

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley was hosted by First Presbyterian Church, Victor, NY on Tuesday September 27, 2016. Prior to convening, the host pastor, the Rev. Colin Pritchard, offered a welcome to the presbytery.

CONSTITUTION

Moderator Jim Renfrew called the meeting to order, a quorum being present. He read Luke 17:5-6, and offered the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL

ACTIVE MINISTERS SERVING CHURCHES (P = Present; Ex = Excused; A = Absent)

Name	Feb 6	Mar 29	May 24	July 19	Sept 27	Nov 15
Alkhouri, Roula – First, Batavia	P	A	P	P	Ex	
Becker, Steven – Perinton, Fairport	A	P	Ex	P	A	
Benjamin, Catherine – Lyndonville, Lyndonville	P	Ex	Ex	Ex	P	
Boak, Bruce – First, Pittsford	A	P	Ex	A	P	
Boyer, Twyla – First, Albion (Interim)					P	
DeRosia, Melissa – Gates, Rochester	Ex	P	P	Ex	P	
DeVuyst, Larry – Webster, Webster	Ex	A	A	P	P	
Farmer, Carin – Central, Avon	Ex	A	P	P	P	
Fowler, Gene - Irondequoit, Irondequoit	P	P	P	P	P	
Fry, Laura – United Church, Covington	P	Ex	P	P	P	
Fry, Michael – First, East Avon (Interim)				P	Ex	
Gardner, Tom – First, Holley	Ex	A	P	P	P	
Hanselman, Marie – John Calvin, Henrietta	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	P	
Haven, Jeanine – First, Wyoming	P	A	P	Ex	P	
Hershey, Kevin – Twelve Corners, Rochester	P	P	P	Ex	P	
Hoener, Ed – Union, Scottsville (Interim)	P	P	P	A	P	
Hufford, Janet Ann – Mendon, Mendon	P	P	Ex	Ex	A	
Langford, Martha – Third, Rochester	P	P	P	P	P	
Longabaugh, Fritz – Parkminster, Rochester	A	A	A	A	A	
Lowmaster, Nancy – Central, Genesee	P	A	P	Ex	Ex	
Luddy, Tim – Brighton, Rochester	A	P	A	A	Ex	
Michelinie, Kay – Christ Clarion, Pittsford	P	A	Ex	A	P	
Mitchell, Carrie – First, Pittsford	A	A	A	P	Ex	
Moler, Martha – Dewey Avenue, Rochester	P	Ex	A	P	Ex	
Mouser, Carson – Summerville, Rochester	P	A	A	P	P	
Neff, Aaron – United, Corfu				P	P	
Pepper, David – First, LeRoy	A	A	A	A	A	
Peters, Daniel – Perinton, Fairport	P	A	P	A	P	
Pritchard, Colin – First, Victor	P	A	Ex	A	P	
Pullano, Tedd – Ogden, Spencerport				Ex	A	
Reiff, Marsha Rose – Dansville, Dansville	A	P	Ex	A	P	
Renfrew, James – First, Byron	P	P	P	P	P	
Roberts, Charles – John Knox, Rochester	P	P	A	A	P	
Schram, William – Caledonia, 1 st – Interim	A	P	P	P	P	
Sparks, Lynette – Third, Rochester	P	P	P	P	P	
Spratt, Robert – Bethany, Rochester	P	A	P	P	P	
Styrt, Katie Jasa – Gates & Laurelton	P	P	P	Ex	P	
Sumption, Michelle – York	P	A	P	P	P	
Sumption, Ron – Medina	P	P	Ex	P	P	
Swift, Deborah – South, Rochester	P	Ex	A	Ex	Ex	
Thaine, Susan – Penfield, Penfield	A	P	A	P	P	
Therese, Barbara – United, Warsaw	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Tipton, Barbara – First, Elba & East Bethany, E. Beth.	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	P	
Vanderzwan, Eileen Borduin – Webster, Webster	P	A	P	P	P	
Wilkinson, John – Third, Rochester	P	P	P	Ex	P	
Wilkinson, William – Trinity Emmanuel, Rochester	P	P	P	A	P	
Wooten, Brandi Chase – First, Chili	P	Ex	P	Ex	P	
TOTAL PRESENT	28	20	22	21	34	
TOTAL EXCUSED	7	8	11	14	8	
TOTAL ABSENT	9	16	10	11	5	

MINISTERS IN VALIDATED MINISTRIES / MINISTERS AT-LARGE

(V = Validated ~ AL = At-large)

Name	Feb 6	Mar 29	May 24	July 19	Sept 27	Nov 15
Allman, Steven (AL)	P	Ex	Transfer			
Bagnuolo, Ray (V) <i>Director, That All May Freely Serve</i>	P	Ex	Ex	Ex	P	
Baker, Christine (V) <i>Chaplain, Rochester General Hospital</i>	A	A	A	A	A	
Benier, Philip (AL)	A	A	A		A	
Berlik, Viktoria (AL)	P	P	P	Ex	P	
Bindig, Kathryn (AL)	P	A	A	A	P	
Byron, Gay (V) <i>Professor of New Testament, Union, NYC</i>	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Chalmers, Andrew (AL)	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Falter, Jeff (AL)	P	Ex	P	P	Ex	
Fowler, Amy Williams (V) <i>Presbytery Leader</i>	P	P	P	P	P	
Fry, Michael (V) <i>Episcopal Senior Living</i>	P	Ex	P			
Holmes, Douglas (AL)	A	A	A	A	A	
Hwang, Ho Dong (AL)	P	P		A	A	
Kenyon, Jamie (AL)	A	A	A	A	A	
Krug, Ernest (V) <i>Parish Associate, Third</i>	P	Ex	P	P	P	
Lee, Soonwoo (AL)	A	A	A	A	A	
Mullin, Nadia (V) <i>Protestant Chaplain, Nazareth College</i>	A	A	A	A	A	
Mitchell, Rosemary (V) <i>Presbyterian Mission Agency</i>	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Nelson, Laurel (V) <i>Lagôm Landing</i>	P	P	P	A	P	
Overgaard, Nancy (V) <i>Twin Cities Area, Minnesota</i>	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Picard, Sam (AL)	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Portillo, Trina (AL)	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Pullano, Tedd (V) <i>Berkshire Farm / PMIC</i>	P	P	A			
Ricciuti, Gail (V) <i>Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School</i>	Ex	A	P		Honorably	Retired
Russell, Lisette (AL)	Ex	A	Ex	P	Ex	
Sauve, Stephanie (V) <i>Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School</i>	Ex	A	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Schwind, Katey <i>St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Rochester</i>	A	A	A	A	A	
Stimson, Kathryn (V) <i>Marriage & Family Therapist</i>	A	A	A	A	A	
Stuber, Walter (V) <i>Wolcott Pres. Church, Presbytery of Geneva</i>	P	A	P	P	P	
Tiberi, Laurie (V) <i>Director of Protestant Ministry, U of R</i>	P	A	P	Ex	P	
Widboom, Jim (V) <i>Chaplain, Rochester Psychiatric Center</i>	A	P	P	A	P	
TOTAL PRESENT	11	5	9	5	9	
TOTAL EXCUSED	9	10	9	10	9	
TOTAL ABSENT	9	14	10	11	9	

HONORABLY RETIRED MINISTERS (If serving a church, service is noted in parentheses)
 (Honorably Retired Ministers, if not present, are automatically marked as "excused.")

Name	Feb 6	Mar 29	May 24	July 19	Sept 27	Nov 15
Anderson, James	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Anderson, Mary Lou	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Armstrong, Louise	P	Ex	P	Ex	P	
Beckhusen, Elizabeth (Lee)	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	

Billman, Bruce	P	Ex	P	Ex	P	
Booher, Robert	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Braggins, Pauline	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Brebner, Linda	Ex	Ex	P	Ex	P	
Brown, Virginia	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Evinger, Ann	Ex	Ex	P	Ex	P	
Evinger, Jim	Ex	Ex	P	Ex		A
Fowler, Val (<i>Stated Clerk</i>)	P	P	P	P	P	
Frohman, Roderic	Ex	Ex	P	Ex	Ex	
Frood, Neil	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	P	
Galusha, Merl	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Geyer, G. Robert	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Glover, J. Donald	Ex	Ex	Ex	P	Ex	
Gordon, Dane	P	P	P	Ex	Ex	
Grohman, Carolyn	P	P	P	Ex	P	
Hay, Judy Lee	P	P	P	Ex	P	
Heintz, Harry	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	P	
Heister, Jack	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Hockey, Bill	P	Ex	P	Ex	Ex	
Holmquist, Bill	Ex	Deceased				
Ichishita, Frank (<i>Presbyter Emeritus</i>)	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Josephson, Louise	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Kaiser, Bob	Ex	P	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Lamme, Lucinda	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Layraman, Sudalak (Sudi)	Ex	Ex	P	Ex	Ex	
Lee, Charles	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Deceased	
Leport, Chuck	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Lindquist, Ray	P	Ex	P	Ex	Ex	
Loew, Cheryl	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Madigan, Kathleen	P	P	Ex	Ex	P	
Marlett, James	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
McCann, Cheryl	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
McConnochie, Harriet	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Morse, Alfreda	Ex	Ex	P	P	P	
Paul, Jerrold	P	Ex	Ex	Ex	P	
Reinert, Nancy	Ex	Ex	Ex	Transferred		
Rice, Robert	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Ricciuti, Anthony	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Ricciuti, Gail				Ex	P	
Roth, Donald	P	Ex	P	Ex	Ex	
Rossmann, Kavin (<i>Perry, Brick – Pastor</i>)	P	P	P	P	P	
Sallade, Ronald	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Schaedel, Mary Carol	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Seaburn, David	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Shafer, Patricia Lawrence	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Smith, David	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	P	
Stevens, Encie	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Strawbridge, Carol Anne	Ex	P	P	Ex	Ex	
Taylor, Tom	P	Ex	P	Ex	P	
Waasdorp, Anne	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	P	
Walker, George	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Watt, Jane Searjeant	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	P	
Webster, Gordon	Ex	P	P	P	Ex	
Wenhold, Walter	Ex	Ex	P	Ex	Ex	
Yoder, Dortha	Ex	Ex	P	Ex	Ex	
Youngdahl, Pat (<i>DUPC – Pastor</i>)	Ex	P	Ex	Ex	Ex	
TOTAL PRESENT	14	10	22	5	18	

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS – Voice and Vote

(Ministers of another Denomination or another Presbytery Serving Presbyterian Churches in PGV)

Name	Feb 6	Mar 29	May 25	July 19	Sept 27	Nov 15
Ashby, David (<i>Presbytery of Geneva / Honeoye Falls, Interim</i>)	P	Ex	P	Ex	P	
Dailey, Alan (<i>United Church of Christ</i>)	P	A	P	Ex	P	

<i>First, Brockport</i>						
Duttweiler, Ron (<i>Wesleyan Church</i>) <i>Trinity, Nunda</i>	P	A	Ex	P	Ex	
Farnsworth, Robert (<i>American Baptist Ch.</i>) <i>Pike Community, Pike, NY</i>	A	A	A	A	A	
TOTAL PRESENT	3	0	2	1	2	
TOTAL EXCUSED	0	1	1	2	1	
TOTAL ABSENT	1	3	1	1	1	

COMMISSIONERS FROM CHURCHES

Church Name	Feb 6	Mar 29	May 24	July 19	Sept 27	Nov 15
Albion, First	A	A	A	Charles Nesbitt	A	
Attica, First	P	P	P	A	A	
Avon, Central	A	A	A	Ex	Gail Wright	
Barre Center	A	A	A	Mike Thaine	Mike Thaine	
Batavia, First	P	A	P	A	A	
Bethany (1)	A	A	P	A	A	
Bethany (2)	A	A	A	A	A	
Brighton	A	P	P	A	A	
Brockport, First	P	P	A	A	A	
Byron, First	P	P	P	Audrey Blount	A	
Caledonia, First	A	A	P	A	Brian Shaffer	
Caledonia, Stone	A	A	A	Linda Hill	A	
Calvary/St. And.	A	A	A	A	A	
Chili, First	P	P	P	A	Sandra McCauley	
Christ Clarion	A	A	A	A	Andrea Hickerson	
Corfu United	P	P	P	A	A	
Covington	P	P	P	Yvonne Smith	Barbara Sturm	
Dansville, First	P	P	P	Barbara Stickney	Barbara Stickney	
Dewey Avenue	Ex	A	A	A	A	
Downtown United	P	P	P	Bill Mackey	Bill Mackey	
East Avon, First	A	A	A	Kathy Rider	A	
East Bethany	A	A	A	A	A	
Elba, First	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Faye Anne Barone	
Gates (1)	P	P	P	Carrie Dykes	Kristine Ohman	
Gates (2)	P	P	P	Sam Dykes	Keith Halley	
Geneseo, Central	P	P	P	A	Holly Harvey	
Groveland Fed.	A	A	A	A	A	
Holley, First	P	P	P	Ex	A	
Honeoye Falls (1)	P	P	P	Martha Kumler	Martha Kumler	
Honeoye Falls (2)	P	Ex	P	A	Donna Hickling	
Irondequoit	A	P	P	A	Carol Herring	
John Calvin	A	A	A	Judy Day	Jody Day	
John Knox	P	P	Ex	Priscilla Thomas	Priscilla Thomas	
Laurelton	P	P	P	Karen Kingsbury	Karen Kingsbury	
LeRoy, First	A	A	A	A	A	
Lima, Lima	P	P	P	Colleen Allen	P (illegible)	
Livonia, First	A	P	A	A	A	
Lyndonville	P	A	P	Marsha Wenhold	Bob Winters	
Medina, First	A	P	P	Cynthia Incho	Cynthia Incho	
Mendon	P	P	A	A	A	
Mt. Morris, United	A	A	A	A	A	
Mumford, First	A	A	A	A	A	
New Life	P	P	P	A	Karen J. Thomas	
North Bergen	A	P	A	A	A	
Nunda, Trinity	A	A	A	A	A	
Ogden	A	A	A	A	A	
Ossian, First	P	A	A	A	A	
Parkminster	A	A	A	A	A	
Penfield	P	A	A	P	Mindy Shaffer	
Perinton (1)	A	P	P	A	A	
Perinton (2)	A	A	A	A	A	
Perry, Brick	A	P	A	A	A	

Pike Community	A	A	A	A	A	A
Pittsford, First (1)	P	P	P	Sylvia Fix	Sylvia Fix	
Pittsford, First (2)	P	A	A	A	A	
Pittsford, First (3)	A	A	A	A	A	
Rochester Korean	A	A	A	A	A	
Scottsville, Union	P	A	P	Bill Haake	Bill Haake	
South	P	P	P	Sue Tedesco	Sue Tedesco	
Sparta, First	A	A	A	A	A	
Stone, Bergen	P	A	A	Ruth Stewart	Ruth Stewart	
Summerville	P	P	P	Mary Haverfield	Mary Haverfield	
Third (1)	P	P	P	Judy Gordon	Betty Iwan	
Third (2)	P	P	P	Betty Iwan	Rob White	
Third (3)	P	P	P	A	Cecil Buchinger	
Trinity Emmanuel (1)	P	P	P	A	Joyce Miller	
Trinity Emmanuel (2)	A	P	P	A	Roger Miller	
Tuscarora, First	A	A	A	A	A	
Twelve Corners	A	P	A	P	Katherine Iuli	
Victor, First	A	A	A	A	Dave Henderson	
Warsaw United	A	A	A	A	A	
Webster	P	P	Ex	Steve Gaudioso	Alan Durbin	
Wyoming, First	A	A	A	A	A	
York	P	P	P	J. Paul Gray	Bonnie Morgan	
TOTAL PRESENT	34	36	34	26	37	
TOTAL EXCUSED	3	2	3	3	0	
TOTAL ABSENT	37	36	37	41	37	

ADDITIONAL ELDER COMMISSIONERS

(Appointed by presbytery to correct elder-clergy imbalance)

Name	Church	Relationship	Feb 6	Mar 29	May 24	July 19	Sept 27	Nov 15
Bruins, Barbara		Personnel Co-chair					P	
Carter, Ralph	Third	Nominating Chair	P	A	Ex	Ex	P	
Crane, Barbara	Covington	Synod C'missioner					P	
DeHority, John	Downtown	Comm. on Prep.	P	A	P	Ex	P	
Denson, Fred	Webster	Former Moderator	A	A	A	A	A	
Ellis, Bill	Ossian	CRE	A	A	A	A	A	
Estes, Roger	Mumford	CRE	P	Ex	P	Ex	P	
Fish, David	N. Bergen	CRE				P	P	
Foerster, Cathy	Lima	CRE / Moderator	P	P	P	P	P	
Gotcsik, George	Third	Former Moderator	P	A	P	A	A	
Grammer, Vernie	Third	Synod C'missioner	A	A	P	P	P	
Haag, Ann	Third	Stewardship	P	P	P	P	P	
James, Barbara	Summerville	Trustees Chair	A	A	A	P	A	
Martin, Anne	Livonia	CRE	P	A	P	A	P	
Mecredy, Bob	Third	Treasurer	P	P	P	P	P	
Minemier, Betty	Dansville	Former Moderator	Ex	Ex	P	P	P	
Orman, Ed	York	BD&O					P	
Orr, Susan	Laurelton	Presbyter for Mission & Education	P	P	P	P	P	
Peet, Rose		Personnel Co-Chair					P	
Ross, Mark	Stone B'gen	CRE	A	A	A	P	Retired	
Simmons, Heze	Pittsford First	Moderator Elect					P	
Sloat, Lacey	Byron	Synod YAAD					A	
Smith, Brad	Attica	CRE	Ex	Ex	P	Ex	P	
Sprenkle, Nancy	Pittsford 1 st	Former Moderator	P	A	A	A	A	
Swain, Jerry	Mt. Morris	CRE	A	A	A	A	A	
Tubman, Donald	Scottsville	Synod C'missioner	A	A	A	A	A	
VanNostrand, Kay	Lyndonville	Former Moderator / Mission & Ad.	P	A	P	P	P	
TOTAL PRESENT			11	5	13	9	18	
TOTAL EXCUSED			2	3	1	4	0	
TOTAL ABSENT			7	13	8	7	8	

CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS (Certified Christian Educators, if not present, are automatically excused. Those who are ordained Ruling Elders have voice and vote.)

