

The Presbytery of Northern New York
253rd Stated Meeting
Presbyterian Stone Church of Ogdensburg, Ogdensburg, NY
November 18, 2019

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

The 253rd Stated meeting of the Presbytery of Northern New York was called to order at 10:55 am. on Tuesday, November 18 in the Sanctuary of Presbyterian Stone Church of Ogdensburg by Moderator, RE Linya Bell who opened the meeting with a Call to Worship, the hymn, "*Of the Father's Love Begotten*" and a prayer of confession with assurance of God's mercy.

RE Linda Smith, Clerk of Session, welcomed everyone.

First time commissioners and visitors were introduced:

RE Rick Taylor from Chipman

Visitor: Franny Knott, serving in Gouverneur as a pastoral leader.

The Stated Clerk declared that a quorum was present.

ACTION to seat Holly Haile Thompson from Long Island Presbytery and Ellie Johnskelly from Lake Erie Presbytery as corresponding members was **approved**.

ACTION to adopt the docket as amended with the addition of approving the Resource Presbyter's Terms of Call and moving the candidacy interview to immediately following the adoption of the docket was **approved**.

Roll Call

Continuing Members of Presbytery – Validated Ministries

Present: David Bennett, Lori Danielson, Richard Hinkle, Timothy Luoma, Sarah Lee, Elizabeth Moses, Lori Danielson, Joann White, and Lorena Will

Excused: Michael Catanzaro, Anders Pedersen, and Susan Winsor

Continuing Members of Presbytery – Honorably Retired: Paul Heller, Martha Montovani, Theodore Tate

Temporary Members of Presbytery:

Present: Howard Cain, Rachel Roberts, Leonard Sponaugle, Robert Svenson, Martin Weitz and Betsy Westman

Excused:

Commissioned Pastors:

Present: Caroline Demers and Pieter Visscher

Excused: Donna Doig, and Ronald Sinclair

Ruling Elder Officer Members of Presbytery:

Present: Linya Bell, Connie Martin, Pieter Visscher

Ruling Elder Commissioners:

Adirondack:

Brasie Corners:

Canton Brick Chapel:

Canton Crary Mills:

Canton First:

Chateaugay First:

Chaumont First:

Chazy:

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Childwold Memorial:

Daily Ridge First:

Dexter First:

Evans Mills: Ella Eckert

Fort Covington:

Gouverneur First: James Mosher

Hammond:

Heuvelton First: William Backus

Lisbon United:

Madrid Scotch: Rick Taylor

Ogdensburg First: Connie Martin

Ogdensburg Stone: Linda Smith

Oxbow United: Joyce Bancroft

Peru Community:

Plattsburgh First: Stuart Voss

Port Henry:

Potsdam First:

Rouses Point First: Carol Bellevance

Sackets Harbor United:

Saranac Lake First:

Theresa:

Tupper Lake United Community:

Waddington First:

Watertown First: Bunny Gorman

Watertown Korean:

Watertown Stone:

Western Adirondack: Mairi Meredith

Presbyterian Women: Joyce Bancroft

Visitors in attendance: Joan Merritt, Rae Louise Tate, Franny Knott

Rev. Timothy Luoma, Chair of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, presented Alex Miller-Knack as ready for candidacy. Following an examination by the Presbytery, the Presbytery acted to move her to candidacy.

ACTION to arrest the examination was **approved**.

ACTION to move Alex Miller-Knack's status to candidate for ministry in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was **approved**.

A prayer was offered by Tim Luoma for Alex's continued ministry

Rev. Ellie Johns Kelly from the Presbyterian Foundation presented a report from the Presbyterian Foundation including how to establish online giving.

The meeting recessed for lunch following a prayer of thanksgiving by Rev. Betsy Westman.

WE SEEK GOD'S WORD IN OUR WORK

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The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary with the Proclamation of the Word, by Rev. Holly Haile Thompson using as her texts Luke 1:68-79. She led the in singing the hymn: “O God the Creator”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD IN OUR WORK

Ruling Elder Sue Baxter presented, “What’s Happening at the Presbyterian Stone Church of Ogdensburg.

Stated Clerk, RE Pieter Visscher presented the consent agenda that included approval of the minutes of the 252nd Stated Meeting (September 2019), receiving the Coordinating Council minutes of October 24, 2019 (preliminary), [Appendix A] receiving the Treasurer’s report (as of 30 September 2019) [Appendix B], and accepting the actions of the Commission on Ministry since the 252nd Presbytery meeting [Appendix C]

TE Libby Moses Acting Chair of the Coordinating Council, presented the report from the Coordinating Council.

The following commissioners and YAAD were nominated for the 224th General Assembly: TE Lori Danielson, RE Linya Bell and RE Daniel Baxter.

There were no nominations from the floor.

ACTION to approve these nominations was **approved**.

ACTION to adopt the **Sexual Misconduct Policy** was **approved**. [Appendix D]

ACTION to adopt the Personnel Policy was **approved**. [Appendix E]

ACTION to adopt the **2020 budget** including a per capita of **\$35.00** was **approved**. [Appendix F]

ACTION to adopt the Resource Presbyter’s Terms of Call was **approved**. [Appendix G]

TE Joann White and RE Linya Bell presented a report from the ‘Dream Team’

Rev. David Bennett, Resource Presbyter, introduced the Matthew 25 initiative using a short video presentation.

The consensus is to affirm a commitment by the Presbytery to being a Matthew 25 Presbytery’.

Several congregations that have taken steps toward transformation made presentations.

RE Bunny Gorman presented from First Presbyterian Church Watertown’s use of the New Beginnings Program

TE Betsy Westman presented from Theresa Presbyterian Church’s use of New Beginnings

TE Joann White presented from First Presbyterian Church of Saranac Lake’s use of the Church Assessment Tool

TE Laurena Will presented from First Presbyterian Church of Ogdensburg’s use of the Church Assessment Tool

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RE Mairi Meredith presented from Western Adirondack Presbyterian Church's use of the 'mini-CAT'

Teaching Elder Rachel Roberts reported for the Commission on Ministry.

ACTION to authorize the following Ruling Elders from First Presbyterian Church of Gouverneur to officiate at the Lord's Supper: Donald Payne, Memory Payne, Bruce Gleason, James Mosher, Carol Amberg, Vivian Tessmer, and Janice Dodds was **approved**.

ACTION to concur with the overture from the Presbytery of Beaver-Butler regarding defining the authority of Presbytery to define severance plans for installed ministers was **approved**.

RE Stuart Voss reported for the Board of Trustees.

- The Grace DeYoung fund has been transferred to Northern New York Foundation to manage.
- * The 'Mission Fund' has been created in Wells Fargo.

Rev. Timothy Luoma, Chair, reported for the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

ACTION to approve alternative ordination exams for Candidate Catherin Weiss to include the Bible Content and Theology was **approved** by a vote of **29-0** which exceeded $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members of the present.

WE CELEBRATE OUR MINISTRIES AND MISSION

One Minute Announcements were made.

Prayers for Tyler Holm missionary in Malawi; Laurena Will's brother-in-law who has a heart issue; TE Rich Will preparing for a cornea transplant; TE Ted Tate and RE Rae Louise Tate as they continue to recover from a fire in their home and Father Jerry Wilchen who has supplied the Evans Mills pulpit.

Recognition of Rev. Holly Haile Thompson by the 'Poor People's Campaign

ACTION to adjourn following the Celebration of the 'Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was **approved**.

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT & PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was con-celebrated by RE Carrie Demers and TE Holly Haile Thompson

An offering of \$ 286.18 was received to be divided between the Watertown Multicultural New Worshipping Community and Ministries in the North Country.

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND TO SERVE

Meeting was adjourned with a benediction by the Moderator, RE Linya Bell at 3:35PM

Submitted:

Attested:

Pieter Visscher, Stated Clerk

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Minutes of Presbytery Coordinating Council Meeting
Thursday, Jan16, 2020
Via ZOOM

Council members:

TE Libby Moses (2020) -Acting Chair - present
RE Linya Bell, Moderator - present
RE Connie Martin (2022) – absent
TE Paul Heller (2021) - present
RE Linya Bell (2020) - present
TE Joann White (2020) - present

Ex officio:

David Bennett, Resource Presbyter - present
Pieter Visscher, Stated Clerk -present
William Young, Treasurer - excused

Libby Moses opened with a poem by Ann Weems titled, “January’s Song” and with prayer at 10:07.

