

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 Tuesday, March 24, 2026, held online via Zoom.co.

GATHERING FOR SHARED WORK: OPENING BUSINESS

GATHERING

6:30 pm Registration and Fellowship Time (through 7:00 pm)

CALL TO ORDER

TE Evan Hansen (Elmira, North), Moderator, called the meeting to order with prayer at 7:00 pm, 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)		NAPLES, TRINITY FEDERATED	A - Stu Buisch (CM)	
ANDOVER, FIRST	A - C. Mattison (CM)		NEWARK, PARK	H. Leigh Holder	EX - Marilyn Wilson
ARKPORT, COMMUNITY	EX - Bruce Incze		OAKS CORNERS	A - Karl Warrington	
BATH, FIRST	John Woodring		ONTARIO CENTER, FIRST	-----	
BELLONA, MEMORIAL	Amy Loving Austin	Sean Murphy	OVID, FEDERATED	EX - Rob Mellgard	EX - Judy Mellgard
BIG FLATS, FIRST	A - Patricia Schick	A - Robin Fitzgerald	PAINTED POST, UNITED	David Preisendanz	
BURDETT	EX - Richard Evans (CRE)	EX - Martha Evans	PALMYRA, WESTERN	A - Hodong Hwang	EX - Philip Opdycke
CANANDAIGUA, UNITED	A - Wade Allen (CM)	Edwin Blance	PENN YAN, FIRST	Paul Malles	Rob Anderson
CANISTEO, FIRST	Michelle Serra		PHELPS, UNITED		Marsha Gibbs
COHOCTON, FIRST	-----	A - Linda Hodges	PRATTSBURGH, FIRST	-----	A - Lynn Dinehart
CORNING, FIRST	A - Jeffrey Ugoretz	EX - Kay Nash	PULTENEY, FIRST	-----	Mary Jane Peek
EAST PALMYRA, FIRST	-----	EX - Judith Langdon	RED CREEK	-----	Virginia Kachurak
ELMIRA, FIRST	Lynn Rubier-Capron	Mark Ivanick	ROCK STREAM	Carleen Frost (CRE)	
ELMIRA, NORTH	Evan Hansen	Annie LeFevre	SENECA #9	Amy Loving Austin	Pam Ells
GENEVA, THE PC	Colin Pritchard	Harriet Haynes	SENECA FALLS, FIRST	Leah Ntuala	
HECTOR	A - Michael Ball		SHORTSVILLE,	EX - Connie Franks	

			FIRST	(CRE)	
HORNELL, UNITED	A - Ted Warner	Lisa Sanford	SODUS, FIRST	Gail Heimberger	
HORSEHEADS, FIRST	-----	Ruth Hauser	SPENCER, CHRIST THE KING FELLOWSHIP	Sabrina Slater	Ellie Cobb
HOWARD, UNION	-----		TRUMANSBURG, FIRST ULYSSES	-----	A - Alexis Schaefer
HURON	A - Nancy J Farrell	A - Linda Hayes	WATERLOO, FIRST	A - Anita Milne	A - George Bassett
ITHACA, FIRST	Cynthia Weaver Kirianne Weaver	Brad McFall	WATKINS GLEN, FIRST	Linda Myers (CM)	Rob Rossiter
JASPER, UNITED	A - Brain Dieffenbacher (CM)		WESTON	-----	Barry Winters
LYONS, FIRST	-----	Joanne Reinhardt	WOLCOTT, FIRST	A - Walter Stuber (CM)	Andrew DeMay
MARION, UNITED	-----	Joan Sewert			
MORELAND	A - Paul Yoder (CRE)				

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

Daniel Russell (VM)	A - Adrian Tierson (VM)			
EX - Marjorie Ackerman (AL)	David Ashby (AL)	Michael Capron (AL)	A - Todd Haines (AL)	Glenn Kennedy (AL)
A - Cara Milne (AL)	Aaron Frank (AL)	Susan Joseph Rack (HR)	EX - Beverly Karr-Lyon (HR)	
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)

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

PRESBYTERY STAFF (granted voice)

Gretchen Duffy (Administrative Support Services)

REGISTERED GUESTS and CORRESPONDING MEMBERS (Current Meeting; granted voice)

TE Luke Choi (BOP Church Consultant)
RE Virginia Champlin (Geneva)
RE Catherine Foerster (Penn Yan, First)
RE Jeff Richards (Elmira, North)

SUMMARIES FOR EACH MEETING 2026	Jan 24	Mar 24					
Total Minister Commissioners Present*	23	26					
Total Elder Commissioners Present **	23	23					
Parity (expressed in terms of Elders, + or -)	+0	-3					
Total Registered CMs, Visitors, and Staff	4	6					
Total Registered Attendance****	50	55					

* 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:

- 6:30 PM Registration and Fellowship Time (through 7:00 PM)
- 7:00 PM Call to Order, Declaration of Quorum, and Opening Prayer
- 7:05 PM 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
- 7:10 PM Consent Agenda and Clerk's Report
- 7:25 PM Committee on Representation
- 7:35 PM Committee on Operations and Treasurer's Report
 - [RE Sandra Ansley (Geneva) and TE David Ashby (VM)]
- 7:40 PM Committee on Mission and Witness [TE Lynn Rubier-Capron (Elmira, First)]
- 7:50 PM Board of Pensions Updates [TE Luke Choi, Board of Pensions Church Consultant]
- 8:00 PM Worship: Service of Evening Prayer
- 8:20 PM Good News from Congregations & Committees
 - * To include your news in the minutes, please email a written copy to:
statedclerk@presbyteryofgeneva.org
- 8:25 PM Resolution of Thanks
- 8:30 PM 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 Aaron Frank (AL) offered acknowledgement of the first stewards of the land where we live and serve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.
Items 5 and 6 were pulled from the Consent Agenda to discuss and vote on separately.

