



THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN NEW YORK

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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.

TO: Teaching and Ruling Elder Commissioners and Officers of Presbytery
FROM: Pieter A. Visscher, Stated Clerk
RE: 254th Stated Meeting of Presbytery on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 via ZOOM
Date: March 20, 2020

NOTICE REVISED

The 254th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Northern New York will be held Tuesday, March 31, 2020 beginning at 11:00 am online via ZOOM. Instructions for how to connect to the Zoom meeting, along with two opportunities for a test session are included on the reverse side of this letter. Please forward this notice to the elected the elected commissioner for this meeting.

Attached to this notice:

- Order of Worship (Docket) –**modified to reflect the need to meet electronically.**

Click <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/rimi2eq35xpebpa/AADHx3aKHqyAg4E6rbZzH57ha?dl=0> to access all of the documents and reports for the 252nd Stated Meeting. These will be updated as the date for the meeting approaches, so check back frequently.

They are also available on the PNNY Website www.presbyteryofnny.org [link next to meeting date]

***PLEASE NOTE THE REGISTRATION STARTS AT 10:45 AM via ZOOM by the Stated Clerk who will record attendance by noting who has signed in to the ZOOM meeting either by computer or telephone.** The meeting begins promptly at 11:00

***Mission Offering:** The offering supports the Watertown Multi-ethnic New Worshipping Community and can be presented via online giving at the presbytery's new online giving portal. Visit www.presbyteryofnny.org and click the [Online Giving Portal](#) link and select the WMEC. Note: this will be the final offering collected at Presbytery to support the WMEC.

ATTENDANCE AT PRESBYTERY:

***Ruling Elder Commissioners:** Each church is to be represented at presbytery, so if you are unable to attend this meeting, please see that your Alternate Commissioner is forwarded this email.

***Teaching Elder Commissioners:** Please send requests to be excused to Pieter Visscher, Stated Clerk, by email nnypresbytery@gmail.com or call 315-713-4343 [ext. 1] or 315-848-4108

Pieter Visscher

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Via ZOOM

March 31, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 AM Registration via ZOOM

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

11:00 AM – Convene via Zoom

CALL to ORDER – *Ruling Elder Linya Bell, Moderator*

Musical version of Psalm 23?

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME:

SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS AND ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

11:05 AM Consent Agenda to include approval of the minutes of the 253rd Stated Meeting (November 2019), receiving the Coordinating Council minutes of January 16, 2020, March 5 (preliminary), March 12 Special (Preliminary) and March 18 Special (Preliminary) receiving the Treasurer's report (as of 30 December 2019), accepting the actions of the Commission on Ministry since the 253rd Presbytery meeting; and approving the annual reports from the Coordinating Council, the Commission on Ministry, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, the Board of Trustees the Resource Presbyter, the Stated Clerk and MINC. [Note: Any item on the consent agenda a Commissioner believes should be debated must be removed from the consent agenda prior to the consent agenda's approval. Items removed from the agenda will be considered under the applicable committee or other report.]

11:10 AM Report from the Resource Presbyter

11:15 AM Report from the Stated Clerk – membership statistical analysis

RESPONDING TO GOD IN OUR WORK

11:20 AM - Report from **COORDINATING COUNCIL** – *TE Elizabeth (Libby) Moses, Chair, Pro Tem*

- Election of the Moderator
- Election Committee Members and Chairs
- Dismissal of WMEC Administrative Commission
- Election of Rev. David Bennett as the Presbytery's nominee to the Synod Commission
- Sustaining the Dream update
- Invitation to all Committee Chairs to attend the Coordinating Council meeting on May 14 in Potsdam.

11:30 AM – Report from the **COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)** – *TE Rachel Roberts*

- Recommend to the Presbytery that the Standing Rules be modified to incorporate the Regional Leadership Model for the Commission on Ministry with that modification including a provision that allows the Regional Leadership Team to act on behalf of the Presbytery and the Commission on Ministry in emergent situations that necessitate prompt action with concurrence at the next scheduled Commission on Ministry meeting.
- Recommend to the Presbytery that it review and comment on the proposed Commission on Ministry Manual in anticipation of adoption at the 255th Stated Meeting (June 2020)
- Authorize First Presbyterian Church of Rouses Point an exemption to allow Ruling Elder Bonnie Reid to serve beyond the normal six year term with a resolution to this within three years.

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- Recommend that the Presbytery approve the Terms of Call as presented in the attachment.

11:40 AM – Report from the **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** – *RE Stuart Voss*

- Status of our Investment portfolio

11:45 AM – Report from the **COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY** – Rev. Timothy Luoma

- Recommend that the Presbytery act to certify Candidate Zoe Garry ready to receive a call, having met all requirements and been examined by the CPM.
- Recommend that the Presbytery adopt the updated *Commissioned Pastor Program Process* and corresponding *Application*.
- Report that RE’s Aimee Whelpley [FPC Watertown] and Dave Damon [Stone Ogdensburg] have been brought into the Commissioned Pastor Program and are currently taking classes from programs at Dubuque and Union Presbyterian Seminaries.

WE CELEBRATE OUR MINISTRIES AND MISSION

11:50 PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING including Prayers of the People incorporating the Necrology Report - *RE Connie Martin*

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND TO SERVE

11:55 AM – INSTALLATION OF THE MODERATOR

12:00 PM – BENEDICTION AND ADJOURN – Newly Elected Moderator

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Calendar for Presbytery of Northern New York

2020: June 6 – Stone Presbyterian Church of Watertown, September 18-19 – Retreat at Saranac Village (Young Life Facility) on Upper Saranac Lake and November 10 (need host)

2020 Coordinating Council meeting dates: May 14, (dates to be set in May0

2020 COM Meeting Dates: April 21, May 19, September 1, October 20, December 8

224th General Assembly meets in Baltimore June 20-27