

**MINUTES OF STATED PRESBYTERY MEETING  
MARCH 30, 2019 9:45 A.M.**

**GATES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROCHESTER, NY**

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley was hosted by Gates Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY on Saturday, March 30, 2019. Four pre-meeting opportunities were offered: 1) Coming To Our Senses: Incorporating the Arts in Our Ministries led by Rev. Derek Davenport, Director of Miller Summer Youth Institute and Digital Marketing at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary; 2) Community Solar led by Sam Doubleday (BlueRock Solar) and Mike Fava (Abundant Energy); 3) Vital Congregations Initiative Q&A led by Rev. Amy Williams Fowler, Presbytery Leader; and 4) A Look at the Docket led by Elder Susan Orr, Stated Clerk.

**CONSTITUTION**

Moderator Rev. Sue Thaine (Penfield) called the meeting to order at 9:40am, a quorum being present. She offered the opening prayer, a blessing of the body written by Jan Richardson.

Announcements were shared, including:

- Prayer Journal: Rev. William Wilkson encourages the body to circulate the journal during the meeting time, share joys and concerns, and to lift the written words of our sisters and brothers in prayer.

**ROLL CALL**

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

CONGREGATION	MINISTER	COMMISSIONER(S)	CONGREGATION	MINISTER	COMMISSIONER(S)
Albion, First (2)	Susan Thaine	Tim McGee Christine Sartwell	Medina, First (2)	William Wilkinson	
Attica, First	EX		Mendon	Ho Dong Hwang	
Avon, Central	Carin Farmer	Gail Wright	Mt. Morris, United		
Barre Center (2)	Barbara Tipton		Mumford, First	CP Roger Estes	
Batavia, First	Roula Alkhouri	Linda Knipe	North Bergen	CP David Fish	
Bethany	EX	Susan J Brown	Nunda, Trinity		
Brockport, First (2)	EX	Peggy Hale	Ogden (2)	Tedd Pullano	Pat Everett Doug Dugan
Byron, First	EX	Audrey Blount	Ossian, First		
Caledonia, First			Parkminster		
Chili, First	EX		Penfield	EX	Melinda Shaffer
Christ Clarion	Kay Micheline		Perinton	CM Janice Fitzgerald	Craig Chormann
Corfu United	Aaron Neff	Patty Miles	Perry, Brick		
Covington United	Laura Fry	David Chamberlain	Pike Community		
Dansville	Marcia Reiff	Barbara Stickney	Pittsford, First (2)	EX - Mitchell	Cindy Becker
Downtown United	EX	John DeHority	Rochester Korean (2)		
East Avon, First	Michael Fry	Kevin Tucker	Scottsville, Union	Ed Hoener	Bill Haake
East Bethany			South	Deb Swift	Nancy Rice
Elba, First (2)	<i>(Barbara Tipton)</i>		Sparta, First		
Gates	Melissa DeRosia	Thomas Brewer	Stone, Bergen		
Genesee, Central	Nancy Lowmaster	Sally Fox	Summerville	James Widboom	Mary Haverfield
Groveland Fed.			Third (3)	John Wilkinson Ernest Krug EX - Sparks	Betty Iwan Rob White
Holley, First (2)	Tom Gardner		Trinity Emmanuel (2)		Joyce Miller Roger Miller
Honeoye Falls, First	EX	Martha Kumler	Tuscarora, First		
Irondequoit	Twyla Boyer	Diane Hanna	Twelve Corners	Kevin Hershey	Kathy Iuli
John Calvin		Ellen Best	Victor, First	Colin Pritchard	
John Knox		Priscilla Thomas	Warsaw United		
LeRoy, First			Webster	Larry DeVuyst E. Borduin Vanderzwan	
Lima	CM David Kilgore		Wyoming, First	EX	
Livonia			York, United		
Lyndonville (2)	CP Martha Mitchell	Beth Smith			

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

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

**Present:**

Louise Armstrong (HR)  
Viktoria Berlik (AL)  
Kathryn Bindig (AL)  
Jeff Falter (AL)

Amy Williams Fowler (VM)  
Gene Fowler (HR)  
Roderic Frohman (HR)  
Harry Heintz (HR)

