

## PRAYER PROFILES—TIME FOR A REFRESHER

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For the last two years the Relationships Working Group (RWG) of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley has offered a series of prayer profiles about our different congregations. The prayer profiles appear on the Presbytery Facebook page, in the pages of our monthly Presbytery E-News and are now on the Presbytery website. There are reasons that we do this and I thought it might be helpful to review those reasons as a “refresher.”

It is always a good time for prayer; there’s never a bad time for prayer! Each congregation, each one of us individually, is in constant need of prayer.

Prayers help build relationships, so in our prayers we are learning about one another in order to care for one another, in order to collaborate together, in order to change the world together!

Relationships are always a “work in progress.” Few of us benefit from relationships that are on “auto-pilot;” we need to constantly re-form, re-new, and re-commit to them. In some of our Presbytery neighborhoods we are now doing a second round of prayer profiles. Why not? Circumstances change, and so do our prayers.

We may be short of money, we may feel like we do not have enough people, we may worry about not having enough talents, but we can always pray. It doesn’t cost us anything!



We want to thank all of the congregations that have worked with the RWG members in producing the prayer profiles. Our approach in composing a prayer profile is to keep asking a key question: “What is your congregation praying about so we can prayer with you?” So a prayer profile is not focused on your congregation’s history, staffing or program; it is focused on your prayers!

The Relationships Working Group also coordinates the Presbytery Prayer Journal that circulates among commissioners at Presbytery gatherings, but the Prayer Journal is on hold until we have in-person gatherings again.

There are seven of us coordinating this effort: Bill Haake (Scottsville), Erica Willis (Dansville), William Wilkinson (Medina), Alvani Santos (Penfield), Jim Renfrew (Byron), Dave Fish (North Bergen), and Kay Van Nostrand (Lyndonville). Here’s all you have to do to assist our efforts: when we call ... pick up the phone!

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