

Presbytery of Genesee Valley

Minutes March 25, 2017

First Presbyterian Church, Pittsford, New York

The Presbytery was welcomed by the Rev. Bruce Boak. He shared a brief history of the church and the devastating damage that occurred in 2004 from a lightning strike. The granddaughter of the person who originally made the stained glass windows recreated the windows from photographs. Rev. Boak then gave directions for the building and lunch.

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 by the Moderator. A quorum was attested to and the moderator opened with a prayer from the Iona community.

ROLL CALL

ACTIVE MINISTERS SERVING CHURCHES (P = Present; Ex = Excused; A = Absent)

Name	Jan 31	Mar 25	May 23	July	Sept	Nov
Alkhouri, Roula – <i>Batavia</i>	P	A				
Becker, Steven – <i>Perinton</i>	EX	P				
Benjamin, Catherine – <i>Lyndonville</i>	EX	EX				
Boak, Bruce – <i>Pittsford</i>	P	P				
Boyer, Twyla – <i>Albion (Interim)</i>	P	P				
DeRosia, Melissa – <i>Gates</i>	P	P				
DeVuyst, Larry – <i>Webster</i>	P	P				
Farmer, Carin – <i>Central Avon</i>	P	P				
Fowler, Gene - <i>Irondequoit</i>	P	P				
Fry, Laura – <i>Covington</i>	P	P				
Fry, Michael – <i>East Avon (Interim)</i>	P	P				
Gardner, Tom – <i>Holley</i>	Ex	P				
Hanselman, Marie – <i>John Calvin</i>	A	A				
Haven, Jeanine – <i>Wyoming</i>	EX	P				
Hershey, Kevin – <i>Twelve Corners</i>	P	A				
Hoener, Ed – <i>Scottsville (Interim)</i>	Ex	P				
Langford, Martha – <i>Third</i>						
Lowmaster, Nancy – <i>Geneseo</i>	P	P				
Luddy, Tim – <i>Brighton</i>		A				
Michelinie, Kay – <i>Christ Clarion</i>	Ex	A				
Mitchell, Carrie – <i>Pittsford</i>	A	P				
Moler, Martha – <i>Dewey Avenue</i>	P	P				
Mouser, Carson – <i>Summerville</i>	A	P				
Neff, Aaron – <i>Corfu</i>	P	P				
Pepper, David – <i>LeRoy</i>	P	A				
Peters, Daniel – <i>Perinton</i>		P				
Pritchard, Colin – <i>Victor</i>	A	EX				
Pullano, Tedd – <i>Ogden</i>	P	P				
Reiff, Marsha Rose – <i>Dansville</i>	P	P				
Renfrew, James – <i>Byron</i>	P	P				
Roberts, Charles – <i>John Knox</i>	P	P				
Rossmann, Kavin – <i>Perry Brick</i>		P				
Schram, William – <i>Caledonia, 1st – Interim</i>	P	P				
Sparks, Lynette – <i>Third</i>	P	P				
Spratt, Robert – <i>Bethany</i>	P	A				
Styrt, Katie Jasa – <i>Gates & Laurelton</i>	P	P				
Sumption, Michelle – <i>York</i>	Ex	P				
Sumption, Ron – <i>Medina</i>	P	P				
Swift, Deborah – <i>South</i>	P	EX				
Thaine, Susan – <i>Penfield</i>	P	A				
Therese, Barbara – <i>Warsaw</i>	A	EX				
Tipton, Barbara – <i>Elba & Barre Center</i>	P	EX				
Vanderzwan, Eileen Borduin – <i>Webster</i>	Ex	A				
Wilkinson, John – <i>Third</i>	Ex	P				

Wooten, Brandi Chase – <i>Chili</i>	P	P				
Youngdahl, Pat – <i>Downtown</i>	Ex	P				
TOTAL EXCUSED	9	5				
TOTAL ABSENT	6	9				

MINISTERS IN VALIDATED MINISTRIES / MINISTERS AT-LARGE

(V = Validated ~ AL = At-large)

Name	Jan 31	Mar 25	May 23	Jul	Sept	Nov
Bagnuolo, Ray (V) <i>Director, That All May Freely Serve</i>	P	A				
Baker, Christine (V) <i>Chaplain, Rochester General Hospital</i>	A	A				
Benier, Philip (AL)	A	A				
Berlik, Viktoria (AL)	A	P				
Bindig, Kathryn (AL)	P	A				
Falter, Jeff (AL)	P	P				
Fowler, Amy Williams (V) <i>Presbytery Leader</i>	P	P				
Hwang, Ho Dong (AL)	P	A				
Kenyon, Jamie (AL)	A	A				
Krug, Ernest (V) <i>Parish Associate, Third</i>	P	DUP				
Lee, Soonwoo (AL)	A	A				
Mullin, Nadia (V) <i>Protestant Chaplain, Nazareth College</i>	A	P				
Mitchell, Rosemary (V) <i>Presbyterian Mission Agency</i>	Ex	A				
Nelson, Laurel (V) <i>Lagom Landing</i>	P	A				
Overgaard, Nancy (V) <i>Twin Cities Area, Minnesota</i>	Ex	A				
Russell, Lisette (AL)	Ex	EX				
Sauve, Stephanie (V) <i>Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School</i>	Ex	P				
Stimson, Kathryn (V) <i>Marriage & Family Therapist</i>	A	A				
Stuber, Walter (V) <i>Wolcott Pres. Church, Presbytery of Geneva</i>	P	A				
Tiberi, Laurie (V) <i>Director of Protestant Ministry, U of R</i>	Ex	P				
Widboom, Jim (V) <i>Chaplain, Rochester Psychiatric Center</i>	P	A				
Wilkinson, William (V)	A	P				
TOTAL EXCUSED	9	2				
TOTAL ABSENT	10	19				

HONORABLY RETIRED MINISTERS (If serving a church, service is noted in parentheses)

(Honorably Retired Ministers, if not present, are automatically marked as "excused.")

Name	Jan 31	Mar 25	May 23	July	Sept	Nov
Anderson, James	Ex	EX				
Anderson, Mary Lou	Ex	EX				
Armstrong, Louise	P	EX				
Bagnuolo, Ray	P	A				
Beckhusen, Elizabeth (Lee)	Ex	EX				
Billman, Bruce	Ex	EX				
Booher, Robert	Ex	EX				
Braggins, Pauline	Ex	EX				
Brebner, Linda	Ex	EX				
Brown, Virginia	Ex	EX				

Chalmers, Andrew		EX				
Evinger, Ann	P	EX				
Evinger, Jim	Ex	P				
Fowler, Val	P	P				
Frohman, Roderic	P	P				
Frood, Neil	P	P				
Galusha, Merl	Ex	EX				
Geyer, G. Robert	Ex	EX				
Glover, J. Donald	Ex	EX				
Gordon, Dane	P	P				
Grohman, Carolyn	P	EX				
Hay, Judy Lee	P	P				
Heintz, Harry	P	P				
Heister, Jack	Ex	EX				
Hockey, Bill	Ex	?				
Ichishita, Frank <i>Presbyter Emeritus</i>	Ex	EX				
Josephson, Louise	Ex	EX				
Kaiser, Bob	Ex	EX				
Lamme, Lucinda	Ex	EX				
Leport, Chuck	Ex	EX				
Lindquist, Ray	Ex	EX				
Loew, Cheryl	Ex	?				
Madigan, Kathleen	Ex	EX				
Marlett, James	Ex	EX				
McCann, Cheryle	Ex	EX				
McConnochie, Harriet	Ex	P				
Morse, Alfreda	Ex	EX				
Paul, Jerrold	P	EX				
Rice, Robert	P	P				
Ricciuti, Anthony	Ex	EX				
Ricciuti, Gail		EX				
Roth, Donald	Ex	P				
Sallade, Ronald	Ex	EX				
Schaedel, Mary Carol	Ex	EX				
Seaburn, David	Ex	EX				
Shafer, Patricia Lawrence	Ex	EX				
Smith, David	P	EX				
Stevens, Encie	Ex	EX				
Strawbridge, Carol Anne	Ex	EX				
Taylor, Tom	P	EX				
Varland, C. Thomas		EX				
Waasdorp, Anne	P	EX				
Walker, George	Ex	EX				
Watt, Jane Searjeant	Ex	EX				
Webster, Gordon	P	EX				
Wenhold, Walter	P	EX				
Yoder, Dorthea	Ex	EX				
TOTAL PRESENT	17	11				

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS – Voice and Vote

(Ministers of another Denomination or another Presbytery Serving Presbyterian Churches in PGV)

