

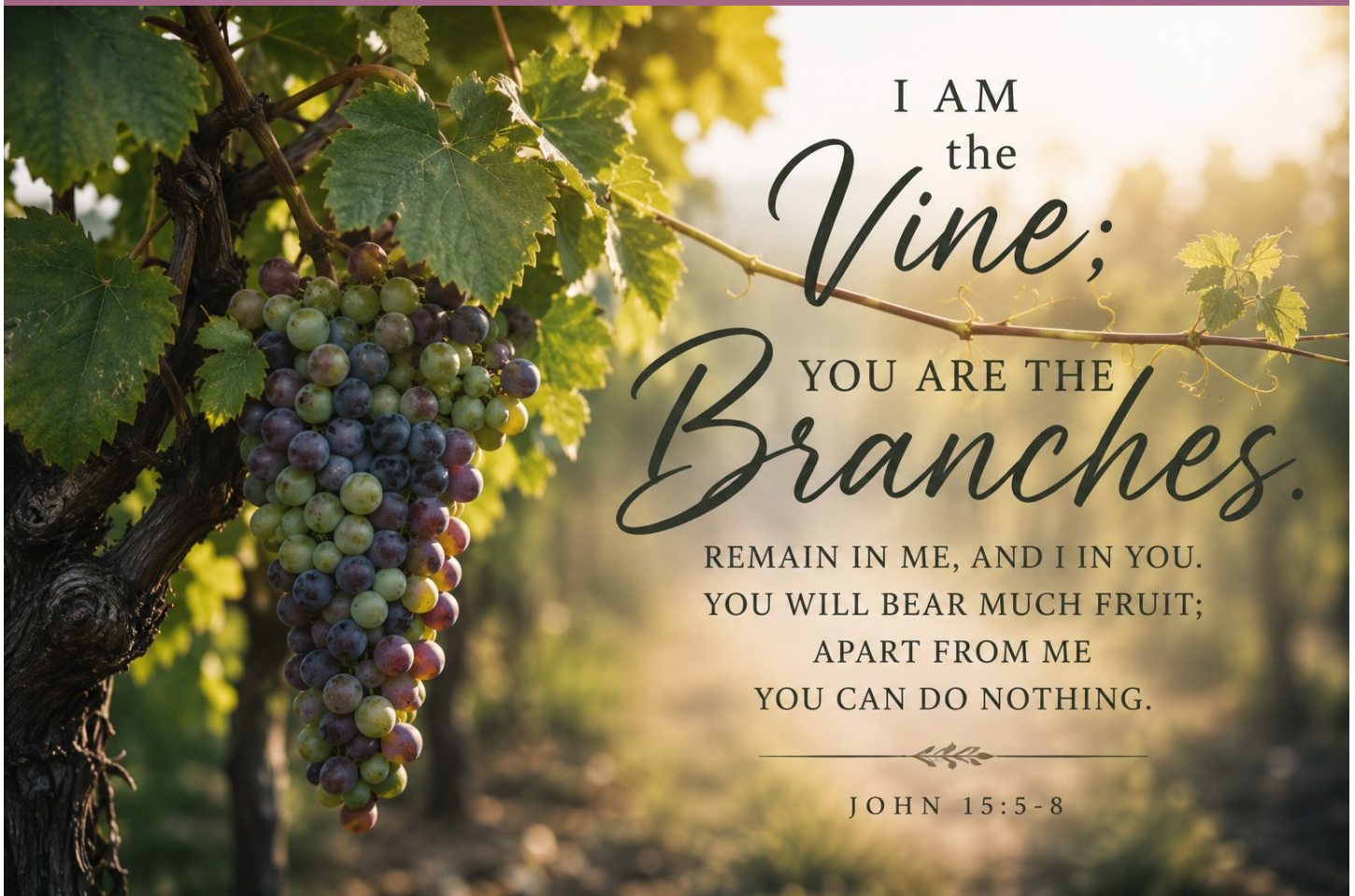


September 2026 Newsletter

***Our Mission:** 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.*

The purpose of the newsletter is to announce upcoming events and opportunities sponsored by the Presbytery, its congregations, the Synod of the Northeast, the PC(USA), neighboring presbyteries, and partner agencies. If you have an item for the October newsletter, please send the information to officeadmin@presbyteryofgeneva.org by **September 25, 2026.**



I AM
the
Vine;
YOU ARE THE
Branches.

