# MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA-SYRACUSE 22 MARCH 2011

# AT MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH MORRISVILLE, NEW YORK

The Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse held a stated meeting at the Morrisville Community Church, Morrisville, New York on March 22, 2011.

Two "open space" discussions were held beginning at 4 pm, prior to the opening of the meeting: Transitional Presbyter, Rev. Marianne Rhebergen, offered a brief presentation concerning the proposed New Form of Government. Elders Nancy Wind and Becky Krebs, and Rev. Garrett Anderson provided information about a new process for leader development, *Making Disciples*, *Making Leaders*.

The Rev. Janet Newman, Moderator, opened the meeting with prayer at 5:15 pm. A quorum was confirmed by the Stated Clerk, Elder David Sperling. Rev. Newman welcomed the gathering and asked for visitors and first time elders to be introduced.

Corresponding members were approved (see below), the docket was adopted as presented, and the Consent Agenda was approved (recorded below as individual items of business).

Attendance was taken by signing the roll, as follows:

Minister Members of Presbytery: Garrett Anderson, Lorrie Day Anderson, N. Scott Cupp, Linda Even, Robert French, Karen Green, Bill Grossman, Stuart Hayes, Betty Jones, Robert Langston, Craig Lindsey, Roger Martin, Tracie Martin, Bob Masciola, Andrew Mctyre, Sarah Mctyre, David Nethercott, Janet Newman, Gerald Platz, Elizabeth Quick, Marianne Rhebergen, Howard Rose, Harold Sanderson, Jerald Shave, Pete Shidemantle, Harvey Sindima, Caroline Simmons, Saunda Thomas, Steve Thomas, Ed Thornburg.

**Commissioned Lay Pastors:** Donna Chapman (Whitelaw)

Elders Elected by Session: Patricia Milliman (Amboy Belle Isle), Jean Harshaw (Baldwinsville), Roseanne Courtade (Cazenovia), Doris Gorman (Dewitt), Beth Krauss (Fayetteville), Rita Hooper (Fulton), Neil Rotach (King Ferry), Knowlton Foote (Lafayette), Domenick Patti, (Marcellus), Sylvia Mckinnon (Morrisville), William Haase (Northminster) (Northminster), Scott Kelso (Onondaga Hill), Leslie King (Oswego), Pat Bardwell (Otisco), Lillian Harter (Parish-Hastings), Barbara Adams (Scipioville), John Covell (Skaneateles), Judy Gelston (Skaneateles), Jay King (Elmwood, Syracuse), Carola Shave (First, Syracuse), Carol Heimburg (Onondaga Valley), Wynetta Devore (Park Central, Syracuse), William Smith (Weedsport), Marge Palmer (Whitelaw).

Elder Members of Council: Roberta Richardson, Neil Rotach, Marcia Vair, David Sperling

Certified/Employed Christian Educators: Leigh Anne Herd, Nancy Wind

Presbytery approved the following minister and elders as corresponding members (with voice): William Haase (Northminster), Ruth Haase (Northminster), Mary Lou Guindon (Parish-

Hastings), Karen Fay (Liverpool), Linda Stewart (Liverpool), Carola Shave (First Presbyterian Church United), Linda Graves (Northminster)

**Youth delegates active in congregations (voice only):** Hannah Murphy, Emily Soder, Breezy Robbins, Matt Pond – Baldwinsville Confirmation Class.

**Visitors**: Mary Anderson (Liverpool), LarScenia Thomas (Dewitt), James Davis (Vanderkamp), Maggie Carter (FPCU), Sandra Yingling (Park Central), Lynn Carman (Park Central)

**Inquirers/Candidates:** None

**Attendance Summary:** There were 30 ministers, 1 commissioned lay pastor, 24 elder commissioners, 4 elder council members, 2 voting Christian educators, educators, 0 Administrative Personnel Association, 4 Youth delegate, 7 Corresponding members, 0 Inquirer/Candidate, and 7 visitors. Nine of our 40 congregations had neither an elder or minister present.

Ministers absent without excuse from meeting: Harold Abram, Brigid Boyle, George DeMass, Thomas Drake, Robert Herst, Clarice Martin, Jon Regier, Neil Strong, and Eileen Winter.

Churches not represented by an elder commissioner: First, Auburn, Westminster, Auburn, Aurora, Chittenango, Collamer, East Syracuse, Hannibal, Jamesville, Port Byron, Syr. Robinson, Syr. South, Taunton.

The Moderator, on behalf of the Presbytery, offered thanks to the Morrisville Community Church. The Rev. Saunda Thomas welcomed the Presbytery on behalf of the congregation.

# <u>NOMINATIONS</u>

Nominations, as proposed by the Presbytery Council, were put forward by Council Chairperson Elder Roberta Richardson. After calling for additional nominations from the floor, the following nominations were approved by voice vote.

Vice-Moderator 2011 Rev. Steven R. Thomas, Jr.

Committee on Ministry Rev. Lorrie Day Anson, class of 2013

Congregational Ministries Elder Becky Krebs (Liverpool), 2013

Preparation Elder Mary Lou Koenig (Pebble Hill), 2013

for Ministry Elder Lois Hood (Whitelaw), 2013

Overtures & Records Rev. Jerry Shave, class of 2013

Elder Myrna Sullivan (FPCU, Syr), 2013 Elder Linda Stewart (Liverpool), 2013

Funding Review Elder Donna Pair (Pebble Hill), 2013

Rev. Edgar Thornburg (for the Trustees), 2012

Ecumenical Camp Elder Patrick Carrigan (Onondaga Hill), 2013

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## 2011 Committee Chairpersons:

Congregational Ministries Rev. Karen Green & Elder Nancy Wind (FPCU, Syr)

Overtures and Records Rev. Sandy Sanderson Preparation for Ministry Rev. Stuart Hayes

Trustees Elder Jean Harshaw (FPC, Baldwinsville)

Following election, Moderator Newman installed the new Presbytery officers, Vice Moderator Rev. Dr. Steven R. Thomas and Stated Clerk, Elder Dr. David W. Sperling.

