

SUPPLEMENTAL PRE-MEETING INFORMATION **FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2019, STATED PRESBYTERY MEETING**

The Guatemala Partnership Task Force will be offering items created by the Saq Be Sewing Cooperative for sale at the November Presbytery meeting. The Saq Be cooperative is made up of seamstresses who are graduates of the Mam sewing school Albany Presbytery has supported for many years, and the items they create-- napkins, placemats, aprons, grocery bags, microwave bowls, table runners, coasters-- are sturdy well made items using the gorgeous and colorful cloths we think of when we think of Guatemala. If you have questions ahead of time, you can e-mail Kathy Gorman-Coombs at revkgc@gmail.com--or-- just come prepared to shop!



REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

The following are presented for information:

1. The Administrative Commission to install the Rev. Jennifer Legg (RCA) as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Ballston Spa met on November 10, 2019, at that church and completed its work. TEs Kate Kotfila, Moderator; Ken Applegate, Rich Hoffman, Rachel Mastin, and Annie Reilly (UCC), and REs Meg Knight (First PC, Ballston Spa) and H. Daniel Rogers (FUPC, Troy) served on the Administrative Commission. The Rev. Joyce deVelder (RCA) and the Rev. Janet Vincent (RCA) were corresponding members of the AC. The collection taken at the service totaled \$673 and will be deposited into the Albany Presbytery Seminarian Fund.

2. Persons who have contact information saved in the ACS Technologies database are asked to review the accuracy of the information and make changes as appropriate so that those who rely on it will have accurate contact information. Please contact Jennifer Schoenfisch, Office Administrator, if you have questions on how to access the database and make changes.
3. **As required by G-3.0109, the Committee on Ministers and Congregations (COMAC) reported to the Stated Clerk that at its meeting on November 14, 2019, it exercised some of the commission powers that have been granted to it and took actions on behalf of the Presbytery.**

WELSH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

No report will be presented at the November 19, 2019, meeting.

COORDINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The following are presented to Presbytery for consideration:

The Coordination Committee nominates the Rev. Andrea Joy Holroyd to serve a 3-year term (Class of 2022) on the **Committee on Representation and Nominations**. This nomination is in addition to the one reported in the Pre-Meeting Information document posted on November 8, 2019.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH MISSION REPORT

See separate report documents that have been posted to the website.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS AND CONGREGATIONS (COMAC) REPORT

The following items are presented to the Presbytery for information:

1. COMAC met at the Malta Presbyterian Church on November 14, 2019. The committee will meet next on December 12, 2019.
2. COMAC received and reviewed a proposed contract between the session of the First Presbyterian Church of Troy and the Rev. Amanda Wagner (UCC) for her to serve as Stated Supply Pastor beginning on November 15, 2019. COMAC indicated that it would be acceptable for the Rev. Wagner to begin providing pastoral service to the congregation on that date, but acted to require certain conditions to be changed in or added to the contract before it would be approved by COMAC on behalf of the Presbytery. COMAC also requested a face-to-face meeting with the Rev. Wagner at its next meeting on December 12, 2019, to get to know her before considering making her a temporary member of the Presbytery and appointing her to serve as moderator of that church.

3. COMAC received, reviewed, and took no exceptions to provisions in the draft Resolution Agreement that the Resolution Team appointed by COMAC has proposed to the congregation of the Bay Road Presbyterian Church for dismissing them to ECO. Action on this dismissal is tentatively docketed for the January 25, 2020, stated meeting,
4. COMAC received, reviewed, and took no exceptions to provisions in a draft proposal for dissolution of the congregation of the Welsh Presbyterian Church in Poultney, VT, to be sent by the Presbytery's Administrative Commission to the session of that congregation for consideration.

The following commission actions were taken by COMAC on November 14, 2019, and are hereby reported to Presbytery for incorporation in the records of the Presbytery:

1. COMAC acted to approve the Pastoral Call of the Brunswick Presbyterian Church congregation to the Rev. Kimberly A. Jackson (Presbytery of New Castle) to serve as full-time Associate Pastor beginning on January 1, 2020, that was extended to her by the congregation at a duly called special congregation meeting held on November 3, 2019, and moderated by the Rev. Henry Kim. The terms of call were also reviewed and meet the minimums proposed for 2020.
2. COMAC acted to approve the terms of call for the Rev. Dr. Timothy Coombs to serve as part-time Campus Protestant Chaplain at Union College in Schenectady.
3. COMAC acted to validate the ministry of the Rev. Chris Garrison as Company Care Leader at Marketplace Chaplains.
4. COMAC acted to validate the ministry of the Rev. Lucy Harris as part-time pastor at Kingsbury Baptist Church in Hudson Falls.
5. COMAC acted to validate the ministry of the Rev. Robin Greene to serve as temporary supply at White Creek UMC in White Creek, NY.

