



Presbytery of Genesee Valley

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A Special Meeting of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley was held electronically via Zoom on Tuesday, September 1, 2020.

CONSTITUTION

Moderator TE Colin Pritchard (Victor) called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, a quorum being present, with prayer.

Announcements included:

- Visitors were reminded that they were not to participate in the poll voting at this meeting
- All Presbytery offices will remain closed and all meetings will be held electronically through January 31, 2021
- Tools & Training Working Group reported they will soon be providing information to clerks and pastors on the required NYS Sexual Harassment training.

Prayers were requested for:

- Lima Presbyterian Church which had a fire in the sanctuary
- Amy and Gene Fowler
- Our nation which needs peace and justice in light of the violence in areas of the country
- Schools and churches that are beginning fall programming in this time of pandemic

ROLL CALL

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

CONGREGATION	MINISTER	COMMISSIONER(S)	CONGREGATION	MINISTER	COMMISSIONER(S)
Albion, First	Sue Thaine		Lyndonville	CP Martha Mitchell	
Attica, First			Medina, First	William Wilkinson	
Avon, Central	Carin Farmer	Barbara Sceusa	Mendon		
Barre Center		Mike Thaine	Mt. Morris, United	EX – CP Jerry Swain	
Batavia, First	Roula Alkhouri		Mumford, First	EX Roger Estes	
Bethany	Robert Spratt		North Bergen		
Brockport, First		Kristen Gerling	Nunda, Trinity		
Byron, First	EX Jim Renfrew	Ruth Andes	Ogden	EX Tedd Pullano	
Caledonia, First	Vinod Gnanaraj	Lisa Morrill	Ossian, First	----	
Chili, First			Parkminster	----	
Christ Clarion	---		Penfield	Twyla Boyer	Melinda Shaffer
Corfu United		Patty Miles	Perinton		
Covington United			Perry, Brick		
Dansville	Marcia Reiff	Janis Lewis	Pike Community		
Downtown United	Pat Youngdahl	Sam King	Pittsford, First (2)	Aaron Neff	Janette Henderson
East Avon, First	Michael Fry		Roch. Korean (2)		
East Bethany	Erin Jacobson		Scottsville, Union	Kevin Hershey	Donald Tubman
Elba, First			South	Deb Swift	Nancy Rice
Gates	Laura Bachmann	Tom Brewer	Sparta, First	----	
Genesee, Central	Nancy Lowmaster	Catherine Evershed	Stone, Bergen		
Groveland Fed.			Summerville	Elaine Loggi	Mary Haverfield
Holley, First			Third (3)	Ernest Krug EX - Conley Zomeraand	Betty Iwan Karen Pryor

Honeoye Falls	Kirk Baker	Martha Kumler	Trinity Emmanuel (2)		Roger Miller
Irondequoit	Nathan Mochizuki	Jim Tappon	Tuscarora, First		
John Calvin		Ellen Best	Twelve Corners	CM Janice Fitzgerald	
John Knox		Priscilla Thomas	Victor, First	Colin Pritchard	
LeRoy, First			Warsaw United	----	
Lima	EX – David Kilgore		Webster		
Livonia		Lori Shipman	York, United		

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

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

Present:

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| Louise Armstrong (HR) | Harriet McConnochie (HR) | Walter Stuber (AL) |
| Bruce Boak (HR) | Carson Mouser (HR) | Tom Taylor (HR) |
| Jeff Falter (AL) | Nadia Mullin (VM) | Anne Waasdorp (HR) |
| Roderic Frohman (HR) | Gail Riccuiti (HR) | |
| Carolyn Grohman (HR) | Charles Roberts (HR) | |
| Judy Lee Hay (HR) | Carol Anne Strawbridge (HR) | |
| Robert Kaiser (HR) | Stephanie Sauve (VM) | |

Excused:

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| Gene Fowler (HR) | David Kilgore (Lina) |
| Amy Williams Fowler (HR) | Conley Zameraand (Third) |
| David Smith (HR) | Laurie Tiberi (VM) |
| Charles Leport (HR) | |

ADDITIONAL ELDER COMMISSIONERS / CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS

(Appointed by presbytery to correct elder-clergy imbalance)

Present:

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| Linda Badger Becker (Gates) | Peter Judd (Perinton) | Hezekiah Simmons (Pittsford) |
| Barbara Bruins (Pittsford) | Lea Kone (Downtown) | Nancy Sprenkle (Pittsford) |
| Kathy Coons (Gates) | Bob Mecredy (Pittsford) | Sue Tedesco (Companions on the Way) |
| Mary Cowden (Third) | Susan Orr (Trinity Emmanuel) | Kay VanNostrand (Lyndonville) |
| John DeHority (Downtown) | Linc Spaulding (Third) | |

Excused:

- Ron Hansen (Third)

CORRESPONDING MEMBER ENROLLED FOR THIS MEETING

Rev. Kathryn Kelly (Presbytery of Albany)

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

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| Cheryl Battaglia (staff) | Bill Mackey (Downtown) | Michal Petty |
| Lisa Bennett (staff) | Maire Gibson (Downtown) | Jerry Rothrock (East Avon) |
| Michelle Allen (Presbytery Western NY) | Ann Haag (Third) | Nancy Simpson (Downtown) |
| Mary Bookout (Downtown) | Linda Heeler (East Avon) | Eileen Smith |
| Raina Boupavong (Downtown) | Kim McConnell (Downtown) | Barbara Stickney (Dansville) |