ACTION to adopt the agenda was **approved**.

ACTION to approve 24 October 2019 Minutes was **approved**.

- Report from Stated Clerk – RE Pieter Visscher
 - Reported on office status
 - Reported on hiring office assistant

ACTION to adopt position description of office assistant was **approved**.

- Session Record review dates and three locations established – need eastern location
- Outlined proposal for overture to Synod Assembly regarding current organizational practices
- Reviewed Nominating chart – each council member is requested to review the nominating chart and propose persons to fill vacancies. A memo to each person eligible for re-election should be contacted with regard to their wiliness to continue serving.

ACTION to accept the resignation of Judy Hastings from the Board of Trustees with thanks for her work was **approved**.

[Piet will prepare thank you notes for those whose service are completing on committees.]

- Report of Resource Presbyter
 - Worked with COM, CPM, Trustees, Mission and Financial Oversight Committees and with Watertown Multiethnic Community since previous Council meeting
 - Working on establishing database, cloud phone system, newsletter continuation and communications

Consensus is to authorize Carrie Demers to make the data entry for the new database.

ACTION to authorize study leave for March 9-14 (travel to Cuba as religious representative) and vacation for April 6-12 was **approved**.

ACTION to endorse Duane Gould’s proposal for the SSSC (Sacred Songs of the Secret Church) was **approved**.

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Focus of 'Moving Forward Together' is on developing the ability to incorporate remote locations for Presbytery meetings. Need to develop more inclusive sound system and a tech expert to manage it during the meetings.

ACTION to authorize one half of the Presbytery offering being given to WMEC at the next Presbytery meeting with that being the final offering support was **approved**.

• Financial Oversight Committee Chair, Joan White presented a brief report:

Presbytery meeting status and dockets for 2020 reviewed:

Presbytery meeting locations in 2020

March 24/31- Scotch??

June 6 – Watertown Stone

September 18-19 – Retreat?

November 10 -

254th – March 24/31

Location: TBD

Worship Leader/Eucharist Celebrant –

Preacher: Marty Montovani?

Offering Recipient: Watertown NWC /

Schedule:

Registration 9:30-10:30

10:30 Call to Order

- Call to Worship
- Opening Prayer
- Opening Hymn
- Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

10:45 Welcoming First Time Visitors

Seating of Corresponding Members

Certification of a quorum

10:50- 11:45 Approval of Docket; Consent agenda; Annual Reports

11:45 – Recess for Lunch

12:45 - Reconvene

Ministry of the Word –

1:30 – Business

Coordinating Council Report

- Elect Committee members and chairs

COM Report

CPM Report

Trustees Report

2:00 – Eucharist, offering and Prayers of the People including Necrology

Offering to go to the WMEC NWC and _____

Adjourn

255th – June 6

Location: Stone Presbyterian Church of Watertown

Worship Leader/Eucharist Celebrant – Rev. Libby Moses

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Ministry of the Word -

Offering Recipient: Watertown NWC /

Schedule:

9:30-10:20 - Pre-meeting seminar/workshop on suicide based on the article in the August issue of *Presbyterians Today*.

Registration 9:30-10:30

10:30 Call to Order

- Call to Worship
- Opening Prayer
- Opening Hymn
- Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

10:45 Welcoming First Time Visitors

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Ministry of the Word –

1:30 – Business

Coordinating Council Report

- Elect Committee members and chairs

COM Report

CPM Report

Trustees Report

2:00 – Eucharist, offering and Prayers of the People

Offering to go to the WMEC NWC and _____

Adjourn

256th – September 18-19 (Overnight Retreat)

Location: TBD

Worship Leader/Eucharist Celebrant

Ministry of the Word -

Offering Recipient: Watertown NWC /

Schedule: [to be arranged relative to this being an overnight retreat]

Registration 3:00-4:00 on Friday and 9:30-10:30 on Saturday

4:00 Call to Order

- Call to Worship
- Opening Prayer
- Opening Hymn
- Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Welcoming First Time Visitors

Seating of Corresponding Members

Certification of a quorum

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Approval of Docket; Consent agenda;

Recess for Supper

Ministry of the Word –

Business

Coordinating Council Report

• Elect Committee members and chairs

COM Report

CPM Report

Trustees Report

Eucharist, offering and Prayers of the People

Offering to go to the WMEC NWC and _____

Adjourn

257th – November 10

Location: TBD

Worship Leader/Eucharist Celebrant –

Ministry of the Word -

Offering Recipient: Watertown NWC /

Schedule:

Registration 9:30-10:30

10:30 Call to Order

• Call to Worship

• Opening Prayer

• Opening Hymn

• Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

10:45 Welcoming First Time Visitors

Seating of Corresponding Members

Certification of a quorum

10:50- 11:45 Approval of Docket; Consent agenda;

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12:45 - Reconvene

Ministry of the Word –

1:30 – Business

Coordinating Council Report

• Elect Committee members and chairs

COM Report

CPM Report

Trustees Report

2:00 – Eucharist, offering and Prayers of the People

Offering to go to the WMEC NWC and _____

Next meeting is March 5 in Star Lake at 10:00 am

ACTION to adjourn was **approved**.

Closed with prayer at 12:00 led by Linya Bell.

Minutes of Special Presbytery Coordinating Council Meeting
Thursday, Mar 12, 2020
Via ZOOM

Council members:

TE Libby Moses (2020) -Acting Chair – present via ZOOM

RE Linya Bell, Moderator – present via Zoom

RE Connie Martin (2022) – present vis ZOOM

TE Paul Heller (2021) – present via Zoom

RE Linya Bell (2020) – present via Zoom

TE Joann White (2020) – excused

Ex officio:

David Bennett, Resource Presbyter - excused

Pieter Visscher, Stated Clerk -present

William Young, Treasurer – excused

Guest: TE Richard Hinkle, host pastor of proposed meeting

Libby Moses opened with prayer at 4:09.

This is a special meeting to address whether to continue with the plans for the March 24 scheduled Presbytery meeting.

ACTION to continue the meeting as scheduled, but cautioning that persons should only participate if they feel comfortable doing so and pending concurrence by the Resource Presbyter regarding ability to set up electronically by March 24 (there hopefully, will be an option of joining the meeting via Zoom) was **approved** with one abstention.

ACTION to adjourn was **approved**.

Adjourned with prayer at 4:36 with prayer led by RE Pieter Visscher.

Minutes of Special Presbytery Coordinating Council Meeting
Thursday, Mar 18, 2020
Via ZOOM

Council members:

TE Libby Moses (2020) -Acting Chair – present via ZOOM

RE Linya Bell, Moderator – present via Zoom

RE Connie Martin (2022) – present vis ZOOM

TE Paul Heller (2021) – present via Zoom

RE Linya Bell (2020) – present via Zoom

TE Joann White (2020) – present via ZOOM

Ex officio:

David Bennett, Resource Presbyter – present via ZOOM

Pieter Visscher, Stated Clerk -present via ZOOM

William Young, Treasurer – excused

Libby Moses opened with prayer at 10:10 am.

This is a special meeting to authorize the Presbytery meeting to be via ZOOM and to adjust the docket to reflect the requirements for conducting the meeting electronically.

The Resource Presbyter will generate a document with specific instructions for participating in the meeting electronically.

A modified docket was presented, reviewed, and agreed upon by consensus.

A revised notice was reviewed and agreed upon by consensus.

Specific logistics for conducting the meeting electronically were discussed and resolved.

Consideration of potential candidates for Moderator who is required to be a Teaching Elder were discussed with a couple of possibilities named with a commitment for a decision prior to the meeting date.

ACTION to adjourn was **approved**.

Adjourned with prayer at 11:05 am with prayer led by TE Libby Moses.

