

Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery COM Report
Presbytery Meeting May 18, 2024

Greetings weary travelers over the last several months the COM has been busy doing the normal items that are required. We are working to help the Congregations who are in transition. Those will be mentioned below. We would like to remove some of these bodies from this list, but the search process is difficult and is taking longer than in years past. Some congregations are on the list because they have been asking questions or working through some process or temporary relationships. The congregations who are searching and working through CLC are Auburn Westminster, Collamer/East Syracuse (until Eric is installed), Jamesville, Fayetteville, Pebble Hill, and Sennett. The other congregations are trying to figure out next steps or just maintaining the status quo. Auburn First, Aurora, Cazenovia, Chittenango, Fulton, Morrisville, New Hop/Parish, and Park Central. Last month we met with Luke Choi from the Board of Pensions to discuss the changes to the benefits program that will start in 2025. There are people who are willing to discuss the changes and how a congregation or Pastor might make the changes needed. Just a note doing nothing will cost you (the pastor) and your congregation much more money in the long run. Please talk to Luke (LChoi@pensions.org) and he will schedule a time to discuss. The Wonderlands, Ken and Susan who are working as interpreters for this program. We have been hearing reports from the AC at Chittenango and are very excited for the progress there. COM is looking for some help with a moderator for the Parish/New Hope congregation and a mentor for Eric Adamcik. We have asked several people and have heard only crickets. If you could help out, please let Shawn Reyburn know. We also approved an extension to the Auburn First church to allow them to keep a Session member for another year as they began their transition. We are trying to keep everything decent and in order. We ask that you share the information asked for when COM reaches out to you. We as a commission are required to interview candidates for pastoral roles, hold exit interviews, check on boundary training, and facilitate payment for continuing education events like EMI, sabbatical, terms of call, and transitional ministry. We also facilitate the process with CLC. We continue to be hopeful and prayerful for God's will to be done as the congregations who are searching seem to be close to the end. Thank you for everyone who participated in the examination of Eric, preparing him for ordination in his home Presbytery. We are praying and hoping that many of the congregations who are in transition would find a pastor with whom they can minister. We are working to comply with the

policy, bylaw, and new format that the Presbytery is implementing. It is our hope to become more proactive to the needs and concerns of the Presbytery as we continue to do the necessary work of COM.

Respectfully submitted, Shawn Reyburn