SUMMARIES FOR EACH MEETING	Jan 28	April 25	July 28	Sept 1
Total Minister Members of Presbytery	111	115	114	114
Total Minister Commissioners Present	57	52	53	38
Total Elder Commissioners Present	54	52	52	38

Parity (expressed in terms of Elders, + or -)	-3	0	-1	0
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders	26	28	27	36
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders and Pastors	15	16	13	21
Total Registered Visitors	17	6**	18	17
TOTAL REGISTERED ATTENDANCE - 2020	128	110**	123	93

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Approval of Docket

Upon motion, the Presbytery **APPROVED** the docket for the meeting by poll as follows:

6:30 p.m. Call to Order and Opening Prayer Colin Pritchard

Introductory Business

- Declaration of Quorum
- Approval of Docket
- Privilege of Floor

6:40 p.m. Report of the Committee on Ministry Marcia Reiff

- Examination of Rev. Kathryn Kelly for Transfer of membership from the Presbytery of Albany
- Approval of the call between Rev. Kathryn Kelly and Downtown Presbyterian Church, Rochester NY, as Associate Pastor effective September 2, 2020, and related motions
- Examination of Candidate Michelle Allen (Presbytery of Western New York) for Ordination
- Approval of the call between Candidate Michelle Allen (WNY) and First Presbyterian Church of East Avon, NY as Pastor effective October 1, 2020, and related motions

7:40 p.m. Adjournment with Benediction Colin Pritchard

Privilege of the Floor

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Marcia Reiff, member of COM Leadership Team, gave the report of Committee on Ministry. Upon recommendation of the Committee on Ministry, the Presbytery **VOTED** by poll to:

(Downtown / Rev. Kathryn Kelly)

1. **Approve**, upon examination, enrolling Rev. Katherine Kelly (Presbytery of Albany) as a member of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, and request transfer of her membership from the Presbytery of Albany.
2. **Approve** the call of Downtown United Presbyterian Church, Rochester NY to Rev. Kathryn Kelly as Associate Pastor (full-time) effective September 2, 2020 at the following terms:

Cash Salary	\$29,000
Housing Allowance	\$28,000
Effective Salary	\$57,000

Social Security Offset	\$ 4,360
PC(USA) Benefits Plan	\$21,090
Cont Ed/Study Leave	\$ 2,000
Travel/Prof Allowance	\$ 2,000
Child Care	\$ 5,000
Medical	\$ 3,000
Moving Expenses	\$ 2,000

Annual Vacation Time:	36 days, including 6 Sundays
Cont Ed/Study Leave:	2 weeks
Sick Leave:	1 day/mo cumulative

The congregational meeting was held on August 23, 2020 and moderated by Rev. Dr. Pat Youngdahl. The congregation elected members Raina Bouphavong and Kim McConnell to attest to the congregational meeting and the call of Rev. Kathryn Kelly which they did at this meeting.

(East Avon / Candidate Michelle Allen)

1. **Examine** Candidate for Ordination Michelle Allen (under care of the Presbytery of Western New York) and sustain the examination.
[NOTE: Candidate Michelle Allen has been certified ready to seek a call by WNY's Committee on Preparation. The Committee on Ministry (COM) clearance interview was held on July 8, 2020 and was conducted by COM members Elder John DeHority, Rev. Carol Anne Strawbridge and Rev. Bruce Boak]
2. **Appoint** the following persons as the Administrative Commission to ordain and install Candidate Michelle Allen on October 4, 2020 at a time to be determined at the First Presbyterian Church of East Avon, East Avon, NY in the church sanctuary:
Moderator, Rev. Colin Pritchard (Victor)
Rev. Laura Bachmann (Gates)
Rev Tedd Pullano (Ogden)
Rev. Stephanie Sauve (VM)
Elder Jean Lacey (East Avon)
Elder Summer Sattora (South)
Elder Keith Hadley (Gates)
Elder Elaine Neth (East Avon)
3. **Enroll** the following additional participants as Corresponding Members of the Commission:
Rev. Rex T. Stewart (Presbytery of Western New York)
Rev. Leslie Latham (Presbytery of Western New York)
4. **Dismiss** the Administrative Commission at the conclusion of the Service of Ordination and Installation.
5. **Approve** enrolling Candidate Michelle Allen as a member of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley upon completion of the Service of Ordination and Installation.
6. **Approve** the call of First Presbyterian Church, East Avon, NY to Candidate Michelle Allen effective October 1, 2020 at the following terms:

Cash Salary	\$29,298
Housing Allowance	\$18,000
Effective Salary	\$47,298

Social Security Offset	\$ 3,615
PC(USA) Benefits Plan	\$17,500
Cont Ed/Study Leave	\$ 800
Travel/Prof Allowance	\$ 4,716
Annual Vacation Time:	30 days, including 5 Sundays
Cont Ed/Study Leave:	2 weeks
Sick Leave:	1 day/mo cumulative

7. **Appoint** Candidate Michelle Allen as Moderator of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, East Avon, NY upon completion of the Service of Ordination and Installation.

The congregational meeting was held on August 16, 2020 and moderated by Rev. Michael Fry. The congregation elected members Linda Heeler and Jerry Rothrock to attest to the congregational meeting and the call of Candidate Michelle Allen which they did at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. He led the Presbytery in the closing prayer. Adjournment at 7:50 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L Coons, Acting Stated Clerk for Administration