

**MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA-SYRACUSE
SPECIAL MEETING – Wednesday September 23, 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 motions by the Nominating Committee and the formation of an Administrative Commission related to Westminster-Syracuse.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Moderator Rev. Stephanie Weaver .

Stated Clerk Rev. Ben Fitzgerald-Fye declared a quorum present.

The roll was taken by registration via the Zoom platform and final roll is on file with the Stated Clerk.

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

Moderator Weaver welcomed those present and offered an opening prayer.

The Docket was **VOTED APPROVED**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee moved to elect Beth Krauss to serve on the Ecumenical Camp Association. For a term ending in December 2021. There were no nominations from the floor, nominations were closed, and the motion to elect was **VOTED APPROVED**.

WARRANT FORMING ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR THE CLOSING OF WESTMINSTER-SYRACUSE

A warrant for the formation of the Administrative Commission was presented as follows:

The Presbytery is given authority in our polity to: "...coordinate, guide, encourage, support, and resource

Move that The Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse form an Administrative Commission consisting of three members of Westminster, Syracuse and four members appointed by the moderator to approve the dissolution of Westminster, Syracuse effective July 1st, 2021 and directs the Administrative Commission to oversee the dissolution of the Westminster, Syracuse Church to include:

- arranging for pastoral care for church members,
- planning a celebration of the life and ministry of the congregation,

- maintaining the financial affairs of the congregation,
- establishing the condition of the building and preparing it for re-use or sale,
- determining the disposition of personal property or memorials,
- distributing liquid assets in way that addresses the needs of the neighborhood,
- dissolving the corporation, securing the session records to be transferred the Stated Clerk who will grant letters of transfer for Westminster, Syracuse members for one year after dissolution,
- working with a realtor to place the property on the market for sale should it not be identified as a future mission site,
- transferring any remaining funds to the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse,
- reporting quarterly to the Stated Clerk concerning the progress of dissolution,
- and submitting a final report to presbytery.

The motion was made, seconded, and **VOTED APPROVED**.

A full copy of the Warrant will be attached to approved minutes.

Moderator Weaver and Stated Clerk Fitzgerald-Fye offered prayers for the Westminster Church and the commission as they move forward.

THE PEOPLE OF GOD DEPART

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer, charge, and benediction at 7:34 PM.

Minutes submitted and attested by:

Rev. Ben Fitzgerald-Fye, Stated Clerk