

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, August 15, 2023, held electronically via Zoom.us.

GATHERING FOR SHARED WORK: OPENING BUSINESS

GATHERING

9:45 am Registration and Fellowship Time (through 10:00 am)

CALL TO ORDER

RE Jeff Richards (Elmira, North), Moderator, called the meeting to order at 10:02 am, 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 (CM)		MORELAND	A - Paul Yoder (CRE)	
ARKPORT, FIRST	EX - Bruce Incze		NAPLES, TRINITY FEDERATED	A - Michael Whitcomb-Tavey (CM)	A - Jessie Olney
	-----	-----	NEWARK, PARK	Susan Frost	EX - Anne Rogers
BATH, FIRST	John Woodring (CM)	A - Dean Chatfield	OAKS CORNERS	A - Karl Warrington	
BELLONA, MEMORIAL	Amy Loving Austin	EX - Jane Hansen	ONTARIO CENTER, FIRST	EX - Deborah Grohman	
BIG FLATS, FIRST	Denise Stone	EX - Robin Fitzgerald	OVID, FEDERATED	Rob Mellgard	Judy Mellgard
BURDETT	A - Richard Evans (CRE)	A - Martha Evans	PAINTED POST, UNITED	EX - David Preisendanz	A - Hank Jonas
CANANDAIGUA, UNITED	A - Wade Allen (CM)	Linda Werts	PALMYRA, WESTERN	-----	Philip Opdycke
CANISTEO, FIRST	Michelle Serra		PENN YAN, FIRST	Paul Malles	EX - Rob Anderson
COHOCTON, FIRST	-----	EX - Linda Hodges	PHELPS, UNITED	H. Leigh Holder	Peg Carlson
CORNING, FIRST	Jeffrey Ugoretz	Kay Rogus	PRATTSBURGH, FIRST	-----	EX - Lynn Dinehart
EAST PALMYRA, FIRST	-----	EX - Judith Langdon	PULTENEY, FIRST	-----	EX - Mary Jane Peek
ELMIRA, FIRST	EX - Lynn Rubier-Capron	A - Heather Cranford	RED CREEK		Virginia Kachurak
ELMIRA, NORTH	Evan Hansen	Annie LeFevre	ROCK STREAM	EX - Lucinda O'Leary (CM)	
GENEVA, THE PC	Colin Pritchard	Chris Gerling	SENECA #9	Amy Loving Austin	Pam Ells
HAMMONDSPORT, FIRST	-----	A - Linda Kressly	SENECA FALLS, FIRST	Leah Ntuala	Susan Sholar
HECTOR	EX - Daniel Russell	EX - Charles Knight	SHORTSVILLE, FIRST	Connie Franks (CRE)	

HORNELL, UNITED	----	A - Earl Packard	SODUS, FIRST	EX - Gail Heimberger	A - Keith Blackall
HORSEHEADS, FIRST	Aaron Frank	A - Jim Ellison	SPENCER, CHRIST THE KING FELLOWSHIP	EX - Sabrina Slater	A - Gail Maureen
HOWARD, UNION	-----		TRUMANSBURG, FIRST ULYSSES	EX - Susan Joseph Rack	A - Pamela Postle
HURON	Nancy Farrell	A - Lois Wafler	WATERLOO, FIRST	Anita Milne	EX - George Bassett
ITHACA, FIRST	Cynthia Weaver Ex - Kirianne Weaver	Ex - Brad McFall	WATKINS GLEN, FIRST	Cara Milne	Ken Wilson
JASPER, UNITED	A - Brain Dieffenbacher (CM)		WESTON	-----	Barry Winters
JUNIUS	----	EX - Kristi Ward	WOLCOTT, FIRST	EX - Walter Stuber (CM)	EX - Dolores Gingerich
LYONS, FIRST	-----	A - Joanne Reinhardt			

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

Present: Marjorie Ackerman (VM) John Milne (HR) Robert Rochelle (HR)
Jane Winters (HR) James Hicks (HR) Cynthia Huling Hummel (HR)

Excused: Betsey Crimmins (HR) Ellen Donnan (HR) Janice Fitzgerald (VM)
James Kerr (HR) Paul Rack (HR) Adrian Tierson (VM)
J. Christy Wareham (AL) David Ashby (AL) Philip Courtney (HR)
David Barnard (HR) Susan Husted (HR) Jim Gerling (HR)
Robin Lostetter (HR) Glenn Kennedy (AL) Thomas Montgomery (HR)
Beverly Karr Lyon (HR) Sam Edwards (HR)