REMAIN IN ME, AND I IN YOU.
YOU WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT;
APART FROM ME
YOU CAN DO NOTHING.

—  —
JOHN 15:5-8

227th General Assembly

MILWAUKEE — Stirring bagpipes and pulsing drums opened the second plenary of the 227th General Assembly (2026), a welcome wake-up call for any attendees who might have been contemplating a post-lunch nap following a full morning of Sunday worship with Milwaukee-area congregations.

“Welcome to the 227th General Assembly,” intoned Moderator the Rev. CeCe Armstrong to boisterous cheers. “Wow, you look marvelous.” General Assembly,” intoned Moderator the Rev. CeCe Armstrong to boisterous cheers. “Wow, you look marvelous.”



Theological Seminary Advisory Delegate José Luis Torres leads the plenary's opening prayer. (Photo by Kristen Gaydos)

Following an opening prayer by Theological Student Advisory Delegate José Torres, the afternoon's business — which included no official business, only a foretaste of the week ahead — got underway.

After offering commissioners and advisory delegates blankets to keep the frigid convention temperature at bay, Moderator the Rev. Tony Larson reminded them that what brought them here wasn't geography but rather a sense of call.

“Your presbytery saw something in you that this Assembly needs,” said Larson. “And they sent you.”

Lee Tan, a ruling elder and moderator of the Committee on Local Arrangements, and the Rev. Ann Gibbs, presbyter for Ministry Vitality, then brought words of greeting and welcome from the Presbytery of Milwaukee, home to 41 worshiping communities across 10 counties in the Synod of Lakes and Prairies.

Describing Milwaukee as “a diverse community rich in great food, music, theater, and arts strengthened by its past and present immigrant communities,” Tan went on to say, “We are much more than just beer, brats and cheese curds — though those are fabulous!”

Tan highlighted the presbytery's firsts for women in ministry leadership, notably Sarah Dickson, who was ordained as a ruling elder in 1930, and Lois Stair, who was elected to moderate the General Assembly in 1971.

“We are also proud that Margaret Towner retired from ministry here in 1990,” said Tan, “and maintains a strong relationship with this presbytery.” A video shown later would introduce Towner — the first woman ordained by the Presbyterian Church and Vice-Moderator of the 193rd General Assembly — to Assemblygoers.

The second plenary also launched a new ritual of highlighting each of the denomination's 164 presbyteries. As the names were read in alphabetical order, cheering ensued. Armstrong and Larson then took some moments of personal privilege to share highlights of their term as GA Moderators. Their video titled “Journey to Serve” — structured around their memorable CAR acronym for Communication/Alignment/Relationships — gave commissioners and advisory delegates a glimpse into their experiences and accomplishments.

As Larson ended their report by saying that he and Armstrong “have such hope for this denomination,” Armstrong took the opportunity to coin a new acronym.

“HOPE is ‘Hallelujah on purpose every day,’” she said.

The Assembly heard a brief refresher on the role of equity primes, “tools that help us prime our brains for equity and belonging in our decisions and actions,” from the Rev. Jihyun Oh, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the PC(USA) and Executive Director of Presbyterian Life & Witness, after which the Moderators recognized the Rev. Joanna Dunn, a commissioner from the Presbytery of the Cascades and moderator of the Committee on Financial Stewardship and Witness. Standing with Dunn was the Rev. Kari Olson, committee vice-moderator.



The Rev. Joanna Dunn, moderator of the Financial Stewardship & Witness committee, presents the committee's report at the second plenary of the 227th General Assembly. (Photo by Jim Deweese)

Following a presentation of the 2027-2028 unified budget from Presbyterian Life & Witness and A Corp staff, Dunn said that their committee dug deeper into the narrative budget, specific financial statements, financial operations, and the checks and balances processes that are already in place to ensure that the funds, restricted and unrestricted, are used according to plan and that both entities — A Corp and Presbyterian Life & Witness — faithfully fulfill their missions and work delegated by previous Assemblies.

The 2027-2028 unified budget was presented to the Assembly by Oh and her colleague, Ian Hall, president of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation.

Oh reminded commissioners and advisory delegates that “this budget is more than a financial plan. It reflects ministry, governance, witness, service and operations carried through the A Corporation. It also reflects choices about what is carried together on behalf of the General Assembly. In that sense, this budget is about balance, but it is also about purpose, stewardship and the capacity to serve the church in the years ahead.

