



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

7:00 p.m.

01/22/24

ZOOM

PLEASE save this NEW zoom link from Paul Werner, Ass't. Moderator, for November 2023 onward:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86063962940> Meeting ID: 860 6396 2940*

- Present:** 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)
Vanessa Adams-Lay Member At-Large
Guinevere Blue- Lay Member At-Large
Cheryl Frank-DoC Women's Fellowship
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
Krista Ulrich-Western Area Youth (WAY)
- Regrets:** Elizabeth Duffy-Moderator
Gary Ferner-Associate Conference Minister for Search and Call (ACM)
Kirsten Albrecht-Carrié-Rep. to the Center for Christian Growth of WNY
Ted Brelsford-Department of Community Ministries (DCM)
Hope Schwartz-United Church Home (Plymouth Crossroads)

Call to Order–Paul

1. Opening Prayer/Devotional – Krista
2. Approval of Minutes – 11/20/23, M-Lynn/S-Krista/Carried
3. Consent Agenda
 - a. Financial Report – (Lynn) Review & accept into record. M-Krista/S-Ted/C
 - We finished 2023 with a surplus.
 - We have repaid our loan to ourselves!
 - There is \$400.00 in Refugee Resettlement Funds. Krista will check with Debbie to determine where it can be best utilized.

Motion: Give Krista permission to spend the \$400.00 as seen fit. For each expenditure, she will provide Check Request Forms indicating the purpose and receipts.

M-Dona/S-Vanessa/Carried

- b. Church & Ministry Committee – (Jeremy)
 - a large per centage of Western Association clergy still need Boundary Awareness Training and Culturally Sensitive Ministry Training

- *Hope's Ecclesiastical Council is coming soon*
 - c. Associate Conference Minister's Report – (Gary)- As submitted.
 - d. United Church Home Society – (Jonathan) – As submitted. PLEA: Jonathan's term on their board ends in May. We need a UCC representative! Suggestions? **Jeff and Robin Rich, Perry Kaupa from St. Matthew's**
4. Oral reports
- a. *Western Area Youth (WAY) (Krista) - Mission Trip to Detroit, 7/8-14, will stay at a church in the Livonia area, "free" day – Cedar Pointe*
 - b. *Network of Religious Communities (NRC) (Pierre) - Thursday, March 7. Panel of youth speaking on experiences, engagement, etc.*
5. Discussion Items:
- a. Start brainstorming for Spring meeting & workshop, once date is set, send out Save the Date
 - *Date: Saturday, May 4, 9:30 a.m.*
 - *Theme: "May the Force Be with Us - Out of This World, Great Atmosphere, Star Words..."*
 - *Venue: Nativity?*
 - *Workshop ideas:*
 - *Offerings to help Clergy fulfill requirements – Boundary Awareness Training, Culturally Responsive Ministry Training,*
 - *Offerings for all – NARCAN training (NRC?), Financial Planning, How to Include Space for Lament in Worship, How to Create a Church that Cares for What Young People Today are Facing, e.g. housing crisis, environment, stressors of living in 2024 and beyond*
 - *Possible presenters*
 - ✓ *Karl Shallowhorn - <https://shallowhornconsulting.com/>*
 - ✓ *Bryan Sirchio - <https://sirchio.com/>, <https://convergencemp.com/>*
 - ✓ *Brian McClaren - <https://brianmclaren.net/>*
 - ✓ *Ken Medema - <https://kenmedema.com/>*
 - *\$2,600.00 available to support this meeting.*
6. Old Business
- a. Area brochure – should we scratch this idea? *Consensus is to forget about a paper brochure and put our energies for improved communication elsewhere, e.g.*
 - *Create an "alive" facebook/web/electronic presence with live links to important information, pertinent texts for reference, etc.*
 - *Logistics: contact information for all, service to send text blasts,*
 - *Paul swears by the UCC Calendar as an info source – Special Offerings, et al*
7. Closing Devotion – Lynn, *Compline* from The Book of Common Prayer - mmmmm
8. Adjourn – Paul
9. **Next meeting: Monday, February 19, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. Meetings are on the third Monday of the month. We will not meet in December.**

Respectfully Submitted,
 Dona Roll, WNYACIC Council Secretary

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