



# Presbytery of Genesee Valley

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A Special Meeting of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley was held electronically via Zoom on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

## CONSTITUTION

Moderator Elder Lea Kone (Downtown) called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. She then declared a quorum was present and offered an opening prayer.

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

CONGREGATION	MINISTER	COMMISSIONER(S)	CONGREGATION	MINISTER	COMMISSIONER(S)
Albion, First	Sue Thaine	Amanda Krenning Muoio	Lyndonville	CP Martha Mitchell	
Attica, First			Medina, First		
Avon, Central	EX Carin Farmer		Mendon		Phillip Kellogg
Barre Center	----		Mt. Morris, United	---	
Batavia, First			Mumford, First		Susan Csizmadia
Bethany	Bob Spratt		North Bergen		
Brockport, First	----	Kristen Gerling	Nunda, Trinity	Ron Duttweiler	
Byron, First	James Renfrew		Ogden		Pat Everett
Caledonia, First	EX Vinod Gnanaraj		Ossian, First	----	
Chili, First	EX Brandi Wooten		Parkminster	----	
Christ Clarion	CP Mark McDaniel		Penfield		Melinda Shaffer
Corfu United	Evan Wildhack	Patty Miles	Perinton		Mark Stevens
Covington United	EX Christine James		Perry, Brick	CP Lynn Burdick	
Dansville	Marcia Reiff		Pike Community	----	
Downtown	Laurie Tiberi		Pittsford, First (2)	Aaron Neff Erin Jacobson	Barbara Smith
East Avon, First	EX Michelle Allen	Kathryn Rider	Roch. Korean (2)	Young Jun Kim	
East Bethany			Scottsville, Union	EX Kevin Hersey	Donald Tubman
Elba, First	EX Barbara Tipton		South	EX Deb Swift	Nancy Rice
Gates	EX Laura Bachmann	Tom Brewer	Sparta, First	----	
Geneseo, Central	Nancy Lowmaster	Anne Bishop	Stone, Bergen		Deborah Godlove
Groveland Fed.			Summerville	Elaine Loggi	Mary Haverfield
Holley, First	---		Third (3)	Tedd Pullano	George Gotsik
Honeoye Falls			Trinity Emmanuel (2)		Margaret Finch
Irondequoit	---		Tuscarora, First		
John Calvin		Ellen Best	Twelve Corners		Katharine Iuli
John Knox		Priscilla Thomas	Victor, First		
LeRoy, First	David Pepper		Warsaw United		
Lima			Webster		Anita Brocker
Livonia		Lori Shipman	York, United		

**MINISTERS IN VALIDATED MINISTRIES / MINISTERS AT LARGE / MINISTERS HONORABLY RETIRED**  
**(VM = Validated AL = At-large HR = Honorably Retired IA =Inactive)**

<b>Present:</b>		
Louise Armstrong (HR)	Carolyn Grohman (HR)	Walter Stuber (AL)
Elizabeth Beckhusen (HR)	Ernest Krug (HR)	Stephanie Sauve (AL)
Bruce Boak (HR)	Lisa Lancaster (HR)	Tom Taylor (HR)
Jeff Falter (AL)	Gail Ricciuti (HR)	Anne Waasdorp (HR)
Val Fowler (HR)	Carol Anne Strawbridge (HR)	James Widboom (HR)
<b>Excused:</b>		
Rod Frohman (HR)		
Chuck Roberts (HR)		
Tom Gardner (HR)		
Judy Hay (HR)		
Harry Heintz (HR)		

**ADDITIONAL ELDER COMMISSIONERS / CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS** (Appointed by Presbytery to correct elder-clergy imbalance)

Kathy Coons (Gates)	Peter Judd (Perinton)	Hezekiah Simmons (Pittsford)
Janette Henderson (Pittsford)	Lea Kone (Downtown)	Kay VanNostrand (Lyndonville)
Betty Iwan (Third)	Susan Orr (Trinity)	
	Karen Pryor (Third)	

**CORRESPONDING MEMBERS ENROLLED FOR THIS MEETING (others noted under "Congregations"):**

Rev. Rebecca Segers (Presbytery of Philadelphia)

**REGISTERED VISITORS including PRESBYTERY STAFF and COMMISSIONED PASTORS Not Serving Churches:**

Cheryl Battaglia (Staff)	CM Philip Davis	Jeremy Peters (Third)
Lisa Bennett (Staff)	Melanie Jones (Third)	Margaret Rachfal (Third)
Clive Daunton (Third)	Ann McMican (Third)	CP Marsha Wenhold (RPH)

<b>SUMMARIES FOR EACH MEETING</b>	<b>Jan 26</b>	<b>Feb 9</b>	<b>April 24</b>	<b>June 15</b>	<b>July 27</b>	<b>Sept 14</b>	<b>Sept 28</b>	<b>Oct 23</b>	<b>Dec 14</b>
<b>Total Minister Members of Presbytery</b>	113	113	110	111	111	112	112	111	110
<b>Total Minister Commissioners Present</b>	53	21	38	23	35	28	4	39	29
<b>Total Elder Commissioners Present</b>	68	41	46	25	46	37	5	48	35
<b>Parity</b> (expressed in terms of Elders, + or -)	+15	+20	+8	+2	+11	+9	+1	+9	+6
<b>Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders</b>	21	31	30	41	32	33	56	30	35
<b>Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders &amp; Pastors</b>	6	21	16	35	16	24	53	15	21
<b>Total Registered Visitors</b>	10	7	15	6	7	8	0	8	10
<b>TOTAL REGISTERED ATTENDANCE - 2021</b>	131	69	99	54	88	73	9	95	74

## INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

### Announcements

The Moderator asked for prayers for the family and friends of Rev. Lisette Landry Russell (AL) who died this week.

