

**MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA-SYRACUSE
SPECIAL MEETING – July 14, 2020
Held Online Via Zoom**

In accordance with current bylaws, a Special Meeting of the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse was requested by several minister members and several elders. The Moderator, in response, called this special meeting for the sole purpose of discussing business and action related to Vanderkamp.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Moderator Rev. Stephanie Weaver . Stated Clerk Rev. Ben Fitzgerald-Fye declared a quorum present and Rev. Weaver opened the meeting with prayer.

The roll was taken by registration via the Zoom invitation.

Moderator Weaver called on Resource Presbyter and Stated Clerk to offer a quick overview of Zoom and online meeting process/etiquette.

Moderator Weaver welcomed those present.

Moderator Oak called on the Stated Clerk to offer any Corresponding Members for seating by the body. Stated Clerk Fitzgerald-Fye put forth the following names to be seated:

Nancy Wind
Gregory May
Jacqueline Murphy
Constance Nyman
Penny James
Nancy Wind
Martha Lacy
Linda Russell
Michelle Coe

VOTED APPROVED

WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

In place of usual worship, a video presentation offering those gathered a look back at the good works and good times of Vanderkamp was played.

WORK OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Moderator Weaver asked for a motion to approve the docket with the reminder that this special meeting was called to discuss Vanderkamp ; so, no other business would be considered at this meeting.

VOTED APPROVED.

FRIENDS OF VANDERKAMP

Time was given for commissioners and corresponding members to offer their memories of Vanderkamp, their thoughts about its future, and their concerns about the processes and procedures that led us to this point in the life of Vanderkamp.

Several individuals offered their memories and input.

Resource Presbyterian Karen Chamis offered a glimpse of stories she has received for the creation of a Vanderkamp memories website and encouraged more folks to reach out and share their stories.

This moment was a time of joyful memories, grief for the current reality of the camp, and needed critique of process that offered us a comprehensive view of how people were feeling and how we can assist with this transition.

FINANCE AND PROPERTY WORK GROUP

The following motion was made from the Finance and Property Work Group:

The Finance and Property Work Group of the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse move that the property known as Vanderkamp located at 2 Vanderkamp Center (337 Martin Road) in Cleveland, NY, with an Oswego, NY County Tax Map Number of 298.00-03-22.02, encompassing 763.78 acres, be sold in conjunction with our judicatory partners. Representatives (one each from the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse and the Utica Presbytery) from the Central New York Presbyterian Conference Center (CNYPC, property owner) will sign the listing documents. When a vetted offer has been received the full Presbytery will vote to approve the terms and offer price.

Elder Bob Davenport offered a comprehensive look at the history, financial status, and properties of Vanderkamp including:

Historical Overview

Photographs of the Property

A report on \$84,000 spent by the three judicatories to resolve past debt

Ongoing Vanderkamp expenses of \$38,000 per year to be shared by the three judicatories

A summary of the appraisal of the Vanderkamp property with a realistic selling price of \$900,000 to \$1.1 Million

An explanation of the financial limitations and realities that make it impossible for the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse to buy the property leading to the recommendation to join the partner judicatories in the sale of Vanderkamp.

Discussion on the motion ensued including questions related to limiting sale to similar camp programs or nature-based organizations, questions related to acreage and included buildings.

Commissioners and corresponding members were offered a chance to speak for or against the motion and several did so.

Minister Commissioner Beth Dubois called the question. **VOTED APPROVED**

The motion was put before the body. Moderator Weaver called for a moment of prayer preceding the vote. **35 Voted in Favor, 4 Voted Against. VOTED APPROVED.**

THE PEOPLE OF GOD DEPART

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer, charge, and benediction.

The final, permanent minutes of this Assembly will also include the reports and handouts distributed for this meeting.

Minutes submitted and attested by:

Rev. Ben Fitzgerald-Fye, Stated Clerk

ROLL:

The roll for this meeting was taken by electronic registration.

