

**MINUTES OF STATED PRESBYTERY MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2019 4:05 P.M.**

**THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROCHESTER, NY**

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley was hosted by Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY on Tuesday, January 29, 2019. Two pre-meeting opportunities were offered: 1) Presbytery Meeting Design led by Moderator Rev. Sue Thaine and members of the Big Picture Team; and 2) Intergenerational Ministry led by Rebecca D'Angelo-Veitch, Children's Ministry/Congregational Fellowship Coordinator at Third Presbyterian Church.

The host pastor, Rev. John Wilkinson, offered a welcome to the Presbytery.

Prior to convening, announcements and Good News from Churches and Congregations were shared, including:

- Congregational Learning Day at Perinton Presbyterian Church on February 9th, an educational day for all church members
- The Resource Center has found a new home(s) at the Dansville Presbyterian Church in collaboration with St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Perkinsville, moving in May 2019
- The Presbytery Prayer Journal was reintroduced, sponsored by the Relationships Working Group
- A \$15,000 national Self Development of People grant has been awarded to Alianza Agricola for the Green Light NY driver's license campaign
- Synod of NE request for volunteers for rebuilding mission trips to Puerto Rico Feb 16-23 and Feb 23- Mar 2.
- PGV Grant applications for congregations and community agencies will be available in early February with application deadline of March 15th
- A new roof has been installed and paid for (with no loan!) at Dansville Presbyterian Church
- Historic Calvary St Andrews is hosting a March 23rd concert by Rev. Val Fowler to benefit the building's restoration of its windows, murals and other projects
- Diana Page will be speaking about adolescents on Sunday March 10th at Honeoye Falls Presbyterian Church

ROLL CALL

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

CONGREGATION	MINISTER	COMMISSIONER(S)	CONGREGATION	MINISTER	COMMISSIONER(S)
Albion, First	Sue Thaine	Timothy McGee	Medina, First	EX - Wilkinson	EX
Attica, First	CP Brad Smith	Kathy Glowka	Mendon	Ho Dong Hwang	
Avon, Central	Carin Farmer	EX	Mt. Morris, United (2)	Abs - CP Swain	
Barre Center	EX - Tipton	Mike Thaine	Mumford, First	CP Roger Estes	Susan Csizmadia
Batavia, First	EX - Alkhoury	Linda Knipe	North Bergen	CP David Fish	
Bethany	Robert Spratt	Susan Brown	Nunda, Trinity (2)	Ron Duttweiler	Leslie Simone
Brockport, First	Nick Dorland	Peggy Hale	Ogden	Tedd Pullano	Pat Everett
Byron, First	Jim Renfrew	EX	Ossian, First (2)	-----	
Caledonia, First	-----	Lisa Morrill	Parkminster	-----	
Chili, First	Brandi Wooten		Penfield	Carson Mouser	Melinda Shaffer
Christ Clarion	EX - Michelinie		Perinton	EX - Fitzgerald	Craig Chormann
Corfu United	Aaron Neff		Perry, Brick (2)	-----	
Covington United	Laura Fry		Pike Community (2)	Abs - Farnsworth	
Dansville (2)	Marcia Reiff	Barbara Stickney Janis Lewis	Pittsford, First (2)	EX - Mitchell	Cindy Becker Dianne Brown
Downtown United	EX - Youngdahl	John DeHority	Rochester Korean (2)	-----	
East Avon, First	Michael Fry		Scottsville, Union	EX - Hoener	Don Tubman
East Bethany	EX - Jacobson		South	EX - Swift	Marirose Dempsey
Elba, First	EX - Tipton	EX	Sparta, First (2)	-----	
Gates	Melissa DeRosia	Thomas Brewer	Stone, Bergen	Absent - Stuart	
Geneseo, Central	Nancy Lowmaster	Peggy Rouleau	Summerville	Jim Widboom	Mary Haverfield
Groveland Fed. (2)	Absent - Hotchkiss		Third (3)	John Wilkinson Lynette Sparks Ernest Krug	Betty Iwan
Holley, First	EX - Gardner	EX	Trinity Emmanuel (2)	Absent - Jackson	Roger Miller Joyce Miller
Honeoye Falls, First	Kirk Baker	Martha Kumler	Tuscarora, First (2)	Absent - Buisch	
Irondequoit	Twyla Boyer		Twelve Corners	Kevin Hershey	Kathy Iuli
John Calvin	Absent - Hanselman		Victor, First	Colin Pritchard	
John Knox	Absent - Roberts	Priscilla Thomas	Warsaw United (2)	-----	
LeRoy, First	Absent - Pepper		Webster	Absent - DeVuyst Absent - Borduin Vanderzwan	Alan Durbin
Lima	CM David Kilgore	Colleen Allen	Wyoming, First	EX - Haven	
Livonia	Absent - Tyrrell		York, United	Michelle Sumption	Mary Hopkins
Lyndonville	EX- CP Mitchell	EX			

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

(VM = Validated AL = At-large HR = Honorably Retired)

Present:

Louise Armstrong (HR)	Val Fowler (HR)	Gail Riccuiti (HR)
Viktoria Berlik (AL)	Roderic Frohman (HR)	Lisette Russell (HR)
James Evinger (HR)	Carolyn Grohman (HR)	Tom Taylor (HR)
Jeff Falter (AL)	Judy Lee Hay (HR)	Laurie Tiberi (VM)
Amy Williams Fowler (VM)	Harriet McConnochie (HR)	Anne Waasdorp (HR)
Gene Fowler (HR)	Laurel Nelson (VM)	Gordon Webster (HR)

Excused:

James Anderson (HR)	Donald Glover (HR)	Stephanie Sauve (VM)
Mary Lou Anderson (HR)	Harry Heintz (HR)	Mary Carol Schaedel (HR)
Raymond Bagnuolo (HR)	John Heister (HR)	David Smith (HR)
Elizabeth Beckhusen (HR)	Louise Josephson (HR)	Carol Anne Strawbridge (HR)
Bruce Billman (HR)	Robert Kaiser (HR)	Walter Stuber (AL)
Robert Booher (HR)	Cheryl Zoller Lowe (HR)	George Walker (HR)
Linda Brebner (HR)	Kathy Madigan (HR)	Walter Wenhold (HR)
Virginia Brown (HR)	Cheryle McCann (HR)	Dorothea Yoder (HR)
Andrew Chalmers (HR)	Rosemary Mitchell (VM)	
Ann Evinger (HR)	Ron Sallade (HR)	

Absent:

Christine Baker (VM)	Jamie Kenyon (AL)	Bob Rice (HR)
Steven Becker (HR)	Lucinda Lamme (HR)	Kavin Rossman (HR)
Kathryn Bindig (AL)	Charles Leport (HR)	David Seaburn (HR)
Bruce Boak (HR)	Ray Lindquist (HR)	Pat Shaffer (HR)
Rebecca Chaffee (AL)	Alfreda Morse (HR)	Encie Stevens (HR)
Ruth Doyle (HR)	Nadia Mullin (VM)	Kathryn Stimson (VM)
Neil Frood (HR)	Nancy Overgaard (AL)	Cy Varland (HR)
Dane Gordon (HR)	Jerrold Paul (HR)	Jane Watt (HR)
Bill Hockey (HR)	Anthony Riccuiti (HR)	

ADDITIONAL ELDER COMMISSIONERS / CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS

(Appointed by presbytery to correct elder-clergy imbalance)

Present:

Linda Badger Becker (Gates)	Ron Hansen (Third)	Lincoln Spaulding (Third)
Barbara Bruins (Pittsford)	Bob Mecredy (Pittsford)	Nancy Sprenkle (Pittsford)
Mary Cowden (Third)	Ed Orman (York)	
George Gotcsik (Third)	Susan Orr (Trinity Emmanuel)	

Excused:

Cathy Foerster (Christ Clarion)	Hezekiah Simmons (Pittsford)
Rose Peet (Third)	Kay VanNostrand (Lyndonville)

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

none

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

Cheryl Battaglia (staff)	David Hale (Brockport)	Jim Rissler (Presbyterian Investment & Loan)
Kathy Coons (Gates)	Karen Kingsbury (Companions on the Way)	Dennis Smith
Jim DeVoe (Summerville)	Craig Kunkle (Pittsford)	Beth Weaver (staff)
Sylvia Fix (Pittsford)	Ron Little (Twelve Corners)	
Ann Haag (Third)		

SUMMARIES FOR EACH MEETING	Jan 29	Mar 30	May 22		
Total Minister Members of Presbytery	118				
Total Minister Commissioners Present	44				
Total Elder Commissioners Present	44				
Parity (expressed in terms of Elders, + or -)	0				
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders	31				
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders and Pastors	21				
Total Registered Visitors	12				
TOTAL REGISTERED ATTENDANCE	100				

CONSTITUTION

Moderator Rev. Sue Thaine (Penfield) called the meeting to order at 4:05pm, a quorum being present. She offered the opening prayer.

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Approval of Docket

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

3:50pm	Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greetings from the Host Church • Congregational Learning Day • Good News from Churches and Neighborhoods 	John Wilkinson Jim Renfrew
	Call to Order and Opening Prayer Introductory Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Docket • Appointment of Tellers • Greeting New Commissioners • Enrollment of Corresponding Members • Privilege of the Floor 	
	Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifting of Motions for Discussion 	
	Call for New Business	
4:20pm	Worship Service with Necrology Report	Creative Connections
4:50pm	Presbytery Leader Report – A Decisive Year Ahead	Amy Williams Fowler
5:00pm	Report of the Big Picture Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report From Camp Whitman • ROC SALT Report • Action on the Amendments to the Book of Order from 223rd General Assembly • Report from the Financial Visioning Working Group • Report and Action on Presbytery Gatherings Proposal 	Lea Kone Lynette Sparks Jim DeVoe, Amy Fowler
5:55pm	Treasurer’s Report for 2018	Bob Mecredy
6:05pm	Report of the Budget Development & Oversight Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action on 2019 Budget 	Ed Orman
6:15pm	Report of the Trustees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress Report on Proposal for Change of Location for the Presbytery Offices • Greetings from the President of the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program 	Ron Hansen Jim Rissler
6:25pm	Nominating Report	Nancy Sprenkle
	3 Key Things to Take Home	Laurel Nelson
6:30pm	Adjourn with Prayer	
	Dinner	

Appointment of Tellers / New Business Committee

The Moderator appointed the following persons to serve as Tellers:

- TE Jeff Falter
- RE Mindy Shaffer
- RE Brad Smith
- TE Brandi Wooten

Greeting New Commissioners

The Presbytery welcomed first-time elder commissioners from the following congregations:

- Albion
- Batavia
- Pittsford

COM Leadership Team Member Linc Spaulding (Third)
Journal Clerk pro-tem Elder Kathy Coons (Gates) was welcomed.

Enrollment of Corresponding Members

The Presbytery **VOTED** to enroll the following persons as Corresponding Members with voice, no vote:
See Roll Call for Corresponding Members serving congregations. No additional Corresponding Members were in attendance.

Privilege of the Floor

The Presbytery **VOTED** to grant privilege of voice to non-commissioners, including worship leaders and participants, for the purpose of making reports to the presbytery, or participating in reports.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Prior to the vote, Moderator Rev. Sue Thaine added the following motion to the Consent Agenda – Receive the report of the Committee on Ministry as found on pages 15-17.

The following was provided as an item of information for the Presbytery:

(Session Minutes Readings)

The 2018 Session Minutes Review was conducted in November and December by Stated Clerk Susan Orr. The following 6 churches did not present their books for review (with year of last review in parentheses): Albion (2014); Groveland Federated (2011); Parkminster (2012); Sparta (2017); Warsaw (2014); Wyoming (2012).
[NOTE: Completed review forms for each presbytery neighborhood were sent to COM liaisons.]

Consent Agenda: Items for Presbytery's Action

The Presbytery **VOTED** to:

(Minutes, November 17, 2018)

Approve the Minutes of the November 17, 2018, stated meeting of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley held at Central Presbyterian Church, Geneseo, NY.

(Treasurer's Report)

Receive the Treasurer's Report, month ending December 31, 2018.

See Appendix A: Balance Sheet Summary, December, 2018

See Appendix B: Operating Statement Summary, December, 2018

(Guidelines for Examination of Pastoral Candidates and Other Members of the Presbytery)

Approve the revisions to the Guidelines for Examination of Pastoral Candidates and Other Members of the Presbytery. [NOTE: The Committee on Ministry approved the recommended revisions at its meeting on January 8, 2019.]

See Appendix C: Consolidated Document for Presbytery Approval - Guidelines for Examination of Pastoral Candidates and Other Members of the Presbytery

(Committee on Ministry)

Receive the following report of the Committee on Ministry:

Committee on Ministry: Actions Taken on Behalf of Presbytery

Acting on behalf of the Presbytery, the Committee **VOTED** to:

(Moderator Appointments)

Appoint Rev. Mike Stuart (HR, Presbytery of the Cascades) as Moderator of the Session of Stone Church Presbyterian Church, Bergen, NY effective January 1, 2019.

