



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

**7:00 p.m.**

**09/16/24**

**ZOOM**

Join Zoom Meeting

<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*  
Gary Ferner-*Associate Conference Minister for Search and Call (ACM)*  
Vanessa Adams-*Lay Member At-Large*  
Ted Brelsford-*Department of Community Ministries (DCM)*  
Cheryl Frank-*DoC Women's Fellowship*  
Krista Ulrich-*Western Area Youth (WAY)*
- Regrets:** Douglas Charles-*Registrar*  
Kirsten Albrecht-Carrié-*Rep. to the Center for Christian Growth of WNY (CCGWNY)*  
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*  
Jonathan Lawrence-*United Church Home Society, Inc. (UCHS-Sr. Wishes & Fox Run) and Alternate Rep. to NRC*  
Jeremy Lopez-*Western Assoc. of UCCNY Church and Ministry Committee*  
Hope Schwartz-*United Church Home (Plymouth Crossroads)*

**Call to Order-**

1. Opening Prayer/Devotional -
2. Approval of Minutes -
3. Consent Agenda
  - Proposed 2024-25 Budget Highlights \$- *Covenantal Share will be 9% less than 2023-34 due to attrition, 2.9% COLA for staff, CCGWNY support eliminated, NRC support reduced to \$500, WAY receiving \$2,410 from General Fund, Endowment investments yielded 10% more this year and will be divided 50/50 between UCHS and WAY*

***Moved by Committee, no second needed, and carried to accept this budget and take it to the Annual Meeting in November***

- Financial Report - *(Lynn) Reviewed & accepted into record.*
- a. Church & Ministry Committee - *(Jeremy) - Jeremy leaving the Area. Barb Schiefing is chairing until the end of December. Committee needs Lay males.*

- b. Associate Conference Minister's Report – *(Gary) – NY Conf. Staff is down one full-time Assoc. Conf. Minister since Marsha moved into the position of Conf. Minister. Tough to find clergy for upstate NY churches, especially in Western. Marsha would like to be on our Fall Area/Annual Meeting agenda.*
  - c. Department of Community Ministries – *(Ted) – As submitted.*
  - d. United Church Home Society – *(Jonathan) – As submitted.*
4. Oral reports
- a. *Western Area Youth (WAY) (Krista)*
  - b. *WNYACIC All-Area Mission Project (Krista)*
  - c. *Network of Religious Communities (NRC) (Pierre)*
5. Discussion Items
- a. Fall Annual Area Meeting Planning
    - o *Add Rev. Dr. Marsha Williams to the Agenda*
    - o *Epiphany UCC*
    - o *November 2 from 9:30-11:30*
  - b. *Paul Werner's Resignation from Ass't. Moderator Position – Elizabeth's term as Moderator ends this year. Dona volunteered to step in for one year while training an Assistant. Vanessa volunteered to step in as Secretary. Krista will train as Assistant Moderator to take the helm after a year.*
  - c. *Committee Membership needs - continually working on list of vacant positions. Persons willing to serve should contact Dona Roll.*
  - d. *Constitution and Bylaws Revision – Ruth Snyder is willing to head up this much-needed and oft-daunting task.*
6. Closing Prayer – *Cheryl Frank*
7. **Next meeting: Monday, October 21, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.** Meetings are on the third Monday of the month.

*For your files – 9/16/24 meeting recording*

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/9iCWFgRY7vvaKATjOdRyAEC9EcrxoPiVIndVxHEpDLTN4cp4FjWpfMd\\_oj6Mr7\\_c.cnt6m7r-bqd3DCzH](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/9iCWFgRY7vvaKATjOdRyAEC9EcrxoPiVIndVxHEpDLTN4cp4FjWpfMd_oj6Mr7_c.cnt6m7r-bqd3DCzH)

Passcode: G0sD^0&H

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Dona Roll, WNYACIC Council Secretary*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86063962940>

Meeting ID: 860 6396 2940

\*One tap mobile  
+16469313860,,86063962940# US  
+19292056099,,86063962940# US (New York)

Dial by your location

- +1 646 931 3860 US
- +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
- +1 305 224 1968 US
- +1 309 205 3325 US
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
- +1 360 209 5623 US
- +1 386 347 5053 US
- +1 507 473 4847 US
- +1 564 217 2000 US
- +1 669 444 9171 US
- +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
- +1 689 278 1000 US
- +1 719 359 4580 US
- +1 253 205 0468 US

Meeting ID: 860 6396 2940

Find your local  
number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcguZauEBP>