

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA-SYRACUSE
21 JULY 2011
AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH UNITED
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK**

The Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse held a called meeting in Hudson Hall at First Presbyterian Church United, Syracuse, New York on Thursday, July 21, 2011.

The Moderator, Rev. Janet Newman, opened the meeting with a reading from Scripture and prayer at 4 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) and the docket was adopted as presented in the call for the meeting.

Attendance was taken by signing the roll, as follows:

Minister Members of Presbytery: Garrett Anderson, Earl B. Arnold, N. Scott Cupp, Robert French, Bill Grossman, Stuart Hayes, Yong Ju Jee, Betty Jones, Craig Lindsey, Roger Martin, Tracie Martin, Andrew McTyre, Sarah McTyre, Janet Newman, Marianne Rhebergen, Howard Rose, Harold Sanderson, Jerald Shave, Caroline Simmons, Neil Strong, Debra Thomas, Steve Thomas, Edgar Thornburg, Kathleen Waters.

Commissioned Lay Pastors: Donna Chapman (Whitelaw).

Elders Elected by Sessions: Patricia Milliman (Amboy Belle Isle), Jean Harshaw (Baldwinsville), Neil Rotach (King Ferry), Tim Fay (Liverpool), Lillian Harter (Parish-Hastings), David Graham (Skaneateles), Mary Ellen Brzozowski (Elmwood, Syracuse), Nita Cleland (First Presbyterian Church United, Syracuse), Sandra Kreplin (Weedsport).

Elders Appointed by Council: Roberta Richardson (Northminster), David Sperling (Stated Clerk), Marcia Vair (Morrisville).

Certified/Employed Christian Educators: Nancy Wind (First Presbyterian Church United, Syracuse).

Administrative Personnel Association: None

Presbytery approved the following minister and elders as corresponding members (with voice): Elder Charlie Smith (Marcellus), Elder Linda Stewart (Liverpool), Elder Robert M. Armstrong (Amboy Belle Isle), Elder Clayton Koontz (Northminster).

Youth delegates active in congregations (voice only): Ana Waters (Onondaga Valley, Syracuse).

Visitors: Jayne Salomore, Jerry Stewart (Liverpool), Peter and Mary Lou Koenig (DeWitt).

Inquirers/Candidates: Candidate Kathleen Dain (Park Central, Syracuse), and Inquirer Sue Jee (Korean, Syracuse).

Attendance Summary: There were twenty-four Ministers, one Commissioned Lay Pastor, nine elder Commissioners, three elder Council Members/appointed Commissioners, one Christian educator, one Youth Delegate, six Corresponding Members, one Inquirer/Candidate, and four Visitors. Seventeen of our forty congregations had neither an elder or minister present.

Ministers absent without excuse from meeting: Susan Alloway, Mary Anderson, Lorrie Day Anson, George DeMass, Thomas Drake, Robert Godbout, Robert Herst, Robert Langton, Clarice Martin, Bob Masciola, Gerald Platz, Elizabeth Quick, Peter Shidemantle, Harvey Sindima, Phil Windsor, and Eileen Winter.

Churches not represented by an elder commissioner: First, Auburn; Westminster, Auburn; Aurora; Cazenovia; Chittenango; Collamer; DeWitt; East Syracuse; Fayetteville; Fulton; Hannibal; Jamesville; Lafayette; Marcellus; Mexico; Morrisville; Northminster; Onondaga Hill; Oswego; Otisco; Port Byron; Scipioville; Sennett; Korean, Syracuse; Onondaga Valley, Syracuse; Park Central, Syracuse; Taunton; Westminster, Syracuse; and Whitelaw.

The Moderator called on Rev. Stuart Hayes to give the report of the **Committee on Preparation for Ministry** on the completion of ordination trials by Kathleen Dain. In keeping with permission granted by the Presbytery at its stated meeting on May 22, 2011, the Committee satisfactorily examined Ms. Dain by “alternative means” in the areas of theological competency, worship and sacraments, and polity on May 25 and 26, 2011. At their next regular committee meeting on June 15, 2011, a motion was unanimously approved to certify that Kathleen Dain has fulfilled the requirements of G-14.0405 and was ready to receive a call.

When the report was finished, Rev Hayes introduced Kathleen Dain, who thanked the Presbytery for their support and love during the time she spent as a candidate for the ministry.

Rev. William Grossman then reported for the **Committee on Ministry** that the committee was in receipt of a call to Ms. Dain by the Presbytery of Lake Michigan. Therefore, Rev. Grossman made a motion that an Administrative Commission be appointed to ordain Kathleen Dain as a Teaching Elder on August 21, 2011 at Park Central Presbyterian Church and that Rev Dain would then be dismissed to the Presbytery of Lake Michigan. The Commission will consist of: Rev. Stuart Hayes, Rev. Andrew McTyre, Rev. Lorrie Day Anson, Moderator Rev. Janet Newman; Elder Margaret Charters (Park Central PC, Syracuse), Elder Jean Harshaw (First Presbyterian Church, Baldwinsville). Rev. Philip Beck of Pittsburgh Presbytery will be invited to serve on the Commission as a Corresponding Member.

The motion was approved on a unanimous vote.

Moderator Newman then called on Elder Roberta Richardson to present the report of the **Presbytery Council**.

- Elder Richardson placed the following names in nomination:

Elder Victor Jenkins (First Presbyterian Church, Baldwinsville) to the Committee on Ministry (2013); Travis Lomberk (Jamesville Community Church) as Youth Advisory Delegate to the Synod (2011).

The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, the presbytery voted to approve the nominations as presented by the Council.

- On recommendation of the Presbytery Council, Elder Richardson placed the following motion concerning adoption of the former *Form of Government* as a manual of operations for the Presbytery until superseded by a new Manual:

“With respect to any matter that the new Form of Government leaves to be set as policy at the direction of the Presbytery, which was formerly included as part of the 2009-2011 Form of Government as amended by the 219th General Assembly (2010), that matter is temporarily adopted as Presbytery policy until December 31, 2012 or until superseded by further action of the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse.”

The motion was carried unanimously.

- At the request of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church United of Syracuse and on recommendation of the Presbytery Council, Elder Richardson moved that an Administrative Commission be appointed to work with the Session and Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church United. The text of the Charge for the Administrative Commission is included in these minutes as Attachment A.

The following ministers and elders were nominated to serve on the Commission:

Rev. Roger Martin, to serve as Chairperson (Faith United, Oswego)
Elder Clayton Koontz (Northminster Presbyterian Church, N Syracuse)
Rev. Linda Even (United Church of Fayetteville)
Elder David Graham (First Presbyterian Church, Skaneateles)
Elder Mary Lou Koenig (Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church, DeWitt)
Rev. Neil Strong (Port Byron Federated Church)
Elder Daniel Thomas (First Presbyterian Church, Weedsport)

Following an opportunity for discussion, the motion was passed. Rev. Rodger Martin briefly addressed the Presbytery.

There being no other business, the Moderator thanked everyone for participating in the meeting on such a hot day and called for a motion to adjourn.

The meeting was closed by prayer and adjourned at 4:21 PM by Rev. Janet Newman, Moderator.