Robert Kaiser (HR)  
Ray Lindquist (HR)  
Laurel Nelson (VM)  
Jerrold Paul (HR)

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Gail Ricciuti (HR)  
Stephanie Sauve (VM)

Walter Stuber (AL)  
Laurie Tiberi (VM)

Walter Wenhold (HR)

**Excused:**

Lee Beckhusen (HR)  
Bruce Boak (HR)  
James Evinger (HR)  
Carolyn Grohman (HR)

Jack Heister (HR)  
Rosemary Mitchell (VM)  
Nadia Mullin (VM)  
Bob Rice (HR)

Lisette Russell (AL)  
David Smith (HR)  
Carol Anne Strawbridge (HR)  
Dorothea Yoder (HR)

**ADDITIONAL ELDER COMMISSIONERS / CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS**

(Appointed by presbytery to correct elder-clergy imbalance)

**Present:**

Mary Cowden (Third)  
Cathy Foerster (Christ Clarion)  
Ron Hansen (Third)

Bob Mecredy (Pittsford)  
Susan Orr (Trinity Emmanuel)  
Hezekiah Simmons (Pittsford)

Nancy Sprenkle (Pittsford)

**Excused:**

Barbara Bruins (Pittsford)  
Fred Denson (Webster)

Ed Orman (York)  
Rose Peet (Third)

Linc Spaulding (Third)  
Kay VanNostrand (Lyndonville)

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

Rev. David Davenport, Pittsburgh Presbytery

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

Kathy Allen (Scottsville)  
Laura Bachmann (Pittsford)  
Cheryl Battaglia (staff)  
Timothy Bucknam (Perry)  
Barb Crane (Covington)  
Amy Doty (South)  
Sam Doubleday (BlueRock Solar)  
Bill Ellis

Michael Fava (Abundant Energy)  
Ann Haag (Third)  
Elaine Johnson (Downtown)  
Craig Kunkle  
Tyler Logan  
Mary Lee Miller (South)  
Gordon Rickner (South)  
Stena Rickner (South)

Summer Sattora (South)  
Barb Sixbey (South)  
Jim Tappan (Irondequoit)  
Deanna Warren (Scottsville)  
Beth Weaver (staff)  
Marsha Wenhold (Lyndonville)

SUMMARIES FOR EACH MEETING	Jan 29	Mar 30	June 25	Oct 12
Total Minister Members of Presbytery	119	119		
Total Minister Commissioners Present	44	42		
Total Elder Commissioners Present	44	42		
Parity (expressed in terms of Elders, + or -)	0	0		
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders	31	30		
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders and Pastors	21	21		
Total Registered Visitors	12	25		
<b>TOTAL REGISTERED ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>109</b>		

**INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS**

**Approval of Docket**

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

- 9:40am**                    **Announcements**
- Greetings from the Host Church **Melissa DeRosia**
- 9:45am**                    **Call to Order and Opening Prayer**
- Introductory Business**
- Approval of Docket
  - Appointment of Tellers
  - Greeting New Commissioners
  - Enrollment of Corresponding Members
  - Privilege of the Floor
- Consent Agenda**
- Lifting of Motions for Discussion
- Call for New Business**
- Worship** **Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's Summer Youth Institute**