2019 Financial Highlights

- The Financial Oversight Committee [FOC] of the Council met 4 times in 2019 to review quarterly Profit and Loss Statements, the Balance sheet and to track budgeted expenses.. They summarize their findings and report to the Coordinating Council. This practice has proven to be an effective way to provide oversight and accountability for the presbytery finances
- The FOC and Trustees met this summer to work through misunderstandings about the balance sheet and came to some excellent conclusions which have resulted in greater clarity for both groups moving into the future.
- Bookkeeper Mary McGreevy sent out statements to churches indicating their Per Capita and Mission giving in late November. This resulted in much better follow through from churches who simply have often forgotten to pay them. Although some adjustments were made since printing, in the finance packet is a listing of churches and where they stand with Per Capita and Mission in 2019. In 2020, statements are planned to go out in June and October.
- Mission giving remained strong in 2019 and churches have been working at adapting to giving directly to previous mission partners in 2020 and only to MINC and the New Worshipping Community through the presbytery. Please do reach out if you need assistance in interpreting these changes. The packet sent out in the early Fall is available on the presbytery website.
- In 2020, the budget format is changing to a clearer format that allows for better tracking of spending by committees and other “classes.” The Balance sheet will remain as it is presented now, but look for a new format at the next presbytery meeting.
- If you have any questions about presbytery finances, please reach out to Treasurer Bill Young, Coordinating Council Member Joann White, Trustee Bill Arps, Resource Presbyter David Bennett or Bookkeeper Mary McGreevy. All contact info are listed in the directory, which can be viewed/printed from the website www.presbyteryofnny.org. Click the “Resources” tab and click “Directory.” The password for the directory is “PNNY”

Presbytery of Northern New York
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2019

	<u>Dec 31, 19</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · Checking NCSB 2878	10,383.06
1010 · Savings/Money Market 7772	6,041.14
1011 · Payroll CBNA 1672	597.63
1012 · NCSB Debit Card 6671	1,554.32
1030 · Petty Cash	200.00
1045 · PW Key Bank Checking	476.44
1050 · PW Key Bank Money Market	<u>9,008.02</u>
Total Checking/Savings	28,260.61
Accounts Receivable	-990.00
Other Current Assets	
1200 · Undeposited Funds	24,808.75
1550 · Restricted Investments	35,072.85
1571 · Wells Fargo Main Acct 3197	532,146.45
1575 · Managed Money Market	<u>79,941.36</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>671,969.41</u>
Total Current Assets	699,240.02
Other Assets	
1600 · Land, Bldg, & Equipment	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>2,000.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>701,240.02</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	17,556.87
Other Current Liabilities	
2180 · Heller Mission	23,860.03
2200 · Payroll Liabilities	<u>2,039.61</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>25,899.64</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>43,456.51</u>
Total Liabilities	43,456.51
Equity	657,783.51
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>701,240.02</u></u>

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Profit & Loss

January through December 2019

Ordinary Income/Expense		6030 · Insurance Expense	
Income		Commercial Liability	
4000 · General Mission-PNNY portion	29,248.54		7,070.65
4005 · Per Capita Total Billing	-60.00	State Unemployment	106.11
4010 · Per Capita-PNNY Portion	21,906.59	Disability Insurance	217.39
4020 · Peacemaking-PNNY portion	12.50	PFL	-0.31
4050 · Miscellaneous Income		Total 6030 · Insurance Expense	7,393.84
Salary Partnerships	1,131.00	6053 · Licenses, Fees, & Permits	825.00
4050 · Miscellaneous Income - Other	249.00	6057 · Miscellaneous	
Total 4050 · Miscellaneous Income	1,380.00	Ordination/Installation	306.83
4060 · Publications	1,164.00	Total 6057 · Miscellaneous	306.83
4101 · Synod Grant Moving Forward 2018	4,000.00	6060 · Office Supplies/Equipment	972.94
Other Operating Income	100.00	6061 · Payroll Expenses	
Special Offering for PNNY	209.48	6085a · Federal Payroll SS & Medi	1,352.72
Total Income	57,961.11	403B ER	2,000.00
Cost of Goods Sold		Total 6061 · Payroll Expenses	3,352.72
5050 · Materials & Books	1,141.09	6062 · Pension/Health Exec Pres	15,242.04
Total COGS	1,141.09	6065 · Postage and Delivery	279.59
Gross Profit	56,820.02	6070 · Professional Fees	
Expense		Bookkeeper	7,800.00
6001 · Salary & Wages		6070 · Professional Fees - Other	550.00
6001a · Res Pres + Housing Allowance	33,000.00	Total 6070 · Professional Fees	8,350.00
6001b · Stated Clerk	9,000.00	6075 · Repairs and Maintenance	
6001c · Admin Assistant	8,682.50	Janitorial	6.00
6001d · MINC	0.00	Total 6075 · Repairs and Maintenance	6.00
Total 6001 · Salary & Wages	50,682.50	6077 · Scholarships	3,000.00
6008 · Bank/Credit Card Service Charge	7.00	6087 · Telephone/Internet monthly exp	2,362.75
6015 · Conferences and Meetings		6090 · Travel	
Pres/Other Mtgs	309.00	Gas	55.97
Youth	2,332.80	Lodging	2,944.70
6015 · Conferences and Meetings - Other	74.89	Meals	1,916.84
Total 6015 · Conferences and Meetings	2,716.69	Mileage	6,709.20
6017 · Continuing Ed/Training	4,683.72	6090 · Travel - Other	207.27
6025 · Dues and Subscriptions	1,051.68	Total 6090 · Travel	11,833.98
6029 · Financial Assistance/Ministries		Total Expense	181,434.01
Grace De Young	12,662.43	Net Ordinary Income	-124,613.99
McCoy Feeding Center	1,000.00	Other Income/Expense	
Emerging Ministry Fund	4,199.30	Other Income	
Heller	2,000.00	7000 · Other Non-Operating Income	0.95
Holms E200532	2,000.00	7001 · Interest Income	3,452.84
Watertown Multi Ethnic Comm NWC	6,005.00	7002 · Dividend Income	16,606.53
Shallow Wells	2,000.00	7010 · Unrealized Gain/Loss	35,494.85
Women of Grace	2,000.00	7015 · Realized Gain/Loss	-1,611.33
MELT	9,000.00	7030 · Long Term Capital Gains	826.91
Samaritan House	5,000.00	Total Other Income	54,770.75
Church & Community	2,000.00	Other Expense	
Helping Hands	2,000.00	8000 · Non-Operating Expense	0.00
Watertown Urban Mission	6,000.00	8001 · Investment Fees	2,733.92
MINC	10,000.00	8011 · Unknown Change to WF	587.06
Salary Partnerships	2,500.00	Total Other Expense	3,320.98
Total 6029 · Financial Assistance/Ministries	68,366.73	Net Other Income	51,449.77
		Net Income	-73,164.22

Presbytery of Northern New York Church Listing

Customer	2017	Per Capita 2019	Total Received	Per Capita DUE	Mission Pledge	Received	Pledge Balance
Adirondack CH10064	11	275.00	275.00	-	-	-	-
Brasie Corners 04282	6	150.00	150.00	-	-	-	-
Canton Brick Chapel CH5847	11	275.00	275.00	-	-	300.00	-
Canton Crary Mills CH5852	22	550.00	550.00	-	-	-	-
Canton First CH5846	98	2,450.00	2,450.00	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
Chateaugay CH5427	29	725.00	725.00	-	700.00	700.00	-
Chaumont CH5850	29	725.00	725.00	-	400.00	400.00	-
Chazy CH5428	34	850.00	850.00	-	400.00	400.00	-
Childwold Memorial CH226	12	300.00	300.00	-	650.00	3,950.00	-
Dailey Ridge CH10398	11	275.00	275.00	-	175.00	175.00	-
Dexter CH5853	54	1,350.00	1,350.00	-	-	-	-
Evans Mills CH5854	5	125.00	125.00	-	300.00	300.00	-
Fort Covington CH5433	28	700.00	700.00	-	-	1,500.00	-
Gouverneur CH5855	33	825.00	825.00	-	-	-	-
Hammond CH5856	98	2,450.00	2,450.00	-	1,600.00	1,600.00	-
Heuvelton CH5863	22	550.00	-	550.00	-	-	-
Lisbon CH5861	43	1,075.00	1,075.00	-	-	-	-
Mount Moriah CH11075	20	500.00	500.00	-	150.00	150.00	-
Ogdensburg First CH5862	168	4,200.00	6,023.77	(1,823.77)	-	3,200.00	-
Ogdensburg Stone CH5864	32	800.00	800.00	-	1,680.00	1,680.00	-
Oxbow United CH5865	23	575.00	-	575.00	-	-	-
Peru CH5440	211	5,275.00	880.00	4,395.00	-	-	-
Plattsburgh CH5442	202	5,050.00	5,050.00	-	25,220.00	25,220.00	-
Potsdam First CH5866	146	3,650.00	4,250.00	(600.00)	-	-	-
Rouses Point CH5445	21	525.00	525.00	-	-	50.00	-
Sackets Harbor CH5868	64	1,600.00	1,600.00	-	-	2,000.00	-
Saranac Lake CH5446	111	2,775.00	2,775.00	-	3,200.00	3,200.00	-
Scotch CH5859	71	1,775.00	1,775.00	-	-	2,100.00	-
Theresa CH5870	67	1,675.00	1,675.00	-	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
Tupper Lake CH10072	22	550.00	550.00	-	500.00	500.00	-
Waddington CH5871	26	650.00	475.00	175.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	-
Watertown First CH9543	393	9,825.00	7,082.48	2,742.52	-	405.00	-
Watertown Hope CH5874	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Watertown Korean CH11328	25	625.00	625.00	-	-	-	-
Watertown Stone CH5875	80	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	4,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00
Western Adirondack CH10229	26	650.00	-	650.00	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
	2254	56,350.00	49,686.25	6,663.75	46,575.00	56,430.00	3,000.00

