

**Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley Called Assembly  
Approved Minutes of Assembly, Saturday, November 17, 2018  
First Presbyterian Church of Delhi, 4 Clinton Street, Delhi, NY, 13753**

The Presbytery gathered for worship. Rev. Lisa Ruth Mays and Rev. Marina Vittorio Schindler led a Taize style service.

Office Administrator Christine Rogalski announced the Statistical Report packets for each church are available and can be picked up at registration.

Moderator **Robert Peak** (First Pres. JC) called the meeting to order with prayer at 10:02 AM.

Co-Clerk Becky Kindig was declared parliamentarian for the day.

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

First time commissioners, Aaron Whitney Binghamton United

Guests from the Taize and Heifer Global Village trips and baby Kaleb Vittorio Schindler

A quorum was attested to and declared – 22 churches were represented by Ruling Elder Commissioners, 23

Ministers, 2 Commissioned Lay Pastors, 7 Ruling Elders with vote due to office, 1 Corresponding member, and

11 Office staff and visitors. The Roll was taken by computer sign in in the registration area for a total enrolled attendance of 66.

**Roll:**

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>Nov 17, 2018</b>	<b>Sept 29, 2018</b>	<b>May 22, 2018</b>	<b>May 05, 2018</b>	<b>Feb 24, 2018</b>
Afton	Lynn Reeves	Lynn Reeves			Lynn Reeves
Andes	James Andrews				Jonathan Andrews
Bainbridge		Cheryl Nages	Mary Ellen Whitmore		Mary Whitmore
Binghamton, Immanuel					
Binghamton, John Hus					
Binghamton, Ross Mem'l					
Binghamton, United	Aaron Whitney	Suzanne Northrop		Marilyn Myers	Doug Jones
Bovina Center	James Hilson				
Cincinnatus		Fred Downs			
Conklin	Jack Bell	Glenda Rowse		Jack Bell	Jack Bell
Cortland, United	Dorothy Troike	Dorothy Troike			Darlene Latten
Cortlandville, Christ				Dorothy Thomas	Kathleen Severtsen
Charlotte Valley	Nancy Banker	Elaine Sickler			Ally Fiske
Cabin Hill		Dennis DeVita			
DeLancey					
Delhi First	Carolyn Massey				Kathleen Sullivan
Delhi United Ministry	Otto Frederick Onasch	Otto Frederick Onasch		Fred Onasch	
West Delhi		Steven Fleming			
Deposit	Alice Martin	Alice Martin	Alice Martin		Alice Martin
Dryden		Michelle Brackin			Chuck Uttech
East Guilford	Janet Lafayette	Sharon Havens	Janet Lafayette		Judy Ives
Endicott Union	Jane Park		L.W. Goetz	Jane Park	Jane Park
Endwell Northminster		Kathy Close	Kathy Close	Junk Brooks	Donna Cunningham
Garrettsville		Charles Sweet			
Gilbertsville	Elizabeth Niels	Elizabeth Niels			
Hamden	Karen Marshfield	Karen Marshfield			Karen Marshfield
Hancock					
Hobart					Ruth Dibble

Johnson City	Diane Olmstead	Glenna Coutts		Glenna Coutts	
Laurens					
Lordville					
Marathon					
Margaretville/ New Kingston					
Masonville	Joann Aymar	Kathryn Carvin	Kathryn Carvin	Thomas Vance	Judith Beers
Nichols	Excused			Andrea Seeley	
Nineveh	Barbara Dillingham	Barbara Dillingham			
Oneonta First	Al Sayers Lutz	Carolyn Palm			Libby Cudmore
Oneonta First United		Eleanor Schaffer	Nadine Stenson		Linda Allen
Otego					
Owego	Leslie Anne King	Stuart Rogers		Leslie Anne King	Stuart Rogers
Smithville Flats		Joan Barker			Diane Merrill
Stamford	Fred Doyle	Fred Doyle	Fred Doyle		Fred Doyle
Unadilla	David Johnson	Edward A. McKinley II	Jon Truscott	Louise Lesh	
Walton	Susan Hammerslag	Michael Krusinski		Susan Hammerslag	Susan Wildenstein
Valley United	No longer in Presbytery		Excused	James E. Parks	
Windsor					
Worcester					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>23</b>

