

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 Stated Meeting on Saturday, January 24, 2026, held online via Zoom.co.

GATHERING FOR SHARED WORK: OPENING BUSINESS

GATHERING

9:30 am Registration and Fellowship Time (through 10:00 am)

CALL TO ORDER

TE Evan Hansen (Elmira, North), Moderator, read the Presbytery's mission and vision statements and called the meeting to order with prayer at 10:00 am, a quorum being present.

ROLL

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

CONGREGATION	MINISTER(S)	COMMISSIONER	CONGREGATION	MINISTER(S)	COMMISSIONER
ADDISON	A - Peter Marr (CM)		MARION, UNITED	----	Frank Halstead
ANDOVER, FIRST	A - C. Mattison (CM)		MORELAND	EX - Paul Yoder (CRE)	
ARKPORT, FIRST	A -Bruce Incze		NAPLES, TRINITY FEDERATED	EX - Stu Buisch (CM)	
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BATH, FIRST	John Woodring		OAKS CORNERS	A - Karl Warrington	
BELLONA, MEMORIAL	Amy Loving Austin	Cindy Murphy	ONTARIO CENTER, FIRST	----	
BIG FLATS, FIRST	A -Patricia Schick	A - Robin Fitzgerald	OVID, FEDERATED	Rob Mellgard	Judy Mellgard
BURDETT	EX - Richard Evans (CRE)	EX - Martha Evans	PAINTED POST, UNITED	David Preisendanz	
CANANDAIGUA, UNITED	A - Wade Allen (CM)	Edwin Blance	PALMYRA, WESTERN	EX - Hodong Hwang	A - Philip Opdycke
CANISTEO, FIRST	EX - Michelle Serra		PENN YAN, FIRST	EX - Paul Malles	EX - Rob Anderson
COHOCTON, FIRST	----	EX - Linda Hodges	PHELPS, UNITED		A - Marsha Gibbs
CORNING, FIRST	A -Jeffrey Ugoretz	Kay Nash	PRATTSBURGH, FIRST	----	A - Lynn Dinehart
EAST PALMYRA, FIRST	----	EX - Judith Langdon	PULTENEY, FIRST	----	EX - Mary Jane Peek
ELMIRA, FIRST	Lynn Rubier-Capron	Barbara Fitzsimmons	RED CREEK	----	A - Virginia Kachurak
ELMIRA, NORTH	Evan Hansen	Annie LeFevre	ROCK STREAM	Carleen Frost (CRE)	
GENEVA, THE PC	Colin Pritchard	Harriet Haynes	SENECA #9	Amy Loving Austin	Pam Eills
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HECTOR			SHORTSVILLE, FIRST	Connie Franks (CRE)	
HORNELL, UNITED	Ted Warner	Lisa Sanford	SODUS, FIRST	A - Gail Heimberger	
HORSEHEADS, FIRST	Aaron Frank	Ruth Hauser	SPENCER, CHRIST THE KING FELLOWSHIP	Sabrina Slater	Ellie Cobb
HOWARD, UNION	----		TRUMANSBURG, FIRST ULYSSES	----	A - Alexis Schaefer
HURON	A - Nancy J Farrell	Linda Hayes	WATERLOO, FIRST	EX - Anita Milne	A - George Bassett
ITHACA, FIRST	Cynthia Weaver Kirianna Weaver	A - Brad McFall	WATKINS GLEN, FIRST	EX - Linda Myers (CM)	Patricia Avery
JASPER, UNITED	A - Brain Dieffenbacher (CM)		WESTON	----	Barry Winters
LYONS, FIRST	----	Joanne Reinhardt	WOLCOTT, FIRST	A - Walter Stuber (CM)	Andrew DeMay

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

Marjorie Ackerman (VM)	EX - Adrian Tierson (VM)	A - Daniel Russell (VM)		
David Ashby (AL)	Michael Capron (AL)	A - Todd Haines (AL)	A - Glenn Kennedy (AL)	
EX - Cara Milne (AL)	A - Susan Joseph Rack (AL)			
EX - David Barnard (HR)	EX - Philip Courtney (HR)	EX - Betsey Crimmins (HR)	EX - Ellen Donnan (HR)	EX - Jim Gerling (HR)
EX - Pam Gnagy (HR)	James Hicks (HR)	Cynthia Huling Hummel (HR)	EX - Susan Husted (HR)	EX - Jeff Kellam (HR)
EX - James Kerr (HR)	EX - John Milne (HR)	EX - Tom Montgomery (HR)	Paul Rack (HR)	EX - Robert Rochelle (HR)
Barbara Schwartz (HR)	Jane Winters (HR)	EX - Sam Edwards (HR)	Christy Wareham (HR)	

