

The Report of the Cabinet

The Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley

November 18, 2017

The Presbytery Cabinet met on October 19, 2017 at the United Presbyterian Church of Binghamton. A **November** meeting was not needed.

At its **October** meeting, Cabinet:

- Received the August & September Financial Reports and the Report of the Treasurer.
- Reviewed the 2018 Draft Budget which will be presented to the Presbytery Assembly in November.
- Heard plans for a Joint Meeting with Lackawanna Presbytery in May 2018 to celebrate with the Valley United Presbyterian Church in Waverly, NY.
- Responded to a letter from the CNY Presbyteries Steering Committee; voted to commit to continued discussions around joint mission, ministry, and staff; and appointed as our representatives to these discussions: Becky Kindig, Kimberly Chastain, George Budine, and Janet Adair Hanson.
- Accepted the invitation of the Bainbridge Church to host the February 24, 2018 Assembly meeting.
- Referred to the Finance Subcommittee a proposal to jointly plan and host (with other CNY Presbyteries) a workshop using the Presbyterian Foundation's personnel and Congregational Financial Assessment tool.
- Referred to Nurture information about a proposed Safe & Sacred Space workshop.

By email, Cabinet endorsed equally dividing the Presbytery Assembly Offering on November 18, 2017 between the Christmas Joy Offering of the PCUSA and "Cortland Chenango Rural Services".

Cabinet was provided correspondence from the Valley United Presbyterian Church concerning their decision to conclude the joint relationship this merged congregation has enjoyed with Susquehanna Valley Presbytery and Lackawanna Presbytery. The congregation has voted to unite with Lackawanna Presbytery and has prepared the necessary documents and overtures for approval. An adjustment of Synod and Presbytery boundaries will be required. These documents will be shared with the Presbytery Assembly in November.

David H. Johnson, Chair of Cabinet