



Western New York Area Churches in Covenant (WNYACIC)

Council Meeting AGENDA

March 24, 2025

7:00 p.m.

ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84129683283?pwd=sChaLb4JiPb6IeLQihTpWmGYF6YAbc.1>

Meeting ID: 841 2968 3283 Passcode: UCCDOC

I. Call to Order

II. Opening Devotional – What is on YOUR 2025 Lenten Journey?/Prayer - Dona

III. Attendance: Quorum assessed

IV. Review/Acceptance of Agenda

V. Consent Agenda* – *do any items need to be moved to Discussion?*

A. Committee and Department Reports

1. Associate Conference Minister – Gary Ferner
2. Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Women – Cheryl Frank
3. Church and Ministry Committee, UCC (CMC)* – Paula Gustafson
4. Committee of Community Ministries (CCM) – Ted Brelsford
5. Dunkirk Camp and Conference Center (DCC)* – Krista Ulrich
6. Ecumenical Officer (NRC)* – Jonathan Lawrence
7. *In the Vineyard* Editorial Board – Winter Issue:
[file:///C:/Users/arcpub07/Downloads/Vineyard%20Winter%20issue%202024-25%20final%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/arcpub07/Downloads/Vineyard%20Winter%20issue%202024-25%20final%20(1).pdf)
8. Plymouth Crossroads – Hope Schwartz
9. United Church Home Society (UCHS)/Senior Wishes – no rep. at this time
10. Western Area Youth (WAY)* – Krista Ulrich

*Sent in attached packet

VI. Discussion Agenda

- A. Secretary’s Report – Vanessa
- B. Treasurer’s Report – Lynn
- C. Items moved from Consent Agenda
- D. Revised Constitution and By-Laws* - timeline

March 24, 2025 (Final draft is approved by Council)

April 1, 2025 (Approved Draft is sent to congregations and ministers)

Saturday, May 3, 2025 (Final Draft is approved at Western Association May Meeting and WNYACIC May Meeting) or, if further revisions are necessary,

May 2025 (Revisions to draft are proposed and approved at May meetings and final

documents will need to be approved at November Annual Meetings)

E. Licensed Ministerial Standing -

F. Area Meeting May 3

1. Venue

2. Educational Sessions – decide and find presenters...

a. AI – Jonathan?

b. DEI

c. Refugees - Anna Niyonzima? Aniyonzima@refugeepartnership.org, Journey's End?

d. Sanctuary Church - PRC - Practical Resources for Churches

<https://www.prcli.org/online-resource/social-justice/>

e. Supporting each other on social media: encouraging/covenanting/equipping safe guards for marginalized pastors (what are the safe guards?)

f. Conversations/opportunities for 18-35 yr. olds, Process of resolution writing,

g. LGBTQIA+ - Josh?

h. Other?

3. Certificates – Gary?

4. Church Anniversaries and Career Milestones – Doug?

5. **Church Closing:** Good Shepherd Community of Faith has closed with their dissolution service held on Sunday February 23, 2025. This still requires an Association approval vote.

G. WNYACIC Liaisons Needed

1. Run

2. The Refugee Partnership (Journey's End, Jewish Family Services, International Institute, Catholic Charities and Jericho Road) www.refugeepartnership.org/

H. Calendar: 2025 Council Meetings on Fourth Monday

1. Thank you!

2. March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23, July-no meeting**, August 25, September 22, October 27, November 24, December-no meeting**

**urgent/necessary business will be conducted via email

3. Reports due to Vanessa by the Friday before if humanly possible. March 21, April 25, May 23, June 20, August 22, September 19, October 24, November 21.

I. Other:

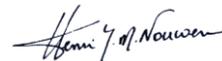
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VII. Closing Prayer/Devotional – **We Are Not Alone** –

We have each other. Together we can carry each other's burdens and help each other break through our paralysis by sharing our helplessness and by leading each other to purity of heart on the road to peace.



○ **Next Meeting: Monday, April 28, 2025**

○ Saturday April 5, 11am in Niagara Square, Buffalo; The Buffalo United March and Rally

○ Saturday, May 3: Learning Extravaganza, Recognitions, and Celebrations

○ June 5-7: UCCNY Annual Meeting, Crowne Plaza Albany, The Desmond Hotel

○ July 11-15: UCC General Synod 35, Kansas City, MO, generalsynod.org

○ Sunday, November 2: WNYACIC Annual Meeting and Time Change to Daylight Savings