ACTIONS of the Commission on Ministry
subsequent to the 253rd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery (November 2019)

21 January 2020 Meeting

ACTION to authorize the Daily Ridge to receive \$1,000 as a salary partnership grant for 2020 was approved.

ACTION to authorize First Presbyterian Church Potsdam to form a Pastor Nominating Committee in preparation for calling a part time installed pastor was approved.

ACTION to authorize United Presbyterian Church of Sackets Harbor to form a Pastor Nominating Committee in preparation for possibly calling an installed pastor was approved.

ACTION to authorize the Resource Presbyter to apply for a Board of Pensions grant on behalf of a pastor in financial distress with the Presbytery contributing up to \$500.00 was approved.

ACTION endorse the covenant between Rev. Walter Smith as a pulpit supply and to administer the sacraments and the United Presbyterian Church of Lisbon was approved.

ACTION to endorse the contract between Rev. Colin Toggle and the Tupper Lake United Community Church was approved

ACTION to recommend to the Presbytery to authorize the following Ruling Elders from the First Presbyterian Church of Gouverneur Judy Brown, Susan Spillman, Carol Hamburg, Jim Mosher, Vivian Tessmer, Don and Memory Payne to officiate at the Lord's Supper was approved.

7 February 2020 Meeting

ACTION to recommend to the full commission that Rev. Katrina Hebb be received as a member of Northern New York Presbytery and if the way be clear that she be installed as the part time pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Potsdam with the attached terms of call was **approved**.

27 February 2020 Meeting

ACTION to recommend to the Presbytery that First Presbyterian Church of Rouses Point be authorized an exemption to allow Ruling Elder Bonnie Reid to serve an additional term beyond six years was **approved**.

ACTION to concur with the action of the congregation to call Rev. Katrina Hebb as the part time pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Potsdam with the attached terms of call was **approved**.

ACTION to recommend to the Presbytery that the Standing Rules be changed to incorporate the Regional Leadership Model of the Commission on Ministry was **approved**.

ACTION to further recommend that the change in Standing Rules also include that the Leadership Team be authorized to act in an emergency situation on behalf of the Commission on Ministry with concurrence at a subsequent Commission meeting was **approved**.

ACTION to designate Rev. Leonard Sponaugle as a member of the Leadership team in light of the pending departure of Rev. Rachel Roberts from the Commission was **approved**.

ACTION to recommend to the Presbytery that it review and comment on the proposed Commission on Ministry Manual in anticipation of its adoption at the June meeting was **approved**.

ACTION to extend great appreciation for the services to The Commission on Ministry of Teaching Elder Rachel Roberts and Ruling Elder Rob Meisenheimer for their dedicated service to the Commission On Ministry for the past six years was **approved**.

ACTION to recommend that the Presbytery approve the terms of call of the pastors of all the churches as documented in the spreadsheet was **approved**.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY Report to Presbytery
Commission Membership thru March 2020

2020	2021	2022
TE Rachel Roberts	RE Pam Martin	TE Martin Weitz
RE Rob Meisenheimer	RE Rae Louse Tate	TE Richard Hinkle
RE Donald Haight	TE Sarah Lee	RE Henny Chapman
(vacant)	TE Marti Montovani	(vacant)

Tri-moderators: Don Haight, Rae Louse Tate, Rachel Roberts – Clerk: CRE Piet Visscher

2020 Yearly Appointments of Temporary Pastoral Relationships

*indicates member of Presbytery

Temporary Supply Pastors

*The Reverend Dr. Robert Svensen – Chazy Presbyterian Church

The Reverend Eric Harblin – UPC of MaComb at Brasie Corners

*The Reverend Dr. Kenneth Parker – FPC Mount Moriah

The Reverend Robert Schirmer – FPC Heuvelton

The Reverend Howard Cain – Ft. Covington PC

The Reverend Anne Wichelns – shared ministry at Evans Mills

The Reverend Keith Kilgore – UPC Oxbow

The Reverend Colin Tuggle – UCC Tupper Lake

*The Reverend Rachel Roberts – FPC Chaumont

At Large Members

*Rev. Anders Pedersen – Washington, DC

*Rev. Susan Winsor – Sacramento, CA

Commissioned Ruling Elders

* Bruce Buck: Chaumont Parish Associate – Baptism, Lord’s Supper, Christian Marriage, Preach ,
Voice and Vote in Presbytery meetings.

*Donna Doig: Canton First, Parish Associate – Baptism, Lord’s Supper, Christian Marriage, Moderate
Session, Voice and vote in meetings of Presbytery

*Ron Sinclair: Oxbow – Baptism, Lord’s Supper, Christian Marriage, Moderate Session, Voice and vote
in meetings of Presbytery

*Pieter Visscher: Western Adirondack – Baptism, Lord’s Supper, Christian Marriage, Moderate Session,
Voice and vote in meetings of Presbytery

*Carrie Demers: Ogdensburg Stone – Baptism, Lord’s Supper, Christian Marriage, Moderated Session,
Voice and vote in meetings of Presbytery

Validated Ministries

*Rev. Susan Winsor – Sacramento, CA

Moderators of Churches (other than pastor of church) in 2020

Brasie Corners TE– Rachel Roberts

Canton Brick Chapel TE – Michael Catanzaro

Canton Crary Mills TE – Michael Catanzaro

Chauteaugay TE – Dean Chapman

Dailey Ridge TE – Richard Hinkle

Dexter TE – Marti Montovani

Evans Mills RE – Rae Louise Tate
Fort Covington RE Henny Chapman
Heuvelton TE – Laurena Will
First Lisbon TE – Laurena Will
Sackets Harbor – TE Marti Montovani
Tupper Lake TE – TE Joanne White
Waddington TE –TE Laurena Will

Ruling Elders Authorized to Serve Communion 2019 (All must be trained about Communion by their Pastor or someone from COM)

Adirondack: RE Bill Young
Chaumont: RE Ethel Marie Smith, RE Tina Sutherland, RE Bruce Buck, RE Shirley Smith
Crary Mills: RE Skip Edie
Dexter: RE Lynne Rigabar, RE Paul Buell, RE Melba Jean Ellingsworth
Evans Mills: RE Barbara Burnup
Lisbon: RE Larry Calkins, RE Greg Thompson
Gouverneur: Judy Brown, Susan Spillman, Carol Hamburg, Jim Mosher, Vivian Tessmer, Don and Memory Payne
Mt. Moriah: RE Candyce–Arada Trombley
Oxbow: RE Lucille Stone, RE Jan Barker, RE Kay Richards Sawyer
Ogdensburg 1st RE Constance Martin, RE Jean Tennant, Carrie Demers, RE Sally Clark, RE Nancy Skiff
Peru: RE Donald Haight, RE Barbara Perry
Theresa: RE Lisa O’Driscoll, RE Kim Martusewicz
Tupper Lake: RE Jim Tebo, RE Raynie Ormsby, RE Barbara Gachowski
Waddington: RE Russell Strait
Western Adirondack: RE Rae Louise Tate
2019-20 Commission on Ministry Actions
21 May 2019:

ACTION to appoint Rich Hinkle as Moderator and liaison to Daily Ridge; to appoint Martin Weitz as liaison to Heuvelton, Madrid Scotch, Ogdensburg Stone, and Lisbon; to appoint Rachel Roberts as liaison to Canton Crary Mills, Canton Brick Chapel and Canton First; to appoint Betsy Westman as Moderator of Hammond upon Evon’s dismissal was **approved**.