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10:30am	<b>Report from Presbytery Leader &amp; Stated Clerk</b>	Amy Williams Fowler Susan Orr
	<b>Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Examination for Candidacy for Inquirer Summer Sattora</li></ul>	Walter Stuber
	<b>Report of the Committee on Ministry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Examination for Ordination for Candidate Laura Bachmann, and related motions</li><li>Dissolution of the Call between the Rev. Kevin Hershey and Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY, effective April 21, 2019</li><li>Approval of the Call between the Rev. Kevin Hershey as Pastor of Union Presbyterian Church, Scottsville, NY, effective April 21, 2019 and Approve Administrative Commission to Install</li></ul>	Marcia Reiff
11:25am	<b>Report of the Administrative Commission for Wyoming</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Action on Dissolution of First Presbyterian Church, Wyoming, NY, effective April 30, 2019</li><li>Dissolution of the Call between the Rev. Jeanine Haven and First Presbyterian Church, Wyoming, NY, effective April 30, 2019</li><li>Approval of Recommendation for Terms of Severance for Rev. Jeanine Haven</li><li>Thanksgiving for the Life of the Congregation</li></ul>	Barb Crane Laurel Nelson
11:40am	<b>Report of the Big Picture Team &amp; Trustees</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Action on Presbytery and Big Picture Team Meeting Dates and Locations</li><li>Action on the Recommendation for Presbytery Offices Lease</li></ul>	Sue Thaine Ron Hansen
6:25pm	<b>Report of the Nominating Committee</b> <b>Good News from Congregations and Neighborhoods</b> <b>3 Key Things to Take Home</b>	Nancy Sprenkle Melissa DeRosia
6:30pm	<b>Adjournment to Lunch</b>	

**Appointment of Tellers / New Business Committee**

The Moderator appointed the following persons to serve as Tellers:

TE Roula Alkhouri (Batavia)  
RE Betty Iwan (Third)  
TE Nancy Lowmaster (Geneseo)  
RE Roger Miller (Trinity Emmanuel)

**Greeting New Commissioners**

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

East Avon      Geneseo      Covington      Albion

Journal Clerk pro-tem Elder Patty Miles (Corfu) was welcomed.

**Enrollment of Corresponding Members**

The Presbytery **VOTED** to enroll the following persons as Corresponding Members with voice, no vote:

Rev. Derek Davenport (Pittsburgh Presbytery)

*See Roll Call for additional Corresponding Members serving congregations.*

The host pastor, Rev. Melissa DeRosia, offered a welcome to the Presbytery.

**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.*

**Consent Agenda: Items for Presbytery's Action**

The Presbytery **VOTED** to:

**(Minutes, January 29, 2019)**

**Approve** the Minutes of the January 29, 2019, stated meeting of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley held at Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY.

**(Treasurer's Report)**

**Receive** the Treasurer's Report, month ending January 31, 2019.

*See Appendix A: Balance Sheet Summary, January, 2019*

*See Appendix B: Operating Statement Summary, January, 2019*

**(2018 Presbytery Annual Statistical Report)**

**Receive** the 2018 Annual Statistical Report for the Presbytery of Genesee Valley.

*See Appendix C: 2018 Presbytery of Genesee Valley Annual Statistical Report*

**Consent Agenda: Items for Presbytery's Information**

**Stated Clerk Information Items**

**(Anniversaries)**

The following are the significant anniversaries of congregations that will 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

**(Transfer of PGV Membership)**

Robert Hicks to Huron Presbyterian Church, Geneva Presbytery (former member of Laurelton United)

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

**(Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.))**

Although not all presbyteries have voted on the proposed amendments to the Book of Order as approved by the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly (2018), each amendment has received the minimum required numbers of votes to be passed or defeated. The results are as follows:

18-A.	Election of Ruling Elders and Deacons – on Amending G-2.0401	APPROVED
18-B.	Renunciation of Jurisdiction	
	18-B.1. On Amending G-2.0509	APPROVED
	18-B.2. On Amending D-10.0401d	APPROVED
18-C.	Officers – On Amending G-3.0104	DISAPPROVED
18-D.	Membership of Presbytery – on Amending G-3.0306	APPROVED
18-E.	Pastor, Counselor, and Advisor – On Amending G-3.0307	APPROVED
18-F.	Welcoming to the Table – On Amending W-4.0202	APPROVED
18-G.	Disciplinary Offense – On Amending D-2.0203b	APPROVED
18-H.	Time Limit	
	18-H.1. On Amending D-10.0401b	APPROVED
	18-H.2. On Amending D-10.0401c(1)	APPROVED

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**

The Presbytery joined together in worship led by Rev. Derek Davenport, Director of Miller Summer Youth Institute and Digital Marketing Analyst at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Scripture passages were Habakkuk 3: 17-19 and Revelation 5:11-14, and the sermon was titled "Complex Simplicity", charging us to remember who we are.