Status	CLERGY	Nov 17, 2018	Sept 29, 2018	May 22, 2018	May 05, 2018	Feb 24, 2018
HR	Arnold, Earl		Present		Present	Present
HR	Beattie, Douglas G					
	Bridges, Parrish	Present	Present	Present	Present	
HR	Bjorkman, Leonard				Present	Present
CLP	Budine, George	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present
CLP	Carruth, George	Present			Present	Present
	Chastain, Kimberly	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Excused
	Coakley, Virginia	Present	Present		Present	
	Colton, Charles	Present	Present		Present	
CLP	Davis, Shirley					In-transit
HR	De Noyelles, Roger					
HR	Dittman, Sharon J					
HR	Downing, Barry					
	Elfond, Cheryl Ann					Excused
CLP	Fleming, Deborah		Present	Present	Present	Present
HR	Francis, Dale					-
EPIS	Hamilton, Paul	Present	Present			
UCC	Hansen, Janet Adair	-	Transferred		Present	Present
	Hatch, Douglas	Present	Present		Present	Present
	Heckman, Lisa S.	Present	Excused	Present	Present	Present
At-large	Heinle, Robert H	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
	Helgeson, Rachel		Present	Present	Present	
	Hooker, Christopher				-	-
	Hooker, Sarah				-	Transferred
	Horne, Douglas A	Present				
	Jensen, Julie	-		-	-	Transferred
	Johnson, David H.	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Co-Clerk	Kindig, Rebecca	Present		Present	Present	Present
HR	King, Marie					

	Rosso (Knoell), Sharan		Transferred	Excused	Present	Present
	Kwon, Peter					
HR	Mahler, John					
HR	Martin, James F			Present	Present	Excused
Valid min	Mattice, Taryn B					
	Mays, Lisa Ruth	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Present
HR	Miller, Dean					
	Montfort, Mark	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
	More, H Adelbert III					Excused
CLP	Muller, Marsha	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Present
	Outterson-Murphy, Bobby	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present
	Peak, Robert T	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
	Piedmonte, Mark	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
HR	Presby, Allen L					
	Raube, Patricia	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Excused
HR	Renton, Barbara A	Present		Present	Present	Excused
HR	Robinson, David C					
	Schindler – see Vittorio					
At-large	Schwartz, Barbara	Excused	Present			Excused
	Shepard, Lynn	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused
	Suggs, Arthur M					
HR	Thomas, Ronald					
ABC	Vance, Tom	-	Moved	Present	Present	Present
	Vittorio Schindler, Garrett	Present	Excused	Present	Excused	Present
	Vittorio Schindler, Marena	Present	Excused	Present	Excused	Present
	Walton-Leavitt, Cynthia	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present
HR	Wemple Jr, Delbert					
HR	Wilson, Carol					Transferred
	Wolff, Patty	Present	Present	Present		Present
<b>Total</b>		<b>23 + 2</b>	<b>17 +3Clp</b>	<b>18+2Clp</b>	<b>24+4Clp</b>	<b>19+4Clp</b>

<b>ELDER (“equalized”)</b>	<b>Nov 17, 2018</b>	<b>Sept 29, 2018</b>	<b>May 22, 2018</b>	<b>May 05, 2018</b>	<b>Feb 24, 2018</b>
Chris Burger Co-Clerk	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Cynthia Burger-COR Chair	Present	Present		Present	Present
Glenna Coutts-Cabinet VM	Present	See church		See church	Present
Joanne Gray - Cabinet	Present	Present		Present	Present
Scott Kindig – Cabinet	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Neal Miller – Cabinet	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off
Marsha Muller - COM co-chair	Excused	Present		See CLP	See CLP
Joan Oliver - Cabinet	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Wildenstein, Judith - Cabinet	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

**Corresponding Members:** 1 Rev. Dr. Charles Colton

**Staff, Visitors, & Host church volunteers:** 11 Chris Burger, PSV Co-Stated Clerk, Christine Rogalski PSV Office Admin, Bea Mooney for COM, Wayne Marshfield, Luz Fernandez, David Banker, Shawn Landon, Julia Vunk, April Vunk, Kacie Turnbull, Lindsay Turnbull