Name	Jan 31	Mar 25	May 23	July	Sept	Nov
Ashby, David (<i>Presbytery of Geneva / Honeoye Falls, Interim</i>)	P	A				
Dailey, Alan (<i>United Church of Christ First, Brockport</i>)	P	P				
Duttweiler, Ron (<i>Wesleyan Church Trinity, Nunda</i>)	P	A				
Farnsworth, Robert (<i>American Baptist Ch. Pike Community, Pike, NY</i>)	A	A				
TOTAL PRESENT	3	1				
TOTAL EXCUSED	0	0				
TOTAL ABSENT	1	3				

COMMISSIONERS FROM CHURCHES

Church Name	Jan 31	Mar 25	May 23	July	Sept	Nov
Albion, First						
Attica, First						
Avon, Central	Gail Wright	Gail wright				t
Barre Center						
Batavia, First	Bob Ayers					
Bethany (1)						
Bethany (2)						
Brighton	Louise Frost					
Brockport, First		Rick Miner				
Byron, First	Luan Riner	Audrey Blount				
Caledonia, First	Steve Russ-Clar					
Caledonia, Stone						
Calvary/St. And.						
Chili, First						
Christ Clarion						
Corfu United	Kate Riegel	Kate Riegel				
Covington	Barbara Sturn	Yvonne Snui				
Dansville, First		Janis Lewis				
Dewey Avenue						
Downtown United		Bill Mackey				
East Avon, First						
East Bethany						
Elba, First						
Gates (1)	William Dassero	Keith Hadley				
Gates (2)	Sally Christensen	Kathy Wakemon				
Geneseo, Central						
Groveland Fed.						
Holley, First		Bo Machaman				
Honeoye Falls (1)	Martha Kumler	Martha Kumler				
Honeoye Falls (2)	Mary J Faulk	Mary J Faulk				
Irondequoit		Steve Boyson				
John Calvin						
John Knox	Priscilla Thomas	Jim Robb				
Laurelton	Karen Kingsbury	Karen Kingsbury				
LeRoy, First						
Lima, Lima	Colleen Ailen	Colleen Allen				
Livonia, First						
Lyndonville		Beth Smith				
Medina, First		Cynthia Incho				
Mendon	Jim Shoots					
Mt. Morris, United						
Mumford, First						
New Life	Barbara Durfee	Barbara Woodruff				
North Bergen						
Nunda, Trinity						
Ogden						
Ossian, First						
Parkminster						
Penfield		Mindy Shaffer				
Perinton (1)	Catherine Agar					
Perinton (2)						
Perry, Brick	Tim Bucknam					
Pike Community						
Pittsford, First (1)	Sylvia fix	Noel Nichols				
Pittsford, First (2)	Dianne Brown	Sylvia Fix				
Pittsford, First (3)		Nancy Sprenkle				
Rochester Korean		Jae Park				
Scottsville, Union	Bill Naal?					
South	Sue Tedesco	Sue Tedesco				
Sparta, First						
Stone, Bergen	Ruth Stewart					
Summerville	Mary Haverfield	Mary Haverfield				
Third (1)	Karenc Pryor	Betty Iwan				

Third (2)	Mary Cowden	Karen Pryor				
Third (3)	Judy Gordon	Judy Gordon				
Trinity Emmanuel (1)	Roger Miller	Roger Miller				
Trinity Emmanuel (2)	Joyce Burwell-Miller					
Tuscarora, First						
Twelve Corners	Katherine Iuli	Kathy Iuli				
Victor, First						
Warsaw United						
Webster	Alan Durbin	Alan Durbin				
Wyoming, First						
York	Nancy Richenberg	Art Gerry				
TOTAL PRESENT	32					
TOTAL EXCUSED						
TOTAL ABSENT	40					

ADDITIONAL ELDER COMMISSIONERS

(Appointed by presbytery to correct elder-clergy imbalance)

Name	Church	Relationship	Jan 31	Mar 25	May 23	July	Sept	Nov
Bruins, Barbara		Personnel Co-chair						
Carter, Ralph	Third	Nominating Chair	P					
Crane, Barbara	Covington	Synod C'missioner	P	P				
DeHority, John	Downtown	Comm. on Prep.	P					
Denson, Fred	Webster	Former Moderator		A				
Estes, Roger	Mumford	CRE	P	P				
Fish, David	N. Bergen	CRE	P	P				
Foerster, Cathy	Lima	CRE / Moderator	P	P				
Gotcsik, George	Third	Former Moderator	P	P				
Grammer, Vernie	Third	Synod C'missioner		A				
Haag, Ann	Third	Stewardship		A	P			
James, Barbara	Summerville	Trustees Chair		Ex	P			
Martin, Anne	Livonia	CRE	P	P				
Mecredy, Bob	Third	Treasurer	P	P				
Minemier, Betty	Dansville	Former Moderator		Ex	A			
Orman, Ed	York	BD&O		P				
Orr, Susan	Laurelton	Presbyter for Mission & Education	P	P				
Peet, Rose		Personnel Co-Chair						
Simmons, Heze	Pittsford First	Moderator Elect	P	P				
Sloat, Lacey	Byron	Synod YAAD		A				
Smith, Brad	Attica	CRE	P	P				
Sprenkle, Nancy	Pittsford 1 st	Former Moderator	P					
Swain, Jerry	Mt. Morris	CRE		A				
Tubman, Donald	Scottsville	Synod C'missioner		A				
VanNostrand, Kay	Lyndonville	Former Moderator / Mission & Ad.	P					
TOTAL PRESENT			14	13				
TOTAL EXCUSED			2					
TOTAL ABSENT			7					

CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS (Certified Christian Educators, if not present, are automatically excused. Those who are ordained Ruling Elders have voice and vote.)

Name	Jan31	Mar 25	May 23	July	Sept	Nov
Badger Becker, Elder Linda <i>Certified Christian Educator (Voice & Vote)</i>	Ex					
D'Angelo Vietch, Rebecca (Third) <i>Assoc. Cert. Christ. Ed. (Voice only)</i>	Ex					
Orr, Elder Susan (Laurelton) <i>Associate Certified Christian Educator</i>	Listed	Under	Add'l	Elder		Comm.
TOTAL PRESENT						

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS ENROLLED FOR THIS MEETING

Name	Presbytery / Agency
The Rev. Bronwen Boswell	Temporary Stated Clerk

PRESBYTERY STAFF (Not members of PCUSA)

Name	Jan 31	Mar 25	May 23	July	Sept	Nov
Weaver, Beth – <i>Office Administrator</i>	P	P				
Battaglia, Cheryl – <i>Financial Administrator</i>	P	P				

REGISTERED VISITORS (current meeting)

Includes CREs not serving churches

Craig Kunkle	Pittsford
Mel Oliver	
Carol Roth	Third
Margaret Phillips	DAPC
Lorna Logan	DAPC
Barbara Stickney	Dansville
Dean Cornwell	Lima
Sharon Logan	DAPC
Laurie Skinner	DAPC
Jae Seon Je	RKPC
Norma carter	IPC
Janice Bilsklavek	Gates
Mary Cowden	TPC/COM
Tom Sanderson	DAPC
Deborah Sanderson	DAPC
Laura Bachmann	First, Pittsford
Katrina Helb	Smith & New Life
James Graham	PMIC
Ccarol Balsley	
Rachel Kelly	
Jordan McFrite	Gates
Ryan Davis	Gates
Zach Hennen	Gates
Nancy Hossenlopp	Gates
Lea Kone	Camp Whitman

SUMMARIES FOR EACH MEETING	Jan 31	Mar 25	May 23	July	Sept	Nov
Total Minister Commissioners Present*	62	52				
Total Elder Commissioners Present	46	43				
Parity (expressed in terms of Elders, + or -)						
Total Minister Commissioners Absent, Unexcused**						
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders***	40					
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders and Pastors****						
Total Registered Visitors	11	25				
TOTAL REGISTERED ATTENDANCE	159					

Motion: to approve the docket. Second, approved

For the Meeting of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley

Saturday, March 25, 2017
Stated Meeting

Pittsford Presbyterian Church
Rochester, New York

	<u>Page Reference</u>		
	<u>Mailed</u>	<u>Taken</u>	
10:10 AM			Announcements <i>Greetings from the Host Church</i>
			Bruce Boak Carrie Mitchell
			Call to Order and Opening Prayer
			Introductory Business
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Approval of Docket</i> ▪ <i>Appointment of Tellers</i> ▪ <i>Greeting New Commissioners</i> ▪ <i>Enrollment of Corresponding Members</i> ▪ <i>Privilege of the Floor</i>
	5-10		Omnibus Motion
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Lifting of Motions for Discussion</i>
			Call for New Business
10:30 AM			Report from Presbytery Leader
			Amy Williams Fowler
	11		Trustees Report
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Approve Motions regarding the dissolution of Dewey Avenue Presbyterian Church, effective June 30, 2017</i>
			Barbara James
	12-14		Committee on Ministry
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Hear a report regarding the dissolution of Dewey Avenue Presbyterian Church as a congregation, and transferring the membership rolls and assets to Irondequoit Presbyterian Church, effective June 30, 2017</i> ▪ <i>Grant Status of Honorable Retirement to the Rev. Martha Moler, effective July 1, 2017</i> ▪ <i>Approve the dissolution of Calvary St. Andrew Presbyterian Parish as a congregation and hear a report regarding continued ministries in that location from the Calvary St. Andrews Administrative Commission</i>
			Melissa DeRosia
11:05 AM			Report from Presbyter for Mission and Education
			Susan Orr
			Mission and Advocacy Committee Report
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Report from People's Ministry in Christ</i>
			Ann McCrossen & James Graham
			Campus Ministry Reports (Validated Ministers of the Presbytery)
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>University of Rochester</i> ▪ <i>Nazareth College</i>
			Laurie Tiberi Nadia Mullin
			Worship
			Laurie Tiberi

Tellers were appointed by the moderator.

