

## **PRE-MEETING INFORMATION FOR JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2021 STATED PRESBYTERY MEETING**

### **REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK**

#### **The following are presented for information:**

1. The next stated meeting of Albany Presbytery will be held on **Tuesday, March 16, 2021**. This meeting will happen on Zoom. The meeting will convene for business at 10:00 a.m. and will adjourn around 1:00 p.m.

The meeting dates for the rest of 2021 are as follows: June 5, September 18, and November 3, 2021. The locations, times, and content of the meetings is TBD. It is very likely the June meeting will happen on Zoom.

2. The membership of the Rev. Alexandra Lusak (Honorably Retired) was transferred to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina effective June 30, 2020.
3. **As required by G-3.0109, the Committee on Ministers and Congregations (COMAC) reported to the Stated Clerk that it exercised some of the commission powers that have been granted to it and took actions on behalf of the Presbytery. Those actions are duly reported to the Presbytery in the report from COMAC below.**
4. **As required by G-3.0109, the Board of Trustees reports to the Stated Clerk if they exercise some of the commission powers that have been granted to them and actions they have taken on behalf of the Presbytery. Those actions are duly reported to the Presbytery for information and inclusion in the minutes of the Presbytery. The Board of Trustees did not exercise any of their commission powers since the last Presbytery meeting.**

### **TEMPORARY PRESBYTERY REPORT**

See separate report document posted to the website.

### **COORDINATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### **The following are presented to the Presbytery for information:**

1. The Coordination Committee met by video conference call using Zoom Video Conferencing on December 10, 2020. The Coordination Committee will meet next by video conference call on Thursday, January 14, 2021.

2. Discussions during the conference calls have centered primarily on communicating relevant information between committees and to Presbytery members in a timely fashion; coordination with those working on plans for future convocations and retreats; how to coordinate and support our churches during this pandemic period; and planning for the implementation of the Anti-Racism Task Force.
3. The Coordination Committee discussed when to resume in-person Presbytery meetings and whether or not all winter meetings in the future should be held virtually. The January and March meetings of 2021 will be held on Zoom, and it is probable that the June 2021 will be as well.
4. Due to the timing of the premeeting packet being released on January 13 and the meeting of the Coordination Committee scheduled on the January 14, it is likely that a supplemental report will be posted to the Presbytery website after January 14.
5. The officers including Temporary Presbyter Bill Henderson and Immediate Past-Moderator Michael Burkley meet as the Executive Committee of the Presbytery about 1 week before each Coordination Committee conference call to discuss matters of concern; to plan for Coordination Committee meetings; and to help with the coordination and implementation of the vision, ministry, and mission of the Presbytery as authorized by the Coordination Committee and provided by Standing Rule III.B.

## **COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS AND CONGREGATIONS (COMAC) REPORT**

### **The following items are presented to the Presbytery for information:**

1. COMAC on Zoom video conference on December 10, 2020. The committee will meet next on January 14, 2021.
2. **Trustee/COMAC Task Force for Churches in Need:** COMAC is assisting in the creation of this task force. It has become clear that it is an ongoing necessity to do a church assessment every three years to evaluate the health of the congregation. This process has been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. COMAC edited the **COM Manual**, which is currently only accessible to COMAC members as a document in the committee's Dropbox, to change "COM" to "COMAC". A more substantial revision is currently in process. Once the editing is completed, it will be posted to the Presbytery web site.

4. **Listening teams:** COMAC has two continuing listening teams: one in Washington County and one for the Brunswick Presbyterian Church.
5. Due to the timing of the premeeting packet being released on January 13 and the meeting of the COMAC scheduled on the January 14, it is possible that a supplemental report will be posted to the Presbytery website after January 14.

**The following commission actions were taken by COMAC are hereby reported to Presbytery for incorporation in the records of the Presbytery:**

1. COMAC reviewed and approved the **Terms of Call** for the following minister member of Albany Presbytery: Amanda Wagner (UCC).

**COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION AND NOMINATIONS**

**The Committee presents the following to the Presbytery for information:**

1. Following the completion of RE Terry Diggory's term, the Rev. Andrea Holroyd will serve as the chairperson for the committee.

**The Committee presents the following to the Presbytery for action:**

1. The Committee nominates Michael Casey to serve as Albany Presbytery's YAAD to the Synod of the Northeast's Mission and Ministries Commission.

**COMMITTEE ON CHURCH MISSION REPORT**

See separate report document posted to the website.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**

**The following are presented to the Presbytery for information:**

1. The Personnel Committee is meeting twice a month in order to carry out the Staffing Model Task Force directives. They are currently working on honing the job description for the Administrator position and determining the best way to release this description and what the interview process will be like. The committee currently has two permanent members and three who have joined for six months, just for the Administrator search process. If you would like to serve, particularly if you are a Ruling Elder, please contact Reilly at reilly.ann.c@gmail.com. The Personnel Committee generally meets for one hour, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 10am via Zoom.

## **COMMITTEE ON LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

### **The following are presented to the Presbytery for information:**

1. There are currently 3 Candidates for Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) who are pursuing their call while working full-time, and there are 2 active CREs in the Presbytery.
2. The Committee is in discussion with Beth Illingworth to develop a program for Spiritual Formation for current CREs and Candidates for a specified program for self-development for ministry. They are eager to implement this offering.
3. In tandem with the Spiritual Formation piece is the importance of promoting CRE ministry within our Presbytery and its usefulness to congregations in need of pastoral leadership, as well as identifying opportunities where current Candidates may serve. The Committee is looking to coordinate with COMAC to facilitate together this process.

## **COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT**

**The 2020 financial report will be presented for information.**

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT**

### **The following are presented to the Presbytery for information:**

1. **The Waterford Church:** The process of selling the church property continues. There are firm offers, but the pandemic has delayed court approval of the sales.
2. **Oakwood:** The transfer of the Oakwood Church property to the Oakwood Community Center is in legal process, awaiting court approval.
3. **Technology Grant Update:** The grant program ended on December 31st. The trustees gave out grants totaling \$74,061 to 21 churches. The grants varied from \$650 to \$5,000, which was the maximum matching amount. The following churches received a grant:

Albany, First Presbyterian Church of Albany  
Albany, Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Ballston Spa, First Presbyterian Church  
Bethany, Menands  
Broadalbin, First Presbyterian Church Broadalbin  
Brunswick Presbyterian Church

Charlton-Freehold Presbyterian Church  
Cornerstone United Church  
Delmar Presbyterian Church  
Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church  
Hebron United Presbyterian Church  
Mayfield Presbyterian Church  
Northville United Presbyterian Church  
Salem Presbyterian Church  
Schoharie Presbyterian Church  
Scotia, Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Stephentown Presbyterian Church  
Stillwater United Church  
Troy, Third Presbyterian Church  
Troy, United Presbyterian Church  
West Charlton

4. The leadership of the Board changed on January 1. Donna Elia became the president and Kate Kotfila the vice-president. The Board thanks Carl Hasselbarth for his six years of service on the trustees, many as president.

## **WORSHIP**

Worship will occur during this meeting. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated, so please log in to the Zoom meeting prepared with something bread-like to eat (such as bread, roll, cracker, tortilla, etc.) and something to drink (such as wine, grape juice, or other fruit juice). Vice Moderator Kathryn Beilke will be preaching. The offering will help fund the Soul Fire Farm. Contributions can be made online at <https://albanypresbytery.org/donate/>. Include Soul Fire Farm in the memo field.