The Presbytery VOTED to approve the following:

1. **Approve** the minutes of the January 24, 2026 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 February 2026 Financial Reports.
5. ~~**Approve** the formation of an Administrative Commission to Arkport Community Church, Arkport, NY, establishing the following Charge. (see Dismissal AC Arkport Charge.pdf) [REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION]~~
6. ~~**Approve** the Dismissal of a Congregation Process. (see Dismissal of a Congregation Process.pdf) [REMOVED FOR DISCUSSION]~~
7. **Approve** the election of the following person to serve as an officer of the Presbytery of Geneva:
 - Vice Moderator of the Presbytery
 - TE H. Leigh Holder (Newark, Park)
8. **Approve** a waiver of the standing rule that there be a 1-year break in service following two consecutive 3-year terms for committee members, and **approve** the election of the following person to serve a new 3-year term on a particular committee:
 - Committee on Operations:
 - TE Betsey Crimmins (HR) [class of 2028]
9. **Approve** the election of the following persons to serve on particular committees:
 - Committee on Ministry:
 - RE Jeff Richards (Elmira, North) [class of 2028]
 - TE Kirianne Weaver (Ithaca, First) [class of 2028]
 - Committee on Leader Care:
 - RE Janet Barager (Palmyra, Western) [class of 2027]
 - Committee on Vitality:
 - RE Beth Newell (Geneva) [class of 2027]
 - Committee on Mission and Witness:
 - RE Harriet A. "Penny" Haynes (Geneva) [class of 2028]
10. **Approve** the election of the following persons to serve on General Council:
 - Members-at-Large
 - RE Kirk Allen (Corning, First) [Class of 2027]
 - TE Mike Ball (Hector) [Class of 2027]
11. **Approve** the election of the following persons to serve as Commissioners (or Alternate Commissioners) to the 227th General Assembly (2026):
 - RE Barbara Richter (Corning, First)
 - [Alternate] RE Virginia Champlin (Geneva)
12. **Receive** the 2025 Statistical Report for the Presbytery of Geneva.
13. **Receive** all written reports provided for the March 24, 2026 Stated Presbytery Meeting.

ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY'S INFORMATION FROM YOUR STATED CLERK

1. In accordance with *The Book of Order* (D-7.000), I am hereby informing the Presbytery that an offence has been alleged and an Investigating Committee has been formed to conduct an inquiry.
2. 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.
3. Please join me in thanking all of the session clerks for their work during the Annual Statistical Reporting Season!
4. The Presbytery's Merger Discernment Team continues to meet and prayerfully discern where God is leading. While we are exploring things with the leadership from our Presbyterian Neighbors to our West (Genesee Valley), we are also considering if/how we may be called to adapt and adjust our structure to thrive *without* merging. The Discernment Team deeply appreciates your prayers as we explore all of 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>

UPCOMING PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA STATED MEETING DATES

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON REMOVED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Having been pulled from the Consent Agenda, the following motions were placed before the Presbytery, one at a time:

- Approve the formation of an Administrative Commission to Arkport Community Church, Arkport, NY, establishing the following Charge. (see Dismissal AC Arkport Charge.pdf)
- Approve the Dismissal of a Congregation Process. (see Dismissal of a Congregation Process.pdf)

The Presbytery discussed the motion to approve the formation of an Administrative Commission to Arkport Community Church, Arkport, NY, establishing the proposed Charge.

- Motion was made and seconded to amend the Charge to add “; a list of World Communion of Reformed Churches is available here: <https://wcrceu/about/members/>” to item 6 under “The Administrative Commission”.
 - The Presbytery of Geneva VOTED to **declare the amendment perfected.**
 - The Presbytery of Geneva VOTED to **make the amended motion the main motion.**
- Motion was made and seconded to amend the Charge to include “The Stated Clerk will provide to the AC the most updated policy on acquired assets to guide the AC in the distribution of assets as part of the dismissal of the congregation.” in section IV (listing it as item “A”, and modifying the letters of every other item accordingly).
 - The Presbytery of Geneva VOTED to **declare the amendment perfected.**
 - The Presbytery of Geneva VOTED to **make the amended motion the main motion.**

The Presbytery of Geneva VOTED to **approve** the formation of an Administrative Commission to Arkport Community Church, Arkport, NY, establishing the proposed Charge, as amended (see Addendum A).

The Presbytery discussed the motion to approve the Dismissal of a Congregation Process.

- The Stated Clerk corrected the mentions of the “World Alliance of Reformed Churches” to say “The World Communion of Reformed Churches” (the updated name of the organization).
- It was noted that this document is intended to serve as guidance for the AC and the Arkport congregation; it is not presented to be a policy of the presbytery.

The Presbytery of Geneva VOTED to **approve** the Dismissal of a Congregation Process (see Addendum B).

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION REPORT

RE Rob Anderson (Penn Yan, First), committee member, presented the report:

We continue reaching out, discerning, and waiting. We thank ALL who have shared potential names with us, all who have discerned & all who have heard God’s “no” & all who have heard God’s “yes.” At the writing of this report, we are not full yet with our Operations Committee, our

Vitality Committee, our Mission & Witness Committee, and a youth advisory delegate for General Assembly. So we invite your continued prayer, and also your continued help – think of who is part of your congregation – might they be blessed to serve in some way on a committee? Might we be blessed with their gifts, talents, and presence in a different way? Please, if you have a name, an idea – well share your thoughts please, we do want to hear them!

We praise God for EACH of you. And yes – both “no” & “yes” are holy answers! We desire to be walking with God in intentional ways y’all! So we also pray for each of y’all & our entire Presbytery! May God continue to give each of us clarity on how the Holy Spirit is inviting each of us to share our gifts to the glory of God and the blessing of our Presbytery, community, and spiritual growth!

We have a request for an exception & names we submit with great joy & energy who have been able to say, “Here I am, Lord” to service in this season in our Presbytery. We support them in this service & are excited to see how their “yes” will bless us all! [This request was part of the Consent Agenda]

COMMITTEE ON OPERATIONS & TREASURER’S REPORT

RE Sandra Ansley (Geneva), chairperson of the Committee on Operations, introduced the Treasurer, TE David Ashby (AL) to give the report:

Our new mailing address is
Presbytery of Geneva, PO Box 17, Penn Yan NY 14527
everything else is unchanged.

