

Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery COM report
Presbytery meeting June 13, 2026

Greetings all, The COM has been trying to maintain relationships with all of the congregations in the Presbytery. We have a liaison for each worshipping community and we hope that you would be willing to take our phone call or email as we usually just want you know how you are doing. We have been trying to keep track of the terms of call, congregations that are in transition, and those folks who are searching both for new calls and new pastors. We are also looking for a new liaison for the clergy who are serving in validated ministries. There are a number of congregations that are in distress and have had no “full time” pastor for years. We are at the same time, looking at alternative ways to do worship so we can commission CLPs and allow retired clergy to do communion for our rural congregations. In the midst of all of these moving parts we are still serving our own congregations and worshipping communities. We celebrate as clergy retire and as congregations make tough choices to merge, close, or share leadership. We have had meetings with Luke Choi as the Board of Pensions changes the way they do business. We also have met with the folks from Susquehanna Valley and just recently did both of these things, with Luke joining us to discuss some changes to the Board of Pensions.

The COM has approved the CLP George Reed to be commissioned to the congregation in Mexico. Just a reminder that this needs to happen every three years as the contract stipulates. We are also looking at a relationship with Morrisville Church but that has hit a snag that we are all working through. If the way be clear, we are in conversation with Auburn First and Rev. Dr. Shavonn Lynch to enter into a temporary relationship where she would serve the congregation as pastor. Another gift was the Rev. Gyeong Kim who has served as a chaplain and is now wanting to pastor again.

Respectfully submitted,

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