Name	Feb 6	Mar 29	May 24	July 19	Sept 27	Nov 16
Badger Becker, Elder Linda <i>Certified Christian Educator (Voice & Vote)</i>	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
D'Angelo Vietch, Rebecca (Third) <i>Assoc. Cert. Christ. Ed. (Voice only)</i>	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Orr, Elder Susan (Laurelton) <i>Associate Certified Christian Educator</i>	Listed	under	Add'l	Elder		Comm.
TOTAL PRESENT	0	0	0	0	0	

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS ENROLLED FOR THIS MEETING

Name	Presbytery / Agency
The Rev. Carl Horton	Presbytery of Mid Kentucky / Presbyterian Peacemaking Office, Louisville, KY

PRESBYTERY STAFF (Not members of PCUSA)

Name	Feb 6	Mar 29	May 24	July 19	Sept 27	Nov 16
Weaver, Beth – <i>Office Administrator</i>	P	P	P	P	P	
Battaglia, Cheryl – <i>Financial Administrator</i>	P	P	P	P	P	

REGISTERED VISITORS (current meeting)

Includes CREs not serving churches

Areej Massoud	Bethlehem, Palestine / International Peacemaker
Janis Lewis	Dansville
Elaine Johnson	Downtown United
Craig Kunkel	Pittsford, First
Marsha Winters	Lyndonville
Karen Pryor	Third / Vision & Strategy Team
Sarah Noble-Moag	Covington
Debbie Carter	Summerville
Judy Giron	Summerville
Judy Sumption	Medina
Jane Carden	Third
Bob Moore	Mendon

SUMMARIES FOR EACH MEETING	Feb 6	Mar 21	May 24	July 19	Sept 27	Nov 15
Total Minister Commissioners Present*	56	35	55	33	63	
Total Elder Commissioners Present	45	41	46	35	55	
Parity (expressed in terms of Elders, + or -)	-11	+6	-9	+2	-8	
Total Minister Commissioners Absent, Unexcused**	18	33	21	23	15	
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders***	35	33	34	39	33	
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders and Pastors****	23	28	26	27	20	
Total Registered Visitors	21	20	28	16	12	
TOTAL REGISTERED ATTENDANCE	122	96	129	83	140	

* Does not include Corresponding Members, as they have only voice, not vote; includes Validated, At-large, Honorably Retired, and Corresponding Members with voice & vote

** Does not include Honorably Retired Ministers; includes Corresponding Members with voice & vote

*** Includes churches marked "excused"

**** Includes churches without pastors

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Approval of Docket

Upon motion, the presbytery **approved** the docket for the meeting, as follows:

3:55 PM		Announcements	Colin Pritchard
		▪ <i>Greetings from the Host Church</i>	
4:00 PM		Call to Order and Opening Prayer	
		Introductory Business	
		▪ <i>Approval of Docket</i>	
		▪ <i>Appointment of Tellers</i>	
		▪ <i>Greeting New Commissioners</i>	
		▪ <i>Enrollment of Corresponding Members</i>	
		▪ <i>Privilege of the Floor</i>	
	4-6	Omnibus Motion	
		▪ <i>Lifting of Motions for Discussion</i>	
		Call for New Business	
		Congregational Development	Kevin Hershey
		▪ <i>Second Chance Grants: Attica and Summerville</i>	
4:25 PM	7-14	Presbytery Council	Brandi Wooten
		▪ <i>Second Reading and Approval of Accessibility Policy</i>	
		▪ <i>Recommendation concerning the retirement of the Rev. Dr. Val Fowler as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, effective September 30, 2016.</i>	
		▪ <i>Recommendation to approve the Position Description for Presbyter for Healthy Congregations/Stated Clerk (This is a transitional position).</i>	
		▪ <i>Recommendation to approve Ruling Elder Susan Orr as Presbyter for Healthy Congregations, from October 1, 2016 - December 31, 2018.</i>	
		▪ <i>Motion that the Presbyterian policy concerning the election of the Stated Clerk be temporarily suspended (requiring a 3/4 vote of those present).</i>	
		▪ <i>Recommendation to elect Ruling Elder Susan Orr as Stated Clerk, for the period October 1, 2016 - December 31, 2018.</i>	
	15-20	Budget Development and Oversight Committee and Treasurer's Report	Ed Orman Bob Mecredy
		▪ <i>First Reading of 2017 Budget</i>	
		▪ <i>Approval of 2017 Per Capita of \$19.05</i>	
		2016 General Assembly Report	Sarah Noble-Moag Sylvia Fix Jim Renfrew Amy Williams Fowler
		Worship - The Confession of Belhar	
6:15 PM		Dinner Break	
7:00 PM		Triennium Report	Jane Carden Katie Styrt
		International Peacemaker/Presbytery Peacemaking Program	Areej Masoud Carl Horton
7:20 PM	21-27	Committee on Ministry	Melissa DeRosia
		▪ <i>Dissolution of the Pastoral Relationship between Mendon Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Dr. Janet Hufford</i>	
		▪ <i>2017 Terms of Call</i>	
		▪ <i>Commissioning of Ruling Elder Martha Mitchell to the Pulpit Supply List</i>	
	28	Nominating	Ralph Carter
		Good News from Churches	
7:45 PM		Installation of Stated Clerk (if the way be clear)	
		Three Key Things to Take Home	
8:00 PM		Adjournment	

Appointment of Tellers / New Business Committee

The Moderator appointed the following persons to serve as Tellers:
Elder Roger Estes, CRE (Mumford)
Elder Collen Allen (Dansville)
The Rev. Katie Styr (Laurelton / Gates)
The Rev. Ray Bagnuolo (That All May Freely Serve)

Greeting New Commissioners

The presbytery welcomed first-time elder commissioners from the following congregations:
Christ Clarion Avon, Central Chili Covington
Lyndonville

Corresponding Members

The presbytery VOTED to enroll the following persons as Corresponding Members:
The Rev. Carl Horton (Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky / Presbyterian Peacemaking Agency)

Privilege of the Floor

The presbytery VOTED to grant privilege of voice to non-commissioners, for the purpose of making reports to the presbytery, or participating in reports.

Omnibus Motion

The purpose of an Omnibus Motion is to enable a governing body to deal with routine business expeditiously, thus freeing up time for other activities.

Action items are listed by **number**. Information items are listed by **letter**.

How to lift items for discussion or debate:

An opportunity will be given for presbyters to request that action items be lifted from the Omnibus Motion. Simply go to the microphone and when you are recognized, request—by line numbers—the item you wish to lift out. [Example: “Madam/Mr. Moderator, I wish to lift out line numbers 127 through 138 for discussion.”]

ITEMS LIFTED OUT FOR DISCUSSION WILL BE DEALT WITH DURING THE COMMITTEE REPORT ASSOCIATED WITH THAT PARTICULAR ITEM.

The remaining items (those not lifted out) will be approved in one motion.

Omnibus Motion: Items for Presbytery’s Action

Stated Clerk Action Items

The stated clerk moves that the presbytery:

(Minutes, July 19, 2016)

1. **Approve** the Minutes of the July 19, 2016 stated meeting of Genesee Valley Presbytery, held at Covington Presbyterian Church, Pavilion, NY.

(Treasurer’s Report)

2. **Receive** the Treasurer’s Report—for August 31, 2016. [Reports provided in the Mailed Docket.]

(Investigating Committee, D-2016-01)

3. **Receive** the report of the Investigating Committee, Case No. D-2016-01.

The complainant withdrew the allegations made, and the Investigating Committee determined that the case did not warrant bringing any charges against the accused. The case is hereby closed.

Members of the Investigating Committee are:

The Rev. David Seaburn, HR
The Rev. Eileen Borduin Vanderzwaan(Webster)
Elder Mary Haverfield (Summerville)
Elder Roger Estes, CRE (Mumford)

4. **Dismiss** the Investigating Committee, Case No. D-2016-01, with thanks.

(Proposed Correction of Imbalance Between Clergy and Elders 2016 - 2017)

5. **Approve** the proposal to correct the imbalance between clergy and elders, for presbytery meetings, through August 31, 2017.