That is what ‘persevering toward wholeness’ means in this budget: holding mission, people, systems and relationships together so the church can keep moving faithfully.”

- The total 2027 budget, balanced between income and expense, is \$90,454,606, representing a small reduction from the 2026 budget, a decrease of 1.2%.
- The 2028 budget totals \$97,921,505, an 8.3% increase from 2027. A major reason for the 2028 increase is that both the General Assembly and Presbyterian Youth Triennium take place that year. That combination happens once every six years.
- For per capita, the budget assumes a 4.5% annual membership decline and a 3% annual per capita increase.

She referred the Assembly to the “A Corp 2027-2028 Budget Book,” available as an upload under FIN-01, which contains complete details of what was being presented, including:

“With those assumptions, and before the financial implications associated with the actions of this Assembly are added,” said Hall, “the General Assembly per capita rate is \$10.94 in 2027 and \$11.27 in 2028.”

Following committee recommendations, as of June 28, there are 34 items of business with pending financial implications totaling \$3,112,465. If all of these items are approved, they would increase the 2027 budget by \$1,889,106, resulting in a \$2.07 increase in General Assembly per capita, a 19% increase. For 2028, the impact would be \$1,223,359, increasing General Assembly per capita by \$1.41, a 13% increase.



Ian Hall, PC(USA), A Corp president, presents the financial implications process at the second plenary session of the 227th General Assembly on June 28. (Photo by Kristen Gaydos)

“For perspective,” added Hall, “the 226th General Assembly in 2024 approved 15 items with financial implications totaling \$1,232,408. Those actions increased General Assembly per capita by 64 cents in both 2025 and 2026.”

Hall reminded the Assembly that cost recovery remains at 17%, which means that designated and donor-restricted funds help cover a portion of the administrative costs connected with carrying out the work.

The budget also assumes a 4% annual payout rate for investments held by the Presbyterian Foundation, based on the established rolling-average formula. Salaries and benefits are budgeted to increase by 3% per year, and Board of Pensions dues reflect a 7% increase.

Noting that ISCO, one of the tenants in the Presbyterian Center, publicly announced on Thursday that it has purchased a new headquarters building in Louisville and expects to relocate during the first half of 2027, Hall cited ISCO’s move as “a good example of why revenue assumptions require continued attention.”

The remainder of the session was dedicated to a host of reports and remembrances, including a Memorial Moment celebrating the life and ministry of the Rev. Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick, who served three terms as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, was a builder of partnerships with churches in more than 80 nations, a leader who carried the Reformed witness onto the world stage, and in his later years, a teacher who shaped the ministers now serving the PC(USA).

The lives and service of former General Assembly Moderators who have died since the last Assembly will be remembered and honored throughout the week. Oh delivered the first portion of her Clerk’s Report, describing in heartfelt detail “how we [Presbyterians] have been showing up,” as a church that is prayerful, courageous, united, serving and alive. She also pointed the Assembly to “the numbers,” found in [PLEN-INFO-02](#), Minutes of the 226th General Assembly, Part II-B, Statistics.

A liturgy honoring World Mission presented by the Rev. Cheryl Barnes, Dr. Dianna Wright, and the Stated Clerk was followed by the last of the four presbytery roll calls, a report and video from the Co-Moderators of the Unification Commission and the previously cited video celebrating Towner.

The plenary session, which lasted just over three hours, was closed in prayer by the Young Adult Advisory Delegate from [Winnebago Presbytery](#), Alexandra Klemp-North.



THE SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST PRESENTS

The Innovation Lab

Four monthly conversations on innovation in ministry | September to December 2026



SEPTEMBER 15 | SESSION ONE | 12 TO 1PM EST

What is Innovation? What does it mean for Ministry Today?

with **Rev. Dr. Eustacia Moffett Marshall**,
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OCTOBER

Innovation in Action, featuring Synod grantees



NOVEMBER

Collaborative Brainstorming for New Ministry Possibilities



DECEMBER

From Vision to Sustainability

All sessions meet 12 to 1pm EST on Zoom.

Be inspired by real ministry innovation and practical ideas you can adapt for your own community!

We hope that you can join us for the series, beginning September 15th, 2026 from 12-1pm.

The series is on the third Tuesdays from September - December from 12-1pm EST on zoom.