The following is presented to Presbytery for consideration:

1. COMAC recommends that Presbytery increase its minimum salary for ministers by 2% for 2020 and **to increase its minimum Continuing Education Reimbursable Expenses benefit from \$1,820 to \$2,000 per year for ministers in full-time positions and its minimum Professional Reimbursable Expenses benefit from \$790 to \$1,000 per year for ministers in full-time positions.** It also recommends that existing terms of call for ministers serving churches in the Presbytery be increased by at least 2% and **that Continuing Education Reimbursable Expense and Professional Reimbursable Expense benefits for ministers in full-time positions be increased to at least \$2,000 and \$1,000 respectively.**

2. **St. Peter's Presbyterian Church, Spencertown:** The congregation of St. Peter's met in a duly called special meeting on November 10, 2019, and acted to call the Rev. Lynn Horan to serve as their called, installed pastor if the way be clear and the Presbytery approves the Rev. Horan's eligibility to serves as the next installed pastor after serving as the current temporary interim pastor in accordance with G-2.0504.c. COMAC is aware that the PNC of that congregation duly went through the search process and presented the Rev. Horan as their recommended candidate. COMAC acted on November 14, 2019, to recommend that the Presbytery act on 11/19/19 to approve this call with a super-majority vote of three-fourths of the members of the presbytery present and voting at a stated or special meeting in accordance with G-2.0504.c. COMAC has reviewed the terms of call proposed for the Rev. Horan to serve as $\frac{3}{4}$ -time pastor and they meet the proposed 2020 minimums.

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION AND NOMINATIONS

The committee presents its nominees for election to serve as commissioners and YAAD to the 2020 meeting of the PC(USA) General Assembly in a separate document that has been posted to the website. These elections will be accomplished by paper ballot.

The committee presents its nominees for election to serve as members of Presbytery committees in a separate document that has been posted to the website.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

See separate report document to be posted to the website, if and when it becomes available. However, this report may not be shared with the Presbytery until the meeting on November 19, 2019.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

The following are presented to the Presbytery for information:

1. The Board met on November 15, 2019, at the Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church. The Board will meet next on December 4, 2019.
2. The Board received from the session of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Scotia a Grants and Loans Application for \$1,800 to help purchase an AED defibrillator device and provide CPR instruction for the congregation. Following brief discussion, the Board acted to approve a grant of \$1,800 to Trinity from the Grant and Loan Fund.
3. A NYS court has extinguished the deed restriction on the Carlisle Church property. This makes it possible for the Board to consider offers to purchase the property which it did and acted to empower Trustees Don Drew to work with Coldwell Banker Prime Realty

(Agent Greg Tobin) to make a counter offer with guidelines on negotiating the sale. Details on the sale will be reported when Purchase and Sale contract is executed.

4. **Hudson Roof Loan for \$50,000:** Trustees Donna Elia and Stephen Brown and Temporary Presbyter Bill Henderson met with the session on Sunday, October 20, 2019, to discuss repayment terms for the loan. The meeting resulted in agreement on repayment terms which will be reported when a revised Promissory Note has been executed.
5. **Cambridge Loans:** Temporary Presbyter Bill Henderson reported on conversations he has had with representatives of the church that have resulted in agreement on repayment terms. These repayment terms will be reported when certain promised payments have been received and a revised Promissory Note has been executed.
6. The Board received, reviewed, and took no exception to provisions in the draft Resolution Agreement that the Resolution Team appointed by COMAC has proposed to the congregation of the Bay Road Presbyterian Church for dismissing them to ECO.
7. The Board received, reviewed, and took no exceptions to provisions in a proposal for dissolution of the congregation of the Welsh Presbyterian Church in Poultney, VT, to be sent by the Presbytery's Administrative Commission to the session of that congregation for consideration.