



# 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.*

#### **Meetings-2025**

Saturday, February 22, [Zoom]  
Tuesday, May 13, [Hybrid]  
Saturday, September 6 (Guest Speaker)  
Tuesday, October 28 [Hybrid]

#### **Meetings – 2026**

Saturday, [Zoom]  
Tuesday, [Hybrid]  
Saturday, (Retreat)  
Tuesday, [Hybrid]

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

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## **PRESBYTERY OFFICERS**

Moderator RE Patti Stephens [Sackets Harbor]  
Vice-Moderator *To be Appointed by C. Council*  
Lead Presbyter/Stated Clerk RE Tara Atherton [Hammond]  
Treasurer RE Tara Atherton [Hammond]  
Asst. Treasurer RE Bill Young [Adirondack]

## **COORDINATING COUNCIL**

TE Marti Montovani, Chairperson  
RE Patti Stephens [Sackets Harbor] 2026  
RE Henny Chapman [Rouses Point] 2026  
RE/TE (Vacant) 2026  
TE Laurena Will 2027  
RE Judy Bunnell [Plattsburgh] 2027  
RE Jeannette Kiser [Western Adirondack] 2027  
TE Summer Sattora 2028  
*RE/TE (Vacant, Nomination Forthcoming)* 2028  
*RE/TE (Vacant, Nomination Forthcoming)* 2028

RE Tara Atherton, Lead Presbyter/Stated Clerk\*\*  
RE Tara Atherton, Acting Treasurer \*\*  
TE Shea Zellweger, Pastor to the Council\*\*  
RE Pieter Visscher, Chair to Trustees\*\*

## **TRUSTEES**

RE Peiter Visscher, Chairperson  
RE Phillip Sprague [Watertown First] 2026  
RE Bill Young [Adirondack] 2026  
RE Sharon Beggs [Adirondack] 2026  
RE Betsy Mott [Waddington] 2027  
RE Kathy Hicks [Evans Mills] 2027

RE Tara Atherton, Stated Clerk\*\* [Hammond]  
TE Shea Zellweger, Pastor to the Council\*\*

\*\* *ex officio*

### **LEAD PRESBYTER/STATED CLERK**

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### **PASTOR TO THE COUNCILS**

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### **FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

Margie Sherman

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

TE Marty Weitz ~ Regional Chair 2027  
Rev. Howard Cain, Regional Advisory Member 2027  
RE Barb Gachowski [Tupper Lake] 2026  
TE Tim Luoma 2026  
RE Betsy Brooks [Chazy] 2026  
TE Betsy Westman ~ Regional Chair 2026  
*RE/TE (Vacant, Nomination Forthcoming)* 2027  
*RE/TE (Vacant, Nomination Forthcoming)* 2027  
TE Katrina Hebb 2028  
RE Michele Bariteau [Watertown First] 2028  
TE Rich Hinkle 2028  
*RE/TE (Vacant, Nomination Forthcoming)* 2028

### **PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM)**

TE Julia Wright ~ Chair 2026  
*TE/RE Vacant* 2026  
RE Carrie Demers [Ogdensburg First] 2027  
*TE/RE Vacant* 2027  
TE Andrew Long 2028  
*TE/RE Vacant* 2028

### **PERSONNEL**

TE Laurena Will ~ Chair  
RE Jeannette Kiser 2026  
RE Melba Jean Ellingsworth 2026

### **BILLS AND OVERTURES**

TE Commissioner to GA: Andrew Long  
RE Commissioner to GA:  
YAAD to GA:  
RE Tara Atherton, Stated Clerk \*\*  
TE Shea Zellweger, Pastor to the Council\*\*

### **SYNOD COMMISSIONERS for 2024-25**

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

### **BOARD OF PENSIONS**

Rev. Dr. Carrie Mitchell, Regional Church Consultant  
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### **SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST**

Transitional Synod Leader:  
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### **PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION**

(six-year term, seven member minimum, per Book of Order)

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

RE David Geurtsen Class of 2030

TE/RE (Vacant) Class of 2030

*[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.

### **ORDINATION EXAM READERS**

(to be elected at June PNNY meeting)

### **2025 Per Capita**

General Assembly: \$9.80

Synod: \$4.25

Presbytery: \$18.95

**Total Per Member: \$33.00**

### **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:**

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

	2024		2025	
<b>2025 Minimum Terms of Call</b>	< 100Members 80% National Median Salary	> 100 Members 85% National Median Salary	< 100Members 80% National Median Salary	> 100 Members 85% National Median Salary
Annual Cash Salary	\$41,270	\$43,916	\$43,077	\$47,770
Housing Allowance or Manse Value **	\$12,410	\$13,119	\$12,924	\$13,371
<b>Total Effective Salary (TEF)</b>	<b>\$53,680</b>	<b>\$57,035</b>	<b>\$56,001</b>	<b>\$61,141</b>
<i>2024 BoP Pastor's Participation Plan [39%]</i>	\$20,935	\$22,244		
<i>2025 BoP Covenant Package: [10%]</i>			\$5,600	\$5,950
<i>2025 BoP Pastor Only Medical [16%]</i>			\$8,960	\$9,783
Spouse Only add-on			\$11,000	\$11,000
Children Only add-on			\$8,950	\$8,950
Family add-on			\$20,600	\$20,600
Transitional BoP Plan for 2025 [33%]			\$18,480	\$20,177
SECA Allowance (7.65% of TEF)	\$4,107	\$4,363	\$4,284	\$4,677
Professional Expense Reimbursement	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Continuing Education (may be accumulated)	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600
<b>Minimum Total Cost w/2025 New Plan</b>	<b>\$80,822</b>	<b>\$85,742</b>	<b>\$76,945</b>	<b>\$83,651</b>
<b>Minimum Total Cost w/2025 Transitional Plan</b>			<b>\$86,465</b>	<b>\$94,045</b>
<b>Maximum Total Cost [family no cost sharing]</b>			<b>\$97,545</b>	<b>\$104,251</b>
Continuing Education Time	Two Weeks (accumulated up to three years)			
Auto Expense Reimbursement	IRS rate (vouchered)			
Vacation	Four Weeks			

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

- The 2025 Median Total Effective Salary is \$70,000, as reported by the Board of Pensions, representing an increase of 4.3%.
- 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 two scenarios for 2025:
  - Transitional Plan for Medical Coverage. This option will last three years with significant percentage increases each year. 2025 Transitional Medical is 33%, up 4% from 2024.
  - New "Covenant and Congregational Pastors Packages with cost sharing for optional add on coverage.
- **NNY Presbytery requires either the use of the "Transitional" plan for installed pastors with families or coverage of at least 50% of the optional add-ons applicable to pastoral family makeup, or reimbursement the same amount in a tax advantaged way.**
- The plan formerly known as 'Minister's Choice' is now called "Covenant Package" and is open to ALL CHURCH EMPLOYEES, regardless of ordination status. Administrative, custodial, music, etc. staff who work 20 hours or more qualify for the Board's Defined Benefit Pension Program. This is a big change as Ministers Choice was limited to Teaching Elders only.

### Pulpit Supply Minimum for 2025

\$150 + mileage @IRS rate. \$175 + Mileage @IRS rate for two services.

\*\*\*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.

## SUNDAY SUPPLY NAMES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Name	Relationship to Presbytery	Location	Phone	Email
Larry Beasley	Commissioned Ruling Elder	Utica	315-794-9124	<a href="mailto:uticastatedclerk@gmail.com">uticastatedclerk@gmail.com</a>
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