Register for the series here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/vrmVeOIUS3SPMtZw9n3CLA#/registration> . It is offered at no cost, thanks to per capita giving. Please share in your congregations and networks.

We hope to see you there!

Waiting, Witness, and the Way of Christ

Reimagining the Church's Calling

featuring **Andrew Root**
acclaimed author, podcaster,
and seminary professor



September 25–26

at the *Presbyterian Church in Geneva*
24 Park Place
Geneva, NY 14456

\$75 per person

includes conference registration, Friday dinner, Saturday lunch,
and walking exhibit from the Presbyterian Historical Society

Learning, Fellowship, Music, & more! This event is for:

- Congregation members concerned about the church's future
- Ruling Elders, Deacons, and committee members
- Commissioned Ruling Elders, Pastors, Ministers, and Lay Preachers
- Anybody looking to connect with fellow Presbyterians
and learn about God's emerging future

for links and more info go to: susvalpresby.org/register

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HOTEL INFO



CONFERENCE
SCHEDULE



Waiting, Witness, and the Way of Christ

Imagine a family that has lived on the same farm for generations. The crops aren't producing like they once did, so they keep buying new equipment, new seed, and new techniques. Every year they work harder, but they're becoming more exhausted. Finally someone asks a different question: "What if we've spent so much time trying to increase the harvest that we've forgotten to pay attention to the soil?"

Andrew Root believes that's where many churches are today. We spend enormous energy trying to grow the church, fix the church, or reinvent the church. Root asks us to stop for a moment and pay attention to something deeper: Where is God already at work among us? Because the future of the church depends less on finding a better strategy than on recognizing God's presence.

Friday, September 25

9:00–11:30 am Registration/Refreshments

10:00–11:30 am Workshop with Andrew Root

A Church of Consolation: Proclaiming Good News in an Age of Despair

11:30 am–2:00 pm Lunch (on your own)

1:30–4:00 pm Registration Re-Opens

2:00–5:00 pm Andrew Root Keynote and Discussion

The Church in a Secular Age: Why Things Feel So Hard and Our Best Intentions May Hurt More than Help

5:00–6:00 pm Dinner

6:00–6:30 pm Evening Prayer

6:30 pm Conversations, Confections and Coffee

Saturday, September 26

9:00–11:00 am Registration/Refreshments

9:30–11:00 am Roundtable Discussions and Best Practices

10:00–11:00 am Worship

11:00 am–Noon Andrew Root Second Keynote Address: *The Waiting Church*

Noon–1:00 pm Worship

1:00 pm Lunch and Back into the Mission Field

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS AND BEST PRACTICES

Saturday, September 26, 9:30–11:00 am

Choose from the following discussion/consultation topics:

- Joint Committees on Preparation for Ministry (including commissioned pastor discussion)
- Joint Committees on Ministry
- Joint New Worshiping Communities/Church Development
- Joint Justice Committees/Teams
- Conversations with Rose Niles, Presbyterian Foundation and Luke Choi, Board of Pensions
- Conversations with SanDawna Ashley, Leader of the Synod of the Northeast

A few pics from the 30th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration for Rev., Dr. Cynthia Huling Hummel

A special thank you to The First Presbyterian Church of Lyons and the Geneva Presbytery's Committee On Ministry for the honor of "Pastor Emerita". What a beautiful worship service. What a great picnic on the lawn. What a wonderful celebration of our ministry together spanning 30 years! I feel so blessed! ♥ Thanks to everyone who came to the service, to those who sent cards & good wishes! Thanks to those who planned & participated in the worship service and to those who worked behind the scenes to make the day extra special!

Blessings & Peace,

"Pastor Cynthia"

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Huling Hummel



photo with Carol Heald, the Clerk of Session making the presentation





WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

Grants Update

World Communion Offering Grant Information

If you are a council of the church (session, presbytery, or synod) doing reconciliation ministry around racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness or eccumenical/innerfaith relations may apply for a grant, even if you don't receive the World Communion Offering.

Grant Timeline

Applications open: September 7, 2026

Application close: January 15, 2027

Award notification: March 2027

Grant Applications

Applications will use the PC(USA) grant management system and should take about 15 minutes to complete if you have the required documentation.

[Read the list of required documentation](#) in the FAQs on our website.

You will need to create a username and password to access the PC(USA)'s grant management system to apply. More information about the application process will follow.

Grant Awards

Grant recipients will be eligible to receive \$500-\$1000 and will be notified in March 2027. All grant funds, once received, are expected to be used within the next 12 months.