PROPOSED IMBALANCE CORRECTION, 2016 – 2017

Takes effect September 1, 2016

Current Imbalance Report

Minister members of presbytery	135
Less ministers unable to attend (age / infirmity / distance)	- 43
Less ministers deceased since 12/31/2014	- 2
Total expected attendance of minister members	90
Elder Commissioners from congregations (one per congregation)	64
Additional elder commissioners from 4 larger congregations	6
Total elder commissioners from congregations	70
IMBALANCE TO BE CORRECTED IN 2016-2017 (90-70)	20

Stated Clerk’s motion to correct the imbalance in 2016 - 2017

Name the following persons to serve as “additional elder commissioners” through August 30, 2016.

Presbytery Moderator-Elect	1
Elder Hezekiah Simmons (Pittsford, First)	
Presbytery Staff (Presbyterian Ruling Elders)	1
Presbyter for Mission & Education: Susan Orr (Laurelton)	1
Certified Christian Educators (Presbyterian Ruling Elders)	
Linda Badger Becker	1
Presbytery Treasurer	1
Bob Mecredy (Pittsford, First)	
Committee Chairs (Ruling Elders)	8
Ed Ormond (York), Budget Development & Oversight	
Kay VanNostrand (Lyndonville), Mission & Advocacy	
John DeHority (Downtown), Committee on Preparation, Co-Chair	
Ann Haag (Third), Stewardship Development & Interpretation	
Ralph Carter (Third), Nominating	
Barbara James (Summerville), Trustees	
Rose Peet (), Personnel, Co-chair	
Barbara Bruins () Personnel, Co-Chair	
Commissioned Ruling Elders in current service to churches`	6
Bill Ellis (Ossian)	
Roger Estes (Mumford)	
Cathy Foerster (Lima)	
Anne Martin (Livonia)	
Brad Smith (Attica)	
Jerry Swain (Mount Morris)	
Synod Commissioners	5
Don Tubman, Class of 2016 (Scottsville)	
Vernie Grammer, Class of 2016 (Third)	

Ruth Stewart, Class of 2018 (Stone, Bergen)
Barbara Crane, Class of 2018
Lacey Sloat, Class of 2018 Young Adult Advisory Delegate (Byron)

Auburn Seminary Board member 1
George Gotschik (Third)

Previous Elder moderators of presbytery 3
Betty Minemier (Dansville)
Fred Denson (Webster)
Nancy Sprenkle (Pittsford, First)

Additional Elder Commissioners invited from congregations 3
Trinity Emmanuel
Rochester Korean
Honeoye Falls

Total Additional Elder Commissioners to Correct Imbalance 31

NOTE: The total of additional commissioners is greater than 20. The additional person compensate for churches which regularly are not represented by elders, thus bringing the presbytery closer to parity, meeting-by-meeting.

Omnibus Motion: Items for Presbytery's Information

Stated Clerk Information Items

A. The following are the significant ordination anniversaries of ministers that will occur this year (listed in 5-year increments):

5 years (2011)

The Rev. Steven Allman (December 18, 2011 – Presbytery of West Virginia)
The Rev. Nancy Lowmaster (August 28, 2011 – Presbytery of Lake Erie)

10 years (2006)

The Rev Twyla Boyer (February 26, 2006 – Presbytery of Long Island)
The Rev. Brandi Wooten (April 9, 2006 – Presbytery of San Jose)

15 years (2001)

The Rev. Roula Alkhouri (February 4, 2001 – Presbytery of Cascades)

20 years (1996)

The Rev. Ron Sumption (January 14, 1996 – Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys)

25 years (1991)

The Rev. Ron Duttweiler (July 19, 1991 – Wesleyan Church)

30 years (1986)

The Rev. Bob Rice (February 2, 1986 – Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley)

35 years (1981)

The Rev. Bill Hockey (September 13, 1981 – Presbytery of Western New York)
The Rev. Kathy Madigan (October 11, 1981– Presbytery of Genesee Valley)
The Rev. Anne Waasdorp (September 1, 1981 – Presbytery of Genesee Valley)
The Rev. Pat Youngdahl (July 24, 1981 – Presbytery of Chicago)

40 years (1976)

The Rev. Dottie Yoder (November 7, 1976– Presbytery of Palo Duro Union)

45 years (1971)

The Rev. Judy Lee Hay (November 27, 1971 – Presbytery of Northern New York)

The Rev. Ernest F. Krug (May 30, 1971 --)

50 years (1966)

The Rev. Jim Marlett (July 6, 1966 – Presbytery of Geneva)

Over 50 years

The Rev. Linda Brebner (**51 years**, February 21, 1965 – Presbytery of Riverside)

The Rev. Jack Heister (**51 years**, June 1, 1965 – Presbytery of Philadelphia)

The Rev. Jerrold Paul (**51 years**, July 27, 1965 – Presbytery of Monmouth)

The Rev. Merl Galusha (**52 years**, February 1, 1964 – Presbytery of Albany)

The Rev. Bob Booher (**54 years**, October 14, 1962 – Presbytery of Genesee Valley)

The Rev. Bob Kaiser (**55 years**, May 1, 1961 – Central NY Conference, United Methodist Church)

The Rev. Chuck Leport (**55 years**, June 21, 1961 – Presbytery of Utica)

The Rev. Frank Ichishita (**56 years**, February 21, 1960 – Presbytery of Philadelphia)

The Rev. Charles Lee (**56 years**, May 15, 1960 – Presbytery of Washington)

The Rev. Bruce Billman (**56 years**, October 1, 1960 – Presbytery of Steuben-Elmira)

The Rev. Dane Gordon (**58 years**, November 30, 1958 – Presbytery of Rochester)

The Rev. Don Roth (**58 years**, May 17, 1958 – Presbytery of Lackawanna)

The Rev. Ron Sallade (**59 years**, May 1, 1957 – Presbytery of Pittsburgh)

The Rev. Walter Wenhold (**60 years**, May 1, 1956 – Presbytery of Philadelphia)

The Rev. Bob Geyer (**60 years**, May 16, 1956 – Presbytery of Upper Ohio Valley)

Opportunity was given for presbyters to lift items from the Omnibus Motion, for later consideration. None were lifted.

The presbytery VOTED to approve the Omnibus Motion.

CALL FOR NEW BUSINESS

There being no new business, the Moderator thanked the Tellers for their willingness to serve as the New Business Committee.

CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Kevin Hershey presented Congregational Development *Second Chance Grants* to the following congregations:

- **Attica Presbyterian Church, Attica -- \$1,107.00**

Project: Sunday School & Community Youth Center Equipment

The grant will assist in providing a “youth friendly” space for multi-aged youth as well as enhance the congregation’s Sunday School Program. The grant will be used to purchase a laptop, DVD writer, 32” monitor, and white board. This new technology will help the church reach out to young people and their families in the community, as well as provide new ways to interact with the congregation’s youth.

The members of the congregation look forward to taking a quantum leap from no technology to the latest in Christian hardware and software.

- **Summerville Presbyterian Church, Rochester - \$1,200.00**

Project: Audio Visual Equipment

This grant will be used to enhance worship services at Summerville. The congregation has been “testing the waters,” using visual supports such as videos, PowerPoint, and storybooks. Their current equipment is outdated and produces poor quality. However, many have expressed an appreciation for the visual worship experiences.

Recently Summerville began a monthly multi-generational service, and they hope to develop other alternative worship services that include community member who participate in their mission projects. This equipment will enable them to provide a richer and more creative means of worship for all generations to enjoy!

The Rev. Louise Armstrong, HR assumed the role of stated clerk pro-tem during the Report of the Presbytery Council.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY’S ACTION

The Council VOTED to recommend that the presbytery:

(Accessibility Policy)

Receive for second reading and action—the following *Accessibility Policy*:

ACCESSIBILITY POLICY

The Presbytery of Genesee Valley strives to make full inclusion a priority. To this end the presbytery encourages its constituent congregations to:

1. Continually work to remove all barriers, physical and otherwise, to full inclusion in the life of the church of all persons with disabilities.
2. Provide children and adults with disabilities the opportunity for a Christian education.
3. Provide persons with disabilities the opportunity for church membership, even when requirements and activities for membership must be modified to meet their special needs and challenges.
4. Intentionally and continually build awareness and understanding of all types of disability and of the issues that people with disabilities confront.
5. Promote advocacy for justice for people of all ages with disabilities.