Committee on Ministry: Actions to be Reported to Presbytery as Information

(South / Rev. Katrina Hebb)

1. **Received** the signed "Dissolution Agreement" and the "Report of Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship" Covenant Agreement between the Rev. Katrina Hebb and South Presbyterian Church dated November 29, 2018.

2. **Approved** the dissolution of the Stated Supply Covenant Agreement (full-time) between the Session of South Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY, and the Rev. Katrina Hebb effective November 5, 2018 at the following terms: Benefits Plan PC(USA) \$ 2,132

(Stone Bergen / Rev. R. Michael Stuart)

Approved the Stated Supply Covenant Agreement (25% time) between the Session of Stone Church Presbyterian Church, Bergen, NY and Rev. R. Michael Stuart (HR, Presbytery of Cascades) effective January 1, 2019 at the following terms:

Cash Salary	<u>\$11,525</u>
Effective Salary	\$11,525
Social Security Offset	\$ 882
Cont Ed/Study Leave	\$ 200
Professional Expenses	\$ 1,000

Annual Leave & Vacation Time: 30 days including 5 Sundays; 2 wks study leave

Sick Leave: 1 day/mo cumulative

[NOTE: Rev. Stuart is an honorably retired member of the Presbytery of the Cascades. He will serve the Presbytery of Genesee Valley as a Corresponding Member, with voice/no vote at Presbytery meetings.]

(Summerville / Rev. James Widboom)

Approved the extension of the Temporary Supply Covenant Agreement (44% time) between the Session of Summerville Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY and Rev. James Widboom effective December 30, 2018 – April 21, 2019 at the following terms:

Cash Salary	\$15,032
Housing Allowance	<u>\$ 7,515</u>
Effective Salary	\$22,547
Social Security Offset	\$ 1,724
Travel/Professional Expense	\$ 2,075

Annual Leave & Vacation Time: 5 days including 1 Sunday

Sick Leave: 1 day/mo cumulative

(Trinity Emmanuel / Rev. Julius D. Jackson Jr.)

Approved the Stated Supply Covenant Agreement (33% time) between the Session of Trinity Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY and Rev. Julius D. Jackson Jr. effective January 1, 2019 at the following terms:

Cash Salary	\$13,200
Housing Allowance	\$ 6,030
Utilities	\$ 1,892
Effective Salary	\$21,122
Social Security Offset	\$ 1,616
Cont Ed/Study Leave	\$ 800
Travel/Professional Expense	\$ 1,200

Annual Leave & Vacation Time: 30 days including 5 Sundays; 2 wks study leave

Sick Leave: 1 day/mo cumulative

(South / Candidate Laura Bachmann)

1. **Approved** the Covenant Agreement for Temporary Student Supply (50% time) between the Session of South Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY and Candidate Laura Bachmann effective January 1 – March 31, 2019 at the following terms:

Cash Salary	\$ 2,548
Housing Allowance	\$ 1,875
Utilities	<u>\$ 800</u>
Effective Salary	\$ 5,175
Social Security Offset	\$ 396
Cont Ed/Study Leave	\$ 100
Travel/Prof. Expense	\$ 534

2. **Approved** the Covenant Agreement for Temporary Student Supply (full-time) between the Session of South Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY and Elder Laura Bachmann effective April 1 – June 30, 2019 at the following terms:

Cash Salary	\$ 5,095
Housing Allowance	\$ 3,750
Utilities	\$ 1,500
Effective Salary	\$10,345
Social Security Offset	\$ 791
Cont Ed/Study Leave	\$ 200
Travel/Prof. Expense	\$ 1,067

Leave and Vacation Time is based on full six months, January 1 – June 30, 2019:
18 days, including 3 Sundays; 1 wk study leave

Sick Leave: 1 day/mo cumulative

(North Bergen / Commissioned Pastor David Fish)

Approved the Commissioned Pastor Covenant Agreement (full-time) between the Session of North Bergen Presbyterian Church, Bergen, NY and Elder David Fish (Gates) effective January 1, 2019 at the following terms:

Cash Salary	<u>\$36,879</u>
Effective Salary	\$36,879
Cont Ed/Study Leave	\$ 800
Internet	\$ 840
Travel/Professional Expense	\$ 3,811

Annual Leave & Vacation Time: 30 days including 5 Sundays; 2 wks study leave
Sick Leave: 1 day/mo cumulative

(Transfer of Membership)

Dismiss Rev. James Nelson Latta (AL) to Shenango Presbytery effective September 18, 2018.

(Exit Interviews)

1. **Received** the report of the Exit Interview with Rev. Katrina Hebb conducted by Elders Bill Mackey and Mary Cowden on November 7, 2018.
2. **Received** the report of the Exit Interview with the Session of South Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY conducted by Elders Bill Mackey and Karen Pryor on November 12, 2018.
3. **Received** the report of the Exit Interview with Commissioned Pastor Cathy Foerster conducted by Elder Janis Lewis and Rev. Marcia Reiff on December 13, 2018.
4. **Received** the report of the Exit Interview with the Session of Lima Presbyterian Church, Lima, NY conducted by Elder Janis Lewis on December 27, 2018.

(Congregational Transition Documents)

1. **Approved** the Ministry Information Form of First Presbyterian Church, Pittsford, NY.
2. **Received** the updated Stated Supply Associate Pastor position description from South Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY.
3. **Authorized** the election of the Designated Pastoral Nominating Committee for Summerville Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY.

CONSENT AGENDA: Items for Presbytery's Information
Stated Clerk Information Items

(Anniversaries)

The following are the significant anniversaries of congregations that occur in 2019 (listed in 25-year increments):

- 150 years** (1869)
Mumford United Presbyterian Church, Mumford, NY
- 200 years** (1819)
First Presbyterian Church, Holley, NY

(Ordinations / Installations)

The ordination of Rev. Erin Schubmehl Jacobson was held on December 1, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church, Batavia, NY.

(Roster of the Permanent Judicial Commission)

The *Book of Order* requires the stated clerk of a governing body annually report to that governing body the names of the members of its Permanent Judicial Commission and the names of those whose terms have expired within the past six years:

The stated clerk of the council shall keep a current roster of those members of the permanent judicial commission whose terms have expired within the past six years. The names shall be arranged alphabetically within classes beginning with the most recent class. Whenever the permanent judicial commission reports its inability to obtain a quorum, the stated clerk shall immediately select, by rotation from that roster, a sufficient number of former members of the permanent judicial commission to constitute a quorum. The stated clerk shall report the roster annually to the council. [D-5.0206b.]

