

**PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA-SYRACUSE  
Stated Meeting – August 11, 2020**  
Online via Zoom

**Requests to be excused**, as well as names of new elder commissioners and others requesting nametags, should be sent to [statedclerk@cayugasyracuse.org](mailto:statedclerk@cayugasyracuse.org) by August 9.

Zoom space will be open at 6:30 PM for those needing assistance.

This meeting will be recorded for use by the Stated Clerk to ensure accuracy of minutes.

Registration and attendance will be taken electronically.

**7:00 PM GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

Declaration of quorum (*a minimum of five ministers who are members of the Presbytery, and five elders, from five different congregations*)  
Presbytery constituted with prayer  
Introduction of first-time ministers and elder commissioners  
Seating of corresponding members  
Welcome of guests  
Good News from Congregations and Worshipping Communities

**7:10 PM WORSHIPPING TOGETHER**

**7:30 PM WORK OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

**Approval of the DOCKET**

Approval of the **MINUTES** from the June 9<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting and the July 14<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting both held via Zoom. (Documents included in packet)

Approval of the **CONSENT AGENDA** [Documents sent separately.]

**NOTE:** *Presbyters may request that an item be lifted from the Consent Agenda. Items lifted out will be handled during the report associated with that item. Remaining items (those not lifted out) will be approved in one motion.*

**Call for New Business**

**Greetings from the Moderator:** Rev. Stephanie Weaver

**Report of the Resource Presbyter:** Rev. Karen Chamis

- Open Letter to the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse from Rev. Harvey J. Sindima

**Report from Leadership Team:** Lynn Jacques-Written report included in consent agenda.

**Report of Stated Clerk:** Rev. Ben Fitzgerald-Fye, Written report included in the consent agenda.

**Racism Response Team Report:** Karen Chamis, Stephanie Weaver, Ben Fitzgerald-Fye

- By request of the Leadership Team to the Moderator, in response to recent events nationally and internally, the Moderator, Stated Clerk, and Resource Presbyter were tasked with reviewing need for anti-racism actions within the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse and with making recommendations for best practices moving forward.
- Denominational work at the national level in response to systemic racism
- Update on churches and their work on the issue of racism
- Open Letter to the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse from Rev. Harvey J. Sindima

**8:00 PM Human Resources Work Group**

- Recognition of service to the presbytery

**8:20 PM Property and Finance Work Group**

- Treasurer's Report
- 2020 Presbytery Budget
- May 2020 Statement of Financial Position
- May 2020 Per Capita Report
- First Read of proposed 2021 Budget as presented in supporting documentation  
(Please see related Proposed Budget Notes in the packet)

**8:45 PM Nominating Report** (full report in packet)

Nominating offers the following for consideration and vote:

- Ruling elder Linda Van Buskirk (Scipioville) for the position of Vice Chair of the Leadership Team for a term of service through May 31, 2022.
- Teaching elder Pam Gnagy (Westminster-Syracuse) for the position of Commissioner to the Synod Assembly November 6-7, 2020.
- Candidates wanted

**9:00 PM New/Other Business**

**9:10 PM People of God depart**

Closing Prayer  
Charge and Benediction  
Adjournment

Go in Peace!