Other worship leaders included:

Elder Tyler Logan (Director of Youth Ministry, Pittsford)  
Rev. Nancy Lowmaster (Geneseo)  
Rev. Colin Pritchard (Victor)

### **REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY LEADER & STATED CLERK**

Rev. Amy Williams Fowler, Presbytery Leader, and Elder Susan Orr, Stated Clerk, presented the report. Following action by the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, the annual statistical report questions were streamlined in order to collect data that is relevant in today's context of church. The Presbytery's membership number declined again, as it has for many years. We experienced a 4.5% loss in 2018 vs. about 8% in 2017. However, we gained 21 per week more in worship attendance. Membership loss included the dissolution of New Life and Laurelton congregations and roll reviews by several others. Congregations with overall membership GAINS of five or more: South (17), Perinton (11). Churches with membership GAINS of five or more: Honeoye Falls (5), Penfield (5), Trinity Emmanuel (5), Barre Center (6), Batavia (6), Christ Clarion (6), Corfu (7), Ogden (7), Gates (8), Webster (11), Covington (12), Pittsford (18), Third (37). Other data includes:

- 23 congregations (39%) report being 100% white. Overall membership of PGV is 94% white.
- 24 congregations (41%) reported deficit budgets.
- 14 congregations (24%) report less than 50 members.
- Churches that report mission giving 10% or more than Income (*more than 15% in parentheses*): Barre Center, Caledonia First, East Avon, Perinton, Sparta (15.37%), Lyndonville, Nunda, Pike, Third, Gates, Summerville, Tuscarora, Victor, Webster (32.74%)
- Total PGV Mission Giving (*based on reported income and reported mission expenses*): 8.9%
- Total PGV Personnel Expenses in relationship to Total PGV Income: 62%
- Total PGV Facilities Expenses in relationship to Total PGV Income: 20%

These metrics can give us some insights, but do not tell the entire story. As we experience numerical decline, congregations often seek assurances and guarantees, but are reluctant to invest any more of their finances or energy to launch their congregation into an unknown and uncertain future. If a church is asking who are we now, what are we here for, what is God calling us for, who are our neighbors, PC(USA)'s Vital Congregations Initiative has tools to guide this self-reflection. Several congregations will be participating as part of the first wave, including training in May in Atlanta: Byron, Dansville, Gates, Medina, Pittsford, Third, and Victor. Other tools, such as the Measuring Mission initiative led by Rev. Rod Frohman (HR) and Rev. Jim Evinger (HR), are available as well. Behold I am doing a new thing, says the Lord. Do you perceive it?

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

Walter Stuber, chair, presented the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

The Presbytery **VOTED** to:

1. **Examine** Inquirer Summer Sattora, ruling elder under the care of South, on her Statement of Call.
2. Upon sustaining the examination, **enroll** Summer Sattora as Candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Walter presented Summer with new Book of Common Worship and led the body in prayer.

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

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

Marcia Reiff, member of the COM Leadership Team, gave the report of the Committee on Ministry.

#### **Committee on Ministry: Items for Presbytery's Action**

Upon recommendation from the Committee on Ministry, the Presbytery **VOTED** to:

##### **(Candidate Laura Bachmann)**

1. **Examine** Candidate for Ordination Laura Bachmann and sustain the examination.  
[NOTE: Candidate Laura Bachmann has been certified ready to seek a call by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. The COM clearance interview was held on March 1, 2019 and was conducted by Rev. Walter Stuber (CPM), Elder Bill Mackey (COM), and Rev. Amy Williams Fowler. Acting on behalf of Presbytery, the Committee on Ministry approved the Associate Pastor Stated Supply covenant agreement between Candidate Bachmann and South Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY.]

2. **Appoint** the following persons as the Administrative Commission to Ordain Candidate Laura Bachmann on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 10:00am at First Presbyterian Church, Pittsford, NY in the church sanctuary:  
Moderator, Rev. Sue Thaine (Albion)  
Rev. Carrie Mitchell (Pittsford)  
Rev. Tedd Pullano (Ogden)  
Rev. Gail Ricciuti (HR)  
Elder Tristan Bachmann (Pittsford)  
Elder Sonya Kennedy (South)  
Elder Lea Kone (Downtown)
3. **Dismiss** the Administrative Commission at the conclusion of the Service of Ordination.
4. **Enroll** Rev. Laura Bachmann as a member of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley upon completion of the Service of Ordination.