Current Roster:

Class of 2024	Rev. Carin Farmer (Avon Central) – <i>pending election</i> Rev. Gordon Webster (HR) – <i>pending election</i> Rev. John Wilkinson (Third) – <i>pending election</i>
Class of 2022	Elder LaMarr Jackson (Trinity Emmanuel) Elder Ella Van Loon (Laurelton)
Class of 2020	Elder Allan Reeve (Pittsford) Elder Joan Wolfarth (Downtown)

Expired Terms (2014 through 2018):

Class of 2018	Rev. Roula Alkhoury (Batavia) Rev. Bruce Boak (Pittsford) Rev. Melissa DeRosia (Gates)
Class of 2016	Elder James Moore (Third) Rev. David Smith (HR)
Class of 2014	Elder Tom Brewer (Gates) Elder Norma Polizzi (Gates)

(Proposed Correction of Imbalance between Clergy and Elders for 2019)

The following persons have declined the invitation to serve as Additional Elder Commissioner for 2019:
Ralph Carter (Third) – 223rd General Assembly Commissioner

(Transfer of PGV Membership)

Nancy & Richard Taylor to South Presbyterian Church (former members of First Presbyterian Church, East Rochester)

Sharon & Ron Greaves to Third Presbyterian Church (former members of Laurelton United)

Janis Bruns to Third Presbyterian Church (former member of Laurelton United)

Marla Bruns to Third Presbyterian Church (former member of Laurelton United)

Julia Hill to Third Presbyterian Church (former member of Laurelton United)

[NOTE: Membership of persons from dissolved congregations is held by Presbytery until such time as he/she is welcomed into a new church home.]

(Schedule: BIG PICTURE TEAM (BPT) & PRESBYTERY: Upcoming Meetings and Locations)

- CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING DAY – Saturday, February 9, 2019 at Perinton
- BPT – Monday, February 11, 2019 – 6pm at Trinity Emmanuel
- PRESBYTERY – Saturday, March 30, 2019 10am at Gates
- BPT – Monday, April 29, 2019 6pm at Mumford First United
- PRESBYTERY – Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 4pm at Albion First - *pending action on Gathering Proposal*
- BPT – Monday, June 10, 2019 6pm at Albion First

Opportunity was given for presbyters to lift items from the Consent Agenda for later consideration. None were lifted.

The Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the Consent Agenda.

CALL FOR NEW BUSINESS

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

WORSHIP SERVICE WITH NECROLOGY REPORT

The presbytery joined together in worship led by Creative Connections. With gratitude for their abiding faith in God and their faithful service to the church, prayer was offered for Elders and Ministers of Word and Sacrament who died in 2018. Names, ordination date and date of death were projected as the song, "Carry Me", was played. Scripture included excerpts from Isaiah 43 and Joshua 1 and 3, and reflections on the scripture were shared by the worship leaders.

The Creative Connections worship leaders included:

- Rev. Nicholas Dorland (Brockport)
- Rev. Laura Fry (Covington)
- Rev. Kevin Hershey (Twelve Corners)
- Rev. Susan Thaine (Albion)
- Rev. Brandi Wooten (Chili)

Moderator Elect Commissioned Pastor Roger Estes (Mumford) assumed the chair.

REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY LEADER – A DECISIVE YEAR AHEAD

The Presbytery delighted over a picture of Kiera Fowler, Presbytery Leader Rev. Amy Williams Fowler's first grandchild. Amy wonders what Kiera's experience of faith will be. It is certain that it will be different than our own. How are we to be faithful and effective in mission in today's world? Amy shared the landscape of the Presbytery as we head into 2019 (based on 2017 statistics):

<u>Church Membership</u>	<u># churches</u>	<u>% of churches</u>	<u>% of total members in Presbytery</u>
Over 1,000	1	1.5%	13%
501-1,000	1	1.5%	9.5%
251-500	6	10%	24.5%
101-250	22	37%	35%
51-100	15	25%	11.5%
1-50	14	23%	5%

- We have 8,951 members.
- 47% of church members in the Presbytery are in the largest 8 churches (251+)
- 53% are in the remaining 51 churches (1-250)
- Churches with fewer than 101 members comprise 29 of our 59 churches – 49%

Pastoral Leaders (as of 1/27/19)

30 churches are served by full-time Ministers of Word and Sacrament (MWS)

2 churches are served by full-time Commissioned Pastors (CP): Lyndonville and North Bergen

20 churches are served by part-time MWS, including a few very close to full-time

7 churches are served by part-time CPs and other temporary pastoral leadership

54% of churches are served by full-time pastoral leaders (MWS and CPs)

46% of churches are served by part-time pastoral leaders (MWS and CPs)

Gathering churches in neighborhoods is one way PGV is responding to today's waters. Four of the six Presbytery neighborhoods have built a foundation on which to grow; a fifth is beginning to form. 37 churches made a mission gift to the Presbyter in 2018. 2019 will be a year of important decisions for the Presbytery, including the location and cost of the Presbytery offices; use of PGV investment funds and their income; and a new staff design for 2020 and beyond. On the horizon right now – Genesee Valley is one of 14 Presbyteries selected to be a part of the first wave of a national launch of the Vital Congregations Revitalization Initiative of the PC(USA), which is designed to help churches and presbyteries live more faithfully as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Initiative is a two-year covenant relationship to walk prayerfully with pastors and congregations in intentional efforts at revitalization. PGV must identify potentially 15 participating congregations by April 1, 2019.

REPORT OF THE BIG PICTURE TEAM

Rev. Sue Thaine, Convener, presented the report of the Big Picture Team.

(Camp Whitman)

Elder Lea Kone, full-time Camp Whitman Director, introduced Seeds of Change, a \$500,000 capital campaign for the future of Camp Whitman, celebrating its 65th anniversary in 2019. Through a strategic visioning process with Run River Consultants, the Camp identified three strategic goals: 1) A Welcoming Experience for All: improving hospitality and accessibility; 2) New & Enhanced Programs: improving the waterfront and adding depth to faith development programs; and 3) A Comfortable & Rejuvenative Stay: increasing capacity to serve adults and families. A \$250,000 Matching Challenge was unfolded late last year and has raised \$171,000 to date. The Presbytery, its churches and members, are invited to participate to help meet the goal.