Where to learn more about the World Communion Offering Grants

Make sure you [Update your preferences and check the box labeled World Communion Offering Grants](#) to receive the most up-to-date information and resources regarding the grants.

[Read our Grant FAQs](#)



Synod Coach Network

www.snecoachingnetwork.weebly.com

If you've been curious about coaching—or are looking for ways to strengthen your leadership—we want to support you.

The Synod Coach Network Leadership Team is pleased to offer **scholarship support for individual and team coaching and coach training.**

As ministries navigate change and opportunity, coaching continues to be a powerful way to foster healthy leadership, stronger teams, and faithful discernment.

Scholarships are available for

- Individual leaders
- Ministry teams
- Coach Training

Coaching Scholarships

Individual and Team scholarships include such ministry areas as:

- Leaders of emerging ministries
- Leaders actively engaged in church transformation
- Young ministry leaders
- Racial/ethnic leaders
- Small church leaders
- Leaders working through transitions and/or adaptive challenges
- Individuals in transition seeking a first time call or between calls or moving into and adjusting to retirement
- Teams of ministry leaders

[Apply for a Scholarship](#)





Coach Training Scholarships

Coach training scholarships are available for the **cohort that starts January 2027**. This **ICF-accredited program** is designed for anyone who want to deepen their impact in life and ministry through coaching.



Upcoming Training Schedule:

- **Orientation Meeting:** Thursday, January 7, 2027 (for registered participants)
- **First Online Retreat:** January 11–13, 2027
- **Monthly Online Classes:** Two Thursdays per month, 1–3 PM Eastern

Apply for a Synod Scholarship above.

Learn more about coach training & Register below through Loaves & Fishes Coach Training.

Whether you're seeking certification or simply want to integrate coaching skills into your ministry or leadership, this program is designed to meet you where you are.

[Register for Coach Training](#)

Synod of the Northeast Coaching Network Leadership Team

Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins, ACC

Rev. Chris Garrison, ACC

Rev. Laurie J. Ferguson, PhD, PCC

Rev. Chip Low, MCC, ACTC





Stewardship
Kaleidoscope
Real Tools for Real Ministry

Exploring Faithful Stewardship

Registration is underway for the 2026 Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference in Baltimore, Sept. 21-23. Act before **June 30** to secure the early-bird registration fee. For more information, click on the link below.

[2026 Stewardship and Kaleidoscope Conference](#)



NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF PROTESTANT CHAPLAINS

Annual Chaplains Conference

October 6-8, 2026

Liverpool, NY

Plans are in the works for an educational opportunity
for Chaplains in all areas.

This year's theme will be:

"Spirituality: Discernment, Direction, Discipline, and Devotion"



Mark your calendars &
watch for registration to
open soon.

[Click here to register](#)



Italian FUNDRAISER Dinner

All profits from the dinner and donations go directly to Camp Whitman, and will be matched up to \$10,000 by an anonymous donor. You can double your gift to Camp!

SATURDAY - SEPT 19TH, 2026
5PM-7PM

NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
921 COLLEGE AVE, ELMIRA, NY 14901

SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR A MENU &
MORE INFO!!

[CLICK FOR RESERVATIONS!](#)



ENJOY A GREAT MEAL FOR AN EVEN BETTER CAUSE!

NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ELMIRA, IS HOSTING THE NEXT CAMP WHITMAN
FUNDRAISING DINNER ON

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19, 2026 - 5PM-7PM

ALL REVENUE FROM THE DINNER RESERVATIONS WILL BE DONATED TO CAMP
WHITMAN.

IN ADDITION, ALL CONTRIBUTIONS AND PLEDGES MADE DURING THE EVENING WILL
BE MATCHED, DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR, BY AN ANONYMOUS DONOR, UP TO \$10,000! THIS
IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE UP TO \$20,000 FOR THE ONGOING FINANCIAL
NEEDS OF CAMP WHITMAN, LOCATED ON THE WESTERN SHORE OF SENECA LAKE.

THE SIT-DOWN DINNER WILL BEGIN WITH HORS D'OEUVRES AT 5 P.M.