The Presbytery of Genesee Valley makes a commitment to:

Recommendations	Suggestions for Implementation
1. Continue to hold stated meetings and presbytery- wide events in settings that are accessible for worship, business, fellowship, and dining. (Provide information on building accessibility in the call to the meeting.)	1a. Churches will make accessibility information available to the Office Administrator. 1b. The Office administrator will create a compilation of church accessibility information. 1c. All meeting registrations will include questions regarding accessibility needs.
2. Provide sign language interpreters when requested in a timely manner.	2. Request for ASL interpreter will be submitted to the Presbytery Office two weeks before the scheduled meeting.
3. Provide printed materials in alternative formats (e.g. large print or braille) as requested.	3. Requests for alternative formats will be submitted two weeks before the event.
4. Encourage speakers to read aloud projected materials that have not previously been made available.	4. The Moderator will lead this effort to make new information available to all who are present.
5. Urge that requests for Revolving Loan Funds or PILP endorsements for funding new construction or remodeling of church property include provision for accessibility.	5. The requestor will submit provisions for accessibility to the Trustees.
6. Encourage speakers and leaders to use person-first language when referring to persons with disabilities. For example, use “a woman who is blind,” rather than “a blind woman.” Use inclusive language. For example, use a statement like, “Please rise in body or in spirit,” rather than, “Please rise.”	6. The Council will model the person-first language. The presbytery will make available resource materials to churches via the Resource Center.

7. Encourage the nominating committee to seek out persons with disabilities for leadership positions in presbytery, synod, and General Assembly.	7. The Presbytery Leader will provide this encouragement, accessing information from annual statistical reports as needed.
8. Encourage inclusion of people with disabilities in worship leadership.	8. The Moderator and worship planners will seek out participants with the help of pastors.
9. Take feasible steps to ensure that Presbytery Offices meet ADA requirements for accessibility.	9. See <i>Minutes of Stated Presbytery Meeting of November 29, 2005</i> for decisions regarding the offices attached to Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church.

(Recommendations concerning the Staffing of the Presbytery – from the Personnel Committee and the Vision & Strategy Committee of the Presbytery Council)

The Council voted to recommend that the Presbytery;

1. Accept the retirement of the Rev. Val Fowler from the position of Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, effective September 30, 2016, with deep thanks for his dedicated service.
 The presbytery engaged in lengthy discussion of this motion. A motion was made to call the question. That motion was sustained by majority vote. The presbytery voted by ballot on the main motion. The main motion **failed** by a vote of 50 yes, 50 no, and one blank ballot (which was recorded as an abstention).

A question was raised, "Could we extend the stated clerk's tenure for two months, until November 30, 2016, so that we will be able to move forward to some resolution?" At that point the stated clerk was recognized and informed the presbytery that his tenure would, indeed, end on September 30, 2016, and that for the health of the presbytery and for his own health, he would not serve beyond that date.

A motion was made and seconded to refer the following motions 2 through 5 back to the Presbytery Council, the Vision & Strategy Team, and the Personnel Committee for consideration in light of the previous discussion, and for report to the presbytery during the November stated meeting. The motion **passed**.

The presbytery then VOTED to approve a motion to empower the Presbytery Council to appoint a stated clerk pro-tem to serve through November 30, 2016.

2. (Referred) Approve the Position Description for *Presbyter for Healthy Congregations/Stated Clerk*.

This Position is recommended by the Vision & Strategy Committee and the Personnel Committee for the period October 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018. The Position Description is attached to this report.

3. (Referred) Approve Ruling Elder Susan Orr as Presbyter for Healthy Congregations, in accordance with the Position Description.
4. (Referred) Suspend temporarily the provision of the *Policies and Procedures Manual of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley* regarding the nomination and election of the Stated Clerk:

"The Stated Clerk ordinarily shall be elected at the January meeting of the Presbytery for a term of three years starting on February 1 of that year. A Stated Clerk Nominating Committee – comprised of a representative of the Presbytery Nominating Committee, a representative of the Nominating Committee, and a person nominated by the Chair of Presbytery Council – shall be convened by the Chair of Presbytery Council. The committee will make a nomination to the presbytery."

[This motion requires a ¾ vote of the members and commissioners in attendance.]

5. (Referred) Nominate Ruling Elder Susan Orr as Stated Clerk of the presbytery, for the period October 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018, and, if elected, install her at the end of the close of this meeting.

Letters concerning these recommendations are attached to this report. [See **Appendix A** and **Appendix B**]

The presbytery—and the stated clerk—thanked the Rev. Louise Armstrong for serving as clerk pro-tem. The stated clerk resumed his duties.

ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY'S INFORMATION

The Council VOTED to:

(Council Meeting Dates, 2017)

1. **Affirm** the following meeting dates/times for 2017:

- PRESBYTERY – Tuesday September 27, 2016 First Presbyterian Church, Victor
- COUNCIL – Monday October 24, 2016 – John Calvin, Henrietta
- PRESBYTERY – Tuesday November 29, 2016 – Webster Presbyterian Church
- COUNCIL – Monday January 9, 2017, Third Presbyterian Church
- PRESBYTERY – Tuesday January 31, 2017, Irondequoit Presbyterian Church
- COUNCIL – Monday February 27, 2017, Third Presbyterian Church
- PRESBYTERY – Saturday March 25, 2017, Pittsford First
- COUNCIL – Monday April 24, 2017, York Presbyterian Church
- PRESBYTERY – Tuesday May 23, 2017, Byron First
- COUNCIL – Monday June 12, 2017, Lyndonville Presbyterian Church

- **CHURCH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DAY** – Saturday February 11, 2017, Perinton Presbyterian Church

Vice Moderator, Elder Hezekiah Simmons, assumed the chair.

GOOD NEWS FROM CHURCHES

Opportunity was given for sharing brief stories of good news from the churches:

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE and TREASURER'S REPORT

Ed Orman, Chair presented the report of the Budget Development and Oversight Committee. He shared that the to-date financial reports are good, largely due to careful spending, and the excellent Per Capita giving. Congregations are encouraged to step up their mission giving as the year proceeds. [See **Appendix C, Balance Sheet; and Appendix D, Operating Statement**]

Bob Mecredy led the presbytery through the Proposed 2017 Presbytery Budget, noting the changes in format from preceding years. He noted that the proposed budget continues to take account of continuing trends of decreased revenue (based on general mission giving, and the impact of presbytery membership on per capita and mission giving. [See **Appendix E**]

The Presbytery VOTED to:

1. **Receive** the Proposed 2017 Presbytery Budget, for first reading and action in November.
2. **Approve** the 2017 Presbytery Per Capita of \$19.05 (an increase of 2%).

WORSHIP – The Confession of Belhar

The presbytery shared a Service of the Lord's Supper, based upon the recently-approved *Belhar Confession* which arose out of the Dutch Reformed Church during the apartheid period in South Africa. All parts of the service were directly from the *Belhar Confession*, or adapted from it. The hymns were *O God of Every Nation* and *The Church's One Foundation*.

Participants in the worship service were:

- The Rev. Louise Armstrong, HR (co-celebrant at the Table)
- The Rev. Melissa DeRosia (Gates, preacher)
- The Rev. Gene Fowler (Irondequoit, preacher)
- The Rev. Laura Fry (Covington, liturgist)
- The Rev. Judy Lee Hay, HR (co-celebrant at the Table)
- The Rev. Carl Horton, Presbytery Peacemaking Program
- Elder Karen Kingsbury (Laurelton, liturgist)

Areej Massoud, International Peacemaker; Bethlehem, Palestine
The Rev. Michelle Sumption (York, preacher)
Elder Joyce Miller (Trinity Emmanuel, serving communion)
Elder Rob White (Third, serving communion)
The Rev. John Wilkinson (Third, liturgist)
The Rev. William Wilkinson (Trinity Emmanuel, serving communion)
Ayn Patrowicz (Victor, organist)

The sermon was in three parts:

- Melissa DeRosia drew the distinction that the church is called no to be “on standby,” but is called to “stand by” others, especially the oppressed and the suffering.
- Michelle Sumption celebrated the challenge that our ministry is always conducted **together**: living, sharing, eating, drinking, proclaiming, serving. The one foundation of our ministry together is the love and grace of Jesus Christ.
- Gene Fowler brought his life-long experience as a practical theologian. He shared that this year’s General Assembly was the first he had ever attended. He was struck by the Assembly as an exercise in practical theology, and (echoing Michelle Sumption) the Church’s ministry is ministry in and for the world, and that ministry can only be accomplished by the whole church. The General Assembly was a living representation of the power of the whole church in ministry. He concluded with a refrain from a sermon offered to the Assembly by the Rev. Alan Boesak: In all the areas of the Church’s ministry, “We shall overcome.”

DINNER BREAK

REPORT OF 222ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2016, Portland, OR)

Sarah Noble Moag (Covington), Sylvia Fix (Third), Jim Renfrew (Byron), and Amy Fowler presented a report of the 222nd General Assembly held in Portland, Oregon.

Sarah Noble Moag celebrated three words: Process (thoughtful, with discernment and witness in community), People (diverse in all ways), and Purpose (the movement of the Holy Spirit, the call to personal purpose to participate actively).

Sylvia Fix described the work of her committee on some very significant issues, including one incident requiring production of a minority report.