(ROC SALT)

Board Member and co-chair, Rev. Lynette Sparks (Third), shared an update from the Presbytery's ROC SALT mission. Deepest gratitude is extended to Laura Bachmann (Pittsford) for launching the mission immersion program pilot, and establishing a strong foundation on which to build. The ROC SALT Board approved a shared leadership model for the next phase of the pilot, and introduced Rev. Tedd Pullano (Ogden) and Elder Melanie Jones (Third) as Co-Program Coordinators. Two youth groups have already signed up for summer pilot weeks in 2019; outreach and marketing to recruit additional groups for this summer (up to a total of 5 pilot weeks) has begun. Tedd challenges all presbytery members to donate two days in 2019 at the Mission Center. South Wedge Food Program is feeding more than 300 families a month and is growing. The scope and schematic design phase of the education building renovation plans with Bero Architects have been completed. Priorities for the project include accessibility, flexibility, and inclusion. Funding for these renovations will come from the \$300,000 capital funds previously approved by the Presbytery in November 2017. ROC SALT hopes to identify a couple of additional candidates for board membership. If you know of someone with appropriate skills to contribute, especially in development and marketing, please share those suggestions.

(Proposed Amendments to the Book of Order from the 223rd General Assembly)

Action was taken on these amendments one-by-one. The Presbytery **VOTED** to act on the proposed amendments as follows:

18-A. Election of Ruling Elders and Deacons – on Amending G-2.0401

Approve, by voice vote, amending G-2.0401 as follows: [Text to be deleted is shown with strike-through; text to be added is shown in italic.]

~~Congregations may provide by their own rule for a congregational nominating committee, provided that the committee shall consist of at least three active members of the congregation, and shall include at least one ruling elder who is currently serving on the session. Congregations may provide by their own rule for a congregational nominating committee. The rule shall meet the following criteria: (1) the minimum size of the committee as specified in the rule shall be at least three persons; (2) at least one member of the committee shall be an elder currently serving on session; and (3) a majority of those persons on the committee who are eligible to vote shall consist of persons not currently serving on session.~~

18-B. Renunciation of Jurisdiction

18-B.1. On Amending G-2.0509

Approve, by voice vote, amending G-2.0509 as follows: [Text to be deleted is shown with strike-through; text to be added is shown in italic.]

~~Whenever a former minister of the Word and Sacrament has renounced jurisdiction in the midst of a disciplinary proceeding as the accused, that former minister of the Word and Sacrament shall not be permitted to perform any work, paid or volunteer, in any congregation or entity under the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) unless and until the person rejoins the church, comes forward and resubmits to the disciplinary process.~~

“No congregation or entity under the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) shall be permitted to employ, for pay or as a volunteer, a former minister of the Word and Sacrament (teaching elder) who has renounced jurisdiction in the midst of a disciplinary proceeding as the accused.

“Any former minister of the Word and Sacrament (teaching elder) who has renounced jurisdiction and later wants to be restored to office can be restored only through application to the presbytery in which he or she renounced jurisdiction for restoration to office, in which case the provisions of D-10.0401d and D-12.0200 shall apply.”

18-B.2. On Amending D-10.0401d

Approve, by voice vote, amending D-10.0401d as follows: [Text to be deleted is shown with strike-through; text to be added is shown in italic.]

~~“For instances where a former minister of the Word and Sacrament comes forward in self-accusation~~

~~to undergo a disciplinary process to regain permission to perform work under the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (G-2.0509) who renounced jurisdiction while being accused in a disciplinary case rejoins the church, no time limit from the time of the commission of the alleged offense to the filing of charges shall apply. Charges based on all accusations that had been made by the time that the former minister of the Word and Sacrament had renounced jurisdiction may be brought regardless of the date on which any such offense is alleged to have occurred.~~

18-C. Officers – On Amending G-3.0104

Following debate, **Disapprove**, by a ballot vote of 34-30, amending G-3.0104 which seeks to add the following statement as the last paragraph: [Text to be added is shown in italic.]

“No congregation, session, presbytery, synod, or national office of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), nor any individual acting on behalf of or in an official capacity for the above institutions, shall publicly endorse or oppose, or otherwise encourage or discourage others to vote for or against an individual running for public office.”

18-D. Membership of Presbytery – on Amending G-3.0306

Approve, by voice vote, amending G-3.0306 by adding the following statement: [Text to be added is shown in italic.]

“Every minister of the Word and Sacrament shall ordinarily be a member of the presbytery where his or her work is situated or of the presbytery where she or he resides. The presbytery may grant a minister permission to engage in work validated ministry that is outside its geographic bounds or which is not under its jurisdiction, but no presbytery shall permit a minister to engage in work that is within the geographic bounds of another presbytery and which is properly within the responsibility of another presbytery without consent of that presbytery. Such permission shall be obtained from both presbyteries and shall be reviewed and renewed annually.”

18-E. Pastor, Counselor, and Advisor – On Amending G-3.0307

Approve, by voice vote, amending G-3.0307 as follows: [Text to be deleted is shown with strike-through; text to be added is shown in italic.]

~~“G-3.0307 Pastor, Counselor, and Advisor to Its Pastors~~ *Ministers of the Word and Sacrament* and Congregations

~~“Presbyteries shall be open at all times to communication regarding the life and ministry of their congregations.~~

~~“Each presbytery shall develop and maintain mechanisms and processes to serve as pastor and counselor to its pastors, both ministers of the Word and Sacrament, and ruling elders commissioned to pastoral service (also called commissioned pastors (also known as commissioned ruling elders)), as well as the and certified Christian educators of the presbytery; to facilitate the relations between the presbytery and its congregations, pastors ministers of the Word and Sacrament, commissioned pastors, and certified Christian educators; and to settle difficulties on behalf of the presbytery where possible and expedient.”~~

18-F. Welcoming to the Table – On Amending W-4.0202

Approve, by voice vote, amending W-4.0202 as follows: [Text to be deleted is shown with strike-through; text to be added is shown in italic.]

~~“In cases where baptized children who have not yet begun to participate in the Lord’s Supper express a desire to receive the Sacrament, the session should provide an occasion to welcome them they shall be welcomed to the table in public worship. Their introduction to the Lord’s Supper should include and the session should ensure they receive ongoing instruction or formation in the meaning and mystery of the Sacraments.”~~

18-G. Disciplinary Offense – On Amending D-2.0203b

Approve, by voice vote, amending D-2.0203b as follows: [Text to be added is shown in italic.]

“b. An offense is any act or omission by a member or a person in an ordered ministry of the church that is contrary to the Scriptures or the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Sexual abuse as defined in Section D-10.0401c shall be considered contrary to the Scriptures or Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and therefore an offense for purposes of these rules.”

18-H. Time Limit

18-H.1. On Amending D-10.0401b

Approve, by voice vote, amending D-10.0401b as follows: [Text to be added is shown in italic.]