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

Joanne (Juana) Tunison (Horseheads, First) COUNCIL (Presbyterian Women)		Sandra Ansley (Geneva) COUNCIL (Operations)	EX - Paul Yoder (Horseheads, First) CRE (Moreland)
	EX - Richard Evans (Watkins Glen, First) CRE (Burdett)	EX - Bob Sell (Horseheads, First) CRE (Pulpit Supply)	John Gingerich (Wolcott, First) CRE (Pulpit Supply)
Carleen Frost (Sodus, First) CRE (Rock Stream)	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)	Donna Colvin (Pulteney, First) COUNCIL (Leader Care)	EX - Chris Gerling (Geneva) COM Co-Chair	

PRESBYTERY STAFF (granted voice)

Gretchen Duffy (Administrative Support Services)

REGISTERED GUESTS (Current Meeting; granted voice)

RE Virginia Champlin (Geneva)
RE Jeff Richards (Elmira, North)
TE Michael Ball (South Louisiana Presbytery)

SUMMARIES FOR EACH MEETING 2026	Jan 24						
Total Minister Commissioners Present*	23						
Total Elder Commissioners Present **	23						
Parity (expressed in terms of Elders, + or -)	+0						
Total Registered CMs, Visitors, and Staff	4						
Total Registered Attendance****	50						

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

** Includes Elder Commissioners and Additional Elder Commissioners

*** Includes Corresponding Members without vote

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

The presbytery VOTED to **approve** the docket for the meeting:

- 9:30 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
 - Call for New Business & Approval of the Docket
 - Introduction of New Commissioners, Corresponding Members, and Guests
 - Acknowledgment of the First Stewards of the Land
 - Announcements
- 10:15 AM Consent Agenda and Clerk's Report
- 10:25 AM Worship and the Lord's Supper
- 10:55 AM Committee on Operations and Treasurer's Report
[RE Sandra Ansley (Geneva) and TE David Ashby (VM)]
- 11:00 AM Committee on Ministry Report [TE Jane Winters (HR)]
Examination for Membership of TE Michael Ball
- 11:15 AM Committee on Leader Care
Presentation
- 11:25 AM Committee on Representation
- 11:30 AM Good News from Congregations & Committees
* To include your news in the minutes, please email a written copy to:
statedclerk@presbyteryofgeneva.org
- 11:40 AM Resolution of Thanks
- 11:45 AM Prayer, Benediction, and Adjournment

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS, CORRESPONDING MEMBERS, AND GUESTS

New Commissioners, Corresponding Members, and Guests were introduced to the assembly.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE FIRST STEWARDS OF THE LAND

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Stated Clerk, TE Amy Loving Austin (Stanley, Seneca #9 / Bellona, Memorial), noted that some corrections to the November 2025 Meeting Minutes have been made that will be included in the permanent copy of the minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA & CLERK'S REPORT

The Stated Clerk, TE Amy Loving Austin (Stanley, Seneca #9 / Bellona, Memorial), presented the Consent Agenda and Clerk's Report.

The Presbytery VOTED to approve the following:

1. **Approve** the minutes of the November 18, 2025 Stated Presbytery Meeting.
2. **Approve** seating of Corresponding Members (CMs) [note: CMs have voice, not vote].
3. **Grant** privilege of voice to non-commissioners who will make a presentation or participate in a report to the presbytery.
4. **Receive** the Treasurer's Report and December 2025 Financial Summary.
5. **Approve** the proposed 2026 Presbytery Budget.
6. **Approve** the transfer of real property and equipment owned by Presbytery of Geneva for Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake located at 150 Whitman Rd, Penn Yann NY 13527, to Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake, Inc., and to **appoint** the Chair of Operations or another person designated by the Operations Committee acting as the Board of Trustees for the Presbytery of Geneva to execute any and all necessary title documents and/or deeds necessary to effectuate the transfer of said equipment and real property from the Presbytery of Geneva to Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake, Inc.
7. **Approve** the election of the following persons to serve on particular committees:
 - Committee on Operations:
 - TE Adrian Tierson, Validated Minister (Class 2028)
 - Committee on Ministry:
 - RE Cathy Foerster, Penn Yan, First (Class 2028)
 - Committee on Leader Care:
 - TE Jim Kerr, HR (Class 2028)
 - TE Ted Warner, Hornell, United (Class 2028)
 - Committee on Preparation for Ministry:
 - TE Ted Warner, Hornell, United (Class 2028)
8. **Approve** the election of the following persons to serve as Commissioners (or Alternate Commissioners) to the 227th General Assembly (2026):
 - TE Colin Prichard, Geneva
 - TE Leigh Holder, Newark, Park (Alternate)
9. **Receive** all written reports provided for the January 24, 2026 Stated Presbytery Meeting.

ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY'S INFORMATION FROM YOUR STATED CLERK

1. All commissioners are reminded of their responsibility to read through all meeting materials prior to each Presbytery Meeting. If you have any clarifying questions, you are encouraged to reach out to the appropriate person or committee prior to the meeting.
2. Please notify the Stated Clerk (StatedClerk@PresbyteryOfGeneva.org) who is serving as your session-elected Elder Commissioner for 2026.
3. It is every Clerk's favorite time of the year: Annual Statistical Report Season! (I can hear you all cheering now...)

Congregations can begin filing their 2025 Annual Statistical Reports NOW.

- Go to <https://www.pcusa.org/resources/statistics-lists/statistical-reporting-faq> and click on "Access System".
- You will need to login using your church's user ID and password.
- **Statistical Reports are due by February 10, 2026.**
- If you can't remember your login information -- ask the Stated Clerk!
- If you have any questions -- ask the Stated Clerk!
- If you need help submitting your report -- ask the Stated Clerk!

I look forward to working with you throughout this Statistical Report Season -- and all throughout 2026!

4. The Presbytery's Merger Discernment Team is continuing to work, meeting regularly with leadership from our Presbyterian Neighbors to our West (Genesee Valley). The Discernment Team deeply appreciates your prayers as we explore the possibilities before us.
5. REMINDER: Congregations and Minister Members of the Presbytery are *strongly* encouraged (*please!*) to pay their 2026 per capita (\$66.43) to the Presbytery of Geneva. The Presbytery portion of our per capita is our primary source of funding for staff support, enabling better communication and training opportunities for our congregations and members.
Minister Members, you can make your per capita payment online:
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZBHC/home>
Read about how per capita helps build up the body of Christ here:
<https://pcusa.org/resources/financial-information/capita>
6. Please take advantage of the (FREE) Synod of the Northeast Webinars:
<https://www.synodne.org/webinars-2>

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATIONS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS TO THE WEST (PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE VALLEY)

- Join the online community at the Presbytery of Genesee Valley's monthly, 60-minute, Zoom check-in **February 11 at 1:00 p.m.** Build relationships. Learn more about how the presbytery is working to serve its leaders and congregations. Share community prayer concerns and announcements. Provide peer resourcing by asking for the wisdom of the "hive mind," and much more.
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82517660791?pwd=IBbR5Olw0AbMtgraXiGoQvbi7JCHVV.1>
Meeting ID: 825 1766 0791
Passcode: 071375
- Free, In-Person Ruling Elder Training for new and continuing officers
 - **Saturday, January 17, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** at Albion First Presbyterian
 - **Saturday, January 31, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** at Scottsville Union Presbyterian
 - **Saturday, February 7, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** at East Avon First Presbyterian
 - Register here: <https://pbygenval.wufoo.com/forms/inperson-ruling-elder-training-events/>
- Mark Your Calendars!!! **Congregational Learning Day** will take place on **Saturday, March 7, 2026**, and it's shaping up to be another great day of learning and connection! The event will feature nine classes designed especially for elders, deacons, and clerks of session, with topics of current interest including anti-racism and immigration rights.

We'll begin the day at 8:30 a.m. with a meet and greet. Morning classes will start at 9:00 a.m., followed by worship, and afternoon classes will begin at 11:30 a.m.

