



# MEMORANDUM

To: Commissioners to the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse  
From: Larry J Beasley, Stated Clerk  
CC: NONE  
Date: May 12, 2018  
Subject: Report of the Stated Clerk

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## **Correspondence Since February Meeting**

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### *Inbound*

Brotherhood Mutual. (received 2/26/18.) Commercial Multi-Peril Insurance Coverage Summary.

Presbyterian Manor. (received 2/26/18.) Thank you note from Deb McLearn for Benevolent Care Grant.

Onondaga Hill Presbyterian Church. (2/2/18.) Thank you letter from Samuel Dance for grant to assist Mission Group Workcamps, June 2018.

Transportation Project for Cayuga County. (2/1/18.) Thank you letter from Sue Van Epps for grant to purchase new van.

InterFaith Works. (2/13/18.) Thank you letter from Lori Klivak for Mission Initiatives grant.

Westminster Manor. (2/12/18.) Thank you letter from Rebekah for Benevolent Care Grant.

Presbyterian Investment Loan Program. (4/9/18.) Copy of letter to Onondaga Hill Presbyterian Church re: Note #12068203 Special Extension Fund #682 granting approval for interest rate adjustment. From Judy Walton, Director of Credit Operations.

Presbyterian Mission. (3/5/18.) Letter from April Davenport regarding availability of restricted funds opportunities.

### *Outbound*

Overture Concurrence. Concurrence with Overture 010, *On Responding to the Current Syrian Crisis—From the Presbytery of the Cascades*. Submitted to Kay Moore, OGA, Wed 2/28/2018 3:21 PM

## **Minister Identification Cards**

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Cards for ministers and commissioned ruling elders/lay pastors for 2018 are available upon request.

## **2017 Annual Reports to General Assembly**

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Session Annual Statistical Report. At the close of the reporting season for the *Session Annual Statistical Report*, OGA records show that 34 of 37 sessions successfully completed their report for 2017. This represents a completion rate of 92%.

Year-End Presbytery Forms. The 2017 *Minister Summary* and *Church Summary* reports were submitted to the OGA by Steve Plank prior to his retirement. I submitted the 2017 *MGB Cost Form* and 2017 *Misc Form* to Kris Valerius, Friday 3/2/18, 9:50 AM.

The 2017 *Presbytery Report* for the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse is included as *Appendix A* of this memorandum.

The report shows that the congregations of the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse experienced gains of 119 and losses of 292 in 2017. Total membership fell from 4,030 to 3,857, a net loss of 173 or 4.3%.

Presbytery Minutes Review. The Stated Clerks of the Synod of the Northeast met at the CNY Presbyteries Network/COM Network Spring Gathering on April 12-14. The minutes of stated meetings of the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse for 2017 were reviewed and approved with one exception: Bill and Penny James were seated as Corresponding Members at the August 15 meeting; the bylaws state that corresponding membership is limited to Ministers of Word and Sacrament.

Steve Plank still needs to sign the minutes from each meeting to officially attest. We are making arrangements to meet for this purpose.

## Report of Numerical Parity

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One of the key principles of Presbyterian church polity is to have equal numbers of ministers and elders in all councils above the session. For this reason, I am required to report annually to Presbytery any imbalance between the number of ministers on the roll of Presbytery and the number of elders who are entitled to vote at Presbytery meetings, so that adjustments can be made if necessary to maintain the parity of ministers and elder commissioners at Presbytery meetings (G-3.0301). The following are the numbers of which we need to be aware in this matter (as of May 2018), based on the Presbytery's policy for the Annual Equalization of Presbyters:

One elder commissioner from each congregation	= 37
One elder commissioner from Isaiah's Table	= 1
Elder members of Leadership Team	= 6
Elder members who chair Nominating or PJC	= 0
Elder officers of Presbytery	= 4
Commissioned Lay Pastors	= 2
Additional elder commissioners from churches with additional ministers on staff:	
Skaneateles (1), Park Central (2), Marcellus (1)	= 4
Additional ruling elder commissioners from churches with membership between 176-400:	
Westminster-Auburn, Baldwinsville, Cazenovia, DeWitt, Robinson Elmwood	= 5
Additional ruling elder commissioners from churches with membership of 401 or more: Skaneateles	= 2
<b>Total elder commissioners</b>	<b>= 61</b>
Ministers in installed pastoral relationships	= 19
Ministers in specialized ministries	= 2
Ministers in temporary ministries	= 6
Minister members-at-large	= 7
Retired minister members	= 31
Temporary members of Presbytery	= 8

**Total minister members** = 73

Since the number of minister members is more than the number of eligible elder commissioners, our Presbyter's policy states that the "requisite number will be filled by asking sessions of churches to elect additional commissioners, rotating among the congregations in alphabetical order." As a result, I will notify the following twelve (12) sessions/boards that they are eligible to send one additional elder commissioner to Presbytery meetings through the 2019 Annual Meeting of Presbytery: Onondaga Hill, Parish-New Hope, Port Byron, Scipioville, Sennett, Skaneateles, Syracuse-Korean, Syracuse-Park Central, Syracuse-Robinson Elmwood, Syracuse-South Valley, Syracuse-Westminster, Taunton.