Total present and eligible to vote: 46 Voting Members Present

Last Name	First Name	What is your status (Minister, Elder Commissioner, Corresponding Member, Guest, Ex Officio)? Please type the full answer.	What church or organization do you represent?
Anson	Lorrie	Minister	Otisco & Taunton
Armstrong	Robert	Elder commissioner	Amboy Belle Isle United Church
Baums	Roosevelt	Minister	Amboy Belle Isle United Church
Boyer	Martha	Elder	Taunton Memorial
Buckshot	Sarah	Staff	Staff
Chamis	Karen	Minister	Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse
Chapman	Donna	Commissioned Ruling Elder	Whitelaw Presbyterian Church
Coe	Michelle	Corresponding Rep	ECA
Cooney	Lorrie	Minister	New Hope
Coughenour	Anne	Elder Commissioner	First United Church of East Syracuse
Craft	Robert	elder commissioner	United Church of Fayetteville
Crawford	Rita Crawford	Ruling Elder	First Presbyterian Church, Mexico, N.Y.
Davenport	Robert	Elder	Leadership Team
Dilmore	Roger	Elder Commissioner	Westminster Presbyterian, Auburn
DuBois	Beth	Minister	South Valley Presbyterian Church
Eidt	Steven	Elder	Pebble Hill
Even	Linda	Minister	United Church of Fayetteville
Fay	Karen	Elder, Leadership Team	Liverpool First Presbyterian Church
Fitzgerald-Fye	Ben	Ex Officio	Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse
Green	Karen	Minister	First Presbyterian Church, Mexico
Haven	Jeanine	Minister	Baldwinsville
Heery	Patrick	Minister	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Auburn
Hood	Lois	Elder Commissioner	Whitelaw Presbyterian
Hooper	Rita	Elder Commissioner	First United Fulton

Howard	Gordon	Ex Officio	Presbytery
Hunt	Donna	Elder Commissioner	Westminster Auburn
James	Penny	Corresponding member	Vanderkamp?
Jenkins	Victor	Elder Commissioner	Baldwinsville
Kilts	Jill	elder commissioner	Whitelaw Presbyterian Church
Kiser	Rebecca	Minister	Jamesville Community Church
Krauss	Beth	elder commissioner	United Church of Fayetteville
Lacy	Martha	CORRESPONDING MEMBER	JAMESVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Lyman	Elizabeth	Minister	Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church
Lynch	Shavonn	Candidate under Care	Westminster Pres - Auburn
Manciocchi	Sandy	Elder commissioner	Marcellus
May	Gregory	Corresponding Member	ECA Board Member from Upstate NY Lutheran Synod
Miner	Natalie	Elder	Robinson Elmwood United Church
Monger	Diane	Minister	Myself
Moore	Banu O.	Minister	First Presbyterian Church, Auburn
Moore	James	Minister	First Presbyterian, Auburn
Murphy	Jacqueline	GUEST	New Hope Presbyterian
Nyman	Constance	Former Director resident from 1990-1995	self
Pagan	Jen	Elder	Taunton Memorial
Plank	Steve	Minister	retired
Quirk	Gary	Elder Commissioner	Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church
Rotach	Neil	Elder, Leadership Team	King Ferry Pres., Leadership Team
Russell	Linda	Corresponding Member	Westminster-Auburn
Santos	Robert	Elder	Liverpool First Presbyterian
Skinner	Sharye	Elder	Caz Pres
Smith	Susan	Elder commissioner	Mexico First and Leadership Team
SMITH	WILLIAM	Elder Commissioner	First Pres Weedsport
Sperling	David W	elder commissioner	New Hope Presbyterian
Waters	Kathleen	Minister	At-large
Weaver	Stephanie	Minister	Robinson Elmwood United Church
Wiley	Ann	Elder Commissioner	Auburn Westminster
Wolff	Karen	Elder commissioner	Isaiah's Table
Youmell	Barbarann	Elder Commissioner	Sennett Federated Church