Total Tally of Presbytery Commissioners

Teaching Elders Present:	23	Churches Represented by a Ruling Elder:	22
Corresponding Members (Teaching Elders):	1	Corresponding Member (Ruling Elder):	0
Total Teaching Elders:	24	Commissioned Lay Pastors Present:	2
Teaching Elders Excused:	1	Other Voting Ruling Elders Present:	7
Teaching Elders Absent w/o Excuse:	1	Total Ruling Elders Present:	31
APA Members:	0	Commissioned Lay Pastors absent w/o excuse:	1
Staff, Visitors, Host Church Volunteers:	11	Commissioned Lay Pastors Excused:	1
		Churches Requesting Excuse:	1
<b>Total Enrolled Attendance:</b>	<b>66</b>	Churches Not Represented:	23

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

Consent Agenda was **APPROVED** to receive Treasurers Reports [#04a], [#04b], [#04c], and [#04d]; Stated Clerk Report [#06], Cabinet Chair Report [#07], Christian Nurture (CN) Report [#08], Committee on Ministry (COM) Report [#09].

Minutes of September 29 Assembly [#03] was pulled out at the request of Cynthia Walton-Leavitt TE and

Treasurers Reports [04] was pulled out at the request of Lisa Heckman,

Minutes of September 29 Assembly [#03] reflecting Minutes of May 5:

-minor edits regarding Committee on Nominations Report

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

Treasurers Reports [04],

-Apologies by Lisa Heckman for the late report and thanks was lifted for everyone who has given per capita.

**Report voted upon and APPROVED.**

Vice-Moderator Glenna Coutts took over Moderating the Assembly.

Stated Clerk Report [#06]

In addition to the written report, Co-Clerk Becky Kindig verbally reported that The Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley currently has remedial charges filed against us along with a stay of enforcement in the matter of the transfer of Rev. Dr. Charles Colton to our Presbytery from action taken at the last Assembly meeting.

The complainant is Rev. Patricia Wolff. Our Committee of Council representing the Presbytery to the Synod of the Northeast's PJC is Rev. David Johnson, Rev. Robert Heinle, and Elder Dana Wolff. The stay of enforcement means that no actions at the Presbytery level can proceed with this matter. We will keep you apprised of the case.

Cabinet Reports [#07]:

Cabinet Chair George Budine CLP reported no action items.

Cabinet Team Reports:

a. Christian Nurture (CN) [#08] Chair Mark Piedmont TE reported that we are taking registrations for Triennium. We are also celebrating today the sponsored trips to Taize, France and the Heifer Global Village in Maryland last summer.

-Bobby Outterson-Murphy showed a video about the Taize trip that can be found on YouTube.

Shawn Landon and Aaron Whitney (both from Binghamton United) were there to talk to anyone after the Assembly about the trip.

-Several chaperones and students from the Heifer trip reported on their moving experience. They learned about food scarcity in places in the world, including places in the US and did a simulation living for a night in different "villages" experiencing what it is to have little. The group from Bovina had a fund raiser after the trip and raised \$1000.00 for Heifer International and the Presbyterian Giving equivalent. Garrattsville is planning an Advent fundraiser for Heifer.

Synod Commissioner's Report – Garrett Schindler TE reported that he went to the Synod Assembly October 21-22.

He reported that the Synod set up the Assembly as a worship service. In the reports he heard, the report from GA about raising money for cash bail and marching down to the courthouse to pay bail for people in the small crimes unit. He reported that the confession on Belhar and was fascinated by the Committee on Representation report with pie charts and news of grants that our Presbytery could participate in.

The Finance Committee Report [#05a]: Report was given by Rev. David Johnson. The Budget was **moved** and presented. Per capita is coming well, mission giving is not going as well. Budget 3 was shown with minor changes proposed. We are taking less from reserve. There is also mission money available for creative projects for churches to apply for. The per capita for 2019 will be \$39.05, broken down as \$26.00 for Presbytery, \$4.20

for Synod, and \$8.95 for General Assembly. **The budget was voted upon and APPROVED.** Thanks was given to the members of the finance committee.

A stretch break of 5 minutes was enjoyed.

#### Presbytery Committee Reports

- a. Committee on Ministry (COM) [#09] COM Co-Chair Lisa Ruth Mays TE introduced Rev. Marena Vittorio Schindler as a part of the Conflict Mediation Team who reported on their services and encouraged people to reach out if needed. There is a brochure available at the registration table.  
BAE Mooney reported on the policies and procedures team for COM and asked for feedback on the papers in document 9A.
- b. Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) [#10] Mark Piedmonte TE, stated that we need to strike item #3 from their report concerning Rev. Dr. Colton because the report was submitted before the stay of enforcement from Synod on the matter was issued.

