



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

7:00 p.m.

June 23, 2025

ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 841 2968 3283 Passcode: UCCDOC

I. Call to Order: 7:05pm

II. Opening Prayer – Dona “Before You Despair” Steve G.

III. Attendance: Dona Roll, Ted Brelsford, Doug Charles, Guinevere Blue, Cheryl Franks, Jonathan Lawrence, Paula Gustafson, Lynn Morgan, Vanessa Adams Absent: Krista Ulrich

IV. Review/Acceptance of Agenda

V. Consent Agenda\* – *do any items need to be moved to Discussion:* **NO 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
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

VI. Discussion Agenda

A. Secretary’s Report – Vanessa

**B. Treasurer’s Report\* – Lynn – What to do with Good Shepherd Money: After discussion; Lynn made a motion to postpone deciding on disposition of the gift funds, received from Good Shepherd, until fall. Second: Guinevere In the meantime, \$30,000 will be put in an interest-bearing CD and \$10,000 will go into checking account**

C. Items moved from Consent Agenda

**D. Area Meeting, May 3, feedback and follow-up- Guinevere thanked everyone for being open to and learning into uncomfortable conversations**

1. What worked?

2. What did not work?
  3. What was the best part of the meeting for you?
  4. What comments did you hear/overhear? 😊
  5. Designation of Offering to Buffalo's Refugee community – "The 5 Best Refugee Organizations in Buffalo (2024)" from [www.equitylanguages.com](http://www.equitylanguages.com)
    - Journey's End – my choice b/c Andy blessed us with her presentation
    - Jericho Road Hope Refugee Drop-in Center, Priscilla Project, Vive Shelter
    - Catholic Charities Immigration and Refugee Assistance
    - International Institute of Buffalo
    - Justice for Migrant Families
  6. Next steps, if any: **Doug moves that the offering (\$704) from the Spring meeting be split between Journey's End and Jericho Road \$352 each. Second: Vanessa**
- E. Other:
- 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.

VII. Closing Prayer/Devotional- Dona: Ephesians 3:7-21 First Nations Version

- **Next Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in August – 8/25/25!**

**Calendar Items**

- July 11-15: UCC General Synod 35, Kansas City, MO, [generalsynod.org](http://generalsynod.org)
- Sunday, November 2: WNYACIC Annual Meeting and Time Change to Daylight Savings