**THE COST PER MEAL IS \$20, WITH RESERVATIONS
REQUIRED**

IF YOU ARE WILLING, WE ARE ASKING FOR A \$250 DONATION TO SPONSOR A TABLE
FOR SIX, WHICH WILL ALSO COVER THE COST OF THE MEALS FOR THE SIX GUESTS AT
THE TABLE.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BRYAN MUECKE WILL DELIVER A
PRESENTATION**

ABOUT CAMP WHITMAN: INCORPORATION AS A 501(C)3, HOW THINGS WENT THIS
SUMMER AND WHERE WE HOPE TO GO IN THE FUTURE.

**WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATION, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR
MEAL PREFERENCE FROM THE MENU BELOW:**

JUMBO SHELLS STUFFED WITH RICOTTA, MOZZARELLA AND PARMESAN CHEESES,
SIMMERING IN MARINARA SAUCE, ACCOMPANIED BY A TOSSED SALAD AND GARLIC
BREAD.

CHICKEN BREAST BAKED IN GF HERB-SEASONED BREAD CRUMBS, WITH TOSSED SALAD
AND GARLIC BREAD

FOR THOSE SEEKING A DAIRY-FREE, MEAT-FREE AND GLUTEN FREE DINNER WE WILL
ALSO OFFER LASAGNA MADE WITH BARILLA GF PASTA, EXTRA FIRM TOFU,
NUTRITIONAL YEAST, GLV TOMATO-BASIL SAUCE AND FRESH SPINACH.

IN ADDITION, FRESH BAKED ITALIAN BREAD AND BUTTER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR
THOSE NOT DESIRING GARLIC BREAD.

COFFEE, LEMONADE AND WATER WILL BE SERVED WITH DINNER, WITH FRESHLY MADE
LEMON BARS OFFERED FOR DESSERT.



Honoring the Saints in Our Annual Necrology Report

In honor of upcoming All Saints Day, the time has come for the Annual Necrology Report for the Presbytery of Geneva. We ask that you send information for your congregational Necrology Report by **November 6, 2026** (though any information you have today you can send as this will help those preparing the report to properly recognize all who have passed). Please send the information to leadercare@presbyteryofgeneva.org.

We ask your assistance in recognizing, honoring and giving thanks for the saints who passed into glory between Nov. 1, 2025 and Oct. 31, 2026, having served this presbytery as Ruling Elders or Teaching Elders. We shall also recognize congregations that have run their race and were disestablished during this time. The presentation of the Necrology Report will be incorporated in our **November Stated Meeting of the Presbytery**.

We always try to capture the most complete record we can for the Necrology Report. It is our heartfelt desire to recognize, honor, and give thanks for each servant who has gone to receive the rewards of their labor. Completeness can only be achieved when we receive this information from the congregations. Last year 17 churches in the Presbytery did not respond to this request, so we feel many might have been left out of this recognition.

We ask the Clerks of Session for the following information if possible:

- The first and last name of the individual. Middle names can be added and “nicknames” for middle names are welcome.

- A phonetic spelling of any names that are likely to be mispronounced by a stranger. We ask for this information because their names will be read aloud as part of the Necrology Ceremony.

- A photo, if provided, will be shown in the presentation as we read the name of each individual. Oftentimes a photo is not available, but if one is, we shall show it.

- If you have an ordination date, we will include that in the presentation as well. This piece of information is often difficult to find and is simply a “nice-to-have.”

If you have had a year without experiencing a loss, we would like to know this as well so that we know that your church family is accounted for.

We thank you in advance for your help in this effort to honor our colleagues who have passed into glory.

Committee on Leader Care

CRE RETREAT OCTOBER 3-4, 2026



PLENARY TOPICS

- Developing and maintaining your Spiritual Life
- Maintaining personal relations while in ministry
- Shared experience ministry discussion
- Exploring your call
- Understanding the church today, and for tomorrow

REGISTRATION FEES

\$100 current Dubuque Seminary CRE Students

\$100 Current Commissioned Pastors

REGISTRATION OPENS 8/20/26

EVENT INFO



LOCATION

SANCTUARY & SEED
RETREAT CENTER
MARTINSVILLE, NJ



ACCOMODATIONS

AC HOTEL BY MARRIOTT
BRIDGEWATER, NJ

DATES

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3, 2026
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

Register Here



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WEE KIRK 2026

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conference

OCT 12-14

OUR PURPOSE

To inspire, equip, motivate and encourage small churches of any denomination and to provide rest and refreshment for the clergy and lay leaders like YOU!



