

**Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley Called Assembly**  
**Approved Minutes of Assembly, Saturday, September 29, 2018**  
**First Presbyterian Church of Unadilla, 156 Main Street, Unadilla, NY, 13849**

The Presbytery gathered for worship.

The Rev. LaDana Clark gave the message.

The Rev. Paul E. C. Hamilton officiated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

**Moderator Robert Peak** (First Pres. JC) called the meeting to order with prayer at 10:34 AM.

Co-Clerk Chris Burger was declared parliamentarian for the day.

Introduction of first time commissioners, Guests, and Seating of Corresponding Members took place.

First time commissioners, Dorothy Troike, Cortland United; Edward A. McKinley, II, Unadilla First Presbyterian; Elizabeth Nields, Gilbertsville; Charles Sweet, Garretttsville; Elainor Schaffer, Oneonta First United Presbyterian; Dennis DeVita, Cabin Hill; Glenda Rowse, Conklin; new pastor Connie Stone from Central Delaware Trinity Covenant was introduced.

Alison Seed from Board of Pensions was seated as a Corresponding Member.

A quorum was attested to and declared – 28 churches were represented by Ruling Elder Commissioners, 17 Ministers, 3 Commissioned Lay Pastors, 6 Ruling Elders with vote due to office, and 9 Office staff and visitors. The Roll was taken by sign-in sheets in the lobby for a total enrolled attendance of 63.

**Roll:**

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>Sept 29, 2018</b>	<b>May 22, 2018</b>	<b>May 05, 2018</b>	<b>Feb 24, 2018</b>	<b>Nov 18, 2017</b>
Afton	Lynn Reeves			Lynn Reeves	Lynn Reeves
Andes				Jonathan Andrews	Joi Brundege
Bainbridge	Cheryl Nages	Mary Ellen Whitmore		Mary Whitmore	Paula Epply
Binghamton, Immanuel					
Binghamton, John Hus					
Binghamton, Ross Mem'l					
Binghamton, United	Suzanne Northrop		Marilyn Myers	Doug Jones	Cynthia Burger
Bovina Center					
Cincinnatus	Fred Downs				
Conklin	Glenda Rowse		Jack Bell	Jack Bell	Jack Bell
Cortland, United	Dorothy Troike			Darlene Latten	Carol Foster
Cortlandville, Christ			Dorothy Thomas	Kathleen Severtsen	Dorothy Thomas
Charlotte Valley	Elaine Sickler			Ally Fiske	Excused
Cabin Hill	Dennis DeVita				
DeLancey					
Delhi First				Kathleen Sullivan	Joseph Maxwell
Delhi United Ministry	Otto Frederick Onasch		Fred Onasch		Otto Frederick Onasch
West Delhi	Steven Fleming				
Deposit	Alice Martin	Alice Martin		Alice Martin	Alice Martin
Dryden	Michelle Brackin			Chuck Uttech	Chuck Uttech
East Guilford	Sharon Havens	Janet Lafayette		Judy Ives	Janet Lafayette
Endicott Union		L.W. Goetz	Jane Park	Jane Park	Peggy Williams
Endwell Northminster	Kathy Close	Kathy Close	Junk Brooks	Donna Cunningham	Juni Brooks
Garrettsville	Charles Sweet				
Gilbertsville	Elizabeth Nields				Roger Halbert
Hamden	Karen Marshfield			Karen Marshfield	Excused
Hancock					