### **Location of Stored Minutes**

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It is required that the location of stored minutes be reported at each annual meeting of the Presbytery. The Presbyterian Historical Society has the following minutes on deposit from the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse:

- Middle Association (Presbytery) Records of Ministers and Churches on the Military Tract and its vicinity – 1 volume, from May 29, 1804 to September 5, 1810. (Note: The Middle Association united with the Presbytery of Geneva to form the Presbytery of Cayuga on October 4, 1810)
- Presbytery of Cayuga – 16 volumes of minutes, from 1811-1955
- Presbytery of Syracuse – 5 volumes of minutes, from 1887-1892, 1906-1909, 1927-1956
- Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse – 4 volumes of minutes, from 1961-1968, 1989-2000 1961-1968, 1989-2000

The Presbytery has bound books of copies of its minutes stored in the Presbytery's storage room at the offices of the Synod of the Northeast, as follows:

- September 24, 1968 – April 30, 1974
- June 10, 1974 – March 31, 1979
- June 19, 1979 – January 28, 1984
- March 20, 1984 – November 12, 1988
- January 21, 1989 – November 16, 1993
- January 22, 1994 – September 23, 1997
- November 25, 1997 – November 28, 2000

The Presbytery has the following minutes stored in the Stated Clerk's office:

- January 27, 2001 – November 17, 2009 (archival boxes)
- January 23, 2010 – January 21, 2012 (bound books)
- March 27, 2012 – November 4, 2017 (archival boxes)

### **Permanent Judicial Commission**

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It is required that the names of former members of the Permanent Judicial Commission whose terms have expired within the last six years (arranged alphabetically within classes, beginning with the most recent class) be reported at the annual meeting:

- Class of 2017: the Revs. Andrew McTyre and Kathleen Waters, elder Fred Marty (Park Central)
- Class of 2015: the Rev. Karen Dimon, elder Edward Fauler (Liverpool)
- Class of 2013: the Rev. Harold Abram, elder Norman Hatt (Fayetteville)

**Appendix A:**



**Presbytery**  
**Report**  
**2017**

<b>Presbytery Number</b>	180108
<b>Name</b>	Cayuga-Syracuse
<b>Address</b>	5811 Heritage Landing Dr
<b>City/State</b>	East Syracuse, NY 13057
<b>Phone</b>	315-632-5698
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:statedclerk@cayugasyracuse.org">statedclerk@cayugasyracuse.org</a>
<b>Web Site</b>	<a href="http://www.cayugasyracuse.org/">www.cayugasyracuse.org/</a>
<b>Fax</b>	

<b>Membership</b>			
Prior Active Members	4030		
<b>Gains</b>		<b>Losses</b>	
17 & Under	30	Certified	51
18 & Over	58	Deaths	111
Certified	18	Other	130
Other	13		
<b>Total Gains</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>292</b>

<b>Total Active Members</b>	<b>3857</b>
Baptized	268
Other Participants	190
Total Adherents	4301
Female Members	2213

<b>Average Attendance</b>	<b>1504</b>
<b>Affiliate Members</b>	<b>18</b>

<b>Baptisms</b>		<b>Officers</b>	
Child Baptisms	46	Male Session	105
Adult Baptisms	7	Female Session	135
		Male Deacons	56
		Female Deacons	151

<b>Age Distribution of Active Members</b>		<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
25 & Under	309	123	148
26 - 45	519	198	235
46 - 55	515	184	266
56 - 65	647	229	352
Over 65	1251	427	668

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<b>Total Distribution</b>	<b>3241</b>	<b>1161</b>	<b>1669</b>		
<b>People with Disabilities</b>					
Hearing	189				
Sight	54				
Mobility	163				
Other	44				
<b>Christian Education</b>					
Birth 3	94		Grade 7	22	
Age 4	112		Grade 8	17	
Kindergarten	29		Grade 9	25	
Grade 1	32		Grade 10	16	
Grade 2	33		Grade 11	23	
Grade 3	34		Grade 12	13	
Grade 4	39		Young Adults	57	
Grade 5	22		Over 25	205	
Grade 6	34		Teachers/Officers	109	
<b>Total</b>	<b>916</b>				
<b>Racial Ethnic Breakdown</b>					
	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deacons</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
Asian	102	3	11	46	56
Black	10	1	1	6	4
African American	19	2	4	6	9
African	4	0	0	1	3
Middle Eastern	6	1	0	3	3
Hispanic	10	1	0	3	3
Native American	2	0	0	0	2
White	3273	187	157	886	1339
Other	2	0	0	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3428</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>1419</b>
<b>Potential Giving Units</b>					
	1,650				
<b>Budgeted Income</b>					
	4,607,460				
<b>Budgeted Expense</b>					
	5,045,915				
<b>Receipts</b>					
Regular Contributions	3,429,781	Bequests	135,273		
Capital Building Fund	214,992	Other Income	699,921		
Investment Income	982,006	Subsidy or Aid	13,976		
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Local Program	3,410,149	Per Capital Apprt	123,384		
Local Mission	201,389	Validated Mission	106,679		
Capital Expenditures	340,700	Theological Fund	1,818		
Investment Expenditures	150,828	Other Mission	94,148		
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