

THE PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA-SYRACUSE

Presbyterian Church (USA)

Stated Meeting

November 19, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Location: Zoom

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is on file in the Stated Clerk's files and available upon request.

CALL TO ORDER

A regular Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse was called to order at 6:02 PM on Wednesday November 19 2025 on the Zoom platform. Meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Michael Hill. The Moderator then welcomed commissioners and other participants. Good news from around our presbytery was shared.

Worship was held, including Scripture readings and reflection appropriate to Christ the King Sunday. The reflection addressed biblical cautions regarding authority, power, and allegiance, and set theological context for the work of the Presbytery.

WORK OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The voting procedures were reviewed.

The Stated Clerk declared a quorum in attendance.

The Docket for the meeting was approved.

The minutes from September 17, 2025 were approved.

MODERATOR'S REPORT

The moderator offered a brief report with updates and discussion of the work of the presbytery.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Presbytery policies are under review to ensure compliance with recent changes to the Book of Order.

The Stated Clerk reviewed deadlines related to submission of items for presbytery meetings and requests for docket time. It was emphasized that deadlines are firm. Items submitted after the stated deadline will not appear on the initial docket and must be added as new business during docket consideration.

The Stated Clerk acknowledged that deadline information had gone out later than intended and noted corrective steps being taken.

Written requests for dismissal had been received from the Rev. James Moore and the Rev. Banu Moore. Upon dismissal, they will be removed from presbytery rolls and will no longer be under PC(USA) jurisdiction.

Electronic CIFs will be distributed. Clerks of session were asked to provide updated email contacts if

needed.

Clerk requested a motion to form an Investigating Committee of three to five members and to empower the Stated Clerk to appoint its members. MOVED, SECONDED, and APPROVED

KOREA PEACE JOURNEY

Elder Linda Russell presented information regarding the Korea Peace Journey, including its purpose and ongoing advocacy efforts. No action was requested.

SYNOD UPDATE

Elder Linda Russell provided a report on Synod matters, including:

- Changes to Synod Assembly structure and representation
- Requirement that each presbytery submit one teaching elder and one ruling elder to serve as Synod Assembly commissioners
- Revised term lengths beginning October 2026
- Expectations regarding meeting frequency and service commitments
- Affirmation of the programmatic mission work of the Synod of the Northeast

The report included guidance for the Nominating Committee to plan accordingly. No action was requested.

COMBINED SOCIAL JUSTICE REPORT

Rev. Monica Styron presented the committee's report, including:

- Anti-racism education and advocacy
- Food insecurity initiatives and encouragement to support the Food Bank of Central New York
- Educational and advocacy initiatives related to Gaza and the West Bank
- Plans for future in-person education in 2026
- Introduction of an overture related to repudiating Christian nationalism

Discussion included concerns about preparation, constitutional and financial implications, and General Assembly submission deadlines.

Motion to postpone (table) consideration of concurrence until the next stated meeting.

The motion was seconded.

With no objection, the motion was approved by consensus.

FINANCE AND PROPERTY

• Treasurer's Reports:

The following reports were included in meeting materials and reviewed:

- August 31 Budget Report
- August 31 Statement of Activity
- August 31 Statement of Financial Position
- September 9 Per-Capita Report

The proposed 2026 budget was presented for final consideration. Motion made to approve the budget. APPROVED.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

The Commission on Ministry presented the proposed minimum terms of call.

Discussion included:

- Effective salary calculations
- Social Security offset
- Applicability to installed pastors
- Confirmation that presbytery lacks authority to retroactively override congregational approvals

No objections were raised.

The 2026 minimum terms of call were approved without objection.

COORDINATING COMMISSION

Elder/CRE Lynn Jacques presented the report.

- Benevolent Care Grants:
Total distribution: \$17,559.44
 - Amboy Bell Isle: \$200
 - Collamer United: \$500
 - Cazenovia: \$500
 - Health Tapestry: \$900
 - Memory Café: \$1,500
 - Transportation Project of Cayuga-Syracuse: \$2,109.44
 - Presbyterian Manor: \$4,750
 - Westminster Manor: \$5,600
 - Interfaith Works: \$2,000

The report was received as information.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Motion to elect Leigh Ann Herd to the Social Justice Committee.

HUMAN RESOURCES

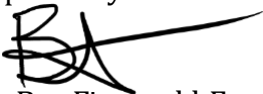
An informational update was provided. No action was requested.

CLOSING

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

With no objection, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:02 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:



Rev. Ben Fitzgerald-Fye, Stated Clerk