

OUR PURPOSE

The Presbytery of Geneva lives to support and equip congregations and leaders to be Christ in the Finger Lakes and the world.

OUR VISION

Radiating the light of Christ, the Presbytery of Geneva thrives as a community of servants, lifting up every congregation and leader in ministering together.

MINUTES

The Presbytery of Geneva held a Called Meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, held electronically via Zoom.us.

GATHERING FOR SHARED WORK: OPENING BUSINESS

GATHERING

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

CALL TO ORDER

TE Anita Milne (Waterloo, First), Moderator, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, a quorum being present. The Moderator offered the opening prayer.

ROLL

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

CONGREGATION	MINISTER(S)	COMMISSIONER	CONGREGATION	MINISTER(S)	COMMISSIONER
ADDISON	A - Peter Marr (CM)		MARION, UNITED	A - Denise Logan (CM)	A - Frank Halstead
ANDOVER, FIRST	A - C. Mattison (CM)		MORELAND	A - Paul Yoder (CRE)	
ARKPORT, FIRST	Bruce Incze		NAPLES, TRINITY FEDERATED	Stu Buisch (CM)	
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BATH, FIRST	John Woodring	A - Dean Chatfield	OAKS CORNERS	A - Karl Warrington	
BELLONA, MEMORIAL	Amy Loving Austin	EX - Roxann Carpenter	ONTARIO CENTER, FIRST	----	
BIG FLATS, FIRST	A - Denise Stone	A - Robin Fitzgerald	OVID, FEDERATED	Rob Mellgard	Judy Mellgard
BURDETT	A - Richard Evans (CRE)	A - Martha Evans	PAINTED POST, UNITED	A - David Preisendanz	
CANANDAIGUA, UNITED	A - Wade Allen (CM)	Ken Allen	PALMYRA, WESTERN	A - Hodong Hwang	Philip Opdycke
CANISTEO, FIRST	EX - Michelle Serra		PENN YAN, FIRST	Paul Malles	Rob Anderson
COHOCTON, FIRST	----	EX - Linda Hodges	PHELPS, UNITED	H. Leigh Holder	Peg Carlson
CORNING, FIRST	A - Jeffrey Ugoretz	Kay Rogus	PRATTSBURGH, FIRST	----	EX - Lynn Dinehart
EAST PALMYRA, FIRST	----	A - Judith Langdon	PULTENEY, FIRST	----	EX - Mary Jane Peek
ELMIRA, FIRST	Lynn Rubier-Capron	A - Alida Schamel	RED CREEK		A - Virginia Kachurak
ELMIRA, NORTH	Evan Hansen	Annie LeFevre	ROCK STREAM	Carleen Frost (CRE)	
GENEVA, THE PC	A- Colin Pritchard	A - Chris Gerling	SENECA #9	Amy Loving Austin	Pam Ells
-----	-----	-----	SENECA FALLS, FIRST	Leah Ntuala	A - Susan Sholar
HECTOR	EX - Daniel Russell	A - Sue Rocholl	SHORTSVILLE, FIRST	Connie Franks (CRE)	
HORNELL, UNITED		Lisa Sanford	SODUS, FIRST	A - Gail Heimberger	A - Sue Mulberry

HORSEHEADS, FIRST	EX - Aaron Frank	Ruth Hauser	SPENCER, CHRIST THE KING FELLOWSHIP	EX - Sabrina Slater	Kerm Bossard
HOWARD, UNION	-----		TRUMANSBURG, FIRST ULYSSES	Susan Joseph Rack	A - Pamela Postle
HURON		Linda Hayes	WATERLOO, FIRST	Anita Milne	A - George Bassett
ITHACA, FIRST	A - Cynthia Weaver A - Kirianne Weaver	A - Brad McFall	WATKINS GLEN, FIRST	EX - Cara Milne	A - Nan Woodworth
JASPER, UNITED	A - Brain Dieffenbacher (CM)		WESTON	-----	Barry Winters
JUNIUS	-----	A - Kristi Ward	WOLCOTT, FIRST	A - Walter Stuber (CM)	A - Dolores Gingerich
LYONS, FIRST	-----	EX - Joanne Reinhardt			

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

Present: Marjorie Ackerman (VM) John Milne (HR) J. Christy Wareham (AL)
Jane Winters (HR) James Hicks (HR) Paul Rack (HR)
David Ashby (AL)

Excused: Betsey Crimmins (HR) Ellen Donnan (HR) Janice Fitzgerald (VM)
James Kerr (HR) Adrian Tierson (VM) Cynthia Huling Hummel (HR)
Robert Rochelle (HR) Philip Courtney (HR) Deb Grohman (AL)
David Barnard (HR) Susan Husted (HR) Jim Gerling (HR)
Robin Lostetter (HR) Glenn Kennedy (AL) Thomas Montgomery (HR)
Beverly Karr Lyon (HR) Sam Edwards (HR) Cara Milne (AL)
Nancy Farrell (AL)