Vice Moderator stepped down and Moderator resumed moderating the meeting

- c. Committee on Lay Preaching (CPL) – Barbara Renton, TE, honorably retired, reported that we have 8 lay preachers in the field and 2 who have retired. Some have taken the class to preach in their own congregation only. There is a great need in the Presbytery. There is a training coming up at Sky Lake if anyone would like to join.  
Moderator Robert Peak then re-commissioned the CLP's
- d. Committee on Nominations [#10]– Cynthia Walton-Leavitt TE, had the nominating report displayed on the screen and went through the report from the end to the beginning. She let everyone know that they are always taking recommendations and that only Cabinet and COM positions require that those serving be Teaching Elders or Ruling Elders.

Motions were made for the following nominations:

Committee on Representation –

To the Class of 2020 - Cynthia Burger RE for Chair and Taryn Mattice TE

No other nominations from the floor.

**The motion was PASSED.**

Committee on Preparation for Ministry –

To the Class of 2020 – Scott Kindig RE for Chair and Dough Hatch TE,

To the Class of 2019 - Jim Martin RE.

No other nominations from the floor.

**The motion was PASSED.**

Committee on Lay Preaching –

For Class of 2020 – Barbara Renton TE for Chair and Deb Fleming RE,

No other nominations from the floor.

**The motion was PASSED.**

Committee on Ministry (COM) –

To the Class of 2020 JoAnn Aymar RE, Virginia Coakley TE, Roger Halbert RE, and Marsha Muller RE. No other nominations from the floor.

**The motion was PASSED.**

Because Lisa Ruth Mays only has one more year left, nominating recommends for COM Co-Chairs Parrish Bridges TE and Marsha Muller RE  
Discussion on the floor leads to Bob Heinle TE nominating Lisa Ruth Mays as co-chair of COM.

The election for the COM Co-Chairs was then taken by written ballot.  
**The ballots for COM Co-Chair came back electing Lisa Ruth Mays TE (class of 2019) and Marsha Muller RE (class of 2020).**

Cabinet.-

For Class of 2021 - Scott Kindig RE and Rachel Helgeson TE  
No other nominations from the floor.  
**The motion was PASSED.**

Presbytery Officers

Robert Peak TE was nominated for Cabinet Chair  
Glenna Coutts RE was nominated for Moderator  
Kimberly Chastain TE was nominated for Vice-Moderator  
No other nominations from the floor  
**The motion was PASSED for all of the Officers.**

**Installation** of Robert Peak for Cabinet Chair, Glenna Coutts for Moderator, and Kimberly Chastain for Vice Moderator, all starting January 1, 2019, was conducted by George Budine RE, outgoing Cabinet Chair, with scripture and prayer.

- e. Central New York Presbyteries Network – George Budine reported that there were a few conversations with the CNY partners of Northern New York, Utica, and Cayuga Syracuse Presbyteries about how to continue to share resources and began to think about possibly redefining Presbytery. The new thoughts could include new boundary definitions. George also reported some energy in Utica and Susquehanna Valley to share some resources around COLP and CPM committees to better support both kinds of pastors and to sponsor some creative retreats.

Motion to extend the docket by 5 minutes since we had reached the Order of the Day  
**Motion PASSED**

The Stated Clerks request that any papers for Assembly meetings be turned in two weeks before the assembly to allow time to prepare them for the web and to mail them out to those who do not have internet access 10 days before the assembly as our by-laws state.

The Stated Clerks reported on the annual church session minutes reading sessions and stated if your church was not able to come, to please contact them after the Assembly to set up a time.

Good news from around the Presbytery was shared. Among the news was that First Presbyterian Union Church of Owego called Rev. Bruce Gillette as pastor and will have Rev. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette as Parish Associate. Union Endicott is opening a food pantry and celebrating their bicentennial next year. Afton's annual coffee house ministry is coming. Binghamton United is hosting the St. John's Bible retreat Feb 12-14.

Office Administrator Christine Rogalski announced that the evaluation will be posted on-line. Please fill it out.

Motion to **adjourn** with prayer passed at 12:13 and we closed with the Lord's Prayer and thanksgiving for the meal we were about to share.

The next Presbytery Assembly will be held February 9 at First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City.

Notes recorded by Lynn Shepherd, recording clerk.  
Minutes respectfully submitted by Becky Kindig, Co-States Clerk

Minutes approved 2/9/2019, Attested by \_\_\_\_\_  
Rebecca M. Kindig, Co-States Clerk