



# NORTHERN NEW YORK PRESBYTERY

## DIRECTORY

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*The mission of the Presbytery of Northern New York is to witness, with love, to Jesus Christ in word and deed. The Presbytery is called to inspire and support the growth of leaders and congregations in their ministry and mission for Christ.*

**Presbytery Meetings – 2023**

Tuesday, March 28  
Saturday, June 10  
Saturday, September 23 (Retreat)  
Tuesday, November 9

**PROPOSED Meetings – 2024**

Tuesday, February 20, [Zoom]  
Saturday, May 18 [Hybrid]  
Fri.-Sat., Sept. 5-7 or 26-28 (Retreat)  
Tuesday, November 19 [Hybrid]

The Presbytery of Northern New York is part of the following:

Synod of the Northeast [www.synodne.org](http://www.synodne.org)

Presbyterian Church USA [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)

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**PRESBYTERY OFFICERS**

Moderator RE Don Haight [Chazy]  
Vice-Moderator *To be Appointed by C. Council*  
Stated Clerk RE Tara Cole [Hammond]  
Treasurer RE Bill Arps [Childwold]  
Asst. Treasurer RE Bill Young [Adirondack]

**COORDINATING COUNCIL**

TE Marty Weitz, Chairperson  
RE Don Haight, Moderator [Chazy]  
RE Jeanette Kiser [Western Adk] 2024  
TE Bob Svenson 2024  
RE Russel Strait [Waddington] 2024  
RE Bill Backus [Heuvelton] 2025  
RE Judy Bunnell [Plattsburg] 2025  
TE Summer Sattora 2025  
TE Marti Montovani 2026  
RE Patti Stephens [Sackets Harbor] 2026  
*RE/TE (Vacant, Nomination Forthcoming) 2026*

RE Bill Arps, Treasurer \*\*  
RE Tara Cole, Stated Clerk\*\*  
TE David Bennett, Resource Presbyter\*\*

**TRUSTEES**

RE Doug Crowell [Saranac Lake] 2024  
TE Rich Will 2024  
RE Betsy Mott [Waddington] 2025  
RE Kathy Hicks [Evans Mills] 2025  
RE Phillip Sprague [Watertown First] 2026  
RE Bill Young [Adirondack] 2026  
Bill Arps, Treasurer\*\* [Childwold]  
RE Tara Cole, Stated Clerk\*\* [Hammond]  
TE David Bennett, Resource Presbyter\*\*

\*\* ex officio

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

TE Shea Zellweger ~ Regional Chair 2024  
RE Rae Louise Tate 2024  
TE Sarah Lee 2024  
Rev. Howard Cain, Regional Advisory Member 2024  
TE Katrina Hebb 2025  
RE Michele Bariteau [Watertown First] 2025  
RE Henny Chapman [Rouses Point] ~ Regional Chair 2025  
TE Rich Hinkle 2025  
RE Barb Gachowski [Tupper Lake] 2026  
TE Tim Luoma 2026  
RE Betsy Brooks [Chazy] 2026  
TE Betsy Westman ~ Regional Chair 2026

**PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM)**

TE Ken Parker 2024  
RE Diane Thoma-Cummings [Saranac Lake] 2024  
RE Carrie Demers [Ogdensburg First] 2025  
*TE/RE Vacant 2025*  
TE Julia Wright ~ Chair 2026  
*TE/RE Vacant 2026*

**PERSONELL**

RE Jeannette Kiser ~ Chair  
TE Laurena Will 2026  
RE Rob Meisenheimer [Plattsburgh] 2026

**NOMINATING**

TE Summer Sattora ~ Chair  
RE Melba Jean Ellingsworth [Dexter] 2024  
RE Connie Martin [Ogdensburg First] 2026

**REPRESENTATION**

Experimenting in 2023-2024 with adding COR mandates to the Nominating Committee

**BILLS AND OVERTURES**

TE Commissioner to GA: Lori Danielson (thru 2024)  
RE Commissioner to GA: Linya Bell (thru 2024)  
YAAD to GA:  
RE Tara Cole, Stated Clerk \*\*

**STATED CLERK**  
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**SYNOD COMMISSIONERS for 2022-24**

RE Pieter Visscher [Childwold]  
RE Darrell Demotta [Chaumont]  
TE Summer Sattora  
RE Carrie Demers [Ogdensburg First]  
YAAD

**PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION** (six-year term,

seven member minimum, per Book of Order)  
RE Barbara Perry [Peru] Class of 2024  
RE Joan Hadlock [Hammond] Class of 2024  
RE Melba Jean Ellingsworth [Dexter] Class of 2026  
TE Timothy Luoma Class of 2026  
RE Pieter Visscher [Childwold] Class of 2028  
TE Rich Hinkle Class of 2028  
TE Andrew Long Class of 2028  
*[moderator and clerk to be elected by the commission when convened]*

Former Members of Permanent Judicial Commission whose terms have expired within the past six years are not eligible for re-election until four years have elapsed.

- 2020 RE Donald Haight
- 2020 TE Michael Catanzaro
- 2020 RE Rae Louise Tate
- 2016 RE Kim Martuseicz
- 2016 RE Genelle Bayre

**ORDINATION EXAM READERS**

(to be elected at June PNNY meeting)

**BOARD OF PENSIONS**

Rev. Dr. Carrie Mitchell, Regional Church Consultant  
(215) 587-7239 [cmitchell@pensions.org](mailto:cmitchell@pensions.org)  
[www.pensions.org](http://www.pensions.org)

**SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST**

Transitional Synod Leader:  
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**MINISTRIES IN THE NORTH COUNTRY (MINC)**

|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| TE Betsy Westman | Convener                |
| Rae Louise Tate  | Secretary               |
| PNNY Office      | Receiving Treasurer     |
| McGreevy, Mary   | Bookkeeper              |
| Roberts, Rachel  | Outreach Worker, RR     |
| Coleman, Cynthia | Rural Rehab Coordinator |
| Coleman, Cynthia | Emergency Fund          |

| <b><u>2023 Per Capita</u></b> |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| General Assembly:             | \$9.85                                   |
| Synod:                        | \$4.10                                   |
| Presbytery:                   | <u>\$18.05</u>                           |
| <b>Total Per Member:</b>      | <b>\$32.00</b>                           |
| <b><u>2024 Per Capita</u></b> |  |
| General Assembly:             | \$9.80                                   |
| Synod:                        | \$4.10                                   |
| Presbytery:                   | <u>\$19.10</u> <i>[Proposed]</i>         |
| <b>Total Per Member:</b>      | <b>\$33.00</b> <i>[Pending approval]</i> |

## Installed Pastor Terms of Call Minimums ~ 2024

- The figures for minimum 2024 salaries are based on 80% and 85% of the 2024 Median Total Effective Salary of \$67,100, as reported by the Board of Pensions, which increased 3.7% from 2023.
- Installed Pastors and Sessions may agree to allocate the Cash Salary, the Housing Allowance or Manse Value, Optional Benefits offered by the Board of Pensions, and required vouchered reimbursements in the way most advantageous to the pastor consistent with IRS regulations and Board of Pensions requirements.
- The table includes the cost for 'Pastors' Participation Plan' – the full coverage plan required for all installed pastors.
- The Board of Pensions is revamping their medical benefits plan in 2025, with announcement of the details in early 2024. Right now the main change will be a shift from a "PERCENTAGE" based medical dues system to a "MARKET" based plan where the actual cost depends on your location. There may also be a shift in who is required to be covered from all family members to the pastor only, with the cost for family coverage passed along to the pastor. The presbytery will have to decide how to handle this shift as it directly impacts installed pastors who has a family.
- Alternatively, there is a 'Minister's Choice' plan that temporary pastors [contracted by session and may be long term] may use. Go to the Board of Pensions website (pensions.org) for options for this plan.