“b. For instances of sexual abuse of another person, the five-year time limit shall not apply. *There is also no time limit for charging that a person who knew or reasonably should have known of the reasonable risk of sexual abuse of another as defined in D-10.0401c(1) or (2) failed to take reasonable steps to minimize the risk. Both charges may be brought regardless of the date on which an offense is alleged to have occurred.*”

18-H.2. On Amending D-10.0401c(1)

Approve, by voice vote, amending D-10.0401c(1) as follows: [Text to be deleted is shown with strike-through.]

“(1) any person under the age of eighteen years or anyone ~~over the age of eighteen years~~ without the mental capacity to consent; or”

(Financial Visioning Working Group - FVWG)

FVWG Convener Elder Jim DeVoe (Summerville) and Presbytery Leader, Amy Williams Fowler, presented the following report of the Financial Visioning Working Group (FVWG) of the Big Picture Team.

History

The Revolving Loan Fund of the Presbytery (RLF), in its various forms, has been used by the Presbytery since 1952 to grow invested funds and to use income from the Fund for loans and lines of credit to churches. In 2011, Presbytery affirmed the existing purposes of the RLF and, recognizing that accruing interest and sound investment had grown the fund to a level consistently higher than necessary to respond to requests from churches, revised the RLF policy to cap the fund at an appropriately sufficient level to meet anticipated needs. In the event that assets in the fund exceed this level, the monies are transferred to another Presbytery Fund to support Presbytery-determined mission and ministry. With this change, the practice of an annual draw on the RLF to support Presbytery operations ceased. This fund was first named the Great Ends of the Church, and then re-named Presbytery Budget Support (Line 3217 in the Income/Expense Budget).

The Revolving Loan Fund was capped at \$850,000 as of January 1, 2012. Since that time the cap has increased to \$912,000 with quarterly adjustments for inflation. When the balance of the RLF reaches its capped value, any interest, dividends, and/or capital gains attributable to the principal of the RLF is credited to Line 3217 – Presbytery Budget Support. The opening balancing of Presbytery Budget Support at end of 2011 was \$464,398.

As approved by the Presbytery in 2009 and 2010, this planned use of invested funds and their income funded both the staff design and mission support, including grants to congregations and agencies for transformational work. The position of Presbyter for Mission and Education was approved, and Susan Orr began full-time work in September 2010. A search was conducted for a full-time Presbytery Leader, and Amy Williams Fowler was called to the position and began her work in April 2011. A five-year budget support plan, utilizing the Presbytery Budget Support funds, was approved by the Presbytery at that time.

In 2013, as the Presbytery began the Vision and Strategy Committee’s work, the continued funding of these staff positions was approved by both the Presbytery Council and the Presbytery with each annual Presbytery operating budget. Presbytery Budget Support received additional income from the Revolving Loan Fund at times that gains from investment experience exceeded the cap as approved by the Presbytery, with adjustments for inflation. Favorable investment experience has allowed the Budget Support Fund to continue to supplement the overall budget through 2019.

Since 2011, staff positions have been consolidated through attrition (from 10 full- and part-time positions in 2011 to four full-time positions now) and through the Mission and Vision Design process (approved by the Presbytery Council and the Presbytery in 2016 and 2017). Beginning in April 2017, the position of Presbyter for Healthier Congregations/Stated Clerk was approved through December 31, 2019, and has been filled by Susan Orr. This was done with the understanding that the Budget Support Fund might be exhausted as soon as late 2019 or early 2020, and that a new staffing design would be proposed during 2019 to begin in 2020. As of December 31, 2018, the balance in the Budget Support Fund is \$522,299. The proposed budget for 2019 includes income from the Budget Support Fund of \$186,516.

Formation of the Financial Visioning Working Group

The Financial Visioning Working Group was created by the Big Picture Team (successor to the Presbytery Council) in the spring of 2018.

The objective of the FVWG was to bring a recommendation to the Big Picture Team regarding the use of the following invested funds for the mission and ministry of the Presbytery:

- Acquired Assets Fund
- Budget Support Fund, formerly known as the Great Ends of the Church Fund
- Grace Fund for Urban Ministry

Revolving Loan Fund
Westminster/Rochester Presbyterian Home Mission Fund

The FVWG members were: Convener Jim DeVoe (Summerville, BDOC), Dale Whittington (Penfield, Trustees), Rev. Aaron Neff (Corfu, Healthier Congregations Team), Rev. Nancy Lowmaster (Geneseo, Committee on Preparation for Ministry) At large: Brad Sparks (Third), Joyce Miller (Trinity Emmanuel), Laureen Palmer (Webster), Rev. Carol Anne Strawbridge (HR), Hezekiah Simmons (Pittsford, Immediate Past Moderator), Bob Mecredy (Pittsford, Treasurer) Ex Officio: Rev. Amy Williams Fowler, Presbytery Leader; Susan Orr, Presbyter for Healthier Congregations/Stated Clerk

The mission of PGV is to Know Christ, Live Christ, Share Christ with the vision of healthy, vital, sustainable congregations and leaders. Understanding that the future holds a leaner staffing model, how do we best utilize our current resources in the effort to live into this mission and vision in a sustainable way? These funds are not donor-designated funds but funds designated by the Presbytery and therefore, can be re-designated by a vote of the body. Establishing a 4% - 6% spend policy as recommended by the FVWG would provide about \$70-75,000/year in budget support vs. the nearly \$200,000 being utilized in 2019. Additional changes to the recommendations as presented may effect this total amount of support. Although the FVWG did not consider it a primary strategy, BPT may consider conversation with Synod regarding possibly merging with a neighboring presbytery.

Actions/Recommendations from the Big Picture Team

The BPT **VOTED** to **approve** the following strategies, as recommended by the Financial Visioning Working Group: [NOTE: **Bolded** language is the BPT action; un-bolded language are recommendations from the FVWG on how the work may be done.]

1. **Direct the Board of Trustees to create an Investment Working Group of the Board of Trustees comprised of 4-6 individuals with appropriate expertise to develop a comprehensive Investment Funds Policy & Objectives and oversee investment results consistent with established policy & objectives, with the following recommendations, upon conferring with the Presbytery Attorney:**
 - Suggest the Trustees recruit and establish a.s.a.p.
 - Develop an Investment Statement Policy (ISP) no later than 3/1/19, including consideration of the 2019 General Assembly Divestment/Proscription List.
 - At least one member of the Investment Committee shall be a serving Trustee.
 - The Investment Committee members shall be elected/approved by Trustees annually.
 - ISP to include investment strategy parameters, benchmark return objectives, committee oversight responsibilities and assurance of regulatory standards & requirements in compliance with NYPMIFA (New York Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act) and other regulatory requirements.
 - Upon approval by the Presbytery, the Investment Funds Policy & Objectives will be added to the Presbytery of Genesee Valley Finance, Investment, and Funding Policies consolidated financial policy.
2. **Direct the Board of Trustees to review & re-evaluate our relationship with our current outside investment manager Karpus in consideration of reducing investment fees while achieving established investment objectives, with the following recommendations:**
 - Initiate as soon as the Investment Committee is formed.
 - Discuss active versus passive investment management strategy.
 - Review and understand Karpus' investment and asset allocation strategy.
 - Review and understand current investment management fees, trading costs & underlying fund cost.
 - Conduct a process to re-evaluate best investment manager for PGV needs and submit recommendation to Board of Trustees no later than 5/1/19.