The worship service followed with the sermon being presented by the Rev. David Nethercott. Rev. Nethercott based his sermon, "A Time of Transition," on I Corinthians 4:1-5 and Matthew 7:1-5. He called upon those present to be less critical and more reflective as we move though this period of transition in the life of the presbytery.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Presbytery approved the following items on the consent agenda with no exceptions:

The **Minutes of the January 22, 2011** stated meeting of the Presbytery at the First Presbyterian Church of Skaneateles were approved.

### The Committee on Ministry reported:

- Meeting with the Pastor Nominating Committee of Columbian Presbyterian Church, LaFayette on March 12, 2011.
- Meeting with Rev. Linda Schwab and Rev. Margaret Flowers, ministers of the Free Methodist Church (with which the PCUSA is "in correspondence" according to G-15.0201) who request permission to serve in the capacity of temporary supply for churches of our Presbytery. After examination of resumes, faith statements, and interviews with a team of four from the Committee, this request was approved.
- Approved a one-year contract for service as Stated Supply Pastor to Taunton Memorial Presbyterian Church, Syracuse, with Rev. Harold B. Sanderson.
- Approved a one-year contract for service as Stated Supply to Amboy Belle Isle United Church, Syracuse, with Rev. Betty Jones.

The **Presbytery Council** reported no other action items to present to the Presbytery. Copies of the Minutes of their meetings on February 1, 2011 (final) and March 1, 2011 (draft) were distributed to the Presbytery.

The Council announced that the following arrangements have been confirmed for the May and June meetings:

Sunday, May 22, 2011 Stated Meeting to be held at Park Central Presbyterian, Syracuse

3 to 8 pm Focus: Presentation and discussion of proposed vision

Sunday, June 12, 2011 Special Meeting to be held at Marcellus Park, Marcellus

Time: to be announced Pentecost Worship with GA Moderator Bolbach preaching

Following recess for dinner at 6:15 pm, the Presbytery reassembled at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall with prayer led by Moderator Rev. Janet Newman.

# SHARING OF GOOD NEWS—Latin American Mission Project (LAMP)

Elder Sandi Yingling, Park Central Presbyterian Church, presented a brief report concerning the work accomplished by a work group from LAMP (Latin American Mission Project Ministry and Mission Team) who traveled to Compeche, Mexico earlier in the month. A DVD presentation was unable to be shown due to technical difficulties, but will be shown at the next Presbytery meeting.

# **OVERTURES AND RECORDS**

The moderator called on the Rev. Harold Sanderson, chairperson of the **Overture and Records Committee**, to introduce Amendment 10-1, the proposed New Form of Government. Moderator Newman then opened the floor to discussion of the new form of government (nFOG).

After a period of discussion, a motion was made and seconded to vote in favor of approving nFOG. A voice vote was taken and the motion was strongly carried. Moderator Newman offered a prayer of thankgiving for the approval of nFOG.

#### PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

The Moderator called on Elder Bert Richardson, Council chairperson, to present the second half of the Council's report.

Elder Richardson introduced Linda Graves, a member of the board of **Vanderkamp**, who spoke briefly about Vanderkamp activities, past, present and future. Linda's comments were followed by the introduction of the new Director of Program and Marketing, James Davis. James then introduced himself to the gathering and described his background and plans for the coming summer for Vanderkamp.

Elder Richardson called on Elder Wynetta Devore, Park Central Presbyterian Church, who reported briefly for the **Transition Team**. She indicated that the Team was beginning to prepare its final report to the Presbytery Council, which will be discussed by the Council on May 3 and presented to the Presbytery for discussion at the May stated meeting on May 22.

The Moderator reminded the Presbytery that a Special Meeting of the Presbytery has been called for Sunday, June 12 for the purpose of a special Pentecost worship service and a visit with the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Moderator Elder Cynthia Bolbach.

# **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Moderator Newman then called upon Elder Jean Harshaw (First Presbyterian Church of Baldwinsville) to present the report of the **Board of Trustees.** She introduced Elder Mark Peters (Cazenovia), Presbytery Treasurer, to present and discuss the financial reports for 2010:

Congregational *per capita*, mission, special offerings, and selective giving through December 31, 2010. See Attachment A.

2010 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual for the Presbytery through December 31, 2010. See Attachment B.

The good news was that *per capita* payments were up from the previous year and that the equity accounts of the Presbytery had continued to increase as the stock market continued to recover from its 2007/2008 collapse. However, the increases were less accentuated than in 2009. Overall, Presbytery assets decreased by \$31,853.95 or 4.7% in 2010, largely due to the final pay out of the severance package for the former Executive Presbyter.

# **STATED CLERK**

The Stated Clerk noted that the annual statistical reports were in and that the help of the Clerks of Session in completing this project was gratefully appreciated.

## TRANSITIONAL PRESBYTER

Transitional Presbyter, Rev. Dr. Marianne Rhebergen, thanked to the Morrisville congregation for fine job of hosting the meeting and providing a superb supper. Also, all participants were invited to take copies of the new 2011 Presbytery Directory.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no new business, the Moderator called for a motion to adjourn, which was passed unanimously. The Rev. Janet Newman closed the meeting with prayer at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elder David Sperling, Stated Clerk