The beloved Hearts and Minds book store will bring a selection of specially curated books to the conference and Bryan Borger will give recommendations for reading and other resources.

SCHEDULE SNAPSHOT

Monday

Noon - 4

REGISTRATION IN THE SMALL DINING HALL

1:00

PRE-Kirk

4-5:00

Networking Hour

5:00

Dinner

7-8:30

Opening session

8:30

Snacks & conversation

Tuesday

7:30

Breakfast

8:30-10

Morning plenary

10:30-12

Workshops

12:15

Lunch

1:30

Workshops

3:00

Choir/Free time

5:00

Dinner

7:00

Communion Service

8:30

Snacks & conversation

Wednesday

7:30

Breakfast

8:30-10

Workshops

10:30-12

Closing session

12:15

Lunch



Mount Pleasant, PA

Laurelville
RETREAT CENTER

Don't miss PRE-KIRK! Monday 1-4 with Jim Farrer

Jim will address a variety of topics like Jesus' model for reaching younger generations and bringing about change and resurrection.

WORKSHOPS

1. "Spirituality of the Gospels"
Tucker Ferda
2. "Small is Beautiful"
Maureen Wright
3. "Asset-Based Stewardship"
Ellie Johns-Kelley
4. "What's it Mean to Show Up?"
Jim Mohr
5. "Vital Ministry in the Third Chapter"
Debbie Smith
6. "One Room, One Hour: Vibrant Worship in Small Congregations"
Sue Washburn
7. "Between Babel and Pentecost; Ai and the Pastorate"
Matt Skolnik

WEE KIRK Northeast
c/o Redstone Presbytery
1004 Mt. Pleasant Road
Greensburg, PA 15601

INFO YOU NEED TO KNOW

Arrangements are made on a first come, first-served basis and assume double occupancy. Triple rooms will be assigned if necessary. One set of bedding and towels are provided. Most facilities are handicapped accessible. Contact Helen Kester for dietary or other special needs or to opt out of photos/media.

SORRY, NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPT. 1

Register online if possible. If not, mail your registration and check to:

Wee Kirk c/o The Presbytery of Redstone
1004 Mt. Pleasant Road, Greensburg, PA 15601-5762
Make Your Check Payable To: Wee Kirk Conference



REGISTRATION WEE-KIRK-NE.ORG

Questions? Contact Helen.Kester@gmail.com or 724-980-9565
Registration confirmation will be e-mailed

Register before August 1 and Save \$25!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Church name/Membership: _____

Judicatory (district, presbytery, synod, etc.): _____

Preferred roommate(s) _____

Circle the three workshops #s you plan to attend 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Do you plan to attend PRE-Kirk 101? Yes No

Churches with up to 150 Members: \$225 per person

Churches with 151-200 Members: \$250 per person

All other persons - \$375 each and/or if you want a single room

BEFORE AUGUST SAVE \$25 On Listed Registration Fee

Donate to the Presbytery online!

Recently added: Payments, Reimbursements, Events, Etc.

This is a new category for non-charitable items, like planning calendars.

Presbytery of Geneva



Presbytery of Geneva General Fund

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Ordination and Installation Offerings

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Payments, Reimbursements, Events, Etc.

Give now

Online Giving for Camp Whitman and the Presbytery of Geneva is available from our website. Make contributions to Camp Whitman, the Presbytery's General Fund, Individual contributions to per capita, Ordination and Installation Offerings, and Presbytery Meeting Offerings. This is through the Presbyterian Foundation and long-time partner, Vanco, so it is very secure to use.

On our homepage www.presbyteryofgeneva.org, click on the "Make a Contribution" link or go directly to our Vanco donation page Donate to Presbytery of Geneva. You can select our General Fund, Camp Whitman, Per Capita, Ordination and Installation Offerings, Presbytery Meeting Offerings, or Payments, Reimbursements, Events, Etc.





Top PC(USA) News *of the Week*



Remembering the Rev. Dr. Joanna Moseley Adams

The trailblazing Presbyterian pastor and organizer died Aug. 7 at age 81



Brazil Presbyterians vote for inclusion

Historic United Presbyterian Church of Brazil vote opens path for LGBTQIA+ pastoral leadership



Two PC(USA) pastors 'privileged' to spend a week in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

The Rev. Andrew Black and the Rev. Courtenay Willcox share what a 'trip of a lifetime' taught them



The PC(USA)'s Christianity without Christian Zionism conference opens with a powerful keynote address

The Rev. Dr. Robert O. Smith of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago shares wisdom sharpened by personal experience



Sixteen PC(USA) young adults attend United Nations' annual High Level Po- litical Forum

Delegates attended UN meetings on global sustainable development goals, held vigils and discussed vocational discernment



PRC Practical Resources for Churches

A chalkboard with the words "What's NEXT" written in white chalk. "What's" is in a cursive script, and "NEXT" is in all caps with a slightly spaced-out, blocky font.