Our accounts at Community Bank

	03-08-26	
CKGENERAL	\$33,020.82	
SAVGENERAL	\$6,837.10	
CKCAMP	\$24,551.51	
SAVCAMP	\$2.36	
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Total	\$64,411.79	-\$56,728.09

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

Camp Whitman Endowment	\$109,333
Camp Whitman Scholarship	\$63,882
Presbytery Endowment	\$59,808
Camp Whitman (value 2024)	\$2,462,743 (incl. vehicles, boats, equipment, etc.)

The startling drop is the transfer of \$45,159.00 from SAVCAMP to Camp Whitman, Inc.

Contributions from congregations are beginning to flow in. We will refill some of the savings account-based reserve (board-designated) accounts, especially the mission reserve. There is a brief window to submit 2025 mission or per capita before our annual audit, so please check with your treasurer.

Shortly, we will finish switching permanent camp employees payroll and dues to the Board of Pensions to their own accounts. Likewise, the Camp Whitman portion of our funds with the Presbyterian Foundation / New Covenant Funds will be transferred soon. Our attorney is working on transferring assets and property to Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake, Inc.

The reclamation of the Presbytery’s website may finally be done. The infection dates back two or three years, mostly in some of the resource pages and some of the files, but in such a way that the hackers would see fixes and unfix them. That vulnerability has been stamped out, we believe. As a couple of people finish reviewing the repaired site, Gretchen will update things and change to the new Penn Yan PO Box

throughout.

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.

As always, have at me with questions or complaints!

David Ashby treasurer@presbyteryofgeneva.org 607-227-5216

COMMITTEE ON MISSION AND WITNESS

TE Lynn Rubier-Capron (Elmira, First), chair of the Committee on Mission and Witness, presented the report:

In 2025, Presbytery believed we had a certain amount of money available for Matthew 25 Grants at the beginning of the year. This was based on pledges. And, as the year progressed, the same thing happened with Presbytery that has happened in churches and non for profit organizations all over the country. By December 2025 we did not have the amount of money for Matthew 25 grants that we thought we would have in January.

This is not because anyone did anything wrong. It was because numbers are what they are in our churches.

Council did the only ethical thing we could do, and that is to change the order in which we offer and allocate Matthew 25 grants. We had to flip it so that we offer and allocate money that we already have. What that looks like is this: *In 2026, we will take monies given by churches for Mission and in the early part of 2027, we will offer and grant Matthew 25 grants based on those actual dollars that we already have from churches... real money collected in 2026 that we will offer and allocate in early 2027.*

We ask that you give your mission committees, your sessions, and your community organizations who look to Matthew 25 grants this information. We want them to know that we have adjusted our practice to respond to current conditions so that when we say we can do something, we can actually do it. This comes from Matthew 5:37, the same gospel that inspires the Matthew 25 grants: "let your yes be yes, and your no be no."

In the meantime, what is the Mission and Witness Committee doing in 2026?

In 2026, Mission and Witness has followed the direction of General Council, and devoted ourselves to mission interpretation. We offered Minutes for Mission in March. And, in May, we will offer a Mission Fair.

The purpose of this fair is to meet each other, face to face, and share our excitement and enthusiasm about the missional efforts being done in our congregations. Some of those will be Matthew 25 efforts, and some of those will be things you do in your congregations that are not funded by Matthew 25 grants. We want to hear about and celebrate all of it.

The purpose of this Mission Fair is to find joy and strength as we listen to one another, and to see if there are efforts that we can join in with. Maybe your congregation and their congregation can do something better together.

The other purpose is for the Mission and Witness committee to listen for and to the things that God seems to be doing among our churches – who knows, maybe God will give us direction and focus as we listen to one another.

Also, if you participate in the Mission Fair, which is also a scavenger hunt, you may win a gift certificate to the Spotted duck, the best ice cream you will ever enjoy.

Mission and Witness will publish a sign up sheet for the mission fair in the next few Presbytery News letters. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call TE Lynn Rubier-Capron (Elmira, First).

The mission fair will be a room filled with tables, and each table will have a whole lot of information about our churches' missional efforts. One church at each table. We hope each church will send posters, descriptions, pictures, slide shows, anything you can put together that helps others learn what you are doing Missionally.

One person from your church will stay at the table to tell individuals all about it, and one person will go around to the other tables and learn about other churches.

When? May 26

What time? During the presbytery meeting at Camp Whitman, which starts at 10:00 AM.

How? Look for registrations in the news letter, which will help us make a better scavenger hunt. But, if you can't register for some reason, come anyway and participate. Your delegates will want to get there in time to set up their table display of all of your missional efforts.

Where? Camp Whitman, in person

Why? Because we continue to believe that God loves to work through people when we come together and ask God to bring signs of God's kingdom on earth, even as it is in heaven.

BOARD OF PENSIONS UPDATES

TE Luke Choi (Board of Pensions Church Consultant) shared updates and information from the Board of Pensions.

Join Luke Choi for a virtual informative town hall designed to support pastoral leadership and congregational decision-makers, scheduled for 10:00 AM on Thursday April 23 via zoom.

Among topics, you will hear about:

- Medical Plan cost trends and changes in the healthcare system
- Dues package subsidies that would ease financial burdens for congregations, pastors, and their families in 2027
- Plans and programs that support those who serve the Church, including Assistance Program enhancements such as the new Child Care Support

Please Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/TeWxic4HskWYKLR-ERfTLg>

(After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.)

2026 Assistance Program Updates

- The Board approved Housing Supplement grants for residence in memory care facilities and expanded the amounts of existing Housing Supplement grants.
- The Board increased the Adoption Assistance grant, from \$6,500 to \$9,000 per child, and eliminated household adjusted gross income from the eligibility requirements for Minister Debt Relief and Minister Educational Debt Assistance.
- The maximum eligible Effective Salary for Minister Debt Relief, Minister Educational Debt Assistance, Sabbath Sabbatical Support, and Clergy Wellness Support is now \$88,875.