More details and registration information coming soon!

UPCOMING PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA STATED MEETING DATES

Tues., March 24, 2026	7pm	Zoom
Tues., May 26, 2026	10am	Camp Whitman
Tues., Sept. 29, 2026	10am	In-person only, TBD
Tues., Nov. 17, 2026	1pm	Zoom
Sat., January 23, 2027	10am	Zoom

WORSHIP AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Presbytery of Geneva engaged in a service of worship – including the celebration of the Lord's Supper – with TE Evan Hansen (Elmira, North) preaching and presiding.

COMMITTEE ON OPERATIONS & TREASURER'S REPORT

RE Sandra Ansley (Geneva), chairperson of the Committee on Operations, presented the motions from Committee on Operations (Trustees of the Presbytery of Geneva):

The Presbytery of Geneva VOTED to **approve**:

- Camp Whitman be **incorporated** subject to their Articles of Incorporation and governed by their By-Laws.
- **ratify** the Covenant Agreement with the future Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake, Inc. (Camp Whitman)
- that the Presbytery of Geneva **provide** financial support to Camp Whitman as stipulated in Addendum A, Items 1 and 2 of the Covenant Agreement and **transfer** to Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake, Inc. all designated assets listed in Addendum A, Item 3 of the Covenant Agreement.

TE David Preisendanz offered prayer for Camp Whitman, the Presbytery of Geneva, and the other ministry partners of Camp Whitman (including the Presbytery of Genesee Valley), as we begin a new chapter in our work together.

Presbytery Treasurer, TE David Ashby (AL), presented his report.

Our accounts at Community Bank

	11-08-25	12-05-25	01-13-26	
CKGENERAL	\$58,137.66	\$26,228.25	\$24,464.78	
SAVGENERAL	\$27,835.89	\$27,836.35	\$17,836.71	
CKCAMP	\$38,285.32	\$39,472.76	\$35,137.12	
SAVCAMP	\$45,158.54	\$45,159.28	\$45,160.05	
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Total	\$169,417.41	\$138,696.64	\$123,857.83	-\$16,097.98

Funds with New Covenant Funds / Presbyterian Foundation (June 2025)

Camp Whitman Endowment	\$109,333	
Camp Whitman Scholarship	\$ 63,881	
Presbytery Endowment	\$ 66,756	
Camp Whitman	\$2,462,743	(incl. vehicles, boats, equipment, etc.)

The 2026 Presbytery Mission and Operations Budget is presented for final approval elsewhere. Please remember that various changes and uncertainties may lead the Operations Committee to adjust figures throughout the year.

Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake, Inc. has received its 501(c)(3) incorporation and state tax EIN, and we will be migrating bank balances and New Covenant investments with the Presbyterian Foundation to the new entity. In due course, the camp equipment, other materials, and real estate will be transferred as well.

You will note that with the Camp's incorporation, the 2026 Presbytery budget spins off the Camp Whitman budget, simplifying our bookkeeping to the \$90,000 mission grant to Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake, Inc.

We have an extensive year-end 2025 financial statements report. With the sudden medical retirement of our longtime bookkeeper, Marjorie Case, we had a significant gap and transitional period, so this report was generated by our auditors, Heveron CPA, to whom we are very grateful. It does, however, mean this looks a bit different and more detailed than previous reports.

We have reached an agreement with Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake, Inc. to provide the bookkeeping services of Samantha Mashewske, Camp's office manager, in much the same way as we contract with North for administrative support services. Cheryl Battaglia will help us get over the bridge period as Samanta picks up the QuickBooks, making deposits, bill paying, payroll and such. My huge appreciation to Cheryl, Marjorie, Karl, Bryan, and Samantha!

A few notes: our expenditures last year were relatively well controlled, but our income (largely church contributions) lagged as congregations felt stressed. Camp payroll was a very large part of our expenditures, and changes in the

situation of some of the permanent Camp staff meant we had a significant increase in Board of Pensions medical dues. Another large portion of our budget was the over \$50,000 in Matthew 25 and hunger alleviation grants to community groups. We had significant cash flow issues which sadly delayed grant payments, but they did all finally go out. These grants are a powerful way we witness together in our communities, and I encourage Sessions to spread the word about how our mission dollars change lives. The Mission and Witness committee can tell you about their stories.

