

Call for a Special Meeting of Presbytery on July 10, 2019

The moderator of the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse, the Rev. Tom Oak, has called for a **special meeting of the Presbytery, as has been properly requested by several different individuals, for Wednesday, July 10, 2019 beginning at 11:00 a.m.** at First Presbyterian Church of Liverpool (603 Tulip Street, Liverpool, NY 13088). The purpose of this meeting is:

1. **To examine** Benjamin Fitzgerald-Fye for ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament and, upon successful completion of the examination, request that Kiskiminetas Presbytery, Mr. Fitzgerald-Fye's presbytery of care, hold the ordination service for Mr. Fitzgerald-Fye.
2. **To examine** Benjamin Fitzgerald-Fye for membership in the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse pending his ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament in Kiskiminetas Presbytery on July 21, 2019.
3. **To approve** the call of First Presbyterian Church of Scipioville, Scipio Center, New York to Benjamin Fitzgerald-Fye as their pastor (75% time), pending his ordination, beginning August 1, 2019 at the following terms, and **to enroll** him as a member of the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse effective August 1, 2019:

Cash Salary	\$26,186
Housing Allowance	<u>\$11,223</u>
Effective Salary	\$37,409

Board of Pensions:

Medical	\$9,352
Pension, disability, death benefit	\$4,489
Social Security Offset	\$2,281
Medicare Offset	\$ 523
Travel (IRS rate)	\$1,500
Continuing Education	\$1,000
Pastor Business Expenses	\$ 350

Paid vacation leave of four weeks annually

Paid continuing education leave of two weeks annually (cumulative up to six weeks)

Moving expenses up to \$5,000 pursuant to itemized receipts

The congregational meeting was held on June 23, 2019 and was moderated by Rev. Lorrie Cooney. Two elders of the congregation, Linda Van Buskirk and Jeanne Hearst, will attest to the congregational meeting and the call of Benjamin Fitzgerald-Fye at the July 10, 2019 special meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Fitzgerald-Fye's Statement of Faith is attached to this notice.

4. If requested, **to authorize** the Leadership Team to set the date for the installation of Ben Fitzgerald-Fye, to appoint an Administrative Commission for that purpose, and to dismiss the Administrative Commission at the conclusion of the Service of Installation.

5. **To approve** the call of the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse to the Rev. Karen Chamis, of National Capital Presbytery, to undertake the office of Resource Presbyter of this Presbytery beginning August 12, 2019 at the following terms:

Cash Salary	\$54,000
Housing Allowance	<u>\$16,000</u>
Effective Salary:	\$70,000

Board of Pensions medical, pension, disability, and death benefit coverage \$25,900

Travel (IRS rate)	\$2,000
Continuing Education	\$1,000
Professional Expenses	\$2,500

Paid vacation leave of four weeks annually

Paid continuing education leave of two weeks annually (cumulative up to six weeks)

Moving expenses up to \$8,000 pursuant to itemized receipts

The Rev. Karen Chamis is recommended by the Resource Presbyter Search Committee and the Leadership Team which approved this recommendation at its meeting on June 24, 2019. Additional information about Karen is attached to this notice.

6. **To approve** the installation of the Rev. Karen Chamis as Resource Presbyter at the stated meeting of Presbytery on August 13, 2019 and **to receive** her as a member of the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse pending her transfer from National Capital Presbytery.

Attest: Linda S. Russell, Associate Stated Clerk