Hobart				Ruth Dibble	
Johnson City	Glenna Coutts		Glenna Coutts		Glenna Coutts
Laurens					
Lordville					
Marathon					
Margaretville/ New Kingston					
Masonville	Kathryn Carvin	Kathryn Carvin	Thomas Vance	Judith Beers	Jo Ann Aymar
Nichols			Andrea Seeley		
Nineveh	Barbara Dillingham				Glenn White
Oneonta First	Carolyn Palm			Libby Cudmore	Neal Miller
Oneonta First United	Elainor Schaffer	Nadine Stenson		Linda Allen	
Otego					
Owego	Stuart Rogers		Leslie Anne King	Stuart Rogers	Leslie Anne King
Smithville Flats	Joan Barker			Diane Merrill	Joan Barker
Stamford	Fred Doyle	Fred Doyle		Fred Doyle	
Unadilla	Edward A. McKinley II	Jon Truscott	Louise Lesh		John Truscott
Walton	Michael Krusinski		Susan Hammerslag	Susan Wildenstein	Michael Krusinski
Valley United		Excused	James E. Parks		Dale Barber
Windsor					
Worcester					Judy McAdams
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>

Status	CLERGY	Sept 29, 2018	May 22, 2018	May 05, 2018	Feb 24, 2018	Nov 18, 2017
HR	Arnold, Earl	Present		Present	Present	
HR	Beattie, Douglas G					
	Bridges, Parrish	Present	Present	Present		
HR	Bjorkman, Leonard			Present	Present	
CLP	Budine, George	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present
CLP	Carruth, George			Present	Present	Present
	Chastain, Kimberly	Present	Excused	Present	Excused	Present
	Coakley, Virginia	Present		Present		
	Colton, Charles	Present		Present		
CLP	Davis, Shirley				In-transit	
HR	De Noyelles, Roger					
HR	Dittman, Sharon J					
HR	Downing, Barry					
	Elfond, Cheryl Ann				Excused	Excused
CLP	Fleming, Deborah	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused
HR	Francis, Dale				-	transferred
EPIS	Hamilton, Paul	Present				
UCC	Hansen, Janet Adair			Present	Present	Present
	Hatch, Douglas	Present		Present	Present	Present
	Heckman, Lisa S.	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Present
At-large	Heinle, Robert H	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
	Helgeson, Rachel	Present	Present	Present		
	Hooker, Christopher			-	-	In transit
	Hooker, Sarah			-	Transferred	In transit
	Horne, Douglas A					Present
	Jensen, Julie		-	-	Transferred	Present
	Johnson, David H.	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Co-Clerk	Kindig, Rebecca		Present	Present	Present	Present
HR	King, Marie					

	Rosso (Knoell), Sharan		Excused	Present	Present	Excused
	Kwon, Peter					
HR	Mahler, John					
HR	Martin, James F		Present	Present	Excused	Present
Valid min	Mattice, Taryn B					Present
	Mays, Lisa Ruth	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Excused
HR	Miller, Dean					
	Montfort, Mark	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
	More, H Adelbert III				Excused	
CLP	Muller, Marsha	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
	Outterson-Murphy, Bobby	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present
	Peak, Robert T	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
	Piedmonte, Mark	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused
HR	Presby, Allen L					
	Raube, Patricia	Present	Present	Excused	Excused	Present
HR	Renton, Barbara A		Present	Present	Excused	
HR	Robinson, David C					
	Schindler – see Vittorio					
At-large	Schwartz, Barbara	Present			Excused	Excused
	Shepard, Lynn	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Present
	Suggs, Arthur M					
HR	Thomas, Ronald					
ABC	Vance, Tom		Present	Present	Present	Present
	Vittorio Schindler, Garrett	Excused	Present	Excused	Present	Present
	Vittorio Schindler, Marena	Excused	Present	Excused	Present	
	Walton-Leavitt, Cynthia	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present
HR	Wemple Jr, Delbert					
HR	Wilson, Carol				Transferred	
	Wolff, Patty	Present	Present		Present	Present
<b>Total</b>		<b>17 +3Clp</b>	<b>18+2Clp</b>	<b>24+4Clp</b>	<b>19+4Clp</b>	<b>21+3Clp</b>