### Approval of Docket

Upon motion, the Presbytery **VOTED** by poll vote to approve the following docket for the meeting:

6:30 pm	Call to Order and Opening Prayer Introductory Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Declaration of Quorum</li><li>• Approval of Docket</li><li>• Privilege of the Floor</li></ul>	Lea Kone
6:40 pm	Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Examination of Candidate for Ordination Marsha Wenhold, and related motions</li></ul> Report of the Committee on Ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Examination of Rev. Rebecca Segers and related motions</li></ul>	Walter Stuber  Marcia Reiff
7:40 pm	Adjournment with prayer	Lea Kone

### Privilege of the Floor

The Presbytery **VOTED** by poll vote to grant privilege of voice to non-commissioners for the purpose of participating in reports.

### Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Rev. Walter Stuber (AL), chair of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, gave a report which included background on Candidate Marsha Wenhold. He then presented Candidate Wenhold for examination.

### **(Examination of Candidate Marsha Wenhold)**

Following a period of examination, the Presbytery **VOTED** by poll vote to:

**Examine** Candidate Marsha Wenhold for ordination and sustain the examination. [NOTE: Candidate Wenhold was certified ready to seek a call by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry on June 5, 2019.]

Candidate Wenhold then moved to an electronic waiting room.

The Presbytery **VOTED** by poll vote to:

**Approve** the ordination of Candidate Marsha Wenhold as Validated Minister at the Rochester Presbyterian Home.

**Appoint** the following persons as the Administrative Commission to ordain Candidate Marsha Wenhold at 10 :00 am on January 22, 2022 at Lyndonville Presbyterian Church, Lyndonville, NY in the church sanctuary:

Moderator, Elder Lea Kone (Downtown)	Elder Kay Van Nostrand (Lyndonville)
Rev. Walter Wenhold (HR)	Elder Luan Riner (Byron)
Rev. William Wilkinson (Medina)	Elder Margaret Martin (Medina)
Rev. Dr. Roula Alkhouri (Batavia)	

**Appoint** the following persons as additional participants of the Administrative Commission:

Rev. James Renfrew (Byron)	Rev. Laura Bachmann (Gates)
Elder Martha Mitchell, CRE (Lyndonville)	Rev. Laurel Nelson (VM)

**Authorize** Candidate Wenhold to officiate communion at this Service of Ordination.

**Dismiss** the Administrative Commission at the conclusion of the Service of Ordination.

**Enroll** Rev. Marsha Wenhold as a Validated Ministry member of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley upon completion of the Service of Ordination.

RATIONALE: Per Rev. Dr. Tim Cargill, Assistant Stated Clerk, Ministry Preparations and Support for the PC(USA), ordination to Specialized/Validated Ministry is possible when the following two constitutional provisions are met:

The specified responsibilities within the position description include tasks which require the authorizations that come with ordination to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament. In the Rochester Presbyterian Home's Chaplaincy position, it requires that communion is administered regularly. While it is rarely requested, the Chaplain may also need to perform the sacrament of Baptism. The position fulfills all the requirements of the Presbytery's specialized/validated ministry policy, including an accountability structure and the necessary ecclesial oversight and authorization of sacramental ministry.

Candidate Wenhold rejoined the meeting at this time. Rev. Stuber offered a welcoming prayer.

### **Committee on Ministry**

Rev. Marcia Reiff (Dansville), moderator of Committee on Ministry, gave a report which included background on Rev. Rebecca Segers. She introduced the following members of Third Presbyterian Church: Elder Jeremy Peters and Elder Margaret Rachfal. Elder Peters attested to the call of Rev. Segers and Elder Rachfal attested to the gifts which Rev. Segers brings to the ministry. Rev. Reiff then presented Rev. Segers for examination.

### **(Examination of Rev. Rebecca Segers)**

Following a period of examination, the Presbytery **VOTED** by poll vote to:

**Examine** Rev. Rebecca Segers (Presbytery of Philadelphia) and sustain the examination. [NOTE: The Committee on Ministry clearance interview with Rev. Segers was conducted by Louise Armstrong (HR), James Widboom (HR) and Tom Taylor (HR) on August 22, 2021.]

Rev. Segers then moved to an electronic waiting room.

The Presbytery **VOTED** by poll vote to:

**Approve** enrolling Rev. Segers as a member of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, and request transfer of membership from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

**Approve** the call of Third Presbyterian Church to Rev. Segers as pastor (full-time) effective January 3, 2022 upon the following terms of call:

Cash Salary	\$66,500
Housing Allowance	\$28,500
Social Security Offset	\$ 7,459
PC(USA) Benefits Plan	\$38,262
Medical Deductible Benefit	\$2,500
Cont Ed/Study Leave	\$ 4,000
<b>Effective Salary</b>	<b>\$97,500</b>

Annual Vacation Time: 30 days, including 6 Sundays

Cont Ed/Study Leave: 2 weeks

Sick Leave: 1 day/mo cumulative

Moving Expenses: \$10,000

[The congregational meeting held on October 24, 2021 was moderated by Rev. Roderic Frohman (HR). The congregation elected Elder Margaret Rachfal, chair of the Pastor Nominating Committee, to attest to the congregational meeting and the call of Rev. Segers.]

**Appoint** Rev. Rebecca Segers as moderator of Session of Third Presbyterian Church effective January 3, 2022.

Rev. Segers rejoined the meeting at this time. Rev. Reiff offered a welcoming prayer.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Moderator called for a motion to adjourn which was approved. The meeting closed with Moderator Kone offering a closing prayer at 7:40 pm.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Kathleen Coons, Journal Clerk