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

Jeff Richards (Elmira, North) MODERATOR	Tom Bailey (Spencer) TREASURER		A - Paul Yoder (Horseheads, First) CRE (Moreland)
EX - Pricilla Andrews (Rock Stream) CRE (Pulpit Supply)	A - Richard Evans (Watkins Glen, First) CRE (Burdett)	EX - Bob Sell (Horseheads, First) CRE (Pulpit Supply)	EX - John Gingerich (Wolcott, First) CRE (Pulpit Supply)
Carleen Frost (Sodus, First) CRE (Pulpit Supply)	A - Bessie Tyrrell (Atlanta) CRE (Pulpit Supply)	EX - Don Peek (Pulteney, First) CRE (Pulpit Supply)	Connie Franks (Ontario, First) CRE (Shortsville, First)
A - Irene Fadden (Palmyra, Western) COUNCIL (Operations)	Beth Newell (Geneva) COUNCIL (COM)	Donna Colvin (Pulteney, First) COUNCIL (RE At-Large)	Cathy Foerster (Penn Yan, First) COUNCIL (COM alternate)

PRESBYTERY STAFF (granted voice)

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

REGISTERED GUESTS (Current Meeting; granted voice)

Hodong Hwang (Genesee Valley Presbytery)

SUMMARIES FOR EACH MEETING 2023	Jan 28	Mar 28	May 23	Aug 15			
Total Minister Commissioners Present*	23	30	31	22			
Total Elder Commissioners Present **	38	33	30	19			
Parity (expressed in terms of Elders, + or -)	+15	+3	-1	-3			
Total Minister Commissioners Absent, Unexcused***	3	8	1	1			
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders****	24	28	32	37			

Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders and Pastors****	15	17	19	27			
Total Registered Visitors and Staff	7	5	10	2			
Total Registered Attendance*****	69	68	72	44			
In Person (IP) / Virtual (V) Attendance Totals	0 IP 69 V	0 IP 68 V	60 IP 12 V	0 IP 44 V			

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

** Includes Elder Commissioners and Additional Elder Commissioners

*** 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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| 9:45 AM | Registration and fellowship time (through 10:00 AM) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10:00 AM | Call to Order, Declaration of Quorum, and Opening Prayer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10:05 AM | Introductory Business | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Approval of the Docket | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Privilege of the Floor | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Announcements relevant to the business meeting | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10:10 AM | Internal Business - Committee on Representation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Motion from Committee on Representation: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elect the following nominees to serve on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, class of 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TE Evan Hansen (Elmira, North) ○ TE Colin Pritchard (Geneva) ○ RE Peggy Schuckers (Corning, First) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10:20 AM | Business Related to Congregations and Leaders - Committee on Ministry | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Motions from Committee on Ministry: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine the Rev. Hodong Hwang for membership in Geneva Presbytery; sustain the examination; and approve his membership. • Approve the transfer of membership of Rev. Hodong 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. • Approve the call of the Western Presbyterian Church and Society, Palmyra, NY to Rev. Hodong Hwang to be Pastor, effective August 20, 2023 at the following terms of call: <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Cash Salary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$34,468</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Housing/Manse (fair rental value)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$18,376</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Effective Salary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$52,844</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pension/Medical</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$20,625</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SECA Offset</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 4,043</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Travel Allowance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">All church mileage vouchered at IRS rate per mile</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Study Leave</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 1,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other (Business/Professional)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 3,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vacation:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">31 days, including 4 Sundays</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Study Leave:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2 weeks, including 2 Sundays</td> </tr> </table> • Appoint Rev. Hodong Hwang as moderator of the Western Presbyterian Church and Society, Palmyra, NY, effective August 20, 2023. | 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 |
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| 10:45 AM | Benediction and Adjournment | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

The Presbytery VOTED to **grant** privilege of voice to guests and corresponding members for the purpose of participating in reports.

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 "discover" it. We bless you and your elders, past, present, and emerging.

THE COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

The Stated Clerk, on behalf of the Committee on Representation, presented the motion.

There were no nominations from the floor.

The Presbytery VOTED to **elect** the following nominees to serve on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, class of 2023:

- TE Evan Hansen (Elmira, North)
- TE Colin Pritchard (Geneva)
- RE Peggy Schuckers (Corning, First)

THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

RE Beth Newell (Geneva), co-chair of the COM, introduced Rev. Hodong Hwang (Genesee Valley Presbytery) to be examined for membership in the Presbytery of Geneva. The Presbytery proceeded to the examination. Following the examination, a motion was made and seconded, and the Presbytery VOTED to **sustain** the examination.

Rev. Hwang was virtually escorted out of the room while the Presbytery deliberated.

The Presbytery VOTED to:

- **Approve** the transfer of membership of Rev. Hodong 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.
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Rev. Hodong Hwang was welcomed back into the room with applause, and RE Beth Newell (Geneva) led the Presbytery in prayer for Rev. Hwang and the Western Presbyterian Church and Society of Palmyra, NY.

BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

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

The Moderator offered prayer and benediction, and pronounced the meeting to be adjourned at 10:35am.

Attest: Amy Loving Austin, Stated Clerk