Moderator Elect Roger Ester led the body in prayer.

**(Twelve Corners / Rev. Kevin Hershey)**

**Approve** the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Kevin Hershey effective April 21, 2019.

The congregational meeting was held on February 10, 2019 and was moderated by Rev. Kevin Hershey. The congregation elected Elders Kathy Iuli, Ron Little and Gail Daugherty (alternate) to attest to the congregational meeting and the dissolution of the call of Rev. Kevin Hershey.

**(Scottsville Union / Rev. Kevin Hershey)**

1. **Approve** the call of Union Presbyterian Church, Scottsville, NY to Rev. Kevin Hershey as Pastor (33.75 hrs) effective April 21, 2019 at the following terms:

Cash Salary	\$26,099
Housing Allowance	\$20,000
<b>Effective Salary</b>	<b>\$46,099</b>
Social Security Offset	\$ 3,527
Benefits Plan PC(USA)	\$17,057
Cont Ed/Study	\$ 800
Travel/Prof Allowance	\$ 4,716

Annual Leave and Vacation Time: 30 days including 5 Sundays; 2 weeks study leave  
Sick leave: 1 day/mo. Cumulative

The congregational meeting was held on February 17, 2019 and was moderated by Rev. Ed Hoener. The congregation elected Elders Kathy Allen and Bill Haake to attest to the congregational meeting and the call of Rev. Hershey at the March 30, 2019 stated meeting of Presbytery.

2. **Appoint** the following persons as the Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Kevin Hershey as Pastor of Union Presbyterian Church of Scottsville, NY at 3pm on Sunday, May 5, 2019 in the Church Sanctuary.

The Moderator, Rev. Susan Thaine (Albion)  
Rev. Colin Pritchard (Victor)  
Rev. Amy Williams Fowler (Presbytery Leader)  
Rev. Michael Fry (East Avon)  
Elder Bill Haake (Scottsville)  
Elder Karen Kingsbury (Companions on the Way)  
Elder Susan Orr (Trinity Emmanuel)

3. **Appoint** Rev. Kevin Hershey as moderator of the Session of Union Presbyterian Church, Scottsville, NY effective April 21, 2019.
4. **Dismiss** the Administrative Commission at the conclusion of the Service of Installation.

Moderator Elect Roger Estes led the body in prayer and thanksgiving.

**Committee on Ministry: Actions Taken on Behalf of Presbytery**

Acting on behalf of the presbytery, the Committee on Ministry **VOTED** to:

**(Moderator Appointments)**

**Appoint** Rev. David Smith (HR) as Moderator for the congregational meeting of Ossian Presbyterian Church, Dansville, NY, to be held in March.

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

**(Dansville / Rev. Marcia Reiff)**

**Approved** the Stated Supply Pastor Covenant Agreement (43% time) between the Session of Dansville Presbyterian Church, Dansville, NY and Rev. Marcia Reiff effective January 1, 2019 at the following terms:

Cash Salary	\$ 3,000
Housing Allowance	\$17,000
<b>Effective Salary</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

Social Security Offset	\$ 1,530
Cont Ed/Study Leave	\$ 800
Books/Subscriptions	\$ 200
Travel/Professional Expense	\$ 1,000

Annual Leave & Vacation Time: 30 days including 5 Sundays  
Study Leave: 2 weeks  
Sick Leave: 1 day/mo cumulative

**(Attica / Commissioned Pastor Brad Smith)**

**Approved** the Commissioned Pastor Covenant Agreement (20% time) between the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Attica, NY and Elder Brad Smith effective January 8, 2019 at the following terms:

Cash Salary	\$21/hour
Cont Ed/Study Leave	\$ 800
Travel/Professional Expense	\$ 5,000

Annual Leave & Vacation Time: 30 days including 2 Sundays  
Study Leave: 2 weeks  
Sick Leave: 1 day/mo cumulative

**(Pulpit Supply List)**

**Added** Rev. Merle Wilson (AL, New Brunswick Presbytery) to the Pulpit Supply List.

**(Exit Interview)**

**Received** the report of the Exit Interview with Rev. Ed Hoener conducted by Rev. Anne Waasdorp and Rev. Carol Anne Strawbridge on February 21, 2019.

