

**Warrant for an Administrative Commission  
of The Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse  
concerning  
the Taunton Memorial Presbyterian Church  
Zoom meeting - November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The Presbytery is given authority in our polity to: "...coordinate, guide, encourage, support, and resource the work of its congregations for the most effective witness to the broader community." (G-3.0303)

**The Session of the Taunton Memorial Presbyterian Church requests that an administrative commission be impaneled to discern and act on the request of the Taunton congregation to be dissolved.**

**Background:** Over the last few years, the Taunton church has faithfully sought how best to serve their congregation and the neighborhood. Despite this, their numbers have dwindled, and their ministry has fallen to a few. This request comes from the Session, with the congregation's concurrence to be established at a meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The last worship service of this congregation is planned for Easter 2021

**Motion:** The Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse form an Administrative Commission to approve the dissolution of the Taunton Memorial Presbyterian Church 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.

If requested by the Administrative Commission, The Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse shall secure Counsel for their work.

Rev. Karen Chamis, Resource Presbyter  
Rev. Ben Fitzgerald-Fye, Stated Clerk