



**Western New York Area Churches in Covenant (WNYACIC)  
Council Meeting Minutes**

**7:00 p.m.**

**03/18/24**

**ZOOM**

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86063962940> Meeting ID: 860 6396 2940\*

- Present:** Elizabeth Duffy-Moderator  
Paul Werner-Assistant Moderator  
Dona Roll-Secretary, Nominating Committee  
Lynn Morgan-Treasurer  
Douglas Charles-Registrar  
Pierre Albrecht-Carrié-Dept. of Local Church Ministries (LCM) and Ecumenical  
Officer/Rep. to Network of Religious Communities (NRC)  
Guinevere Blue-Lay Member At-Large  
Ted Brelsford-Department of Community Ministries (DCM)  
Cheryl Frank-DoC Women's Fellowship  
Jonathan Lawrence-United Church Home Society, Inc. (UCHS-Sr. Wishes & Fox Run)  
and Alternate Rep. to NRC  
Krista Ulrich-Western Area Youth (WAY)
- Regrets:** Gary Ferner-Associate Conference Minister for Search and Call (ACM)  
Vanessa Adams-Lay Member At-Large  
Kirsten Albrecht-Carrié-Rep. to the Center for Christian Growth of WNY  
Jeremy Lopez-Western Assoc. of UCCNY Church and Ministry Committee  
Hope Schwartz-United Church Home (Plymouth Crossroads)

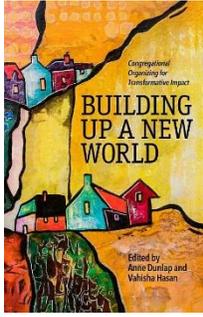
**Call to Order-Elizabeth @ 7:02 p.m.**

1. Opening Prayer/Devotional – Lynn
2. Approval of Minutes – 02/19/24, M-Krista/S-Paul/Carried
3. Consent Agenda
  - a. Financial Report – (Lynn) Review & accept into record. M-Doug/S-Cheryl/C
    - o Current \$11,073. deficit. Still in good shape.
    - o Giving is typically slow at this time of year.
  - b. Church & Ministry Committee – (Jeremy) – as submitted.
  - c. Associate Conference Minister's Report – (Gary) - as submitted. M-Ted/S-Krista/C
  - d. Department of Community Ministries – (Ted) – As submitted. Revisions made to Statement of Purpose will be presented at the May meeting.
  - e. United Church Home Society – (Jonathan) – As submitted.
4. Oral reports
  - a. Western Area Youth (WAY) (Krista)

- *Mission Trip*
  - *July 8-14, host church in Livonia, MI, working in Detroit*
  - *ages 13 and up (or going into 8<sup>th</sup> grade) register by May 1*
  - *registration form is up on Zion's website*
- *Jr. WAY Carnival Day!*
  - *first event, resounding success with 32 K-6 kids from nine churches*
  - *apprehensive until after songs and skit*
  - *4 post college, 3 high school, and 2 jr. high youth leaders!*
  - *Ebenezer UCC, Saturday, 3/9, 9:30-11:30 a.m.*
  - *For now, will meet every other month: May 11, Creation Day at Amherst Community Church, July - - maybe a Dunkirk Day, then Sept. and Nov. TBA*
- b. *WNYACIC All-Area Mission Project (Krista)*
  - *Citizens Preparedness Corps (CPC) <https://www.dhss.ny.gov/citizen-preparedness-corps>*
  - *Ebenezer Mission committee met with CPC at Amherst Community*
  - *planning training in late spring, early summer*
  - *goal – to have a list at May meeting of items for Emergency Backpacks*
    - *“The following checklist includes recommended items to include in your supply kit or Go Bag.” aka Emergency Backpack*
    - *[https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/emergency/emergency\\_supply\\_kit.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/emergency/emergency_supply_kit.htm)*
  - *Packing event planned for Saturday, 10/19*
    - *tangible items (from list supplied by Krista) can be collected and taken to Amherst Community Church by Saturday, 10/5*
    - *needed items will be purchased with monetary donations*
    - *goal for this event is 100 completed Emergency Backpacks*
- c. *Network of Religious Communities (NRC) (Pierre) – a. Thursday, March 7, Jaffarya Islamic Center of Buffalo, wonderful annual meeting program; interested in a joint activity with youth, can our council get a list of boards and vacancies*

## 5. Discussion Items:

- a. *Psych Evals – we are looking into other options*
- b. *Spring Area Meeting, Workshops, Recognitions*
  - *Date: Saturday, May 4, 9:30 a.m.*
  - *Theme: “May the Force Be with Us” - Out of This World, Great Atmosphere, Star Wars and Star Words - <https://thetableumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Star-Words.pdf>*
  - *Venue: Nativity*
  - *Schedule*
    - 9:00 Registration*
    - 9:30 Worship by WAY and Recognitions - Certificates from UCCNY and WNYACIC (Lynn), Anniversaries – clergy and churches (Doug)*
    - 10:15-11:10 Session I*
      - A. *Guinevere - For Young Adults (up to age 35) How to Create a Church that Cares for What Young People Today are Facing/Needing/Wanting, e.g. housing crisis, environment, stressors of living in 2024 and beyond, activism, trust, church as their Third Place (after home and work/school)*
      - B. *Paul and Elizabeth - Social Media and Church, Outreach, etc.*



*11:15-12:10 Session II*

*A. Anne Dunlap – Building Up a New World: Congregational Organizing for Transformative Impact*

*B. NARCAN – Kids Escaping Drugs - Krista*

*12:15-1:15 Lunch, Announcements, Listen To and Learn From our Young People – Our Hopes, Dreams, Things We Care About, and anything else that surfaces in their discussion in Session I*

*1:15 Hope Schwartz' Ecclesiastical Council*

**6. Next meeting: Monday, April 15, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.** Meetings are on the third Monday of the month.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Dona Roll, WNYACIC Council Secretary*

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