Resources:

- Call the Board of Pensions at 800-773-7752 (800-PRESPLAN), visit pensions.org, or email memberservices@pensions.org for support.
- Contact your Church Consultant, Rev. Luke Choi, at:
609-575-6321
Lchoi@pensions.org

WORSHIP

The Presbytery of Geneva engaged in a service of Evening Prayer, led by TE Evan Hansen (Elmira, North), with assistance from TE H. Leigh Holder (Newark, Park), TE Linda Myers (CM; Watkins Glen, First), and TE Leah Ntuala (Seneca Falls, First).

GOOD NEWS FROM CONGREGATIONS & COMMITTEES

Members of the Presbytery of Geneva shared good news and updates from their congregations and committees.

From Corning, First:

- Christmas Day dinner- The congregation once again held its Christmas Day Dinner which was open to anyone wanting a place to go for fellowship and a good meal on Christmas Day. The event started off with a round of carols followed by a meal of ham with all the fixings. All those attending enjoyed this annual event.
- Community Super Bowl Party- The church hosted its annual Super Bowl party on February 8. The game was shown on a 14 foot screen and snacks were provided. The event was open to anyone from the community.
- In November the congregation started the Open Table Community dinners after seeing a need in the community. A free meal is served in the fellowship hall every Wednesday at 5:30. Anyone in the community is welcome to attend. About 40 people have been coming for a meal and fellowship.

From TE Leah Ntuala (Seneca Falls, First):

- We invite you to join an upcoming webinar on " Expanding Access to Affordable Clean Energy through Community Partnerships". This session will highlight how faith-based organizations can play a vital role in connecting their communities to cost-saving clean energy programs and resources across New York. You'll learn about opportunities for partnerships with NYSERDA, and innovative initiatives designed to ensure equitable access especially for underserved communities. This is a great opportunity to being valuable resources to your congregation while helping shape programs that reflect real community needs.

Webinar topic:

Expanding Equitable Access to Affordable Clean Energy Through Community Partnerships

Date and time:

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 10:00 AM | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Register link:

<https://meetny-gov.webex.com/weblink/register/r57eec71522de9d58b600920e83f31eb1>

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RESOLUTION OF THANKS

TE Lynn Rubier-Capron (Elmira, First) 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.

The Moderator offered prayer and declared the meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Attest: Amy Loving Austin, Stated Clerk

ADDENDUM A

**Administrative Commission for Arkport Community Church, Arkport, NY
CHARGE FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION**

Presented for approval by the Presbytery of Geneva during the stated meeting of March 24, 2026

The Presbytery of Geneva establishes the following **charge** for the work of the Administrative Commission for Arkport Community Church, Arkport, NY.

BACKGROUND

The session and congregation of Arkport Community Church, Arkport, NY has requested that the Presbytery of Geneva approve their dismissal to another Reformed Christian Denomination, so that they may leave the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION [appointed by the Presbytery Moderator]

TE David Barnard (HR)

TE Paul Rack (HR)

RE Catherine Foerster (Penn Yan, First)

RE Lisa Sanford (Hornell, United)

RE [TBD]

The quorum for meetings of the Administrative Commission will be three members.

**CHARGE FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION
FOR ARKPORT COMMUNITY CHURCH, ARKPORT, NY**

NOTE: This charge does not grant the Administrative Commission original jurisdiction of any responsibility of the session. The Administrative Commission is to (1) serve a partnering, advisory role with the session; and (2) protect the interests of the presbytery. If circumstances warrant, the Administrative Commission may request that the presbytery grant original jurisdiction for a portion or portions of the session's responsibilities, or for all of the responsibilities of the session. Apart from such a request, the session has all the authority granted to it by the Constitution of the PCUSA, as spelled out in F-3.0209:

Councils possess whatever administrative authority is necessary to give effect to duties and powers assigned by the Constitution of the church. The jurisdiction of each council is limited by the express provisions of the Constitution, with powers not mentioned being reserved to the presbyteries.

Moreover, the duties outlined below are designed, in part, to guide the Administrative Commission in encouraging and supporting the work of the session. The assumption is not that the Commission will do all the tasks outlined below, but rather that the Commission will ensure that tasks are completed which are rightly the responsibility of the session.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

1. The Administrative Commission shall confirm to the presbytery through the Stated Clerk, a moderator and a clerk of the Commission.
 - a. The moderator shall convene meetings of the Administrative Commission, lead the meetings of the Commission, serve as the primary contact for persons who wish to communicate with the commission, and ensure the Commission's support of the session of the Arkport church.

- b. The clerk shall keep the minutes of the Commission and a record of the Commission's activities. The clerk shall complete all correspondence, as directed by the Commission; and report to the Commission any correspondence received.
2. The Administrative Commission shall approve the minutes prepared by the clerk.
3. The Administrative Commission, through the clerk of the Commission, shall provide to the stated meeting of the presbytery (for inclusion in the presbytery minutes) all Commission minutes since the previous stated meeting of the presbytery.
4. The Presbytery Stated Clerk shall serve as the primary staff resource to the Administrative Commission. The Stated Clerk shall provide guidance to both the Administrative Commission and the Session regarding the process of dismissing a congregation.
5. The Administrative Commission will help the session in its discernment of the future of the congregation, through their presence in conversations and discernment activities, in providing resources (persons and written) that might assist the session's work, assisting with communication to the congregation regarding the session's work, and assisting the session in arranging for congregational conversations and discernment, and other supportive guidance as the Commission deems necessary and appropriate.
6. Decisions to dismiss the congregation to another Reformed Christian Denomination (a specific denomination must be named and assurance that denomination will receive the church must be confirmed prior to dismissal; a list of World Communion of Reformed Churches is available here: [https://wrcrc.eu/about/members/](https://wcrc.eu/about/members/)), decisions regarding the sale/transfer of the building/property, or both will require two duly-called congregation meetings:
 - a. An informational meeting, with opportunity for questions and responses.
 - b. A meeting for congregational action on the recommendations of the session and the Administrative Commission.
7. The responsibilities and duties listed below will follow on the decision of the session to be dismissed to another Reformed Christian Denomination, to seek purchase/transfer of building/property, or both.
8. If the congregation decides that it is in their best interest to leave the PC(USA) and be joined to a non-Reformed Christian denomination or to become an independent Christian Church (not affiliated with any particular denomination), the congregation will need to be dissolved (not dismissed). If this happens, the Administrative Commission shall report this to the Stated Clerk, who shall revise the Charge to the Administrative Commission (to become an AC to Dissolve the congregation) and present it to the Presbytery for approval.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