Jim Renfrew told the presbytery, “Presbyterians are following Jesus, and the harvest is plenty, with a diversity of laborers.” The diversity of the General Assembly was the most powerful he had experienced. Jim shared his awe at experiencing the active presence of the Holy Spirit. One commissioner said to him, “The work of Presbyterians is not to tell people **who** we are but **WHY**. He served on the “Way Forward Committee,” which was charged, in part, to vision answers to the question, “what is about to happen?” What is the harvest? It is the harvest of people who are ready for healing, for forgiveness, ready for a second chance, ready for love, ready for a change.

Amy Fowler called attention to the article from Young Adult Advisory Delegate Zachary Caloritis (Ogden Pres.). His report is found on page 34 of the Taken Docket. Amy noted that she was invited to moderate the Middle East Issues Committee. The Committee considered very carefully an overture calling for boycott, divestment, and sanctions against Israel, and recommended the preparation of a study on that issue. The debate on the issue of a “two-state solution” between Israel and Palestine was intense and long, and resulted in recommendations that involved balanced recommendations on both sides.

Our presbytery approved two overtures to the Assembly. The overture on divestment was responded to with a commitment to corporate engagement rather than divestment. The second overture resulted in a statement of regret rather than an apology for the treatment of the LBGTQ,Q community.

Letter from Zachary Caloritis

Dear Presbytery of Genesee Valley:

I hope you've had an enjoyable summer since General Assembly. Following up on some business from GA, I would like to make a motion (or at least a recommendation) before the presbytery to approve and/or concur with business item 06-08. (At the appropriate time*) I would appreciate it if this motion/recommendation could be addressed on my behalf.

I'm passionate about this item, because I served on Committee 06: Church Polity and Ordered Ministry at GA. I worked closely with it in committee. I also spoke in favor of it when it was addressed before plenary. Following procedure, since it was passed in plenary, the next step, as you're aware, is approval from the presbyteries. Once more, I recommend that the presbytery concur with the plenary's decision to pass item 06-08. The full description of 06-08 can still be found at PC-biz; however I have provided a summary of the item, based on my understanding of it:

<https://www.pc-biz/#/committe/563/business>

Essentially, item 06-08 changes the language of the *Book of Order* back to "Minister of Word and Sacrament" (instead of teaching elder). Members of my committee expressed opinions in favor of this amendment, giving examples such as the following: once committee member (a teaching elder/minister of Word and Sacrament) expressed a difficulty when filling out the legal paperwork to perform a wedding. They said that the state they were attempting to perform the wedding in was hesitant to let them perform the wedding, because the state did not understand that a "teaching elder" was the same thing as a Minister.

In another example, one committee member gave a passionate and heartfelt testimony as to why he was in favor of item 06-08. He described how he was at an extremely low point in his life, contemplating suicide, when he heard God's voice calling to him; calling him to become a Minister of Word and Sacrament. Not calling him to be a "teaching elder." This member also described the sorrow he faced when the language was initially changed, and that this distinct title that he had achieved, because of a literal calling from the Lord, had been taken away from him.

Finally, from a personal perspective, I recall when this change was initially made. I remember being confused and asking my parents, "So, pastors aren't pastors any more?" I truly believe that the language "teaching elder" holds no value, and rather makes the language of the *Book of Order* more confusing.

So for the reasons related, I encourage the presbytery to concur with GA Business Item 06-08. Thank you for your time, and blessings as we approach this autumn season.

Truly yours,

Zachary Caloritis

*We anticipate voting on the amendments to the *Book of Order* in March, 2017, and will ask Zach if he can be present with us. He is currently a student at Grove City College.

REPORT OF THE 2016 YOUTH TRIENNIUM, Purdue University

Katie Styrk presented the report of the 2016 Triennium, in the form of a video produced at the Triennium Reunion.

INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKER / PRESBYTERY PEACEMAKING PROGRAM

Kay VanNostrand, Chair of the Mission & Advocacy Committee welcomed International Peacemaker Areej Massoud (a native of Bethlehem, Palestine); and Carl Horton, Director of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

Carl Horton reported that this year there are 9 peacemakers visiting 30 of the presbyteries in the PCUSA. In addition to greetings from Louisville, Carl brought printed materials, all of which are available to presbyters in the refreshments area. He encouraged a resource: *Thirty Days With Belhar*.

Areej Massoud spoke to the presbytery. She honored the presbytery's work toward justice and peace in Palestine. She told her story of having difficulty as a young person, making sense of being Palestinian and Christian. The dilemma was the call to love enemies which she was unable to love. This dilemma was in part reconciled by recognizing the humanity of all people, and God's love for all people . . . including enemies.

Susan Orr honored the experience of being with Areej through 14 visits involving almost 450 persons; and she presented a gift to Areej.

Moderator-Elect Jim Renfrew assumed leadership of the meeting.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Melissa DeRosia presented the report of the Committee on Ministry.

ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY'S ACTION

The presbytery VOTED to:

(Rochester Korean)

1. **Appoint** the following persons to the Administrative Commission for Rochester Korean Presbyterian Church:
Ron Hansen (Presbytery Trustee)
Betty Iwan (COM member)
2. **Appoint**, the following persons to the Administrative Commission for Rochester Korean Presbyterian Church, upon their ordination and installation (they were elected by the congregation during a duly-called congregation meeting on August 7, 2016):
Hai Seo
Tom Oh
Suk Park
Yong Joo Kang
Chan Kyung Jung
Non-parish Teaching Elder? (TBD)

(Mendon / the Rev. Janet Hufford)

3, **Approve** the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Mendon Presbyterian Church, Mendon, NY and the Rev. Janet Hufford, effective September 30, 2016, at the following severance terms:

Cash Salary (\$2,333.33 / month, 5 months)	11,666.66
Housing Allowance (\$2,333 / month, 5 months)	11,666.66
SECA Allowance (\$357.00 / month, 5 months)	1,785.00
Pension Dues (\$1,633.33 / month, 6 months)	9,799.98
Other Provision: Lump Sum Payment	15,000.00
Total Financial Package	49,918.30

Unpaid financial severance payments shall cease at the date, before the end of financial payments under this agreement for severance, if the pastor accepts another position for full-time employment or shall be adjusted if the pastor accepts a part-time position.

(2017 Terms of Call)

4, **Approve** 2017 Terms of Call reflecting no recommended increase in the total Effective Salary. [See attached *Worksheet*.]

(Commissioning)

5, **Commission** Elder Martha Mitchell, CRE (Albion) to the Pulpit Supply List. Martha's friend Dean Cornwell (Victor) participated in the service of commissioning.

Moderator Jim Renfrew led the service of commissioning to the Pulpit Supply List, and asked the Constitutional Questions.

ACTIONS TO BE REPORTED TO PRESBYTERY AS INFORMATION

The Committee VOTED to:

(Rochester Korean United)

1, **Approve** the Temporary Supply Covenant (16.66% time) between the Administrative Commission of Rochester Korean United Presbyterian Church, Rush, NY and the Rev. Jae Seun Jo, effective August 1, 2016 at the following terms:

Cash Salary	12,000.00
Value of Manse	9,258.00
Utilities	3,500.00
Total Effective Salary	24,758.00

Study Leave: 2 weeks, including 2 Saturdays & 2 Sundays
Vacation: 1 month, including 4 Saturdays & 4 Sundays
Sick Leave: 1 day/month, cumulative to 90 days

2. **Amend** the Temporary Supply covenant (16.66% time) between the Administrative Commission of Rochester Korean United Presbyterian Church, Rush, NY and the Rev. Jae Seun Jo, effective August 1, 2016 to include **an annual \$800 Continuing Education/Study Leave allowance**. The revised Covenant is:

Cash Salary	12,000.00
Value of Manse	9,258.00
Utilities	3,500.00
Total Effective Salary	24,758.00

Continuing Education/Study Leave 800.00

Study Leave: 2 weeks (translates into 2 Saturdays and 2 Sundays)

Vacation: 1 month (translates into 4 Saturdays and 4 Sundays)

Sick Leave: 1 day/month, cumulative to 90 days (translates into 2 hours Saturday or Sunday per month that can accumulate during the year)

(Caledonia, First / the Rev. William Schram)

3. **Approve** renewal of the Interim Pastor Covenant Agreement (full time) between the session of First Presbyterian Church, Caledonia, NY and the Rev. William C. Schram, effective August 10, 2016 at the following terms:

Cash Salary	35,920.00
Housing Allowance	11,000.00
Total Effective Salary	46,920.00

Social Security Offset (SECA)	3,589.00
Benefits Plan (PCUSA)	17,126.00
Continuing Education	800.00
Travel and Professional Expense	3,200.00

Study Leave Time: 2 weeks, including 2 Sundays

Vacation: 36 days, including 6 Sundays

Sick Leave: 1 day per month, cumulative to 90 days

Unused vacation and study leave; and moving expenses

- Will provide full (100%) unused vacation time
- Will not compensate for unused study leave
- Will not pay for moving expenses

(Dansville / the Rev. Marcia Rose Reiff)

4. **Approve** renewal of the Stated Supply Covenant 43% time) between the session of Dansville Presbyterian Church, Dansville, NY and the Rev. Marcia Rose Reiff, effective September 8, 2016 at the following terms:

Cash Salary	2,241.00
Housing Allowance	17,000.00
Total Effective Salary	19,241.00

Social Security Offset (SECA)	1,472.00
Continuing Education	800.00
Books	200.00
Travel and Professional Expense	1,000.00

Study Leave Time: 2 weeks, including 2 Sundays

Vacation: 30 days, including 5 Sundays

Sick Leave: 1 day per month, cumulative to 90 days

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ralph Carter presented the report of the Presbytery Nominating Committee. He thanked the Council for filling the Nominating Committee for the first time in several years. He celebrated the first meeting of the full Nominating Committee.