There were no corresponding member.

Privilege of the floor was granted to those invited to give reports who are not members of the presbytery.

The omnibus motion was approved as written

OMNIBUS MOTION

Presbytery of Genesee Valley

March 25, 2017 – First Presbyterian Church

Pittsford, New York

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

How to lift items for discussion or debate:

An opportunity will be given for presbyters to request that action items be lifted from the Omnibus Motion. Simply go to the microphone and when you are recognized, request the item you wish to lift out.

Items lifted out for discussion will be dealt with during the committee report associated with that particular item. The remaining items will be approved in one motion.

Omnibus Motion: Items for Presbytery Action

The Stated Clerk moves that the presbytery:

Approve the Minutes of the January 31, 2017 stated meeting of Genesee Valley Presbytery, held at Irondequoit Presbyterian Church, Rochester NY.

Receive the Treasurer's Report

Dismiss The Rev. Dr. Janet Ann Hufford to the Presbytery of Beaver–Butler to accept the call of the Jefferson Center Church, Saxonburg, PA.

The presbytery welcomed new commissioners and the Gates church youth group visiting today.

Report of the Presbytery Leader

Amy W. Fowler reminded us that a presbytery is a Christian community. Today we lift up Carolyn Grohman who is recovering from surgery after falling and breaking her hip. Life as we live it is as a community. We are one body in Christ with many members. We have substantive work today – the dissolution of two congregations, a retirement, Campus Ministry, Get to know your Neighbors Lunch – meet someone you don't know well yet. Teaching elders and CRE's not part of a neighborhood - join one!

Trustees Report

Laurie Skinner shared a brief history of the 105 year old Dewey Avenue Church and some lovely personal memories. In 2004 the building was sold but the congregation continued. The church will be dissolved and many members will be joining the Irondequoit Church. Everyone is welcome to the closing worship. Thanks were given to the COM and all who helped to facilitate the process.

MOTION:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE VALLEY, Inc.

Dewey Avenue Presbyterian Church

That the Presbytery Board of Trustees, with the concurrence of the Presbytery Committee on Ministry, recommends that the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, Inc., in recognition of the action taken by the Congregation of the **Dewey Avenue Presbyterian Church**, 2009 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14615 (the "Church" or "DAPC"), at a duly called meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of such Church, held the 8th day of January, 2017:

1. **Dissolve such Church**, as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), effective the 30th day of June, 2017; and
2. **Concur with** the Church's proposed donations to Cameron Community Ministries (\$10,000.00), People's Ministry in Christ (\$10,000.00) and Maplewood-Edgerton Emergency Kupboard (\$5,000.00), and the transfer to Irondequoit Presbyterian Church (IPC) of any remaining financial assets as of June 30, 2017 (in recognition of the intent of DAPC that its members join with IPC); and
3. **Authorize** the Chair of the Presbytery Board of Trustees, the Stated Clerk of Presbytery, the Presbytery Leader and/or the Presbytery Attorney to execute and deliver such documents, and take such actions as may be required to effectuate the foregoing.

February 9, 2017

Motion Approved

MOTION:

(Dewey Avenue Presbyterian Church)

1. **Hear** the request of the Dewey Avenue Presbyterian Church to dissolve as a congregation, effective June 30, 2017, and with the concurrence of the Board of Trustees, to transfer the remaining assets of the congregation (approximately \$50,000) to the Irondequoit Presbyterian Church prior to that date.

The Dewey Clerk of Session will forward letters of membership to the Irondequoit Clerk of Session prior to June 30, 2017. The Session and the congregation of Irondequoit have approved receiving the Dewey members with joy and thanksgiving. The last Sunday for Worship at Dewey will be June 4, 2017, and the Irondequoit congregation will join the Dewey congregation for the annual picnic on June 11, 2017.

Motion approved

Committee on Ministry

MOTION: To grant the status of Honorable Retirement to the Rev. Martha Moler, Stated supply pastor of Dewey, effective July 1, 2017. Motion Approved

The Presbytery showed its appreciation for Rev. Moler's ministry, then stood and sang her favorite hymn, "Here I Am, Lord".

John Wilkinson shared a report from the AC to dissolve Calvary St. Andrews.

MOTION:

(Calvary St. Andrews Presbyterian Parish)

3. **Approve** the request of Administrative Commission for and the congregation of Calvary St. Andrews Presbyterian Parish for the Presbytery to dissolve the congregation, effective April 30, 2017.

The closing worship service for the congregation will be Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017. A Celebration of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Parish will be held in the Sanctuary, Saturday, April 22 at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to attend. The Administrative Commission continues its work to make and facilitate plans for the Food Ministry and the building (report expected at the May 2017 meeting). Motions regarding the property will be recommended to the Presbytery through the Board of Trustees.

Motion approved

The Moderator invited the Presbytery into a time of prayer for the congregations that today are being dissolved.

The Gates youth were welcomed to the meeting with applause.

Report from Presbyter for Mission Education

Susan showed the video for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Other joys shared; Leadership Day was attended by 168 people from 41 congregations. There are seven attending Advocacy Days in Washington D.C. and April 29 is clean-up at Camp Whitman. Susan attended a conference at Stony Point about Presbyterian Peace Witness discussing the five affirmations to guide peacemaking witness.

Mission and Advocacy Report

People's Ministry in Christ received a \$21,000.00 grant. Ann McCrossen and James Graham reported how there has been a resurrection of the ministry. Building renovation is occurring that supports the ministries happening in the building. Currently there are Bible studies, Open door Mission chapel Services, Homeless Housing Ministry, work programs that help people learn how to work, work assistance. The restaurant is being renovated and there are Twelve step programs. James thanked the presbytery, Dewey Ave., the individual churches and individuals that continue to support the work at PMIC.

Campus Ministry Report

Laurie Tiberi, chaplain at the University of Rochester gave an engaging presentation about the students who participate. Made up of undergrad and grad students. They get experience at being church leaders that they

wouldn't get if they attended a church in town. Five students have felt called into ministry the education and ordination of the leadership is important to them. It is not a youth group for college! The academic aspect of faith is important. Being able to ask questions is good. The students relish the opportunity to engage their minds concerning their faith. They value education and want to be encouraged to wrestle with the hard questions. Christianity deals with reality and does not ignore it.

Nadia Miller, Protestant chaplain, Center for Spirituality, Nazareth College endorsed what Laurie shared and added information about specifics at Nazareth including interfaith collaboration, a once a month Taize service and that ten students will be visiting Taize this coming May. There was also a trip to the southern border that the Synod helped to fund that engaged the students, putting faith into action. Nadia has seen a growth in organic student Christian fellowships.

An honorably retired pastor shared that he had been a campus minister over fifty years ago and was impressed with the enthusiasm of the chaplains today.

The Presbytery moved into worship. The preacher of the day was the Rev. Laurie Tiberi

LUNCH - Get to know your neighbors

Meeting was called back to order at 1:15

Good News from the Churches

Dewey Ave. is getting rid of physical property, check the Blessings page if you are interested.

Jim Renfrew thanked the Byron congregation for hosting the concert to honor Val Fowler. \$3000 was raised for the emergency fund.

Lyndonville reminded us and invited us to stop and pray at 9p.m. against cancer.

John Knox announced that as of Dec. 31, 2016 the mortgage has been paid off – early!

Penfield encouraged everyone to participate in interfaith programs.

Good News from the Neighborhoods

Neighborhood #2 had their third meeting

Valley Neighbors will have sessions in June to meet about Leadership

Neighborhood #3 – Met with the Workers Justice Center and farm workers to discuss immigrant issues. How can churches offer hospitality and safety?

New Life church has a youth runners group. The goal is to run a 5K. They are celebrating a young man who is the first to go to college.

Camp Whitman Report

Lea Kone, director of Camp Whitman, shared an update on the camp. There is strategic planning happening for the future, viability, sustainability, mission and vision. The camp population has changed to more inner city students and folks with disabilities. There will be six sessions of summer camp this year. New is mission camp and a confirmation camp. Pine camp, the camp for folks with disabilities is offering a Pine camp CRT, which is very exciting. Clean up Day is April 29. Family fun Day is in May. Still looking for a nurse, kitchen staff, chaplains and counselors.

Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Albion, NY

MOTION: The Albion First Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission requests dismissal and submits the following report:

Final Report of the Albion Administrative Commission

On October 16, 2015, upon the recommendation of the Presbytery Leader, Rev. Amy Fowler, an Administrative Commission was established in order to:

assume any or all powers and responsibilities of a session (G-10.0102) for the benefit and ministry of the congregation. The Commission was also empowered to ordain and install elders and deacons, to visit organizations within the church, and settle differences therein.

This recommendation resulted in the appointment of the following persons to the Commission:

Reverend Catherine B. Benjamin (Lyndonville) Moderator

Elder Timothy A. McGee (Albion) Clerk of the Commission

Reverend Charles Roberts(John Knox)

Reverend Charles LePort (HR) Rev. LePort eventually moved to Georgia for a period of time and left the Commission

Elder Don Welch (Holley)

Elder Marilyn Britt (Byron)

Elder Charles H. Nesbitt (Albion)

The Commission met with Amy Fowler on October 16, 2015 to be appraised of the reasons for establishing the Commission, and to discuss the roles and duties of its members.

The Commission quickly realized areas that needed governance and set out to work on areas of:

Finance

Leadership –real or assumed

Spirituality

There were organizations in the church that assumed leadership was available to them due to the absence of a sitting pastor. Their actions were not viewed as mean-spirited;

they just had programs they wanted the church to embrace which were apparently ignored previously.

There were also several times when individuals attempted to circumvent the process of approaching the Commission with requests, and instead to corner the Clerk for approval of activities.

As a result, the Commission decided to meet with those persons in order to assuage that situation. We wanted those persons to understand that the Commission was working for the good of the church, and not against anyone.

Additionally, assuming that members of the congregation needed to know more about the Commission and their church, we decided to hold a listening session with the members to discuss our purpose and their concerns. This was a positive move and resulted in clarity among the church members.

Another decision of the Commission was to provide representation to two major committees to assist with planning and to assure committee members that they and the Commission had the same objective: to help the church right itself and begin to be the church of people who are committed to fulfilling its mission to be the Light and Salt of the world. Reverend Charles Roberts met with the Re-Spirit Task Force, and I met with the Christian Education group.

Charles Nesbitt was extremely instrumental in getting the church healthier financially. Moving monies from undesignated funds to the general account paid back bills; cleaning up the membership roles by expunging names of lost members decreased per capita; and, sponsoring major fundraisers, was very effective.

On April 20, 2016, the Interim Pastor, Reverend Twyla Boyer, was introduced to the Commission. It was established that Rev. Boyer would officially begin her role as pastor on June 1, 2016.

The Commission continued to meet and the church continued to heal.

Reverend Boyer provided a great part of that healing due to her understanding of the congregation and its need for direction.

For the above reasons we respectfully request that the Commission be relieved of its assignment.

Respectfully submitted,

Reverend Catherine B. Benjamin, Moderator

Motion passed with thanks

Presbytery Council

1. The Child and Youth Safety Policy was submitted for a first reading to the Presbytery. Please read and send all questions and comments to the team by April 3.

2. An Advisory Task Force on Church Property has been formed by the Moderator and the chair of Council. This is in response to questions concerning property and the need for a larger conversation.
3. The Mission and Advocacy Committee shared an action letter they have sent to the Mayor of Rochester calling for the Rochester Police Department to abstain from federal immigration enforcement. Letter attached to minutes.

Motion: That the Presbytery of Genesee Valley adopt the letter as an official communication from the presbytery to the mayor.

Debate occurred.

Motion passed.

Motion: that the remarks from the elder of the John Knox be attached to the minutes and that denominational information concerning immigration issues also be attached to the minutes.

Motion passed.

Vision & Strategy Progress Report

Mission: Know Christ, Live Christ, and Share Christ the mission of the presbytery has not changed since 2006. The Presbytery exists to support the churches. As the work has been going forward the congregations are the center gathered into neighborhoods. The hope is to increase the support for mission and ministry where it is happening. Therefore what is being presented is a draft, nothing is set in stone. The Healthier congregation's team invites the presbytery to a dinner in May to see where folks want to serve moving forward. One of the issues is looking at the balance between those who need monthly meetings and those who need short term opportunities for their passions.

Make sure to fill out the Survey Monkey form and leave questions and our comments.

Presbytery Staffing Model

The recommendations that first came to the presbytery in September were sent back to Council in November. They return to us today.

Motion: To approve the job description for the Presbyter for Healthy Congregations/Stated Clerk, for the period April 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

Motion passed

Motion: To approve Ruling Elder Susan Orr as the Presbyter for Healthy congregations/Stated Clerk, for the period April 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

Motion passed!

The Presbytery proceeded to the installation of the Presbyter for Healthy Congregations/stated Clerk to begin April 1, 2017.

Thanks were given to the temporary Stated Clerk.

Three Key things to take away

See the changes that are happening

Do not throw out the baby with the bath water. Trust moving forward.

We are in community, by community. Have courage commending one another in compassion.

Motion to adjourn with prayer: Passed.

The Moderator concluded the meeting with a prayer from the Iona Community

Presbytery adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Bronwen Boswell

Temporary Stated Clerk

Attachments

Letter from the Mission and Ministry committee



Presbytery of Genesee Valley

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February 21, 2017

Mayor Lovely Warren
City Hall
30 Church Street
Rochester, NY

Re: Call for the Rochester Police Department to abstain from federal immigration enforcement

Dear Mayor Warren:

The Mission and Advocacy Committee of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, the local governing body of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), writes to thank you for your commitment to defend and support immigrant communities in Rochester, NY. We share your appreciation for immigrants' contributions to Rochester. We are also concerned that participation of the Rochester Police Department in U.S. Department of Homeland Security enforcement actions will damage public safety in Rochester by undermining trust between our immigrant communities and police.

Any city or county that claims to provide "sanctuary" for immigrants should commit to disentangling the work of local police officers, jails, and probation officers from federal immigration enforcement. To that end, we offer the following recommendations:

1. Local jails, police officers, and probation officers should be prohibited from honoring any ICE detainer or other ICE or CBP request to hold an individual in jail beyond their ordinary release (the moment that person would normally be released upon completion of sentence, or on bail, supervised release, or recognizance), absent a judicial warrant. The New York State Attorney General has affirmed in guidance to all police and sheriff's departments in the state that "compliance with ICE detainers or requests for immigration holds is voluntary—not mandatory."

2. Local jails, police officers, and probation officers should not delay the posting of bail and/or release from custody because of an individual's immigration status or receipt of an ICE detainer or other ICE or CBP request without a judicial warrant.
3. Local jails, police officers, and probation officers should be prohibited from expending resources and personnel time for purposes of assisting federal immigration enforcement, including by sharing information regarding a person's custodial status, release date, or address, absent a judicial warrant.
4. Local police and sheriff's departments should commit to decline any request from DHS to enter into a 287(g) agreement. The 287(g) program deputizes local law enforcement officers to act as federal immigration agents within their local jurisdictions. Currently, there are no 287(g) agreements in New York State.
5. Local jails should commit to decline to provide land, office space, or office equipment to ICE, and should not permit ICE or CBP to access anyone in jail custody absent a judicial warrant.
6. Local police and sheriff's departments and probation officers should clarify to their officers that they should not investigate violations of federal immigration law.
7. Local government resources should not be used to create or assist in the creation of any federal registry based on race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, ethnicity, or national origin.
8. All local government employees, including local law enforcement officers, should be prohibited from inquiring into a person's immigration status unless required by law, for example for purposes of establishing eligibility for a public benefit for which verification of citizenship or satisfactory immigration status is required.
9. All local government employees, including local law enforcement officers, should be prohibited from contacting ICE or CBP for interpretation assistance. Instead, interpretation services for use by local government employees, including local law enforcement, should be funded to facilitate communication with limited English proficient individuals.

I, Rev. Roderic P. Frohman, Pastor Emeritus of Third Presbyterian Church, representing the Mission and Advocacy Committee of The Presbytery of Genesee Valley, summarized these concerns when I spoke before the City Council on February 21, 2017.

Thank you for your leadership and support.

