

**PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA-SYRACUSE**  
**Stated Meeting – June 9, 2020**  
via Zoom

**Requests to be excused**, as well as names of new elder commissioners and others should be sent to [statedclerk@cayugasyracuse.org](mailto:statedclerk@cayugasyracuse.org) by June 7.

Prayer requests can be emailed to [kchamis@cayugasyracuse.org](mailto:kchamis@cayugasyracuse.org).

Please note that those who may be unfamiliar or not quite comfortable with the Zoom platform are invited to login at between 6:30 PM and the start of the meeting. Ben and Karen will be logged in to field any technical questions, offer some guidance on useful functions, and provide any other support as needed. Also, there will be opportunities for technical help throughout the meeting; but, coming early to work through issues is requested.

**6:30 PM MEETING OPENS-TIME FOR LOGGING IN AND CHECKING TECH**

If you are unsure about the Zoom platform, please login in early for technical support.  
Karen Chamis and Ben Fitzgerald-Fye will be there to help.

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

Basic Instructions for Online Meetings  
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  
Seating of corresponding members  
Welcome of guests  
Good News from Congregations and Worshipping Communities

**7:15 PM WORSHIPPING TOGETHER**

**7: 25 PM WORK OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

Approval of the **DOCKET**

Approval of the **MINUTES** from the February 15, 2020 Stated Meeting held at First Presbyterian Church of Weedsport

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. Tom Oak

**Report from Leadership Team:** Lynn Jacques

- Written report included in the Consent Agenda
- Motions to allow for electronic meetings
  - *The Presbytery may meet by electronic means if all members have reasonable notice of the electronic meeting and the ability to discuss and vote on business items and that this provision be added as the fourth paragraph under Article V of the Bylaws.*
  - *Move to add the word “Presbytery” to Standing Rule 4.01 so that it reads, “Meetings of the Presbytery, the Leadership Team, Work Groups, Committees, and Commissions may be conducted by electronic means, providing there is opportunity for simultaneous aural communication and the usual standards for providing notice of the meeting are followed.*

**Report of the Resource Presbyter:** Rev. Karen Chamis (*written report in the Consent Agenda*)

**Report of Stated Clerk:** Rev. Ben Fitzgerald-Fye (*written report in the Consent Agenda*)

**Report of Associate Stated Clerk:** Elder Linda Russell (*Written Report in the Consent Agenda*)

7:45 PM     **Human Resources Work Group:** Rev. Lorrie Cooney and Elder Mark Kasdorf

- HR moves to dissolve the Associate Stated Clerk for Administration position and to merge the responsibilities of that position with those of the Stated Clerk effective June 9<sup>th</sup> and to approve the new job description for the position of Stated Clerk. Further, that Article IV of the Presbytery Bylaws and Articles 2.07 and 2.08 of the Standing Rules be amended to reflect this change.
  - *NOTE: The combined job description was included in the docket information.*
- HR moves to re-elect Rev. Ben Fitzgerald-Fye to a two year term as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse.

7:55 PM     **Recognition of Linda Russel’s Service**

8:05 PM     **Property and Finance Work Group:** Elder Bob Davenport, Gordon Howard, Elder Vic Jenkins

- Treasurer’s Report
- 2020 Presbytery Budget as of April 2020
- April 2020 Statement of Financial Position
- April 2020 Per Capita Report
- Finance and Property Chair Report (*included in Consent Agenda*)
- Vanderkamp ECA Report (*included in Consent Agenda*)
- Motions coming from Finance and Property Work Group:
  - *In view of the ECA/CNYPCC (Vanderkamp) board members’ actions to resign on April 17, and in view of the extenuating circumstances surrounding the status of Vanderkamp, and in view of the Leadership Team’s action on April 27, 2020 to appoint Robert Davenport and Victor Jenkins to the ECA and CNYPCC boards effective April 17, the Finance and Property Work Group moves that Presbytery hereby elect Robert Davenport and Victor Jenkins to three-year terms on the Ecumenical Camp Association board and the Central New York Presbyterian Conference Center effective beginning April 17, 2020.*

- *In view of the urgent need to establish adequate cash flow to meet the legal financial obligations of the Ecumenical Camp Association relative to Vanderkamp Center, the Finance and Property Work Group moves that the Presbytery approve expanding the use of the \$50,000 identified for the hiring of appropriate professional personnel to help Robert Davenport and Victor Jenkins resolve Vanderkamp issues to also include depositing monies into the ECA account, in collaboration with our two judicatory partners, in an effort to avoid potentially more costly and damaging liabilities in the months ahead. These monies would be handled as a loan to the ECA with the promise, secured in a legal note, that those monies would be recovered by Cayuga-Syracuse first before property assets are liquidated and distributed among the three partner judicatories.*

8: 20 PM    **Nominating Work Group:** Nancy Wind and/or Karen Green

Nominating moves that the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse approve the submitted slate of nominees:

**Moderator:**

Teaching Elder Stephanie Weaver, Robinson Elmwood - 2022

**Leadership Team:**

Ruling Elder Pearl Fischer, Isaiah's Table - 2023

**The following members of Leadership Team have offered to serve an additional 3 year term, and will also be in the class of 2023:**

Ruling Elder Lynn Jacques, East Syracuse

Teaching Elder Diane Monger, MAL

Teaching Elder James Moore, First Auburn

Ruling Elder Linda Van Buskirk, Scipioville

**COM Workgroup:**

Ruling Elder Cindy Clift, Robinson Elmwood

Teaching Elder Elizabeth Lyman, Pebble Hill

**Ruling Elder Gordie Howard** has agreed to serve an additional year as the Presbytery Treasurer.

**Synod Assembly:**

Ruling Elder Sharye Skinner, Cazenovia

**Chair of Nominating Committee:**

Teaching Elder Tom Oak, MAL

**Vice-Chair of Nominating Committee:**

Ruling Elder Linda Russell, Westminster, Auburn

This ends our term as co-chairs and members of the Nominating Committee.

8:35 PM    **Installation of Presbytery Moderator**

- Installation of new moderator
- Statement from the outgoing moderator

8:50 PM     **New/Other Business**

9:00 PM     **People of God depart**

Closing Prayer

Charge and Benediction

Adjournment

Go in Peace!