- I. ARRANGE FOR THE PASTORAL CARE OF CHURCH MEMBERS WISHING TO REMAIN WITH THE PC(USA).
 - A. Identify those members who wish to maintain membership with a PC(USA) congregation, and provide pastoral support and care during this time of transition.
 - B. Prior to dismissal, the clerk of session will effect transfers of membership, as requested by members.
 - C. Provide to the stated clerk the names and contact information of members who have not transferred their membership prior to the dismissal of the church. The stated clerk will effect transfers requested after dismissal.
- II. ASCERTAIN THE FINANCIAL STATUS AND OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE SESSION
The session and the Administrative Commission will work together to discern a mutually beneficial plan for the management of all financial obligations and assets.

- A. Conduct a financial review of the Treasurer's books for the last 12+ months.
- B. Obtain a complete financial disclosure of the church.
- C. Determine location of checking accounts, savings accounts, endowment accounts, Sunday School accounts, Women's group accounts, and any other financial resources.
- D. On endowment or memorial accounts, determine if there are any bequest stipulations.
- E. If any church accounts are to be transferred to the Presbytery, submit new signature card(s) for accounts with at least two officers of the presbytery designated as signatories (usually the treasurer and designee of the Trustees).
- F. Determine any outstanding debts/obligations to the PC(USA) and arrange for payment prior to dismissal.
- G. Authorize the payment of all financial obligations.
- H. Provide a "statement of contribution" to all current year contributors.

III. SECURE THE SESSION RECORDS

- A. Locate all Session minutes, the church register, and other financial and legal records to be submitted to the Stated Clerk of the presbytery for appropriate disposition.
- B. The Clerk of Session will deliver these records to a representative of the Stated Clerk prior to the dismissal of the church. These records shall be cataloged and sent to the Presbyterian Historical Society.
- C. The session shall arrange and pay for copies to be made of any records they need/want prior to dismissal.

IV. DETERMINE WHAT SHALL BE DONE WITH THE PROPERTY

The session and the Administrative Commission will work together to discern a mutually beneficial plan for the future ownership of the property.

If the Presbytery is to take ownership of the property (as is the right of the Presbytery, per the *Book of Order* G-4.02), the following steps shall be taken:

- A. The Stated Clerk will provide to the AC the most updated policy on acquired assets to guide the AC in the distribution of assets as part of the dismissal of the congregation.
- B. Secure a Clear Title to the property.
- C. Provide a copy of the deed to the Presbytery Board of Trustees (Operations Committee). A copy of the deed may be obtained from the County Courthouse. Ascertain if there are any deed restrictions or stipulations.
- D. Transfer title of the property to the Presbytery of Geneva.
- E. List the property on the Presbytery's property and liability insurance coverage, terminate any other current insurance coverage.
- F. Notify the County Assessor's Office that the property is no longer used as a church as of the dissolution date.
- G. Discover if the congregation is incorporated; if so:
 - 1. Locate the Articles of Incorporation.
 - 2. Publish a public Notice to Dissolve a Corporation in the local newspaper.
 - 3. Adopt and publish the following motion: "Pursuant to G-4.0203) of the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Presbytery of Geneva is the legal successor of the [name of church].

If the Congregation petitions the Presbytery to dismiss it with all or some of its property and/or assets, the Administrative Commission shall:

- A. Meet with members of the congregation to determine appropriate financial and/or property disposition and/or property compensation terms in light of the needs of the Congregation, of those wishing to continue in the PCUSA, and the overall mission of the Presbytery.
- B. Engage a licensed Real Estate Appraiser, approved by the Operations Committee/Board of Trustees, to provide a written fair market value of the real property the church currently holds. The appraisal fee, as well as any/all closing costs required of the seller incurred by a sale of the real property, shall be paid by the church.
- C. The Session and Administrative Commission shall negotiate and determine appropriate financial and/or property disposition and/or property compensation terms to be presented to the Presbytery for final approval.

V. SECURE THE BUILDING AND PROPERTY

If the Presbytery is to take ownership of the property, the Administrative Commission shall:

- A. Arrange for the disposition of furnishings, communion ware, hymnals, Sunday School supplies, pulpit, lectern, and communion table, etc. These may be given away, sold by the piece, or bids may be received for the entire lot of furnishing. The Administrative Commission shall conduct appropriate research prior to any decision to dispose of any item thought to be of historic value. It is recommended that at least one appraisal by an antiques dealer/estate assessor be obtained before accepting any bids. These decisions should be documented in detail in the Commission minutes.
- B. Ascertain which utilities should remain connected and which may be disconnected and make these arrangements with the proper companies. Transfer the billing for the utilities to the Presbytery of Geneva effective on the dissolution date. It may be necessary to maintain heat during the winter to avoid damage. Electricity and water should remain on.
- C. Arrangements should be made to drain the water pipes if the utilities can be turned off.
- D. Secure the building and recover keys from anyone who does not need access.
- E. If distribution of keys is widespread and any contents are valuable, consider having the locks changed.
- F. Make provisions through the Operations Committee for a caretaker until the final disposition of the property, including mowing of lawn and maintenance of any sidewalks.
- G. After the closing worship service remove any identifying signage and the cornerstone, if possible (checking for a time capsule).