Sincerely,



Roderic P. Frohman

Cc:

Rev. Amy Fowler
Elder Susan Orr
Brian Curran, Esq., Corporation Counsel
Rochester City Council:
President Loretta Scott
Councilmember Carolee Conklin
Councilmember Matt Haag
Councilmember Dana Miller
Councilmember Jacklyn Ortiz
Councilmember Adam McFadden
Councilmember Molly Clifford
Councilmember Elaine Spaul
Councilmember Michael Patterson

Statement from Elder at John Knox

My name is James Robb representing John Knox Presbyterian Church as Presbytery Delegate. I will be reading a statement and will be available for questions regarding my statement immediately upon completion of my statement. I will use the Terms "Public Document" referring to the document used to address the City Council which is now a Public Document and "Letter" to refer to the ensuing Presbytery Letter

Within the Presbytery of the Genesee docket packet is both a proposed Letter and a Public Document authorized by our Presbytery Advocacy Committee. I have several opposition positions to these documents that I will itemize here and then detail further. The first issue I have is the blatant disregard for Federal Law proposed by these documents. Second is My belief that these documents pose an affront to our Tax-exempt Status My third and less egregious concern is the wordsmithing of the documents.

Disregard for Federal Law

The two documents provide support to ignore Federal laws regulating immigration. The Letter specifies those particular areas in which the city should specifically ignore Federal Law. The Public Document also goes as far to quote scripture from a Christian Bible supposedly validating illegal activity. I would like that Municipalities pay attention to the Bible as in many instances, as it would invalidate many controversial laws that affect our lifestyles. But alas Municipalities have routinely rejected the Bible as a source in establishing law.

To this end, I submit the following regarding the Constitution and how it is used to regulate laws enacted by States and Municipalities. The following is from the Leonore Annenberg Institute and United States Constitution, the Law of the Land.

Article I, Section 8, states that Congress has the power "To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian Tribes." This is commonly called the commerce clause, and the Supreme Court routinely has determined that any economic activity that could potentially spill over state boundaries can be subject to federal regulation.

Specifically, Article VI of the Constitution contains what is often referred to as the supremacy clause. It states that when a state law is in conflict with a Federal law, the Federal law takes priority. Adam Winkler, a professor at the University of California at Los Angeles who specializes in constitutional law, said that "the law is clear — the supremacy clause says specifically that the Federal laws are supreme over contrary state laws, even if the state doesn't like those laws."

Tax Exempt Status

The effect of this letter could have ramifications of Presbyterian Churches within the Presbytery of the Genesee Valley losing tax exempt status. The loss of this benefit could be deleterious to those congregations that are currently facing financial strain, specifically, the loss of donors due to not being a tax-exempt organization. And the other issue of tax-exemption is the loss of the Property Tax exemption. This is of concern to my particular Church as we have a particularly extensive piece of property fronting West Ridge Road in the Town of Greece, New York. The Johnson amendment specifically addresses Tax exempt status for various 503 (c) 3 organizations in supporting Political Causes. Among other issues is the tax-exempt organization cannot ask a candidate for public office sign a pledge or other promise to support a particular

cause as this Letter seems to do. The fact that the Letter is addressed directly to Mayor Lovely Warren in an election year gives weight to this statement.

Format of Documents

I am also concerned to a lesser extent that poor wordsmithing in the Documents was used. Within the Public Document is a direct quote from “Wikipedia Encyclopedia”, which was neither shown as a quote nor cited as coming from this source and is the sole source contrary to Wikipedia dictates. I acknowledge that a second Paragraph does acknowledge Wikipedia by the use of a Link. However, in between the two paragraphs is what appears to be a personal opinion that would require the First paragraph to similarly acknowledge its source

Since the Wikipedia Article has been referenced, it is necessary for me to point out the very first Sentence in the subject article which needs to be stated.

In the [United States](#) and [Canada](#), a **sanctuary city** is a city which permits residence by [illegal immigrants](#) to help them avoid deportation. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sanctuary_city

In the Public Document, there is a reference to Los Angeles becoming the First to become a Sanctuary City. The final statement in the paragraph States that the Move could be regarded as “Gutsy”. I read this as the writer’s concern that the local law may be borderline illegal.

I further am concerned with the paragraph that cites a study done by Dr. Thomas Wong. This Paragraph is lifted and acknowledged to be from the Wikipedia Article. The study was done on “Sanctuary Counties”. This is used to allow the City of Rochester would benefit economically by becoming a “Sanctuary City”. I do not believe that this corollary can be accomplished. I also am skeptical that this source can be relied on to not be somewhat biased as NILC (National Immigration Law Center) is an organization dedicated to immigration issues. Per the NILC website for what they do:

I quote “At NILC, we believe that all people who live in the U.S.—regardless of their race, gender, immigration and/or economic status—should have the opportunity to achieve their full potential”

I want you to specifically note the implication of this statement that regardless of Immigration status which means Legal or Illegal Immigration.

As far as the Letter is concerned I do not feel it is correct for the writer to address the Sherriff’s Department as the department is a Monroe County Department.

I feel that it is necessary after these comments to not find some positives. I am glad that the Presbytery letter has been reviewed by Legal Counsel. Although in my opinion it was not done with the best of interpretation of law.

I am also glad that the writer of the Public document addressed the Comments to the entire City Council and eliminated in my opinion any reference to asking for a political candidate pledge.

As a final Comment if Presbytery still feels that the letter should be sent the associated date of transmittal should be changed to a more recent date.

Conclusion

Something must be done to allow Presbytery to see the error of their ways in distributing these documents. I STRONGLY suggest that the Presbytery, be in concert to repudiate these documents to not vote in favor of these Documents being released. I fear that as far as the Public Document given in front of the Rochester City Council it has already been received into the Public Record and may not be retracted at this juncture.

Respectfully Submitted,
James Robb
Presbytery Delegate for John Knox Presbyterian Church

Link to Denominational Immigration information

oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/immigration

For the 2004 Resolution and Study Guide for Immigration: <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/1-immigration-resolution-2004.pdf>

Appendix:

Minutes from the Albion Administrative Commission

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of
Albion NY, August 16, 2015**

The meeting was called to order and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Catherine Benjamin , member of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley serving as Moderator of the Meeting at the request of the Committee on Ministry, at 11 :22 a.m. Ruling Elder Timothy McGee was elected to serve as Clerk for the meeting. The Clerk certified that a quorum was present. Members of Session present were Charles Nesbitt, Eric Brown, Annette Pearl, Kevin Gardner, and Marlee Diehl.

Alex Sherman, Lynn Miller
Marlee Diehl, Jack Baron
Were elected to serve as tellers for the meeting.

Reading of the Call: A special meeting of the congregation of The First Presbyterian Church, Albion, N.Y. has been duly called and announced by the Session to be held on Sunday, August 16, 2015 at 11 :30 a.m. for the purpose of hearing and acting upon the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley.

That the Presbytery of Genesee Valley dissolve the pastoral relationship between the First Presbyterian Church, Albion, NY, and the Rev. Douglas Evans Holmes, effective September 30, 2015, with severance provided by the church according to the Presbytery's policy.

A statement was read to the congregation by the Rev. Douglas Evans Holmes, who then left the meeting:

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
There may be a lot of words that we can use to describe how each of us feels today. It is my hope that the one word that you will think of when you look back upon today is that it was healing. Both, you the congregation and I are in need of healing. That is why I am concurring with the Committee on Ministry's recommendation to dissolve my pastoral relationship here and hope you do as well so that we can all begin healing. May we forever be surrounded in God's grace and love.
Thank you.*

The Rev. Amy Williams Fowler, Presbytery Leader, read a report from the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery, a narrative of their process with the Session and the congregation, including recommendations from the Personnel Committee and the actions of the Session.

Time was offered to answer questions on the narrative, with the participation of Rev. Fowler, Ruling Elder Charlie Nesbitt, and Ruling Elder Kim Remley, chair of 'the Personnel Committee.

The motion was debated.

Ballots were distributed to church members by the tellers, and then collected. The vote was counted in the presence of the congregation, and the result was reported to the Moderator, who reported it to the congregation. The vote was 23 in favor of concurring with the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry and 21 against concurring with the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry, that the pastoral relationship be dissolved. Ruling Elder Timothy McGee , Ruling Elder Charlie Nesbitt and Ruling Elder Kevin Gardner were elected by the congregation to attest to the congregational meeting at the Presbytery meeting on September 22,2015. The Rev. Amy Williams Fowler described the next steps for the Session and the Congregation. There was an opportunity for questions.

The minutes were read by the Clerk, and approved by the congregation. Motion to accept by Richard Remley and seconded by Charlie Nesbitt.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Moderator at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Timothy A. McGee

Acting Clerk for the Meeting of the Congregation

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF ALBION, NY**

Session Room

OPENING PRAYER/Scripture Psalm 33

Roll Call

Moderator: Rev. Douglas Holmes Rev. Amy Fowler

September 9, 2015

Present: Kevin Gardner, Annette Pearl, 'Marlee Diehl, and Eric Brown

Acting Clerk of Session. Tim McGee

Approval of Regular Minutes from August 6, 2015-Approved

Approval of Regular Minutes from June- tabled until sent to Tim McGee

Approval of Minutes of Congregational Meeting on August 16-Approved

Approval of Agenda - Approved.