ACTION to dismiss Evon Lloyd to the Presbytery of Western New York if the way be clear (pending a vote by the congregation) was **approved**.

ACTION to authorize Hammond Presbyterian Church to move directly into the call process for its next pastor was **approved**.

ACTION to return the proposed MIF from UPC Sackets Harbor with the following guidelines: that the Total Effective Salary (TEF) be at least \$45,000 for a three quarter time position and to include a SECA allowance over and above the TEF; and that the position description include transitional ministry training was **approved**.

ACTION to adopt as a guideline compensation guideline for compensation of COM appointed moderators of \$30 plus mileage for simply moderating; \$100/month for moderating up to four hours for congregations without pastors plus mileage and \$15 per hour for additional services was **approved**.

ACTION to recommend to the Presbytery that it adopt as minimum terms of call for 2020 a TEF of \$47,800 for congregations of fewer than 100 and \$50,800 for congregations of 100 members or larger was **approved**.

ACTION to recommend to the Presbytery that commission to install Rev. Richard Hinkle to the Scotch Presbyterian Church in Chipman at 4:00 pm on to include: RE Linya Bell, RE William Fisher, RE Diana Fisher, RE Bonnie Boyd, TE Laurena Will, TE Rich Will, TE David Bennett was **approved**.

ACTION to recommend to the Presbytery that it adopt a required SECA allowance to be included in all pastor's terms of call was **approved**.

10 September 2019:

ACTION to designate Rachel Roberts as Moderator pro tem of the First Presbyterian Church of Gouverneur Session was **approved**.

The Commission met with Franny Knott, candidate pastor for FPC of Gouverneur

ACTION to designate Franny Knott as the temporary supply pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Gouverneur was **approved** with the attached terms of call.

ACTION to recommend to the Presbytery that RE Bruce Buck who has completed the requirements to be a Commissioned Ruling Elder, to be commissioned as the Parish Associate of the First Presbyterian Church of Chaumont with the following authorities:

- Administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- Officiate at Baptisms and weddings
- Preach

was approved to be commissioned at Chaumont in the spring with a Commission to be appointed at a later date.

ACTION to authorize, if the way be clear, (approval by the Session) the Ministry Information Form of the Hammond Presbyterian Church was **approved**.

ACTION to move Rachel Roberts to the Lower St. Lawrence CRT and Rae Louise Tate to the Upper St. Lawrence was **approved**.

ACTION to add Rev. Barbara Schmitz as a pulpit supply was **approved**.

29 October 2019

ACTION to authorize the preliminary Ministry Information Form from FPC Potsdam pending its finalization (to include salary schedule) and designate Rich Hinkle and Rae Louise Tate authority to give final approval was **approved**.

ACTION to recommend to the Presbytery that the Presbytery concur with the overture from Beaver-Butler Presbytery regarding authorizing presbyteries to stipulate severance compensations was **approved**.

10 December 2019

ACTION to authorize Rev. Walter Smith to provide pulpit supply if the way be clear three to four Sundays per month pending submission of contract to the COM was **approved**.

ACTION to accept the resignation of CRE Donna Doig from Canton Brick Chapel was **approved**.

ACTION to appoint Rev. Michael Catanzaro as Moderator of the Brick Chapel was **approved**.

ACTION to appoint Rev. David Bennet as temporary Moderator of First Presbyterian Church of Potsdam following the departure of Rev. Holly Halle Thompson was **approved**.

ACTION to grant approval of the Salary Partner Request from the United Presbyterian Church of Macomb in Brasie Corners was **approved**.

ACTION to recommend to the Presbytery that First Presbyterian Church of Gouverneur be granted an exemption so that Deacon Janice Dodds can continue to serve beyond six years was **approved**.

ACTION to appoint Rev. Rachel Roberts as moderator of First Presbyterian Church of Gouverneur was **approved**.

ACTION to recommend to the Presbytery that First Presbyterian Church of Dexter be granted an exemption so that Deacon Patricia Springer serve beyond six years was six years was **approved**.

ACTION to authorize Rev. David Bennet to labor outside the bounds and perform a wedding at a church in Albany Presbytery was **approved**.

ACTION to authorize reimbursement for pulpit supply Rev. Rachel Roberts when she must moderate annual meetings was **approved**.

ACTION to authorize \$300 toward a shared grant from the Board of Pensions to assist a retired member of Presbytery with medical expenses was **approved**.

ACTION to approve, if the necessity arises, a shared grant from the Board of Pensions to retired member of Presbyter with medical expenses was **approved**.

Annual Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)
for the Presbytery of Northern New York
March 2020

This past year has been a busy one for the CPM. Here is a brief summary/overview of our work in the past year or so.

Zoë Garry has graduated from seminary and passed all of her ordination exams. She also completed the psychological evaluations required of all candidates for ordination. The CPM is ready to certify her as being ready to receive a call.

Catharine Weiss has been working on a Master of Christian Education (MaCE) degree this year and has taken Bible Content, Church Polity, Theology, and Worship & Sacraments exams. Unfortunately thus far she has only passed the Worship & Sacraments exam. The presbytery has authorized the CPM to administer an alternative exam for the Theology and Bible Content, but this is still in process. Catharine has yet to attempt the Bible Exegesis (Greek/Hebrew) exam.

Alexandra Miller-Knaack is close to finishing her seminary education. She met with the Presbytery at our November meeting and I believe all of us who were able to hear about her journey and call were very impressed. One pastor said to me “She’s very impressive. What a journey she’s had! I’m just glad she landed as a Presbyterian. Makes me excited for wherever she ends up at. They’ll be lucky.” Alex still needs to take the ordination exams.

Philip “Skip” Edie has completed his course work at Dubuque for the “CLP Certificate in Congregational Leadership” program. Skip will need to provide the CPM and presbytery with some additional information and documentation before an oral examination, but we do not anticipate any difficulty in that process. However, due to the current circumstances, we might need to arrange a special meeting for the presbytery to meet, examine, and vote on Skip’s process so that he is not held up any longer than necessary.

Dave Damon [RE Stone Ogdensburg] is under care through the CP (Commissioned Pastor) program. Members of CPM met with Dave and believe he is a strong candidate and will do well in service of the church. He is taking courses through Union Presbyterian Seminary.

Aimee Whelpley is enrolled in the Dubuque CLP program and working to move forward in that program while managing her current involvements and related expectations.

My deep and sincere thanks to CPM members: Jeannie Greenwood (who finished her term at end of 2019), Carrie Demers, Rev. Betsy Westman, and Carolyn Hinkle. Special thanks to Rev. Rich Hinkle who has consulted with us regarding issues related to ordination exams.

Soli Deo gloria,
Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Luoma, chair

TRUSTEES REPORT TO PRESBYTERY

MARCH 31, 2020

The Trustees spent the year working out its role in the new three-year financial plan (introduced by the Coordinating Council), and reorganizing the Presbytery's monetary assets. It also fulfilled its role in working with two congregations—Sackett's Harbor and Peru—to dispose of property in accordance with the 2018 revision of the Presbytery's Policy on Property Disposition (Sales and Acquisitions).

Three-Year Financial Plan, 2020-2022

Before working on the three-year budget plan initiated by the Coordinating Council, **the needs of the 2019 budget had to be addressed.** With the 10% downturn in the financial market in the last two months of 2018, the Trustees had put aside a large portion of the Presbytery's Wells Fargo assets in CDs (Certificates of Deposit) to guarantee principal and earn a little interest. Part of this CD set-aside, \$50,000, was designated to assist in covering the planned shortfall in the 2019 budget. In the end, the withdrawal to cover budget expenses would total \$87,000. In the fall, as the Coordinating Council prepared its 2020 budget, it found that this first year of the three-year plan would require \$40,000, above the original figure of \$30,000 for each of the years. The Trustees set aside that amount in a secure money-market fund.