The presbytery VOTED to:

Elect the following persons to:

Committee on Ministry

Elder Mary Haverfield (Summerville) 2019

Elder Martha Mitchell (Albion) 2019

Congregational Development

Elder Sue Edwards (Attica) 2019

The Rev. Aaron Neff (Corfu) 2019

Trustees

Elder Bob Ossont (Mount Morris), 2019

THREE KEY THINGS TO TAKE HOME

Michelle Sumption offered three things that we might take home with us:

- The power of attending the Youth Triennium. We have three years to get more people to go.
- We see the major themes of Belhar in the work of our presbytery: unity, witness, and justice. We have much more work to do.
- During the discussion before dinner, someone said, "We are doing the best we can." This is an affirmation of hope. It is also a challenge. It is an important task, but it is important; and conversations that are emotional and difficult can be an expression of God's love and care.

ADJOURNMENT & CLOSING HYMN

Heze Simmons shared his aspirational goal as moderator-elect, of visiting every congregation in the presbytery during the next year, and so far has visited five.

Heze Simmons led the presbytery in the closing prayer.

Colin Pritchard offered the benediction in the form of a song: a benediction often sung at the Victor church.

ATTEST: _____
Val Fowler, Stated Clerk

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APPENDIX A

Letters Related to Retirement of Stated Clerk and Proposal for Election of Stated Clerk

September 12, 2016

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. " Jeremiah 29: 11

Dear Friends:

For the past several years we have been working to flesh-out our Mission Statement: To Know Christ, To Live Christ, To Share Christ. We are focusing on work that will move us toward the vision of Healthy, Vital, Sustainable Congregations and Leaders.

Over the past several months, the Vision & Strategy Committee of Council, with input from the Personnel Committee and the Budget Development & Oversight Committee, has been working to design a transitional plan for staffing the Presbytery's work through the end of 2018.

Our focus will be on the development of the Presbytery Neighborhood Groups of pastoral leaders and churches, and on serving our churches in their contexts to encourage new, more collaborative work in mission -- local, regional, and global. We are committed to resourcing and nurturing our pastoral and congregational leaders as they ask similar pressing questions about God's future for their congregations: Who are we now? What are we here for? Who is our neighbor? Our potential partners for mission?

We will be assessing the work of our current program committees this fall as we work towards a more holistic way of resourcing and encouraging churches and Presbytery Neighborhoods through a Healthy Congregations Team. The goal is to provide skilled leaders with tools to offer in response to the questions and yearnings throughout our presbytery, at the time they are requested, and in the local context. We are calling this Healthy Congregations work.

To implement this vision, and taking into account our prospective budget planning, proposals will be brought through Council to the September 27th presbytery meeting to reframe the staff in the following ways:

1. The Presbytery will be asked to accept the retirement of the Rev. Val Fowler as Stated Clerk, effective September 30, 2016, with deep thanks for his service. The most recent extension of Val's term as Stated Clerk expires in September. A time for thanking Val for his service will be scheduled in the near future.
2. The work of Ruling Elder Susan Orr will be refocused in accordance with the attached Position Description for a Presbyter for Healthy Congregations/ Stated Clerk, for the period October 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018. This will be a transitional position for this specific period of time.
3. If the way be clear, Ruling Elder Susan Orr will be nominated as Stated Clerk, and if elected, be installed.

Presbytery Leader Amy Williams Fowler will consult with Susan to design the Healthy Congregations work. Amy will continue staffing the Committee on Ministry, Clergy Care and Development Committee and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, with the goal of integrating this leadership work within the Presbytery Neighborhoods and in collaboration with the Healthy Congregations work. Thus a team working with a particular congregation or Neighborhood will include one or more Committee on Ministry liaisons. To facilitate this work COM liaisons are now assigned to Neighborhoods for shared knowledge and continuity.

Amy will also continue to staff the Healthy Presbytery work done by the Board of Trustees, Budget Development & Oversight, and Personnel Committees (as Head of Staff). Both Amy and Susan will continue to serve ex officio on the Presbytery Council, including the Vision & Strategy Committee, and the Nominating Committee. The position descriptions for the Office Administrator and the Financial and Program Administrator are not changing at this time. We encourage you to read carefully the Mailed Docket for the upcoming presbytery meeting in preparation for the meeting. We covet your prayers for our presbytery, and encourage you to share your questions and responses with the members of the Vision & Strategy Committee.

Sincerely,

Jim Renfrew
Moderator

Brandi Wooten
Chair of Presbytery Council

Rose Peet and Barbara Bruins
Co-Chairs of the Personnel Committee

Vision & Strategy Committee of the Presbytery Council
Teaching Elders; Jim Renfrew, Brandi Wooten, Laura Fry, Tom Taylor, John Wilkinson
Ruling Elders: Karen Pryor, Bob Mecredy, Hezekiah Simmons, Cathy Foerster

September 20, 2016

Dear Presbyters,

A letter concerning the retirement of the Rev. Dr. Val Fowler as Stated Clerk was sent out from the Presbytery Office in recent days. It seemed wise to us to offer more detail about that retirement ahead of the Presbytery meeting that will take place on Tuesday, September 27th at the First Presbyterian Church of Victor.

In recent months, two things came together at the same time in the life of our Presbytery, both of which impact the role of the Stated Clerk.

The Personnel Committee conducted its annual review of all of the Presbytery staff, in accordance with its job description. On the basis of the evaluation forms received, the Personnel Committee made the decision that it would not recommend Val for re-nomination to a three-year term. The current term had been extended twice, and ends this month.

At the same time there was an ongoing, serious, and difficult conversation within the Vision & Strategy Committee about the staffing of this Presbytery as we move into the future. We became increasingly aware, and have communicated to the Presbytery, that our current staffing model cannot be maintained financially for very long. It became more and more clear to Vision & Strategy that maintaining a standalone position of stated clerk is becoming untenable.

The combination of these things led to the request that the stated clerk seek retirement. This request was painful to conceive, and painful to make. This request was painful for the stated clerk to receive.

We want the presbytery to understand that this retirement was not initiated by the clerk, but was agreed to with concern on everyone's part for the best interests of the Presbytery. We want to

celebrate the quality of service our clerk has given us over almost twenty years, and the contributions he has made to the life of this Presbytery, while acknowledging with sorrow that it is time to make this change.

Not every part of this process was handled well. We are aware and we commit ourselves to doing better in the future. Even so, everyone involved has sought to be faithful. The Vision & Strategy Committee, the Personnel Committee, the leaders of the Presbytery, and our retiring clerk pray--and ask you to pray--that we may be the leaders that we desire to be, and the leaders you need us to be by the grace and mercy of God.

Always in the Hope and Peace of Jesus Christ,

The Rev. Brandi Wooten
Chair of Presbytery Council

The Rev. James Rendfrew
Moderator of Presbytery

APPENDIX B

Job Description: Presbyter for Healthy Congregations / Stated Clerk

Presbytery of Genesee Valley

Position Description

Title:	Presbyter for Healthy Congregations/Stated Clerk
Category:	In accord with the Fair Labor Standards Act, this position is an exempt position. It is a full-time, salaried position (40 hour/week), for the period <i>October 1, 2016-December 31, 2018</i> . The Stated Clerk is an Officer of the Presbytery.
Employment:	Employment for the Presbyter position is by the Presbytery, in consultation with the Personnel Committee, and in accordance with Presbytery policies. Employment as Stated Clerk is through election by the Presbytery for a term beginning <i>October 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2018</i> .
Accountability:	As Presbyter for Healthy Congregations, the position is accountable to the Presbytery Leader. As Stated Clerk, the position is accountable to the Presbytery.

Presbyter for Healthy Congregations (PHC) Responsibilities:

1. In accordance with the Presbytery's vision of Healthy, Vital, and Sustainable Congregations:

The role of the PHC will be to implement the transition of current mission partnerships to the Healthy Congregations model, so that the mission work of the Presbytery is accomplished primarily through partnerships in Neighborhoods and across the Presbytery.