Motion made to have Tim McGee act as Clerk of Session, Seconded and Approved

Time with Amy: At this time Rev. Fowler took over the meeting. 7:00 PM.

First Item: A Motion was made and seconded that the Separation Ethics Boundaries Covenant be signed by Pastor Douglas Holmes. Motion carried and Pastor Holmes Signed the Covenant. Also a Motion was made and seconded that the Dissolution Agreement Model be accepted, Motion carried. The Agreement was also signed by Pastor Douglas Holmes, along with signatures from Rev. Amy Fowler and Tim McGee

Acting Clerk of Session. Pastor Holmes was excused from the meeting.

Correspondence Sent and Received -None

Building Use: - None

CLERK'S REPORT:

COMMUNION servers on September 6, 2015: Dorothy Boyer, Charlie & Kim Nesbitt.

HOME COMMUNION: None

MEMBERSHIP: As of August 6, 2015 there were 162 members

ADDITIONS OR LOSSES: None

BAPTISM: None

MEMBERSHIP: As of September 9, 2015 there were 162 members

Our Ministry Together

Mission: Request to have SERV table at Holy Family Parish Eco-Justice event and have catalog sale at church during the month of October. Motion made to approve and seconded. Motion carried.

TGIF: No Report

Worship: See Minutes

Fellowship: See Minutes

Fundraising: No Report

Finance: No Report

Stewardship: No Report

Deacons: No Report

Christian Education: Action Item: Request approval for special offering in Sept-Nov for the Heffer Project to be collected in a "can" in the front of the sanctuary and having a bake sale/auction. Motion made to approve and seconded. Motion carried

Action Item: Request to change time of communion in Lord's Day worship to accommodate proposed Sunday school timing. A Motion was made and seconded that the Sunday School Will extend from Children Time to Coffee Hour and that the 1st Sunday of the month the Sunday School will be that the children will join the Congregation and the church family With the "Lords Supper". Motion Carried.

Buildings and Grounds: No Report

Personnel: No Report

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Communication Assignments

Adjournment: A Motion was made and seconded that Session be Adjourned. Motion Carried and Rev. Amy Fowler closed with Prayer.

Respectfull~ submitted by ~ Acting Clerk of Session

**Minutes of the Administrative Commission of the
First Presbyterian Church of Albion, New York
October 16, 2015**

Opening Prayer by: Rev. Amy W. Fowler

Convener for the evening: Rev. Amy W. Fowler

Introductions and preferred phone list was made and given to the Clerk for Distribution (Copy will be attached to these minutes). What a Commission may do and requirements: We discussed what the Administrative Commissions can do in accordance with the guidelines of G-3-01 of the Book of Order.

What brings us to an Administrative Commission here: Rev, Fowler gave a brief summary of what has taken place over the past 18 months or so, and what actions that have taken place. Your roles: Our roles are basically we take over as the governing body like the Session was.

Issues: - pressing and long term- financial, pastoral leadership, role of committees in the near future, role and possible reformation of the committees in the long term. Dynamics within the congregation and the session.

Motions: # 1 A Motion was made for Tim McGee to be Clerk of the Administrative Commission, Motion was seconded and carried.

#2 A Motion was made for the present Personnel Committee to be dissolved, Motion was seconded and carried.

#3. A Motion was made for Charlie Nesbitt to contact our church members for our Stewardship Drive, due to our financial situation. Motion was seconded and carried

#4. A Motion was made that all Committees stand in place and provide a monthly report to the Clerk of the Administrative Commission.

#5. A Motion was made to transfer \$20, 000. 00 from a Fund which will be necessary to continue the Business of the Church, Motion was Seconded and carried.

#6. A Motion was made and seconded that if Staff have any question that they go to the Clerk of the Administrative Commission for the answers.

#7. A Motion was made and seconded that the Rev. Catherine Benjamin be the Convener. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be November 11, 2015.

A Motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Chuck LePort HR at 7:55 PM

Respectively Submitted,

Timothy A. McGee

Clerk of the AIC

Meeting of the Administrative Commission

Albion Presbyterian Church

November 11, 2015

6:30PM

Agenda

Prayer- Was given by Rev. Amy Fowler

Attendance- Rev. Catherine Benjamin (Convener) Rev. Chuck Roberts, Rev. Chuck LaPort, Charles Nesbitt, Don Welch, Rev. Amy Fowler, Clerk Tim McGee, also present was Rev. Carol A. Strawbridge.

Clerk's Report: Minutes of September and October were approved With amendments.

Treasurer's Report: Charlie Nesbitt gave a report on follow up on Stewardship and a positive cash flow. Motion to accept the report. Motion Carried.

New Business:

Christian Education- Request approval for Christmas Pageant for December 13, 2015 @6:00 pm. Motion made to approve, motion seconded and approved. A discussion was brought up about the Children going to Christian Ed. Right after Children's Time. It was decided to leave it as it is and that they will go right after Children time with the exception of Communion Sunday.

Worship Committee: Request by the Worship Committee to extend The collection of Heifer Project for donations on 11/15/15 and 11/22/15 to get caught up with the Methodists. Motion made to approve, motion seconded and approved. Also the Methodists requested to have a Rummage sale on December 3-5, 2015.

Motion made to accept and Motion seconded. Motion carried. Request by the Worship Committee To replace the Banners that we hang in the Sanctuary every Christmas time. They request that the church to by the first two at a cost to not exceed \$300.00 and that it be taken from the Memorial Fund. Motion was made to accept, motion seconded and so carried. It was also said that the Worship Committee establish a process to raise fund to replace the other banners. It is also stated that when they have the way they are going to raise the funds they present them to the Administrative Commission for approval.

They also recommend the creation of a Social media Committee to oversee the updating and continued use of these powerful tools. The Administrative Commission request what their intent is and to come to the Commission with their proposal is. They also recommend that the old black church robes be donated to

the Albion High School Drama Department. They have indicated that they would take them, and more importantly use them. Motion made to approve their action, Motion seconded and so carried. They also recommended that Marlene be directed to create 4 or 5 (as needed) large print bulletins for those in our congregation that are sight impaired. It was recommended by the Commission that we use larger paper and increase the font.

Deacons:

The Deacons are down three members. They request assistance. Charlie Nesbitt said that he will ask others to that have been Deacons to help.

Re-Spirit Task Force: Request approval to send out an Order of Worship to those who have stopped attending church. Motion made to approve. Motion seconded and carried. Request permission for a Hot Chocolate Stand in the Dining Room during and after the Christmas Concert on December 6, 2015. Proceeds to go to the church. Motion made to approve. Motion seconded and carried.

It was recommended by the Commission that there be a listening experience session with the Congregation. It will be on November 29, 2015 at 12:00 noon in the dining room right after coffee hour. This will be an introduction and questions for the Commission. Other Business was that The Covenant by Rev. Amy Fowler be made for Rev. Carol A. Strawbridge from November 8, 2015 to January 24, 2015 at a fee of \$300.00 a week. The Covenant was approved.

Any item to be brought before the Commission must be in to the Clerk one week prior to the next meeting. Next meeting will be on December 09, 2015 @ 6:00 pm Mr. Brad Smith will be present in for Rev. Amy Fowler. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. Closing prayer was by Rev. Charles Roberts.

Respectfully Submitted

Timothy A. McGee

Administrative Clerk

**Minutes of the Administrative Commission
Albion Presbyterian Church
December 9, 2015**

6:00 PM

Prayer: Was given by Elder Charlie Nesbitt

Attendance: Rev. Catherine Benjamin (Convener), Rev. Chuck Roberts Charlie Nesbitt, Don Welch, Marilyn Britt, Clerk Tim McGee.

Clerk's Report: Minutes for the month of November were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Charlie read the Stewardship Letter that was sent out with the pledge cards. Motion was made to accept the letter and his report. Motion carried.

Old Business: Rev. Chuck Roberts gave a report on the Listening Session that was held on November 29, 2015 in the church dining room. Everybody seem interested in what the Commission is doing and all their questions were good. More to come.

New Business: #1. Brad Smith from the Commission on Ministry and our Liaison from Presbytery gave us information on the process for finding an interim pastor. He gave us a hand out for us to read.

#2. Kevin Gardner: Gave us some back ground on the Re-Spirit Task Force and read his letter. Letter will be attached to the minutes. He also talked briefly on the Banners that were approved at the last meeting. And that they were going to have the congregation pay for the rest. He also talked about someone taking the Web page and Facebook page and bring it up to date and keeping it going for the church.

#3. Fellowship Committee: Requested for a Christmas Coffee Hour on December 20, 2015. Motion was made and approved for them to do it.

#4. Clean-up of the Church Dining Room and Kitchen. It was agreed that we will continue to clean-up after every event and the ones that use the kitchen and dining room are responsible to clean it.

