler	First Presbyterian Church, Pulteney
RE Pam Fingar	First Presbyterian Church, Pulteney
RE Fred Schulte	First Presbyterian Church, Pulteney
RE Kathy Wheat	First Presbyterian Church, Pulteney
RE Donald Peek	First Presbyterian Church, Pulteney
RE Wilma Stewart	Howard Union Church
RE Douglas Schmiege	First Presbyterian Church, Bath NY
RE Beverly Packard	United Presbyterian Church, Hornell
RE James Varner	United Presbyterian Church, Hornell

Approve the transfer of membership of the Rev. Dr. Janice Fitzgerald from the Presbytery of Geneva to the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, effective September 27, 2023.

Receive and approve the updated Terms of Call for the First Presbyterian Church of Big Flats, NY and Rev. Denise Stone for the period August 1 to December 31, 2023. (Note: Changing from ½ time position to ¾ time).

Approve on behalf of the Presbytery of Geneva the transfer of membership of Rev. Jeff Kellam from the Presbytery of Geneva to the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery.

Approve on behalf of the Presbytery of Geneva the Promoting Healthy Boundaries agreement between the Rev. Katherine Griffis and the United Presbyterian Church, Hornell, NY.

Approve the MIF for an interim pastor for the First Presbyterian Church of Bath, NY, and approve the PNC moving forward in the search process.

Approve adding Rev. James Widboom (Genesee Valley Presbytery) to the pulpit supply list.

ITEMS FOR THE PRESBYTERY'S INFORMATION

The Committee on Ministry VOTED to:

Authorize the First Presbyterian Church of Elmira to hold a meeting of the congregation to vote upon the election of Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins as Pastor Emerita, and if that vote is in the affirmative, to recommend to the Presbytery of Geneva that it approve such election.

Approve changes to the COM Guidebook (removing the CPM-related duties previously included).

Receive and approve the clearance interview of the Rev. Hodong Hwang conducted by Susan Frost and Kerm Bossard.

Approve the proposed terms of call between the Western Presbyterian Church and Society, Palmyra, NY and Rev. Hodong Hwang and authorize the Session to call a meeting of the congregation to consider the candidate for pastor.

Grant authority to Jane Winters to appoint the moderator for Western Palmyra's congregational meeting on July 30, 2023.

Recommend the Presbytery:*

1. Examine the Rev. Ho Dong Hwang for membership in Geneva Presbytery; sustain the examination; and approve his membership.
2. Approve the transfer of membership of Rev. Ho Dong Hwang from the Presbytery of Genesee Valley to the Presbytery of Geneva and authorize the stated clerk to complete the required notifications, effective August 20, 2023.
3. Approve the call of the Western Presbyterian Church and Society, Palmyra, NY to Rev. Ho Dong Hwang to be Pastor, effective August 20, 2023 at the following terms of call:

Cash Salary	\$34,468
Housing/Manse (fair rental value)	\$18,376
Total Effective Salary	\$52,844
Pension/Medical	\$20,625
SECA Offset	\$ 4,043
Travel Allowance	All church mileage vouchered at IRS rate per mile
Study Leave	\$ 1,000
Other (Business/Professional)	\$ 3,000
Vacation:	31 days, including 4 Sundays
Study Leave:	2 weeks, including 2 Sundays
4. Appoint Rev. Ho Dong Hwang as moderator of the session of the Western Presbyterian Church and Society, Palmyra, NY, effective August 20, 2023.

*[These actions were approved by the Presbytery of Geneva at the Called Meeting held August 15, 2023.]

Appoint Kerm Bossard to serve as the moderator for Rock Stream Presbyterian Church.

Approve the Covenant for Services as a Covenanted Pastor for 2023 between the First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca and Rev. Cynthia Weaver, effective Jan. 31, 2023 - Jan. 31, 2024, at the following terms:

Salary:	\$17,550
Housing:	\$11,610
SECA:	\$ 1,342.58
Pension/Medical:	\$14,791.20
Travel:	all church mileage at current IRS rate for business
Study Leave:	\$ 2,500
Book Allowance:	\$ 300
Study Leave time:	2 weeks
Vacation time:	4 weeks

Approve the Covenant for Services as a Transitional (Interim) Pastor between the United Presbyterian Church, Hornell, NY and Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Barker (Presbytery of New Hope), effective September 19, 2023 - September 18, 2024, at the following terms:

Salary:	\$37,000
Housing (Manse):	\$18,376
SECA:	\$ 4,236
Pastor's 403b	\$ 6,645
Travel:	all church mileage at current IRS rate for business
Study Leave:	\$ 1,000
Moving exp.(NC to NY):	\$ 4,500
Moving exp. (NY to NC)	\$ 4,500
Study Leave time:	2 weeks including two Sundays
Vacation time:	31 days including 4 Sundays

Approve Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Barker (Presbytery of New Hope) to serve as moderator for the United Presbyterian Church, Hornell, NY, effective September 19, 2023.

Approve the request of the session of United Presbyterian Church of Hornell for a non-pulpit supply/non-PCUSA speaker, Marseena Harmonsens, to fill the pulpit for one Sunday (either 9/24 or 10/8).

Approve the Covenant Agreement for Stated Pulpit Supply & Pastoral Services between the Oaks Corners Presbyterian Church and Rev. Karl Warrington, effective September 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023, at the following terms:

Cash (Sunday Worship):	\$125 per Sunday Worship
Moderator of Session:	\$50 per meeting
Pastoral Services:	\$20 per hour. (church committee meetings, membership classes, etc.)
Visitation:	\$50 per month
Emergencies:	Contact one of the following Jeanne Day, Sharon Scherbyn, Mae Schweickhard for consent.
Travel Allowance:	all church related travel vouchered at IRS rate per mile
Vacation:	4 weeks and 4 Sundays
Personal Days:	1 paid with prior approval from Session and 1 unpaid

*All travel and hours for pastoral services, mutually agreed upon will be vouchered at the end of each month and turned into the Treasurer by the Stated Pulpit Supply Pastor