**(Congregational Transition Documents)**

1. **Received** the Mission and Ministry Statement of the Penfield Presbyterian Church, Penfield, NY.
2. **Approved** the Ministry Information Form of Summerville Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY.

**(Sabbatical Request / Rev. Colin Pritchard)**

**Approved** the 2 month sabbatical request for the Rev. Colin Pritchard and First Presbyterian Church, Victor, NY June 24 – August 24, 2019.

Moderator Sue Thaine assumed the chair.

**REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WYOMING, NY**

Barb Crane, AC Clerk, presented the report on behalf of the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Wyoming, NY.

On September 25, 2018, the Presbytery of the Genesee Valley formed an Administrative Commission for the Wyoming First Presbyterian Church, Wyoming NY, ("the Church") upon recommendation of the Committee on Ministry. A painful, longstanding split of the small, primarily elderly congregation had impeded the Church from fully functioning. In this difficult situation, two groups, both with deep grief over the prospect of closing their Church, had polarized and were not able to reconcile. Active membership had diminished, attendance at worship had dropped to single digits, the Church could not form a Session, and the treasurer resigned. Rev. Jeanine Haven, Moderator of the Session, concurred that formation of an Administrative Commission was necessary. After conversations with the congregation, formally and informally, the Administrative Commission voted unanimously to recommend closing First Presbyterian Church, Wyoming, NY. The congregation concurred with the recommendations being brought to Presbytery for vote.

The Presbytery **VOTED** to:

1. **Dissolve** the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Wyoming, NY, effective April 30, 2019 with the final worship service to be celebrated on Sunday, April 7, 2019.
2. **Dissolve** the pastoral relationship between the congregation and the Reverend Jeanine Haven effective April 30, 2019 at the following severance terms:

Cash Salary	\$ 9,935
Unpaid Vacation	\$ 414
Pension Dues	\$ 6,692
Moving Expenses to Wolcott tbd	

Unpaid financial severance payments shall cease at the date the pastor accepts another position of employment.
3. **Dismiss** the Administrative Commission, effective April 30, 2019, with grateful thanks.

Rev. Laurel Nelson, AC member, led the body in a litany of praise and thanksgiving for the life of the congregation. See *Appendix D: Report of the Wyoming AC to Presbytery*

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

### **REPORT OF THE BIG PICTURE TEAM & TRUSTEES**

Rev. Sue Thaine, Convener, presented the report of the Big Picture Team with Elder Ron Hansen (Third), chair of Trustees.

#### **(2019 Presbytery and Big Picture Team Meeting Dates and Locations)**

The Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the following dates and locations of Presbytery and Big Picture Team (BPT) meetings:

- BPT – Monday, April 29, 2019 6pm at Mumford First United
- BPT – Monday, May 20, 2019 6pm at Lagom Landing
- PRESBYTERY – Tuesday, June 25, 2019, 4pm at Albion First
- BPT – Monday, August 12, 2019 5pm at Gates
- BPT – Monday, September 30, 2019 6pm at Caledonia
- PRESBYTERY – Saturday, October 12, 2019 10am at Dansville
- BPT – Monday, November 18, 2019 6pm at Twelve Corners

#### **(Lease for Presbytery Offices)**

The Presbytery **VOTED** to:

**Enter** into a lease agreement with Gates Presbyterian Church, 1049 Wegman Road, Town of Gates, NY 14624 (“Gates”) beginning July 1, 2019 for a term of five years for the use of Rooms 15 and 17 of the Gates building as offices, and the use of meeting rooms and common areas located at Gates, for the purpose of office and administrative activities, for the annual rent of \$11,217.09 (with annual adjustments to reflect the proportionate use of building operations expenses from the prior year), with a monthly credit for the electrical and construction work required for the installation of air conditioners for parts of the leased space, such costs for electrical and construction work to be paid for by Presbytery prior to the commencement of the term of the lease.