VI. DISSOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION

- The Administrative Commission for Arkport Community Church, Arkport, NY, is dissolved with thanks upon the completion of its work and its final report to the Presbytery of Geneva.

ADDENDUM B

DISMISSAL OF A CONGREGATION

A congregation which is dismissed by a Presbytery of the PCUSA becomes a member of another denomination which is a member of The World Communion of Reformed Churches or to another Reformed denomination recognized by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly (PCUSA). The religious corporation for the PCUSA congregation is dissolved with the State of New York and a new corporation must be applied for following dismissal from the PCUSA.

OVERVIEW OF PROCESS

1. Congregations may be dismissed by Presbytery only to a member of The World Communion of Reformed Churches or to another Reformed denomination recognized by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly (PCUSA). If, in the course of working with the Administrative Commission Response Team, the Session wishes to explore opportunities for joining with another Reformed denomination, it may, with the knowledge of the Presbytery, enter into dialogue with one or more such bodies. If the Session determines that another Reformed denomination would be willing to accept the congregation if the way be clear, the Session shall inform the Administrative Commission who will ask the Presbytery of Geneva's Stated Clerk to confirm such willingness with the Stated Clerk of the other Reformed denomination.
2. Pending receipt of such confirmation from the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Geneva, the Session shall call a congregational meeting for the purpose of discussing "Shall [name of church] request dismissal to [name of Reformed body]?" Adequate public notice of the congregational meeting shall be given (*Book of Order G-1.05*).
 - a. It is recommended that at least 25% of the Active Members of the Congregation be present.
 - b. Representatives appointed by Presbytery including Presbytery staff acting on its behalf shall be present throughout and shall have the right to speak.
 - c. The question to be discussed is "Shall [name of church] request dismissal to [name of Reformed body]?"
 - d. Ample time shall be provided for both speakers wanting dismissal and those wanting to stay with the PCUSA.
 - e. No type of vote for any purpose shall be taken at this meeting.
 - f. Agenda for the first Congregational Meeting:
 - i. Call to the meeting is read
 - ii. Quorum is declared
 1. Active Members present shall sign in to guarantee a proper record of those in attendance who are eligible to vote.
 - iii. Meeting opened with prayer
 - iv. The Session shall present its proposal
 - v. Active Members of the Congregation and those representing the Presbytery may ask questions and/or make statements. Ample time shall be provided for both speakers wanting dismissal and those wanting to stay with the PCUSA. As much as possible, the Moderator shall recognize speakers in alternation between those in favor of Session's proposal and those against. Questions may be asked of the Session and/or of those representing the Presbytery.
 - vi. When all who wish have been heard at least once, the Moderator may entertain a motion to adjourn
 - vii. If motion carries, the meeting is closed with prayer.

- viii. The Clerk of Session shall keep the Active Member sign-in sheet along with other Session records. Should the congregation later request dismissal to another denomination, the Clerk of Session shall send a copy of the Active Member sign-in sheet along with a copy of the minutes of this meeting of the Congregation to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery.
3. The Session – no sooner than 3 weeks and no later than 2 months after the first meeting described above – may call a second Congregational meeting for the purpose of *voting* on whether to request that the Presbytery dismiss it to [name of Reformed body]. Adequate public notice of the congregational meeting shall be given (*Book of Order* G-1.05). Both written and oral notice shall clearly state that the meeting is called for the purpose of determining whether to seek dismissal to another Reformed body and that no other business may be entertained.
 - a. It is recommended that due notice be mailed to all Active Members of the Congregation prior to the meeting and be given orally from the pulpit at regular church services prior to the meeting.
 - b. The quorum for the congregational meeting shall be determined according to what is provided in the bylaws of the congregation. Only Active Members are eligible to vote. It is recommended that at least 50% of the Active Members be present.
 - c. Representatives appointed by Presbytery including Presbytery staff acting on its behalf shall be present throughout and shall have the right to speak.
 - d. The question to be discussed is “Shall the [name of church] request the Presbytery of Geneva to dismiss it to [name of Reformed body]?”
 - e. Ample time shall be provided for both speakers wanting dismissal and those wanting to stay with the PCUSA.
 - f. After discussion and prayer, the Active Members of the congregation present shall vote by written ballot on this question, “Shall the [name of church] request the Presbytery of Geneva to dismiss it to [name of Reformed body]?” the only choices being “Request Dismissal” or “Do Not Request Dismissal.”
 - g. If three-quarters of those Active Members present and voting vote to request dismissal to a specific Reformed Christian denomination, the request shall go to Presbytery for its consideration.
 - h. If the motion carries, a second motion may be entertained to request that the session enter into conversation with the Administrative Commission regarding the disposition of its property and financial assets.
 - i. Agenda for the second Congregational Meeting:
 - i. Call to the meeting is read
 - ii. Quorum is declared
 1. Active Members present shall sign in to guarantee a proper record of those in attendance who are eligible to vote.
 - iii. Meeting opened with prayer
 - iv. The Moderator appoints at least three persons from the Active Members present to serve as Tellers [persons who will distribute, collect, and count written ballots].
 - v. A member of the Session shall move the question: “Shall the [name of church] request the Presbytery of Geneva to dismiss it to [name of Reformed body]?”
 - vi. Active Members of the Congregation and those representing the Presbytery may debate the motion. Ample time shall be provided for both speakers wanting dismissal and those wanting to stay with the PCUSA. As much as possible, the Moderator shall recognize speakers in alternation between those in favor of the motion and those against. Questions for clarification may be asked of the Session and/or of those representing the Presbytery.
 - vii. When all who wish have been heard at least once, the Moderator may entertain a motion to “end debate and proceed to vote on the motion.”