PHC will focus first on the work of the current program and mission committees of the Presbytery (Mission & Advocacy, Congregational Development, Resource & Education, and Stewardship Development, Three Committees Collaborating and Self-Development of People). PHC will initiate a design process to identify with current and former committee members

- what work should continue, and what may be discontinued.
- what work may be done most effectively by a Healthy Congregations Team of trained, skilled, and collaborative persons consulting directly with Neighborhoods and congregations,

- and what may remain as Presbytery-initiated work.

PHC will make recommendations to the Vision & Strategy Committee and Presbytery Council on the findings, and work to develop the Healthy Congregations Team to serve Neighborhoods and congregations.

2. PHC will direct the Resource Center (now also serving the Genesee Valley Association of the United Church of Christ), and propose a model for managing the Resource Center beyond 2018. PHC will train those who will continue this work.
3. In addition, the PHC will meet with the Presbytery Council, including the Vision & Strategy Team, and consult with the Nominating Committee.
4. Upon request, PHC will visit congregations for worship and other opportunities for relationship building.

Stated Clerk Responsibilities:

1. As Secretary to the Presbytery:
 - Record and report minutes for Presbytery, COM, and the Presbytery Council.
 - Serve as parliamentarian to those bodies, including advising on *Robert's Rules of Order*
 - Prepare Omnibus motions and the Stated Clerk's Report, the Presbytery Council Report and the COM Report for Presbytery Meetings
 - Maintain membership rolls of Teaching Elders (Ministers of Word and Sacrament), Commissioned Ruling Elders, and Certified Christian Educators.
 - Handle official correspondence, and attest to the actions of the Presbytery, and respond to inquiries regarding a Teaching Elder's standing in the Presbytery, in accordance with the Book of Order.
 - Complete the Annual Statistical Report with the clerks of session to submit it to the Office of General Assembly; report to the Presbytery.
2. Recruit, orient, guide and follow up with Investigative Committees, in accordance with Rules of Discipline and Presbytery procedures; resource Administrative Commissions as requested.
3. Supervise the annual reading of the minutes of the councils of congregations.
4. Participate in the Synod and General Assembly events appropriate to the position, including the reading of Presbytery's minutes.
5. Fulfill such other duties as may be called for in the Book of Order and policies of the Presbytery.

It is anticipated that the proportion of the PHC to SC work will be 80%/20% in the aggregate.

Performance Review: An annual review by the Personnel Committee for each role will be conducted according to the Presbytery's Personnel policy.

APPENDIX D

Operating Statement, August 31, 2016

PRESBYTERY BUDGET				Budgeted	% To	Budget %	Actual YTD
LINE #	BUGET INCOME	2016	August	Balance	Date	August	August
		Budget	ACTUALS	To Date	66.7%	2015	2015
Congregational and Individual Support							
		74.4%					
4000	Presbytery General Mission	221,762	11,805	116,691	(31,150)	53%	131,067
4100	Presbytery Per Capita (\$18.31)	168,211	9,821	110,324	(1,817)	66%	112,170
4500	Presbytery Meeting Offerings	2,200	0	1,107	(359)	50%	869
		392,173	21,626	228,122			244,105
Investment Income Support							
		25.3%					
4445	Interest from Presbytery Cash Flow Reserves - Line 3219	2,500	0	8,694	7,028	348%	2,743
4551	Investment Management Fee - from Karpus Fund	14,000	0	9,740	406	70%	8,815
4552	Meeting the Great Ends of the Church - from Line 3217	116,907	9,742	77,938	0	67%	93,144
	Investment Income Support:	133,407	9,742	96,372			104,702
Other Support							
		0.3%					
4420	UCC/Wellspring Staff Support	0	0	1,000			
4490	Master Insurance Service Receipts	1,800	0	880		49%	960
	Other Support:	1,800	0	1,880			960
	TOTAL BUDGET INCOME:	527,381	31,368	326,374	(25,213)	62%	349,768
LINE # BUDGET EXPENSES							
Activating Mission with, through & in Congregations							
		42.9%					
5000s	Council - Camp Whitman	20,000	2,000	14,000	0	70%	14,000
5300s	Trustees - Resource Center Rent	10,752	896	7,168	0	67%	7,027
5500s	Administrative Operations - Website, Stewardship	1,327	96	1,489	(605)	112%	3,162
6000s	Mission & Advocacy Committee	20,700	1,478	14,015	475	68%	22,714
6400s	Resource & Education 6440s	5,500	432	1,302	2,364	24%	2,601
	Congregational	23,200	875	10,694	5,546	46%	20,395
	Development 7200s Presbytery	42,021	3,641	29,000	(986)	69%	27,812
	Leader (35%) 7400s	23,810	1,949	15,818	55	66%	15,415
7500s	Presbyter for Mission & Education	78,940	1	52,539	88	67%	51,465
	Activating Mission with, through and in Congregations:	226,250	11,367	146,026			164,592
Nurturing Presbyterian Community							
		24.8%					
5000s	Council	800	0	620	(87)	78%	210
5050	SNE & GA Per Capita Contrib. from budget	18,500		29,144			34,477
6300s	Committee On Ministry	4,000	0	1,333	1,334	33%	1,477
6500s	Clergy Care & Development	5,500	35	2,280	1,387	41%	2,110
6600s	Committee on Preparation for Ministry	1,300	0	0	867	0%	120
6700s	Nominating Committee	0	0	0			0
6800s	Committee on Representation	0	0	0			0
6900s	Judicial Expenses	1,100	0	0	733	0%	0
7100s	Presbyter for Pastoral Support	0	0	0	0	0%	17,325
7200s	Presbytery Leader (50%)	60,030	5,202	41,428	(1,408)	69%	39,732
7400s	Staff Support	22,915	1,875	15,220	56	66%	14,833
7800s	Office of the Stated Clerk	16,658	1,152	10,020	1,085	60%	9,039
	Nurturing Presbyterian Community Subtotals:	130,803	8,264	100,044			119,322
Being Organized (a Religious Corporation)							
		32.3%					
5200s	Personnel Committee / Employment Costs (7000s)	9,186	1,213	3,328	2,796	36%	4,620
5300s	Trustees (including office rent)	44,832	896	23,598	6,290	53%	23,703
5500s	Administrative Operations, BDOC	36,971	3,658	26,072	(1,424)	71%	21,335
7000s	Staff Support & Presbytery Leader (15%)	79,339	6,584	53,176	(283)	67%	51,675
	Being Organized Subtotals:	170,328	12,351	106,174			101,334
	TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSE:	527,381	31,982	352,243			385,247
	BUDGET EXCESS / SHORTFALL:	0	(614)	(25,869)			(35,479)

APPENDIX E

Proposed Presbytery Budget for 2017

2017 PRESBYTERY BUDGET PROPOSAL		
	2017	2016
BUDGET INCOME	PROPOSAL	BUDGET
Congregational and Individual Support	75.3%	74.4%
Presbytery General Mission	206,504	221,762
Presbytery Per Capita (\$19.05)	170,000	168,211
Presbytery Meeting Offerings	2,200	2,200
Congregational and Individual Support:	378,704	392,173
Investment Income Support:	24.0%	25.3%
Interest from Presbytery Cash Flow Reserves - Line 3219	2,500	2,500
Investment Management Fee - from Karpus Fund		14,000
Investment Support for Budget - from Line 3217	118,207	116,907
Investment Income Support:	120,707	133,407
Other Support:	0.8%	0.3%
UCC/Wellspring Staff Support	2,000	0
Master Insurance Service Receipts	1,800	1,800
Other Support:	3,800	1,800
TOTAL BUDGET INCOME:	503,211	527,380
BUDGET EXPENSE		
Designated Mission Support		
Cameron	7,500	5,000
PMIC	2,500	2,300
Greater Rochester Community of Churches	1,000	1,000
Camp Whitman	20,000	20,000
Campus Ministry	250	250
Lagom Landing		3,500
	31,250	32,050
Healthy Congregations Work (M&A, R&E, CDC, Stewardship)	41,431	37,540
Healthy Leaders Work		
COM	4,000	4,000
Clergy Care	5,500	5,500
CPM	1,300	1,300
	10,800	10,800
Support for a Healthy Presbytery		
Staff Salaries & Benefits	317,237	322,184
Personnel Related Expenses	5,200	5,200
Office /Admin/Custodial	26,854	26,846
Facilities Expense	38,159	55,583
Synod & GA Per Capita not covered by churches	17,500	18,500
Stated Clerk Expenses	2,000	2,828
Judicial Expenses	1,100	1,100

Audit, Banking Fees & Depreciation Expense	10,880	13,949
Big Picture Team/Council	800	800
	419,730	446,990
2017 Budget Proposal @ 09/14/16	503,211	527,380