

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL PRESBYTERY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2019 6:30 P.M.**

**GATES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROCHESTER, NY**

The Special Meeting of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley was hosted by Gates Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY on Thursday, September 5, 2019. Presbyters were invited to arrive at 6pm to tour the new Presbytery offices now located at Gates Presbyterian Church effective July 15, 2019.

CONSTITUTION

Moderator Elder Roger Estes (CP Mumford) called the meeting to order at 6:31pm, a quorum being present. Roger offered the opening prayer. Clerk of Session, Elder Kathy Coons (Gates), offered a welcome on behalf of the host congregation.

ROLL CALL

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

CONGREGATION	MINISTER	COMMISSIONER(S)	CONGREGATION	MINISTER	COMMISSIONER(S)
Albion, First	Sue Thaine		Lyndonville		
Attica, First			Medina, First		
Avon, Central	EX		Mendon		
Barre Center		Mike Thaine	Mt. Morris, United		
Batavia, First		EX - Knipe	Mumford, First	CP Roger Estes	
Bethany			North Bergen		
Brockport, First		Margaret L. Hale	Nunda, Trinity		
Byron, First	Jim Renfrew	EX	Ogden	Tedd Pullano	Pat Everett
Caledonia, First	----		Ossian, First	---	
Chili, First	Brandi Wooten	Geoff Wasmer	Parkminster (2)	---	
Christ Clarion	Kay Michelinie		Penfield	Carson Mouser	Mindy Shaffer
Corfu United	Aaron Neff		Perinton	CM Janice Fitzgerald	Craig Chormann
Covington United	Laura Fry	Richard Noble	Perry, Brick	---	
Dansville	Marcia Reiff	Jan Lewis	Pike Community		
Downtown		John DeHority	Pittsford, First (2)		EX – Becker EX - Brown
East Avon, First	Mike Fry	Molly Low	Rochester Korean (2)		
East Bethany			Scottsville, Union	EX	
Elba, First	(registered under BC)		South		
Gates	----	Tom Brewer	Sparta, First	---	
Geneseo, Central	EX		Stone, Bergen		
Groveland Fed.			Summerville	Jim Widboom (HR)	Mary Haverfield
Holley, First			Third (3)	Ernest Krug (VM) EX - Sparks	Betty Iwan
Honeoye Falls, First	Kirk Baker	EX - Kumler	Trinity Emmanuel (2)		Roger Mille
Irondequoit			Tuscarora, First		
John Calvin			Twelve Corners	---	
John Knox		Priscilla Thomas	Victor, First	Colin Pritchard	
LeRoy, First			Warsaw United	----	
Lima			Webster		Alan Durbin
Livonia			York, United	Michelle Sumption	Debbie Orman

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

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

Present:

Jeff Falter (AL)	Carolyn Grohman (HR)	Carol Anne Strawbridge (HR)
Amy Williams Fowler (VM)	Judy Hay (HR)	Tom Taylor (HR)
Gene Fowler (HR)	Harry Heintz (HR)	Laurie Tiberi (VM)
Rod Frohman (HR)	Ray Lindquist (HR)	Anne Waasdorp (HR)

Excused:

Victoria Berlik (AL)	Rosemary Mitchell (VM)	Laurel Nelson (VM)
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ADDITIONAL ELDER COMMISSIONERS / CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS

(Appointed by presbytery to correct elder-clergy imbalance)

Present:

Mary Cowden (Third0)	Susan Orr (Trinity Emmanuel)	Nancy Sprenkle (Pittsford)
Bob Mecredy (Pittsford)	Heze Simmons (Pittsford)	

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Excused:

Barbara Bruins (Pittsford)

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:

Kathy Coons (Gates)

David Hale (Brockport)

Tom Thompsen (Pittsford)

Barb Crane (Covington)

Alan Norby (Perinton)

Marty Durbin (Webster)

Barbara Sturm (Covington)

SUMMARIES FOR EACH MEETING	Jan 29	Mar 30	June 25	Sept 5	Oct 12
Total Minister Members of Presbytery	119	119	117	115	
Total Minister Commissioners Present	44	42	33	27	
Total Elder Commissioners Present	44	42	44	23	
Parity (expressed in terms of Elders, + or -)	0	0	+11	-4	
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders	31	30	31	41	
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders and Pastors	21	21	19	34	
Total Registered Visitors	12	25	16	8	
TOTAL REGISTERED ATTENDANCE	100	109	93	58	

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Approval of Docket

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

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| 6:30pm | Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greetings from the Host Church | Kathy Coons |
| 6:35pm | Call to Order and Opening Prayer
Introductory Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declaration of Quorum • Approval of Docket • Privilege of the Floor | Roger Estes |
| 6:25pm | Report of the Committee on Ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the Terms of Call for Rev. Laura Fry as Pastor for Perinton Presbyterian Church, Fairport, NY effective September 16, 2019 | Anne Waasdorp |
| 7:00pm | Adjournment with Prayer | |

Because this is a special meeting of Presbytery, no other business may be transacted.

Privilege of the Floor

The Presbytery **VOTED** to grant privilege of voice to non-commissioners for the purpose of participating in the COM report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Anne Waasdorp, 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:

(Perinton / Rev. Laura Fry)

1. **Approve** the call of Perinton Presbyterian Church, Fairport, NY to Rev. Laura Fry as Pastor (full-time) effective September 16, 2019 at the following terms:

Cash Salary	\$30,200
Deferred Compensation	\$ 4,399
Housing Allowance	\$24,000
Dental, Vision Ins.	<u>\$ 1,725</u>

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Effective Salary	\$60,324
Social Security Offset	\$ 4,146
Benefits Plan PC(USA)	\$22,320
Travel/Prof Reimbursement	\$ 3,210

Annual Leave and Vacation Time: 30 days including 6 Suns

Cont Ed/Study Leave: 2 weeks

Sick leave: 1 day/mo. Cumulative

The congregational meeting was held on July 28, 2019 and was moderated by Rev. Dr. Janice Fitzgerald. The congregation elected Elders Al Norby and Craig Chormann to attest to the congregational meeting and the call of Rev. Fry at the September 5, 2019 special meeting of Presbytery.

2. **Appoint** Rev. Laura Fry as moderator of the Session of Perinton Presbyterian Church, Fairport, NY effective September 16, 2019.

[NOTE: The Installation is being planned for Sunday, November 10, 2019. Approval of the Installation plans will be brought to the October 12, 2019 stated meeting of Presbytery for approval.]

Roger led the body in a prayer of thanksgiving. Earlier, Happy Birthday was sung to Rev. Laura Fry.

ADJOURNMENT

Moderator Elect Rev. Colin Pritchard called for a motion to adjourn. He led the presbytery in the closing prayer. Adjournment at 6:47pm.

ATTEST: _____
Susan B. Orr, Stated Clerk