<b>ELDER (“equalized”)</b>	<b>Sept 29, 2018</b>	<b>May 22, 2018</b>	<b>May 05, 2018</b>	<b>Feb 24, 2018</b>	<b>Nov 18, 2017</b>
Cynthia Burger-COR Chair	Present		Present	Present	
Glenna Coutts-Cabinet VM	See church		See church	Present	
Joanne Gray - Cabinet	Present		Present	Present	
Scott Kindig – Cabinet	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Neal Miller – Cabinet	Off	Off	Off	Off	See church
Marsha Muller - COM co-chair	Present		See CLP	See CLP	See CLP
Joan Oliver - Cabinet	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Wildenstein, Judith - Cabinet	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>

**Corresponding Members:** 1 Allison Seed, Board of Pensions

**Staff, Visitors, & Host church volunteers:** 8 Chris Burger, PSV Co-Stated Clerk, Christine Rogalski PSV Office Admin, Dean Veenhof, Diane Olmstead, Joan Burger, Joan Loeffler, Meredith Hammerslag, Susan Hammerslag,

#### Total Tally of Presbytery Commissioners

Teaching Elders Present:	17	Churches Represented by a Ruling Elder:	28
Corresponding Members (Teaching Elder):	0	Corresponding Members (Ruling Elder):	1
Total Teaching Elders Present:	17	Commissioned Lay Pastors Present:	3
Teaching Elders Excused:	3	Other Voting Ruling Elders Present:	6
Teaching Elders Absent w/o Excuse:	5	Total Ruling Elders Present:	38
APA Members:	0	Commissioned Lay Pastors absent w/o excuse:	0
Visitors, Staff, Host Church Volunteers:	8	Commissioned Lay Pastors Excused:	2
		Churches Requesting Excuse:	0
<b>Total Enrolled Attendance:</b>	<b>63</b>	Churches Not Represented:	20

Docket [#01] was **APPROVED** with no new Business

Consent Agenda including the receiving of Treasurer's Reports [#04], [#04a], [#04b], [#04c], [#04d], [#04e]; Stated Clerk Report [#06]; Cabinet Chair Report [#07], Christian Nurture (CN) [#08], Ethiopian Mission Partnership Team (EMPT) Reports [#08a], [#08b], [#08c] along with the Minutes of May 5 Assembly [#03b] and May 22 Special Assembly [#03c] was **Voted upon and APPROVED**.

Minutes [#03a] were pulled out at the request of Cynthia Walton-Leavitt.

Minutes of February 24 Assembly [#03a]: Under Committee on Nominations, Mark Piedmont TE for Cabinet, class of 2020 and Pat Raube TE for Permanent Judicial Commission, class of 2019 was added.

**Minutes Voted upon and APPROVED as corrected.**

Vice-Moderator Glenna Coutts took over Moderating the Assembly.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Rev. David Johnson: The audit passed. The financial report for August shows income ahead and expenses less than budgeted amount. Many churches are paying their per capita early, but mission giving is low. Operation Christmas Center has permission from the new owner to stay in the Mission Center through the end of the year

**ACTION ITEM:** Finance Committee **Motions** to approve the sale of the Cincinnatus Manse at 5685 Deerpath Lane, Cincinnatus, NY 13040 for the amount of \$101,400. **Voted upon and APPROVED**

**2019 PSV BUDGET** was presented for **FIRST READING** [05a]. The 2019 budget calls for an increase in GA per capita only.

GA Commissioners' Report [#11]:

Pat Raube, TE Commissioner, gave an overview with a slide show and an audio clip of salsa dancing Highlights: GA was Prayerful, Courageous, United, Serving, Alive. Joanne Gray, RE Commissioner, appreciated serving; the overall theme was seeking God's guidance through prayer and worship. "Kindom" was a new concept.

Stated Clerk Report [#06]:

Co-Clerk Chris Burger encouraged members to read the minutes and to inform the Co-Clerks of resignations. Session records review will be held: October 20 at Northminster and at Marathon from 9-12, November 3 at Walton 9-12 and November 10 at Oneonta Red Door 9-12.