- viii. The Moderator shall instruct those present that only those who are on the Active Member roll may vote.
 - ix. The Clerk of Session shall read the list of those present who are on the Active Member roll and may receive a ballot and vote.
 - x. The appointed Tellers shall distribute the written ballots to those Active Members certified by the Clerk on which shall have been pre-printed:
 1. The motion: "Shall the [name of church] request the Presbytery of Geneva to dismiss it to [name of Reformed body]?"
 2. Spaces to mark a vote next to the words "Request Dismissal" and "Do Not Request Dismissal" only.
 - xi. The Tellers shall collect the ballots and shall tally the vote. The ballots will be counted by the Tellers at least twice to ensure an accurate count.
 - xii. The Tellers shall write the vote totals and sign a tally sheet and present it to the Moderator who will announce the results of the vote to those gathered.
 - xiii. If three-quarters of the Active Members present and voting vote to approve the motion to seek dismissal from the PCUSA, the Moderator and the Clerk of the Session shall transmit the request in writing to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery along with a copy of the minutes of the meeting.
 - xiv. The Clerk of Session shall keep the written ballots in a sealed envelope until all denominational actions have been completed and then may discard them. The Clerk of Session shall keep the Active Member sign-in sheets and the signed Teller tally sheet and shall send copies along with the minutes of this meeting of the Congregation to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery if the congregation has voted to request dismissal.
 - xv. If the motion is carried, a second motion may be entertained to request that the session enter into conversation with the Administrative Commission regarding the disposition of its property and financial assets. If this motion carries (by majority vote), this request shall also be transmitted in writing by the Moderator and Clerk of Session to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery.
 - xvi. Since no other business will be in order at this meeting, the Moderator may entertain a motion to adjourn.
 - xvii. If motion carries, the meeting is closed with prayer.
 - j. If any five Active Members of the Congregation, present and voting, contest the regularity (the call for, the conduct of, or the vote taken) of the second congregational meeting, they shall send the details of their allegation, postmarked within ten business days of that meeting, to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Geneva who shall convene the Permanent Judicial Commission to render a decision.
4. Having confirmed the congregation's intent to request dismissal to a particular Reformed body, the Administrative Commission shall continue its work, including (but not limited to):
 - a. Transferring members of the congregation who wish to become members of a PCUSA congregation.
 - b. Referring pastor(s) seeking transfer to [name of Reformed body] with the congregation to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery and the PCUSA Board of Pensions so that they may be fully apprised of any consequences of such action.
 - c. Receiving a complete financial disclosure of the church to the Administrative Commission.
 - d. Tending to any legal issues involved in dismissal including dissolving the congregation's New York State religious corporation status.
 - e. Taking custody of all Session records and transferring them to the Presbytery of Geneva.

5. It shall be the responsibility of the Congregation to pay for all such financial, legal, and/or other experts that the Congregation or the Presbytery engages to assist the Congregation or the Presbytery in carrying out the dismissal.
6. The Congregation may petition the Presbytery to dismiss it with all or some of its property and/or assets. If so requested, the Administrative Commission shall:
 - a. Meet with members of the congregation to determine appropriate financial and/or property disposition and/or property compensation terms in light of the needs of the Congregation, of those wishing to continue in the PCUSA, and the overall mission of the Presbytery.
 - b. Engage a licensed Real Estate Appraiser, approved by the Operations Committee/Board of Trustees, to provide a written fair market value of the real property the church currently holds. The appraisal fee, as well as any/all closing costs required of the seller incurred by a sale of the real property, shall be paid by the church.
 - c. Once it has determined the recommendations it will make, the Administrative Commission shall have one or more members of the Commission inform the Session of the terms of the recommendations.
7. Having received written communication from the Clerk of Session and Moderator of the Meeting of the Congregation that the congregation has voted to request dismissal to [name of Reformed body], and having received a final written report from the Administrative Commission, the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery shall add this request (and any related requests, including decisions regarding property) as an item of business at its next stated meeting.
8. At the meeting of Presbytery to consider a request for dismissal with all or some of its property and/or assets, the Administrative Commission shall provide a written report that enables the Presbytery to:
 - a. Hear from representatives from the Congregation in favor of dismissal;
 - b. Hear from representatives of those wishing to remain in the PCUSA, reserving to Presbytery the right to determine "the true church" [Book of Order: G-4.0207]
 - c. Hear from the Response Team representatives and Presbytery Staff members acting on behalf of the Presbytery who were present at the second Congregational meeting, and who may also recommend a decision to Presbytery;
 - d. Be informed of any financial contributions from this Congregation to the Presbytery, Synod or General Assembly and to this Congregation by the Presbytery, Synod or General Assembly within at least the last ten years.
 - e. Be informed what provisions will be made for those members who wish to remain in the PCUSA and for any Ministers of Word and Sacrament, Christian Educators or Commissioned Lay Pastors associated with the Congregation;
 - f. Be informed how the Congregation's dismissal would affect the mission and ministry of the Church in this Presbytery.
 - g. Receive a recommended decision [which can be debated and amended] from the Administrative Commission detailing appropriate financial and/or property disposition and/or property compensation terms in the light of the needs of the Congregation, those wishing to continue in the PC(USA), and the overall mission of Presbytery.
9. After discussion and prayer, the Presbytery shall vote by written ballot on this question: "Shall the [name of church] be dismissed to [name of Reformed body] with [specific financial arrangements for its property and/or assets]?" The only choices shall be "Yes" or "No."
10. After discussion and prayer, the Presbytery shall vote by written ballot or Zoom poll on this question, "Shall the [name of church] be dismissed to [name of Reformed body]," the only choices being "Yes" or "No."
 - a. If a majority of those present and voting vote in favor, the Congregation shall be dismissed with the approved arrangements for finances and/or property disposition and/or property compensation.

11. The Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Geneva will inform the Stated Clerk of the receiving Reformed body that the Presbytery has approved dismissal to that body and outline the approved terms for dismissal.
12. Dismissal of the Congregation to the other Reformed denomination will become effective when the Stated Clerk of the receiving Reformed body notifies the Presbytery of Geneva that it has taken action to receive the Congregation AND when notification is received from the State of New York that the religious corporation for that PCUSA congregation has been dissolved.