#5. After-School Program: *The Christmas Break Lunch Program was approved for December 28,29,30, 2015. Also a motion was made and seconded that \$500.00 will be allocated to the Christmas Lunch Program from the ROCC fund for a one time use.*

#6. Additional Concerns-Albion and ROCC. *The church will not participate at this time.*

#7. Marlene Seielstad: *It was agreed that Marlene has authorization to pay the bill for one month which will be thru to the end of January. Motion was made to accept and motion carried. It was also brought up that Rev. Benjamin and Marilyn Britt will meet with Marlene to discuss her change in hours.*

#8. Adjournment: *A motion was made to adjournment. Motion carried. Also noted is that the next Administrative Commission will be on January 13, 2016 at 6:00pm. Elder Marilyn Britt closed with prayer.*

Respectfully submitted,

Tim McGee

Administrative Clerk

First Presbyterian Church of Albion

January 25, 2016 ·

Session Minutes

Meeting was called to order by chair Rev. Catherine Benjamin at 6:15 pm in the Albion church. Members present were: Elder Marilyn Britt, Elder Don Welch, Elder Charles Nesbitt & Chair Rev Catherine Benjamin.

Excused: Rev. Chuck Roberts and Elder Timothy McGee, clerk

Present: Marlene Seielstad, Albion FPC, Invited guest.

Don Welch opened the meeting with prayer'

No clerk's report.

Charles handed out year-end financial reports along with proposed 2016 budget to committee. Charles & Marlene--walked the committee through both reports. Motion was made by Marilyn and seconded by Don to both accept the reports and present to congregational annual meeting. Motion passed.

Catherine explained that both she & Marilyn had met with Marlene a few days earlier to set up new hours for office. Marlene suggested 15 hours a week, Tues. through Thursday. She explained that there are times when it takes longer, but then can be adjusted to even it out. Motion to change hours to 15 a week was made by Don and seconded by Marilyn. Motion passed.

Marlene was excused from the meeting and Kim Remley and Wendy Kirby were invited into the meeting.

They explained the church's . Christian Education programs: Sunday School, Triple Play and Pray and play. They handed out written reports. Catherine assured them they still have money to spend in the triple play but no more funds will be received from Presbytery. They were assured that the 2016 budget was being funded. Pulpit supply was discussed. Catherine said, she would work with them and if she was unsuccessful, she would ask the administrative commission to assist. Feb. 2gth, 2016 was set for their annual meeting. Discussion on when our next meeting should be. It will be through email. Catherine will email an agenda on the 11th of February for consideration by committee members. After compiling our replies, we will set another meeting face to face. Charles moved and Marilyn 2nd to adjourn. Motion passed.

Catherine closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Britt

192nd Annual Meeting of The First Presbyterian Church of Albion New York 14411

February 28, 2016

The Congregation enjoyed a beautiful Potluck Luncheon hosted by the Fellowship Committee.

Rev. Amy Fowler opened the meeting with prayer at 11:50 AM.

A Quorum was present with 32 Members of the Congregation in Attendance. Administrative Commission Members present were Marilyn Britt and Tim McGee Clerk of the Commission. ·

Rev. Amy Fowler read the Mission Statement to the Congregation.

A motion was made to approve the Agenda. Motion Seconded and Carried.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes from last year's meeting. Motion seconded and carried.

The Clerk's Report was reviewed with no further input. The Membership Role still stands at 161 members. Nominating Committee Report by Eric Brown is as follows. Deacons for the Class of 2016 Jack Baron for One Year, Class of 2018 was for Linda Quackenbush and Terry J. Smalley. The nominations were referred to the Administrative Commission for approval. A motion was made to accept the Annual Report and the Budget for 2016. It was noted by Brad Shelp that we have a Balanced Budget for the first time in many years.

It was also noted by Kim Nesbitt that Charlie has a Stewardship Report of almost \$70,000 and still growing. (Charlie was absent due to a bad cold). Also that our Endowment Fund is holding it own. Rev. Fowler then opened the floor on suggestions for a Interim Pastor and what qualities the Congregation wanted. Many good suggestions were made. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and carried. Rev. Amy Fowler closed with prayer at 12:35 PM.

Regular Meeting of the Administrative Commission Albion Presbyterian Church

6:00 P.M.

March 28, 2016

The Administrative Commission was opened with prayer by Elder Don Welch

Those Present: Rev. Catherine Benjamin Convener, Don Welch, Marilyn Britt, Charlie Nesbitt, Tim McGee, and Rev. Amy Fowler.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes for the months of January and February be approved. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Holy Week - covered by Rev. Grohman

New Business:

1. Office copier: Charlie gave a report that this was by a member that it is costing too much to operate the Copier. We did not have the specifics and a motion was made to table it until the next meeting.
2. Per Capita: This also was brought up by a member at the Congregational Meeting that we were paying for many members that do not attend church. Charlie will look into this and report at the next meeting.
3. Deacons: The Deacons will be installed and also Terry Smalley will be Ordained on Sunday April 10, 2016.
4. Re-Spirit Task Force may contact members to get creative in getting new members.
5. Pulpit Supply: Interim Twyla Boyer has submitted a proposal for Interim with our church. Rev. Amy Fowler is going to see if she can set up an interview with Ms. Boyer for our next meeting.
6. Mr. Brian Ford and Ms. Brianna Cerrillo wish to be Married on April 10, 2016 and also to have their child Baptized on that date. They also wish to become members of our church. Rev. Fowler has interviewed them and they will just need to be interviewed by the Commission. Interview is to be April 20, 2016 at 6:15 And a letter of notification will be sent.
7. A raffle was proposed by Charlie Nesbitt for the June Quarter. Motion was made to have the raffle and was Seconded. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Amy Fowler.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy A. McGee

Administrative Commission Clerk

**Regular Meeting of the Administrative Commission
Albion First Presbyterian Church
April 20, 2016 6:00 P.M.**

Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Amy Fowler.

Present: Charlie Nesbitt, Don Welch, Rev. Amy Fowler, Rev. Catherine Benjamin, Tim McGee Administrative Clerk.

Excused Marilyn Britt and Rev. Chuck Roberts.

Guest present: Mr. & Mrs. Brian Ford and April May Lee Ford, Also Twyla Boyer.

Old Business:

1. A motion was made by Charlie Nesbitt and seconded by Don Welch to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Motion carried.
2. Per Capita was discussed by Charlie Nesbitt and it was recommended that there were many member of the church that need to be removed and that Charlie would look up in the "Book Of Order" on how to go about it.
3. Deacons. Rev. Fowler reported that Two Deacons were installed and one was Ordained.
4. Re-Spirit Task Force has permission to have a Pot Luck Dinner on the 1st. of May right after the Sunday Services.
5. Pulpit -Supply Rev. Benjamin reported that Rev. Carolyn Grohman would be the Pulpit-Supply Pastor for the month of May.

New Business

1. An Interview of the Ford family for the purpose of joining our church was conducted by Rev. Fowler. A motion was made by Charlie Nesbitt that the Ford family be accepted as members of our church. Seconded by Don Welch, Motion carried.
 2. Interim Leadership- Rev. Amy Fowler introduced Rev. Twyla Boyer who wishes to be our Interim Pastor. An Interview was conducted by the Commission, A motion was made by Charlie Nesbitt and seconded by Don Welch that we accept the terms of call on Rev. Twyla Boyer. Motion carried. A question was asked as to what her start day could be and she advised us that she would like to start on June 1, 2016. A motion for a Covenant between the First Presbyterian Church of Albion, N.Y. and Rev. Twyla Boyer for 1 year was made by Charlie Nesbitt and seconded by Don Welch, motion was carried. (A copy of the Covenant is attached to the minutes. Also the Covenant has to be approved by the Committee of Ministry first).
 3. Finance Committee report was given by Charlie Nesbitt and it was accepted.
 4. Re-Spirit Task Force requested that the Christmas Banner that were made be paid for by the church. Charlie Nesbitt made a motion to pay for the Banners seconded by Don Welch, motion carried.
 5. It is moved that the First Presbyterian Church of Albion, NY add one authorized signer to all of the bank accounts held at Five Star Bank. Marlene Seielstad and Bradley Shelp will be joined by Charles H. Nesbitt. Going forward the three authorized signers will be: Marlene Seielstad, Bradley Shelp, Charles H. Nesbitt. Motion was made by Charlie Nesbitt and seconded by Don Welch. Motion carried.
- Next Meeting will be May 11,2016 at 6:00 p.m. The Commission closed with Prayer lead by Don Welch at 8:10 p.m.

**Meeting of the Administrative Commission
Albion First Presbyterian Church
May 11,2016
6:00 PM**

Meeting was opened with Prayer by Charlie Nesbitt.

Attendance. Rev. Catherine Benjamin via conference call, Charlie Nesbitt, Don Welch, Marilyn Britt, Tim McGee Administrative Clerk.

Interview: of the Ford family, present was Mr. Ford, Mrs Ford, and their son Brian Ford. Interview was conducted by the Commission.