The BPT **VOTED** to **refer** the following strategies, directing the appropriate committees to bring recommended options back to the Big Picture Team:

1. *This entire strategy is referred to the **Board of Trustees**, with report requested by the next BPT meeting:*
Re-designate some or all of the unrestricted funds (and future unrestricted funds) to be able to be used for future budget support using a formal Total Return/Spend policy that establishes a reasonable and sustainable utilization level of the investment funds. The Grace Fund and the Westminster Fund will remain separate.
 - Include Revolving Loan Fund (#3202) less current outstanding commitments.
 - Include Acquired Assets Fund (#3216) less current outstanding ROC SALT Capital commitment.

- Include future Lakeside mortgage payments received and any newly received unrestricted acquired assets.
- Establish the Total Return/Spend policy to be effective with the 2020 PGV budget using a Return/Spend percentage no less than 4% and no more than 6% based on the average fund balance using 12-20 of the most recent quarterly fund balances.
- Include only the calculated Total Return/Spend as "Other Support" (#4552) income to enhance transparency and raise awareness when PGV is operating at a budget deficit. Any additional budget support from investments is to be marked clearly as covering a budget deficit.

2. *Follow-up on this strategy has been divided and referred to the following committees:*

Establish an annual Operating Budget expense reduction plan as needed to help reduce and ensure a balanced budget within the constraints of projected income and the annual Total Return/Spend policy budget support.

- Reduce current 2019 expense budget as deemed appropriate on an on-going basis – *on-going work of the **BDOC***
- Reduce 2020 and forward expense budgets as needed to balance within the constraints of projected income and the calculated annual Total Return/Spend policy - ***BDOC** will bring updates on progress to each BPT meeting*
- Establish a benchmark objective (based on historical financial statements) for budgeting designated Mission Support (#5600), Grants (#6210) and other direct mission spending as a percentage of general income (#4000 & # 4400) - ***BDOC** will bring updates on progress to each BPT meeting*
- Initiate a discussion to consider and develop a formal policy for how PGV should handle Synod and/or GA per-capita shortfall payments from Member churches (#7766 approximately \$16-19,000) – *This will be work of the **Big Picture Team***
- Authorize PGV Personnel Committee conduct a comprehensive review of current staff compensation, benefits and position description/scope to ascertain competitiveness and reasonableness for ongoing budget consideration - *Referred to the **Personnel Committee** for recommendation by next BPT meeting, if possible*

*The **Big Picture Team** will consider this strategy in the coming months:*

Enhance the promotion and appreciation of the Presbytery to its congregations, inspiring more financial support to PGV for value-added services. Evaluate whether churches would prefer fewer PGV services and more individual church autonomy, resulting in less PGV infrastructure and a decreased cost to member churches. Evaluate what PGV support services churches value, want and need versus those they are willing to lose.

- Start this initiative in 2019 with a completion date no later than 9/1/19 in order to be used in conjunction with the 2020 budget development.
- Set an appropriate target participation rate that is representative of the full PGV to ensure that the data collected is as meaningful and relevant as possible.
- Enumerate the activities and services required by the Book of Order.

The Big Picture Team authorized Rev. Amy Fowler and Moderator Rev. Sue Thaine to begin conversation with the Synod regarding possible collaborative work between western New York presbyteries.

The Board of Trustees will bring to the Big Picture Team and the March 30, 2019 Presbytery meeting a progress report on this work, to be followed by proposed amendments to the Presbytery of Genesee Valley Finance, Investment, and Funding Policies consolidated financial policy for approval by the Presbytery at a subsequent meeting in 2019.

(Presbytery Gatherings Proposal)

Members of the BPT came forward while Convener, Rev Sue Thaine, presented the report. The recommendations, as amended from the first reading in November 2018, are as follows:

- Beginning in July 2019, quarterly Presbytery gatherings will be scheduled for an 18-month pilot period: July, October 2019; Jan, April, July, October 2020. The Big Picture Team will evaluate data and feedback following each gathering, and this data will be shared widely.
- These gatherings will take place mostly on Saturdays, and will be scheduled well in advance. July meetings will focus on fellowship and relationship-building and will be informal, with ample time to play and enjoy a meal together.

- The Big Picture Team will retain responsibility for the scheduling, format, and content of the meetings. Neighborhoods may be invited to collaboratively host a Presbytery gathering, and to develop the gathering's theme for worship, reflection, mission engagement and learning, or any portion thereof. Each Neighborhood will determine its capacity to do this.
- The Presbytery will empower its committees of Presbytery to conduct time-sensitive business on Presbytery's behalf. (see Appendices for revised committee job descriptions). To achieve the goal of more engagement and less "business" at gatherings, committees, commissions and ministry teams will be encouraged to submit written reports (instead of floor time), and to utilize the Consent Agenda appropriately.

The following amendment to the proposal was seconded and **Approved**:

Change the first recommendation to state: *The Presbytery will gather in four stated meetings a year, plus any necessary special meetings for the purposes of examining candidates for the ministry and approving membership in the Presbytery.*" This includes revising portions of the proposed COM description as follows:

- approve and present calls to the Presbytery for services of ministers
- ~~establish commissions to examine pastors accepting new calls and/or requesting transfer to, or temporary membership in, the Presbytery~~

By written ballot, the Presbytery **VOTED** 73-4 to approve the revised Presbytery Gatherings Proposal as amended and the revised committee descriptions as amended. The next Presbytery meeting will be held on March 30, 2019.