#### Rationale:

The Trustees began looking at possible new office locations about a year ago; the lease with Twelve Corners Presbyterian was due to expire on December 31, 2018. The desire was to move to a location with a much smaller footprint (less office space required due to move of Resource Center and smaller number of staff), greater accessibility for persons with disabilities, and more cost effective to PGV with ample parking, easy access from highways in a fairly central location, and air conditioned office space. A Request for Proposals was distributed to congregations during the fall; three congregations responded – Gates, Twelve Corners and Downtown. Each were considered; in addition, the Presbytery Leader visited two commercial spaces. The conversation ensued with Gates Presbyterian on the basis of meeting most of the criteria.

The Trustees bring the recommendation that Presbytery and Gates Presbyterian Church enter into a lease agreement beginning July 1, 2019 at the rate of \$1/month/square foot of Rooms 15 and 17 (\$785.10), plus the proportionate share (4.05%) of actual building operations expenses. The approximate annual savings is roughly 50%. The Presbytery will advance the cost from the Revolving Loan Fund (not to exceed \$18,000) of adding air conditioners to Rooms 15 and 17 (one unit) and the Library and Pastor’s office (one unit). The actual amount expended will be repaid to the RLF by the Presbytery through a credit from Gates on the rent



payment each month, at the rate of 1/60<sup>th</sup> per month. Should the Presbytery leave the Gates building before the 60-month term, the Presbytery shall determine how to repay the remaining amount to the Revolving Loan Fund.

**Big Picture Team: Items for Presbytery's Information**

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

**(Re-designation of former TCC Funds/Chiapas Partnership)**

**Approve** re-designating former Triple Play Grant Mission Funding given to Covington & Christ Clarion churches to a new project with Tucson-based BorderLinks.

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Elder Nancy Sprenkle (Pittsford), chair, presented the report of the Presbytery Nominating Committee. She encouraged Presbytery members (pastors and ruling elders) consider serving on a presbytery committee.

The presbytery **VOTED** to elect the following persons to:

**Committee on Ministry**

TE Tom Taylor (HR) 2021

**GOOD NEWS FROM CONGREGATIONS & NEIGHBORHOODS**

Opportunity was given for sharing brief stories of good news from congregations and neighborhoods:

- Downtown: Abundant Energy is providing community solar power to the church building.
- South: Honored to have two visitors from San Fernando CA exploring the Acts of Faith ministry model
- Neighborhood Mission Day: invite your congregations to participate on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>!
- Lagom Landing: processed 450 gallons of sap! Participating in a mission trip to Puerto Rico May 1-8. You may join
- Bethany: Easter Egg Hunt on April 13<sup>th</sup> for the community. Beginning a backpack program with city School 42.
- Corfu: today is the 2<sup>nd</sup> free community meal supported by a grant received from the Presbytery
- Victor: Family Promise is anticipating graduating a third family in housing; Colin is also celebrating a upcoming sabbatical
- Albion: Prayer retreat open to the community led by Rev. Brandi Wooten
- Harvest Neighbors: shared training for elders at Albion led by Rev. Kevin Hershey
- Byron: looking forward to the next 200 years, active in the community, inspired by a growing group of children

**THREE KEY THINGS TO TAKE HOME**

Rev. Melissa DeRosia (Gates) offered three things to take home and share.

- Welcoming the Presbytery to its new home – the offices will move to the Gates church on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Know the beauty and complexity of being the body of Christ together, holding the messiness of grief and joy at the same time (Twelve Corners, Scottsville, Wyoming, office move)
- Faith is a Multisensory Experience – use all five of your senses given to you by God as you complete your Lenten journey. An invitation to experience the Stations of the Cross sponsored by ROC SALT.

**ADJOURNMENT TO LUNCH**

Rev. William Wilkinson shared joys and concerns that were written in the Prayer Journal. Moderator Elect Roger Estes called for a motion to adjourn. He led the presbytery in the closing prayer. Adjournment to lunch at 12:04pm.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan B. Orr, Stated Clerk

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