A motion was made by Charlie Nesbitt that the Ford family be Baptised on May 29, 2016, seconded by Marilyn Britt. Motion carried to accept the family.

Building Use: A request was made to have a reception after there Funeral Service for Mary Green in the Dinning Room with use of the Kitchen, motion was made by Charlie Nesbitt and seconded by Don Welch, motion approved. **Note:** They cancelled due to unknown reasons.

Building & Grounds: The subject was brought up to replace the railroad ties with concrete blocks. There is an estimate of about \$2,000.00 to do the job. Gary Plummer will be asked to do the work with his equipment, this was explained by Charlie Nesbitt. A motion was made by Charlie Nesbitt and seconded by Marilyn Britt to approve the landscaping project on Main St. in front of the church, subject to approval of a final budget. Motion carried.

T.O.P.S.: Has requested to have another key to the building. They lost one of their keys. Commission stated that they have to try and find the key that they lost, but if they cannot find it they will not be issued another key.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourn with prayer by Rev. Catherine Benjamin Convener

Next Meeting: Will be Wed. June 8th, 2016 at 6:00pm

Meeting of the Administrative Commission

Albion First Presbyterian Church

June 2016

6:00 PM

Meeting was opened with Prayer by Elder Don Welch.

Attendance: Reverend Catherine Benjamin Convener, Elder Don Welch, Elder Charlie Nesbitt, and Administrative Clerk Tim McGee. Member of the NA & AA wish to change their meeting night from Friday nights to Tuesday night. There being no conflict with those nights. Motion was made to approve and seconded. Motion carried.

Elder Tim McGee will contact them and let them know. Rotary Club wishes to sell ticket for their fundraising for the Turtle Race on church property on Fri June 10, 2016. Charlie made a motion to approve, motion seconded, motion approved.

The Breakfast for Saturday June 11, 2016 request to have it in the church Dining Room not need to have approval. Lord's House Church request to use the dining room and kitchen on June 18,2016 for a dinner. Motion made to approved for the normal fee of \$75.00. Motion carried.

Elder Charlie Nesbitt gave a briefing on the ticket raffle put on by the Men's Club. Tickets sales were good and he also spoke on the Strawberry Festival which was this weekend. We also conveyed on how wonderful it was to have Rev. Twyla Boyer as our Interim Pastor, and how well she was received. We also discussed our concerns on the membership rolls needed to be looked at and that we will go over them with Marlene, Charlie and Myself.

Next meeting to be on July 27, 2016 @ 6:00 PM.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer lead by Clerk Tim McGee.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded and carried. Meeting closed at 6:45 Pm

Regular Meeting of the Administrative Commission

Albion First Presbyterian Church

July 27,2016

Opening Prayer was done by: Rev. Twyla Boyer

Members Present: Rev. Catherine Benjamin, Rev. Chuck Roberts Rev. Twyla Boyer, Elders Don Welch, & Administrative Clerk Tim McGee

Clerks Report: Minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

Old Business: Per Capita Tax was to be discussed but due to Elder Charlie Nesbitt being absent topic was tabled.

New Business: Building use for the kitchen by Wrap & Roll (Gourmet Eggrolls) to be sold at Farmers Market Festivals. It was tabled due to many unknown factors. Parties are to be invited to next meeting.

Pastor Boyer Report: Pastor Boyer presented her guideline of information on the topics, sermons, and hymns for several months. Discussion was made and all members approved.

Committees Reports: None presented at this time.

Next Meeting: August 10, 2016 at 6:00 pm downstairs conference room.

**Regular Minutes of the Administrative Commission
Albion First Presbyterian Church
September 14, 2016 -**

Meeting was opened with Prayer by Rev. Boyer.

Attendance: Rev. Twyla Boyer (Convener), Rev. Charles Roberts, Elder Don Welch, Elder Charlie Nesbitt, and Administrative Clerk Tim McGee. Excused were Rev. Catherine Benjamin, and Elder Marilyn Britt.

Minutes: The Minutes for the July meeting were approved as read.

Old Business: Per Capita Tax Charlie Nesbitt discussed that there were many people that need to be remove from the rolls, but they need to find out the procedure. Also it needs to be done by Dec.

New Business: Finance Report, It was noted that the church is right now in the Black. A Motion was made to accept the Finance Report. Motion carried.

TGIF: Dates for " Health, Food, Fun, & Fitness" were approved if they are not already taken. Motion made for the following dates of Oct. 4, Nov. 8, and Dec. 6 were approved.

Christian Education: Kick Off Sept. 11, 2016 it was recommended to keep time the same to be able to include the Methodist children. Christian Ed. need to look in to Background Check for teachers.

Motion was made to approve Sunday School dates & times, motion approved. Background check was table for more information. Salary Change for Housing Allowance: That Rev. Boyer receive her housing allowance since she has closed on her house. That it amounts to \$8,750.00 thru December 31, 2016. Motion was made and motion carried.

Vacation Time Off: Rev. Boyer requested Vacation time off to be October 9th to October 16th and December 26th thru Jan. 1, 2017 and that counting as the last day of 2016. Motion made and accepted, motion carried. She also requested that she have one week of study leave roll over to 2017. Motion made to accept and and motion carried.

Community Christmas Concert: was proposed for December 4, 2016 The use of the building was approved.

Appointing of Nominating Committee: The Administrative Commission elect to form a Nominating Committee of six for the propose of selecting Elders & Deacons for the ensuing year. The Committee propose election of said Committee at a called meeting of the Congregation on Sunday October 2, 2016 right after the Services. Motion made to accept the above said Committee and seconded, Motion carried.

Elder Charles Nesbitt moves on behalf of the Administrative Commission constitutes a Session of six Elders from the membership of the First Presbyterian Church if Albion, NY their terms of service commencing upon their election at the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held immediately following worship services on Sunday January 29, 2017 and that the Elders be elected as follows.

Two Elders for a Three (3) year term

Two Elders for a Two (2) year term

Two Elders for a One (1) year term

Subsequently leading to a rotating of a three (3) year terms. Motion so moved and seconded, motion carried.

Elder Charles Nesbitt mover on behalf of the Administrative Commission that we recognize with thanks the faithful service of the Board of Deacons. He further moves that the Nominating Committee Constituted for the election of Elder to a newly forming Session be charged with seeking to fill such vacancies as created by normal three (3) year turnover of existing Board as well as any other outstanding vacancies. This Motion was so moved and seconded, Motion carried.

Next meeting is Oct. 12, 2016 6:00 pm.

Motion was made to adjourn, motion carried 7:20 pm

Meeting was closed with prayer by Elder Tim McGee

***Minutes of the Administrative Commission
Albion First Presbyterian Church
October 19J 2016***

Meeting was opened with Prayer by Rev. Boyer

Attendance: Rev. Benjamin Rev. BoyerJ Elder Marilyn Britt Elder Charles Nesbitt Elder Don Welch and Administrative Clerk Tim McGee

Minutes: Minutes of the September 14J 2016 were tabled due them not being Available.

Minutes of the Congregation Meeting: Was tabled due to appointment of a non-member of the Church.

Old Business: The list need to be gone over and people that are not participating to be removed from the rolls.

New Business: Pray & Play was approved to begin the first Tuesday in November. Also approved was the fund raiser for Kathy Lalonde for the Cancer Walk for Kathy. Stewardship Committee was appointed and are Rev. BoyerJ Elder Charles Nesbitt and Elder Tim McGee. Approval for a Alternative Shopping Mall and also a Bell Concert for Nov. 19 was made with a motion and a seconded. Motion approved.

Next Meeting: November 9J 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Motion was made to adjourn motion carried

Meeting was closed with prayer by Elder Tim McGee

***Regular Minutes of the Administrative Commission of
the First Presbyterian Church of Albion
November 9, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.***

Meeting was opened with Prayer by Rev. Twyla Boyer

Attendance: Rev. Boyer, Rev. Benjamin, Elder Marilyn Britt, Elder Charlie Nesbitt, and Administrative Clerk Tim McGee.

Pastor's Report: Report was read by Rev .Boyer see report attached.

Clerk's Report: Minutes of Sept.14, 2016, Congregational Meeting of October 2, 2016, and Minutes of October 19, 2016 were approved as read with Amendments.

Old Business: Per Capita; Rev. Boyer and Elder Charlie Nesbitt and will be sending out letters soon. Work in Progress.

New Business: Per Capita Payment, Marlene Seielstad presented the Per Capita Statement Outline. Presbytery- \$3007.48, Synod: \$644.00, General Assembly: \$1,146.32, Total of \$4797.80. A motion was made to pay \$2,500 at this time and the remainder at a later time to be determined by the Administrative Commission.

There being no further business the Motion was made to adjourn, motion carried. Meeting was Adjourned with the Lords Prayer lead by Rev. Benjamin. Next meeting will be in December to be announced.