**2023**

**2024**

|   | < 100 Members                             | > 100 Members   | < 100Members    | > 100 Members   |
|---|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Annual Cash Salary  | \$39,859                                  | \$42,350        | \$41,270        | \$43,916        |
| Housing Allowance or Manse Value *                                | \$11,981                                  | \$12,730        | \$12,410        | \$13,119        |
| <b>Total Effective Salary (TEF)</b>                               | <b>\$51,840</b>                           | <b>\$55,080</b> | <b>\$53,680</b> | <b>\$57,035</b> |
| Benefits Plan: Pension, Death, Short & Long Term Disability (10%) | \$5,184                                   | \$5,508         | \$5,368         | \$5,704         |
| Benefits Plan: Medical (29%)                                      | \$15,034                                  | \$15,973        | \$15,567        | \$16,540        |
| <b>Total Benefits Plan (39%)</b>                                  | <b>\$20,218</b>                           | <b>\$21,451</b> | <b>\$20,935</b> | <b>\$22,244</b> |
| SECA Allowance (7.65% of TEF)                                     | \$3,966                                   | \$4,214         | \$4,107         | \$4,363         |
| Professional Expense Reimbursement                                | \$500                                     | \$500           | \$500           | \$500           |
| Continuing Education (may be accumulated)                         | \$1,600                                   | \$1,600         | \$1,600         | \$1,600         |
| <b>Total Cost</b>   | <b>\$78,124</b>                           | <b>\$82,845</b> | <b>\$78,922</b> | <b>\$85,742</b> |
| Continuing Education Time   | Two Weeks (accumulated up to three years) |                 |                 |                 |
| Auto Expense Reimbursement  | IRS rate (vouchered)                      |                 |                 |                 |
| Vacation  | Four Weeks                                |                 |                 |                 |

\*(For Dues Calculation purposes, the Manse Value must be at least 30% of cash salary. For IRS Purposes, the Manse Value must represent a Fair Market Rental Value)

### Sunday Supply Minimums

\$140 + mileage @ IRS rate for one service. \$160 + Mileage @ IRS rate for two services.

**The Commission on Ministry strongly urges congregations to offer \$150 for one service and \$175 for two services + mileage at IRS rate.**

**\*\*\*When worship is canceled due to inclement weather or any last-minute reason, churches are expected to pay the agreed upon honorarium to recognize the time and effort put into creation of the worship service and sermon.**

## **COMMISSIONED PASTORS**

RE Carrie Demers – FPC Gouvernuer  
RE Donna Doig – Canton First  
RE Skip Eddie – Crary Mills  
RE Bruce Buck – Chaumont  
RE Pieter Visscher – Boy Scouts

### **Ruling Elders Certified for Commissioning**

### **Ruling Elders in CP Training Program:**

RE Darrel Demotta [Chaumont]

### **Students in Seminary/Ordination Process:**

#### Inquirers:

Josh Garry [Watertown First]  
Carrie Demers [Ogdensburg First]

#### Candidates:

Catharine Weiss [Plattsburgh FPC]

## **MEMBERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS**

Rev. Peggi Eller (UMC)  
Rev. Colin Tuggle (Vineyard USA)  
Rev. Howard Cain (Church of God in Christ)  
Rev. Walter Smith (Congregational - CCCC)  
Rev. Anne Wichelns (Episcopal)  
Rev. Gregg Sneller [American Baptist]  
Rev. Cheryl Sneller [American Baptist]

## **MINISTERS ON THE ROLL OF THE PRESBYTERY**

Alexander, Donald \*1985 +1985  
Atherley, Virginia \*2002 +1989  
Bennett, David \*2016 +2003  
Bond, Bryan \*2022 +1997  
Catanzaro, Michael \*1998 +1992  
Chapman, Dean \*1982+ 2005\*  
Dodd, Bruce, Jr. \*2009 +1986  
Fife, Janice \*1977 +1971  
Goyette, Arthur \*1995 +1960  
Hall, Betsey \*2023 +1985  
Hebb, Katrina \*2020 +2017  
Heller, Paul \*1978 +1973  
Hinkle, Richard \*2018 +1992  
Hunn, John \*1994 +1954  
Lee, Sarah Young Ju \*2000 +2000  
Long, Andrew Philip \*2022 +2012  
Luoma, Timothy \*2018 +1998  
Meredith, Evelyn \*1990 +1974  
Montovani, Martha \*2013 +1995  
Parker, Kenneth \*1970 +1965  
Parsons, Gail \*2003 +1977  
Patterson, Thomas \*1966 +1960  
Sattora, Summer \*2021 +2021  
Smith, Bruce \*1987 +1974  
Spencer, Adele \*1964 +1957  
Sponaugle, Leonard \*2019  
Stoner, Marlis \*2003 +1969  
Svenson, Robert (UCC) \*2011 +1973  
Tate, Theodore \*1984 +1967  
Weitz, Martin (PC of Scotland) \*2017  
Westman, Betsy (RCA) \*2018 +2018  
White, Joann \*2005 +2005  
Will, D. Richard \*2003 +1990  
Will, Laurena W. \*2006 +1991  
Winsor, Susan \*2008 +2008  
Zellweger, Shea \*2021 +2016