See Appendix D: revised Presbytery Big Picture Team description

See Appendix E: revised Committee on Ministry description

See Appendix F: revised Board of Trustees description

See Appendix G: revised Committee on Preparation for Ministry description

Big Picture Team: Items for Presbytery's Information

The Big Picture Team, on behalf of Presbytery, **VOTED** to:

(Barre Center)

1. **Authorize** Barre Center Presbyterian Church, (the "Church"), 4706 Oak Orchard Rd, Town of Albion, Orleans County, NY 14411 sell to Shirley Nigro the premises locally known as the Church Meeting Hall/Grange Hall in the Town of Barre, Orleans County, New York (being a portion of Tax Account 342200-95-3-1-15.1), being the property improved by a building known as the Barre Center Grange, and being the same premises acquired by the Church by deed recorded in Liber 418 of deeds page 46, Orleans County Clerk's Office.
Such sale shall take place in accordance with a Purchase and Sale Contract between the parties dated on or about May 13, 2018, which Purchase and Sale Contract provides for a sale price of \$8,000, with such contingencies, terms and conditions as are set forth in such Contract and negotiated by the Trustees of Barre Center Presbyterian Church.
2. **Apply** the net proceeds of the sale of such property, after payment of all necessary and customary closing costs, including attorney's fees and the expenses of procuring the Court Order, for the use and benefit of Barre Center Presbyterian Church.
3. **Authorize** the Trustees, Clerk of Session and the Ruling Elders of Barre Center Presbyterian Church to take such actions, and to execute and deliver such documents, as shall be appropriate and necessary to effectuate the foregoing.

[NOTE: These actions were approved by the Congregation and Corporation of Barre Center Presbyterian Church at a special meeting of the Congregation and Corporation held November 18, 2018, and are subject to the approval by a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, as provided by law.]

(Presbyter for Healthier Congregations/Stated Clerk)

Approve the revisions to the position description for Presbyter for Healthier Congregations/Stated Clerk.

See Appendix H: revised Position Description Presbyter for Healthier Congregations/Stated Clerk

(ROC SALT)

Approve the following slate for the ROC SALT Board for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2019:

Ruth Fischer, Webster Pres.
Lea Kone, Downtown
Rev. Tedd Pullano, Ogden
Hezekiah Simmons, Pittsford
Dick Sprenkle, Pittsford
Rev. Laurie Tiberi, U of R Protestant Chapel Community
Keith Hadley, Gates

Rev. Lynette Sparks, Third Church
Tracy Walker, Third Church
Rev. John Wilkinson, Third Church (advisory)
Rev. Melissa DeRosia, Gates (advisory)

Moderator Sue Thaine assumed the chair.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2018

Treasurer Bob Mecredy reviewed PGV's 2018 financial performance. There was an overall 5.8% decline in PGV investments, however the fund balance increased due to the financial payment from the dissolution of the Brighton Church. \$83,000 was received as back payment for unpaid Brighton per capita. Reconciliation of funds also helped to increase the Budget Support line which now stands at \$522,299. There was a decrease in mission giving, but not as much as anticipated. Per capita receipts were greater than anticipated. Took out \$27,000 less in budget support than expected. ROC SALT noticed a net income in 2018.

REPORT OF THE BUDGET DEVELOPMENT & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (BDOC)

Elder Ed Orman (York), Chair, gave the report of the Budget Development & Oversight Committee. Highlights of the 2019 Budget Proposal: anticipated 6% decline in membership, general mission and per capita giving, offset somewhat by increasing per capita assessment. 2019 includes drawing \$186,000 from PGV assets, about 10% of overall assets. Designated Mission Giving was increased with the commitment of \$10,000 to ROC SALT, and includes reductions to Camp Whitman and Cameron Community Ministries. Other reductions impact the Healthier Congregations and Healthy Leaders Teams. The Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the revised 2019 Budget Proposal as presented. Revisions from the first reading include hoped for increase to mission giving and anticipated decrease to office rent. BDOC is encouraged to monitor spending and consider restoring the full funding to Cameron Community Ministries and Camp Whitman if the 2019 year end budget allows.

See Appendix I: Presbytery of Genesee Valley 2019 Budget – Second Reading – 01/29/19

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chair Elder Ron Hansen (Third) presented the report of the Trustees. The lease with Twelve Corners expired at the end of December and is now month-by-month. Trustees is concerned with office accessibility – both for those with mobility concerns but also for the entire geography of PGV. The Presbytery also requires less square footage now that the Resource Center is moving. There were not many responses to the Request for Proposal which was sent to all churches. Trustees is currently in negotiation with Gates, including ways to share services such as phone and copier. It is hoped the negotiated lease will be considered at the March 30, 2019 stated meeting of Presbytery. Jim Rissler, President of the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP), brought greetings from Louisville. One of six agencies of the PCUSA, Jim described the ministry of PILP including: low cost loans, no fees, to churches and camps; loans for capital projects including renovation and expansion; special purpose loans for Restoring Creation and Accessibility; refinancing and re-amortization; consultations to churches; and investment options. Perinton Presbyterian was awarded a 2.5% rebate check.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elder Nancy Sprenkle (Pittsford), new committee chair, presented the report of the Presbytery Nominating Committee. The presbytery **VOTED** to elect the following persons to:

Treasurer of Presbytery

RE Bob Mecredy (Pittsford) – for a one-year term beginning 2/1/19

Permanent Judicial Commission – Class of 2024

TE Carin Farmer (Avon Central)
TE Gordon Webster (HR, Westminster/RPH)
TE John Wilkinson (Third)

Trustees

RE Alan Durbin (Webster) 2021

Personnel

TE Pat Youngdahl (Downtown) 2021

Camp Whitman Advisory Team – term beginning 3/1/19

Jan Kennedy (Penfield) 2022
TE Colin Pritchard (Victor) 2020
TE Michelle Sumption (York) 2021

THREE KEY THINGS TO TAKE HOME

Rev. Laurel Nelson (VM) offered three things to take home and share. Do we trust God or not? Considering the waters we are swimming in, three things to take home:

- Faith Inspiration: Worship, honoring those who went before us
- Opportunities for Faith Engagement: Camp Whitman; ROC SALT; Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program
- Faith as we Live it Out Together: almost nearly unanimous support for a proposal that we originally struggled with but, with an amendment, was approved.

Trust the one who will always be with us.

ADJOURNMENT TO DINNER

Moderator Elect Roger Estes led the presbytery in the closing prayer. He called for a motion to adjourn. Adjournment to dinner at 7:06pm.

ATTEST: _____
Susan B. Orr, Stated Clerk

APPENDIX A: Balance Sheet Summary, December, 2018

APPENDIX B: Operating Statement Summary, December, 2018

APPENDIX C: Consolidated Document for Presbytery Approval - Guidelines for Examination of Pastoral Candidates and Other Members of the Presbytery.

APPENDIX D: revised Presbytery Big Picture Team description

APPENDIX E: revised Committee on Ministry description

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APPENDIX H: revised Position Description Presbyter for Healthier Congregations/Stated Clerk

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