



**Western New York Area Churches in Covenant (WNYACIC)**

**Council Meeting AGENDA**

**August 25, 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- 7:03

II. Opening Prayer – Krista

III. Attendance: Dona Roll (w/ library patron), Krista Ulrich, Ted Brelsford, Paula Gustafson, Doug Charles, Cheryl Franks, Jonathan Lawrence, Lynn Morgan, Marjorie Purnine, Vanessa Adams Absent: Guinevere Blue

IV. Review/Acceptance of Agenda: **Consensus**

V. Consent Agenda – **accept into record...Motion: Doug C. 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_Ted B.\_\_\_ as written**

- Secretary' Report – aka Minutes
- Jonathan's Report – Network of Religious Communities & Senior Wishes Update
- Krista's Report – Dunkirk Camp and Conference Center

VI. Discussion Agenda

- A. Treasurer's Report – Lynn **accept into record...Motion: Vanessa A. 2<sup>nd</sup>\_Ted B. -reminder that we will need to discuss what to do with next disbursement from Good Shepherd, before the Fall meeting. There will be a draft budget done on 9/11; we will be able to discuss at September mtg. Reminder Lynn is DONE at the end of December!! Make sure nominating committee is aware.**
- B. Area Meeting, **Sunday, Nov. 2**
  1. Where? **Krista will check with Nativity and Zion**
  2. Schedule? - - **Proposed Agenda discuss at next meeting**
  3. Budget hearing-**October 27<sup>th</sup>; 7pm**
  4. Short program ideas?
    - Synod re-cap? **Yes from delegates**
    - Young Adult Group?
    - Better Together Churches?
    - UCCNY Staff? **They are already booked- spring mtg out because that is 2 weeks before Annual mtg.- Dona speak to Marjorie or Marsha and get us on the books for next fall Sun. Nov. 1?**
  5. What follow-up from May meeting?

6. Next steps, if any.
- C. Committee and Department Reports
  1. Associate Conference Minister – Gary Ferner – Welcome Marjorie! *Gary is on Sabbatical: Everything has been going well. Marjorie will be here again next month. Barb VanOlpen will meet with COM next month. Ryan Henderson helping with Search and Call. Krista thanked staff for all they do and all of their hard work.*
  2. Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Women – Cheryl Frank- **new transitional minister- Lisa Peterangelo- a lot of discernment for next steps**
  3. Church and Ministry Committee, UCC (CMC) – Paula Gustafson – *No August meeting: Sept. 7: Ecclesiastical Council for Kalee Jo Mielke-if all goes as planned Oct. 5: Ordination Kalee Jo Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>: Installation service for Miranda Hammer- Ebenezer*
  4. Committee of Community Ministries (CCM) – Ted Brelsford- **One grant application approved for Faith UCC-Boston in the amount of \$764 for Community Meditation Program; Ted also suggested that we suggest to Committees that they review and discuss Bylaw changes that were approved at the spring meeting. CCM reviewed them and found several changes that affected them.**
  5. Plymouth Crossroads – **Hope Schwartz resigned from the board. Krista will inquire if anyone would be interested, from the current board, in being a liaison in the interest of communication purposes.**
  6. Western Area Youth (WAY) – Krista Ulrich- **47 youth and adults on Mission trip to Massachusetts in July. Lots of weeding, painting, light construction and community garden. Best part for Krista was the youth working side by side with Haitian migrants in the community garden.**
    - **9/20 Jr. Way Harvest @ Pastor Josh Bower’s farm in Ellicottville**
    - **10/10- The Hive- young adult group meeting (Halloween)**
    - **10/17-10/19-WAY Halloween Happening @ DCC -grades 7-12 Fall Retreat**

VII. Closing Prayer – Marjorie Purnine, UCCNY Associate Conference Minister for Leadership Development

Adjourned: 7:35pm

- **Next Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in September – 9/22/25! NOT the LAST Monday!!!**

### **Calendar Items**

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

### **Proposed Annual Meeting Agenda template when meeting occurs on Sunday afternoon**

Sunday, November 5, 2023 @ St. James – Hamburg

12:00pm Register & Reconnect, Lunch & Levity

1:00pm Spiritual Centering

1:20pm WNYACIC Annual Business Meeting

Call to Order

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Registrar's Report of Attendance and Declaration of Quorum

Western Association: A quorum shall consist of lay delegates from not less than twelve (12) churches which are members of the Association, together with not less than twelve (12) ministers who are members of the Association. Western Area: Delegates from at least ten percent (10%) of member churches will constitute a quorum for Western Area meetings.

Approval of Minutes Please review the minutes from the November 6, 2022 Annual Meeting.

New Business Western Association

Church & Ministry Committee Annual Report

Church & Ministry Committee Nominations and Election

Removal of St. John's Cattaraugus Church from the UCC St. John's has voted to leave the UCC, following their Constitution and Bylaws, with the guidance of their Attorney and the Moderator.

WNYACIC Annual Reports Nominations and Election

Treasurer's Report and 2023-2024 Budget

Installation of Officers, Department and Committee Members

Announcements - Please provide all announcements in written form to Dona Roll, acting secretary,

Adjournment

2:00 p.m. Moments with Marsha Our Transitional Conference Minister, the Rev. Dr. Marsha Williams