More than a Moment: Children in Worship

Thursday, October 1, 2026

2:00 – 3:00 PM EDT

Leader – Erin Reed Cooper

Not Just Sundays: Leading the Church in a Changed Culture

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

2:00 – 3:00 PM EDT

Leader: Rev. Dr. Jevon Caldwell-Gross

What Kind of Changemaker are You?

Thursday, October 22, 2026

2:00 – 3:00 PM EDT

Leaders – Joy Skjegstad and Heidi Unruh

What to Do About Stewardship When a Well-Loved Pastor Leaves

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

2:00 – 3:00 PM EDT

Leader - Cesie Delve Scheuermann

Gen Gap Lab: Understanding Today's Young Adults

Thursday, October 29, 2026

2:00 – 3:00 PM EDT

Leaders – The Changemaker Initiative

Craft Show



WHEN:
Saturday,
October 3, 2026



TIME:
10am-3pm



WHERE:
Oaks Corners
Presbyterian Church
"Hitching Shed"
Pre-emption Road
County Rd #6



WHY:
Supporting the
"Sisters in Faith"
to help us
help our community
in need.

*Come see
all the crafty items
that talented people
have for you!*

We will have
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September 4-7, 2026
Friday 6:00 PM -
Monday Noon



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Stony Point, New York
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Dear Friends,

Stony Point Center is committed to sharing opportunities for retreat, regardless of if we create and host, or if outside groups are the planners/leaders. To this end, we're happy to share that we have last-minute spaces available Labor Day weekend for this guest group retreat: **One Mind, One Heart, One Life!**

"Come remember the wholeness we've never truly left and experience the healing power of the Course through lectures, group sharing, meditation, music, yoga, laughter and more!" - The One Mind Foundation

This event focuses on spiritual wellness and connection, and is not a traditionally religious or interfaith offering. It is not a PCUSA or Stony Point Center-created event, so you will be booking with and led by the One Mind Foundation group.

If the "One Mind, One Heart, One Life" retreat sounds like it's up your alley, we hope that you'll consider joining them here at Stony Point Center over Labor Day Weekend!

For more information & to register:

<https://www.miraclesmagazine.org/event-details/sharing-one-mind-one-heart-one-life>

Joy wins,

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CLIMATE + FAITH TRAINING WITH BLESSED TOMORROW

SEPTEMBER 26 | 11:30 - 2:30 PM ET / 8:30 - 11:30 AM PT



The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it

Psalm 24

[Register Now](#)

This Season of Creation, Christians around the world are coming together to care for creation and work for climate solutions. [Join us on September 26 for faith in climate training](#) to gain essential knowledge, practical experience, and the tools you need to effectively communicate on climate change and take meaningful climate action – starting right where you are.

Join us for this FREE Virtual Climate + Faith Training on September 26th, 2026.

[Reserve Your Spot Now!](#)

- Date: September 26, 2026
- Time: 11:30 am – 2:30 pm ET | 8:30 am – 11:30 am PT

This training will equip you with faith-rooted knowledge, practical tools, and real-world experience to inspire climate action in your home, church, community, and beyond. During the training, you will meet with others from your denomination during breakout sessions.

After completing the training, you'll be invited to join the Blessed [Tomorrow Climate Ambassador program](#), a supportive network offering ongoing resources, events, and connections with over 4,000 fellow Climate Ambassadors across the country.

Can't make it on September 26th? Take the [Climate training on your own](#) or [with your church group](#).

2026 Mileage Rate Increased as of July 1 to 76 cents per mile

The IRS has set the 2026 mileage rate as **76 cents** per mile as of July 1. This is an increase from the 72.5 cents for Jan. 1 - June 30. If you are doing any reimbursements for your church members, Presbytery committee members, pulpit supply, or moderator supply, please be aware of the change. Here is the information from the IRS website:

<https://www.irs.gov/tax-professionals/standard-mileage-rates>

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