Preparing more long-term, in June the Trustees met with the Wells Fargo financial advisors to work out **a flexible portfolio for the Presbytery's Wells Fargo assets.** The plan they presented—which was adopted by the Trustees—is from the nine-level Wells Fargo Fund Source Foundation, whose basic tenets are: 1) Moderate Growth and Income (the middle level in the nine—50% equities, 50% securities and cash); 2) a strategic plan looking out to more than a decade; 3) a tactical component that focuses on the near 6-18 month span; 4) automatic re-balancing; 5) the ability to move up or down in levels of risk vs. profit, as the Trustees and Wells Fargo advisors together determine it is necessary or more advantageous, given market conditions. With this plan in place, over the course of the rest of the year (with some gains from the first half of the year), the total revenue gain was just over \$47,000, offsetting more than half of the assets withdrawn to support the 2018 budget.

Reorganizing the Presbytery's Monetary Assets

Working with the Coordinating Council's Financial Oversight Committee, the Treasurer, and the Presbytery's contracted Financial Secretary (Bookkeeper), the Trustees moved to **reconsider and reorganize the disparate asset holdings of the Presbytery.** The realities of managing the 2018 and 2019 budgets made clear the necessity. The varied funds (from thousands, to tens-of-thousands of dollars)—which had accumulated over many years, earning interest as they largely sat in place with few calls for withdrawals—were sorted out into: 1) those that could be cleared out and used to support the 2019 budget; 2) those that were of

more consequence, and most of whose money had been used to meet budget expenses. The latter four funds were grouped together and the Trustees covered the future liability by creating a separate Wells Fargo account of \$80,000, in the short-term invested in a money-market account.

Thus, by the end of 2019, the Presbytery's monetary assets had been clarified and consolidated, under the Trustees future management: 1) Wells Fargo main account (unrestricted funds); 2) the ST/MT (short-term, intermediate-term) account (currently in money-market funds); 3) Presbyterian Foundation funds (restricted); 4) the Checking/Savings account for payment of bills.

Looking to the Future

At its March meeting, the Trustees took stock of the current 2020 budget, in light of the Presbytery's intention to **test the feasibility of making the role of the Resource Presbyter permanent and instituting the mission portion of the budget on a clear pay-as-received part of the budget.** The total of congregation mission pledges to date—on behalf of the Watertown New Worshipping Community and the Ministries of the North Country—have been above that the target, a most welcome sign. The congregational fundraising goal to support the Resource Presbyter is on its way to meeting the goal set for the 2020 budget. Per Capita payments from the congregations are sent in throughout the year. Several expense items were expected to come in below the amount budgeted. So far, of the \$40,000 budgeted, only \$15,000 of Wells Fargo main account funds have been withdrawn.

The realities for the Presbytery's assets for the remainder of the year, however, do not look so promising. The coronavirus, and its effect on financial markets and the overall economy, have created marked uncertainties. In reviewing the Wells Fargo ST/MT account, it became clear that only real liability (over which the Presbytery lacked determinative control) was the Heller (Malawi) fund. The remainder is at the discretion of the Presbytery for mission or other uses. After much discussion, the Trustees agreed that this account (with its ST/MT character) should be used to over exigencies as needed. In that way, the long-term goals of the Wells Fargo main account portfolio can be maintained, especially in the situation of loss of principal with the current financial market slide of 30%.

Looking to the rest of the year, the Trustees decided that they should explore more fully the range of appropriate investment strategies for the Wells Fargo ST/MT account, to gain greater returns on that investment. They also intend to establish some benchmarks for lowering (in a downturn) the risk/profit level in the Wells Fargo main account portfolio, or raising it (in a market recovery).

Finally, the return on assets by MINC through savings accounts has been paltry. The Trustees agreed to **provide MINC with guidance on appropriate investment of its funds** to secure better returns, if so requested by MINC.

For the Trustees,

Stuart Voss, Chair

Resource Presbyter Annual Report -March 2020

My work with the presbytery in 2019 was both challenging and rewarding. The main challenge was being as physically present as possible while at the same time allowing adequate time for the follow up work that visits to churches, with pastors, with sessions, and presbytery committees created for me. The rewarding part for me this year has been seeing the fruit of three and a half years of ministry providing resourcing and support to our congregations and their leadership as well as my efforts to build up the presbytery. For the sake of this report, I would like to **highlight five major things I see looking back**, even as we anticipate good things to come!

1. When I first arrived, what struck me most was the **willingness of churches and sessions to dream and experiment with creative solutions to the challenges they faced**. Tupper Lake was first, then came Rev. Sarah Lee who was ready to follow God's calling and start a 1001 New Worshipping Community. God's work in Potsdam to bring them where they are today is simply amazing. Gouverneur was willing to work with a consultant who helped them re-imagine what their ministry could be in the future. And currently Childwold is figuring out how to continue growing into far more than a Summer church.
2. Since my arrival, **16 of our 35 churches have been in a state of transition** in pastoral leadership. In most cases, the COM has been able to provide resourcing and support for these challenging times. To a couple churches we had to apologize for not being there when they needed us most. The COM is sharing for first reading, a manual of operations to help guide churches as they face various challenges and I can honestly report that this team of Ruling and Teaching Elders are now more prepared than ever to come alongside and support churches in meaningful ways!
3. The **CPM is now active in new ways**, living into their charge to care not only for people seeking ordination, but also those who are discerning a call to be commissioned to pastoral service. The CPM is ready for the next wave of elders who may be sensing this call!
4. In my work with the Coordinating Council as the visioning and coordinating body of the presbytery, they supported my **leading the entire presbytery through a shared decision making process called "Moving Forward Together."** For six congregations, this meant using New Beginnings or the Church Assessment Tool to help them discern God's "next big thing[s]" they are being called to build up their ministry. For the entire presbytery, you have identified five "Key Features" for what the presbytery will look like in 2023 if we are to be the thriving collection of churches God is calling us to be.
5. This year, following your shared decision to maintain having a Resource Presbyter for at least the next few years, you have **embarked on a "Sustaining The Dream" campaign** to raise the extra funds necessary to be fiscally responsible and pay for added personnel costs.

Had we been able to meet in person, I would have opened with [this video](#) created by a colleague in a similar role to mine in another presbytery. It's about Per Capita, but more central is how it communicates the need for a strong and healthy presbytery to enable mission and ministry to flourish. I hope to show it in June, but I encourage you to watch it now. [Here is the link in case you cannot click above: https://youtu.be/aTkfQFz_M-c]

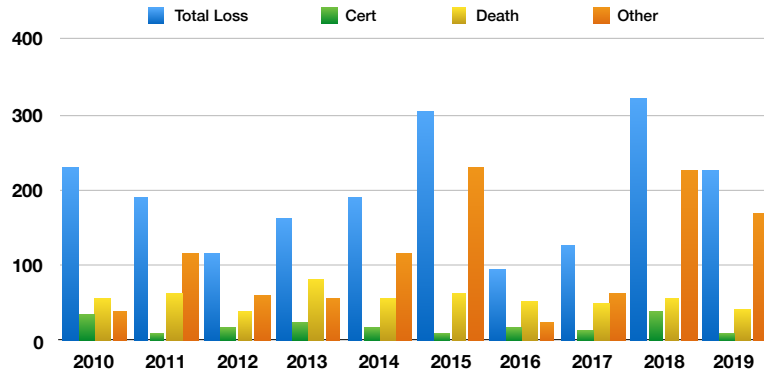
There are many unknowns as we press forward together in ministry. With a looming pandemic and churches forced to adapt to new ways of being community together, now more than ever we must put our trust and faith in the one who promised to be with us ALWAYS!

May God's peace and blessings surround you and your congregation in 2020!