ADDENDUM C

2025 Presbytery Statistical Report

Presbytery Geneva

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Membership

Prior Active Members **3073** Adjusted membership **3025**

Gains

Certificate **27**

Youth Professions **11**

Professions & Reaffirmations **61**

Total Gains 99

Total Ending Active Members 2963

Losses

Certificate **7**

Deaths **97**

Deleted for any Other Reason **57**

Total Losses 161

Baptisms

Presented by Others **11**

At Confirmation **3**

All Other **4**

Average Weekly Worship Attendance **1472**

Friends of the Congregation **586**

Ruling Elders on Session **287**

Do you have Deacons? Yes / No **22 / 20**

Age Distribution of Active Members

17 & Under **70**

18 - 25 **69**

26 - 40 **187**

41 - 55 **271**

56 - 70 **626**

Over 70 **1152**

Total Age Distribution 2375

People with Disabilities

Hearing impairment **217**

Sight impairment **37**

Mobility impairment **145**

Other impairment **152**

Gender Distribution

Women **1546**

Men **920**

Non-Binary **4**

Youth in Congregation

Age 4 and under **29**

Elementary School (K-5th grade) **96**

Total Youth 266

Middle School (6th – 8th grade) **73**

High School (9th – 12th grade) **68**

Racial Ethnic

Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian 28	Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous 0
Black/African American/African 15	White 2546
Middle Eastern/North African 3	Multiracial 15
Hispanic/Latino-a 16	Total Racial Ethnic 2623

Budgeted Income 5,960,351

Budgeted Expense 6,685,155

Receipts

Regular Contributions 4,342,551	Bequests 114,461
Capital Building Fund 863,761	Other Income 178,922
Investment Income 1,892,906	Subsidy or Aid 35,375

Expenditures

Local Program 5,076,395	Investment Expenditures 416,273
Local Mission 432,747	Per Capital Apprt 221,202
Capital Expenditures 834,941	Other Mission 262,862

ADDENDUM D

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT — March 24, 2026
[From the meeting of 03/03/26]

ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY'S ACTION – None

ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE PRESBYTERY

The Committee on Ministry VOTED to:

- Approve the extension of term request from East Palmyra for Josh McCrossen to the Session (3 years).
- Approve the extension of term request from Seneca #9 for Erin Land to the Session (3 years); and the extension of term requests for Mary Colin, Janet Robson, and Chris Minns to the Board of Deacons (3 years).
- Approve the Covenant (Form 4) between Painted Post and Rev. David Preisendanz.
- Approve the Covenant (Form 2) between Moreland and CRE Paul Yoder.
- Approve the Covenant (Form 2) between Burdett and CRE Dick Evans.
- Approve the Terms of Call between Elmira North and Rev. Evan Hansen.
- Approve the Terms of Call between Park Newark and Rev. Leigh Holder.
- Approve the Terms of Call between Horseheads and Rev. Aaron Frank.
- Approve the Terms of Call between Geneva and Rev. Colin Pritchard.
- Approve the Terms of Call between Seneca Falls and Rev. Leah Ntuala.
- Approve the Terms of Call between Spencer and Rev. Sabrina Slater.
- Approve the Terms of Call between Ithaca and Rev. Kirianne Weaver.
- Approve the Terms of Call between Ovid and Rev. Rob Mellgard.
- Approve the Terms of Call between Western Palmyra and Rev. HoDong Hwang.
- Approve the Terms of Call between Bath and Rev. John Woodring.
- Approve the Terms of Call between Penn Yan and Rev. Paul Malles.
- Approve the appointment of Catherine Foerster as moderator of the Annual Meeting of the Prattsburgh congregation (2/15/26) and approve her presiding at Communion that date.
- Approve CRE Bessie Tyrrell to install Elder (already ordained) to the Session at Pulteney.

- Approve the Terms of Call between Elmira, First, and Re. Lynn Rubier-Capron.
- Approve the Covenant between Andover, First, and Rev. Christian R. Mattison.
- Approve the Covenant between Jasper and Rev. Brian Diffenbacher.
- Approve the dissolution agreement between Horseheads, First, and Rev. Aaron Frank.

ITEMS FOR THE PRESBYTERY'S INFORMATION

The Committee on Ministry VOTED to:

- Receive the Moderator Reports from John Gingerich (Red Creek, East Palmyra, Huron), Bob Sell (Addison), Rob Mellgard (Hector), Betsey Crimmins (Ontario Center), Cynthia Huling-Hummel (Weston), John Milne (Park Newark), Cara Milne (Trumansburg), Bessie Tyrrell (Pulteney), Robin Lostetter (Lyons), Kirk Allen (Cohocton), and Bev Karr-Lyon (Prattsburgh).
- Receive Form 6 (Churches without Pastors) from Cohocton, East Palmyra, Huron, Lyons, Marion, Red Creek, Pulteney, Ontario Center, Prattsburgh, and Weston.
- Receive CRE Reports from John Gingerich, Bob Sell, Bessie Tyrrell, Paul Yoder, Connie Franks, Dick Evans, and Carleen Frost.
- Receive Pulpit Supply reports from Barnard, Gerling, Gnagy, Haines, Huling-Hummel, Winters, Foerster, Dinehart, Crimmins, Milne, Widboom, Kennedy, Wickman, Ashby, Elford, and Rack.
- Receive OVM, Retired, At-Large reports from Crimmins, Winters, and Johnson.
- Receive the Healthy Boundaries form from Rev. Susan Rack and the Trumansburg Session.

ADDENDUM E

GENERAL COUNCIL REPORT TO THE PRESBYTERY — March 24, 2026

[From the meetings of 02/10/26 and 03/10/26]

ITEMS FOR THE PRESBYTERY'S ACTION: None

ITEMS FOR THE PRESBYTERY'S INFORMATION

(Mission)

The General Council VOTED to approve the following: That monies given for Mission and Witness grants in a calendar year be placed in a pass through account so that Mission and witness may use those monies for Mission and Witness grants in the following calendar year.