Cabinet Reports [#07]:

Cabinet Chair George Budine reported that the Central Presbyteries of New York (CPNY) task force is studying how and why we do things. Northern NY Presbytery has 60% of their churches served by lay people on any given Sunday. The Committee on Lay Preaching is looking for additional people to serve. Interested lay people can contact Deb Fleming, or Barbara Renton.

Cabinet Team Reports:

-Christian Nurture (CN) [#08] Chair Mark Piedmont reported on the sponsored trips to Taize, France and the Heifer Global Village in Maryland. Additional information will be shared at the November Assembly.

-Ethiopian Mission Partnership Team (EMPT) [#08a], [#08b], [#08c] Lynn Reeves, reported that it was a busy week with troubling emails from Ethiopia. She shared one asking for special prayers regarding a situation of conflict that erupted earlier this week. Please pray for peace and for all concerned. Prayer was given by George Budine.

Vice Moderator stepped down and Moderator resumed moderating the meeting

Presbytery Committee Reports:

a. Committee on Ministry (COM) [#09] COM Co-Chair Marsha Muller reported that:

- the installation commission to install Connie Stone was dismissed and that the

- contract for Patty Wolff [#09a] to serve Bainbridge was approved.

- The Church Support Team is holding its next Church Support 102 event on October 6.

- Boundary Awareness training is October 16 from 9-4 at Johnson City Presbyterian Church taught by David Olsen.

- Letters continue to be sent to Rev. Adelbert More, III according to the rebuke but he has not responded or come to a COM or Assembly meeting.

b. Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) [#10]:

Personal Faith Journey of Rev. Dr. Charles Colton [#10a] Dr. Colton would like to transfer from Independent Baptist to PCUSA. He is currently serving at Conklin. CPM Chair called attention to an error in the CPM Report: Rev. Dr. Colton was ordained by an independent Baptist church, not the American Baptist Church. The Co-Clerk recommended that both Action Items set forth in the CPM Report include the phrase "if the way be clear" and that these actions be predicated on a meeting of the PSV Exec team and CPM members with a representative from Office of the General Assembly to insure that they are not in conflict to the Book of Order.

The rationale for these actions were set forth in the CPM Report and the corresponding discussion.

**ACTION ITEM:** The CPM moves that, if the way be clear, the presbytery approve a waiver of G-2.0607c to allow the transfer of Dr. Colton's ordination to the PC(USA). Under the terms of G-2.0610.

It was explained that this vote requires a three-fourths majority for approval

The Reverend Cynthia Walton-Leavitt **moved** to postpone until November. **Motion FAILED**

**Original motion voted upon and APPROVED by 3/4 majority.**

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The Reverend Earl Arnold **moved** to amend the motion to include Biblical Exegesis in the requirements.

**Amendment FAILED**, Cynthia Walton-Leavitt **moved** to add Polity. **Amendment FAILED.**

**Original Motion voted upon and APPROVED by 3/4 majority.**

The Moderator explained that the CPM report, which is included in the official Assembly minutes, spells out the requirements for Dr. Colton.

Board of Pensions: Allison Seed shared that this will be her last meeting with our Presbytery because she is retiring. "You're a pioneering presbytery. Continue in the mission in which you are deeply involved." Her specific recommendations were to increase staff support - all staff should participate in a 403b pension plan, consider offering dental and vision coverage, a debt reduction program. There is a program for reduced pension dues for calling a pastor under age 40. *Healthy Pastors Healthy Congregations* is a new program and *Pathways to Renewal* is a good resource regarding pastors pension plans. For more information please email ASeed@PENSIONS.ORG.

Motion to adjourn with prayer passed at 12:35.

The next Presbytery Assembly will be held November 17 at Delhi First

Notes recorded by Lynn Shepherd, recording clerk.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Chris W. Burger, Co-Stated Clerk

Minutes approved 11/17/2018, Attested by \_\_\_\_\_

Chris W. Burger, Co-Stated Clerk