

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery Docket

September 19, 2026 • Whitelaw Church: 3085 Whitelaw Rd W, Canastota, NY 13032 59 min

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Shavonn Lynch • Stated Clerk: Rev. Ben Fitzgerald-Fye

This will be a hybrid meeting occurring both in-person and online via the Zoom platform. Please note that we have a substantial amount of work to get done in our time together and the leaders and staff of the presbytery appreciate your punctuality and mindful review of material before the meeting. Any requests to be excused should be and prayer requests or inquiries you'd like to make before the meeting can be sent to statedclerk@cayugasyracuse.org by Sept 8 @ 9:00 PM. PLEASE NOTE: The documents for this meeting are linked in the document. Simply click the links and you get the document. THERE WILL BE AN OPTIONAL 90 MINUTE PRESENTATION BY REV. ASHLEY DETAR BIRT, SHALL WE PRACTICE JUBILEE, IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE STATED MEETING

9:30 AM GATHERING

10:00 AM GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD *Moderator*

- 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
- Welcome by Moderator
- Introduction of first-time ministers and elder commissioners
- Review of Voting Procedures: The moderator will determine the method of voting for this meeting

MOTION

Move to seat Rev Ashley DeTar Birt as a corresponding member with voice but not vote.

10:10 AM WORK OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD *Moderator*

- Approval of the Docket
- Approval of June Minutes
- Approval of July Special Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the Consent Agenda (the consent items are on the docket)

Documents:

- [June Minutes](#)
- [July Special Meeting Minutes](#)

10:15 AM EXAMINATION OF JAMES KORANTANG *COM*

10:25 AM WORSHIP

Worship will include the Ordination of James Korantang

Documents:

- [Celebrating the Ordination of Women](#)

11:10 AM CORD REPORT *Rev. Michael Hill*

MOTION

Move that the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse pay immigration costs for newly ordained Rev. James Korantang.

11:20 AM LEAD PRESBYTER REPORT *Rev. Greg Garis*

(written report included in meeting packet)

Asst. Lead Presbyter submitted written report in the informational items.

Documents:

- [Waiting, Witness, and The Way of Christ](#)
- [Lead Presbyter Report](#)

11:30 AM NOMINATING REPORT *Elder/CRE Lynn Jacques*

11:40 AM HONORING RETIREES *Rev. Mary Anderson et al*

11:50 AM FINANCE AND PROPERTY *Elder Victor Jenkins*

(written report included in meeting packet)

- First Read of 2027 Budget

Documents:

- [First Read Budget](#)

12:00 PM LUNCH *Food*

1:00 PM SOCIAL JUSTICE PRESENTATION AND REPORT *Rev. Monica Styron*

Welcome our guest Rev Ashley DeTar Birt

1:40 PM NOMINATING *Elder Lynn Jacques*

1:50 PM COMMISSIONING ELDERS TO SERVE COMMUNION *Rev. Mary Anderson*

(written report included in meeting packet)

Documents:

- [Elders Approved to Serve Communion](#)

2:05 PM COMMISSIONING RULING ELDER TO PASTORAL SERVICE *COM*

2:20 PM CLOSING PRAYER, ADJOURNMENT *Mod/Vice Mod*

FINANCIAL REPORTS RECEIVED

8-31-26 Balance Sheet — Treasurer

Documents:

- [8-31-26 Balance Sheet](#)

8-31-26 Budget vs Actuals — Treasurer

Documents:

- [8-31-26 Budget vs Actuals](#)

8-31-26 Statement of Activity — Treasurer

Documents:

- [8-31-26 Statement of Activity](#)

9-1-26 Per Capita Report — Treasurer

Documents:

- [9-1-26 Per Capita Report](#)

REPORTS RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

CPM Report — CPM

Report of the Asst. to Lead Presbyter — Rev. Mary Anderson

Documents:

- [Report of the Asst. to Lead Presbyter](#)

Focus and Coordination

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to appoint Rev. Karen Chamis to the Administrative Commission for Hannibal

MOTION

Finance and Property, along with the Administrative Commission for Hannibal, move that Rev. Karen Chamis be added to the commission to replace an existing vacancy.

Grant Funding Request

MOTION

From the Baldwinsville Church, "In 1958 the First Presbyterian Church of Baldwinsville started the Presbyterian Nursery School as a Mission for the community. This school for 3- and 4-year-olds has operated continuously (except for a short hiatus during Covid) for those many years and helped evaluate and socialize thousands of children. We are asking for \$10,000 from the Vanderkamp to replenish our Scholarship Fund. In the past we were able to provide partial or full scholarships for students whose families were unable to meet the growing cost of tuition. Scholarships were funded by donations from the church and individuals, by fundraising events, and by memorial gifts. With a very tight church budget and the current economic challenges for individual donors, we currently are unable to offer any tuition assistance for those families in need. Vanderkamp funds would enable the Presbyterian Nursery School to again offer scholarships to 3- and 4-year-olds of financially challenged families. The funding will help fulfill our Mission to include children from all backgrounds and enhance our service to the community." Finance and Property moves the approval of this funding as requested.

MOTION

Move that the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse adopt the consent agenda as distributed.