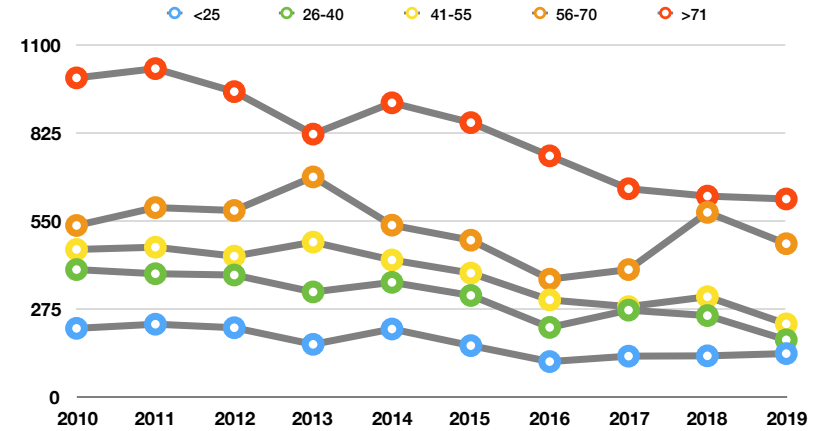
Membership Trends

Membership Loss by Category



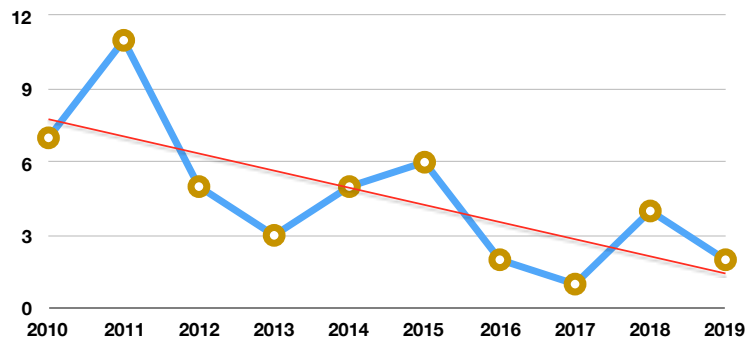
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Membership Ages



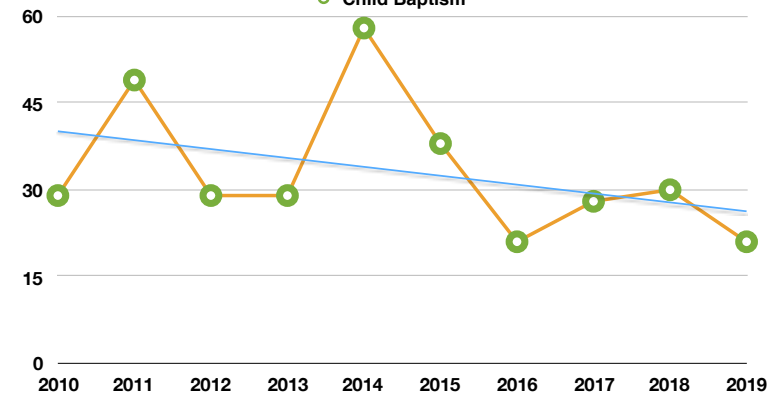
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Adult Baptisms

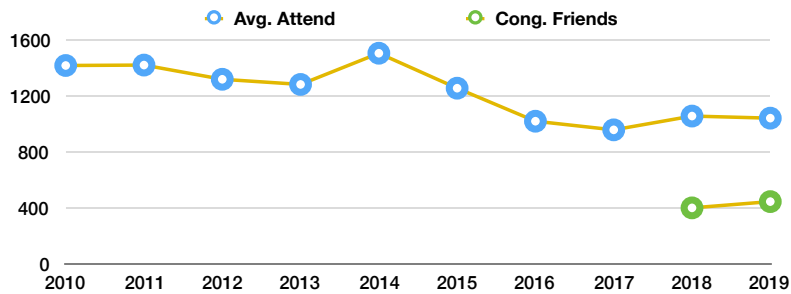


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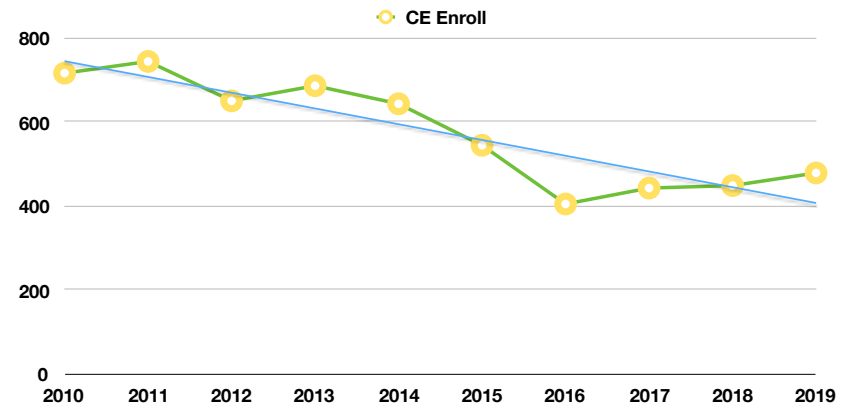
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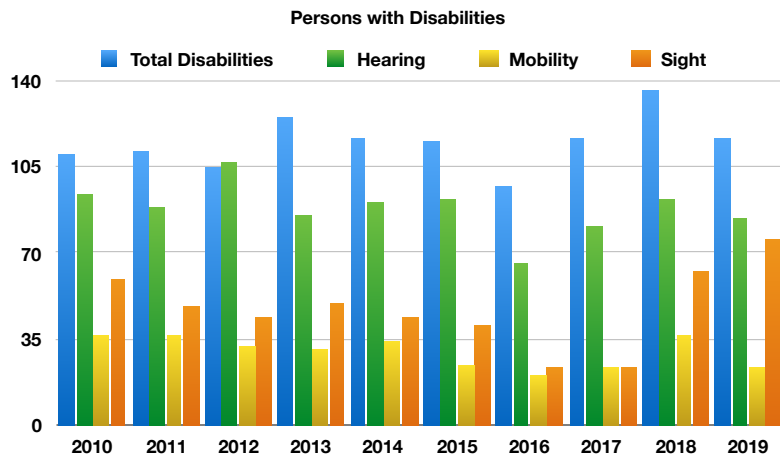
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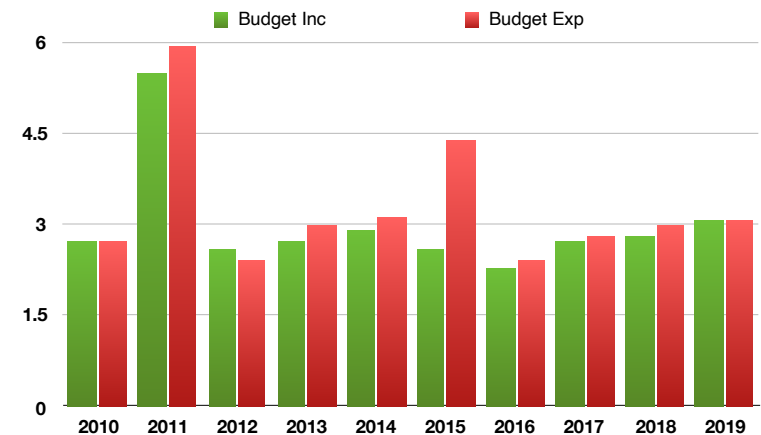
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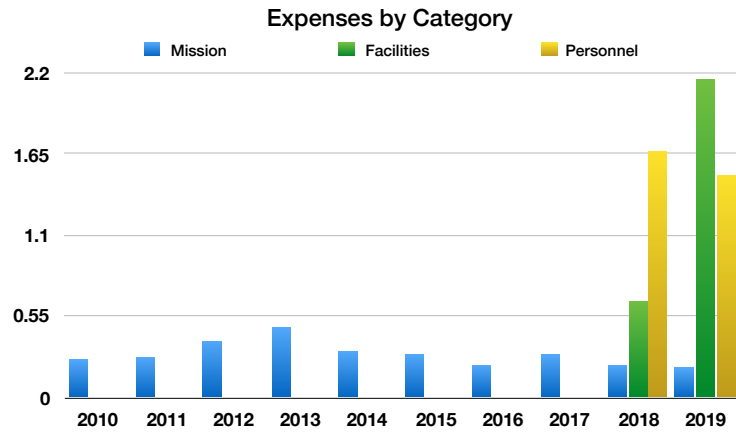


Income vs. Expense



2018 Expenses

(In Millions of Dollars)



2020 Session Record Reviews and Statistical Reports

Session Records were reviewed on February 14 through March 14, 2020. The results of these reviews are:

Recommend approval without exceptions:

First Presbyterian Church of LeRay at Evans Mills ✓
Hammond Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church of Watertown ✓
Stone Presbyterian Church of Watertown ✓
Theresa Presbyterian Church ✓
United Presbyterian Church of Sackets Harbor ✓
United Community Church of Tupper Lake ✓
Western Adirondack Presbyterian Church ✓

Recommend approval with minor exceptions:

First Presbyterian Church of Canton ✓
First Presbyterian Church of Chazy
First Presbyterian Church of Dexter ✓
First Presbyterian Church of Fort Covington ✓
First Presbyterian Church of Gouverneur ✓
First Presbyterian Church of Heuvelton
First Presbyterian Church of Ogdensburg ✓
Presbyterian Stone Church of Ogdensburg ✓
First Presbyterian Church of Potsdam ✓
First Presbyterian Church of Rouses Point ✓
First Presbyterian Church of Waddington ✓

The following churches did not present their records for review:

Adirondack Presbyterian Church
Brick Chapel Presbyterian Church of Canton - no record review since at least 2009
Crary Mills Presbyterian Church of Canton - no record review since at least 2009
First Presbyterian Church of Chateaugay - no record review since 2016
First Presbyterian Church of Chaumont - no record review since 2011
Childwold Memorial Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church of Daily Ridge - no record review since 2017
United Presbyterian Church of Lisbon
Madrid Scotch Presbyterian Church
Mount Moriah Presbyterian Church of Port Henry ✓
United Presbyterian Church of Oxbow
First Presbyterian Church of Plattsburgh
Peru Community Church ✓
First Presbyterian Church of Saranac Lake
United Presbyterian Church of Macomb @ Brasie Corners
Watertown Korean Presbyterian Church - no record review since 2013

The following churches failed to submit their statistical reports to the Office of the General Assembly:

United presbyterian Church of Macomb @ Brasie Corners
First Presbyterian Church of Chateaugay
United Presbyterian Church of Lisbon
Watertown Korean Presbyterian Church

Teaching Elders on the rolls as of 31 March 2020

Alexander, Donald (HR)*	Parsons, Gail (HR)
Atherley, Virginia (HR)	Patterson, Thomas (HR)
Bennett, David	Pattison, Carl (HR)*
Catanzaro, Michael	Pedersen, Anders*
Chapman, Dean (HR)	Roberts, Rachel
Danielson, Lori	Schick, Patricia (HR)*
Dodd, Bruce (HR)	Smith, Bruce (HR)*
Fife, Janice (HR)	Spencer, Adele (HR)
Fitch, John (HR)	Sponaugle, Leonard
Goyette, Arthur (HR)*	Stone, Richard (HR)
Hebb, Katrina	Stoner, Marlis (HR)
Heller, Paul (HR)	Svenson, Robert
Hinkle, Richard	Tate, Theodore (HR)
Hunn, John (HR)	Weitz, Martin
Lee, Sarah Young Ju	Westman, Betsy
Luoma, Timothy	White, Joann
Meredith, Evelyn (HR)	White, Robert (HR)*
Montovani, Martha (Marti) (HR)	Will, D. Richard (HR)
Elizabeth (Libby) Moses	Will, Laurena Wickham
Parker, Kenneth (HR)	Winsor, Susan*

* Not living within the geographical bounds of the Presbytery

Commissioned Ruling Elders on the Roll as of 31 March 2019

Doig, Donna	Visscher, Pieter
Sinclair, Ronald	Demers, Carrie

Elder Commissioners to Presbytery: 35

Elder Presbytery Officers: 2 (1 duplicate CRE)

Elders serving on Coordinating Council: 2

Commissioned Ruling Elders: 4

Total Minister Members: 40 (23 are HR of which 6 live outside the geographical bounds of the Presbytery)

Total Ruling Elders: 43

Previous members of the Permanent Judicial Commission whose terms have expired within the past six years:

Class of 2018: TE Richard Stone

Class of 2016: RE Genelle Bayre, RE Kim Martusewicz

MINC 2019 Annual Report

Ministries in the North Country continues with its ministry in Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties and as ministry of the Presbytery of Northern New York. Rural Rehab continues with its service in making homes “Warmer, Safer and Drier” with work teams from Pennsylvania who have coming for more than 20 years; and a high school group from Watertown. Rural Rehab has become skilled in ramp builders. Being able to build a ramp in one location and then disassembling it and storing it for use in another location when it is needed. Groups have insulated, sided, and roofed a small cottage, built a ramp and installed a door for a lady who needed a ram so she could return home from the hospital.

The Foster Kids Christmas program is no longer needed and has been discontinued.

The Christian Education Committee has provided materials for a Vacation Bible School in Parishville, and a “Welcome Back” event in one of our MINC churches. Our Christian Ed. chair attended a Presbyterian Christain Educators Conference in January and learned ways to sing, move, dance and play in VBS and Sunday School classes. There is no source for Children’s Bulletins this year.

The Emergency Fund continues to meet a variety of needs, mainly to cover the cost of owning or renting a home. Fuel continues to be one of the most prominent needs to be filled. A total of 57 homes in Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties have been served.

The big news from MINC has been that we voted to hire a MINC Messenger to travel to churches and tell Good News of Ministries in the North Country. Her name is Shirley Williams. She lives in Chaumont and has served as a Jefferson County Work Coordinator for Rural Rehab.

As you can see, MINC is alive and doing well. We thank you for your continued support.

Rae Louise Tate

Rural Rehab Finances:

Savings Opening Balance: \$42,149.91

Closing Balance: \$36,910.68

Checking Opening Balance: \$5,255.89

Closing Balance: \$3,561.25



MINC Emergency Fund Summary Report
January – December 31, 2019

Contributions: \$13,047.47

Expenses:

Auto	\$165.19
Food	\$0
Fuel (heating, includes gas)	\$8882.60
Medical	\$0
Housing (mortgage)	\$0
(rent)	\$525.00
(security deposit)	\$400.00
(insurance)	\$0
Utilities (electric)	\$550.00
(prevent shutoff)	\$200.00
(water)	\$0
Miscellaneous	
(replace water heater)	\$960.00
(restart furnace)	\$37.80
(furnace service)	\$170.00
Total expenses:	\$11720.59

The MINC Emergency Fund continues to meet a variety of needs, the most prominent of which are heating fuel and the costs associated with owning a home or living in rented housing. In 2019 we served 65 households, 8 in Jefferson County and 57 in St. Lawrence County. Thanks to all the faithful individuals and congregations who make this ministry possible.

Cynthia Coleman, Interim Treasurer

2019 MINC Emergency Fund Geographical Distribution

65 households served

Totals for 2019

Location	number	county
Brasher Falls	1	St. Lawrence
Brier Hill	1	St. Lawrence
Canton	1	St. Lawrence
Chaumont	3	Jefferson
Gouverneur	7	St. Lawrence
Heuvelton	2	St. Lawrence
Lisbon	1	St. Lawrence
Massena	13	St. Lawrence
Norfolk	2	St. Lawrence
Norwood	4	St. Lawrence
Ogdensburg	22	St. Lawrence
Potsdam	1	St. Lawrence
Raymondville	1	St. Lawrence
Renssealer Falls	1	St. Lawrence
Theresa	3	Jefferson
Watertown	2	Jefferson

Thanks and blessings to the many individuals and the following congregations who have supported the Emergency Fund during 2019: Ogdensburg 1st, Plattsburgh PW, Chaumont Deacons, Brasie Corners, Sackets Harbor, Dailey Ridge, PW PNNY, Christ's Church of Love, UCC Association, Scotch Presbyterian, Gouverneur Presbyterian, Canton 1st, PW Scotch Presbyterian, PW Watertown 1st.

MINISTRIES IN THE NORTH COUNTRY

03/30/20

Balance Sheet

Accrual Basis

As of December 31, 2019

	Dec 31, 19
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · MINC-NCSB-****3444	2,436.78
1002 · MINC Money Market 2673	
Farm funds	986.40
Foster Kids Christmas Savings	-563.19
1002 · MINC Money Market 2673 - Other	55,561.84
Total 1002 · MINC Money Market 2673	55,985.05
1005 · Emerg Fund-CBNA ***5631	4,495.18
1010 · Rehab-CBNA Chkg **6577	3,561.26
1015 · Rehab - CBNA Savings **7999	36,910.68
Total Checking/Savings	103,388.95
Total Current Assets	103,388.95
Fixed Assets	
1020 · Equipment	23,131.85
1090 · Accumulated Depreciation	-22,170.79
Total Fixed Assets	961.06
TOTAL ASSETS	104,350.01
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3100 · Fund Balance	52,734.20
3900 · Retained Earnings	61,446.88
Net Income	-9,831.07
Total Equity	104,350.01
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	104,350.01