

The Report of the Cabinet

The Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley

May 20, 2017

The Presbytery Cabinet met on May 4, 2017 at the United Presbyterian Church of Binghamton. No April meeting was held.

Reports were received from the Finance Committee, Development and Grants, the Committee on Ministry, the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery, and the Ethiopian Partnership Mission Team.

Cabinet discussed the status of the Mission Center building. It addressed an inquiry from a group seeking to use the building and gave some guidance and guidelines to the Building Sale Team.

Confirming an earlier electronic vote, Cabinet voted to authorize the celebration of the Lord's Supper during Presbytery events during 2017 and then voted to extend the authorization through 2018.

Cabinet agreed to next meet on Thursday, June 22 at 5:30 PM briefly addressing business and entering into discussions with the Rev. Harold Delhagen, Synod Leader of the Synod of the Northeast, concerning the future direction of presbyteries and their ministry.

Cabinet suggested that at the May 20 Presbytery meeting each congregation share their response to two questions relating to the Pentecost Offering.

The Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

- 1. Does your congregation receive the Pentecost Offering?**
- 2. If you retain the congregational portion of the Pentecost Offering, how is it used?**

David H. Johnson, Chair of Cabinet