Commissioners: Please review the Accounts Receivable 2025 with your treasurers and finance committees to ascertain that the figures Presbytery has agree with yours. Additionally, should you have a 2025 balance remaining, we would appreciate your congregation sending it along promptly, but be sure to identify it as **2025** giving. Likewise, please identify checks or digital payments as being 2026 mission or per capita or, if both, how much is for each. Thank you.

Correct per capita

GA 2026 \$11.26; SynodNE \$4.25; Presbytery \$50.92; TOTAL \$66.43

Our online donation page is <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZBHC/home>. Publicize it widely.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

TE Jane Winters (HR), co-chair of COM, presented the report:

ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY'S ACTION

The COM introduced TE Michael Ball (South Louisiana Presbytery) for the Presbytery to examine him for membership in the Presbytery of Geneva.

Following examination, the Presbytery of Geneva VOTED to **sustain** the examination.

TE Michael Ball was moved to the waiting room while the Presbytery discussed.

The Presbytery of Geneva VOTED to **approve** TE Michael Ball's transfer of membership to the Presbytery of Geneva (authorizing the Stated Clerk to complete the required notifications) and **approve** the call of The First Presbyterian Church of Hector, NY, to Rev. Michael Ball to be their installed Pastor and Moderator, effective February 1, 2026, at the following terms of call:

Cash Salary	\$39,000
Housing: Fair Rental Value of Manse	\$ 22,200 (incl. rent/utilities)
SECA offset	\$ 4,682
BOP	\$ 16,830
Travel Allowance:	all church mileage at current IRS rate for business
Study Leave:	\$ 1,500
Study Leave time	2 weeks (including 2 Sundays)
Vacation time	31 days (including 4 Sundays)

TE Michael Ball was welcomed back into the Zoom meeting, as the Presbytery welcomed him and celebrated his new call.

ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE PRESBYTERY

The Committee on Ministry VOTED to:

- Approve the 2026 6-month Covenant between the Big Flats church and Rev. Dr. Patricia Schick.
- Approve the 2026 Covenant between the Waterloo church and Rev. Anita Milne.
- Approve the 2026 Covenant between Rock Stream and Carleen Frost.
- Approve the Covenant (Form 3) between Trumansburg and Rev. James K. Boodley.
- Approve the Covenant (Form 4) between Canisteo and Rev. Michelle Serra.
- Approve the Covenant (Form 3) between Watkins Glen and Rev. Lynda Myers.
- Approve the extension of service on Session for Karen Cameron at Park Newark for one year.
- Approve the ½-time 2026 Covenant Agreement between Rev. Walter Stuber and the Wolcott Presbyterian Church at the following terms:

Salary	\$ 13,523
Housing	18,500
Med. Ins. Reimbursement	6,000
Pension/Medical	3,124
Travel	all church mileage at current IRS rate for business
Study Leave	\$ 500
Study Leave Time	2 weeks, including 2 Sundays
Vacation Time	31 days, including 4 Sundays

- Approve the 2026 Covenant Agreement between Rev. Stuart Buisch (Western New York Presbytery) and Trinity Federated Church of Naples, NY, at the following terms:

Salary	\$ 26,000
Housing	27,000
SECA Offset	3,825
BOP	21,025
Travel	all church mileage at current IRS rate for business
Study Leave	\$ 1,500
403b	400
Prof. Expense	400
Medical Ded. Fam.	400
Medical Ded.	400
Study Leave Time	2 weeks, including 2 Sundays
Vacation Time	31 days, including 4 Sundays

- Approve the ¼-time 2026 Covenant Agreement between Rev. Karl Warrington and Oaks Corners Presbyterian Church at the following terms:

Salary	\$ 175 / week
Moderating	50 / meeting
Pastoral Services	20 / hour
Visitation	50 / month
Travel	all church mileage at current IRS rate for business
Vacation Time	4 weeks, including 4 Sundays

ITEMS FOR THE PRESBYTERY'S INFORMATION

The Committee on Ministry VOTED to:

- Approve the request of Rev. Susan Joseph Rack to be added to the Pulpit Supply List.
- Approve the MDP for FPCU (Trumansburg).
- Approve the Terms of Call (Form 1) between Hector and Rev. Michael Ball.

