

STATED CLERK CONSENT AGENDA – September 24, 2024

The following will be presented as a single motion. You may ask to have any item removed, if you would like it to be discussed. Simply be recognized by the Moderator and say: "Madam Moderator, I would like to lift [say the item number] for discussion."

ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY'S ACTION

That the presbytery:

1. **Approve** the minutes of the May 21, 2024 stated meeting, held at Camp Whitman and via Zoom.us.
2. **Approve** the minutes of the August 20, 2024 called meeting, held via Zoom.us.
3. **Grant** privilege of voice to non-commissioners who will make a presentation or participate in a report to the presbytery.
4. **Receive** the August Operating Statement and Balance Statement and Treasurer's report.
5. **Approve** an increase in the Per Capita amount of \$7.00 per member bringing the total amount to \$57.00 per member effective January 2025.
6. **Elect** the following person to serve as Synod Assembly Commissioners (2024):
 - TE Michelle Serra (Canisteo, First)
7. **Approve** the following Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. John Woodring to the position of Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Bath, NY, on September 15, 2024, at 3pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Bath:
 - TE Anita Milne (Waterloo, First), Moderat
 - RE Donna Colvin (Pulteney, First)
 - RE Dean Chatfield (Bath, First)
 - RE Kerm Bossard (Spencer, Christ the King)
 - TE Tom Montgomery (HR)
 - TE Aaron Frank (Horseheads, First)and welcome the following additional worship participant:
 - Rev. Marilyn Hale (First Presbyterian Church of Portville, NY)**Grant** the moderator or his designee the authority to make any necessary and appropriate changes to the Administrative Commission to Install; and
Dismiss the Administrative Commission with thanks, upon the completion of the Service of Installation.
8. **Approve** the following amendments to the Manual of Administrative Operations to task the Committee on Ministry with acting on behalf of the Presbytery to approve the formation and scope of Administrative Commissions to Ordain and/or Install:
 - VII. Committees
 - Committee on Ministry Responsibilities Ordered Ministry
 - **Act on behalf of the Presbytery to appoint and approve the membership for ordination and installation administrative commissions and act on behalf of the presbytery to approve the date/time of the ordination/installation service and the celebration of the Lord's Supper (if requested).**
 - VIII. Commissions
 - Administrative Commissions
 - Administrative commissions to ordain and/or install ministers of the Word and Sacrament shall be composed of at least three teaching elders and three ruling elders from different churches. The Committee on Ministry, in consultation with the candidate/pastor, shall ~~nominate to the presbytery~~ **appoint and approve the** membership for ordination and installation administrative commissions and ~~recommend the~~ **act on behalf of the presbytery to approve the** date/time of the **ordination/installation service and the celebration of the Lord's Supper (if requested)**. The presbytery Moderator or his/her designee shall preside.
9. **Approve** the proposed Presbytery of Geneva Minimum Salary Requirements and 2.6% cost of living adjustment for 2025.

ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY'S INFORMATION FROM YOUR STATED CLERK

1. A message from the Board of Pensions:
As a reminder, Friday, October 4, is the last day for designated employer representatives at congregations and PC(USA) employers to log in to Benefits Connect and review their 2025 Employer Agreements. This year's Employer Agreement process ensures that everyone will have continuity of coverage from 2024 to 2025. Absent action by an employer representative, ministers enrolled in Pastor's Participation as of December 31, 2024, will automatically be enrolled in Transitional Pastor's Participation for 2025. If the congregation does not want to make changes to the benefits they offer for 2025, their Employer Agreement is complete and no further action is required.
However, if they *would* like to make changes, *including electing the new Congregational Pastors Package, which may be a better option depending on individual circumstances*, the employer representative will need to call the Board at 800-PRESPLAN (800-773-7752) (TTY: 711), and a BOP representative will walk them through completing their Employer Agreement.
Members enrolled in any of the Benefits Plan's three medical options (preferred provider organization, exclusive provider organization, and high deductible health plan) will continue to access care through the Blue Cross Blue Shield national network. Deductibles and copays will remain the same for 2025.
2. Churches and pastoral leaders are encouraged to schedule one-on-one meetings with our Board of Pensions Church Consultant, Rev. Luke Choi. His contact information is:
Mobile: 609-575-6321
Office: 215-587-7463
www.pensions.org
LChoi@pensions.org
3. REMINDER: Congregations and Minister Members of the Presbytery are encouraged to pay their per capita to the Presbytery of Geneva. Read about how per capita helps build up the body of Christ here: https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/building_a_beloved_community_tha_pt_nov_dec_2021.pdf
4. Please take advantage of the (FREE) Synod of the Northeast Webinars: <https://www.synodne.org/webinars>
5. The booklet with the proposed amendments to the *Book of Order* and the recommended ecumenical agreement is now available here: https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/2024_0828_ga226_proposed_boo_amendments_ecumenical_agreement.pdf
The Presbytery of Geneva will consider these items at a meeting in early 2025.