

**MINUTES OF
THE PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA-SYRACUSE**

The Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse held a special meeting at Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church, DeWitt, on Tuesday, July 22, 2014. The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Moderator, teaching elder Harold “Sandy” Sanderson, at 6:00 p.m., who opened with prayer. The Presbytery then was led with worship by teaching elder Pete Shidemantle, the host pastor.

The Vice-Moderator called on the Stated Clerk/Communicator, who attested that a quorum was present.

The call to the meeting was read by the Stated Clerk, teaching elder Steve Plank:

At the request of the Committee on Ministry, the Moderator of Presbytery, teaching elder Stuart Hayes, calls for a special meeting of the Presbytery to take place on Tuesday, July 22, at 6:00 p.m., at Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church in DeWitt. The purpose of the meeting shall be:

1. To temporarily set aside Standing Rule 6.32, which states “Examination of Candidates for Ordination shall be done by the Presbytery at one of the two regular Presbytery meetings annually.”
2. If the Presbytery acts to approve item #1, to proceed to examine Ms. Lorrie Cooney for ordination as a teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and to approve her call to serve part-time as the Pastor of New Hope Presbyterian Church in Parish, NY.
3. Any other items related to the above.
4. Hear reports from our commissioners to General Assembly.

Attest: Steven W. Plank, Stated Clerk

It was moved and seconded that the Presbytery temporarily set aside Standing Rule 6.32, which states “Examination of Candidates for Ordination shall be done by the Presbytery at one of the two regular Presbytery meetings annually. After discussion, the motion was approved by the required majority.

Ms. Cooney then was introduced to the Presbytery, and she presented a brief biographical sketch. The Presbytery then proceeded to examine her for ordination. After answering several questions, the Presbytery arrested the examination, and the candidate was excused during the deliberations. It was moved and seconded to approve Lorrie Cooney for ordination as a teaching elder of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). During the discussion, teaching elder Bill Grossman attested that Carlisle Presbytery, where she is a candidate under care, has certified her ready to receive a call, and we have received their paperwork. After discussion, the motion was approved. It then was moved and seconded to allow Ms. Cooney to work with the Moderator, Stated Clerk, and Leadership Team to set the details of the date and time for her ordination, and to name the Administrative Commission to ordain her. After discussion, the motion was approved.

The Committee on Ministry then presented Ms. Cooney’s contract to serve New Hope Presbyterian Church in Parish, NY, and moved its approval, as follows:

The contract is between the Session of New Hope Presbyterian Church of Parish, New York and Ms. Lorrie Cooney, for her to serve as their Designated Pastor. Her responsibilities shall include:

1. Conduct worship services
2. Provide hospital and emergency visitations
3. Conduct funerals, weddings, and baptisms
4. Moderate Session meetings
5. Provide individual pastoral counseling upon request
6. Support New Beginnings efforts as resource person
7. Participate in community ecumenical services.

The minister will seek to nurture the spiritual, communal and fiscal well being of the congregation, develop leadership, and support the mission commitments and mission study process of the congregation.

The minister will be accountable to the Session and the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse through its Committee on Ministry. It is understood that should the minister have difficulties with any former pastor of the congregation, the minister will refer the matter promptly to the COM.

This agreement is for a period of two years and six months, to begin July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016. The terms of this agreement may be modified with the written agreement of the minister, the Session, and the COM. Any party to the agreement may terminate the contract with two months written notice to the other parties.

The Session agrees that the terms of this agreement will meet or exceed the compensation and benefits guidelines of the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse, as they may from time to time be amended.

The Session agrees to employ the minister as a Designated Pastor on a part-time, 25% basis, according to the following terms:

Cash Salary	\$12,000.00 per year
Effective Salary	\$12,000.00 per year
Professional expenses	as billed
Continuing education	as billed by prior agreement
Social Security offset	\$900.00
Mileage per work day	as claimed at \$0.565/mile (or current IRS rate)
Study leave	2 weeks/year
Vacation	4 weeks/year

As this is a quarter-time position, the church is not obligated to and will not participate in the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the associated benefits plan.

COM will annually review the effectiveness of the Designated Pastor relationship.

Upon the joint request of the Session and minister in the form of a new proposed contract, and after satisfying itself as the pastoral effectiveness of the minister, COM may reappoint minister to the Designated Pastor relationship for a term of up to four years.

If the minister is not employed on the date of termination of this contract, neither the Session nor the Presbytery shall have any responsibility to continue payment of compensation of benefits.

The Committee on Ministry affirms that the Session followed AA/EEO guidelines in the search for this person. After discussion, the Presbytery approved the motion.

The Presbytery recessed for a shared potluck supper.

After reconvening, the Presbytery heard brief reports from our commissioners to General Assembly this past June in Detroit: teaching elder Tracie Martin and ruling elder Jill Fandrich.

The purpose of the meeting having been accomplished, the meeting was adjourned, with the Moderator offering a closing prayer.

Steven W. Plank
Stated Clerk/Communicator

Roll –

Teaching elders present: Peter Anderson, Mario Bolivar, Beth DuBois, Bob French, Bill Grossman, Yong Ju Jee, Roger Martin, Tracie Martin, Andrew McTyre, Sarah McTyre, Steve Plank, Howard Rose, Sandy Sanderson, Pete Shidemantle, Saunda Thomas, Steve Thomas, Kathleen Waters, Barbara Wright

Commissioned Ruling Elders present: Gail Banks

Ruling elder commissioners present:

Amboy Belle Isle – Robert Armstrong
Auburn, Westminster – Jill Fandrich
Baldwinsville – Jean Harshaw
Cazenovia – Chris Jenner
DeWitt, Pebble Hill – Christian Imboden
East Syracuse – Lynn Jacques
Scipioville – Jeanne Herst
Syracuse, Isaiah’s Table – Karen Wolff
Syracuse, Park Central – Wynetta Devore
Fulton – Rita Hooper
King Ferry – Neil Rotach
Otisco – Gordon Howard
Parish, New Hope – Julie Raner

Leadership Team ruling elders present: Charlie Smith, Jeff Raner

Total present and eligible to vote:

Teaching elders	18
Commissioned Ruling Elders	1
Ruling elder commissioners	13
Leadership Team ruling elders	2