COMMITTEE ON LEADER CARE REPORT

RE Donna Colvin (Pulteney, First), committee member, presented the report: A Gratitude of Thanks for Rev. Dr. Marjorie Ackerman:

Resolution of Thanks and Gratitude
Marjorie Ackerman
January 24, 2026

Whereas Marjorie Ackerman has served as Presbytery Leader for the Presbytery of Geneva from May 2022 to January/February 2026

Whereas Marjorie has brought a spirit of wisdom, pastoral care and grace filled leadership to our churches

Whereas Marjorie has helped us in preparing us for this moment, for helping us see how our past impacts our future; for bringing us together in meetings in which we delved into the past and confronted our finances

Whereas Marjorie helped us think differently with different resources and ideas and bringing them to us when any other leader might not have

Whereas Marjorie remembered others with cards, small gifts and loving words and sometimes done over enjoying an ice cream cone

Whereas Marjorie has demonstrated a deep commitment to the spiritual well being of our pastors, ruling elders, Presbytery, General Council, the various teams and committees with wise counsel and dedication;

Therefore it is resolved, that the Presbytery of Geneva meeting on January 24, 2026 extends its deepest gratitude to Marjorie for her tireless service, faithful stewardship and dedicated ministry to the churches of the Presbytery of Geneva to allow us to be the light of Christ in the Finger Lakes

Be it further resolved that the Presbytery of Geneva acknowledge the many hours of dedication and personal sacrifices Marjorie made to shepherd our Presbytery with excellence.

Be it further resolved, that we prayerfully wish Marjorie God's blessing, joy, and peace in her future endeavors.

Be it finally resolved, that this resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Presbytery of Geneva and a copy be presented to Marjorie as a token of our love and appreciation.

TE Sabrina Slater (Spencer, Christ the King Fellowship) offered a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing for the Rev. Dr. Marjorie Ackerman.

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION REPORT

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

The Presbytery of Geneva VOTED to **approve** the election RE Andrew DeMay (Wolcott, First) to serve on the Committee on Vitality, class of 2028.

TE Sabrina Slater highlighted the importance of serving on committees, and she encouraged ruling elders interested in serving as a Commissioner to the General Assembly this Summer to reach out to the COR.

Reminding the Presbytery of the importance of listening to God's call, whether it is to serve or to rest, TE Sabrina Slater led a prayer for Marjorie Case, the recently retired bookkeeper for the Presbytery, who is facing medical challenges – as well as all those dealing with health issues.

GOOD NEWS FROM CONGREGATIONS & COMMITTEES

Members of the Presbytery of Geneva shared good news and updates from their congregations and committees. From the Burdett Presbyterian Church:



TE Leah Ntuala (Seneca Falls, First) is organizing a Vigil and Die In Protest:



To remember those who lost their lives and those in mourning. To unite together in an act of resistance and courage against the normalization of the actions or inactions of these agencies and the Federal Government.

Sunday, Feb. 15, 2026
4PM, EST | 3PM, CST |
2PM, MST | 1PM, PST |
12PM, AKST | 11AM, HST

The Offices of members of the US Congress (Reps and Senators) across the United States, ICE/CBP Offices, courts, and detention centers, in your State.

The demonstration, which will include, a candlelight vigil, reading of a list of names, and a die-in. Those in attendance are encouraged to lie down (or remain still in their chair/walker, etc) and remain still for 36 mins, 1 min for each name.

Learn more about Die In Protests at <https://www.teenvogue.com>

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

TE Jane Winters offered the resolution of thanks, expressing gratitude for various individuals and aspects of the Presbytery's work.

BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

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

Before the Presbytery joined in prayer, the body was made aware of another ICE related shooting in Minneapolis, Minnesota (Clerk's note: Alex Jeffrey Pretti, a 37-year-old American intensive care nurse for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, was shot multiple times and killed by two United States Customs and Border Protection officers in Minneapolis, Minnesota.)

Moderator, TE Evan Hansen, invited the Presbytery to participate in a moment of silence.

The Moderator offered prayer and declared the meeting adjourned at 11:43am.

Attest: Amy Loving Austin, Stated Clerk