\* Received by Presbytery of NNY  
+ Ordained

## SUNDAY SUPPLY NAMES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

| <b>Name</b>                | <b>Relationship to Presbytery</b>    | <b>Location</b>              | <b>Phone</b> | <b>Email</b>   |
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| Rev. David Bennett         | Teaching Elder, Resource Presbyter   | Ballston Lake & Bloomingdale | 518-930-8182 | <a href="mailto:presbydavid@gmail.com">presbydavid@gmail.com</a>       |
| Linya Bell                 | Commissioned Preacher – Ruling Elder | Watertown                    | 315-408-1808 | <a href="mailto:linyab@msn.com">linyab@msn.com</a>                     |
| Bruce Buck                 | Commissioned Ruling Elder, Chaumont  | Chaumont (Summer Only)       | 609-462-6605 | <a href="mailto:marycb935@verizon.net">marycb935@verizon.net</a>       |
| Duane Gould                | Trained Church Member, Saranac Lake  | Saranac Lake                 | 518-523-6480 | <a href="mailto:adkgould@gmail.com">adkgould@gmail.com</a>             |
| Connie Martin              | Ruling Elder, Ogdensburg First       | Ogdensburg                   | 315-393-3801 | <a href="mailto:emartin80@twcny.rr.com">emartin80@twcny.rr.com</a>     |
| Rev. Paul Martz            | UCC Pastor, Retired                  | Tupper Lake                  | 518-359-8789 | <a href="mailto:phluter@roadrunner.com">phluter@roadrunner.com</a>     |
| Lisa & Klaus Meissner      | Ruling Elders, Saranac Lake          | Saranac Lake                 | 518-354-9232 | <a href="mailto:meissnerl@roadrunner.com">meissnerl@roadrunner.com</a> |
| Rev. Marti Montovani       | Teaching Elder, Honorably Retired    | Watertown                    | 518-588-4787 | <a href="mailto:mrmontovani@aol.com">mrmontovani@aol.com</a>           |
| Rev. Gail Parsons          | Teaching Elder, Honorably Retired    | Watertown                    | 315-788-0480 |  |
| Rev. Leon (Toby) Schilling | American Baptist Minister, Retired   | Watertown                    | 315-788-4097 | <a href="mailto:lschilling@twcny.rr.com">lschilling@twcny.rr.com</a>   |
| Rev. Barb Schmitz          | Episcopal Priest, Retired            | Watertown                    | 989-295-1300 | <a href="mailto:keyir7@gmail.com">keyir7@gmail.com</a>                 |
| Rev. Adele B. Spencer      | Teaching Elder, Honorably Retired    | Pierrepont Manor             | 315-465-5264 |  |
| Rae Louise Tate            | Ruling Elder, Western Adk            | Star Lake                    | 315-323-9718 | <a href="mailto:raelouisetate@gmail.com">raelouisetate@gmail.com</a>   |
| Rev. Ted Tate              | Teaching Elder, Honorably Retired    | Star Lake                    | 315-848-2581 | <a href="mailto:rlttate@slic.com">rlttate@slic.com</a>                 |
| Rev. Holly Hale Thompson   | Teaching Elder, Honorably Retired    | Southampton & Akwesasne      | 631-965-9859 | <a href="mailto:hthompson81@gmail.com">hthompson81@gmail.com</a>       |
| Frederica Webb             | Methodist Lay Preacher               | Lafargeville                 | 315-628-4635 | <a href="mailto:webbco121@gmail.com">webbco121@gmail.com</a>           |
| Rev. Martin Weitz          | Teaching Elder, Honorably Retired    | Canton                       | 315-379-9392 | <a href="mailto:memweitz@gmail.com">memweitz@gmail.com</a>             |
| Rev. Jerome Wichelns       | Episcopal Priest, retired            | Carthage                     | 315-493-1884 | <a href="mailto:awichelns@twcny.rr.com">awichelns@twcny.rr.com</a>     |
| Rev. Julia Wright          | Teaching Elder, At-Large             | Watertown                    | 315-408-7784 | <a href="mailto:jspra07@gmail.com">jspra07@gmail.com</a>               |