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

Jeff Richards (Elmira, North) COUNCIL CHAIR	A - Virginia Champlin (Geneva) COUNCIL (Presbyterian Women)	Sandra Ansley (Geneva) COUNCIL (Operations)	A - Paul Yoder (Horseheads, First) CRE (Moreland)
Pricilla Andrews (Rock Stream) CRE (Pulpit Supply)	A - Richard Evans (Watkins Glen, First) CRE (Burdett)	Bob Sell (Horseheads, First) CRE (Pulpit Supply)	John Gingerich (Wolcott, First) CRE (Pulpit Supply)
Carleen Frost (Sodus, First) CRE (Rock Stream)	A - Bessie Tyrrell (Atlanta) CRE (Pulpit Supply)	EX - Don Peek (Pulteney, First) CRE (Pulpit Supply)	Connie Franks (Ontario, First) CRE (Shortsville, First)
A - Irene Fadden (Palmyra, Western) COUNCIL (Operations)	Beth Newell (Geneva) COUNCIL (COM)		A - Linda Werts (Canandaigua, United) Presbyterian Women
Joanne Tunison (Horseheads, First) COUNCIL (Mission and Witness)			

PRESBYTERY STAFF (granted voice)

Excused: Bryan Muecke (Camp Whitman)

REGISTERED GUESTS (Current Meeting; granted voice)

None

SUMMARIES FOR EACH MEETING 2024	Jan 27	Mar 19	May 21	Aug 20			
Total Minister Commissioners Present*	28	27	23	18			
Total Elder Commissioners Present **	37	31	25	23			
Parity (expressed in terms of Elders, + or -)	+9	+4	+2	+5			

Total Minister Commissioners Absent, Unexcused***	3	2	2	10		
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders****	26	29	31	35		
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders and Pastors****	9	20	23	25		
Total Registered Visitors and Staff	4	5	14	0		
Total Registered Attendance*****	72	64	62	42		

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

** Includes Elder Commissioners and Additional Elder Commissioners

*** Does not include Corresponding Members with voice only; Honorably Retired Ministers; and Excused Minister Members.

**** Includes churches marked "excused"; does **not** include Additional Elder Commissioners, as they are not elected by sessions.

***** Includes Corresponding Members without vote

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

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

- 9:45 AM Registration and fellowship time (through 10:00 AM)
- 10:00 AM Call to Order, Declaration of Quorum, and Opening Prayer
- 10:05 AM Introductory Business
 - Approval of the Docket
 - Privilege of the Floor
 - Announcements relevant to the meeting
- 10:10 AM Committee on Representation
 - Motion from Committee on Representation:*
 - Elect the following persons to serve as Synod Assembly Commissioners (2024):
 - RE Judy Mellgard (Ovid, Federated)
 - TE Aaron Frank (Horseheads, First)
 - Elect the following persons to serve as Ordination Exam Readers (2024):
 - TE Susan Rack (Trumansburg, First Ulysses)
 - RE Barry Winters (Weston)
- 10:20 AM Junius Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission
 - Motions from the Junius Presbyterian Church AC:*
 - Approve the sale of the church to Eric Lyon for \$25,000 plus up to \$9,000 toward closing costs, attorney and other fees of the seller, including the required Court approval for the sale and transfer, and approve the dissolution of the Junius Presbyterian Church corporation to occur as soon as possible thereafter.
 - Approve that any funds remaining after the sale of the church and the dissolution of the corporation be distributed to Camp Whitman.
- 10:45 AM Benediction and Adjournment

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE FIRST STEWARDS OF THE LAND

TE Amy Loving Austin (Seneca #9 and Bellona, Memorial), Stated Clerk, offered acknowledgement of the first stewards of the land where we live and serve.

Today we acknowledge the first people of this Finger Lakes region, the Seneca and Cayuga people of the Haudenosaunee, also known as the Iroquois Confederacy and the 6 Nations of New York State, which had a democratic government that predates the U.S. Constitution. We say thank you for stewarding this land for centuries before settlers claimed to "discover" it. We bless you and your elders, past, present, and emerging.

THE COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

RE Rob Anderson (Penn Yan, First), on behalf of the Committee on Representation, presented slates of nominees. There were no nominations from the floor.

The Presbytery VOTED to:

elect the following persons to serve as Synod Assembly Commissioners (2024):

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JUNIUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

RE Beth Newell (Geneva), member of the Junius Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission, presented the motions from the AC.

The Presbytery VOTED to:

- **Approve** the sale of the church to Eric Lyon for \$25,000 plus up to \$9,000 toward closing costs, attorney and other fees of the seller, including the required Court approval for the sale and transfer, and **approve the dissolution** of the Junius Presbyterian Church corporation to occur as soon as possible thereafter.
- **Approve** that any funds remaining after the sale of the church and the dissolution of the corporation be distributed to Camp Whitman.

There will be a service to remember and give thanks for the ministry of the Junius Presbyterian Church held at a future meeting of the Presbytery.

BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

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

The Moderator offered prayer and benediction, and pronounced the meeting to be adjourned at 10:18am.

Attest: Amy Loving Austin, Stated Clerk